

Heavy Charged Lepton Searches

Charged Heavy Lepton MASS LIMITS

Sequential Charged Heavy Lepton (L^\pm) MASS LIMITS

These experiments assumed that a fourth generation L^\pm decayed to a fourth generation ν_L (or L^0) where ν_L was stable, or that L^\pm decays to a light ν_ℓ via mixing.

See the “Quark and Lepton Compositeness, Searches for” Listings for limits on radiatively decaying excited leptons, *i.e.* $\ell^* \rightarrow \ell\gamma$. See the “WIMPs and other Particle Searches” section for heavy charged particle search limits in which the charged particle could be a lepton.

VALUE (GeV)	CL%	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
>100.8	95	ACHARD	01B L3	Decay to νW
>101.9	95	ACHARD	01B L3	$m_L - m_{L^0} > 15$ GeV
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> 81.5	95	ACKERSTAFF	98C OPAL	Assumed $m_{L^\pm} - m_{L^0} > 8.4$ GeV
> 80.2	95	ACKERSTAFF	98C OPAL	$m_{L^0} > m_{L^\pm}$ and $L^\pm \rightarrow \nu W$
< 48 or > 61	95	¹ ACCIARRI	96G L3	
> 63.9	95	ALEXANDER	96P OPAL	Decay to massless ν 's
> 63.5	95	BUSKULIC	96S ALEP	$m_L - m_{L^0} > 7$ GeV
> 65	95	BUSKULIC	96S ALEP	Decay to massless ν 's
none 10–225		² AHMED	94 CNTR	H1 Collab. at HERA
none 12.6–29.6	95	KIM	91B AMY	Massless ν assumed
> 44.3	95	AKRAWY	90G OPAL	
none 0.5–10	95	³ RILES	90 MRK2	For $(m_{L^0} - m_{L^0}) > 0.25$ – 0.4 GeV
> 8		⁴ STOKER	89 MRK2	For $(m_{L^+} - m_{L^0}) = 0.4$ GeV
> 12		⁴ STOKER	89 MRK2	For $m_{L^0} = 0.9$ GeV
none 18.4–27.6	95	⁵ ABE	88 VNS	
> 25.5	95	⁶ ADACHI	88B TOPZ	
none 1.5–22.0	95	BEHREND	88C CELL	
> 41	90	⁷ ALBAJAR	87B UA1	
> 22.5	95	⁸ ADEVA	85 MRKJ	
> 18.0	95	⁹ BARTEL	83 JADE	
none 4–14.5	95	¹⁰ BERGER	81B PLUT	
> 15.5	95	¹¹ BRANDELIK	81 TASS	
> 13.		¹² AZIMOV	80	
> 16.	95	¹³ BARBER	80B CNTR	
> 0.490		¹⁴ ROTHE	69 RVUE	

¹ ACCIARRI 96G assumes LEP result that the associated neutral heavy lepton mass > 40 GeV.

² The AHMED 94 limits are from a search for neutral and charged sequential heavy leptons at HERA via the decay channels $L^- \rightarrow e\gamma$, $L^- \rightarrow \nu W^-$, $L^- \rightarrow eZ$; and $L^0 \rightarrow \nu\gamma$, $L^0 \rightarrow e^- W^+$, $L^- \rightarrow \nu Z$, where the W decays to $\ell\nu_\ell$, or to jets, and Z decays to $\ell^+\ell^-$ or jets.

³ RILES 90 limits were the result of a special analysis of the data in the case where the mass difference $m_{L^-} - m_{L^0}$ was allowed to be quite small, where L^0 denotes the neutrino

into which the sequential charged lepton decays. With a slightly reduced m_{L^\pm} range, the mass difference extends to about 4 GeV.

