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### XRF sorting machines to upgrade NF-metal mix into high value products

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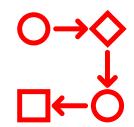


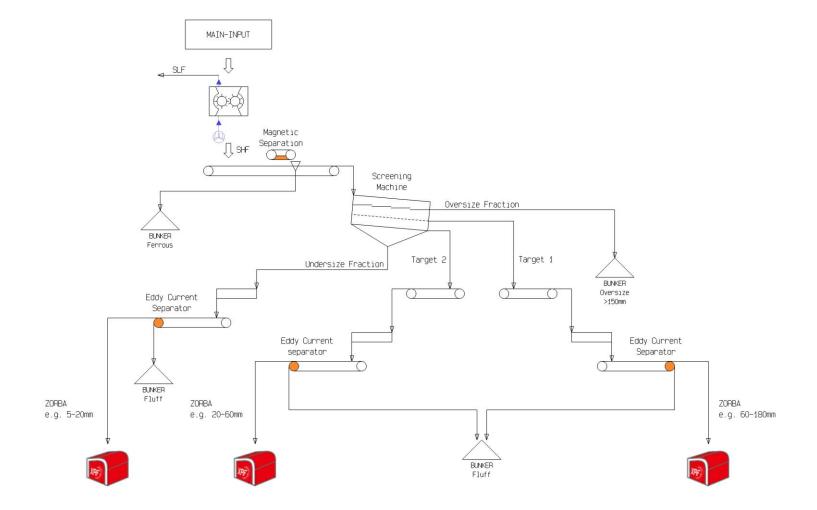
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## • NF-METAL RECYCLING PROCESS EXAMPLE





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## WHAT IS XRF AND HOW DOES IT WORK

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- Non-destructive method analysing the surface
- Provides exact elemental composition of processed material
- Colour and surface-contamination independent\*
- XRF ≠ XRT
  - XRF provides complete analysis and exact material composition
  - XRT can only distinguish material of

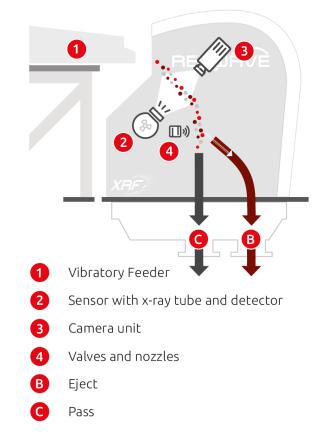
different densities (e.g. aluminium vs. heavy metals)



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Zorba into Twitch and Heavies	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Νο	Good	Νο
Twitch into sorted chemistries	Good	Good	No	No	Good	No
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Mixed Red Metals	Excellent	No	No	No	Good	Average
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## XRF SORTING MACHINES APPLICATION EXAMPLES



- Sort into Heavy Metals: (Zebra) and Aluminium (Twitch)
- Removal of PCB's (printed circuit boards)



 Sort into Individual Metals: (Copper, Zinc, Brass, Bronze, Stainless Steel, PCB's, and more)



- Sort into various Aluminium Grades
- Removal of PCB's (printed circuit boards)



- Sort into Clean Stainless Steel and Waste
- Sort Stainless Steel into Alloys



- Recovery of Precious Metals: Gold, Silver, etc.
- Sort into Individual Metals: (Zinc, Copper, Brass, etc)



- Sort into Furnace Ready Copper
- Removal of Tin, Silver, Nickel and other impurities



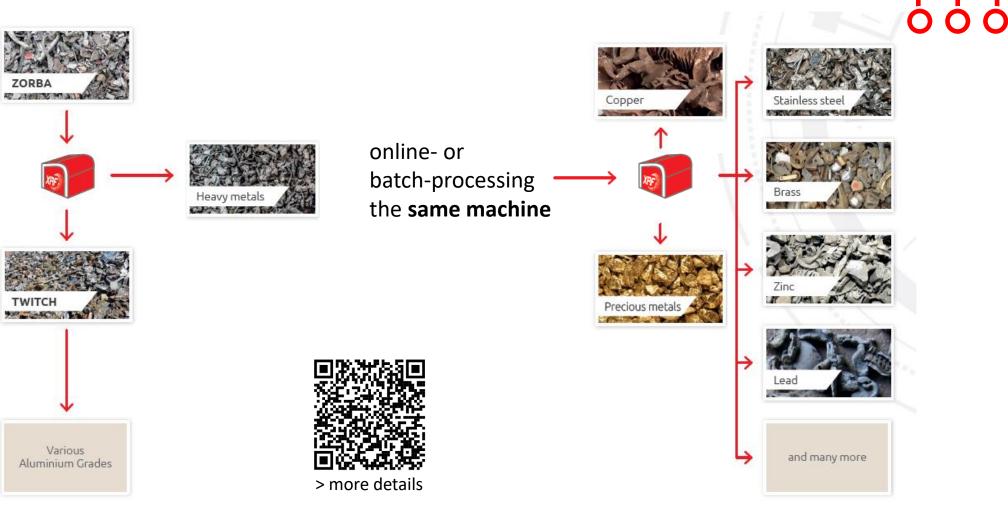
- (brominated plastic)
- Removal of Bromine and Antimony



