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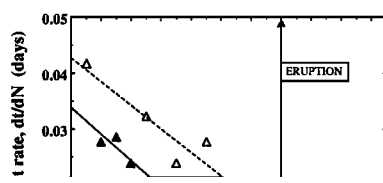
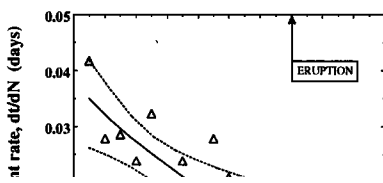
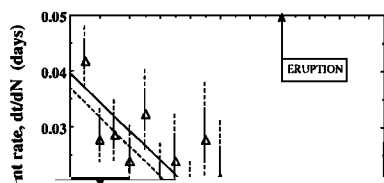
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increase exponentially with the length of the crack [Main *et al.*, 1993]. Extrapolating laboratory results to large-scale failure, the bulk rock strain  $\epsilon$  due to a population of fractures is expected to (1) the rate of fracture growth is accelerating, and (2) fracturing is occurring at shorter distances from the monitoring equipment, thereby increasing the proportion of small events. (e.g. in a

$$d\epsilon/dt = (d\epsilon/dt)_0 e^{\lambda(t-t_0)} e^{\alpha(\epsilon-\epsilon_0)} \quad (2)$$

where  $(d\epsilon/dt)_0$  is the bulk strain rate at time,  $t_0$ ,  $\lambda$  is an empirical

is the increase in seismicity due to accelerated fracture growth, and so the effect of a changing source position must be filtered out.



dome [Jackson *et al.*, this issue] suggests an eruption about measurement (SSAM) analyses with the Materials Failure

Considered together, eruption windows from different Mount Pinatubo, in *Fire and Mud: Eruptions and Lahars of*