Field-effect-induced two-dimensional electron gas utilizing modulation doping for improved ohmic contacts

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