

Advanced MRF Operations and Benefits for Councils



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Offsite Excellence

Re-Gen Waste Serving local authorities with innovative MDR and Residual Waste services across the UK and Ireland.







Thriving family business







Re-Gen Academy

Last year – Re-Gen Waste, Re-Gen Robotics and Connex Offsite – 7 apprentices have been recruited (total: 14)

- * Accountancy
- * Technical Design & Manufacture
- * Heavy Vehicle Maintenance
- * Mechatronics
- * Welding and Fabrication
- * Digital Marketing, Communications & Advertising

The skills we need

- * Digital/Mechatronics
- * Robotics
- * Artificial Intelligence
- * Data Analysts
- * Mechanics
- * Re-use











Leveraging technology in MRFs



Investment

Highly automated processes supported by data analysis and decision making

Skill Development

Replacing manual processes so employees can be upskilled and increase their job satisfaction

Challenging Ourselves

Continually looking to do it better and improve the environment









Where we started 18 years ago





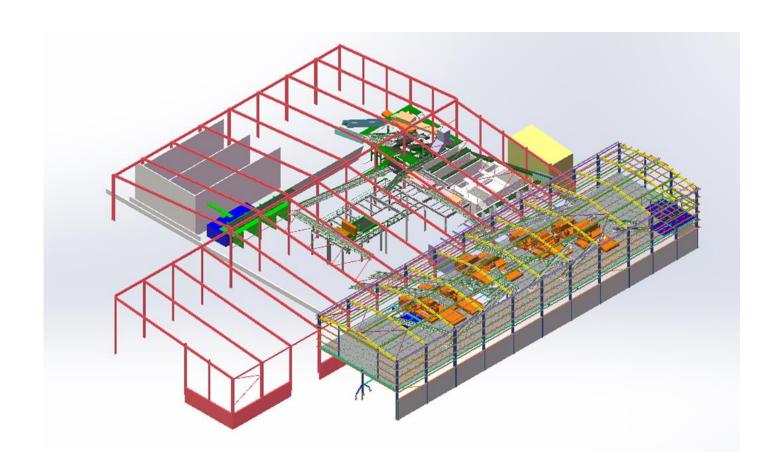








How rich data is collected - Optics

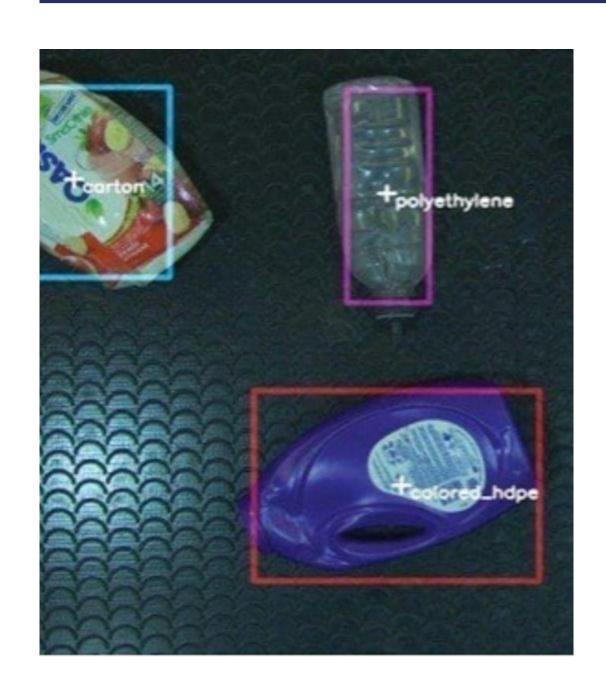


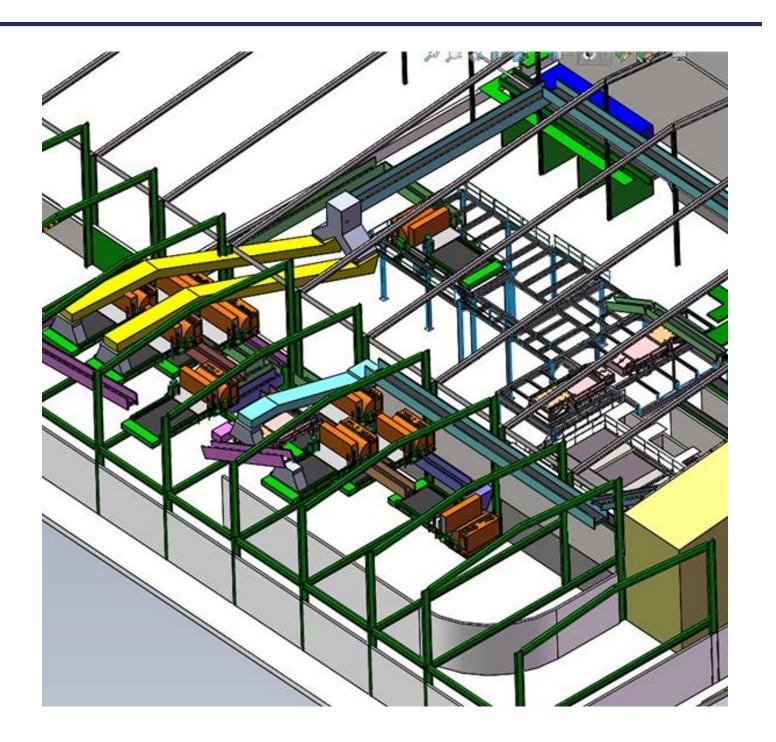
£5m investment In optical sorting equipment





VRS (visual recognition systems)







How can Super MRFs help?

Rich data

Mechanical sorting interfaced with visual recognition systems can capture rich data to provide detailed information on the material mix

This will be very important for helping implement EPR and DRS and maybe FPOC

EPR

Rich data will enable Councils to maximise their claim for funding from the EPR Scheme Administrator

DRS

Rich data will enable Re-Gen to provide evidence to the Deposit Management Organisation to possibly reclaim the deposits back on obligated items





Material Facility Sampling CoP

MF Sampling Regs 2014 – ENG and WALES

Sampling requirement = one 60kg sample per 125 tonnes **OR** 0.05%

Proposed Revision to MF Sampling Regs 2024 onwards – UK wide Proposed sampling requirement = one 60kg sample per 75 tonnes OR 0.08%

