

Printed Electronics Helix Launch Event

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Latest innovations in Green & printed electronics

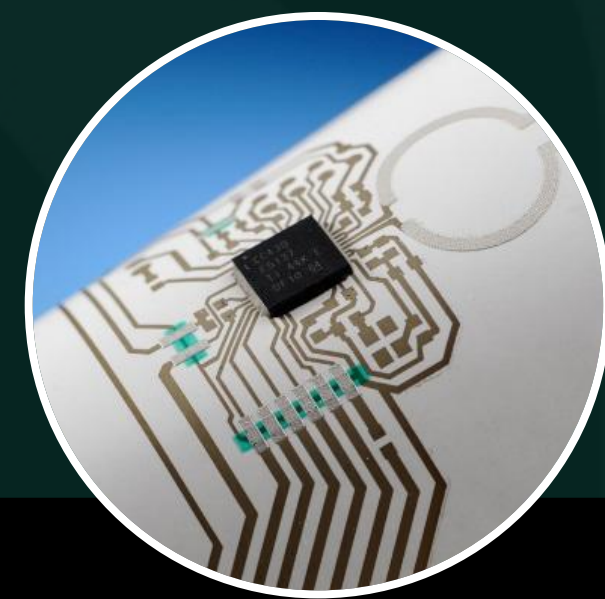
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Environmental, social and economical sustainability of flexible electronics from design to disposal



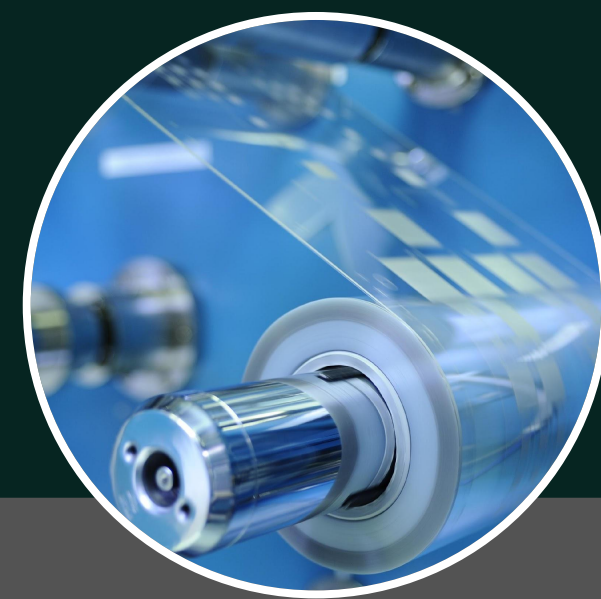
Product ecodesign

Modular products
Energy-autonomous smart labels



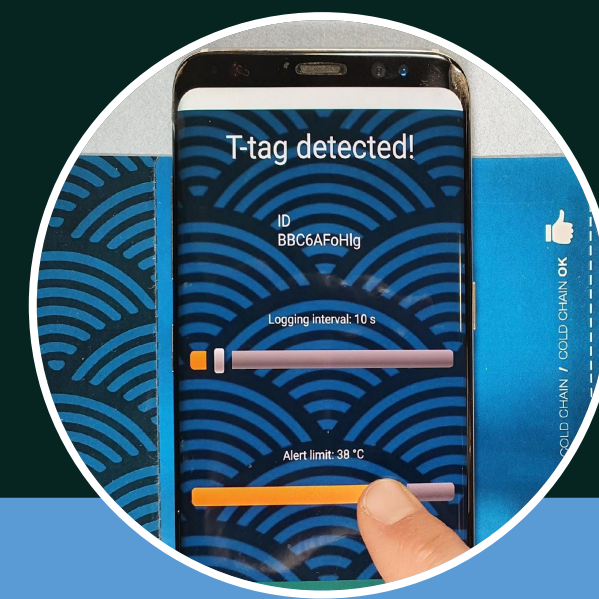
Sustainable materials

Renewable and abundant raw materials with end-of-life compatibility



Energy- and resource efficient processes

Printing based additive manufacturing
Structural electronics



Sustainable usage & disposal

Sustainable usage e.g. for health & well-being
Light-weight products
Feasible end-of-life scenarios

