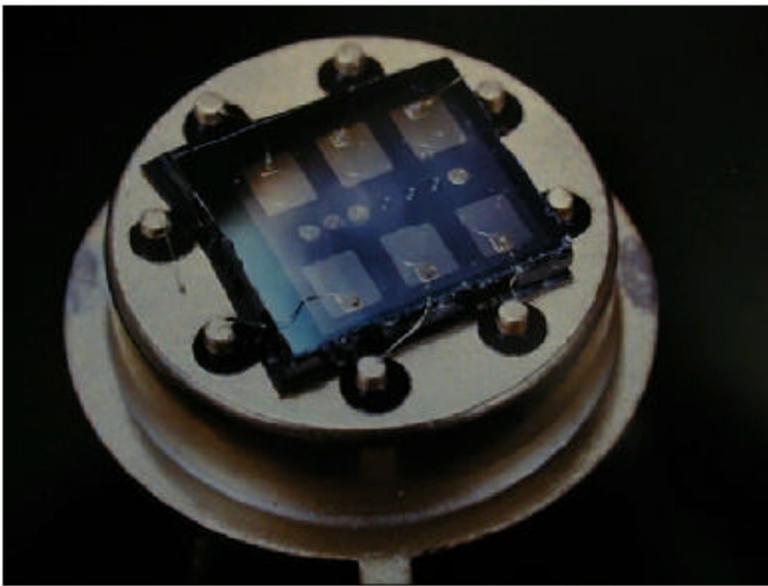


Hydrogen microsensors



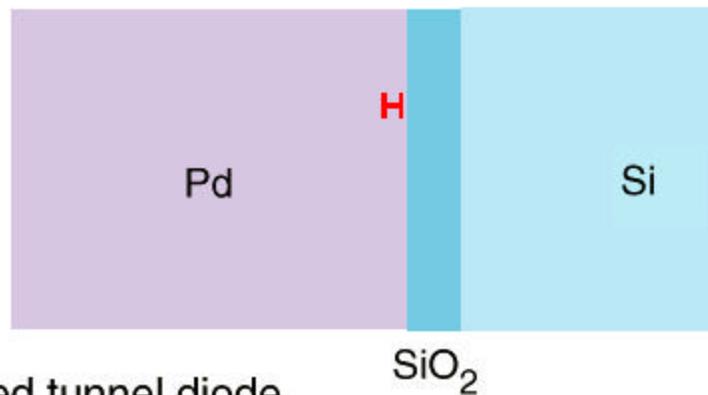
- Sandia has developed solid-state micro sensors that can monitor hydrogen escaping from pressurized vessels.
- Hydrogen microsensors are small, robust devices, which have fast response and high accuracy.

6 element H spectrometer on a chip

- The project has combined surface physics and microelectronics to produce a compact new diagnostic.

Hydrogen microsensors: theory of operation

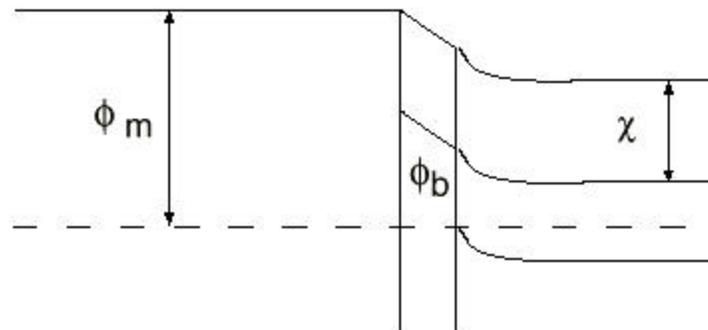
- Implanted hydrogen
 - 1 - filters quickly through metal
 - 2 - traps near interface
 - 3 - alters barrier height
 - 4 - affects electron flow across junction.



- Example: a reverse-biased tunnel diode

$$\phi_b \doteq \phi_m - \chi$$

$$I_r = A e^{-\phi_b/kT}$$



small barrier height change \Rightarrow large device response

Hydrogen microsensors: an advanced diagnostic for fusion plasmas

- Hydrogen microsensor features:
 - simple, reliable, and compact
 - compatible with tritium, neutrons, and other particles
 - remotely controlled and maintained.
- Hydrogen microsensor fusion applications:
 - monitor the particle flux to the first wall
 - measure the energy of impinging particles
 - determine spatial and directional anisotropy