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# Mirion Unmanned Detection Systems

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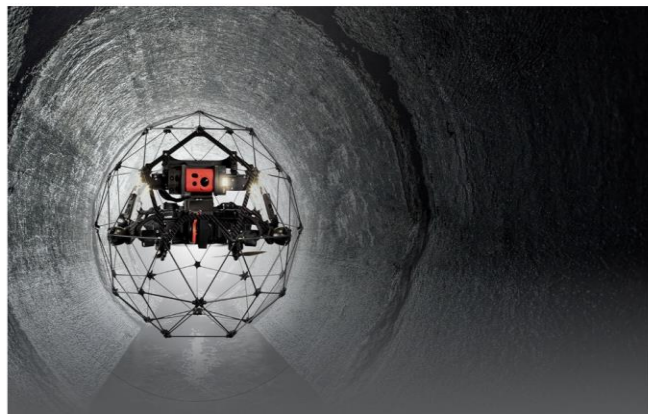
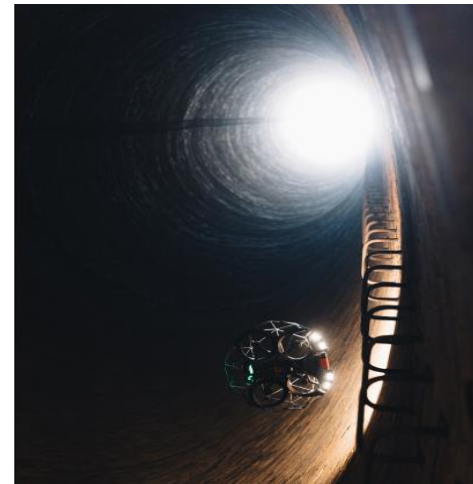
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# Agenda

- Overview
- Elios 3 Indoor Drone - Flyability
- Quadruped Robot – aka SPOT
- Play Time!
  - Walk the dog
  - Find the source
- Open discussion and questions - Anytime



# Unmanned Detection Systems



## Photo Credits:

- Flyability at EDF
- Uni of Bristol at Chernobal
- Flyability at VW Wolfsburg
- NPX at Bruce Power
- Flyability at Chernobal
- Gamma Reality at Surry



# Part I: Overview



# Overview

- Identified the need for unmanned detection systems in the market
- Useful in Decontamination and Decommissioning, Security and 1<sup>st</sup> response, Power plant operations, etc.
- Focus on personnel safety – ALARA
- Need for Manual and Autonomous operations



# Part II: Elios 3 Indoor Drone

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**SAFE DRONES**  
**FOR INACCESSIBLE PLACES**

**Elios 3 RAD**





The background image is a dark, industrial scene. In the foreground, there are large, broken concrete blocks and debris. In the background, a small, illuminated, dome-shaped robot or structure is visible, emitting a bright light. The overall atmosphere is dark and industrial.

No more humans doing dangerous jobs.

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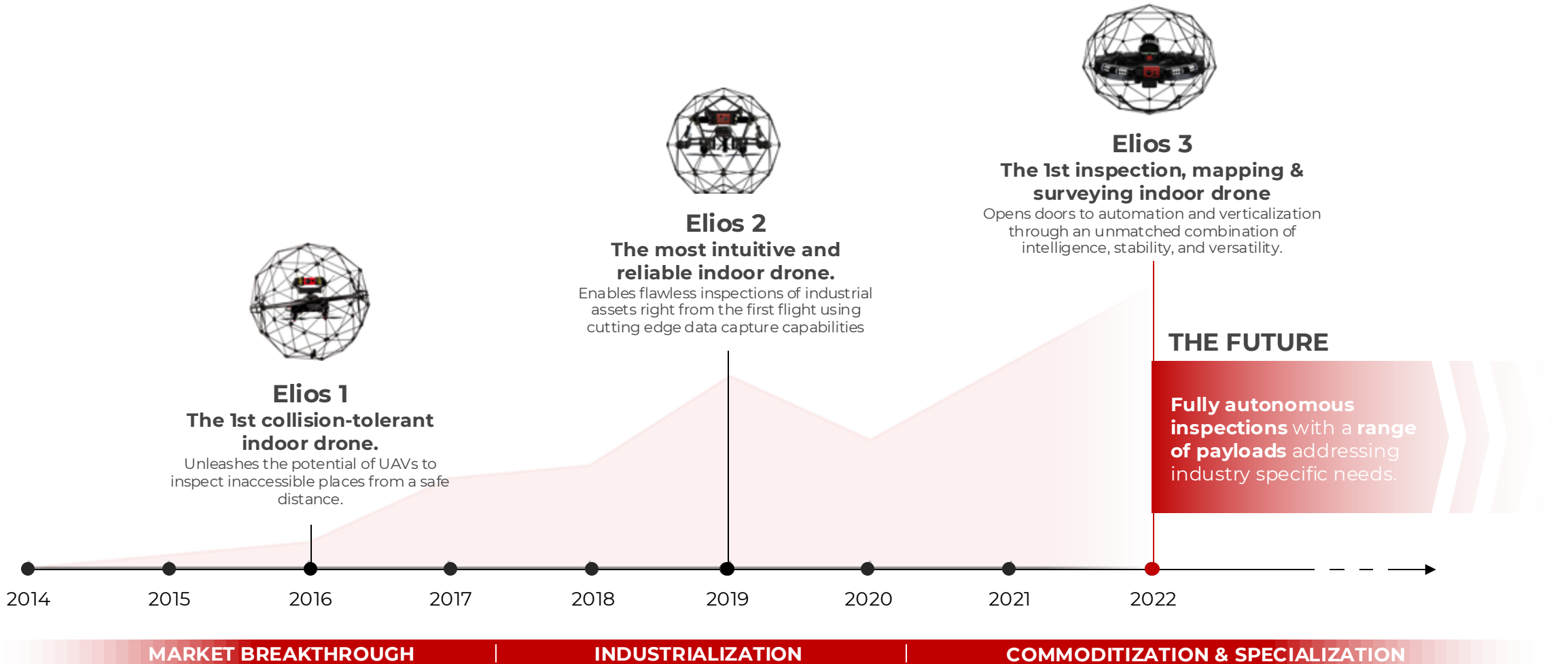
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## **Send robots instead of humans to gather visual data in dangerous, hard-to-reach places**

Established in 2014, Flyability has pioneered and continues to lead the innovation in the commercial indoor drone space. The company is dedicated to intense R&D and is the driving force behind the progressive adoption of drone-based technology, as an alternative to traditional visual inspections methods.