- ⁴ STOKER 89 (Mark II at PEP) gives bounds on charged heavy lepton (L^+) mass for the generalized case in which the corresponding neutral heavy lepton (L^0) in the SU(2) doublet is not of negligible mass.
- ⁵ ABE 88 search for L^+ and $L^- \rightarrow$ hadrons looking for acoplanar jets. The bound is valid for $m_\nu < 10$ GeV.
- ⁶ ADACHI 88B search for hadronic decays giving acoplanar events with large missing energy. $E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 52$ GeV.
- ⁷ Assumes associated neutrino is approximately massless.
- ⁸ ADEVA 85 analyze one-isolated-muon data and sensitive to $\tau < 10$ nanosec. Assume $B(\text{lepton}) = 0.30$. $E_{\text{cm}} = 40\text{--}47$ GeV.
- ⁹ BARTEL 83 limit is from PETRA e^+e^- experiment with average $E_{\text{cm}} = 34.2$ GeV.
- ¹⁰ BERGER 81B is DESY DORIS and PETRA experiment. Looking for $e^+e^- \rightarrow L^+L^-$.
- ¹¹ BRANDELIK 81 is DESY-PETRA experiment. Looking for $e^+e^- \rightarrow L^+L^-$.
- ¹² AZIMOV 80 estimated probabilities for $M + N$ type events in $e^+e^- \rightarrow L^+L^-$ deducing semi-hadronic decay multiplicities of L from e^+e^- annihilation data at $E_{\text{cm}} = (2/3)m_L$. Obtained above limit comparing these with e^+e^- data (BRANDELIK 80).
- ¹³ BARBER 80B looked for $e^+e^- \rightarrow L^+L^-$, $L \rightarrow \nu_L^+ X$ with MARK-J at DESY-PETRA.
- ¹⁴ ROTHE 69 examines previous data on μ pair production and π and K decays.

Stable Charged Heavy Lepton (L^\pm) MASS LIMITS

VALUE (GeV)	CL%	DOCUMENT ID	TECN
>102.6	95	ACHARD	01B L3

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> 28.2	95	¹⁵ ADACHI	90C TOPZ
none 18.5–42.8	95	AKRAWY	90O OPAL
> 26.5	95	DECAMP	90F ALEP
none m_μ –36.3	95	SODERSTROM90	MRK2

- ¹⁵ ADACHI 90C put lower limits on the mass of stable charged particles with electric charge Q satisfying $2/3 < Q/e < 4/3$ and with spin 0 or 1/2. We list here the special case for a stable charged heavy lepton.

Charged Long-Lived Heavy Lepton MASS LIMITS

VALUE (GeV)	CL%	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	CHG	COMMENT
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>102.0	95		ABBIENDI	03L OPAL		pair produced in e^+e^-
> 0.1		0	¹⁶ ANSORGE	73B HBC	–	Long-lived
none 0.55–4.5			¹⁷ BUSHNIN	73 CNTR	–	Long-lived
none 0.2–0.92			¹⁸ BARNA	68 CNTR	–	Long-lived
none 0.97–1.03			¹⁸ BARNA	68 CNTR	–	Long-lived

- ¹⁶ ANSORGE 73B looks for electron pair production and electron-like Bremsstrahlung.
- ¹⁷ BUSHNIN 73 is SERPUKHOV 70 GeV p experiment. Masses assume mean life above 7×10^{-10} and 3×10^{-8} respectively. Calculated from cross section (see “Charged Quasi-Stable Lepton Production Differential Cross Section” below) and 30 GeV muon pair production data.
- ¹⁸ BARNA 68 is SLAC photoproduction experiment.

Doubly-Charged Heavy Lepton MASS LIMITS

VALUE (GeV) CL% DOCUMENT ID TECN CHG

• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •

none 1–9 GeV 90 ¹⁹ CLARK 81 SPEC ++

¹⁹ CLARK 81 is FNAL experiment with 209 GeV muons. Bounds apply to μ_P which couples with full weak strength to muon. See also section on “Doubly-Charged Lepton Production Cross Section.”

Doubly-Charged Lepton Production Cross Section (μN Scattering)

VALUE (cm²) EVTS DOCUMENT ID TECN CHG

• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •

<6. $\times 10^{-38}$ 0 ²⁰ CLARK 81 SPEC ++

²⁰ CLARK 81 is FNAL experiment with 209 GeV muon. Looked for μ^+ nucleon $\rightarrow \bar{\mu}_P^0 X$, $\bar{\mu}_P^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$ and $\mu^+ n \rightarrow \mu_P^{++} X$, $\mu_P^{++} \rightarrow 2\mu^+ \nu_\mu$. Above limits are for $\sigma \times BR$ taken from their mass-dependence plot figure 2.

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