

# Crystal structure of $\text{Na}_4(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}$ and a survey of the pyroarsenite anion, $(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)^{4-}$

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The title compound, tetrasodium pyroarsenite hemihydrate,  $[\text{Na}_4(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}]$ , represents the first pyroarsenite compound of an alkali metal. The asymmetric unit comprises four Na, two As, five O sites and one H site in a general position, and one water O atom located on a twofold rotation axis in space group  $C2/c$ . The  $(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)^{4-}$  anion is made up from two trigonal-pyramidal  $\{\text{AsO}_3\}$  units sharing a corner. In the crystal structure, all O atoms of the anion are also part of a framework defined by one  $[\text{NaO}_4]$  and three  $[\text{NaO}_6]$  coordination polyhedra. Almost linear hydrogen-bonding interactions of medium strength [ $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$  2.651 (4) Å;  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  171 (6)°] between the water molecule and one of the terminal O atoms of the pyroarsenite anion consolidate the crystal structure. Data mining for structural data on isolated pyroarsenite anions resulted in 30  $(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)^{4-}$  groups present in various crystal structures. In these pyroarsenite anions, the mean As–O distance to terminal oxygen atoms is 1.764 (33) Å and to bridging oxygen atoms 1.856 (64) Å. The values of the As–O–As bridging angle are highly variable [range 107.78 (13) to 144.12 (5)°], with that of  $\text{Na}_4(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}$  having by far the smallest value of all structures characterized so far.

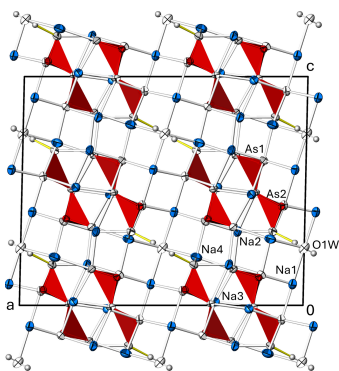
## 1. Chemical context

Formation studies of alkali transition-metal oxidoantimonates(V) and related oxidoarsenates(V) led to the unexpected discovery of the oxidoarsenate(III) compound  $\text{K}_3\text{FeAs}_2\text{O}_6$  under hydroflux conditions (Wolflehner, 2026). A comprehensive review of this synthesis method has been given recently by He *et al.* (2023). To obtain the hypothetical sodium variant of  $\text{K}_3\text{FeAs}_2\text{O}_6$ , the starting materials used under similar hydroflux conditions have been adjusted. However, the corresponding experiment did not yield the planned target phase, but rather the transition metal-free compound  $\text{Na}_4(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}$ , the crystal structure of which is reported here, together with a survey on structural details regarding the pyroarsenite anion,  $(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)^{4-}$ .

## 2. Structural commentary

The asymmetric unit of  $\text{Na}_4(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}$  comprises four Na, two As, six O and one H-atom positions. With the exception of the water O atom O1W (site symmetry 2; multiplicity 4, Wyckoff letter *e*), all atoms are located at sites corresponding to a general position (8 *f*) of space group  $C2/c$ .

The two  $\text{As}^{\text{III}}$  atoms each are coordinated by three oxygen atoms in a trigonal-pyramidal shape, typical for arsenite groups. Two such trigonal pyramids share an O atom (O3), resulting in the formation of the condensed  $(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)^{4-}$  anion. The As–O bond lengths distribution in  $\text{Na}_4(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}$  (Table 1) is typical for a condensed system consisting of two



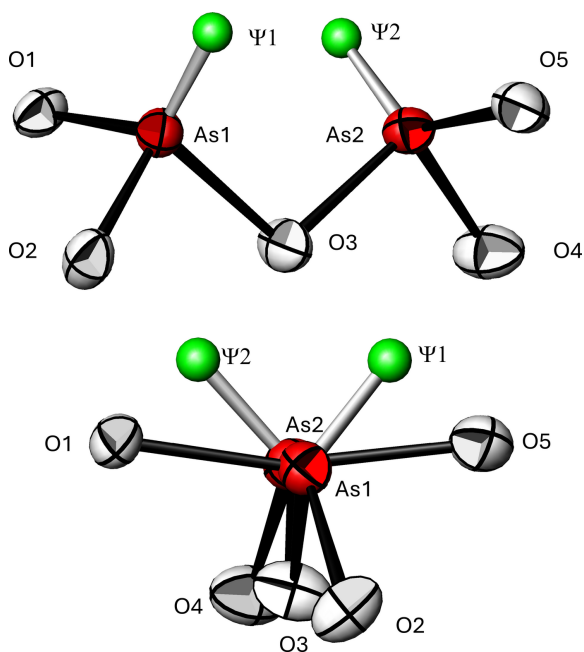
**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

