

Supplementary Information “Surfaces Stability and Equilibrium Crystal Morphology of Ni₂P Nanoparticle and Nanowires from *ab initio* atomistic thermodynamic approach”

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1. Vibrational contribution to the Surface free energy.

The *ab initio* atomistic thermodynamics provide effective approach to evaluate upper limit of the vibrational contribution ($\Delta\gamma^{vib}$) to surface free energies. The $\Delta\gamma^{vib}$ term can be obtained from the difference between the surface and bulk vibrational mode plus contributions due to the excess or deficient atoms.

$$\Delta\gamma^{vib} \approx \frac{1}{2A} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{N_P^{surf}} \left[F^{vib}(T, \omega_{i,j}^{surf}) - F^{vib}(T, \omega_{i,P}^{bulkNi_2P}) \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{Ni}^{surf}} \left[F^{vib}(T, \omega_{i,j}^{surf}) - F^{vib}(T, \omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi_2P}) \right] + \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{1}{2} N_{Ni} - N_P \right) \left[F^{vib}(T, \omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi_2P}) - F^{vib}(T, \omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi}) \right] \right\} \quad (10)$$

where N_P^{surf} and N_{Ni}^{surf} are the number of P and Ni, respectively, at the surface. An atom whose nearest neighbour coordination is changed with respect to the bulk structure are defined as the surface atoms.

The $F^{vib}(T, \omega_{i,j}^{term})$ is defined as:

$$F^{vib}(T, \omega_{i,j}^{term}) = \sum_i^n \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_{i,j}^{term} + k_B T \ln(1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_{i,j}^{term}}) \quad (11)$$

with $\beta = 1/k_B T$. The vibrational modes $\omega_{i,j}^{surf}$, $\omega_{i,P}^{bulkNi_2P}$, $\omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi_2P}$ and $\omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi}$ represent the surface atoms, Ni in the bulk Ni₂P, P in the bulk Ni₂P, and Ni in the bulk Ni structures, respectively, and the summation includes all degrees of freedom. To estimate $\Delta\gamma^{vib}$, we first calculate the bulk vibrational modes ($\omega_{i,P}^{bulkNi_2P}$, $\omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi_2P}$ and $\omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi}$) based on frozen phonon calculations. The surface atoms (N_P^{surf} and N_{Ni}^{surf}) are defined as atoms with changed nearest neighbour coordination with respect to the bulk structure. The characteristic frequencies of surface atom are calculated by considering the changing 50% for frequency of bulk atoms ($\omega_{i,P}^{bulkNi_2P}$, $\omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi_2P}$ and $\omega_{i,Ni}^{bulkNi}$) as the upper limit of $\Delta\gamma^{vib}$ contribution.

2. PDOS for Surface Atoms

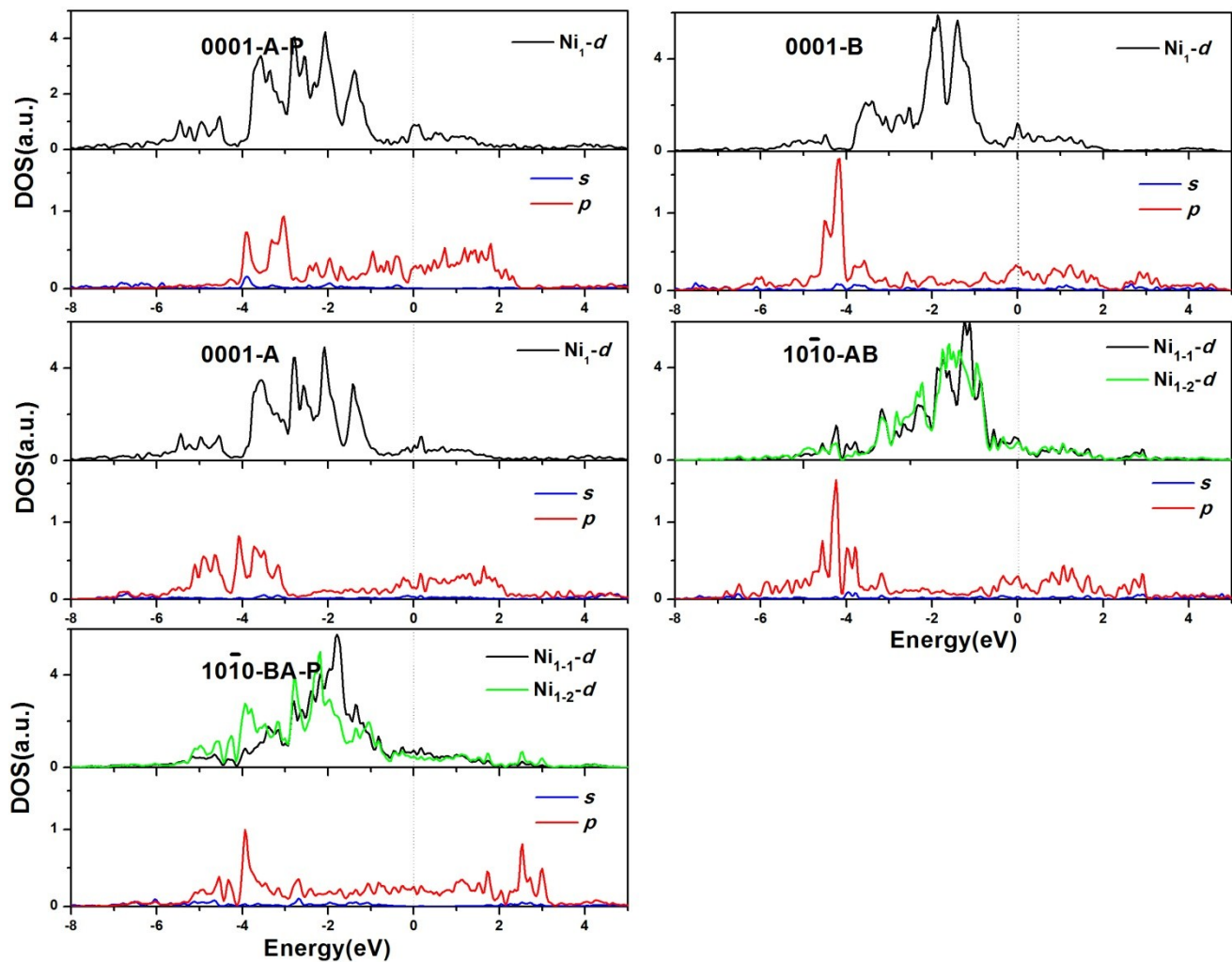


Figure S1: The partial electronic DOS ($E_F=0$) of Ni and P atom for (0001)-A-P, (0001)-B, (0001)-A, ($10\bar{1}0$)-AB and ($10\bar{1}0$)-BA-P structures compared with bulk PDOS.

