

# How physicist can find ideas in National Palace Museum?





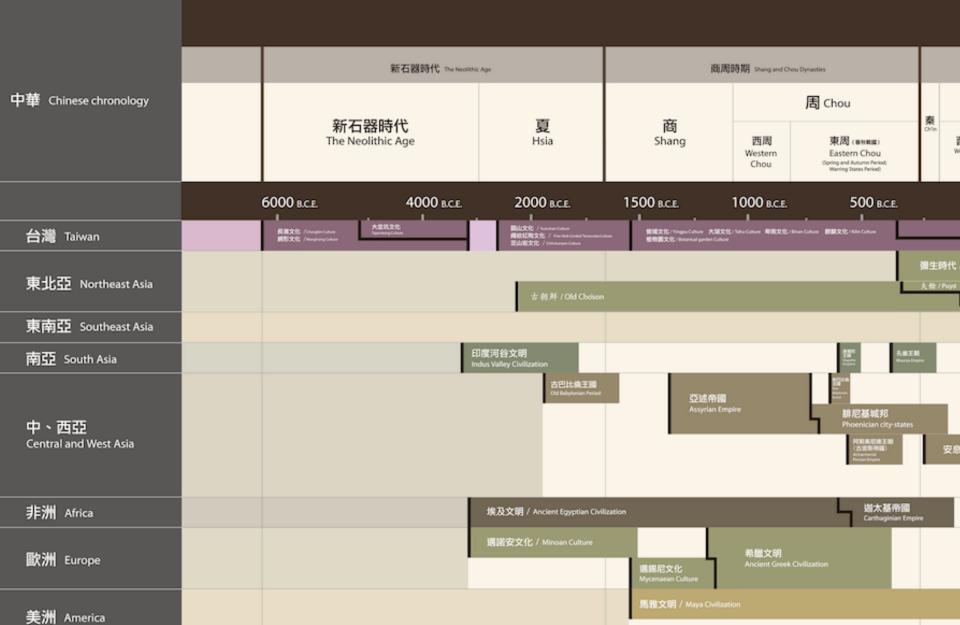






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Qi-Wa refers to the up curl on the lengths of hand scrolls and hanging scrolls, which has troubled Chinese artisans and emperors for as long as the art of painting and calligraphy has existed. This warp is unwelcome not only for aesthetic reasons, but its potential damage to the fiber and ink. Although it is generally treated as a part of the cockling and curling due to moisture, consistency of paste, and defects from the mounting procedures, we demonstrate that the spontaneous extrinsic curvature incurred from the storage is in fact more essential to understanding and curing Qi-Wa. In contrast to the former factors whose effects are less predictable, the plastic deformation and strain distribution on a membrane are a well-defined mechanical problem. We study this phenomenon by experiments, theoretical models, and molecular dynamics simulation, and obtain consistent scaling relations for the Qi-Wa height. This knowledge enables us to propose modifications on the traditional mounting techniques that are tested on real mounted paper to be effective at mitigating Qi-Wa. By experimenting on polymer-based films, we demonstrate the possible relevance of our study to the modern development of flexible electronic paper.

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Paste, mounting skills, humidity, weather, etc.

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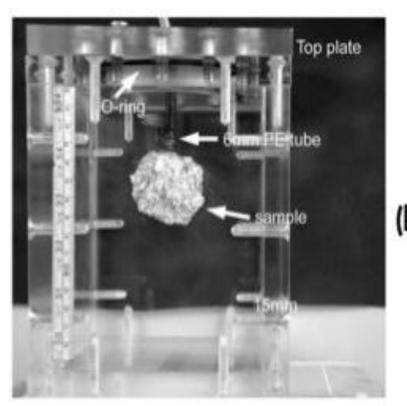


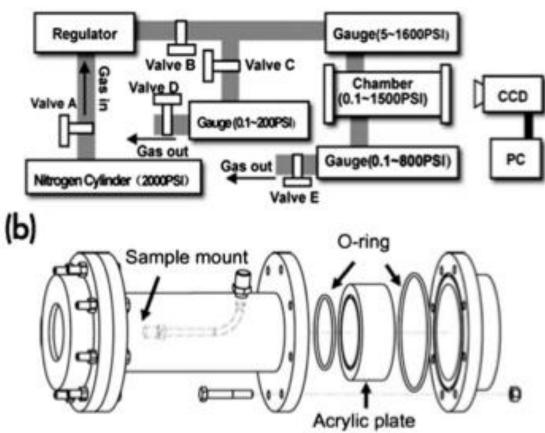
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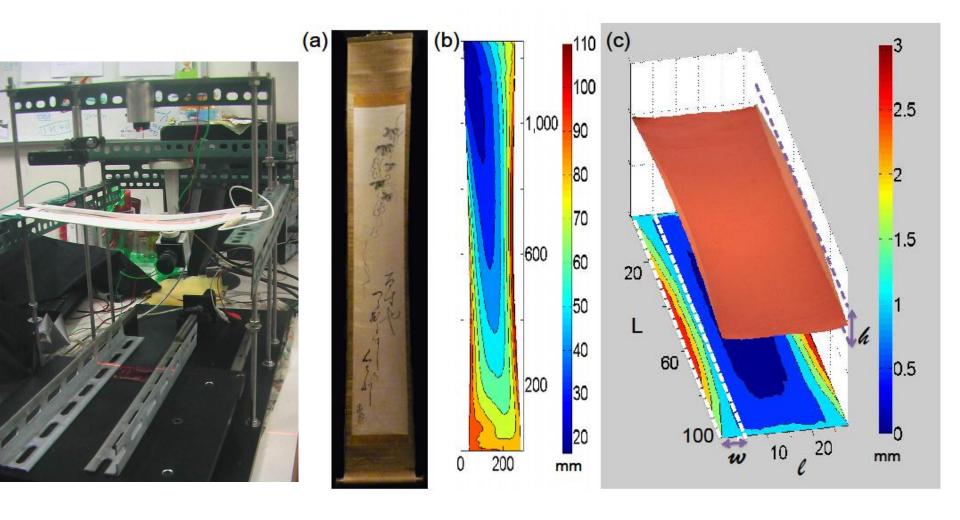
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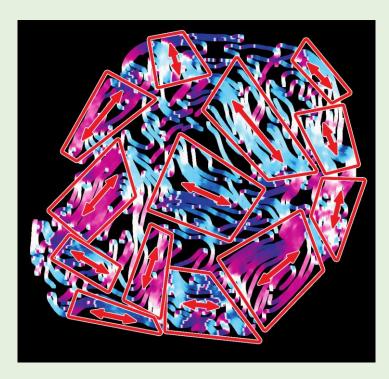






