

## Ni<sub>2</sub>Si(P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 295\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{P}=\text{O}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.016;  $wR$  factor = 0.045; data-to-parameter ratio = 10.4.

Dinickel(II) silicon bis[diphosphate(4-)], Ni<sub>2</sub>Si(P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, is isotropic with other phosphates of the formula  $M_2\text{Si}(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)_2$  ( $M = \text{Co}, \text{Cd}$ ). All atoms except Si (site symmetry 2) are found in general positions. Ni<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub> dimers formed from edge-sharing NiO<sub>6</sub> octahedra are linked by corners and O—P—O bridges, forming slabs parallel to (100), which are in turn interconnected by O—Si—O contacts.

### Related literature

For the structures of isotropic compounds, see: Glaum & Schmidt (1996) for Co<sub>2</sub>Si(P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and Trojan *et al.* (1987) for Cd<sub>2</sub>Si(P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. For bond-length and angle data, see: Bostroem (1987); Durif (1995). For the extinction correction, see: Becker & Coppens (1974).

### Experimental

#### Crystal data

Ni <sub>2</sub> Si(P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$V = 977.69(8)\text{ \AA}^3$
$M_r = 493.3$	$Z = 4$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 16.8615(9)\text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 4.72\text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 4.8948(2)\text{ \AA}$	$T = 295\text{ K}$
$c = 12.1925(5)\text{ \AA}$	$0.27 \times 0.16 \times 0.07\text{ mm}$
$\beta = 103.693(4)^\circ$	

#### Data collection

Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer with Atlas (Gemini ultra Cu) detector  
Absorption correction: analytical (*CrysAlis RED*; Oxford)

Diffraction, 2006  
 $T_{\min} = 0.438$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.829$   
4978 measured reflections  
1013 independent reflections  
877 reflections with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.016$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.045$   
 $S = 1.34$   
1013 reflections

97 parameters  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.22\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.23\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**  
Selected bond lengths (Å).

Ni1—O1	1.9631 (18)	Si1—O7 <sup>vii</sup>	1.5881 (16)
Ni1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.2351 (17)	P1—O1	1.4759 (17)
Ni1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.1436 (14)	P1—O2	1.564 (2)
Ni1—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	2.1271 (17)	P1—O3 <sup>viii</sup>	1.5888 (15)
Ni1—O5 <sup>iv</sup>	2.1509 (14)	P1—O4	1.5132 (16)
Ni1—O6	1.9660 (18)	P2—O3	1.5873 (19)
Si1—O2 <sup>v</sup>	1.6018 (18)	P2—O5	1.5017 (17)
Si1—O2 <sup>vi</sup>	1.6018 (18)	P2—O6	1.4768 (18)
Si1—O7	1.5881 (16)	P2—O7	1.5458 (16)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y + 1, z$ ; (ii)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $x, y - 1, z$ ; (iv)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, -z$ ; (v)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{3}{2}, z$ ; (vi)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{3}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (vii)  $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (viii)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z$ .

Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (Oxford Diffraction, 2006); cell refinement: *CrysAlis RED* (Oxford Diffraction, 2006); data reduction: *CrysAlis RED*; program(s) used to solve structure: *Superflip* (Palatinus & Chapuis, 2007); program(s) used to refine structure: *JANA2006* (Petříček *et al.*, 2006); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg & Putz, 2005); software used to prepare material for publication: *JANA2006*.

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## **Ni<sub>2</sub>Si(P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub>**

