

Log Scanning - State of the Art in Sweden

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Norwegian Sea

Iceland

Sverige
(Sweden)

Norge
(Norway)

Suomi
(Finland)

Danmark
(Denmark)

Ireland
Éire

United Kingdom

Deutschland
(Germany)

Polska
(Poland)

Беларусь
(Belarus)

Україна
(Ukraine)

Österreich
(Austria)

France

România
(Romania)

Italia
(Italy)

Bay of Biscay

España
(Spain)

Portugal

Ελλάς
(Greece)

Türkiye
(Turkey)

Kazakhstan

Uzbekistan

Kyrgyzstan

Turkmenistan

Afghanistan

Pakistan

Iran

Iraq

Syria

Mediterranean Sea

Tunisia

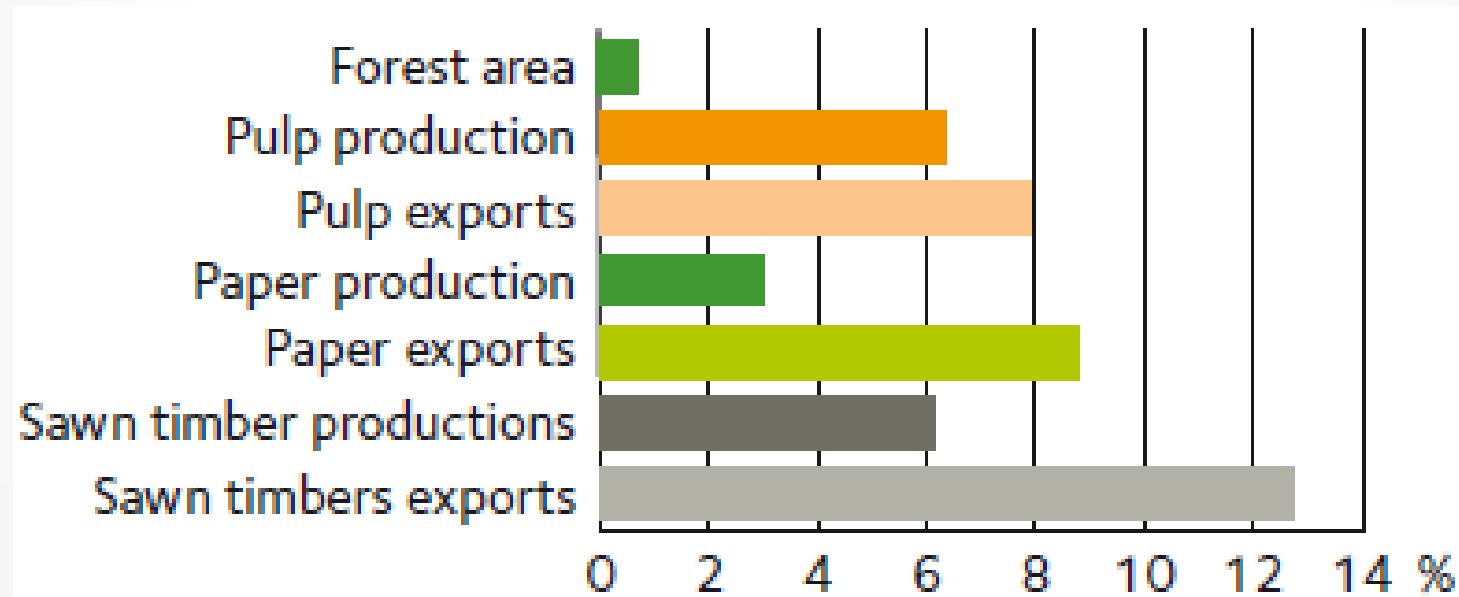
Morocco

Algeria

Libya

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km
(English)

Sweden's share of the world's:

