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Fault Modeling Challenges

Rheology and the link to fault geometry 2D

3D Models of fault patterns

Biggest Problem For Extensional Models:

≻95% of models are amagmatic

>95% of plate separation is by dikes

- both for ridges and rifts



WHITE AND MCKENZIE: MAGMATISM AT RIFT ZONES





Tectonic Stretching











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Small Magma Chamber - Short Dikes



Large (and shallow) Magma Chamber - Long Dikes



Coupled modeling of faulting and magmatic processes (an alternative)



System response to a single dyke event

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50

Maximum shear stress (Deviatoric stress) Changes due to a dyke event



Surface Deformation

Opening of the axis





System response to a single dyke event



Dyke thickness



Downward penetration of dyke



Big Challenge for Extensional Modeling

➢ 3D Dike and fault propagation

Distance of dike propagation

Effect of dike stress changes on fault patterns

>Thermal effect of diking

Coupled modeling of faulting and magmatic

processes



Normal faults form, modeled by Finite Difference Program FLAC.

Dyke is modeled by Boundary Element Program TWODD. Deformation and stress change are feed back to FLAC

Strain rate imposed on meshes (denser meshes at the axis)

