

Left panel: M5-edge RIXS data of  $UTe_2$  for two incident energies. Middle panel: crystal structure of  $UTe_2$  with U dimers in red. Right panel: band structure of  $UTe_2$ , Te1 5p states in green, Te2  $5p_{x,z}$  states in dark blue,  $Te2p_y$  states in light blue, U  $6d_{3z2-r2}$  in red and other U 6d states in gold.