3. The structure parameters for the most stable termination.

Table S1: Calculated Structure of $10\bar{1}0$ -AB model optimized PBE level.

Unit cell $a=5.90239$, $b=3.41236$, $c=28.44182 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$.

Atom name	x	y	z
1 P P1	0.50932	0.39396	0.48325
2 P P2	0.02643	0.39394	0.66228
3 P P3	0.52069	0.39395	0.84119

4 P	P4	0.02072	0.39395	0.54327
5 P	P5	0.52643	0.39394	0.72219
6 P	P6	0.00925	0.39396	0.90121
7 P	P7	0.00745	0.89395	0.42321
8 P	P8	0.52336	0.89395	0.60300
9 P	P9	0.02336	0.89395	0.78146
10 P	P10	0.50742	0.89396	0.96126
11 Ni	Ni1	0.88229	0.39396	0.47094
12 Ni	Ni2	0.39677	0.39394	0.64898
13 Ni	Ni3	0.89216	0.39395	0.82777
14 Ni	Ni4	0.25231	0.39395	0.42850
15 Ni	Ni5	0.78383	0.39394	0.60336
16 Ni	Ni6	0.28384	0.39394	0.78111
17 Ni	Ni7	0.75223	0.39395	0.95597
18 Ni	Ni8	0.39216	0.39394	0.55670
19 Ni	Ni9	0.89677	0.39394	0.73549
20 Ni	Ni10	0.38227	0.39396	0.91352
21 Ni	Ni11	0.72850	0.89395	0.53460
22 Ni	Ni12	0.22554	0.89394	0.71053
23 Ni	Ni13	0.69629	0.89396	0.88535
24 Ni	Ni14	0.60927	0.89396	0.43988
25 Ni	Ni15	0.12753	0.89394	0.60354
26 Ni	Ni16	0.62755	0.89394	0.78092
27 Ni	Ni17	0.10922	0.89396	0.94459
28 Ni	Ni18	0.19631	0.89395	0.49912
29 Ni	Ni19	0.72554	0.89394	0.67394
30 Ni	Ni20	0.22850	0.89395	0.84986

Table S2: The surface structure of 10¹⁰-BA-P optimized in PBE level.

Unit cell a=5.90239, b=3.41236, c=8.44182 Å, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$.

Atom name		x	y	z
1 P	P1	0.16938	0.00000	0.16356
2 P	P2	0.50733	0.00000	0.29614
3 P	P3	0.00000	0.00000	0.43648
4 P	P4	0.50112	0.00000	0.57757
5 P	P5	0.01170	-0.00000	0.71982
6 P	P6	0.51169	0.00000	0.20046
7 P	P7	0.00116	-0.00000	0.34271
8 P	P8	0.50000	0.00000	0.48381

9 P	P9	0.00734	-0.00000	0.62414
10 P	P10	0.66938	-0.00000	0.75674
11 P	P11	-0.00316	0.50000	0.24851
12 P	P12	0.50000	0.50000	0.38915
13 P	P13	0.00000	0.50000	0.53114
14 P	P14	0.49683	0.50000	0.67178
15 Ni	Ni1	0.87262	0.00000	0.28512
16 Ni	Ni2	0.37034	0.00000	0.42597
17 Ni	Ni3	0.87097	0.00000	0.56732
18 Ni	Ni4	0.39498	-0.00000	0.71021
19 Ni	Ni5	0.26243	0.00000	0.25173
20 Ni	Ni6	0.75932	0.00000	0.38915
21 Ni	Ni7	0.25932	0.00000	0.53114
22 Ni	Ni8	0.76238	-0.00000	0.66857
23 Ni	Ni9	0.89499	0.00000	0.21008
24 Ni	Ni10	0.37100	-0.00000	0.35296
25 Ni	Ni11	0.87034	0.00000	0.49432
26 Ni	Ni12	0.37259	-0.00000	0.63516
27 Ni	Ni13	0.25197	0.50000	0.20094
28 Ni	Ni14	0.69394	0.50000	0.33275
29 Ni	Ni15	0.19911	0.50000	0.47459
30 Ni	Ni16	0.68851	0.50000	0.61388
31 Ni	Ni17	0.60793	0.50000	0.25031
32 Ni	Ni18	0.10179	0.50000	0.38915
33 Ni	Ni19	0.60179	0.50000	0.53114
34 Ni	Ni20	0.10791	0.50000	0.66997
35 Ni	Ni21	0.18852	0.50000	0.30640
36 Ni	Ni22	0.69911	0.50000	0.44569
37 Ni	Ni23	0.19395	0.50000	0.58753
38 Ni	Ni24	0.75191	0.50000	0.71934

Table S3: The surface structure of 0001-A optimized in PBE level.

Unit cell a=5.90239, b=5.90239, c=30.47416 Å, $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$, $\gamma=120^\circ$.

	Atom name	x	y	z
1 P	P1	0.33333	0.66667	0.00319
2 P	P2	0.66667	0.33333	0.00319
3 P	P3	0.00000	0.00000	0.05790
4 P	P4	0.33333	0.66667	0.11287
5 P	P5	0.66667	0.33333	0.11287
6 P	P6	-0.00000	1.00000	0.16911
7 P	P7	0.33333	0.66667	0.22395

