

Emerging Applications of Radiation Processing using EB

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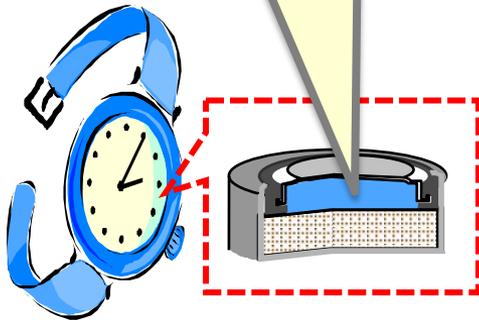
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Radiation Technology for Development

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Radiation Processing in Daily life

Separator Membrane for Button Battery



Adding electrical property

Heat Resistant Cable

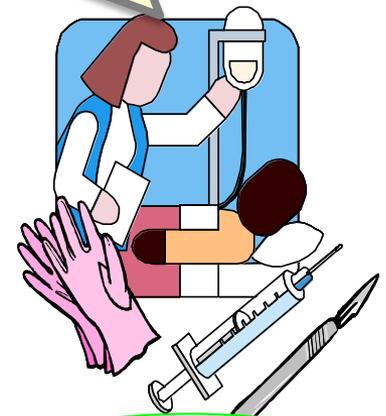


Radial Tire

Improving thermal and mechanical properties

Thermally Stable Polymer Foam Sheet

Sterilization of Medical products



Mass processing without toxic chemicals

Commercialized by satisfying Needs

Keys for Technology Transfer

1. Needs of End users

Matching with seed technology in Radiation processing

2. Utilization of Advantages of Radiation Processing

Following reactions were not realized by Chemical process

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| ➤ Modification of commercial product | >>> | Versatile applications |
| ➤ Homogeneous reaction in whole material | >>> | Uniform processing |
| ➤ No contamination of catalyst | >>> | Clean product |

3. Economically feasible materials

High cost performance materials

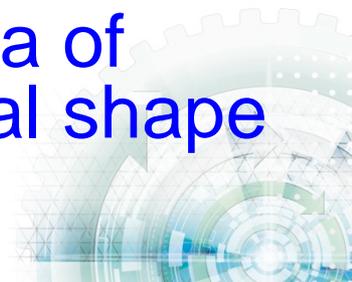
- High performance products
- Effective production process



Effective processing with EB

	Electron beam	Gamma ray	
Generation	Electrically accelerated electron	Radioactive decay of Co-60	Easy operation Electrically On-OFF
Maximum dose rate	Some hundreds kGy/s	20 kGy/h	High processing rate Mass production
Penetrating Power	Low	High	Idea of Material shape

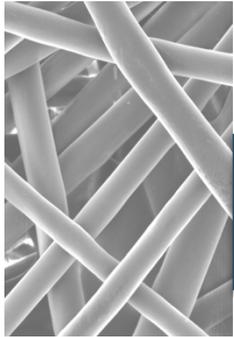
3.6×10^4 times



High performance adsorbent

Nonwoven fabric
18 μm in diameter

equivalent to 90 μm thick water



250 keV EB

Graft polymerization

Metal-adsorbent fabric

Swift Purification

Filtration in 30 min

10 ppb → 0.01 ppb

Graft product

Na⁺ solution

Product in the market

~2L

~1 mL

2,000 times faster



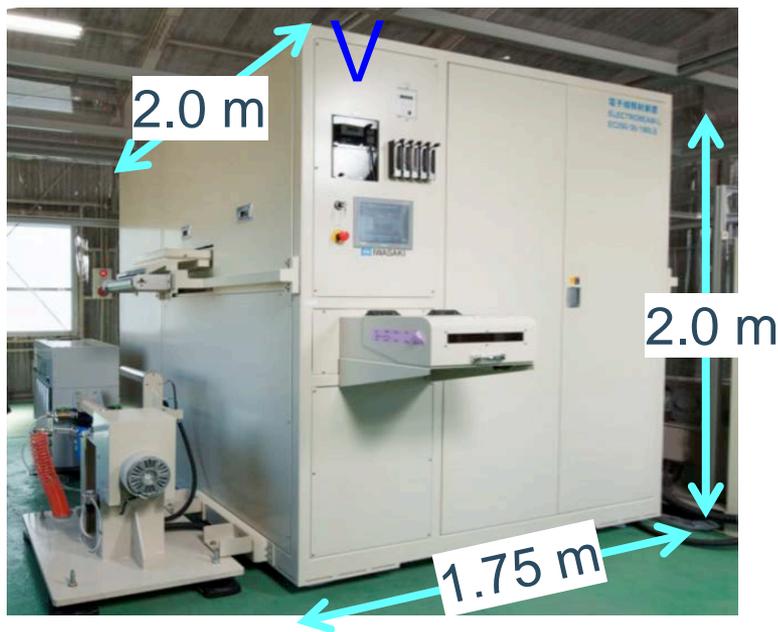
Purification of washing agent for Silicon wafer



