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DNA fluctuations under nanoconfinement JUNHAN PAN, ROBERT RIEHN, North Carolina State University — DNA stretching in quasi onedimensional nanochannels is an emerging technique for the analysis of genomicsized DNA molecules. For formulating an optimal measurement strategy, the thermal fluctuations of confined molecules are of crucial importance. While previous measurements have concentrated only on the end-to-end length, we present here an experimental study of density fluctuations within the molecule, and find a good agreement with a model similar to a oscillator chain.

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