# **Socio-economic Implications of Lasers and Accelerator Facilities**

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#### **Laser and Accelerator applications: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION**

#### Reducing acid rains

More than 90% of the sulfur dioxide and about 70% of the nitrogen oxides are removed with an absorbed dose of about 10 kGy in the combustion gas.

Lasers improve fabrication and efficiencies of thin film solar cells.





Treatment of municipal and industrial wastes by

Ionazing radiation

disinfection of municipal wastewater and sewage sludge

decomposition of toxic substances in industrial wastewater and contaminated soil.

Upgradation of cellulose waste into Animal feed



Major R&D program conducted by MIT & High Voltage Engineering Corporation supported by US NSF. 1.5 MeV electron accelerator installed at the Deer Island waste water treatment plant in Boston

## **Ultrafast beams applications: FOOD SAFETY**

1 out of every **10 people** suffer from food poisoning and around **420,000 die annually** across the globe (*source:*WHO)

Food

irradiation





#### BENEFITS

- destroys microorganisms that cause foodborne illness, such as Salmonella, E. coli O157:H7, Campylo-bacterjejuni and Listeria monocytogenes
- eliminates the need for post-harvest fumigants that can leave undesirable residues
- reduces the need for pesticides when crops are cultivated
- reduces post-harvest losses due to insects infestation and spoilage
- extends the shelf life of foods

More than **50 countries** have approved the use of irradiation for about **50 food products**, and **33** are using the technology **commercially** 



The global food irradiation market was valued at US\$ 205.99 million in 2017 and is projected to exhibit a CAGR of 4.9% over the forecast period (2018 – 2026) to reach a total market size of US\$325.82 million by 2026.

### Laser and Accelerator applications: INDUSTRY







Industries	Processing									Products
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	FIGURES
Heavy Manufacturing	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	automobile tires, fuel/diesel injectors, heat and fire resistant wires, tubes, plastic pipes
Micromachining	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	solar panels, exhaust gas sensors, additive printing
Optics	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	very thin glass, sapphire, displays
Microelectronics	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	memory chips, microprocessors
Chemical industry	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	plastic foam/film, cellophane films, wound dressing hydrogels, plastic films, cellulose
Light Manufacturing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	medical gloves, rayon fabrics, (viscose)
1 Cutting 2 Drilling 2 Ablation 4 Dising										

1. Cutting, 2. Drilling, 3. Ablation, 4. Dicing,

5. Grafting, 6. Curing, 7. Scribing, 8. Cross-linking, 9.Welding





# Laser and Accelerator applications: PUBLIC DEMAND



# Global E-beam Accelerator Market by Manufacturers, Countries, Type and Application, Forecast to 2024



#### DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT →Impact on industry →Impact on innovation →Labour market & productivity →Regional market

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPACT →Research job & career development

→Skills development of auxiliary staff & non academic user groups

→Networks, social capital & international collaboration

→Wider effects from new competences

SOCIAL/SOCIETAL IMPACT

→New solutions, technologies, open access data for societal use

→Knowledge benefiting society in different domains

Better jobs

→Public awareness of science & public engagement

→Environmental impact

#### **POLICY IMPACT**

Impact on policies, regulations, standards & institutions

→Science diplomacy

PATHS

→Co-funding& RI sustainability

→Ethics & trust in science



