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 $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ electroweak strong

				$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)^{*}_{Y}$	Spin
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	e _R	$\mu_{_R}$	$ au_{\scriptscriptstyle R}$	SINGLET	SINGLET	-2	1/2
quarks	$\left(\begin{array}{c} u \\ d \end{array}\right)_{\!\!\!L}$	$\begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}_{L}$	$\left(\begin{array}{c}t\\b\end{array}\right)_{\!\!\!L}$	TRIPLET	DOUBLET	1/3	1/2
	u _R	C _R	t_R	TRIPLET	SINGLET	4/3	1/2
	$d_{\scriptscriptstyle R}$	S _R	b_R	TRIPLET	SINGLET	-2/3	1/2
gauge bosons		g		OCTET	SINGLET	0	1
		W, Z		SINGLET	TRIPLET	0	1
		γ		SINGLET	TRIPLET	0	1
		Н		SINGLET	DOUBLET	1	0

 $^{*}Q = T_3 + \frac{Y}{2}$

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• Cancellation of Anomalies

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Cancellation would require

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The b-quark needs an "up-type" partner also with SM-like couplings.





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[ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, OPAL, 1994, [3]]

	Measurement	Standard Mo del Fit	Pull
a) <u>LEP</u>			
line-shape and			
lepton asymmetries:			
m_{Σ} [GeV]	91.1888 ± 0.0044	91.1887	0.0
Γ_{Σ} [GeV]	2.4974 ± 0.0038	2.4973	0.0
$\sigma_{\rm h}^0$ [nb]	41.49 ± 0.12	41.437	0.4
R _t	20.795 ± 0.040	20.786	0.2
$A_{FB}^{0,\ell}$	0.0170 ± 0.0016	0.0153	1.0
+ correlation matrix Table 8			
τ polarisation:			
A.,	0.143 ± 0.010	0.143	0.0
\mathcal{A}_{e}	0.135 ± 0.011	0.143	-0.7
b and c quark results:			
R _b	0.2202 ± 0.0020	0.2158	2.2
R _c	0.1583 ± 0.0098	0.172	-1.4
$A_{FB}^{0,b}$	0.0967 ± 0.0038	0.1002	-0.9
$A_{FB}^{0,c}$	0.0760 ± 0.0091	0.0714	0.5
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qq charge asymmetry:			
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}} \left(\left(\mathbf{Q}_{FB} \right) \right)$	0.2320 ± 0.0016	0.2320	0.0
b) pp and vN			
m_{W} [GeV] (pp [62])	80.23 ± 0.18	80.32	-0.5
$1 - m_W^2 / m_Z^2 (\nu N [7-9])$	0.2253 ± 0.0047	0.2242	0.2
c) <u>SLC</u>			
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}} \left(A_{\text{LR}} \mid 6 \right)$	0.2294 ± 0.0010	0.2320	-2.6

Table 18: Summary of measurements included in the combined analysis of Standard Model parameters. Section a) summarises LEP averages, section b) electroweak precision tests from p \overline{p} colliders and N^3 -scattering, section c) gives the result for $\sin^2 \frac{N^2}{2}$. In the measurement of the left-right polarisation asymmetry at SLD. The Standard Model fit results in column 3 and the pulls (difference to measurement in units of the measurement error) in column 4 are derived from the fit including all data (Table 19, column 4) for a fixed value of $m_{\rm H}=300~{\rm GeV}$.

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			$+ A_{LR}$ from SLD	
$m_{\rm t} = ({ m GeV})$	$173^{+12}_{-13}{}^{+18}_{-20}$	$171^{+11}_{-12}{}^{+18}_{-19}$	178+11 +18	
$\alpha_s(m_{\rm Z}^{2})$	$0.126 \pm 0.005 \ \pm 0.002$	$0.126 \pm 0.005 \ \pm 0.002$	$0.125\pm0.005\pm0.002$	
χ^2 /d.o.f.	7.6/9	7.7/11	15/12	
$\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^{lept}$	$0.2322 \pm 0.0004 \ {}^{+0.0001}_{-0.0002}$	$0.2323 \pm \ 0.0003 \ {}^{+0.0001}_{-0.0002}$	$0.2320 \pm 0.0003 \ {}^{+0.0000}_{-0.0002}$	
$1 - m_{ m W}^2 / m_{ m Z}^2$	$0.2249 \pm \ 0.0013 \ {}^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	$0.2250 \pm \ 0.0013 \ {}^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	$0.2242 \pm \ 0.0012 \ {}^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	
$m_{\mathbf{W}}$ (GeV)	$80.28 \pm \ 0.07 \ {}^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$80.27 \pm 0.06 \ {}^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$80.32 \pm \ 0.06 \ ^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	

Table 19: Results of fits to LEP and other electroweak precision data for m_t and $\alpha_s(m_{\pi}^2)$. No external constraint on $\alpha_s(m_{\pi}^2)$ has been imposed. The second column presents the results obtained using LEP data only (Table 18a). In the third column also the combined data from the $p\overline{p}$ collider and νN experiments (Table 18b) are included. The fourth column gives the result when the SLD measurement of the left-right asymmetry (Table 18c) is also added. The central values and the first errors quoted refer to $m_{\rm H} = 300$ GeV. The second errors correspond to the variation of the central value when varying $m_{\rm H}$ in the interval $60 \le m_{\rm H}$ [GeV] ≤ 1000 . The bottom part of the table lists derived results derived results.

