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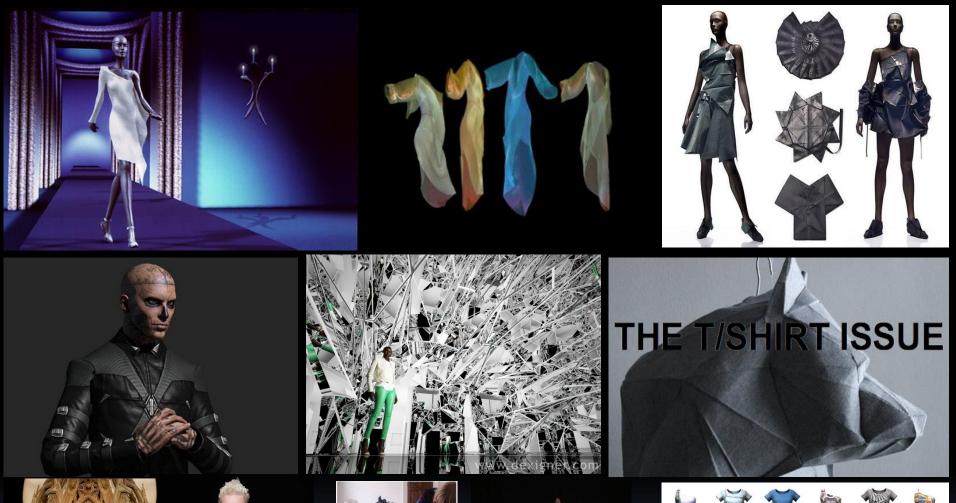
Overview of transdisciplinary project:

University TALI funded project Phase 2.

- The research questions for the project:
- What educational value can 3D digital technologies add to established 2D CAD programs and traditional methods in Textiles, Surface, Costume, and Fashion Design education?
- What innovative Learning and Teaching approaches and experiences are needed to encourage and support effective, engaging and transformative appropriate uses of 3D digital technologies in Textiles and Fashion?

Project Outcomes:

- Explored, Evaluated and Integrated a diverse range of 3D technologies and techniques for textiles, surface, craft, costume & fashion design.
- Researcher & industry practitioner learning experiences
- Student authored Blog recording reflective learning and methodologies using 3D technologies.
- Conference Presentations & Journal publication.
- Project team includes:
- Academics in Textiles & Fashion design, 3D Digital design academics, postgraduate research students and industry partners.















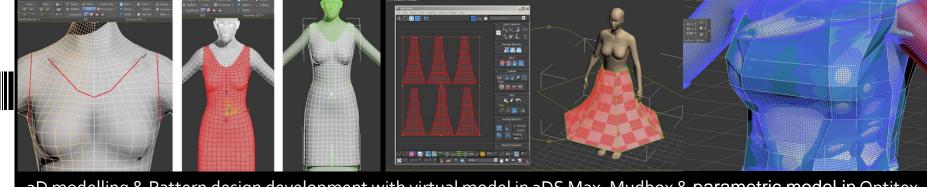


3D Digital Design Research:

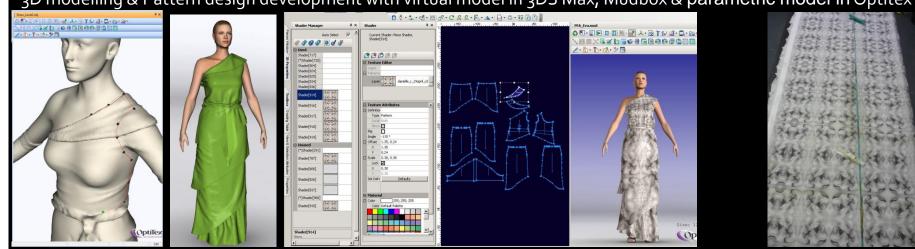
3D character, digital sculpture, modelling and costume design



MA Postgraduate Dan Hughes McGrail portrayal of Sir Patrick Stewart as Elizabethan Francis Bacon.



3D modelling & Pattern design development with virtual model in 3DS Max, Mudbox & parametric model in Optitex



Pattern design development, toile making and fitting with support from sample technician & student fit model.





BAZ ARMSTRONG: MA by Research student - University of Huddersfield & Lecturer in BA (Hons) Digital Games Art Production









Games Art: Games character designs and digital models



Peer observation opportunity: Identified similarities between the design and production workflow of Costume designers and video game artists.

Digital 3D sculpture for costume design visualisation





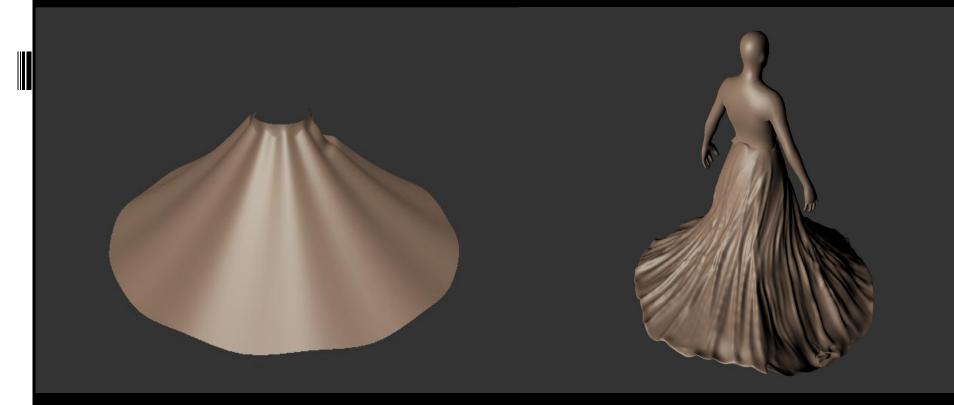


Digital sculpture tools are commonly used in the film, video games and product manufacturing industries



