

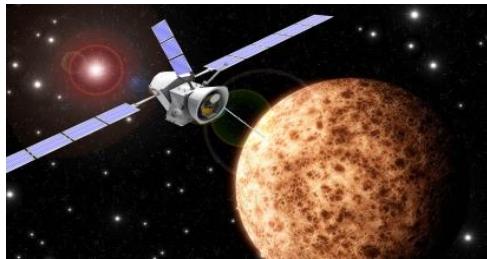
# Progrese în aplicațiile complexe de temperatură ridicată ale dispozitivelor SiC

Advances in high temperature,  
complex applications of SiC device

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# High Voltage and Temperature Applications



*The high temperature and high voltage power devices are now demanded by the industry for new projects.*

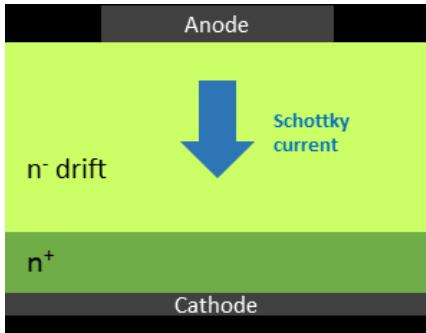
# Cuprins

- Diode SiC
- Dispozitive de comutatie pe SiC
- Circuite integrate pe SiC
- Referinte de tensiune de inalta temperatura SiC
- Diode SiC pentru aplicatii spatiale

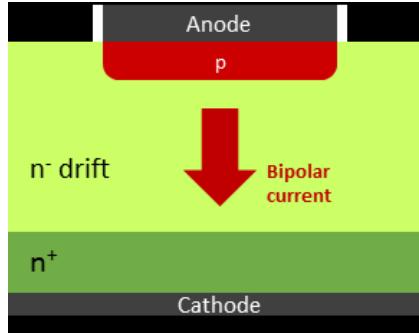
# Diode pe carbura de siliciu

# SiC Diodes

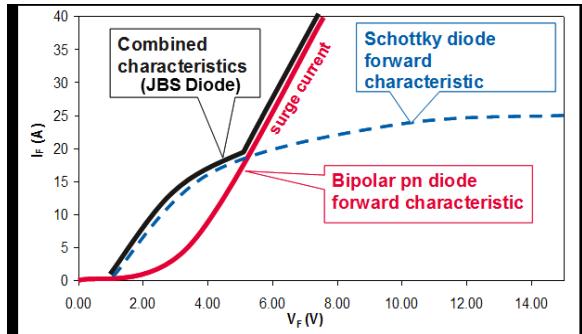
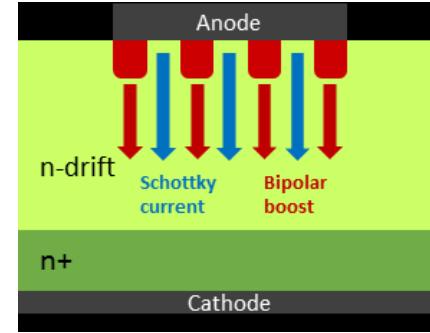
Schottky diode (SBD)



Bipolar diode (PiN)



JBS diode

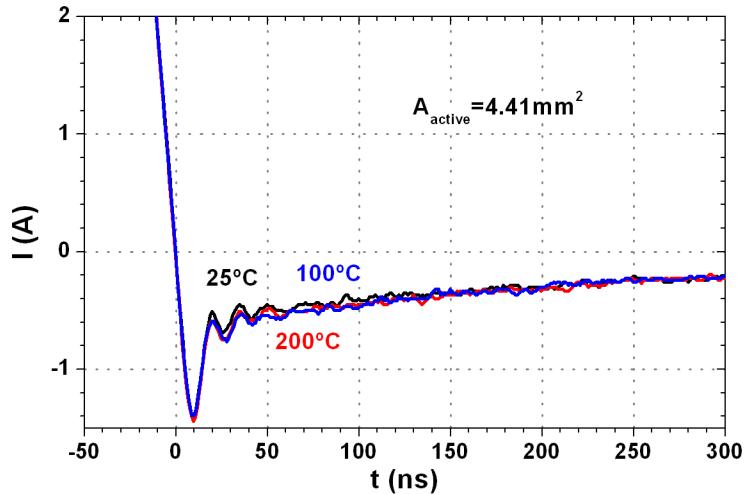


Typical forward I(V) characteristic of a SiC JBS rectifier

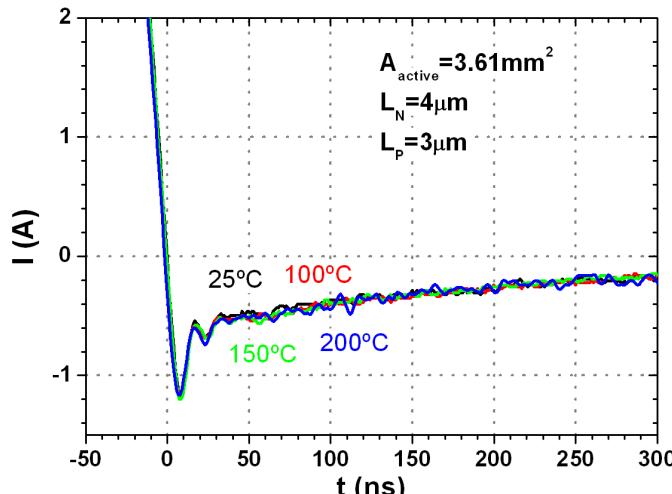
- **SBD: high switching speed and low on-state losses, but lower blocking voltage and high leakage current.**
- **PiN diodes: high voltage operation and low leakage current, but higher reverse recovery time during switching.**
- **JBS (or MPS) diodes: Schottky-like on-state and switching characteristics and PiN-like off-state performances.**

# Switching Characteristics of Schottky and JBS diodes

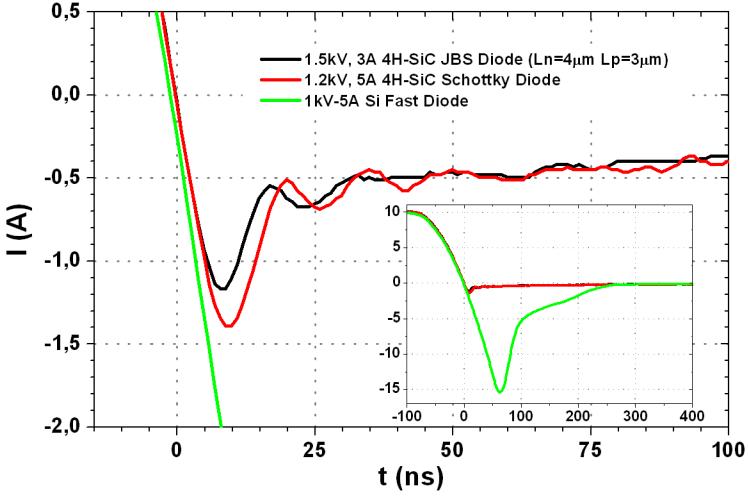
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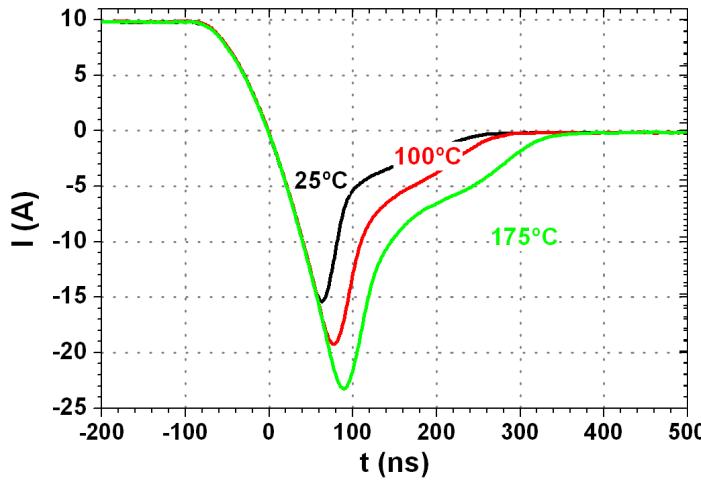
Reverse Recovery of 4H-SiC 1.5kV, 3A Tungsten JBS Diode



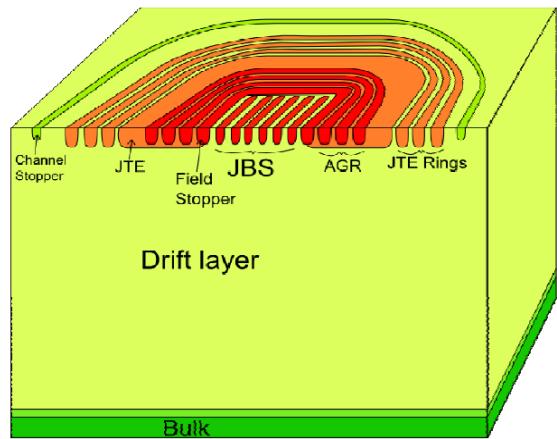
Reverse Recovery Comparison of Si and Tungsten SiC diodes



