

A COMPILATION OF THERMOBAROMETRIC DATA FROM THE METASEDIMENTARY BELT OF THE GRENVILLE PROVINCE, ONTARIO AND NEW YORK STATE

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ABSTRACT

A new compilation of regional metamorphic temperature–pressure data in the Metasedimentary Belt (MB) of the Grenville Orogen, as exposed in Ontario and New York, shows the effect of major zones of ductile shear on metamorphic gradients. In addition to other thermometers, available data from garnet–biotite and two-feldspar thermometers were recalculated with a single calibration to permit comparisons among different field areas. Temperatures in the MB range from <500°C near Madoc, Ontario, in the Elzevir domain, and are in excess of 700°C in the western Gneiss Belt (GB) and the eastern Frontenac domain. Offsets in temperatures are observed across the Metasedimentary Belt Boundary Zone (MBBZ), the Sharbot Lake Shear Zone (SLSZ), and perhaps the Carthage–Colton Shear Zone (CCSZ). Pressures range from <6 kbar (<600 MPa) in the Elzevir domain near Madoc, Ontario to 8 kbar (800 MPa) in the westernmost part of the Frontenac domain. There is a 1–2 kbar (100–200 MPa) discontinuity in pressure across the Metasedimentary Belt Boundary Zone (MBBZ) and at the Robertson Lake (RLSZ) and Sharbot Lake (SLSZ) shear zones. However, some shear zones in the MB predate the peak of metamorphism, and do not seem to offset metamorphic gradients in the field (*e.g.*, the Mooroton shear zone). Comparing temperatures and pressures across these boundaries requires knowledge of the timing of peak metamorphism. Geochronological studies indicate that some boundaries juxtapose domains that do not have the same metamorphic histories. In the Grenville Orogen, such integrated data suggest that zones of ductile shear variably represent tectonically active terrane boundaries and intra-terrane zones of displacement.

Keywords: Grenville Orogen, Metasedimentary Belt, thermobarometry, shear zones, Ontario, New York.

SOMMAIRE

Une nouvelle compilation de données de pression et de température du métamorphisme régional dans la ceinture métasédimentaire de la province orogénique du Grenville, telle qu'exposée en Ontario et dans l'état de New York, montre les effets des zones majeures de cisaillement ductile sur la distribution des gradients métamorphiques. En plus des autres thermomètres, les données disponibles à propos de l'équilibre grenat – biotite et du géothermomètre fondé sur la coexistence de deux feldspaths ont été recalculées avec un seul calibrage afin de permettre des comparaisons d'une région à l'autre. Les températures dans la ceinture métasédimentaire vont de moins de 500°C, près de Madoc, en Ontario, dans le domaine d'Elzevir, à au delà de 700°C dans la ceinture gneissique dans le secteur ouest et dans le domaine de Frontenac, à l'est. Des déplacements dans la température sont évidents en traversant la zone limitrophe de la ceinture métasédimentaire, la zone de cisaillement du lac Sharbot, et possiblement la zone de cisaillement de Carthage – Colton. Les valeurs de pression varient entre moins de 6 kbar (<600 MPa) dans le domaine d'Elzevir, près de Madoc, jusqu'à 8 kbar (800 MPa) dans la partie la plus occidentale du domaine de Frontenac. Il y a une discontinuité de 1 à 2 kbar (100–200 MPa) en traversant la zone limitrophe de la ceinture métasédimentaire et la zone de cisaillement du lac Sharbot. Toutefois, certaines des zones de cisaillement (la zone de Mooroton, par exemple) précèdent le paroxysme métamorphique, et ne semblent donc pas déplacer les gradients métamorphiques sur le terrain. Une comparaison des températures et des pressions de part et d'autre de ces discontinuités nécessite une connaissance de l'âge du métamorphisme. Les études géochronologiques montrent que le long de certaines zones limitrophes, il y a eu juxtaposition de domaines qui ne partagent pas la même évolution métamorphique. Dans la province du Grenville, de telles données intégrées font penser que les zones de cisaillement ductile représentent soit des bordures de socles tectoniquement actifs, soit des zones de déplacement inter-socle.

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Mots-clés: province du Grenville, ceinture métasédimentaire, thermobarométrie, zones de cisaillement, Ontario, New York.

