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Method and apparatus for fracturing rock.

Title (de)

Verfahren und Vorrichtung zum Brechen des Gesteins.

Title (fr)

Procédé et dispositif pour fracturer la roche.

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Abstract (en)

A method of fracturing rock includes the steps of drilling a hole into the rock required to be fractured, modifying the shape of the hole, and rapidly pressurizing the modified hole to initiate and propagate cracking to a free surface of the rock. Apparatus for accomplishing the method includes two variations of apparatus for allowing very rapid injection of a pressurized liquid into a hole.

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