

# Innovation tools to improve physical and radiological characterization of nuclear zones

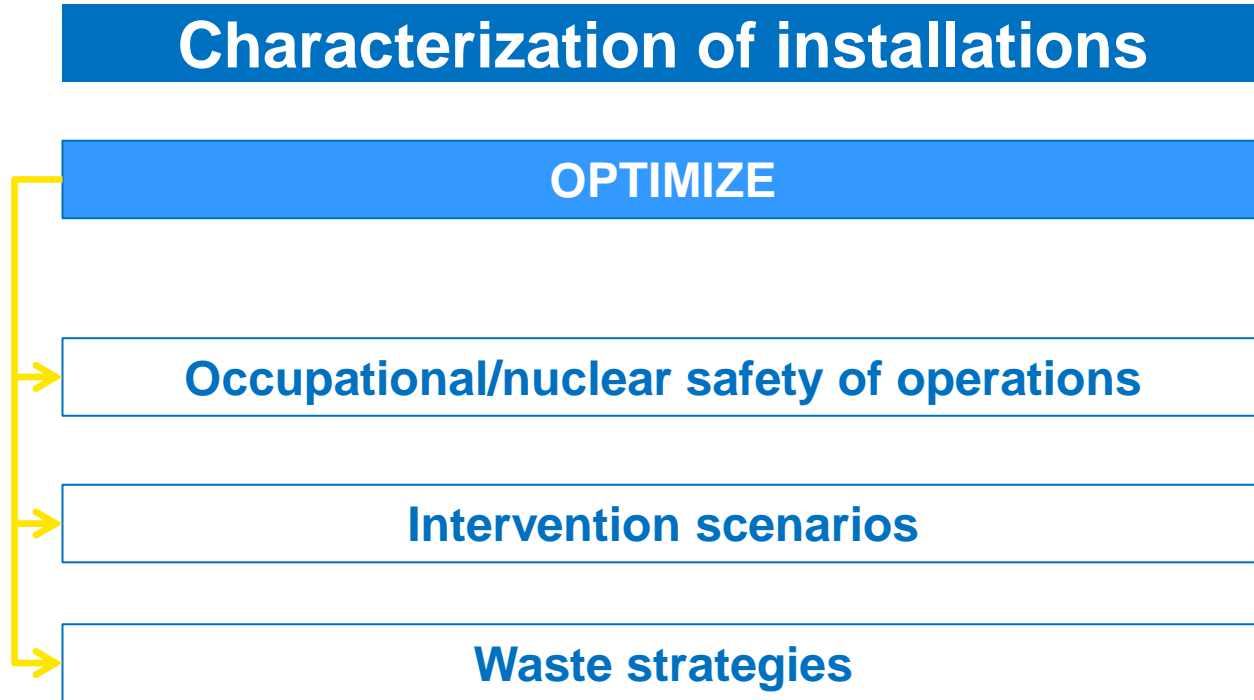
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# Introduction



# Innovation at work in our business



**MANUELA™**

*3D radiological mapping*



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*Miniature gamma camera*



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# MANUELA™

**MANUELA™: Mobile Apparatus for Nuclear Expertise and Localisation Assistance**

## **3D radiological mapping** (*Real Time*)

- Simultaneous 3D radiological and topographical mapping of facilities
- Precise positioning of radiological measurements

## **Location of hot spots** (*at the end of the scan*)

- Visualization of the intensity distribution of  $\gamma$  radiation
- Identification of irradiation sources location and characteristics



# MANUELA™

## MANUELA™: **M**obile **A**pparatus for **N**uclear **E**xpertise and **L**ocalisation **A**ssistance

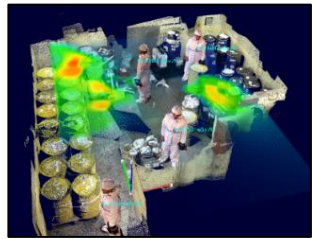
### Evaluation of the accumulated operators dose performing interventions (*at the office*)

- Integration of virtual operators into the reconstructed mapping in order to assess the accumulated dose of personnel performing interventions within the framework of ALARA approaches
- Simulation of operating scenarios and optimization of workstations

### Transmission of information to teams prior to performing intervention (*during pre-job briefing*)

- Present the worksite environment to the operators, repeat the gestures, and understand the risks
- Export of data to a virtual reality interface for immersion of operators into the workspace

# MANUELA™



- **Quality**  
Reliability and traceability of radiological measurements and their spatial positioning
- **Performance**  
Increase in the quantity of information transmitted to teams performing interventions
- **Safety**  
Carrying out of risk and dose rate optimization studies
- **Universality**  
Can be adapted to all nuclear environments
- **Expertise**  
Analysis of data with specific post-processing