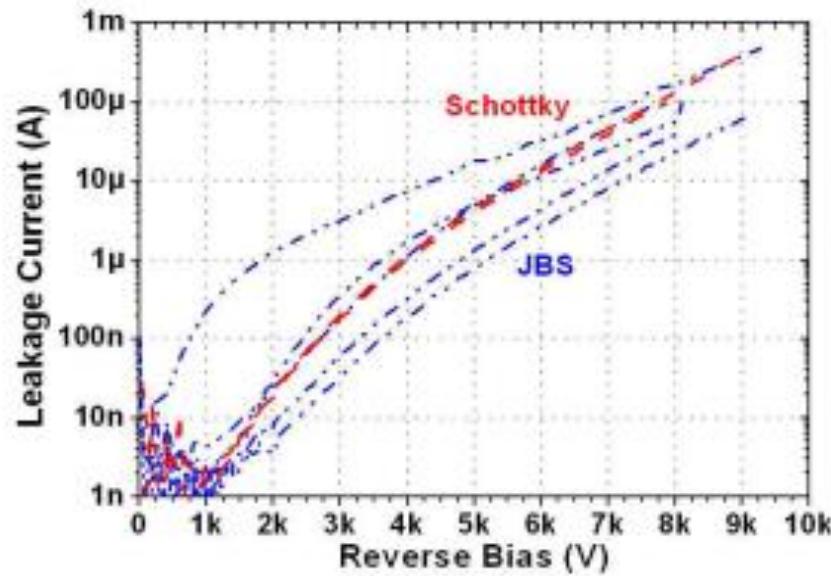
Reverse recovery of 5A,1kV fast silicon diode



# 9kV SiC Diodes



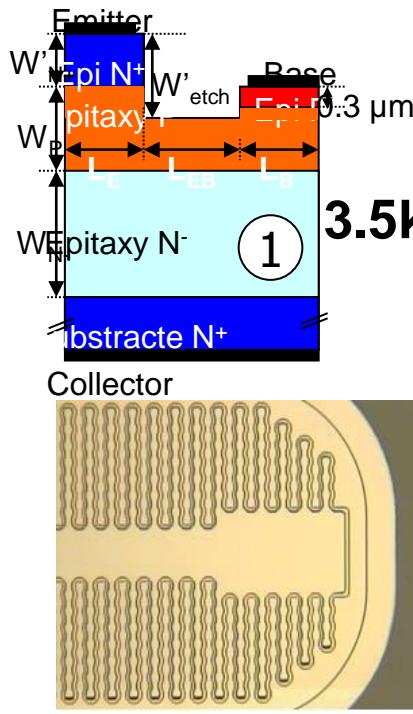
Schematic view of a  
JBS diode  
with the 10kV edge  
termination.



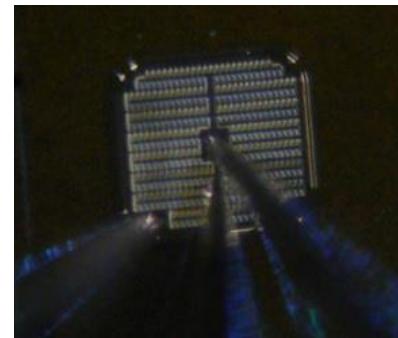
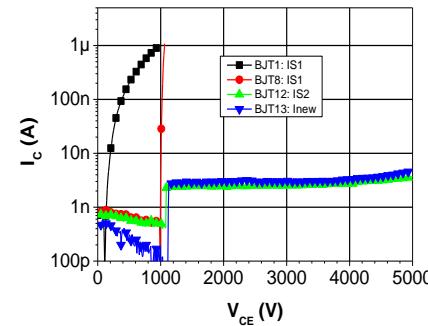
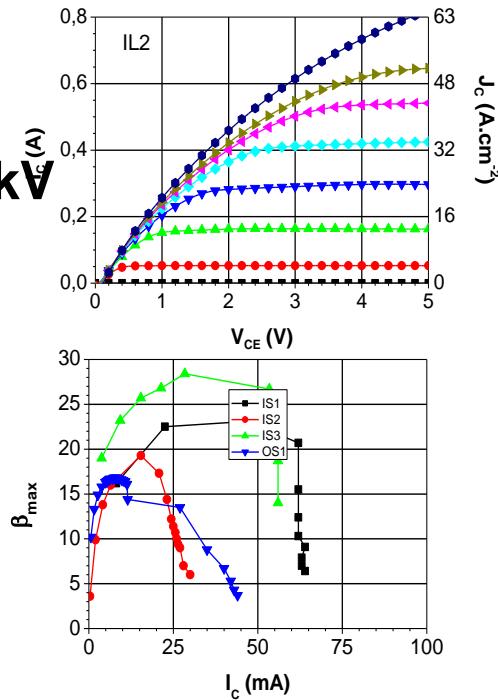
Reverse characteristics of 9kV JBS diodes  
measured at room temperature in a Galden bath.

# Dispozitive de comutatie pe carbura de siliciu

# SiC Bipolar Transistor



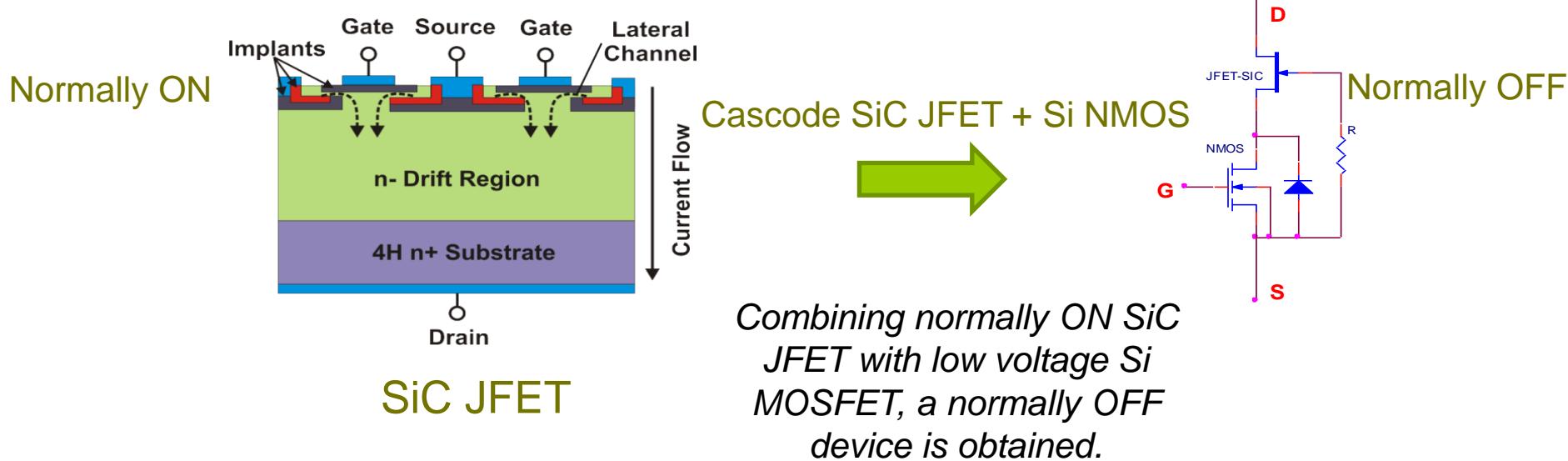
**3.5kV – 5kV**



*BJTs are able to sustain high voltage breakdown and high currents.*

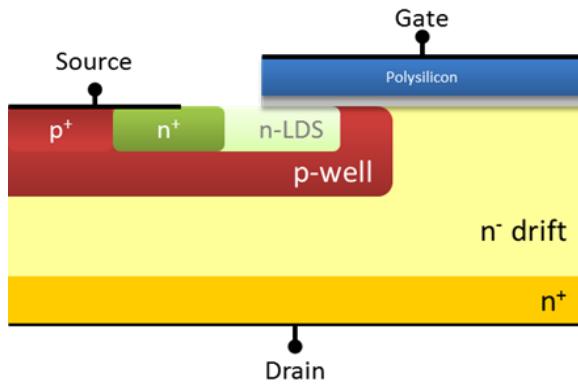
*However the presence of BE surface recombination reduce the transistor gain. Surface recombination remains a big issue to be solved.*

# SiC JFETs + Si MOSFET

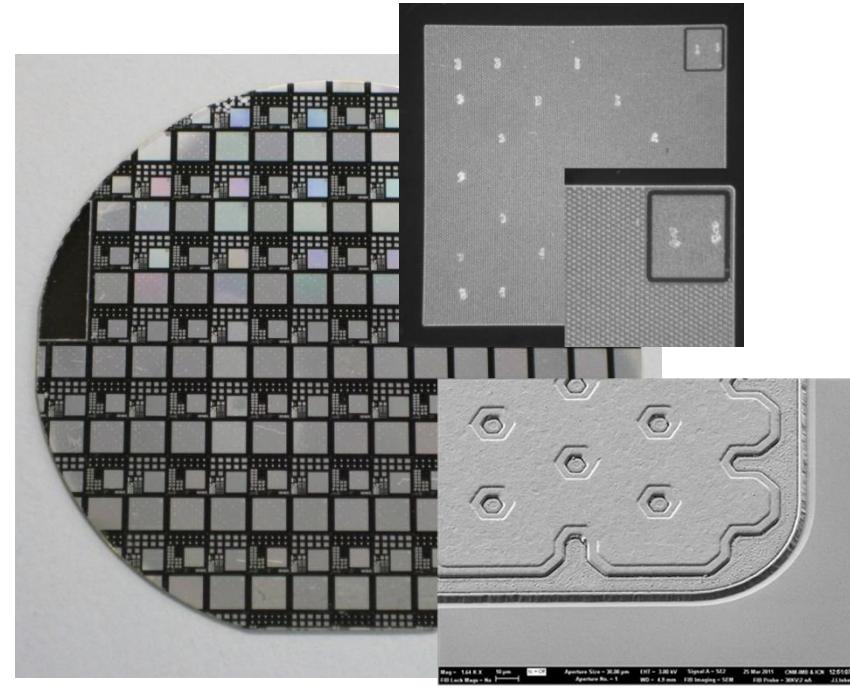


- **SiC unipolar switches allow on-state conduction losses'reduction compared to Si IGBTs.**
- **Internal body diode can replace the freewheeling diode.**
- **Single SiC JFET also used for circuit protection (current limitation)**