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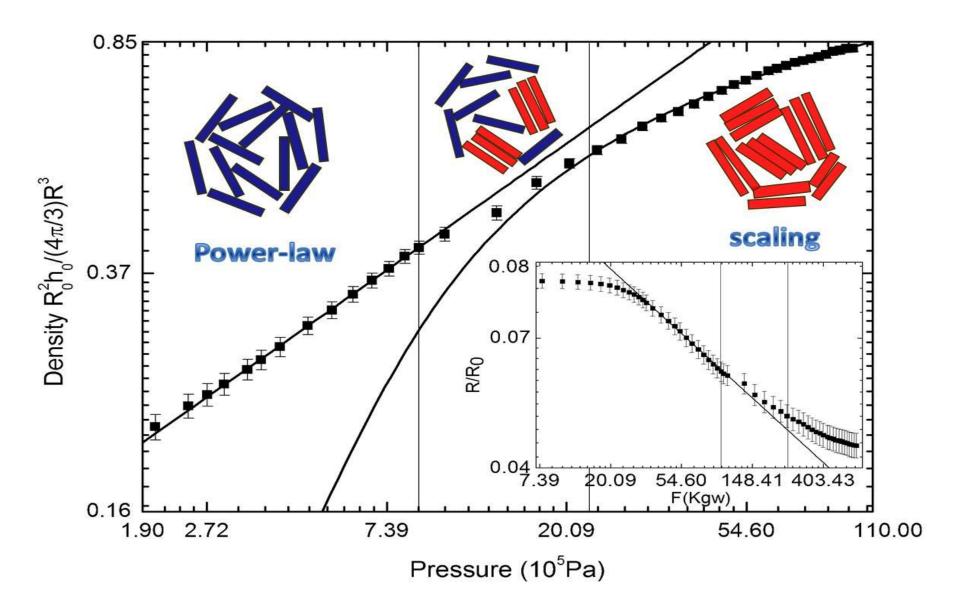
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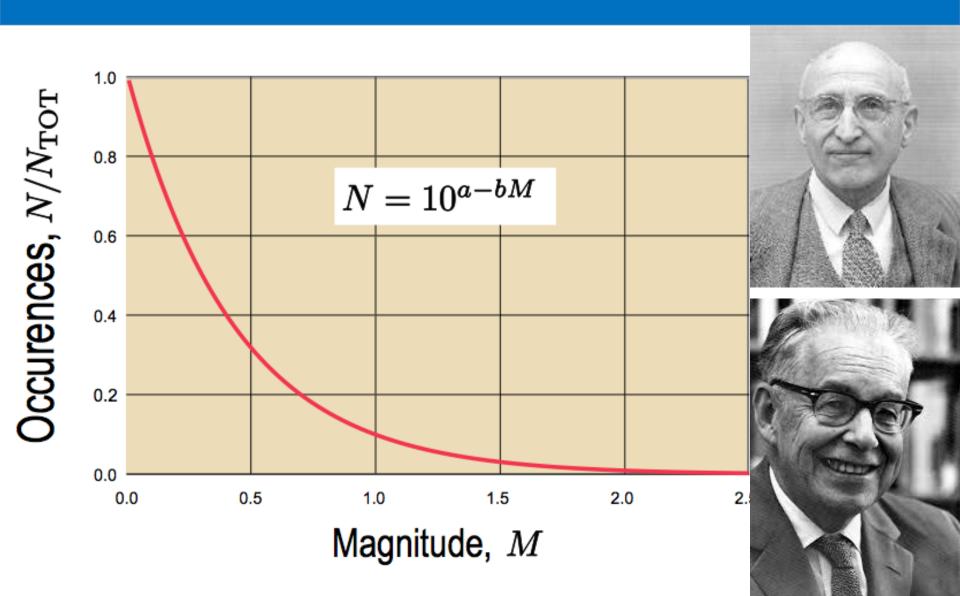


