# The role of the Higgs radial mode as a UV completion of the non linear sigma model. 

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- $S O(4) / S O(3)$ custodial symmetry for the EW sector in the SM, the Higgs boson radial mode unitarize the SM amplitudes as the WW-scattering $\Rightarrow$ The theory became weakly coupled.


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& \mathcal{L}_{n l \sigma m}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\partial_{\mu} \pi^{a}\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{2}\left(\partial_{\mu} \eta\right)^{2}+\frac{\tilde{C}_{\pi}}{6 f^{2}}\left[\left(\pi^{a} \partial_{\mu} \pi^{a}\right)^{2}-\pi^{a} \pi^{a} \partial_{\mu} \pi^{b} \partial_{\mu} \pi^{b}\right]+\ldots \\
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- Using polar decomposition one can find an useful parametrization of $\mathscr{H}$ :

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## Linear sigma model framework

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## Feynmann Diagrams



## Lagrangian

$$
\mathcal{L}=\underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \operatorname{Tr}\left[\partial_{\mu} \mathscr{H}^{\dagger} \partial^{\mu} \mathscr{H}\right]}_{(1)}-\underbrace{V\left(\mathscr{H} \mathscr{H}^{\dagger}\right)}_{(2)}+\underbrace{\operatorname{Pol}(\operatorname{det} \mathscr{H})}_{(3)}
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$$
(1) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{4 \pi}+\mathcal{L}_{h \pi}+\mathcal{L}_{H \pi}
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$(2) \Rightarrow$ Gives information on $m_{h}^{2}$ and $m_{H}^{2}$.
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- Our studies provides new model building tools to extend the UV completion throught the $L \Sigma M$ procedure for more general SSB patterns.


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