

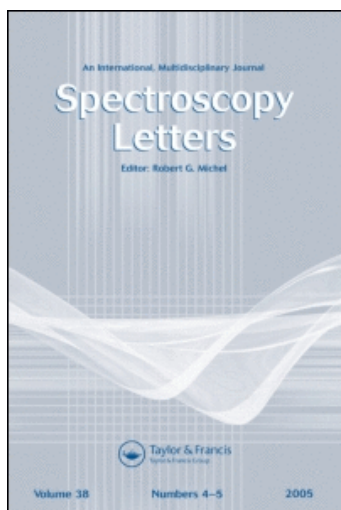
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NORMAL UNENHANCED RAMAN SPECTRA OF  $^{13}\text{CO}$  ADSORBED ON Ni(111):

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Abstract

Normal unenhanced Raman spectra (NURS) of low-polarizability CO molecules adsorbed on Ni(111) at liquid nitrogen temperature have been recorded. The  $^{13}\text{CO}$  has been used for the first time to confirm previously reported Raman spectra of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  adsorbed on Ni(111). The exposure used in one set of experiments was  $10^6\text{L }^{13}\text{CO}$ . Residual  $^{12}\text{CO}$  gas was present and gave rise to spectra identical to that reported previously. The expected shifted Raman bands due to  $^{13}\text{CO}$  were observed. These included the  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretches and their matching Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  frequencies. Another set of experiments were performed while the Ni(111) sample was exposed to a static 1-atmosphere  $^{13}\text{CO}$  pressure. Striking features were observed at such high pressure. Two tentative models are presented to explain the observed spectra.

### 1. Introduction

The isotopic substitution of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  by  $^{13}\text{CO}$  leads to isotopic shifts of the Raman bands of coadsorbed CO species on Ni. This leads, in turn, to independent confirmation of the observed bands using  $^{12}\text{CO}$  only providing that the physical conditions of the surface are the same (coverage, temperature, degree of cleanliness of the surface to start with, etc.). The shift in frequency ( $\nu$ ) can be anticipated by using either of the following simple formulae

$$\nu(^{13}\text{CO})/\nu(^{12}\text{CO}) = \sqrt{\mu(^{12}\text{CO})/\mu(^{13}\text{CO})} \quad (1)$$

or

$$\nu(^{13}\text{CM})/\nu(^{12}\text{CM}) = \sqrt{\mu(^{12}\text{CM})/\mu(^{13}\text{CM})} \quad (2)$$

where

$\nu(^{13}\text{CO})$  = the frequency of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  molecule.

$\nu(^{12}\text{CO})$  = the frequency of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  molecule.

$\mu(^{13}\text{CO})$  = the reduced mass of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  molecule.

$\mu(^{12}\text{CO})$  = the reduced mass of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  molecule.

$\mu(^{13}\text{CM})$  = the reduced mass of  $^{13}\text{CM}$  specie.

$\mu(^{12}\text{CM})$  = the reduced mass of  $^{12}\text{CM}$  specie.

M = surface atom upon which a CO molecule is chemisorbed (Ni, Co, etc.)

Therefore, since the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch in its gaseous state is at  $2143\text{ cm}^{-1}$  that of the  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  is calculated to be:  $2143 \times 0.9777759 = 2095\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Upon adsorption this frequency is subject to drop to lower frequencies exactly as in the case  $^{12}\text{CO}$ .

We have reported previously<sup>1</sup> the Raman spectra of  $10^6\text{L } ^{12}\text{CO}$  adsorbed on  $\text{Ni}(111)$  at 98 K. Several  $^{12}\text{CO}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{12}\text{C}$  bands were observed and assigned. Two tentative models were advanced to explain the observed spectra. In this work we have used the isotopic  $^{13}\text{CO}$  to arrive at independent confirmation of the previously observed  $^{12}\text{CO}$  Raman bands. It is the high resolution of Raman spectroscopy (also IR spectroscopy) that allows us to observe bands separated by  $10\text{--}40\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The lack of this kind of resolution prohibits the use of EELS in such studies. Therefore, Raman spectroscopy manifests its power over the EELS in isotopic studies. (No such study on the  $\text{Ni}(111)$  surface has been published before in the literature.) Also high pressure studies is one of the unique features Raman spectroscopy possesses (also IR spectroscopy) over EELS.

### 1.1. Experiment

The Ni crystal was purchased from Materials Research Corporation, then oriented and cut to 6 mm cube with a diamond saw. The sample was mechanically polished in water-alumina slurry which had successive particle sizes of 1.0, 0.3 and  $0.05\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . After etching, the x-ray diffraction patterns showed well-defined Laue spots indicating the (111) plane was  $\pm 1.5^\circ$  of the sample surface. Since

our set-up does not include AES, the sample was placed in a scanning electron microscope for elemental analysis of the surface. The electron beam was focused on various spots on the (111) face to see if any surface impurities could be detected. Only strong nickel peaks showed in all scans.

