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Light (Hyper-)Nuclei production at the LHC with ALICE

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Thanks to its excellent particle identification and momentum measurement capabilities, the ALICE detector allows for the identification of deuterons, tritons, ³He and ⁴He and and their corresponding antinuclei. This is achieved via their specific energy loss in the Time Projection Chamber and the velocity measurement by the Time-Of-Flight detector. Moreover, thanks to the Inner Tracking System capability to separate primary from secondary vertices, it is possible to identify (anti-)hypertritons exploiting their mesonic decay (³H \rightarrow ³He + π^-). Results on the production yields of light nuclei and anti-nuclei in Pb–Pb, pp and p–Pb will be presented, together with the measurement of hypertriton production rates in Pb–Pb. The measurement of the hypertriton lifetime will also be shown. The experimental results will be compared with the predictions of both thermal (statistical) and coalescence models.

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