



From continuous to crackling plasticity

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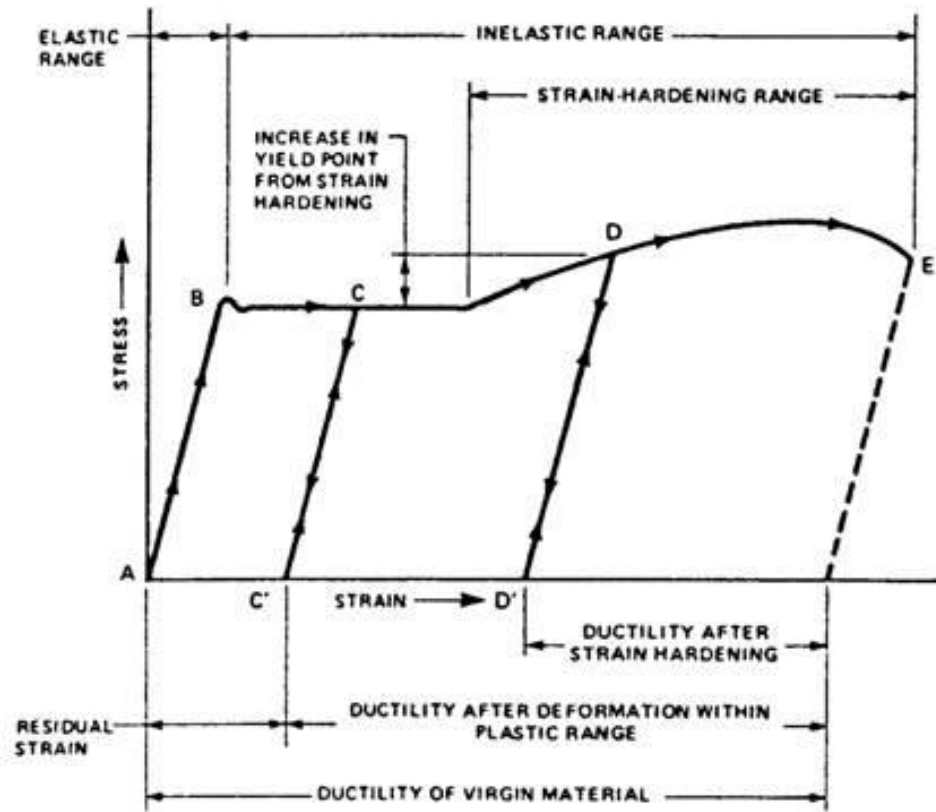
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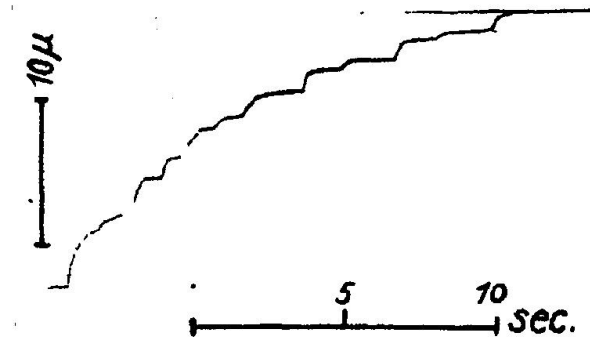


The classical view of plastic *flow* in textbooks:
Smooth and homogeneous

Fluctuations are assumed to be *mild*

Jerkyness of plastic « flow »

(Becker and Orowan, *Z. Phys.*, 1932)



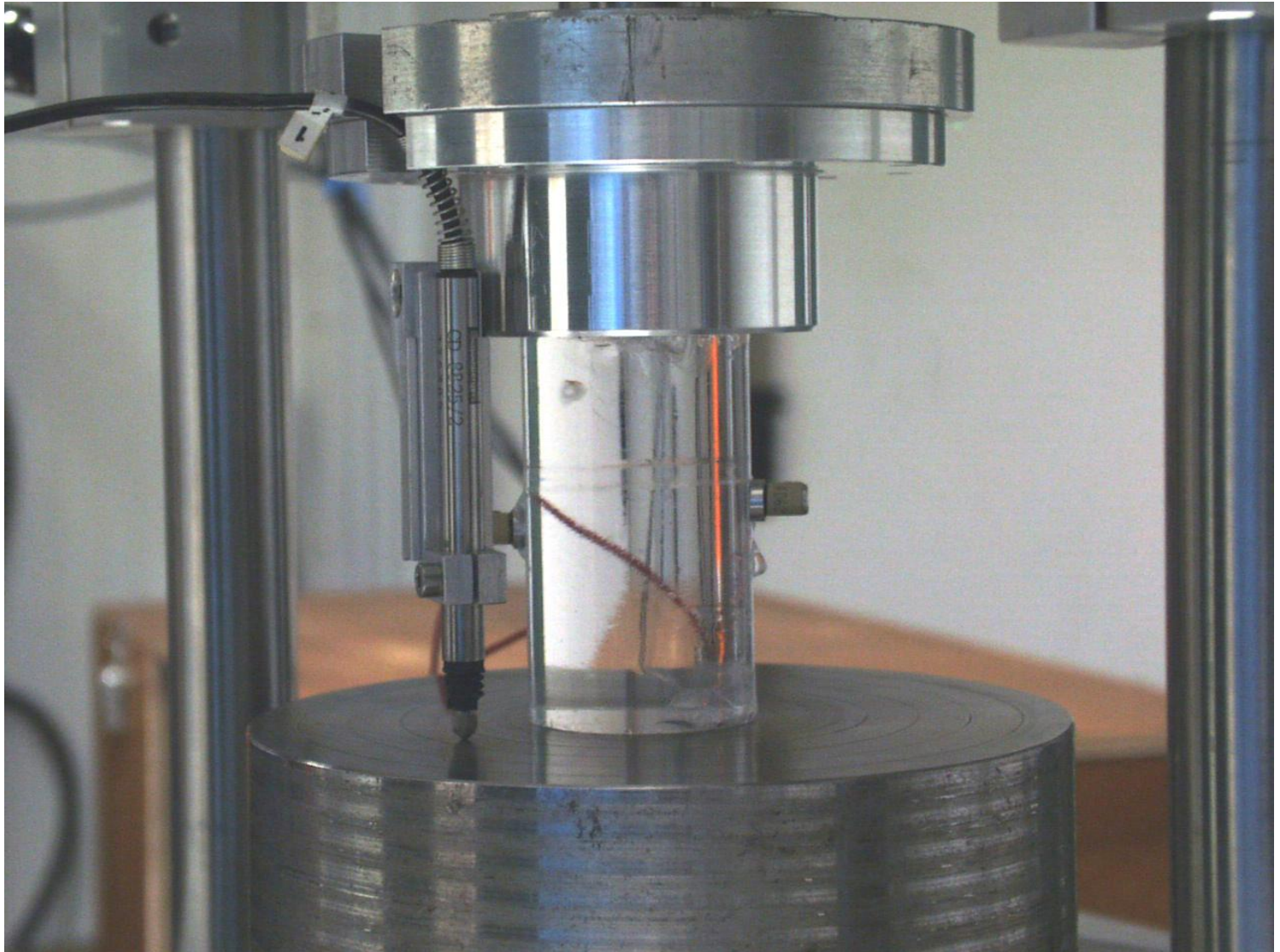
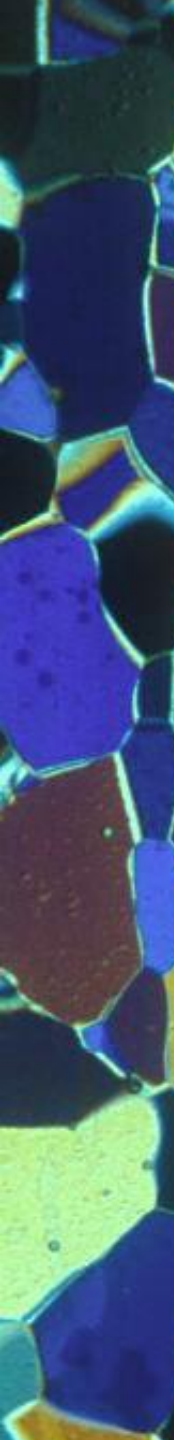
« The jerky extension of Zinc single crystals »