Nanocellulose based ECG patch

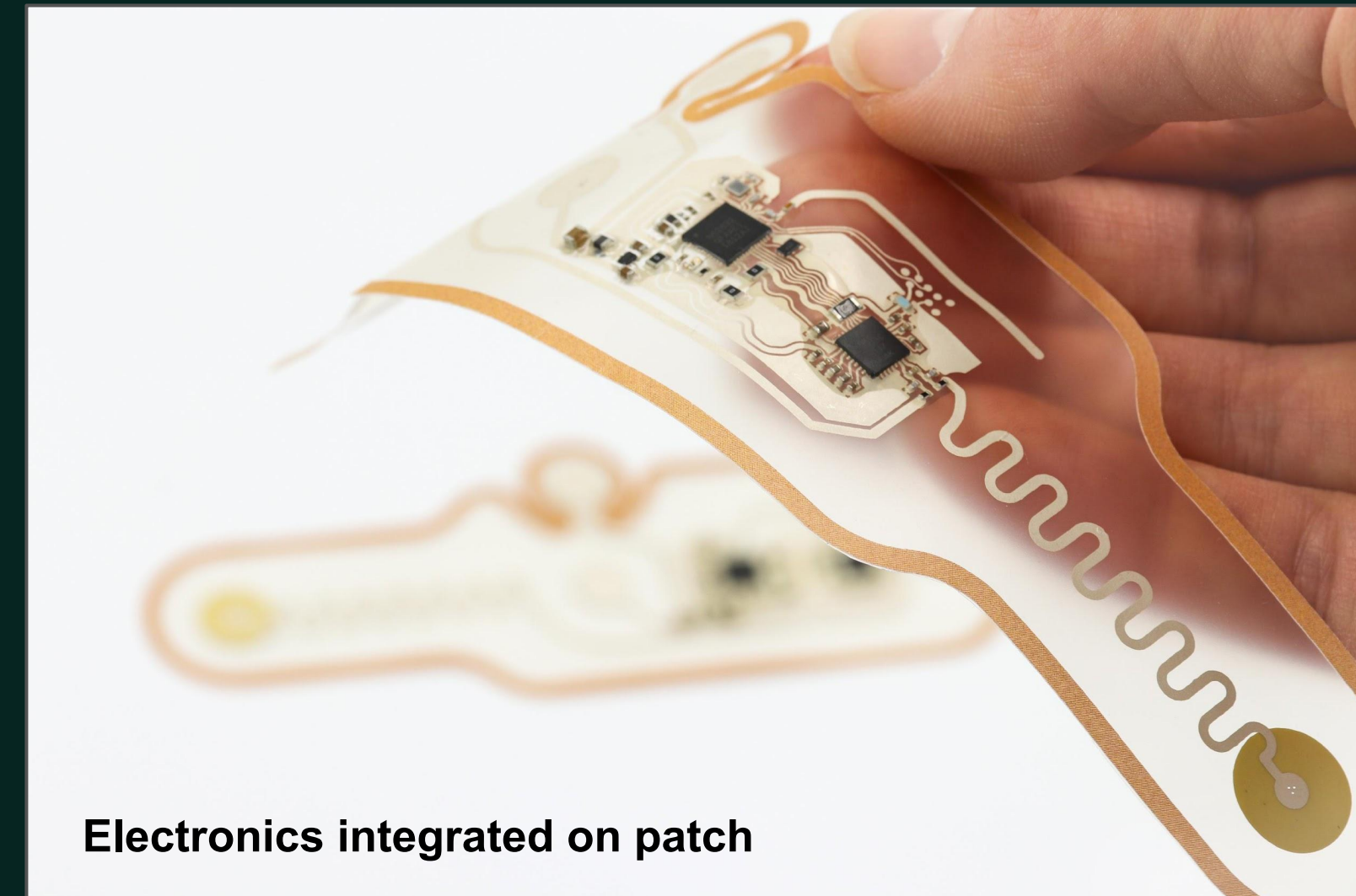
NANOCELLULOSE BASED SUBSTRATE

- renewable substrate material
- decreases microplastic release risk
- opens up new possibilities for disintegration

