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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
T = 293 K
Mean $\sigma(\text{As}-\text{O}) = 0.001 \text{ \AA}$
R factor = 0.018
wR factor = 0.042
Data-to-parameter ratio = 20.0

For details of how these key indicators were
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Cadmium(II) metaarsenate(V), CdAs_2O_6

CdAs_2O_6 is isotypic with other metaarsenates $M\text{As}_2\text{O}_6$ ($M = \text{Ca}, \text{Mn}, \text{Ni}, \text{Co}, \text{Hg}, \text{Pb}$) and adopts the PbSb_2O_6 structure type. The Cd and As atoms are situated on positions with site symmetry $(\bar{3}m)$ and (32) , respectively. They are coordinated octahedrally by O atoms with distances $d(\text{Cd}-\text{O}) = 2.302(2) \text{ \AA}$ and $d(\text{As}-\text{O}) = 1.826(1) \text{ \AA}$.

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Comment

Like other metaarsenates $M^{\text{II}}\text{As}_2\text{O}_6$ reported by Magnéli (1941) [structure refinements: $M = \text{Ca}, \text{Pb}$ (Losilla *et al.*, 1995); $\text{Mn}, \text{Ni}, \text{Co}$ (Nakua & Greedan, 1995); Hg (Weil, 2000; Mormann & Jeitschko, 2000)], CdAs_2O_6 crystallizes in the PbSb_2O_6 structure type (Wells, 1984), which is based on a hexagonal array of O atoms. Layers of octahedral interstices alternate along the c axis of which two-thirds are filled by As atoms and one-third by M atoms. The AsO_6 octahedra are connected by edge sharing to form honeycomb sheets with the composition $[\text{As}_2\text{O}_6]^{2-}$ (Fig. 1). The M atoms are situated below and above the vacant sites of the $[\text{As}_2\text{O}_6]^{2-}$ layers, which leads to isolated MO_6 octahedra with site symmetry $(\bar{3}m)$ for the M atoms. The As atoms have site symmetry (32) (Fig. 2). The resulting distances of $d(\text{Cd}-\text{O}) = 2.302(2) \text{ \AA}$ and $d(\text{As}-\text{O}) = 1.826(1) \text{ \AA}$ compare well with $d(\text{Cd}-\text{O}) = 2.31 \text{ \AA}$ and $d(\text{As}-\text{O}) = 1.82 \text{ \AA}$ calculated from the radii for six-coordinated Cd and As and three-coordinated O given by Shannon (1976).

Experimental

Single crystals of CdAs_2O_6 were prepared by chemical transport reaction of microcrystalline material in sealed and evacuated silica ampoules using PtCl_2 as transport agent (993 K \rightarrow 953 K, 14 d). Microcrystalline CdAs_2O_6 was synthesized by solid-state reaction of the binary oxides in closed silica ampoules at 953 K for 5 d.

Crystal data

As_2CdO_6
 $M_r = 358.24$
Trigonal, $P\bar{3}1m$
 $a = 4.8269(10) \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 4.8660(10) \text{ \AA}$
 $V = 98.18(4) \text{ \AA}^3$
 $Z = 1$
 $D_x = 6.059 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 25
reflections
 $\theta = 9.4\text{--}17.7^\circ$
 $\mu = 22.22 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 293(2) \text{ K}$
Prismatic, brown
 $0.33 \times 0.31 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Siemens-Stoe AED-2 diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
Absorption correction: numerical
(*HABITUS*; Herrendorf, 1993);
see below
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.019, T_{\text{max}} = 0.129$
2446 measured reflections
240 independent reflections

240 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.046$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 40.0^\circ$
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$
 $l = -8 \rightarrow 8$
3 standard reflections
frequency: 120 min
intensity decay: none

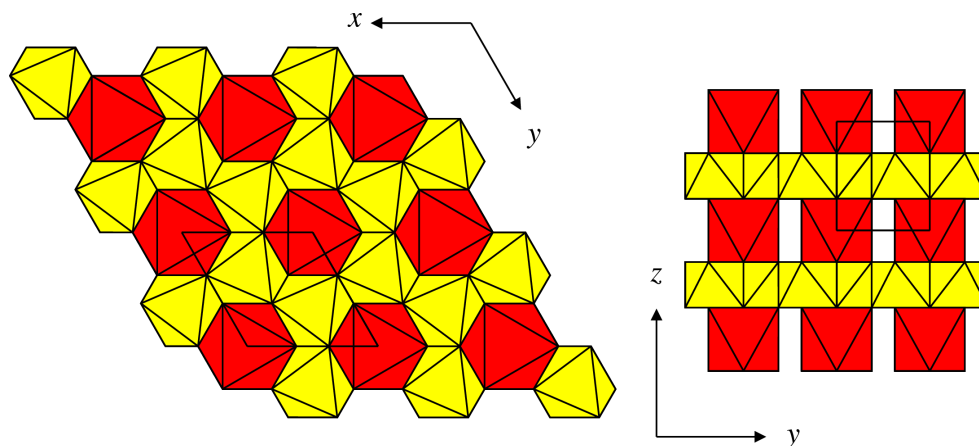


Figure 1
Projection of the structure along [001] (left) and [100] (right). CdO₆ octahedra are red and AsO₆ octahedra are yellow.

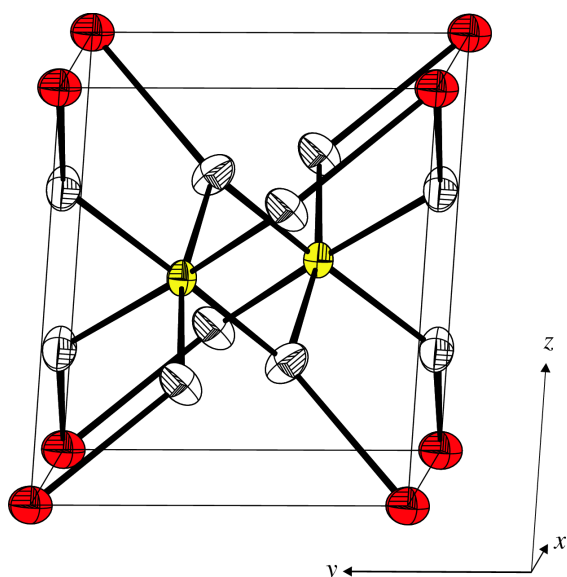


Figure 2
The unit cell with anisotropic displacement ellipsoids at the 90% probability level; Cd atoms are red and As atoms are yellow.

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.018$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.042$
 $S = 1.23$
 240 reflections
 12 parameters

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0116P)^2 + 0.3303P]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.27 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.88 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*
 Extinction coefficient: 0.267 (15)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å).

Cd1—O1 ⁱ	2.3019 (17)	As1—O1 ⁱⁱ	1.8256 (11)
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Symmetry codes: (i) $x - y - 1, x - 1, -z$; (ii) $-y, x - y, z$.

The crystal shape was optimized by minimizing the internal R value of ψ scan data for ten selected reflections using the program *HABITUS* (Herrendorf, 1993). The habit so derived was used for the numerical absorption correction.

Data collection: *STADIA* (Stoe & Cie, 1995); cell refinement: *STADIA*; data reduction: *STADIA*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ATOMS* (Dowty, 1995); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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