

# Soft mechanical recycling

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Rejuvenating fibers  
for a circular world



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# Recycling Technologies

1

**Thermo-Mechanical**  
Hotmelt (PES/PA/PP)

2

**Chemical-Polymer**  
Pulping/Solvent-based/  
Hydrothermal

**Chemical-Monomer**  
Methanolysis/  
Glycolysis/Hydrolysis/  
Enzymatic

**Thermo-Chemical**  
Gasification

3

**Mechanical**  
Traditional:  
Use physical forces  
"Shredding"

4

**Study**  
McKinsey, 2022  
Euratex

**New Technology**  
**"Soft Mechanical"**  
Use physical forces  
but in a more gentle,  
slower way than  
traditional mechanical  
recycling



## Compared

**PRODUCTION LINE**

**Capacity 24/7**

## RESULTS F-2-F (UHML)

**Cotton**

**Polyester Fibers**

**Meta Aramids**

## 100% REJUVENATED Cotton Yarns

**OE Spinning (34/1Nm)**

**RS Spinning (24/1Nm)**

## Purfi

**150->170 m**

**2 à 3000 Ton/y (500Kg/h)**

**22 – 32 mm**

**28 – 36 mm**

**38 – 48 mm**

**22 – 25 mm**

**+ 25 mm**

## Shredding

**10 à 20 m**

**10 – 16 mm**

**15 – 20 mm**

**18 – 24 mm**



# 100% Recycled Cotton

- > Nm 20/1 (12/1Ne)
- > 100% P.I. waste
- > 100% Local-for-Local
- > 100% made in Belgium

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Scan & Discover  
Environmental impact of bathrobes  
made with 100% Purfi cotton  
compared to virgin cotton



**3 hours  
in the shower**

**Water**  
97 % water reduction  
1380 liters of H<sub>2</sub>O



**3,2 years  
of smartphone  
usage**

**Energy**  
43 % energy reduction  
46,2 MJ



**1 parking spot**

**Land**  
Reduction of 98 %  
land usage 10,16m<sup>2</sup>



**50 km by car**

**Emissions**  
49 % CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
reduction 5 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>



# Real PurFi results



**It's time for the textile industry  
to reconstruct its value chain  
in favor of the environment  
and local communities.**



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