



Product Development in Between Working With Hands and Digital Simulation



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**The algorithm can shape the perfect product,
because it has no individual point of view.**



ROLE OF DESIGN



ENABLERS



**“It's going to take
ingenuity to believe
something can
happen.”**

Gabriela Hearst

**CREATIVITY
IMAGINATION**

**Asking the
right questions**

**Sketching out
solutions**



**Driving ideation and
true innovation**

**Inspiring the user
and the industry**

**SKILLS
EXPERTISE**

**EMPATHY
EMOTION**





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LACK OF RESILIENCE



Trying to repair
instead of
replacement

ANOTHER TOMORROW

A New Epoch, New Perspectives

CONSUME
AND
YOU'LL BE
YOURSELF!





APPAREL'S IMPACT ON CLIMATE

The *Environmental Impact of the Global Apparel and Footwear Industries* study used a life cycle approach investigating 7 different stages in the life of garments. The following results illustrate the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for each life cycle stage. **The apparel industry alone represents 6.7% of global GHG emissions**, equivalent to about 3.3 billion metric tons of CO₂-eq. **More than 50% of emissions come from three stages: Dyeing & Finishing, Yarn Preparation, and Fiber Production.** With global manufacturing concentrated in Asia, GHG emissions in these stages are driven by apparel production's reliance on hard coal and natural gas to generate electricity and heat.

7 LIFE CYCLE STAGES OF APPAREL

1 FIBER PRODUCTION
Raw material extraction and processing of synthetic, cellulosic, cotton, and natural fibers

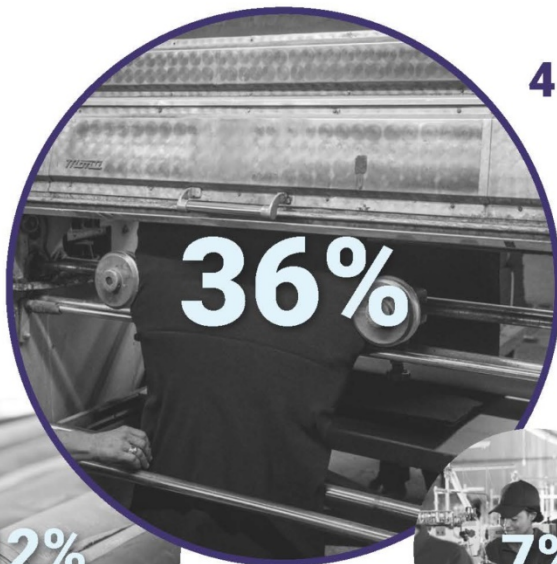


! NOTE:
Percentages represent the climate change impact (measured in CO₂-eq) of each life cycle stage relative to the total apparel impact

2 YARN PREPARATION
Spinning of yarn from filament and staple fibers



3 FABRIC PREPARATION
Knitting and weaving of yarn into fabric



4 DYEING & FINISHING
Bleaching and dyeing of fabric as well as fabric finishing
The most energy intensive stage, dyeing has a high energy demand due to wet processes which require large amounts of heated water.

5 ASSEMBLY
Cutting and sewing fabric into apparel products



! NOTE:
EXCLUSION OF USE PHASE
This typically high impact stage was not included as the study focused on the apparel value chain and manufacturing processes



6 DISTRIBUTION
Transportation from assembly location to retail stores
A low impact stage today but could increase if companies switch to aircraft transport.



7 END OF LIFE
Collection and management of apparel products at the end of their useful life (incineration and landfilling)



More than 1,000,000 tons of clothing are discarded per year - in Germany.

Source: DIE ZEIT, April 20, 2017



CONTINUOUS OVERPRODUCTION

About one quarter of the industry's resources are wasted as leftovers of textile & garment production every year.

Source: FASHION REVOLUTION
FASHION TRANSPARENCY INDEX 2020



Bounce back or turnaround?
We need new narratives and clear visions.
Design helps to navigate the future.



What and how should we create?

Clothing is a basic human need - with the outlook for evermore extreme living conditions we have to ask ourselves:

What clothing performance will be needed?

What kind of equipment?

As creatives we have to imagine new viable scenarios and fresh narratives. Where will our creative journey go to?

