

Free Quark Searches

FREE QUARK SEARCHES

Quarks are fractionally charged particles, the constituents of hadrons, with charges $1/3 e$ or $2/3 e$. The charge of every known charged system is an integer multiple of $1/3 e$. Quantum Chromodynamics predicts that quarks cannot be observed as freely propagating particles, being confined inside hadrons or deconfined in quark-gluon plasma (QGP). We observe the top quark decaying as still free, because its lifetime is too short to allow its hadronization. Experiments have produced no evidence for free propagating quarks.

Reviews can be found in Refs. 1–5.

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Quark Production Cross Section — Accelerator Searches

X -SECT (cm^2)	CHG ($e/3$)	MASS (GeV)	ENERGY (GeV)	BEAM	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN
$<1.7\text{--}2.3\text{E-}39$	± 2	100–600	7000	pp	0	¹ CHATRCHYAN 13AR	CMS
$<14\text{--}5.4\text{E-}39$	± 1	100–600	7000	pp	0	¹ CHATRCHYAN 13AR	CMS
$<1.3\text{E-}36$	± 2	45–84	130–172	$e^+ e^-$	0	ABREU	97D DLPH
$<2\text{E-}35$	+2	250	1800	$p\bar{p}$	0	² ABE	92J CDF
$<1\text{E-}35$	+4	250	1800	$p\bar{p}$	0	² ABE	92J CDF
$<3.8\text{E-}28$			14.5A	$^{28}\text{Si-Pb}$	0	³ HE	91 PLAS
$<3.2\text{E-}28$			14.5A	$^{28}\text{Si-Cu}$	0	³ HE	91 PLAS
$<1\text{E-}40$	$\pm 1,2$	<10		$p, \nu, \bar{\nu}$	0	BERGSMA	84B CHRM
$<1\text{E-}36$	$\pm 1,2$	<9	200	μ	0	AUBERT	83C SPEC
$<2\text{E-}10$	$\pm 2,4$	1–3	200	p	0	⁴ BUSSIÈRE	80 CNTR
$<5\text{E-}38$	+1,2	>5	300	p	0	^{5,6} STEVENSON	79 CNTR
$<1\text{E-}33$	± 1	<20	52	pp	0	BASILE	78 SPEC

<9.E-39	±1,2	<6	400	<i>p</i>	0	⁵ ANTREASYAN 77	SPEC
<8.E-35	+1,2	<20	52	<i>pp</i>	0	⁷ FABJAN 75	CNTR
<5.E-38	-1,2	4-9	200	<i>p</i>	0	NASH 74	CNTR
<1.E-32	+2,4	4-24	52	<i>pp</i>	0	ALPER 73	SPEC
<5.E-31	+1,2,4	<12	300	<i>p</i>	0	LEIPUNER 73	CNTR
<6.E-34	±1,2	<13	52	<i>pp</i>	0	BOTT 72	CNTR
<1.E-36	-4	4	70	<i>p</i>	0	ANTIPOV 71	CNTR
<1.E-35	±1,2	2	28	<i>p</i>	0	⁸ ALLABY 69B	CNTR
<4.E-37	-2	<5	70	<i>p</i>	0	⁴ ANTIPOV 69	CNTR
<3.E-37	-1,2	2-5	70	<i>p</i>	0	⁸ ANTIPOV 69B	CNTR
<1.E-35	+1,2	<7	30	<i>p</i>	0	DORFAN 65	CNTR
<2.E-35	-2	< 2.5-5	30	<i>p</i>	0	⁹ FRANZINI 65B	CNTR
<5.E-35	+1,2	<2.2	21	<i>p</i>	0	BINGHAM 64	HLBC
<1.E-32	+1,2	<4.0	28	<i>p</i>	0	BLUM 64	HBC
<1.E-35	+1,2	<2.5	31	<i>p</i>	0	⁹ HAGOPIAN 64	HBC
<1.E-34	+1	<2	28	<i>p</i>	0	LEIPUNER 64	CNTR
<1.E-33	+1,2	<2.4	24	<i>p</i>	0	MORRISON 64	HBC

¹ CHATRCHYAN 13AR limits assume pair-produced long-lived spin-1/2 particles neutral under SU(3)_C and SU(2)_L.

