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# **Sustainable Electronics: what kind of sustainability?**

**Some examples in the field of microwave devices.**

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# Need Sustainable Technology

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- XX century technology is e-Waste
- Foundry promises net-zero emissions in 2050
- What is a sustainable technology?
  - Uses sustainable materials and manufacturing
  - Has lower energy demand and carbon emissions
- What has changed? <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cej.2020.124596>
  - Green electronics labels exists since 2005
  - Government introduce new regulations in terms of sustainability
  - Consumers look for repairable and energy efficient devices

# What kind of sustainability?

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## *Paradigm for a Sustainable Tech*

1. To reduce required resources of our planet, fabrication materials must change
2. To achieve low carbon emissions, energy efficiency is mandatory (ultra-low power devices)

## *What could we do to achieve that ?*

- a. Design low performance for low power electronics
- b. Design for maintainability and sustainability

# Sustainable Microwave Electronics at CROMA

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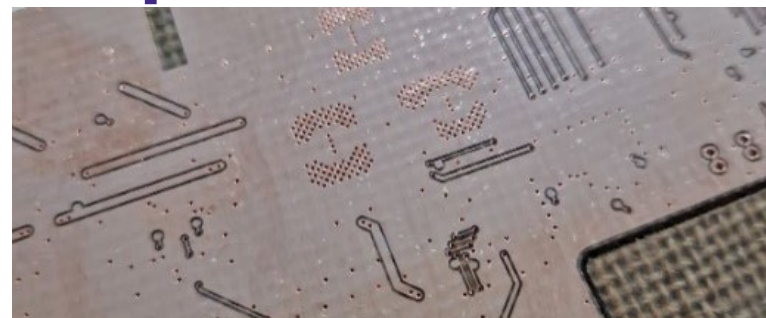
1. Reduction of environmental footprint of electronic devices
2. Design low energy solutions and autonomous systems
3. Think maintenance and sustainability

# Devices on bio-sourced PCB

- DESIRE4EU aims at revolutionize the life-cycle of electronic boards by introducing **bio-based processes and materials** both in their **design, fabrication and end-of-life phases**, to get **fully circular and sovereign European electronics**

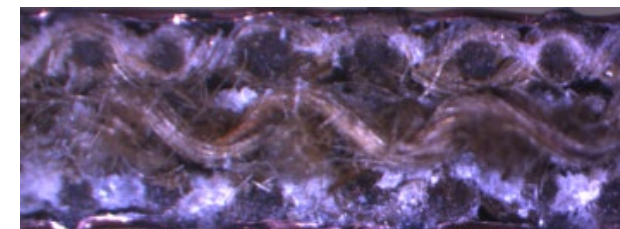
- Jiva Materials (UK) with Infineon

- Soluboard soluble in hot water
- recover some components
- what about the reliability?



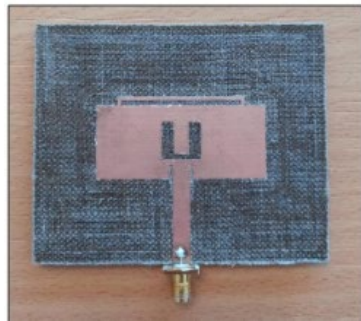
- Meshlin (Hungary) with Arduino

- PLA/flax fibers, bio-sourced Flame Retardant (FR),
- no PFAS and bioleaching of PCBs

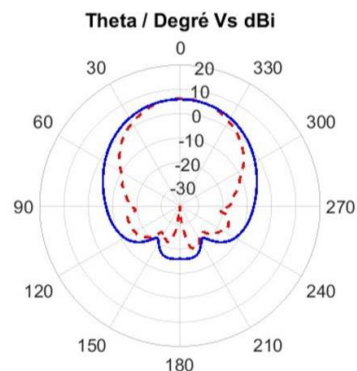


# Signal Integrity and Radiation Pattern

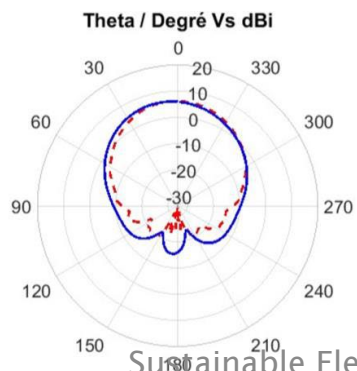
- Antennas on PLA/Flax
  - 5 GHz, size < 10 cm
  - Gains: 4-6 dBi