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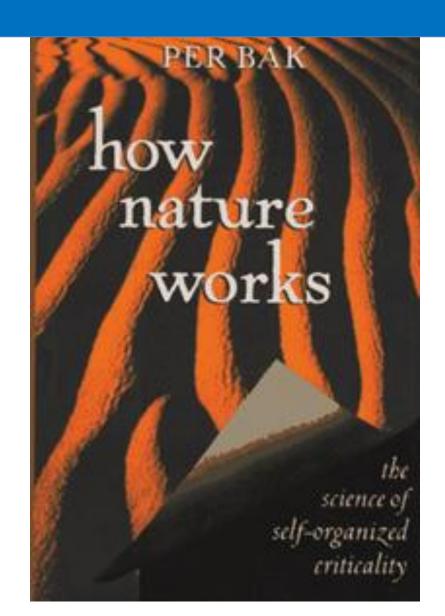
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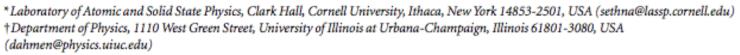
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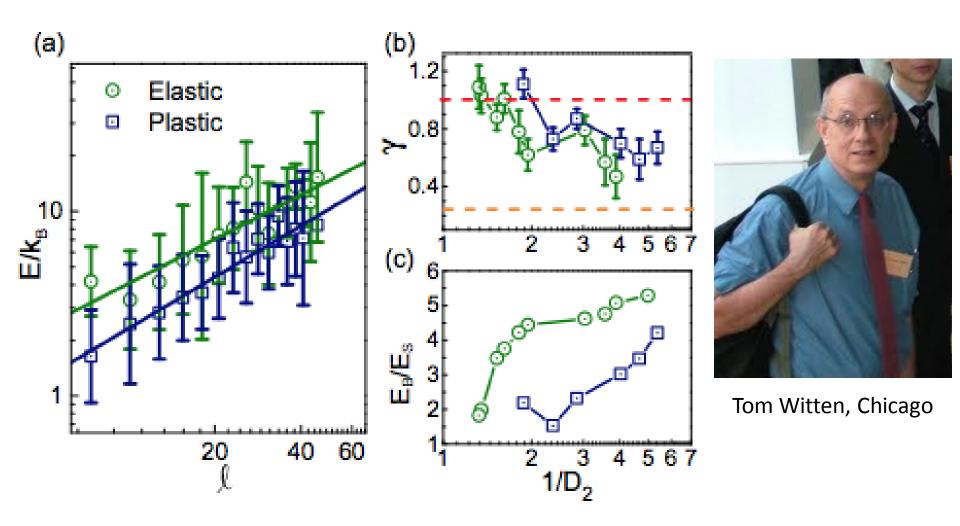
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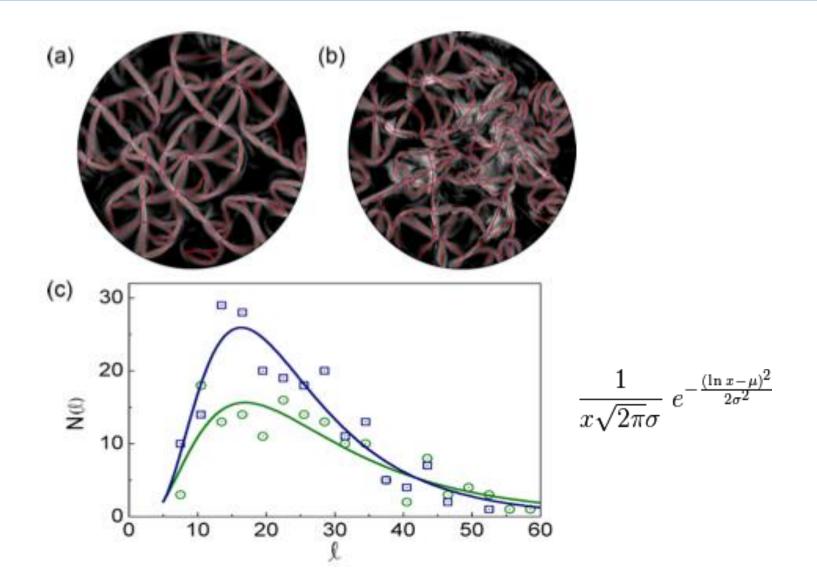
