



## 19 **ABSTRACT**

20 In active volcanic chains, the crustal redistribution and storage of hydrothermal and/or  
21 magmatic fluids can result in the development of ore deposits, geothermal reservoirs and  
22 surficial hydrothermal and volcanic expressions. Magma is transported through the  
23 lithosphere as dykes which, during periods of unrest, may feed eruptions at the surface.  
24 The propagation path of dykes is influenced by the crustal stress field and can be  
25 disturbed and whether a dyke reaches the surface to feed an eruption is influenced by  
26 the crustal stress field. The propagation path of dykes can be disturbed by crustal  
27 heterogeneities such as contrasting rock units or faults. Moreover, as dykes propagate,  
28 they themselves influence the surrounding stress field through processes of stress  
29 transfer, crustal deformation and seismic failure. The result is the formation of arrested  
30 dykes, as well as contrasting strike and dip angles and dyke segmentation. Here, we  
31 study the mechanisms of dyke injection and the role played in modifying the stress field  
32 and potential propagation paths of later dyke injections. To do this we combine field data  
33 from an eroded and well-exposed shallow feeder dyke swarm with a suite of two-  
34 dimensional FEM numerical models. We mapped 35 dyke segments over a ~1 km long  
35 dyke swarm exposed ~5 km to the East of Pellado Volcano, in the Tatara-San Pedro-  
36 Pellado (TSPP) volcanic complex, Southern Volcanic Zone of the Andes. Detailed  
37 mapping of the swarm elucidates two preferential strike orientations, one ~N80°E and the  
38 other ~N60°E. Our numerical models simulate both the TSPP volcanic complex and the  
39 studied dyke swarm as zones of either magmatic excess pressure or as a rigid inclusion.  
40 The crustal segment hosting the volcanic complex and dykes is modelled using an elastic  
41 domain subjected to regional compression in select model cases. Model outputs provide  
42 the stress and strain fields resulting from the different geometries and applied boundary  
43 loads. The model results indicate that individual dyke injections can locally rotate the  
44 principal stresses such as to influence the range of orientations over which later dykes  
45 will form. The orientation of the maximum principal stress ( $\sigma_1$ ) at the dyke tip ranges over  
46 60° ( $\pm 30^\circ$  either side of the dyke tip) indicating that the strike orientation of later dykes will  
47 fall within this range. The effect of adding a bulk regional compression is to locally  
48 increase the magnitude of favorably oriented tensile stresses in the bedrock but to reduce  
49 the range of  $\sigma_1$  orientations to 40° ( $\pm 20^\circ$ ). This implies that under a far-field transpressive

50 stress regime, as is common in Andean settings, regional dyke swarms will tend to  
51 maintain their strike orientation parallel to the regional bulk stress. These results should  
52 be accounted for when studying periods of volcanic unrest in order to discern the location  
53 and orientation of potential fissure eruptions in active volcanic areas such as the Southern  
54 Volcanic Zone of the Andes.

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56 Keywords: Dyke propagation paths; Southern Volcanic Zone; Numerical modelling;  
57 Fissure eruptions; Arc volcanism; Transpressional convergence.

## 58 1. INTRODUCTION

59 In active volcanic chains, the crustal redistribution and storage of hydrothermal and/or  
60 magmatic fluids can result in the development of ore deposits, geothermal reservoirs and  
61 surficial hydrothermal and volcanic expressions. Particularly, dykes are thought to be the  
62 most efficient mechanism of magma transport through the upper brittle crust. Dykes that  
63 reach the surface feed both elongated fissure eruptions and discrete volcanic vents  
64 (Acocella and Neri, 2009). The development of dyke swarms is commonly related to the  
65 orientation of principal stresses such that dykes propagate along the plane containing the  
66 maximum and intermediate principal stress axis (e.g. Anderson, 1951; Nakamura, 1977).  
67 The result is aligned volcanic features such as elongated regional dyke swarms and  
68 preferential alignment of volcanic centres and fissures at the surface (Rooney et al., 2011;  
69 Sielfeld et al., 2017). However, crustal discontinuities and heterogeneities, such as brittle  
70 faults, bedding structures, and elastic (soft or rigid) inclusions, also influence dyke  
71 transport and emplacement in the crust (e.g. Nakamura, 1977; Shaw, 1980; Delaney et  
72 al., 1986; Gudmundsson and Andrew, 2007; Andrew and Gudmundsson, 2008). For  
73 example, a propagating dyke may take advantage of optimally oriented pre-existing joints  
74 or fractures to continue its path, in which case the end-member dyke orientation may not  
75 necessarily record the accurate state of crustal stress at the time of injection (Shaw, 1980;  
76 Delaney et al., 1986; Emerman and Marrett, 1990; Tibaldi et al., 2008; Cembrano and  
77 Lara, 2009; Spacapan et al., 2016).

78 Moreover, propagating dykes are dynamic features which likely influence and iteratively  
79 modify the local crustal stress field around them. This has been shown through  
80 interpretations of induced stress transfer and deformation, triggering of seismic failure  
81 and structural geology field work and stress inversion (e.g. Hill, 1977; Chouet et al., 1996;  
82 Roman and Cashman, 2006; Tibaldi & Bonali, 2017). For example, during the 2014-2015  
83 Bárðarbunga-Holuhraun rifting event in Iceland, a substantial amount of seismicity  
84 (>30,000 volcano-tectonic events (VTs)) was detected (Sigmundsson et al., 2015;  
85 Gudmundsson et al., 2014; Woods et al., 2018; Ágústsdóttir et al., 2019). The seismicity  
86 was associated with the growth of a segmented dyke over a length of around 48 km and  
87 eventually produced an effusive fissure eruption at the Holuhraun lava field (Ágústsdóttir  
88 et al., 2016). In this case, seismicity was primarily related to stress transfer and the rupture

89 of critically stressed faults around the propagating dyke (Gudmundsson et al., 2014;  
90 Woods et al., 2018; Ágústsdóttir et al., 2019). It is hence essential to understand how the  
91 emplacement and propagation of dykes alters the crustal stress field and to understand  
92 how these processes influence the emplacement of later magmatic intrusions.

93 Dykes form perpendicular to the least compressive stress and hence extensional  
94 tectonics have commonly been considered as a requirement for the formation of vertical  
95 dykes and associated volcanism (e.g. Acocella and Funicello, 2010). Thus, regional  
96 stresses at convergent margins are apparently not favourable for the formation of vertical  
97 dykes, and instead should promote dyke arrest and sill formation (e.g. Dahm., 2000a;  
98 Kavanagh et al., 2006; Menand et al., 2010). However, rotation of the principal stresses  
99 may permit local transtension in an intra-arc region which can be accommodated by  
100 deformation partitioning (e.g. Pérez-Flores et al., 2016; Sielfeld et al., 2019b), crustal  
101 heterogeneities (e.g. Drymoni et al., 2020), load of a volcanic edifice (e.g. Dahm., 2000a;  
102 Gudmundsson, 2002; Maccaferri et al., 2011), and the loading effect of crustal reservoirs  
103 (e.g. Gudmundsson, 2006). Moreover, others have shown that in purely compressional  
104 settings magma can also migrate and reach the surface through systems of thrust and  
105 normal faults, and folds (e.g. Kalakay et al., 2001; Galland et al., 2003; Galland et al.,  
106 2007; Tibaldi, 2008; Galland et al., 2016). Therefore, understanding the mechanics of  
107 dyke emplacement in transpressive settings remains a fundamental problem through  
108 which insights on the interplay between magma transport, crustal deformation and  
109 tectonic setting can be gained.

110 In this study, we investigate a feeder dyke swarm in the Tatara-San Pedro-Pellado  
111 volcanic (TSPP) complex (36°S) in the Southern Volcanic Zone of the Andes, where a  
112 strong spatial relation exists between NE-striking oblique and dip-slip faults and NE-ENE  
113 striking Pleistocene-Holocene dykes (Figure 1). The aim of this work is to understand the  
114 stress field that operated during the emplacement of a series of different dyke segments.  
115 We propose that such study is necessary in order to understand the dynamic evolution of  
116 dyke swarms during emplacement in transpressive crustal regimes. The results are likely  
117 to be important for forecasting the location and timing of future fissure eruptions.

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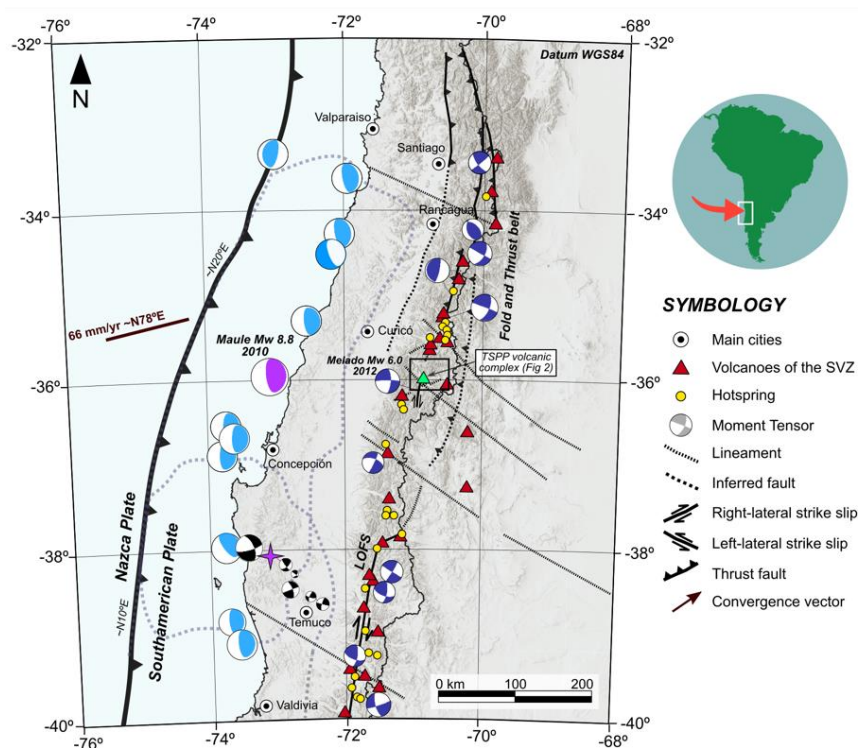
## 119 2. VOLCANO TECTONICS OF THE SOUTHERN ANDES

120 The Chilean Andean margin is currently characterized by dextral oblique convergence,  
121 (ca. N78°E at a rate of ca. 6.6 cm/year) between the Nazca and South American plates,  
122 that has been consistently maintained during the last 20 Ma (Pardo-Casas & Molnar,  
123 1987) (Figure 1). Subduction related processes in the Chilean Andean margin have been  
124 ongoing since at least the Early Jurassic (~200 Ma) (Stern, 2004) when the volcanic arc  
125 was in the position of the present-day Coastal Cordillera. Combinations of several plate-  
126 margin-scale processes, throughout this time, resulted in an overall eastward migration  
127 of the volcanic arc to its present location (e.g. Stern, 2004).

128 The Southern Volcanic Zone (SVZ) makes up the volcanic arc of the Andes between 33°S  
129 and 46°S and is divided into four segments (Stern, 2004). These segments form in close  
130 spatial relation to latitudinal differences in basement characteristics such as crustal  
131 thickness (Tassara & Yáñez, 2003; Stern, 2004), and petrographical, geochemical and  
132 isotopic variations of erupted products (Hildreth and Moorbath, 1988; López-Escobar et  
133 al., 1995; Dungan et al., 2001; Cembrano and Lara, 2009). The southernmost segments  
134 (37°S – 46°S) are constructed over Cenozoic plutonic and metamorphic rocks (e.g.  
135 Charrier et al., 2002). Intra arc tectonics in the southernmost segments is dominantly  
136 governed by the margin parallel Liquiñe Ofqui Fault System (Figure 1). The northernmost  
137 segments' (33°S – 37°S) of the SVZ are characterized by a thick Meso – Cenozoic  
138 volcano sedimentary cover (e.g. Tapia et al., 2015; Cembrano and Lara, 2009 and  
139 references therein) and overlie margin-parallel Cenozoic folds and thrust faults that  
140 represent the westernmost expression of the Aconcagua and Malargüe fold and trust  
141 belts (e.g. Giambiagi and Ramos, 2002).