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# NanoPix

## NanoPix

**Nuclear investigations by  $\gamma$  imaging with an ultra-compact  $\gamma$  camera in support**

**System allowing a real photo and a dose rate curve formally expressed by a colored patch to be superimposed over each other**

**Rapid location of  $\gamma$  sources that are not accessible and/or are in highly radiological environments**

**Possibility of being embedded onto different carriers (pole, robot, robot arm, drone, etc.)**



# NanoPix

**Ultra-portable  $\gamma$  imaging system : < 300g**

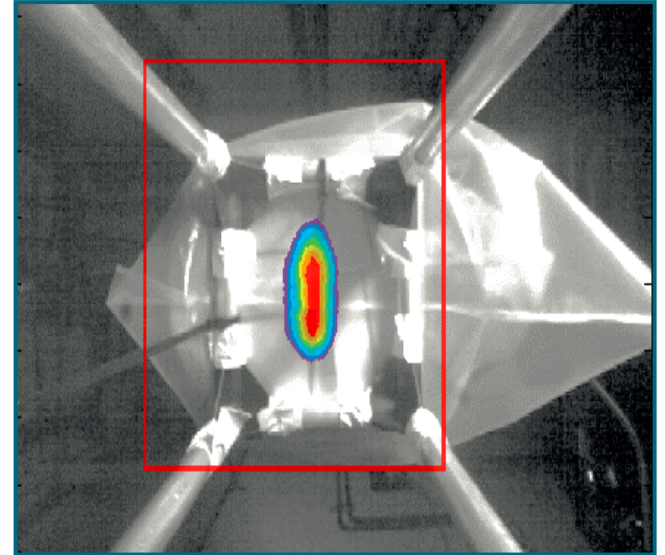
**Identification of irradiating points :**

- In highly restrictive zones
- On equipment

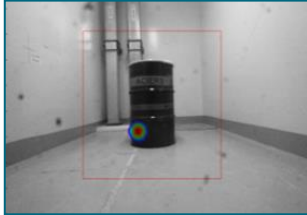
**Dimensions: H 7cm / W 3cm / D 5cm**

**Background reduction : anti-mask (automatic rotation)**

**Improved measurement sensitivity : implementation of coded mask technology**



# NanoPix



- **Adaptability**

Access to highly restrictive zones (high levels of radiation, vessels, etc.)

- **Performance**

Project risks management thanks to consolidation of input data and scenarios prior to performing interventions

- **Safety / ALARA**

Reduction of risks for the operator by means of remote investigation

- **Cost**

Saving on operational times when performing the intervention and control over waste inventory

- **Expertise**

Identification of specific irradiating points in inaccessible zones

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# MARA

## MARA: Mesh with Augmented Reality Assistance

### Mesh for mapping large areas

- Replacement for conventional intrusive mesh solutions
- Rapid and automatic construction of a mesh prior to radiological investigations
- Information entered directly on tablet or smartphone
- Production of intervention report directly on exiting worksite



# MARA

## MARA: Mesh with Augmented Reality Assistance

### Visualization of information collected

Visualization of the mesh created on the connected tablet and/or smartphone (augmented reality)

Automatic synchronization of information by Wi-Fi communication between the tablet and the smartphone

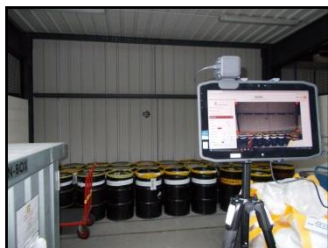
### Traceability of information

Information is automatically saved to the tablet

In-situ memorization of measurements on NFC tag which can be written and read using the smartphone



# MARA



- **Quality**

MARA facilitates the meshing phase for radiological investigations and ensures a total data traceability.

Reduction of HOF risk due to your measurement values being entered on-line

- **Adaptability**

Intuitive interface means operators are able to get to grips with the tool immediately

- **Safety**

Less troublesome meshing phase and optimization of time spent in irradiated zone

- **Easier to install**

Can be installed on the worksite in less than 2 minutes

Ready to use: no need to pre-load any site files

- **Traceability**

Automatic backup of information on the tablet

Writing and reading of information on NFC tags

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# RIANA™

## RIANA™ : Robot for Investigations and Assessments for Nuclear Areas

**Ground level radiological mapping module with automatic positioning and manual adjustment of probes**

- Measurement of dose rate, surface contamination and  $\gamma$  spectrometry
- Rapidly interchangeable probes

**Remotely controlled arm with 3 degrees of freedom which can be used to take solid samples and perform radiological mapping of walls and equipment**

- Interchangeable grippers for moving object and measuring probes
- Camera and lighting positioned at the end of the arm



# RIANA™

## RIANA™ : Robot for Investigations and Assessments for Nuclear Areas

### Module for taking liquid and powdery samples

Collection of 3 liquid or powdery samples (50 cm<sup>3</sup> max.) and in situ dose rate measurement

Visualization of the fill level of vessels and monitoring of the aspiration phase

### Mapping module

Real- time 2D map construction and accurate positioning of measurements

Possibility of defining a safety perimeter making it possible to slow down then stop when approaching an obstacle.