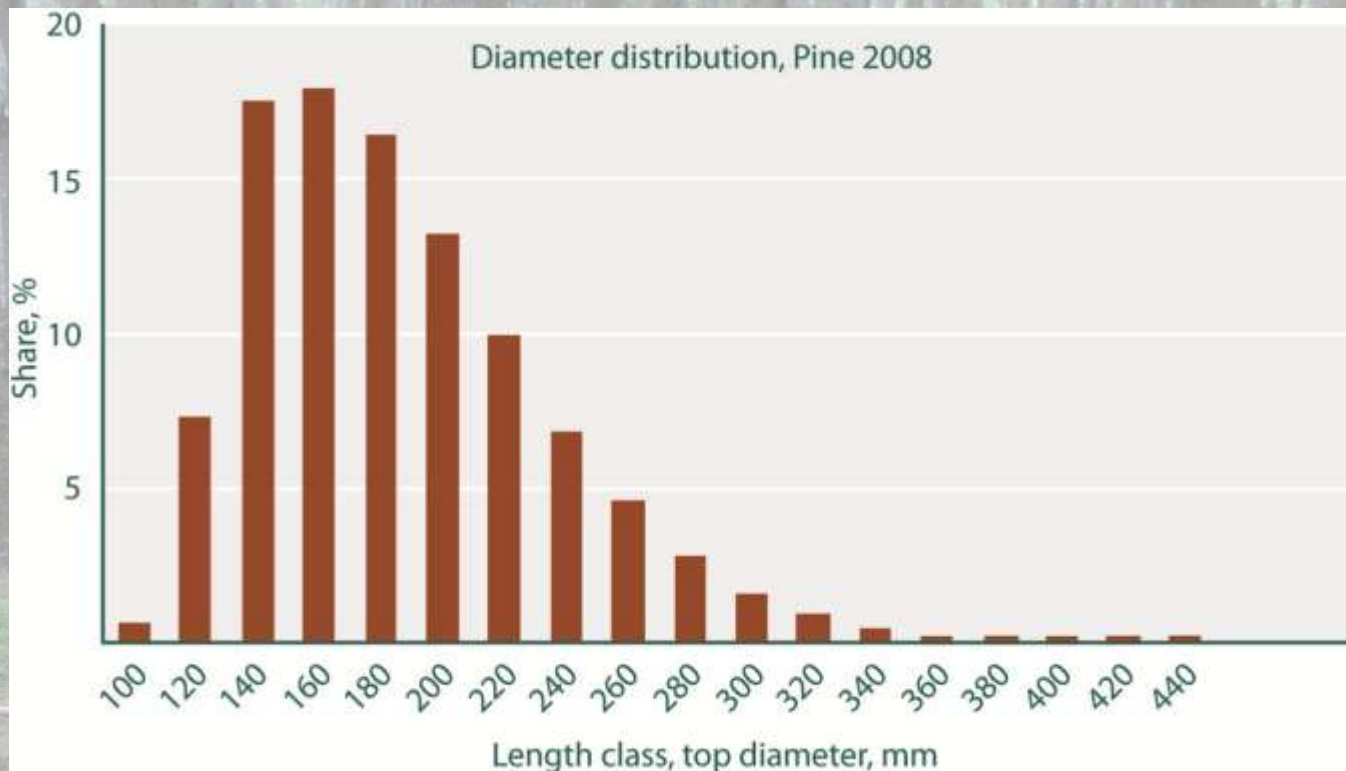




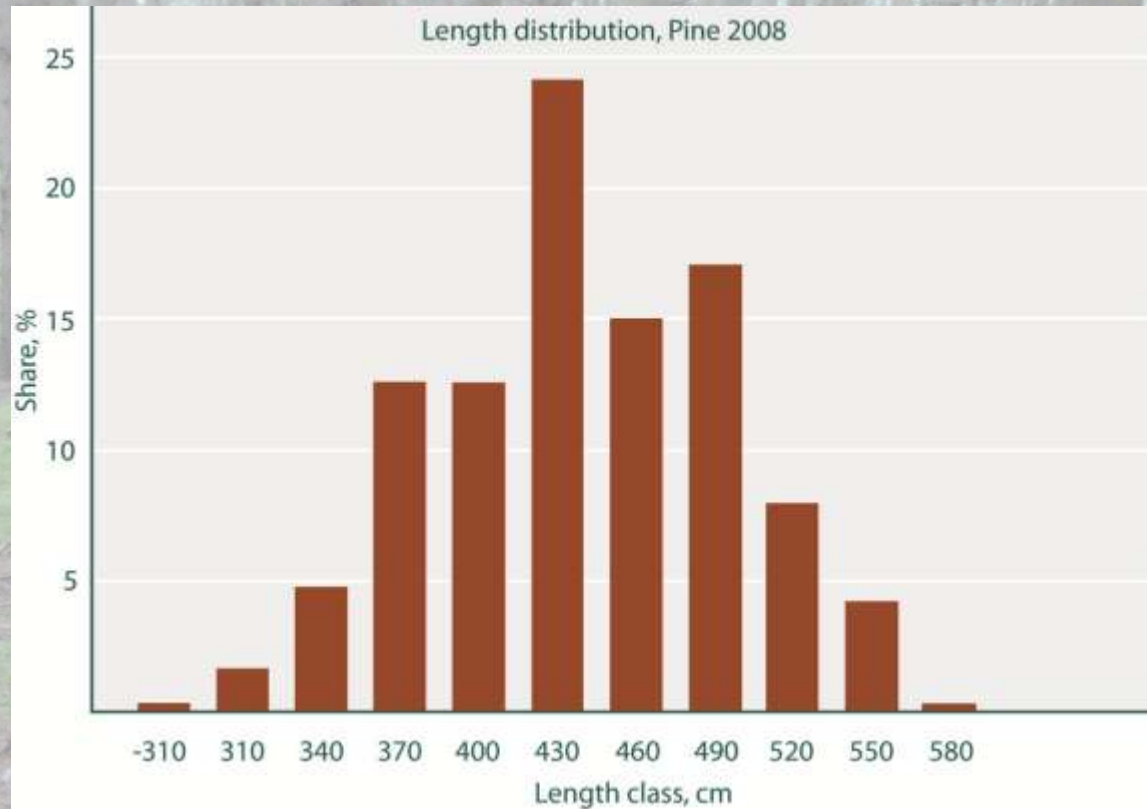




Log diameter



Log length



100% shortwood



Year	1990	2000	2005	2010
Number of mills prod >10 000 m ³ /year	260	207	175	150
Average production per mill, 1 000 m ³	45	80	100	110
Total production, million m ³	11,7	16,3	17,6	17,0
Export, million m ³	6,5	11,1	12,2	11,5

100 Mbft \approx 160 000 m³







Sorting by dimension and quality

Log Scanning

Basis for payment & for optimizing the process



Spruce grades

	Grade	
	1	2
Knots, whole mantle surface	Max 60 mm regardless of knot type	Spike knot max 120 cm. Other knots unlimited.
Growth rings	Min 12	
Straightness	Max 20 cm loss of saw yield	Max 120 cm loss of saw yield
Indication of top rupture	Not allowed	Allowed
Blue stain	Not allowed	Allowed
Open scar	Scar which affects the scaling cylinder is not allowed	Depth of scar max 20 % of scaling cylinder diameter.
Bark-encased scar	Length max 2 x top end diameter	Allowed
Forest rot	Not allowed	Max 5 % of log end surface

Pine grades

	Grade			
	1	2	3	4
Log type	Butt log	Not butt log	All log types	All log types