DIGITIZATION



THE DIGITAL WORKFLOW

fast & thrifty

**New tools,
same thinking?**

saves money & time **high flexibility**

**go-to-market timespan
can be reduced**

**just by one click,
an endless variety
of ideas & designs**

**presenting easily and
at low cost
innumerable variations
of patterns & fabrics**

**faster reaction to
changing customer
trends**

**an endless number of
concepts can quickly be
realized and at low costs**



**From early industrialization to digitalization:
Optimization and standardization to maximize
the return on investment.**

**What's the potential of these strategies for
finding solutions for the pressing issues of the
21st century?**



**We have to question everything,
from the creative process to
the manufacturing chain to retail.**



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All wishes fulfilled?

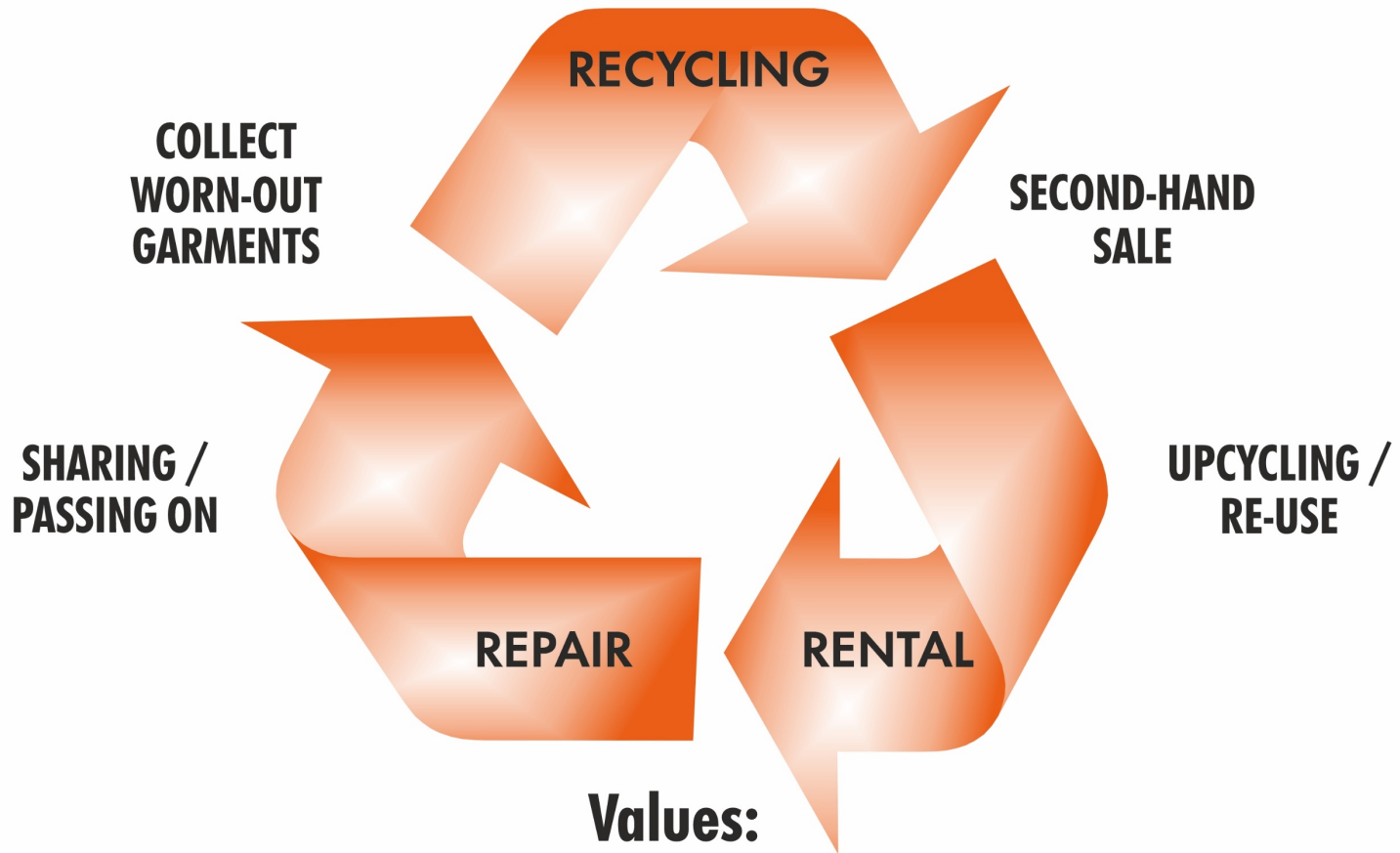
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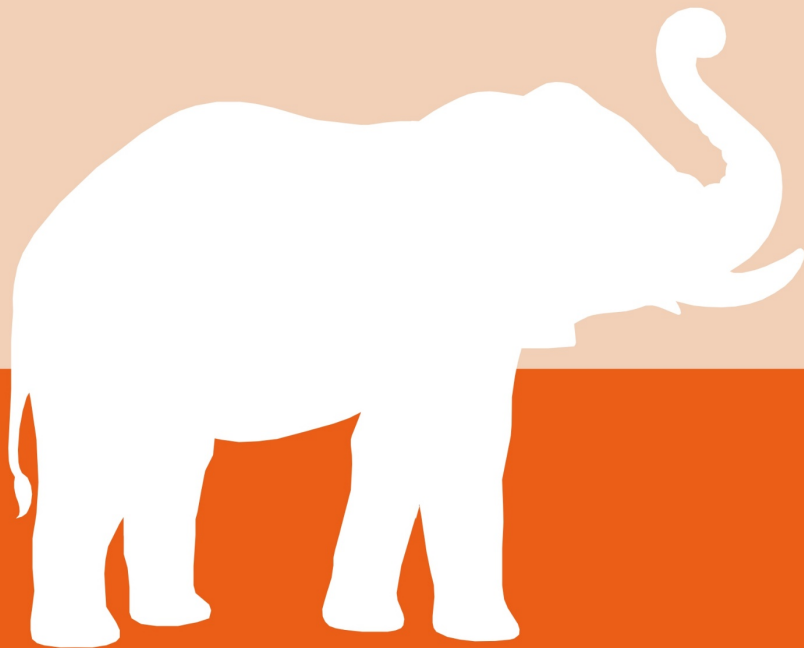
Small scale business