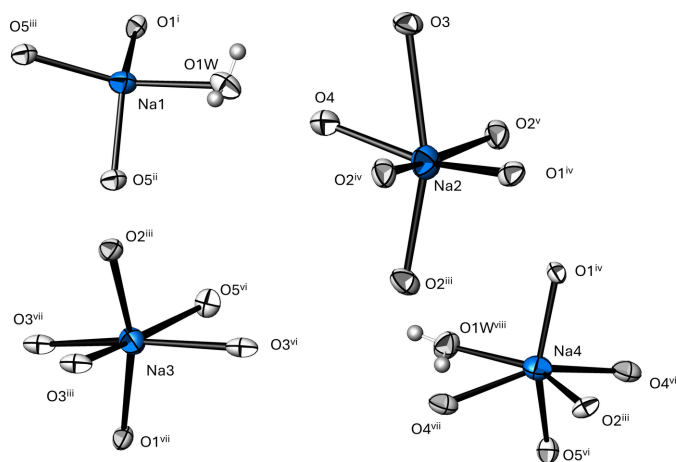
As1—O1	1.732 (3)	As2—O5	1.723 (3)
As1—O2	1.737 (3)	As2—O4	1.728 (3)
As1—O3	1.915 (3)	As2—O3	1.891 (3)
O1—As1—O2	102.68 (15)	O5—As2—O3	97.79 (16)
O1—As1—O3	98.42 (16)	O4—As2—O3	98.38 (12)
O2—As1—O3	97.34 (12)	As2—O3—As1	107.78 (13)
O5—As2—O4	102.92 (16)		

oxido anions, for example, for pyro-anions consisting of two tetrahedral groups, *e.g.* phosphates (Durif, 1995) or silicates (Liebau, 1985), here with four shorter As—O bonds [average value 1.730 (5) Å] to terminal O atoms and two longer As—O bonds to the bridging O atom [average value 1.903 (12) Å]. The mean As—O bond length of 1.788 (82) Å in the anion of the title compound agrees very well with the literature value of 1.782 Å for the averaged As<sup>III</sup>—O distance in the crystal structures of arsenite compounds (Majzlan *et al.*, 2014). Structural data specific to pyroarsenite anions are discussed in more detail in section 3.

If the non-bonding 4s<sup>2</sup> electron lone pair  $\psi$  of the As<sup>III</sup> atom is also taken into account, [ $\psi$ AsO<sub>3</sub>] polyhedra with the shapes of flattened tetrahedra are formed. The positions of  $\psi$  were calculated with the *LPLoc* program (Hamani *et al.*, 2020) resulting in the following fractional coordinates:  $x = 0.10919$ ,  $y = -0.13221$ ,  $z = 0.64501$  for  $\psi_1$  located at the As1 atom [distance As1— $\psi_1 = 1.240$  Å; radius( $\psi_1$ ) = 1.19 Å], and  $x = 0.04042$ ,  $y = 1.15526$ ,  $z = 0.46720$  for  $\psi_2$  located at the As2 atom [distance As2— $\psi_2 = 1.276$  Å; radius( $\psi_2$ ) = 1.19 Å].


**Figure 1**

The (As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sup>4-</sup> anion in the title compound in a side view (top) and approximately along the As1...As2 axis (bottom). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 90% probability level; the calculated electron lone pairs  $\psi$  are indicated as spheres of arbitrary radius.


**Figure 2**

Coordination environments for the four Na<sup>+</sup> positions. Displacement ellipsoids are as in Fig. 1. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, -y + 1, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x, y + 1, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $x, -y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iv)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$ ; (v)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$ ; (vi)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (vii)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (viii)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, z$ .]

The pyroarsenite anion exhibits a half-eclipsed conformation as evidenced by the torsion angles O1—As1...As2—O4 of 82.71 (19)° (synclinal), O2—As1...As2—O5 of 81.15 (18)° (synclinal), O2—As1...As2—O4 of -30.5 (2)° (boundary between synperiplanar and synclinal) and O1—As1...As2—O5 of -165.61 (13)° (antiperiplanar). The free electron pairs (taking into account the coordinates given above) have a torsion angle  $\psi_1$ —As2...As2— $\psi_2$  of -80.34° and are therefore also synclinal to each other (Fig. 1).

The Na<sup>+</sup> sites show coordination numbers of 4 (Na1) and 6 (Na2, Na3 and Na4), and their coordination polyhedra are shown in Fig. 2. The description of the closest matching ideal polyhedron for each site and quantification of the distortion ( $\delta$ ) from it is based on the *Polynator* program (Link & Niewa, 2023), and numerical data considering Na—O distances up to 3.0 Å as relevant are compiled in Table 2, including averaged Na—O bond lengths. The latter are in reasonable agreement with literature values (Gagné & Hawthorne, 2016) of 2.359 (76) Å for coordination number 4, and 2.441 (112) Å for coordination number 6.

In the extended structure, the diarsenite groups are isolated from each other and arranged *via* inversion centres to form opposite pairs that are stacked along [010] (Fig. 3), whereby the anions are embedded in a framework of corner- and edge-sharing [NaO<sub>4</sub>] and [NaO<sub>6</sub>] polyhedra. The electron lone pairs of the As<sup>III</sup> atoms are stereochemically active and point into the free space of the framework. The crystal structure of Na<sub>4</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>0.5</sub> is consolidated by O—H...O hydrogen bonds between the water molecule and a terminal O atom (O4) of the diarsenite anion as the acceptor atom (Table 3). Based on the *D*...*A* distance, the hydrogen-bonding interaction is classified as of medium strength (Jeffrey, 1997).

To verify the validity of the structure model, bond-valence sums (BVS; Brown, 2002) were calculated using the *ECoN21* program (Ilinca, 2022). The BVS values (in valence units, v. u.) of the Na sites are listed in Table 1; those of the As and O

**Table 2**

 Coordination environments (Å) around the Na<sup>+</sup> cations in Na<sub>4</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>0.5</sub>.