Knots, whole mantle surface	Max 20 mm, all knot types. Max 5 knots	Sound knots max 120 mm. Other knots max 60 mm.	Sound knots max 120 mm. Other knots max 60 mm	Spike knot max 120 mm. Other knots unlimited.
Knot within 15 dm from butt end		A minimum of two distinct whorls or one sound knot		
Knot swelling	Max 5			
Growth rings 2-8 cm from pith	Minimum 20		Minimum 12	
Straightness	Max. 20 cm loss of saw yield			Max. 120 cm loss of saw yield
Indication of top rupture	Not allowed			Allowed
Blue stain	Not allowed			Allowed
Forest rot	Not allowed			Max 5 % of end surface



Top diameter (cm)	Length (dm)										
	28-30	31-33	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48	49-51	52-54	55-57	58+
10-11	1,15	1,31	1,32	1,33	1,34	1,34	1,35	1,36	1,37	1,38	1,39
12-13	1,25	1,25	1,26	1,27	1,28	1,29	1,30	1,30	1,31	1,32	1,33
14-15	1,21	1,22	1,22	1,23	1,24	1,25	1,26	1,27	1,27	1,28	1,29
16-17	1,18	1,19	1,20	1,20	1,21	1,22	1,23	1,24	1,25	1,26	1,26
18-19	1,16	1,17	1,18	1,19	1,19	1,20	1,21	1,22	1,23	1,24	1,25
20-21	1,15	1,15	1,16	1,17	1,18	1,19	1,20	1,21	1,21	1,22	1,23
22-23	1,13	1,14	1,15	1,16	1,17	1,18	1,19	1,19	1,20	1,21	1,22
24-25	1,13	1,14	1,14	1,15	1,16	1,17	1,18	1,19	1,20	1,20	1,21
26-27	1,13	1,13	1,14	1,15	1,16	1,16	1,17	1,18	1,19	1,20	1,20
28+	1,13	1,13	1,13	1,14	1,15	1,16	1,17	1,18	1,19	1,19	1,20