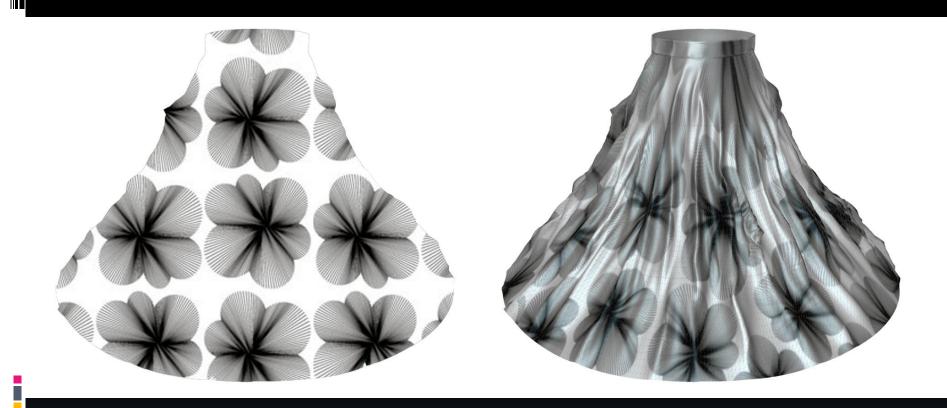
Autodesk Mudbox: Sculpture tools and methods explored during research drawing & modelling experiments





Sculpting a voluminous costume elements in Mudbox:

FLikr sculpting video: http://www.flickr.com/photos/bazarmstrong/



2D 'traditional' image texture v Painting Pattern on 3D digital surface



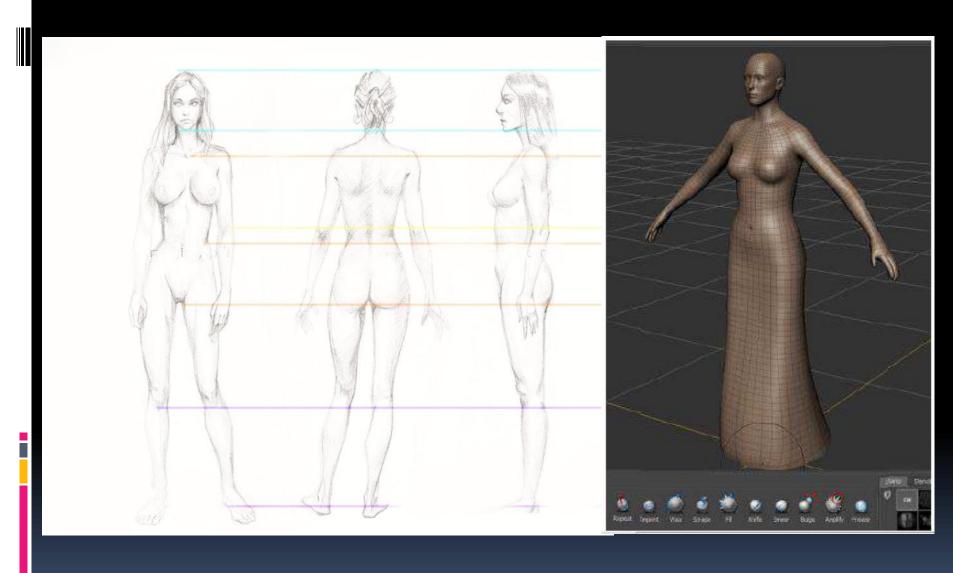
Painting onto the digital sculpture/illustration



Jacqueline Durran's 'Atonement' Dress used as a control design

BA (Hons) Costume sculpture Year 2: MA Research





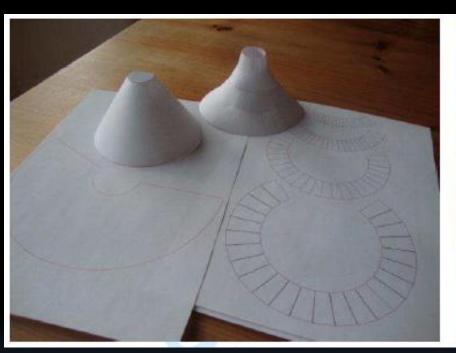
Research drawing templates for students in costume sculpture workshop

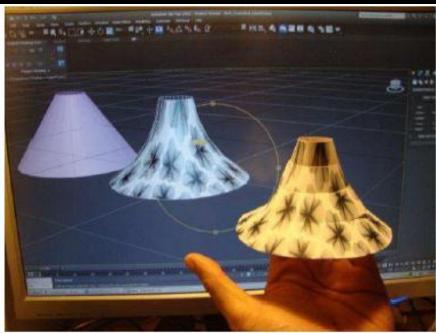


Costume Design student's handdrawn illustrations in sketchbook

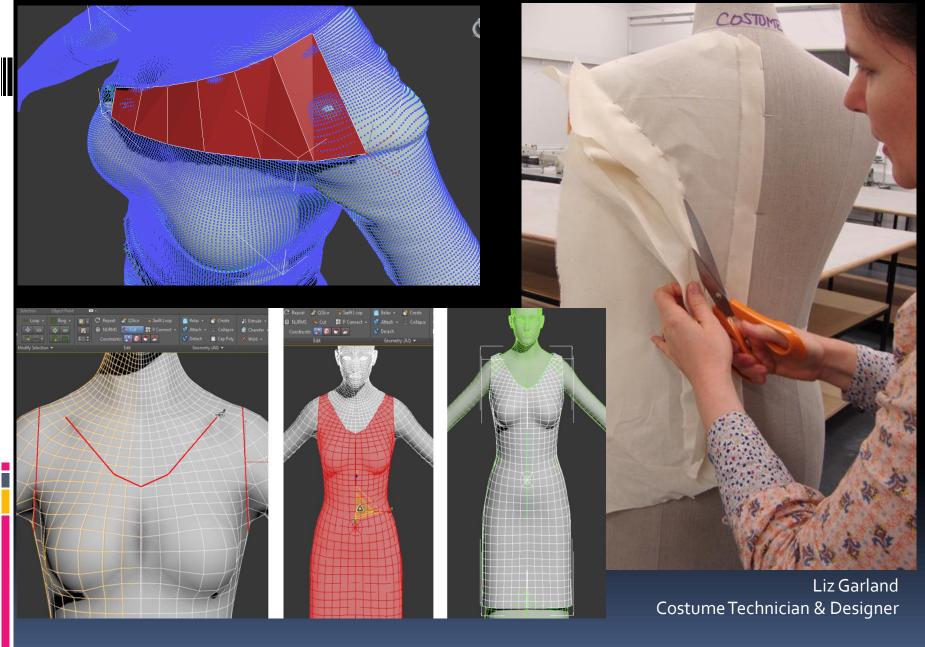
Costume Design Student's Digital 3D illustrations In Autodesk Mudbox

