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## Permeability evolution of thermo-mechanically coupled granite

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Permeability of Luhui granite with 200mm in diameter and 400mm long was measured at triaxial stresses and elevated temperature using 600°C/20MN servo-controlled triaxial rock mechanics testing machine. It is found that 300°C is the threshold temperature ( $T_c$ ) of permeability change with temperature in thermally cracked granite. The magnitude of permeability is  $10^{-7}$ D with a low increase below  $T_c$  and the permeability whose magnitude is  $10^{-6}$ D increases drastically with high amplitude at 300°C-400°C while the magnitude is  $10^{-5}$ D at 400°C. Simultaneously, the change of micro-crack quantity in thermally cracked Luhui granite at temperature up to 400°C was quantitatively investigated by MPV micro-photometer. Two peaks of micro-crack quantity that the length is more than 5 $\mu$ m and 10 $\mu$ m respectively exist at temperature up to 400°C. The temperature scope where micro-crack quantity peak appears in length>5 $\mu$ m is less than that in length>10 $\mu$ m. The quantity of micro-crack whose length is more than 10 $\mu$ m increases sharply at the rate of one per ten centigrade at temperature above 300°C. The drastic increase of micro crack above 300°C is the main reason that permeability increases sharply at temperature above 300°C in thermally cracked granite. Compared with preheated results, thermal and mechanical coupled effect can more heavily affect granite permeability than only thermal effect.

### References

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