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Abstract:

The textile industry stands at the precipice of a revolutionary transformation, poised to embrace the principles of circular economy and zero waste. In this presentation, we introduce a groundbreaking approach to textile manufacturing that reimagines the entire lifecycle of clothing, from production to reuse. While most textile and circularity projects focus on material innovation, we will reimagine how clothes are produced and designed from the outset, leveraging deep tech hardware innovation.

Traditional textile recycling methods often involve energy-intensive processes of mechanical or chemical disassembly, compromising the integrity of the original fibers. Our innovative solution proposes a paradigm shift: creating seamless garments that maintain yarn integrity throughout their lifecycle. This approach allows for direct unwinding and reuse of yarns, significantly reducing waste and energy consumption in the recycling process. This aligns better with the principles of design, where all components of something retain their value indefinitely.

At the heart of this revolution is Vega, our proprietary 3D weaving machine. Vega represents the culmination of years of research and development, designed to produce clothing that is not only stylish and functional but also inherently hyper-circular. By eliminating seams and preserving yarn structure, Vega-produced garments can be easily deconstructed, with yarns returned directly to spools for immediate reuse in new creations.

This paper will delve into the technical aspects of our 3D weaving technology, exploring how it facilitates easier design for disassembly and yarn recovery. We will discuss the potential impact of this technology on the textile industry, including reduced material waste, lower energy consumption in recycling processes, and the creation of a truly circular textile economy. We will examine a few case studies of this manufacturing being used for product that is sold in the market both through unspun and partner brands.

Furthermore, we will examine the broader implications of this technology for sustainable manufacturing practices across industries. Our vision extends beyond textiles, imagining a world where all products are designed with circular reuse in mind, leading to a hyper-circular economy that minimizes waste and maximizes resource efficiency.

By revolutionizing how we produce and recycle textiles, we are not just addressing the symptoms of waste in the fashion industry; we are reimagining the entire system and taking a significant step towards a zero-waste, circular future.