Phase 1: Exploratory research presentation at the Postgraduate research symposium-School of Art, Design & Architecture

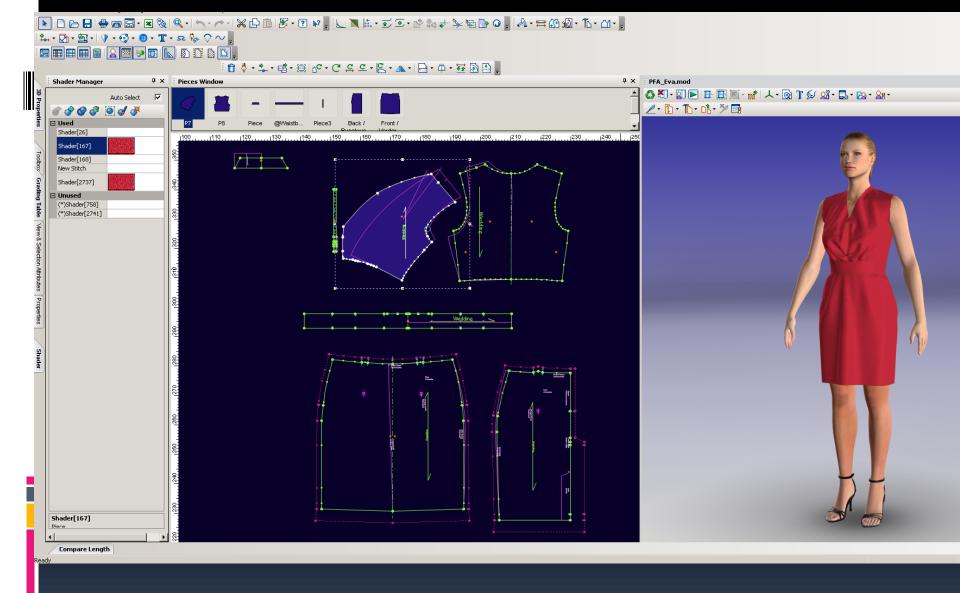




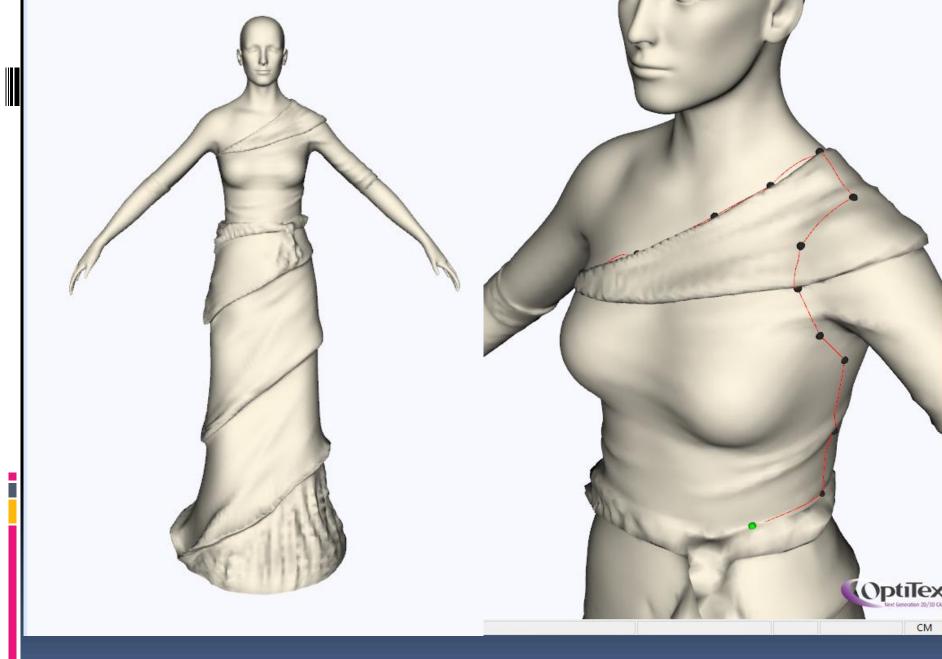
Can video game production tools be used create makeable patterns for clothing ?

