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Serious game for occupational health: can new technology help to prevent musculoskeletal disorders?

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Project

It is a European project involving French and Swiss universities and companies:

- **Universities:**

- ✓ Haute école de l'Arc (CH),
- ✓ Université de Technologie de Belfort-Montbéliard (FR),

- **Video game companies:**

- ✓ Shine research (FR),
- ✓ Witchlake studio (CH).

- **Institute for Market Research and Marketing Support:**

- ✓ Decryptis (FR),

- **Companies and experimental sites:**

- ✓ PSA – site de Sochaux (FR),
- ✓ AEE – sites d'Audincourt et Burnhaupt (FR),
- ✓ Compagnie des Montres Longines – site de St Imier (CH),
- ✓ Audemars-Piguet – site du Brassus (CH).



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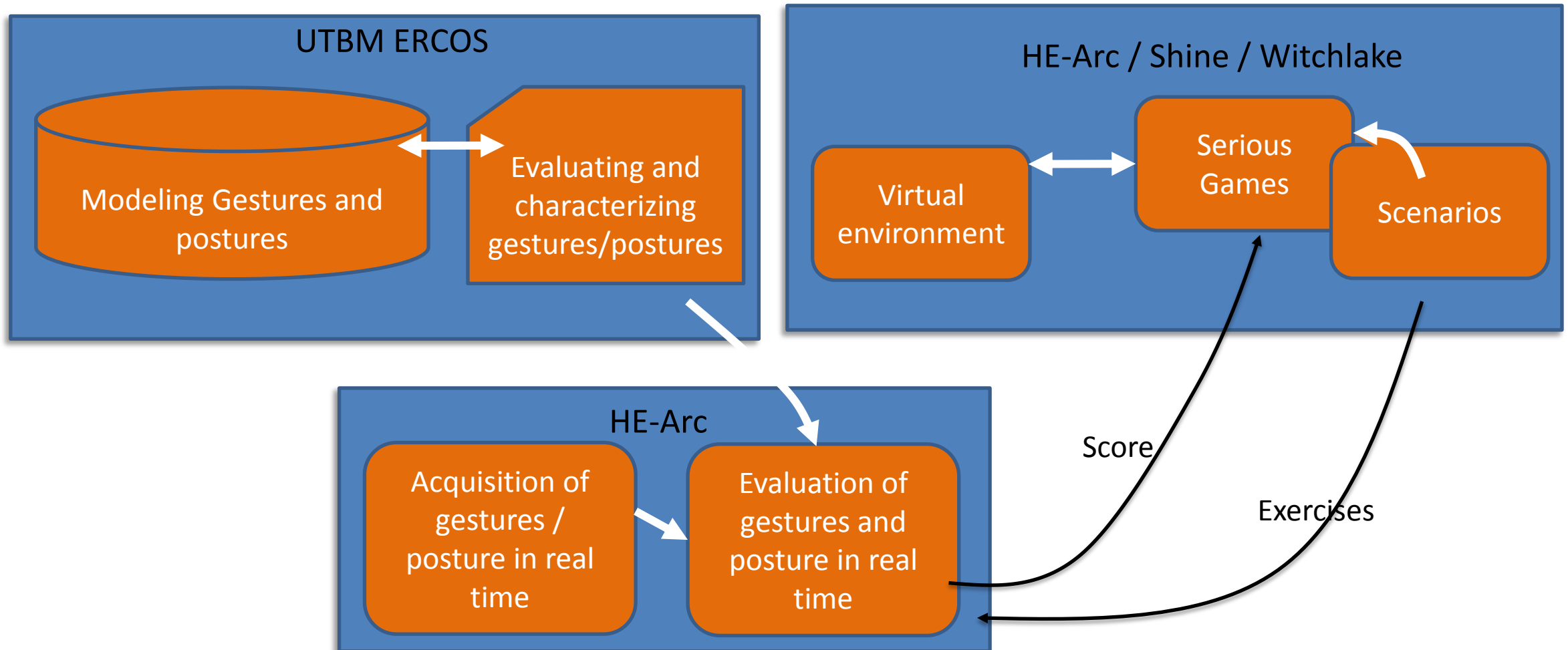
- The aim is to develop a virtual video game, on which the operators can train to find the right strategies and practices to perform the industrial tasks.
- The SG will be a complementary tool for existing solutions, and it will help to have a sustainable prevention program of musculoskeletal disorders.