8 P	P8	0.66667	0.33333	0.22395
9 P	P9	0.00000	0.00000	0.27994
10 P	P10	0.33333	0.66667	0.33593
11 P	P11	0.66667	0.33333	0.33593
12 P	P12	0.00000	1.00000	0.39077
13 P	P13	0.33333	0.66667	0.44702
14 P	P14	0.66667	0.33334	0.44702
15 P	P15	0.00000	0.00000	0.50198
16 P	P16	0.33333	0.66667	0.55670
17 P	P17	0.66667	0.33333	0.55670
18 Ni	Ni1	0.26633	-0.00000	0.00828
19 Ni	Ni2	-0.00000	0.26633	0.00828
20 Ni	Ni3	0.73367	0.73367	0.00828
21 Ni	Ni4	0.60227	0.00000	0.06049
22 Ni	Ni5	0.00000	0.60227	0.06049
23 Ni	Ni6	0.39773	0.39773	0.06049
24 Ni	Ni7	0.25977	0.00000	0.11476
25 Ni	Ni8	0.00000	0.25977	0.11476
26 Ni	Ni9	0.74023	0.74023	0.11476
27 Ni	Ni10	0.60250	0.00000	0.16926
28 Ni	Ni11	0.00000	0.60250	0.16926
29 Ni	Ni12	0.39750	0.39750	0.16926
30 Ni	Ni13	0.25932	0.00000	0.22395
31 Ni	Ni14	0.00000	0.25932	0.22395
32 Ni	Ni15	0.74068	0.74068	0.22395
33 Ni	Ni16	0.60179	0.00000	0.27994
34 Ni	Ni17	0.00000	0.60179	0.27994
35 Ni	Ni18	0.39821	0.39821	0.27994
36 Ni	Ni19	0.25932	0.00000	0.33593
37 Ni	Ni20	0.00000	0.25932	0.33593
38 Ni	Ni21	0.74068	0.74068	0.33593
39 Ni	Ni22	0.60249	-0.00000	0.39062
40 Ni	Ni23	0.00000	0.60249	0.39062
41 Ni	Ni24	0.39751	0.39751	0.39062
42 Ni	Ni25	0.25977	0.00000	0.44512
43 Ni	Ni26	1.00000	0.25976	0.44512
44 Ni	Ni27	0.74023	0.74023	0.44512
45 Ni	Ni28	0.60226	-0.00000	0.49940
46 Ni	Ni29	1.00000	0.60226	0.49940
47 Ni	Ni30	0.39774	0.39774	0.49940
48 Ni	Ni31	0.26633	0.00000	0.55161
49 Ni	Ni32	-0.00000	0.26633	0.55161
50 Ni	Ni33	0.73367	0.73367	0.55161

Table S4: The surface structure of 0001-A-P optimized in PBE level.**Unit cell** a=5.90239, b=5.90239, c=33.60000 Å, $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$, $\gamma=120^\circ$.

Atom name	x	y	z
1 P P1	1.00000	0.00000	0.05959
2 P P2	0.33333	0.66667	0.10390
3 P P3	0.66667	0.33333	0.10390
4 P P4	1.00000	0.00000	0.15488
5 P P5	0.33333	0.66667	0.20425
6 P P6	0.66667	0.33333	0.20425
7 P P7	1.00000	0.00000	0.25496
8 P P8	0.33333	0.66667	0.30467
9 P P9	0.66667	0.33333	0.30467
10 P P10	0.00000	0.00000	0.35545
11 P P11	0.33333	0.66667	0.40623
12 P P12	0.66667	0.33333	0.40623
13 P P13	-0.00000	-0.00000	0.45595
14 P P14	0.33333	0.66667	0.50666
15 P P15	0.66667	0.33333	0.50666
16 P P16	1.00000	0.00000	0.55603
17 P P17	0.33333	0.66667	0.60701
18 P P18	0.66667	0.33333	0.60701
19 P P19	1.00000	0.00000	0.65132
20 Ni Ni1	0.26161	0.00000	0.10646
21 Ni Ni2	1.00000	0.26161	0.10646
22 Ni Ni3	0.73839	0.73839	0.10646
23 Ni Ni4	0.60239	0.00000	0.15578
24 Ni Ni5	1.00000	0.60239	0.15578
25 Ni Ni6	0.39761	0.39761	0.15578
26 Ni Ni7	0.26084	0.00000	0.20527
27 Ni Ni8	1.00000	0.26084	0.20527
28 Ni Ni9	0.73916	0.73916	0.20527
29 Ni Ni10	0.60301	0.00000	0.25472
30 Ni Ni11	1.00000	0.60301	0.25472
31 Ni Ni12	0.39699	0.39699	0.25472
32 Ni Ni13	0.25932	0.00000	0.30467
33 Ni Ni14	0.00000	0.25932	0.30467
34 Ni Ni15	0.74068	0.74068	0.30467
35 Ni Ni16	0.60179	0.00000	0.35545
36 Ni Ni17	0.00000	0.60179	0.35545
37 Ni Ni18	0.39821	0.39821	0.35545
38 Ni Ni19	0.25932	0.00000	0.40623
39 Ni Ni20	0.00000	0.25932	0.40623

40 Ni Ni21	0.74068	0.74068	0.40623
41 Ni Ni22	0.60301	0.00000	0.45619
42 Ni Ni23	1.00000	0.60302	0.45619
43 Ni Ni24	0.39698	0.39699	0.45619
44 Ni Ni25	0.26084	0.00000	0.50564
45 Ni Ni26	1.00000	0.26085	0.50564
46 Ni Ni27	0.73915	0.73915	0.50564
47 Ni Ni28	0.60240	0.00000	0.55513
48 Ni Ni29	1.00000	0.60240	0.55513
49 Ni Ni30	0.39760	0.39760	0.55513
50 Ni Ni31	0.26161	0.00000	0.60445
51 Ni Ni32	1.00000	0.26161	0.60445
52 Ni Ni33	0.73839	0.73839	0.60445

Table S5: The surface structure of 0001-B optimized in PBE level.

Unit cell a=5.90239, b=5.90239, c=30.71124 Å, $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$, $\gamma=120^\circ$.

Atom name	x	y	z
1 P P1	1.00000	1.00000	0.05591
2 P P2	0.33333	0.66667	0.11023
3 P P3	0.66666	0.33333	0.11023
4 P P4	1.00000	-0.00000	0.16913
5 P P5	0.33333	0.66667	0.22266
6 P P6	0.66667	0.33333	0.22266
7 P P7	0.00000	0.00000	0.27778
8 P P8	0.33333	0.66667	0.33333
9 P P9	0.66667	0.33333	0.33333
10 P P10	0.00000	0.00000	0.38889
11 P P11	0.33333	0.66667	0.44402
12 P P12	0.66667	0.33333	0.44402
13 P P13	1.00000	1.00000	0.49756
14 P P14	0.33333	0.66667	0.55646
15 P P15	0.66667	0.33333	0.55646
16 P P16	1.00000	1.00000	0.61078
17 Ni Ni1	0.61850	-0.00000	0.06798
18 Ni Ni2	-0.00000	0.61850	0.06798
19 Ni Ni3	0.38150	0.38150	0.06798
20 Ni Ni4	0.25987	-0.00000	0.11641
21 Ni Ni5	-0.00000	0.25987	0.11641
22 Ni Ni6	0.74013	0.74013	0.11641
23 Ni Ni7	0.60159	1.00000	0.16944
24 Ni Ni8	1.00000	0.60159	0.16944
25 Ni Ni9	0.39841	0.39841	0.16944