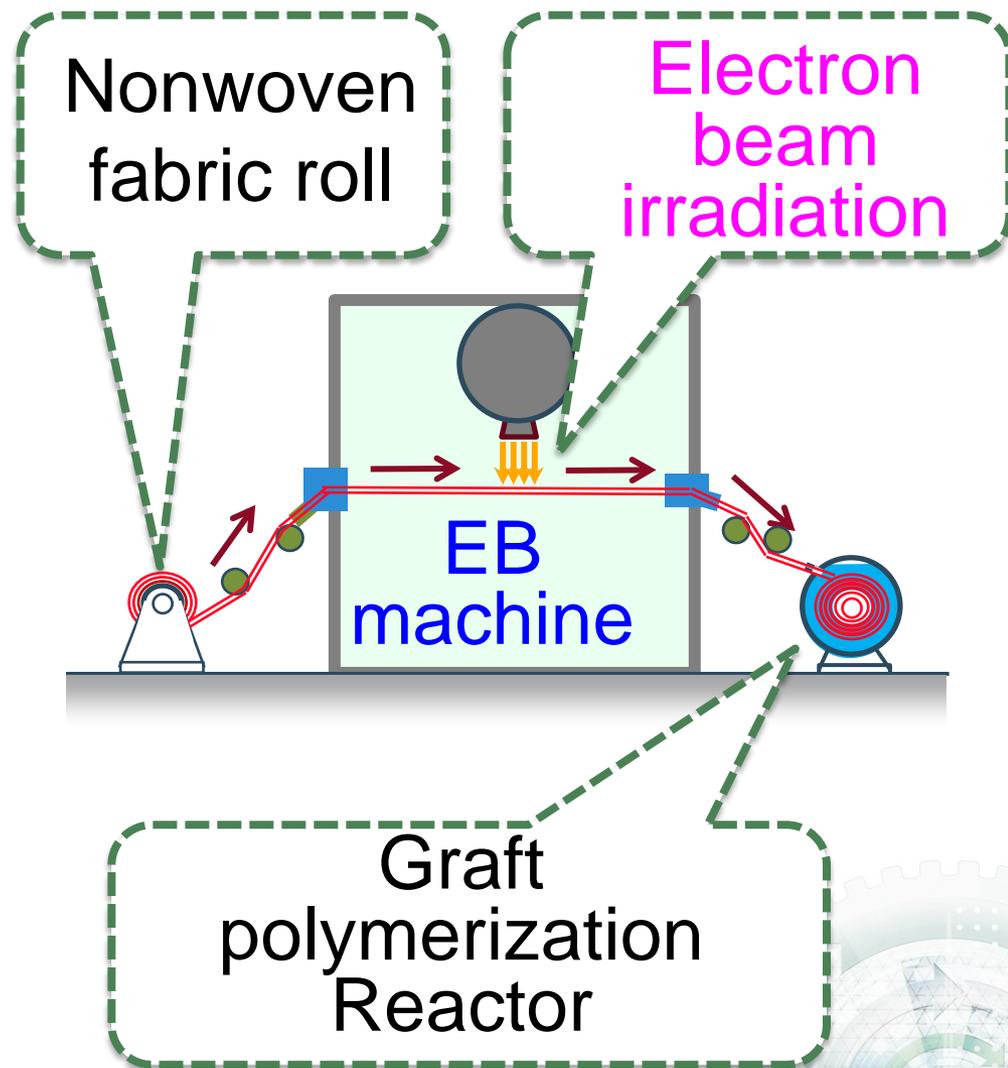
Removal of Cesium in Tap water

Low energy EB grafting

EB machine 250 k



Compact size,
Self shielded and
Rational cost



Versatile Applications using EB

Crosslinking



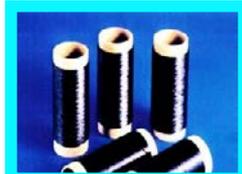
heat-resisting cable



Radial tire



Polyethylene foam sheet



Super-heat resistance SiC fiber

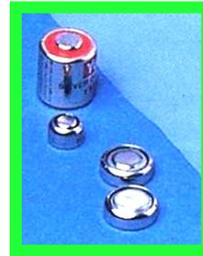


Wound dressing



Washi lampshade