« A single glide process, started obviously from one point in the crystal, produces gliding by thousands or even millions of atomic distances; in other words, a first impulse gives rise to a whole *avalanche of dislocations* »

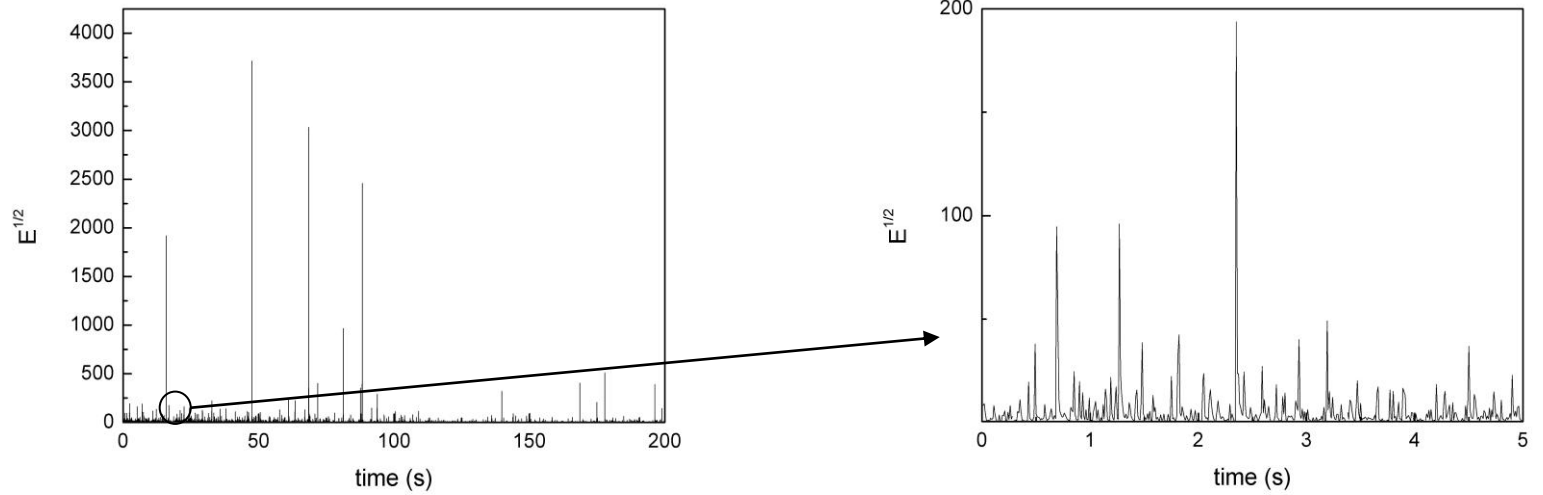
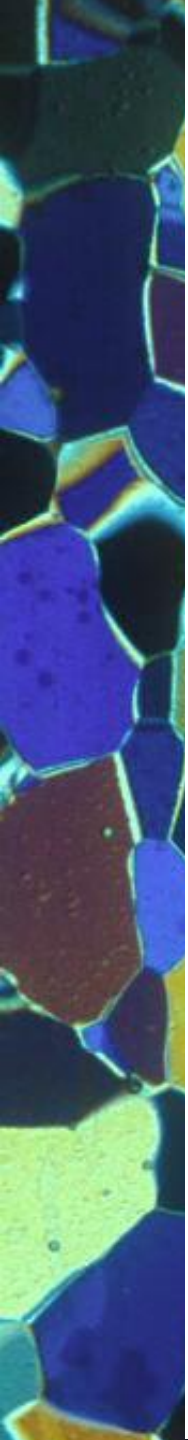
“Crackling” plasticity: single crystals of ice

(Weiss and Grasso, *J. Phys. Chem.*, 1997

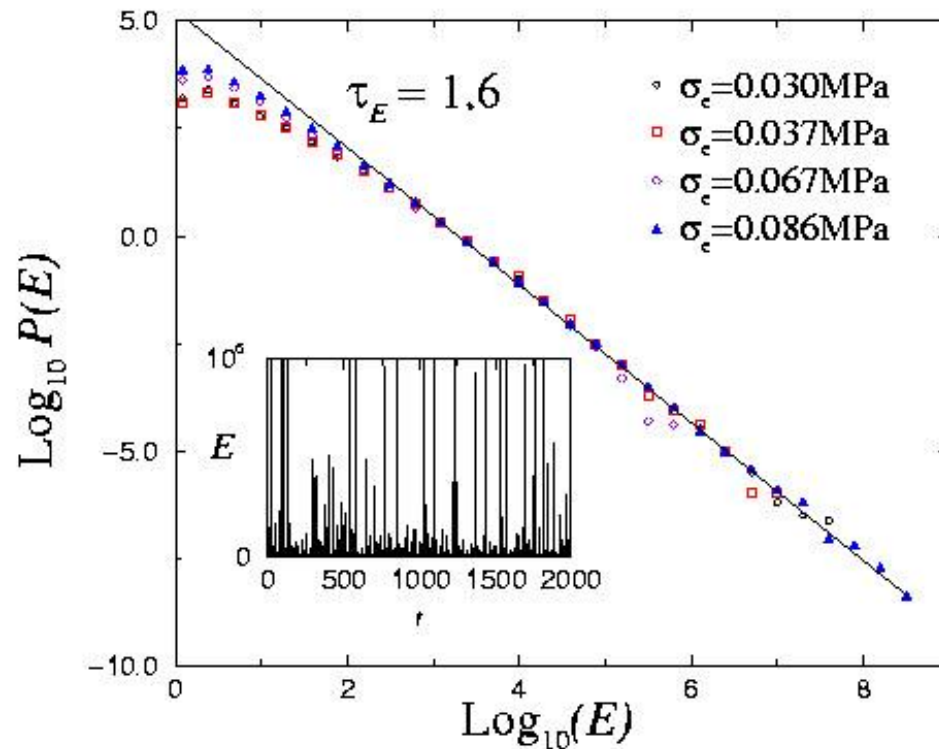
Miguel et al., *Nature*, 2001)



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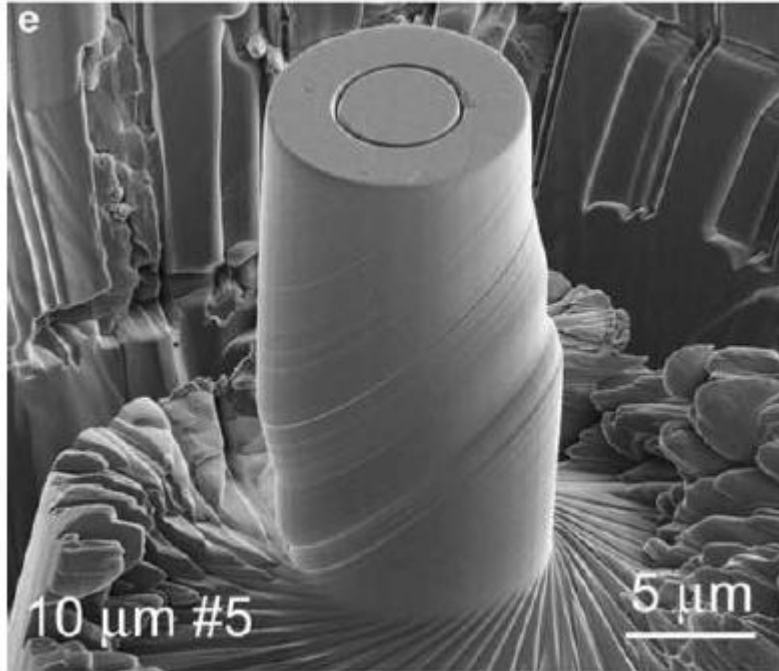


