e

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

e MASS

The mass is known much more precisely in u (atomic mass units) than in MeV (see the footnote). The conversion from u to MeV, 1 u = 931.49432 ± 0.00028 MeV, involves the relatively poorly known electronic charge.

VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
0.51099907±0.00000015	[1] FARNHAM	95	CNTR	Penning
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
0.51099906±0.00000015	[2] COHEN	87	RVUE	1986 CODATA value
0.5110034 ±0.0000014	COHEN	73	RVUE	1973 CODATA value

[1] FARNHAM 95 compares cyclotron frequency of trapped electrons with that of a single trapped $^{12}C^{+6}$ ion. The result is m_e = 0.0005485799111(12) u, where the figure in parenthesis is the 1σ uncertainty in the last digit. The uncertainty after conversion to MeV is dominated by the uncertainty in the electron charge.

[2] COHEN 87 (1986 CODATA) value in atomic mass units is 0.000548579903(13). See footnote on FARNHAM 95.

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

A test of *CPT* invariance.

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$<8 \times 10^{-9}$	90	[3] FEE	93	CNTR	Positronium spectroscopy
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
$<4 \times 10^{-8}$	90	CHU	84	CNTR	Positronium spectroscopy

[3] FEE 93 value is obtained under the assumption that the positronium Rydberg constant is exactly half the hydrogen one.

$|q_{e^+} + q_{e^-}|/e$

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

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$<4 \times 10^{-8}$	[4] HUGHES	92	RVUE	
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
$<2 \times 10^{-18}$	[5] SCHAEFER	95	THEO	Vacuum polarization
$<1 \times 10^{-18}$	[6] MUELLER	92	THEO	Vacuum polarization

[4] HUGHES 92 uses recent measurements of Rydberg-energy and cyclotron-frequency ratios.

[5] SCHAEFER 95 removes model dependency of MUELLER 92.

[6] 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

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

For the most accurate theoretical calculation, see KINOSHITA 81.

Some older results have been omitted.

VALUE (units 10^{-6})	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	CHG	COMMENT
1159.652193 ±0.000010	[7] COHEN	87	RVUE		1986 CODATA value
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
1159.6521884±0.0000043	VANDYCK	87	MRS	−	Single electron
1159.6521879±0.0000043	VANDYCK	87	MRS	+	Single positron
1159.652200 ±0.000040	VANDYCK	86	MRS	−	Single electron
1159.652222 ±0.000050	SCHWINBERG	81	MRS	+	Single positron

[7] The COHEN 87 value assumes the $g/2$ values for e^+ and e^- are equal, as required by *CPT*.

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

A test of *CPT* invariance.

VALUE (units 10^{-12})	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
− 0.5± 2.1		[8] VANDYCK	87	MRS	Penning trap
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
< 12	95	[9] VASSERMAN	87	CNTR	Assumes $m_{e^+} = m_{e^-}$
22 ±64		SCHWINBERG	81	MRS	Penning trap

[8] VANDYCK 87 measured $(g_-/g_+)-1$ and we converted it.

[9] VASSERMAN 87 measured $(g_+ - g_-)/(g-2)$. We multiplied by $(g-2)/g = 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$.

e ELECTRIC DIPOLE MOMENT

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

VALUE (10^{-26} e cm)	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
0.18± 0.12±0.10		[10] COMMINS	94	MRS	^{205}Tl beams
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
− 0.27± 0.83		[10] ABDULLAH	90	MRS	^{205}Tl beams
− 14 ± 24		CHO	89	NMR	Tl F molecules
− 1.5 ± 5.5 ±1.5		MURTHY	89		Cesium, no *B* field
− 50 ±110		LAMOREAUX	87	NMR	^{199}Hg
190 ±340	90	SANDARS	75	MRS	Thallium
70 ±220	90	PLAYER	70	MRS	Xenon
< 300	90	WEISSKOPF	68	MRS	Cesium

[10] ABDULLAH 90 and COMMINS 94 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,** 1 June, Part II (1992), p. VI.10). We use the best "disappearance" limit for the Summary Tables. The best limit for the specific channel $e^- \rightarrow \nu\gamma$ is much better.

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

VALUE (yr)	*CL%*	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*COMMENT*
>4.3 × 10²³	68	AHARONOV	95B	CNTR	Ge K-shll disappearance
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
$>3.7 \times 10^{25}$	68	AHARONOV	95B	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu\gamma$
$>2.35 \times 10^{25}$	68	BALYSH	93	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu\gamma$, ^{76}Ge detector
$>2.7 \times 10^{23}$	68	REUSSER	91	CNTR	Ge K-shell disappearance
$>1.5 \times 10^{25}$	68	AVIGNONE	86	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu\gamma$
$>1 \times 10^{39}$		[11] ORITO	85	ASTR	Astrophysical argument
$>3 \times 10^{23}$	68	BELLOTTI	83B	CNTR	$e^- \rightarrow \nu\gamma$
$>2 \times 10^{22}$	68	BELLOTTI	83B	CNTR	Ge K-shell disappearance

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

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Also	87B	PL B187 172	Vasserman, Vorobyov, Gluskin+	(NOVO)
AVIGNONE	86	PR D34 97	+Brodzinski, Hensley, Miley, Reeves+	(PNL, SCUC)
VANDYCK	86	PR D34 722	Van Dyck, Schwinberg, Dehmelt	(WASH)
ORITO	85	PRL 54 2457	+Yoshimura	(TOKY, KEK)
CHU	84	PRL 52 1689	+Mills, Hall	(BELL, NBS, COLO)
BELLOTTI	83B	PL 124B 435	+Corti, Fiorini, Liguori, Pullia+	(MILA)
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COHEN	73	JPCRD 2 663	+Taylor	(RISC, NBS)
PLAYER	70	JPB 3 1620	+Sandars	(OXF)
WEISSKOPF	68	PRL 21 1645	+Carrico, Gould, Lipworth+	(BRAN)