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**Testing the top quark lifetime**

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Experiments at the Fermilab Tevatron are collecting large and exceptionally pure samples of top quarks, and performing measurements to confirm that the particle discovered in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions a decade ago is the anticipated sixth quark. One unambiguous test is a measurement of the top quark lifetime, which is constrained by the consistency of the Standard Model to be less than  $10^{-24}$  s. I will describe a search for anomalous decay lengths in  $t\bar{t}$ -like events observed with the Collider Detector at Fermilab (CDF), and report a first direct limit on the  $t$  quark lifetime.