Definitions :

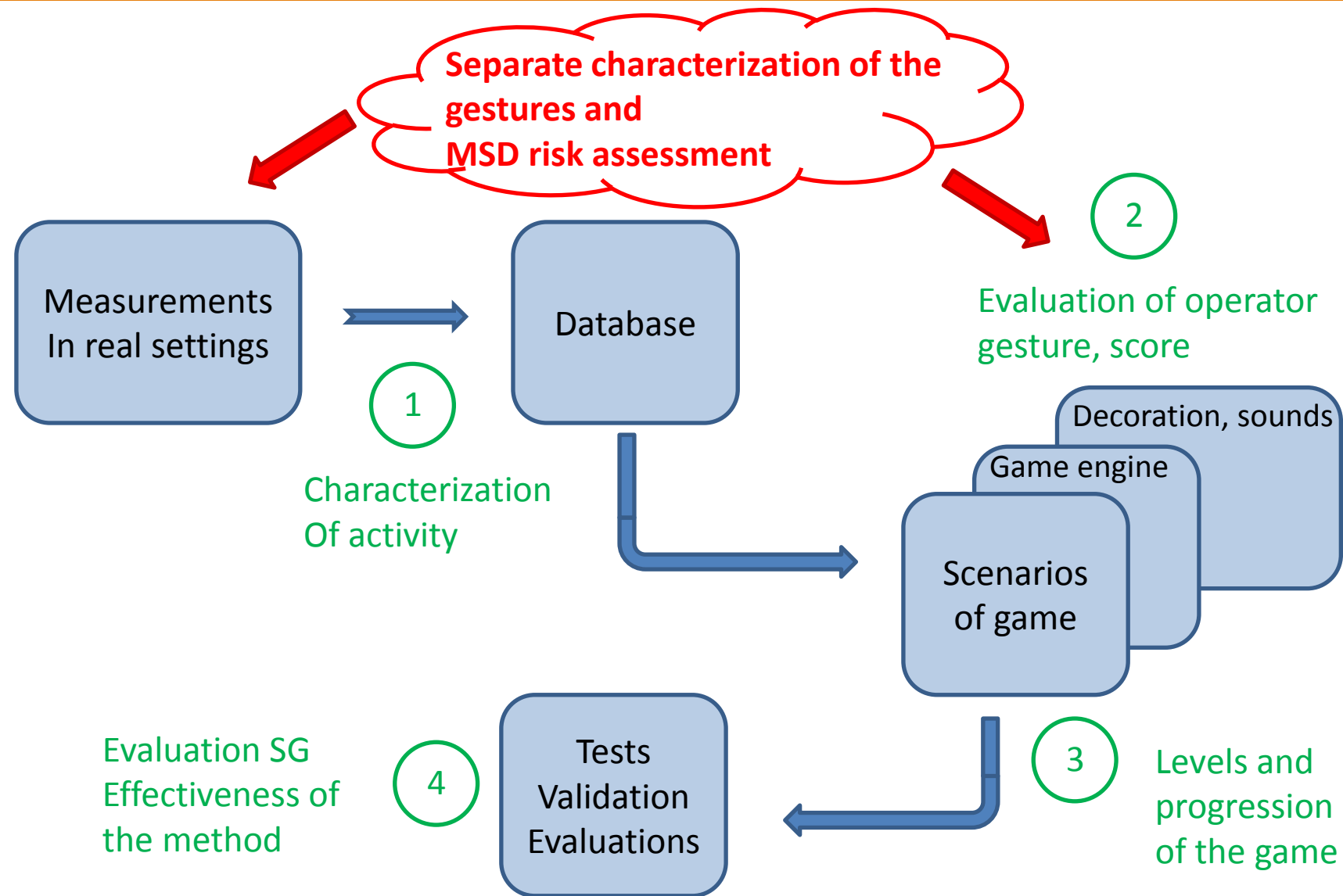
- Serious Game :
video game combines serious intent (in this case MSD) in a playful setting.
- Musculoskeletal disorders



