

The past and future role of vacuum for the semiconductor industry

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Vacuum technology is widely used in semiconductor manufacturing processes. It all started with so-called industrial solutions that developed in a dedicated semiconductor vacuum market. This development is still ongoing to get the solutions needed to stay on track with Moore's law.

On various vacuum topics the improvements achieved and future needs of EUV Lithography will be presented.