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The CDF and D0 data of nearly  $475 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  in the dilepton channel is used to probe a recent class of models, Stueckelberg extensions of the standard model (StSM), which predict a  $Z'$  boson whose mass is of topological origin with a very narrow decay width. A Drell-Yan analysis for dilepton production via this  $Z'$  shows that the current data put constraints on the parameter space of the StSM. With a total integrated luminosity of  $8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , the very narrow  $Z'$  can be discovered up to a mass of about 600 GeV. The StSM  $Z'$  will be very distinct since it can occur in the region where a Randall-Sundrum graviton is excluded.

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*Introduction.*—In this Letter we investigate the implications of the cumulative CDF [1] and D0 [2] data in the dilepton channel to probe the very narrow  $Z'$  boson that arises in the  $U(1)_X$  Stueckelberg extension of the standard model (StSM) [3]. Thus string models involving dimensional reduction and intersecting  $D$  branes [4] allow for the possibility of an Abelian gauge boson gaining mass without the benefit of a Higgs phenomenon via the Stueckelberg mechanism where the mass parameter is topological in nature [5]. Indeed the Stueckelberg couplings have played an important role in the  $D$  brane model building [6]. The topological mass scale can be obtained from dimensional reduction and is typically the size of the compactification scale [4]. However, it could also be taken as an independent parameter [7]. The model of Ref. [3] involves a nontrivial mixing of the Stueckelberg and the standard model (SM) sectors via an additional term  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{St}}$  in the low energy effective Lagrangian so that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{St}} = -\frac{C_{\mu\nu}C^{\mu\nu}}{4} + g_X C_\mu \mathcal{J}_X^\mu - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \sigma + M_1 C_\mu + M_2 B_\mu)^2, \quad (1)$$

where  $C_\mu$  is the gauge field for  $U(1)_X$  and  $\mathcal{J}_X^\mu$  gives coupling to the hidden sector (HS) but has no coupling to the visible sector (VS),  $B_\mu$  is the gauge field associated with  $U(1)_Y$ ,  $\sigma$  is the axion, and  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are mass parameters that appear in the Stueckelberg extension. After electroweak symmetry breaking with a single Higgs doublet, the gauge group  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_X$  breaks down to  $U(1)_{em}$ , and the neutral sector is modified due to mixing with the Stueckelberg sector. The mass<sup>2</sup> matrix in the neutral sector is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and in the basis  $(C^\mu, B^\mu, A^{3\mu})$  is given by

$$M_{\text{St}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} M_1^2 & M_1 M_2 & 0 \\ M_1 M_2 & \frac{1}{4}v^2 g_Y^2 + M_2^2 & -\frac{1}{4}v^2 g_2 g_Y \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{4}v^2 g_2 g_Y & \frac{1}{4}v^2 g_2^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

where  $g_2(g_Y)$  are the gauge couplings in the  $SU(2)_L \times [U(1)_Y]$  sectors, and  $v = \langle H \rangle$  where  $H$  is the SM Higgs

field.  $M_{\text{St}}^2$  being real and symmetric is diagonalized by an orthonormal matrix  $O$  so that  $O^T M_{\text{St}}^2 O = M_{\text{St-diag}}^2$  with the useful parametrization

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} c_\psi c_\phi - s_\theta s_\phi s_\psi & -s_\psi c_\phi - s_\theta s_\phi c_\psi & -c_\theta s_\phi \\ c_\psi s_\phi + s_\theta c_\phi s_\psi & -s_\psi s_\phi + s_\theta c_\phi c_\psi & c_\theta c_\phi \\ -c_\theta s_\psi & -c_\theta c_\psi & s_\theta \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

One then finds  $t_\phi = M_2/M_1$ ,  $t_\theta = g_Y c_\phi/g_2$ , and  $t_\psi = t_\theta t_\phi M_W^2 (c_\theta [M_{Z'}^2 - M_W^2 (1 + t_\theta^2)])^{-1}$ , where  $s_\theta = \sin\theta$ ,  $c_\theta = \cos\theta$ ,  $t_\theta = \tan\theta$ , etc. Equation (2) contains one massless state, i.e., the photon, and two massive states, i.e., the  $Z$  and  $Z'$ . The photon field here is a linear combination of  $C^\mu$ ,  $B^\mu$ ,  $A^{3\mu}$  which distinguishes it from other class of extensions [see, e.g., [8–10]], and in addition the model contains a very narrow  $Z'$  resonance. The effects of the Stueckelberg extension are contained in the parameters  $\epsilon \equiv M_2/M_1$  and  $M_1$ . In the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  the Stueckelberg sector decouples from the standard model.

