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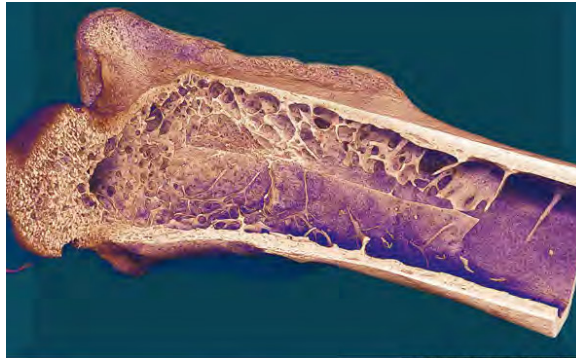
- 3D X-ray Microscopy Solutions

Innovation with Integrity

Bone & dental research

- Resolve and quantify trabecular and cortical morphometry and density parameters within minutes
- Visualize effects of diseases or treatments on enamel and dentin
- Measure pre and post-treatment differences

3D volume rendering of a rat bone

Soft tissue analysis - Pulmonary Research

- Resolve the smallest alveolar structures with voxel sizes down to 0.45um
- Assess microstructural composition and architecture
- Quantify structural changes in 3D
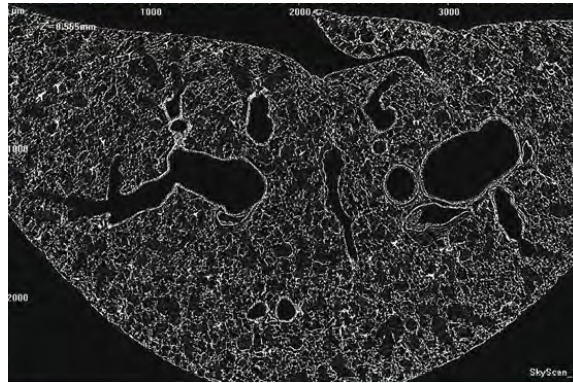
2D cross-section through a mouse lung

Toxicology Applications

- Ultrafast drug screening tool
- Investigate structural changes in 3 dimensions
- Monitor and quantify changes in organ morphology

2D cross-section through a mouse embryo

Zoology & Botany Applications

- Resolve the smallest structures with voxel sizes down to 0.45um for classification purposes
- Visualize internal structures non-destructively without cutting the sample
- Animal and plant classification studies

3D volume rendering of a stag beetle

SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS –
High-Resolution 3D
X-ray Microscope

3D X-ray Microscopy (3D XRM), also called microCT, is one of the most advanced methods of getting 3D insights into samples of any material, shape, or size with little to no sample preparation.

Bruker, one of the microCT pioneers, established a benchmark for high-resolution desktop microCT systems with SKYSCAN 1272, as proven by several hundreds of installations worldwide. SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS builds on this trusted platform and incorporates the latest X-ray technologies to bring microCT to the next level.

**SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS Edition –
the proven performer, just better.**

3D X-ray Microscopy –
# Non-destructive Imaging of the Internal Structure

Microscopy is widely used for materials characterization. We see it, we believe it. Conventional microscopy uses light or an electron beam to directly image a sample by refocusing the radiation passing through the sample. Alternative microscopy techniques, such as Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM), use other sensors to probe the sample surface. They all provide detailed and local 2D images of surface or near-surface structures or properties.

With X-rays, you can also:

- image the 3D internal structure
- measure your whole sample at once
- start right away
- avoid extensive sample preparation that may alter or destroy your sample

With X-rays you can!

3D X-ray Microscopy (3D XRM)

