

# Production of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ in Au+Au collisions from the STAR BES II

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1      Hypernuclei are bound states of nuclei with one or more hyperons. Hypertriton ( ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ,  $np\Lambda$ )  
2      and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  ( $nnp\Lambda$ ) are the two simplest observed hypernuclei, yet their binding energies exhibit  
3      significant difference. Precise measurements of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  yields in heavy ion collisions pro-  
4      vide important guidance on the understanding of hypernuclei production mechanisms as well  
5      as the role of the hyperon and nucleon ( $Y$ - $N$ ) interaction in hypernuclei formation. The sec-  
6      ond phase of the Beam Energy Scan program at RHIC (BES-II) offers us a great opportunity  
7      to investigate collision energy and system size dependence of hypernuclei production.

8      In this talk, we will present new measurements on the production yields of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$   
9      and their ratios to  $\Lambda$  from Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3$  to 27 GeV utilizing the STAR  
10     BES-II datasets. We will also report the measurements on the rapidity ( $y$ ) and centrality  
11     dependence of the production yields ( $dN/dy$ ) of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  in  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.2, 3.5, 3.9, 4.5$  GeV  
12     Au+Au collisions. The physics implications of these results will be discussed together with  
13     theoretical model calculations.