

NEW INSIGHTS FOR THE TECTONO-METAMORPHIC EVOLUTION OF THE UPPER-INTERMEDIATE CRUSTAL SECTION EXPOSED IN THE SOUTHERN SERRE MASSIF (SOUTHERN ITALY): PHASE EQUILIBRIA MODELLING OF A GARNET-HORNBLende BEARING METANDESITIC LENSETursi F.*¹, Spiess R.², Festa V.¹ & Caggianelli A.¹

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The reconstruction of the tectono-metamorphic evolution of the Variscan intermediate and upper crustal section exposed in the southern Serre Massif (Calabria, southern Italy) provides a broader understanding of the crustal dynamics during the Variscan orogeny. In the southern Serre Massif, Variscan tectonics juxtaposed the Mammola Paragneiss representative of the intermediate crust, and the Stilo-Pazzano Phyllite unit (SPu), representative of the upper crust. Subsequently, both units were affected by a contact metamorphism related to the emplacement of the Upper-Carboniferous Serre batholith. Within the MPu, in the Levadio Stream area, garnet-hornblende bearing metandesitic lenses are locally developed. The juxtaposition of the MPu and SPu is marked by a mylonitic shear zone affecting also the metandesite.

This study examines via phase equilibria modelling the metamorphic evolution of a sheared garnet-hornblende bearing metandesite. To this purpose, the rock was modelled in the $K_2O-FeO-MgO-Al_2O_3-SiO_2-H_2O-TiO_2-O$ system using the software THERMOCALC v.3.45, with the thermodynamic dataset ds63, including $a-x$ models for both metapelitic minerals. The pre-peak metamorphic mineral assemblage (ep-q-pl-mu-chl-bi-riebl) is hosted as primary inclusions in garnets having the following composition: almandine (50-60%) - spessartine (17-20%). The constructed P-T pseudosection shows that the peak mineral assemblage (g-ep-mu-bi-chl-riebl-ab-sph-q-H₂O) was stable in a wide, low- P and 350 - 525 °C. Garnet isopleth modelling suggests P-T conditions for the regional metamorphic peak of 7.9 - 9.2 kbar and 495 - 510 °C. The subsequent, near isothermal burial to about 32 to 10 km depth at 450 - 500 °C brought the metandesite close to the emplacement level of the Serre batholith (at 2.7 kbar). The constructed T-M_{H₂O} pseudosection shows that the peak pl-bi-q-g-hb-sph mineral assemblage of the contact metamorphism, under H₂O-saturated conditions. The derived P-T path for the garnet-hornblende bearing metandesite is consistent with the one derived by Angi et al. (2010) for the MPu paragneiss, and highlights that comparable peak pressures were reached at the regional metamorphic peak in the Serre Massif within the MPu, as well as within the granulite facies rocks cropping out in the north. This suggests that the thermal gradient significantly changed across the Variscan orogeny in response to distinct tectono-magmatic contexts.

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