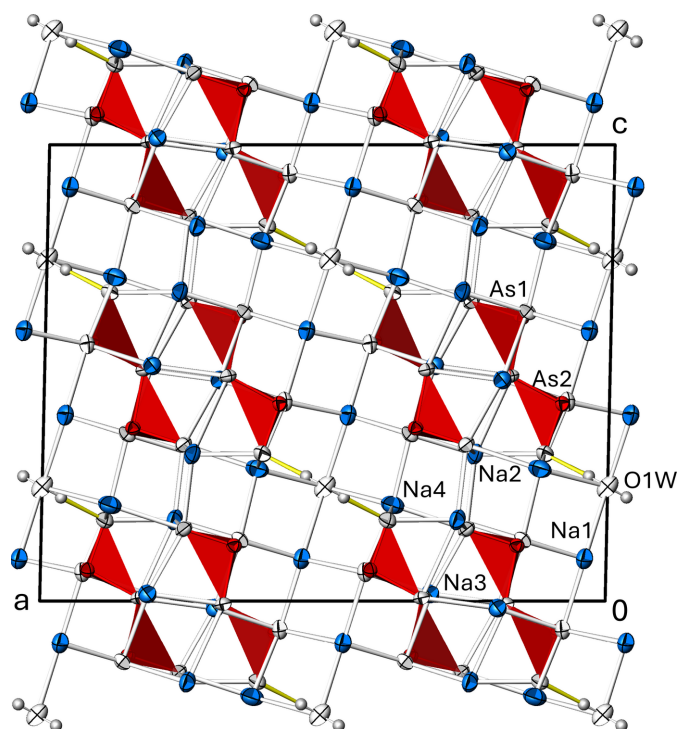
Atom	Coordination number	Polyhedron with idealized point group symmetry [in brackets] and deviation $\delta$ (in parentheses) from it	Range of Na–O bond lengths	Average Na–O bond length	Number of water molecules in the first coordination sphere	Bond valence/valence units
Na1	4	heterodisphenoid [ <i>mm2</i> ] (4.159)	2.306 (4) – 2.559 (3)	2.408	1; O1W	0.76
Na2	6	didigonal scalenohedron [ <i>42m</i> ] (10.947)	2.259 (3) – 2.775 (3)	2.488	0; –	1.00
Na3	6	twisted trigonal prism [ <i>32</i> ] (3.999)	2.342 (3) – 2.613 (5)	2.464	0; –	0.98
Na4	6	monocapped trigonal antifrustum [ <i>3m</i> ] (28.070)	2.409 (9) – 2.623 (4)	2.496	1; O1W	0.86

**Table 3**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>
O1W–H1···O4	0.86 (1)	1.80 (1)	2.651 (4)	171 (6)

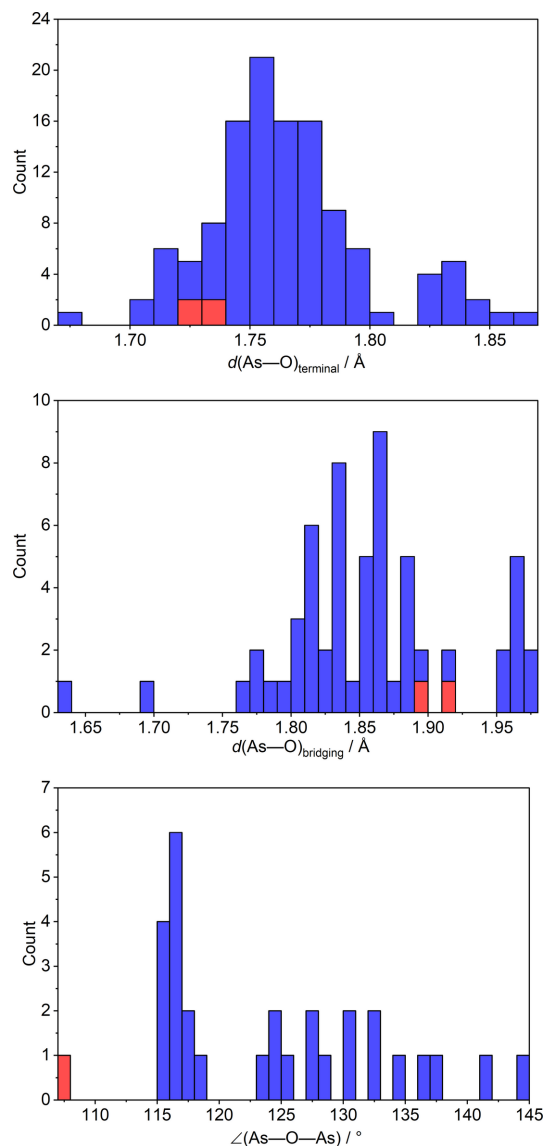
atoms are As1 2.92, As2 3.01, O1 1.92, O2 1.84, O3 1.97, O4 1.61, O5 1.92, and O1W 0.50. The calculated values correspond to expectations [1.00 v. u. for Na, 3.00 v. u. for As, 2.00 v. u. for O] and also reflect the role of individual oxygen atoms in hydrogen-bonding interactions. Since the contributions of the H atoms to the bonding were not taken into account in the BVS calculations, the O1W atom of the water molecule has a very low BVS value, and the O4 atom, which acts as the acceptor atom of the medium-strong hydrogen bond (Table 3), has a value significantly below 2.