Global Approach



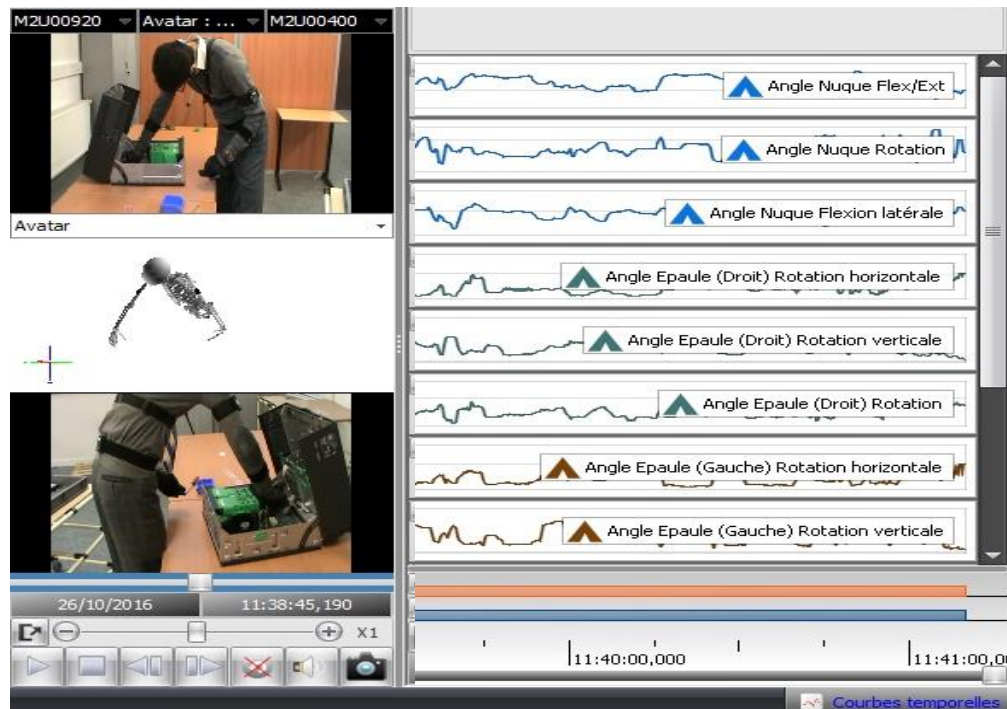
Data management



Measurements

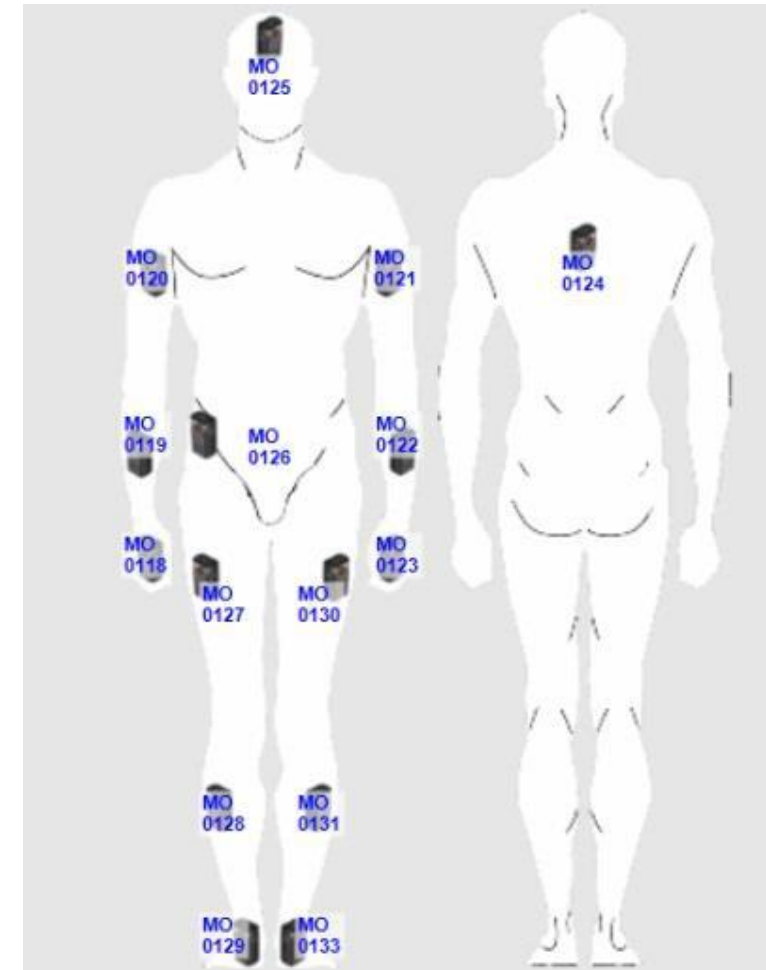
The project start with the measurements in several industrial settings in France and Switzerland, in the automotive and watchmaking sectors.

The goal is to build a database for the future game so that it would be as much as possible relevant and realistic.



