

***Interactive comment on “The competition between fracture nucleation, propagation and coalescence in the crystalline continental upper crust” by Jessica A. McBeck et al.***

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Dear Dr. Aben,

Thank you for these constructive reviews. We have significantly modified the abstract, introduction and discussion to more clearly specify the motivation and new contribution of this work. We respond to the comments point-by-point in bold font in the attached document. We added numbers to each point for clarity. We respond to the annotations of the manuscript by the anonymous reviewer in the attached document.

Thanks, Jessica McBeck

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Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<https://se.copernicus.org/preprints/se-2020-114/se-2020-114-AC1-supplement.pdf>

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Interactive comment on Solid Earth Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/se-2020-114>, 2020.

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