**Figure 3**

The crystal structure of Na<sub>4</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>0.5</sub> in a projection along [0 $\bar{1}$ 0]. The (As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sup>4-</sup> anion is given in polyhedral representation; displacement ellipsoids are as in Fig. 1. Na–O bonds < 3.0 Å are displayed, and O–H···O hydrogen-bonding interactions are shown as yellow lines.

### 3. Database survey

A search of the Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (ICSD; data release 2025-1; Zagorac *et al.*, 2019) for compounds in the system Na<sub>2</sub>O–As<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>–H<sub>2</sub>O revealed five phases, *viz.* NaAsO<sub>2</sub> (Menary, 1958; Lee & Harrison, 2004),


**Figure 4**

Histograms for the As–O<sub>terminal</sub> and As–O<sub>bridging</sub> bond lengths and As–O–As bridging angles in the crystal structures listed in Table 4; red colors refer to the title compound.

Table 4

As—O bond lengths (Å) and bridging angles (°) in the crystal structures of compounds with isolated pyroarsenite (As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sup>4-</sup> groups.

Compound (mineral name)	As—O <sub>terminal</sub>	As—O <sub>bridging</sub>	As—O—As	Reference
Na <sub>4</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )·0.5H <sub>2</sub> O	1.732 (3), 1.737 (3), 1.723 (3), 1.728 (3)	1.915 (3), 1.891 (3)	107.78 (13)	This work
BaCo(As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	2×1.716 (3), 2×1.736 (3)	1.837 (5), 1.809 (5)	130.9 (3)	David <i>et al.</i> (2014)
BaFe <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )(AsO <sub>3</sub> )(OH)	2×1.745 (13), 2×1.757 (12)	2×1.816 (7)	134.7 (10)	Leclercq <i>et al.</i> (2020)
Ba <sub>2</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O(As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	4×1.7503 (12)	2×1.8391 (11)	130.24 (14)	Leclercq <i>et al.</i> (2020)
Ba <sub>2</sub> (Ti <sup>4+</sup> V <sup>3+</sup> )(As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OF (bianchiniite)	4×1.7397 (15)	2×1.8377 (13)	127.12 (16)	Biagioni <i>et al.</i> (2021)
CaSb <sup>5+</sup> <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·10H <sub>2</sub> O (prachařite)	1.7633 (17), 1.7661 (16), 1.7611 (17), 1.7641 (17)	1.8079 (19), 1.8185 (18)	128.55 (9)	Kolitsch <i>et al.</i> (2023)
Fe <sup>2+</sup> Fe <sup>3+</sup> <sub>3</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (AsO <sub>3</sub> ) (schneiderhöhnite)	1.7680 (15), 1.7997 (16), 1.7936 (15), 1.7968 (15); 1.7689 (16), 1.7608 (15), 1.7485 (15), 1.7844 (15)	1.7926 (16), 1.7648 (15); 1.8610 (15), 1.8075 (16)	132.9 (2), 136.8 (2)	Cooper & Hawthorne (2016)
Fe <sup>3+</sup> <sub>3</sub> (AsO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )(OH) (karibibite)	2×1.77 (2), 2×1.79 (2)	2×1.77 (2)	141 (3)	Colombo <i>et al.</i> (2017)
Fe <sub>3</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )(AsO <sub>3</sub> )Cl	1.779 (7), 1.772 (8), 1.825 (7), 1.766 (7)	1.834 (7), 1.811 (9)	125.2 (4)	Leclercq <i>et al.</i> (2020)
In <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.756 (5), 1.804 (8), 1.742 (6), 1.786 (7)	1.912 (7), 1.827 (6)	124.9 (5)	Jiang <i>et al.</i> (2011)
In <sub>4</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )(As <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7</sub> )Br <sub>3</sub>	1.734 (9), 1.782 (8), 1.777 (10), 1.780 (8)	1.881 (9), 1.814 (8)	124.3 (5)	Jiang <i>et al.</i> (2011)
Mn <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	1.727 (4), 1.736 (4), 1.740 (3), 1.752 (4), 1.709 (4), 1.763 (3), 1.722 (4), 1.779 (3)	1.872 (4), 1.838 (4), 1.860 (4), 1.834 (4)	116.04 (16), 137.33 (19)	Priestner <i>et al.</i> (2019)
Nd <sub>4</sub> (A <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )	1.716 (3), 1.778 (4), 1.719 (4), 1.783 (4)	1.861 (4), 1.880 (4)	118.2 (2)	Ben Hamida <i>et al.</i> (2005)
[(Mo <sup>6+</sup> O <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·3H <sub>2</sub> O (vajdakite)	1.750 (6), 1.822 (6), 1.778 (6), 1.793 (6)	1.786 (5), 1.817 (5)	127.6 (3)	Ondruš <i>et al.</i> (2002)
Pb <sub>2</sub> As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (paulmooreite)	1.747 (9), 1.750 (9), 1.733 (9), 1.772 (8)	1.826 (9), 1.842 (9)	123.0 (5)	Araki <i>et al.</i> (1980)
Pb <sub>3</sub> OCl <sub>6</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (gebhardtite)	1.762 (2), 1.823 (2), 1.674 (2), 1.792 (2); 1.757 (2), 1.757 (2), 1.756 (2), 1.866 (2)	1.888 (2), 1.6323 (19); 1.693 (2), 1.890 (2)	132.85 (6); 144.12 (5)	Klaska & Gebert (1982)
RE <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (AsO <sub>3</sub> )(As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) RE = Eu; Gd	1.776 (5), 1.827 (5), 1.751 (5), 1.753 (5); 1.772 (2), 1.831 (2), 1.741 (2); 1.749 (2)	1.864 (5), 1.968 (5); 1.855 (2), 1.972 (2)	116.0 (3), 115.97 (13)	Schander <i>et al.</i> (2024)
RE <sub>3</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> (AsO <sub>3</sub> )(As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) RE = Y, Dy–Yb	1.736 (10) – 1.858 (9)	1.858 (9) – 1.971 (7)	115.2 (5) – 116.0 (5)	Locke <i>et al.</i> (2025).
Sm <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )(AsO <sub>3</sub> )	1.769 (7), 1.833 (7), 1.753 (6), 1.765 (7)	1.866 (6), 1.969 (6)	116.2 (3)	Goerigk <i>et al.</i> (2020)
Sm <sub>4</sub> (A <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )	1.719 (2), 1.787 (2), 1.714 (2), 1.774 (3)	1.883 (2), 1.862 (3)	117.7 (2)	Kang & Schleid (2006)
Sm <sub>4</sub> (A <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (As <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )	1.709 (7), 1.778 (8), 1.721 (8), 1.783 (8)	1.850 (8), 1.886 (8)	117.7 (4)	Ben Hamida <i>et al.</i> (2005)