INTRODUCTION

The Grenville Orogen of New York, Ontario, and western Quebec comprises three separate northeast-trending belts: the Gneiss Belt (GB),

structurally overlain by the Metasedimentary Belt (MB) and the Granulite Terrane (GT) (Wynne-Edwards 1972, Davidson 1984a, 1986; Fig. 1). These belts are distinct lithotectonic packages (Wynne-Edwards 1972) separated by major shear zones (Davidson 1984a,

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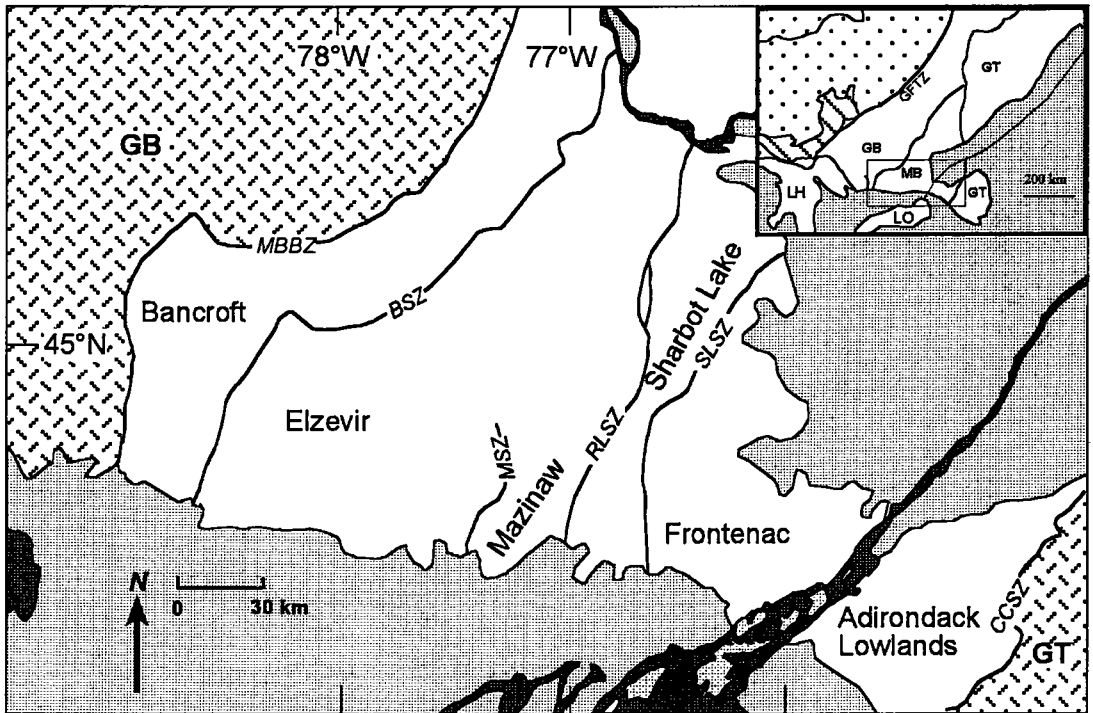


FIG. 1. Regional subdivision of domains and shear zones in the central portion of the Grenville Orogen of southern Ontario and northern New York. MB: Metasedimentary Belt, GB: Gneiss Belt, GT: Granulite Terrane, MBBZ: Metasedimentary Belt Boundary Zone, BSZ: Bancroft Shear Zone, MSZ: Mooroton Shear Zone, RLSZ: Robertson Lake Shear Zone, SLSZ: Sharbot Lake Shear Zone, CCSZ: Carthage-Colton Shear Zone. Light gray areas show approximate location of Paleozoic cover. Shear zones are not continued into the Quebec portion of the Grenville. Inset shows generalized subdivision of the Grenville Province, with study area outlined.

1995). The Metasedimentary Belt includes several domains, identified on the basis of their individual lithological and geophysical characteristics, whose boundaries also are the loci of ductile shear zones (Culshaw *et al.* 1983, Davidson 1984b, 1986, 1995, Hanmer 1988, Easton 1989, 1992a, b; Fig. 1). In addition to contractional tectonics, several recent studies have shown that late extension characterizes some of the major shear zones separating domains of the MB. These include the Bancroft shear zone (BSZ) between the Bancroft and Elzevir domains, the Robertson Lake shear zone (RLSZ) between the Mazinaw and Sharbot Lake domains, and possibly the Carthage-Colton shear zone (CCSZ), between the Adirondack Lowlands and the Adirondack Highlands of the GT (Hanmer 1988, van der Pluijm & Carlson 1989, Mezger *et al.* 1991b, 1992, Davidson 1995, Busch & van der Pluijm 1996).