The oriented single crystal was then placed in a UHV chamber described elsewhere<sup>2</sup> and  $\text{Ar}^+$  bombarded at 2 KV for about an hour. The sample during the bombardment was maintained at  $170^\circ\text{C}$ . After the bombardment the sample was annealed to  $300^\circ\text{C}$  and a number of reduction cycles using research grade hydrogen were performed for 15 minutes each. The surface was then cooled to 98 K using the cold finger. Mass spectrometer analysis of the residual gas in the UHV cell revealed the presence of  $^{12}\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ , and  $\text{CO}_2$  with the same levels observed prior to the set experiments involving the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  reported previously<sup>1</sup>. The spectra presented in this work have been reproduced more than 90% of the time.

## 2. Results and Discussion.

### 2.1. Raman Spectra of $^{13}\text{CO}$ adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of $10^6\text{L}$ of $^{13}\text{CO}$ .

$^{13}\text{CO}$  of 99% purity was admitted using the leak valve and exposure of  $10^6\text{L}$   $^{13}\text{CO}$  was achieved for the first set of experiments reported below. The sample temperature was kept at 98 K.

#### 2.1.1. Linear on-top species.

A scan of the spectral region  $1900\text{--}2147\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is shown in Fig.

1. This spectrum was taken at 98 K. The bands observed at 2056

$\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2067\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2108\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to the C-O stretches of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species in the linear on-top positions. These bands are compared to those observed previously<sup>1</sup> ( $2058\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2073\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2110\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively). The previously observed bands at  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2092\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are not observed. However, the band at  $2088\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is within the experimental error ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) from the  $2092\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band, but this band could also be assigned to the  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretch of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  physisorbed on the sample (see below). The band at  $2138\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  physisorbed on the sample.

Applying the simple formula (1) presented above one can estimate the expected frequency positions of the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species equivalent to the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species observed previously. The expected  $^{13}\text{CO}$  frequencies for the  $2056\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2067\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2108\text{ cm}^{-1}$  bands are  $2010\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2021\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2061\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . We observe in Fig. 1 the two bands at  $2008\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2025\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which are in remarkable agreement with the anticipated  $^{13}\text{CO}$  frequencies. Examining the band at  $2056\text{ cm}^{-1}$  we see that its FWHM =  $18\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , this could very well carry in it the anticipated frequency  $2061\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

The estimated  $^{13}\text{CO}$  frequency corresponding to a possible  $^{12}\text{CO}$  frequency at  $2088\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is  $2042\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . No band at  $2042\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is observed. This could mean that the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species equivalent to (having the same neighboring species) those  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species giving rise to the  $2088\text{ cm}^{-1}$  frequency are not available. If we consider the  $2088\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band as a one due to the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species, the corresponding  $^{12}\text{CO}$  frequency is estimated to be  $2136\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . We do

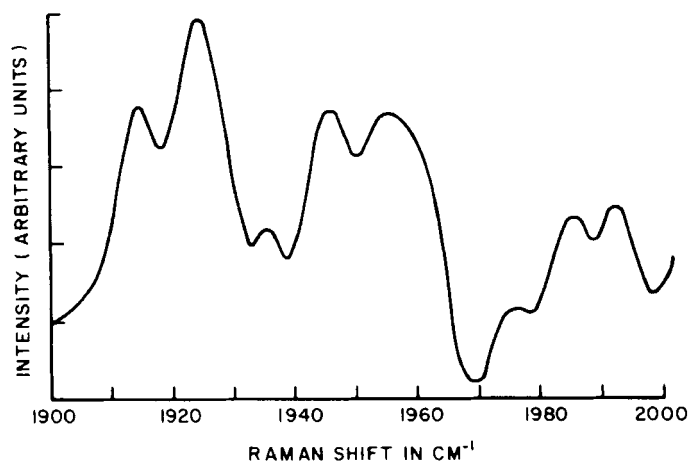


FIG. 1(a) The Raman spectrum in the region  $1900\text{--}2000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of  $10^6\text{ L }^{13}\text{CO} + ^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -160^\circ\text{C}$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

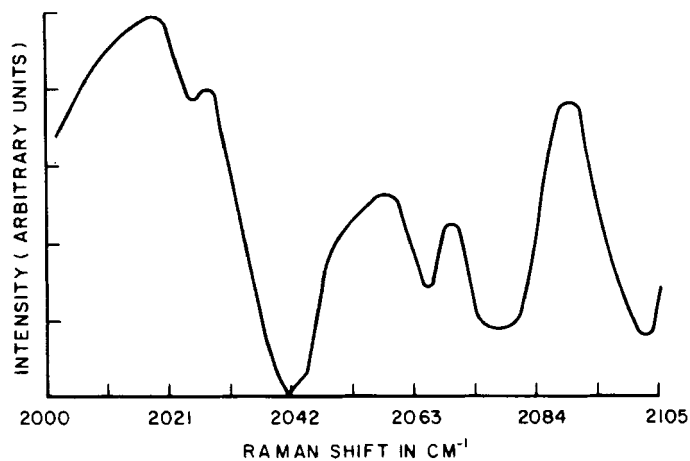


FIG. 1(b) The Raman spectrum in the region  $2000\text{--}2105\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of  $10^6\text{ L }^{13}\text{CO} + ^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -160^\circ\text{C}$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

