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**Thermally Induced Local Failures in Quasi-One-Dimensional Systems: Collapse in Carbon Nanotubes, Necking in Nanowires and Opening of Bubbles in DNA**<sup>1</sup>

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