Opportunities for Using eBeam Technologies for Food Quality, Food Packaging and Valorization of Agricultural Waste

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Key Components for Success in Food Industry Today



Farm to Flour – A Dreadful Journey



Nationwide FoodBorne Outbreaks







1/3 of Fresh Produce is Wasted in USA!



As fresh as you can get!!! Neither washed nor disinfected!

Reference: USDA, 2023



How Can We Go Fresher, Tastier and Safer?









Current Fruit Prep

Overcooked Not nutritious Clean label as an emerging need



Risk Assessment of eBeam Treated Fresh Strawberries



Risks of Infection Associated with Bacteria-Laden Strawberries Before and After Electron Beam Irradiation



eBeam for Polymer Modification



Salmieri et al., 2022



eBeam for Sustainability



The Contribution of Ionizing Radiation to Trade and Agriculture, Vienna, May 8, 2023

Bio-Compounds Extraction



Valorization of Agricultural Residues

• Utilizing cheese/yogurt whey and fruit pomace to directly yield extruded, ready to eat products such as breakfast cereal, healthy snacks, protein puffs, nutrient bar.



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Is This The Only Use of Agricultural Waste?



Valkova et al., 2022



Extracted Bio-Compound in Beauty/Fitness



Grape Skin 30% Polyphenol Extract - Herbal Extracts

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Bioethanol Yield Using Ionizing Radiation

Bioethanol yield from various agro waste pre-treated using ionizing irradiation method

Feedstock	Pre-treatment	Bioethanol Yield	References
Rice straw	eBeam	57%	Bak, 2014
Miscanthus	eBeam	96%	Yang et al., 2015
Empty Fruit Bunches	eBeam	5.36%	Dahnum et al., 2017
Sugarcane baggase	Gamma	47.7%	Abdelhafez et al., 2015
Potato peel	Gamma	44.6%	Abdelhafez et al., 2015

Interested to know more?





What is the future of food industry like?



eBeam for Enhancing/Extracting Bioactive Compounds



Crosslinking of Bioplastics

- Rigidity in the long chain macromolecules
- Thermal stability of polymers
- Heat stability above its glass transition temperature
- Withstand against stretching (of concern in odd-shaped packages)

Applied Polymer

Effect of electron beam irradiation on the properties of polylactic acid/montmorillonite nanocomposites for food packaging applications



SEM micrograph of PLA/MMT - 3% 1kGy



SEM micrograph of PLA/MMT 3-% 10 kGy





Shayanfar et al., 2014

Biofuel Production From Agricultural Waste