# SiC MOSFETs

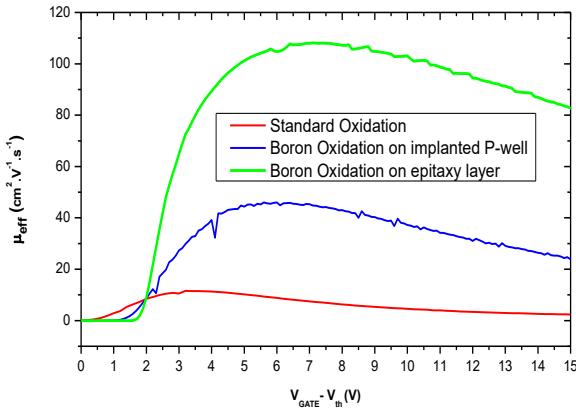


Schematic cross-section  
of a SiC planar VDMOS  
half-unit cell

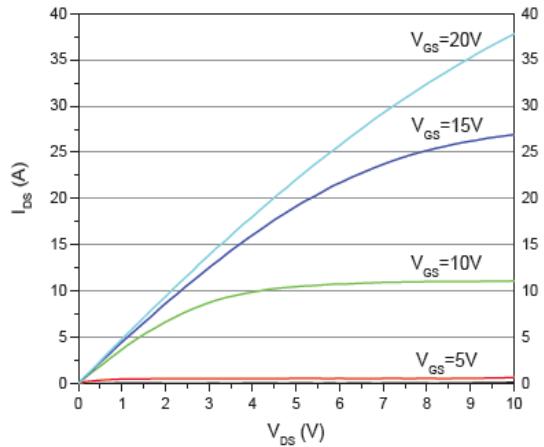


*Important efforts are focused to solve the remaining issues of SiC MOSFETs.*

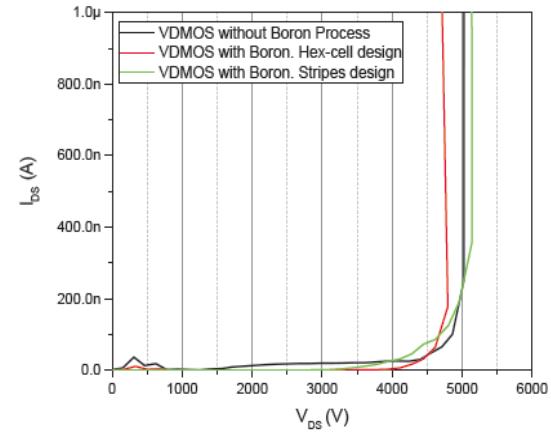
# SiC Switches:MOSFETs



Experimental effective  
channel mobility



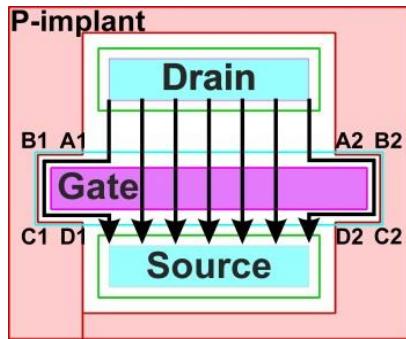
Experimental output  
characteristics of  
fabricated 25mm<sup>2</sup>  
VDMOS



Blocking  
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stripe designs.

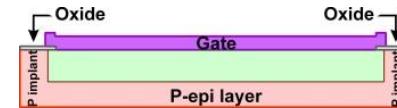
# Circuite integrate pe carbura de siliciu

# Finger Gate MESFET

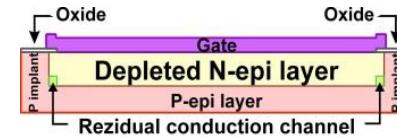


Basic finger gate MESFET layout  
and current flow distribution

*We have designed  
an original scalable  
finger- gate MESFET  
having implanted  
isolation rings. It was  
further used for the  
integrated circuits  
design and  
fabrication.*

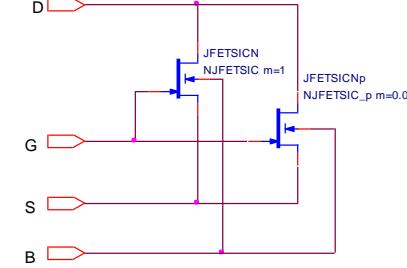


Cross section through the non depleted gate



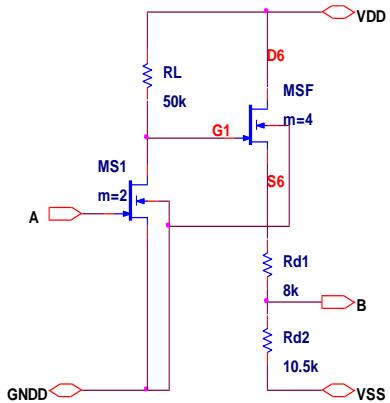
Cross section through depleted gate of  
the main transistor and residual channel @

$$V_{GS} = V_{\text{pinch-off}}, \quad V_{DS} = 0$$

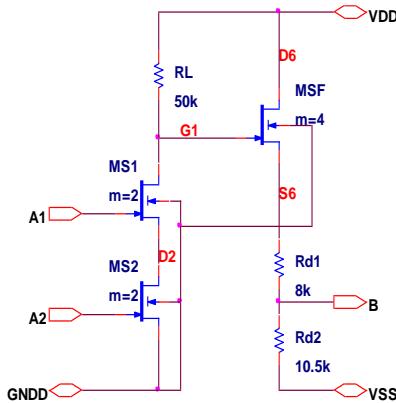
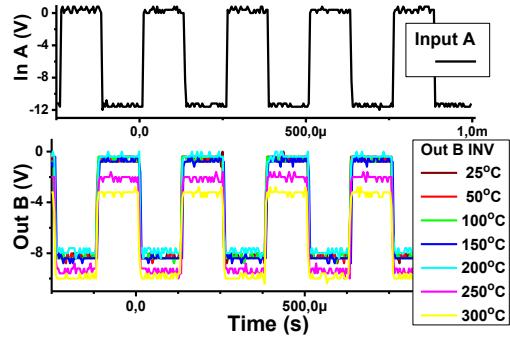


Electrical equivalent circuit of the  
composed MESFET

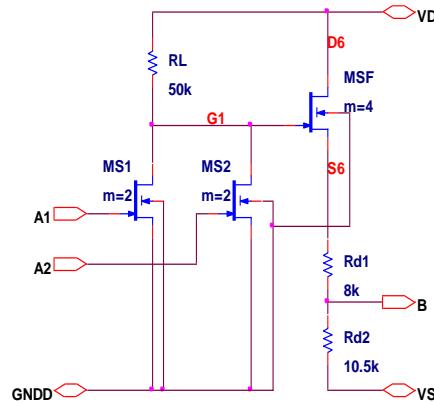
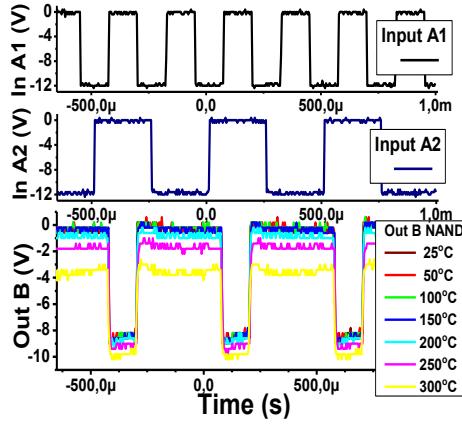
# Basic digital gates schematics with MESFETs