The Metasedimentary Belt is characterized by marble, metasedimentary, and metavolcanic rocks in which metamorphic grade ranges from the upper greenschist to the granulite facies (*e.g.*, Carmichael *et*

al. 1978, Davidson 1984b, Anovitz & Essene 1990). Various thermobarometers have been applied to rocks throughout the region in attempts to constrain the temperature - pressure conditions of metamorphism. The Grenville Province is ideally suited for thermobarometric studies as a result of the many types of metasedimentary and meta-igneous rocks that are present. However, metamorphic P-T gradients have previously been drawn across the region before constraints on the timing of metamorphism were developed (*e.g.*, Bohlen *et al.* 1985, Anovitz & Essene 1990). Since these shear zones commonly separate rocks with different metamorphic and cooling ages (Mezger *et al.* 1991a, b, van der Pluijm *et al.* 1994), pressures and temperatures calculated for individual domains are not necessarily representative of a single metamorphic event and may not correlate across the region. The purpose of this paper is to recompile recent thermobarometric data and generate new metamorphic maps, taking into account possible offsets across shear zones in the MB. In addition, results of this study point out discrepancies and weaknesses in quantitative

pressure and temperature data, and thus point to possibilities for future thermobarometric work in the MB.

STRUCTURAL SETTING

The Grenvillian orogenic cycle (Moore & Thompson 1980) comprises several distinct phases of deformation in the area of the Metasedimentary Belt and the Gneiss Belt. Recent U–Pb studies of zircon and titanite constrain the timing of two deformational events for the MBBZ in Ontario: one thrusting event at *ca.* 1190 Ma, and a second episode of thrusting as young as 1060 Ma (van Breemen & Hanmer 1986, Mezger *et al.* 1991b, McEachern & van Breemen 1993). The early phase of deformation has been interpreted as the closure of a marginal basin, wherein the Elzevir terrane was juxtaposed against the southeastern margin of Laurentia (the present-day GB; Davidson *et al.* 1982, Culshaw *et al.* 1983, Hanmer & McEachern 1992, McEachern & van Breemen 1993). The tectonic framework of the younger episode of deformation is less well constrained, but is generally considered to have been produced by a collision between the Grenville Province (including the Adirondack Highlands) and an unspecified continent to the southeast (Windley 1986, Hanmer & McEachern 1992, McEachern & van Breemen 1993). Direction of displacement along these early thrusts is predominantly to the northwest, as defined by shear-sense indicators and widespread, gently plunging southeast lineations (*e.g.*, Davidson 1984b, Hanmer 1988).

Structural and geochronological studies have defined a later extensional component to some of the shear zones in the MB. Rocks in the southeast-dipping BSZ contain shear-sense indicators implying a normal sense of movement (Carlson *et al.* 1990). Although ages of peak metamorphism on both sides of the BSZ are similar, ^{40}Ar – ^{39}Ar analyses of hornblende yield ages of 1021–1026 Ma immediately to the east of the BSZ and 959–989 Ma immediately to the west of the shear zone (Cosca *et al.* 1995), indicating a juxtaposition of the structurally higher Elzevir domain against the Bancroft domain (Mezger *et al.* 1991b). Structural studies in the southeast-dipping RLSZ yield mylonitic granites with S–C structures and mica fish, as well as brittle structures, that all indicate a normal (top down to the east) sense of displacement (Easton 1989, Busch & van der Pluijm 1996).

The U–Pb ages related to peak metamorphism are at least 100 m.y. older in the Sharbot Lake domain than in the adjacent Mazinaw domain; ^{40}Ar – ^{39}Ar cooling ages of hornblende and biotite also reflect this offset (Cosca *et al.* 1992, 1995, Corfu & Easton 1995, Busch *et al.* 1996a). A U–Pb study of rocks along the CCSZ shows that the Adirondack Lowlands cooled through the closure temperature of titanite (600–650°C; Mezger *et al.* 1991a) between 1156 and 1103 Ma, whereas titanite in the adjoining Adirondack Highlands (GT) yields

ages of 1050–982 Ma. This indicates a large difference in the age of peak regional metamorphism on either side of the CCSZ (Mezger *et al.* 1991b, 1992).