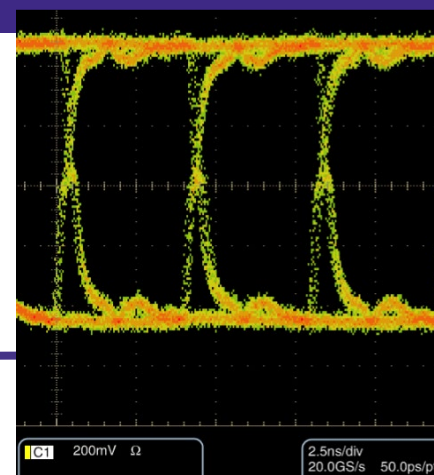
PLA 1,25 mm



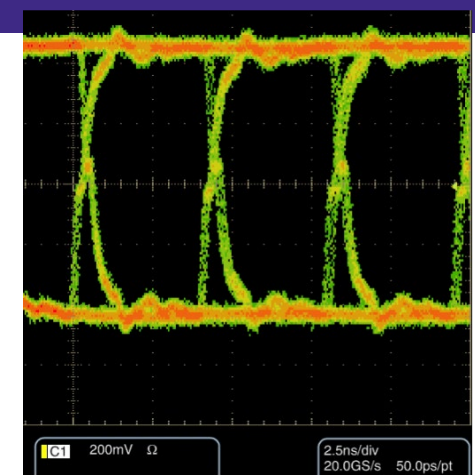
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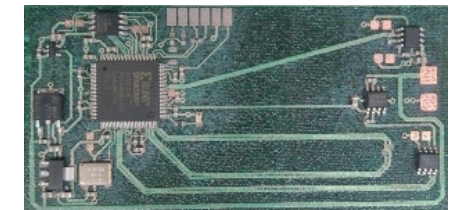
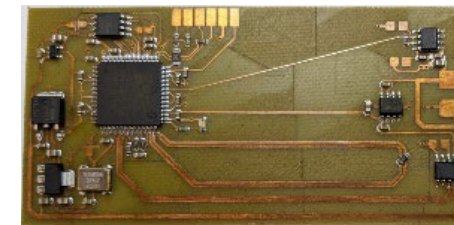
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FR4 LVDS2 line



PLA/Flax LVDS2 line



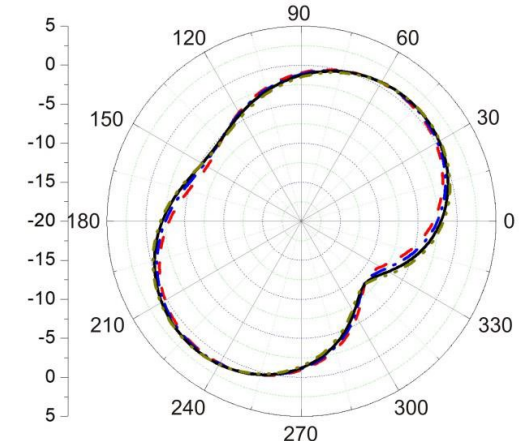
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- Eye diagram with a pseudo-random sequence
  - TTL compliant, low Jitter
  - Crossing at mid-height

# Devices on paper substrate

- E4D paper substrate, a low-cost, thin, and flexible material
- Wideband Performance
  - ❑ wide frequency range (2.15 GHz to over 10 GHz)
  - ❑ exceptional return loss (>20 dB at 2.45 GHz and >30 dB at 5.5 GHz)
- Fabrication via Screen Printing Technology
  - ❑ Ink-Efficient Design
  - ❑ Flexible antenna
  - ❑ omnidirectional radiation patterns

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*Radiation pattern (E-plane) for a bending radius between 1 and 10 mm*