Volume is measured under the bark

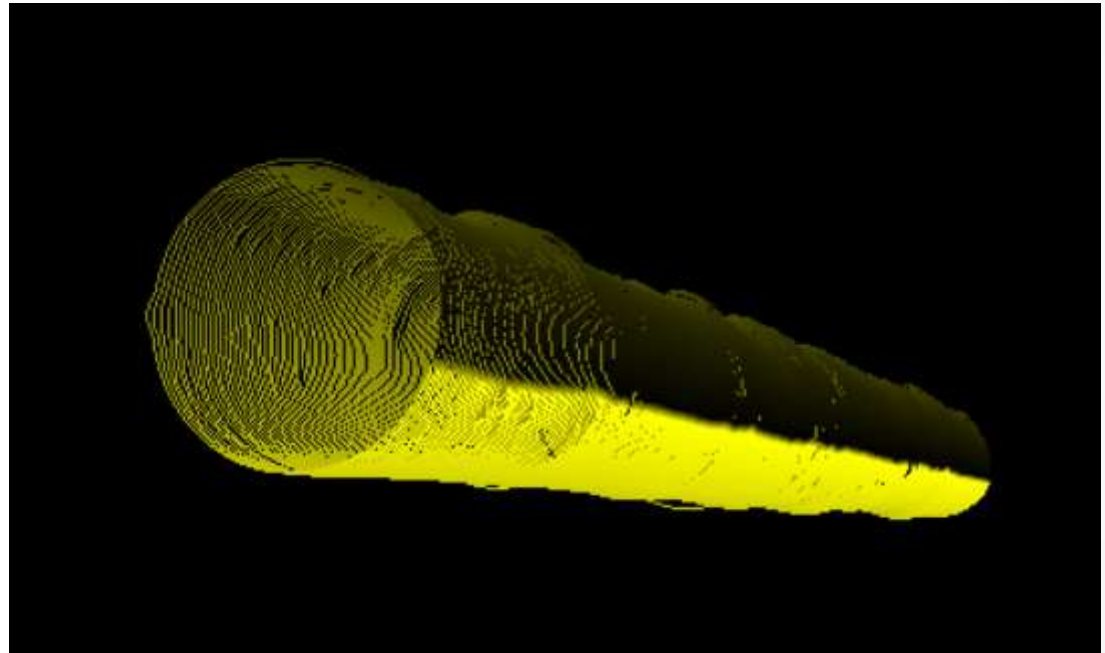
Bark thickness can be measured:

- Manually, (most common)
- With laser triangulation
- With X-ray



3D lazer scanners





9 X-ray scanners in Sweden

SCA Bollsta Såg, Microtech

SCA Munksunds, Rema

SCA Tunadals Sågverk, Microtech

Martinssons AB, Rema

Holmen Iggesunds sågverk, Rema

Setra Kastets sågverk, Rema

Setra Skinnskattebergs Trä, Rema

StoraEnso Ala sågverk, Rema

Moelven Valåsens Sågverk, Rema

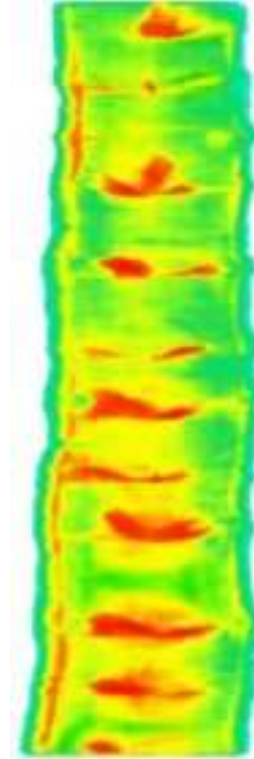
X-ray scanner RemaContol

7 units in Sweden, 5 in Finland and one in Estonia.



