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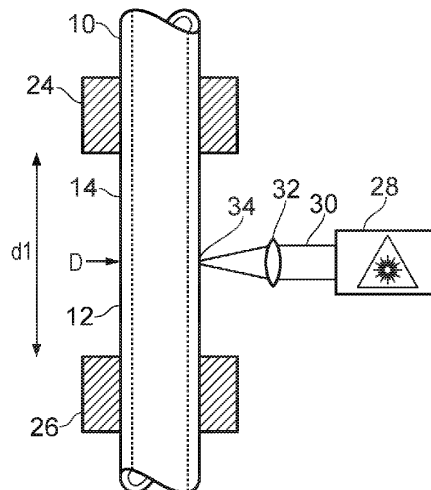


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: A method of processing glass filament comprises: providing a length of glass filament from which a portion is to be separated from the remainder of the filament; directing energy onto the filament in order to cause a decrease in a width of the filament at a desired location for separation of the portion; and causing relative longitudinal movement between the portion and the remainder of the filament to separate the portion from the remainder of the filament at the desired location.

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