New Method for Homogeneous Plasma Production at Gas Pressure 0.005 – 5 Pa Used for Substrate Etching, Nitriding, Ion Implantation and Coating Deposition

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