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## Introduction aux Mathématiques des cristaux liquides

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Liquid crystals are a surprising material, sometimes referred to as "the fourth state of matter" (after solid, liquid and gas). Despite their impressive technological applications in the last decades, their understanding at a fundamental level is still modest and there exist several major theories that compete in proposing a mathematical model efficient in describing them.

The course will focus on the Q-tensor model, proposed by Pierre Gilles de Gennes in the 70s and an important reason for awarding him a Nobel prize in physics in 1991.

We shall study aspects related to the theory of partial derivatives equations, as well as interactions with linear algebra, topology and geometry. These interactions motivate the mathematical fascination associated to the study of liquid crystal models, as well as being the main source of mathematical challenges generated by this model

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