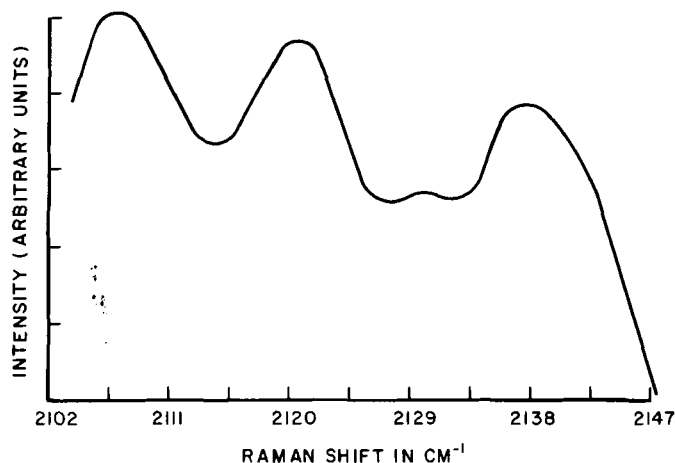


FIG. 1(c) The Raman spectrum in the region  $2102\text{--}2147\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of  $10^6\text{ L }^{13}\text{CO} + ^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -160^\circ\text{C}$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

observe a band at  $2138\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which we assigned above to the  $^{12}\text{C}\text{--O}$  stretch  $^{12}\text{CO}$  physisorbed on the sample. Therefore, the  $2088\text{ cm}^{-1}$  could very possibly be assigned to the  $^{13}\text{C}\text{--O}$  stretch of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  physisorbed on the sample. Also this band may be of dual nature, one due to  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species chemisorbed as pictured in the tentative model (see section 2.3) and is also due to  $^{13}\text{CO}$  physisorbed on the sample. The band at  $2120\text{ cm}^{-1}$  may be due to  $^{12}\text{CO}$  linear species with neighboring species not considered in our tentative model reported earlier<sup>1</sup>.

#### 2.1.2. CO Bridge Species

The bands observed at  $1954\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1984\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2008\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in Fig. 1 are assigned to the  $^{12}\text{C}\text{--O}$  stretches of  $^{12}\text{CO}$



species in the bridge 2-fold positions. These bands are compared to those observed previously<sup>1</sup> (1958 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1980 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1991 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 2009 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). The estimated <sup>13</sup>CO frequencies corresponding to the above mentioned <sup>12</sup>CO bridge frequencies are 1911 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1940 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1948 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1964 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. One observes in Fig. 1 the three frequencies 1913 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1935 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1944 cm<sup>-1</sup> which are in remarkable agreement with the anticipated <sup>13</sup>CO frequencies. We do not observe a band at 1964 cm<sup>-1</sup>. This could mean that the <sup>13</sup>CO species equivalent to those <sup>12</sup>CO species giving rise to the 2008 cm<sup>-1</sup> frequency are not available. The band at 2008 cm<sup>-1</sup> has a FWHM = 25 cm<sup>-1</sup> which gives the possibility that this band is of a double nature: (1) the <sup>13</sup>CO frequency corresponding to the 2056 cm<sup>-1</sup> <sup>12</sup>CO frequency, (2) the <sup>12</sup>CO bridge frequency pictured in the tentative model (see section 2.3).

### 2.1.3. Ni-C Stretch of CO On-top Species

A scan of the spectral region 340-535 cm<sup>-1</sup> is shown in Fig. 2. This spectrum was recorded at 98 K. The observed bands at 504 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 486 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 454 cm<sup>-1</sup> are assigned to the Ni-<sup>12</sup>C stretches of <sup>12</sup>CO species in the linear on-top positions adsorbed on the sample. These bands are compared to those observed previously<sup>1</sup>, (509 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 483 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 460 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) for the Ni-<sup>12</sup>C stretches. These Ni-<sup>12</sup>C stretches are matched with the <sup>12</sup>C-O linear stretches discussed above, namely: 2056 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 2067 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 2088 cm<sup>-1</sup> bands, respectively. The band at 526 cm<sup>-1</sup> is the Ni-<sup>12</sup>C stretch corresponding to the <sup>12</sup>C-O stretch 2036 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Even though

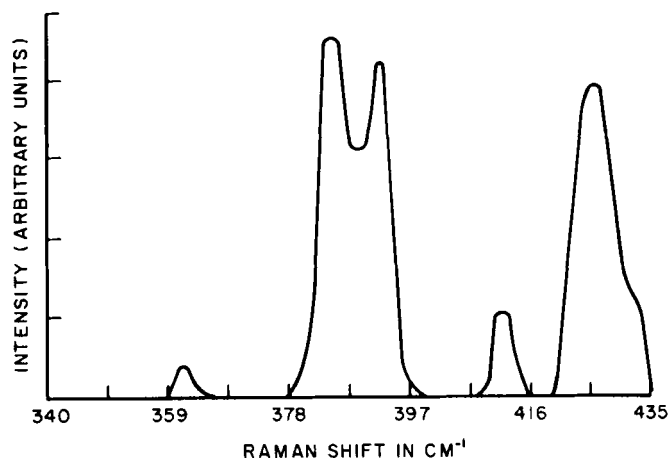


FIG. 2(a) The Raman spectrum in the region  $340\text{--}435\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of  $10^6\text{L } ^{13}\text{CO} + ^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -160^\circ$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