*Electroweak constraints.*—To determine the allowed corridors in  $\epsilon$  and  $M_1$ , we follow a similar approach as in the analysis of Refs. [11,12] used in constraining the size of extra dimensions. We begin by recalling that in the on-shell scheme the  $W$  boson mass including loop corrections is given by [13]

$$M_W^2 = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F \sin^2\theta_W (1 - \Delta r)}, \quad (4)$$

where the Fermi constant  $G_F$  and the fine structure constant  $\alpha$  (at  $Q^2 = 0$ ) are known to a high degree of accuracy. The quantity  $\Delta r$  is the radiative correction and is determined so that  $\Delta r = 0.0363 \pm 0.0019$  [14], where the uncertainty comes from error in the top mass and from the error in  $\alpha(M_Z^2)$ . Now since in the on-shell scheme  $\sin^2\theta_W = (1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2)$  one may use Eq. (4) and the current experimental value of  $M_W = 80.425 \pm 0.034$  [14] to make a prediction of  $M_Z$ . Such a prediction within SM is in excellent agreement with the current experimental value of  $M_Z = 91.1876 \pm 0.0021$ . Thus the above analysis requires that the effects of the Stueckelberg extension on the

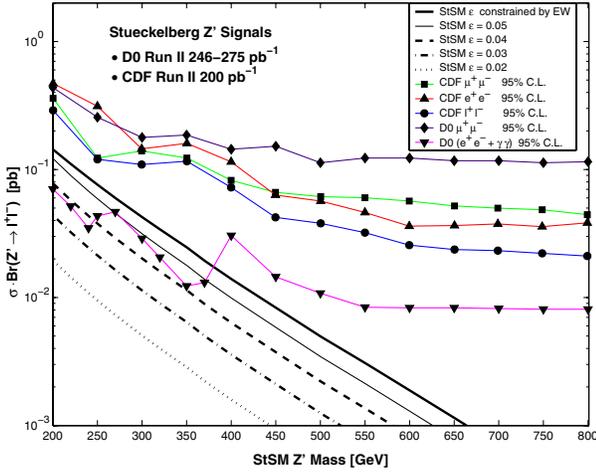


FIG. 1 (color online).  $Z'$  signal in StSM using the CDF [1] and D0 [2] data. The data put a lower limit of about 250 GeV on  $M_{Z'}$  for  $\epsilon \approx 0.035$  and 375 GeV for  $\epsilon \approx 0.06$ .

$Z$  mass must be such that they lie in the error corridor of the SM prediction. We now calculate the error  $\delta M_Z$  in the SM prediction of  $M_Z$  in order to limit  $\epsilon$ . From Eq. (4) we find that  $\delta \equiv \delta M_Z / M_Z|_{\text{SM}}$  is given by

$$\delta = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1 - 2\sin^2\theta_W}{\cos^3\theta_W} \frac{\delta M_W}{M_Z}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan^4\theta_W(\delta\Delta r)^2}{4(1 - \Delta r)^2}}. \quad (5)$$

From Eq. (2) the Stueckelberg correction to the  $Z$  mass in

the region  $M_1^2 \gg M_Z^2$  is given by  $|\Delta M_Z / M_Z| = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2\theta_W (1 - M_Z^2 / M_1^2)^{-1} \epsilon^2$ . Equating this shift to the result of Eq. (5) one finds an upper bound on  $\epsilon$

$$|\epsilon| \leq 0.061 \sqrt{1 - (M_Z / M_1)^2}. \quad (6)$$

Next we obtain in an independent way the constraint on  $\epsilon$  by using a fit to a standard set of electroweak parameters. We follow closely the analysis of the LEP Working Group [14] [see also Refs. [15,16]], except that we will use the vector ( $v_f$ ) and axial vector ( $a_f$ ) couplings for the fermions in the StSM. Here, we exhibit as an example, the  $Z$  couplings of the charged leptons in the StSM

$$v_\ell(a_\ell) = \sqrt{\rho_\ell} (T_{3,\ell} \beta_L - Q_\ell (\beta_L \pm \beta_R) \kappa_\ell s_W^2), \quad (7)$$

where  $\beta_{L,R}$  are as defined in Ref. [3], and where  $\rho_\ell$  and  $\kappa_\ell$  (in general complex valued quantities) contain radiative corrections from propagator self-energies and flavor specific vertex corrections and are as defined in Refs. [14,17]. The SM limit corresponds to  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , and  $\beta_{L,R} \rightarrow 1$ .