Detector

Sample

X-ray tube
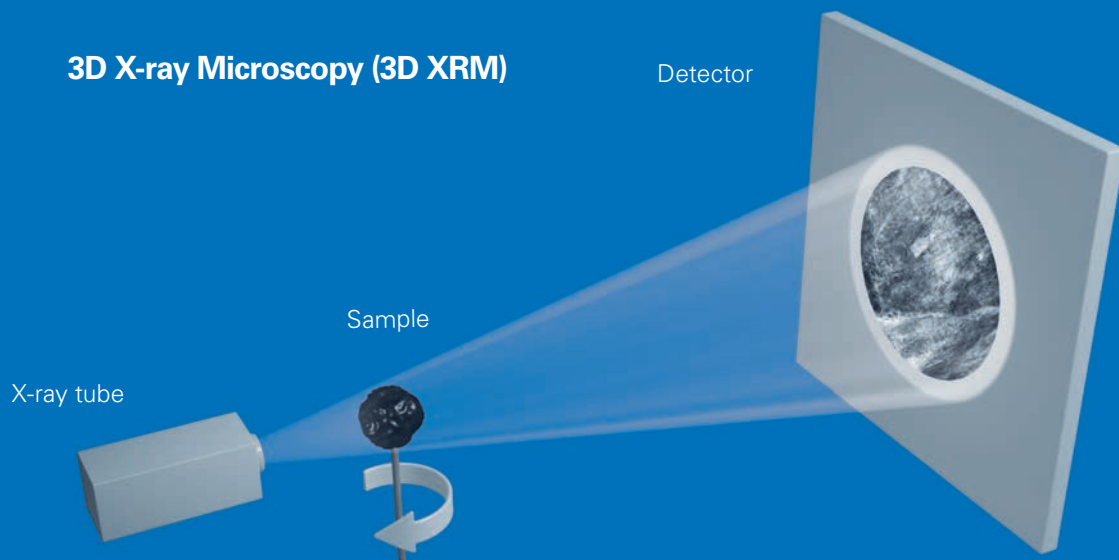
When X-rays pass through an object the intensity is reduced by absorption proportional to the average atomic number along the trajectory.

In traditional radiography the resulting projection image visualizes the intensity reduction inside a 3D object as a 2D projection.

By taking projection images at many different rotation angles the full 3D information can be slice-wise retrieved through a mathematical process called backprojection. Computed tomography thus enables the reconstruction of the complete 3D volume.

SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS Edition –
State-of-Art Desktop X-Ray Microscope

SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS Edition builds on the trusted SKYSCAN 1272 platform and integrates the latest X-ray technologies.

Its state-of-art 16 megapixel sCMOS X-ray detector provides high-contrast images with superior resolution. The extended detector field of view and enhanced sensitivity for X-rays result in up to two times faster scan speed. The extraordinary native resolution of up to 11,200 x 11,200 pixels per slice allows zooming into any part of the 3D volume without rescanning the sample. The new **Clean Image™** scan mode significantly reduces typical CT artefacts right from the start, thus providing great quality images without cumbersome a posteriori corrections.

This top performance is paired with low cost of ownership. Our desktop SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS Edition can be placed on any laboratory desk and consequently does not occupy a lot of expensive lab space. A standard domestic power plug is all you need to start running the instrument, no water chiller or additional compressor. Finally, a maintenance-free industry standard sealed X-ray source ensures that there are no further hidden costs.
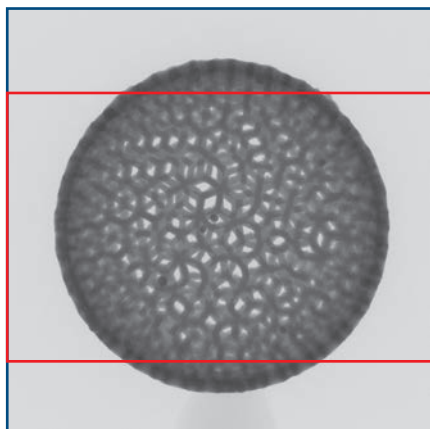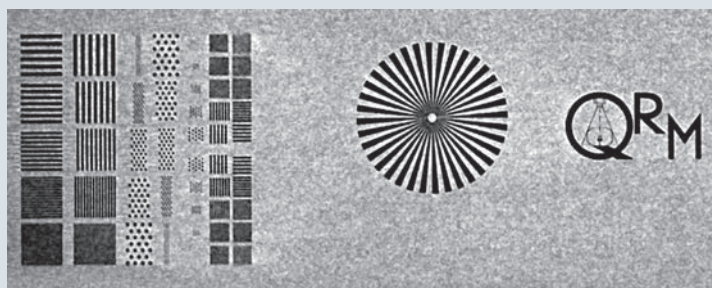
Plug'n Analyze