142 Active tectonic features in the transitional segment of the SVZ (34.5°-37°S) are either  
143 poorly developed margin-parallel strike-slip faults or well-defined Andean Transverse  
144 Faults (e.g. Piquer et al., 2018; Sielfeld et al., 2019b). Current NE-trending shortening at  
145 ~36°S is suggested by the focal mechanism of the Mw 6.2 crustal earthquake on the  
146 ~N10°E Melado fault (Cardona et al., 2018) (Figure 2). The geometry and nature of this  
147 crustal fault is constrained by > 600 aftershocks and by a dextral strike-slip moment tensor  
148 (from NEIC and GCMT catalogues). Cardona et al. (2018) also registered crustal events

149 along the WNW- and NE-striking Laguna Fea and Troncoso faults respectively, in the SW  
 150 corner of the Laguna del Maule (Figure 2). Active seismicity to the north of the study area  
 151 (~35.5°S) also shows margin parallel and transverse-to-the-arc distribution (Pearce et al.,  
 152 2020).



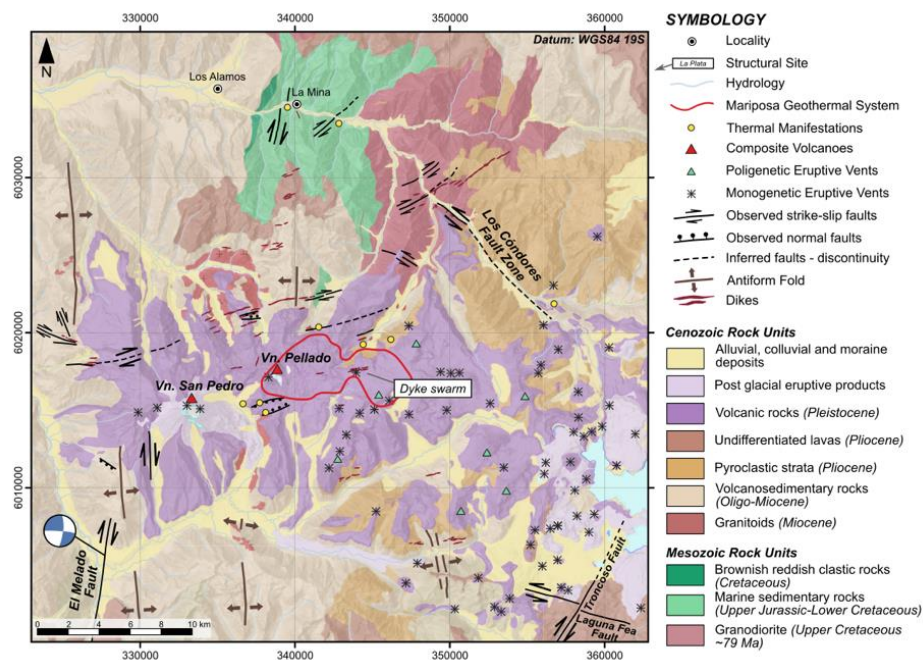
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154 **Figure 1: Seismotectonic map of the Southern Andes between 33°S and 39°S.**  
 155 **Convergence rate and direction are shown by the solid brown vector (Angermann et al.,**  
 156 **1999). Rupture zones of the 1960 Valdivia Mw 9.5 and 2010 Maule Mw 8.8 megathrust**  
 157 **earthquakes are outlined in lilac dashed lines. Moment tensors of the GCMT catalogue**  
 158 **include subduction-type earthquakes (cyan-white beach-balls) and crustal events Mw > 5**  
 159 **and depth <20 km (blue-white beach-balls). Red triangles indicate the location of active**  
 160 **volcanoes (taken from the Smithsonian Institute Holocene Volcanic database) and yellow**  
 161 **circles indicate the location of geothermal springs (taken from Aravena et al., 2016).**  
 162 **Crustal faults systems (LOFS, ATF) and morphotectonic lineaments from Cembrano and**  
 163 **Lara (2009) and PérezFlores et al. (2016).**

164 At this latitude (36°S), the Principal Cordillera consists mainly of Mesozoic and Cenozoic  
 165 volcanoclastic and sedimentary units, as well as Late Mesozoic – Early Cenozoic  
 166 granitoids (González and Vergara, 1962; Muñoz and Niemeyer, 1984). These units were  
 167 deformed by regional scale thrusting and folding, with Oligocene – Miocene sedimentary  
 168 sequences characterized by ~NS-trending asymmetric folds (Sielfeld et al., 2019),  
 169 whereas Pliocene – Early Pleistocene volcanism is recognized as subhorizontal

170 pyroclastic layers (Sielfeld et al., 2019b). Sedimentary sequences and granitoids are also  
 171 intruded by pre-Quaternary dykes that are exposed in the Maule river-Los C6ndores  
 172 canyon valley.

173 Active Quaternary volcanism in the study area is represented by the Descabezado  
 174 Grande volcanic field, Tatar6 – San Pedro volcanic complex (TSPP), Laguna del Maule  
 175 volcanic field (LDM), and the Nevados de Longav6 volcanic complex (e.g. Stern, 2004)  
 176 (Figure 2). This constitutes one of the widest segments of the SVZ, up to 60 km wide in  
 177 the main arc and over 200 km wide in the back-arc region (Stern, 2004). Magnetotelluric  
 178 surveys in this region show conductive anomalies in the upper crust of the volcanic arc,  
 179 roughly consistent in location with the TSPP, LDM and Mariposa Geothermal System  
 180 (MGS) (Reyes-Wagner et al., 2017, Cordell et al., 2018; Hickson et al., 2011).



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 182 **Figure 2: Geological map of the upper Maule river area and the Tatar6-San Pedro-Pellado**  
 183 **volcanic complex. Distribution of geological rock and sediment units is taken from**  
 184 **Hildredth 1997, Singer et al., 1997 (for the detailed stratigraphy). Moment tensor of the**  
 185 **2012 Mw 6.2 crustal earthquake associated to the Melado fault is taken from the GCMT**  
 186 **catalogue. Red line indicates the conductive anomaly that represents the Mariposa**  
 187 **Geothermal System (Hickson et al., 2011). Location of the studied dyke swarm is**  
 188 **indicated.**

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190 **2.1. Tatar6-San Pedro Pellado (TSPP) complex**



191 The TSPP volcanic complex (36°S) is an ENE trending alignment of two stratovolcanoes  
192 (Tatara-San Pedro and Pellado-San Pablo summits from west to east), minor eruptive  
193 centres, lava flows, pyroclastic deposits, and dyke swarms that cover an area of over 387  
194 km<sup>2</sup> (Singer et al., 1997). San Pedro volcano is the youngest and most westerly volcanic  
195 centre of the complex. Volcanic products erupted from at least three of the central vent  
196 regions include both lavas and pyroclastic deposits, and compositionally range from  
197 basalts to rhyolites, with mean compositions within the basaltic-andesitic range (ie. 52-  
198 56% SiO<sub>2</sub>; Davidson et al., 1988; Singer et al., 1997, Dungan et al., 2001; Costa and  
199 Singer, 2002). Volcanism in the TSPP commenced at ~925 ka but preserved lavas (~ 54  
200 km<sup>3</sup>) represent only a fraction of this time interval (Singer et al., 1997). This implies that  
201 either volcanic quiescence, erosional mechanisms such as glacial abrasion, or a  
202 combination of both processes have removed significant parts of the eruption record  
203 (Singer et al., 1997). Except for small neoglacial moraines, San Pedro volcano is  
204 unglaciated, and therefore is of Holocene age (Costa and Singer, 2002).

205 ENE-striking dyke swarms outcrop in the surroundings of the active San Pedro volcano  
206 and cut both pre-eruptive sequences and Pleistocene volcanic units of the TSPP complex  
207 (Hickson et al., 2011; Sielfeld et al., 2019; Espinosa, 2019). The dykes vary in composition  
208 from andesite to rhyolite, and likely represent parts of the magmatic plumbing system that  
209 have fed the TSPP. Singer et al., (1997) mapped abundant ENE-striking dykes in the  
210 northern side of the complex. These dykes intrude Pleistocene dacitic lavas of the TSPP  
211 through normal faults (Singer et al., 1997). Moreover, Espinosa (2019) mapped ENE to  
212 EW-striking and NW-striking dykes to the south of the TSPP.

213 Sielfeld et al. (2019b) suggest that Quaternary volcanism of the TSPP and the associated  
214 MGS have been constructed on top of a ENE-trending damage zone (namely the *Tatara*  
215 Damage Zone), a long-lived structural anisotropy of cross-cutting mesoscale ENE-WNW  
216 striking transtensional oblique slip faults and dykes, characterized by a graben-like  
217 geometry, that has developed before and during the construction of the TSPP.

## 218 **2.2. Physical Volcanology/Stratigraphy of the TSPP**

219 The TSPP succession has been subdivided into 17 chronostratigraphic units (grouped in  
220 8 sequences described here) based on geologic mapping, geochemistry and

221 geochronology (K-Ar and  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$ ) (Davidson et al., 1988, Singer et al., 1997, Dungan  
222 et al., 2001, Costa and Singer, 2002, and Hildreth et al., 2010). From oldest to youngest,  
223 these sequences are: (1) Muñoz sequence (925 – 825 ka) composed of a silicic lava  
224 dome-flow complex, with phyrlic lavas and flow breccias, followed by basaltic andesitic  
225 and dacitic lavas, and rhyolites. The total preserved volume of the erupted material is 4.8  
226 km<sup>3</sup>; (2) Quebrada Turbia (783 – 772 ka) consists of ~1.8 km<sup>3</sup> basaltic andesitic to  
227 andesitic lava flows; (3) Estero Molina lavas (605 – 329 ka) composed of ~4.2 km<sup>3</sup>  
228 preserved basaltic andesites and rare primitive basaltic flows; (4) Cordón Guadal lavas  
229 (512 – 359 ka) consist of basaltic to dacitic lavas; (5) Placeta San Pedro sequence (~230  
230 ka) composed of 2 km<sup>3</sup> of a lower unit of glassy andesitic lava flows with mafic magmatic  
231 inclusions and an upper unit made of basalt flows with olivine and clinopyroxene  
232 phenocrysts; (6) Pellado volcano sequence (188 – 83 ka) is made of lahars, lavas and  
233 pyroclastic rocks ranging in composition from basaltic andesite to andesite with a  
234 preserved volume of ~12.5 km<sup>3</sup>, that erupted from vents in the vicinity of Cordón San  
235 Pablo and Cordón Pellado; (6) Tatara volcano sequence (90 – 19 ka) comprises 22 km<sup>3</sup>  
236 of basaltic andesitic to andesitic lava flows, and minor pyroclastic flows; (8) San Pedro  
237 volcano sequence (< 10 ka) is the youngest unit. Eruptive activity included early explosive  
238 eruptions with pumice, andesitic and dacitic lavas, followed by Strombolian eruptions  
239 producing basaltic andesitic scoria and lavas. Part of these lava flows fill a topographic  
240 depression generated by the collapse of the early Holocene cone.

