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Slow Stress-Relaxation of Thin Sheet Folds JENS FEDER, SIMON DE VILLIERS, ANDERS MALTHE-SORENSSEN, PGP and Department of Physics, University of Oslo — We measure the slowly relaxing force required to maintain a fold in thin sheets of aluminum, copper, Mylar, and paper. The relaxation is found to be best described by a Weibull distribution of relaxation times. The exponent β of the Weibull distribution characterizes two distinct classes of relaxation observed in metallic ($\beta \simeq 2$) and polymeric materials ($\beta \simeq 1$) respectively.

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