No Water Supply

Single-phase Power

Small Footprint

Projection image of an open Ti structure made with additive manufacturing. The complete structure fits in the field of view of the CMOS detector (blue), whereas the smaller field of view of the CCD detector (red) would require an oversize scan.
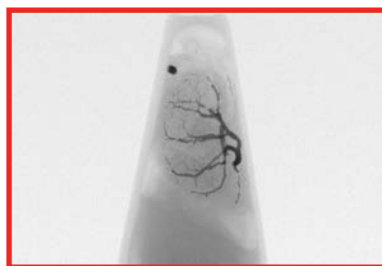
Several factors affect the true 3D spatial resolution: the focal spot size of the X-ray source, the acquisition geometry, the overall system stability, the mechanical accuracy of the rotation axis, as well as the reconstruction algorithms. The 3D spatial resolution is determined with special phantom structures after reconstruction. The SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS easily resolves better than 4 µm in both directions.
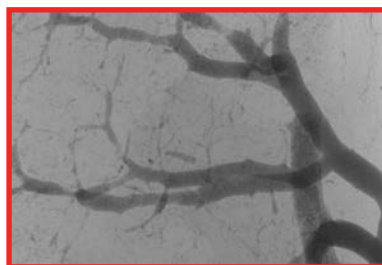
Let the Genius Work for You –
Fully Automated

1.
Moving to the **Best-Scan-Geometry™**

2.
Finding the **Best-X-ray-Energy-Window™**

3.
Starting with the **Best-Scan-Conditions™**

Thanks to SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS' movable camera and its extra large X-ray beam opening, Genius-Mode finds the Best-Scan-Geometry – as compact as possible with the largest magnification – automatically.

To find the perfect X-ray energy window, SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS automatically checks which of the six filters and X-ray energy best fits the sample's density in order to achieve the optimal image contrast.
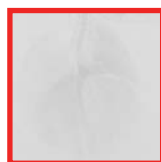
The SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS operating in Genius-Mode selects the best exposure time and rotation step automatically.

Sample is too far away from the X-ray source, low magnification

Sample is too close and does not fit the ield-of-view
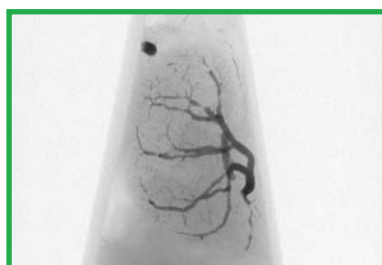
Best-Scan-Geometry means: maximum magnification and minimum scan time due to the most compact setup.
Example of a plastic tube containing a mouse kidney with contrasted vasculature.

Low Attenuation

no filter, 40kV

Al 0.25mm 45kV

Al 0.5mm 60kV

Al 0.5mm +Cu 0.038mm 90kV

Al 1mm 75kV

Cu 0.11mm 100kV

High Attenuation

50kV, no filter
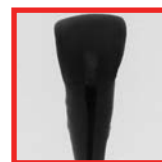
60kV, Al 0.25mm
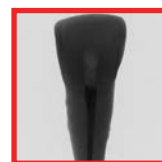
70kV, Al 0.5mm
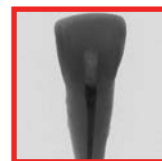
80kV, Al 1mm
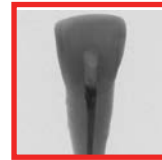
90kV, Al 0.5 + Cu 0.038 mm