Detail of measurements

- Questionnaires (Roquelaure et al 2006; Zare et al 2015)
 - MSD symptoms (Nordic questionnaire)
 - Borg scale
 - KARASEK
- MOCAP: sensors on the body (Zare et al 2017)
 - Neck: 3 (flex / ext, abd / add, rot)
 - Trunk: 3 (flex / ext, abd / add, rot)
 - Shoulders: 3 (flex / ext, abd / add, rot)
 - Elbows: 2 (flex / ext, pro / sup)
 - Wrists: 2 (flex / ext, abd / add)
- Measurements EMG of the muscles of the hand (watchmakers) (Gaudez et al 2015)
- Measurements of the physical working environment

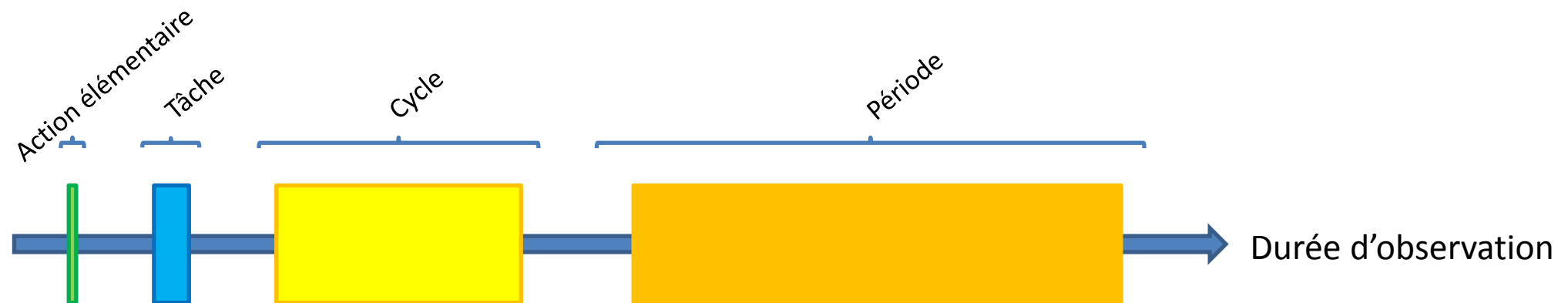


Activity analysis

- Sequencing the activity, as well as the associated chronogram based on data from the biomechanical measurements and video recordings
(10 workstations and 5 subjects AEE; 4 operations and 5 subjects Longine; ~7 workstations and 5 subjects PSA; ...)

Action	Début	Fin	Type	Durée
prise PC	41,72	45,88	P	4,16
portage PC	45,92	50,88	F	4,96
déplacement chariot	50,92	61,92	P	11
dépose PC	61,96	70,96	F	9

- Characterizing movements of each action, task or cycle and comparisons between actions, cycles, workstations, operators (Zare et al 2016; Gaudiez et al 2016)



Activity analysis

Categories of activities to be analyzed

- Sedentary static workstation, with reduced mobility of the arms (Watchmaking)
- Standing static workstation: reduced amplitude, operators work on a static part, and move on a space of 1 to 2 meters. (Automotive)
- Standing dynamic workstation: large amplitude, operators follow production and move at same time with vehicle (moving 3 to 6 meters), then back to take next production (Automotive)
- Common features:
 - repetitive tasks, cycle time from 45 " to 2 minutes, for a period of 1 to 2 hours.

Activity analysis

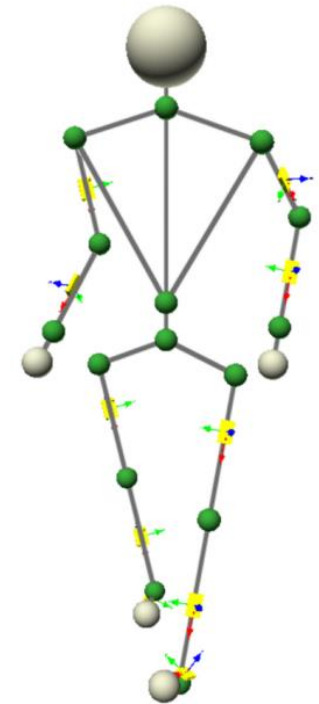
Different types of activity:

- F: activity with heavy effort – material handling, clipping, embedding...
- P: Activity requires precision - screwing, watchmaking activities, polishing, retouching...
- M: Handling and movement - take a tool, an object, ...
- R: rest – time between two cycles, assembly parts or waiting for logistics (recovery time)