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### 242 **3. METHODS**

243 The objectives of this research were addressed through a combination of structural field  
244 work, paleo-stress reconstruction and two-dimensional finite element modelling. We took  
245 measurements from the well-exposed dyke swarm (0.4 km<sup>2</sup> in area) roughly 5 km to the  
246 east of Pellado volcano. Our data complements previous regional scale structural  
247 mapping from the surrounding area (Sielfeld et al., 2019b).

#### 248 **3.1. Field methods**

249 Detailed mapping of the dyke segments at the TSPP plateau were conducted to diagnose  
250 variations in dyke geometry, mineralogy, attitude and texture. This mapping included

251 systematic measurement of attitude (strike and dip), thickness and length on each dyke  
252 segment. Thickness and segment length were measured directly in the field using a  
253 measuring tape when possible. For longer segments, lengths were measured from  
254 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) images and from a collection of marked GPS points at  
255 the start and end of each segment. Where it was not possible to collect field data due to  
256 access restrictions, data was recorded from satellite images with a 0.52 m resolution.  
257 Sampling of representative dyke outcrops was carried out for further petrographical and  
258 fabric analyses at the thin section scale.

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### 260 **3.2. Stress reconstruction: Paleostress analysis from dilatational fracture data**

261 Here we combined the field measurements of dyke attitude with the GArCmB code  
262 (<http://www.kueps.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~web-bs/tsg/software/GArCmB/>) to obtain the stress  
263 conditions (orientation of principal stresses and stress ratio) at the time of dyke formation  
264 (Faye et al., 2018; Yamaji and Sato, 2011; Jolly and Sanderson, 1997). The code clusters  
265 the distribution of poles of dykes (i.e. the vector normal to the dyke plane) by fitting the  
266 dataset with a linear combination of Bingham distributions (mixed Bingham distribution),  
267 each with its own concentration axes ( $\kappa_1$ ,  $\kappa_2$ ) and parameters, and interpreted as  
268 representing a stress state (Yamaji, 2016; Yamaji and Sato, 2011). Although the method  
269 makes a series of assumptions, that are likely a simplification of most natural cases, it  
270 provides a first-order approximation of the stress state at the time of dyke formation (the  
271 inversion method is further described in Appendix A).

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### 273 **3.3. Finite element method numerical models**

274 We built a suite of plane-strain 2D finite element mechanical models to calculate the static  
275 stress field formed around both a volcanic complex and a dyke swarm under different  
276 regional loads in order to understand the observed pattern of dyke emplacement. We  
277 used the finite-element code ADELI (Hassani et al., 1997), which has previously been  
278 used to simulate a variety of geodynamic problems, including long-term deformation at  
279 subduction zones (Hassani et al., 1997; Cerpa et al., 2015), interseismic deformation

280 (Contreras et al., 2016) and volcanic inflation (Novoa et al., 2019). This code uses a time-  
281 explicit dynamic relaxation method (Cundall and Board, 1988) to solve the quasi-static  
282 equation of motion and has been thoroughly tested through a variety of elastic, visco-  
283 elastic and elasto-plastic rheology. In our models here we consider only elastic rheology  
284 to determine the conditions that influence the stress field which in turn drives dyke  
285 emplacement. More details on the ADEL code can be found in Chéry et al. (2001), Cerpa  
286 et al. (2015), Gerbault et al. (2018) and Novoa et al., (2019).

287 We designed three types of model geometry that simulate 1) the volcanic complex as a  
288 sub-circular magmatic-hydrothermal reservoir and pressure source (Model-type 1)  
289 (Figure 3a), 2) the dyke swarm as an elongated pressure source on the margins of the  
290 complex (Model-type 2) (Figure 3b), and 3) an amalgamation of both geometries with the  
291 emplacement of a younger dyke swarm at a greater distance from the complex (Model-  
292 type 3) (Figure 3c). Since the modelled domain covers a plane-view section of the  
293 tectono-magmatic system at depth, the initial lithostatic equilibrium can be approximated  
294 by an initially null stress tensor, hence the effect of gravity is equivalent at constant depth  
295 and does not affect the elastic behaviour. All models assume an elastic domain where  
296 the crustal section has a density ( $\rho$ ) of 2750 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, a Poisson's ratio ( $\nu$ ) of 0.27 and a  
297 Young's modulus (E) of 5 GPa, which are all reasonable values for crustal segments  
298 hosting volcanoes (Gudmundsson, 2011, Heap et al., 2020). The specific model  
299 geometries are as follows:

300 - Model type 1: The reservoir is modelled as a circular cavity of radius 1 km. The walls of  
301 the cavity are assigned either a magmatic overpressure of 10 MPa or set to a state of  
302 lithostatic equilibrium, i.e. the pressure is set to remain equal to zero.

303 - Model type 2: The active dyke swarm is modelled as an elliptical cavity with a length of  
304 1 km and a thickness of 150 m (diameter of long and short axes). A magmatic  
305 overpressure of 10 MPa was applied to all of the walls of the cavity.

306 - Model type 3: The chilled dyke swarm is modelled as a meshed ellipse with a stiffness  
307 (Young's moduli) of 50 GPa, i.e. 5 times higher than the rest of the modelled domain.

308 The crustal properties are kept constant throughout all of the model simulations. The size  
309 of the magmatic-hydrothermal reservoir is constrained by the shape of conductive bodies

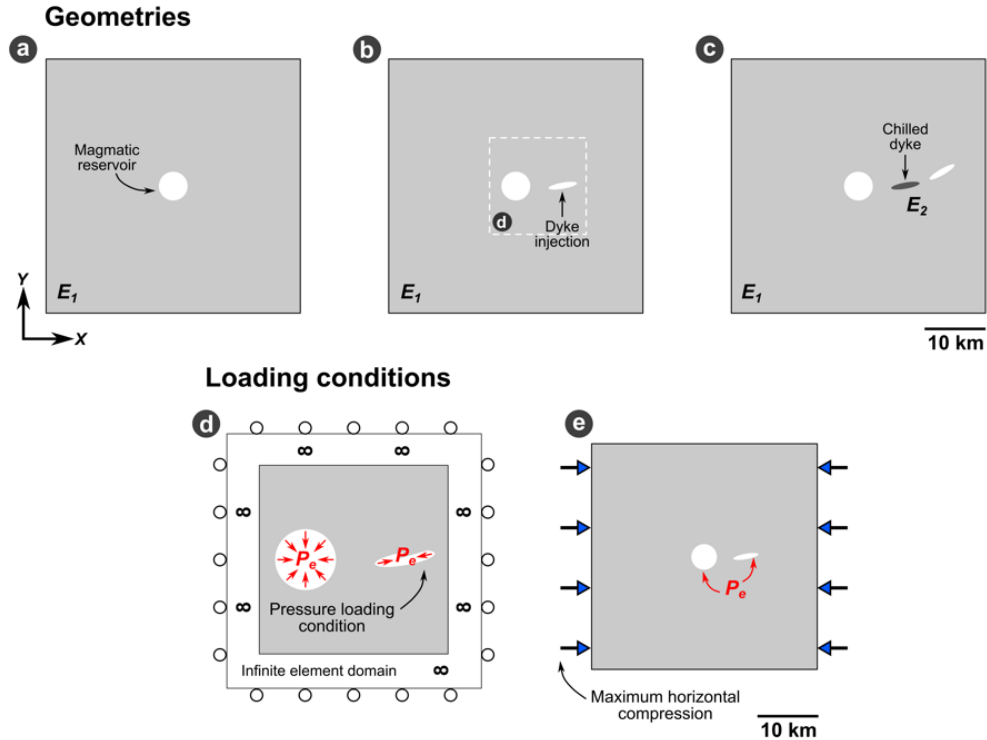
310 obtained from a magnetotelluric profile (Reyes-Wagner et al., 2017), while the orientation  
311 of dykes was measured directly in the field. The lengths of the dykes in the models are  
312 deliberately one order of magnitude larger than measured in the field for purposes of  
313 mesh resolution. As we assume plane-strain deformation the model is symmetrical in the  
314 third, vertical dimension, hence the cavities and ellipses are cylindrical features, similar  
315 to previous assumptions such as by Gudmundsson and Andrew, (2007), Andrew and  
316 Gudmundsson (2008), Gerbault et al., (2012).

317 The model geometries are meshed with the *Gmsh* software (<http://gmsh.info/>)\_using  
318 tetrahedral elements (the third dimension is meshed to a thickness of 0.75 km but plane-  
319 strain conditions leads to effectively 2D models). The mesh resolution is highest in areas  
320 near the cavity boundaries. The total number of elements is in the order of tens of  
321 thousands and slightly varies from one model to the other.

322 All of the three model geometries are loaded using two different boundary conditions.  
323 They are as follows and shown schematically in Figure 3 (d, e):

- 324 1. Loading condition 1: Internal magmatic excess pressure of 10 MPa applied to the  
325 boundaries of both the circular reservoir and elongated dyke, in order to simulate fluid  
326 overpressure. As we assume that each cavity is filled with melt, the tangential stress  
327 at the cavity boundaries is zero. The other boundaries of the model are set free slip,  
328 i.e. they are only fixed in their normal direction (i.e. avoiding rigid body rotation) (Figure  
329 3d).
- 330 2. Loading condition 2: A combination of internal magmatic excess pressure of 10 MPa  
331 applied on the boundaries of the reservoir and dykes, and a horizontal compression  
332 ( $S_x$ ) of 1 MPa is applied at the horizontal boundaries of the model domain (X direction,  
333 mimicking E-W compression). This horizontal compression is applied as a velocity  
334 normal to the vertical borders, so that the total displacement (shortening) at the end  
335 of the model run reaches  $D_x \sim 4.3$  m. With free-slip horizontal borders, this loading  
336 condition builds uniaxial strain, and yields a background stress state of 1 MPa within  
337 the homogeneous domain.

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339 **Figure 3: Models setups, assuming horizontal plane strain conditions. (a) The**  
 340 **magmatic/hydrothermal reservoir is modelled as a circular cavity of 1 km radius**  
 341 **embedded in the centre of the elastic domain. (b) Dyke injections are modelled as**  
 342 **elliptical cavities, while (c) chilled dykes are modelled as ellipses with mechanical**  
 343 **properties different to that of the host rock. The loading conditions simulated are (d) an**  
 344 **internal magmatic excess pressure in the reservoir and dyke, (e) a combination of both**  
 345 **pressure in the cavities and regional compression. In the simulations using the loading**  
 346 **conditions given in model (d), the X and Y normal boundaries are free slip surfaces that**  
 347 **are held stationary in their normal directions (dyke geometries are not to scale).**  
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## 350 4. RESULTS

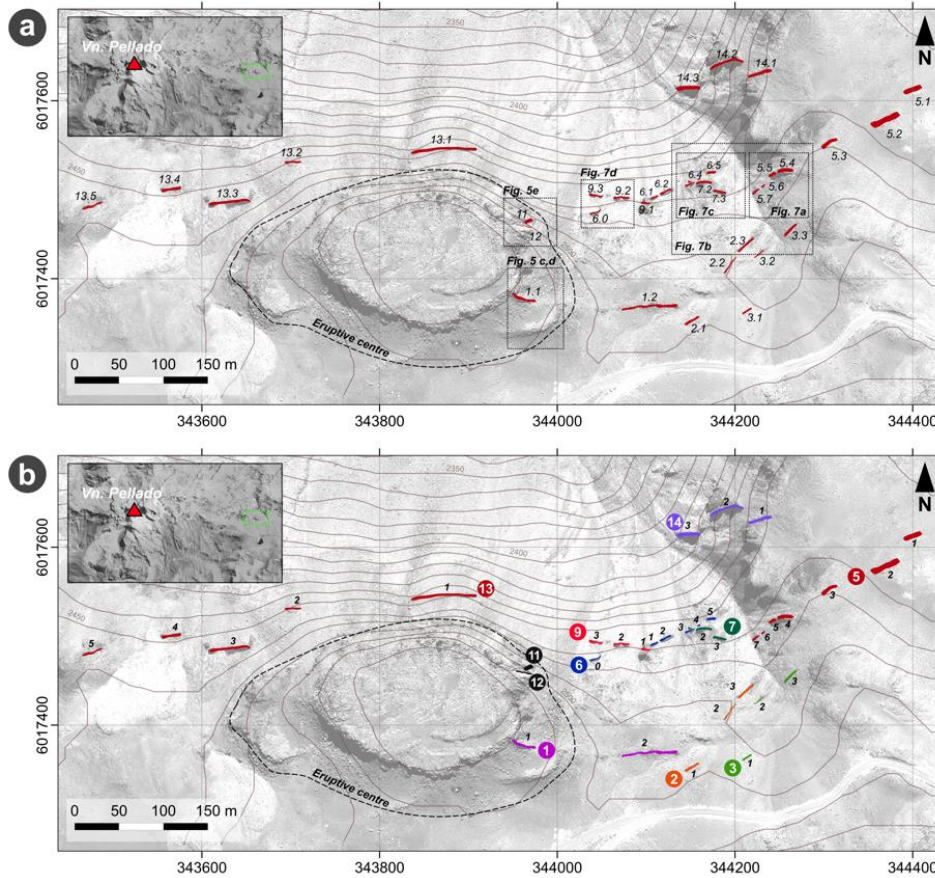
351 We now present results from all of the three types of analyses that were carried out: field  
 352 observations (4.1), paleo-stress reconstructions (4.2), and the numerical modelling (4.3).  
 353 The results are further synthesized together in section 5.