*Broadband antenna*



*Bended broadband antenna*

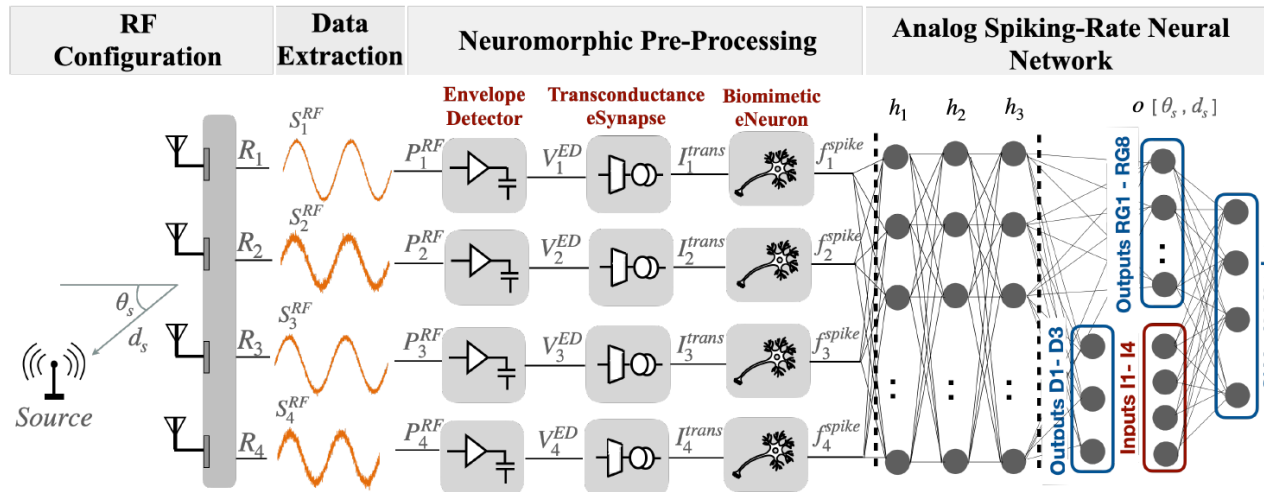
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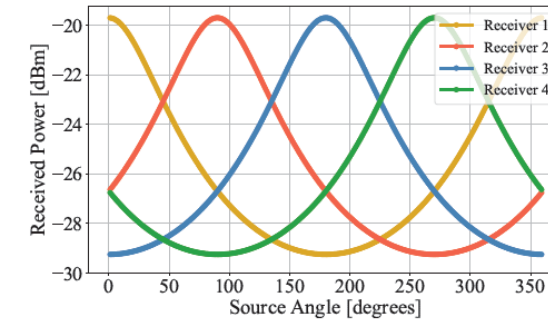


# Spiking-Rate Neuromorphic System for Efficient RF Source Localization

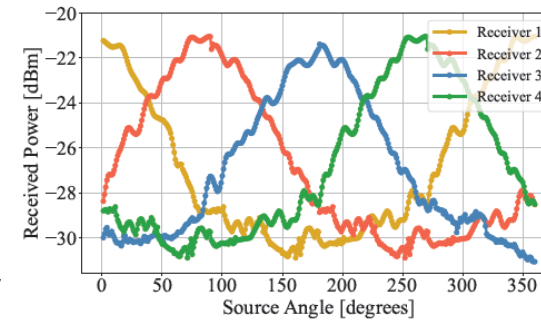
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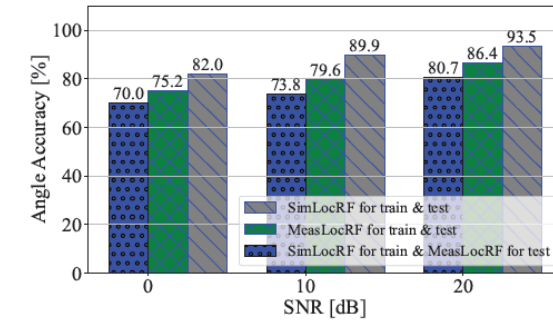
- RSS detection
- 1-degree angular resolution
- Power consumption of 403 nW
- 20 dB SNR
- High accuracies: 93.5% (simulated) and 86.4% (experimental)



