Abulafia et al. Reply: Klein et al. [1] agree with the main point of our Letter [2], namely the observation of a crossover from elastic collective creep to plastic creep in YBaCuO (YBCO). However, they criticize the use of Eq. (1) in describing the plastic creep and rather propose to adhere to Eq. (2) which originates from the theory of elastic collective creep. To justify this approach they introduce a new term of “plastic collective creep” which so far has no published theoretical basis. Thus, it is not clear whether this approach can explain the details of our experimental results at high fields, especially the decrease of the exponent $\mu$ and the activation energy $U$ with the induction $B$. In the absence of a known theory for the dependence of $U$ upon $j$ for plastic creep in the limit $j \to 0$, we adopted Eq. (1) to describe the situation far from that limit. The question of diverging barriers in the plastic creep regime in the limit $j \to 0$ is of significant interest, however its resolution has to await more detailed theoretical and experimental investigations.

Careful reading of our Letter clearly shows that we realize that Eq. (2) can mathematically be fitted to our data. In fact, the inset of Fig. 2 in our Letter shows the results of such fits, namely a strong decrease of $\mu$. In summary, Klein et al. agree with our data and conclusions, and their analysis based on Eq. (2) was already described in Ref. [2]. The only new point in the Comment is the introduction of a new term of plastic collective creep based on as yet unknown model. When this model is developed and published it would be possible to judge its validity and relevance to our work.

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