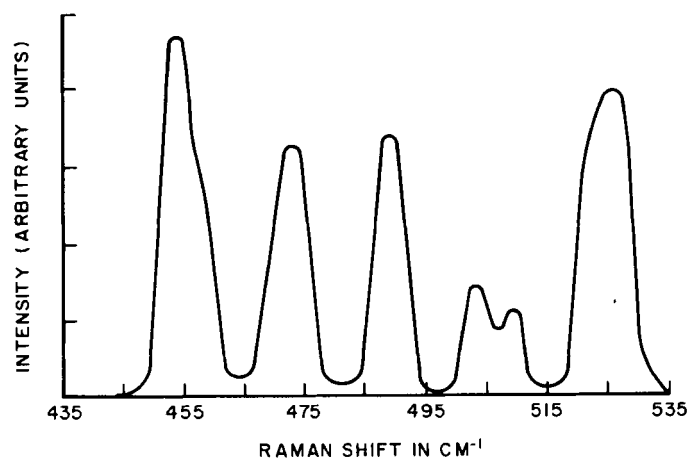


FIG. 2(b) The Raman spectrum in the region  $435\text{--}535\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of  $10^6\text{L } ^{13}\text{CO} + ^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -160^\circ$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

we have not observed a band at  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) we are observing its  $\text{Ni-}^{12}\text{C}$  stretch, this may be due to the effect of the neighboring species have on the C-O bond giving rise to  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band. This may lead to its weakening to the degree that we are not able to observe it. The estimated  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  frequency corresponding to  $526\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is  $509\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . We observe a band at  $508\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; this we assign to the  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  stretch of the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species giving rise to the  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  frequency which, in turn, corresponds to the  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $^{12}\text{CO}$  frequency. So even though we do not observe the  $^{12}\text{CO}$   $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$  frequency we do observe its corresponding  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  and  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  frequencies. The estimated  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  frequencies corresponding to the  $\text{Ni-}^{12}\text{C}$  frequencies  $504\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $486\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $454\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are  $486\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $472\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $440\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. We observe two bands at  $486\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $476\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in remarkable agreement with the anticipated frequencies. Here the  $486\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band may have a dual nature, one due to a  $\text{Ni-}^{12}\text{C}$  stretch and the other due to a  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  stretch. We do not observe a band at  $440\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) which would have been matched to a  $2042\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band corresponding to  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretches, respectively. As mentioned above, we have not observed a band at  $2042\text{ cm}^{-1}$  either. The observed band at  $454\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to  $\text{Ni-}^{12}\text{C}$  stretch corresponding to the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$   $2088\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The lack of a corresponding  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  frequency ( $440\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) leads us to conclude that either there are no  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species equivalent to those  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species giving rise to the  $2088\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band (considering this band to be of dual nature as explained above), or the  $440\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) band is so weak and screened that we cannot observe it.

#### 2.1.4. Ni-C Stretch of the Bridge Species

The observed bands at  $425\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $392\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $385\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $361\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in Fig. 2 are assigned to the Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretches of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species in the 2-fold positions adsorbed on the sample. These bands are compared to those observed previously<sup>1</sup> ( $420\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $380\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $362\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively) for the Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretches. The  $380\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band was a broad one (FWHM =  $30\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) so we believe that the  $385$  and  $392\text{ cm}^{-1}$  bands are the resolved bands contained previously under the  $380\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band. These Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretches are matched with the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  bridge stretches discussed above, namely;  $1954\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1984\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2008\text{ cm}^{-1}$  bands, respectively (see section 2.3 for tentative model).

The estimated Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  frequencies corresponding to the Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  frequencies  $425\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $392\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $385\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $361\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are  $411\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $380\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $372\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $350\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. We observe a band at  $411\text{ cm}^{-1}$  with perfect agreement with the anticipated frequency. This band represents the Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  stretch corresponding to the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  bridge species giving rise to the observed  $1913\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band. We also observe a band at  $385\text{ cm}^{-1}$  with good agreement with the anticipated  $380\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band. This band is the Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  stretch corresponding to the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  bridge species giving rise to the observed  $1935\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band. Here the  $385\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band could be of dual nature one represents the Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch corresponding to the  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $^{12}\text{CO}$  stretch and the other is the Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  stretch mentioned above. Since we do not observe a band at  $372\text{ cm}^{-1}$  representing

the  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  frequency corresponding to the  $385\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $\text{Ni-}^{12}\text{C}$  frequency we may conclude the following:

- (a) The  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band represents the  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretch corresponding to the  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $^{12}\text{CO}$  frequency (we have observed the corresponding  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  as reported above).
- (b) The  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band as described in part (a) plus it represents the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch corresponding to the 2-fold  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species as pictured in the tentative model (see section 2.3). In this case the  $385\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is of dual nature as described above. Also the  $1944\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band does not represent the corresponding  $^{13}\text{CO}$  frequency stretch.
- (c) The  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is of dual nature as described in (a) and (b) but for some reason we were not able to detect a band at  $372\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) to represent the  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  stretch of the observed  $1944\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $^{13}\text{CO}$  stretch..

