

The arsenic(V) compound  $\text{PhAs}(\text{O})(\text{OH})(\text{OSiPh}_3)$ George Ferguson,<sup>a\*</sup> Brian J. O'Leary<sup>b</sup> and Trevor R. Spalding<sup>b</sup><sup>a</sup>Department of Chemistry, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1, and <sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry, University College Cork, National University of Ireland, Cork, IrelandCorrespondence e-mail: [crystals@uoguelph.ca](mailto:crystals@uoguelph.ca)

## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

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The structure of the arsenosilicate compound, hydroxooxo-(phenyl)(triphenylsiloxy)arsenic(V),  $\text{PhAs}(\text{O})(\text{OH})(\text{OSiPh}_3)$  or  $[\text{As}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{OSi})\text{O}(\text{OH})]$ , is dimeric with the monomers joined by two  $\text{As}-\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{As}$  hydrogen-bonding sequences about an inversion centre, with  $\text{O}\cdots\text{O} = 2.528(3) \text{ \AA}$ . The monomer unit has a tetrahedral  $\text{AsO}_3\text{C}_{\text{Ph}}$  entity. The  $\text{As}-\text{O}-\text{Si}$  angle  $[140.79(12)^\circ]$  is larger than any previously reported  $\text{As}^{\text{V}}-\text{O}-\text{Si}$  angle in a molecular species. The three independent  $\text{As}-\text{O}$  bond lengths are 1.6551(18), 1.6740(18) and 1.7086(17)  $\text{ \AA}$ , respectively, for the  $\text{As}=\text{O}$ ,  $\text{As}-\text{OH}$  and  $\text{As}-\text{OSiPh}_3$  bonds.

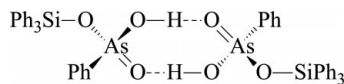
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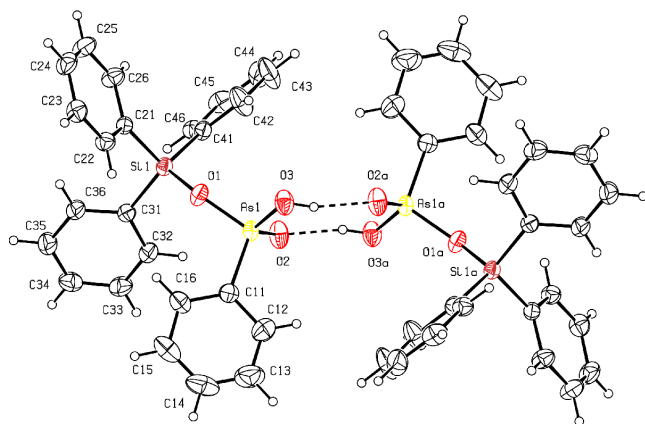
## Comment

The small number of molecular silylarsenates, *i.e.* arsenic(V) silicates, which have been structurally characterized all contain terminal  $\text{As}^{\text{V}}-\text{OSiMe}_3$  units (Baier *et al.*, 1992, 1993*a,b*). The compounds are the silylated aminoarsenates  $(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_2(\text{PhNH})\text{AsO}$ , (I), and  $(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_3\text{AsO}(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_3^- \text{AsNMe}$ , (II), a triarsa(V)azene compound,  $[(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_2\text{AsN}]_3$ , (III), and a diarsenate(V) compound,  $(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_8\text{As}_4\text{O}_6$ , (IV). Compounds (I) and (III) contain four-coordinate arsenic, (II) has five-coordinate arsenic and (IV) contains arsenic in both four- and six-coordination. Only in  $(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_2(\text{PhNH})\text{AsO}$ , (I), is there an  $\text{As}=\text{O}$  bond present (Baier *et al.*, 1993*b*). In an attempt to prepare  $\text{PhAs}(\text{O})(\text{OSiPh}_3)_2$  *via* a dehydration reaction, phenylarsonic acid was reacted with triphenylsilanol in a 1:2 molar ratio (O'Leary, 1998). The reaction did not proceed as anticipated and successive crystallizations from a dichloromethane-ether-cyclohexane (1:1:4) solution afforded what we subsequently established to be the title compound  $\text{PhAs}(\text{O})(\text{OH})(\text{OSiPh}_3)$ , (V), and  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiOSiPh}_3$ . When the reaction was repeated using a 1:1 molar ratio of phenylarsonic acid to triphenylsilanol, compound (V) was the only product obtained.



(V)

A search of the December 2003 release of the Cambridge Structural Database (Allen, 2002) shows that compound (V) is indeed a novel species and is the first structurally characterized silylarsenate containing both  $\text{As}-\text{OSi}$  and  $\text{As}-\text{OH}$  units. In the solid state, the structure is dimeric as shown in (V) with the monomers joined by two  $\text{As}-\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{As}$  hydrogen-bonding sequences about an inversion centre



**Figure 1**

A view of the dimer of (V) with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. Atom labels with suffix 'a' represent the equivalent position  $(1-x, 1-y, 1-z)$ .