Power law distribution of avalanche amplitudes and energies, $p(E) \sim E^{-\tau_E}$

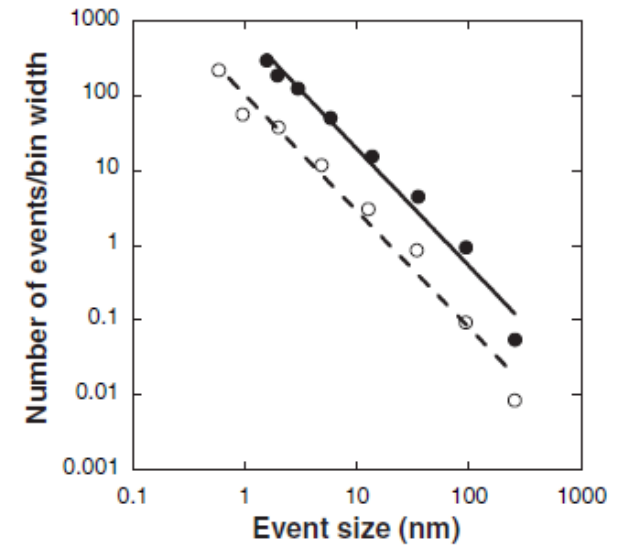
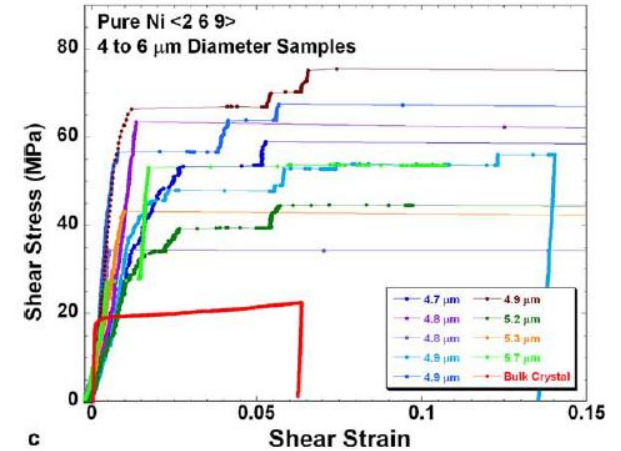
Fluctuations are *wild*

Micro- and nano-pillars

(Dimiduk et al., 2006) and many others



Nickel single crystals



Fluctuations are *wild*

Classical vs Crackling plasticity

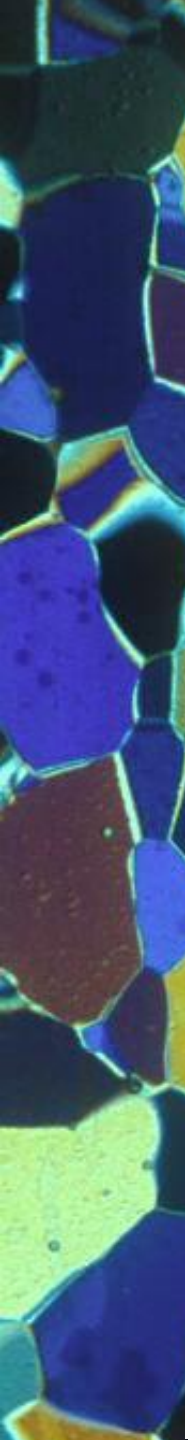
Classical view of plasticity

Scale-free, intermittent plasticity

Mild fluctuations

Wild fluctuations

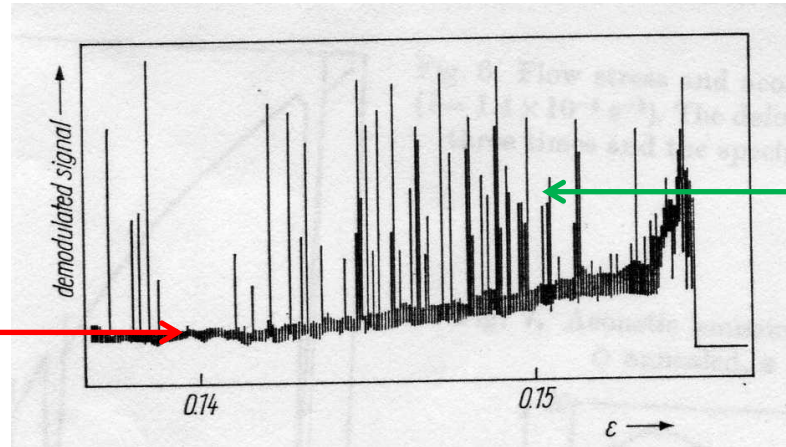
Are they compatible ?



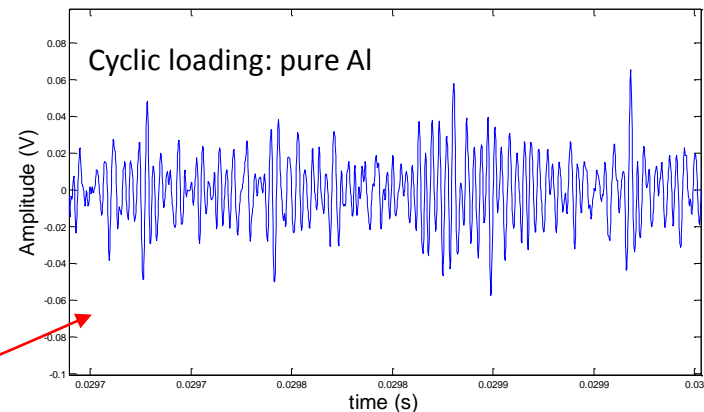
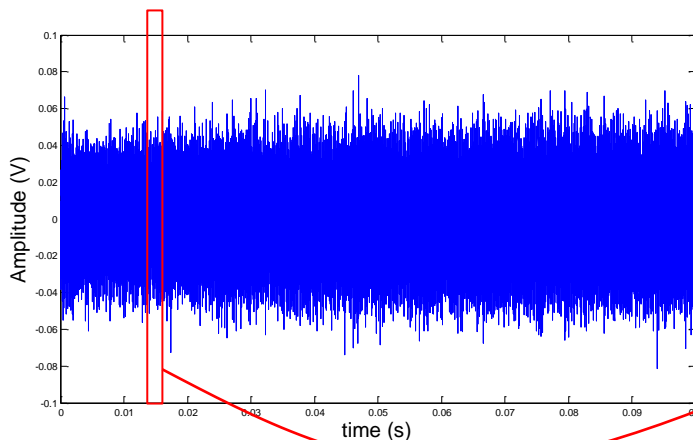
Acoustic emission from dislocation motion: « Continuous » vs « discrete » AE

Continuous AE
=
« classical noise »

Discrete AE
=
« Crackling noise »

