

## 34. MONTE CARLO PARTICLE NUMBERING SCHEME

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The Monte Carlo particle numbering scheme presented here is intended to facilitate interfacing between event generators, detector simulators, and analysis packages used in particle physics. The numbering scheme was introduced in 1988 [1] and a revised version [2,3] was adopted in 1998 in order to allow systematic inclusion of quark model states which are as yet undiscovered and hypothetical particles such as SUSY particles. The numbering scheme is used in several event generators, *e.g.* HERWIG and PYTHIA/JETSET, and in the /HEPEVT/ [4] standard interface.

The general form is a 7-digit number:

$$\pm n_r n_L n_{q_1} n_{q_2} n_{q_3} n_J \cdot$$

This encodes information about the particle's spin, flavor content, and internal quantum numbers. The details are as follows:

1. Particles are given positive numbers, antiparticles negative numbers. The PDG convention for mesons is used, so that  $K^+$  and  $B^+$  are particles.
2. Quarks and leptons are numbered consecutively starting from 1 and 11 respectively; to do this they are first ordered by family and within families by weak isospin.
3. In composite quark systems (diquarks, mesons, and baryons)  $n_{q_{1-3}}$  are quark numbers used to specify the quark content, while the rightmost digit  $n_J = 2J + 1$  gives the system's spin (except for the  $K_S^0$  and  $K_L^0$ ). The scheme does not cover particles of spin  $J > 4$ .
4. Diquarks have 4-digit numbers with  $n_{q_1} \geq n_{q_2}$  and  $n_{q_3} = 0$ .
5. The numbering of mesons is guided by the nonrelativistic ( $L$ - $S$  decoupled) quark model, as listed in Tables 14.2 and 14.3.
  - a. The numbers specifying the meson's quark content conform to the convention  $n_{q_1} = 0$  and  $n_{q_2} \geq n_{q_3}$ . The special case  $K_L^0$  is the sole exception to this rule.
  - b. The quark numbers of flavorless, light ( $u, d, s$ ) mesons are: 11 for the member of the isotriplet ( $\pi^0, \rho^0, \dots$ ), 22 for the lighter isosinglet ( $\eta, \omega, \dots$ ), and 33 for the heavier isosinglet ( $\eta', \phi, \dots$ ). Since isosinglet mesons are often large mixtures of  $u\bar{u} + d\bar{d}$  and  $s\bar{s}$  states, 22 and 33 are assigned by mass and do not necessarily specify the dominant quark composition.
  - c. The special numbers 310 and 130 are given to the  $K_S^0$  and  $K_L^0$  respectively.
  - d. The fifth digit  $n_L$  is reserved to distinguish mesons of the same total ( $J$ ) but different spin ( $S$ ) and orbital ( $L$ ) angular momentum quantum numbers. For  $J > 0$  the numbers are: ( $L, S$ ) = ( $J - 1, 1$ )  $n_L = 0$ , ( $J, 0$ )  $n_L = 1$ , ( $J, 1$ )  $n_L = 2$  and ( $J + 1, 1$ )  $n_L = 3$ . For the exceptional case  $J = 0$  the numbers are (0,0)  $n_L = 0$  and (1,1)  $n_L = 1$  (*i.e.*  $n_L = L$ ). See Table 34.1.

**Table 34.1:** Meson numbering logic. Here  $qq$  stands for  $n_{q_2} n_{q_3}$ .

	$L = J - 1, S = 1$	$L = J, S = 0$	$L = J, S = 1$	$L = J + 1, S = 1$
$J$	code $J^{PC}$ $L$	code $J^{PC}$ $L$	code $J^{PC}$ $L$	code $J^{PC}$ $L$
0	— — —	00qq1 0 <sup>++</sup> 0	— — —	10qq1 0 <sup>++</sup> 1
1	00qq3 1 <sup>--</sup> 0	10qq3 1 <sup>++</sup> 1	20qq3 1 <sup>++</sup> 1	30qq3 1 <sup>--</sup> 2
2	00qq5 2 <sup>++</sup> 1	10qq5 2 <sup>++</sup> 2	20qq5 2 <sup>--</sup> 2	30qq5 2 <sup>++</sup> 3
3	00qq7 3 <sup>--</sup> 2	10qq7 3 <sup>++</sup> 3	20qq7 3 <sup>++</sup> 3	30qq7 3 <sup>--</sup> 4
4	00qq9 4 <sup>++</sup> 3	10qq9 4 <sup>++</sup> 4	20qq9 4 <sup>--</sup> 4	30qq9 4 <sup>++</sup> 5

- e. If a set of physical mesons correspond to a (non-negligible) mixture of basis states, differing in their internal quantum numbers, then the lightest physical state gets the smallest basis state number. For example the  $K_1(1270)$  is numbered 10313 ( $1^1 P_1$   $K_{1B}$ ) and the  $K_1(1400)$  is numbered 20313 ( $1^3 P_1$   $K_{1A}$ ).
- f. The sixth digit  $n_r$  is used to label mesons radially excited above the ground state.