# From a pioneer of drone-enabled inspection to a **global industrial leader**.



# Take the guesswork out of maintenance operations in a safe, fast, and economical Way



## IMPROVE SAFETY

Avoid confined spaces entry, radiation exposure and work at height during inspections



## REDUCE DOWNTIMES

Turn days of asset downtime into hours.



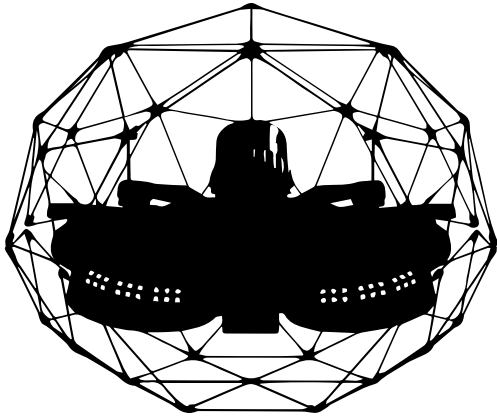
## LOWER COST

Save your financial resources for where they're really necessary.



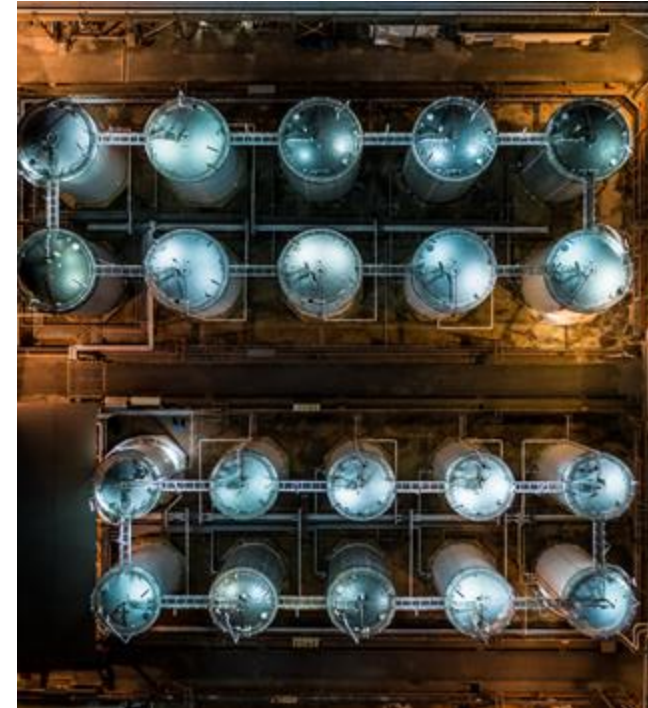
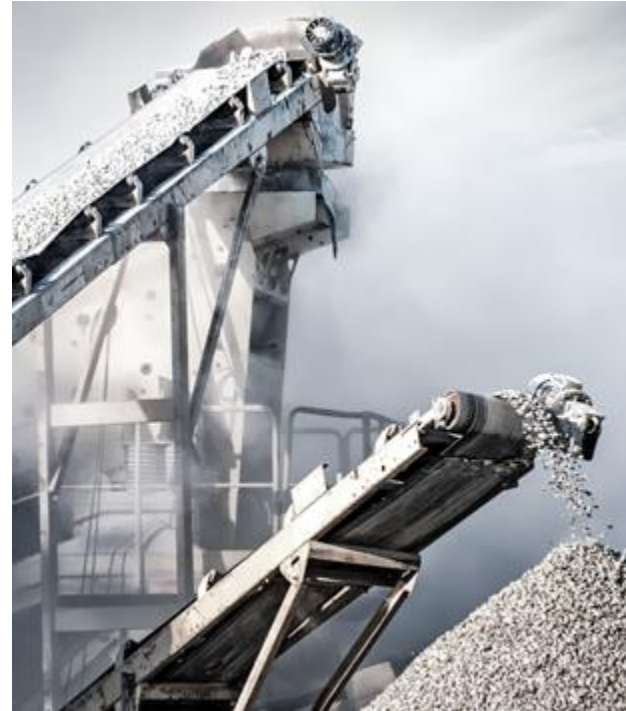


**100,000+** flights  
**2000+** drones



**Across the most challenging industries**

Chemicals, Cement, Power Generation, Infrastructure & Utilities, Mining, Oil & Gas...