100kV, Cu 0.25 mm

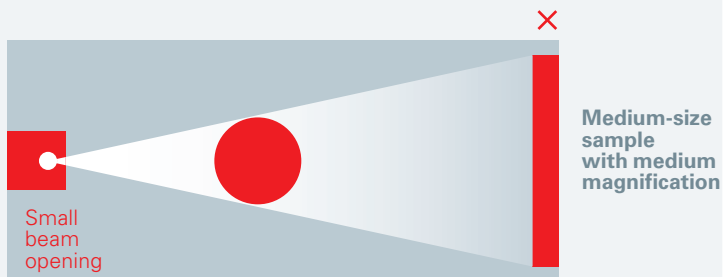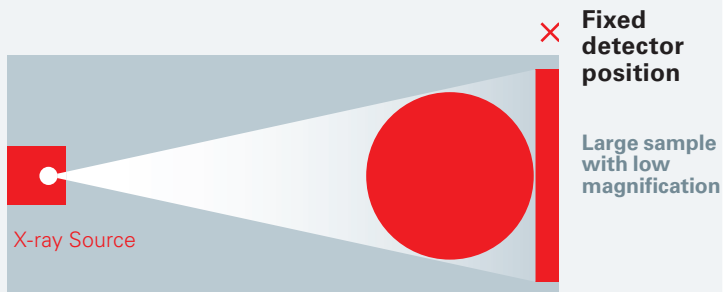**For highest resolution rely on the integrated micro positioning stage and insert the sample manually**

Conventional Systems with Fixed Camera Position

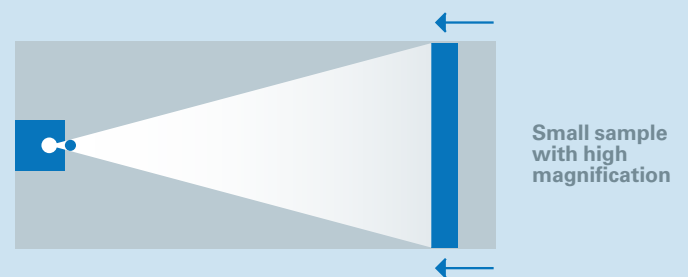**Fixed Position, Less Intensity, Less Speed**

SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS with Best-Scan-Geometry™

Best Position, Best Intensity, Best Speed

No ↔ **Yes**

No (Conventional)

Fixed detector position

Large sample with low magnification

X-ray Source

Medium-size sample with medium magnification

Small beam opening

Small sample with high magnification

Yes (SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS)

Variable detector position

Large sample with low magnification

Optimized X-ray Source

Medium-size sample with medium magnification
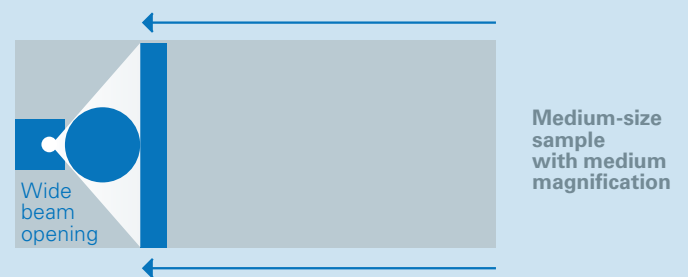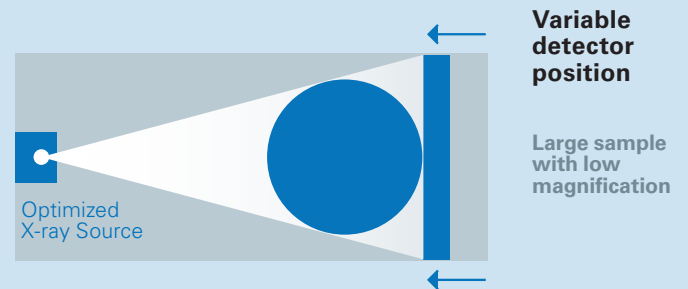
Wide beam opening

Small sample with high magnification

Conventional fixed camera systems are limited to one scanning speed, regardless of the sample size or magnification.
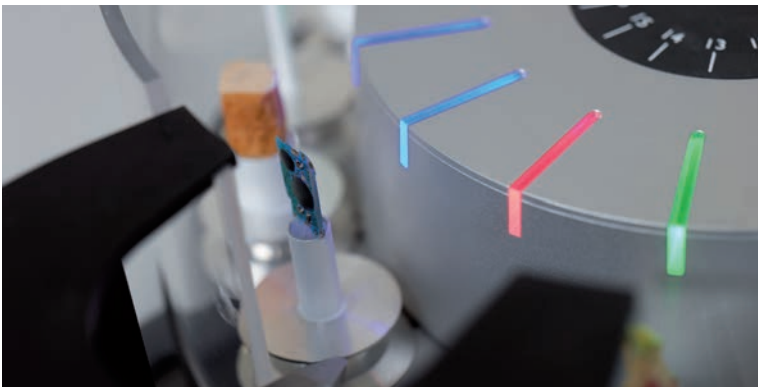
Moving both the sample and the sCMOS detector as close as possible to the source increases the measured intensity dramatically. That's why SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS scans faster than conventional systems.