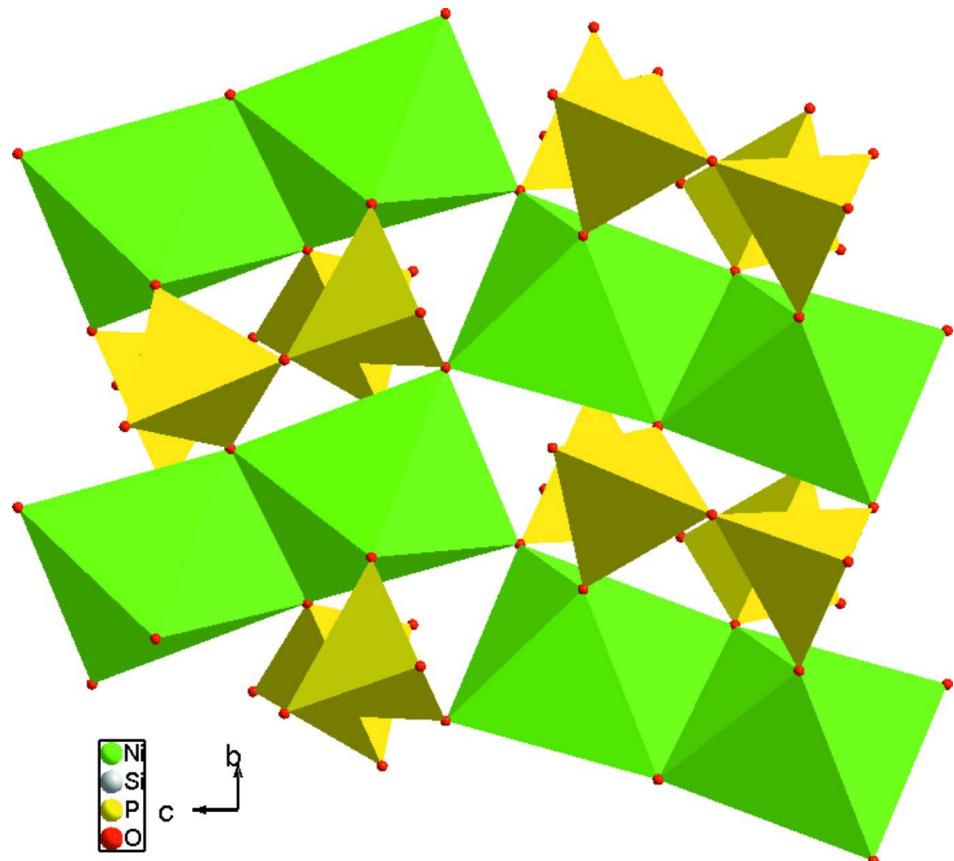
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### **S1. Comment**

Although the isostructural silicodiphosphates  $M_2\text{Si}(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)_2$  have been reported for  $M = \text{Fe}, \text{Ni}, \text{Co}, \text{Cu}$ , and  $\text{Cd}$ , full single-crystal structure determinations have been carried out only for the  $\text{Co}$  and  $\text{Cd}$  members (Glaum & Schmidt, 1996; Trojan *et al.*, 1987). The structure of Ni<sub>2</sub>Si(P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is reported herein. Its cell parameters are consistent with those obtained earlier from Guinier photographs (Glaum & Schmidt, 1996). The three-dimensional framework is built up of NiO<sub>6</sub> octahedra, SiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra, and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> diphosphate groups. Ni<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub> dimers, formed from pairs of edge-sharing NiO<sub>6</sub> octahedra, are interconnected through corners (O4) and O–P–O bridges of the diphosphate groups to generate slabs that lie parallel to (100) (Fig. 1). Neighboring slabs are connected through O–Si–O linkages from the SiO<sub>4</sub> groups (Fig. 2). The NiO<sub>6</sub> octahedron, whose apices are formed from one bidentate and four monodentate P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> groups (Fig. 3), is strongly distorted, with an average Ni–O distance [2.098 (2) Å] that is between those in Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (2.114 Å) and Ni<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> (2.080 Å) (Bostroem, 1987). The P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> group adopts a nearly eclipsed conformation, with an average P–O distance [1.532 (2) Å] that is similar to other diphosphates (Durif, 1995) and a rather small P–O–P angle [132.51 (12) °] owing to its bidentate coordination to the Ni center.