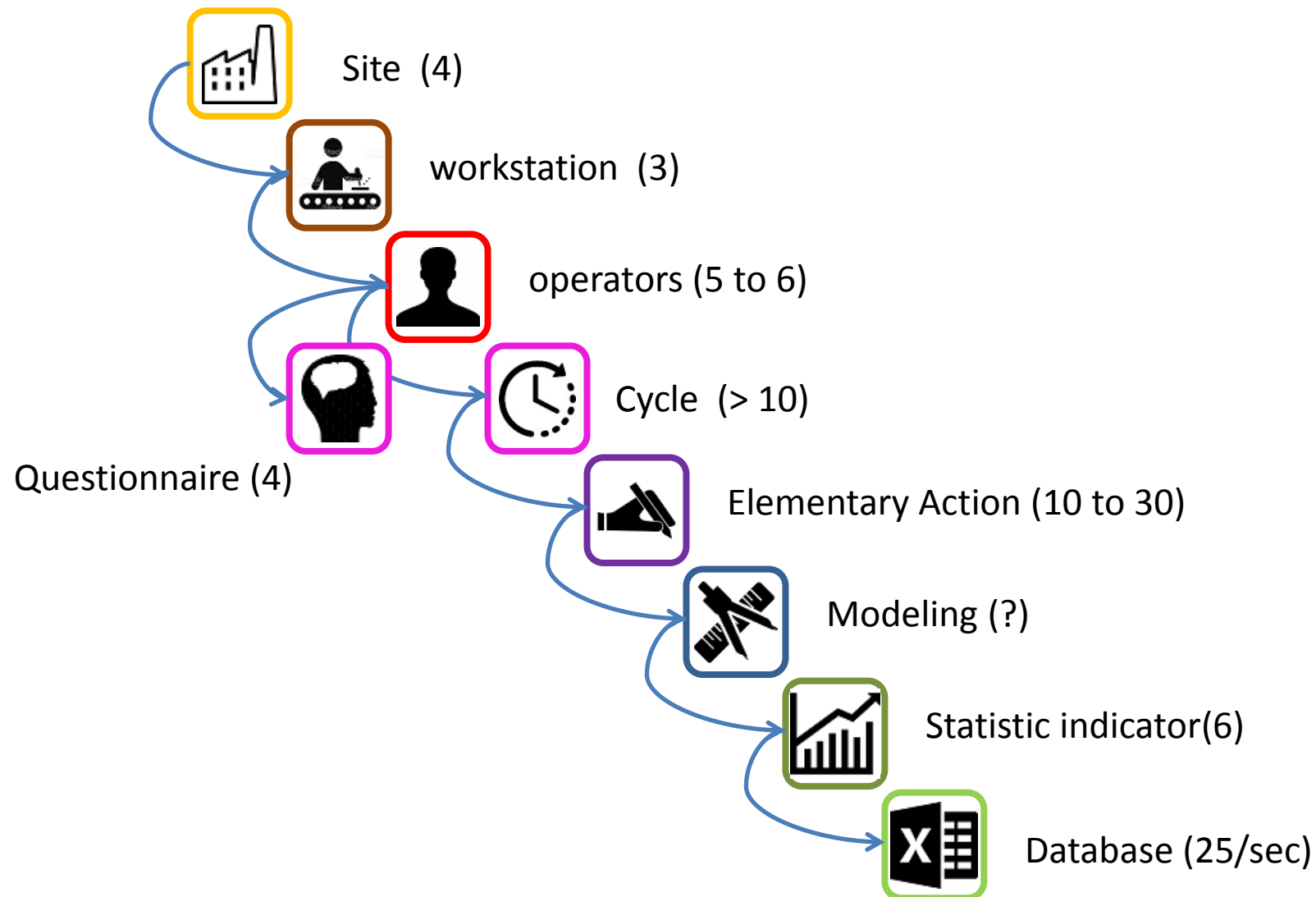
Summary of activity analysis

Measured Characteristics

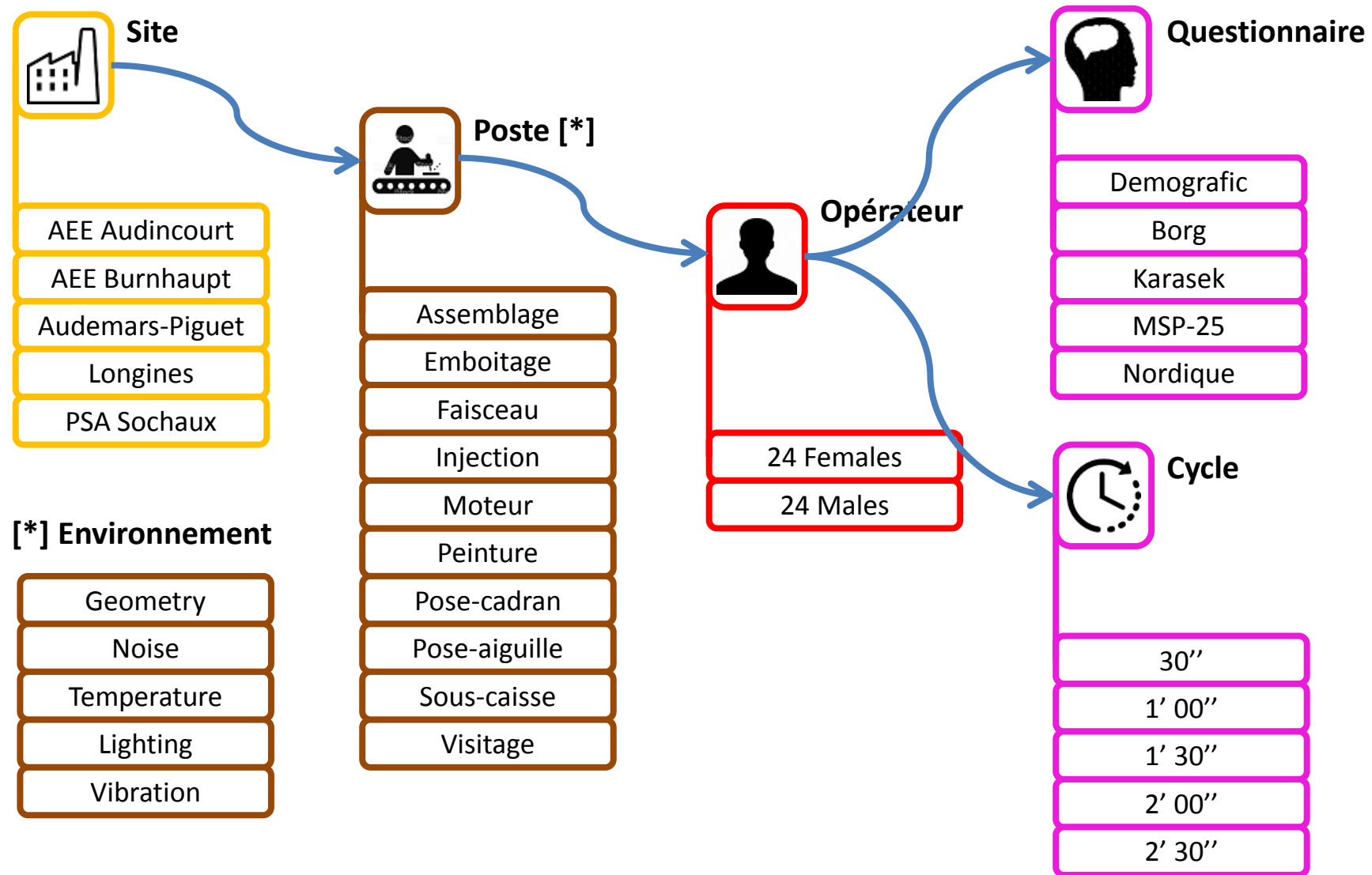
- Upper limbs :
 - 20 angles, 8 body parts, 3 limbs, 1 individual
 - Individuals and populations
- Categories:
 - Type: force / precision / movement / rest
- Timing of activity:
 - Duration of action / cycle
 - Repetition of gesture
- Risk prioritization (ISO standard):
 - 3-level model: low / moderate / high