Easy installation – just mount the sample changer on top of the scanner

Change samples at any time without interrupting an ongoing scan

**Autodetection of new samples and status LEDs for every scan:
ready, running, done**

- 🔵 **Status display of all 16 positions**
- 🟠 **Automatic or user-selected parameters**
- 🟢 **All types of samples in the same tray**

Sample changer window

Scanning protocol window

SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS –
Ready to Run 24/7
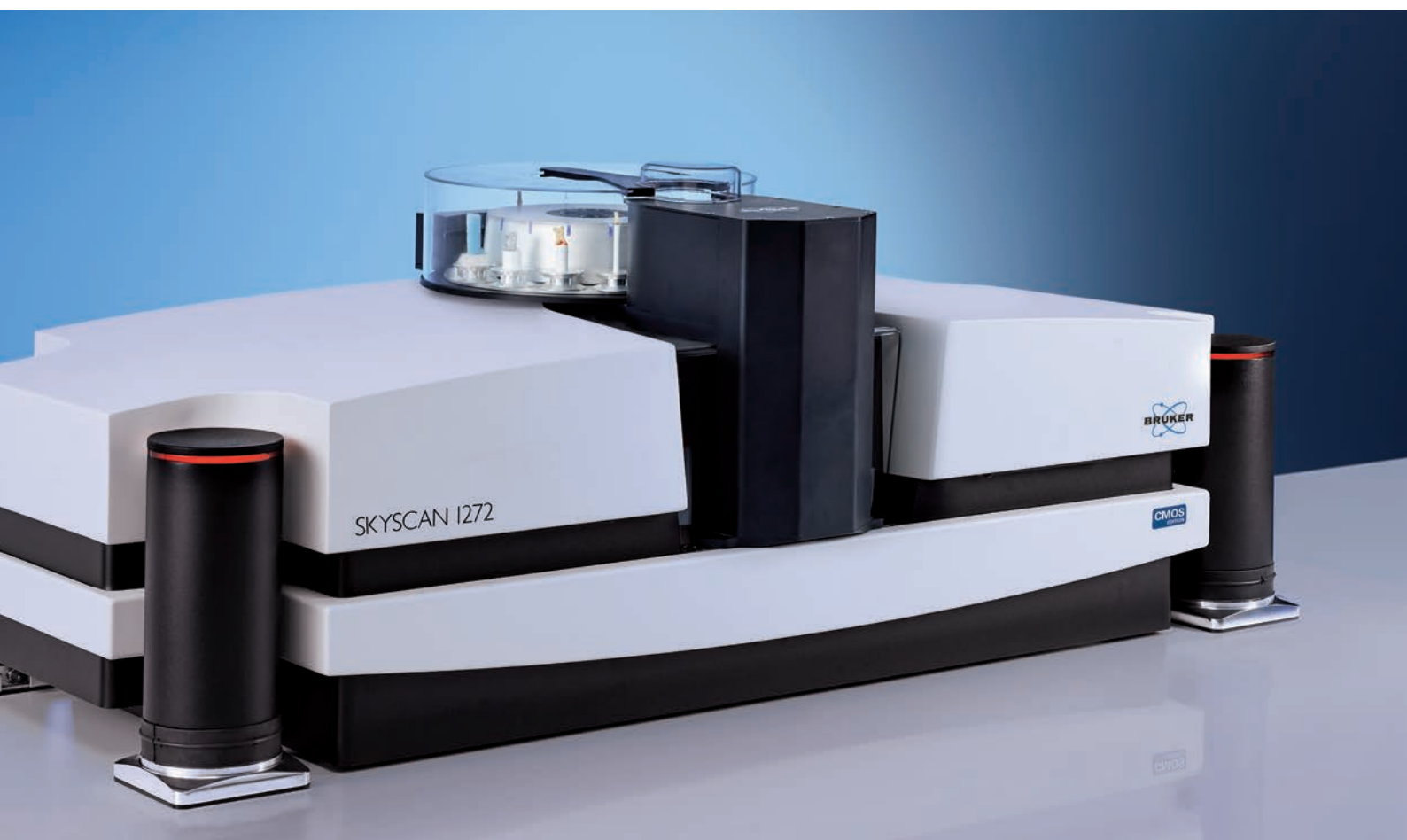
SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS with sample changer
can be operated in three ways:

Fully automatic

Simply load the sample changer, select "Auto" protocol, and then let the system take care of the rest! All scan settings are defined using Genius-Mode. Feel confident that your work is being done – anytime – with system-generated reports emailed directly to your inbox, including a link to access data remotely.

User selected

Want more control? Individually adjust scan parameters for one, some, or all samples. Once all "Manual" protocols are defined, simply press "Start" to initiate the full batch.

Prior selection

Streamline the workflow using the "Previous" command to apply the last settings. Because the sample changer operates outside the shielded X-ray chamber, new samples can be easily placed without interrupting the scanning process.

Always included –
Our 3D.SUITE Software

Intuitive, simple, yet powerful – our 3D.SUITE software that comes with every SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS is designed to finding out what's inside. With the help of Genius Mode, even a novice user can intuitively start scanning right away. Genius Mode automatically moves detector and sample to the optimum scan geometry, selects the appropriate filter and X-ray energy to achieve best image contrast, and optimizes exposure time and rotation step for efficient scanning.

Reconstruction with NRECON readily transforms the 2D projection images into 3D volumes thanks to the GPU acceleration, no matter how large the image size. Advanced phase retrieval algorithms can reveal features that would remain hidden when using only standard absorption contrast.

3D.SUITE further includes all advanced software capabilities needed for 3D inspection, visualization, and analysis. So you are perfectly set up for starting with 3D X-ray microscopy.

3D.SUITE – a perfect match for SKYSCAN 1272 CMOS
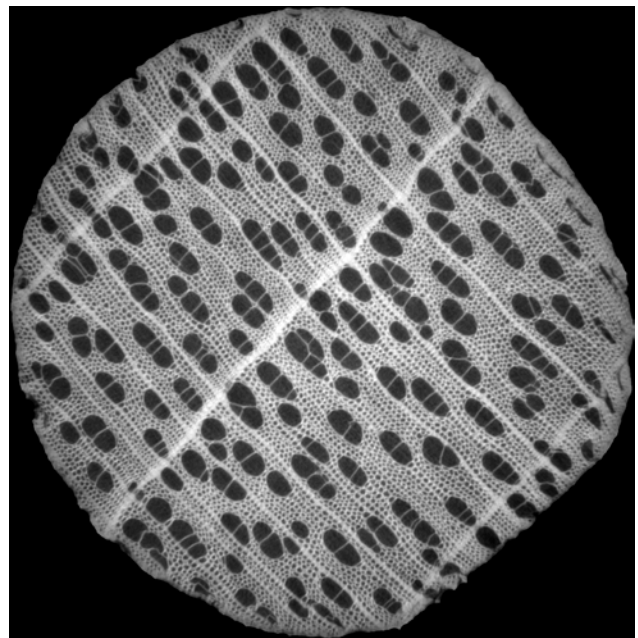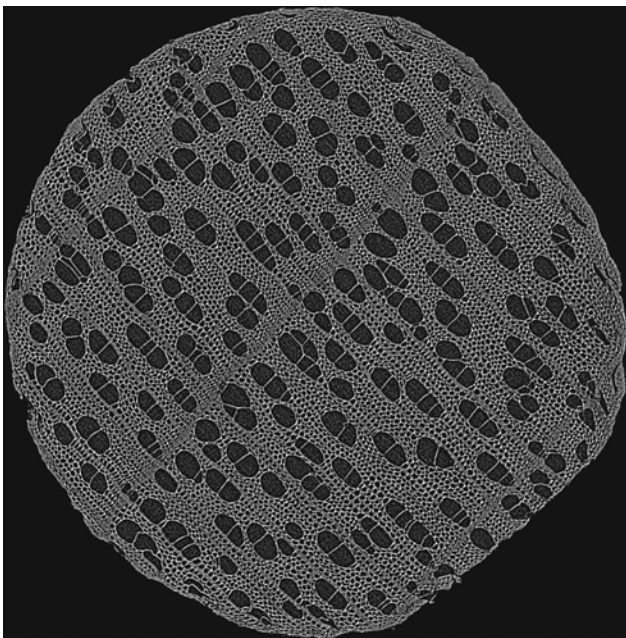
The quest for ever higher resolution can sharpen edges at the expense of seeing the bigger picture. Phase retrieval takes back some of the edge scattering to enhance material contrast - so that in a toothpick we can see the wood's larger scale structure, such as the transverse rays, with much enhanced contrast.