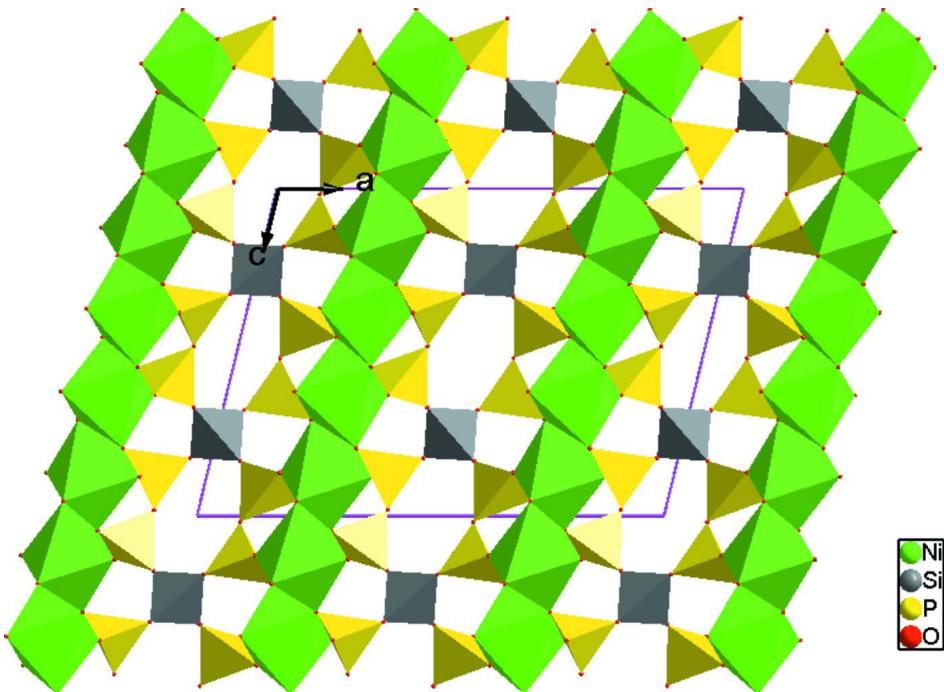
### **S2. Experimental**

Ni<sub>2</sub>Si(P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in the form of powder was prepared by stoichiometric reaction of SiO<sub>2</sub> (99.9%, Aldrich) and Ni<sub>2</sub>P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub> (the latter being obtained from a reaction of NiO and NH<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> in a 2:4 ratio at 750 °C for 24 h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere). The mixture was heated at 500 °C under Ar atmosphere for 2 days and 700 °C for 36 h with intermediate grindings to ensure complete reaction. Subsequent melting at 1300 °C followed by slow cooling to room temperature at a rate of 5 ° h<sup>-1</sup> resulted in green crystals of the title compound.



