Les Houches 2007 New Physics WG Session II:

Mostly on non supersymmetric theories at the the TeV scale

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- LHC will dig into the EWSB sector and will provide with answers to the following questions:
 - * Is the higgs mechanism the correct description for EWSB?
 - * Is there any neutral scalar, i.e. the higgs, the be discovered? if not, what unitarizes WW scattering?
 - * Is the higgs a fundamental particle, is it composite, is it "half-n-half"?

- From the point of view of model building there are the following categories for EWSB:
 - * models where the higgs is a fundamental resonance: SM, MSSM (or more general SUSY models), little higgs
 - * models where the higgs is composite: RS, gauge-higgs unification in warped space
 - * models with no higgs: technicolor or higgsless, in general related to some strong dynamics

Pros and cons of the different models

- The SM provides with an ad-hoc (fine-tuned) explanation to EWSB, but is the only one that agrees with observation....
- In general SUSY provides a solution to the finetuning up to Mgut and EWSB is achieved radiatively but lately also suffers from some kind on fine-tuning
- The little higgs models provide a solution to the fine-tuning problem protecting the higgs with global symmetries (linearly realized) but are only valid up to few TeV.

- Models where the higgs is partially or totally composite like RS with(out) gaugehiggs unification provide, in general, a nonlinear realization of little higgs theories which are valid to higher scales but require, in general, further structure to agree with EW observables
- The limit of the composite theories is the one where there is no higgs and EWSB is explain à la technicolor in general these theories have their weakest point in the S parameter.

Experimental signatures

- From the experimental point of view these theories can be classified in the following way:
 - * Theories with a parity (R,T,KK): Cascade decays ending in missing energy
 - * Theories without any parity: mainly resonant production of new particles

Friday 22nd: heavy resonances in composite Higgs models (R. Contino + G. Servant)

Saturday 23rd: Twin Higgs models (M. Vos + S. Su)

Monday 25th: signals and properties of low-scale technicolor (K. Lane + V. Sanz + A. Martin + K. Black + M. Narain)

Tuesday 26th: multi-jet and multi-lepton SM signals/background (joint session with the Multi-leg working group)

Wednesday 27th: CMS discovery potential for minimal Universal Extra Dimensions (B. Dobrescu + P. Ribeiro)