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## Green Upgrade Re-Assembly Factory

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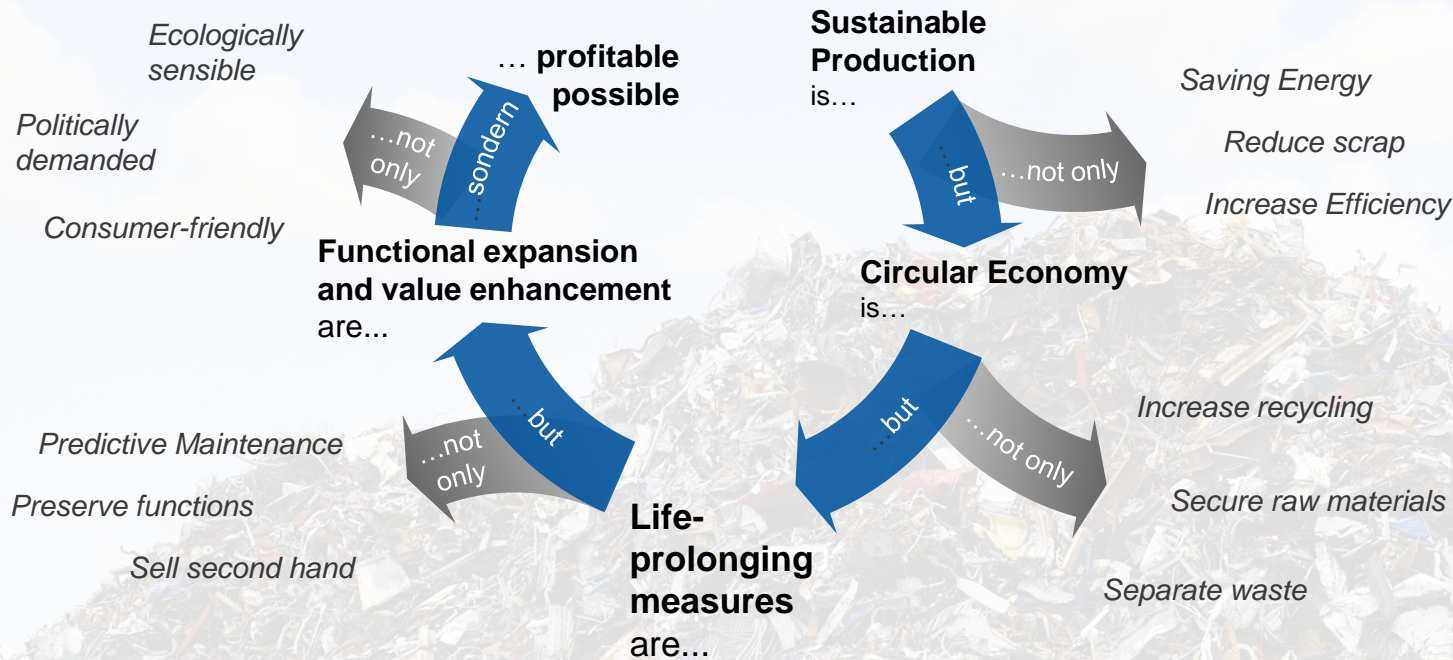
## Empower Green Production



# Sustainable Production

*"If we could build an economy that would **use things rather than use them up**, we could build a future."*

ELLEN MACARTHUR,  
Sailor and founder of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation



- **Climate change**, scarcity of resources
- **Instabilities** in material supply
- **Rising costs** for resources and materials

*There is a need for...*

**Green Upgrade  
Re-Assembly Factory**



approx. 455 m €



high total value

Economical  
through

industrialised processes

approx. 175 m €



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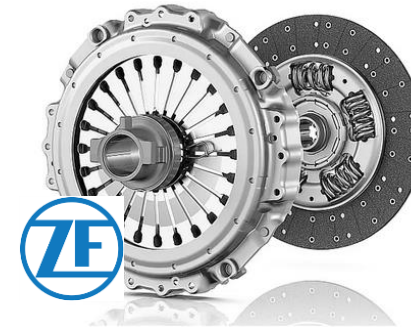