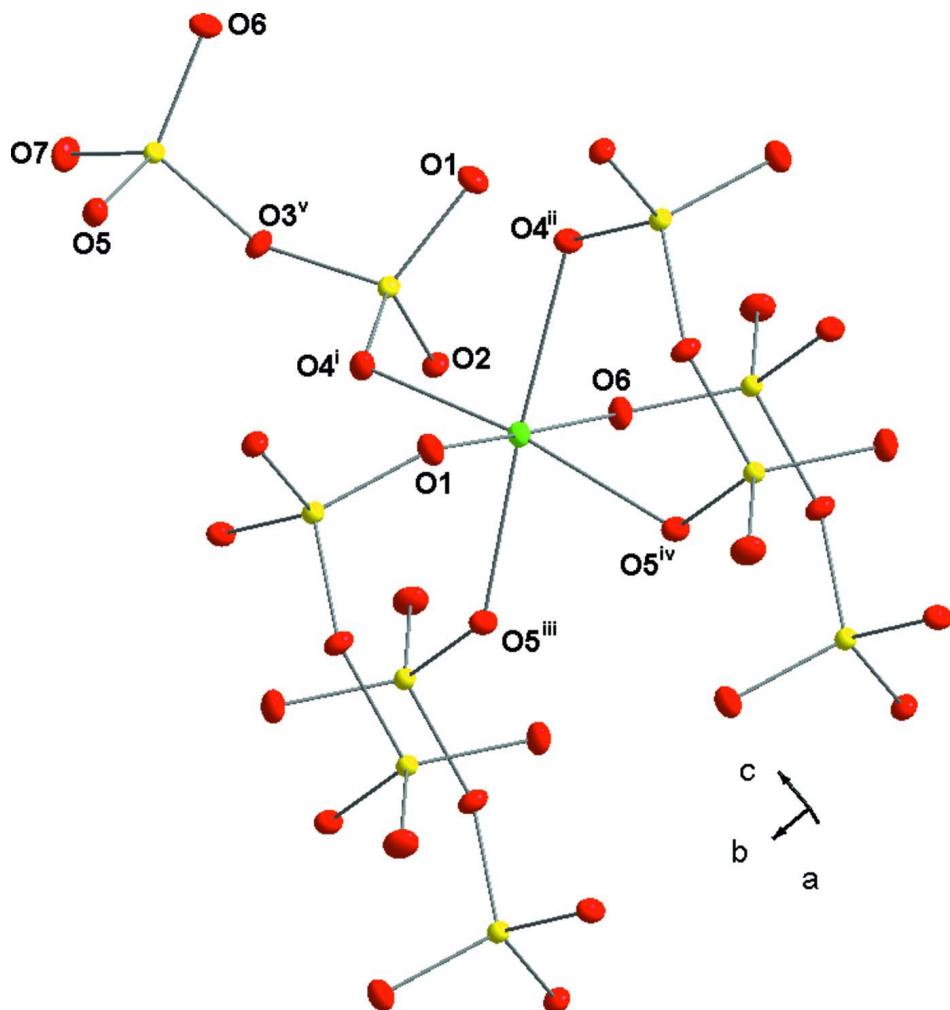
**Figure 1**

$\text{Ni}_2\text{O}_{10}$  dimers and their connection in  $\text{Ni}_2\text{Si}(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)_2$ .



**Figure 2**

Projection of  $\text{Ni}_2\text{Si}(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)_2$  along [010].

**Figure 3**

Local coordination geometry around the Ni atom in  $\text{Ni}_2\text{Si}(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)_2$ . Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, 1+y, z$ , (iii)  $x, 1-y, z$  (ii)  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ , (iv)  $-x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z$ , (v)  $-x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z$ . Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

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##### *Crystal data*

$\text{Ni}_2\text{Si}(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)_2$   
 $M_r = 493.3$   
Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
Hall symbol: -C 2yc  
 $a = 16.8615 (9)$  Å  
 $b = 4.8948 (2)$  Å  
 $c = 12.1925 (5)$  Å  
 $\beta = 103.693 (4)^\circ$   
 $V = 977.69 (8)$  Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$F(000) = 968$   
 $D_x = 3.351 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å  
Cell parameters from 3598 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.7-26.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 4.72 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 295$  K  
Plate, yellow  
 $0.27 \times 0.16 \times 0.07$  mm

*Data collection*

Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur  
diffractometer with Atlas (Gemini ultra Cu)  
detector  
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube  
Graphite monochromator  
Detector resolution: 20.7567 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>  
Rotation method data acquisition using  $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: analytical  
(CrysAlis RED; Oxford Diffraction, 2006)

$T_{\min} = 0.438$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.829$   
4978 measured reflections  
1013 independent reflections  
877 reflections with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 26.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 3.4^\circ$   
 $h = -20 \rightarrow 20$   
 $k = -6 \rightarrow 6$   
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.016$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.045$   
 $S = 1.34$   
1013 reflections  
97 parameters  
0 restraints  
0 constraints

Weighting scheme based on measured s.u.'s  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(I) + 0.0004I^2]$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.010$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.22 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
Extinction correction: B-C type 1 Lorentzian  
isotropic (Becker & Coppens, 1974)  
Extinction coefficient: 370 (80)

*Special details*

**Experimental.** Absorption correction CrysAlisPro; Oxford Diffraction, 2009; Version 1.171.33.34d (release 27-02-2009 CrysAlis171.NET) Absorption correction: analytical, implemented in CrysAlis RED (Oxford Diffraction, 2006).

**Refinement.** The refinement was carried out against all reflections. The conventional  $R$ -factor is always based on  $F$ . The goodness of fit as well as the weighted  $R$ -factor are based on  $F$  and  $F^2$  for refinement carried out on  $F$  and  $F^2$ , respectively. The threshold expression is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors *etc.* and it is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.

The program used for refinement, Jana2006, uses the weighting scheme based on the experimental expectations, see `_refine_ls_weighting_details`, that does not force  $S$  to be one. Therefore the values of  $S$  are usually larger than the ones from the *SHELX* program.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Ni1	0.247526 (19)	0.35079 (6)	0.12916 (2)	0.00715 (11)
Si1	0.5	1.16111 (18)	0.25	0.0054 (3)
P1	0.12621 (4)	-0.13090 (12)	0.13612 (5)	0.00608 (18)
P2	0.36378 (4)	0.83352 (12)	0.08433 (5)	0.00583 (18)
O1	0.14379 (10)	0.1598 (3)	0.12002 (13)	0.0100 (5)
O2	0.04526 (11)	-0.1475 (3)	0.17733 (12)	0.0088 (5)
O3	0.40484 (11)	0.7811 (3)	-0.01825 (12)	0.0091 (5)
O4	0.19424 (10)	-0.3018 (3)	0.20675 (12)	0.0088 (5)
O5	0.29494 (10)	1.0316 (3)	0.04486 (12)	0.0091 (5)
O6	0.34569 (10)	0.5703 (3)	0.13237 (12)	0.0101 (5)
O7	0.43615 (10)	0.9697 (3)	0.16829 (13)	0.0116 (5)