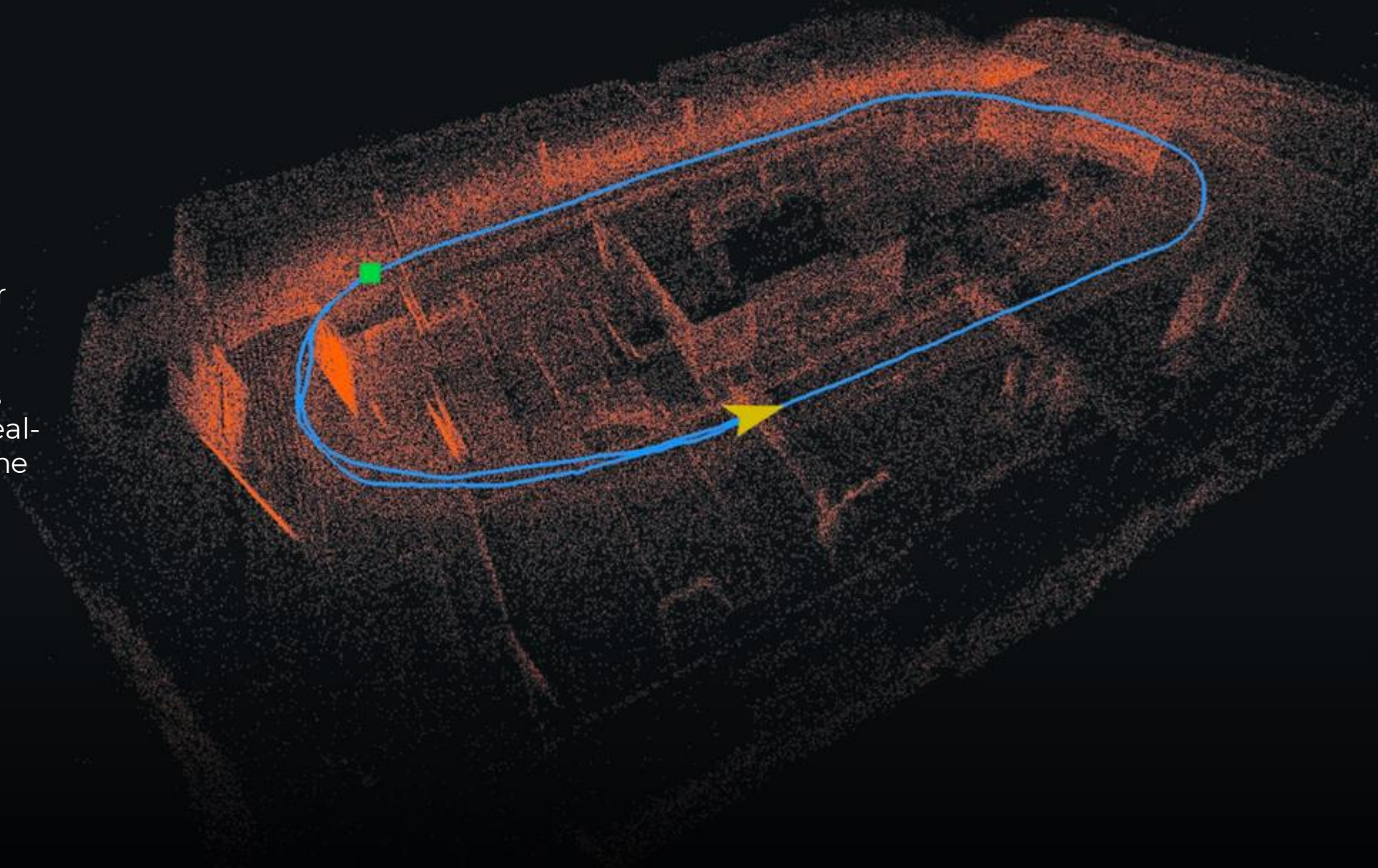




## FLYWARE™ SLAM ENGINE

### Powered by FlyAware™.

FlyAware™ is the unique combination of computer vision, LiDAR technology, and a powerful NVidia graphic engine. Acting as an indoor GPS, it builds real-time 3D maps enabling the drone to sense its surroundings instantaneously.





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## ELIOS 3 RAD PAYLOAD

**Remote radiation detection and  
localization  
powered by Mirion Technologies.**

Perform fast & accurate radiation surveying of indoor spaces without human exposure

# Elios 3 RAD Users





# A safe and healthy work environment for your staff is our number one priority

A solution praised by the nuclear industry.



## Used in over 80% US nuclear reactors

Over 80% of US nuclear reactors are equipped with Flyability technology.



## Up to 6-digit savings

Up to 6-digit savings in a single flight achieved repeatedly.



## Successfully Tested

Successfully tested at 10,000 R/H with up to 4,000 R of cumulated dose





## KEY FEATURES

**Much more than a flying dosimeter, Elios 3 and the RAD payload form a powerful radiation surveying tool.**



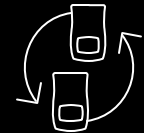
Comprehensive In-Flight  
Radiation Reading



Post-Flight Radiation  
Reading, Localization, and  
Reporting

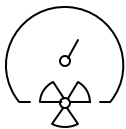


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Detachable and swappable  
sensor





## Comprehensive in-flight radiation reading

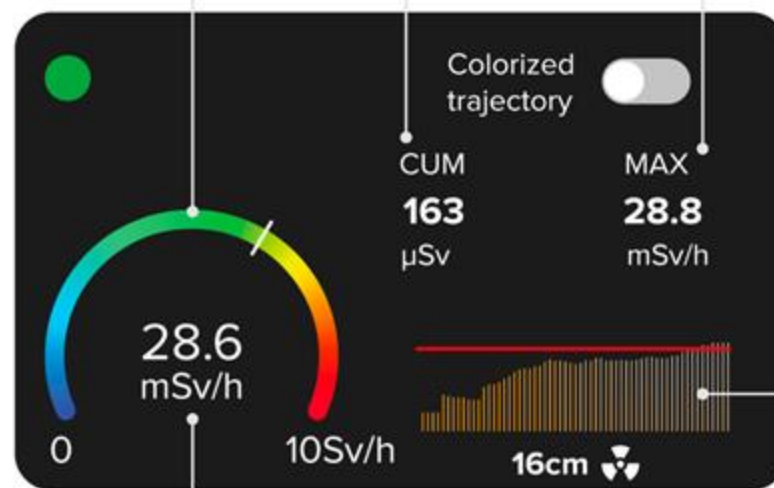
### Instant reading. No exposure.

Get an instant reading of current and cumulative dose rate along with max recorded value and measurement history to understand measurement trends and help you find high radiation sources.

