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Heaviest antimatter hypernucleus

Hypernuclei = exotic nuclei formed by a mix of protons, neutrons and hyperons

- hyperons: unstable particles containing ≥ 1 quark strange
- discovered ~70 ago in cosmic rays

Helping to understand the formation of hadrons from the plasma's constituent quarks and gluons and matter/antimatter imbalance

3.5 sigma evidence, based on lead-lead collisions recorded in 2018 by ALICE

- also found 4.5 sigma evidence of anti-hyperhydrogen
- also observed by STAR @ RHIC in August 2024: [link](#)

Matter/antimatter ratio compatible with 1



[CERN ref](#)

The moving sofa problem

Question

- What is the largest area of a shape that can be maneuvered through a unit-width L-shaped corridor?

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Optimality of Gerver's Sofa

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We resolve the moving sofa problem by showing that Gerver's construction with 18 curve sections attains the maximum area $2.2195 \dots$.

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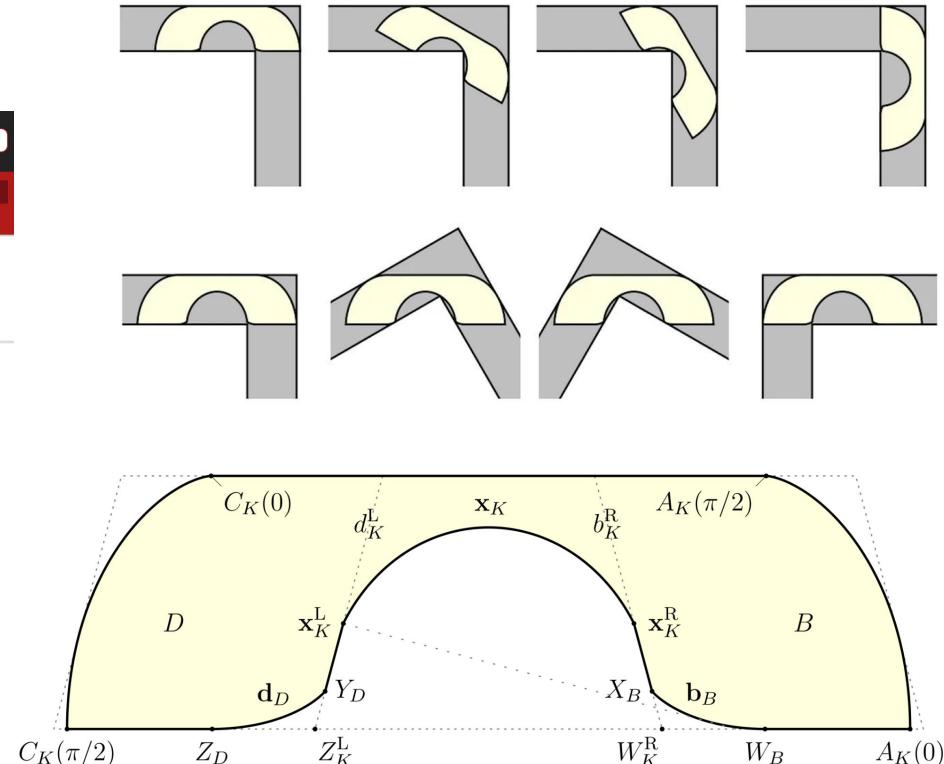
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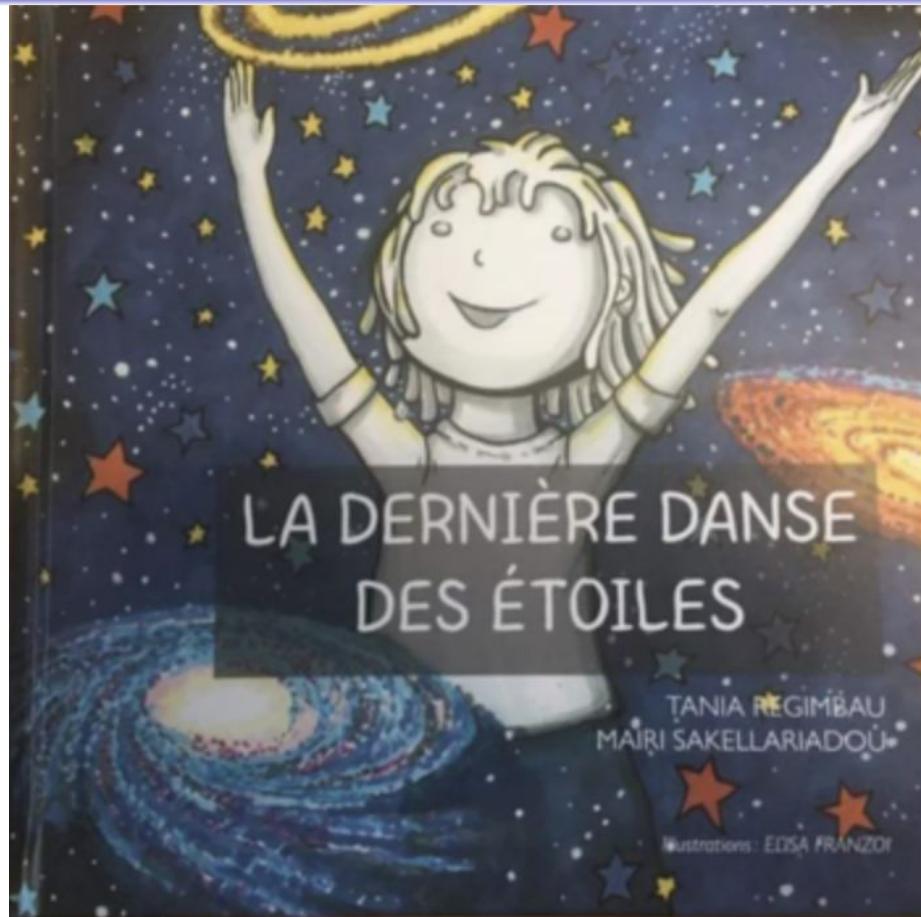


The star's last dance

Presentation of the book last week at CERN

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1470583/>

Tania one of the authors :-)



Reducing complotism adhesion ?

“Une nouvelle étude montre qu'en personnalisant ses réponses et en puisant dans des ressources très vastes pour donner des arguments précis, un agent conversationnel (GPT-4 turbo) est capable de réduire sur la durée l'adhésion de son interlocuteur à une théorie du complot.” ([Pour la science](#))

“Selon l'Arcom, près de 60 % de la population française croit en au moins une théorie du complot. Pourquoi adhère-t-on à de telles idées ?”

2000 people tested, adhesion decreasing by 20% and effect lasting more than 2 months



L'intelligence artificielle, en particulier les modèles massifs de langage, ont la réputation de propager des « fake news ». De façon étonnante, ces outils pourraient servir pour lutter contre les théories du complot.

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