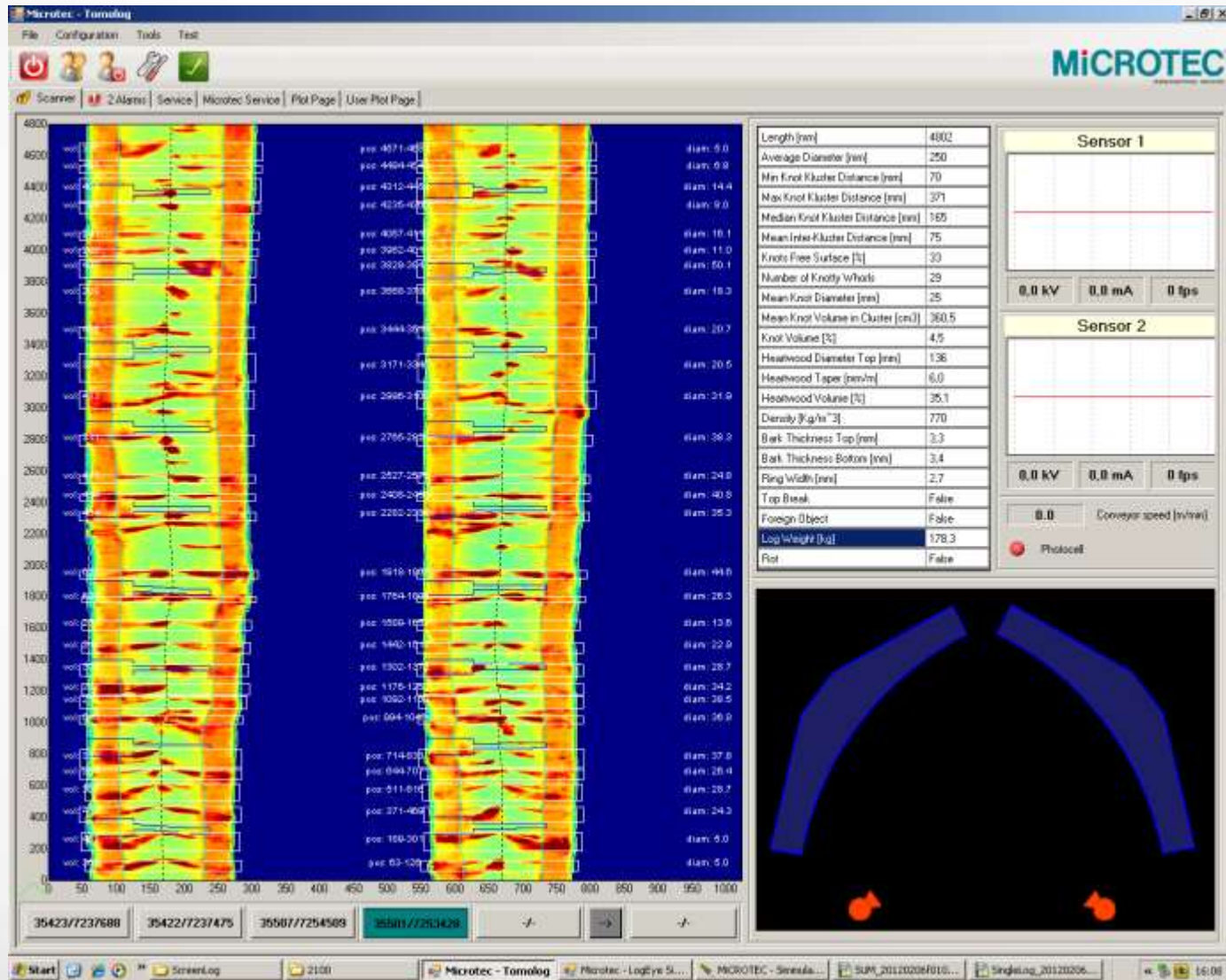
Property variabels from Rema X-ray scanner

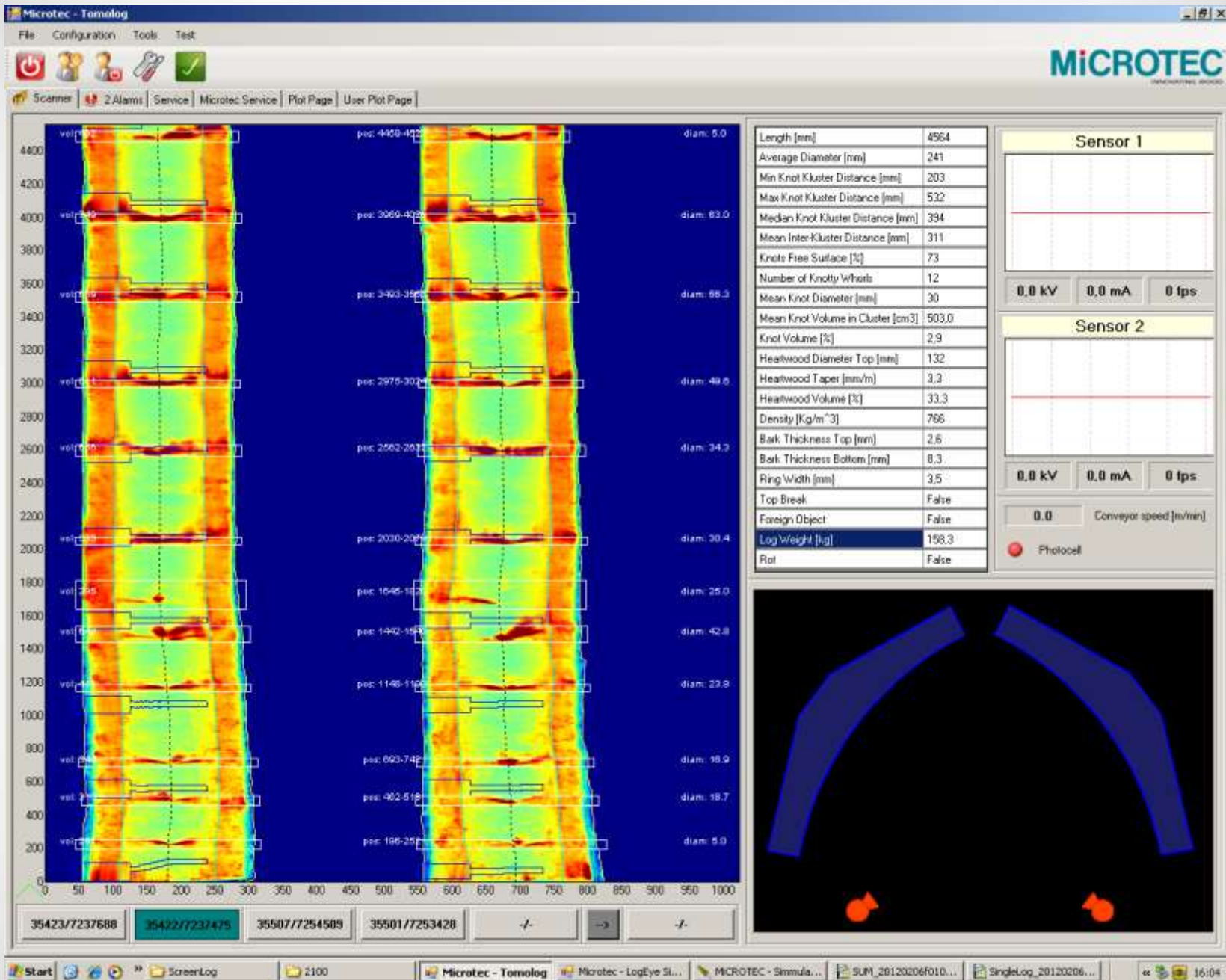
- Bark thickness
- Volume
- Hartwood Diameter
- Ring Width
- Species (fir or pine)
- Stocktyp (root, intermediate, top)
- Density
- Distance between knotty worls
- Volume free from knots
- Rot
- Foreign objects (metal, stone)
- Strength



