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Vibrational energy loss structure in very low energy photoelectron spectra of CO/Cu(001) surface KEI HAYASHI, RYUICHI ARAFUNE, SHIGENORI UEDA, Photodynamics Research Center, RIKEN, Sendai 980-0845, Japan, YOUICHI UEHARA, Research Institute of Electrical Communication, Tohoku University, Sendai 980-8577, Japan, SUKEKATSU USHIODA, Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Ishikawa 923-1292, Japan — We have measured the very low energy photoelectron spectra of the CO/Cu(001) surface by using low energy photons (4.821 eV) as the excitation light source. The spectra for ¹²C¹⁶O show a step in the photoelectron intensity at 254 meV below the Fermi level. An isotropic shift to 240 meV was observed for ¹³C¹⁸O. These energies agrees with the vibrational energies of the C-O stretching mode. Furthermore such spectral feature did not appear for the clean Cu(001) surface. Thus we conclude that the observed step in the photoelectron spectra arises from the energy loss of photoelectrons through excitation of the vibrational mode.

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