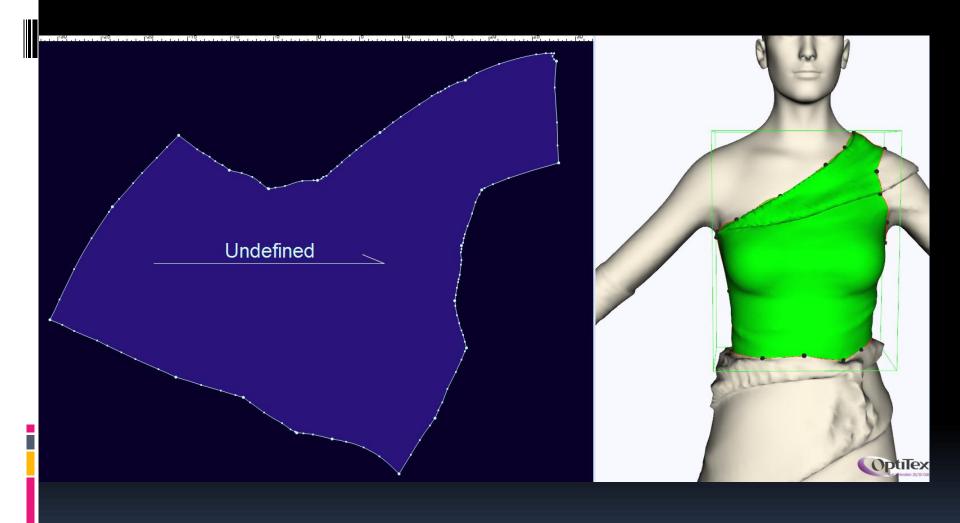


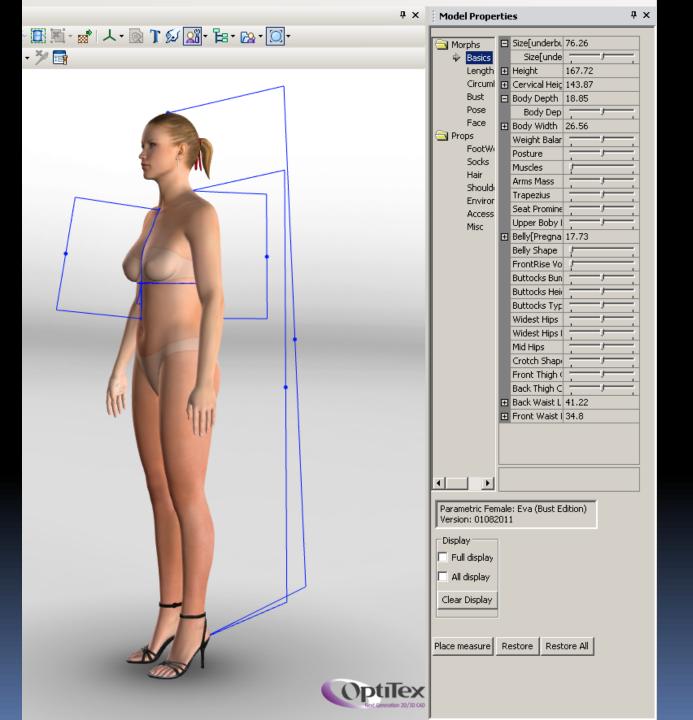
Exploratory research found overlapping methods and practice between games production And Costume design sculpting cloth and working on the stand.

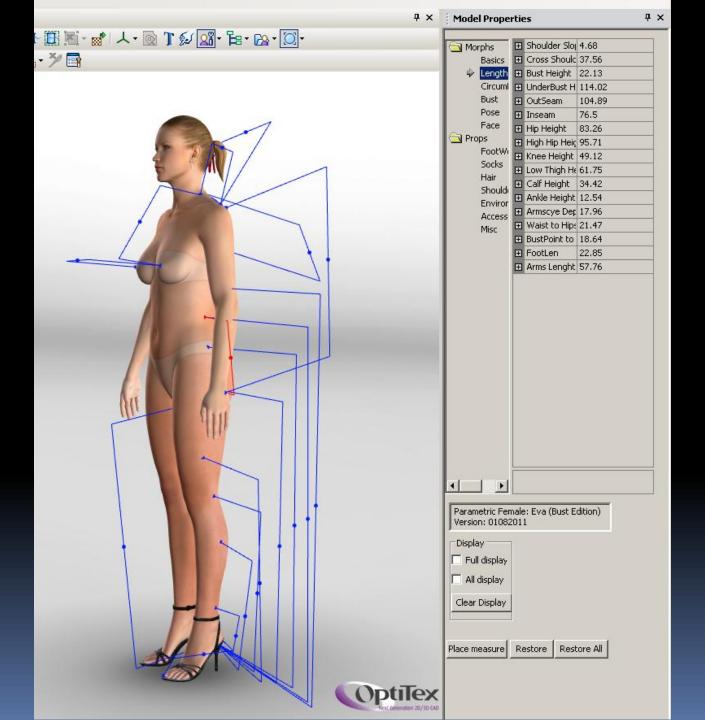


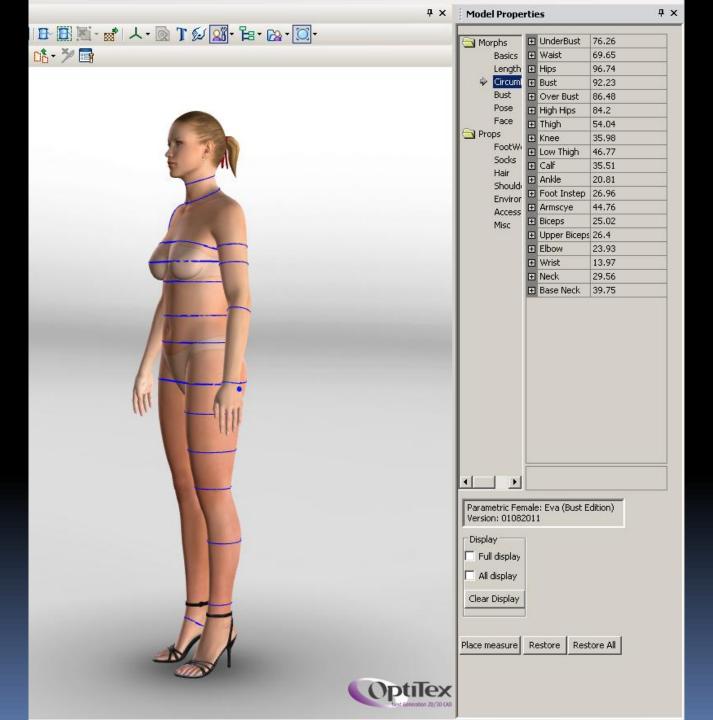
ASSYST BULLMER & OPTITEX - GEOFF WARD: 3D pattern design and garment construction