longevity, versatility, appropriate functionality



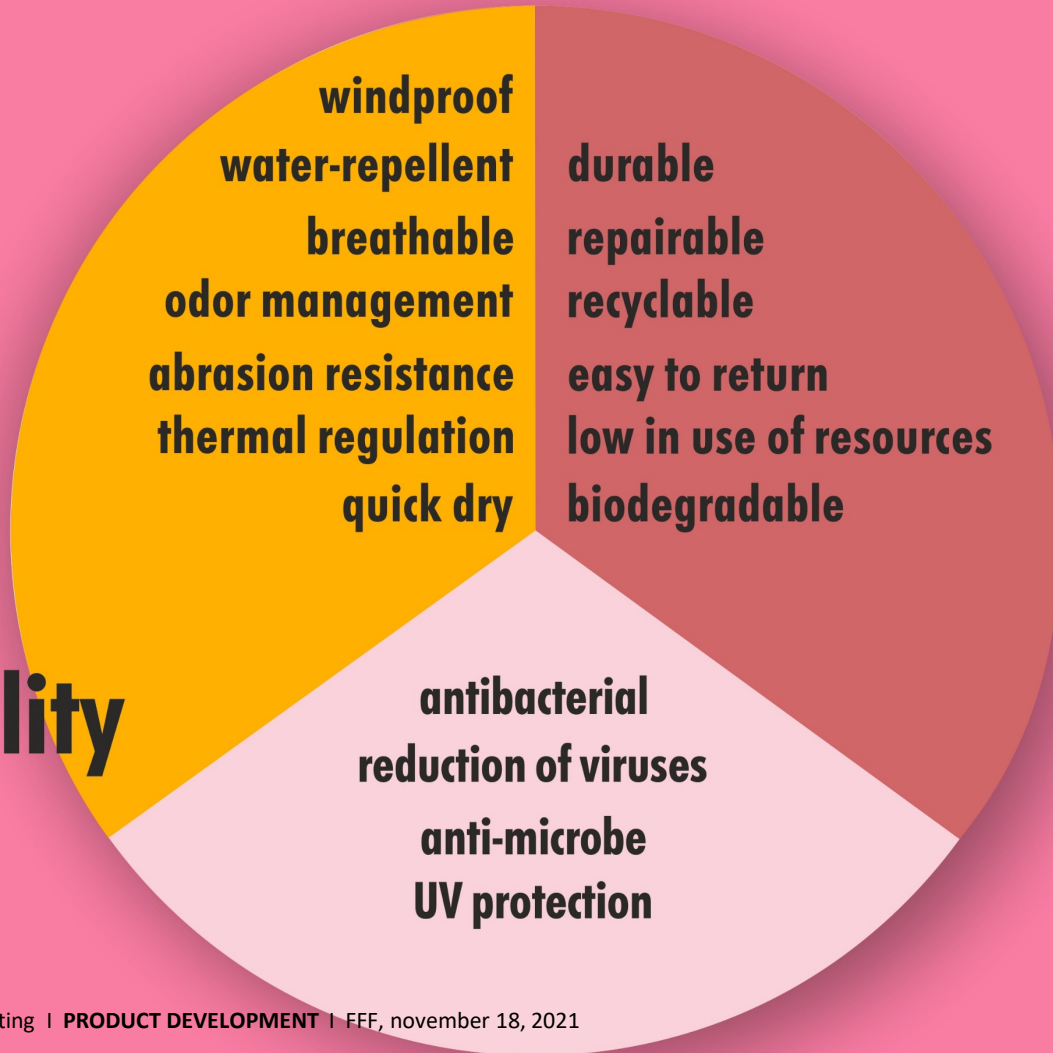
RECALIBRATING VALUES

LESS

re-use recycle repair reduce refuse



Functionality Roundup



„I love design and I love the Earth.
We shouldn't have to sacrifice one
for the sake of the other.“

Sam Selbie, student,
University of Oregon (USA)
Participant of
the MASTERCLASS 2016

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HANDS-ON