Microtech , 3 direction

Two units in Sweden





Property variabels from microtec scanner

- 1 Min Knot Cluster Distance [mm]
- 2 Max Knot Cluster Distance [mm]
- 3 Mean Knot Cluster Distance [mm]
- 4 **Number of Knotty Whorls**
- 5 Mean Max Knot Diameter [mm]
- 6 Mean Knot Volume in Cluster [cm³]
- 7 Knotty whorls quality [1-10]
- 8 **Knot Volume [‰]**
- 9 Heartwood Top Diameter [mm]
- 10 **Heartwood Taper [(mm/10)/m]**
- 11 Heartwood Volume [‰]
- 12 Mean Density [Kg/m³]
- 13 Ring Width [mm/10]
- 14 Top break
- 15 Top break position [cm]
- 16 Foreign Object
- 17 Bark Thickness [mm/10]
- 18 Bark Thickness Top [mm/10]
- 19 Bark Thickness Middle [mm/10]
- 20 Bark Thickness Bottom [mm/10]
- 21 Rot
- 22 Top Break Peak Value [abs]
- 23 Mean Inter-Cluster Distance [mm]
- 24 Min Inter-Cluster Distance [mm]
- 25 Max Inter-Cluster Distance [mm]
- 26 Percentage of Knots Free Length [%]
- 27 taper butt/mid
- 28 volume m³fub
- 29 volume m³top
- 30 Metall
- 31 Bark Share



- One of Sweden's largest lumber product companies
- Leading player in Europe
- 1,100 employees
- Annual sales of 0,6 billion \$
- Approx 60% is exported to Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Japan