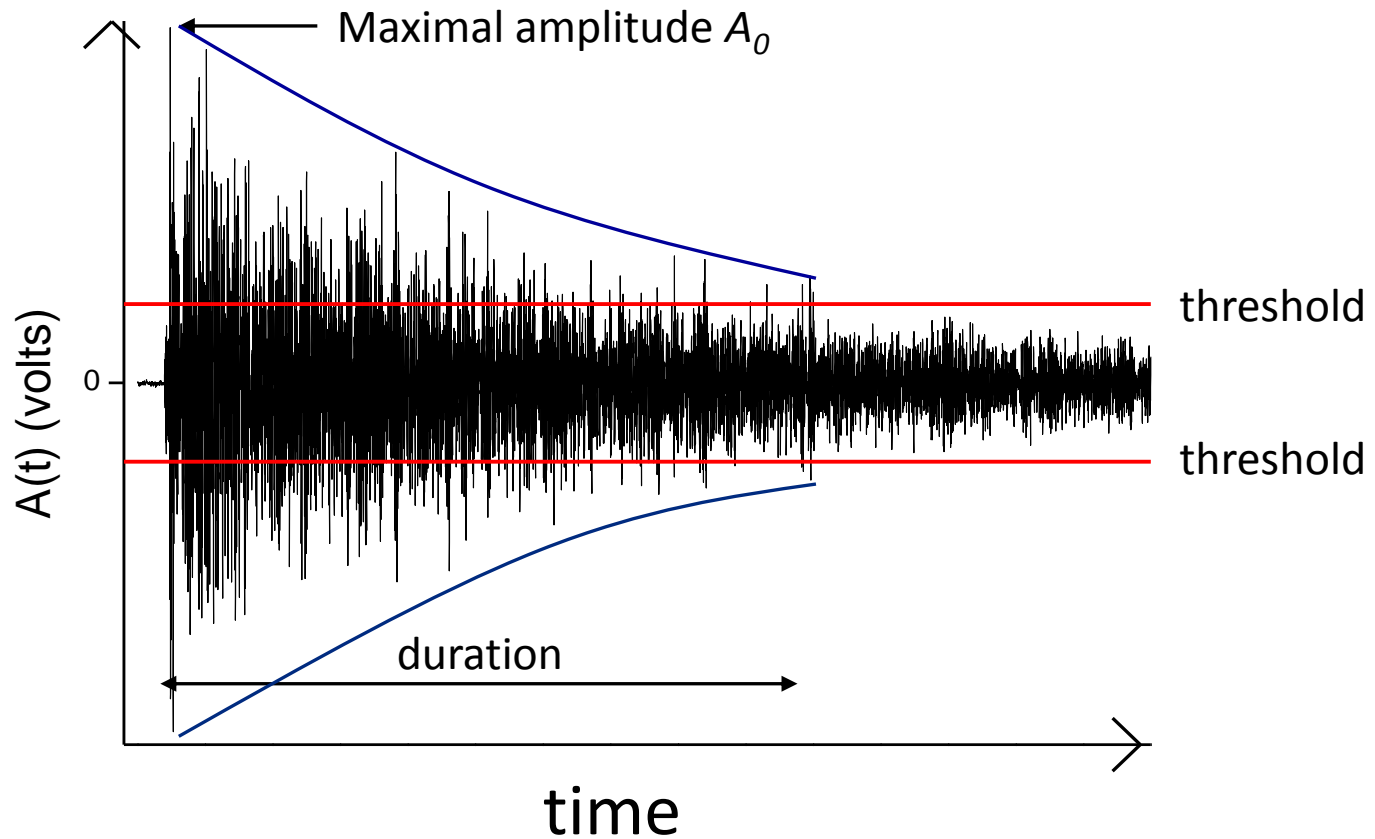


AE recorded during the plastic deformation of Al
(Imanaka et al., 1973)



« Datastreaming »: full signal sampled at 5 MHz

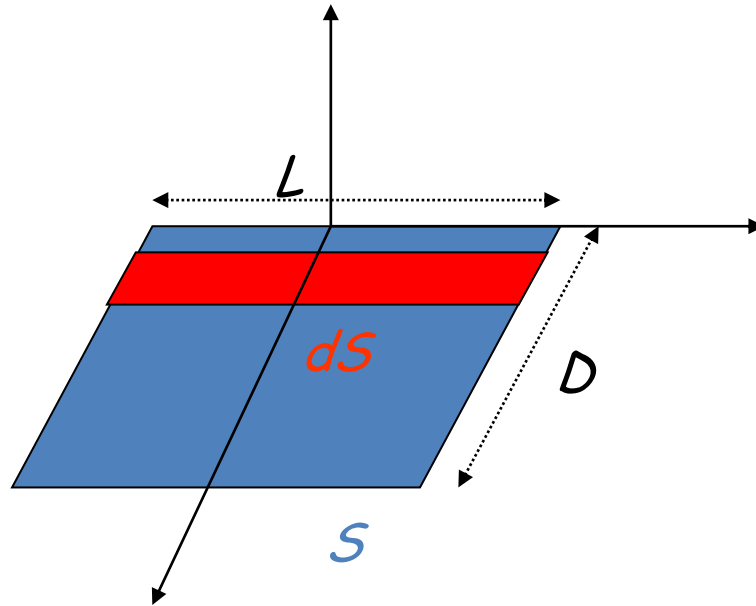
AE burst



- AE maximal amplitude A_0
- Duration δt
- AE energy
$$E = \int_{\delta t} A^2(t) dt$$

Discrete AE: Source model (Rouby et al., 1983)

Collective dislocation motion: Avalanches



- velocity sensors

$$A(t) \sim b n(t) L v(t) \sim b \frac{dS}{dt}$$

- b : Burger's vector
- n : number of dislocations
- v : dislocations velocity

Decay hypothesis: $v(t) = v(t_0) \exp[-\alpha(t - t_0)]$

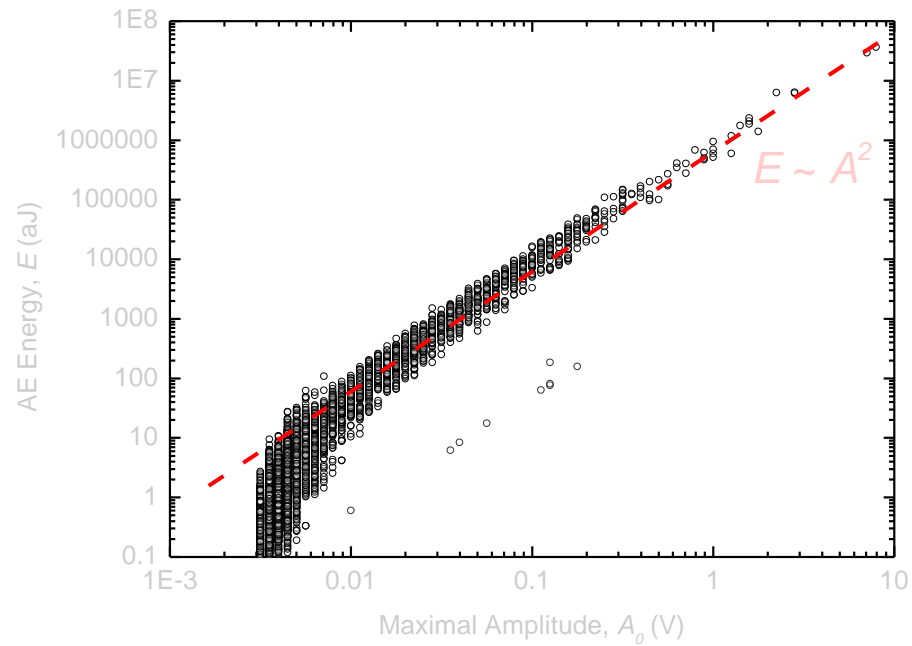
$$\Rightarrow A_0 \sim S \sim \varepsilon_p$$

$$\Rightarrow E \sim A_0^2 \sim \varepsilon_p^2$$

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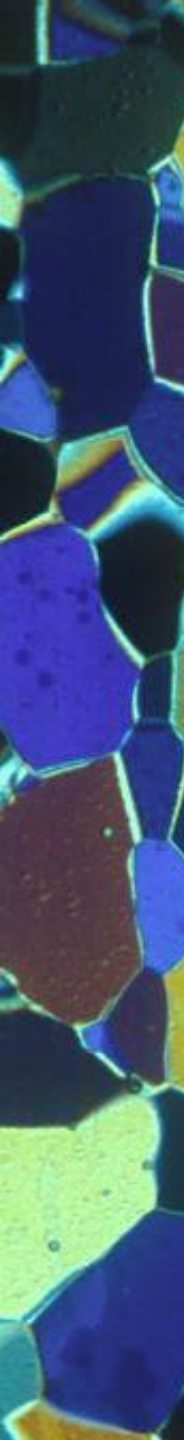
Continuous AE as the result of classical plasticity