² ABE 92J flux limits decrease as the mass increases from 50 to 500 GeV.

³ HE 91 limits are for charges of the form $N \pm 1/3$ from 23/3 to 38/3.

⁴ Hadronic or leptonic quarks.

⁵ Cross section cm²/GeV².

⁶ $3 \times 10^{-5} < \text{lifetime} < 1 \times 10^{-3}$ s.

⁷ Includes BOTT 72 results.

⁸ Assumes isotropic cm production.

⁹ Cross section inferred from flux.

Quark Differential Production Cross Section — Accelerator Searches

<i>X-SECT</i> (cm ² sr ⁻¹ GeV ⁻¹)	<i>CHG</i> <i>e</i> /3	<i>MASS</i> (GeV)	<i>ENERGY</i> (GeV)	<i>BEAM</i>	<i>EVTS</i>	<i>DOCUMENT ID</i>	<i>TECN</i>
<4.E-36	-2,4	1.5-6	70	<i>p</i>	0	BALDIN 76	CNTR
<2.E-33	±4	5-20	52	<i>pp</i>	0	ALBROW 75	SPEC
<5.E-34	<7	7-15	44	<i>pp</i>	0	JOVANOVA... 75	CNTR
<5.E-35			20	γ	0	¹ GALIK 74	CNTR
<9.E-35	-1,2		200	<i>p</i>	0	NASH 74	CNTR
<4.E-36	-4	2.3-2.7	70	<i>p</i>	0	ANTIPOV 71	CNTR
<3.E-35	±1,2	<2.7	27	<i>p</i>	0	ALLABY 69B	CNTR
<7.E-38	-1,2	<2.5	70	<i>p</i>	0	ANTIPOV 69B	CNTR

¹ Cross section in cm²/sr/equivalent quanta.

Quark Flux — Accelerator Searches

The definition of FLUX depends on the experiment

- (a) is the ratio of measured free quarks to predicted free quarks if there is no “confinement.”
- (b) is the probability of fractional charge on nuclear fragments. Energy is in GeV/nucleon.
- (c) is the 90%CL upper limit on fractionally-charged particles produced per interaction.

- (d) is quarks per collision.
- (e) is inclusive quark-production cross-section ratio to $\sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$.
- (f) is quark flux per charged particle.
- (g) is the flux per ν -event.
- (h) is quark yield per π^- yield.
- (i) is 2-body exclusive quark-production cross-section ratio to $\sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$.

