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## Minimal cohomology classes and intermediate jacobians

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Let  $X$  be a smooth cubic in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ . We can associate two objects to  $X$ : its intermediate jacobian  $J$  (which is an abelian variety of dimension five) and its Fano surface  $F$  that parametrises the lines contained in  $X$ . A theorem due to Clemens and Griffiths shows that we can embed the surface  $F$  in the intermediate jacobian  $J$  and that the image is a subvariety of minimal class (cf. definition during the talk). Olivier Debarre has conjectured that the Fano surface is the only subvariety of minimal class in  $J$ .

In this talk I will explain in detail the objects mentioned above and the general context of Debarre's conjecture. I will then describe a geometric approach to this problem and, if time permits, make the link with some recent results due to Pareschi and Popa.

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