Measurements of Λ - Λ and Ξ - Ξ correlations in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 200$ GeV at RHIC-STAR

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The interaction between hyperon-hyperon (Y-Y) is not well understood theoretically and 5 experimentally. The Y-Y interaction is important to understand the EOS of neutron star 6 interior as well as to search for exotic hadrons such as H-dibaryon. The H-dibaryon was proposed as a stable six-quark state resulting from combination of two Λ hyperons. According 8 to the lattice QCD calculation[1], H-dibaryon could be in a deeply bound state or in a shallow 9 bound state, or two Λ hyperons have weak unbound attractive interaction, depending on 10 quark mass. On the other hand, the observation of double hypernuclei[2] suggests that they 11 are not in a deeply bound state, although more experimental inputs are need to clarify the 12 nature of possible H-dibaryon state. It is also discussed that there exists a bound state of two Ξ . 14

In high-energy heavy-ion collisions, a large number of particles including (multi)strangeness are produced, which allows us to study those interactions via femtoscopic
measurements with better precision. The correlation function is affected by strong
interaction, quantum statistics and Coulomb interaction in low relative momentum.

In this talk, the status of measurements of Λ - Λ and Ξ - Ξ correlation functions in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}}=200$ GeV at RHIC-STAR will be reported.

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