<u>FLUX</u>		<u>CHG</u> (e/3)	<u>MASS</u> (GeV)	<u>ENRGY</u> (GeV)	<u>BEAM</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>
<1.6E-3	b	see note		200	32S-Pb	0	1 HUENTRUP 96	PLAS
<6.2E-4	b	see note		10.6	32S-Pb	0	1 HUENTRUP 96	PLAS
<0.94E-4	e	±2	2-30	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	AKERS 95R	OPAL
<1.7E-4	e	±2	30-40	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	AKERS 95R	OPAL
<3.6E-4	e	±4	5-30	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	AKERS 95R	OPAL
<1.9E-4	e	±4	30-45	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	AKERS 95R	OPAL
<2.E-3	e	+1	5-40	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	2 BUSKULIC 93C	ALEP
<6.E-4	e	+2	5-30	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	2 BUSKULIC 93C	ALEP
<1.2E-3	e	+4	15-40	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	2 BUSKULIC 93C	ALEP
<3.6E-4	i	+4	5.0-10.2	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	BUSKULIC 93C	ALEP
<3.6E-4	i	+4	16.5-26.0	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	BUSKULIC 93C	ALEP
<6.9E-4	i	+4	26.0-33.3	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	BUSKULIC 93C	ALEP
<9.1E-4	i	+4	33.3-38.6	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	BUSKULIC 93C	ALEP
<1.1E-3	i	+4	38.6-44.9	88-94	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	BUSKULIC 93C	ALEP
<1.6E-4	b	see note	see note			0	3 CECCHINI 93	PLAS
	b	4,5,7,8		2.1A	16O	0,2,0,6	4 GHOSH 92	EMUL
<6.4E-5	g	1			$\nu, \bar{\nu}$	1	5 BASILE 91	CNTR
<3.7E-5	g	2			$\nu, \bar{\nu}$	0	5 BASILE 91	CNTR
<3.9E-5	g	1			$\nu, \bar{\nu}$	1	6 BASILE 91	CNTR
<2.8E-5	g	2			$\nu, \bar{\nu}$	0	6 BASILE 91	CNTR
<1.9E-4	c			14.5A	28Si-Pb	0	7 HE 91	PLAS
<3.9E-4	c			14.5A	28Si-Cu	0	7 HE 91	PLAS
<1.E-9	c	±1,2,4		14.5A	16O-Ar	0	MATIS 91	MDRP
<5.1E-10	c	±1,2,4		14.5A	16O-Hg	0	MATIS 91	MDRP
<8.1E-9	c	±1,2,4		14.5A	Si-Hg	0	MATIS 91	MDRP
<1.7E-6	c	±1,2,4		60A	16O-Hg	0	MATIS 91	MDRP
<3.5E-7	c	±1,2,4		200A	16O-Hg	0	MATIS 91	MDRP
<1.3E-6	c	±1,2,4		200A	S-Hg	0	MATIS 91	MDRP
<5E-2	e	2	19-27	52-60	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	ADACHI 90C	TOPZ
<5E-2	e	4	<24	52-60	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	ADACHI 90C	TOPZ
<1.E-4	e	+2	<3.5	10	e ⁺ e ⁻	0	BOWCOCK 89B	CLEO
<1.E-6	d	±1,2		60	16O-Hg	0	CALLOWAY 89	MDRP
<3.5E-7	d	±1,2		200	16O-Hg	0	CALLOWAY 89	MDRP
<1.3E-6	d	±1,2		200	S-Hg	0	CALLOWAY 89	MDRP
<1.2E-10	d	±1	1	800	p-Hg	0	MATIS 89	MDRP
<1.1E-10	d	±2	1	800	p-Hg	0	MATIS 89	MDRP
<1.2E-10	d	±1	1	800	p-N ₂	0	MATIS 89	MDRP
<7.7E-11	d	±2	1	800	p-N ₂	0	MATIS 89	MDRP
<6.E-9	h	-5	0.9-2.3	12	p	0	NAKAMURA 89	SPEC
<5.E-5	g	1,2	<0.5		$\nu, \bar{\nu} d$	0	ALLASIA 88	BEBC

<3.E-4	b	See note	14.5	$^{16}\text{O-Pb}$	0	⁸ HOFFMANN	88	PLAS	
<2.E-4	b	See note	200	$^{16}\text{O-Pb}$	0	⁹ HOFFMANN	88	PLAS	
<8E-5	b	19,20,22,23	200A			GERBIER	87	PLAS	
<2.E-4	a	$\pm 1,2$	<300	320	$\bar{p}p$	0	LYONS	87	MLEV
<1.E-9	c	$\pm 1,2,4,5$	14.5	$^{16}\text{O-Hg}$	0	SHAW	87	MDRP	
<3.E-3	d	-1,2,3,4,6	<5	2	Si-Si	0	¹⁰ ABACHI	86C	CNTR
<1.E-4	e	$\pm 1,2,4$	<4	10	e^+e^-	0	ALBRECHT	85G	ARG
<6.E-5	b	$\pm 1,2$	1	540	$p\bar{p}$	0	BANNER	85	UA2
<5.E-3	e	-4	1-8	29	e^+e^-	0	AIHARA	84	TPC
<1.E-2	e	$\pm 1,2$	1-13	29	e^+e^-	0	AIHARA	84B	TPC
<2.E-4	b	± 1		72	^{40}Ar	0	¹¹ BARWICK	84	CNTR
<1.E-4	e	± 2	<0.4	1.4	e^+e^-	0	BONDAR	84	OLYA
<5.E-1	e	$\pm 1,2$	<13	29	e^+e^-	0	GURYN	84	CNTR
<3.E-3	b	$\pm 1,2$	<2	540	$p\bar{p}$	0	BANNER	83	CNTR
<1.E-4	b	$\pm 1,2$		106	^{56}Fe	0	LINDGREN	83	CNTR
<3.E-3	b	$> \pm 0.1 $		74	^{40}Ar	0	¹¹ PRICE	83	PLAS
<1.E-2	e	$\pm 1,2$	<14	29	e^+e^-	0	MARINI	82B	CNTR
<8.E-2	e	$\pm 1,2$	<12	29	e^+e^-	0	ROSS	82	CNTR
<3.E-4	e	± 2	1.8-2	7	e^+e^-	0	WEISS	81	MRK2
<5.E-2	e	+1,2,4,5	2-12	27	e^+e^-	0	BARTEL	80	JADE
<2.E-5	g	1,2			ν	0	^{5,6} BASILE	80	CNTR
<3.E-10	f	$\pm 2,4$	1-3	200	p	0	¹² BOZZOLI	79	CNTR
<6.E-11	f	± 1	<21	52	pp	0	BASILE	78	SPEC
<5.E-3	g				$\nu\mu$	0	BASILE	78B	CNTR
<2.E-9	f	± 1	<26	62	pp	0	BASILE	77	SPEC
<7.E-10	f	+1,2	<20	52	p	0	¹³ FABJAN	75	CNTR
		+1,2	>4.5		γ	0	^{5,6} GALIK	74	CNTR
		+1,2	>1.5	12	e^-	0	^{5,6} BELLAMY	68	CNTR
		+1,2	>0.9		γ	0	⁶ BATHOW	67	CNTR
		+1,2	>0.9	6	γ	0	⁶ FOSS	67	CNTR