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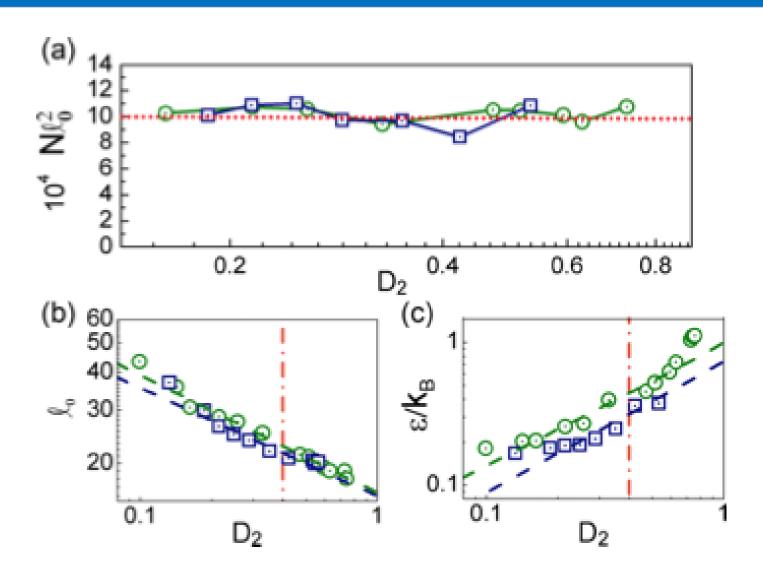
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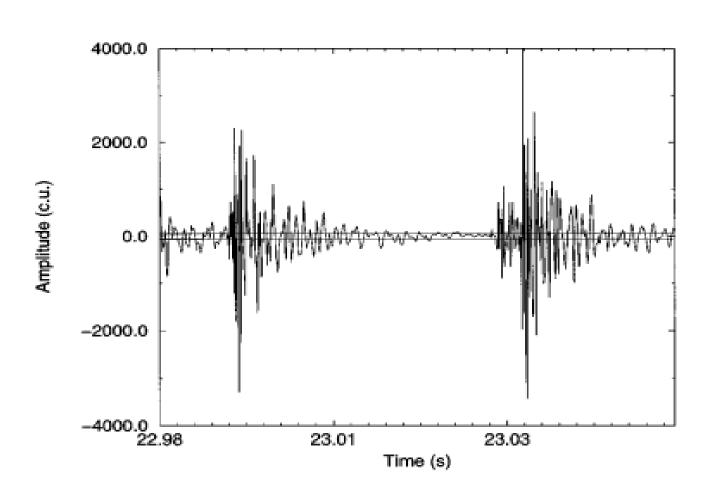
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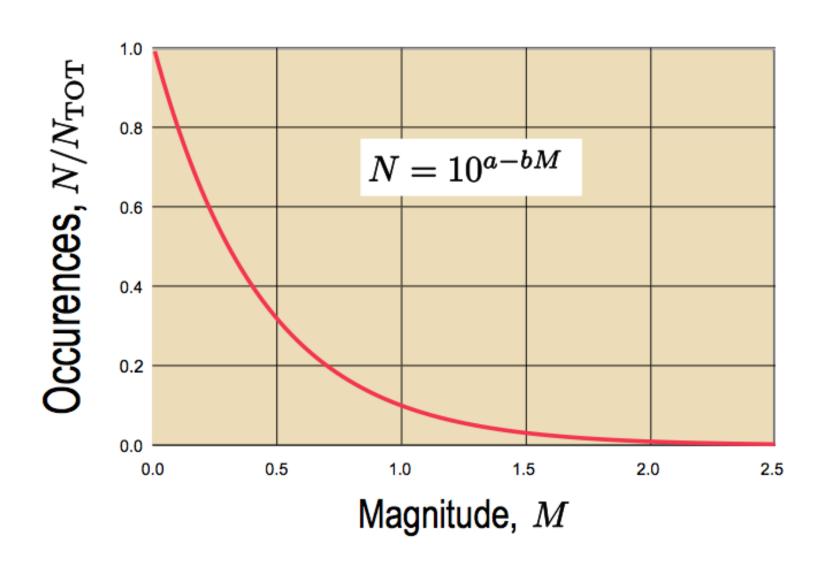
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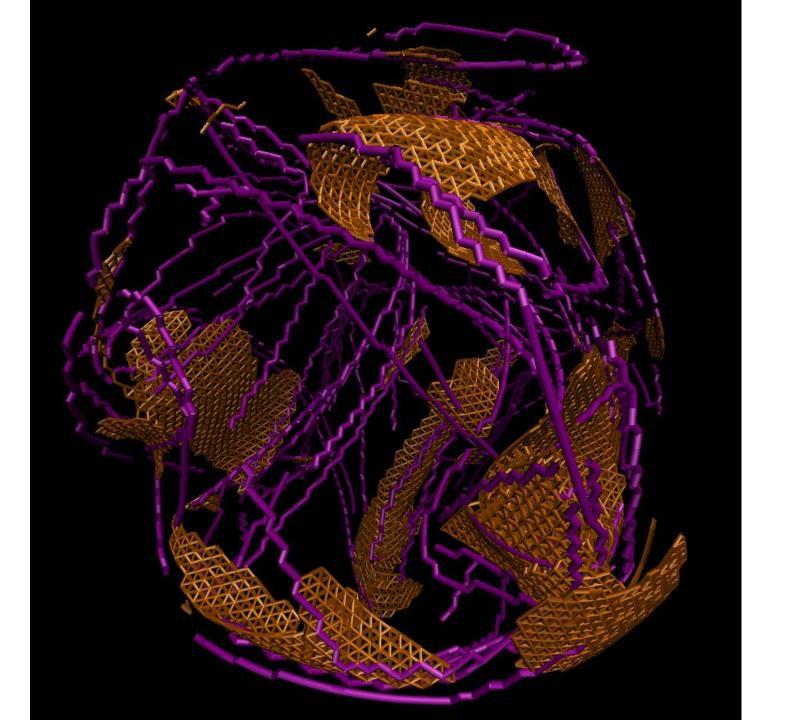


