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**Disorder Induced Melting of Charge Density Wave Order in doped 2H-NbSe<sub>2</sub> systems** UTPAL CHATTERJEE, STEPHAN ROSENKRANZ, JOHN CASTELLAN, JASPER VAN WEZEL, RAY OSBORN, Argonne National Laboratory, MARIA IVARONE, Temple University, GORAN KARAPETROV, Drexel University — Using a combination of Angle Resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy (ARPES), X-ray diffraction, transport and Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM) measurements on pristine as well as disordered 2H-NbSe<sub>2</sub> samples, we have found that the onset Temperature  $T_{cdw}$  for Long Ranged Charge Density Wave (CDW) order gets quickly suppressed with concentration of disorder ions (X) and at certain critical concentration ( $X_c$ ) it undergoes a quantum melting. Our STM measurements provide the evidence for local CDW ordering in doped samples for temperatures way above  $T_{cdw}$ . On the other hand, our ARPES measurements have found evidences for the presence of energy gap for both  $T > T_{cdw}$  &  $X > X_c$ . We argue, all these experimental observations from completely different probes hint towards phase fluctuations of the order parameter as the mechanism behind the destruction of CDW order in quasi 2-d systems, such as 2H-NbSe<sub>2</sub>.

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