Lorenz  
Deutsche Wasserzähler

approx. 29€

## Digital domestic water meter

- approx. 500,000 units/year
- Margin approx. 2-3 x as high as for new products



ZF

## Clutch systems and torque converters

- Processing of approx. 10,000t of used parts/year at 1 of 25 remanufacturing locations
- Up to 90% material savings compared to new production, only 10% energy consumption

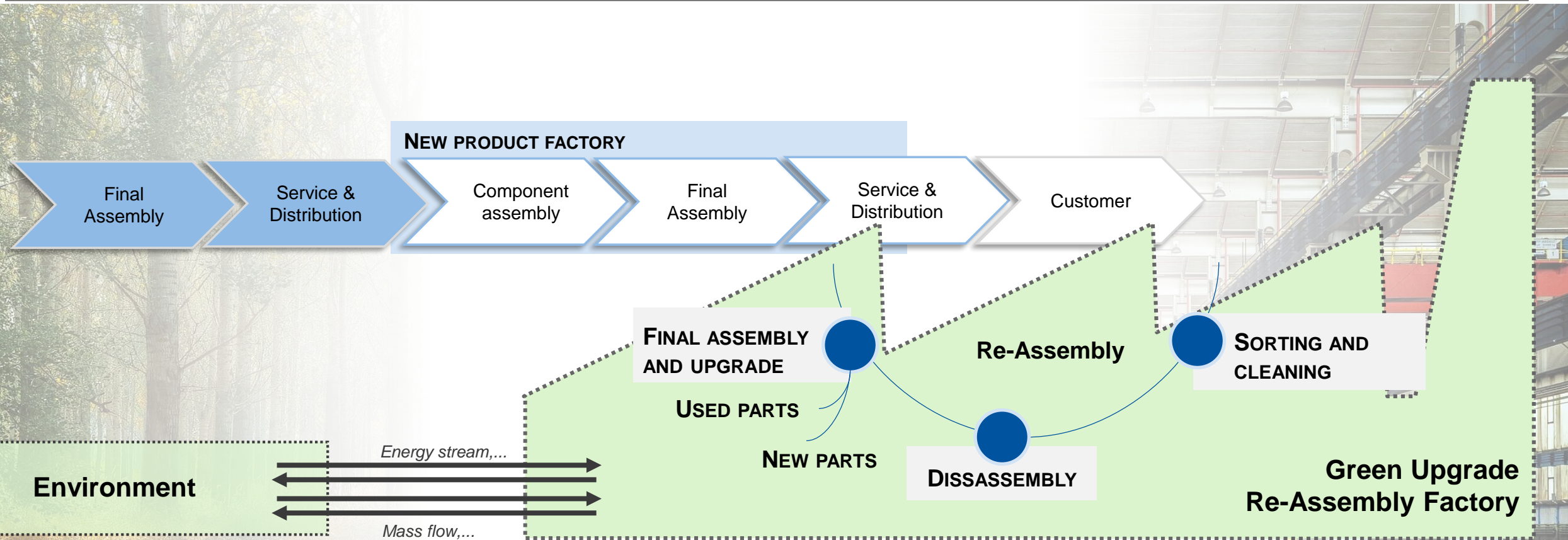
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Conservation of resources with simultaneous increase in value and function is not only successful for special machines but also with products in high quantities and lower material cost proportions.



# Sustainable production no longer takes place linearly, but circularly in the Green Upgrade Re-Assembly Factory

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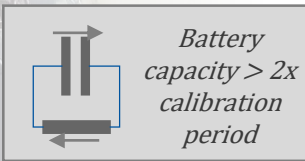
The Green Upgrade Re-Assembly Factory enables value enhancement with minimal resource consumption.

# Adapted products as well as business models enable circularity and increase margins at the same time

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## PRODUCT AS A SERVICE

Ideal business model: cooperations and controlled return options in the B2B sector



Higher material quality



## DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY

Oversizing: Higher product quality possible by distributing production costs over several utilisation cycles possible

Inspection

Sorting

Disassembly

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## PROCESS FOR CIRCULARITY

Creative and innovative technologies for disassembly enable short cycle times



# Uncertainties hinder industrialisation, as the separation of planning and execution cannot take place sufficiently

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## INDUSTRIALISED PROCESSES

- High utilisation thanks to high quantities makes **automation economical in steady-state condition**
- Reduction of investment costs through **dual use of equipment** for both new production and reprocessing, e.g. for inspection and calibration



No sufficient **separation of execution and planning**



## ONLY SHORT-TERM PLANABILITY

- **Planning only possible after diagnosis**
- **Disposition** with a high proportion of empirical **knowledge** and assumptions
- High **stock levels** necessary to compensate for delivery times of spare parts

The **reduction of information asymmetries** between producers, users and downstream users must be resolved in order to prevent loss of value and at the same time enable higher industrialisation.