26 Ni Ni10	0.26072	-0.00000	0.22355
27 Ni Ni11	-0.00000	0.26072	0.22355
28 Ni Ni12	0.73928	0.73928	0.22355
29 Ni Ni13	0.60179	0.00000	0.27778
30 Ni Ni14	0.00000	0.60179	0.27778
31 Ni Ni15	0.39821	0.39821	0.27778
32 Ni Ni16	0.25932	0.00000	0.33333
33 Ni Ni17	0.00000	0.25932	0.33333
34 Ni Ni18	0.74068	0.74068	0.33333
35 Ni Ni19	0.60179	0.00000	0.38889
36 Ni Ni20	0.00000	0.60179	0.38889
37 Ni Ni21	0.39821	0.39821	0.38889
38 Ni Ni22	0.26071	-0.00000	0.44313
39 Ni Ni23	-0.00000	0.26071	0.44313
40 Ni Ni24	0.73929	0.73929	0.44313
41 Ni Ni25	0.60158	1.00000	0.49726
42 Ni Ni26	1.00000	0.60158	0.49726
43 Ni Ni27	0.39842	0.39842	0.49726
44 Ni Ni28	0.25986	-0.00000	0.55028
45 Ni Ni29	1.00000	0.25986	0.55028
46 Ni Ni30	0.74014	0.74014	0.55028
47 Ni Ni31	0.61849	-0.00000	0.59871
48 Ni Ni32	1.00000	0.61849	0.59871
49 Ni Ni33	0.38151	0.38151	0.59871

Table S6: The surface structure of 10^{12} -NiP₂ optimized in PBE level.

Unit cell a= 17.05350, b=5.90239, c=24.0000 Å, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$.

Atom name	x	y	z
1 P P1	0.77995	0.94218	0.25340
2 P P2	0.61003	0.43747	0.07863
3 P P3	0.95967	0.41918	0.42210
4 P P4	0.58008	0.94215	0.18238
5 P P5	0.40001	0.44288	0.01383
6 P P6	0.76101	0.43618	0.35526
7 P P7	0.62414	0.94555	0.33824
8 P P8	0.44274	0.43817	0.16887
9 P P9	0.27995	0.44218	0.25340
10 P P10	0.11003	0.93730	0.07854
11 P P11	0.45956	0.91885	0.42214
12 P P12	0.08008	0.44215	0.18238
13 P P13	0.89996	0.94270	0.01385

14 P	P14	0.26115	0.93648	0.35547
15 P	P15	0.12477	0.44533	0.33846
16 P	P16	0.94280	0.93807	0.16890
17 P	P17	0.21934	0.93982	0.19835
18 P	P18	0.38993	0.43718	0.37229
19 P	P19	0.04073	0.41813	0.02820
20 P	P20	0.41992	0.94215	0.26762
21 P	P21	0.60007	0.44318	0.43644
22 P	P22	0.23921	0.43551	0.09529
23 P	P23	0.37541	0.94503	0.11220
24 P	P24	0.55681	0.43843	0.28148
25 P	P25	0.71934	0.43984	0.19842
26 P	P26	0.88937	0.93692	0.37240
27 P	P27	0.54076	0.91820	0.02824
28 P	P28	0.91992	0.44215	0.26762
29 P	P29	0.10008	0.94287	0.43663
30 P	P30	0.73921	0.93560	0.09536
31 P	P31	0.87543	0.44485	0.11220
32 P	P32	0.05697	0.93995	0.28167
33 Ni	Ni1	0.61391	0.07732	0.09668
34 Ni	Ni2	0.97888	0.05666	0.42743
35 Ni	Ni3	0.47094	0.20744	0.07463
36 Ni	Ni4	0.84135	0.24762	0.41155
37 Ni	Ni5	0.58008	0.34039	0.18238
38 Ni	Ni6	0.69062	0.24201	0.28450
39 Ni	Ni7	0.50984	0.74444	0.11915
40 Ni	Ni8	0.65259	0.75283	0.25056
41 Ni	Ni9	0.41249	0.83042	0.02938
42 Ni	Ni10	0.75840	0.84119	0.34792
43 Ni	Ni11	0.32028	0.18208	0.05459
44 Ni	Ni12	0.45341	0.07183	0.18081
45 Ni	Ni13	0.84187	0.17954	0.30732
46 Ni	Ni14	0.70675	0.07183	0.18396
47 Ni	Ni15	0.21818	0.08320	0.43164
48 Ni	Ni16	0.86752	0.06410	0.10421
49 Ni	Ni17	0.11396	0.57723	0.09665
50 Ni	Ni18	0.47884	0.55645	0.42790
51 Ni	Ni19	0.97094	0.70723	0.07460
52 Ni	Ni20	0.34134	0.74698	0.41161
53 Ni	Ni21	0.08008	0.84039	0.18238
54 Ni	Ni22	0.19151	0.74212	0.28478
55 Ni	Ni23	0.00967	0.24502	0.11911
56 Ni	Ni24	0.15163	0.24308	0.25027
57 Ni	Ni25	0.91241	0.33031	0.02934
58 Ni	Ni26	0.25860	0.34120	0.34802

59 Ni Ni27	0.82026	0.68197	0.05464
60 Ni Ni28	0.95341	0.57183	0.18081
61 Ni Ni29	0.34191	0.67964	0.30729
62 Ni Ni30	0.20675	0.57183	0.18396
63 Ni Ni31	0.71810	0.58323	0.43138
64 Ni Ni32	0.36749	0.56428	0.10419
65 Ni Ni33	0.38628	0.07747	0.35350
66 Ni Ni34	0.02142	0.05554	0.02240
67 Ni Ni35	0.52910	0.20800	0.37561
68 Ni Ni36	0.15902	0.24598	0.03911
69 Ni Ni37	0.41992	0.34039	0.26762
70 Ni Ni38	0.30955	0.24289	0.16615
71 Ni Ni39	0.49087	0.74642	0.33106
72 Ni Ni40	0.34837	0.74308	0.19973
73 Ni Ni41	0.58787	0.83067	0.42111
74 Ni Ni42	0.24179	0.84121	0.10296
75 Ni Ni43	0.67967	0.18268	0.39568
76 Ni Ni44	0.54659	0.07183	0.26919
77 Ni Ni45	0.15882	0.17878	0.14342
78 Ni Ni46	0.29325	0.07183	0.26604
79 Ni Ni47	0.78183	0.08306	0.01921
80 Ni Ni48	0.13288	0.06489	0.34616
81 Ni Ni49	0.88626	0.57765	0.35344
82 Ni Ni50	0.52148	0.55560	0.02239
83 Ni Ni51	0.02937	0.70702	0.37580
84 Ni Ni52	0.65906	0.74607	0.03921
85 Ni Ni53	0.91992	0.84039	0.26762
86 Ni Ni54	0.80962	0.74279	0.16618
87 Ni Ni55	0.99166	0.25032	0.33096
88 Ni Ni56	0.84837	0.24308	0.19973
89 Ni Ni57	0.08802	0.33077	0.42139
90 Ni Ni58	0.74182	0.34113	0.10302
91 Ni Ni59	0.17995	0.68259	0.39605
92 Ni Ni60	0.04892	0.57420	0.26911
93 Ni Ni61	0.65888	0.67865	0.14362
94 Ni Ni62	0.79325	0.57183	0.26604
95 Ni Ni63	0.28185	0.58319	0.01916
96 Ni Ni64	0.63275	0.56503	0.34575
97 Ni Ni65	0.00000	0.18285	0.22500
98 Ni Ni66	0.50000	0.68285	0.22500

Table S7: The surface structure of 10^{13} -NiP₂ optimized in PBE level.