## **Crumpling noises**



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## Co-crumpling





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## Collection of scrolls in National Palace Museum, Taipei dated back to the Six Dynasties (222-589)



女史箴圖顧愷之(345-406)

### Ancient Chinese literature on Qi-Wa

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——《裝潢志,明 周嘉胃》

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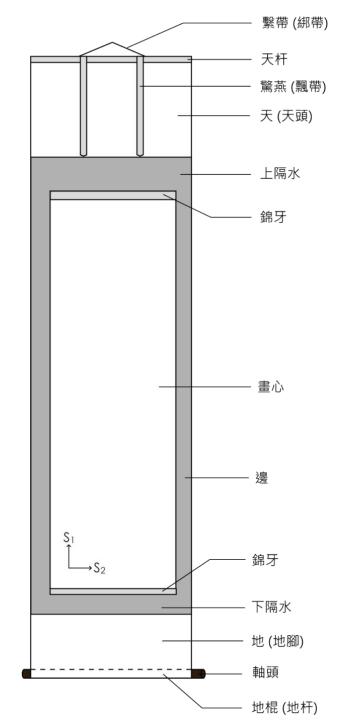


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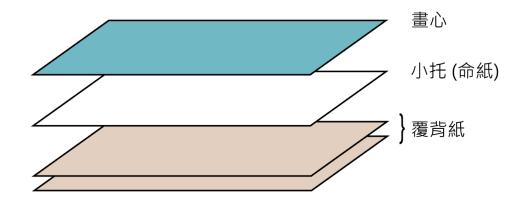
Mounting is an old trade with strict traditions and aesthetic standards (and tons of jargons)





## Chinese v.s. Japanese mounting

◎ 裱件組成:四紙三漿



#### ② 中式裝裱和日式裝裱比較

	覆背紙材	纖維長度	纖維方向性	接紙方式	接紙貼法	裏打
中式	宣紙	短	有	邊緣重疊	不規則	無
日式	楮皮紙	長	有	毛邊接合	規則	有









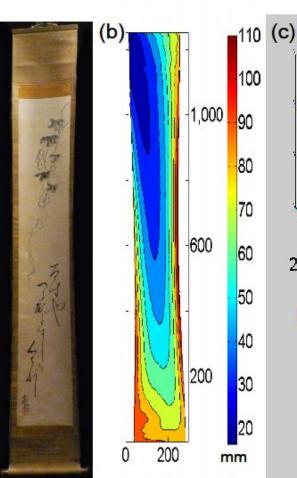


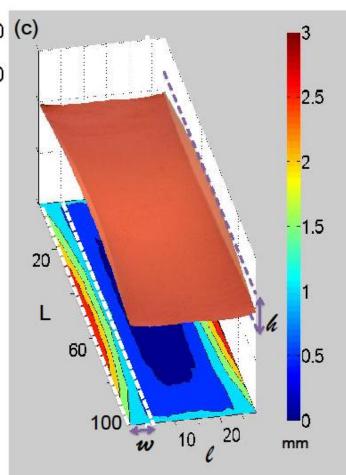
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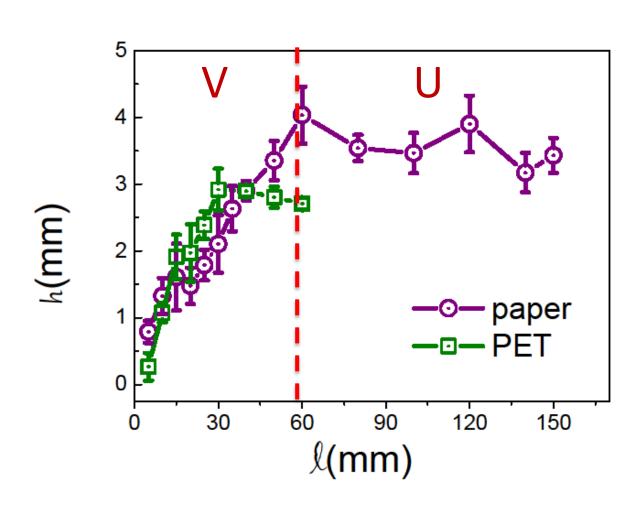
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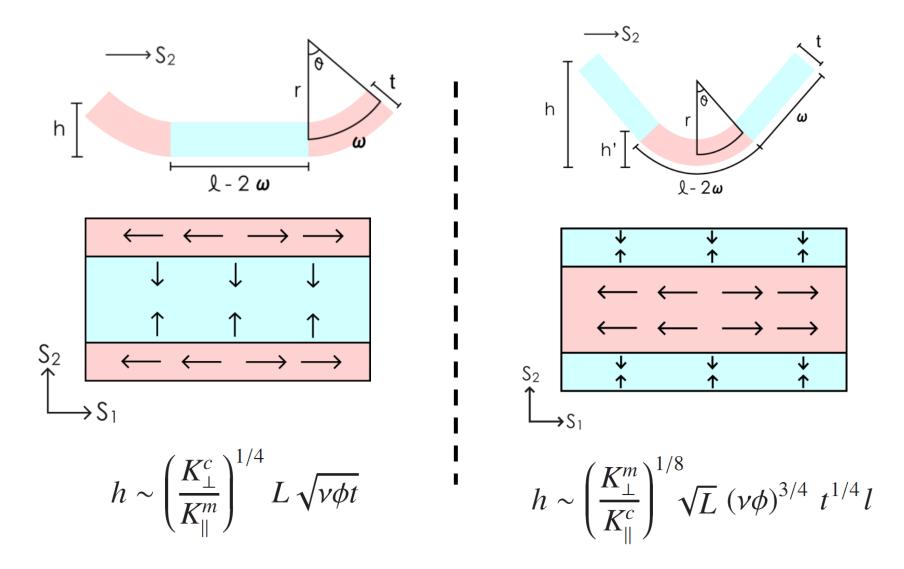