### 354 4.1. Field Observations and Analyses

355 The dykes are exposed over a narrow area (approximately 400 m in width and 1 km in  
 356 length) (Figure 4; Figure 5a) and cross cut 103 ka old lavas of the Pellado volcano  
 357 stratigraphic sequence (Singer et al., 1997). To the south of the dyke swarm exposure  
 358 extends a plateau at ~2500 m.a.s.l. where eroded lava flows and scoria of various hues  
 359 crop out outcrop. Some dyke segments of the swarm outcrop to the north yet are

360 inaccessible due to steep-sided slopes. Dyke segments were easily identified because  
361 they rise sharply over the eroded basaltic lavas which they intrude.

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**Figure 4: Map of the studied dyke swarm. Inset image indicates the location of swarm (green box) relative to the Pellado volcano. Dyke segment is indicated with a number in the image (Dyke ID – segment). (b) Interpretative map of the studied dyke swarm. Colours indicate to which “total dyke length” each segment is associated to. Inset image indicates the location of swarm (green box) relative to the Pellado volcano. Numbers indicate the dyke segment ID.**

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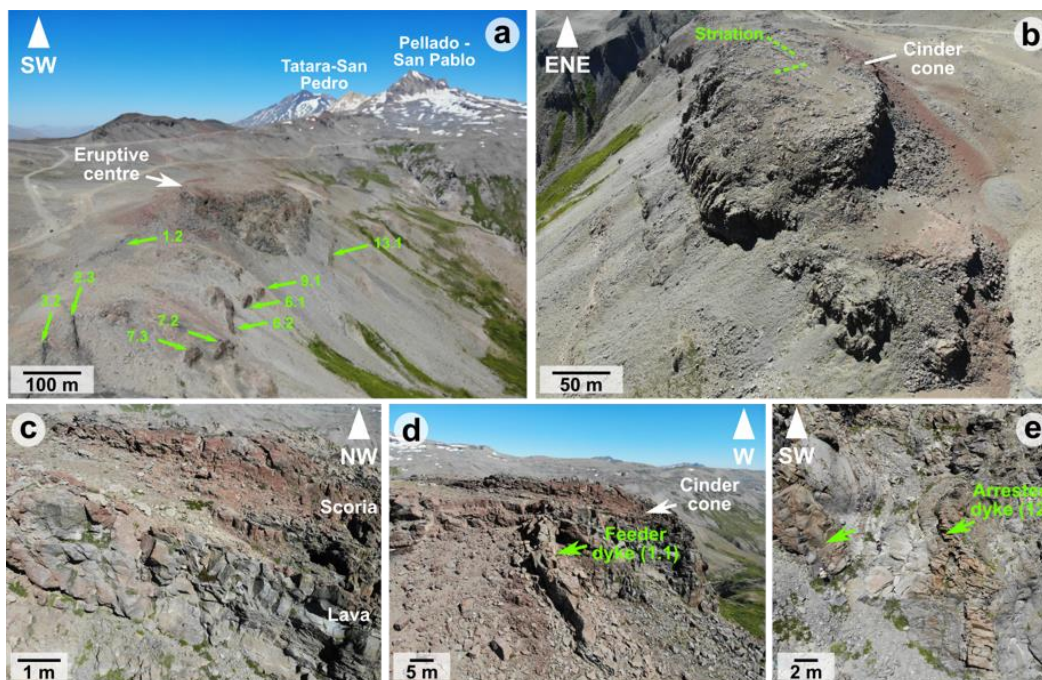
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371 In the central part of the dyke swarm we observe the remnants of a steep-sided scoria  
372 cone of approximately 358 m length and 175 m width (Figure 5b). The cone is made of  
373 distinct units of multidirectional jointed lavas, topped by near-horizontal units of scoria  
374 (Figure 5c). On the upper most surface of the cone we observe glacial striations trending  
375 ENE and NNW (Figure 5b). Within a section of wall of the eastern most side of the cone  
376 we observed three dyke segments. One of the dykes is ~5 m-thick and transitions into a



377 lava feeder near the surface of the cone (Figure 5d). The other two dyke segments are  
 378 ~1 m in thickness and are arrested within the cone, making it possible to identify their tips.  
 379 These segments did not feed an eruption (Figure 5e).



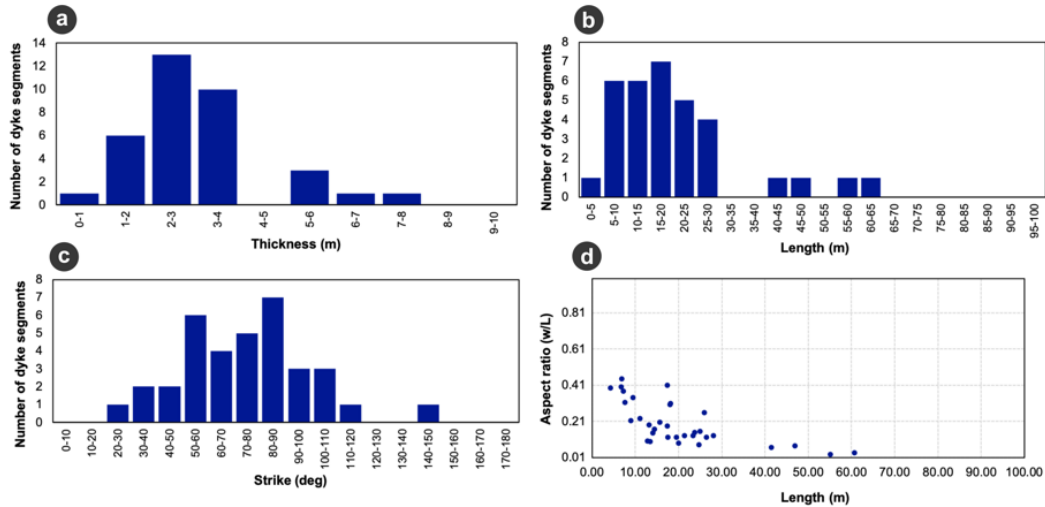
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 381 **Figure 5: Drone images of the dyke swarm. (a) View of the volcanic complex summits in**  
 382 **the background, the cinder cone (or mafic mound) and dykes (indicated with green**  
 383 **arrows); (b) Top down photograph of the cinder cone (mafic mound). The green**  
 384 **segmented lines indicate the two preferential directions of striation (NNW and ENE**  
 385 **striking). To the N of the cinder cone, we can observe dyke segment 13.1; (c) Uppermost**  
 386 **segment of the cinder cone showing a level of scoria overlying near horizontal levels of**  
 387 **basaltic jointed lavas; (d) Lateral view of the cinder cone (mafic mound) and the feeder**  
 388 **dyke; (e) Lateral view of the cinder cone and the two arrested dykes.**

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 390 In total, we measured 35 dyke segments which range in thickness from 0.56 m to and  
 391 7.15 m (Table 1) (Figure 6). The total length of the dyke swarm is ~1 km, but individual  
 392 dyke segments range in length between 4.3 m to 60.6 m (Figure 6). In the field it was not  
 393 possible to identify dyke tips, in their lateral extensions, and therefore we do not rule out  
 394 the possibility that these dyke lengths are underestimated. Based on the orientation,  
 395 thickness and mineralogy we interpret that the 35 segments belong to only nine dykes,  
 396 each comprised of between 2 and 5 segments. This results in total outcropping dyke  
 397 lengths between 40 m and 170 m (Figure 4b). Each dyke is distinguished with a number  
 398 in Table 1 and Figure 4. The segment of each dyke is also recorded.



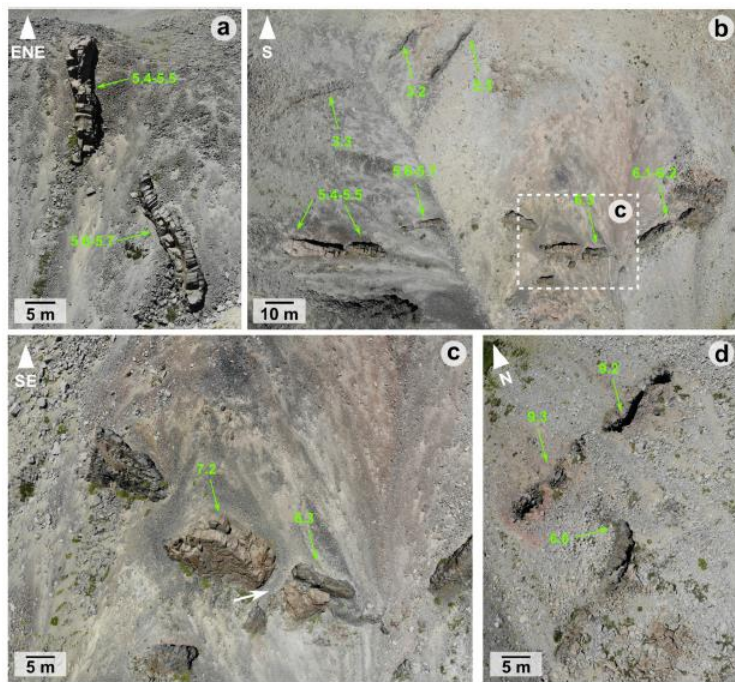
399 **Table 1: Dyke segment parameters as measured in the field, from UAV images and from a**  
 400 **collection of marked GPS points. Dykes are identified by two numbers: the first indicates**  
 401 **dyke number and the second indicates the segment number. Last column indicates the**  
 402 **aspect ratio of 33 dyke segments. (\*) Dykes are exposed in a vertical section, thus length**  
 403 **is not an observable feature.**  
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Segment	Strike (RHR)	Thickness (m)	Length (m)	Aspect Ratio (w/L)
1.1	291	3.70	28.05	0.13
1.2	89	1.59	55.15	0.03
2.1	250	2.40	14.42	0.17
2.2	25	1.80	20.00	0.09
2.3	35	1.30	12.81	0.10
3.1	68	2.75	7.28	0.38
3.2	54	1.33	13.42	0.10
3.3	58	2.40	19.50	0.12
5.1	87	7.15	17.46	0.41
5.2	55	6.70	25.94	0.26
5.3	60	3.90	25.00	0.16
5.4	220	5.50	18.08	0.30
5.5	39	3.20	9.41	0.34
5.6	55	2.16	17.54	0.12
6.0	47	2.50	11.05	0.23
6.1	260	3.23	26.45	0.12
6.2	57	1.90	8.92	0.21
6.3	68	1.70	4.30	0.40
6.4	78	2.71	6.74	0.40
7.1	233	3.23	17.42	0.19
7.2	263	3.05	6.83	0.45
7.3	105	2.07	14.11	0.15
9.1	105	2.40	7.62	0.31
9.2	90	5.60	18.20	0.31
9.3	101	3.23	15.64	0.21
11.1	73	5.16	(*)	(*)
12.1	140	0.56	(*)	(*)
13.1	94	2.25	60.66	0.04
13.2	91	2.51	13.14	0.19
13.3	84	3.55	46.93	0.08
13.4	85	3.51	23.71	0.15
13.5	71	2.00	24.70	0.08
14.1	77	2.81	21.37	0.13
14.2	69	2.76	41.49	0.07
14.3	87	3.07	23.36	0.13



