



# — Technology of an Optical Sorting Plant

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# Agenda

- Intro to Envac and Lybover
- Brief history of optical sorting
- Optical sorting technology in Limburg
- Conclusion and Future Development





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# What we do – Smart and sustainable cities





# Envac – waste collection and sorting solutions



The pneumatic waste collection system



Optical sorting systems

<https://vimeo.com/envac>

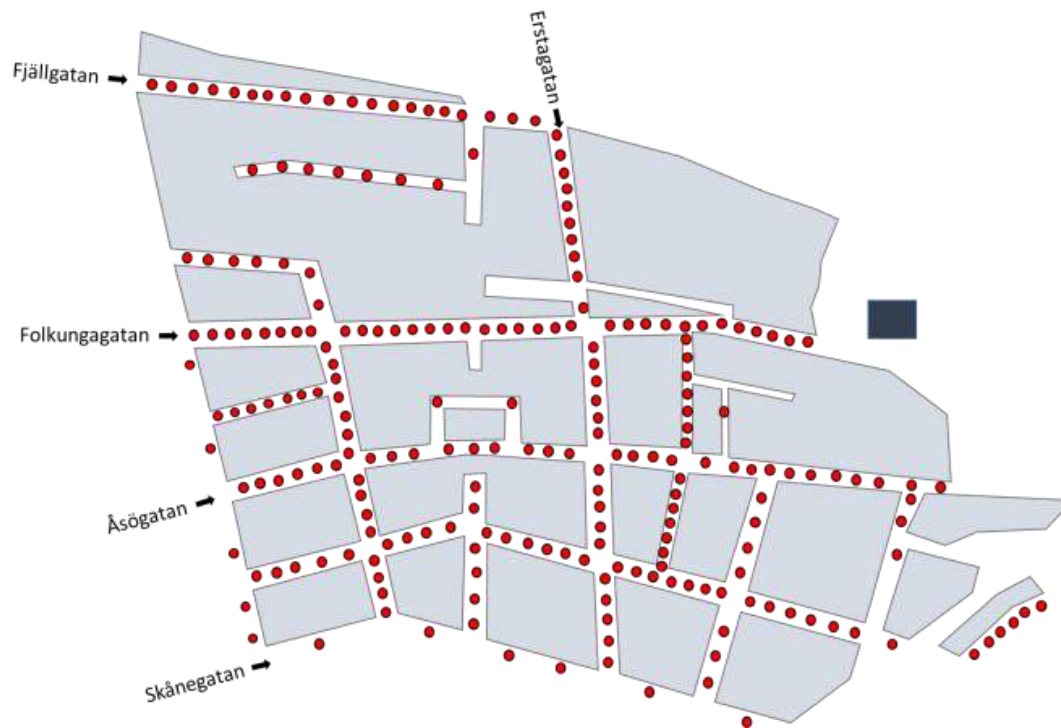
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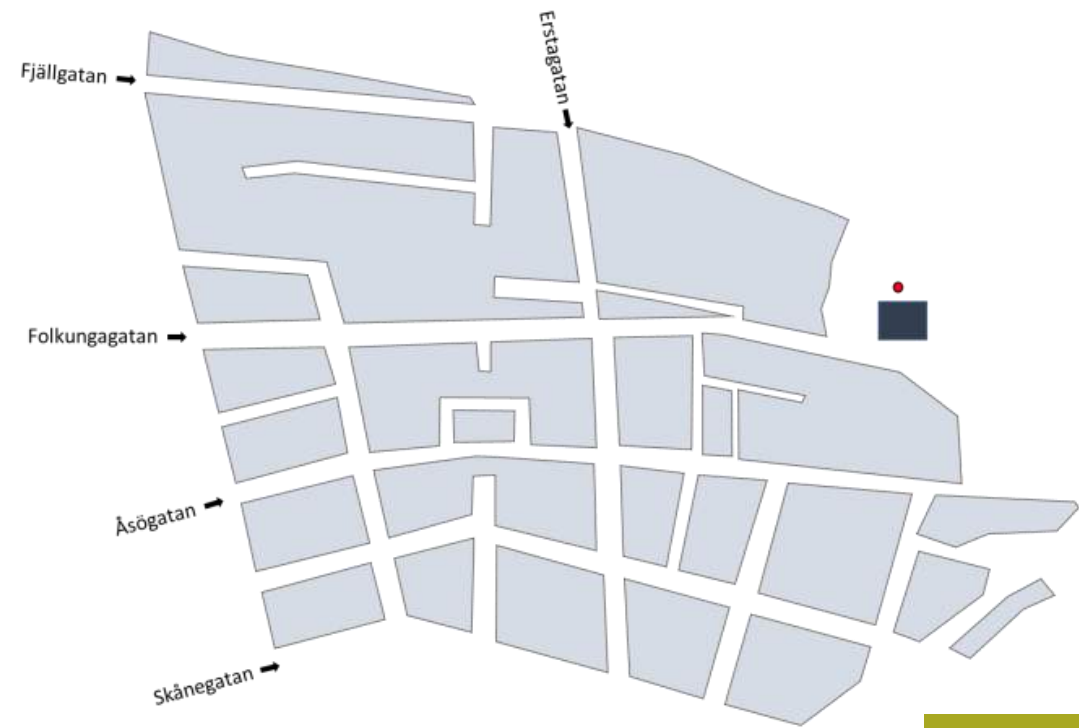