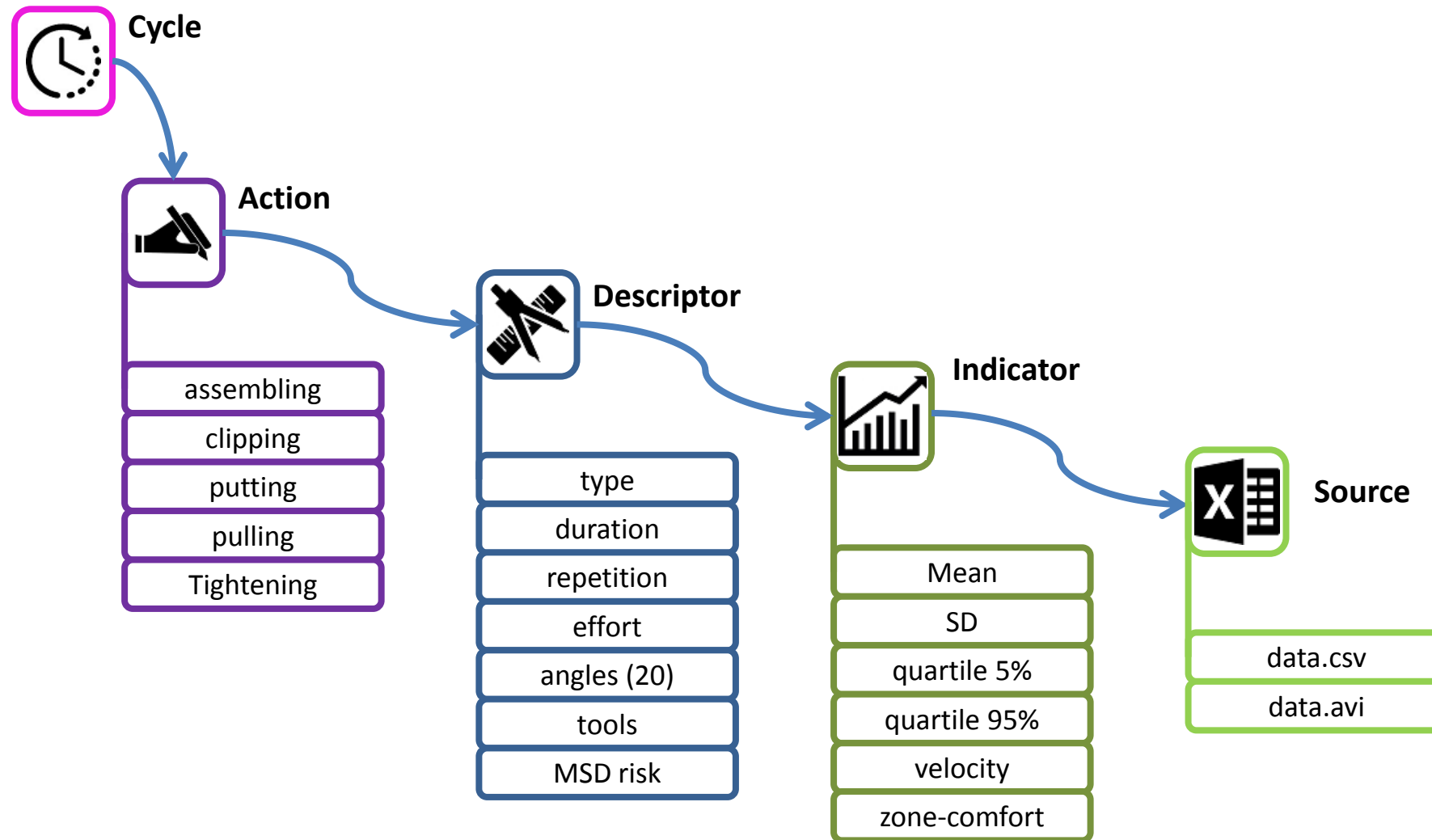
Summary of data collection



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Measurements of the physical environment factors