- g. Numbers have been assigned for complete  $n_r = 0$   $S$ - and  $P$ -wave multiplets, even where states remain to be identified.
- h. In some instances assignments within the  $q\bar{q}$  meson model are only tentative; here best guess assignments are made.
- i. Many states appearing in the Meson Listings are not yet assigned within the  $q\bar{q}$  model. Here  $n_{q_{2-3}}$  and  $n_J$  are assigned according to the state's likely flavors and spin; all such unassigned light isoscalar states are given the flavor code 22. Within these groups  $n_L = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  is used to distinguish states of increasing mass. These states are flagged using  $n = 9$ . It is to be expected that these numbers will evolve as the nature of the states are elucidated.
6. The numbering of baryons is again guided by the nonrelativistic quark model, see Table 14.5.
  - a. The numbers specifying a baryon's quark content are such that in general  $n_{q_1} \geq n_{q_2} \geq n_{q_3}$ .
  - b. Two states exist for  $J = 1/2$  baryons containing 3 different types of quarks. In the lighter baryon ( $\Lambda, \Xi, \Omega, \dots$ ) the light quarks are in an antisymmetric ( $J = 0$ ) state while for the heavier baryon ( $\Sigma^0, \Xi', \Omega', \dots$ ) they are in a symmetric ( $J = 1$ ) state. In this situation  $n_{q_2}$  and  $n_{q_3}$  are reversed for the lighter state, so that the smaller number corresponds to the lighter baryon.
  - c. At present most Monte Carlos do not include excited baryons and no systematic scheme has been developed to denote them, though one is foreseen. In the meantime, use of the PDG 96 [5] numbers for excited baryons is recommended.
  - d. For pentaquark states  $n = 9$ ,  $n_r n_L n_{q_1} n_{q_2}$  gives the four quark numbers in order  $n_r \geq n_L \geq n_{q_1} \geq n_{q_2}$ ,  $n_{q_3}$  gives the antiquark number, and  $n_J = 2J + 1$ , with the assumption that  $J = 1/2$  for the states currently reported.
7. The gluon, when considered as a gauge boson, has official number 21. In codes for glueballs, however, 9 is used to allow a notation in close analogy with that of hadrons.
8. The pomeron and odderon trajectories and a generic reggeon trajectory of states in QCD are assigned codes 990, 9990, and 110 respectively, where the final 0 indicates the indeterminate nature of the spin, and the other digits reflect the expected "valence" flavor content. We do not attempt a complete classification of all reggeon trajectories, since there is currently no need to distinguish a specific such trajectory from its lowest-lying member.
9. Two-digit numbers in the range 21–30 are provided for the Standard Model gauge bosons and Higgs.
10. Codes 81–100 are reserved for generator-specific pseudoparticles and concepts.
11. The search for physics beyond the Standard Model is an active area, so these codes are also standardized as far as possible.
  - a. A standard fourth generation of fermions is included by analogy with the first three.
  - b. The graviton and the boson content of a two-Higgs-doublet scenario and of additional  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  groups are found in the range 31–40.
  - c. "One-of-a-kind" exotic particles are assigned numbers in the range 41–80.
  - d. Fundamental supersymmetric particles are identified by adding a nonzero  $n$  to the particle number. The superpartner of a boson or a left-handed fermion has  $n = 1$  while the superpartner of a right-handed fermion has  $n = 2$ . When mixing occurs, such as between the winos and charged Higgsinos to give charginos, or between left and right sfermions, the lighter physical state is given the smaller basis state number.
  - e. Technicolor states have  $n = 3$ , with technifermions treated like ordinary fermions. States which are ordinary color singlets have  $n_r = 0$ . Color octets have  $n_r = 1$ . If a state has non-trivial quantum numbers under the topcolor groups  $SU(3)_1 \times SU(3)_2$ , the quantum numbers are specified by  $\text{tech}, i, j$ , where  $i$  and  $j$  are 1 or 2.  $n_L$  is then  $2i + j$ . The coloron,  $V_8$ , is a heavy gluon color octet and thus is 3100021.
  - f. Excited (composite) quarks and leptons are identified by setting  $n = 4$ .
12. Occasionally program authors add their own states. To avoid confusion, these should be flagged by setting  $nn_r = 99$ .