(Rouby et al., 1983; Slimani et al., 1992)

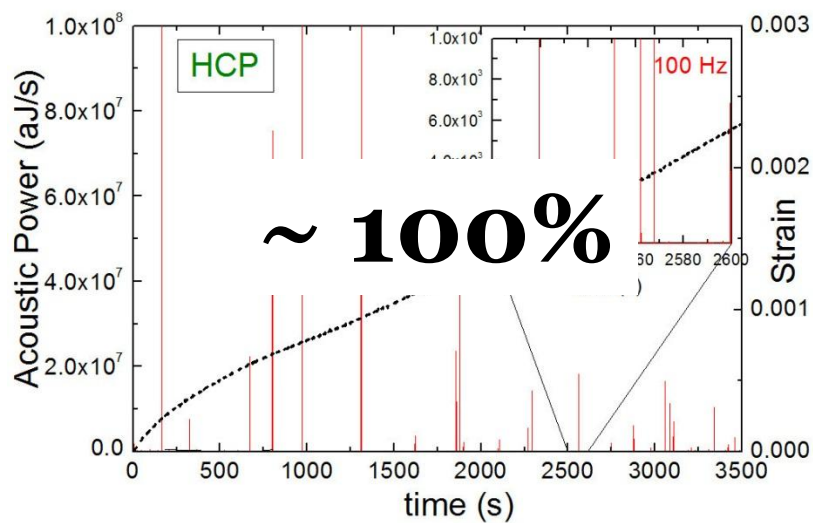
Acoustic power = sum of numerous, small, and uncorrelated motions
(**mild fluctuations**)

⇒ Energies (instead of amplitudes) add up

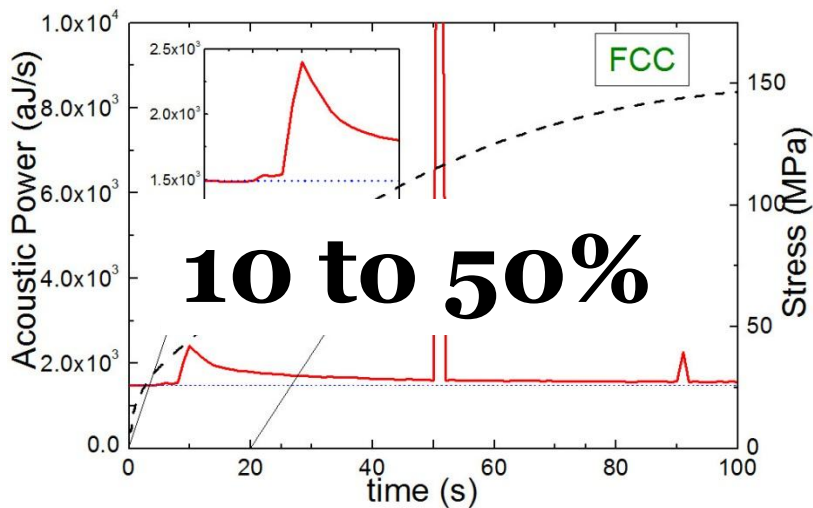
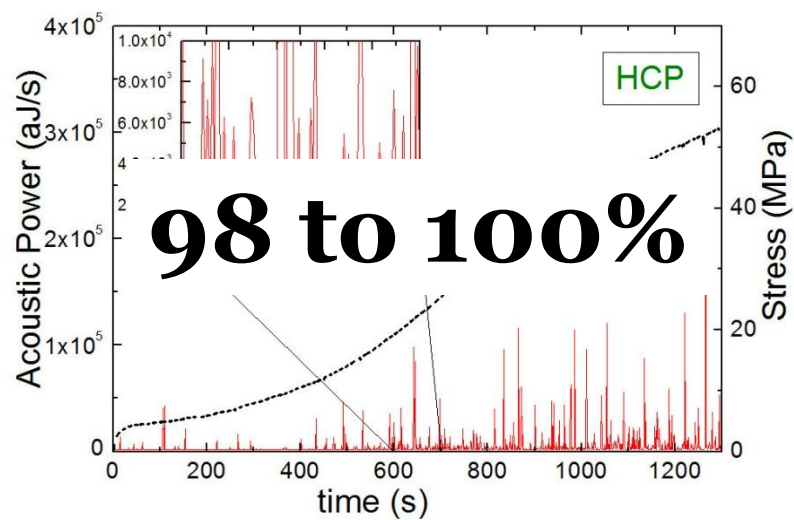
$$\frac{dE}{dt} \sim \dot{\epsilon}_p$$