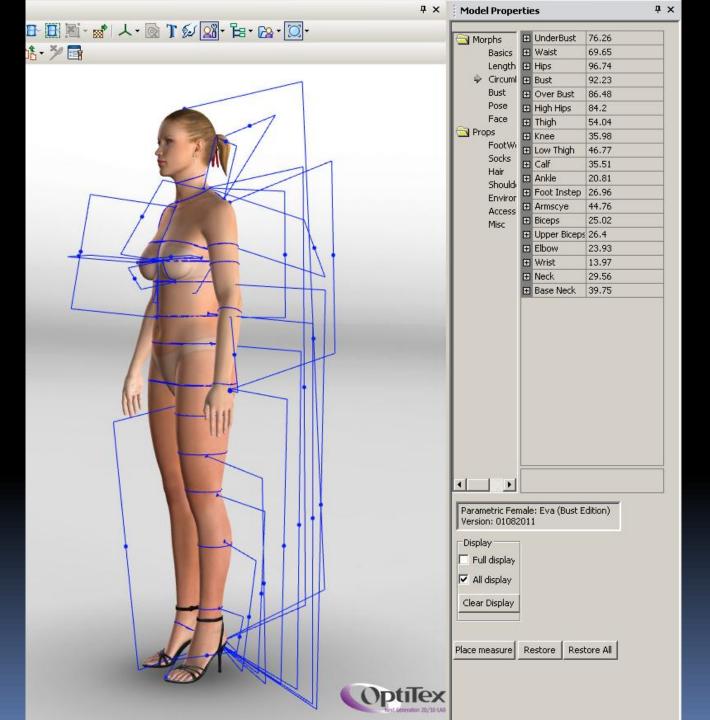


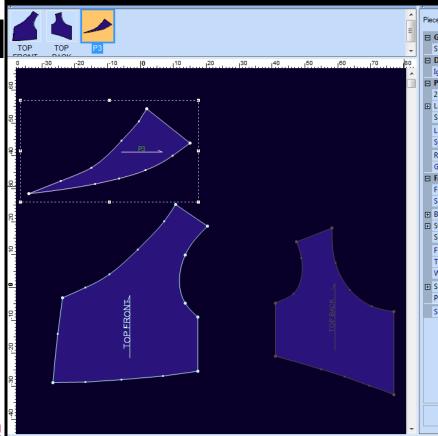


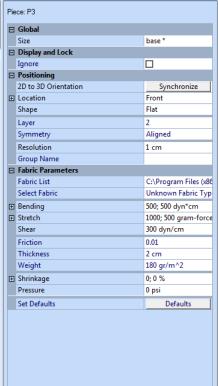




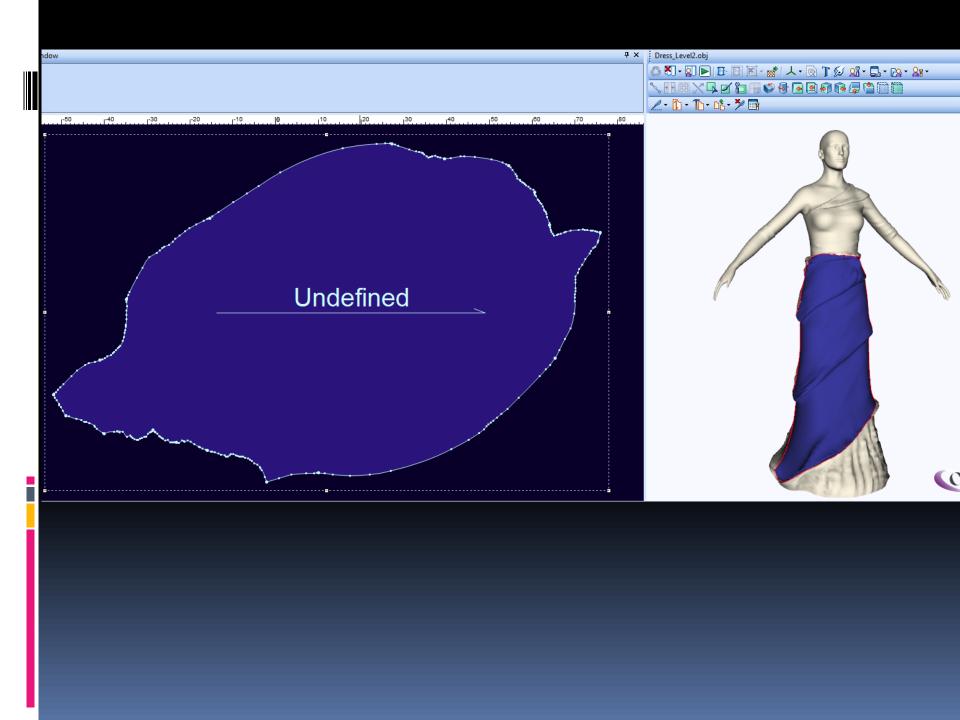


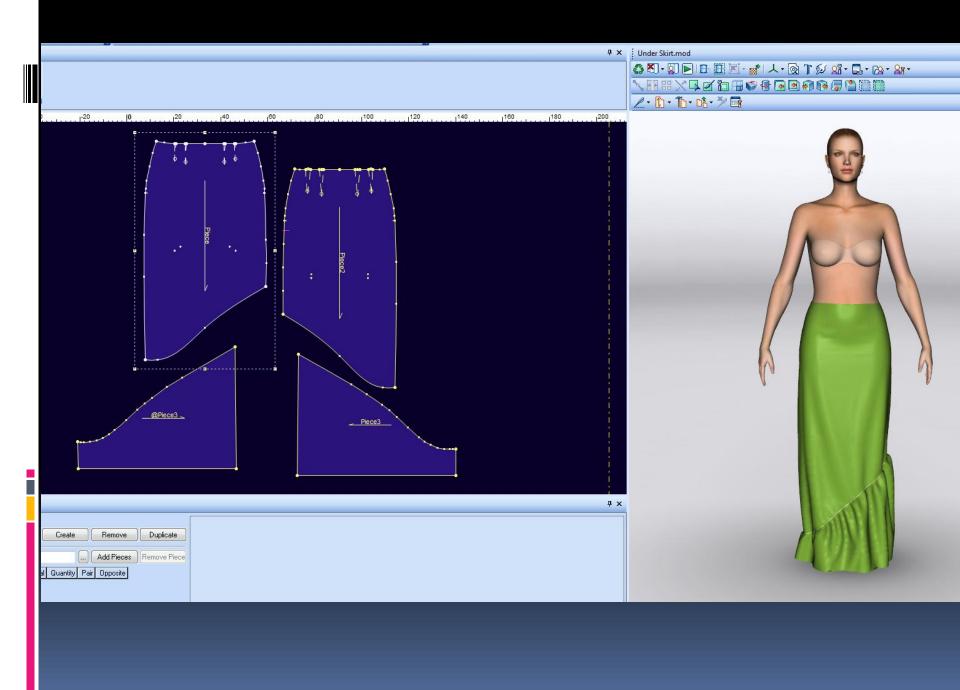


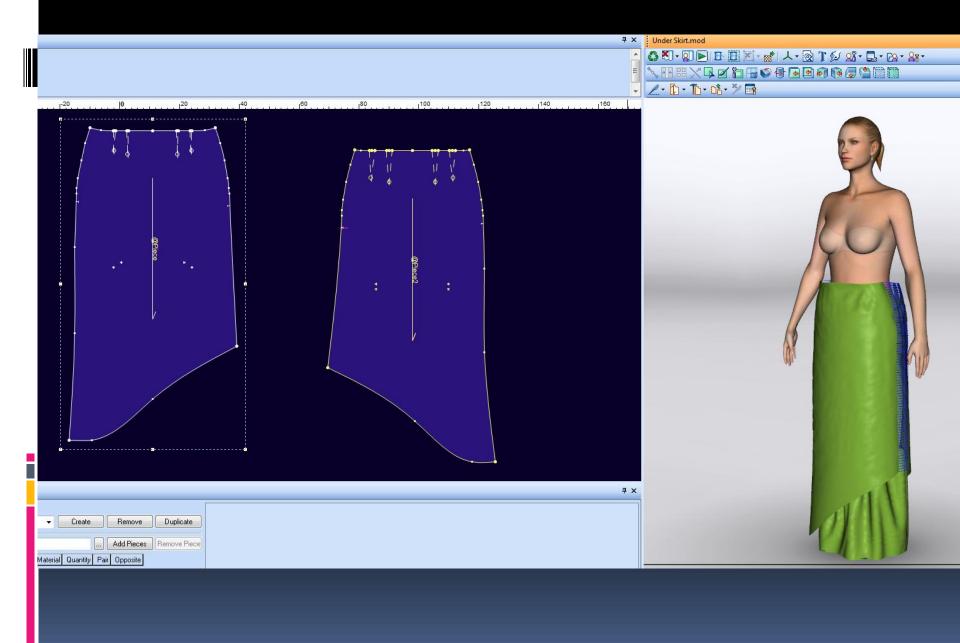


