Spatial Wavefunction Switched Field-Effect Transistors (SWS-FETs): A Novel Device with Multiple States and Functionality

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