Setra's production units

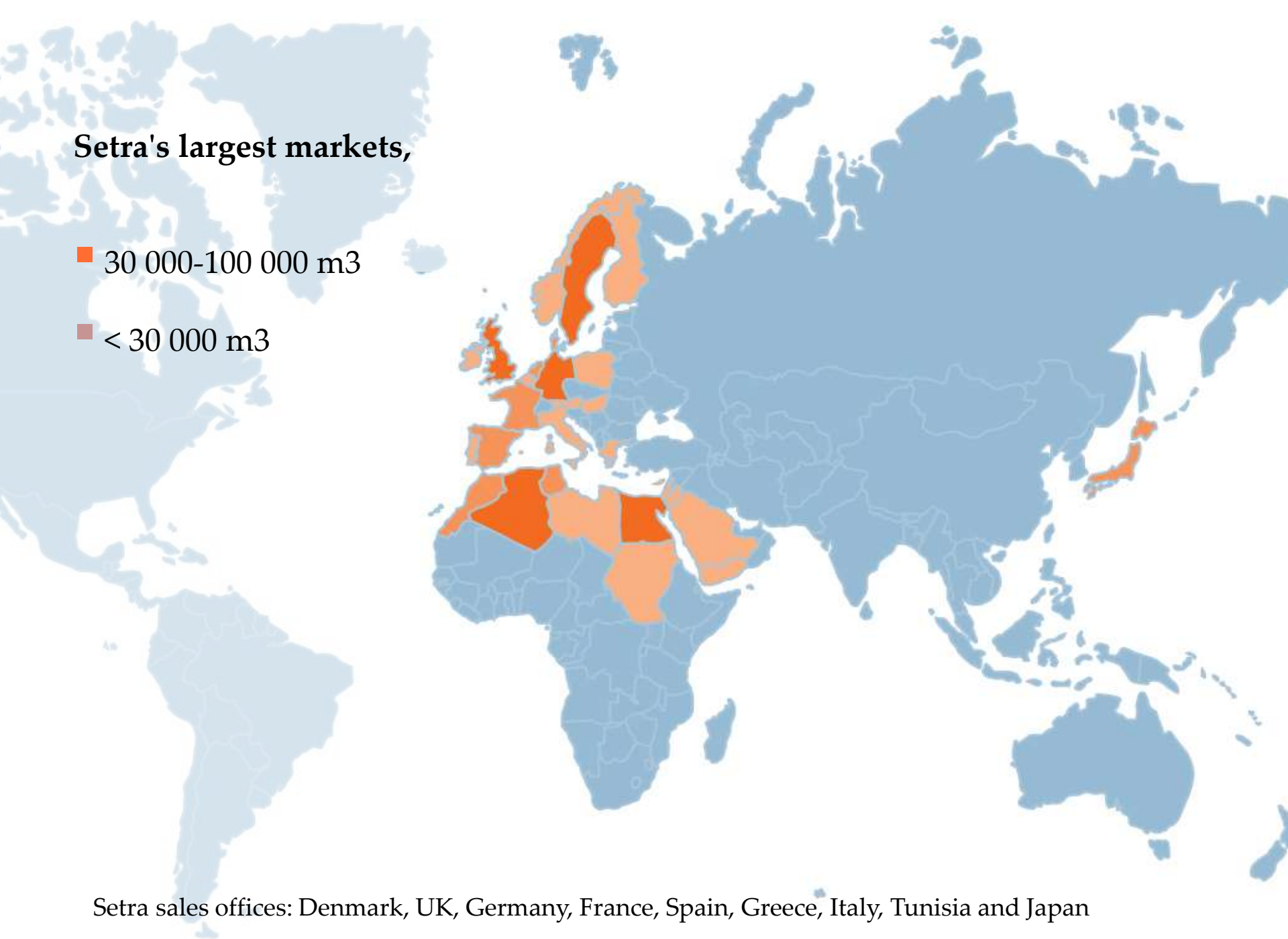
- Sawmills, Spruce
- Sawmills, Pine
- Integrated production, sawmills and processing, Spruce & Pine
- Processing units
- Modular building factories



Setra's largest markets,

■ 30 000-100 000 m³

■ < 30 000 m³



Setra sales offices: Denmark, UK, Germany, France, Spain, Greece, Italy, Tunisia and Japan

