

Study of $\Lambda - \Lambda$ correlations and search for the H-dibaryon with the STAR detector at RHIC

Considerable experimental efforts have been devoted to search for the existence of H-dibaryon, a six quark state, proposed by Jaffe[1]. It has also been proposed that the H particle would appear as a bump in the $\Lambda - \Lambda$ invariant mass spectra if the H is a resonance state, or the H would lead to a depletion of the $\Lambda - \Lambda$ correlation near the threshold if the H is weakly bound. In this scenario, the mass of H is expected to be around 2220 MeV. The $\Lambda - \Lambda$ correlation measurements at RHIC are sensitive to their mutual interactions, which can be used to extract the $\Lambda - \Lambda$ scattering parameters in nucleus-nucleus collisions. We will present the measurement of $\Lambda - \Lambda$ correlations in Au + Au collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 39$ GeV and $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV using the STAR experiment at RHIC.

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