¹ HUENTRUP 96 quote 95% CL limits for production of fragments with charge differing by as much as $\pm 1/3$ (in units of e) for charge $6 \leq Z \leq 10$.

² BUSKULIC 93C limits for inclusive quark production are more conservative if the ALEPH hadronic fragmentation function is assumed.

³ CECCHINI 93 limit at 90%CL for $23/3 \leq Z \leq 40/3$, for 16A GeV O, 14.5A Si, and 200A S incident on Cu target. Other limits are 2.3×10^{-4} for $17/3 \leq Z \leq 20/3$ and 1.2×10^{-4} for $20/3 \leq Z \leq 23/3$.

⁴ GHOSH 92 reports measurement of spallation fragment charge based on ionization in emulsion. Out of 650 measured tracks, 2 were consistent with charge $5e/3$, and 4 with $7e/3$.

⁵ Hadronic quark.

⁶ Leptonic quark.

⁷ HE 91 limits are for charges of the form $N \pm 1/3$ from $23/3$ to $38/3$, and correspond to cross-section limits of $380\mu\text{b}$ (Pb) and $320\mu\text{b}$ (Cu).

⁸ The limits apply to projectile fragment charges of 17, 19, 20, 22, 23 in units of $e/3$.

⁹ The limits apply to projectile fragment charges of 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23 in units of $e/3$.

¹⁰ Flux limits and mass range depend on charge.

¹¹ Bound to nuclei.

¹² Quark lifetimes $> 1 \times 10^{-8}$ s.

¹³ One candidate $m < 0.17$ GeV.

Quark Flux — Cosmic Ray Searches

Shielding values followed with an asterisk indicate altitude in km. Shielding values not followed with an asterisk indicate sea level in kg/cm².

