

Dear Editor, dear Liz,  
many thanks for your detailed instructions and the chance to submit a new revised version! I have worked through all your suggestions and also went through the entire results, discussion and conclusion sections. All suggested updates are made, including figure, as well as all requests for new text, more storytelling and more. There is just one thing we would want to leave as it was: ' L71-78: is this paragraph necessary for your story?' We think that the elastic properties are important, both because we have some viscoelastic modelling included and because ice's elastic/solid nature is the origin of fracture formation. Therefore, we left this paragraph unchanged.

Again, many thanks for all the efforts you have made for improving our manuscript! This is highly appreciated by all of us!

Best wishes,

Angelika and co-authors