# Waste collection impact on traffic

## Bins



## AWCS



# Impact on urban planning and local environment

**Bins**



**AWCS**





# Envac - Global presence – Local leadership







LYBOVER

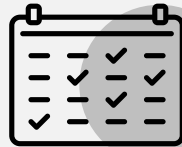
ON THE WINGS OF ENGINEERING

## facts & figures



**+200**  
employees

**+5000**  
completed  
projects



**100%**  
family driven



**€60 million**  
turnover

**focus on Europe**  
with sales reps in 4 countries





**AIR**



**FIRE**



**BULK**



**INSTALLATION**



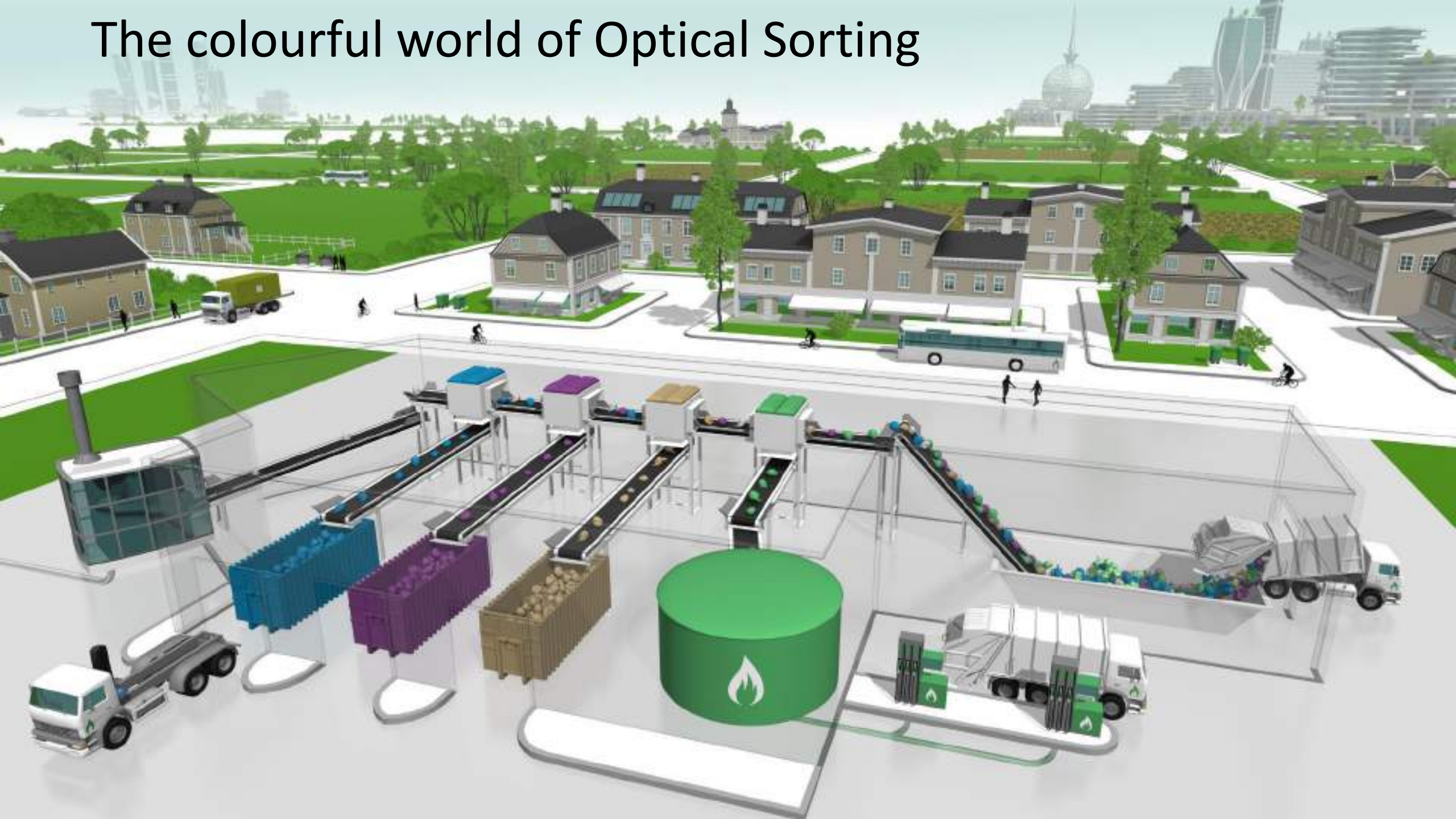
**METAL**



**RECYCLING**



# The colourful world of Optical Sorting





# Why optical sorting?

What the Sorting product does is to enable a municipality to optimise its collection of household waste in to a cost-efficient system without changing the existing collection infrastructure.