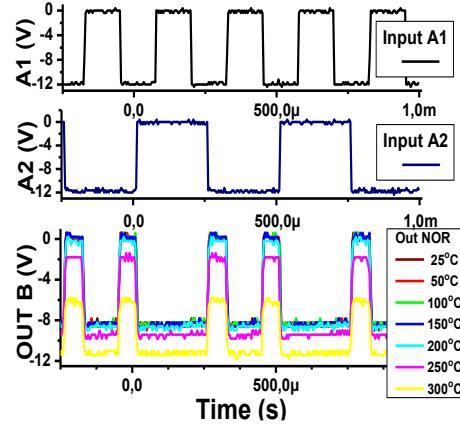
**NOT(inverter)**



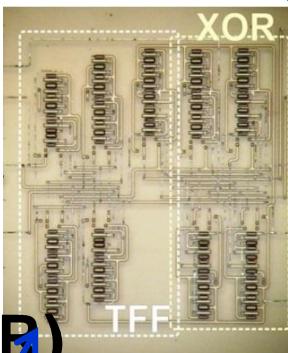
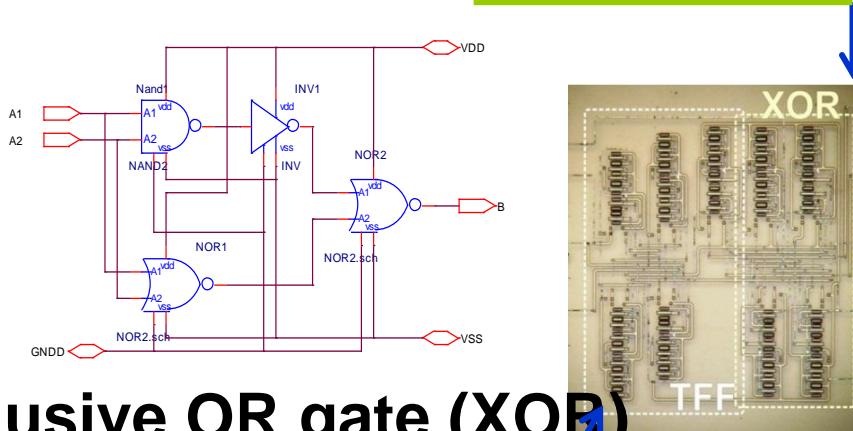
**NAND**



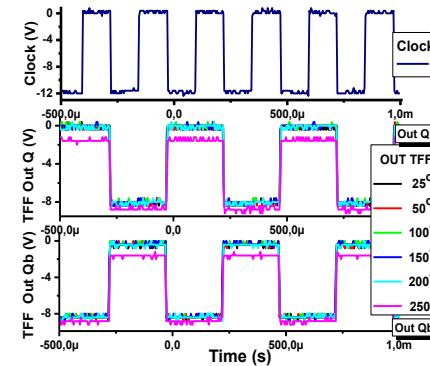
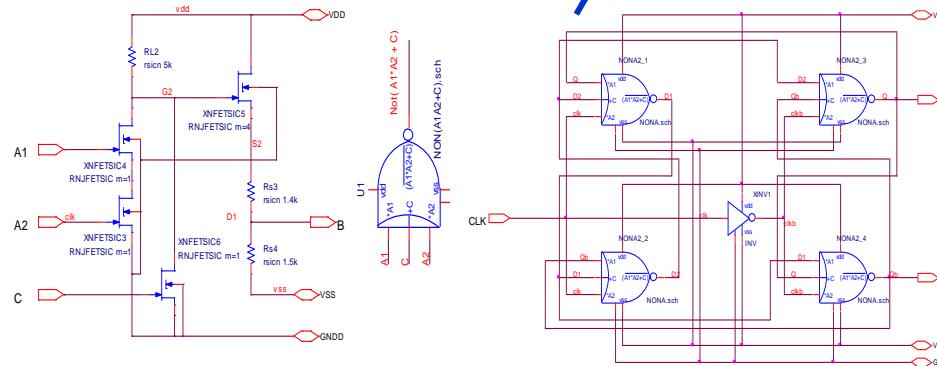
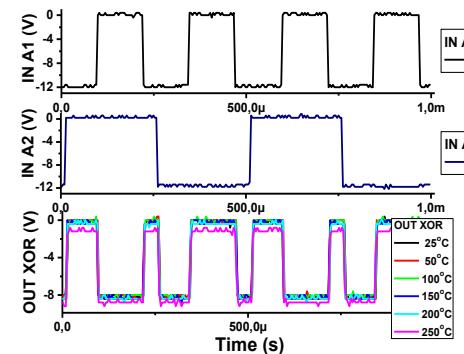
**NOR**



# Basic digital schematics with MESFETs

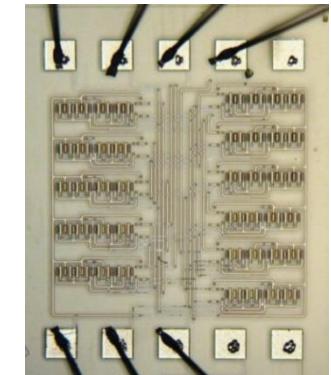
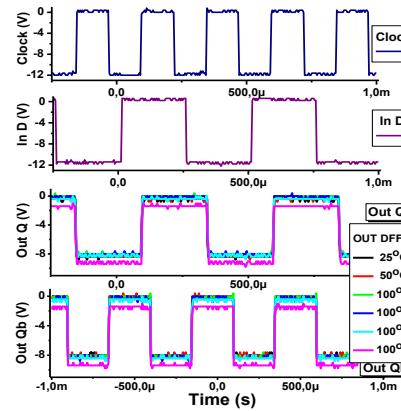
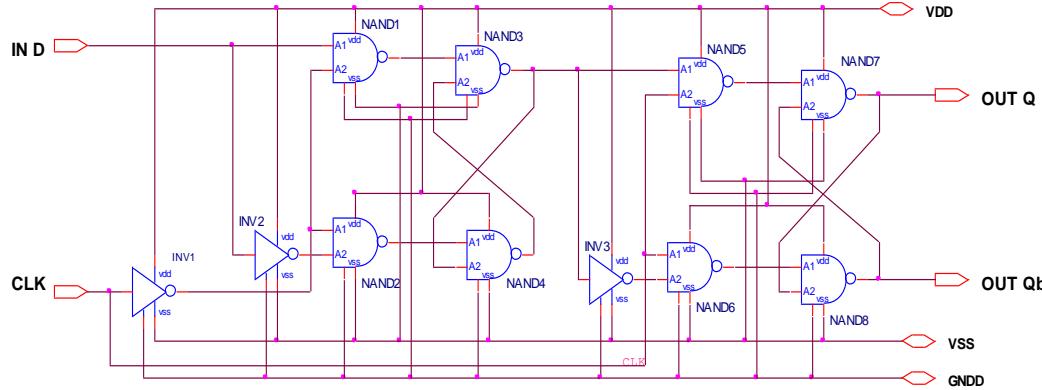


**Exclusive OR gate (XOR)**

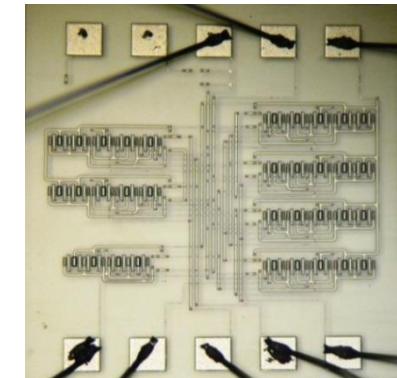
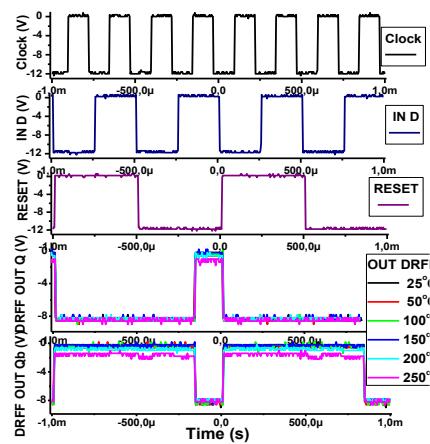
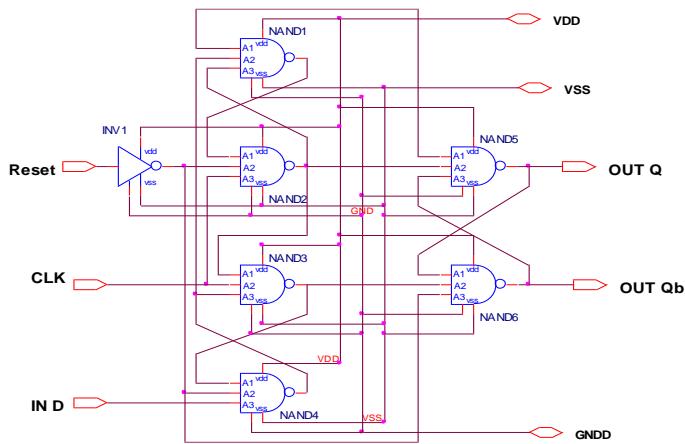