STRANGE MESONS		CHARMED MESONS		$c\bar{c}$ MESONS		LIGHT BARYONS		BOTTOM BARYONS	
$K_L^0$	130	$D^+$	411	$\eta_c(1S)$	441	$p$	2212	$\Lambda_b^0$	5122
$K_S^0$	310	$D^0$	421	$\chi_{c0}(1P)$	10441	$n$	2112	$\Sigma_b^-$	5112
$K^0$	311	$D_0^{*+}$	10411	$\eta_c(2S)$	100441	$\Delta^{++}$	2224	$\Sigma_b^0$	5212
$K^+$	321	$D_0^{*0}$	10421	$J/\psi(1S)$	443	$\Delta^+$	2214	$\Sigma_b^+$	5222
$K_0^{*(800)0}$	<b>9000311*</b>	$D^*(2010)^+$	413	$h_c(1P)$	10443	$\Delta^0$	2114	$\Sigma_b^{*-}$	5114
$K_0^{*(800)^+}$	<b>9000321*</b>	$D^*(2007)^0$	423	$\chi_{c1}(1P)$	20443	$\Delta^-$	1114	$\Sigma_b^{*0}$	5214
$K_0^*(1430)^0$	10311	$D_1(2420)^+$	10413	$\psi(2S)$	100443	<b>STRANGE BARYONS</b>			
$K_0^*(1430)^+$	10321	$D_1(2420)^0$	10423	$\psi(3770)$	30443	$\Lambda$	3122	$\Sigma_b^{*+}$	5224
$K(1460)^0$	100311	$D_1(H)^+$	20413	$\psi(4040)$	9000443	$\Sigma^+$	3222	$\Xi_b^-$	5132
$K(1460)^+$	100321	$D_1(H)^0$	20423	$\psi(4160)$	9010443	$\Sigma^0$	3212	$\Xi_b^0$	5232
$K_0^*(1950)^0$	<b>9010311*</b>	$D_2^*(2460)^+$	415	$\psi(4415)$	9020443	$\Sigma^-$	3112	$\Xi_b^{\prime-}$	5312
$K_0^*(1950)^+$	<b>9010321*</b>	$D_2^*(2460)^0$	425	$\chi_{c2}(1P)$	445	$\Sigma^{*+}$	3224 <sup>d</sup>	$\Xi_b^{\prime0}$	5322
$K^*(892)^0$	313	$D_s^+$	431	$\chi_{c2}(2P)$	9000445	$\Sigma^{*0}$	3214 <sup>d</sup>	$\Xi_b^{*-}$	5314
$K^*(892)^+$	323	$D_{s0}^*(2317)^+$	10431	<b><math>b\bar{b}</math> MESONS</b>				$\Xi^0$	3322
$K_1(1270)^0$	10313	$D_s^{*+}$	433	$\eta_b(1S)$	551	$\Xi^-$	3312	$\Xi_b^0$	5324
$K_1(1270)^+$	10323	$D_{s1}(2536)^+$	10433	$\chi_{b0}(1P)$	10551	$\Xi^{*0}$	3324 <sup>d</sup>	$\Omega_b^-$	5332
$K_1(1400)^0$	20313	$D_{s1}(2460)^+$	20433	$\eta_b(2S)$	100551	$\Xi^{*-}$	3314 <sup>d</sup>	$\Omega_b^{*-}$	5334
$K_1(1400)^+$	20323	$D_{s2}^*(2573)^+$	435	$\chi_{b0}(2P)$	110551	$\Omega^-$	3334	$\Xi_{bc}^0$	5142
$K^*(1410)^0$	100313	<b>BOTTOM MESONS</b>		$\eta_b(3S)$	200551	<b>CHARMED BARYONS</b>			
$K^*(1410)^+$	100323	$B^0$	511	$\chi_{b0}(3P)$	210551	$\Lambda_c^+$	4122	$\Xi_{bc}^0$	5412
$K^*(1680)^0$	30313	$B^+$	521	$\Upsilon(1S)$	553	$\Sigma_c^{++}$	4222	$\Xi_{bc}^+$	5422
$K^*(1680)^+$	30323	$B_0^{*0}$	10511	$h_b(1P)$	10553	$\Sigma_c^+$	4212	$\Xi_{bc}^{*0}$	5414
$K_2^*(1430)^0$	315	$B_0^{*+}$	10521	$\chi_{b1}(1P)$	20553	$\Sigma_c^0$	4112	$\Xi_{bc}^{*+}$	5424
$K_2^*(1430)^+$	325	$B^{*0}$	513	$\Upsilon_1(1D)$	30553	$\Sigma_c^{*++}$	4224	$\Omega_{bc}^0$	5342
$K_2(1580)^0$	9000315	$B^{*+}$	523	$\Upsilon(2S)$	100553	$\Sigma_c^{*+}$	4214	$\Omega_{bc}^{\prime0}$	5432
