Swiss AI Chip Startup Raises Seed Funding

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AI chip startup Synthara is working on a RISC-V SoC for ultra-low power applications

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AI chip startup Synthara has completed an oversubscribed seed funding round to enable work on its ultra-low-power RISC-V SoC for AI processing in IoT devices. The company, a spin-off from the Institute of Neuroinformatics (INI) at the University of Zürich and ETH Zürich, plans to launch its first chips in 2022.

Synthara's aim is to develop an AI processor for edge devices that eliminates the trade-off between performance and energy efficiency. The chip will be suitable for smart sensor applications such as wearables and other IoT devices.

Synthara's team, including CEO Manu Nair (front, center) and CTO Alessandro Aimar (right) (Image: Synthara)