# References

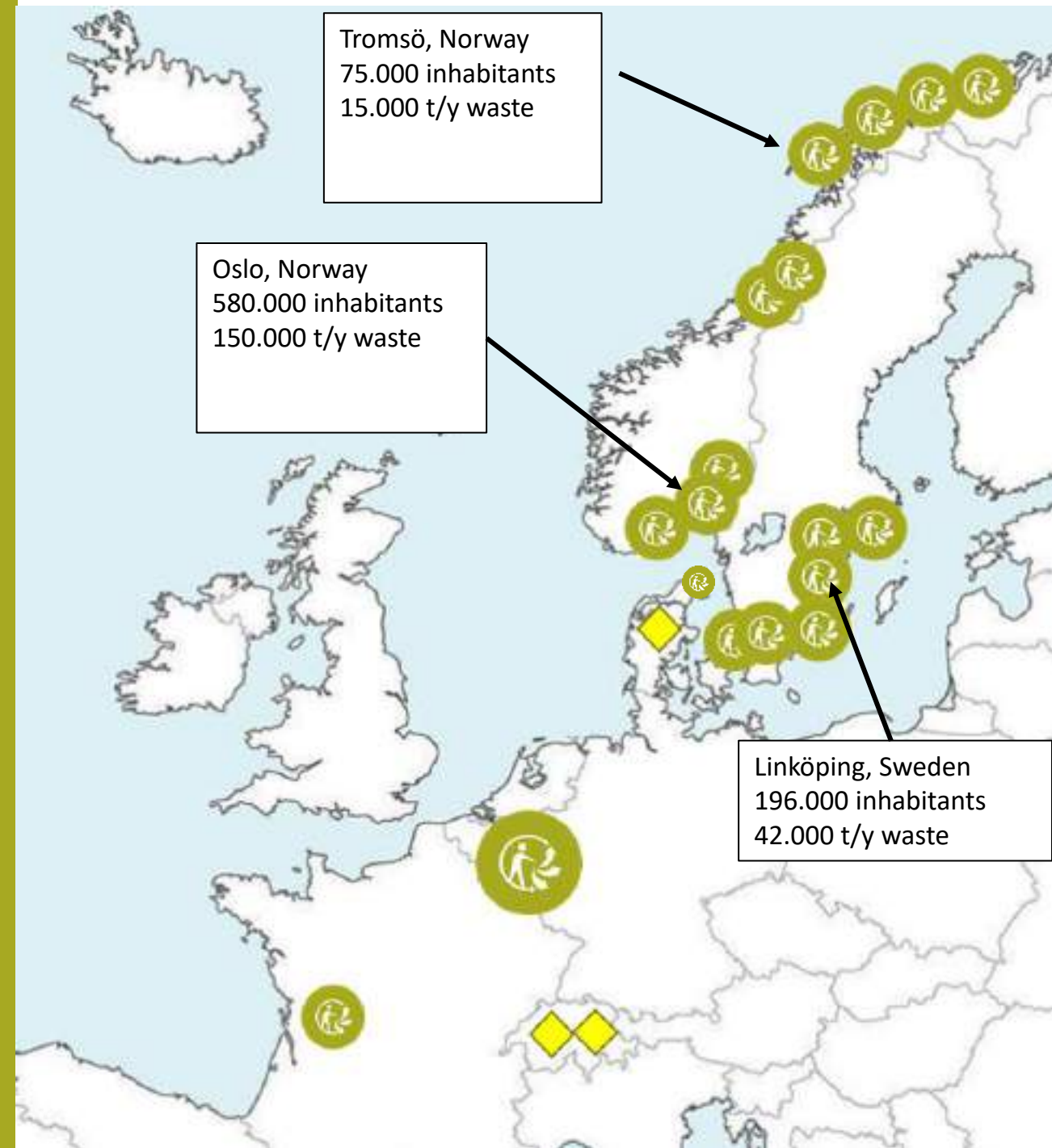
**More than 2 million users**

**Projects under construction**

- Portugal - Lissabon
- Sweden - Ljungby

**Prospects**

- Denmark - Ålborg
- Sweden – several uprades
- Switzerland
- USA



# Optical sorting in Eskilstuna - Sweden

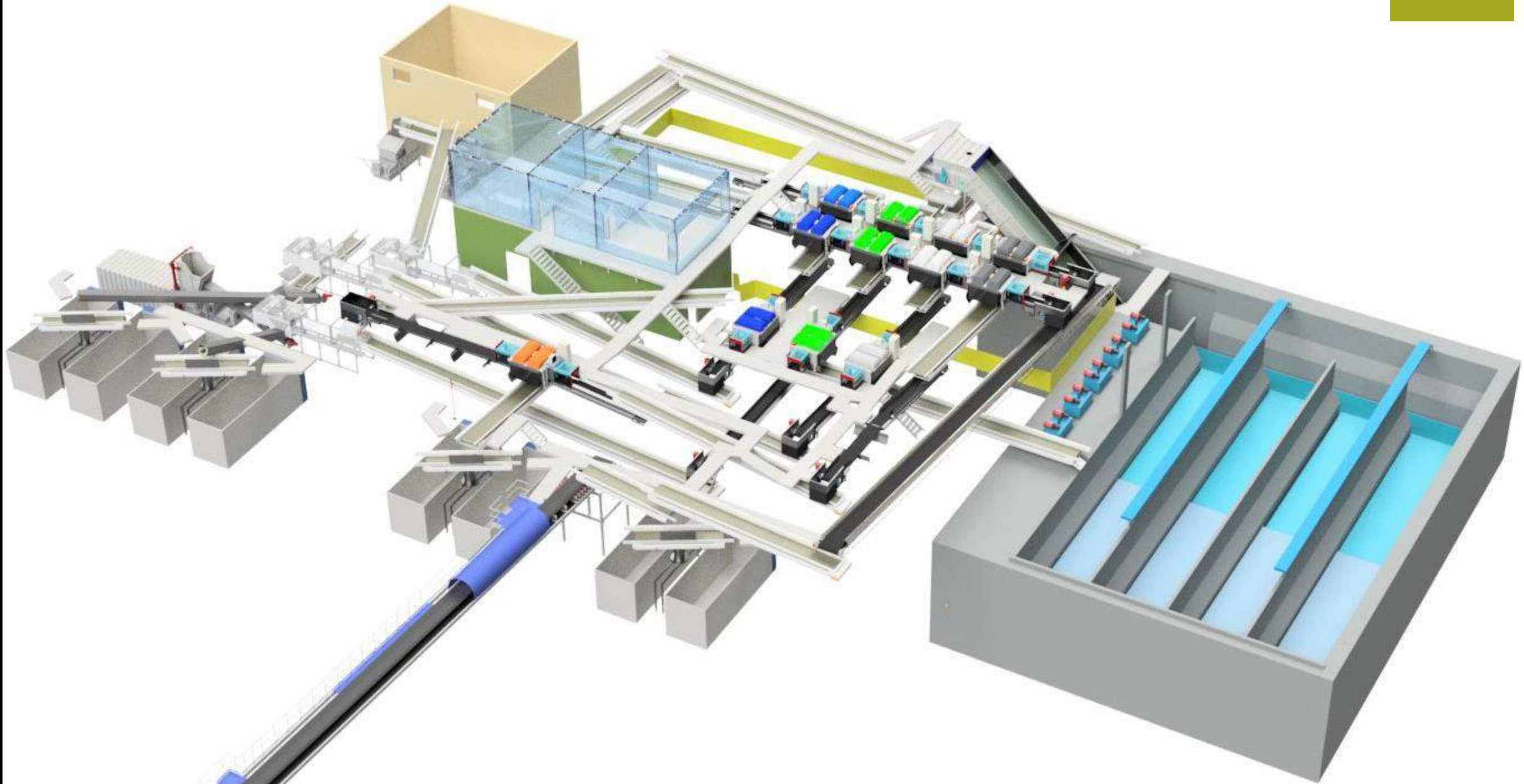
Food waste  
Metal packaging  
Plastic packaging  
Paper packaging  
Newspaper  
Trash  
Textile

Green bag  
Grey bag  
Orange bag  
Yellow bag  
Blue bag  
Black bag  
Purple bag

55% diversion of waste from incineration to recycling  
compared to before optical sorting was introduced