Unit cell $a=22.88473$, $b=5.90239$, $c=20.8000$ Å, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$.

Atom name	x	y	z
1 P P1	0.16779	0.97711	0.06395
2 P P2	0.03519	0.97546	0.13521
3 P P3	0.90004	0.97950	0.20716
4 P P4	0.76663	0.97950	0.28045
5 P P5	0.63479	0.00639	0.35708
6 P P6	0.47434	0.98617	0.44335
7 P P7	0.08915	0.03578	0.45591
8 P P8	0.23030	0.99473	0.39456
9 P P9	0.36558	0.98017	0.31873
10 P P10	0.66781	0.47698	0.06408
11 P P11	0.53521	0.47562	0.13515
12 P P12	0.40004	0.47950	0.20716
13 P P13	0.26663	0.47950	0.28045
14 P P14	0.13487	0.50748	0.35721
15 P P15	0.97383	0.48535	0.44358
16 P P16	0.58912	0.53492	0.45602
17 P P17	0.73003	0.49427	0.39423
18 P P18	0.86563	0.48014	0.31882
19 P P19	0.83221	0.97681	0.42346
20 P P20	0.96509	0.97516	0.35225
21 P P21	0.10151	0.98158	0.28017
22 P P22	0.23337	0.97950	0.20716
23 P P23	0.36526	0.00642	0.13049
24 P P24	0.52582	0.98598	0.04424
25 P P25	0.91094	0.03492	0.03160
26 P P26	0.77000	0.99438	0.09333
27 P P27	0.63449	0.98009	0.16882
28 P P28	0.33236	0.47722	0.42356
29 P P29	0.46486	0.47576	0.35245
30 P P30	0.59996	0.47950	0.28045
31 P P31	0.73337	0.47950	0.20716
32 P P32	0.86524	0.50639	0.13049
33 P P33	0.02579	0.48583	0.04422
34 P P34	0.41098	0.53496	0.03160
35 P P35	0.27003	0.49437	0.09333
36 P P36	0.13445	0.48029	0.16870
37 P P37	0.50000	0.97947	0.24380
38 P P38	0.00000	0.47947	0.24380
39 Ni Ni1	0.67955	0.11752	0.08217
40 Ni Ni2	0.53934	0.09349	0.14980
41 Ni Ni3	0.40742	0.10915	0.22343

42 Ni Ni4	0.27339	0.10628	0.29408
43 Ni Ni5	0.14093	0.13830	0.36872
44 Ni Ni6	-0.00200	0.12029	0.44077
45 Ni Ni7	0.58053	0.30734	0.05556
46 Ni Ni8	0.44496	0.31607	0.11536
47 Ni Ni9	0.30781	0.29747	0.18435
48 Ni Ni10	0.17314	0.28040	0.25807
49 Ni Ni11	0.03784	0.24604	0.32276
50 Ni Ni12	0.90084	0.25522	0.39881
51 Ni Ni13	0.65633	0.27204	0.42494
52 Ni Ni14	0.79655	0.22906	0.35490
53 Ni Ni15	0.93330	0.22016	0.28045
54 Ni Ni16	0.07096	0.41618	0.43073
55 Ni Ni17	0.23129	0.38780	0.37894
56 Ni Ni18	0.36471	0.37932	0.31255
57 Ni Ni19	0.17960	0.61764	0.08208
58 Ni Ni20	0.03930	0.59342	0.14978
59 Ni Ni21	0.90742	0.60915	0.22343
60 Ni Ni22	0.77348	0.60627	0.29401
61 Ni Ni23	0.64052	0.63686	0.36842
62 Ni Ni24	0.49803	0.62070	0.44093
63 Ni Ni25	0.08051	0.80728	0.05557
64 Ni Ni26	0.94492	0.81599	0.11533
65 Ni Ni27	0.80782	0.79744	0.18432
66 Ni Ni28	0.67314	0.78040	0.25807
67 Ni Ni29	0.53762	0.74773	0.32300
68 Ni Ni30	0.40094	0.75604	0.39891
69 Ni Ni31	0.15652	0.77296	0.42508
70 Ni Ni32	0.29671	0.72929	0.35495
71 Ni Ni33	0.43330	0.72016	0.28045
72 Ni Ni34	0.57144	0.91521	0.43116
73 Ni Ni35	0.73098	0.88715	0.37874
74 Ni Ni36	0.86473	0.87914	0.31256
75 Ni Ni37	0.32072	0.11768	0.40544
76 Ni Ni38	0.46069	0.09363	0.33780
77 Ni Ni39	0.59258	0.10915	0.26417
78 Ni Ni40	0.72659	0.10623	0.19357
79 Ni Ni41	0.85952	0.13686	0.11919
80 Ni Ni42	0.00207	0.12030	0.04670
81 Ni Ni43	0.41965	0.30757	0.43213
82 Ni Ni44	0.55508	0.31604	0.37229
83 Ni Ni45	0.69221	0.29754	0.30322
84 Ni Ni46	0.82686	0.28040	0.22954
85 Ni Ni47	0.96245	0.24734	0.16465
86 Ni Ni48	0.09918	0.25580	0.08867

87 Ni Ni49	0.34374	0.27211	0.06263
88 Ni Ni50	0.20348	0.22910	0.13262
89 Ni Ni51	0.06670	0.22016	0.20716
90 Ni Ni52	0.92871	0.41497	0.05653
91 Ni Ni53	0.76907	0.38725	0.10888
92 Ni Ni54	0.63534	0.37928	0.17506
93 Ni Ni55	0.82048	0.61733	0.40544
94 Ni Ni56	0.96104	0.59301	0.33792
95 Ni Ni57	0.09258	0.60915	0.26417
96 Ni Ni58	0.22654	0.60628	0.19356
97 Ni Ni59	0.35954	0.63691	0.11919
98 Ni Ni60	0.50209	0.62052	0.04667
99 Ni Ni61	0.91952	0.80737	0.43183
100 Ni Ni62	0.05566	0.81793	0.37172
101 Ni Ni63	0.19253	0.79621	0.30358
102 Ni Ni64	0.32686	0.78040	0.22954
103 Ni Ni65	0.46243	0.74755	0.16463
104 Ni Ni66	0.59920	0.75579	0.08872
105 Ni Ni67	0.84370	0.77205	0.06264
106 Ni Ni68	0.70349	0.72908	0.13265
107 Ni Ni69	0.56670	0.72016	0.20716
108 Ni Ni70	0.42872	0.91517	0.05650
109 Ni Ni71	0.26911	0.88728	0.10891
110 Ni Ni72	0.13528	0.87920	0.17480
111 Ni Ni73	0.50000	0.37771	0.24380
112 Ni Ni74	0.00000	0.87771	0.24380

Table S8: The surface structure of $10^{\overline{1}1}$ -NiP1 optimized in PBE level.

