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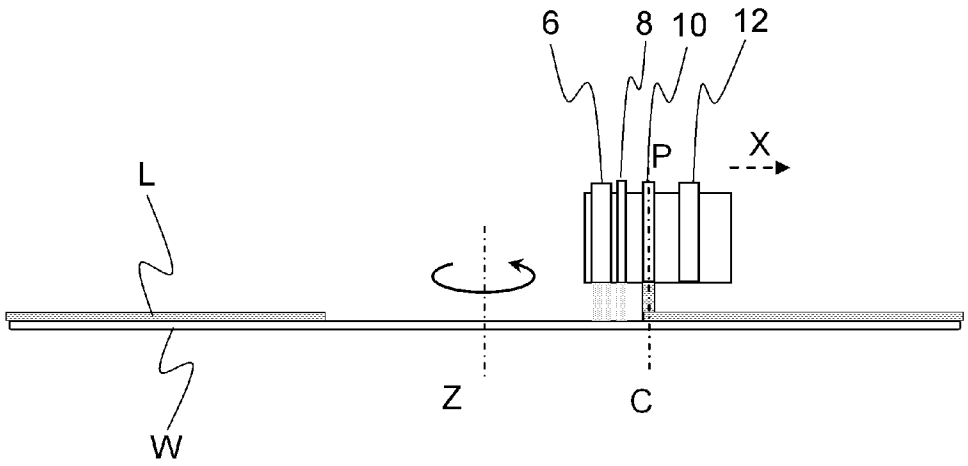
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(54) **Title:** DEVICE AND METHOD FOR REMOVING LIQUID FROM A SURFACE OF A DISC-LIKE ARTICLE



(57) **Abstract:** Herein disclosed is a method for removing liquid from a surface of a disc-like article comprising, rotating the disc-like article about an axis perpendicular to the disc-like article's main surface, supplying liquid onto the disc-like article when rotated, wherein the liquid is supplied from a supply port, which is moved across the substrate towards the edge of the disc-like article, supplying a first gas flow through a first gas supply port onto the disc-like article to an area, wherein the area has a centre having a distance to the centre of the rotational movement of not more than 20 mm, wherein the area, to which the first gas is supplied, is covered with a liquid layer when the first gas is supplied, and thereby opening the liquid layer at a discrete area, and supplying a second gas flow through a second gas supply port onto the disc-like article when rotated, wherein the second gas flow is supplied from a second gas supply port, which is moved across the substrate towards the edge of the substrate, wherein the distance of the second gas supply port to the centre is lower than the distance of the liquid supply port to the centre while the second gas flow and the liquid are supplied. Furthermore a device for carrying out the method is disclosed.

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