Multiple Dirac points and surface nonlinear optics in topological semimetal HfGe_{0.92}Te

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The topological material with Dirac points having linear dispersions near the Fermi level has been a fascinating topic in condensed matter physics and materials physics. Here we report the band structure and surface nonlinear optics of topological semimetal HfGe_{0.92}Te single crystal, which crystallizes in a tetragonal space group P4/nmm (No. 129) with about 8% vacancy on the Ge square net. By using angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES), the Dirac nodal line composed of the conventional Dirac points vulnerable to spin-orbit coupling (SOC) is observed, accompanied by the robust Dirac points protected by the nonsymmorphic symmetry against SOC and Ge vacancies. In particular, spin-orbit Dirac points originating from the surface state under the significant SOC could exist according to ARPES and first-principles calculations. Furthermore, HfGe_{0.92}Te exhibits a remarkable surface second-order nonlinear susceptibility up to 5535 \pm 308 pm V^{-1} . The surface nonlinear conversion efficiency is optimized to 3.75% using the angular engineering strategy, which is comparable to the welldesigned optical waveguides and higher than the typical low-dimensional materials and metamaterials. The applicable frequency doubling wavelengths are extended from the visible region to the deep ultraviolet region ($\lambda_{2\omega}$ from 779 nm to 257.5 nm) with comparable conversion efficiency due to its linear dispersion in a wide energy range near the Fermi level and small chemical potential.