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**Effects of charge density waves on flux dynamics in weak-pinning single crystals of NbSe<sub>2</sub> : free flux flow, flux-core size effects, and unexpected doubling of  $J_c(H)$  ‘peak effect’<sup>1</sup>** PETER FAVREAU, ALBERT A. GAPUD, SUNHEE MORAES, U. South Alabama, LANCE DELONG, U. Kentucky, ARNEIL P. REYES, NHMFL, JAMES R. THOMPSON, U. Tennessee-Knoxville and ORNL, DAVID K. CHRISTEN, ORNL — The interaction of two different ordering schemes – charge density waves (CDWs) and superconductivity – is studied in high-quality samples of NbSe<sub>2</sub>, particularly in the motion of magnetic flux quanta. More specifically, the study is on the effect of “switching off” the CDW phase – effected by doping with Ta – on the magnetic-field  $H$  dependence of: (i) the Lorentz-force-driven free flux flow (FFF) resistivity  $\rho_f$  associated with the ordered motion of vortices, and (ii) critical current density  $J_c$ . FFF is achieved for the first time in this material. The field dependence of  $\rho_f$  deviates from traditional Bardeen-Stephen flux flow and is more consistent with effects of flux *core size* as predicted by Kogan and Zelezhina. However, the suppression of CDW’s seems to have no significant effect on these properties. On the other hand,  $J_c(H)$  shows a surprising *double* peak for the CDW-suppressed sample –contrary to previous studies in which the  $J_c$  peak was shown to *disappear*. Possible mechanisms are discussed.

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