

Supplement for: Robust three-dimensional type-II Dirac semimetal state in SrAgBi

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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE 1: CRYSTAL STRUCTURE DETAILS

The final Fourier map in the single crystal X-ray diffraction experiment is featureless with the highest residual density and deepest hole of about $1.1 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$ and $-2.8 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$, respectively, both located about 1 \AA away from Bi. Occupancies of all atomic sites were checked by refinement of the respective site occupation factors (SOFs). The SOFs for Sr and Bi did not deviate from unity within more than 3 standard deviations, however the SOF for Ag was refined as 0.929(12). Since there was no evidence from energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy for the incorporation of lighter metallic elements in the studied specimen, and since this behavior was reproducible for several crystals from different batches, we attribute the SOF deviation from 100% at the Ag site as an indicator that there is a small amount of vacancy defects at this position. This is coupled with the elongated anisotropic displacement parameter discussed later on. Further details of the data collection and structure refinements are given in Table I, the positional and equivalent displacement parameters are listed in Table II, respectively. The final refined structure (ZrBeSi type, Pearson index hP6) is shown in Figure 1 with anisotropic displacement parameters drawn at the 90% probability

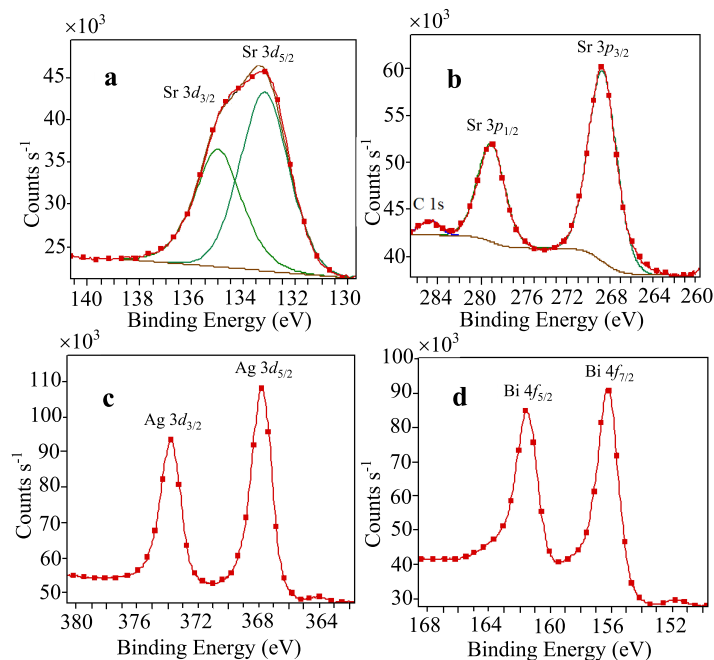
Supplementary Table I. Selected single-crystal data collection and structure refinement parameters for SrAg_{0.93(2)}Bi measured at 200 K using $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$. The corresponding crystallographic information file (CIF) has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Database Centre (CCDC) - depository number - 2208657

Refined composition	SrAg _{0.93(1)} Bi
Formula Mass (g/mol)	396.92
Space Group	<i>P6₃/mmc</i> (No. 194)
Z	2
<i>a</i> (Å)	4.8682(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	8.4621(17)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	173.68(5)
Density (g/cm ³)	7.59
$\mu_{M\sigma K\alpha}$ (cm ⁻¹)	707.4
<i>R</i> 1 [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0283
<i>wR</i> 2 [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0582
$\Delta\rho_{max,min}/\text{e}\cdot\text{\AA}^{-3}$	1.10,-2.83

$$^a R1 = \frac{\sum |F_0| - |F_c|}{\sum |F_0|}$$

$$wR2 = \frac{[\sum (|F_0^2 - |F_c^2|)^2 / \sum (wF_0^2)^2]^{1/2}}$$

$$w=1/[\sigma^2 F_0^2 + (0.0202 \cdot P)^2 + (3.032 \cdot P)] \text{ and } P=(F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$



Supplementary Figure 1. XPS spectra for core levels of **a** Sr 3d, **b** Sr 3p, **c** Ag 3d and **d** Bi 4f in SrAgBi crystal.

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Supplementary Table II. Atomic coordinates, equivalent \AA^2 and anisotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2 for SrAg_{0.93(1)}Bi at 200 K. U_{eq} is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ii} tensor.

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U_{eq}^a	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
Sr	2a	0	0	0	0.016(1)	0.018(1)	0.018(1)	0.013(1)	0	0	0.009(1)
Ag ^b	2c	1/3	2/3	1/4	0.045(1)	0.012(1)	0.012(1)	0.109(1)	0	0	0.006(1)
Bi	2d	1/3	2/3	3/4	0.013(1)	0.010(1)	0.010(1)	0.019(1)	0	0	0.005(1)

Atomic displacement parameters provide information about thermal motion of atomic species; for example U_{33} describes the motion along the crystallographic c -axis.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE 2: LABORATORY X-RAY PHOTOEMISSION SPECTROSCOPY

XPS spectra of Sr 3d level with deconvoluted spin-orbit doublet of $3d_{5/2}$ and $3d_{3/2}$ components with energy separation of 1.79 eV are shown in Fig. S1a at binding energy of 133.1 eV and 134.9 eV respectively. Clearly, they are the finger prints of the divalent cation of Sr²⁺ [1, 2]. The Sr²⁺ state is further confirmed by Sr $3p_{3/2}$ and Sr $3p_{1/2}$ with binding splitting 10.4 eV at binding energy of 269.0 eV and 279.2 eV, respectively as shown in in Fig. S1b, which are in agreement with that of reported Sr 3p for Sr²⁺ [3, 4].

Fig. S1c shows the XPS spectra of the Ag 3d with spin-orbit doublet of Ag $3d_{5/2}$ and Ag $3d_{3/2}$ at binding energy of 367.8 eV and 373.8 eV are associated Ag¹⁺ states [5].

Fig. S1d shows XPS spectra of Bi 4f level with spin-orbit doublet of Bi $4f_{7/2}$ and Bi $4f_{5/2}$ at binding energy of 156.2 eV and 161.5 eV, respectively, which shifted to the lower binding energy about -0.8 eV when compared to Bi 4f in metallic state. This observation suggests that the Bi is in electronegative anionic state in the compounds. Whereas similar bonding scheme with electronegative bismuth was proposed for another well known topological Dirac semimetal Na₃Bi [6], to our best knowledge this is the first experimental observation in a crystal. Bi should be in state of trivalent anion Bi³⁻ in the compound in order to satisfy the compound electroneutrality of Sr²⁺Ag¹⁺Bi³⁻. The electronegativity increase in the order of Sr(0.92) → Ag(1.93) → Bi(2.02) support our observation and conclusion.

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