Using the above modifications we have carried out a fit in the electroweak sector. Results of the analysis are given in Table I for  $M_1 = 250$  GeV and  $\epsilon$  in the range (0.035–0.057) where the upper limit corresponds to Eq. (6) and the lower limit yields  $|\Delta\text{Pull}| < 1$ . To indicate the quality of the fits we compute  $\chi^2/\text{DOF} = (20.1, 16.2, 18.4)/18$  for  $\epsilon = (0.057, 0.035, 0.0)$  excluding  $A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$  and  $\chi^2/\text{DOF} = (43.3, 28.0, 25.0)/19$  including  $A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$  (where DOF repre-

TABLE I. Results of the StSM fit to a standard set of electroweak observables at the  $Z$  pole for  $\epsilon$  in the range (0.035–0.057) for  $M_1 = 250$  GeV. The Pulls are calculated as shifts from the SM fit via  $\Delta\text{Pull} = (\text{SM} - \text{StSM})/\delta\text{exp}$  and  $\text{Pull}(\text{StSM}) = \text{Pull}(\text{SM}) + \Delta\text{Pull}$ . The data in column 2 are taken from Ref. [18].

Quantity	Value (Experiment)	StSM	$\Delta\text{Pull}$
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$2.4952 \pm 0.0023$	(2.4948–2.4935)	(0.4, 0.9)
$\sigma_{\text{had}}$ [nb]	$41.541 \pm 0.037$	(41.478–41.481)	(–0.1, –0.1)
$R_e$	$20.804 \pm 0.050$	(20.743–20.742)	(–0.1, –0.2)
$R_\mu$	$20.785 \pm 0.033$	(20.744–20.743)	(0.1, 0.2)
$R_\tau$	$20.764 \pm 0.045$	(20.791–20.790)	(0.0, 0.1)
$R_b$	$0.21643 \pm 0.00072$	(0.21583–0.21583)	(0.0, 0.0)
$R_c$	$0.1686 \pm 0.0047$	(0.1723–0.1723)	(0.0, 0.0)
$A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,e)}$	$0.0145 \pm 0.0025$	(0.0167–0.0174)	(–0.2, –0.5)
$A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,\mu)}$	$0.0169 \pm 0.0013$	(0.0167–0.0174)	(–0.3, –0.9)
$A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,\tau)}$	$0.0188 \pm 0.0017$	(0.0167–0.0174)	(–0.3, –0.7)
$A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$	$0.0991 \pm 0.0016$	(0.1046–0.1068)	(–0.9, –2.2)
$A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,c)}$	$0.0708 \pm 0.0035$	(0.0748–0.0764)	(–0.3, –0.7)
$A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,s)}$	$0.098 \pm 0.011$	(0.105–0.107)	(–0.1, –0.3)
$A_e$	$0.1515 \pm 0.0019$	(0.1492–0.1524)	(–1.0, –2.7)
$A_\mu$	$0.142 \pm 0.015$	(0.149–0.152)	(–0.1, –0.3)
$A_\tau$	$0.143 \pm 0.004$	(0.149–0.152)	(–0.5, –1.3)
$A_b$	$0.923 \pm 0.020$	(0.935–0.935)	(0.0, 0.0)
$A_c$	$0.671 \pm 0.027$	(0.668–0.668)	(0.0, 0.0)
$A_s$	$0.895 \pm 0.091$	(0.936–0.936)	(0.0, 0.0)

sents degrees of freedom). We note that  $\epsilon = 0.035$  gives the same excellent fit to the data as  $\epsilon = 0$  [SM [14]] case including or excluding  $A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$ . For  $\epsilon = 0.057$  the fit excluding  $A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$  is as good as for the SM case, but less so when one includes  $A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$ . However, as is well known  $A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$  is also problematic in SM since it has a large Pull. Thus Ref. [14] quotes the Pull for  $A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$  in the range  $[-2.5, -2.8]$  and states that the large shift could be due to a fluctuation in one or more of the input measurements in their experimental fits. It is also stated in Ref. [17] that at least some of the problem here may be experimental. Thus it would appear that the determination of  $A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,b)}$  is on a somewhat less firm footing than the other electroweak parameters.