# RIANA™



- **Simplicity**

- Easy and intuitive to control, both indoors and outdoors, thanks to the control joystick

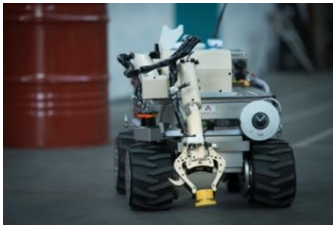
- **Modularity**

- Interchangeable measurement modules
- Quick to take samples



- **Accuracy**

- Positioning in its environment and construction of an accurate 2D map of measurements and samples taken



- **Traceability**

- Automatic recording of measurements which can be exported for use in post-processing

- **Safety / Radiation protection**

- Measurements taken remotely

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# RIANA SC

## RIANA SC : Robot for Radiological Mapping of Containers

### Radiological mapping of radioactive material containers before shipment

- System enabling the radiological mapping of the underside of containers and visual inspection
- Wireless robot-assisted mapping with autonomous navigation
- Dose rate measurement at point of contact



# RIANA SC

## RIANA SC : Robot for Radiological Mapping of Containers

### Supervision and traceability of data

- Control of the robot from a remote control station
- Real-time 2D mapping to identify areas of interest to be investigated by contact
- Real-time display of dose rate measurements
- Automatic recording of data for each investigation performed



# RIANA SC



- **Quality**

Elimination of non-quality related to inspection errors prior to shipment

- **Simplicity**

Simple, intuitive solution deployable in minutes

- **Nuclear Safety / Radiation Protection**

Robot remotely controlled to reduce the radiological impact on the operator

- **Adaptability**

Wireless standalone solution with capability to include additional radiological measurements

- **Occupational Safety**

Elimination of risks for the operator during the operation

# SUMMARY

## Innovative tools to improve physical and radiological characterization of nuclear zones

D&D operations (D&D) of nuclear facilities aim at being **economically viable, adapted to the sites and customer needs.**

The key point of D&D projects, is to know **how to optimize each phases of D&D's process:**

- **from the initial status** when input data are collected to determine necessary resources, cost and duration of all operations
- **to the characterization** of the final waste before deconstruction or decommissioning of the facility.

Different innovative technological bricks have been deployed by Orano to address these issues:

- **RIANA™** and **RIANA SC** : wireless mobile carriers with autonomous navigation for investigations.
- **Nanopix**, an ultra-compact γ camera which replaces operators and robots intervention in unknown radiological environments.
- **MANUELA™**, a Real-Time 3D Topographical and Radiological mapping tool.
- **MARA**, mesh with augmented reality assistance for radiological investigations, ensuring the traceability of measurements.

Thanks to these versatile tools, **Orano proposes turnkey services** to bring under control D&D's operations of nuclear facilities.





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# Key data - MANUELA™

**Autonomy:** 4 hours of scanning

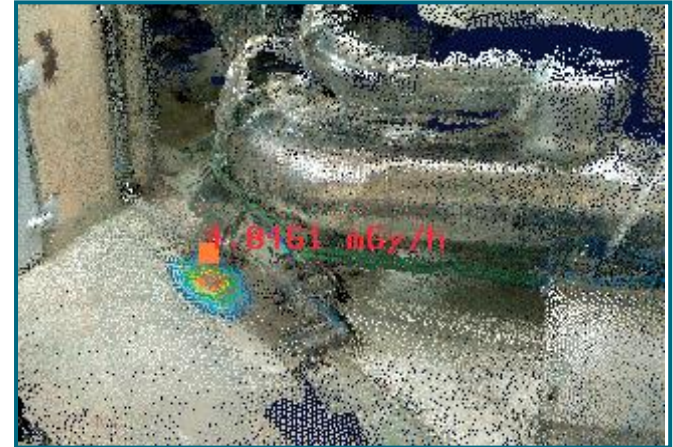
**Weight:** approx. 1.5 kg

**Measurement probes:** dose rate and  $\gamma$  spectrometry (CdZnTe)

## Data processing

Retro-projection of radiological  $\gamma$  distribution on a 3D model

Visualization in real time of the 3D reconstruction / radiological measurements



## Data export

Interface with different modeling tools for the estimation of activities

Interface with VR tools: pre-job briefing , training, etc. and AR tools: visualization of radiological information by the operator while performing the intervention

# Key data - MARA

**MARA pack includes** : 1 tablet, 1 smartphone, 1 laser rangefinder, 1 tripod, NFC tags , 1 armband

**Mesh configuration** : precise mesh positioning, choice of colors, cell identification

**Mesh visualization** : AR

**Information you can saved**: Local ID, Wall ID, Cell ID, Non-fixed  $\alpha$  contamination, Fixed  $\alpha$  contamination, Non-fixed  $\beta/\gamma$  contamination, Fixed  $\beta/\gamma$  contamination, Dose rate, Maximum dose rate, Comments.