## Qi-Wa height v.s. width of scroll



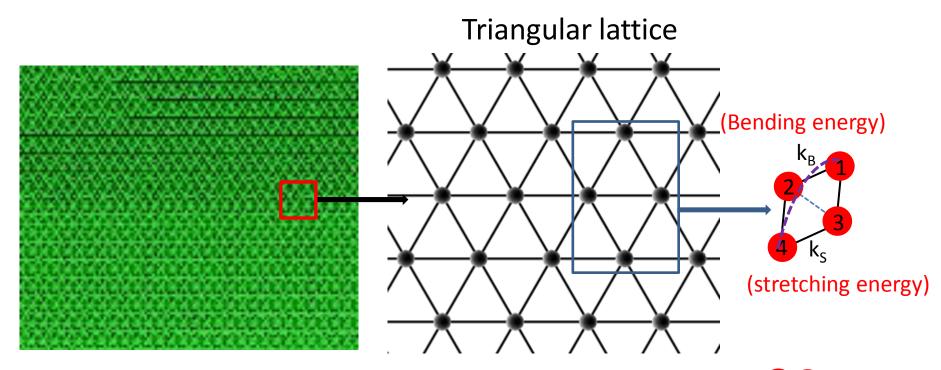
#### Theoretical models



# Phase diagram

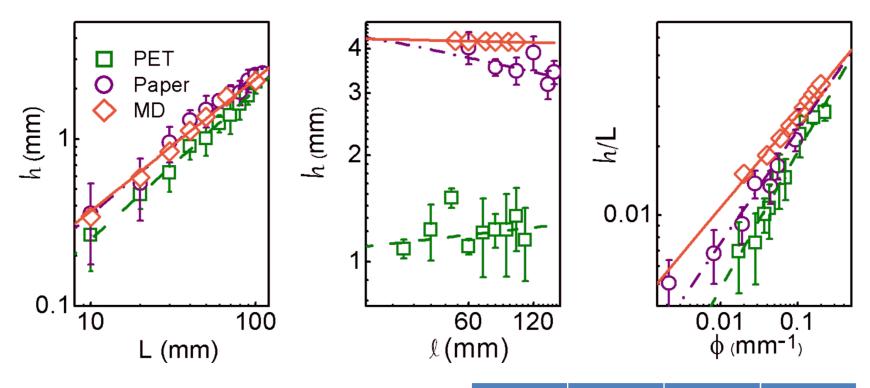
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## Molecular Dynamics simulations





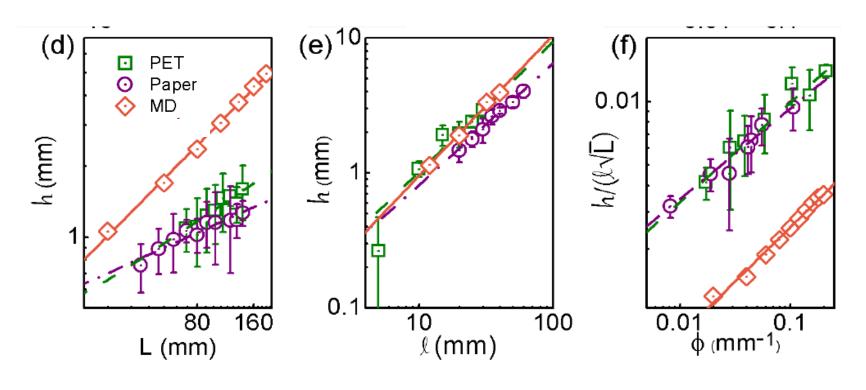
## **U-shaped scroll**



$$h \approx \left(\frac{K_{S2\perp}}{K_{S1\parallel}}\right)^{1/4} \left(\nu\phi t\right)^{1/2} \cdot L$$