Since the width of both the  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band and  $385\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is not wide enough to accommodate two bands in each we are inclined to conclude that conclusion (a) is the most reasonable. This conclusion does not mean that the  $1991\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band reported previously<sup>1</sup> could not have been assigned to bridge species as was done...it simply means that the observed and anticipated numbers are too close regarding these potential assignments. A conclusion that the  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band reported previously could have been due to  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species (corresponding to the  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) cannot be made since

we used  $^{12}\text{CO}$  with purity 99.999% and the natural abundance of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  (from the residual gas) is about 1%.

As expected no band at  $350\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) was observed since no band at  $1964\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) was observed either. Therefore, the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species giving rise to the  $2008\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band does not have equivalent  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species. Again as we discussed the case of the  $1992\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band, the  $2008\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (FWHM =  $25\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) may support two bands, one represents the  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  linear stretch corresponding to the  $2056\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $^{12}\text{CO}$  frequency and the other to the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  bridge stretch as pictured in the tentative model (see section 2.3). The band at  $361\text{ cm}^{-1}$  represents the  $\text{Ni-}^{12}\text{C}$  stretch corresponding to the  $2008\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $^{12}\text{CO}$  frequency in perfect agreement with our previous work<sup>1</sup>.

## 2.2. Raman Spectra of $^{13}\text{CO}$ adsorbed on Ni(111) after a static exposure of 1-Atmosphere pressure of $^{13}\text{CO}$ .

Under static conditions the pressure in the UHV cell was taken from below  $10^{-8}$  Torr to 1 atmosphere by leaking in  $^{13}\text{CO}$  gas of 99% purity at temperature of 151 K. The Raman spectra reported below were taken under this static pressure and temperature. The temperature of the sample under UHV conditions was 98 K. As the pressure went up the temperature went up until it reached 151 K and this temperature was maintained throughout, the experiments.

### 2.2.1. CO On-Top Species

A scan of the spectral region  $1912\text{--}2162\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is shown in Fig. 3. This spectrum was taken at 151 K. The first striking feature

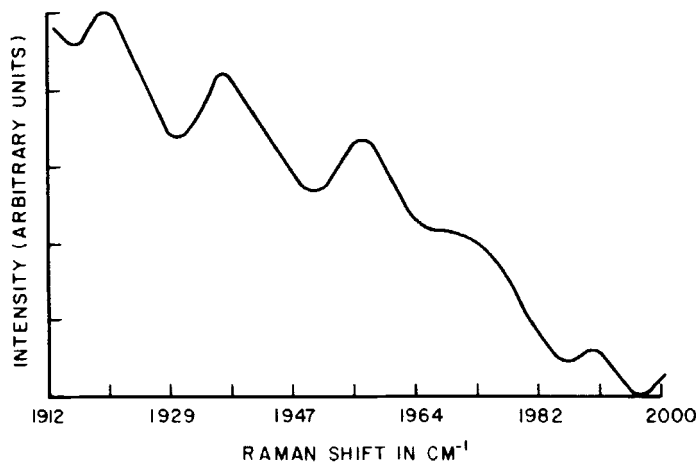


FIG. 3(a) The Raman spectrum in the region  $1912\text{--}2000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of a static 1-atmosphere  $^{13}\text{CO}$  pressure +  $^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -122^\circ\text{C}$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

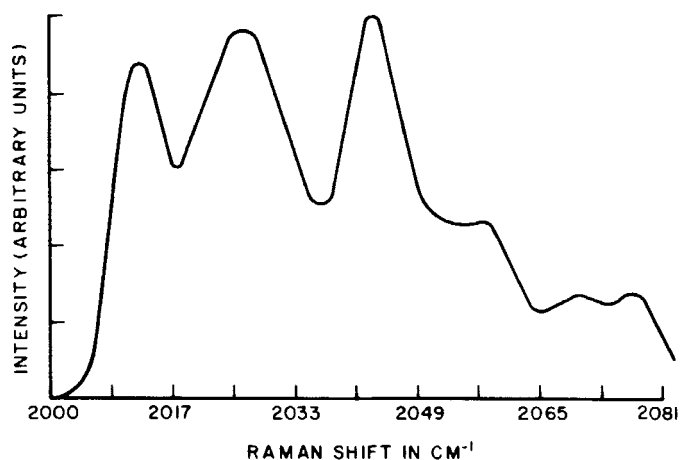


FIG. 3(b) The Raman spectrum in the region  $2000\text{--}2081\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of a static 1-atmosphere  $^{13}\text{CO}$  pressure of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -122^\circ\text{C}$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

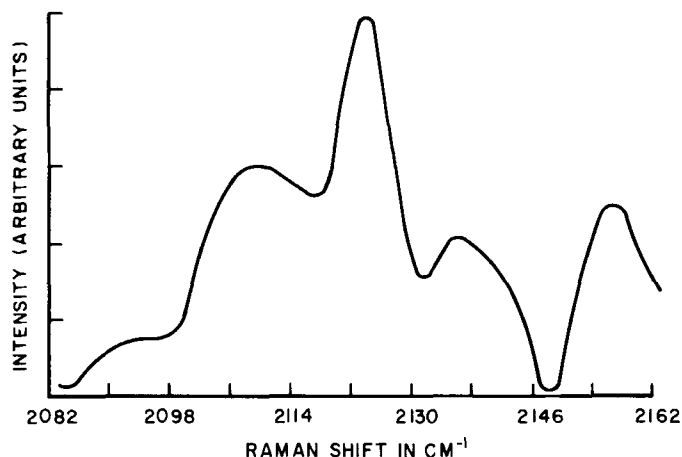


FIG. 3(c) The Raman spectrum in the region  $2082\text{--}2162\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of a static 1-atmosphere  $^{13}\text{CO}$  pressure +  $^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -122^\circ\text{C}$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