Graft polymerization



Button battery



Filter for ultra pure chemicals



Removal of Cesium in water

Promising applications



Bio-degradable dummy lens



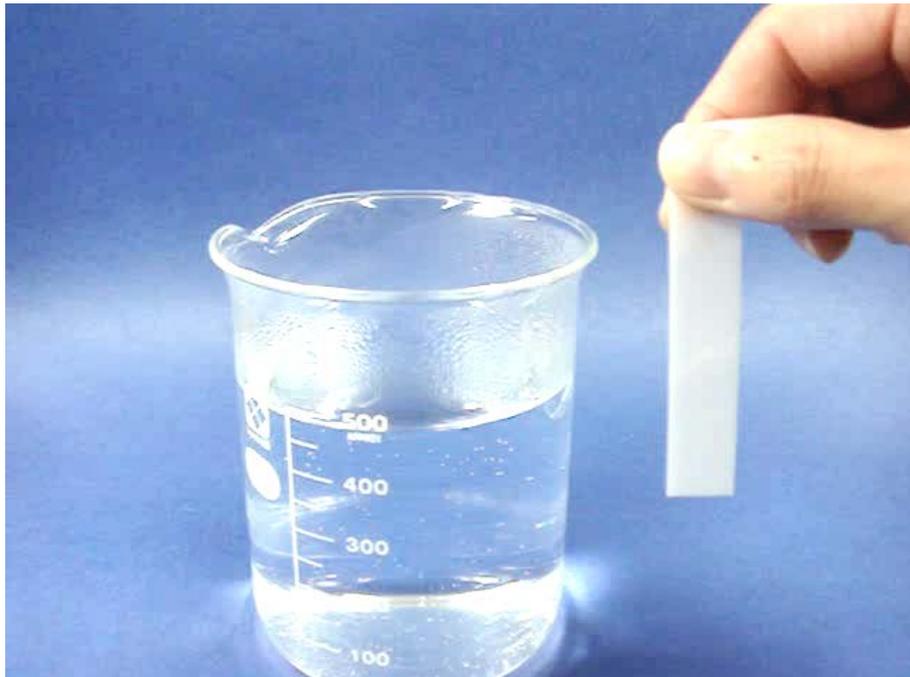
Extraction of Rare Metal from hot spring water



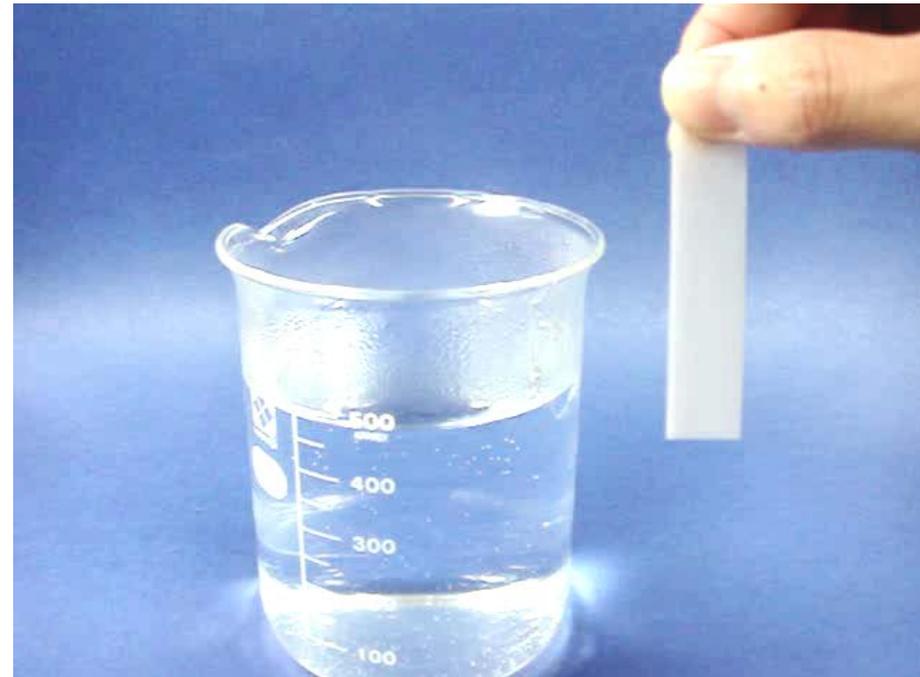
High performance wiper blade

Demonstration of Crosslinking effect

We can see "Shape memory effect induced by Radiation-Crosslinking"



