

# TOC

## **What is the course about ?**

- Information processing in the brain
- Analytical descriptions of neural computations
- Learning and plasticity
- Encoding information in the brain
- Neural network models
- Neuromorphic engineering

We are now entering the era of “edge intelligence” in which dedicated cognitive “chiplets” will be used to provide intelligence to a multitude of edge-computing devices

- Today's largest computing systems exceed the capacity of brains, but need far more power
- Complexity of nervous systems is not matched in computer simulations

Overview of the brain  
Brief history of neuroscience  
Brain vs computer  
Organization of the brain  
Levels of description  
Resting potential  
Passive membrane  
Action potential  
Synapses  
The Neural Code  
Learning and plasticity  
Substrates of neural plasticity  
The hippocampus and spatial memory