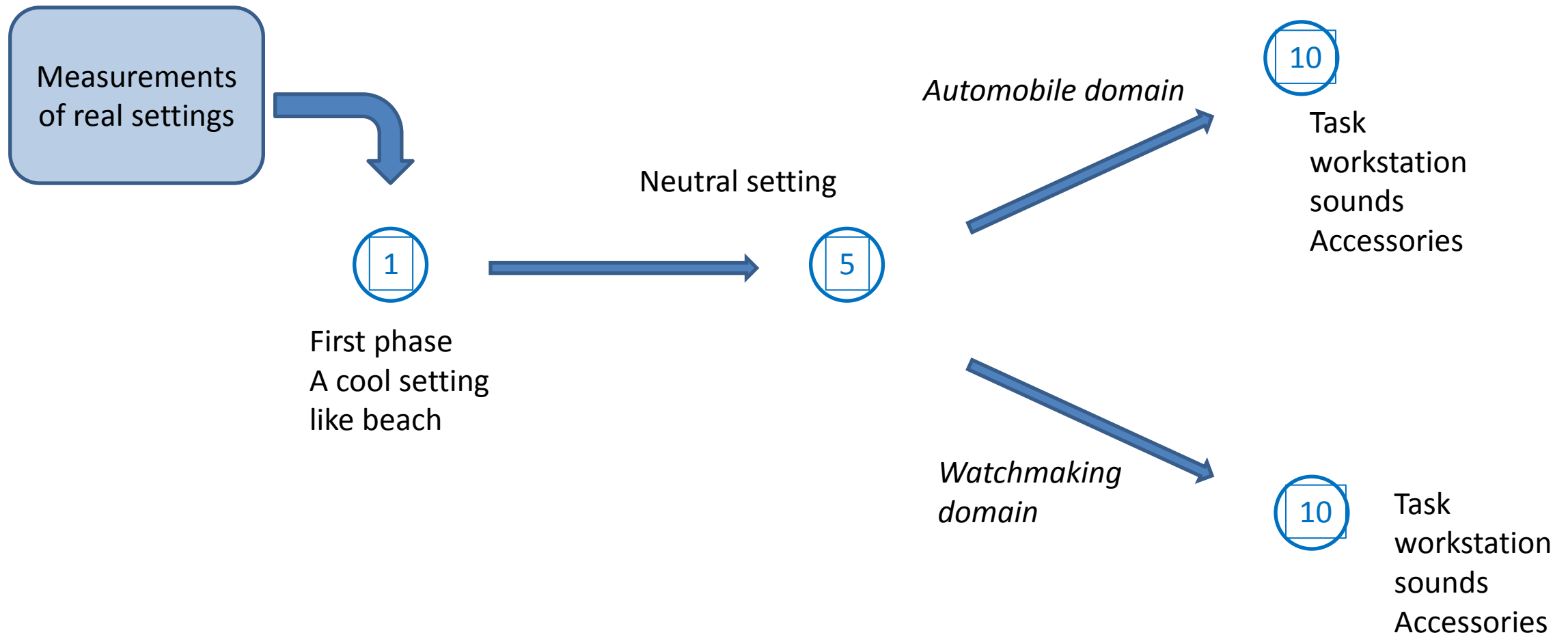
objectives

- Provide information for the digital setting of the game;
- Identify possible risk factors for MSD.

Methods of measurements:

- Workstation dimensions: Measure the main dimensions of the workstations and work areas in order to properly characterize the geometry, the architecture of the workstations.
- Lighting: Measure illumination and luminance at various workstation and locations.
- Sonometry and dosimetry measurements
- Vibration measurement

Evolution of the game - about 10 levels



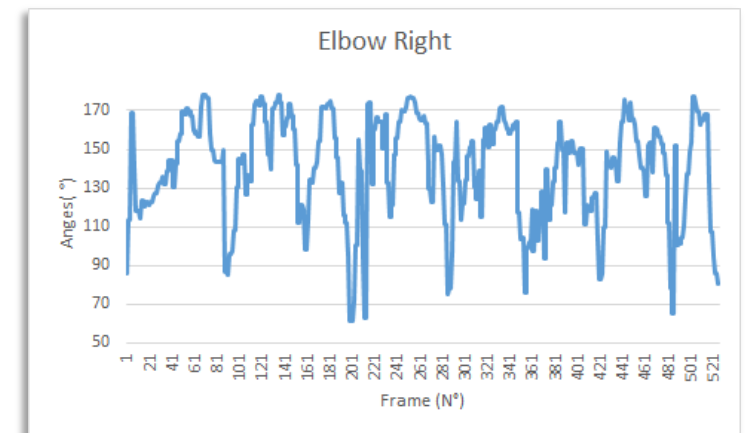
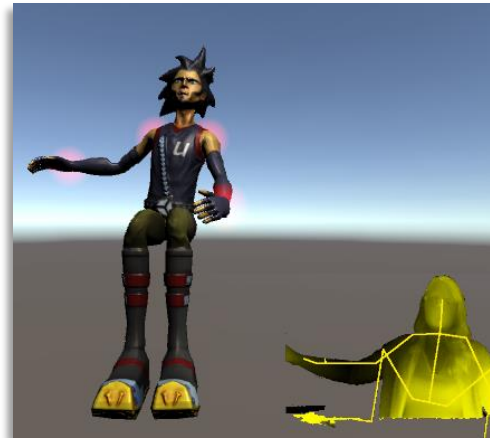
Technological implementation of the Serious Game

- Real-time acquisition of gestures and posture
 - Non-intrusive technology to maximize immersion
 - "Portable" technology for high flexibility
 - Multi-scale acquisition: gestures with large amplitude (shoulders, arms, etc.) + micro gestures (fingers)
 - Performance constraints (real time)
- Evaluation of gestures and postures
 - Algorithms for matching gestures and postures: models versus real-time acquisition
 - Multi-level matching (segments, limbs, individual)
 - Consideration of the temporal dimension: trajectory of the gesture
 - Merging different levels and factors into an overall score

Technological implementation of the Serious Game

Analysis of gesture and postural acquisition in SG

- Kinect for «macro" gestures
- Leap Motion for «micro" gestures
- Format Conversion (Mocap versus Kinect)



Thank you very much ! 😊

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