in this spectrum is that all  $^{12}\text{CO}$  linear bands ( $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2058\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2073\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2092\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) observed previously<sup>1</sup> and some of which were observed at  $10^6\text{ L }^{13}\text{CO}$  exposure, as discussed in the previous section, have disappeared. On the other hand one observes bands at  $1990\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2024\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2042\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The estimated linear frequencies of the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species corresponding to the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  linear species  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2058\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2073\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2092\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are  $1990\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2026\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2045\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in perfect agreement with the observed frequencies. Therefore, we readily conclude that at such high static pressure of  $^{13}\text{CO}$ , the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species have displaced the linear  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species.

The broad band at  $2108\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\text{FWHM} = 20\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) seen in Fig. 3 corresponds to the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  band observed previously at  $2110\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . In.



the meantime this band may very well support another band namely, the  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretch of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  physisorbed on the sample. The physisorbed frequency of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  on surfaces is expected to be little more or less than the  $2143\text{ cm}^{-1}$  gaseous frequency. We observe a band at  $2156\text{ cm}^{-1}$  if we assign this band to the physisorbed stretch of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  its corresponding  $^{13}\text{CO}$  would appear at  $2109\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Since we observe a band at  $2108\text{ cm}^{-1}$  it is very possible to assign it to  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species physisorbed on the sample as we mentioned above. The band at  $2123\text{ cm}^{-1}$  could be that of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  linear species with neighboring species not considered in our tentative model reported previously<sup>1</sup>. The band at  $2135\text{ cm}^{-1}$  may be due to some sort of physisorbed  $^{12}\text{CO}$  or very weakly chemisorbed.

#### 2.2.2. CO Bridge Species

No band at  $1967\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is observed in Fig. 3 therefore, the  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band does not have an equivalent  $^{13}\text{CO}$  band. No band at  $1991\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is observed nor at  $1947\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which would constitute its equivalent  $^{13}\text{CO}$  counterpart. A band at  $1957\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is observed which we assign to the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch of bridge species pictured in a tentative model seen in section 2.3. This band was observed previously<sup>1</sup> at  $1957\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Its estimated  $^{13}\text{CO}$  equivalent is  $1914\text{ cm}^{-1}$  we observe a band at  $1920\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in a good agreement. No band at  $1980\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is observed, but its equivalent  $^{13}\text{CO}$  band is estimated to be at  $1935\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . A band at  $1935\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is observed in a perfect agreement. This is assigned to the  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretch of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species pictured in the tentative model seen in section 2.3.

### 2.2.3. Ni-C Stretch of CO On-top

A scan of the spectral region  $340\text{--}525\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is shown in Fig. 4. This spectrum was taken at 153 K. We assign the band at  $522\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to the Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species giving rise to a band at  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . We do not observe this band here. This may be due to the weakness of that particular  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch as discussed above. The  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretch equivalent to the  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$  has been observed as a very weak band at  $1990\text{ cm}^{-1}$  as expected and to this stretch we assign the Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  stretch observed at  $507\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

The band observed at  $496\text{ cm}^{-1}$  we assign to the Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  stretch as it has fallen from the previously reported Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch at  $509\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These correspond to the  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2058\text{ cm}^{-1}$  bands of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  and  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species, respectively. The band observed at  $476\text{ cm}^{-1}$  we assign to the Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  stretch as it has fallen from the previously reported Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch at  $483\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These correspond to the  $2024\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2073\text{ cm}^{-1}$  bands of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  and  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species, respectively.

We observe a band at  $457\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . We believe that this may be the same band we observed before at  $460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The corresponding  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch is the  $2092\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Even though we do not observe this stretch we observe its Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch. The band observed at  $448\text{ cm}^{-1}$  we assign to the Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  stretch as it has fallen from the previously reported Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch at  $460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These correspond to the  $2042\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2092\text{ cm}^{-1}$  bands of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  and  $^{12}\text{CO}$  species, respectively.

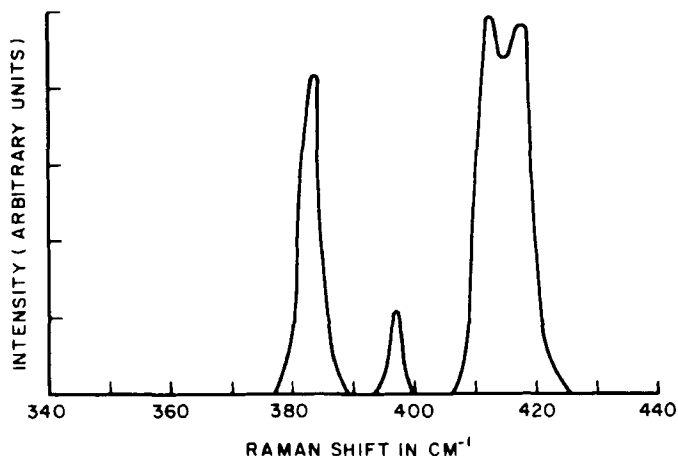


FIG. 4(a) The Raman spectrum in the region  $340\text{--}440\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of a static 1-atmosphere  $^{13}\text{CO}$  pressure +  $^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -122^\circ\text{C}$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