(Fig. 1). The monomers contain a central tetrahedral  $\text{AsO}_3\text{C}_{\text{Ph}}$  unit bound through one of the O atoms to a tetrahedral  $-\text{SiPh}_3$  group. Principal bond-length and angle data for (V) are given in Table 1.

The  $\text{As}-\text{O}-\text{Si}$  angle in (V) [ $140.79(12)^\circ$ ] is larger than any previously reported  $\text{As}^{\text{V}}-\text{O}-\text{Si}$  angles, which range from  $128.5(4)$  to  $136.0(3)^\circ$  (Baier *et al.*, 1992, 1993*a,b*). The  $\text{As}^{\text{V}}-\text{O}_{\text{Si}}$  distance in (V) [ $1.7086(17)$  Å] lies within the range of the corresponding distances in the previously reported  $\text{As}^{\text{V}}$ -containing compounds (I)–(IV) [ $1.680(3)$ – $1.780(2)$  Å]. The  $\text{As}^{\text{III}}-\text{O}_{\text{Si}}$  distances in  $\text{PhAs}(\text{OSiPh}_3)_2$ , (VI) (Ferguson *et al.*, 2004), are  $1.758(3)$  and  $1.786(3)$  Å, and are significantly longer than the  $\text{As}^{\text{V}}-\text{O}_{\text{Si}}$  distance in (V).

As expected, the  $\text{As}-\text{OH}$  bond in (V) [ $1.6740(18)$  Å] is significantly shorter than the  $\text{As}-\text{O}_{\text{Si}}$  bond [ $1.7086(17)$  Å]. The  $\text{As}=\text{O}$  double bond in (V) [ $1.6551(18)$  Å] is close to the value of the  $\text{As}-\text{OH}$  single bond and longer than the  $\text{As}=\text{O}$  distance of  $1.626(3)$  Å in the  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen-bonded system  $(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_2(\text{PhNH})\text{AsO}$ , (I) (Baier *et al.*, 1993*b*). A mean value of  $1.661$  Å has been suggested for the  $\text{As}=\text{O}$  distance (Allen *et al.*, 1987).

The  $\text{Si}-\text{O}_{\text{As}}$  distance in (V) [ $1.6585(18)$  Å] is not unusual. Comparable distances in  $(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_3\text{AsO}(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_3\text{AsNMe}$ , (II), and  $[(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_2\text{AsN}]_3$ , (III), range from  $1.646(2)$  to  $1.732(6)$  Å. The  $\text{Si}-\text{O}_{\text{As}}$  distances in  $\text{PhAs}(\text{OSiPh}_3)_2$ , (VI) (Ferguson *et al.*, 2004), are  $1.635(3)$  and  $1.641(4)$  Å, and are shorter than the  $\text{Si}-\text{O}_{\text{As}}$  distance in (V). The  $\text{As}-\text{C}_{\text{Ph}}$  bond length in (V) [ $1.891(3)$  Å] is relatively short, since a mean value of  $1.922$  Å has been suggested for  $\text{As}-\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$  bonds in general, where the As atom is four-coordinate and  $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$  is a C atom in an aromatic system (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The  $\text{As}-\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$  distance in  $\text{PhAs}(\text{OSiPh}_3)_2$ , (VI) (Ferguson *et al.*, 2004), of  $1.936(5)$  Å is significantly greater than the distance of  $1.891(3)$  Å in (V). The  $\text{Si}-\text{C}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{C}$  distances in the  $\text{SiPh}_3$  units of (V) are normal.

The two  $\text{O}-\text{As}=\text{O}$  angles in (V), *viz.*  $\text{O1}-\text{As1}-\text{O2}$  and  $\text{O2}-\text{As1}-\text{O3}$  in Fig. 1, are  $110.76(10)$  and  $114.05(10)^\circ$ , and

do not agree within 3 s.u.; the  $\text{O1}-\text{As1}-\text{O3}$  angle is notably smaller at  $103.11(10)^\circ$ . The three  $\text{O}-\text{Si}-\text{C}$  angles in (V) lie between  $103.41(11)$  and  $110.96(11)^\circ$ , whilst the range for the three  $\text{C}-\text{Si}-\text{C}$  angles is  $110.40(12)$ – $111.37(12)^\circ$ .

The  $\text{AsO}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{As}$  hydrogen-bond data for (V) (Table 2) indicate the presence of moderately strong hydrogen bonding (Jeffrey, 1997). The hydrogen-bonding pattern is similar to that in (I),  $(\text{Me}_3\text{SiO})_2(\text{PhNH})\text{AsO}$ . Like (V), the structure of (I) is dimeric, with the monomers connected *via* two  $\text{AsN}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{As}$  hydrogen bonds, but unlike (V), the monomers in (I) are not symmetry-related (Baier *et al.*, 1993*b*). As expected, all phenyl rings take part in  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions (Table 2) with phenyl rings of adjacent molecules to generate a three-dimensional network.