U-shape	L	1	Ø
PET	0.9	0.069	0.6
Paper	0.85	-0.133	0.5
M.D	0.8	-0.013	0.4

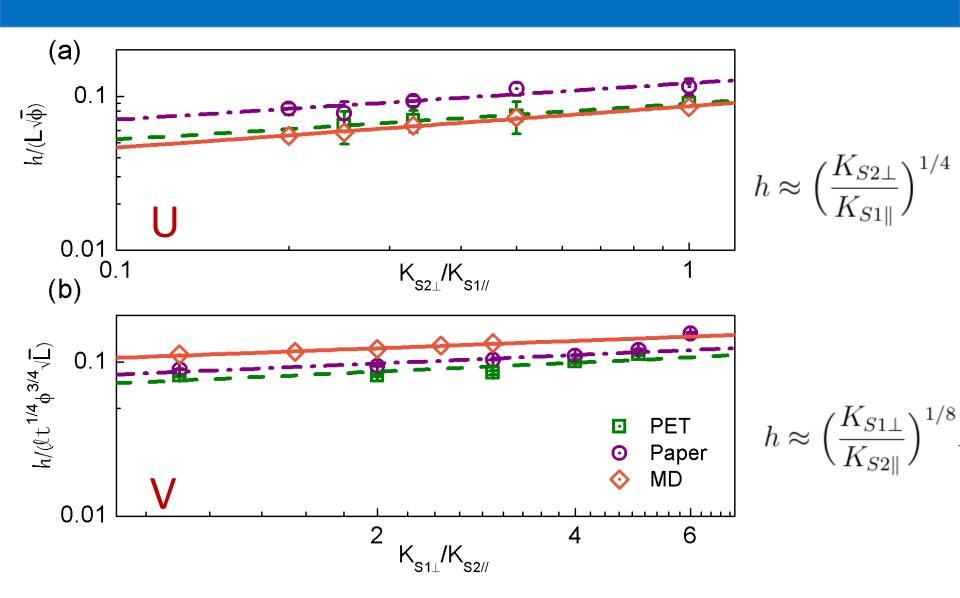
### V-shaped scroll



$$h \approx \left(\frac{K_{S1\perp}}{K_{S2\parallel}}\right)^{1/8} L^{1/2} (\nu \phi)^{3/4} t^{1/4} \ell$$

V-shape	L	1	Ø	
PET	0.53	0.96	0.47	
Paper	0.36	0.9	0.43	
M.D	0.8	1.04	0.51	

## **Check the K-dependence**



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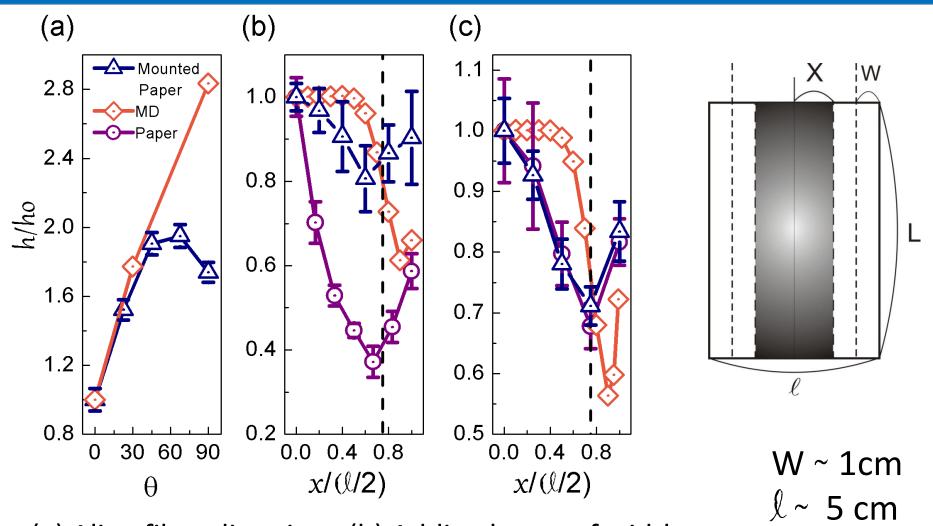
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## Remedies to mitigate Qi-Wa

- 1. Reorient main fiber direction to parallel the length
- 2. Increase border thickness
- 3. Perforate backing paper with a stiff brush
- 4. Change patching pattern
- 5. Increase roller radius



### **U-shaped scroll**



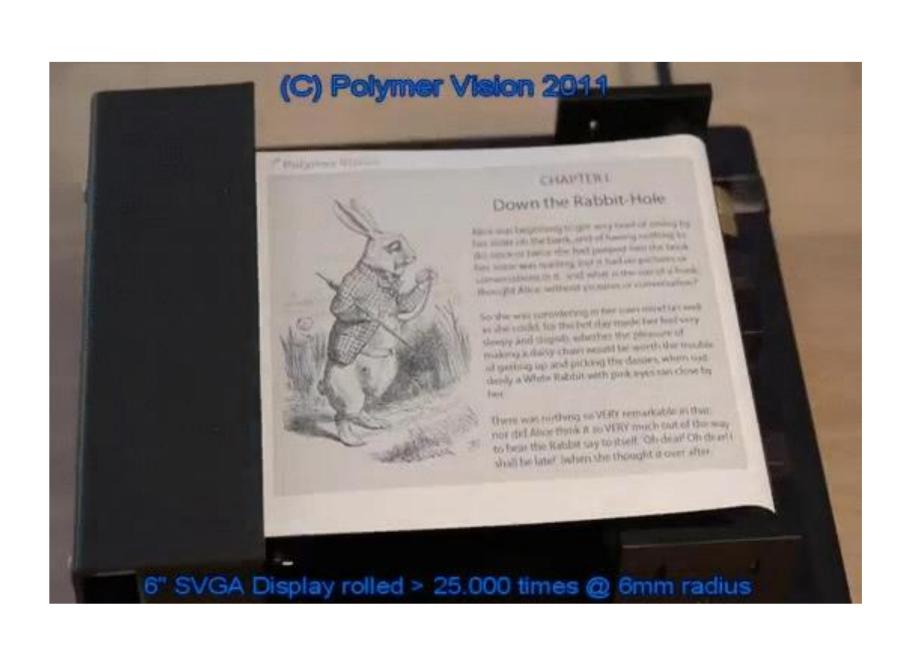
(a) Align fiber directions (b) Adding layers of width 1/2 - x to side borders (c) Poking