**Toggle Flip-Flop (TFF)**

# Basic digital schematics with MESFETs

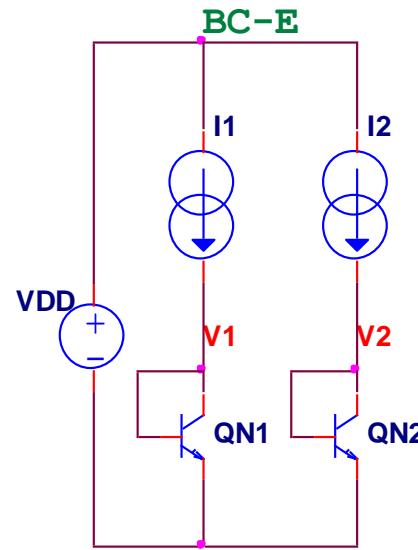
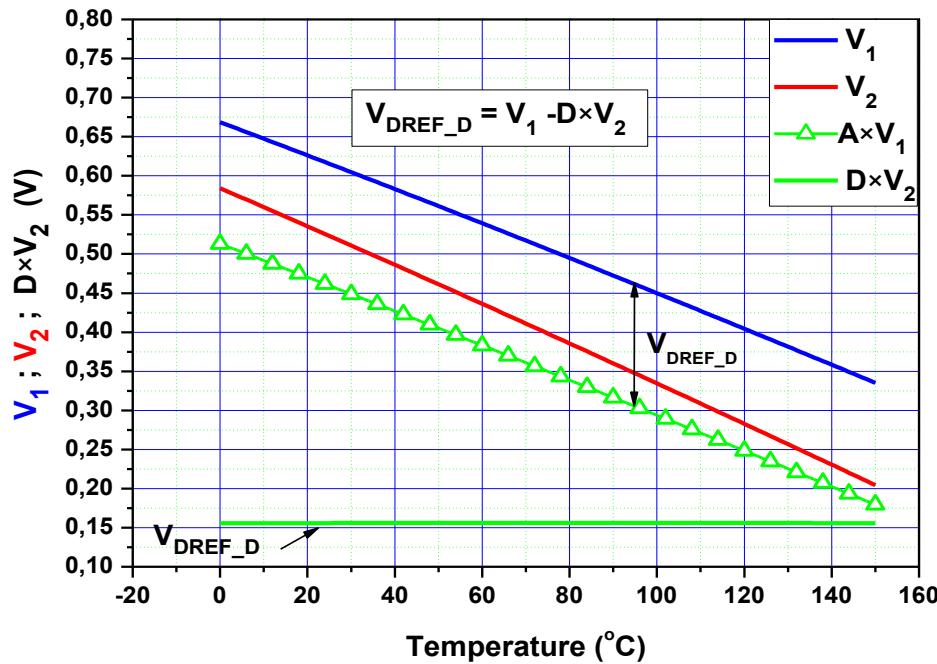


## Data Master-Slave Flip-Flop (DMSFF)



## D-Reset Flip-Flop (DRFF)

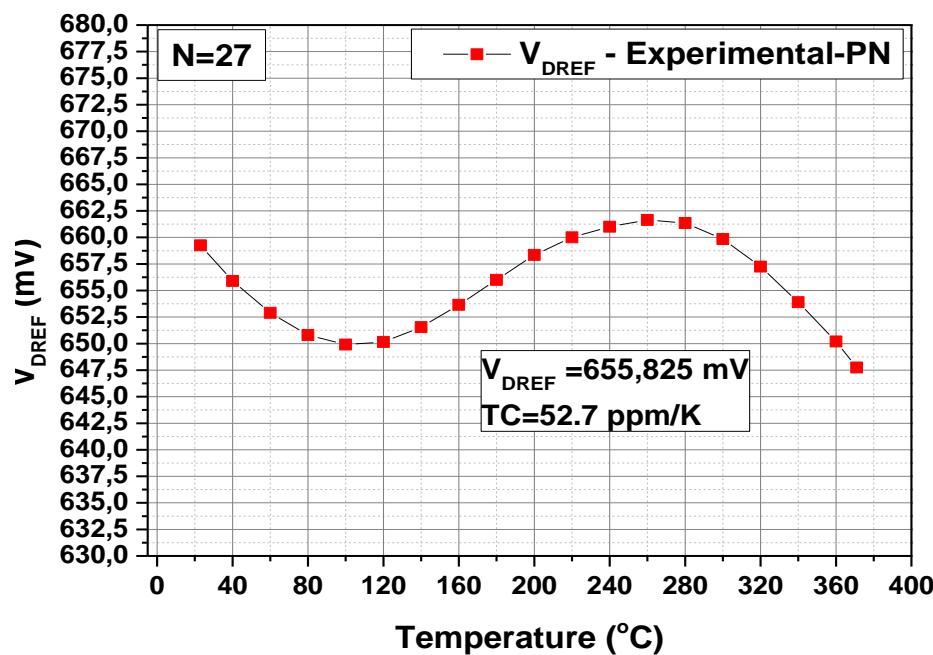
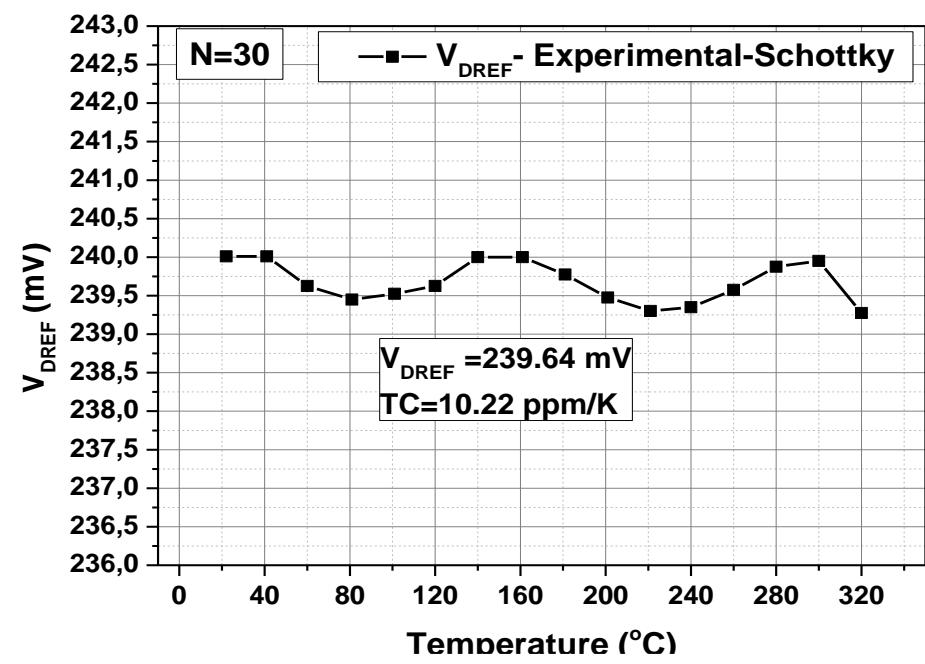
# Referinte de tensiune de inalta temperatura pe carbura de siliciu



$$V_{\text{DREF\_D}} = V_1 - D \times V_2$$

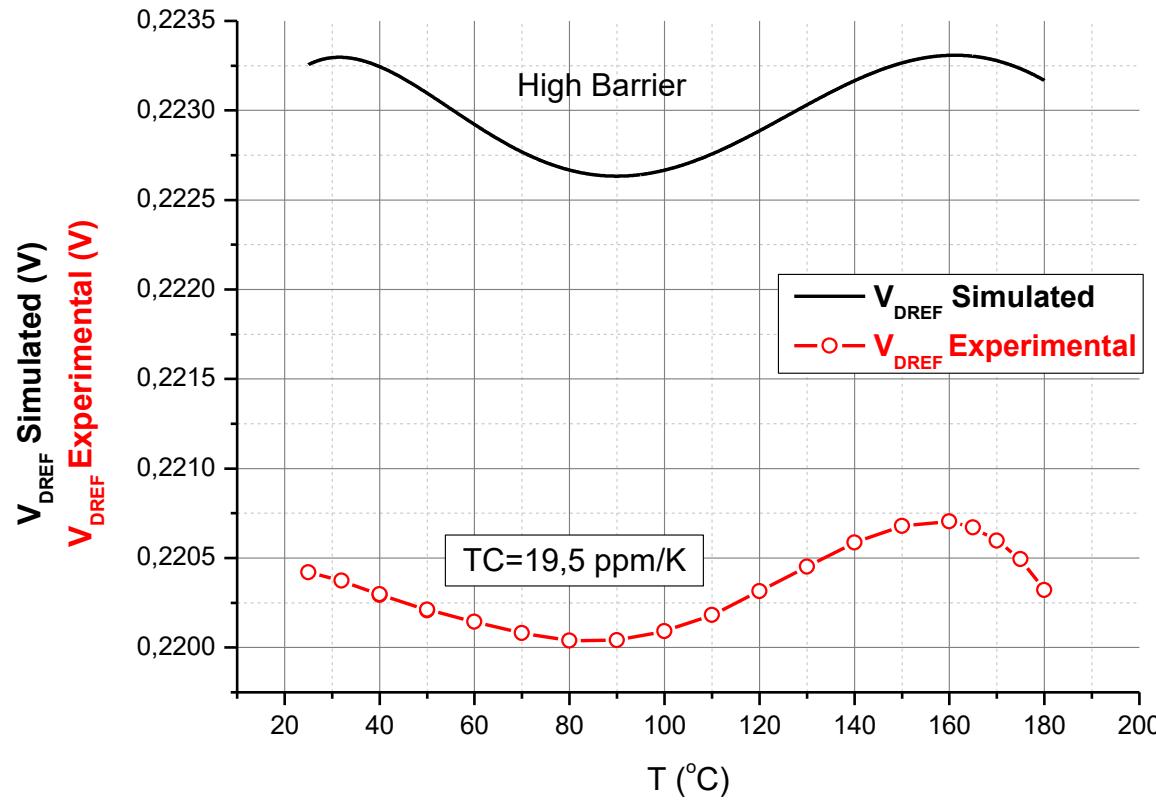
$$D = m_1 / m_2$$

## Measurements Results:SiC Schottky and PN diodes



The experimental characteristics of Delta-Reference voltage versus temperature for Schottky and PN diodes implementation illustrate good results considering such a wide temperature range. Both output voltages are less than 1 volt.