# Facts & Figures

✓ 800 ton / day

✓ 14 000 bags / hour

✓ 5 Fractions



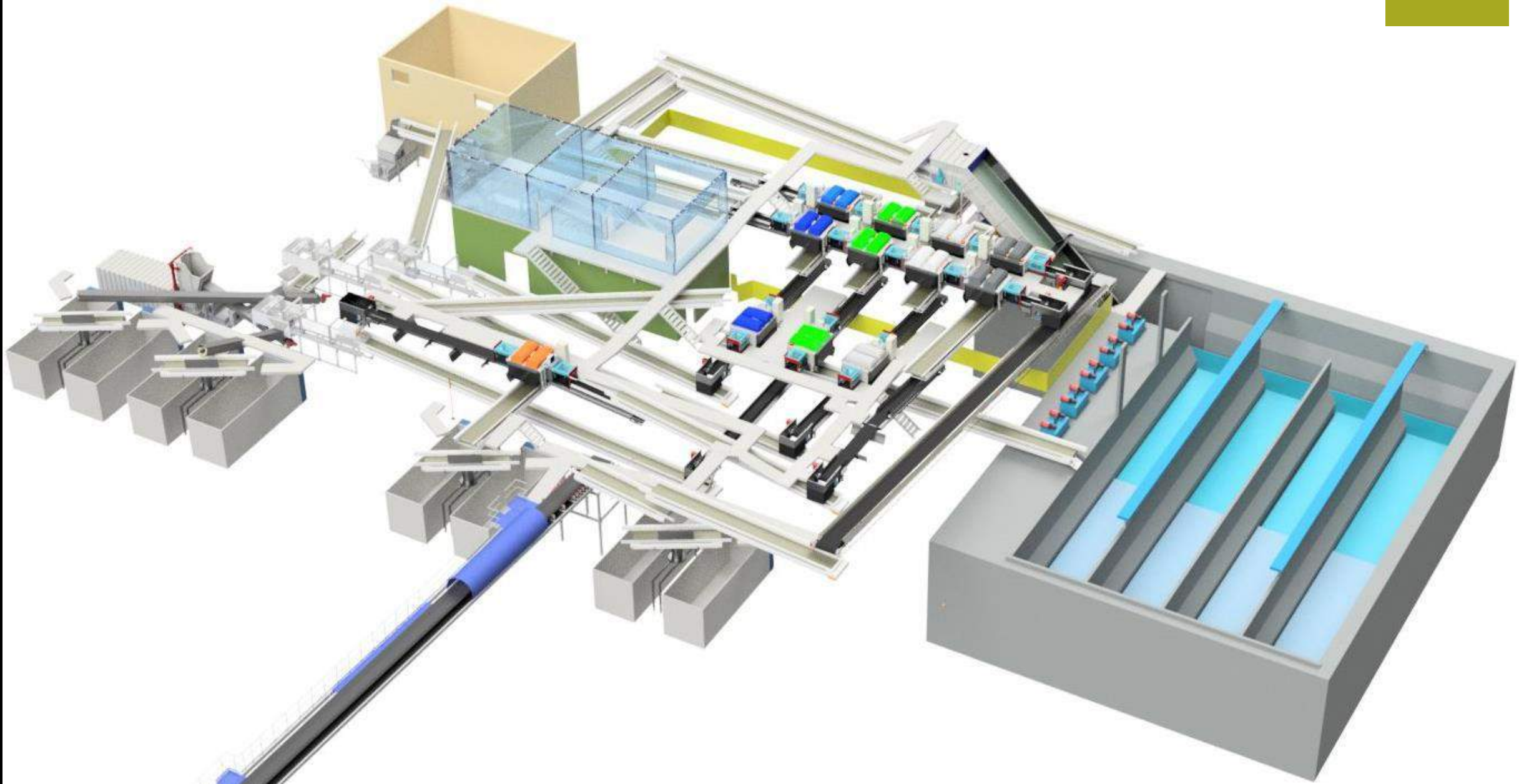
✓ #45 Conveyor Belts – Total length +650m