Na<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>As<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>), NaAsO<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O, Na<sub>2</sub>(HAsO<sub>3</sub>)·5H<sub>2</sub>O and Na<sub>5</sub>(HAsO<sub>3</sub>)(AsO<sub>3</sub>)·12H<sub>2</sub>O (Sheldrick & Häusler, 1987). The first three phases consist of chains of polymetaarsenite anions, whereas the latter two phases contain discrete arsenite anions. Sodium compounds with pyroarsenite anions have not been reported to date, nor have those of other alkali metals. The title compound thus represents the first structurally characterized pyroarsenite of the alkali metals.

A further database search for inorganic compounds containing discrete pyroarsenite anions in their crystal structure yielded over 20 hits compiled in Table 4, including several minerals. Together with the title compound, this results in 30 individual (As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sup>4-</sup> anions, whose averaged As—O bond lengths to terminal and bridging oxygen atoms and As—O—As bridging angles are listed. The structural features described in section 2 can also be observed for the vast majority of the other crystal structures comprising pyroarsenite anions, i.e., the presence of significantly longer As—O bonds to the bridging oxygen atoms compared to those involving terminal oxygen atoms. The mean As—O<sub>terminal</sub> and As—O<sub>bridging</sub> distances in all 30 pyroarsenite anions are 1.764 (33) Å and 1.856 (64) Å [overall mean As—O bond length 1.795 (63) Å]. However, the values of the As—O—As bridging angle in the listed pyroarsenite anions are highly variable [range 107.78 (13) to 144.12 (5)°], whereby Na<sub>4</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>0.5</sub> has by far the smallest value of all structures. Histograms illustrating these features graphically can be found in Fig. 4.

#### 4. Synthesis and crystallization

Na<sub>8</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O was first obtained serendipitously under hydroflux conditions. Powders of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were

mixed in a 1:2 ratio and combined with an excess of NaOH (98.5%<sub>w</sub>) as a flux and a suitable amount of water to achieve a molar NaOH:H<sub>2</sub>O ratio of approximately 1:1. The reaction was carried out in a Teflon container placed in a steel autoclave that was heated to 483 K for 2 d. An off-white, highly water-soluble solid product was obtained, which also dissolved when placed in a methanol solution for a prolonged period of time. To remove the NaOH flux, the product was finally washed quickly in two stages, twice with dry methanol and twice with dry acetone. The shape of the obtained colourless crystals was rather unspecific, mostly plate- to block-like with rounded edges.

Na<sub>4</sub>(As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>0.5</sub> was obtained specifically, i.e., without the addition of iron oxide, when As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was heated directly with an excess of NaOH (approximate molar ratios As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:NaOH 1:12 and H<sub>2</sub>O:NaOH 1.5:1) in an autoclave under the same conditions.

#### 5. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 5. The position of the water H atom was clearly discernible from a difference-Fourier map. The O—H distance was restrained to 0.85 (1) Å, while the U<sub>iso</sub>(H) parameter was refined freely.