# The digital product file enables the reduction of information asymmetries and empowers industrialised reassembly processes.

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## UTILISATION CYCLE

## RE-ASSEMBLY



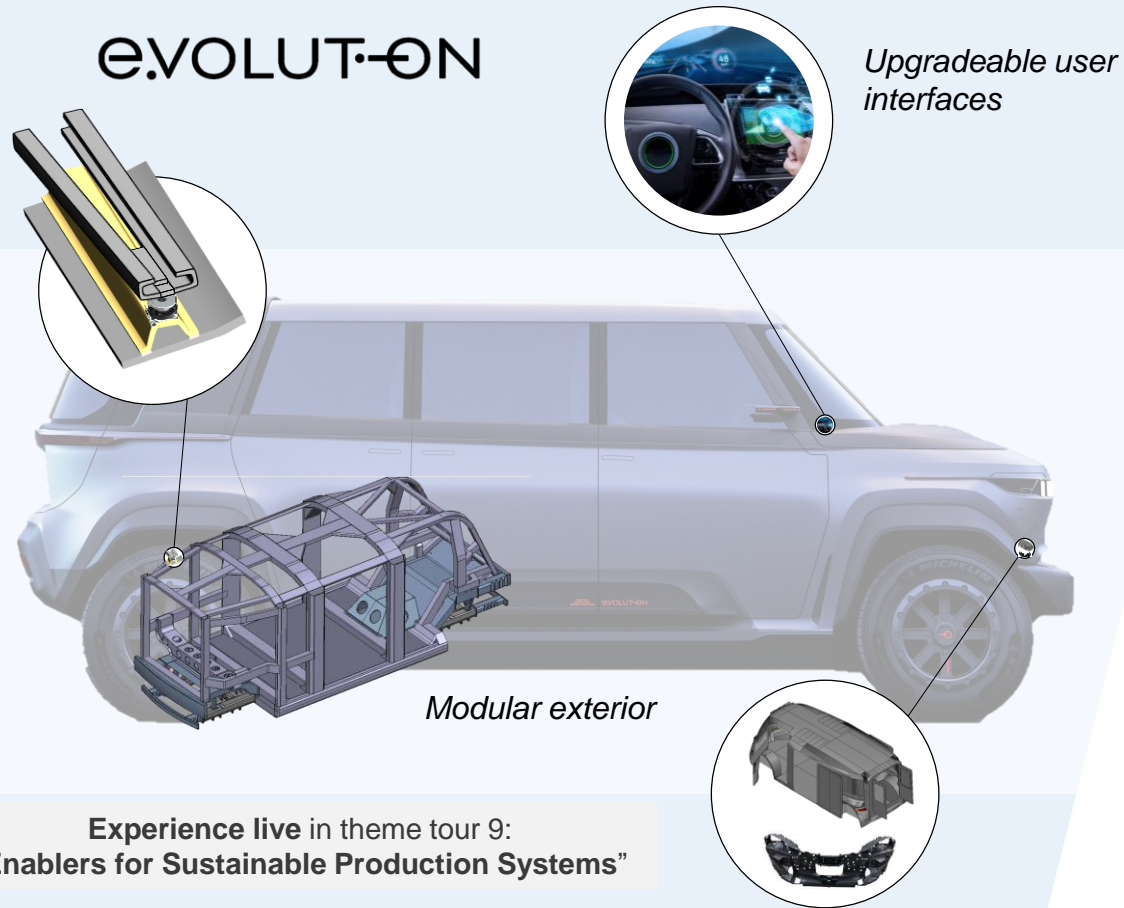
- Recording of relevant **usage and abrasion information** in the usage phase
- **Value retention** possible through actual description of product condition

- Derivation of **product and component-specific** condition information and thus **utilisation options** (re-use, recycling, re-assembly, ...)
- **Individual division into work plan groups** prevents overprocessing

In the Re-Assembly Factory, in addition to the remanufacturing, an upgrade of the product is realised

