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Acceptability of new assistance technologies the case of exoskeletons

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State of research at INRS



- Physiological consequences
 - Laboratory experiments





- Acceptability of exoskeletons
 - Questionnaire



- Impacts on work situation and collective work
 - Interviews, observations



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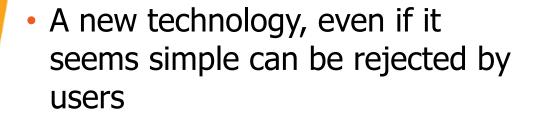






General problematic





- ... while another more complex can be accepted ...
- ... at first ... to be finally rejected



Reasons underlying these situations refer to the question of "acceptability"

- Understand these reasons
 - A way to assess human exoskeleton interaction
 - Health and safety prevention











Acceptability

Faciliting conditions

Ease of use

Affects

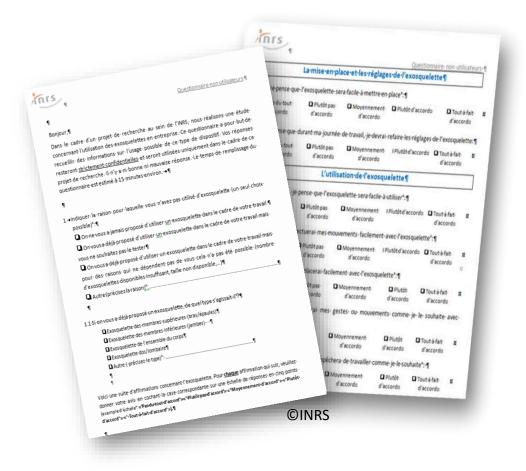


Perf questions expectanci min)

Professionnal and identity issues

Social influence

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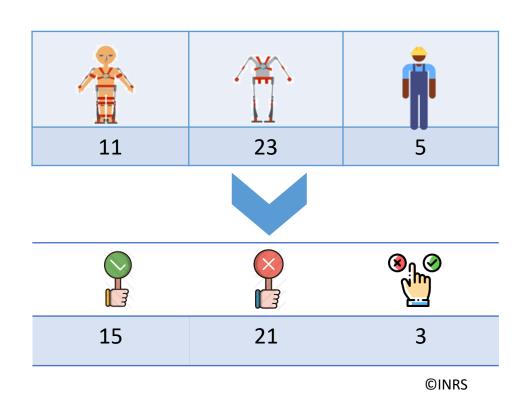






Results organisation

- Respondents (n=39)
- Passive low-back exoskeleton



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Performance expectancy

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→ crucial role



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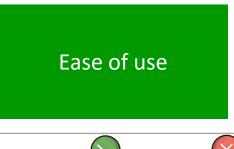








Results « ease of use » & « performance expectancy »



Performance expectancy (with -vs- without exos)

Radjustement	7	×
Ease of use	✓	~
Ease of moving	✓	×
Gesture control	~	✓
Ease of walking	✓	×
Feeling of impediment	✓	×
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To keep in mind

- Acceptance is dependent on several dimensions
- Incomplete knowledge about the weight of dimensions ... but
 - Operators who accept to use occupational exoskeletons have positive opinions for almost all factors
 - > Exceptions : colleagues point of view or support, development of new competences ... → **not blocking**
 - Operators who refuse to use occupational exoskeletons have nevertheless a majority of positive opinions
 - > Some factors, when they are negatively evaluated, become **blockers** (emerging pain, ease of use, professional identity-competences ...)
- No combination yet formalized





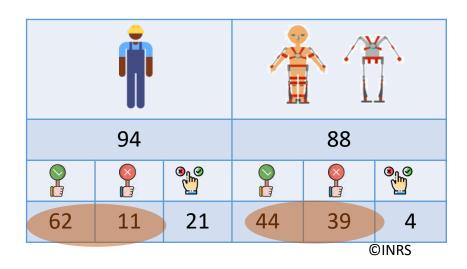






Conclusion and perspectives

- To go further ...
 - Second campaign (n=182)





Additionnal information

- To assess human exoskeleton interaction → health & safety prevention
- To formalize combination
- To put in perspective with the results of the other axes
- ... to be continued













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Thanks for your attention