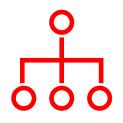
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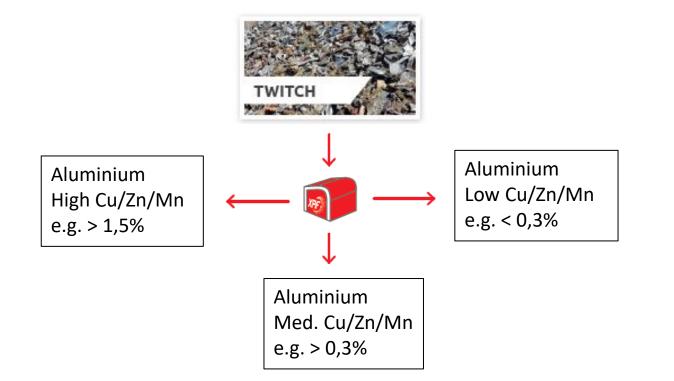


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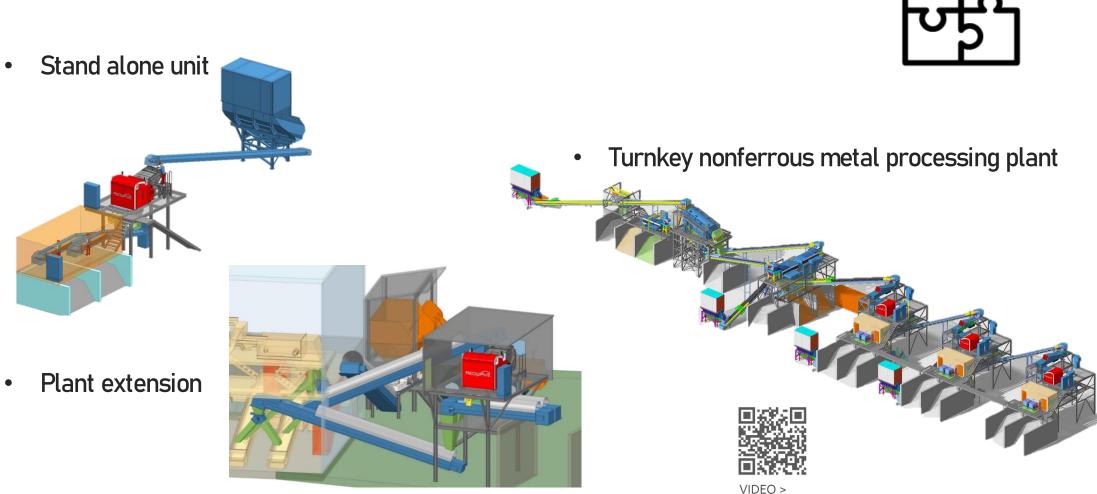




• "REDWAVE 3-step-sorting": sorting of TWITCH by content of copper, zinc and manganese in the aluminum stream

•Removal of PCB's (printed circuit boards)

•Removal of remaining heavy metal impurities



## **XRF MACHINES INTEGRATION**

### WHY REDWAVE XRF SORTING MACHINES

?

- **Pioneer** in the development of cameras, sensors and XRF-based sorting machines
- >1.000 REDWAVE sorting machines operating worldwide (incl. >100 XRF installations)
- >20 years experience building optical sorters; >12 years experience in XRF development
- Constant improvement and optimisation of machine design through know-how accross multiple sorting applications
- Sole-source **turnkey** design, manufacturing and installation provider in the past 25 years



## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE REDWAVE XRF

- Free-fall concept and combination of XRF and Camera for precise detection and sorting
- **Compact footprint** facilitates easy plant integration
- Minimal maintenance due to no moving parts
- Capacities of up to 14 t/h for ZORBA sorting supports profitability
- Sorting widths: 450, 900 und 1370mm easily upgradeable
- Sortable material sizes from **5 to 180mm**





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### NEXT GENERATION REDWAVE XRF

- Innovative sensor technology developed in house
  - Higher purities and increased efficiency
  - More independent from supply-chain and -bottlenecks
- Reduced downtime through optimised design
  - Improved accessibility for maintenance and cleaning
- New software-interface for simplified operation

Trials in RW Testcenter possible Winter 2022



## EASY INTEGRATION - EASILY UPGRADEABLE



#### REDWAVE 450 XRF/C

• Sorting width of 450 mm

#### REDWAVE 900 XRF/C

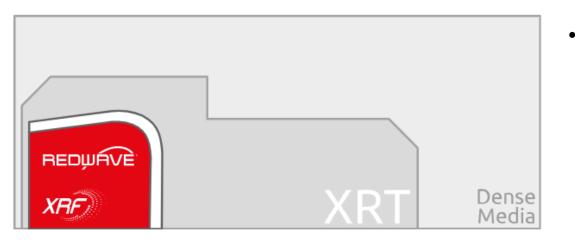
• Sorting width of 900 mm

#### REDWAVE 1370 XRF/C

• Sorting width of 1370 mm



REDWAVE XRF is the most compact non-ferrous sorting method available!



All REDWAVE XRF/C machines come in the same housing of 1370 mm, making them easily upgradable

## **REDWAVE XRF REFERENCES WORLDWIDE**







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