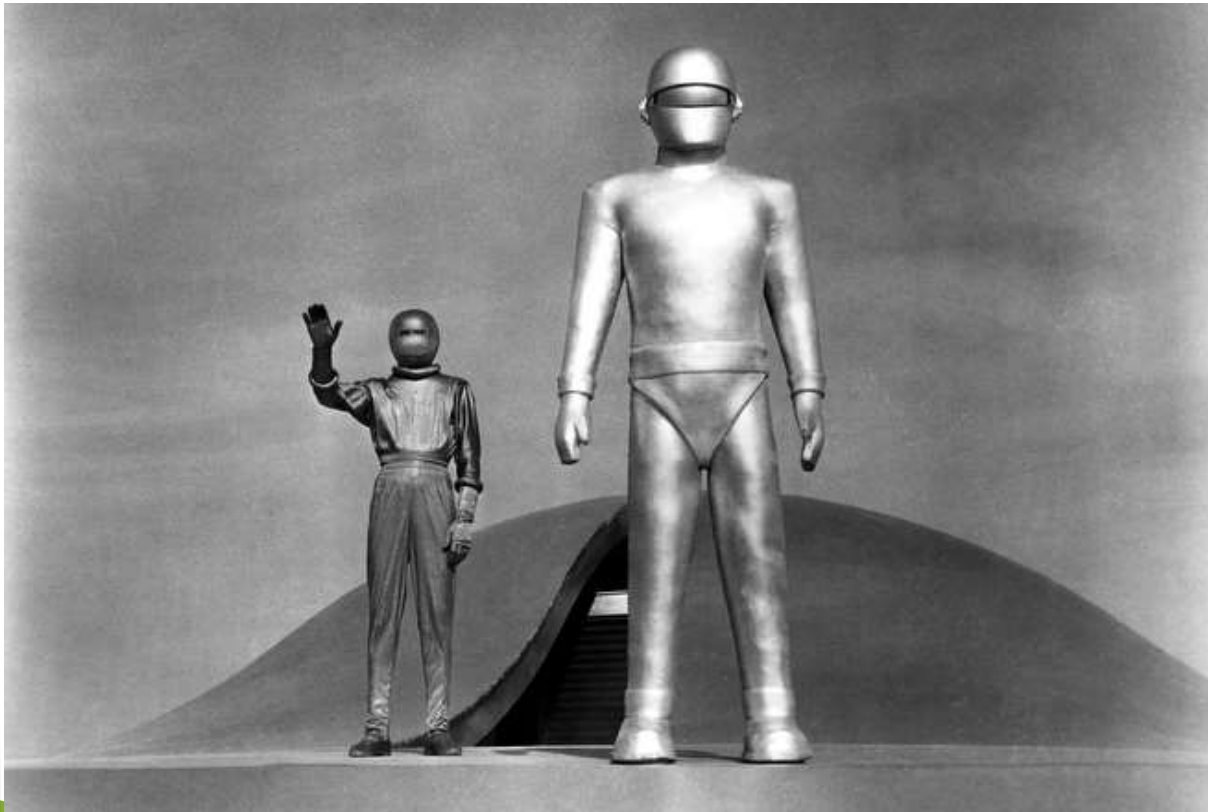


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The Rise of the Robots



Source: “The Day the Earth Stood Still” 1951

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- The Future of Processing Facilities: New Processing Systems will Consist of More of the Following:
 - **Combined Systems**
 - Systems will be capable of processing more than one type of stream, with some equipment processing multiple streams
 - **More Optical Units, less Screens**
 - Optical units will be utilized to recover more materials including fiber
 - Streams need only be divided by size prior to optical units (instead of by shape)
 - **Robotic Sorters**
 - Both for QC and for Pre-Sort – can positively pic multiple materials



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Combined Systems

Materials Recovery Facility Improvement Project

Source: MRWMD
– Monterey, CA



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Improved Optical Units

- Improvements in algorithms, shape recognition and attention to air flow characteristics, optical units can now better recover:
 - **Fiber**
 - **Clean Wood**
 - **Film**
 - **Flexible Packaging**
 - **Cartons**
 - **Other potential target materials**



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CIRRUS® FiberMax™



Source: CP Group

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Outputs from CIRRUS® FiberMax™



Negative Sort Fiber



Positive Sort Ejects

- Utilizes air flow to keep light-weight items from flying off the belt and improve trajectory
- Positive eject on plastics, other materials

Source: CP Group

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Video of CIRRUS® FiberMax™

FiberMAX Video.....

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Pre-Sort Robotic Sorters – C&D



Source: ZenRobotics

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Video of Pre-Sort Robotic Sorters – C&D

ZenRobotics Video.....

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QC Robotic Sorters – Utilizes shape and material recognition computer vision



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QC Robotic Sorter – Max-AI™

MaxAI Video.....

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Processing Conclusions

The lines between processing Single Stream, MSW and C&D will become blurred

- Systems will be capable of processing multiple material streams
- Opticals and robotics will be able to easily target multiple materials not traditionally recovered
- The very nature of the processing systems will create new commodity streams that without a market will become residue
- The processing facilities would need to be part of a larger recovery system to be successful