e

$J = \frac{1}{2}$

e MASS (atomic mass units u)

The primary determination of an electron's mass comes from measuring the ratio of the mass to that of a nucleus, so that the result is obtained in u (atomic mass units). The conversion factor to MeV is more uncertain than the mass of the electron in u; indeed, the recent improvements in the mass determination are not evident when the result is given in MeV. In this datablock we give the result in u, and in the following datablock in MeV.

VALUE (10^{-6} u)	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
548.579909070±0.000000016	MOHR	16	RVUE	2014 CODATA value
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
548.57990946 ±0.00000022	MOHR	12	RVUE	2010 CODATA value
548.57990943 ±0.00000023	MOHR	08	RVUE	2006 CODATA value
548.57990945 ±0.00000024	MOHR	05	RVUE	2002 CODATA value
548.5799092 ±0.0000004	[1] BEIER	02	CNTR	Penning trap
548.5799110 ±0.0000012	MOHR	99	RVUE	1998 CODATA value
548.5799111 ±0.0000012	[2] FARNHAM	95	CNTR	Penning trap
548.579903 ±0.000013	COHEN	87	RVUE	1986 CODATA value

[1] BEIER 02 compares Larmor frequency of the electron bound in a $^{12}C^{5+}$ ion with the cyclotron frequency of a single trapped $^{12}C^{5+}$ ion.

[2] FARNHAM 95 compares cyclotron frequency of trapped electrons with that of a single trapped $^{12}C^{6+}$ ion.

e MASS

2010 CODATA (MOHR 12) gives the conversion factor from u (atomic mass units, see the above datablock) to MeV as 931.494 061 (21). Earlier values use the then-current conversion factor. The conversion error dominates the uncertainty of the masses given below.

VALUE (MeV)	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
0.5109989461±0.0000000031	MOHR	16	RVUE	2014 CODATA value
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
0.510998928 ±0.000000011	MOHR	12	RVUE	2010 CODATA value
0.510998910 ±0.000000013	MOHR	08	RVUE	2006 CODATA value
0.510998918 ±0.000000044	MOHR	05	RVUE	2002 CODATA value
0.510998901 ±0.000000020	[1,2] BEIER	02	CNTR	Penning trap
0.510998902 ±0.000000021	MOHR	99	RVUE	1998 CODATA value
0.510998903 ±0.000000020	[1,3] FARNHAM	95	CNTR	Penning trap
0.510998895 ±0.000000024	[1] COHEN	87	RVUE	1986 CODATA value
0.5110034 ±0.0000014	COHEN	73	RVUE	1973 CODATA value

[1] Converted to MeV using the 1998 CODATA value of the conversion constant, 931.494013 ± 0.000037 MeV/u.

[2] BEIER 02 compares Larmor frequency of the electron bound in a $^{12}C^{5+}$ ion with the cyclotron frequency of a single trapped $^{12}C^{5+}$ ion.
[3] FARNHAM 95 compares cyclotron frequency of trapped electrons with that of a single trapped $^{12}C^{6+}$ ion.

$(m_{e^+} - m_{e^-})\,/\,m_{\text{average}}$

A test of *CPT* invariance.

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$<8 \times 10^{-9}$	90	[1] FEE	93	CNTR	Positronium spectroscopy
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
$<4 \times 10^{-23}$	90	[2] DOLGOV	14		From photon mass limit
$<4 \times 10^{-8}$	90	CHU	84	CNTR	Positronium spectroscopy

[1] FEE 93 value is obtained under the assumption that the positronium Rydberg constant is exactly half the hydrogen one.
[2] DOLGOV 14 result is obtained under the assumption that any mass difference between electron and positron would lead to a non-zero photon mass. The PDG 12 limit of 1×10^{-18} eV on the photon mass is in turn used to derive the value quoted here.

$\left|q_{e^+} + q_{e^-}\right|/e$

A test of *CPT* invariance. See also similar tests involving the proton.