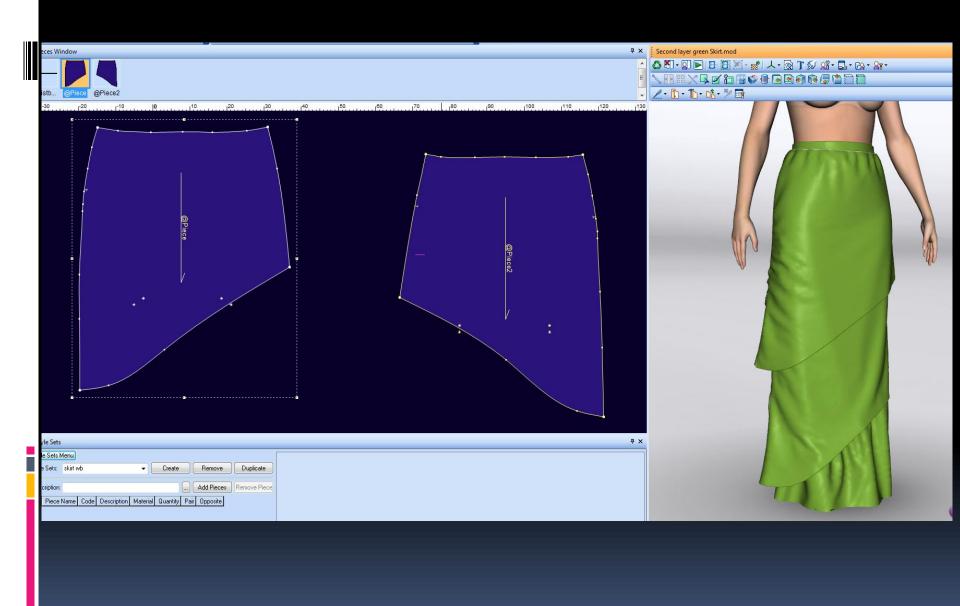


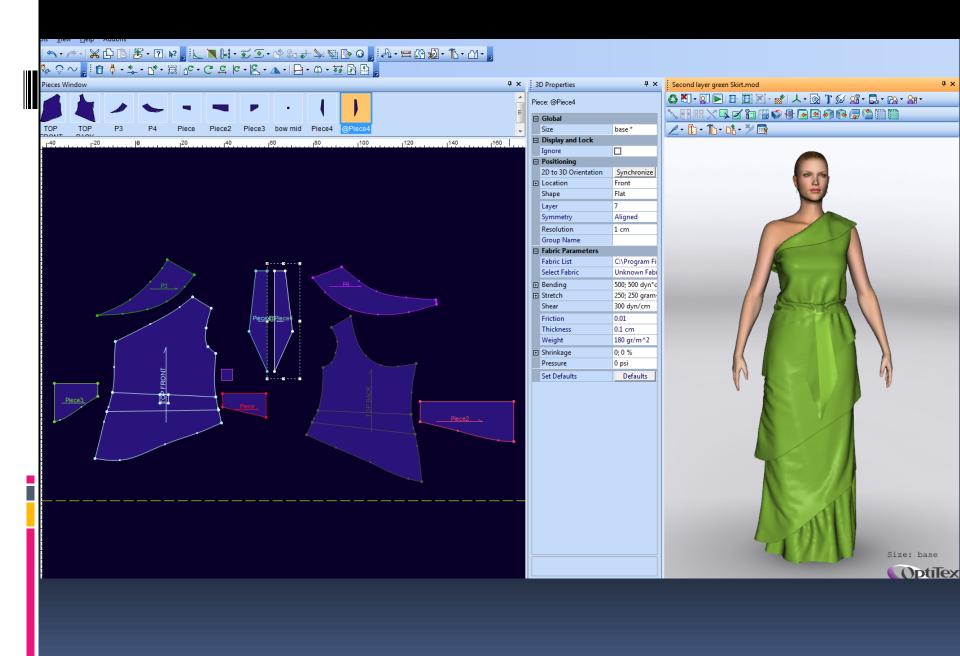










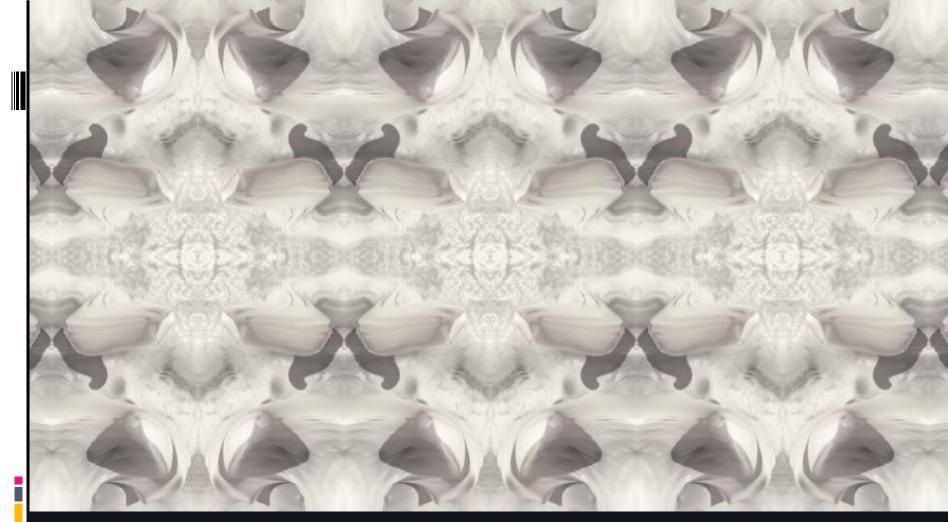




3D sketch imported from Mudbox to Optitex

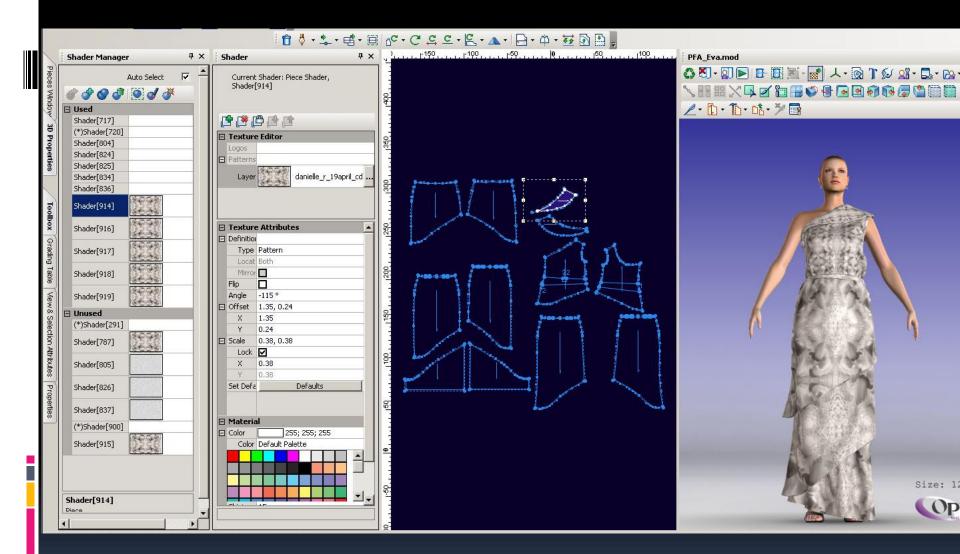


Patterns & Dress constructed in Optitex