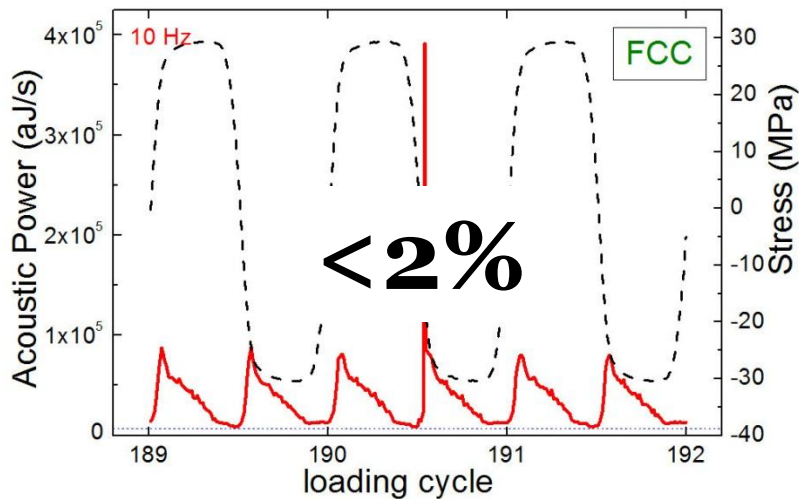
Ice



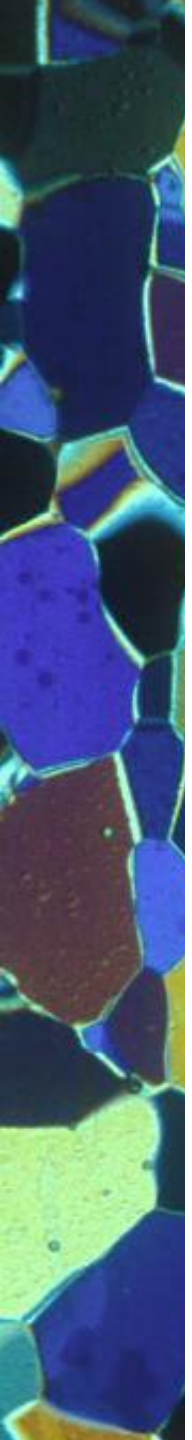
Cadmium



Copper



Aluminum



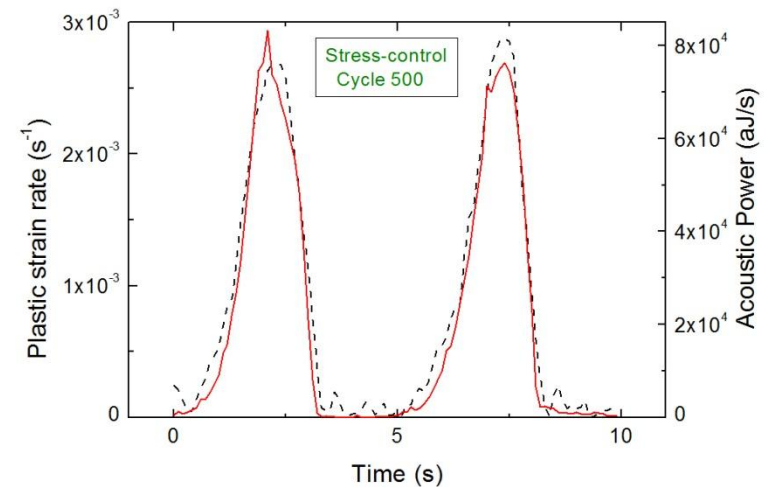
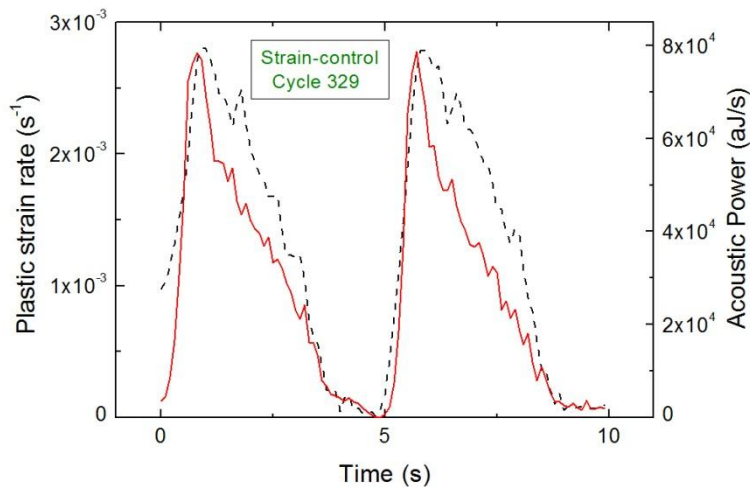
Is continuous AE the signature of **mild** fluctuations ?

Continuous AE as the result of classical plasticity

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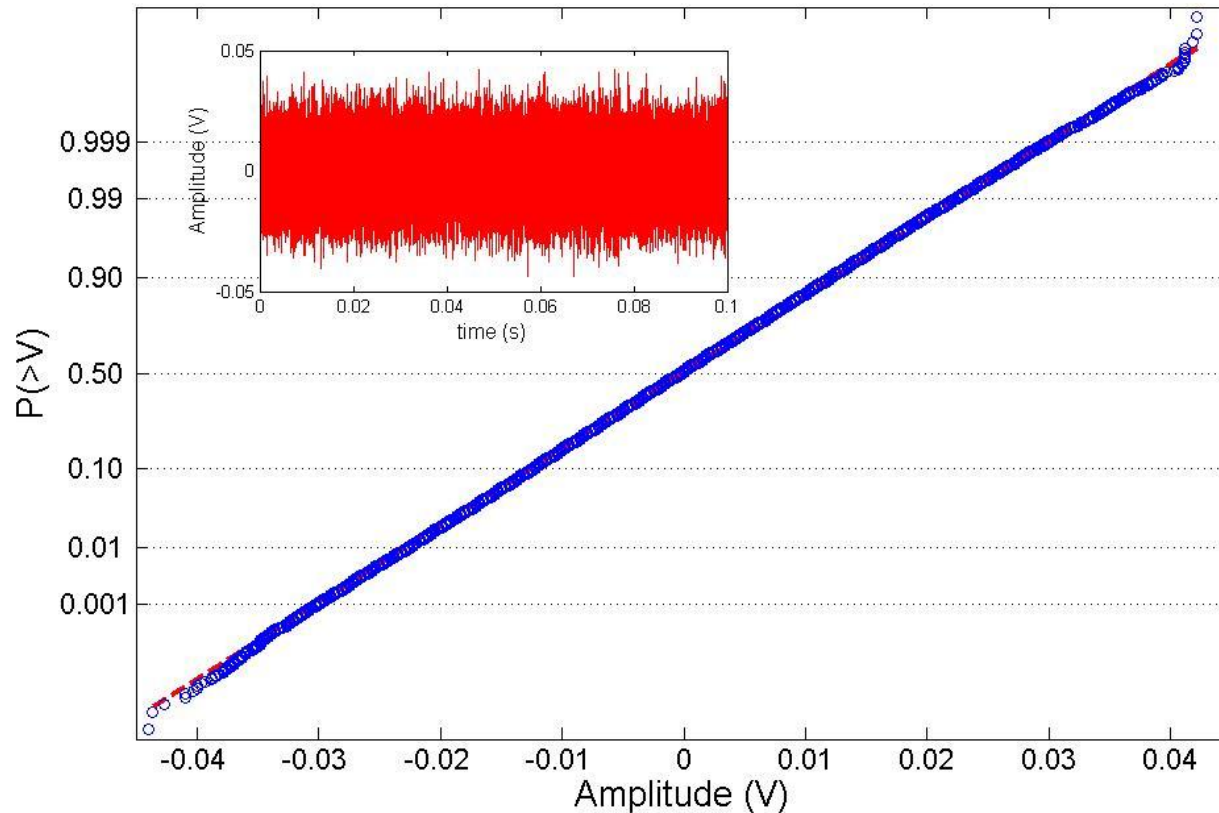
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Cyclic loading of Aluminum