Unit cell $a=12.29177$, $b=5.90239$, $c=29.4000$ Å, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^{\circ}$.

Atom name	x	y	z
1 P P1	0.14524	0.00865	0.15094
2 P P2	0.83996	0.00910	0.34144
3 P P3	0.55397	0.99177	0.52659
4 P P4	0.79482	0.50534	0.05138
5 P P5	0.49332	0.51007	0.24587
6 P P6	0.19447	0.50887	0.43670
7 P P7	0.83458	0.01050	0.13410
8 P P8	0.53154	0.01003	0.32631
9 P P9	0.23882	0.00994	0.51901
10 P P10	0.02271	0.50886	0.11939
11 P P11	0.72389	0.51009	0.31022

12 P	P12	0.42236	0.50536	0.50470
13 P	P13	0.66320	0.99176	0.02950
14 P	P14	0.37724	0.00909	0.21464
15 P	P15	0.07195	0.00865	0.40514
16 P	P16	0.47835	0.50990	0.03707
17 P	P17	0.18568	0.51008	0.22978
18 P	P18	0.88261	0.51051	0.42198
19 P	P19	0.29482	0.00535	0.05139
20 P	P20	0.99331	0.01005	0.24586
21 P	P21	0.69447	0.00887	0.43670
22 P	P22	0.64524	0.50862	0.15094
23 P	P23	0.33997	0.50908	0.34144
24 P	P24	0.05397	0.49178	0.52659
25 P	P25	0.97835	0.00991	0.03707
26 P	P26	0.68568	0.01003	0.22978
27 P	P27	0.38261	0.01049	0.42198
28 P	P28	0.16320	0.49177	0.02950
29 P	P29	0.87724	0.50908	0.21464
30 P	P30	0.57195	0.50863	0.40515
31 P	P31	0.52271	0.00886	0.11939
32 P	P32	0.22390	0.01011	0.31022
33 P	P33	0.92235	0.00537	0.50470
34 P	P34	0.33458	0.51051	0.13410
35 P	P35	0.03153	0.51008	0.32631
36 P	P36	0.73882	0.50994	0.51901
37 Ni	Ni1	0.26184	0.24928	0.18365
38 Ni	Ni2	0.95535	0.24928	0.37244
39 Ni	Ni3	0.81358	0.13619	0.06121
40 Ni	Ni4	0.51892	0.13970	0.25301
41 Ni	Ni5	0.21511	0.13320	0.44210
42 Ni	Ni6	0.90667	0.75344	0.08586
43 Ni	Ni7	0.60862	0.75075	0.27805
44 Ni	Ni8	0.31051	0.75344	0.47022
45 Ni	Ni9	0.61412	0.28052	0.07543
46 Ni	Ni10	0.32340	0.31095	0.26822
47 Ni	Ni11	0.01770	0.30748	0.45480
48 Ni	Ni12	0.83016	0.40778	0.13272
49 Ni	Ni13	0.53154	0.40827	0.32631
50 Ni	Ni14	0.23295	0.40151	0.51017
51 Ni	Ni15	0.00209	0.13318	0.11398
52 Ni	Ni16	0.69828	0.13973	0.30307
53 Ni	Ni17	0.40361	0.13621	0.49488
54 Ni	Ni18	0.04886	0.30437	0.19309
55 Ni	Ni19	0.74354	0.30796	0.38309
56 Ni	Ni20	0.64026	0.63539	0.02712

57 Ni Ni21	0.35213	0.64124	0.20682
58 Ni Ni22	0.05050	0.64003	0.39793
59 Ni Ni23	0.16668	0.64003	0.15816
60 Ni Ni24	0.86509	0.64124	0.34926
61 Ni Ni25	0.57691	0.63540	0.52898
62 Ni Ni26	0.69949	0.80747	0.10129
63 Ni Ni27	0.39382	0.81098	0.28787
64 Ni Ni28	0.10308	0.78054	0.48067
65 Ni Ni29	0.97364	0.80794	0.17299
66 Ni Ni30	0.66833	0.80436	0.36300
67 Ni Ni31	0.48420	0.90150	0.04592
68 Ni Ni32	0.18568	0.90832	0.22978
69 Ni Ni33	0.88703	0.90779	0.42335
70 Ni Ni34	0.40667	0.25344	0.08586
71 Ni Ni35	0.10860	0.25074	0.27804
72 Ni Ni36	0.81051	0.25345	0.47022
73 Ni Ni37	0.66667	0.14000	0.15816
74 Ni Ni38	0.36509	0.14123	0.34927
75 Ni Ni39	0.07690	0.13540	0.52898
76 Ni Ni40	0.76184	0.74925	0.18364
77 Ni Ni41	0.45536	0.74925	0.37244
78 Ni Ni42	0.47364	0.30795	0.17300
79 Ni Ni43	0.16833	0.30437	0.36300
80 Ni Ni44	0.98421	0.40150	0.04592
81 Ni Ni45	0.68568	0.40827	0.22978
82 Ni Ni46	0.38703	0.40778	0.42336
83 Ni Ni47	0.14026	0.13540	0.02712
84 Ni Ni48	0.85213	0.14123	0.20681
85 Ni Ni49	0.55051	0.14001	0.39793
86 Ni Ni50	0.19949	0.30748	0.10129
87 Ni Ni51	0.89381	0.31097	0.28787
88 Ni Ni52	0.60308	0.28053	0.48067
89 Ni Ni53	0.50209	0.63317	0.11398
90 Ni Ni54	0.19830	0.63975	0.30308
91 Ni Ni55	0.90361	0.63622	0.49488
92 Ni Ni56	0.31358	0.63619	0.06121
93 Ni Ni57	0.01891	0.63976	0.25301
94 Ni Ni58	0.71511	0.63320	0.44210
95 Ni Ni59	0.54887	0.80432	0.19309
96 Ni Ni60	0.24355	0.80796	0.38309
97 Ni Ni61	0.11412	0.78052	0.07543
98 Ni Ni62	0.82340	0.81101	0.26822
99 Ni Ni63	0.51769	0.80746	0.45480
100 Ni Ni64	0.33017	0.90779	0.13273
101 Ni Ni65	0.03154	0.90832	0.32631

102 Ni Ni66 0.73295 0.90151 0.51017

Table S9: The surface structure of 20²1-NiP1 optimized in PBE level.