$K_2(1580)^+$	9000325	$B_1(L)^0$	10513	$h_b(2P)$	110553	$\Sigma_c^{*0}$	4114	$\Omega_{bc}^{*0}$	5434
$K_2(1770)^0$	10315	$B_1(L)^+$	10523	$\chi_{b1}(2P)$	120553	$\Xi_c^+$	4232	$\Omega_{bcc}^+$	5442
$K_2(1770)^+$	10325	$B_1(H)^0$	20513	$\Upsilon_1(2D)$	130553	$\Xi_c^0$	4132	$\Omega_{bcc}^{*+}$	5444
$K_2(1820)^0$	20315	$B_1(H)^+$	20523	$\Upsilon(3S)$	200553	$\Xi_c^{\prime+}$	4322	$\Xi_{bb}^-$	5512
$K_2(1820)^+$	20325	$B_2^{*0}$	515	$h_b(3P)$	210553	$\Xi_c^{\prime0}$	4312	$\Xi_{bb}^0$	5522
$K_2(2250)^0$	9010315	$B_2^{*+}$	525	$\chi_{b1}(3P)$	220553	$\Xi_c^{*+}$	4324	$\Xi_{bb}^{*-}$	5514
$K_2(2250)^+$	9010325	$B_s^0$	531	$\Upsilon(4S)$	300553	$\Xi_c^{*0}$	4314	$\Xi_{bb}^{*0}$	5524
$K_3^*(1780)^0$	317	$B_{s0}^{*0}$	10531	$\Upsilon(10860)$	9000553	$\Omega_c^0$	4332	$\Omega_{bb}^-$	5532
$K_3^*(1780)^+$	327	$B_{s0}^{*+}$	533	$\Upsilon(11020)$	9010553	$\Omega_c^{*0}$	4334	$\Omega_{bb}^{*-}$	5534
$K_3(2320)^0$	9010317	$B_{s1}(L)^0$	10533	$\chi_{b2}(1P)$	555	$\Xi_{cc}^+$	4412	$\Omega_{bbc}^0$	5542
$K_3(2320)^+$	9010327	$B_{s1}(H)^0$	20533	$\eta_{b2}(1D)$	10555	$\Xi_{cc}^{++}$	4422	$\Omega_{bbc}^{*0}$	5544
$K_4^*(2045)^0$	319	$B_{s2}^{*0}$	535	$\Upsilon_2(1D)$	20555	$\Xi_{cc}^{*+}$	4414	$\Omega_{bbb}^-$	5554
$K_4^*(2045)^+$	329	$B_c^+$	541	$\chi_{b2}(2P)$	100555	$\Xi_{cc}^{*++}$	4424		
$K_4(2500)^0$	9000319	$B_c^{*+}$	10541	$\eta_{b2}(2D)$	110555	$\Omega_{cc}^+$	4432		
$K_4(2500)^+$	9000329	$B_c^{*+}$	543	$\Upsilon_2(2D)$	120555	$\Omega_{cc}^{*+}$	4434		
		$B_{c1}(L)^+$	10543	$\chi_{b2}(3P)$	200555	$\Omega_{ccc}^{*+}$	4444		
		$B_{c1}(H)^+$	20543	$\Upsilon_3(1D)$	557	<b>PENTAQUARKS</b>			
		$B_{c2}^{*+}$	545	$\Upsilon_3(2D)$	100557	$\Theta^+$	<b>9221132*</b>		
						$\Phi^{--}$	<b>9331122*</b>		

**Footnotes to the Tables:**

- \*) Numbers or names in bold face are new or have changed since the 2002 *Review* [8].
- a) Particulary in the third generation, the left and right sfermion states may mix, as shown. The lighter mixed state is given the smaller number.
- b) The physical  $\tilde{\chi}$  states are admixtures of the pure  $\tilde{\gamma}$ ,  $\tilde{Z}^0$ ,  $\tilde{W}^+$ ,  $\tilde{H}_1^0$ ,  $\tilde{H}_2^0$ , and  $\tilde{H}^+$  states.
- c) In this draft we have only provided one generic leptoquark code. More general classifications according to spin, weak isospin and flavor content would lead to a host of states, that could be added as the need arises.
- d)  $\Sigma^*$  and  $\Xi^*$  are alternate names for  $\Sigma(1385)$  and  $\Xi(1530)$ .