The Stueckelberg extension of the standard model is among a class of models where such an extension can occur. Other examples are provided by the extension  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \times U(1)_X$ , or by the extension of the more popular  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$  left-right (LR) model [19] to give the gauge group  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \times U(1)_X$  (StLR). Here the mixing matrix is still a consequence of Eq. (1) except that  $B_\mu$  now stands for the  $U(1)_{B-L}$  gauge field. The vector mass<sup>2</sup> matrix in this case is  $4 \times 4$  involving the fields  $(C_\mu, B_\mu, A_{\mu L}^3, A_{\mu R}^3)$ . The mass<sup>2</sup> matrix leads to one massless state and three massive states  $Z, Z', Z''$ . It is easily checked that the electromagnetic interaction is given by  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{EM}} = eA_\mu^\gamma (\mathcal{J}_{B-L}^\mu + \mathcal{J}_{2L}^{3\mu} + \mathcal{J}_{2R}^{3\mu})$ , where

$$\frac{1}{e^2} = \frac{1}{g^2} \left(1 - \frac{M_2^2}{M_1^2}\right) + \frac{1}{g_Y^2} \left(1 + \frac{M_2^2}{M_1^2}\right) \quad (8)$$

and where  $g_Y$  is related to  $g = g_{2L} = g_{2R}$  and  $g'$  by  $1/g_Y^2 = 1/g^2 + 1/g'^2$ . The above relations limit to the standard LR relation as  $M_2/M_1 \rightarrow 0$ . Quite remarkably, the  $Z'$  couplings of StLR are very close to the  $Z'$  couplings of StSM and thus we will focus the analysis on StSM and the results for the StLR will be very similar.

*Drell-Yan analysis of Stueckelberg  $Z'$ .*—Next we discuss the production of the narrow  $Z'$  by the Drell-Yan process at the Tevatron. For the hadronic process  $A + B \rightarrow V + X$ , and the partonic subprocess  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow V \rightarrow l^+l^-$ , the dilepton production differential cross section to leading order (Born) is given by

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{AB}}}{dM^2} = \frac{1}{s} \sum_q \sigma^{q\bar{q}}(M^2) \mathcal{W}_{\{\text{AB}(q\bar{q})\}}(\tau), \quad \tau = M^2/s$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{\{\text{AB}(q\bar{q})\}}(\tau) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 dx dy \delta(\tau - xy) \mathcal{P}_{\{\text{AB}(q\bar{q})\}}(x, y),$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\{\text{AB}(q\bar{q})\}}(x, y) = f_{q,A}(x) f_{\bar{q},B}(y) + f_{\bar{q},A}(x) f_{q,B}(y).$$

Here  $f_{q,A}$  and  $f_{\bar{q},A}$  are parton distribution functions (PDFs).  $\sigma^{q\bar{q}}$  is given in [3].  $\frac{d\sigma_{p\bar{p}}}{dM^2}$  may be calculated via a perturbative expansion in the strong coupling,  $\alpha_s$ , which is conven-

tionally absorbed into the Drell-Yan  $K$  factor as discussed in detail in Refs. [8,9,15,20].

In Fig. 1 we give an analysis of the Drell-Yan cross section for the process  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow l^+l^-$  as a function of  $M_{Z'}$ . The analysis is done at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV, using the CTEQ5L [21] PDFs with a flat  $K$  factor of 1.3 for the appropriate comparisons with other models and with the CDF [1] and D0 [2] combined data in the dilepton channel. Remarkably one finds that the Stueckelberg  $Z'$  for the case  $\epsilon \approx 0.06$  is eliminated up to about 375 GeV with the current data (at 95% C.L.). This lower limit decreases as  $\epsilon$  decreases but the current data still constrain the model up to  $\epsilon \approx 0.035$ . This result is in contrast to the LR,  $E_6$ , and to the little Higgs models [22] where the  $Z'$  boson has already been eliminated up to (610–815) GeV with the CDF [1] and D0 [2] data. In Fig. 2 we give the analysis of the discovery limit for the Stueckelberg  $Z'$  with an integrated luminosity of  $8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . Here we have extrapolated the experimental sensitivity curves for the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and for the more sensitive  $e^+e^- + \gamma\gamma$  channel downwards by a factor of  $1/\sqrt{N}$  where  $N$  is the ratio of the expected integrated luminosity to the current integrated luminosity. The analysis shows that a Stueckelberg  $Z'$  can be discovered up to a mass of about 600 GeV and if no effect is seen one can put a lower limit on the  $Z'$  mass at about 600 GeV. In Fig. 3 we give the exclusion plots in the  $\epsilon - M_{Z'}$  plane using the current data and also using the total integrated luminosity of  $8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  expected at the Tevatron. An analysis including hidden sector with  $\Gamma_{\text{HS}} = \Gamma_{\text{VS}}$  is also exhibited. The exclusion plots show that even the hidden sector is beginning to be constrained and these constraints will become even more severe with future data.