**Data can be saved** : On the tablet where a dedicated folder is created, Via in-situ memorization of measurements on NFC tags

**Generation of configurable intervention report** : Addition of notes and sketches



**MARA smartphone extension** : offers the same functionalities as the app on the tablet. The video available on the tablet is also visible on the smartphone via Wi-Fi connection. It can run the telemeter remotely for creating a mesh.

# Key data - RIANA™

**Dimensions :** L 775 mm x W 540 mm x H 560 mm

**Weight :** 65 kg

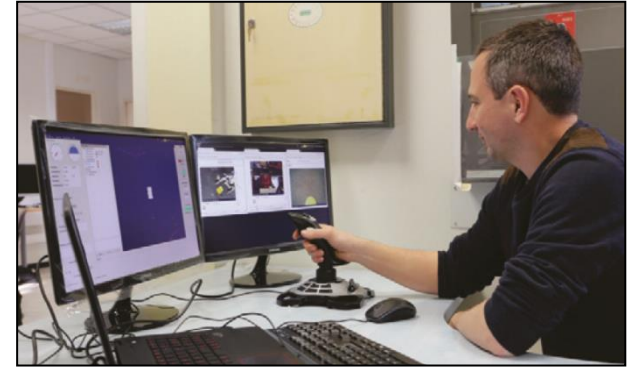
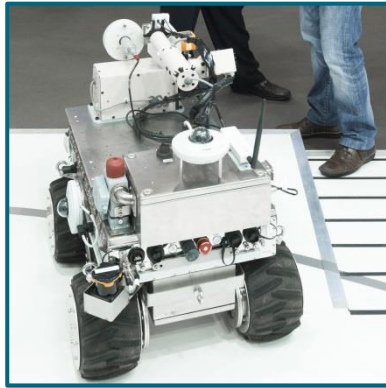
**Clearance :** 120 mm

**Load Capacity :** 65 kg

**Maximum speed :** 3 m/s

**Wireless Communication :** Wifi

**Ingress Protection rating :** IP54 **Autonomy :** > 2h



# Key data - RIANA SC

Wireless mobile base with omnidirectional wheels

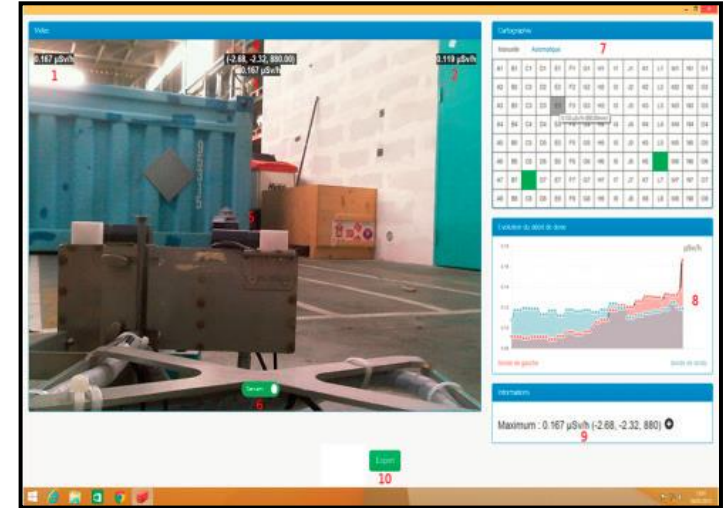
Autonomous navigation below the container

Probe elevation system for contact measurements

Real-time transmission of radiological data and creation of 2D mapping

Extended measurement range (via 2 measurement probes) from a few tens of nSv/h to a few Sv/h

Recording of mapping for traceability



# RIANA SC

RIANA SC a été conçu pour répondre à la problématique transport, i.e. le contrôle des 6 faces d'un conteneur et notamment la face du dessous qui est associée à un gros risque humain.

Les 4 points forts du robot sont:

- On remplace complètement l'humain. Ce n'est pas un système de pont ou autre qui diminue le risque en le laissant subsister, là il disparaît complètement.
- Le robot fait un maillage automatisé, moins de risque de manquer quelque chose.
- Le robot ne sort jamais de la zone définie par les 4 câbles, ce qui permet la co-activité sans risque et surtout un gain de temps puisque les opérateurs font autre chose. (Environ 15min sur 1h30).
- Il y a désormais une traçabilité du contrôle. la carto peut-être transmise au client avant expédition par exemple.