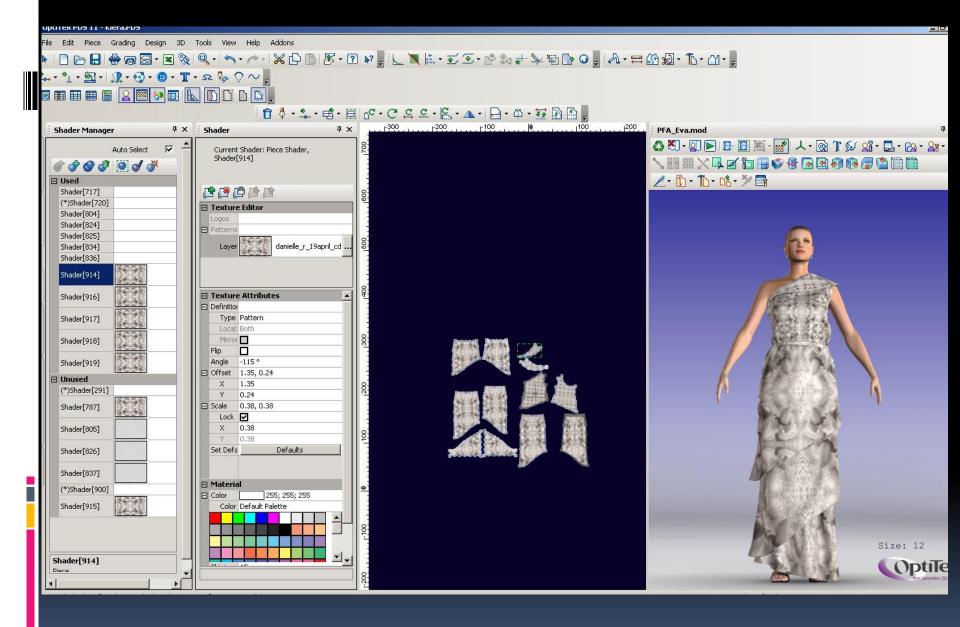


Surface design final year student 3D visual merchandising tegular product designed in Mudbox digital clay modelling software converted into a 2D/3D digital print repeat on silk twill using AVA print design software.