Gauge to show saturation

Cumulative dose of the flight

Max measurement of the flight



Current dose rate

# Comprehensive in-flight radiation reading

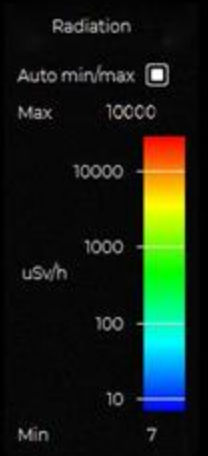
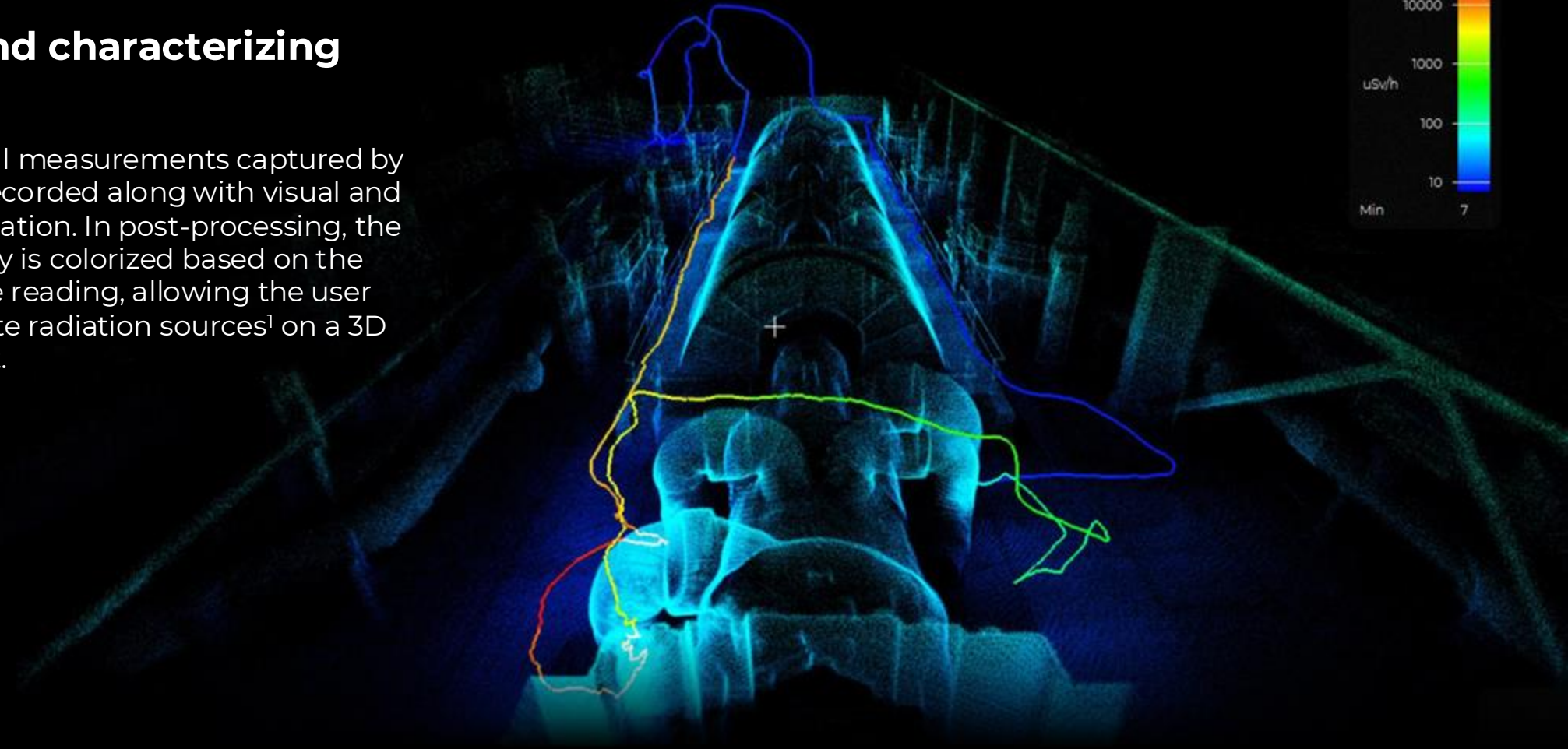




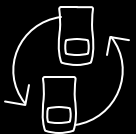
## Post-flight radiation reading, localization, and reporting

### Locating and characterizing hot spots.

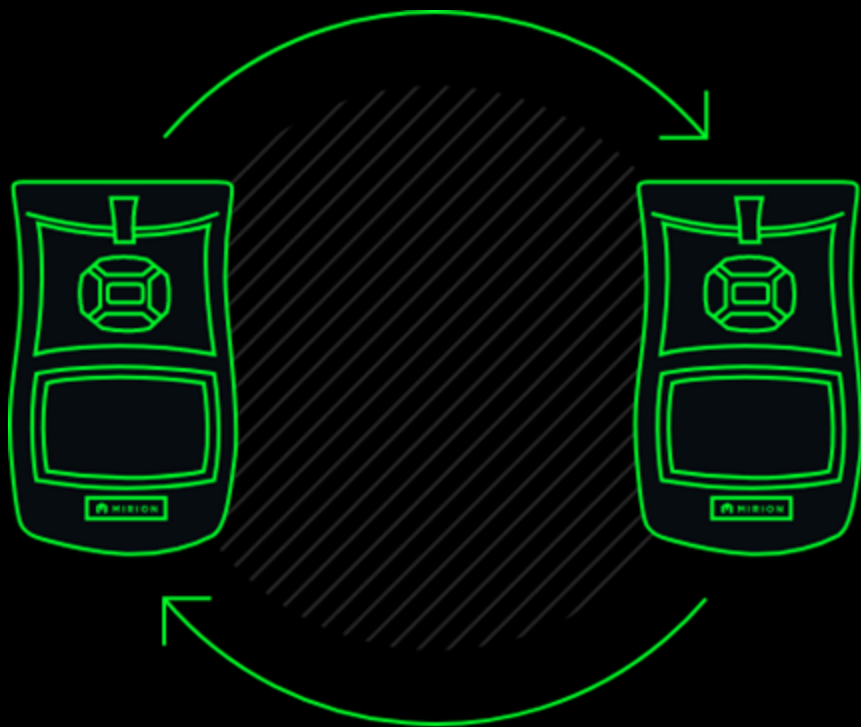
While in flight, all measurements captured by the sensor are recorded along with visual and mapping information. In post-processing, the drone's trajectory is colorized based on the instant dose rate reading, allowing the user to precisely locate radiation sources<sup>1</sup> on a 3D map of the asset.



