TRANSVERSE EFFECTS IN AIR GAP AT EXPLOSION OF AIR-DECKING BOREHOLE CHARGE SEGMENT

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Abstract: Air-decking is a common technique to enhance rock fracturing. However, explanation of the effect is usually reduced to such hypotheses as better distribution of the explosion energy due to reduction of detonation products pressure in air gaps and the formation of various axial pulsations in air cavities. The article presents an attempt to explain the reason of the initial network of cracks in the rock by transverse shock waves in air gaps.

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