<i>FLUX</i> (cm ⁻² sr ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	<i>CHG</i> (e/3)	<i>MASS</i> (GeV)	<i>SHIELDING</i>	<i>DOCUMENT ID</i>	<i>TECN</i>
< 6.2E-10	±2			1 ALEMANN0	22 DAMP
< 1.E-8	±1/6-1/10			2 AGNESE	15 CDMS
< 9.2E-15	±1		3800	3 AMBROSIO	00C MCRO
< 2.1E-15	±1			MORI	91 KAM2
< 2.3E-15	±2			MORI	91 KAM2
< 2.E-10	±1,2		0.3	WADA	88 CNTR
	±4		0.3	WADA	88 CNTR
	±4		0.3	WADA	86 CNTR
< 1.E-12	±2,3/2		-70.	6 KAWAGOE	84B PLAS
< 9.E-10	±1,2		0.3	WADA	84B CNTR
< 4.E-9	±4		0.3	WADA	84B CNTR
< 2.E-12	±1,2,3		-0.3 *	MASHIMO	83 CNTR
< 3.E-10	±1,2		0.3	MARINI	82 CNTR
< 2.E-11	±1,2			MASHIMO	82 CNTR
< 8.E-10	±1,2		0.3	6 NAPOLITANO	82 CNTR
				7 YOCK	78 CNTR
< 1.E-9				8 BRIATORE	76 ELEC
< 2.E-11	+1			9 HAZEN	75 CC
< 2.E-10	+1,2			KRISOR	75 CNTR
< 1.E-7	+1,2			9,10 CLARK	74B CC
< 3.E-10	+1	>20		KIFUNE	74 CNTR
< 8.E-11	+1			9 ASHTON	73 CNTR
< 2.E-8	+1,2			HICKS	73B CNTR
< 5.E-10	+4		2.8 *	BEAUCHAMP	72 CNTR
< 1.E-10	+1,2			9 BOHM	72B CNTR
< 1.E-10	+1,2		2.8 *	COX	72 ELEC
< 3.E-10	+2			CROUCH	72 CNTR
< 3.E-8			7	8 DARDO	72 CNTR
< 4.E-9	+1			9 EVANS	72 CC
< 2.E-9		>10		8 TONWAR	72 CNTR
< 2.E-10	+1		2.8 *	CHIN	71 CNTR
< 3.E-10	+1,2			9 CLARK	71B CC
< 1.E-10	+1,2			9 HAZEN	71 CC
< 5.E-10	+1,2		3.5 *	BOSIA	70 CNTR
	+1,2	<6.5		9 CHU	70 HLBC
< 2.E-9	+1			FAISSNER	70B CNTR
< 2.E-10	+1,2		0.8 *	KRIDER	70 CNTR
< 5.E-11	+2			CAIRNS	69 CC
< 8.E-10	+1,2	<10		FUKUSHIMA	69 CNTR
	+2			9,11 MCCUSKER	69 CC
< 1.E-10		>5	1.7,3.6	8 BJORNBOE	68 CNTR
< 1.E-8	±1,2,4		6.3,.2 *	6 BRIATORE	68 CNTR
< 3.E-8		>2		FRANZINI	68 CNTR
< 9.E-11	±1,2			GARMIRE	68 CNTR
< 4.E-10	±1			HANAYAMA	68 CNTR
< 3.E-8		>15		KASHA	68 OSPK

<2.E-10	+2			KASHA	68B	CNTR
<2.E-10	+4			KASHA	68C	CNTR
<2.E-10	+2		6	BARTON	67	CNTR
<2.E-7	+4		0.008,0.5 *	BUHLER	67	CNTR
<5.E-10	1,2		0.008,0.5 *	BUHLER	67B	CNTR
<4.E-10	+1,2			GOMEZ	67	CNTR
<2.E-9	+2			KASHA	67	CNTR
<2.E-10	+2		220	BARTON	66	CNTR
<2.E-9	+1,2		0.5 *	BUHLER	66	CNTR
<3.E-9	+1,2			KASHA	66	CNTR
<2.E-9	+1,2			LAMB	66	CNTR
<2.E-8	+1,2	>7	2.8 *	DELISE	65	CNTR
<5.E-8	+2	>2.5	0.5 *	MASSAM	65	CNTR
<2.E-8	+1		2.5 *	BOWEN	64	CNTR
<2.E-7	+1		0.8	SUNYAR	64	CNTR

¹ ALEMANN0 22 uses data from the DAMPE satellite, with calorimetry and tracking to search for fractionally charged particles with $q = \pm 2/3e$ with a exposure time of 2.3×10^7 s.

² See AGNESE 15 Fig.6 for limits on vertical density as function of charge extending to $|q|/e < 1/10$.

³ AMBROSIO 00C limit is below 11×10^{-15} for $0.25 < q/e < 0.5$, and is changing rapidly near $q/e=2/3$, where it is 2×10^{-14} .

⁴ Distribution in celestial sphere was described as anisotropic.

⁵ With telescope axis at zenith angle 40° to the south.

⁶ Leptonic quarks.

⁷ Lifetime $> 10^{-8}$ s; charge $\pm 0.70, 0.68, 0.42$; and mass $> 4.4, 4.8, \text{ and } 20$ GeV, respectively.

⁸ Time delayed air shower search.

⁹ Prompt air shower search.

¹⁰ Also $e/4$ and $e/6$ charges.

¹¹ No events in subsequent experiments.