1. The colorization of the drone's trajectory is indicative and subject to over/under estimation because of the drone speed and convergence time of the sensor. For an accurate measurement, the drone must remain at a given location until the full convergence of the sensor. This procedure should be repeated for each point of interest.



## Detachable and swappable sensor



## Compatible with your existing sensors.

Comply with sensors' maintenance and calibration requirements without stopping your operations. Elios 3 is compatible with every RDS-32 WR sensor you have<sup>1</sup>, so you can swap them as needed.

1. RDS-32 WR sensors used in conjunction with an Elios 3 should be properly configured according to the recommendations made by Flyability and local legal regulations. Not following this recommendation can impact the quality and reliability of the data captured.





## Turbine deck inspection

Quickly deploy the Elios 3 RAD from a convenient area to identify, locate, and monitor radiological conditions of an asset.

IN A NUTSHELL:



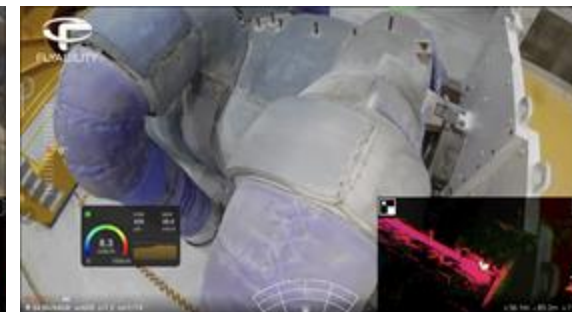
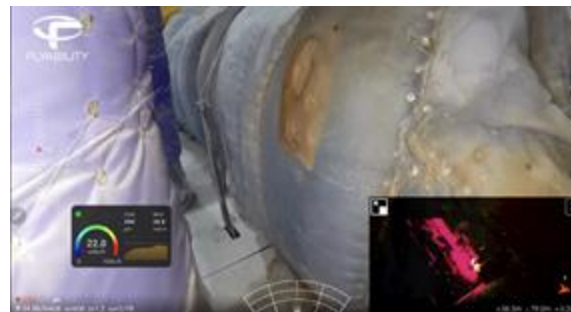
**Speed:** Deploy a drone on demand and without the need for complex safety procedures.



**Access:** Get 100% data coverage even in no-go zones



**Safety:** No workers exposed to hazards.



**Case study**

Source: Footage captured by Flyability. For privacy reasons, the footage shown in the video doesn't show the entire site.

**ELIOS 3 RAD**







## CLOSE-UP INSPECTION DEDICATED PAYLOAD

Supercharging data quality.

**4K Camera**

0.18 mm/px resolution

**Thermal Camera**

**Distance Sensor**

**Unobstructed  
180° FoV**



## **Dust-Proof 16k Lumen Lighting**

Looking for pitting, cracks, or build-ups becomes as natural as doing it manually with a flashlight



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Questions?

# Part III: Spot Quadruped Robot

Fully autonomous or manually operated quadruped UGV platform





# SPOT robot

- Developed by Boston Dynamics
- Extremely easy to operate without the safety and training issues of drones/UAVs
- Fully autonomous operation, with automatic routine routes and automatic charging options
- Can autonomously traverse stairs
- Can open doors, manipulate valves, drag objects with optional arm





# SPOT specifications

## ■ General specifications:

- Net weight: 33kg (72 lbs)
- Average runtime: 90 mins
- Operating temp: -20 to 45 °C (-4 to 113 ° F)
- Ingress protection: IP54

## ■ Terrain sensing:

- Horizontal FOV: 360°
- Range: 4 m (13.1 ft)
- Communications: WiFi / Mesh / Cellular

## ■ Locomotion:

- Max speed: 1.6 m/s (3.6 mph)
- Max slope: ±30°
- Max step height: 30 cm (11.8 in)

## ■ Payload:

- Max weight: 14 kg (31 lb)



## ■ Safety and compliance:

- Designed according to ISO 12100 for risk assessment and reduction methodology and IEC 60204-1 for electrical safety
- EMC: FCC Part 15A
- Radio equipment: Incorporates a FCC Part 68 Certified radio system

## ■ Security:

- All connections encrypted and authenticated using industry standard techniques (TLS 1.2+) and modern cipher suites (e.g. AES-256)

# The “Mirion Backpack” payload

*Universal payload architecture*



# Mirion's universal payload architecture

## Topology



# Mirion's universal payload architecture

## The “Mirion Backpack” concept for SPOT

### ▪ Internals:

- Industrialized, low-power embedded computer with a suite of acquisition protocols, processing algorithms, and data storage options
- Gigabit and power connection to payload port on back of SPOT robot via flexible ribbon cable, allowing placement of the Backpack anywhere on the top rails of the robot, allowing for more payload options
- Power supplies (24VDC/12VDC/5VDC regulated voltage from robot battery)

### ▪ Left-side:

- RGB LED indication panel, showing status of all subsystems
- On/off pushbutton
- HDMI

### ▪ Front/Rear:

- Ethernet connector (directly connected to embedded computer)
- 9-pin, low-voltage communications connector
  - 5V output
  - USB 2.0
  - 3.3V TTL serial
  - 5V TTL serial
- 7-pin power connector (5VDC, 12VDC, and 24VDC output)
- SMA connector for GPS antenna
- USB 3.0 input (backwards compatible with USB 2.0)
- Secondary 9-pin, low-voltage communications connector