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**Figure 6: Histogram showing the distribution of 33 dyke (a) thickness measured; (b) dyke segment length; (c) strike; (d) logarithmic scale plot of aspect ratio vs. dyke segment length.**



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**Figure 7: Drone images of the dyke swarm. (a) Near-vertical and near-strike view of two dyke segments of ~5 m thickness; (b) Near-plan view of segments in the dyke swarm. It is possible to observe ~20° rotations of dyke segments (ie. green arrow); (c) Lateral view of cross-cutting dykes; (d) Rotation of nearly ~20° of a dyke segment.**

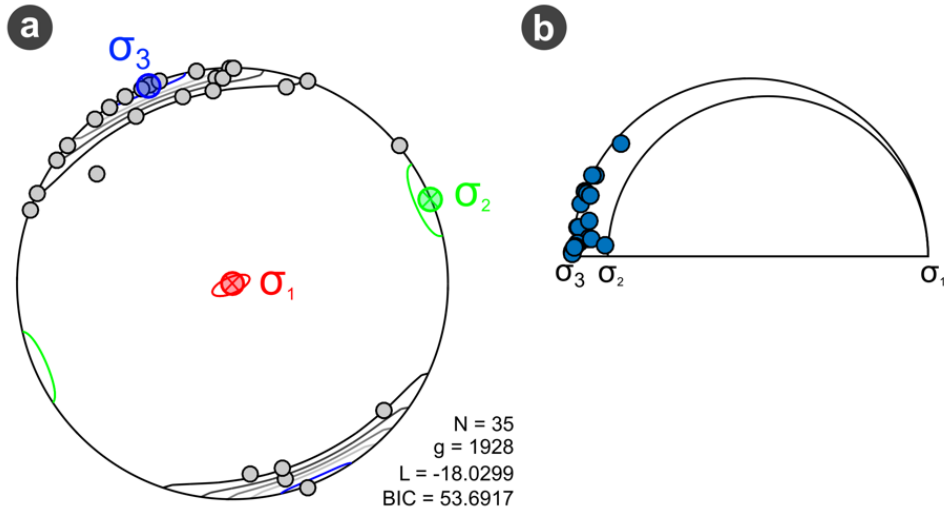
416 The dyke segments exposed in the area all dip steeply between ~70 – 90°, and strike  
417 predominantly between N50°E and N90°E, with some segments striking WNW (n=8)

418 (Figure 6). We can distinguish two preferential orientations at N50°-70°E (n=10) and  
419 N70°-90°E (n=12) indicating an apparent rotation in strike orientation of about 20°. The  
420 distance over which segmentation and changes in strike orientation occur, are within the  
421 same order of magnitude as the dyke thickness, i.e. cm to m. Such changes also relate  
422 to dyke segments with similar textures and mineralogy (Figure 7b, d). Poor cross-cutting  
423 relations between these predominant orientations suggests that the N50°-60°E striking  
424 dykes are younger than the E-W-striking dykes (Figure 7c). There does not appear to be  
425 a clear en-échelon segmentation of the dyke segments but the ~20° rotation in strike  
426 orientation of the dyke segments could reflect an incipient en-échelon pattern.

427 The composition of all the dykes is porphyric basalts with a plagioclase, clinopyroxene  
428 and orthopyroxene phenocrystic phase and small amounts of olivine in a crypto crystalline  
429 groundmass of plagioclase, pyroxenes and glass. We did not observe evidence of more  
430 evolved magmatic compositions in the swarm. In some samples, micro plagioclase  
431 crystals in the groundmass show a preferred orientation, parallel to the dyke's edge. Most  
432 samples possess vesicles but only one dyke exhibited vesicles elongated parallel to the  
433 margin. Moreover, some dyke segments (5.1 – 5.5) have a ~40 cm chilled margin and  
434 brecciated clastic edges, with clast size of 2 – 6 cm. They also display quench textures in  
435 the border, indicative of rapid cooling. There is no clear breccia texture between the ~40  
436 cm margin and the centre of the dyke, but a smooth textural transition.

#### 437 **4.2. Paleo Stress Reconstruction**

438 To reconstruct the paleo stress conditions during dyke emplacement we performed an  
439 inversion from the orientation (strike and dip) of 35 dyke segments. The data set shows  
440 an optimal K value of 1, meaning that one single stress condition can be used to explain  
441 the orientation of all the dyke segments. This stress state corresponds to a stress regime  
442 with a horizontal NW-trending  $\sigma_3$  (336°/0.4°), a horizontal NE-trending  $\sigma_2$  (066°/0.8°), and  
443 a vertical  $\sigma_1$  (219°/89.1°). The resulting stress shape ratio is  $\Phi=0.1$ , indicating that  $\sigma_2 \approx \sigma_3$   
444 (Figure 8).



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**Figure 8: Results of the inversion of dyke orientation data (n=35) (a) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection includes pole to dyke-planes as grey circles and paleo stress tensor orientation; (b) Mohr diagram resulting from the stress inversion. Magnitude of  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are similar.**

### 451        **4.3. Model Results**

452    A total of 12 numerical models were run by varying the geometrical setups and loading  
453    conditions which we briefly summarize again here for clarity. Model type 1 simulates the  
454    stresses situated around an inflating reservoir of radius 1 km. This first model type is used  
455    to inform the second two model types by comparing the orientation of the resulting  
456    principal stresses with the dyke orientations observed in the field. The second model type  
457    (Model type 2) builds on model type 1 by adding an elliptical cavity, which simulates a  
458    dyke emplaced in a region consistent with the dyke swarm observed in the field. The third  
459    model type (Model type 3) builds on both model types 1 and 2 by introducing a stiff  
460    inclusion, that simulates a chilled dyke, and which is set in between the pressurized  
461    cylindrical cavity and a more recently emplaced elliptical dyke segment.

462    All of the three model types were subjected to the two loading conditions discussed  
463    previously. Here we discuss the results after applying (1) 10 MPa of excess pressure only  
464    along the cavity boundaries, and (2) applying both 10 MPa excess pressure along the  
465    cavity boundaries and a 1 MPa E-W compression applied from the model edges.

466    To examine possible propagation paths and interactions between dykes, we focus on the  
467    magnitude of the least compressive principal stress ( $\sigma_3$ ; hereafter referred to as  $\sigma_h$ ), or  
468    tensile stress, and the orientation of the most compressive principal stress ( $\sigma_1$ ; hereafter  
469    referred to as  $\sigma_H$ ). Further below we will *abusively* use these notations,. We also display  
470    the volumetric strain, which is the first invariant of the strain tensor and expresses its  
471    isotropic component (as I1 in the figures). Through analysis of principal stresses and  
472    volumetric strain, zones of both contraction and dilation can be discerned.

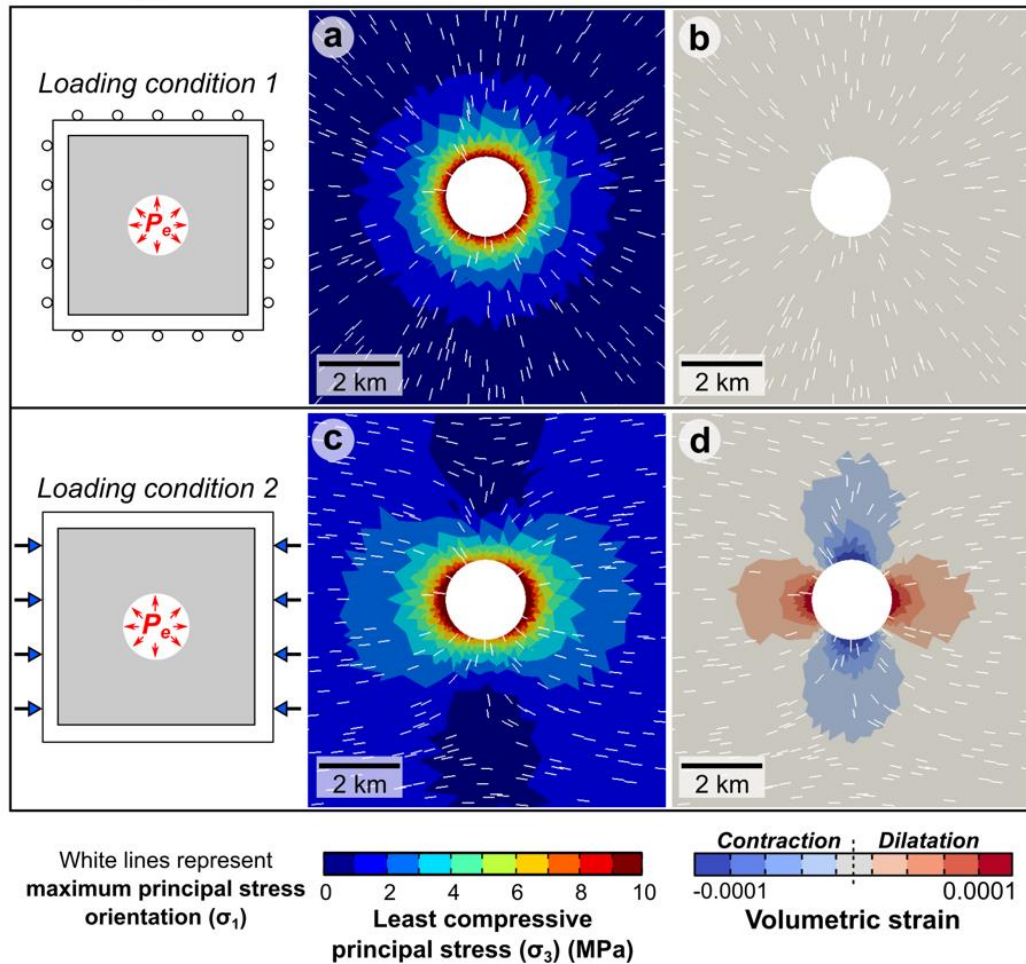
#### 473           **4.3.1. Model-type 1: circular cavity**

474 In Figure 9 we show the results of the numerical simulations using the geometry of Model  
475 type 1 and the two end-member loading conditions. In loading condition 1, with only the  
476 application of an excess pressure of 10MPa from the circular cavity walls, the tensile  
477 stress ( $\sigma_h$ ) decreases radially from a maximum value of 10 MPa at the walls of the cavity  
478 to almost zero in areas >2 km away. The orientation of  $\sigma_H$   $\sigma_1$  trajectories is radial (Figure  
479 9a). These results reproduce analytical solutions in which for plane-strain, the stress field  
480 decays as  $1/R^2$  (e.g. Timoshenko & Goodier, 1970, e.g. see also benchmarks in Gerbault  
481 et al., 2012).