## SPICE simulated and experimental comparison

 $V_{DREF}$  using Barrier Shottky

Very good correlation between experimental and simulated characteristic. The slight shift of the experimental characteristic is due to small differences between real diode's barriers in pair and parasitics of experimental approach.

# Diode pe carbura de siliciu pentru aplicatii spatiale

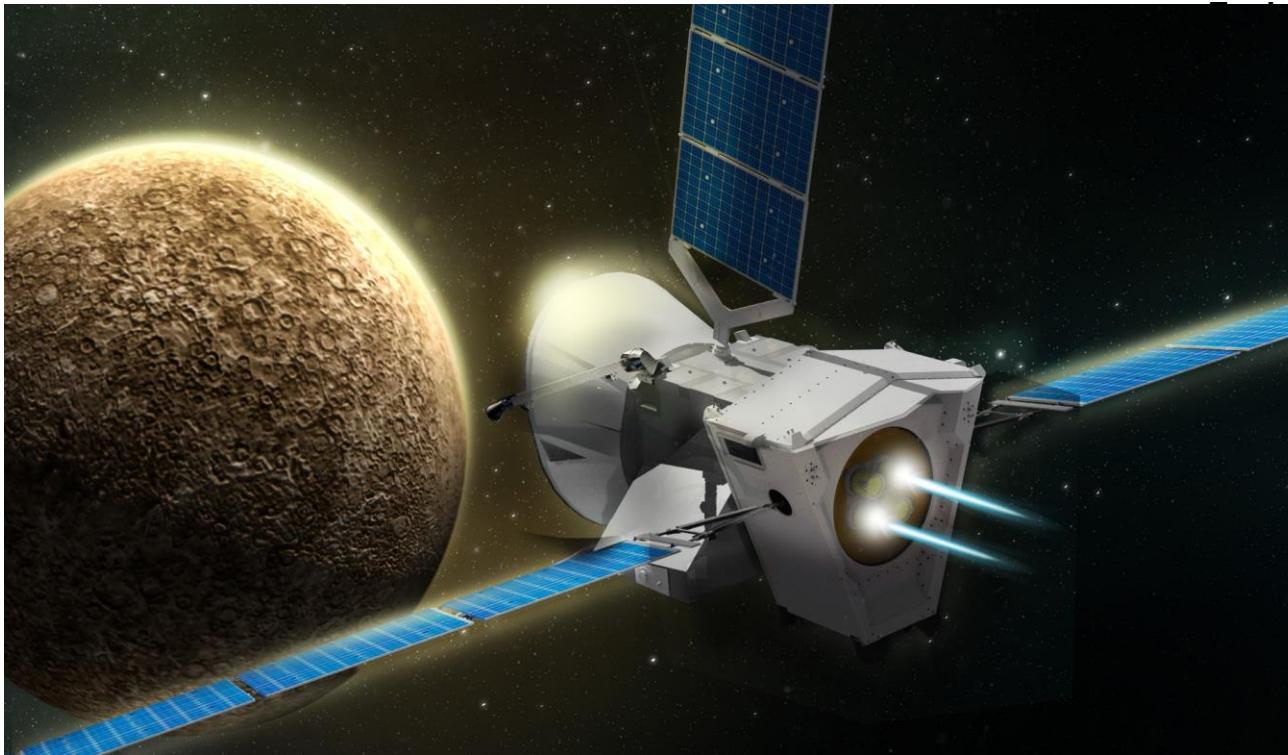
# BepiColombo Mission: Exploring Mercury



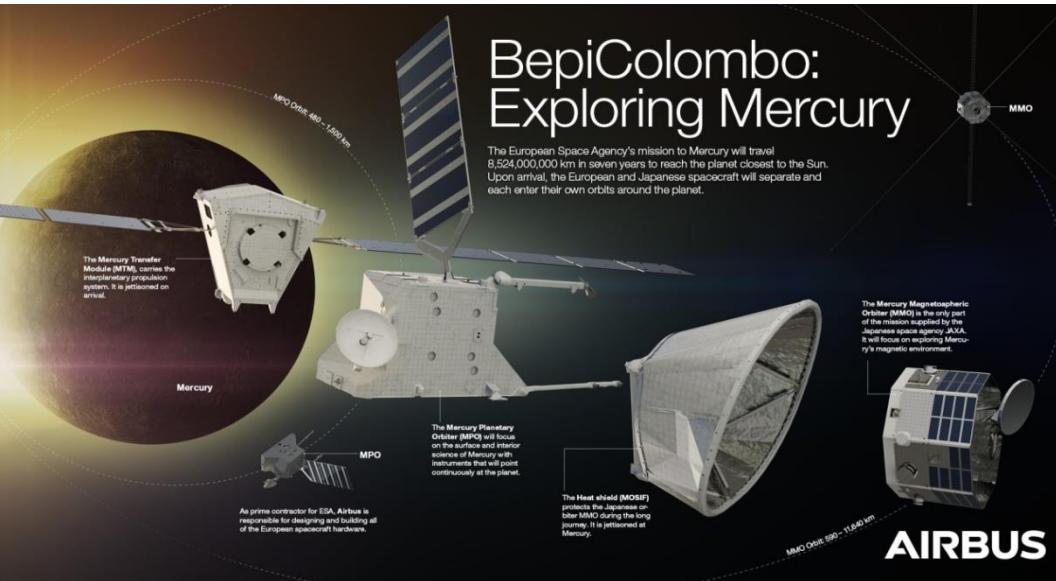
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Japan Aerospace  
Exploration Agency



*BepiColombo is a joint endeavour between ESA and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, JAXA. It is the first European mission to Mercury and the first to send two spacecraft to make complementary measurements of the planet at the same time.*



## BepiColombo Spacecraft Launched on 20 Oct 2018 at 01:45:28 GMT (03:45:28 CEST)

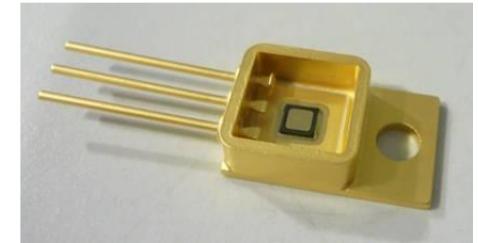
### Schottky Diodes for Solar Pannels\*

\*supplied by “Instituto de Microelectrónica de Barcelona”, IMB-CNM (CSIC)

BepiColombo is a ESA space mission to explore **Mercury**. Since Mercury is close to Sun, the expected working temperature range of the solar cell and associated electronics is from -150°C to +260°C

In state-of-the-art solar arrays each solar cell string is terminated by a protective blocking diode in series with the solar cells. The main task of these diodes is protecting the solar panel against string short circuit.

The diode is working in DC forward bias when solar panel is illuminated.



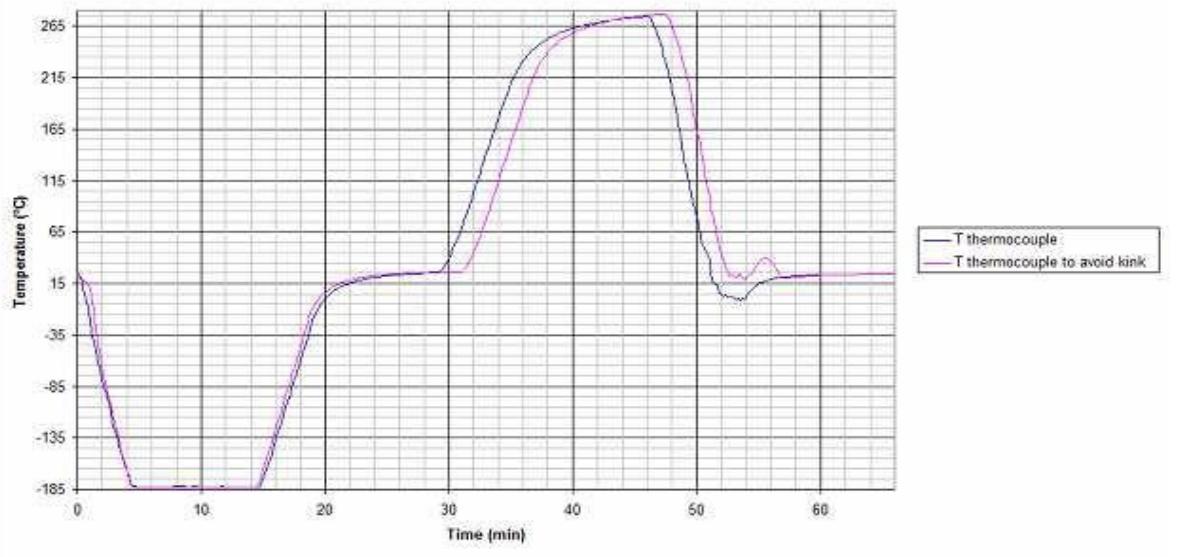
### Protection Diodes Specifications

- Operation temperature range: -170°C / +280°C.
- Breakdown voltage >**300 V** over full temperature range.
- Reverse current < **1 mA** @ 300 V and 280°C.
- Nominal DC output current: **5 A** over full temperature range.
- Maximum forward voltage drop at nominal current and 280°C: **1.7 V**.
- Packaged diode weight < 5 g.