✓ 4 +1 Lane Waste Bunker

✓ 12 Double Pusher Units



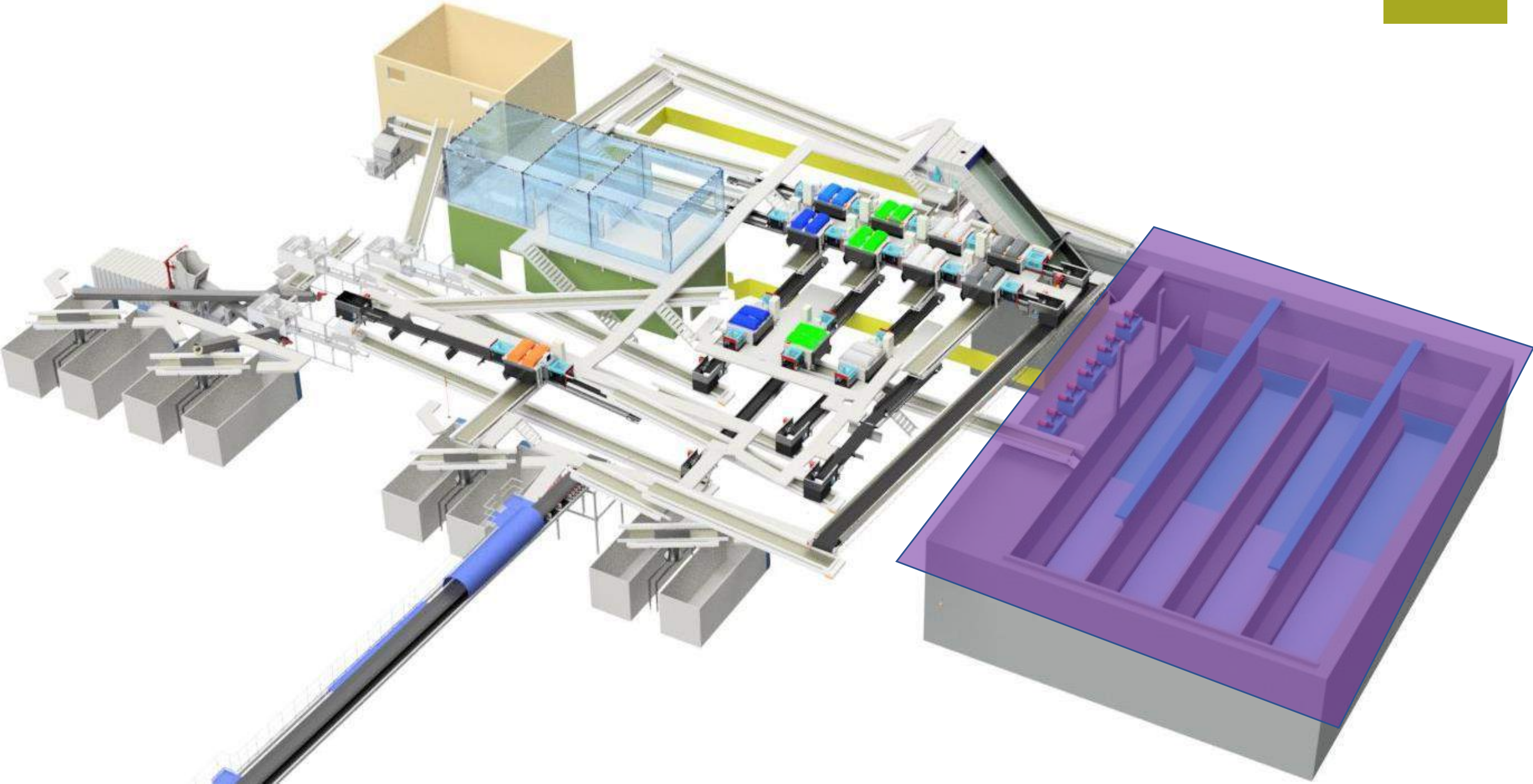
# Areas of an Optical Sorting Plant

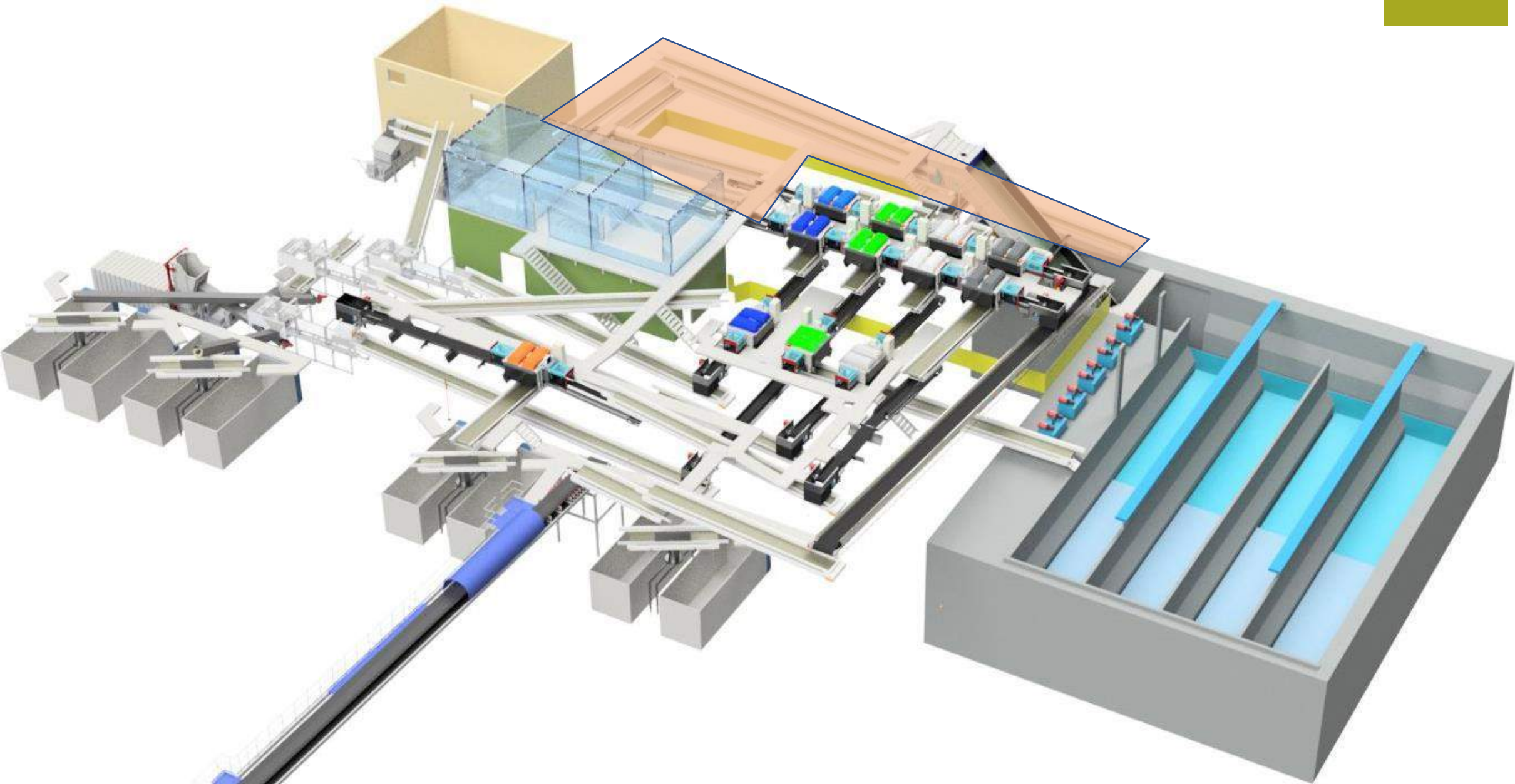






# Reception and Buffer Area

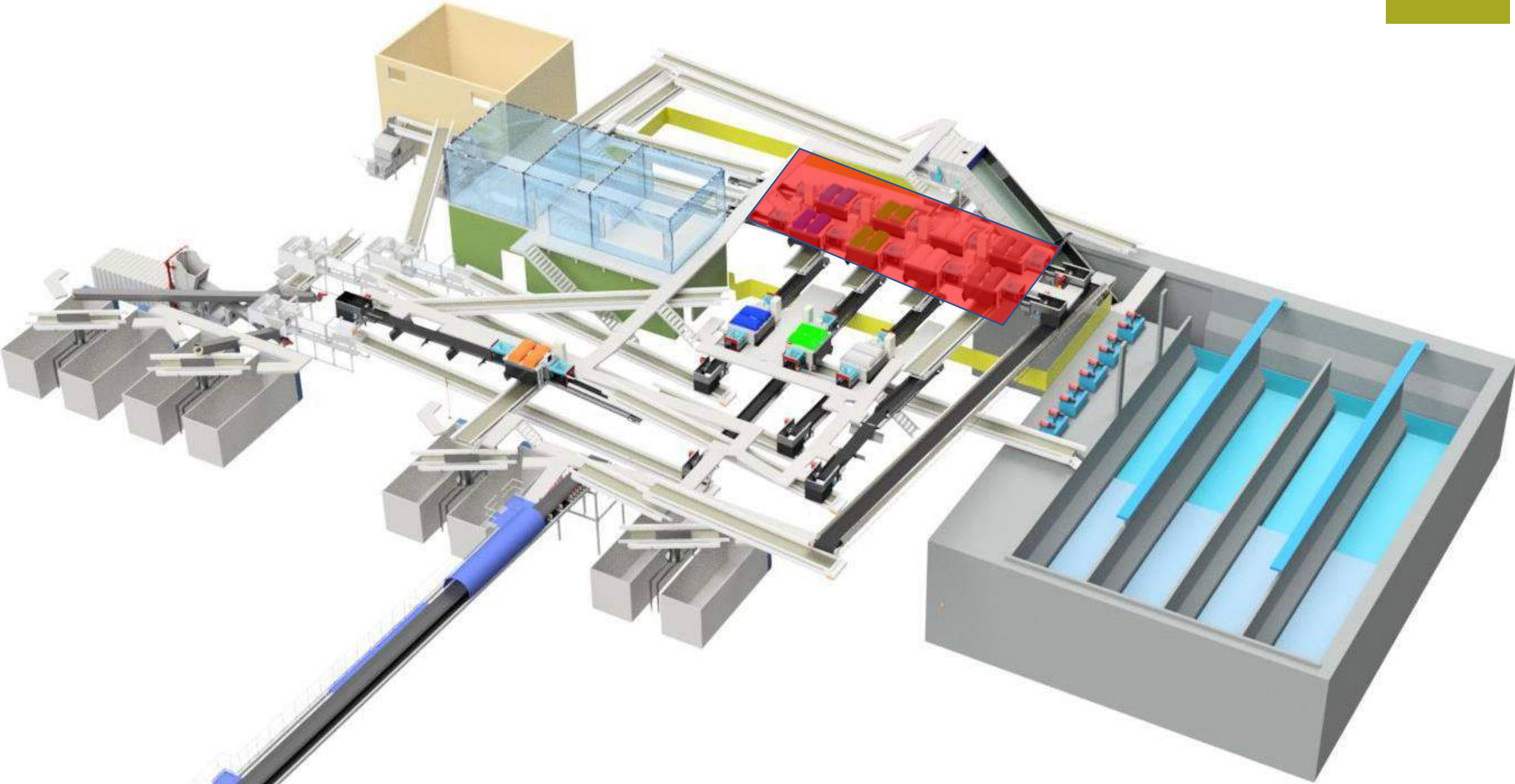