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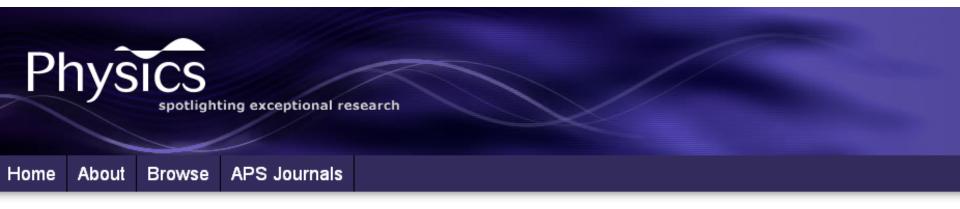
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### Conclusions

- 1. Moisture, paste, and mounting techniques are important to prevent cockling, but spontaneous curvature is more essential to causing Qi-Wa.
- 2. Instead of relying on experience and luck, we propose a scientific method to treat Qi-Wa.
- 3. Our model for curling edges is general and can be applied to flexible electronic paper.



### Propaganda



#### Synopsis: Modern Recipe for Preserving Ancient Chinese Scrolls



Sun-Hsin Hung/National Palace Museum, Taipei

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As art conservators know, long-term storage of rolled up scrolls—such as ancient Chinese paintings and calligraphy—can cause the long edges of the paper to curl outwards, with potentially damaging effects. Ming-Han Chou and researchers at National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan, now have a theory for what causes this curling, known in Chinese as Qi Wa (起瓦). Their model, presented in *Physical Review Letters*, could help conservators find better ways to prepare and store the artworks, and it may be applicable to biological membranes or other flexible materials.



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Chinese painting [1–4] has a long history of tradition and styles in arranging human figures, animals, landscape, and plants into one or multiple themes as in symphonies. The collections of painting scrolls in the National Palace Museum in Taipei, Taiwan can be dated back to the Six Dynasties (222–589). The modes of landscape painting started in the Five Dynasties period (907-960) and have enjoyed many variations through the years. For instance, emphasis was shifted in the Song Dynasty (960-1279) from grand mountains and waterfalls to more intimate depictions as a result of the political and cultural shift to south China. Catering to the tastes of emperors, painters also adjusted their focus on observing nature infused with poetic sentiments to expressing inner feelings. This focus on poetic sentiment led to the combination of painting, poetry, and calligraphy in the same work by the Southern Song (1127-1279). Subsequent movements include the literati [5] painting in the Yuan Dynasty (1279–1368), and concentration on personal cultivations and the establishment of separate local schools in the Ming (1368-1644) and Oing (1644–1911) Dynasties.





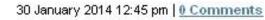
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#### Save ancient Chinese scrolls with anti-curl weapons

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Ancient Chinese scrolls may solve a dilemma for futuristic electronics: how to avoid curling. Hanging scrolls traditionally used in Chinese paintings are normally stored rolled up to protect their delicate artwork. But when unrolled, the long sides will curl, potentially causing damage.

Tzay-Ming Hong at the National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan and his colleagues decided to investigate curling scrolls after a trip to the National Palace Museum in Taipei, where they talked to art conservationists about ways to use physics to protect hanging scrolls. "Like the mounting masters before them, over the span of more than 2000 years, they did not think this problem was at all solvable," says Hong.

The team modelled the problem on computers and with real paper and plastic films. They found that rolling causes the back layer of a scroll to stretch along its length. This means the paper shrinks back when the scroll is laid out flat, causing it to expand along its width and curl.





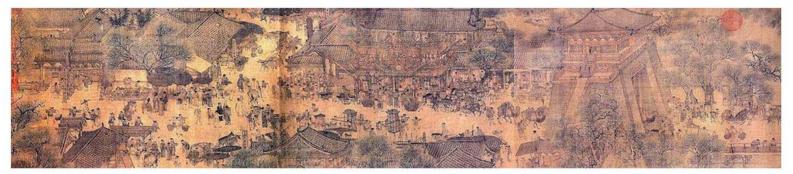
Rolled scrolls protect, but often at the cost of

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#### The **BULLETIN**

# WHAT ANCIENT CHINESE SCROLLS CAN TEACH US ABOUT FLEXIBLE ELECTRONICS





Posters, panoramic high school photos, ancient scrolls... they're all plagued by the same problem. Curling edges. I usually just roll it up from the opposite side, but that leaves its own unsightly creases.

Now, physicists from Taiwan have found a way to save paper from this unwelcomed warping. And they think their method could help with the development of flexible electronics.







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#### Scaling relation for a compact crumpled thin sheet

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A high-pressure chamber was designed to study crumpling beyond the power-law regime. Preceded by a smooth transition, the crumpled ball that characterizes the high-pressure state contains less than 50% air and exhibits separate ordered domains. All data for different sheet thicknesses, sizes, and numbers were found to collapse to a master line when using volume ratio and pressure as the plotting parameters, which suggests the existence of a scaling relation. Based on these findings, we deduced a bundled-layer model that could consistently explain six outstanding properties at both low and high pressures. This successful union of theory and experiment has strong bearings on other soft-matter systems where similar changes in mechanical response are also linked to reorganization of structure.

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the sample with an isotropic force. The thin film adopted is latex, which is commonly used to produce condoms and ideal for preventing leakage of fluids. To monitor the leakage