Fabrication of Submicron Devices on the (011) Cleave Surface of a Cleaved-Edge-Overgrowth GaAs/AlGaAs Crystal

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