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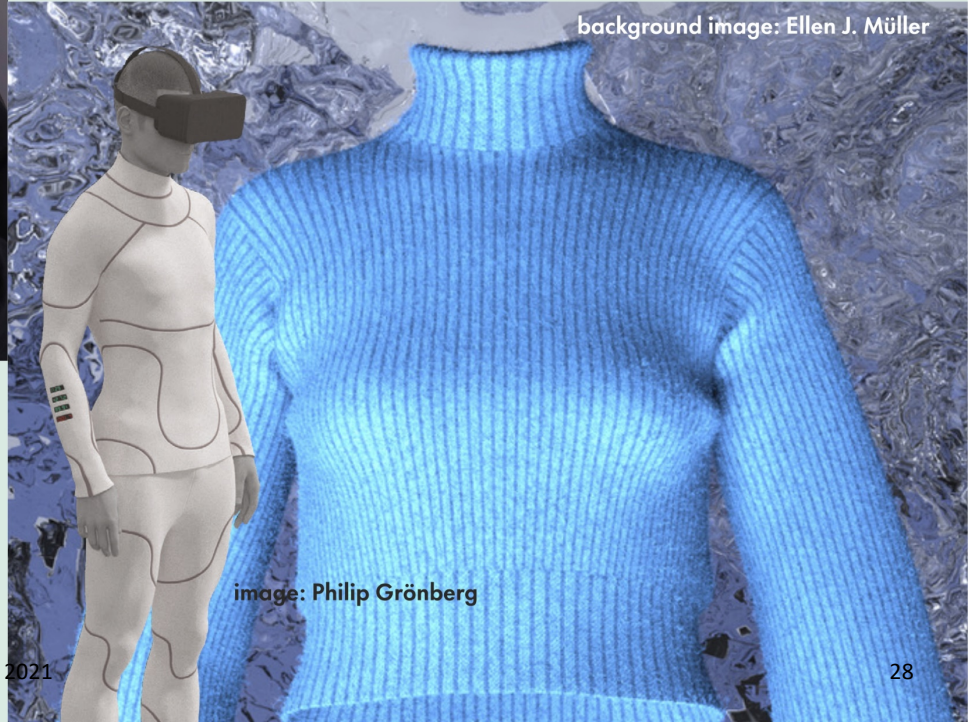


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SIMULATION



It's
great
out
there



wherever!



MADE FOR MOVEMENT





Still
stylish
cool

Clothing is more than just a look - it touches our body, it stimulates our senses, it makes us feel comfortable ...



**„By being rational,
we become sterile.“**

Roger Tallon (1929 - 2011)

leading French industrial designer



THANK YOU