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Ni1	0.00662 (18)	0.00720 (17)	0.00757 (17)	-0.00117 (13)	0.00154 (12)	0.00048 (11)
Si1	0.0046 (5)	0.0065 (4)	0.0053 (4)	0	0.0012 (3)	0

P1	0.0054 (3)	0.0070 (3)	0.0061 (3)	-0.0008 (2)	0.0019 (2)	-0.0002 (2)
P2	0.0055 (3)	0.0064 (3)	0.0054 (3)	-0.0008 (2)	0.0010 (2)	-0.0003 (2)
O1	0.0076 (9)	0.0082 (8)	0.0146 (8)	-0.0006 (7)	0.0035 (7)	0.0012 (7)
O2	0.0085 (9)	0.0103 (8)	0.0088 (7)	-0.0003 (7)	0.0045 (6)	0.0001 (6)
O3	0.0086 (9)	0.0128 (9)	0.0066 (7)	-0.0004 (7)	0.0030 (6)	-0.0013 (6)
O4	0.0079 (9)	0.0094 (8)	0.0085 (8)	0.0019 (7)	0.0009 (7)	-0.0009 (6)
O5	0.0091 (9)	0.0098 (8)	0.0081 (7)	0.0015 (7)	0.0015 (6)	-0.0008 (7)
O6	0.0090 (9)	0.0099 (8)	0.0112 (8)	-0.0022 (7)	0.0019 (7)	0.0025 (6)
O7	0.0092 (10)	0.0145 (9)	0.0099 (8)	-0.0035 (7)	-0.0002 (7)	-0.0037 (7)

Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

Ni1—O1	1.9631 (18)	Si1—O7 <sup>vii</sup>	1.5881 (16)
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Si1—O2 <sup>vi</sup>	1.6018 (18)	P2—O6	1.4768 (18)
Si1—O7	1.5881 (16)	P2—O7	1.5458 (16)
O1—Ni1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	86.81 (7)	O2 <sup>vi</sup> —Si1—O7	110.56 (9)
O1—Ni1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	95.28 (6)	O2 <sup>vi</sup> —Si1—O7 <sup>vii</sup>	109.83 (8)
O1—Ni1—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	93.12 (7)	O7—Si1—O7 <sup>vii</sup>	107.67 (10)
O1—Ni1—O5 <sup>iv</sup>	89.28 (6)	O1—P1—O2	108.10 (10)
O1—Ni1—O6	174.93 (7)	O1—P1—O3 <sup>viii</sup>	111.07 (9)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	90.65 (6)	O1—P1—O4	117.37 (9)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	176.27 (5)	O2—P1—O3 <sup>viii</sup>	98.09 (9)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O5 <sup>iv</sup>	98.09 (6)	O2—P1—O4	112.97 (9)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O6	89.81 (7)	O3 <sup>viii</sup> —P1—O4	107.57 (9)
O4 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni1—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	93.07 (6)	O3—P2—O5	107.46 (9)
O4 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni1—O5 <sup>iv</sup>	170.37 (7)	O3—P2—O6	109.95 (10)
O4 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni1—O6	88.53 (6)	O3—P2—O7	99.69 (9)
O5 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni1—O5 <sup>iv</sup>	78.19 (6)	O5—P2—O6	118.30 (10)
O5 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni1—O6	90	O5—P2—O7	111.28 (9)
O5 <sup>iv</sup> —Ni1—O6	87.45 (6)	O6—P2—O7	108.55 (9)
O2 <sup>v</sup> —Si1—O2 <sup>vi</sup>	108.39 (10)	Si1 <sup>ix</sup> —O2—P1	140.73 (11)
O2 <sup>v</sup> —Si1—O7	109.83 (8)	P1 <sup>viii</sup> —O3—P2	132.51 (12)
O2 <sup>v</sup> —Si1—O7 <sup>vii</sup>	110.56 (9)	Si1—O7—P2	168.95 (12)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y+1, z$ ; (ii)  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (iii)  $x, y-1, z$ ; (iv)  $-x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z$ ; (v)  $x+1/2, y+3/2, z$ ; (vi)  $-x+1/2, y+3/2, -z+1/2$ ; (vii)  $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$ ; (viii)  $-x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z$ ; (ix)  $x-1/2, y-3/2, z$ .