3D Inspection with DATAVIEWER

- Display reconstructed results as slice-by-slice movies or three orthogonal projections
- Smoothing, linear and non-linear grey scale transformations, color coding
- Differential image analysis between samples
- Exactly align multiple scans through image registration
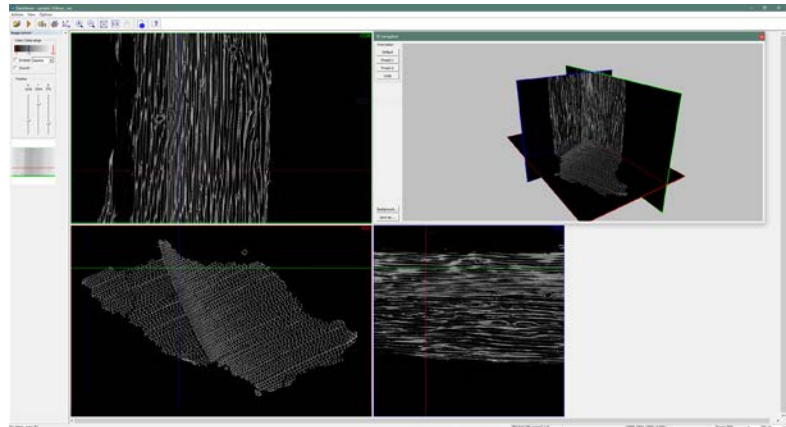
3 orthogonal projections through a wood sample

3D Visualization with CTVOX and CTVOL

- Volume rendering to display reconstructed results as a realistic 3D object
- Create animated movies flying around or through the object
- Produce cut-away views
- Adjust coloring and transparency
- Export surface rendered models in STL format to 3D printers or to 3D CAD software
- Modelling using mobile devices
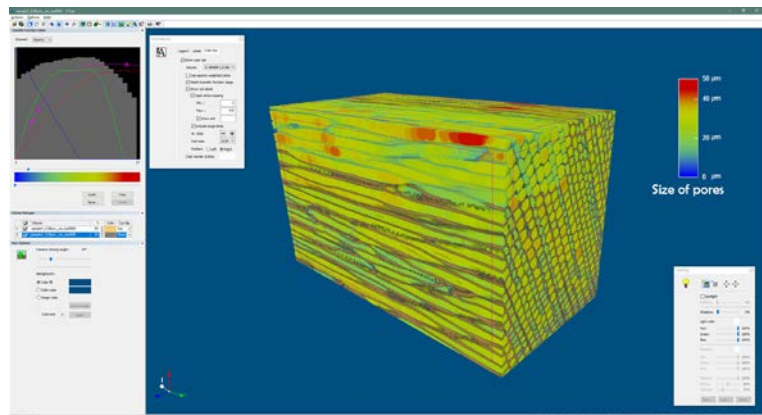
Volume rendered wood sample, showing a color-coded pore size distribution by means of CTVOX