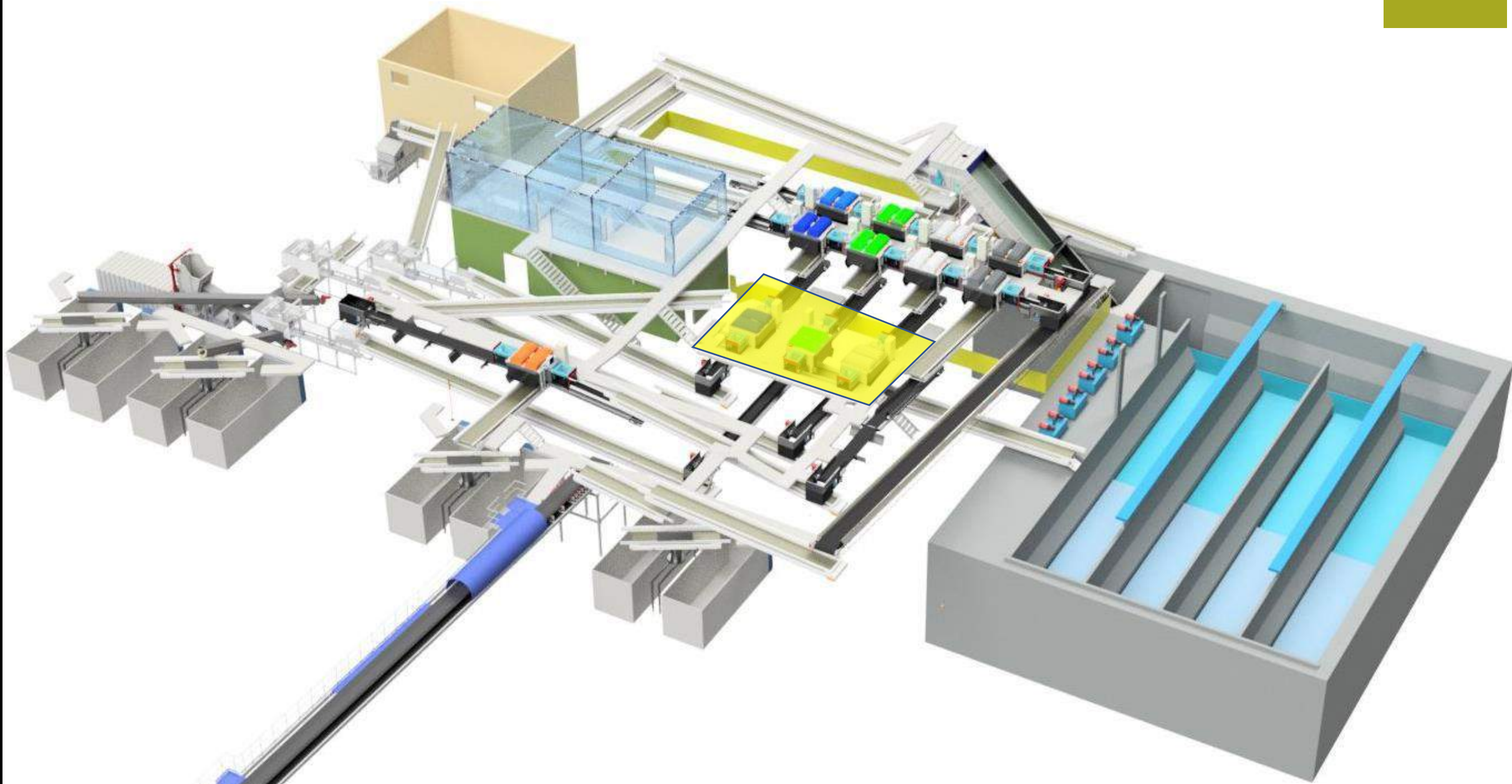


# Identifying & Sorting Area

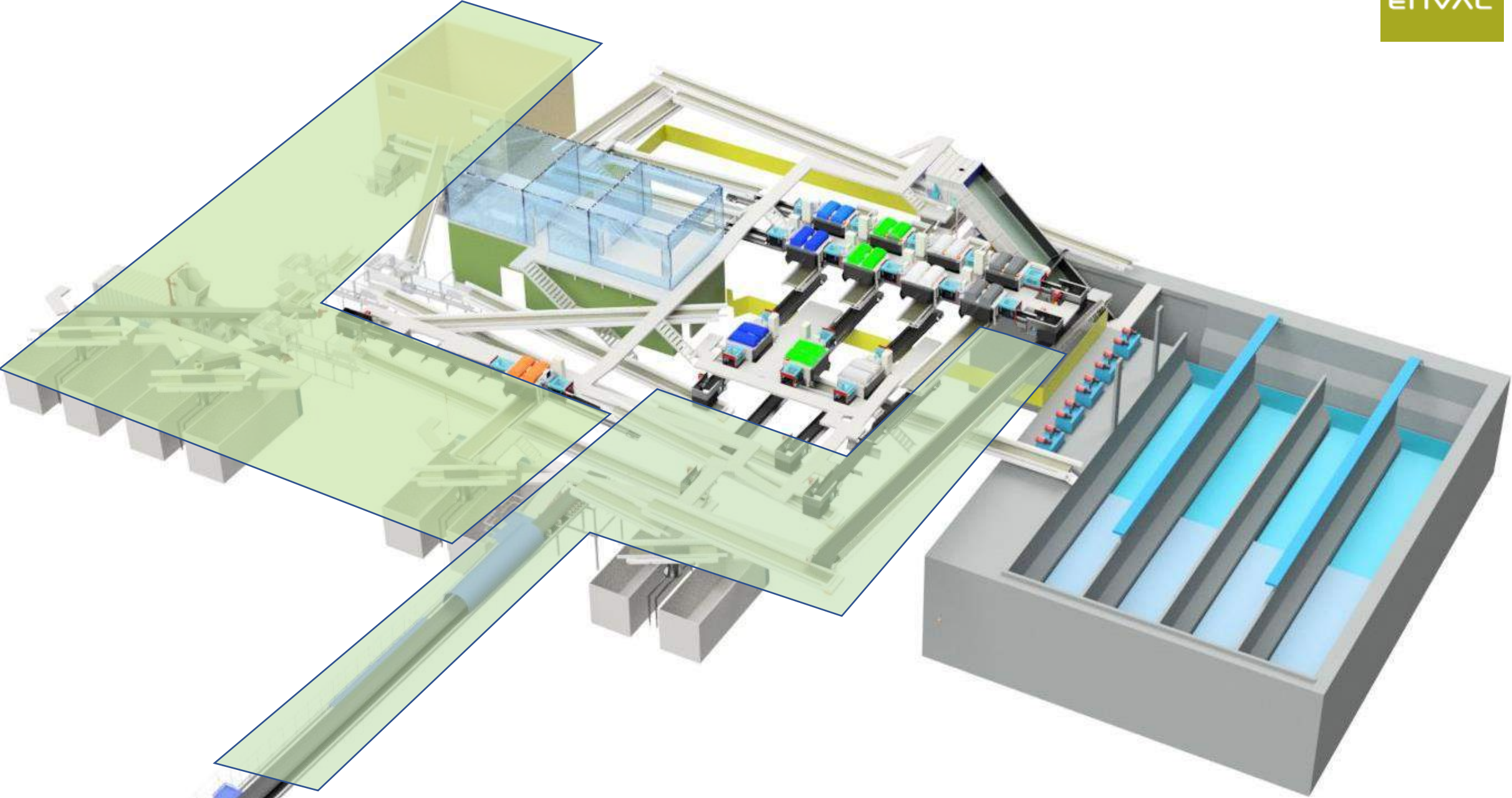




# 2<sup>nd</sup> Check and clean-up Area

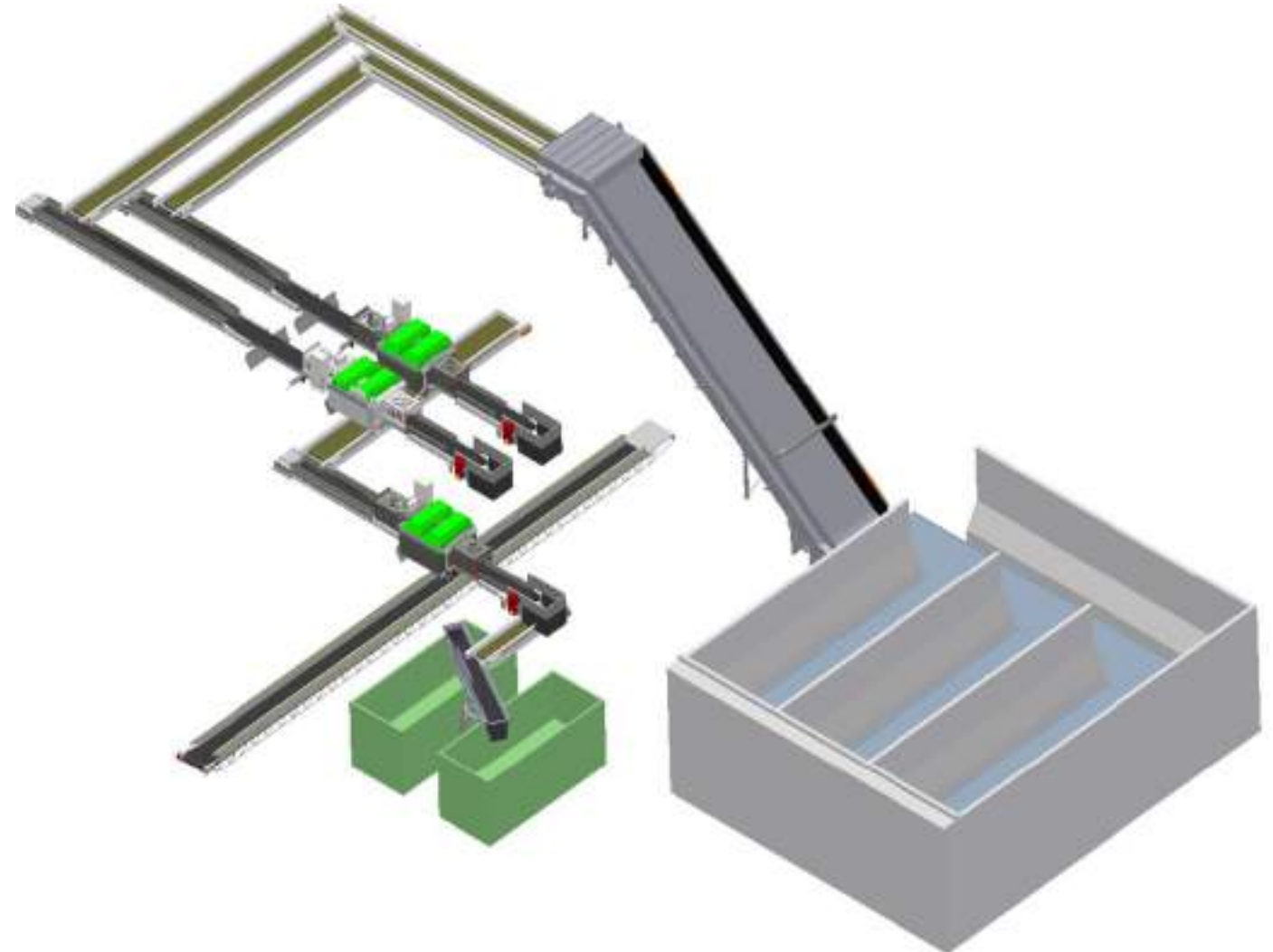






