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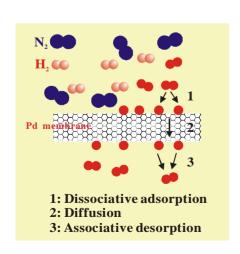
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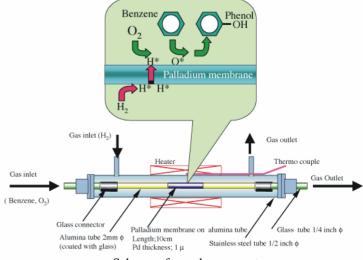
Research Interests:

Inorganic Membranes Laboratory (93826R)

Synthesis and Application of Inorganic Membranes

Various inorganic Membranes including alumina, titania and Pd-based composite membranes have been developed for the uses of gas separation and purification in this laboratory. Currently, the research works are mainly focused on the preparation of hydrogen-permselective Pd alloy composite membranes. These membranes assembled into catalytic membrane reactors will be further studied for the application promises in chemical reactions, fuel cells, and environmental protection.



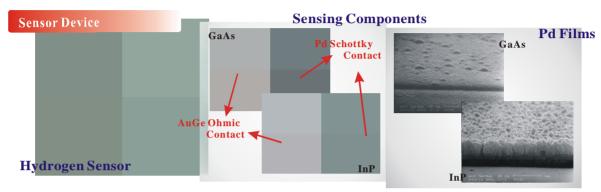


Theory for hydrogen permeate through Pd film

Scheme of membrane reactor

Fabrication of Hydrogen Sensors

On III-V compound semiconductor substrates, the Pd electroless plating integrating with micro-lithography are employed to fabricate Pd Schottky diodes as the high sensitive hydrogen sensors. To fabricate the sensor devices, the wetness deposition techniques such as electroless plating and electrophoretic deposition are adopted in this laboratory. Our devices demonstrate excellent hydrogen sensing performances with high sensitivity, wide detection range, and rapid response rate. The detection mechanisms are also investigated. In the future, versatile sensors will be developed and integrated as sensing arrays for multi-functional uses.



Preparation and Characterization of Nanoparticles

Various kinds of nanoparticles, such as metals(Ni, Cu, Ag, Pd, etc.), metal $oxides(CeO_2, Al_2O_3, etc.)$ and semiconductors(CdSe, CdTe, etc.) have been successfully synthesized by chemical wetness route. Via modulating the shape, size, structure, and chemical composition, the prepared particles can be designed and synthesized for optics, electrics, and other versatile uses.