## Experimental

For the synthesis of  $\text{PhAs}(\text{O})(\text{OH})(\text{OSiPh}_3)$ , (V), phenylarsonic acid (2.009 g, 9.94 mmol) and triphenylsilanol (2.747 g, 9.94 mmol) were added to 50 ml toluene in a Dean–Stark apparatus. The solution was heated at reflux for 10 h. Removal of toluene afforded a colourless solid which was crystallized from dichloromethane–heptane (1:3) to give crystals of (V) (3.625 g, 79.2%; m.p.  $436$ – $438$  K). Found: C 62.9, H 4.9%;  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{AsO}_3\text{Si}$  requires: C 62.6, H 4.6%. FT–IR (KBr disc),  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1428 (s), 1119 (s), 956 (s), 910 (vs), 714 (s), 699 (s), 508 (vs).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , p.p.m.): 8.95 (s, 2H, OH), 7.49–7.03 (m, 40H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{As}$  and  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Si}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , p.p.m.): 151.05; 136.22, 135.41, 131.00, 129.99, 129.27, 128.49, 127.49 ( $\text{SiC}_6\text{H}_5$  and  $\text{AsC}_6\text{H}_5$ ). EIMS  $m/z$  [ $M$  = monomeric unit [ $\text{PhAs}(\text{O})(\text{OH})(\text{OSiPh}_3)$ ]: 460 [ $M$ ], 383 [ $M - \text{Ph}$ ], 306 [ $M - 2\text{Ph}$ ], 275 [ $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiO}$ ].

### Crystal data

$[\text{As}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{OSi})\text{O}(\text{OH})]$	$Z = 2$
$M_r = 460.42$	$D_x = 1.413$ Mg $\text{m}^{-3}$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 8.3350(9)$ Å	Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$b = 9.8193(8)$ Å	$\theta = 14.6$ – $21.6^\circ$
$c = 14.8736(14)$ Å	$\mu = 1.65$ $\text{mm}^{-1}$
$\alpha = 89.948(6)^\circ$	$T = 294(1)$ K
$\beta = 74.391(9)^\circ$	Lath, colourless
$\gamma = 68.276(5)^\circ$	$0.42 \times 0.38 \times 0.22$ mm
$V = 1082.51(18)$ Å <sup>3</sup>	

### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	3281 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\theta/2\theta$ scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$
Absorption correction: $\psi$ scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968)	$h = -10 \rightarrow 9$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.549$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.702$	$k = 0 \rightarrow 12$
4751 measured reflections	$l = -18 \rightarrow 19$
4751 independent reflections	3 standard reflections
	frequency: 120 min
	intensity decay: none

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0386P)^2 + 0.0624P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.080$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.002$
$S = 1.01$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>
4751 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.32$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>
264 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.0044 (9)

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

As1—O1	1.7086 (17)	Si1—O1	1.6585 (18)
As1—O2	1.6551 (18)	Si1—C21	1.860 (3)
As1—O3	1.6740 (18)	Si1—C31	1.857 (3)
As1—C11	1.891 (3)	Si1—C41	1.862 (3)
O2—As1—O3	114.05 (10)	O1—Si1—C21	103.41 (11)
O2—As1—O1	110.76 (10)	C31—Si1—C21	111.04 (11)
O3—As1—O1	103.12 (10)	O1—Si1—C41	110.96 (11)
O2—As1—C11	111.69 (12)	C31—Si1—C41	110.40 (12)
O3—As1—C11	110.74 (12)	C21—Si1—C41	111.37 (12)
O1—As1—C11	105.85 (11)	Si1—O1—As1	140.79 (12)
O1—Si1—C31	109.47 (11)		

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bonding and short-contact geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O3—H3 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.82	1.73	2.528 (3)	164
C15—H15 $\cdots$ Cg2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.85	3.536	132
C24—H24 $\cdots$ Cg4 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	3.04	3.932	160
C33—H33 $\cdots$ Cg4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.96	3.784	149
C35—H35 $\cdots$ Cg2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	3.01	3.824	147
C42—H42 $\cdots$ Cg1 <sup>v</sup>	0.93	3.14	3.946	146

Symmetry codes: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $x, 1+y, z$ ; (iv)  $1-x, 2-y, -z$ ; (v)  $1+x, y, z$ . Cg1 to Cg4 are the centroids of the phenyl rings Cn1–Cn6 ( $n = 1-4$ ), respectively.

Peaks consistent with the H atoms were visible in difference maps and all H atoms were subsequently included as riding atoms, with O—H = 0.82 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ , and C—H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *CAD-4-PC Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1992); cell refinement: *SET4* and *CELDIM* (Enraf–Nonius, 1992); data reduction: *DATRD2* in *NRCVAX94* (Gabe *et al.*, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *NRCVAX94* via Patterson heavy-atom method; program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997) and *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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