# Diodes Thermal Cycling Test

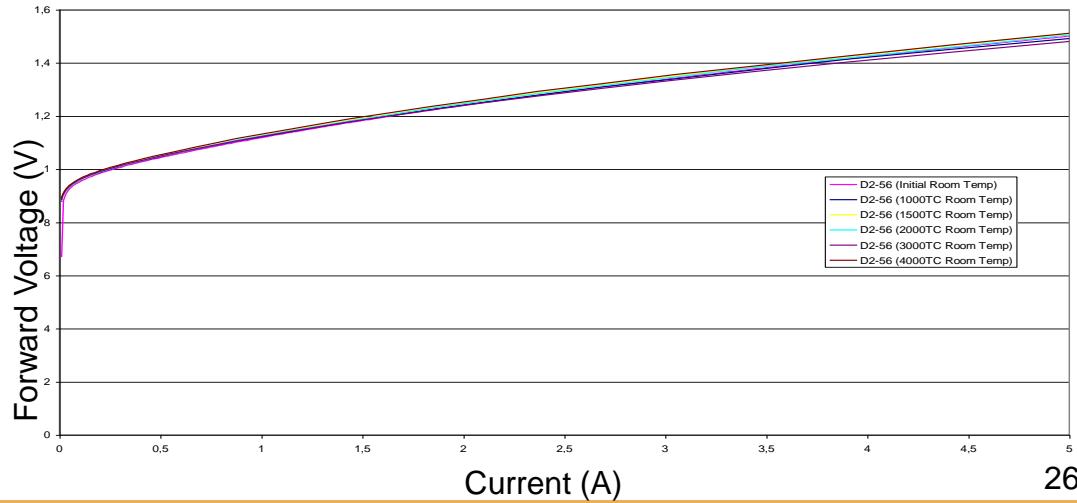
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EXAMPLE of Thermal Shocks for BEPI DIODES thermocouple measurements