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## e.VOLUT-ON



Old covering of the product from 2-4 years ago



Due to the **upgrade** of the **clutch facings**, the latest production variant can be manufactured



**New covering** of the current product, which is also used in series production. **Higher quality and performance data** than the predecessor product

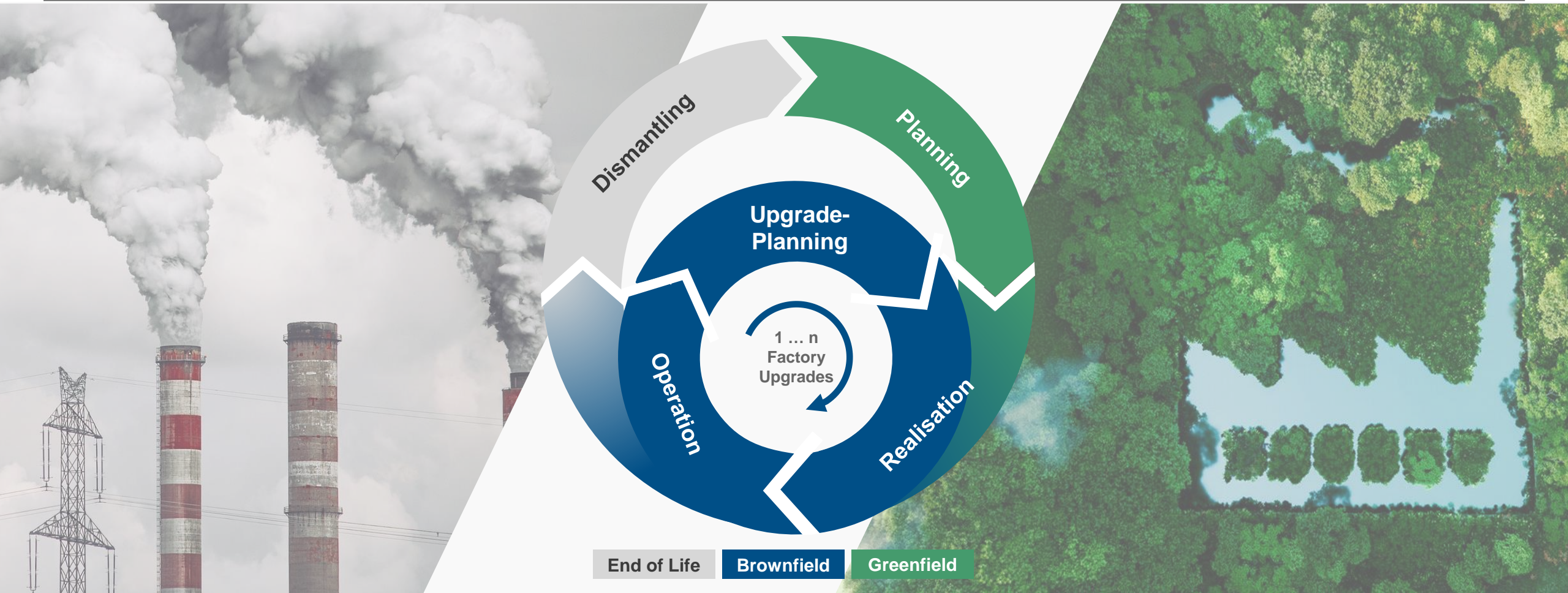


Only through a technical upgrade in the Re-Assembly Factory is a real life extension and increase in value possible.