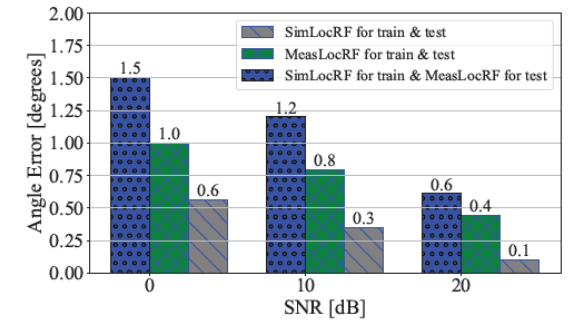
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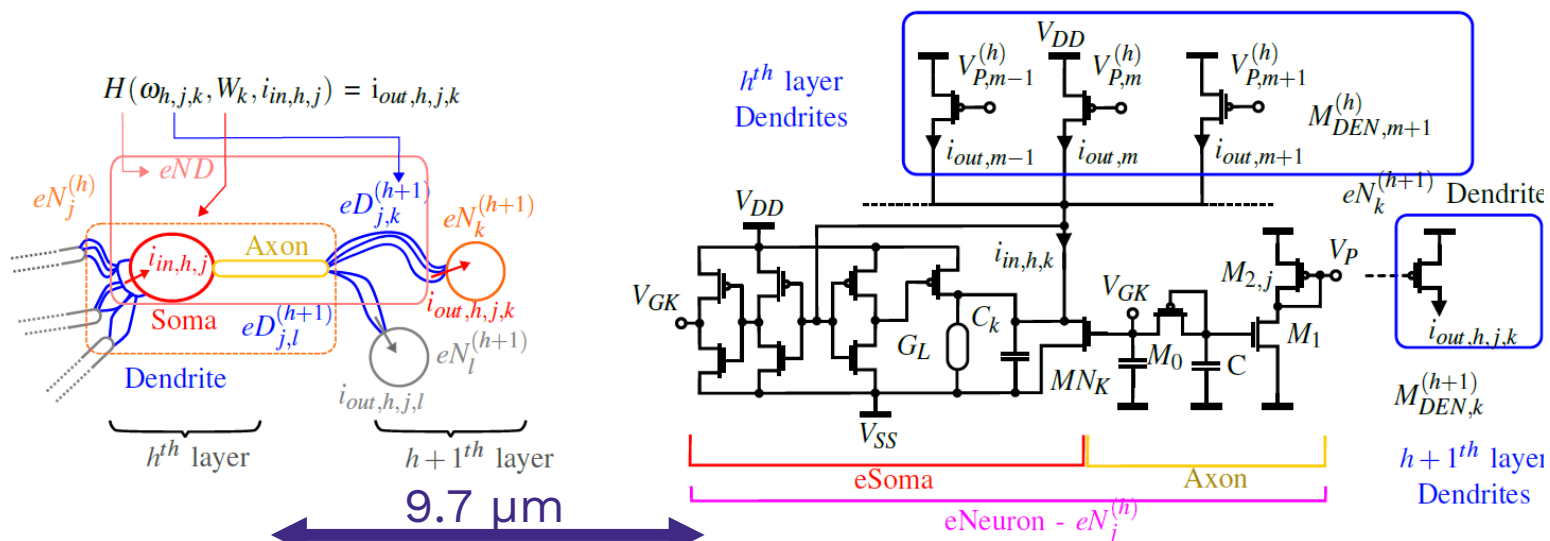


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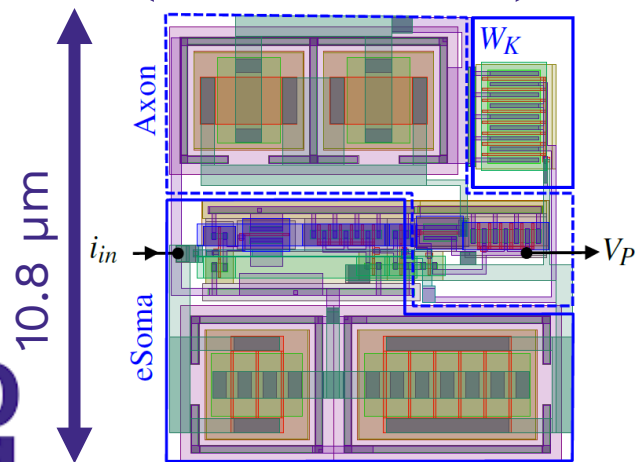


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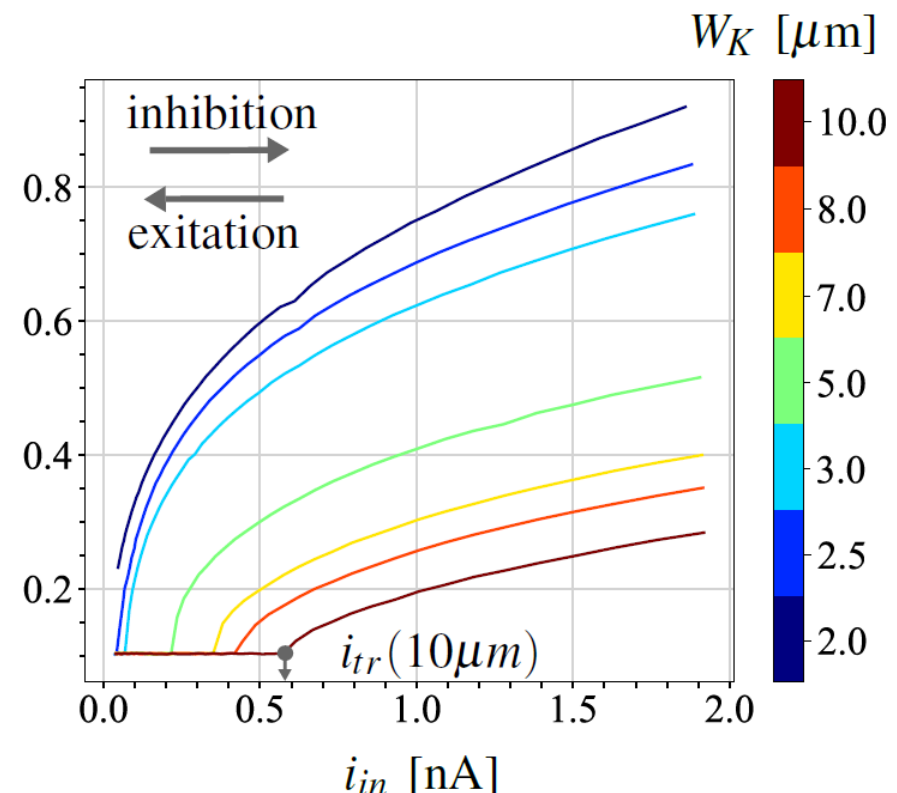
# Neuromorphic Circuits