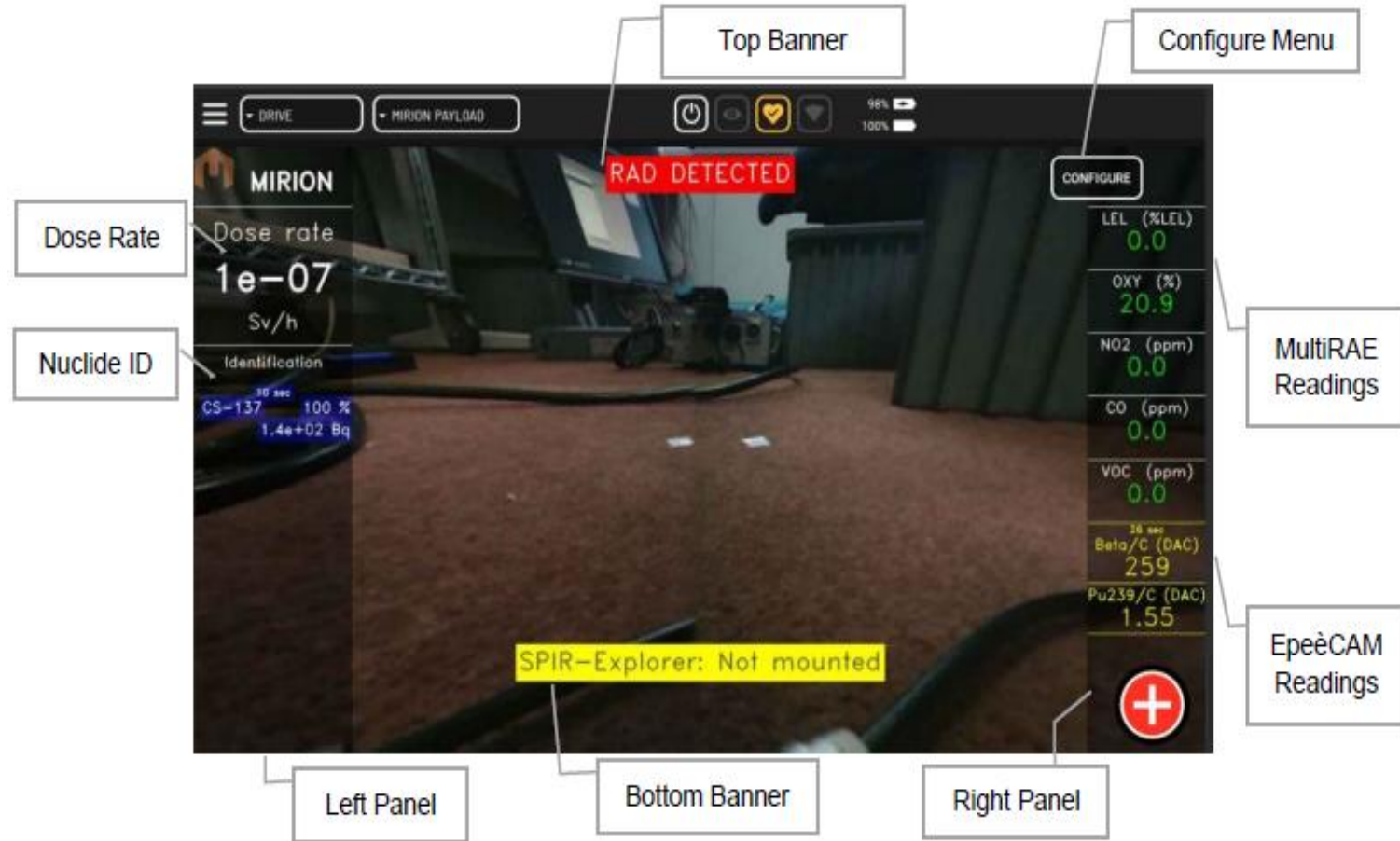





# Mirion's universal payload architecture

## Robot integration

- Shares power and communications with robot
  - No additional wireless radios or batteries required
- Provides user-friendly interface directly on the robot controller
  - System status
  - Dosimetry
  - Rapid NID processing
  - Other sensor data
- External RGB indicators continuously report system status at a glance
- External connections for additional payload support
  - E.g.:
    - SPIR-Explorer or other spectroscopic detector
    - RDS-32 dosimetry
    - Chemical sensors
    - Thermal camera
- Optionally, data can be transmit to SPIR-View or other data servers for visualization and monitoring