COMPILATION OF DATA

There have been numerous thermobarometric studies across the Metasedimentary Belt. Data from recent studies at the University of Michigan (Rathmell 1993, Busch *et al.* 1996b, Cureton 1997), complemented by data from the literature (Ewert 1977, Lonker 1980, Bohlen *et al.* 1980, Edwards & Essene 1988, Anovitz & Essene 1990), were compiled to generate a regional view of temperature–pressure conditions for metamorphism in the MB. Figure 2 shows sample locations, and Table 1 lists the corresponding thermometric and barometric results used in this compilation. Mineral analyses used for these calculations are available from the first author. Two-feldspar temperature data were checked for consistency among different studies using the computer program SOLVCALC (Wen & Nekvasil 1994), with the activity model of Fuhrman & Lindsey (1988). Because several calibrations have been used in the literature to obtain garnet–biotite temperatures for the MB, these temperatures were uniformly recalculated with the calibration of Patiño Douce *et al.* (1993) using an unpublished thermobarometry program (M.J. Kohn & F.S. Spear 1996, Version 2.0) to maintain internal consistency in the database. Recalculated temperatures were generally within $\pm 50^\circ\text{C}$ of the temperatures reported in the literature.

Pressures reported from the literature, mostly from recent studies at the University of Michigan, were directly compiled and averaged without further computation. Barometers used include garnet – amphibole – plagioclase – quartz, garnet – plagioclase – ferrosilite – quartz (GAFS: Bohlen *et al.* 1983b), garnet – plagioclase – diopside – quartz (GADS: Newton & Perkins 1982, Moecher *et al.* 1988), garnet – aluminosilicate – quartz – plagioclase (GASP: Koziol & Newton 1988), garnet – rutile – ilmenite – plagioclase – quartz (GRIPS: Bohlen & Liotta 1986), and garnet – rutile – ilmenite – aluminosilicate (GRAIL: Bohlen *et al.* 1983a).

Contours were drawn on the basis of an analysis of compiled data, combined with additional information from Anovitz & Essene (1990). Owing to widespread resetting, the calcite–dolomite thermometer in some cases yielded temperatures on the order of 300°C lower than other thermometers from the same area. The anomalously low calcite–dolomite temperatures reported by Ewert (1977) and Rathmell (1993) are considered to represent retrograde resetting after peak metamorphism and were generally disregarded when drawing contours. Two-feldspar, calcite–graphite, and garnet exchange thermometers (garnet–biotite, garnet–