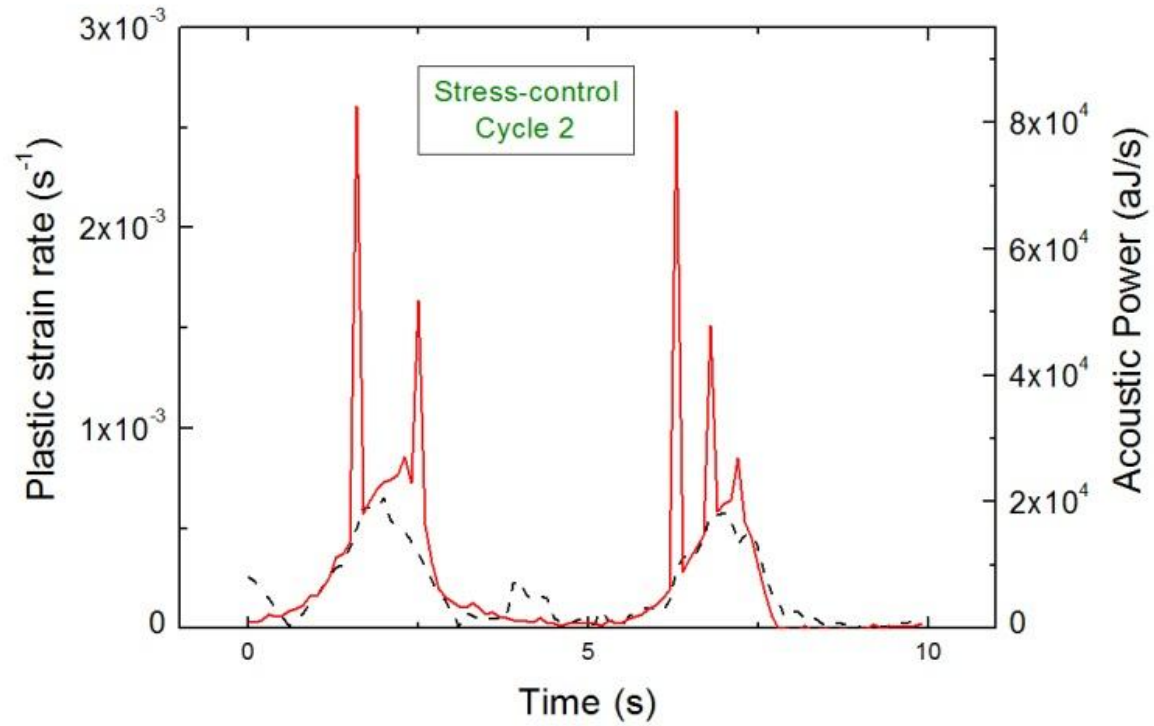
Acoustic “noise” analysis



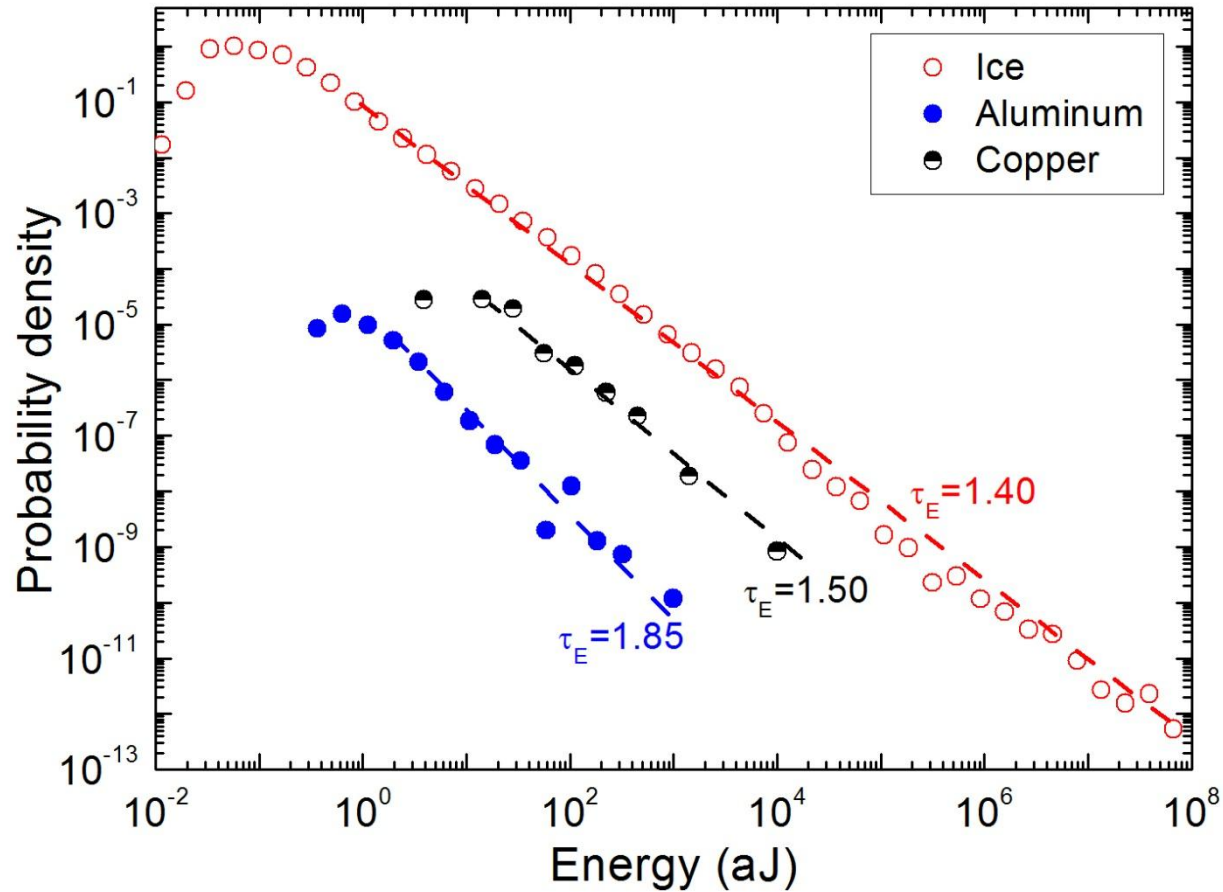
- Gaussian distribution of local maxima
(skewness $\zeta = 0.02$, excess kurtosis $\kappa = -0.27$)
- Multifractal analysis → No significant intermittency

⇒ **All the attributes of gaussian noise**

Coexistence of continuous emission and acoustic bursts



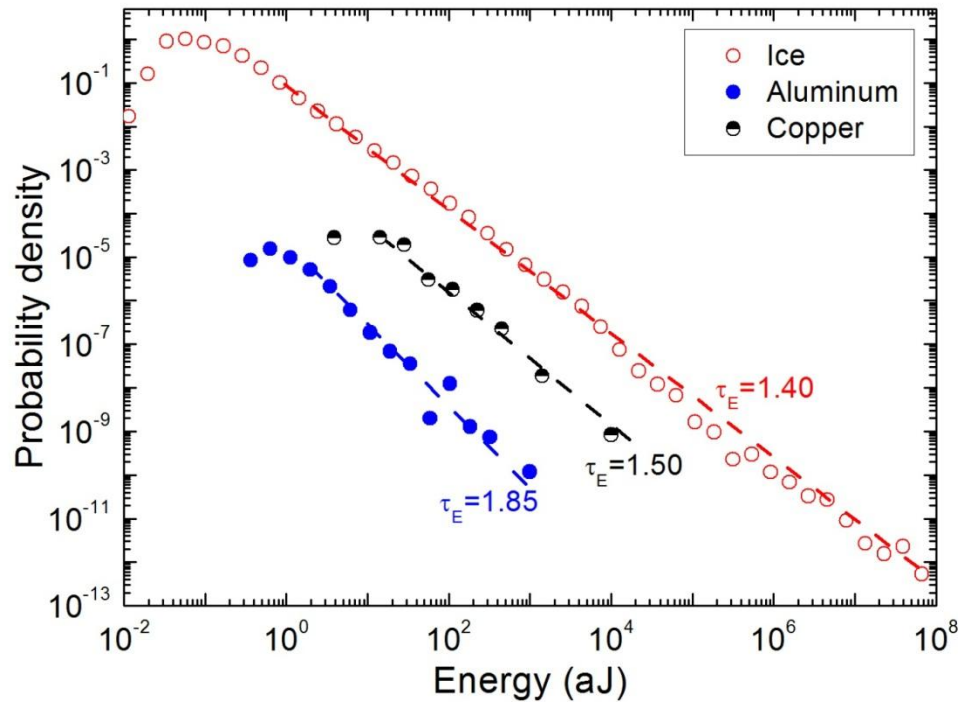
Power law statistics of avalanches



→ Wild and mild fluctuations can coexist

Non universal exponent

(determined from a maximum likelihood method; Clauset et al., 2009)



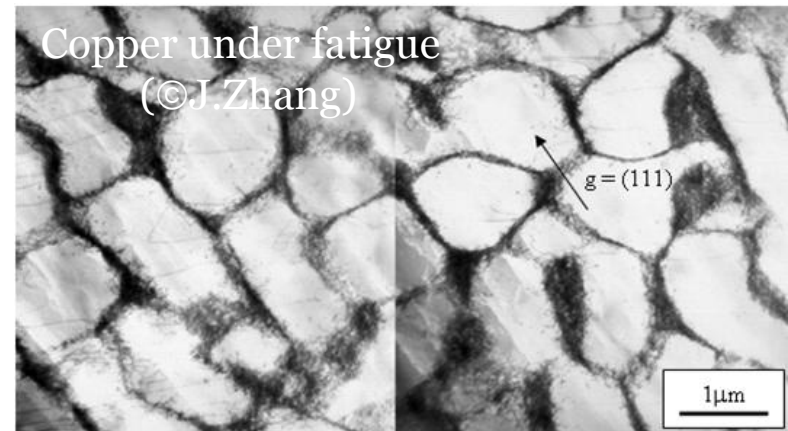
Ice \rightarrow Cadmium \rightarrow Copper \rightarrow Aluminum
 $\langle \tau_E \rangle = 1.4 \pm 0.03 \rightarrow 1.45 \pm 0.05 \rightarrow 1.55 \pm 0.08 \rightarrow 2.0 \pm 0.05$

Hexagonal vs Face Centered Cubic

- Anisotropic glide (single-slip)
- **Long-range elastic** interactions dominate
- Kinematic hardening

**Crackling plasticity
favoured**

- Isotropic glide (multi-slip)
- **Short-range** interactions
- Isotropic hardening
- **Pattern formation**



**« Gaussian » plasticity
favoured**

A simple model

Deterministic equation:

$$d\rho_m/d\gamma = a - c\rho_m$$

a : nucleation rate

c : multiplication / annihilation rate

γ : controlled strain

→ Evolution towards an equilibrium density $\rho_c = a/c$

Stochastic equation:

$$\frac{d\rho_m}{d\gamma} = a - c\rho_m + \sqrt{2D} \xi(\gamma)$$

ξ : internal “noise” $\langle \xi(\gamma) \rangle = 0$, $\langle \xi(\gamma_1), \xi(\gamma_2) \rangle = \delta(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)$

