***We thank the editors for their time and efforts. We have clarified all the information that has been requested of us.***

**Editorial comments**

1. After revision, please upload a .doc/.docx version of your revised manuscript to your Editorial Manager account (this may be why you had problems uploading your previous revisions).  
2. 1.3: What is the sample here, and how exactly is it cut?

The sample is Fe1.1Te single crystal, we have added that information to the text and details on how it is cut.

3. 2.2: How is the device baked?

The device is baked in a convection oven, we have included this information in the text.

4. 2.4: Around how much should the screw be turned here? You mention 50 degrees later, but can this be modified?

Yes, it can be modified, and we have added that information in the text.

5. 3/4: Please provide more detail here-how exactly is the STM controlled? If by software, please provide specific steps (e.g, “click”, “open”, etc.).

We have added information on the R9 software that controls the STM, and a link to RHK Technology, which are the manufacturers of the STM for more detailed information. Unfortunately, this is a complicated software that the user must be very familiar with, in order to carry out any experiment.

6. Figure 1A: In the legend, by (A, C) and (A,B), do you mean the figure panels? It’s unclear.

Yes, we mean the figure panels. I have clarified that in the text to make it easier to follow.