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Table 5

Experimental details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	[Na <sub>4</sub> (As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0.5</sub> ]
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	330.81
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i>
Temperature (K)	301
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	18.283 (3), 5.0747 (9), 14.740 (3)
$\beta$ (°)	91.256 (6)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1367.3 (4)
<i>Z</i>	8
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	10.00
Crystal size (mm)	0.04 × 0.03 × 0.02
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker APEXII CCD
Absorption correction	Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Krause <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
<i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>	0.660, 0.746
No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] reflections	10323, 1910, 1193
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.069
( <i>sin</i> $\theta$ / $\lambda$ ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.695
Refinement	
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.033, 0.058, 1.02
No. of reflections	1910
No. of parameters	109
No. of restraints	1
H-atom treatment	All H-atom parameters refined
$\Delta\rho_{\max}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.72, -0.79

Computer programs: *APEX4* and *SAINT* (Bruker, 2022), *SHELXT* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL* (Sheldrick, 2015b), *ATOMS for Windows* (Dowty, 2006) and *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

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## Crystal structure of $\text{Na}_4(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}$ and a survey of the pyroarsenite anion, $(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)^{4-}$

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### Computing details

#### Tetrasodium pyroarsenite hemihydrate

##### Crystal data

$[\text{Na}_4(\text{As}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.5}]$

$M_r = 330.81$

Monoclinic,  $C2/c$

$a = 18.283$  (3) Å

$b = 5.0747$  (9) Å

$c = 14.740$  (3) Å

$\beta = 91.256$  (6)°

$V = 1367.3$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 8$

$F(000) = 1240$

$D_x = 3.214$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

Cell parameters from 1379 reflections

$\theta = 2.2$ – $28.9$ °

$\mu = 10.00$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 301$  K

Block, colourless

$0.04 \times 0.03 \times 0.02$  mm

##### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD  
diffractometer

$\omega$ - and  $\phi$ -scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*SADABS*; Krause *et al.*, 2015)

$T_{\min} = 0.660$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.746$

10323 measured reflections

1910 independent reflections

1193 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.069$

$\theta_{\max} = 29.6$ °,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.2$ °

$h = -25 \rightarrow 25$

$k = -7 \rightarrow 7$

$l = -20 \rightarrow 20$

##### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$

$wR(F^2) = 0.058$

$S = 1.02$

1910 reflections

109 parameters

1 restraint

Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map

All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + 4.6824P]$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.72$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.79$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

##### Special details

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

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

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Na1	0.03814 (10)	0.4524 (4)	0.09242 (14)	0.0176 (4)
Na2	0.23554 (8)	0.0157 (5)	0.32203 (11)	0.0163 (4)
Na3	0.30984 (9)	0.0008 (5)	0.01553 (11)	0.0149 (4)
Na4	0.37938 (11)	0.0460 (4)	0.21031 (13)	0.0207 (5)
As1	0.15826 (2)	0.01960 (12)	0.62085 (3)	0.00966 (12)
As2	0.08337 (2)	−0.01329 (12)	0.43240 (3)	0.01006 (11)
O1	0.14842 (16)	0.3569 (6)	0.6337 (2)	0.0111 (8)
O2	0.24805 (15)	−0.0336 (7)	0.65721 (19)	0.0132 (7)
O3	0.17524 (14)	0.0122 (8)	0.49315 (17)	0.0133 (6)
O4	0.11217 (15)	0.0392 (7)	0.3230 (2)	0.0157 (7)
O5	0.07415 (16)	−0.3510 (7)	0.4372 (2)	0.0132 (8)
O1W	0.000000	0.3006 (10)	0.250000	0.0189 (12)
H1	0.034 (2)	0.202 (9)	0.273 (4)	0.044 (19)*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Na1	0.0124 (8)	0.0218 (10)	0.0184 (9)	0.0026 (10)	−0.0012 (7)	−0.0004 (10)
Na2	0.0115 (8)	0.0186 (10)	0.0186 (9)	−0.0027 (11)	−0.0024 (7)	0.0006 (11)
Na3	0.0146 (8)	0.0152 (9)	0.0149 (9)	−0.0013 (11)	0.0007 (7)	−0.0017 (11)
Na4	0.0240 (9)	0.0239 (12)	0.0143 (10)	0.0033 (11)	0.0035 (8)	−0.0003 (10)
As1	0.0102 (2)	0.0097 (3)	0.0091 (2)	−0.0005 (2)	0.00026 (17)	−0.0004 (3)
As2	0.0089 (2)	0.0107 (2)	0.0106 (2)	0.0009 (2)	0.00064 (17)	0.0001 (2)
O1	0.0125 (18)	0.0092 (18)	0.0118 (18)	0.0013 (12)	0.0030 (14)	−0.0007 (13)
O2	0.0124 (14)	0.0161 (17)	0.0109 (14)	0.0038 (15)	−0.0026 (11)	−0.0028 (15)
O3	0.0119 (14)	0.0204 (17)	0.0076 (13)	−0.0027 (18)	−0.0007 (11)	0.0005 (17)
O4	0.0134 (15)	0.0215 (19)	0.0122 (15)	0.0007 (15)	0.0018 (12)	0.0038 (15)
O5	0.0101 (19)	0.013 (2)	0.016 (2)	−0.0009 (13)	0.0010 (16)	−0.0006 (13)
O1W	0.019 (3)	0.017 (3)	0.020 (3)	0.000	−0.007 (2)	0.000