# Main components of an optical sorting plant

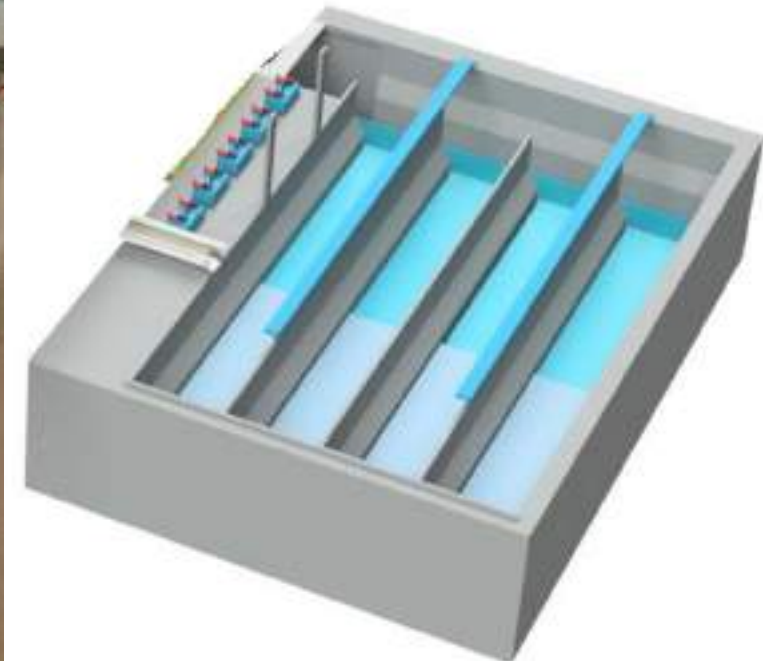
1. Waste reception with bunker and walking floor
2. Apron conveyor to lift the waste onto working height
3. Acceleration and sorting conveyors
4. Pusher units
5. Reception of sorted waste