POSSIBILITY FOR MODULAR DESIGN

- simplifies disintegration
- enables partial re-use

**Substrate
biodegradable in
soil and water**



Electronics integrated on patch

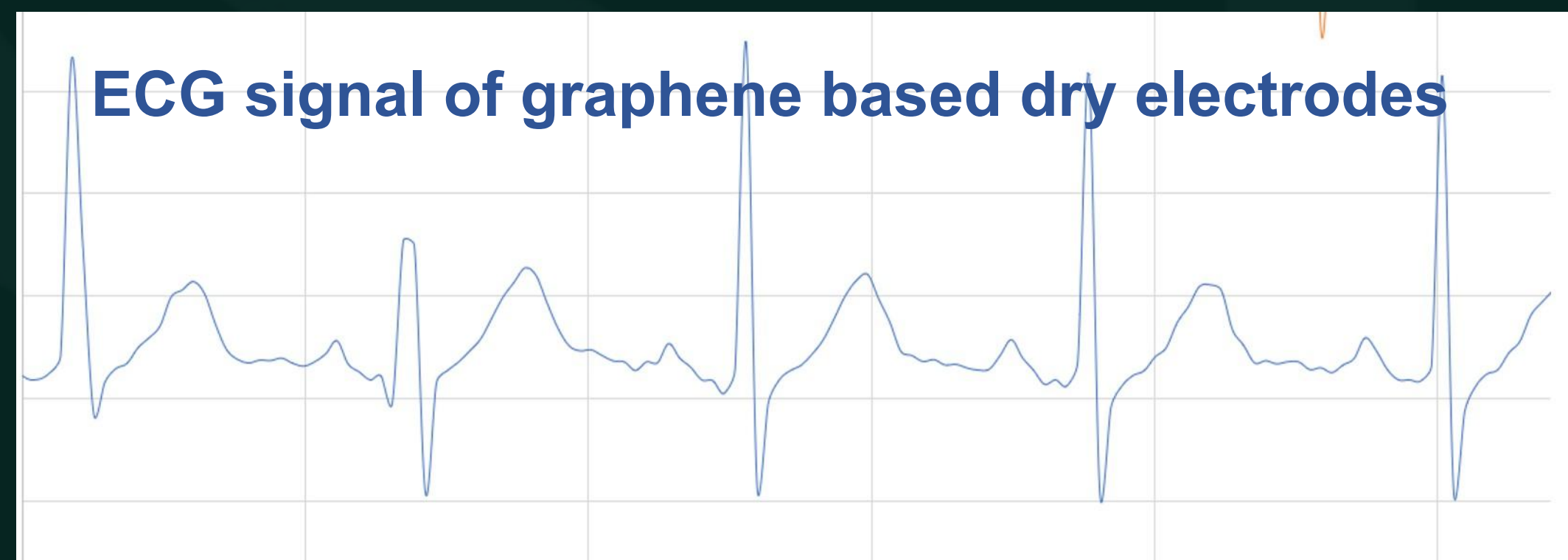


Modular design with reuseable electronic module

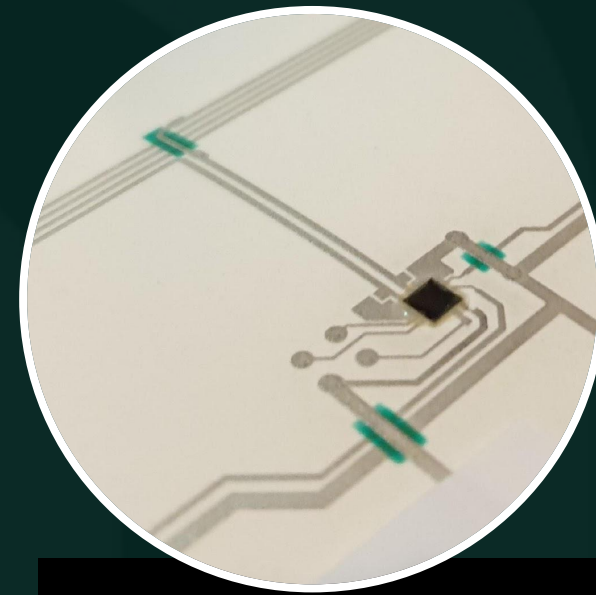


E-textile with dry electrodes

- T-shirt for wearable for ECG and EMG applications with fully printed washable and stretchable wiring
- Graphene based ECG electrodes eliminating the need for wet-gel application during the measurement
- Electronic module for ECG or ECG/EMG measurement and BT communication