# Conventional brownfield factories can be transformed into green factories in the upgrade planning

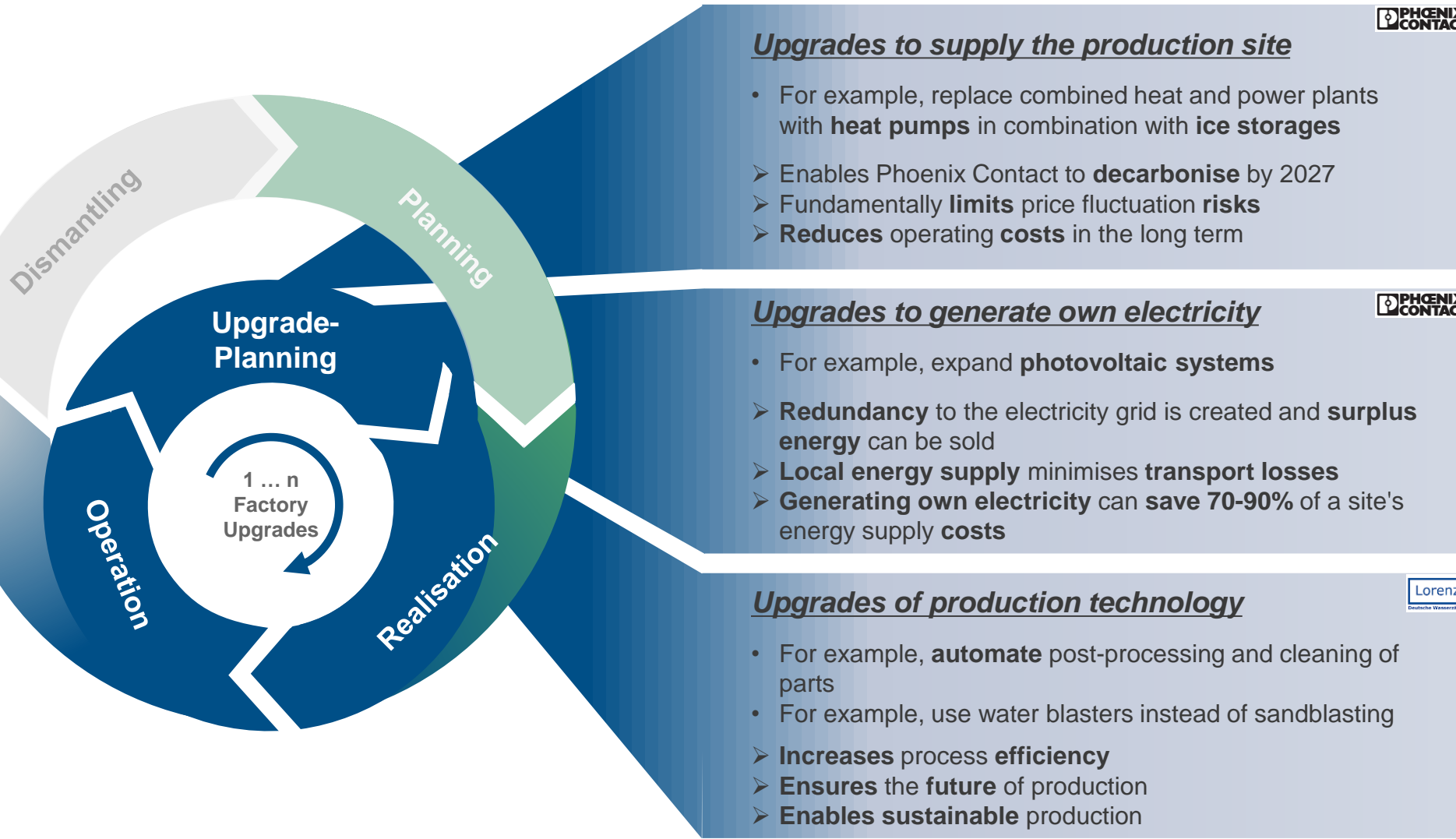
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Long and resource-efficiently operated green factories are made possible through frequent upgrades during the inner brownfield factory lifecycle. In greenfield planning, the foundations for this can be established early on.

# Transformation measures within the scope of upgrade planning affect all areas of factory building and production

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# Green factories only become holistic when the focus shifts to the phases upstream and downstream of upgrade planning