482 Figure 9 (c, d) shows the result of loading the same geometry with an overpressure in the  
483 circular cavity and an E-W compression of 1 MPa (loading condition 2). The effect is an  
484 overall increase in the magnitude of  $\sigma_3$  the least compressive stress in the bedrock,  
485 decreasing from a maximum value of >25 MPa at the cavity walls to ~1 MPa in areas  
486 away from the cavities. The trajectories of the  $\sigma_1$  still rotate around the circular cavity as  
487 in the model with loading condition type 1, but now align more closely along the orientation  
488 of the applied horizontal compression in areas away from the cavity (Figure 9c). Zones of  
489 contraction and dilation develop to the north-south and east-west of the cavity  
490 respectively (Figure 9d), with volumetric strain decaying away from the cavity walls.

491 These results indicate that regions to the east-west of the cavity would favour magma  
492 propagation through dykes striking ENE and WNW at locations close to the cavity (~2  
493 km) and striking E-W at locations further away from the cavity (>2 km). Regions to the  
494 north and south of the cavity undergo uniform compression, and also exhibit unfavourable  
495 orientations of  $\sigma_1$ , thus dyke propagation would be inhibited to the north and south of the  
496 magmatic cavity. These results are in agreement with classic mechanical studies by  
497 Griffiths (1924) (among others) and recent experimental results obtained by Li et al.  
498 (2017) for marble specimens with circular holes, where the formation of tensile cracks  
499 occurs in the loading direction due to the increase of micro crack density.

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**Figure 9: Model results of a pressurized circular cavity (Model-type 1) considering two loading conditions. (a) and (b) provide model results when applying loading condition 1, (c) and (d) show model results when applying loading condition 2. (a) Magnitude and distribution of least compressive principal stress displayed with the orientation of the maximum principal stress trajectories, (b) Volumetric strain. (c)  $\sigma_1$  stress trajectories.  $\sigma_H$  rotate when a far-field compressive load is applied, showing that a far field stress field exerts an important control on regional dyke swarms. (d) Volumetric strain. The bedrock undergoes contractional strain to the north and south of the circular cavity and dilatational strain to the east and west.**

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#### 4.3.2. Model-type 2: elliptical cavity

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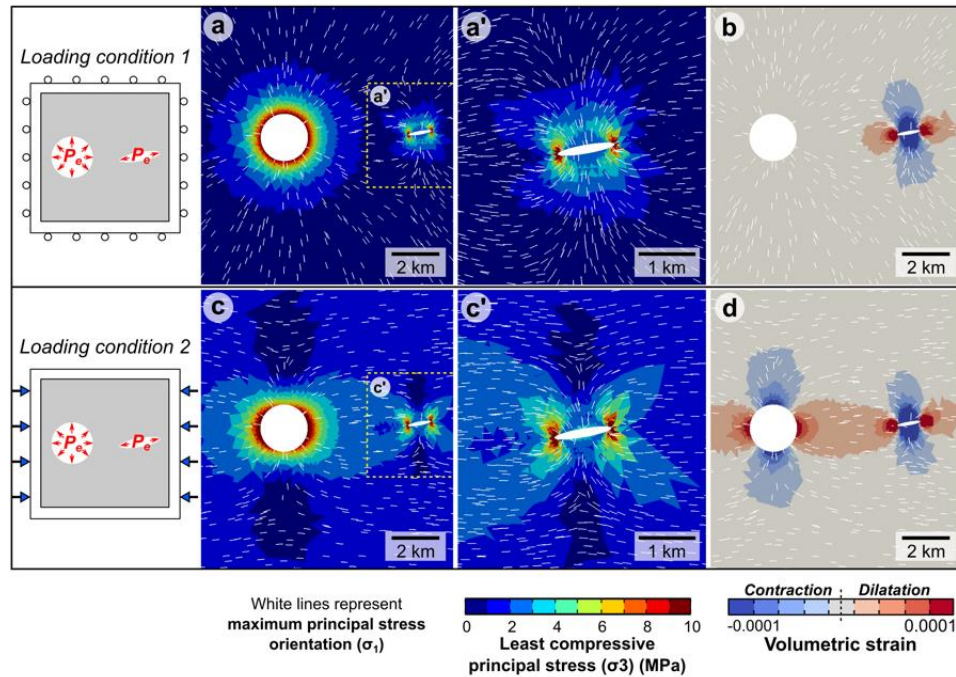
Figure 10 shows the results of the model geometry that considers a plane-view section of both the volcanic complex and a nearby radial dyke swarm striking N80°E (Model-type 2). This model-type represents the first stage of a dyke swarm injection as discerned from the field measurements. When an excess pressure of 10 MPa is applied in both the

516 circular and elliptical cavities, the stress field develops and decays away from these  
517 cavities. Tensile stress ( $\sigma_3$ ) concentrates at the tips of the dyke swarm (Figure 10a), as  
518 well as dilatational strain (Figure 10b). In contrast along the elongated sides of the dyke  
519 swarm we note contractional strain. The trajectories of  $\sigma_1$  are distributed radially around  
520 the circular and elliptical cavity; particularly, at the tip of the dyke they are oriented parallel  
521 to the direction of the major semi-axis of the dyke, while along its long edges, the  
522 trajectories are oriented perpendicular. This is in agreement with the volumetric strain  
523 pattern.

524 Figure 10 (c, d) shows the result from loading the same geometrical configuration with  
525 loading condition 2 (e.g. applied cavity overpressure plus lateral compression). The  
526 region located in between the inflating cavities experiences a larger amount of tensile  
527 stress and hence dilatational strain (Figure 10 c, d). The  $\sigma_3$  stress contour of 2-3 MPa  
528 links both cavities. The trajectories of  $\sigma_1$  rotate to a near EW orientation at the east of the  
529 dyke tip. Ahead of the dyke tip, the trajectories of  $\sigma_1$  strike within +/-  $\sim 13^\circ$  to the orientation  
530 of the dyke strike, rotating within  $4^\circ$  to  $20^\circ$  (clockwise and anticlockwise rotations) with  
531 respect to the trajectories of  $\sigma_1$  obtained with loading condition 1. Within 1.5-2 km ( $\sim$ dyke  
532 length) to the north and south of the dyke, trajectories of  $\sigma_1$  rotate by  $7^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  (clockwise  
533 and anti-clockwise), while areas further away than 2 km, they rotate by up to  $\pm 75^\circ$   
534 compared to the trajectories of  $\sigma_H$  obtained with loading condition 1, as they align more  
535 closely to the loading direction.



### Model-type 2



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538 **Figure 10: Model-type 2 considering two loading conditions. (a) and (b) present results**  
539 **when applying loading condition 1, (c) and (d) show results when applying loading**  
540 **condition 2. (a) Least and most compressive stresses ( $\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_1$  respectively), colour**  
541 **contour and trajectories. Both magnitude and trajectories decay radially around the**  
542 **circular cavity, while around the dyke, stress concentrates at the tips. (b) Volumetric**  
543 **strain. The bedrock to the WSW and ENE of the dyke undergoes dilatational strain. (c)  $\sigma_3$**   
544 **colour contour and  $\sigma_1$  trajectories. The magnitude of  $\sigma_3$  increases in the bedrock**  
545 **compared to loading condition 1;  $\sigma_1$  trajectories align to the loading direction (d)**  
546 **Volumetric strain. A region undergoing dilatational strain links both cavities, as well as to**  
547 **the ENE of the dyke.**  
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### 4.3.3. Model-type 3: elliptical cavity and stiff inclusion

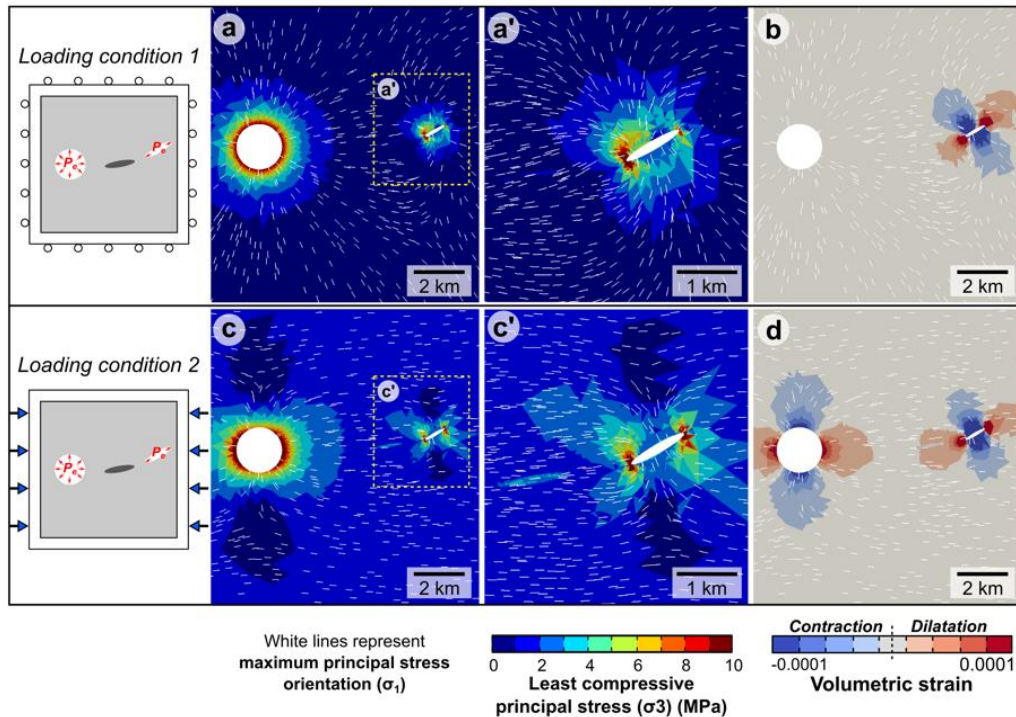
550 Figure 11 shows the results of a model geometry that considers together the volcanic  
551 complex, a cooled or stiff dyke swarm, and a new radial swarm striking N60°E (Model-  
552 type 3). Now, the dyke that was used in Model-type 2, is modelled as a stiff inclusion, i.e.  
553 a unit with a Young's modulus five times that of the host-rock (50 GPa). A second elliptical  
554 cavity striking N60°E is added to the east of the previous dyke (strike N60°E), simulating  
555 a later dyke injection.

556 When applying an over pressure of 10 MPa (loading condition 1, Figure 11 a, c) to both  
557 the circular and second elliptical cavity boundaries, the stiff dyke has the effect of

558 increasing the magnitude of the tensile stress ( $\sigma_3$ ) at the closest dyke tip, i.e the  
559 westernmost area of the pressurised dyke. The bedrock in this area also undergoes  
560 dilatation. On the other hand, the magnitude of  $\sigma_3$  in the bedrock to the east of the  
561 easternmost dyke tip is less, most likely due to its broader distance from the circular cavity  
562 compared to the westernmost dyke tip. This broader distance also inhibits linkage  
563 between the two over-pressured cavities.  $\sigma_1$  trajectories in the region between the inflating  
564 cavities strike ENE, and in the region east of the easternmost inflating dyke tip, the  
565 trajectories strike NE.

566 The influence of the stiff dyke becomes more pronounced when applying loading  
567 condition 2. In this case the stiff dyke acts partly as a stress barrier to the  $\sigma_3$  stress  
568 generated by the new pressurized dyke (Figure 11c). The region located in between the  
569 inflating cavities and the tips of the inflating dyke experiences dilatational strain, still  
570 without interacting much (Figure 11 c, d). The regions to the NW/SE of the inflating dyke  
571 undergo contractional strain. The trajectories of  $\sigma_1$  in the region between the inflating  
572 cavities are ENE to EW striking, rotating slightly (up to 15°) with respect to  $\sigma_1$  trajectories  
573 obtained from loading condition 1. In the region east of the easternmost inflating dyke tip  
574 they rotate by 7° to 24° with respect to  $\sigma_1$  trajectories obtained from loading condition 1,  
575 from predominantly NE striking to ENE striking trajectories, as again, they align more  
576 closely to the loading direction.

