

## **MASTER 2 Computational Neurosciences**

Internship proposal 2025-2026

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Project title : Investigating Predictive Coding Mechanisms with MEG Data

## Project summary : 5-10 lines

Predictive coding is a fundamental framework in computational neuroscience that posits the brain as a hierarchical system, constantly generating and updating predictions about incoming sensory inputs. Despite the popularity of this approach, the mechanisms behind it are still the subject of scientific debate. Magnetoencephalography (MEG) offers a unique opportunity to study predictive coding due to its excellent temporal resolution and ability to capture dynamic brain activity patterns. Recent advancements in MEG technology, such as optically pumped magnetometers (OPM-MEG), further expand the possibilities for studying neural activity with increased flexibility and spatial resolution. The goal of this internship is to apply machine learning methods to decode predictions and prediction errors in sensory processing tasks in an existing MEG dataset and combine these results with behavioral data.

## **Related publications :**

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