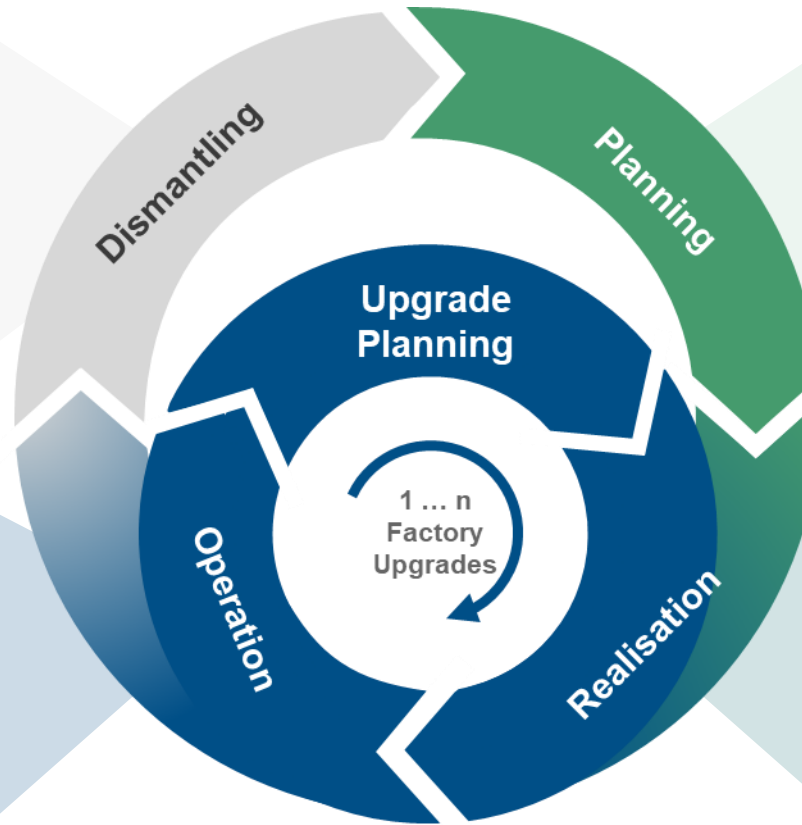
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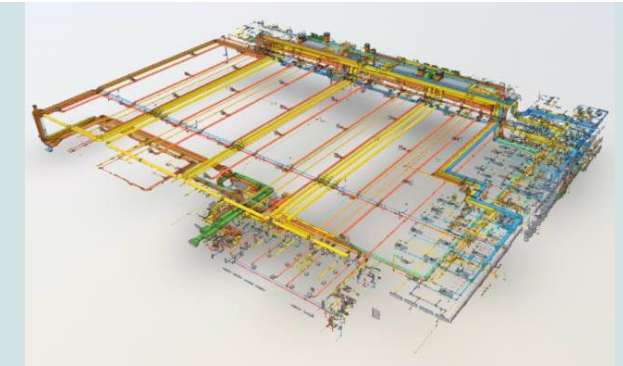
*"Cradle to Cradle" enables the recycling of building components*



*Smart building approaches allow operational optimisation through increased transparency*