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578 **Figure 11: Model-type 3 considering two loading conditions. (a) and (b) correspond to the**  
579 **model results when applying loading condition 1, (c) and (d) show the model results**  
580 **when applying loading condition 2. The stiff dyke has Young's modulus equal to 50 GPa.**  
581 **(a) Least and greatest principal stresses ( $\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_1$  respectively), colour contour and**  
582 **trajectories. Tensile stress concentrates at the pressurized dyke tips and is intensified at**  
583 **the westernmost dyke tip. (b) Volumetric strain. The bedrock to the WSW and ENE of the**  
584 **pressurized dyke undergoes dilatational strain. (c) Contour plot of the  $\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_1$**   
585 **trajectories. The magnitude of  $\sigma_3$  increases in the bedrock compared to case (a). The stiff**  
586 **chilled dyke acts as a stress raiser (concentrator), where  $\sigma_3$  reaches  $\sim 4$  MPa. (d)**  
587 **Volumetric strain. The chilled dyke undergoes constriction while the surroundings**  
588 **undergo greater dilatational strain than in case d) (by  $\sim 0.00002$ ).**

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## 590 5. DISCUSSION

591 In this section, we integrate all of field observations, paleo-stress analysis and numerical  
592 models to consider the emplacement of a dyke swarm of the to the East of Pellado  
593 volcano, TSPV volcanic complex. Our field observations indicate that the observed  
594 section of the dyke swarm was likely emplaced at very shallow depths and contributed to  
595 feeding a series of fissure eruptions. Our numerical models indicate that the orientation  
596 of principal stresses can rotate in the presence of previous dyke injections, which is due  
597 in part to the geometry of the dykes interacting with both local and far-field loading

598 sources. These results are discussed and interpreted following four main topics to  
599 facilitate their understanding: (1) the dyke segment geometries; (2) the temporal evolution  
600 of the dyke swarm and the role of previous dykes in influencing propagation paths; (3)  
601 estimation of reservoir conditions from the dyke geometry; and (4) a conceptual model  
602 and regional implications associated with dyke emplacement .

### 603 **5.1. Dyke segment geometry and evidences of a dyke-fed subglacial eruption**

604 The 35 dyke segments studied here, form a ~ 1 km long swarm that fed a sub-areal or  
605 sub-glacial eruption. This is indicated by a feeder dyke that transitions into a lava feeder  
606 near the surface of a ~358 x 175 m eruptive cone. Striations in lavas at the top of the  
607 eruptive cone could be related to glacial erosion (Singer et al., 1997).

608 The measured thickness of the feeder dyke (> 4 m) is similar to that of other typical feeder  
609 dyke thicknesses measured, for example by Geshi et al. (2010; 2020) in the caldera walls  
610 of Miyakejima volcano. The thickest segments measured in the swarm have maximum  
611 lengths < 26 m, while the longest segments ( $L > 50$  m) are no more than 3.5 m thick. The  
612 thickness: length aspect ratio of individual segments ranges between 0.03 and 0.45  
613 (mean and median of 0.20 and 0.16 respectively), values that are abnormally high for  
614 dykes, which generally have thicknesses: length aspect ratios in the range of  $10^{-2}$  and  $10^{-4}$   
615 (Rubin, 1995). However, when we consider the entire dyke lengths rather than individual  
616 segments, the aspect ratio falls much closer to this range, with ratios between 0.016 and  
617 0.090 (mean and median of ~0.04). This highlights the importance of considering, where  
618 possible, full dyke lengths rather than dyke segments which may lead to erroneous  
619 interpretations (e.g. Daniels et al., 2012).

620 However, dyke segmentation as observed in the studied swarm is a common and inherent  
621 feature in dykes, that occurs due to lateral variations in crustal stresses, decreasing  
622 overpressure, crustal discontinuities, variable in-situ tensile strength and/or rock layering  
623 (e.g., Delaney and Pollard 1981; Baer and Beyth 1990; Gudmundsson, 2020). Therefore,  
624 it should be assumed that the dyke segments are connected to a deeper parent dyke and  
625 are hence continuous at some greater depth below the surface. We hypothesize that this  
626 dyke swarm reached near-surface crustal levels and generated an eruption, therefore  
627 segmentations could have occurred due to decreases in overpressure when reaching the

628 surface or simply through changes in the crustal properties at shallow depths. The  
 629 changes in strike observed in the exposed dyke segments result from a rotation of the  
 630 stress field around a vertical axis (usually assumed to be parallel to the propagation  
 631 direction), yet the expected en-échelon pattern is not clearly observed.

632 Based on Hoek's classification of dyke-fracture geometry (1991), the exposed dykes can  
 633 be described as a combination of both irregular and braided patterns. The dykes present  
 634 little or no overlap between segments and occur in offsets, both characteristic of irregular  
 635 segmented fracture systems. The dykes in the swarm are also characterized by the side-  
 636 by-side occurrence of segments that defines braided dykes (Hoek, 1991).

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## 638 **5.2. Overpressures and depth of magma chamber of the feeder dyke swarm**

639 Aspect ratios (thickness: length) of the dykes were used as input to analytically estimate  
 640 the magmatic overpressure  $p_0$  and depth to the dyke source ( $h$ ) of this feeder dyke  
 641 system. We thus undertake the methodology adopted by e.g. Gudmundsson (2011);  
 642 Becerril et al. (2013), as a first order insight on the depth source of our dyke systems. The  
 643 aspect ratio of a dyke ( $w/L$ ) is related to its internal fluid overpressure ( $p_0$ ) and elastic  
 644 parameters ( $E, \nu$ ) by equation (1). Moreover,  $p_0$  is also related to the magma's buoyancy  
 645 ( $\rho_r - \rho_m$ ), (where  $\rho_r$  and  $\rho_m$  are the host rock and magma densities), the fluid excess  
 646 pressure in the source ( $p_e$ ) (in excess of the lithostatic stress), the differential stress state  
 647 at the surface ( $\sigma_d$ ) and the depth to source ( $h$ ) by equation (2).

$$w = \frac{2p_0(1 - \nu^2)L}{E} \quad (1)$$

$$p_0 = p_e + (\rho_r - \rho_m)gh + \sigma_d \quad (2)$$

648 From the first equation, we can calculate  $p_0$ , and by combining equations (1) and (2) we  
 649 can estimate the depth to source as follows:

$$h = \frac{p_0 - p_e - \sigma_d}{(\rho_r - \rho_m)g} = \frac{wE}{2L(1 - \nu^2)(\rho_r - \rho_m)g} - \frac{(p_e - \sigma_d)}{(\rho_r - \rho_m)g} \quad (3)$$

650 Table 2 shows the resulting overpressure and depth of origin of magmas for 9 dykes,  
 651 obtained by assuming constant standard values for  $p_e$  and  $\sigma_d$  (2.5 and 1 MPa  
 652 respectively). We are aware that there could exist uncertainty in these values that could  
 653 thus affect our estimations. Nevertheless, using the aspect ratios of “total dykes” (0.016  
 654 – 0.09), we estimate magmatic overpressures to range between 8.7 and 28.7 MPa. The  
 655 calculated overpressures are similar to those obtained from dyke aspect ratios in other  
 656 regions and numerical models from Laguna del Maule (e.g. Geshi et al., 2010;  
 657 Gudmundsson, 2011; Becerril et al., 2013, Novoa et al., 2019; Geshi et al., 2020), and  
 658 could be associated to mid crustal reservoirs. The estimated depths to the source  
 659 reservoir of the dykes range between 2.7 and 22.8 km.

660 **Table 2: Magmatic overpressure and depth of origin of magmas for 9 total length dykes.**  
 661 **Constant values used for these calculations are the following: Young’s modulus ( $E$ ) and**  
 662 **Poisson’s ratio ( $\nu$ ) of the host rock is 1 GPa and 0.25 respectively; the average density of**  
 663 **the host rock ( $\rho_r$ ) and magma ( $\rho_m$ ) is 2650 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and 2450 kg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively; internal**  
 664 **excess magmatic pressure in the reservoir ( $p_e$ ) is 2,5 MPa; differential stress ( $\sigma_d$ ) is 1**  
 665 **MPa; and acceleration due to gravity ( $g$ ) is 9,81 m/s<sup>2</sup>. (\*) Thickness is taken as the**  
 666 **arithmetic mean of dyke segment thickness; (\*\*) Total length is taken as the sum of dyke**  
 667 **segment lengths.**

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Dyke	Thickness (m) (*)	Total Length (m) (**)	Aspect ratio (T/L)	Overpressure (MPa)	Depth (km)
1	2.6	83.2	0.03	17.0	6.9
2	1.8	47.2	0.04	20.7	8.8
3	2.2	40.2	0.05	28.7	12.8
5	4.8	113.4	0.04	22.4	9.6
6	2.4	57.5	0.04	22.4	9.6
7	2.8	38.4	0.07	38.7	17.9
9	3.7	41.5	0.09	48.2	22.8
13	2.8	169.1	0.02	8.7	2.7
14	2.9	86.2	0.03	17.8	7.3

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670 The range of source depths calculated here could be related to (i) shallow intrusion(s)  
 671 that likely act as a heat source to MGS and/or (ii) a mid-crustal magma reservoir beneath  
 672 the volcanic complex (as obtained by Reyes-Wagner et al. (2017) through 2D  
 673 magnetotelluric inversion). Within this range of depths, small magnitude (< 3 ML) volcano

674 tectonic events near the volcanic edifice have been reported (OVDAS, *Observatorio*  
675 *Volcanológico de los Andes del Sur*). The values of source depths calculated, represent  
676 the long-term location of the plumbing system of the volcanic complex, and should be  
677 complemented with other geophysical (seismic tomography, active seismicity, gravity)  
678 and geochemical methods (mineral chemistry, geobarometry) to reduce uncertainty.

679 Several studies have already attempted to estimate the overpressure and source depths  
680 of magmas using the aforementioned technique in other volcano tectonic settings (e.g.  
681 Ray et al., 2006; Becerril et al., 2013; Browning et al., 2015; Elshaafi and Gudmundsson,  
682 2016; Karaoglu et al., 2018; Drymoni et al., 2020). Nonetheless, analytical calculation of  
683 magma overpressure and magma source depth is also highly sensitive to dyke aspect  
684 ratios and the appropriate choice of crustal stiffness (Young's modulus). Further studies  
685 are needed to confirm general relations between magmatic driving pressures and aspect  
686 ratios of dykes and other fluid filled fractures in Andean settings.

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### 688 **5.3. Dynamic paleo stress reconstruction and the role of dyke injections in local** 689 **stress field rotations**

690 The paleo stress reconstruction from dyke orientation data indicates an extensional stress  
691 regime at the time of dyke formation, with a horizontal NNW-trending minimum  
692 compressive stress ( $\sigma_3$  and steeply dipping maximum compressive stress  $\sigma_1$  (Figure 8a).  
693 This paleostress state partly explains the overall ENE orientation of the dyke swarm and  
694 we suggest that this result describes a “bulk” tectonic stress field, since it does not  
695 necessarily explain all the dyke orientations observed in the dyke swarm. Dyke strike  
696 ranges almost 90°, with a high concentration of dykes striking between N30°E and N90°E  
697 (n=27), with two preferential orientations observed that appear to cross-cut each other:  
698 (1) N50°-70°E (n=10) and (2) N70°-90°E (n=12) (Figure 6, 7c), which we expected to  
699 represent two stress states. The stress inversion method used here is highly sensitive to  
700 outlier orientations (e.g. dyke 1.1), and therefore the resulting stress field could be subject  
701 to debate. The stress ratio obtained from the inversion and the 95% confidence ellipse of  
702 the least and intermediate principal stress axes (Figure 8a) (as seen in the stereoplots)

703 indicate that the least and intermediate principal stresses could have rotated and  
704 swapped.

