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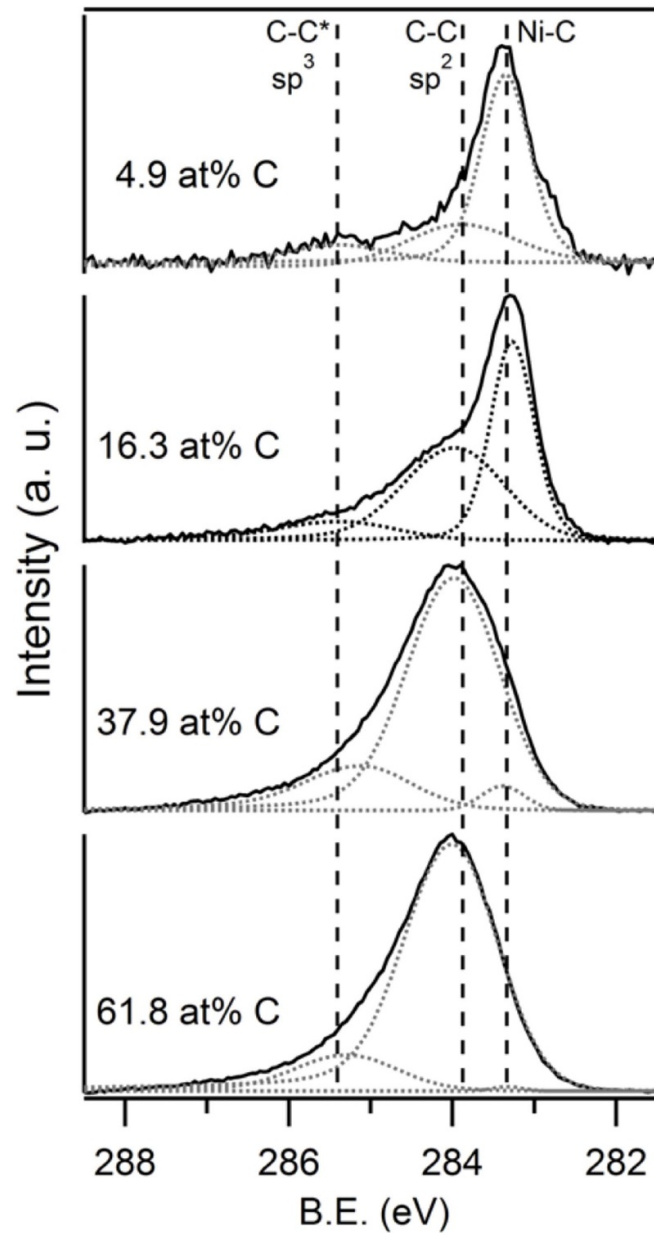
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The titled paper contains a preliminary figure 3 for curve-fitting of Ni–C and C–C peaks, with corresponding two errors in the text and table 1, respectively.



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The correct figure 3 is the following:



**Figure 3.** C 1s XPS spectra of the  $\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{C}_x$  films with carbon content ranging from 5 at.% to 62 at.%. The main peaks are due to  $sp^2$ -hybridized free carbon ( $\sim 283.9$  eV) and C–Ni bonds ( $\sim 283.3$  eV). In addition, a contribution from  $sp^3$ -hybridized C–C\* is present ( $\sim 285.3$  eV). The shifts of the C–C and C–Ni peaks with changing  $x$  indicate different bonding environments and charge-transfer.

The sentence on page 5 of the original published paper ‘The analysis shows that the carbon content of the carbide phase strongly increases with the total carbon content from 15.7 at% (0.16 at% total), 36 at% (0.38 at% total) to 60 at% (0.62 at% total).’ should read:

The analysis shows that the carbon content of the  $\text{NiC}_y$  phase is low and decrease with the total carbon content from  $\sim 6.99$  at% (16 at% total),  $\sim 1.44$  at% (38 at% total) to  $\sim 0.31$  at% (62 at% total).

The correct table 1 and caption for carbon contents are the following:

**Table 1.** Composition of the Ni–C films for  $x = 0.05, 0.16, 0.38,$  and  $0.62$ . The amount of carbon in the carbide phase and the  $sp^2$  fractions were determined by integrating the areas under the corresponding peak structures in C 1s XPS spectra. The  $sp^2$  fractions in Raman were estimated from [27].

Total composition	Ni <sub>0.95</sub> C <sub>0.05</sub>	Ni <sub>0.84</sub> C <sub>0.16</sub>	Ni <sub>0.62</sub> C <sub>0.38</sub>	Ni <sub>0.38</sub> C <sub>0.62</sub>	a-C
at% C in NiC <sub>y</sub> phase	3.36	6.99	1.44	0.31	0
XPS $sp^2$ fraction	0.64	0.80	0.81	0.86	—
Raman $sp^2$ fraction	—	0.77	0.79	0.89	0.71
C 1s SXA: $\pi^*/[\pi^* + \sigma^*]$	0.42	0.53	0.60	0.56	0.72