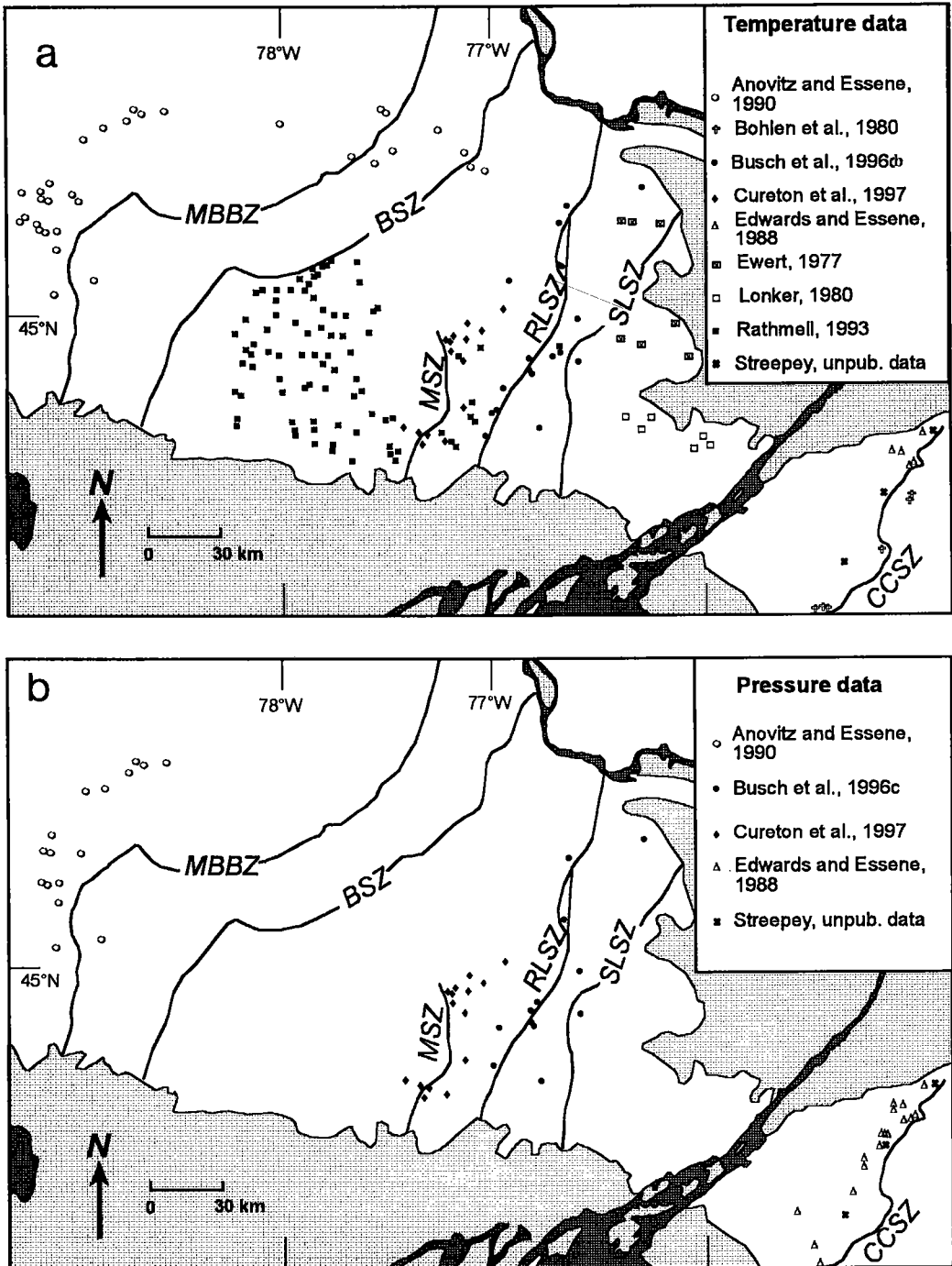


FIG. 2. Locations and sources of compiled temperature (a) and pressure (b) data. Thermometers used include garnet – biotite, garnet – hornblende, garnet – orthopyroxene, garnet – clinopyroxene, calcite – dolomite, calcite – graphite, and plagioclase – potassium feldspar. Barometers are based on the assemblages garnet – amphibole – plagioclase, garnet – plagioclase – diopside – quartz, garnet – plagioclase – ferrosilite – quartz, garnet – aluminosilicate – quartz – plagioclase, garnet – rutile – ilmenite – plagioclase – quartz, and garnet – rutile – ilmenite – aluminosilicate.