3D Image analysis with CTAN

- Handles large data sets with ease
- Open/closed porosity
- Thickness and separation
- Fiber orientation
- Density analysis
- 3D distances and angles
- Extensive tool set for region-of-interest selection
- Various thresholding methods, morphological operations, and filtering algorithms
- Color coding of local orientation, thickness and separation
- Automated batch analysis
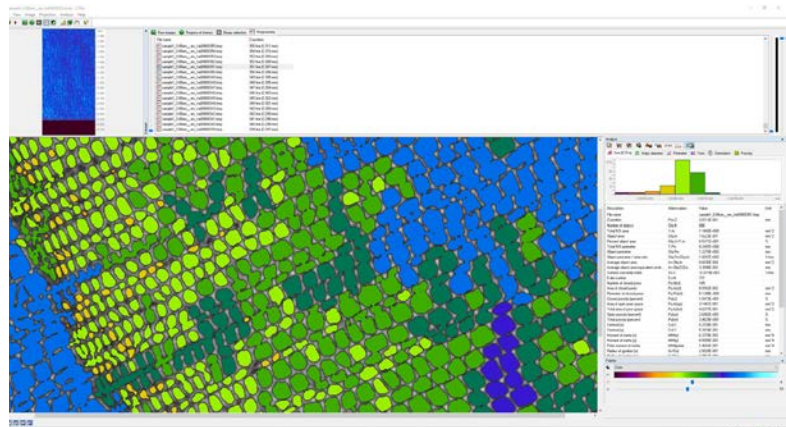
Analysis of local pore size in a wood sample by means of CTAN

Technical Data

X-ray Source	40 – 100 kV, up to 10 W
X-ray Detector	16 Megapixel sCMOS camera 4,096 x 4,096 pixels
Reconstructed Slice Format	Up to 11,200 x 11,200 pixels
Resolution	Voxel size < 0.45 micron 3D spatial resolution < 5 micron
Max. Object Dimensions	Up to ∅ 75 mm Up to height 80 mm
System Dimensions (W x H x D)	116 cm x 52 cm x 33 cm, 150 kg 116 cm x 52 cm x 44 cm, 155 kg (with sample changer)
Power supply	100 – 240 VAC, 50 – 60 Hz, 3 A

Front | Right

116 cm

44 cm

33 cm

SKYSCAN 1272

Sample changer

150 kg | 5 kg

52 cm
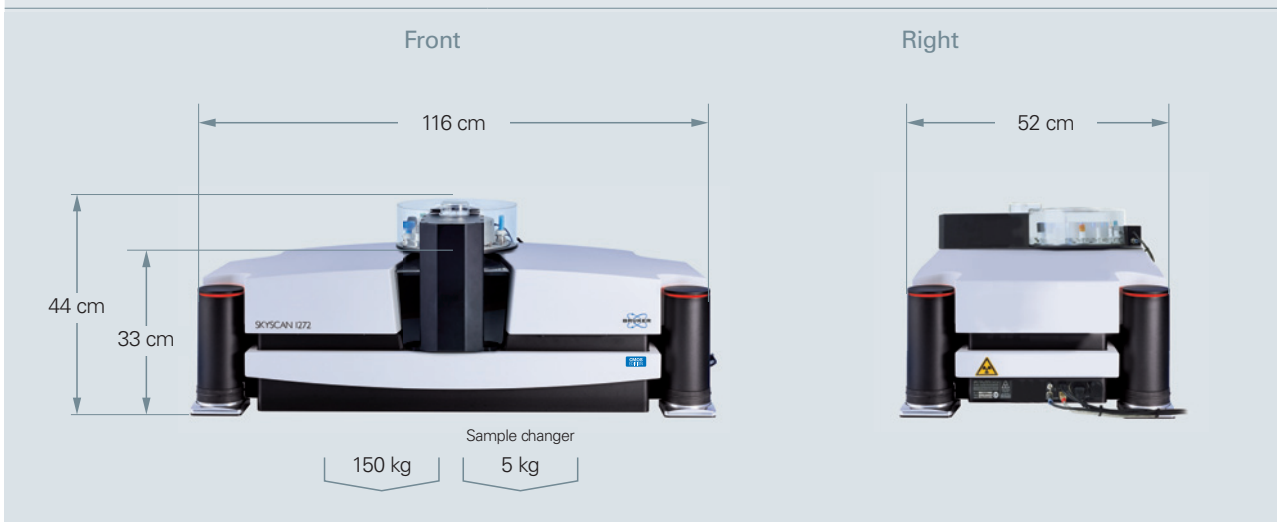
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