Quark Density — Matter Searches

QUARKS/ NUCLEON	CHG (e/3)	MASS (GeV)	MATERIAL/METHOD	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID
<1.17E-22			silicone oil drops	0	¹ LEE 02
<4.71E-22			silicone oil drops	1	² HALYO 00
<4.7E-21	$\pm 1,2$		silicone oil drops	0	MAR 96
<8.E-22	+2		Si/infrared photoionization	0	PERERA 93
<5.E-27	$\pm 1,2$		sea water/levitation	0	HOMER 92
<4.E-20	$\pm 1,2$		meteorites/mag. levitation	0	JONES 89
<1.E-19	$\pm 1,2$		various/spectrometer	0	MILNER 87
<5.E-22	$\pm 1,2$		W/levitation	0	SMITH 87
<3.E-20	+1,2		org liq/droplet tower	0	VANPOLEN 87
<6.E-20	-1,2		org liq/droplet tower	0	VANPOLEN 87
<3.E-21	± 1		Hg drops-untreated	0	SAVAGE 86
<3.E-22	$\pm 1,2$		levitated niobium	0	SMITH 86
<2.E-26	$\pm 1,2$		⁴ He/levitation	0	SMITH 86B
<2.E-20	$> \pm 1$	0.2-250	niobium+tungs/ion	0	MILNER 85
<1.E-21	± 1		levitated niobium	0	SMITH 85
	+1,2	<100	niobium/mass spec	0	KUTSCHERA 84

<5.E-22		levitated steel	0	MARINELLI	84
<9.E-20	$\pm <13$	water/oil drop	0	JOYCE	83
<2.E-21	$> \pm 1/2 $	levitated steel	0	LIEBOWITZ	83
<1.E-19	$\pm 1,2$	photo ion spec	0	VANDESTEEG	83
<2.E-20		mercury/oil drop	0	³ HODGES	81
1.E-20	+1	levitated niobium	4	⁴ LARUE	81
1.E-20	-1	levitated niobium	4	⁴ LARUE	81
<1.E-21		levitated steel	0	MARINELLI	80B
<6.E-16		helium/mass spec	0	BOYD	79
1.E-20	+1	levitated niobium	2	⁴ LARUE	79
<4.E-28		earth+/ion beam	0	OGOROD...	79
<5.E-15	+1	tungs./mass spec	0	BOYD	78
<5.E-16	+3	<1.7 hydrogen/mass spec	0	BOYD	78B
<1.E-21	$\pm 2,4$	water/ion beam	0	LUND	78
<6.E-15	$>1/2$	levitated tungsten	0	PUTT	78
<1.E-22		metals/mass spec	0	SCHIFFER	78
<5.E-15		levitated tungsten ox	0	BLAND	77
<3.E-21		levitated iron	0	GALLINARO	77
2.E-21	-1	levitated niobium	1	⁴ LARUE	77
4.E-21	+1	levitated niobium	2	⁴ LARUE	77
<1.E-13	+3	<7.7 hydrogen/mass spec	0	MULLER	77
<5.E-27		water+/ion beam	0	OGOROD...	77
<1.E-21		lunar+/ion spec	0	STEVENS	76
<1.E-15	+1	<60 oxygen+/ion spec	0	ELBERT	70
<5.E-19		levitated graphite	0	MORPURGO	70
<5.E-23		water+/atom beam	0	COOK	69
<1.E-17	$\pm 1,2$	levitated graphite	0	BRAGINSK	68
<1.E-17		water+/uv spec	0	RANK	68
<3.E-19	± 1	levitated iron	0	STOVER	67
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<1.E-17	+1,2	meteorites+/ion beam	0	CHUPKA	66
<1.E-16	± 1	levitated graphite	0	GALLINARO	66
<1.E-22		argon/electrometer	0	HILLAS	59
	-2	levitated oil	0	MILLIKAN	10

¹ 95% CL limit for fractional charge particles with $0.18e \leq |Q_{residual}| \leq 0.82e$ in total of 70.1 mg of silicone oil.

² 95% CL limit for particles with fractional charge $|Q_{residual}| > 0.16e$ in total of 17.4 mg of silicone oil.

³ Also set limits for $Q = \pm e/6$.

⁴ Note that in PHILLIPS 88 these authors report a subtle magnetic effect which could account for the apparent fractional charges.

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