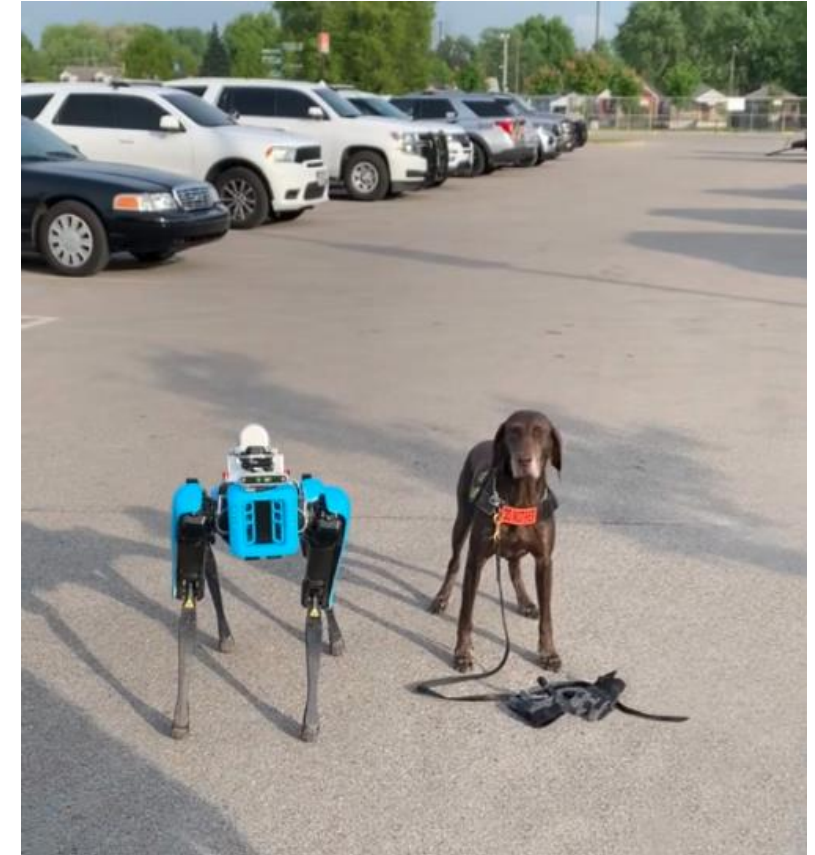
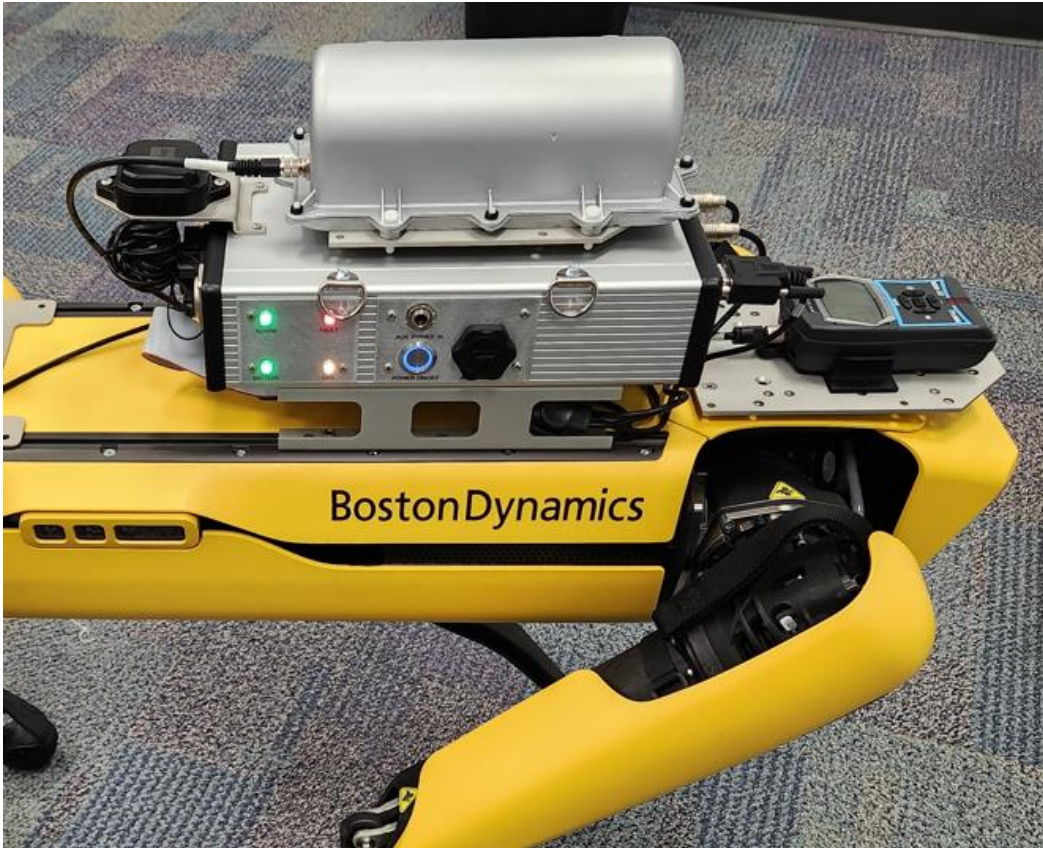


# Rapid radionuclide identification payload options



# Mirion SPIR-Explorer payload

## All-in-one payload with rapid NID with dosimetry



SPIR-Explorer (NaI or LaBr<sub>3</sub> detector) for spectroscopy (rapid NID)

with low & high range GM tubes for dosimetry, HD video, depth imaging, dead-reckoning GPS, and wireless reach back



# Mirion SPIR-Explorer detector

- Choice of scintillator (NaI or LaBr<sub>3</sub>)
  - 1024 channels, automatic stabilization
- Low and high range detection with two internal GM tubes (up to 1000 R/h)
- Onboard processing
  - Stabilization and linearization algorithms
  - Self tests
  - Data management
  - Data output
- Lightweight: 1.5 lbs






# Miniature HPGe



# Dosimetry / health physics payload options





# Mirion RDS-32 payload

## Dosimetry w/ support for alpha/beta & neutron probes



# Mirion RDS-32 meter

- $H^*(10)$  dose equivalent rate
  - Range: 10 rem/h, or 1000 rem/h (WR version with Si)
- Support for external alpha, beta, gamma, and neutron probes
- Battery life: ~1.5 months with NiMH batteries
- Complies with IEC 60846 standards, designed to meet ANSI 42.17A / 42.17C standards (normal / extreme conditions)
- IP-67 immersion rating