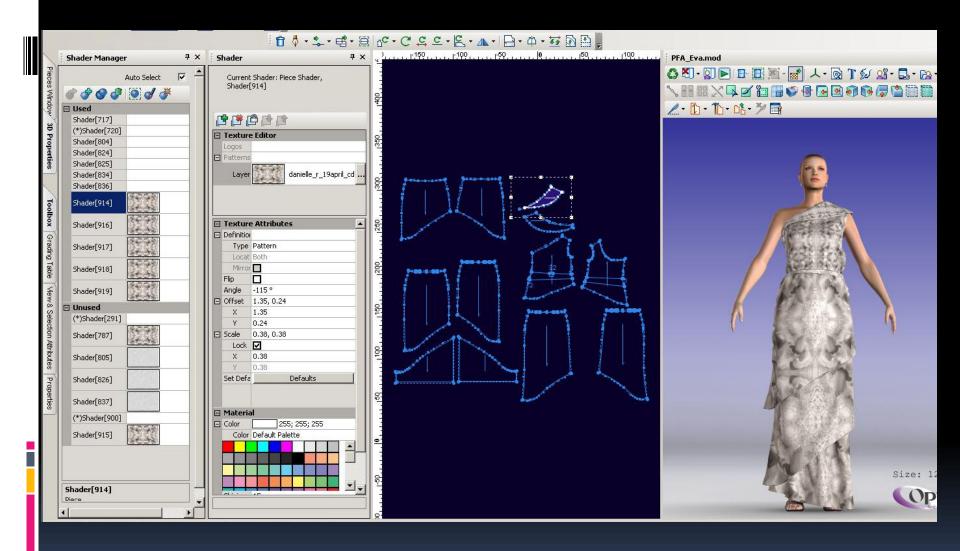
Print repeat - Imported into Optitex pattern design software for accurate print placement on patterns & visualisation on 3D model



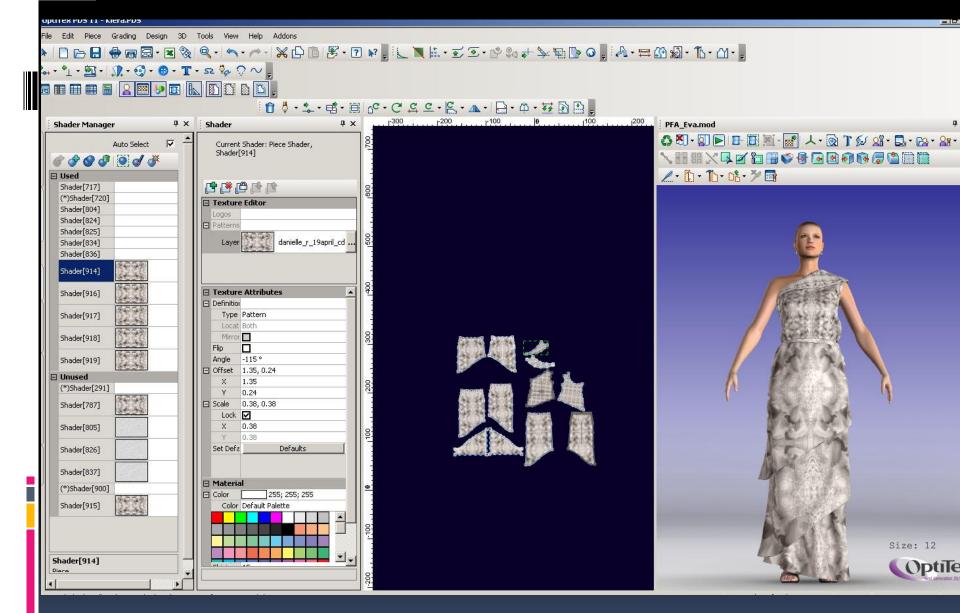
2D & 3D Pattern design



2D and 3D Print placement and adjustment: size and rotation



Pattern design 2D patterns & 3D virtual sample.



2D and 3D Print placement and adjustment



Virtual toile 1:

3D virtual sample designed from costume illustration in MudboX





Toile 2: Virtual patterns and 3D sample adjusted and re-designed in Optitex. Patterns plotted from Optitex - Patterns cut and re-designed during physical sampling & toile processes on a live fit model creating a exact fitted asymmetrical skirt and top for the live model.













Conclusions:

- Through Univeristy TALI funding this research has explored and identified trans-disciplinary approaches and methods for digital concept, pattern modelling, patterns extraction from sculpted 3D models using integrated 3D technologies in Costume & Fashion Design.
- A Practice based research approach has guided the researchers to evaluate the effectiveness of 3D digital sculpting software: ZBrush, Mudbox, polygon modelling software 3D Studio Max, Maya and 3D/2D pattern design software such as Optitex.
- Digitally sculpting tools for 3D concept creation were evaluated with a group of BA Costume design students, digital moulage, developing colour palletes, and texturing the surface of a digital human character or model
- Integrated creative (Industry and Education) collaborative thinking and practice has contributed to developing learning and teaching innovations and industry technology relationships.
- Further work proposed will analyse these experiences to develop themes to propose effective intergration into the Fashion & Textiles (also inc. costume, surface, craft) BA & MA programmes.

thankyou for everything:

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Photography:

Shazia Ahmed: MA Fashion Design