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"Superjunction devices - a radical step change in high voltage electronics"

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Abstract: Superjunction has arguably been the most creative and important concept in power device field since the introduction of the bipolar-MOS transistor in 1980s. It is the only concept known today that has challenged and ultimately proved wrong the well-known theoretical study on the limit of silicon in high voltage devices. What makes superjunction devices unique and makes them first choice in some market places? What can we expect from superjunction device concepts in terms of moving the boundaries in power electronics? The tutorial will answer these questions and give an overview on the major aspects of superjunction devices and technologies. The device concept will be compared to other methods of enhancing the conductivity of power devices to derive the characteristic set of benefits and limitations of superjunction devices.

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