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$<4 \times 10^{-8}$	[1] HUGHES	92	RVUE	
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
$<2 \times 10^{-18}$	[2] SCHAEFER	95	THEO	Vacuum polarization
$<1 \times 10^{-18}$	[3] MUELLER	92	THEO	Vacuum polarization

[1] HUGHES 92 uses recent measurements of Rydberg-energy and cyclotron-frequency ratios.
[2] SCHAEFER 95 removes model dependency of MUELLER 92.
[3] MUELLER 92 argues that an inequality of the charge magnitudes would, through higher-order vacuum polarization, contribute to the net charge of atoms.

e MAGNETIC MOMENT ANOMALY

$\mu_e/\mu_B - 1 = (g{-}2)/2$

VALUE (units 10^{-6})	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	CHG	COMMENT
1159.65218091±0.00000026	MOHR	16	RVUE		2014 CODATA value
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
1159.65218076±0.00000027	MOHR	12	RVUE		2010 CODATA value
1159.65218073±0.00000028	HANNEKE	08	MRS		Single electron
1159.65218111±0.00000074	[1] MOHR	08	RVUE		2006 CODATA value
1159.65218085±0.00000076	[2] ODOM	06	MRS	−	Single electron
1159.6521859 ±0.0000038	MOHR	05	RVUE		2002 CODATA value
1159.6521869 ±0.0000041	MOHR	99	RVUE		1998 CODATA value
1159.652193 ±0.000010	COHEN	87	RVUE		1986 CODATA value
1159.6521884 ±0.0000043	VANDYCK	87	MRS	−	Single electron
1159.6521879 ±0.0000043	VANDYCK	87	MRS	+	Single positron

[1] MOHR 08 average is dominated by ODOM 06.
[2] Superseded by HANNEKE 08 per private communication with Gerald Gabrielse.

$(g_{e^+} - g_{e^-})\ /\ g_{\text{average}}$

A test of *CPT* invariance.

VALUE (units 10^{-12})	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
− 0.5± 2.1		[1] VANDYCK	87	MRS	Penning trap
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
< 12	95	[2] VASSERMAN	87	CNTR	Assumes $m_{e^+} = m_{e^-}$
22 ±64		SCHWINBERG	81	MRS	Penning trap

[1] VANDYCK 87 measured $(g_-/g_+)-1$ and we converted it.
[2] VASSERMAN 87 measured $(g_+ - g_-)/(g-2)$. We multiplied by $(g-2)/g = 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$.

e ELECTRIC DIPOLE MOMENT (d)

A nonzero value is forbidden by both *T* invariance and *P* invariance.

VALUE (10^{-28} *e* cm)	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
< 0.87	90	[1] BARON	14	CNTR	ThO molecules
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
− 5570 ± 7980 ±120		KIM	15	CNTR	$Gd_3Ga_5O_{12}$ molecules
< 6050	90	[2] ECKEL	12	CNTR	$Eu_{0.5}Ba_{0.5}TiO_3$ molecules
< 10.5	90	[3] HUDSON	11	NMR	YbF molecules
6.9 ± 7.4		REGAN	02	MRS	^{205}Tl beams
18 ± 12 ± 10		[4] COMMINS	94	MRS	^{205}Tl beams
− 27 ± 83		[4] ABDULLAH	90	MRS	^{205}Tl beams
− 1400 ± 2400		CHO	89	NMR	TlF molecules
− 150 ± 550 ±150		MURTHY	89		Cs, no *B* field
− 5000 ±11000		LAMOREAUX	87	NMR	^{199}Hg
19000 ±34000	90	SANDARS	75	MRS	Thallium
7000 ±22000	90	PLAYER	70	MRS	Xenon
< 30000	90	WEISSKOPF	68	MRS	Cesium

[1] BARON 14 gives a measurement corresponding to this limit as $(-0.21 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-28}$ *e*cm.
[2] ECKEL 12 gives a measurement corresponding to this limit as $(-1.07 \pm 3.06 \pm 1.74) \times 10^{-25}$ *e*cm.
[3] HUDSON 11 gives a measurement corresponding to this limit as $(-2.4 \pm 5.7 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-28}$ *e*cm.
[4] ABDULLAH 90, COMMINS 94, and REGAN 02 use the relativistic enhancement of a valence electron's electric dipole moment in a high-Z atom.

e^- MEAN LIFE / BRANCHING FRACTION

A test of charge conservation. See the "Note on Testing Charge Conservation and the Pauli Exclusion Principle" following this section in our 1992 edition (Physical Review **D45** S1 (1992), p. VI.10).