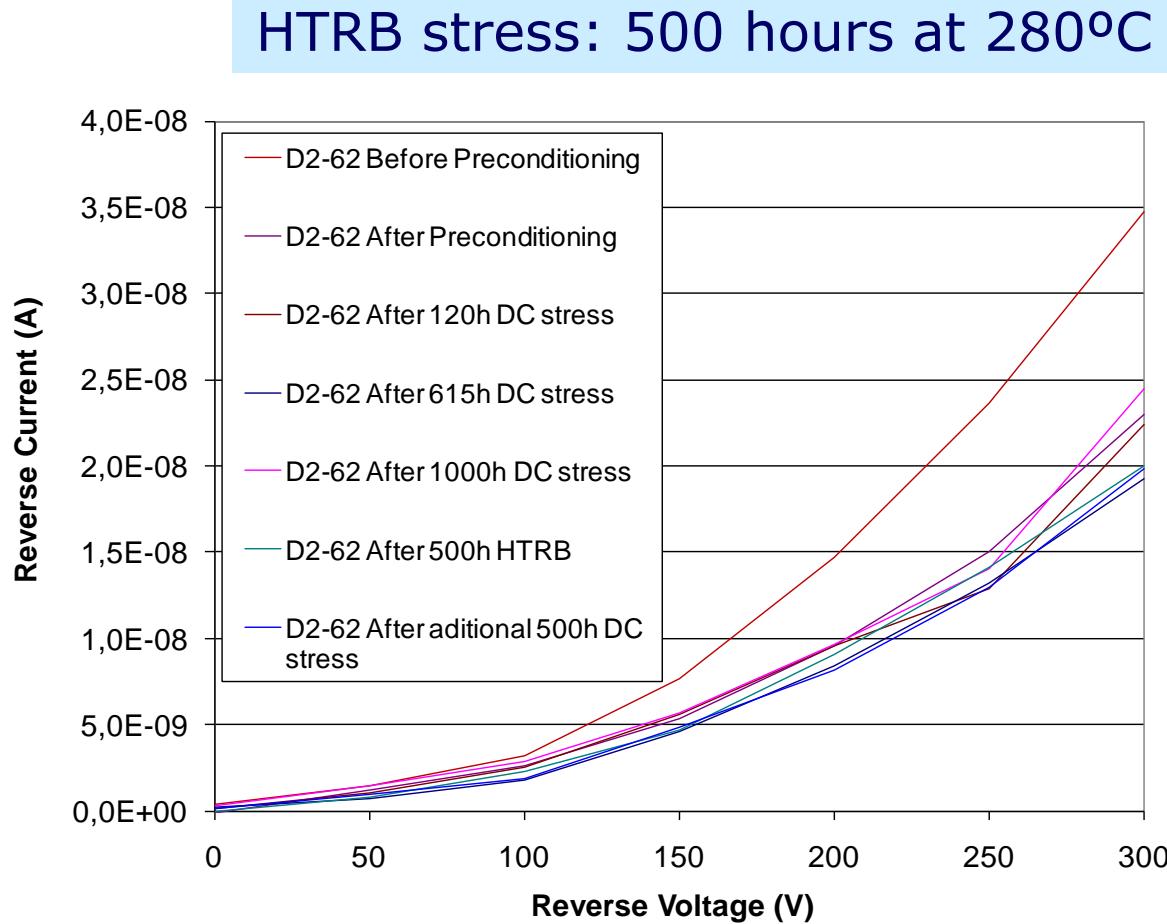
Thermal cycle in  
eclipse

- 4,000 thermal cycles
- 40° C per minute
- From -170° C to +280° C

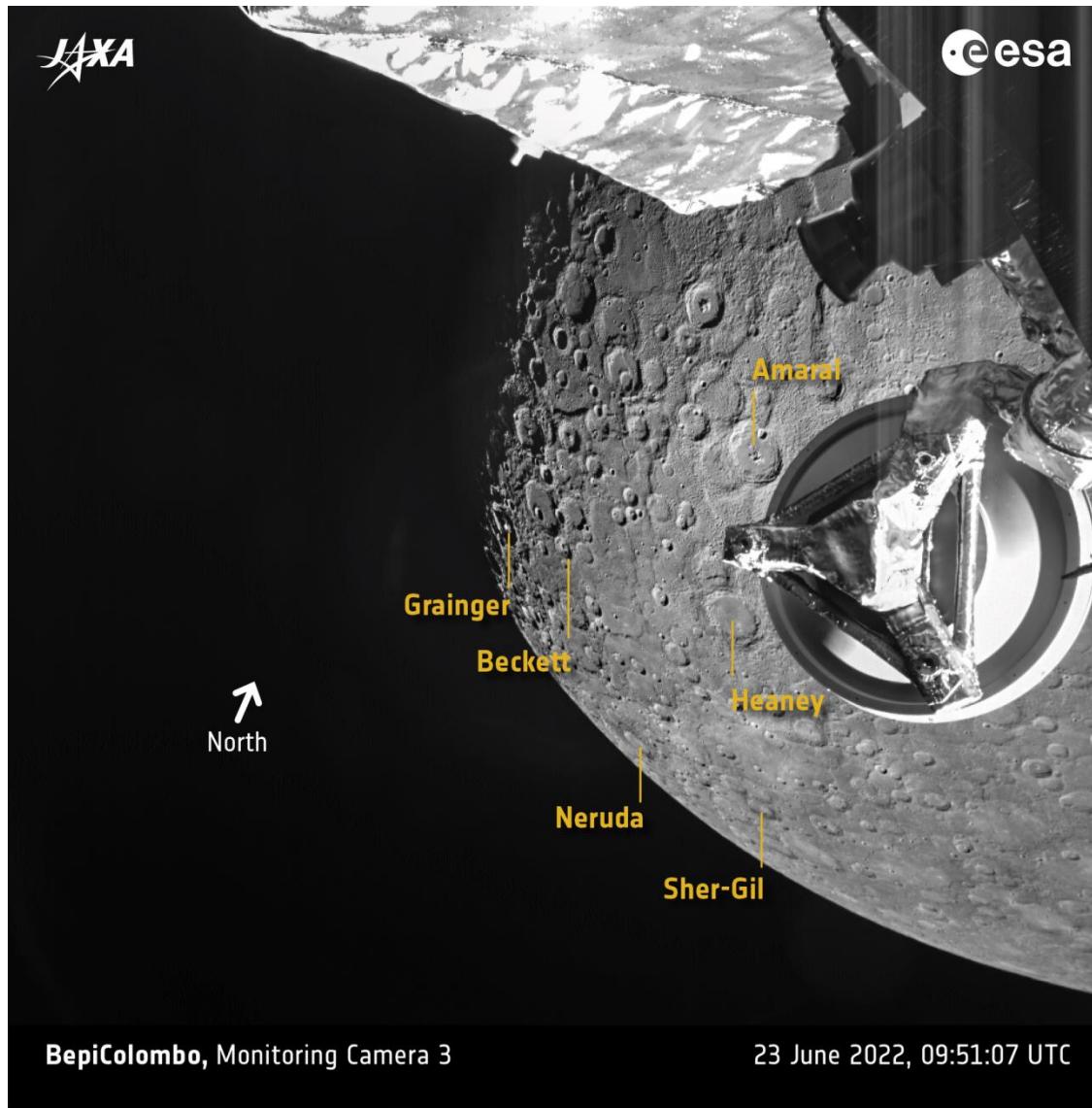


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## Diodes HTRB Tests

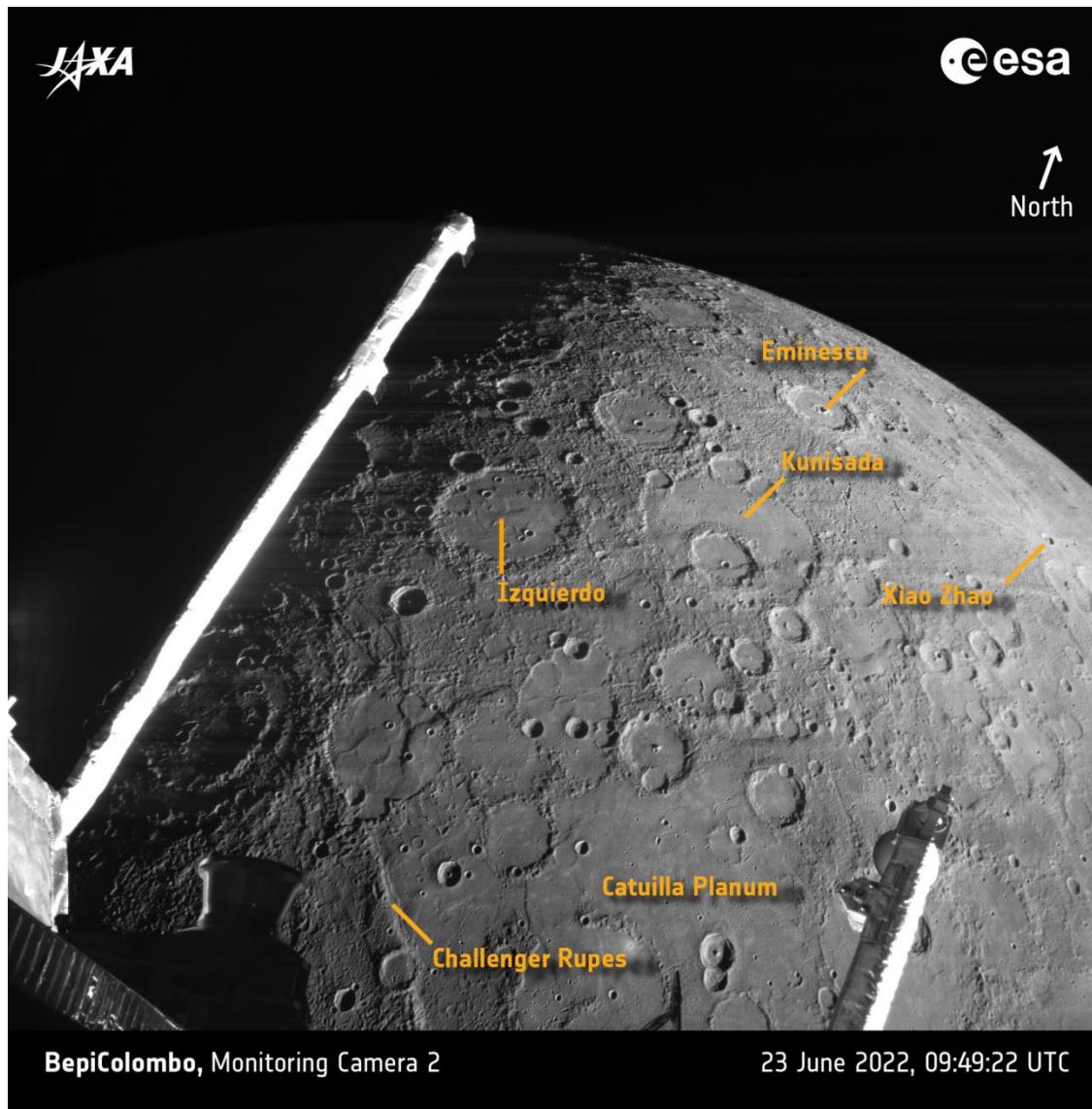


Drift after preconditioning. No extra drift after HTRB and DC bias stress



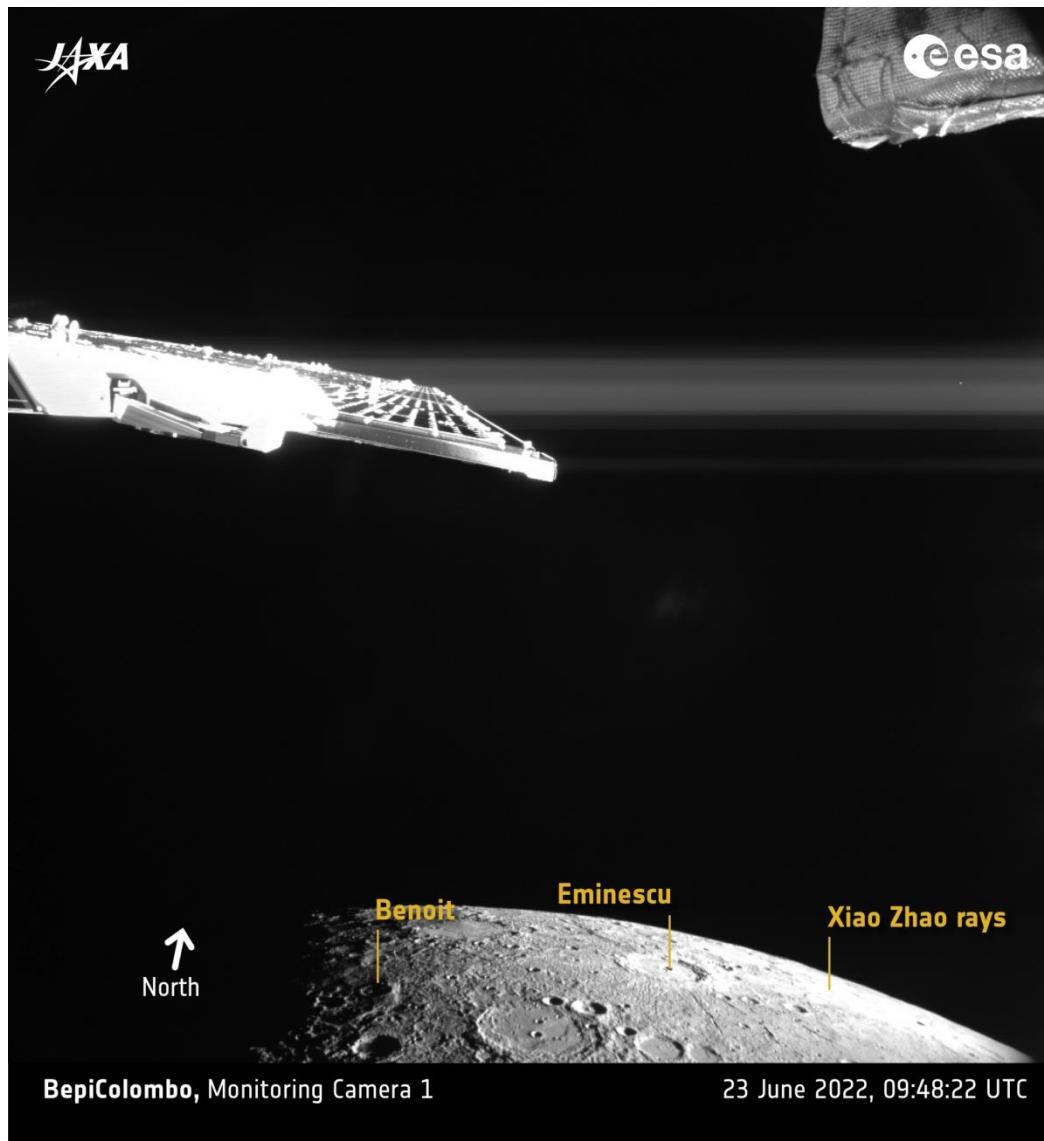
The search for volcanoes annotated pillars

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**BepiColombo surveys Mercury's rich geology annotated pillars**

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Sunrise and shadows annotated pillars



**Solar Orbiter flies within the orbit of Mercury**

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- S-a demonstrat ca dispozitivele realizate pe carbura de siliciu prezinta un mare potential pentru dezvoltarea aplicatiilor de putere si in conditii de functionare extreme.
- Carbura de siliciu permite realizarea atat a redresoarelor si comutatoarelor de putere cat si a unor circuite integrate sau referinte de tensiune stabile in temperatura.
- Comparativ cu dispozitivele realizate pe siliciu, dispozitivele pe carbura de siliciu pot functiona la temperaturi si la tensiuni mult mai ridicate precum si la frecvente inalte cu randamente superioare.
- Dispozitivele pe carbura de siliciu au contribuit la explorarea spatiului cosmic in zone cu variatii extreme de temperatura, intre -170°C / +280°C.



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