*Conclusion.*—The type of  $Z'$  boson that arises from the mixing of the standard model with the Stueckelberg sector

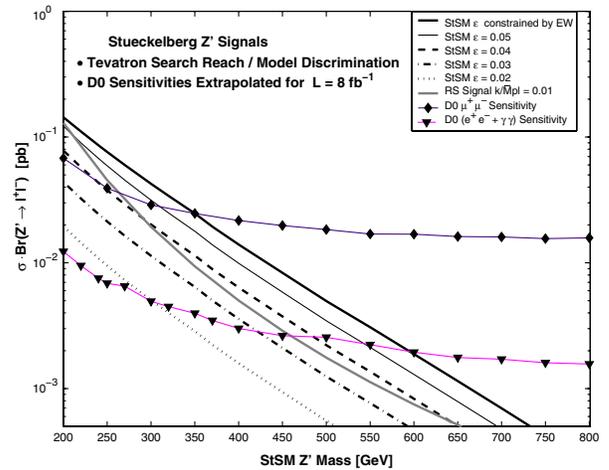


FIG. 2 (color online).  $Z'$  signal in StSM with  $8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data using an extrapolation of the sensitivity of the D0 [2] detector for the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $e^+e^- + \gamma\gamma$  modes. The data will put a lower limit of about 600 (300) GeV on  $M_{Z'}$  mass for  $\epsilon = 0.06(0.02)$ . Also plotted for comparison is  $\sigma\text{Br}(G \rightarrow l^+l^-)$  for the RS case.

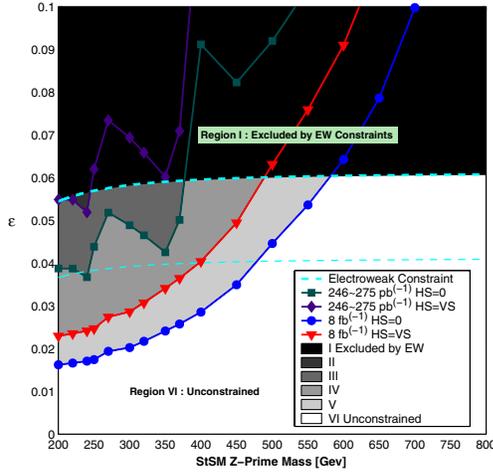


FIG. 3 (color online). Exclusion plots in the  $\epsilon - M_{Z'}$  plane utilizing the more sensitive D0 [2]  $e^+e^- + \gamma\gamma$  mode with (a) the 246–275  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  of data, and (b) 8  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  of data where an extrapolation of the sensitivity curve is used. The upper dashed curve is the maximum value of  $\epsilon$  allowed by Eq. (6) and the lower dashed curve corresponds to  $|\Delta\text{Pull}| < 1$  (see the text for the validity of imposing the lower constraint). Cases with (without) a hidden sector are shown. Regions II, III, IV, and V are constrained by the conditions given at their respective boundaries.

is very different from the  $Z'$  bosons that normally arise in grand unified models [8] and in string models such as [10], or in Kaluza-Klein excitations of the  $Z$  in the compactifications of large extra dimensions [23]. The distinguishing feature is that the decay width in the present case is exceptionally narrow with width  $\leq 60$  MeV for  $M_{Z'} \leq 1$  TeV. It is interesting to note that there is a region of the parameter space where a Stueckelberg  $Z'$  boson may be mistaken for a narrow resonance of a Randall-Sundrum (RS) [24] warped geometry. The RS warped geometry is a slice of anti-de Sitter space ( $\text{AdS}_5$ ) with the metric  $ds^2 = \exp(-2kr_c|\phi|)\eta_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu - r_c^2 d\phi^2$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$ , where  $r_c$  is the radius of the extra dimension and  $k$  is the curvature of  $\text{AdS}_5$ . The overlap of  $\sigma\text{Br}(Z' \rightarrow l^+l^-)$  and  $\sigma\text{Br}(G \rightarrow l^+l^-)$  for the RS graviton is shown in Fig. 2 for the case  $k/\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}} = 0.01$ , where  $\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}} = M_{\text{Pl}}/\sqrt{8\pi}$  is the reduced Planck mass. However, the constraints of the precision electroweak data actually eliminate the RS graviton in this case [2,25]. Thus if a resonance effect is seen in the dilepton mass range of up to about 600 GeV in the CDF and D0 data at the predicted level, the Stueckelberg  $Z'$  would be a prime candidate since the RS graviton possibility is absent in this case.

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