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$E_{eff} = 10 \text{ fJ/spike}$   
 $\sigma = 1.8 \%$   
 $Mismatch \leq 4 \text{ pA}$



[SBCCI60457.2023.10261961](https://doi.org/10.1026/160457.2023.10261961)

Best Trade off is  $if \approx 1.0$

# Design for circularity of the PCB

WEEE



Pyrometallurgy



- High production flow
- Energy intensive
- Air pollution & GHG emissions

- Pros
- Cons

Hydrometallurgy



- Energy efficient
- Low air pollution & GHG emissions
- Chemicals residues

Develop & promote new design rules:

- Adapt design rules for novel bio-substrates
- Reduce copper usage on PCB
- Include end-of-life metals recovery in design techniques (especially for bioleaching process)

Bio-hydrometallurgy  
= bioleaching



- Energy efficient
- Chemicals in closed loop
- Slow process

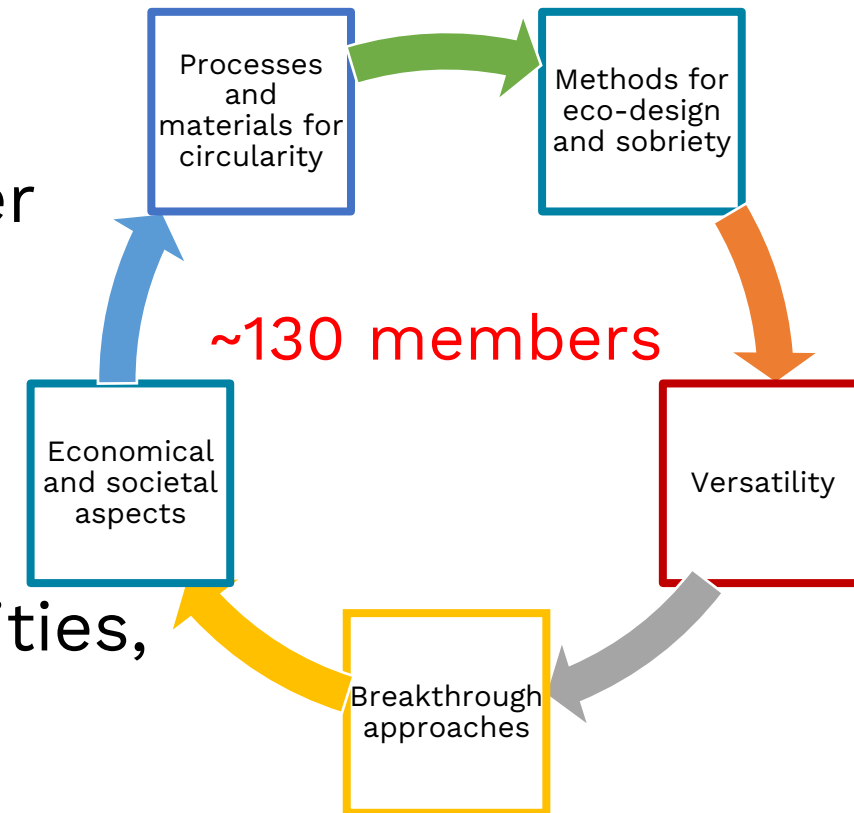
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# Launch of GdR



## Dispositifs Electroniques à Faibles Impacts Environnementaux

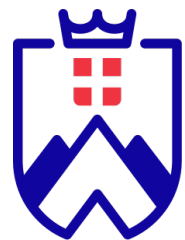
- Federate labs in sustainable electronics
  - micro & nano-electronics, microwaves, power electronics
  - optoelectronics, materials, processes, supply chains
- Promote exchanges with companies.
  - scientific and technological watch activities,
  - joint responses to calls for projects.





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