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

Na1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.306 (4)	Na3—O3 <sup>vi</sup>	2.613 (5)
Na1—O5 <sup>ii</sup>	2.316 (4)	Na4—O5 <sup>vi</sup>	2.409 (4)
Na1—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	2.450 (4)	Na4—O1 <sup>iv</sup>	2.416 (4)
Na1—O1W	2.559 (3)	Na4—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.510 (3)
Na2—O4	2.259 (3)	Na4—O4 <sup>vi</sup>	2.556 (4)
Na2—O1 <sup>iv</sup>	2.299 (3)	Na4—O1W <sup>viii</sup>	2.588 (3)
Na2—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.447 (3)	Na4—O4 <sup>vii</sup>	2.623 (4)
Na2—O2 <sup>v</sup>	2.483 (4)	As1—O1	1.732 (3)
Na2—O2 <sup>iv</sup>	2.662 (4)	As1—O2	1.737 (3)
Na2—O3	2.775 (3)	As1—O3	1.915 (3)
Na3—O5 <sup>vi</sup>	2.342 (3)	As2—O5	1.723 (3)
Na3—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.402 (3)	As2—O4	1.728 (3)
Na3—O1 <sup>vii</sup>	2.455 (4)	As2—O3	1.891 (3)

Na3—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	2.477 (3)	O1W—H1	0.860 (10)
Na3—O3 <sup>vii</sup>	2.498 (5)	O1W—H1 <sup>ix</sup>	0.860 (10)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Na1—O5 <sup>ii</sup>	129.43 (13)	Na2 <sup>iv</sup> —O1—Na3 <sup>vi</sup>	82.39 (11)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Na1—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	94.78 (12)	Na1 <sup>x</sup> —O1—Na3 <sup>vi</sup>	85.74 (12)
O5 <sup>ii</sup> —Na1—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	99.78 (12)	Na4 <sup>iv</sup> —O1—Na3 <sup>vi</sup>	150.20 (15)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Na1—O1W	98.11 (11)	As1—O2—Na3 <sup>xi</sup>	100.39 (13)
O5 <sup>ii</sup> —Na1—O1W	92.44 (11)	As1—O2—Na2 <sup>xi</sup>	101.09 (13)
O5 <sup>iii</sup> —Na1—O1W	150.34 (15)	Na3 <sup>xi</sup> —O2—Na2 <sup>xi</sup>	156.45 (14)
O4—Na2—O1 <sup>iv</sup>	153.99 (15)	As1—O2—Na2 <sup>v</sup>	107.58 (15)
O4—Na2—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	96.86 (11)	Na3 <sup>xi</sup> —O2—Na2 <sup>v</sup>	96.75 (13)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Na2—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	99.53 (12)	Na2 <sup>xi</sup> —O2—Na2 <sup>v</sup>	85.87 (12)
O4—Na2—O2 <sup>v</sup>	99.75 (13)	As1—O2—Na4 <sup>xi</sup>	172.49 (19)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Na2—O2 <sup>v</sup>	97.70 (12)	Na3 <sup>xi</sup> —O2—Na4 <sup>xi</sup>	78.92 (10)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na2—O2 <sup>v</sup>	98.35 (13)	Na2 <sup>xi</sup> —O2—Na4 <sup>xi</sup>	78.52 (10)
O4—Na2—O2 <sup>iv</sup>	93.27 (13)	Na2 <sup>v</sup> —O2—Na4 <sup>xi</sup>	79.91 (10)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Na2—O2 <sup>iv</sup>	65.71 (11)	As1—O2—Na2 <sup>iv</sup>	89.16 (13)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na2—O2 <sup>iv</sup>	93.71 (13)	Na3 <sup>xi</sup> —O2—Na2 <sup>iv</sup>	88.71 (12)
O2 <sup>v</sup> —Na2—O2 <sup>iv</sup>	161.01 (14)	Na2 <sup>xi</sup> —O2—Na2 <sup>iv</sup>	82.07 (11)
O4—Na2—O3	65.04 (10)	Na2 <sup>v</sup> —O2—Na2 <sup>iv</sup>	161.02 (14)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Na2—O3	97.26 (11)	Na4 <sup>xi</sup> —O2—Na2 <sup>iv</sup>	83.35 (11)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na2—O3	161.88 (10)	As2—O3—As1	107.78 (13)
O2 <sup>v</sup> —Na2—O3	86.05 (12)	As2—O3—Na3 <sup>xi</sup>	158.62 (15)
O2 <sup>iv</sup> —Na2—O3	87.01 (12)	As1—O3—Na3 <sup>xi</sup>	92.96 (10)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na3—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	99.15 (12)	As2—O3—Na3 <sup>vi</sup>	98.08 (15)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na3—O1 <sup>vii</sup>	93.73 (11)	As1—O3—Na3 <sup>vi</sup>	92.93 (14)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na3—O1 <sup>vii</sup>	163.93 (14)	Na3 <sup>xi</sup> —O3—Na3 <sup>vi</sup>	85.65 (12)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	159.87 (15)	As2—O3—Na3 <sup>vii</sup>	90.08 (14)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	68.45 (10)	As1—O3—Na3 <sup>vii</sup>	94.99 (14)
O1 <sup>vii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	101.55 (11)	Na3 <sup>xi</sup> —O3—Na3 <sup>vii</sup>	82.85 (12)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vii</sup>	103.59 (12)	Na3 <sup>vi</sup> —O3—Na3 <sup>vii</sup>	166.34 (14)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vii</sup>	99.63 (12)	As2—O3—Na2	86.35 (10)
O1 <sup>vii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vii</sup>	67.81 (10)	As1—O3—Na2	165.85 (13)
O3 <sup>iii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vii</sup>	94.35 (12)	Na3 <sup>xi</sup> —O3—Na2	73.01 (8)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vi</sup>	66.47 (11)	Na3 <sup>vi</sup> —O3—Na2	84.33 (11)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vi</sup>	91.46 (12)	Na3 <sup>vii</sup> —O3—Na2	85.28 (11)
O1 <sup>vii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vi</sup>	102.52 (11)	As2—O4—Na2	108.81 (14)
O3 <sup>iii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vi</sup>	97.15 (12)	As2—O4—Na4 <sup>vii</sup>	92.81 (15)
O3 <sup>vii</sup> —Na3—O3 <sup>vi</sup>	166.34 (14)	Na2—O4—Na4 <sup>vii</sup>	83.25 (12)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na4—O1 <sup>iv</sup>	154.17 (13)	As2—O4—Na4 <sup>vi</sup>	110.26 (16)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na4—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	94.47 (11)	Na2—O4—Na4 <sup>vi</sup>	89.30 (13)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Na4—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	94.71 (12)	Na4 <sup>vii</sup> —O4—Na4 <sup>vi</sup>	156.92 (15)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na4—O4 <sup>vi</sup>	65.80 (12)	As2—O5—Na1 <sup>xii</sup>	120.53 (16)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Na4—O4 <sup>vi</sup>	89.87 (12)	As2—O5—Na3 <sup>vii</sup>	104.04 (15)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na4—O4 <sup>vi</sup>	91.49 (12)	Na1 <sup>xii</sup> —O5—Na3 <sup>vii</sup>	135.32 (16)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na4—O1W <sup>viii</sup>	89.59 (10)	As2—O5—Na4 <sup>vii</sup>	98.18 (15)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Na4—O1W <sup>viii</sup>	94.54 (10)	Na1 <sup>xii</sup> —O5—Na4 <sup>vii</sup>	93.74 (13)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na4—O1W <sup>viii</sup>	149.65 (16)	Na3 <sup>vii</sup> —O5—Na4 <sup>vii</sup>	82.18 (11)