Smart labels – contributing sustainability through efficient logistics



Anti-counterfeit label*

NFC powered

- Fully printed + NFC chip
- Electrochromic display
- Paper substrate

Temperature logger

Battery powered

- Thin battery
- Bare die chip with integrated temperature sensor
- Mobile app
- Paper substrate

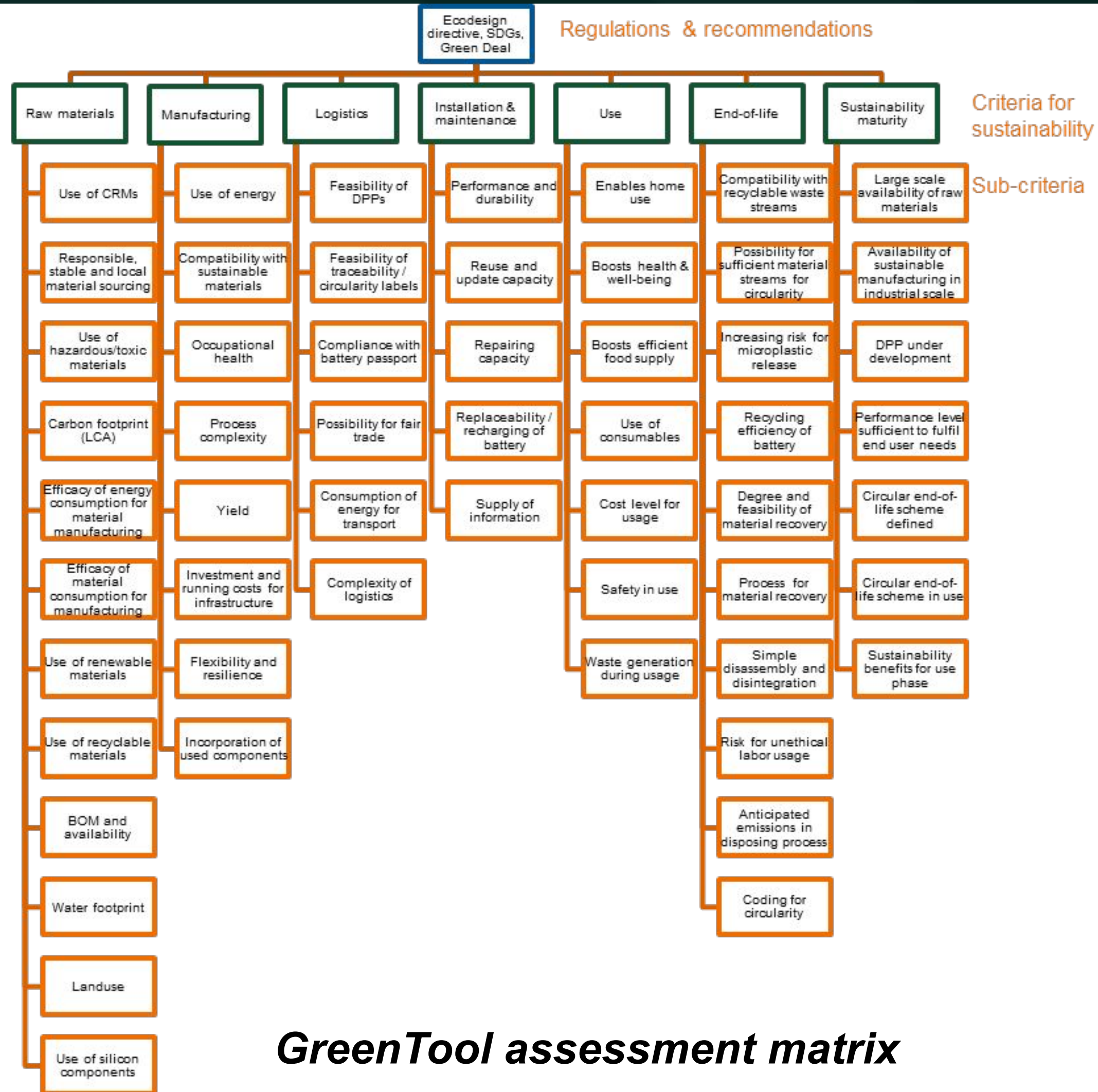
Energy autonomous temperature logger*

Energy harvesting

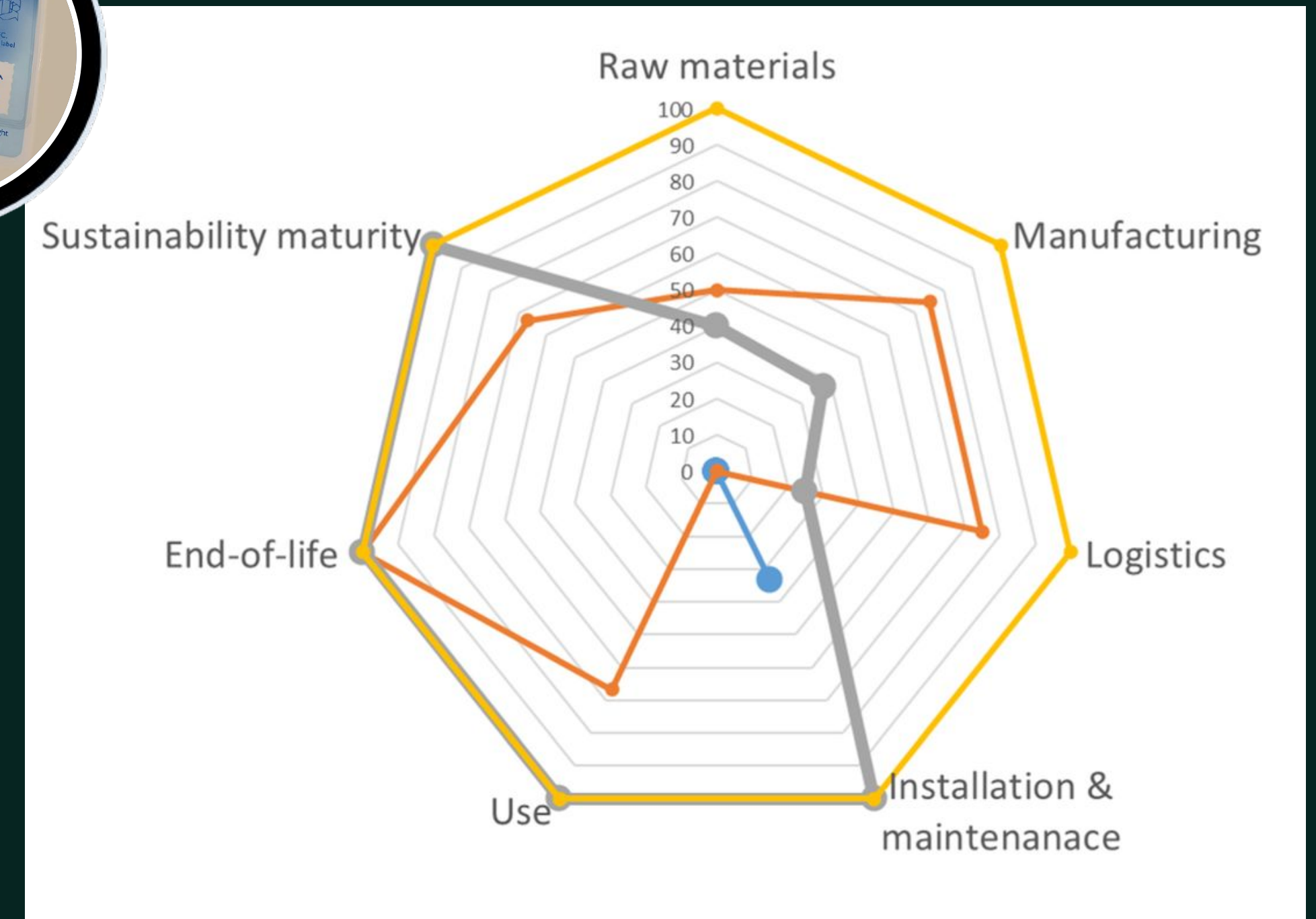
- Printed OPV and supercapacitors
- Bio-polymer substrate

*Winners of the OE-A Competition 2021 & 2022 Best Publicly Funded Project Demonstrator

Tool for Qualitative Sustainability Assessment



GreenTool assessment matrix



Comparison of different temperature loggers from state-of-art logger (blue) to optimised energy autonomous printed label (yellow) revealed most remarkable differences btw the labels in raw materials