Unit cell a=10.77749, b=5.90239, c= 28.66737 Å, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$.

Atom name	x	y	z
1 P P1	0.79917	0.00754	0.05505
2 P P2	0.71257	0.00816	0.17049
3 P P3	0.61826	0.00768	0.28122
4 P P4	0.52009	0.00580	0.39298
5 P P5	0.43326	0.01317	0.50270
6 P P6	0.26301	0.51513	0.11495
7 P P7	0.16775	0.50794	0.22486
8 P P8	0.06849	0.50687	0.33733
9 P P9	0.97303	0.50704	0.44991
10 P P10	0.90139	0.51031	0.55264
11 P P11	0.38639	0.08922	0.04405
12 P P12	0.36951	0.00839	0.18713
13 P P13	0.26823	0.00765	0.30004
14 P P14	0.16697	0.00692	0.41264
15 P P15	0.15003	0.08789	0.55562
16 P P16	0.63505	0.51132	0.04713
17 P P17	0.56337	0.50734	0.14990
18 P P18	0.46830	0.50772	0.26240
19 P P19	0.36844	0.50737	0.37477
20 P P20	0.27334	0.51436	0.48489
21 P P21	0.10343	0.01384	0.09715
22 P P22	0.01641	0.00700	0.20705
23 P P23	0.91819	0.00773	0.31886
24 P P24	0.82434	0.00779	0.42925
25 P P25	0.73740	0.00666	0.54482
26 P P26	0.02799	0.52393	0.02483
27 P P27	0.90230	0.50623	0.13186
28 P P28	0.81835	0.50771	0.24358
29 P P29	0.71810	0.50771	0.35649
30 P P30	0.63430	0.50516	0.46795
31 P P31	0.50832	0.52331	0.57496
32 Ni Ni1	0.95363	0.25664	0.07615
33 Ni Ni2	0.86360	0.24533	0.18952
34 Ni Ni3	0.76822	0.24837	0.30004
35 Ni Ni4	0.67346	0.24347	0.41010

36 Ni Ni5	0.58303	0.25600	0.52380
37 Ni Ni6	0.29342	0.13638	0.12063
38 Ni Ni7	0.20155	0.13820	0.22995
39 Ni Ni8	0.10144	0.13733	0.34185
40 Ni Ni9	0.00463	0.13929	0.45336
41 Ni Ni10	0.93441	0.14114	0.54912
42 Ni Ni11	0.48695	0.76912	0.04663
43 Ni Ni12	0.41768	0.75234	0.13169
44 Ni Ni13	0.31836	0.74838	0.24359
45 Ni Ni14	0.21753	0.74783	0.35507
46 Ni Ni15	0.11852	0.75192	0.46834
47 Ni Ni16	0.04945	0.76791	0.55334
48 Ni Ni17	0.19014	0.30819	0.05228
49 Ni Ni18	0.08744	0.29063	0.15659
50 Ni Ni19	0.99750	0.30858	0.26606
51 Ni Ni20	0.89882	0.30754	0.37678
52 Ni Ni21	0.80461	0.31172	0.48692
53 Ni Ni22	0.44184	0.40224	0.08072
54 Ni Ni23	0.36899	0.40640	0.18840
55 Ni Ni24	0.26823	0.40589	0.30004
56 Ni Ni25	0.16822	0.40680	0.41144
57 Ni Ni26	0.09488	0.40125	0.51917
58 Ni Ni27	0.60211	0.14204	0.05077
59 Ni Ni28	0.53225	0.13955	0.14646
60 Ni Ni29	0.43500	0.13736	0.25822
61 Ni Ni30	0.33498	0.13727	0.37017
62 Ni Ni31	0.24352	0.13535	0.47904
63 Ni Ni32	0.73201	0.31256	0.11284
64 Ni Ni33	0.63812	0.30695	0.22331
65 Ni Ni34	0.53895	0.30859	0.33401
66 Ni Ni35	0.44988	0.28902	0.44334
67 Ni Ni36	0.34644	0.30737	0.54745
68 Ni Ni37	0.07290	0.63152	0.10073
69 Ni Ni38	0.98423	0.63775	0.20123
70 Ni Ni39	0.88489	0.63737	0.31468
71 Ni Ni40	0.79166	0.63654	0.42301
72 Ni Ni41	0.70480	0.62129	0.53942
73 Ni Ni42	0.83175	0.62191	0.06032
74 Ni Ni43	0.74457	0.63573	0.17678
75 Ni Ni44	0.65156	0.63738	0.28540
76 Ni Ni45	0.55194	0.63668	0.39879
77 Ni Ni46	0.46356	0.63107	0.49894
78 Ni Ni47	0.25260	0.81237	0.06173
79 Ni Ni48	0.19061	0.80688	0.16838
80 Ni Ni49	0.08909	0.80861	0.27756

81 Ni Ni50	0.99152	0.81028	0.38948
82 Ni Ni51	0.88211	0.81112	0.49568
83 Ni Ni52	0.65442	0.81155	0.10415
84 Ni Ni53	0.54530	0.81132	0.21044
85 Ni Ni54	0.44737	0.80863	0.32252
86 Ni Ni55	0.34430	0.80262	0.43103
87 Ni Ni56	0.28405	0.81158	0.53810
88 Ni Ni57	-0.00503	0.88745	0.03723
89 Ni Ni58	0.89858	0.90815	0.13138
90 Ni Ni59	0.81835	0.90594	0.24358
91 Ni Ni60	0.71601	0.90322	0.35457
92 Ni Ni61	0.63774	0.90783	0.46841
93 Ni Ni62	0.54155	0.88657	0.56261

Table S10: The surface structure of 20²³-NiP1 optimized in PBE level.

Unit cell a= 14.46755, b=5.90239, c=24.15687 Å, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$.