O4 <sup>vi</sup> —Na4—O1W <sup>viii</sup>	117.37 (14)	As2—O5—Na1 <sup>xi</sup>	105.99 (15)
O5 <sup>vi</sup> —Na4—O4 <sup>vii</sup>	91.18 (12)	Na1 <sup>xii</sup> —O5—Na1 <sup>xi</sup>	80.22 (12)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Na4—O4 <sup>vii</sup>	113.12 (13)	Na3 <sup>vii</sup> —O5—Na1 <sup>xi</sup>	85.10 (11)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Na4—O4 <sup>vii</sup>	88.68 (11)	Na4 <sup>vii</sup> —O5—Na1 <sup>xi</sup>	154.79 (16)
O4 <sup>vi</sup> —Na4—O4 <sup>vii</sup>	156.92 (15)	Na1 <sup>ix</sup> —O1W—Na1	144.9 (2)
O1W <sup>viii</sup> —Na4—O4 <sup>vii</sup>	61.14 (12)	Na1 <sup>ix</sup> —O1W—Na4 <sup>vi</sup>	84.13 (10)
O1—As1—O2	102.68 (15)	Na1—O1W—Na4 <sup>vi</sup>	79.19 (10)
O1—As1—O3	98.42 (16)	Na1 <sup>ix</sup> —O1W—Na4 <sup>xiii</sup>	79.19 (10)
O2—As1—O3	97.34 (12)	Na1—O1W—Na4 <sup>xiii</sup>	84.13 (10)
O5—As2—O4	102.92 (16)	Na4 <sup>vi</sup> —O1W—Na4 <sup>xiii</sup>	122.5 (2)
O5—As2—O3	97.79 (16)	Na1 <sup>ix</sup> —O1W—H1	91 (4)
O4—As2—O3	98.38 (12)	Na1—O1W—H1	109 (4)
As1—O1—Na2 <sup>iv</sup>	102.22 (15)	Na4 <sup>vi</sup> —O1W—H1	66 (4)
As1—O1—Na1 <sup>x</sup>	118.57 (16)	Na4 <sup>xiii</sup> —O1W—H1	166 (4)
Na2 <sup>iv</sup> —O1—Na1 <sup>x</sup>	138.84 (16)	Na1 <sup>ix</sup> —O1W—H1 <sup>ix</sup>	109 (4)
As1—O1—Na4 <sup>iv</sup>	109.29 (15)	Na1—O1W—H1 <sup>ix</sup>	91 (4)
Na2 <sup>iv</sup> —O1—Na4 <sup>iv</sup>	83.37 (12)	Na4 <sup>vi</sup> —O1W—H1 <sup>ix</sup>	166 (4)
Na1 <sup>x</sup> —O1—Na4 <sup>iv</sup>	87.96 (12)	Na4 <sup>xiii</sup> —O1W—H1 <sup>ix</sup>	66 (4)
As1—O1—Na3 <sup>vi</sup>	99.26 (14)	H1—O1W—H1 <sup>ix</sup>	109 (8)

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

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O1W—H1 $\cdots$ O4	0.86 (1)	1.80 (1)	2.651 (4)	171 (6)