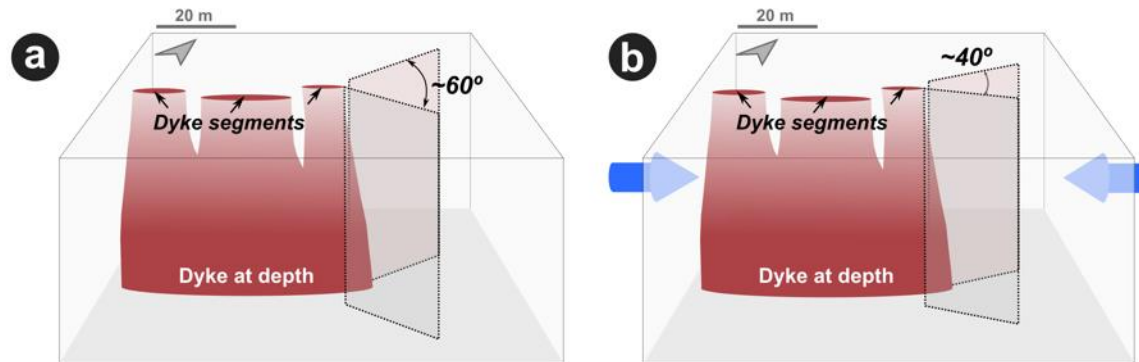
705 Dykes are dynamic features that influence their surrounding stress field by locally  
706 compressing the crust in orientations perpendicular to their strike to facilitate opening (e.g.  
707 Roman & Cashman, 2006; Tibaldi & Bonali, 2017). Hence, the emplacement of any one  
708 dyke influences the stress field and the orientation of later dyke emplacement events. In  
709 Figures 10 and 11 (a, c) of our numerical results, we note that tensile stress is generated  
710 at the tips of the pressurized dykes of a sufficient magnitude to promote hydrofracture,  
711 dilation and the continuation of the dyke propagation path. At the tips of the dykes, the  
712 trajectories of  $\sigma_1$ , have a  $\sim 60^\circ$  range ( $\pm 30^\circ$ ) in the absence of a regional tectonic load, but  
713 that range is reduced to nearly  $\sim 40^\circ$  ( $\pm 20^\circ$ ) when we add a horizontal compression. These  
714 findings suggest that dykes do not necessarily emplace following a “bulk” stress field, but  
715 instead form over a wider range of orientations that takes account of both the bulk stress  
716 field and local stress anisotropy, as for example, that generated by a previous dyke  
717 injection. Nonetheless, the effect of a far field stress regime remains the most important  
718 control on regional dyke swarms, as we observe from our numerical models that  $\sigma_1$  rotates  
719 in the direction of the regional stress field and therefore dyke propagation paths seek to  
720 maintain their orientation parallel to a plane of principal stress.

721 From our field observations and the numerical models, it is possible to consider the  
722 evolution of the studied dyke swarm as follows:

723 Injection of a basaltic magma through ENE-striking sub-vertical dykes from either shallow  
724 or mid-crustal magmatic reservoirs ( $\sim 8$ - $13$  km depth) beneath the TSPP volcanic  
725 complex. Injection of these dykes alters the stress field, rotating the  $\sigma_H$  trajectories to a  
726  $\sim 60^\circ$  range of orientations between  $N50^\circ E$  and  $N110^\circ E$ . Preferential injection of NE-  
727 striking vertical dykes again rotates the trajectories of  $\sigma_H$  and influences the propagation  
728 path of later dykes. Injection of these dykes also, in turn, alters the stress field, and  $\sigma_H$   
729 trajectories rotate to a  $\sim 60^\circ$  range between  $N25^\circ E$  and  $N95^\circ E$  (Figure 12). The effect of  
730 regional tectonic compression is to reduce the range of angles over which any new dyke  
731 segment can become emplaced (Figure 12b). This result is supported by observations  
732 from laboratory true-triaxial deformation experiments which indicate that the range of



733 angles over which new mode I fractures grow is reduced when the level of applied  
734 horizontal stress is greater (Browning et al., 2017), in that case the horizontal stress is  
735 the intermediate principal stress.



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737 **Figure 12: Cartoon showing (a) the influence of dyke injections on the range of possible**  
738 **propagation pathways of future dyke injections. (b) When considering a far field**  
739 **compression (the blue arrows), the range of potential orientations is reduced by 20°.**

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#### 741 **5.4. Emplacement model and regional geological implications**

742 The ENE oriented Tatara-San Pedro-Pellado volcanic chain is characterized by abundant  
743 ENE-striking dykes and minor eruptive vents, such as the feeder dyke swarm described  
744 here. In the Southern Andes, this orientation of volcanism can also be observed at the  
745 NE oriented Callaqui stratovolcano and dyke swarms, which is formed in an overall  
746 dextral transpressional setting (Sielfeld et al., 2017) and at the Llaima-Sierra Nevada  
747 volcanic chain (Naranjo and Moreno, 2005). These examples suggest that Pleistocene-  
748 Holocene magma migration has occurred in ENE oriented pathways, driven by a  
749 combination of both Quaternary intra arc ENE trending shortening (Lavenu and  
750 Cembrano, 1999; Cembrano and Lara, 2009) and optimally oriented fault-fracture  
751 systems.

752 The paleo stress reconstruction from dyke orientation agrees with the fault-slip and dyke  
753 orientation paleo-stress inversion in the same area (Sielfeld et al., 2019b) and aids in the  
754 definition of the Tatara-Damage Zone, a ca. 4 km wide and 9 km long graben-like  
755 transtensional block over which the TSPP is constructed. transtensional block within the  
756 volcanic complex. This block, namely, the Tatara Damage Zone, is a ca. 8 km wide and

757 12 km long graben-like structure beneath the main volcanic edifice. It is characterized  
758 predominantly by NE-ENE oblique slip transtensional faults and dykes. Faulting activity  
759 within this structure is long-lived (late Miocene up to late Pleistocene) and could have  
760 helped develop the construction of the volcanic complex by providing active pathways for  
761 interseismic eruptive activity, as well as the heat source and permeability structures for  
762 the emplacement of a geothermal reservoir (MGS) (Hickson et al., 2011; Sielfeld et al.,  
763 2019b).

764 Resistivity models from magnetotelluric data inversion show a wide conductive region  
765 from the volcanic front at this latitude to the east (Reyes-Wagner et al., 2017). Three  
766 conductive bodies, related to three distinct magmatic-hydrothermal bodies, are  
767 associated with TSPP, MGS and LDM. Reyes-Wagner et al. (2017) correlated the  
768 deepest and largest anomaly (~8-10 km deep) to a magma reservoir melt at the volcanic  
769 front (TSPP), and associated the shallow body (~3 km deep) with the heat source for the  
770 high enthalpy MGS. The source depths obtained from the analytical method used in this  
771 study agree with Reyes-Wagner et al. (2017) models: shallow depths (< 5km) obtained  
772 from our calculations could be correlated to a magmatic heat source for MGS, while deep  
773 depths could be associated with deeper crustal reservoirs. The latter could also be  
774 supported with the dykes more primitive composition. The mafic rock composition of the  
775 dykes and volcanic products of the TSPP also indicate a more primitive composition most  
776 likely derived from a deeper source.

777 It is reasonably assumed that most dykes possess a strike dimension significantly smaller  
778 than their dip dimension, indicating vertical propagation. The geometry of the dyke swarm,  
779 made up of several offset segments, is also indication that the dykes likely propagated  
780 predominantly vertically (Gudmundsson, 1990; Ray et al., 2006), although we do not rule  
781 out the possibility of some lateral propagation. However, whether the dykes propagated  
782 vertically or laterally bears no impact on the described mechanical controls on the strike  
783 orientations. The exposed feeder dyke(s) of this swarm are the near-surface  
784 representation of likely only a mere 10-20% of the dykes that may have initially  
785 propagated from a deeper magmatic source (e.g. Menand et al., 2010). The remaining  
786 majority of 80-90% of the rest of the dykes would have be arrested or deflected into sills  
787 at depth (Gudmundsson, 2006). We propose that the dykes in the TSPP propagated

788 vertically from a deep magmatic reservoir and that the arrest and deflection of dykes into  
789 sills at ~2-3 km has served to mature the heat source and generation of the active (MGS)  
790 hydrothermal system (Figure 13).

791 **Figure 13: Cartoon of the Tatara-San Pedro volcanic complex and the plumbing system**  
792 **in depth. The Mariposa Geothermal System anomaly (Hickson et al., 2011) is projected in**  
793 **the surface and represented with a segmented green line. Two depths of origin are**  
794 **proposed for the dyke swarm: (1) from a deep magmatic reservoir and (2) shallow**  
795 **magmatic reservoir (C1 and C2 conductive anomalies as presented by Reyes-Wagner et**  
796 **al. (2017) and by Hickson et al., (2011)).**

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## 798 6. CONCLUSIONS

- 799 1. We studied a near surface section of a feeder dyke system, ~5 km to the east of the  
800 Pellado volcano (Southern Volcanic Zone of Chile). This area lies directly above a  
801 conductive anomaly which has previously been interpreted as an active geothermal  
802 system (Mariposa Geothermal System; MGS). In total, 35 dyke segments were  
803 measured, some of which likely fed a fissure eruption, as indicated by *flow like* and  
804 vesicular textures in some dykes an intrusion into a minor eruptive centre.
- 805 2. Analytical estimates of the depth of magma origin from aspect ratios of 33 dyke  
806 segments indicate a range of depths between 2.7 and 22.8 km and mean depth of 8-  
807 km for the origin of the magma (8 – 13 km). This range of depths represents the long-  
808 term location of the plumbing system of the volcanic complex, and could be related to  
809 shallow crustal reservoirs or to deeper reservoirs associated with a ~8-10 km deep  
810 conductive anomaly previously observed with 2D magnetotelluric inversion (Reyes-  
811 Wagner et al., 2017) in the volcanic arc region, and from petrographical analysis of  
812 the dykes. From these observations, we hypothesize that magma propagated  
813 vertically from a magmatic reservoir from a roof at around 8-10 km depth. Magma was  
814 transported directly to the surface from this chamber, to feed eruptions, as was the  
815 case with the dyke swarm studied. However, it is possible that magma from the deep  
816 reservoir has been transported to shallower crustal levels where it is arrested and acts  
817 as a heat source for the generation of the previously identified MGS.
- 818 3. Our two-dimensional finite element models show that a combination of both internal  
819 magma pressure and regional tectonic compressive loading locally rotate crustal  
820 principal stresses. Rotation is exacerbated when the crust hosts heterogeneities, such

821 as previous dyke injections. The effect is to locally rotate the principal stress  
822 orientations and locally increase the magnitude of the bedrock's tensile stress. These  
823 effects combine to influence the trajectories over which new dyke injections will  
824 propagate and hence the arrangement of shallow magmatic plumbing systems, as  
825 well as the distribution of heat sources for hydrothermal systems.

826 4. We find that individual dyke injections themselves can locally rotate the orientation of  
827 the principal stresses if the regional tectonic loading direction is somewhat offset from  
828 the dyke strike. The effect again, is that previous dyke injection events modify the  
829 propagation paths of future dyke injections. This finding should be considered during  
830 periods of unrest, and for volcanic hazard assessments, when considering the location  
831 and orientation of secondary fissure eruptions in active volcanic areas such as the  
832 Southern Volcanic Zone of Chile.

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