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ABSTRACT (NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS:)

This presentation gives the general concept, architecture and related digitalization processes of an EU-funded technology platform, enabling fashion designers to quickly learn digital fashion design techniques from associated design resources integrated into a relatively complete digital environment (databases, design knowledge bases, interfaces). This platform has been developed based on the results of FBD_BModel, a former European project realized in the frame of H2020 Program (2017-2021). Apart from the implemented platform structure and its associated design resources, the processes of fabric digitalization and 3D garment generation, playing a key role in digital fashion design, are also presented and integrated into this platform. These processes will enable to digitalize a real fabric by using the associated Lectra digital fabric database and intelligent computation of drape properties and weight, and generate a 3D garment and its fitting effect on a specific 3D human model. The current platform will constitute the foundation of the digital fashion design process, and advanced AI-based functions, such as intelligent searching engine for design recommendation.