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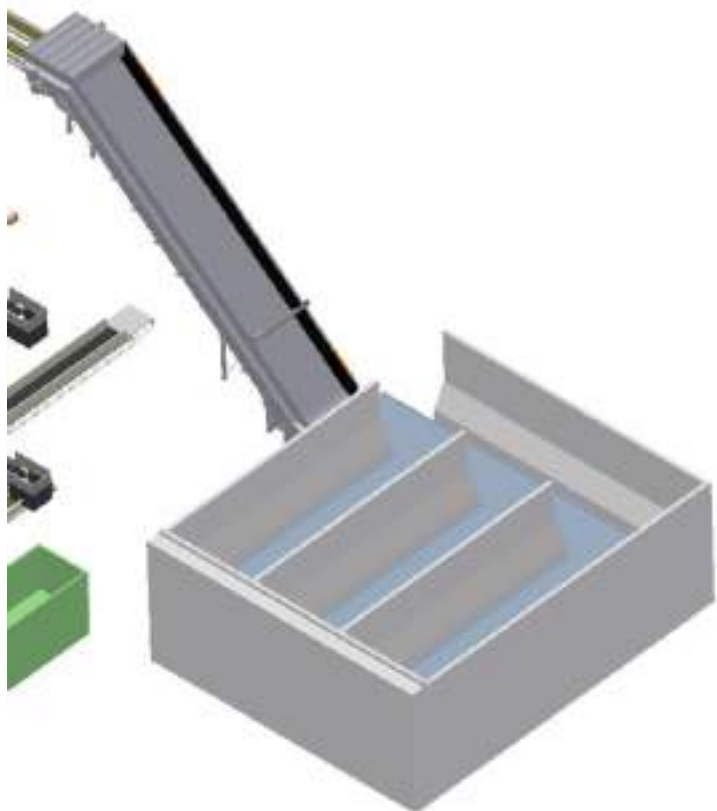
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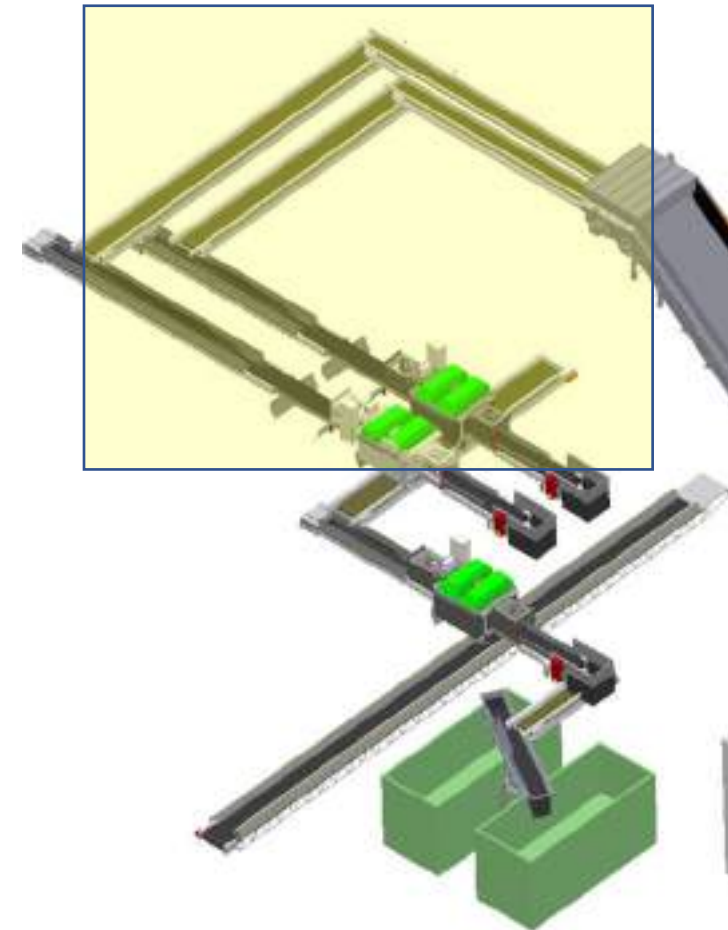
2. Apron Conveyor lifts the waste bags 10m high.





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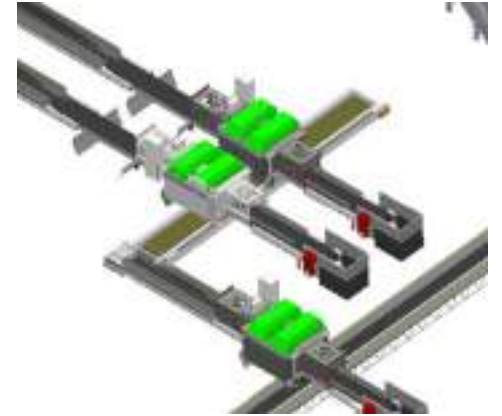
## 3. Acceleration and sorting conveyors: Alignment & Isolate bags





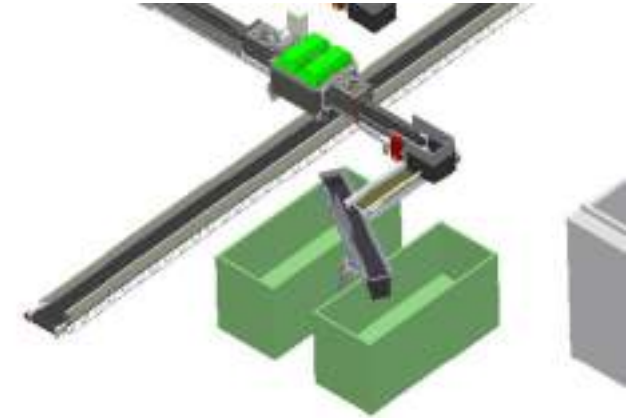
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## 4. Double Pusher units: Identify, select and Push with blades



# Main components of an optical sorting plant

## 5. Transport & Reception of sorted waste





# Conclusion and Future Development

By implementing presented technology you will get waste sorting plants with positive and unique ratio's in:

- ✓ Great waste sorting capacity
- ✓ The lowest energy consumption
- ✓ High reliability
- ✓ Efficient collection logistics
- ✓ High flexibility – future fractions

This is not the END – R&D in progress:

- ✓ PAYT
- ✓ Patterns / detection codes
- ✓ Combination of technologies
  - ✓ Robots
  - ✓ NIR (post-sorting of rest fraction)
- ✓ Development of bag types, sizes, materials etc





# A partner for future generations