Most of these experiments are one of three kinds: Attempts to observe (a) the 255.5 keV gamma ray produced in $e^- \rightarrow \nu_e \gamma$, (b) the (K) shell x ray produced when an electron decays without additional energy deposit, e.g., $e^- \rightarrow \nu_e \overline{\nu}_e \nu_e$ ("disappearance" experiments), and (c) nuclear de-excitation gamma rays after the electron disappears from an atomic shell and the nucleus is left in an excited state. The last can include both weak boson and photon mediating processes. We use the best $e^- \rightarrow \nu_e \gamma$ limit for the Summary Tables.

Note that we use the mean life rather than the half life, which is often reported.

$e \rightarrow \nu_e \gamma$ and astrophysical limits

VALUE (yr)	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
>6.6 × 10^{28}	90	AGOSTINI	15B	BORX	$e^- \rightarrow \nu \gamma$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
$>1.22 \times 10^{26}$	68	[1] KLAPDOR-K...	07	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu \gamma$
$>4.6 \times 10^{26}$	90	BACK	02	BORX	$e^- \rightarrow \nu \gamma$
$>3.4 \times 10^{26}$	68	BELLI	00B	DAMA	$e^- \rightarrow \nu \gamma$, liquid Xe
$>3.7 \times 10^{25}$	68	AHARONOV	95B	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu \gamma$
$>2.35 \times 10^{25}$	68	BALYSH	93	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu \gamma$, ^{76}Ge detector
$>1.5 \times 10^{25}$	68	AVIGNONE	86	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu \gamma$
$>1 \times 10^{39}$		[2] ORITO	85	ASTR	Astrophysical argument
$>3 \times 10^{23}$	68	BELLOTTI	83B	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu \gamma$

[1] The authors of A. Derbin et al, arXiv:0704.2047v1 argue that this limit is overestimated by at least a factor of 5.

[2] ORITO 85 assumes that electromagnetic forces extend out to large enough distances and that the age of our galaxy is 10^{10} years.

Disappearance and nuclear-de-excitation experiments

VALUE (yr)	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
>6.4 × 10^{24}	68	[1] BELLI	99B	DAMA	De-excitation of ^{129}Xe
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
$>4.2 \times 10^{24}$	68	BELLI	99	DAMA	Iodine L-shell disappearance
$>2.4 \times 10^{23}$	90	[2] BELLI	99D	DAMA	De-excitation of ^{127}I (in NaI)
$>4.3 \times 10^{23}$	68	AHARONOV	95B	CNTR	Ge K-shell disappearance
$>2.7 \times 10^{23}$	68	REUSSER	91	CNTR	Ge K-shell disappearance
$>2 \times 10^{22}$	68	BELLOTTI	83B	CNTR	Ge K-shell disappearance

[1] BELLI 99B limit on charge nonconserving e^- capture involving excitation of the 236.1 keV nuclear state of ^{129}Xe; the 90% CL limit is 3.7×10^{24} yr. Less stringent limits for other states are also given.

[2] BELLI 99D limit on charge nonconserving e^- capture involving excitation of the 57.6 keV nuclear state of ^{127}I. Less stringent limits for the other states and for the state of ^{23}Na are also given.

LIMITS ON LEPTON-FLAVOR VIOLATION IN PRODUCTION

Forbidden by lepton family number conservation.

This section was added for the 2008 edition of this *Review* and is not complete. For a list of further measurements see references in the papers listed below.

$\sigma(e^+e^- \to e^\pm\tau^\mp)$ / $\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-)$

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$<8.9 \times 10^{-6}$	95	AUBERT	07P	BABR	e^+e^- at E_{cm} = 10.58 GeV
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
$<1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	95	GOMEZ-CAD...	91	MRK2	e^+e^- at E_{cm} = 29 GeV

$\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^\pm\tau^\mp)$ / $\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-)$

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$<4.0 \times 10^{-6}$	95	AUBERT	07P	BABR	e^+e^- at E_{cm} = 10.58 GeV
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
$<6.1 \times 10^{-3}$	95	GOMEZ-CAD...	91	MRK2	e^+e^- at E_{cm} = 29 GeV

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BARON	14	SCIENCE 343 269	J. Baron *et al.*	(ACME Collab.)
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AUBERT	07P	PR D75 031103	B. Aubert *et al.*	(BABAR Collab.)
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