Matter-Antimatter Mass Difference Measurement for (Anti) Triton, (Anti) Helium-3, and (Anti) Helium-4 with STAR

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The foundation of modern physics is built on our understanding of the symmetries of nature. Of these symmetries, 7 the universal symmetry of CPT is one of the most fundamental, underpinning both Quantum Field Theory and the 8 General Theory of Relativity. CPT symmetry requires that all systems are invariant under a simultaneous reversal of 9 charge, parity and time direction. This symmetry further requires that the mass of every type of matter be exactly 10 the same as its anti-matter counterpart. Using the data of Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr isobar collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV 11 collected by the STAR experiment in 2018, we report the mass difference between three nuclei and their anti-matter 12 counterparts - ${}^{3}H$, ${}^{3}He$, and ${}^{4}He$ - to test CPT symmetry. These are the first measurements of the mass difference between ${}^{3}H$ and ${}^{3}\overline{H}$ and between ${}^{4}He$ and ${}^{4}\overline{He}$ providing a crucial CPT symmetry tests using the heaviest stable 13 14 anti-nuclei observed to date. 15