D : intensity parameter (“effective temperature”)

→ Gaussian fluctuations only

A simple model

Starting point:

$$d\rho_m/d\gamma = a - c\rho_m$$

Gaussian fluctuations only: $\frac{d\rho_m}{d\gamma} = a - c\rho_m + \sqrt{2D} \xi(\gamma)$

Multiplicative noise: dislocations react *collectively* to perturbations

$$\frac{d\rho_m}{d\gamma} = a - c\rho_m + \sqrt{2D}\rho_m\xi(\gamma)$$

➔ $p(\rho_m) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{a}{D\rho_m}\right) \rho_m^{-(1+\frac{c}{D})}$

➔ Power law tail + gaussian-like distribution at small scales

➔ The power law exponent depends on c/D

Interpretation of data

Exponent from the model

$$\alpha = 1 + c/D$$

Link with acoustic emission exponent

$$\alpha = \tau_A$$

Avalanche structure

$$A_0 \sim E^{1/2}$$

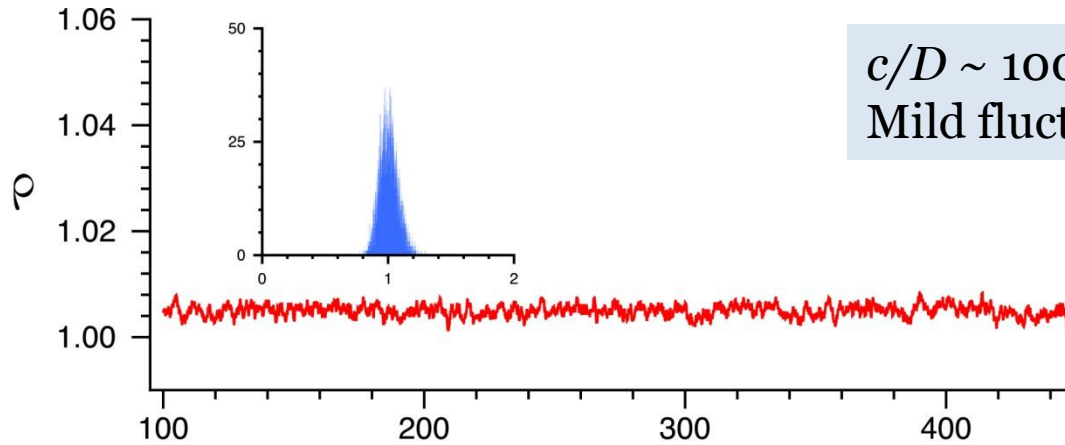


$$\tau_A = 2\tau_E - 1$$

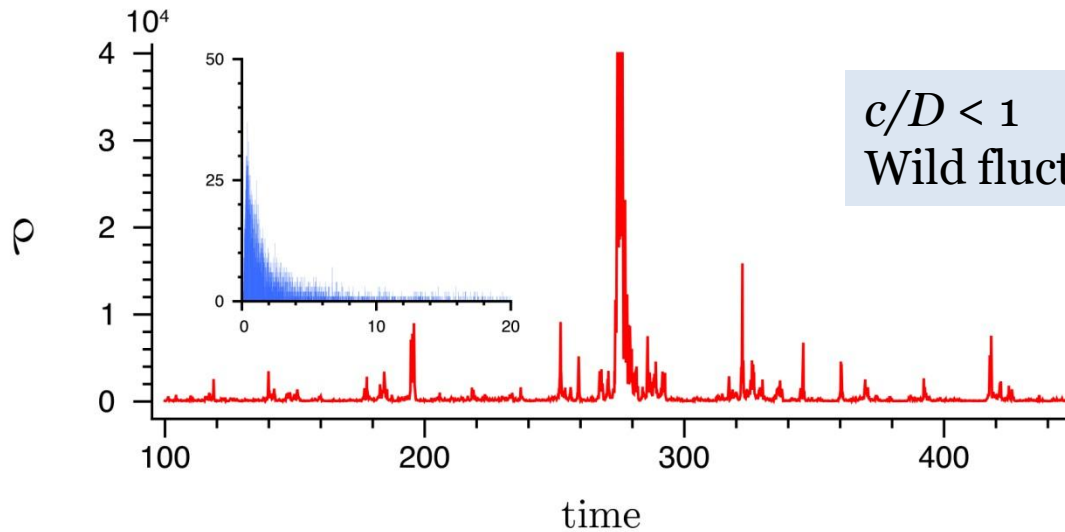


For Ice c/D is smaller than for Al

A simple model



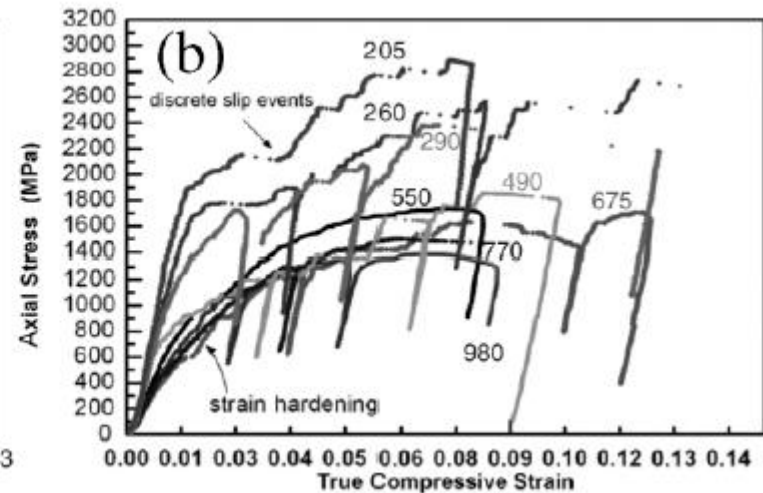
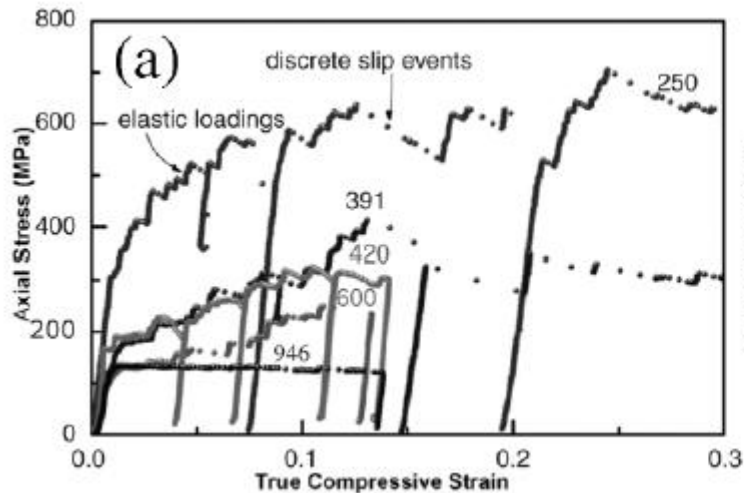
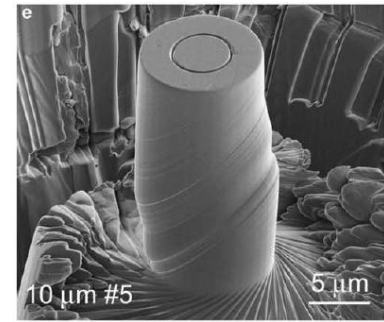
$c/D \sim 100$
Mild fluctuations dominate



$c/D < 1$
Wild fluctuations dominate

Micro- and nano-pillars

(From Brinckmann, PRL, 2008)



For non-bulk crystals $c/D \ll 1$
→ intermittent plasticity even for FCC

Smaller is wilder!