*Modular greenfield planning enables subsequent upgrade planning*

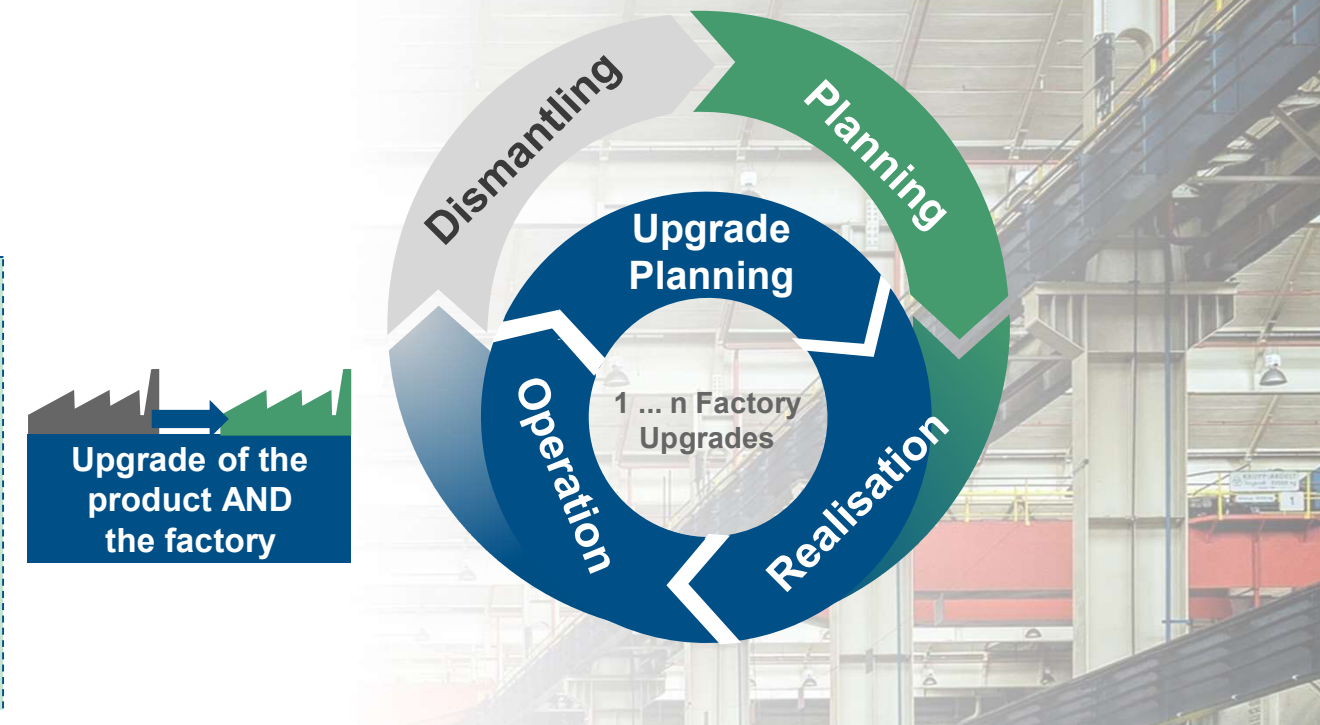
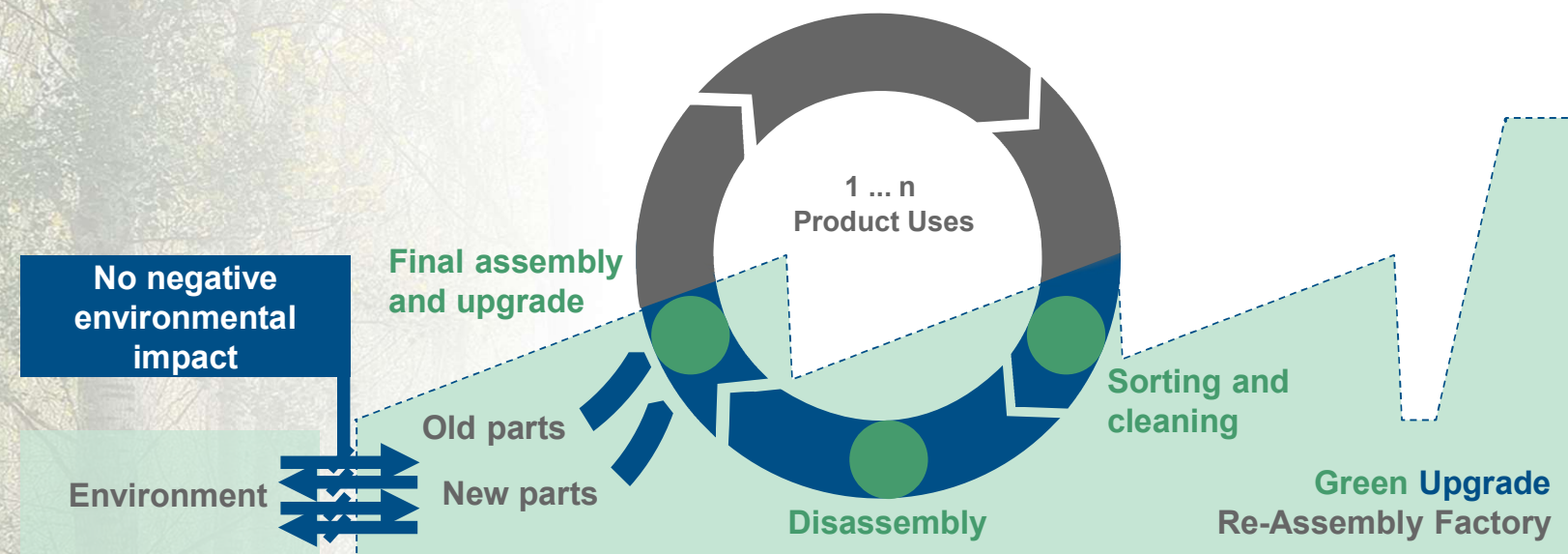


*BIM use increases resource efficiency in construction*

**Only by considering levers in all phases of the life cycle of the Green Upgrade Re-Assembly Factory is the full sustainability potential exploited.**

