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Application: Swimming pool fibreglass analysis

Fibreglass swimming pools are manufactured in two ways: chopper gun application and hand lamination, ie. semi automated and manual. There has been lots of debate about which is better, and we offer no opinion, only materials analysis of two isolated samples. These samples were provided by an installer of both types of pools.

In the images to the right and in the additional information on our website you will see that the hand lamination method is physically thicker but contains a high average porosity of 4.75% vs 0.65% for the chopper gun application. More information on our website:

<http://blogs.sun.ac.za/ctscanner/2014/09/25/swimming-pool-analysis/>

Welcome

This month we cover multiple size scales – from a swimming pool to the tip of a toothpick. We show how swimming pool fibreglass can be analyzed and two types compared and how a nanoCT scan at 500 nm can provide details of the inside of the tip of a toothpick. This puts a nanoCT in perspective.

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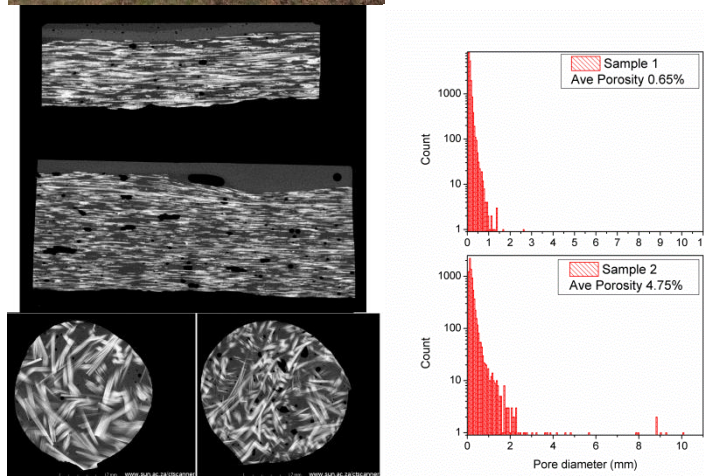
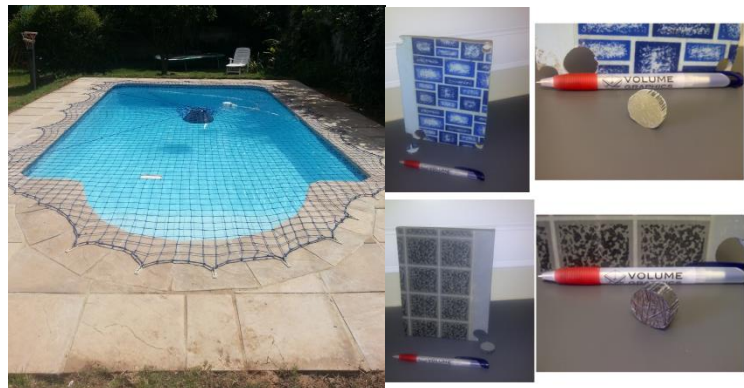


Figure 1: Swimming pool fibreglass comparison between two fibreglass manufacturing methods: sample 1 = chopper gun application; sample 2 = hand lamination, two individual samples compared only. The newly installed swimming pool in picture is of type 1.

Featured capability: nanoCT scan at 500 nm

The new nanoCT scanner can scan small samples at resolutions below 1 micron, and in the range below 20 microns delivers better results in shorter times. Here we show the tip of a toothpick scanned at 500 nm. The inside of the toothpick is imaged showing the cell walls of the wood cells, and an automated wall thickness analysis shows the variations in cell wall thickness in colour. Indicative scan times for this scanner are:

500 nm = 4 hrs

1 micron = 3 hrs

2 microns = 1 hr

Faster scans with decent quality are possible but the above is for best quality and includes volume reconstruction.

More information, images, videos:

<http://blogs.sun.ac.za/ctscanner/2014/09/26/nanoct-of-a-toothpick/>

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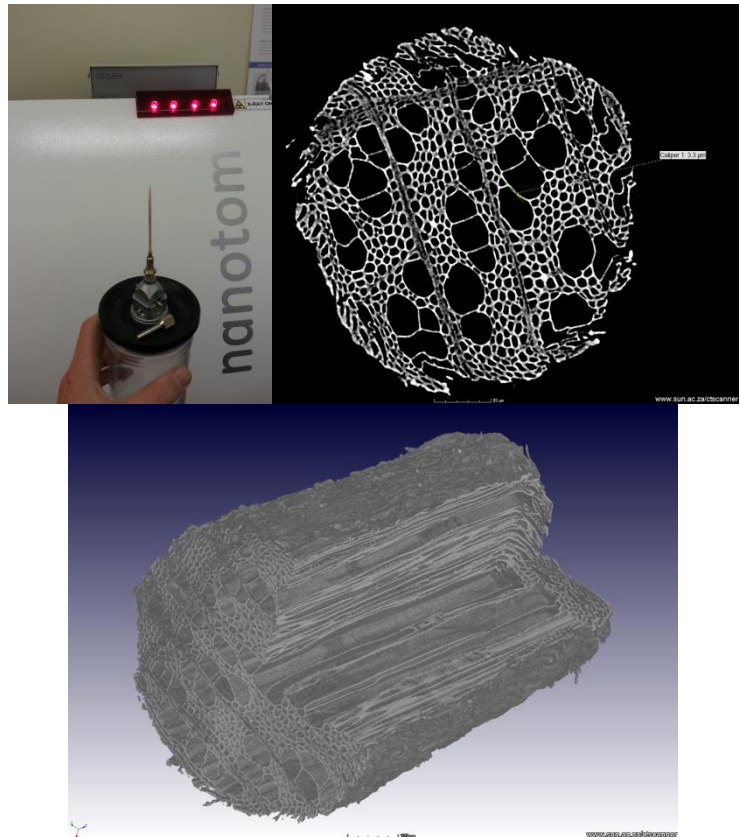


Figure 2: NanoCT scan of a toothpick tip at 500 nm

NanoCT Launch Function

The nanoCT launch event was held on 15th September and was attended by a diverse audience of facility users and supporters. A YouTube video was recorded prior to the event, watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nONeW7oqfLI&feature=youtu.be>



Prof Marena Manley (Grantholder, left) and Mrs Stephanie Harris (National Research Foundation) cutting the ribbon on the new instrument.

Services & Events

Young Spectroscopist Symposium: 27th Oct, hosted by CAF CT Facility. See the invitation and call for abstracts here:

<http://blogs.sun.ac.za/ctscanner/files/2013/07/SASS-YSS-invitation2014i.pdf>

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