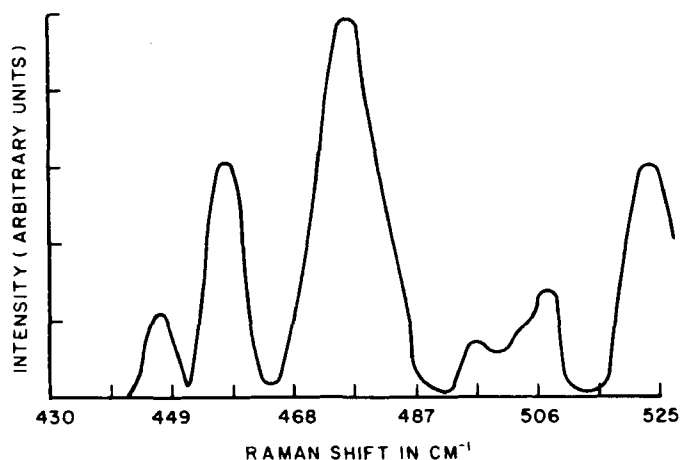


FIG. 4(b) The Raman spectrum in the region  $430\text{--}525\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of CO adsorbed on Ni(111) after an exposure of a static 1-atmosphere  $^{13}\text{CO}$  pressure +  $^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).  $T = -122^\circ\text{C}$ . The laser power is 2 Watts, 4880 Å. The slit widths =  $300\text{ }\mu$  and the count time is 20 seconds/step.

#### 2.2.4. Ni-C Stretch of CO Bridge Species

The two bands at  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1991\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which we discussed before briefly are now examined more closely in the light of their corresponding Ni-C stretch frequencies as follows:

(a) Had the  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$  been due to  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  bridge species, its equivalent  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretch should have been observed at  $1967\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). We observe a shoulder at  $1970\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Also its Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch reported earlier at  $362\text{ cm}^{-1}$  should have appeared, and its equivalent Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  stretch should have appeared at  $350\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . We do not observe any bands at  $350\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) nor at  $362\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\pm 5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). This leads us to the following conclusions:

- (1) the  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is a purely  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretch equivalent to the  $2058\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch.
- (2) The  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is as in (1) plus it also represents  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  bridge species where the matching Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch is unresolved for some reason.
- (3) The  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is as in (2) plus it has equivalent  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretch represented by the shoulder at  $1970\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The matching Ni- $^{13}\text{C}$  is for some reason screened and unresolved. Since the  $2012\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band is not a wide band we are inclined to assign it as in (1).

(b) Since we observe a band at  $384\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , this is assigned as reported previously to the Ni- $^{12}\text{C}$  stretch of  $^{12}\text{CO}$  bridge

species giving rise to the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch at  $1990\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The equivalent  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  stretches of this band should have been observed at  $369\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1947\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. No bands were observed at these frequencies. Therefore, we conclude that the  $1990\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , though weak, may have a dual nature

- (1) Due to  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  linear stretch corresponding to the  $2036\text{ cm}^{-1}$   $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch
- (2) Due to  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  bridge stretch with no equivalent  $^{13}\text{CO}$  bridge species.

The observed band at  $418\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the  $\text{Ni-}^{12}\text{C}$  stretch corresponding to the  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  stretch  $1957\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Its corresponding  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  stretch is observed at  $412\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 2.3. Tentative Models

Two tentative models one for the linear on-top species and the other for the bridge two-fold species are shown in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6, respectively. Three sets of data are depicted on each model. These are as follows:

- (1) The set of data showing the values of  $^{12}\text{C-O}$  and the corresponding  $\text{Ni-}^{12}\text{C}$  stretches observed at  $10^6\text{L } ^{12}\text{CO}$  exposure, at  $98\text{ K}$ , on  $\text{Ni}(111)$  surface. This set is what we have reported previously<sup>1</sup>, which is shown for comparison.
- (2) The set of data showing the values of  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  and the corresponding  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  stretches observed at  $10^6\text{L } ^{13}\text{CO}$  expo-

