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lateral transistor	bipolar transistor in which current flows across the base in the direction parallel to the wafer surface; in contrast to conventional vertical bipolar transistor in which current across the base flows in the direction normal to the surface; i.t. features inferior characteristics as compared to vertical transistor.
vertical transistor	bipolar transistor in which current across emitter-base and collector-base junctions flows in the direction normal to the wafer surface; conventional configuration as opposed to lateral transistor which features inferior characteristics.

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