



$$I(J^P) = 1(\frac{1}{2}^+) \quad \text{Status: } ****$$

COURANT 63 and ALFF 65, using $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ e^-$ decays (Dalitz decays), determined the Σ^0 parity to be positive, given that $J = 1/2$ and that certain very reasonable assumptions about form factors are true. The results of experiments involving the Primakoff effect, from which the Σ^0 mean life and $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda$ transition magnetic moment come (see below), strongly support $J = 1/2$.

Σ^0 MASS

The fit uses Σ^+ , Σ^0 , Σ^- , and Λ mass and mass-difference measurements.

<u>VALUE (MeV)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
1192.642 ± 0.024 OUR FIT				

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1192.65 ± 0.020 ± 0.014	3327	¹ WANG	97	SPEC	$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma \rightarrow (p\pi^-)(e^+ e^-)$
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¹ This WANG 97 result is redundant with the Σ^0 - Λ mass-difference measurement below.

$m_{\Sigma^-} - m_{\Sigma^0}$

<u>VALUE (MeV)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
4.807 ± 0.035 OUR FIT				Error includes scale factor of 1.1.

4.86 ± 0.08 OUR AVERAGE Error includes scale factor of 1.2.

4.87 ± 0.12	37	DOSCH	65	HBC	
5.01 ± 0.12	12	SCHMIDT	65	HBC	See note with Λ mass
4.75 ± 0.1	18	BURNSTEIN	64	HBC	

$m_{\Sigma^0} - m_{\Lambda}$

<u>VALUE (MeV)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
76.959 ± 0.023 OUR FIT				

76.966 ± 0.020 ± 0.013	3327	WANG	97	SPEC	$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma \rightarrow (p\pi^-)(e^+ e^-)$
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76.23 ± 0.55	109	COLAS	75	HLBC	$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$
76.63 ± 0.28	208	SCHMIDT	65	HBC	See note with Λ mass

Σ^0 MEAN LIFE

These lifetimes are deduced from measurements of the cross sections for the Primakoff process $\Lambda \rightarrow \Sigma^0$ in nuclear Coulomb fields. An alternative expression of the same information is the Σ^0 - Λ transition magnetic

moment given in the following section. The relation is $(\mu_{\Sigma\Lambda}/\mu_N)^2 \tau = 1.92951 \times 10^{-19} \text{ s}$ (see DEVLIN 86).

<u>VALUE (10^{-20} s)</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
7.4 ± 0.7 OUR EVALUATION	Using $\mu_{\Sigma\Lambda}$ (see the above note).		
$6.5^{+1.7}_{-1.1}$	² DEVLIN	86	SPEC Primakoff effect
$7.6 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.7$	³ PETERSEN	86	SPEC Primakoff effect
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •			
5.8 ± 1.3	² DYDAK	77	SPEC See DEVLIN 86
² DEVLIN 86 is a recalculation of the results of DYDAK 77 removing a numerical approximation made in that work.			
³ An additional uncertainty of the Primakoff formalism is estimated to be $< 5\%$.			

$|\mu(\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda)|$ TRANSITION MAGNETIC MOMENT

See the note in the Σ^0 mean-life section above. Also, see the “Note on Baryon Magnetic Moments” in the Λ Listings.

<u>VALUE (μ_N)</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
1.61 ± 0.08 OUR AVERAGE			
$1.72^{+0.17}_{-0.19}$	⁴ DEVLIN	86	SPEC Primakoff effect
$1.59 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.07$	⁵ PETERSEN	86	SPEC Primakoff effect
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •			
$1.82^{+0.25}_{-0.18}$	⁴ DYDAK	77	SPEC See DEVLIN 86
⁴ DEVLIN 86 is a recalculation of the results of DYDAK 77 removing a numerical approximation made in that work.			
⁵ An additional uncertainty of the Primakoff formalism is estimated to be $< 2.5\%$.			

Σ^0 DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Confidence level
$\Gamma_1 \quad \Lambda\gamma$	100 %	
$\Gamma_2 \quad \Lambda\gamma\gamma$	$< 3\%$	90%
$\Gamma_3 \quad \Lambda e^+ e^-$	[a] 5×10^{-3}	

[a] A theoretical value using QED.

Σ^0 BRANCHING RATIOS

$\Gamma(\Lambda\gamma\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$		Γ_2/Γ
<u>VALUE</u>	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>
< 0.03	90	COLAS 75 HLBC

$\Gamma(\Lambda e^+ e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$

Γ_3/Γ

See COURANT 63 and ALFF 65 for measurements of the invariant-mass spectrum of the Dalitz pairs.

<i>VALUE</i>	<i>DOCUMENT ID</i>	<i>COMMENT</i>
0.00545	FEINBERG 58	Theoretical QED calculation

Σ^0 REFERENCES

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DYDAK	77	NP B118 1	F. Dydak <i>et al.</i>	(CERN, DORT, HEIDH)
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