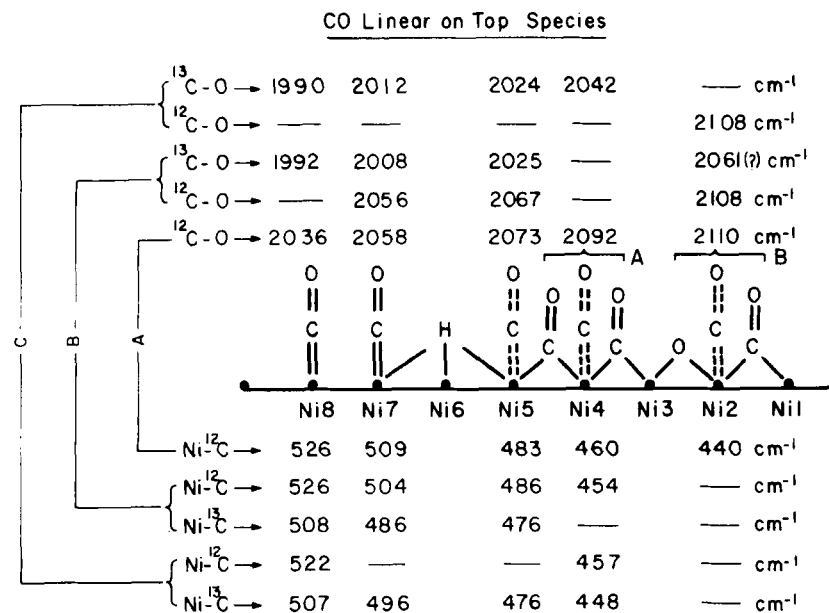


FIG. 5 A schematic showing a tentative model for the linear on-top  $^{12}\text{CO}$  and  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species coadsorbed on the Ni(111) surface with other CO species, oxygen and hydrogen atoms. Three different pressure conditions (A, B and C) are reported as shown on the schematic. Condition A represents what has been reported in a previous work [ref. 1] and is shown for comparison. Condition B represents adsorption due to  $10^6\text{L}$  exposure of  $^{13}\text{CO}$  (plus the  $^{12}\text{CO}$  residual gas) on the Ni(111) surface at  $-170^\circ\text{C}$ . Condition C represents adsorption due to a static 1-atmosphere  $^{13}\text{CO}$  exposure on the Ni(111) surface at  $-122^\circ\text{C}$ .

sure, at 98 K, on Ni(111) surface. Also showing these stretches due to  $^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).

- (3) The set of data showing the values of  $^{13}\text{C-O}$  and the corresponding  $\text{Ni-}^{13}\text{C}$  stretches observed at 1-atmosphere static pressure  $^{13}\text{CO}$  exposure, at 151 K, on Ni(111) surface. Also showing these stretches due to  $^{12}\text{CO}$  (Residual Gas).

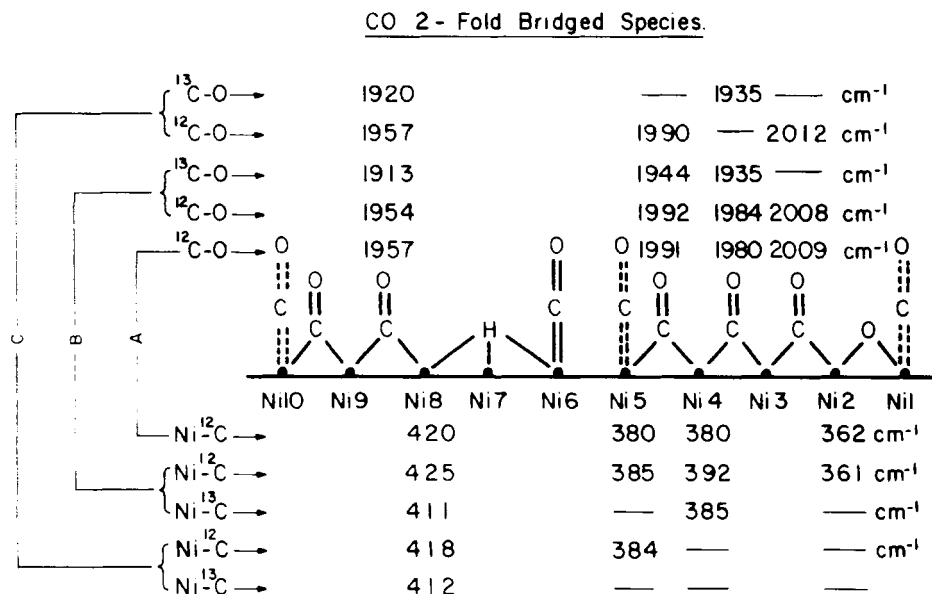


FIG. 6 A schematic showing a tentative model for the 2-fold bridged  $^{12}\text{CO}$  and  $^{13}\text{CO}$  species coadsorbed on the Ni(111) surface with other CO species, oxygen and hydrogen atoms. Three different pressure conditions (A,B and C) are reported as shown on the schematic. These three conditions are as explained in Figure's 5 caption.

Preliminary theoretical studies<sup>3</sup>, using the EHMO method<sup>4</sup>, suggest that when the CO molecule in the linear on-top configuration is attached a to 2-fold CO bridged molecule via a surface atom, the linear CO molecule must be inclined with some angle,  $\theta$ , for the resultant configuration be stable. Therefore, broken lines are used to indicate that some angle of inclination is in order. A complete description of how these models were arrived at is given elsewhere<sup>1</sup>.

### 3. Conclusion

It is shown that normal unenhanced Raman Spectroscopy can be used in observing Raman spectra from low-polarizability CO molecules adsorbed on Ni(111). The high resolution of Raman Spectroscopy has been utilized to advance independent confirmation of the observed Raman bands by the use of isotopic substitution. Also advantage has been taken of the ability of Raman spectroscopy to operate under high pressures to record CO Raman bands at 1-atmosphere pressure.

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