Atom name	x	y	z
1 P P1	0.24511	0.30150	0.04701
2 P P2	0.08622	0.31050	0.14463
3 P P3	0.92690	0.30768	0.24215
4 P P4	0.76000	0.30768	0.34197
5 P P5	0.59930	0.30874	0.44025
6 P P6	0.43221	0.29132	0.53788
7 P P7	0.68727	0.81018	0.08863
8 P P8	0.51237	0.80671	0.19204
9 P P9	0.34346	0.80769	0.29207
10 P P10	0.17416	0.80809	0.39189
11 P P11	-0.00142	0.80709	0.50421
12 P P12	0.83969	0.32926	0.08710
13 P P13	0.67636	0.31144	0.19313
14 P P14	0.51013	0.30765	0.29207
15 P P15	0.34387	0.31143	0.39100
16 P P16	0.18052	0.32928	0.49702
17 P P17	0.02160	0.80712	0.07992
18 P P18	0.84607	0.80812	0.19224
19 P P19	0.67679	0.80772	0.29206
20 P P20	0.50784	0.80669	0.39210
21 P P21	0.33290	0.81017	0.49551
22 P P22	0.58801	0.29130	0.04624
23 P P23	0.42092	0.30877	0.14388
24 P P24	0.26024	0.30773	0.24216

25 P	P25	0.09335	0.30773	0.34198
26 P	P26	0.93399	0.31051	0.43952
27 P	P27	0.77507	0.30145	0.53712
28 P	P28	0.42474	0.81225	0.04344
29 P	P29	0.25534	0.80283	0.14142
30 P	P30	0.09357	0.80771	0.24216
31 P	P31	0.92668	0.80771	0.34197
32 P	P32	0.76487	0.80281	0.44272
33 P	P33	0.59546	0.81221	0.54069
34 Ni	Ni1	0.33624	0.54705	0.08989
35 Ni	Ni2	0.17334	0.54562	0.19504
36 Ni	Ni3	0.01012	0.54837	0.29206
37 Ni	Ni4	0.84689	0.54561	0.38910
38 Ni	Ni5	0.68396	0.54701	0.49424
39 Ni	Ni6	0.69055	0.45138	0.10581
40 Ni	Ni7	0.52520	0.44052	0.20424
41 Ni	Ni8	0.36194	0.43733	0.30315
42 Ni	Ni9	0.19758	0.43833	0.40181
43 Ni	Ni10	0.03434	0.44818	0.50024
44 Ni	Ni11	0.92178	0.05438	0.05533
45 Ni	Ni12	0.76272	0.05293	0.14600
46 Ni	Ni13	0.59358	0.04838	0.24216
47 Ni	Ni14	0.42668	0.04838	0.34198
48 Ni	Ni15	0.25748	0.05291	0.43813
49 Ni	Ni16	0.09844	0.05435	0.52877
50 Ni	Ni17	0.51562	0.57464	0.09874
51 Ni	Ni18	0.35430	0.60006	0.20163
52 Ni	Ni19	0.19299	0.60858	0.30178
53 Ni	Ni20	0.02808	0.60620	0.39807
54 Ni	Ni21	0.86240	0.58600	0.49557
55 Ni	Ni22	0.84576	0.70863	0.09989
56 Ni	Ni23	0.67599	0.70967	0.19318
57 Ni	Ni24	0.51013	0.70589	0.29207
58 Ni	Ni25	0.34421	0.70966	0.39092
59 Ni	Ni26	0.17442	0.70860	0.48423
60 Ni	Ni27	0.98587	0.44821	0.08392
61 Ni	Ni28	0.82265	0.43833	0.18231
62 Ni	Ni29	0.65831	0.43736	0.28098
63 Ni	Ni30	0.49503	0.44053	0.37987
64 Ni	Ni31	0.32969	0.45141	0.47832
65 Ni	Ni32	0.15780	0.58605	0.08856
66 Ni	Ni33	0.99214	0.60617	0.18608
67 Ni	Ni34	0.82726	0.60859	0.28235
68 Ni	Ni35	0.66592	0.60007	0.38250
69 Ni	Ni36	0.50460	0.57468	0.48536

70 Ni Ni37	0.56681	0.92777	0.04399
71 Ni Ni38	0.40598	0.92741	0.13611
72 Ni Ni39	0.24176	0.93737	0.23108
73 Ni Ni40	0.07487	0.93737	0.33089
74 Ni Ni41	0.91444	0.92740	0.42996
75 Ni Ni42	0.73846	0.94893	0.52540
76 Ni Ni43	0.28174	0.94899	0.05873
77 Ni Ni44	0.10576	0.92740	0.15417
78 Ni Ni45	0.94538	0.93738	0.25324
79 Ni Ni46	0.77848	0.93738	0.35305
80 Ni Ni47	0.61421	0.92739	0.44803
81 Ni Ni48	0.45340	0.92777	0.54013
82 Ni Ni49	0.72799	0.12096	0.04701
83 Ni Ni50	0.57808	0.11562	0.13808
84 Ni Ni51	0.41071	0.10861	0.23245
85 Ni Ni52	0.24382	0.10861	0.33226
86 Ni Ni53	0.07567	0.13094	0.42611
87 Ni Ni54	0.91196	0.13957	0.52000
88 Ni Ni55	0.10824	0.13960	0.06415
89 Ni Ni56	0.94453	0.13081	0.15800
90 Ni Ni57	0.77644	0.10863	0.25187
91 Ni Ni58	0.60954	0.10863	0.35169
92 Ni Ni59	0.44215	0.11570	0.44604
93 Ni Ni60	0.29224	0.12103	0.53711
94 Ni Ni61	0.43448	0.19896	0.05601
95 Ni Ni62	0.25599	0.20465	0.14576
96 Ni Ni63	0.09358	0.20594	0.24216
97 Ni Ni64	0.92668	0.20594	0.34197
98 Ni Ni65	0.76422	0.20459	0.43837
99 Ni Ni66	0.58572	0.19895	0.52813

Table S11: Atomic displacements along the surface normal upon the surface relaxation; relative shifts of atoms are reported (in Å) for the (0001)-A, (0001)-B, (0001)-A-P, (10 $\bar{1}$ 0)-AB, and (10 $\bar{1}$ 0)-BA-P surfaces with respect to Ni₂P bulk interlayer distances.

	d_{P1-P2}	d_{P1-Ni1}	d_{P2-Ni2}	d_{P3-Ni3}	d_{P4-Ni4}
(0001)-A		0.155	0.079	0.002	0.005
(0001)-B		0.371	0.190	0.009	0.027
(0001)-A-P	-0.217		0.210	0.030	0.034
	d_{P1-P2}	$d_{P1-Ni1-1/Ni1-2}$	$d_{P2-Ni2-1/Ni2-2}$	$d_{P3-Ni3-1/Ni3-2}$	$d_{P4-Ni4-1/Ni4-2}$
(10 $\bar{1}$ 0)-AB		0.150/0.474	0.120/-0.029	0.004/-0.084	0.015/0.010
(10 $\bar{1}$ 0)-BA-P	-0.399		-0.014/-0.343	0.065/0.116	0.045/0.037