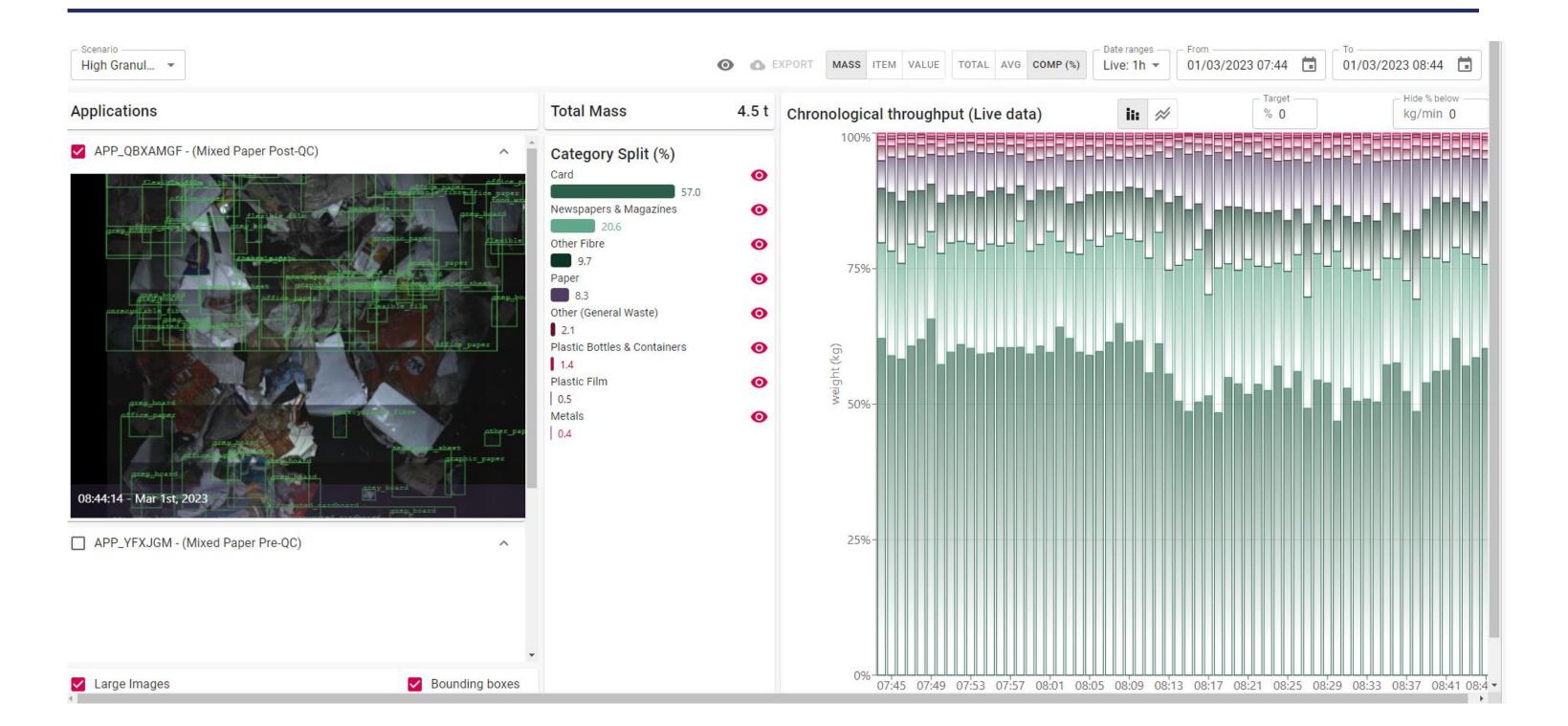


Manual sampling only assesses an insignificant percentage of the material

Continuous visual recognition can sample 100% of the material to 95%+ accuracy



VRS/T (visual recognition systems/technology)





DRS in Council Collections

Material	Tonnes	%	
Mixed Paper	11.743	42.05%	
Cardboard	1.073	3.84%	
Mixed Plastic Bottles	3.977	14.24%	
Steel cans	1.14	4.08%	
Aluminium cans	0.71	2.54%	
Plastic Film	0.425	1.52%	1
Wires		0.00%	
Wood		0.00%	
Wee		0.00%	
Mixed Rigid Plastics	0.02	0.07%	
Clothes		0.00%	į.
Glass	5.845	20.93%	
Stainless steel		0.00%	
Glass Plant steel		0.00%	
Prepick	0.605	2.17%	
Paper Line Residual	0.532	1.90%	
Landfill		0.00%	
Fines	1.174	4.20%	
Paper from optical		0.00%	
Glass Plant Landfill	0.685	2.45%	
Bottle line residual		0.00%	
Pacon		0.00%	

			% tot	% from tot bottles	% from good bottles
	PET Colour	0.382	1.37%	9.61%	14.64%
	HDPE Jazz	0.118	0.42%	2.97%	4.52%
	HDPE Natural	0.667	2.39%	16.77%	25.56%
1	PET Clear	1.393	4.99%	35.03%	53.37%
	PP	0.05	0.18%	1.26%	1.92%
	Total % good bottles		2.61	65.63%	100.00%
	Low Value Bottles	1.367	4.89%	34.37%	
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VRS can recognise items by form, in this example, items obligated under DRS

VRS is a self learning system and the data from several MRFs across the UK is pulled together so the accuracy of the system improves and material capture increases



Where next for the Super MRF?



Automated sorting





The future is bright and driven by data





Thank you