Non-crosslinked



Crosslinked by EB irradiation



School Teaching Material

Shape memory plastic film can be used for studying "radiation-induced crosslinking effect"

Non-crosslinked



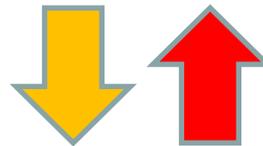
Crosslinked by
EB irradiation



Film is easily
treated by EB
irradiation

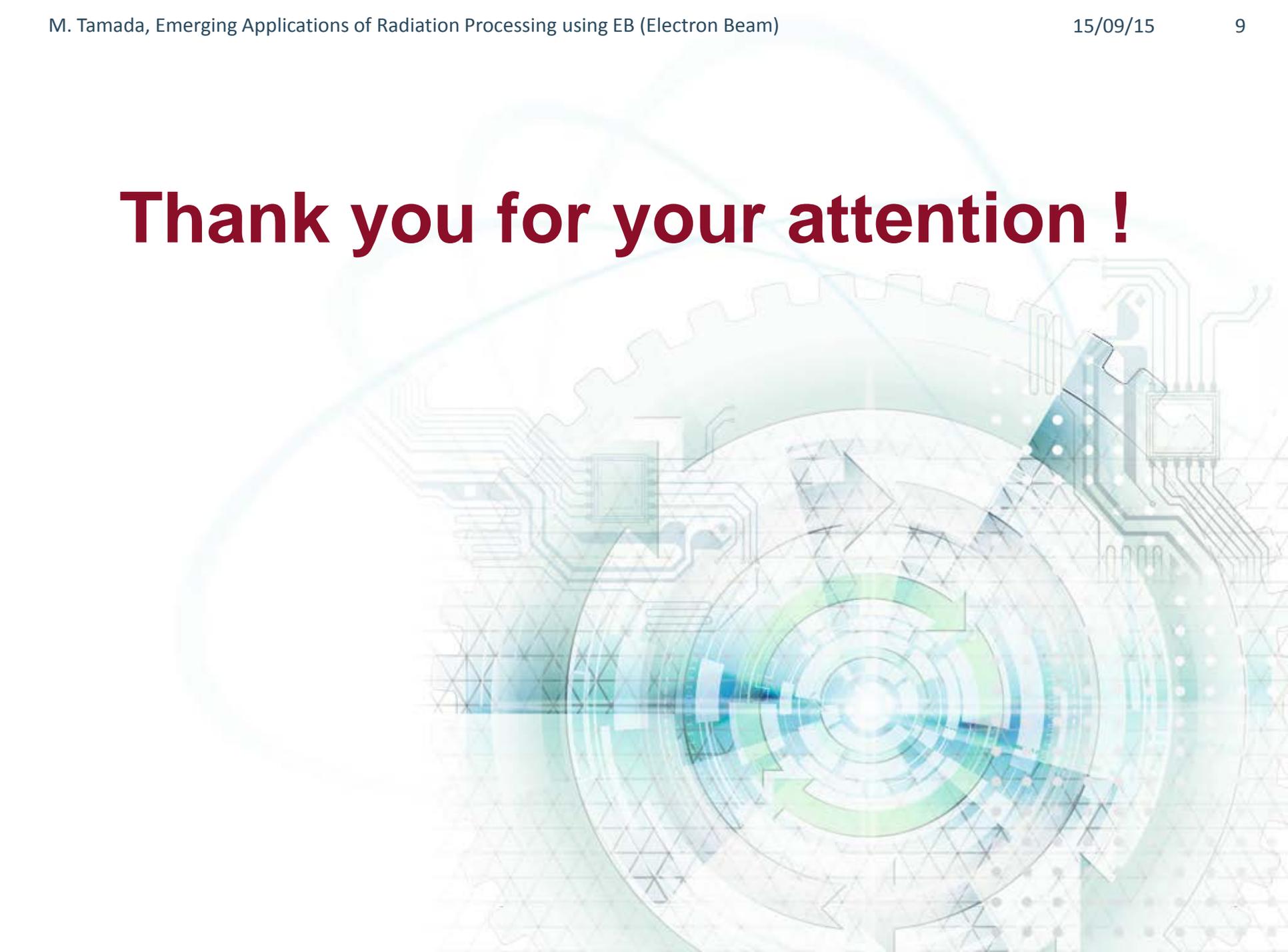


Dip into hot water
around 60 °C



Commercialized
in April, 2015

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