Skinnskatterberg mill

210 000m³

Sound knots

Heart wood



Horndal mill

30 000m³

Clear wood



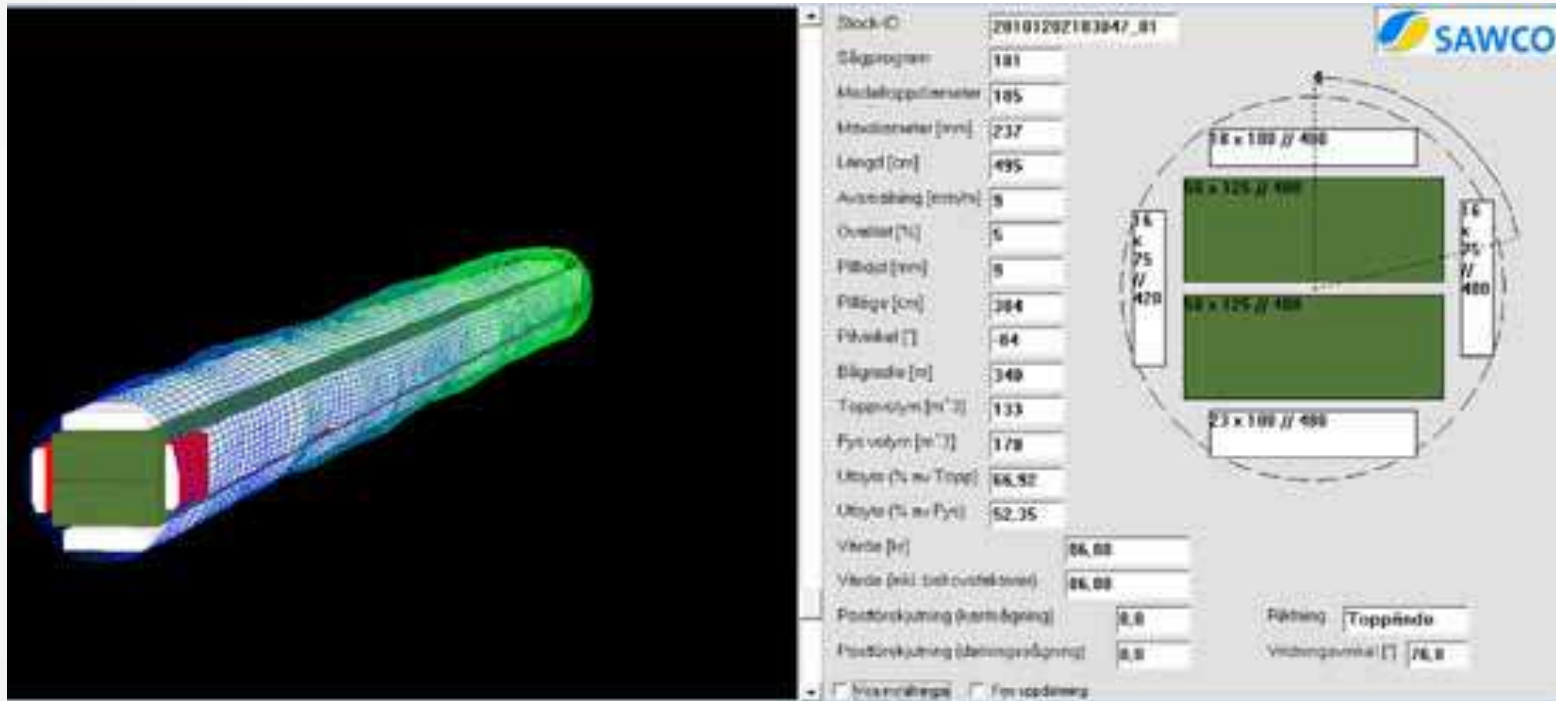


- Logs are measured and divided into sawclasses depending on diameter, length, and quality
- Measurement is also performed as a foundation for payment by the Swedish Timber Measurement Council

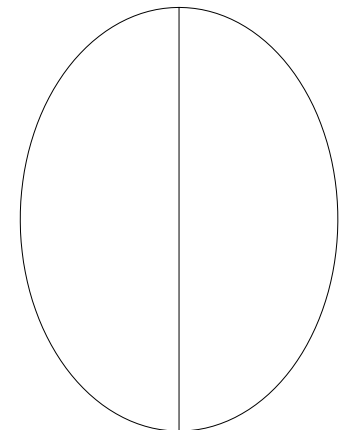
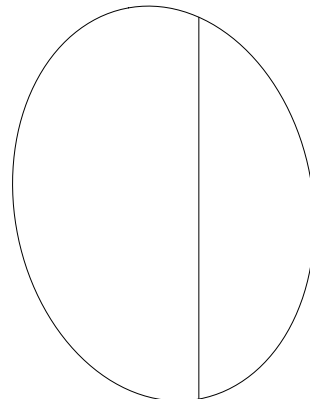
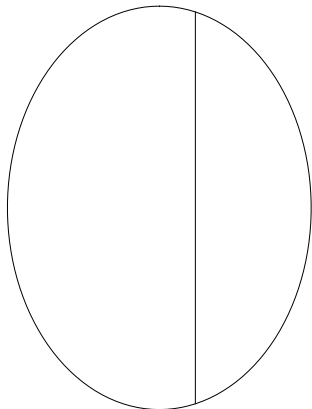
Turning logs – top end first

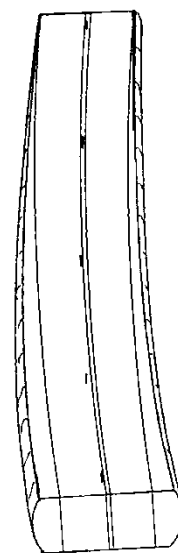
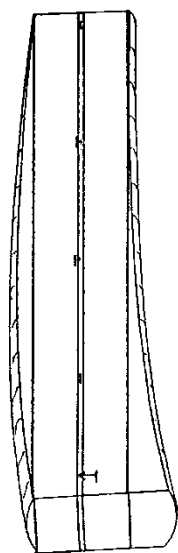


Optimizing



Centering & circular rotation





Thank You!

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