Electronic and atomic structures of Au-adsorbed Ge(001) and (111) surfaces

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Electronic and structures of the Ge(001) and (111) surfaces with Au are studied by scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) and angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES). The Au-adsorbed Ge(001) surface shows a chain structure and a metallic surface band. Thus, Peierls transition and/or Luttinger liquid behaviors have been expected and claimed. [1] We show the metallic surface band is two dimensional and the dispersion is steep in the direction perpendicular to the surface chain direction. [2] The Au-adsorbed Ge(111) surface has two two-dimensional surface metallic bands; one is electron-like and the other is hole-like. The electron band originates from Au trimers of a conjugate honeycomb chained trimer (CHCT) model at the surface, and splits anisotropically into two bands because of the strong spin-orbit interaction (Rashba effect). The hole band originates from the subsurface Ge atoms, and gives a honeycomb STM image in a limited bias-voltage range. A triangle structure mobile at room temperature selectively dopes the electron-like surface metallic band. [3]

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