

RISER:

3D Contamination Mapping with a Nuclear-Capable Drone

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When access is a real issue

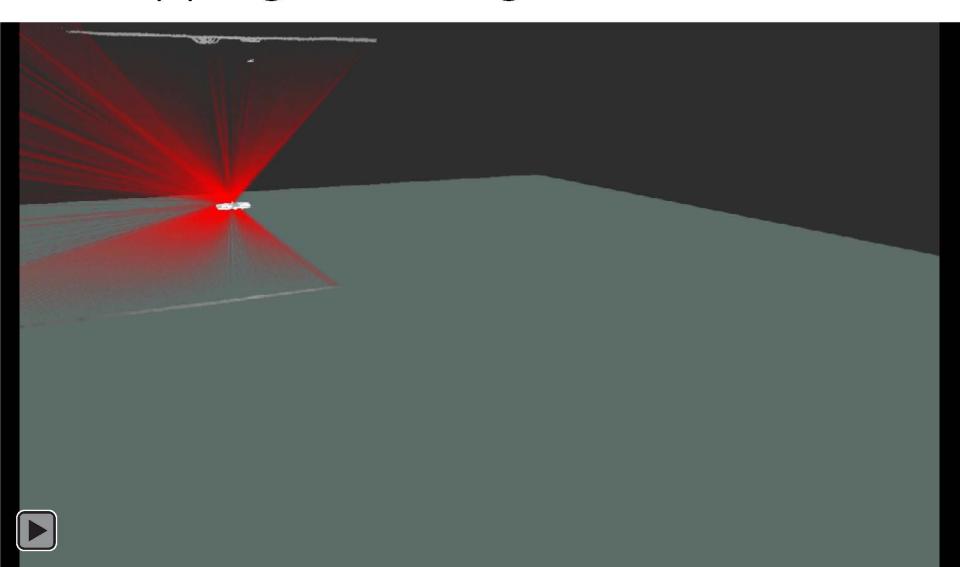
- Fully Self-contained
- Contamination resistance
- >25 minutes flight time
- 4 kg mass
- Self lighting
- Remote operation
- Shrouded blades
- SNAP autopilot for safe autonomy







Mapping and navigation







First flight at Sellafield (inside!)







Result



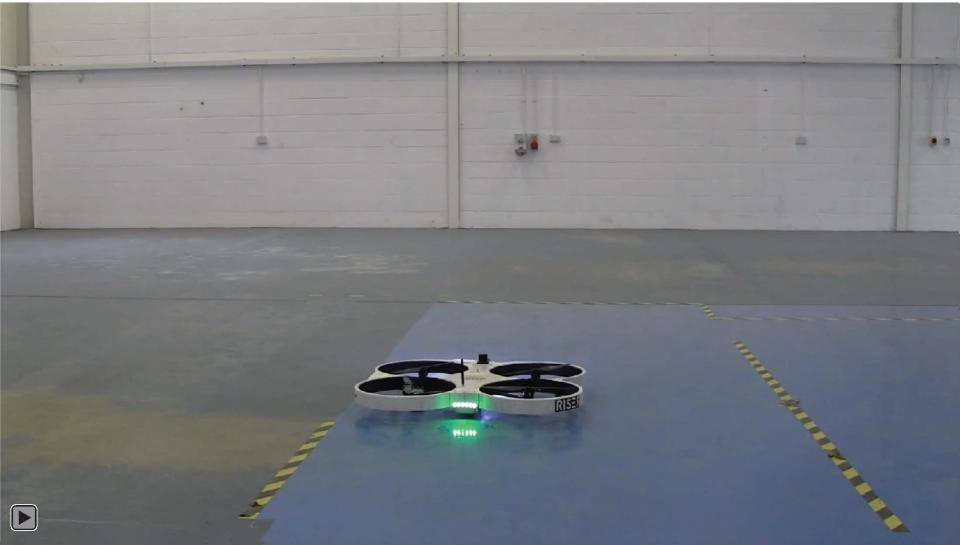








Full Autonomy – no-communication required for stability





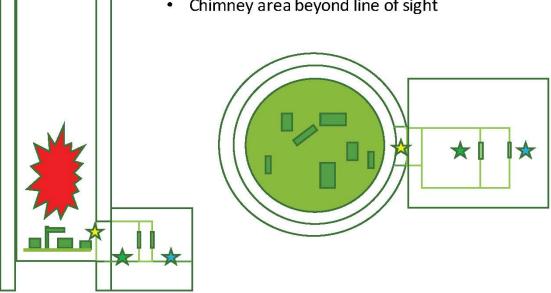


Target Area: Base of Windscale Chimney

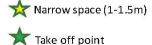


Permanent Platform

- 3 flights in total
- Access via small aperture (1mx2m)
- flight in this area by computer view, not visual (too hard)
- Chimney area beyond line of sight

















