

## Features of the critical stage of fracture process of deformed heterogeneous materials

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### Abstract

Laboratory investigations of deformation of heterogeneous brittle materials (rocks) by acoustic emission (AE) and X-ray computer microtomography (CT) have been presented. Quasistatic tests of cylindrical samples of Westerly granite have been carried out under conditions of uniaxial compression. Totally, 11 loading-unloading stages and tomographic surveys have been carried out. The defect structure evolution have been considered in the framework of the concept of self-organized criticality. It has been found that the type of the energy distribution function of AE signals can be used as an indicator of the deformed material state and transition to a critical fracture stage. An exponential distribution function points to a noncritical state of a deformed material, and a power-law function indicates that the defect accumulation has passed to a critical stage. Similar results have been obtained in the analysis of acoustic emission monitoring data at the operating mining enterprise.

### Keywords

Acoustic emission, X-ray computer tomography, Energy distribution, Defect, Rock, Prediction

### References



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