

Fluctuations in Lambda Multiplicity Distribution in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3$ GeV at STAR

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1 The study of nuclear matter over a wide range of collision energy is provided by the RHIC Beam Energy
2 Scan (BES). One focus of the program, namely to locate the critical point (CP) in the QCD phase diagram,
3 is closely tied to the measurement of kurtosis in net-proton multiplicity distribution as a function of $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$.
4 Previous results from BES-I showing non-monotonic energy dependence with 3.1σ significance motivated us
5 to increase the statistics and to extend the collision energy down to $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.0$ GeV in the BES-II. The
6 event-by-event fluctuations in net-lambda multiplicity distribution from the BES-I showed that the cumulant
7 ratios have a similar energy and multiplicity dependence compared to those for protons, and the observed
8 deviation from Poisson baseline can be attributed to baryon number and strangeness conservations. It is
9 also known from the previous work that the derived freeze-out parameters show sensitivity to the quark
10 content of the hadrons, implying a quark mass dependence in the process of hadronization. We present the
11 lambda fluctuation analysis in Au+Au collisions at the lowest collision energy ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.0$ GeV), where
12 we continue the comparison with proton fluctuations and study the behaviour of both baryons, specifically
13 in terms of their difference in quark content and applicable conservation laws.