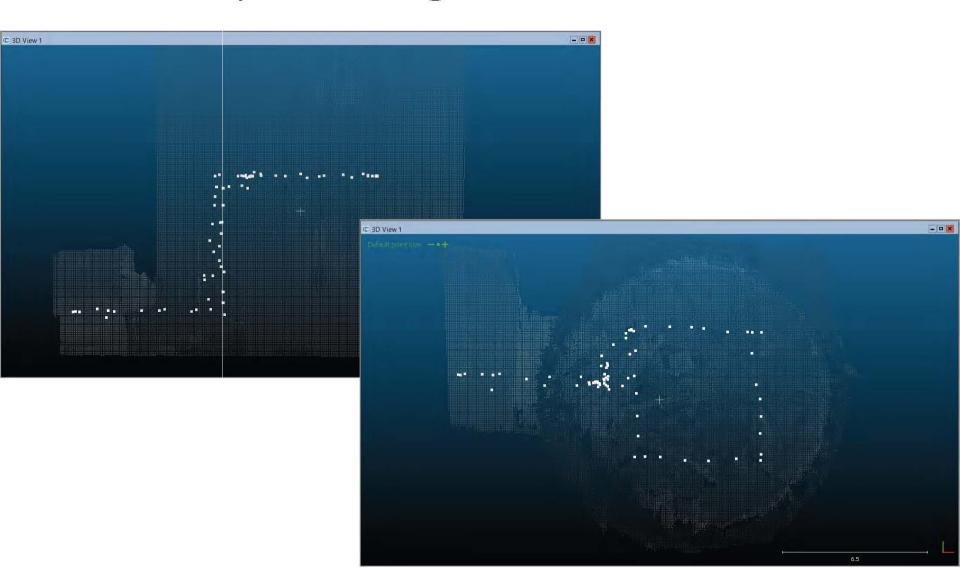








Raw Input – Flight Path

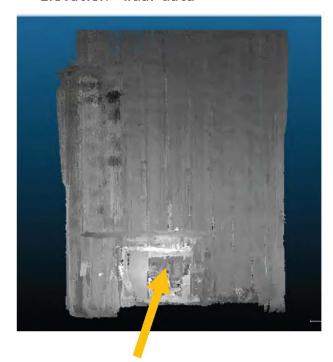






Results (edited for security reasons)

Elevation - lidar data

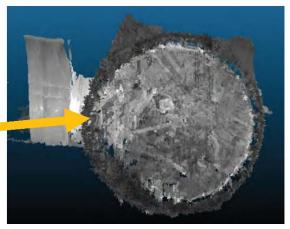


Narrow entrance ($^{\sim}1m(h) \times 2m(w)$)

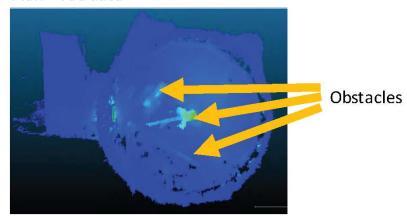
Narrow entrance (~1m =

(h) x 2 (w))

Plan – lidar data



Plan – rad data

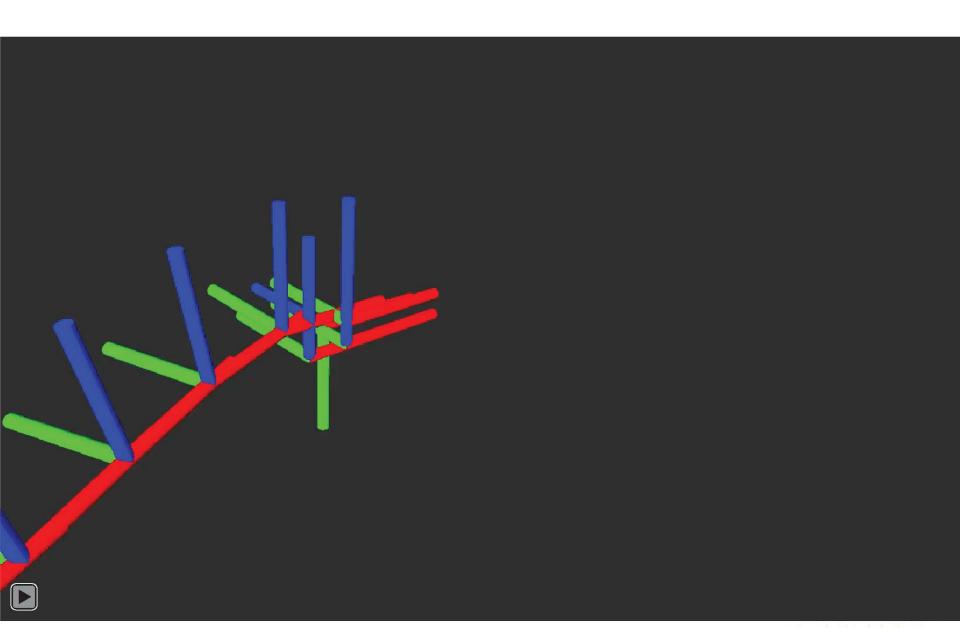




Other Implementation - SeeSnake









N-Visage Gamma Camera







Summary

- Introduced RISER
- Activity can be mapped in 3D in the field
- Accuracy sufficient for activities such as waste category and volume estimation
- Access is generally not an issue even in the most unfriendly environments