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PHYSICISTS DISCOVER TOP QUARK

Batava, IL.-Physiciant at the Department of Energy's Ferm National Accelerator Laboratory today (March 2) autonated the discovery of the substance particle called the top quark, the lat undiscovered guark of the niz predicted by current scientific theory. Scientific workshow and the lador sought the top quark, more the discovery of the bottom quark at Fermilab in 1977. The discovery provides trong support for the quark finary of the tructure of matter.

Two research papers, nobmitted on Friday, February 24, to Physical Review Letters by the CDF and DEero experiment collaborations respectively, describe the observation of type quarks produced in high-energy collisions between protons and antiprotone, their antimater countrypart. The two experiments operate multinatooutly image particle beams from Fermilab's Terrators, world's highest energy particle accelerator. The collaborations, each with about 450 members, presented their results at semants Pala & Fermilab on March 2.

"Last April, CDF mesoanced the first direct experimental evidence for the top quark," stadi William Cardiner, T_r , cocyocheman, why directly directly for the CDF experiment, "but at that time we stopped short of claming a discovery Now, the analysis of about three times as much data confirms our previous evidence and establishes the discovery of the top quark."

The DZero collaboration has discovered the top quark is an independent investigation. The DZero observation of the top quark depends primarily on the number of events was have such each out the other characteristics', rest Paul Grazie's on the top of the state about the top quark's caretience, but now, with a larger data sample, the signal not leave "

Phyticitis identify top quarks by the characteristic electronic signals they produce. However, other phenomena can sometimes minic top quark signals. To chain a discovery, experimenters must observe enough top quark events to rule out any other source of the signals.

"This discovery serves as a powerful validation of federal support for science," said Secretary of Energy Hazel R. O'Leary, "Using one of the world's most powerful research tools, scientists at Fermilab have made yet another major contribution to human understanding of the fundamentals of the unverse."

The Department of Energy, the primary stream of U.S. high-energy spyrinc, provided the majority of finding for the research. The Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics and the Japanese Ministry of Education, Science and Othere made major combinates to CDF. Support for D2co came from Sunsa, France, John, and Frant J. Network Science Science and Control combinets to both calaboration: Collaborators include scientist from Brand, Cameda, France, India, Italy, Japan, Kreen, Meiros, Poinde, Jauna, Taiwan, and the U.S.

The decovery of the top quark is a great achievement for the collaborations," and Fermilab Director John Peopler, 'and allow for the men and worms of Fermida bwin smagned, then budy, and now operate the Tevatron accelerator. We have much to learn about the top quark, and more of namer's best-kept secrets to engives. We look forward to beginning a new era of research with the Tevatron, naking the best use of the word's highther-mergy coller '

Fermilab, 30 miles west of Chicago, is a high-energy physics laboratory operated by Universities Research Association, Inc. under contract with the U.S. Department of Energy.

Observation of Top Quark Production in $\overline{p}p$ Collisions with the Collider Detector at Fermilab

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Observation of the Top Quark

The D0 Collaboration reports on a search for the standard model top quark in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $q_{ij} = 1.8$ TeV at the Fermilab Tevatron with an integrated luminosity of approximately 50 pb⁻¹. We have searched for $i\bar{t}$ production in the dilepton and single-lepton decay channels with and without tagging $b\bar{b}$ -quark jets. We observed 17 events with an expected background of 38 ± 0.6 events. The probability for an upward fluctuation of the background of 38 ± 0.6 events. The probability for 6.4 standard deviations). The kinematic properties of the excess events are consistent with top quark decay. We conclude that we have observed the top quark and measured its mass to be 199⁻¹₂₁ (stat) = 22 (styt) GeV(-7 and its production cross section to be 64 ± 2.2 be.

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[CKM Fitter, 2015, [9]]

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 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H)$ at \sqrt{s} = 8 TeV \sim 130 pb



But is it a purely scalar coupling ? Or is there a pseudo-scalar component ?

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Glossary

- * LEP : Large Electron Positron Collider; $e^+ e^-$ collider at CERN; operated during 1989-2000 in the same tunnel that now houses the LHC; started at $\sqrt{s} = M_Z = 91$ GeV and went up to $\sqrt{s} = 209$ GeV.
- * CLEO : The particle detector attached to the Cornell Electron Storage Ring (CESR); CESR collided e^+ and e^- at $\sqrt{s} \approx 10$ GeV; aimed at studying *B*-mesons; operated during 1979-2008; CESR is pronounced "Ceaser"; CLEO is short for Cleopatra. O
- * SLC : Stanford Linear Collider; $e^+ e^-$ linear collider at SLAC; operated during 1989-1998; $\sqrt{s} = M_Z$; used polarized electrons.
- * Tevatron : $p\bar{p}$ collider at Fermilab; operated during 1987-2011; $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV (Run I) and 1.96 TeV (Run II).

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