Display with Gamma Probe



Display with Alpha/Beta Probe





# Specialized payload options





Lidar Camera



Chemical Sensor



Mesh Radio



Alpha/Beta CAM

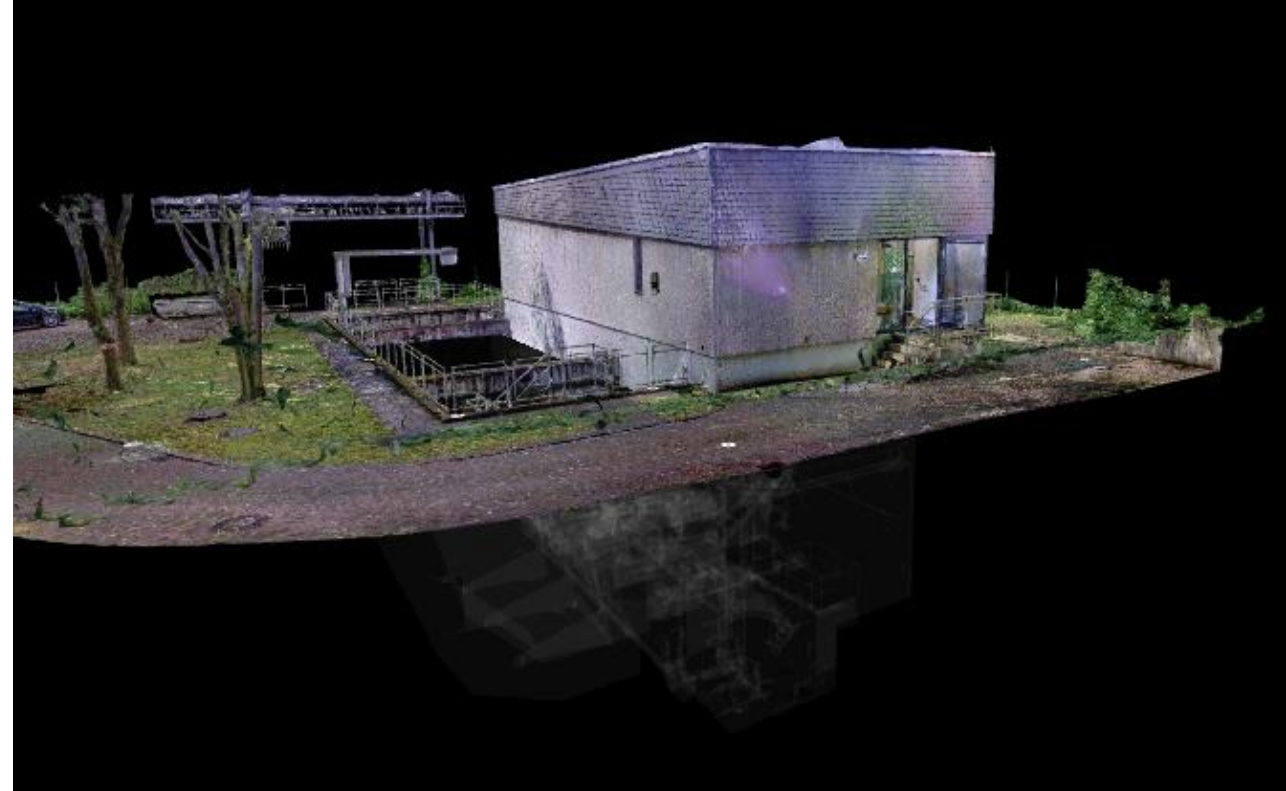
# 3D scanning & mapping payloads

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# LIDAR mapping

## Digital reconstruction of facilities





# LIDAR mapping

## Digital reconstruction of facilities with offline route planning



# Integration with SPIR-View software

Data collection and aggregation software



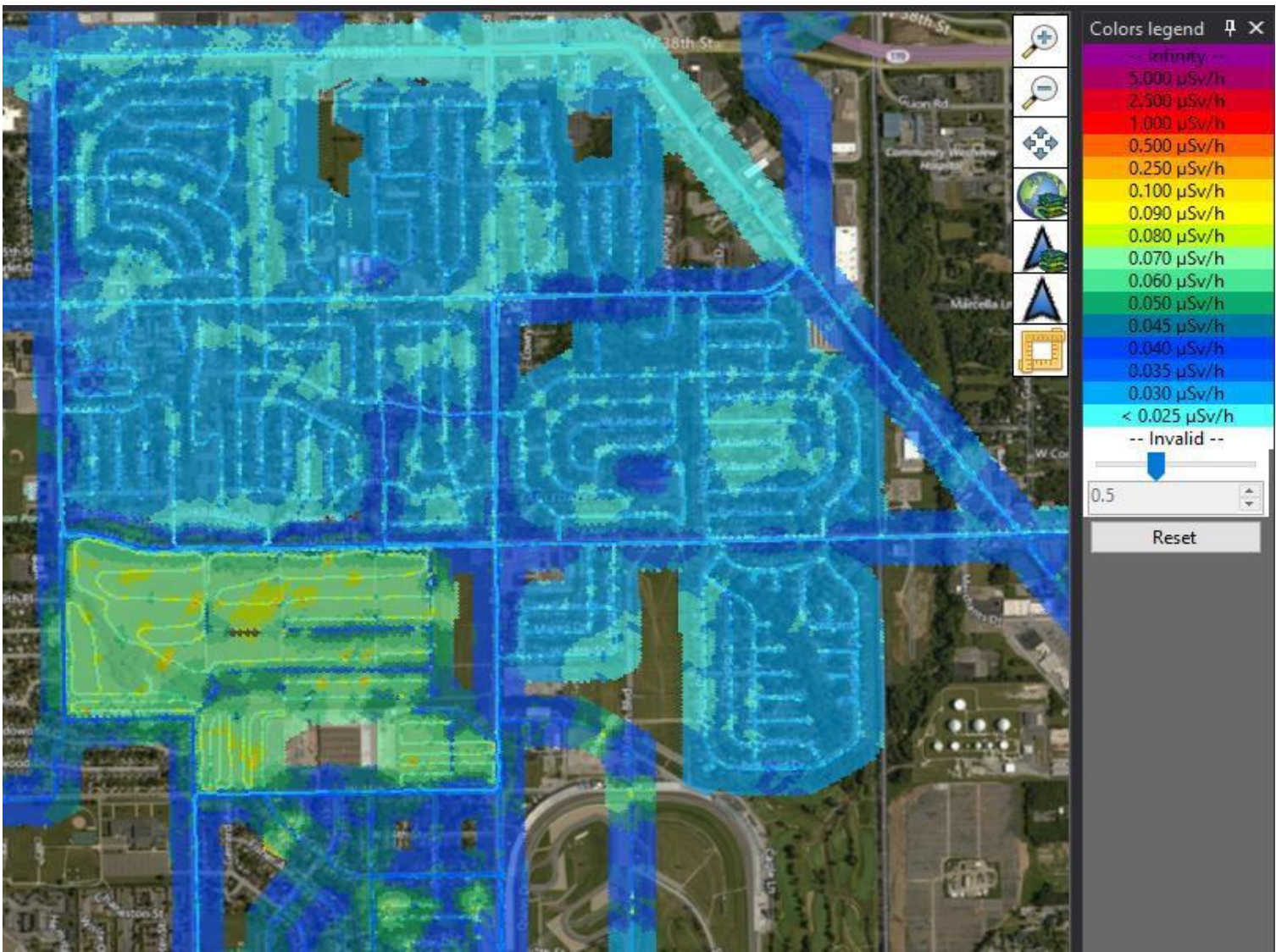
# SPiR-View software (coming soon)

- Background determination and monitor major radiological events
- Mapping allows for location of detector (vehicle) and live time radiological information
- Isotope Identification
- Mission Recording ability to include post mission playback
- Expandable to monitor multiple detectors (SpirVIEW Server)





# SPiR-View software





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# Part IV: Play Time!!!



# Thank you



