

The Higgs decay into two photons in the Standard Model Effective Field theory

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Assuming that new physics effects are parametrized by the Standard-Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT) written in a complete basis of up to dimension-6 operators, we calculate the CP-conserving one-loop amplitude for the decay $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ in general R_ξ -gauges. We use this gauge invariant amplitude and recent LHC data to check upon sensitivity to various Wilson coefficients entering from a more complete theory at the matching energy scale. We present a closed expression for the ratio $\mathcal{R}_{h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$, of the Beyond the SM versus the SM contributions as appeared in LHC $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ searches. With mild assumptions, we point out a set of possibilities for a field theory content at higher energies which may generate sizeable corrections in $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ amplitude.

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