# Sustainable production is already economically possible today in the Green Upgrade Re-Assembly Factory

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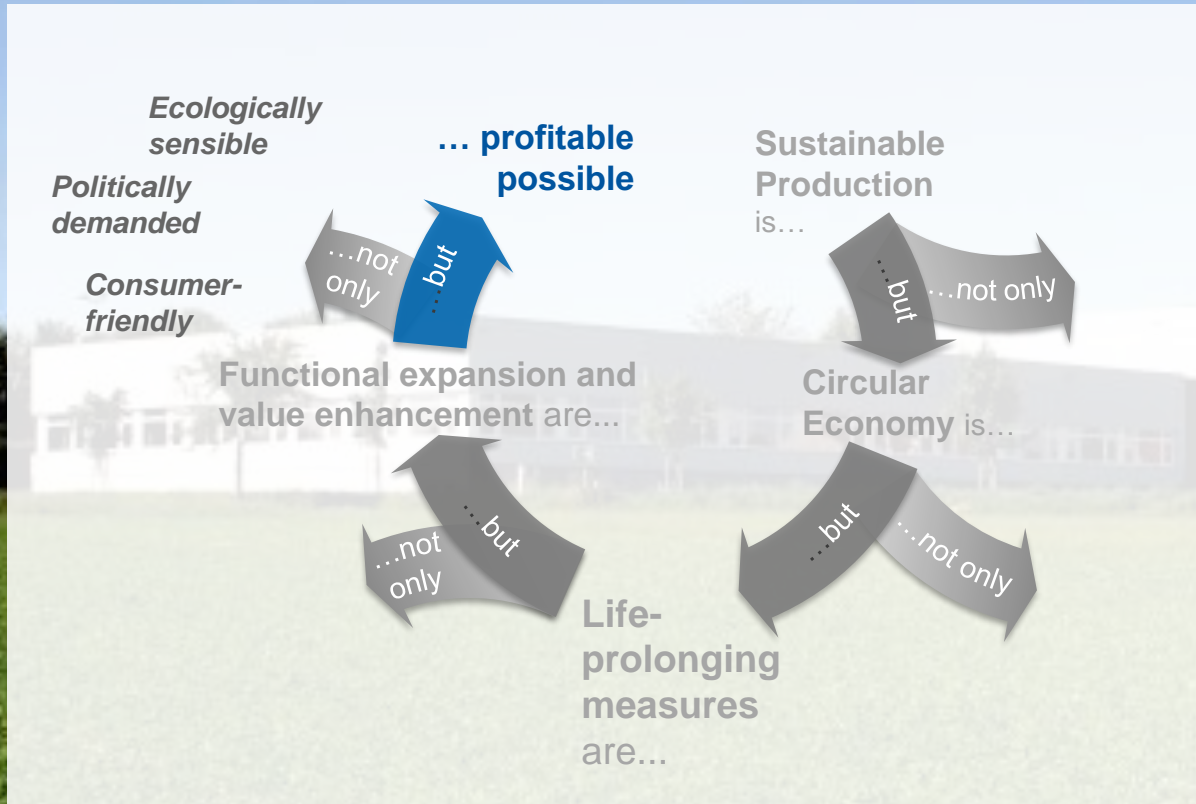


- **Cross-lifecycle data use** minimises the inherent uncertainties of reassembly and enables industrialization
- In many scenarios, re-assembly and related remanufacturing processes with **innovative** and **creative** solutions are already possible and **economical today**
- At the same time, **resilience** and the **share of skilled labour increases**

- Most of the planning is done in existing buildings. Therefore, the transformation to **green** factories is particularly relevant in the **brownfield..**
- New planning variables and optimisation requirements **increase complexity**. **Digitalisation** is necessary to **cope** with this.
- The operating **costs** of a **net-zero factory** are **lower** than those of conventional factories, and **resilience** and **reliability** also increase.

The Green Upgrade Re-Assembly Factory already enables economic functional and value enhancement with minimal resource consumption. minimal consumption of resources. It therefore lays the foundation for sustainable production.





- Circularity was necessary for **the survival of the Lorenz company**



- ZF only carries out remanufacturing processes if there is a **direct cost advantage**



- Phoenix Contact makes **conversion to Net Zero factory profitable**

Sustainable production in a Green Upgrade Re-Assembly Factory is **already possible today.**

In the future, the profitability of investments in sustainable production is expected to increase further through government incentive programmes.

**Thank you very much for you attention!**