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| UTM coordinates | | Temperatures (°C) and Pressures (kbar) | | UTM coordinates | | Temperatures (°C) and Pressures (kbar) | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|---|------------------------------|----------|--|---|
| Anovitz & Essene (1990) | | | | Cureton <i>et al.</i> (1997) | | | |
| pem83c28 | 17T50495 | 3110 | Grt-Cpx: 750 ± 20, Pl-Kfs: 590 | AD16593 | 18T49770 | 3470 | Grt-Bt: 640, Grt-Hbl: 510, GAFS: >5.8, GASP: <9.2, GRIPS: <8.2 |
| pem83c36 | 17T50460 | 2752 | Pl-Kfs: 630 | MS3893 | 18T49715 | 3380 | Grt-Bt: 460, GAFS: >4.5, GASP: <4.7, GRIPS: <5.5 |
| ren83c13 | 17T50259 | 3450 | Pl-Kfs: 700 | QB8993 | 18T49385 | 3080 | Grt-Bt: 470, GAFS: >2.5, GASP: <4.0, GRIPS: <5.1 |
| ren83c15 | 17T50278 | 3419 | Pl-Kfs: 780 | 92-7 | 18T49670 | 3320 | Grt-Bt: 540 |
| ren83c17 | 17T50332 | 3399 | Pl-Kfs: 650 | CL13393 | 18T49730 | 3325 | Grt-Bt: 700, GAFS: >5.7, GASP: <13.9, GRIPS: <9.6 |
| ren83c28 | 17T50329 | 3018 | Pl-Kfs: 650 | AT8793 | 18T49355 | 3145 | Grt-Bt: 540, Grt-Hbl: 530, GAFS: >4.7, GASP: <9.1, GRIPS: <7.7 |
| ren83c30 | 17T50400 | 3314 | Pl-Kfs: 700 | CL7393 | 18T49640 | 3270 | Grt-Bt: 560, GAFS: >2.3, GASP: <4.0, GRIPS: <5.1 |
| ren83c50 | 17T50346 | 3150 | Pl-Kfs: 730 | CL1493 | 18T49665 | 3265 | Grt-Bt: 600, GAFS: >5.5, GASP: <8.2, GRIPS: <7.1 |
| hut85a5 | 17T50114 | 6600 | Pl-Kfs: 720 | CL5793 | 18T49685 | 3280 | Grt-Bt: 600, GAFS: >3.5, GASP: <5.1, GRIPS: <5.6 |
| hut85a12 | 17T50218 | 6555 | Pl-Kfs: 740 | SK1593 | 18T49680 | 3250 | Grt-Bt: 690, GAFS: >5, GASP: <5.2, GRIPS: <6.1 |
| dms8579a | 17T50230 | 6720 | Grt-Opx: 830 ± 40, Grt-Cpx: 800 ± 20 | BC3293 | 18T49605 | 3300 | Grt-Bt: 580, GAFS: >3.7, GASP: <4.7, GRIPS: <6.1 |
| MIN 80 1 | 17T49826 | 6902 | Pl-Kfs: 720 | AT3693 | 18T49360 | 3155 | Grt-Bt: 620, GAFS: >3, GASP: <5.8 |
| ALG83C 3 | 17T50484 | 7120 | Pl-Kfs: 670 | KA7593 | 18T49445 | 3290 | Grt-Bt: 540, Grt-Hbl: 590, GAFS: >5.5, GASP: <10.9, GRIPS: <9.3 |
| ALG83C 6-1* | 17T50522 | 7090 | Grt-Opx: 710, Grt-Cpx: 790, GAFS: <10.2 | SU17593 | 18T49340 | 3230 | Grt-Crd: 570, GAFS: >6.5, GASP: <8.2, GRIPS: <7.1 |
| ALG83C 13 | 17T50508 | 6969 | Grt-Opx: 79, Pl-Kfs: 650, GAFS: 9.1 | Edwards & Essene (1988) | | | |
| ALG83C 14 | 17T50508 | 6969 | Grt-Opx: 850, Grt-Cpx: 790, GAFS: 9 | PD-14 | 18T49370 | 5015 | Pl-Kfs: 760, GASP: 8 |
| ALG83C 15 | 17T50502 | 6950 | Grt-Cpx: 720 | CT-17 | 18T49310 | 4920 | Pl-Kfs: 720, GASP: 6.8 |
| ALG 83C 20 | 17T50458 | 6825 | Pl-Kfs: 670 | RS-14 | 18T49295 | 4985 | GASP: >5.7 |
| ALG83C 26 | 17T50332 | 6700 | Grt-Opx: 750, GAFS: 10.2 | RS-10 | 18T49290 | 4895 | Pl-Kfs: 680 |
| HAL 83 C 7 | 17T50298 | 6658 | Pl-Kfs: 610 | RS-12 | 18T49285 | 4895 | GASP: 6.7 |
| HAL 83 C 8 | 17T50226 | 6608 | Grt-Cpx: 740, Pl-Kfs: 740, GRIPS: 10.5 | RS-13 | 18T49295 | 4975 | GASP: 7.5 |
| HAL 83 C 24 | 17T50122 | 6692 | Grt-Opx: 750, Grt-Cpx: 790, GAFS: 9.7 | RS-33 | 18T49270 | 4970 | Pl-Kfs: 760, GASP: <10.4 |
| HAL 83 C 25 | 17T50125 | 6734 | Grt-Opx: 790, Grt-Cpx: 730, GAFS: 9.1 | RS-34 | 18T49270 | 4975 | Pl-Kfs: 740 |
| HAL 83 C 38 | 17T49966 | 6892 | GASP: 7.2 | CT-10 | 18T49260 | 4940 | GASP: 6.7 |
| HAL83 C 75 | 17T49894 | 6698 | Pl-Kfs: 590 | RS-73 | 18T49225 | 4845 | GASP: >3.9 |
| HAL 84B49 | 17T50048 | 6502 | Grt-Opx: 750, GAFS: 10.4 | RS-18 | 18T49200 | 4815 | GASP: >5.2 |
| ALG85A2* | 17T50522 | 7090 | Grt-Opx: 850, Grt-Cpx: 710, GAFS: 8.8 | GVR-5 | 18T49050 | 4710 | GASP: 7 |
| ALG 85 A 6 | 17T50455 | 6810 | GASP: 9, GRIPS: >6.3, GRAIL: >2.9 | RS-2 | 18T49215 | 4870 | GASP: 6.6 |
| HUT 85 A 4 | 17T50235 | 6535 | Grt-Opx: 680, Grt-Cpx: 710, GAFS: 10.3 | GVR-46 | 18T49145 | 4780 | GASP: 7.2 |
| HUT 85 A 5 | 17T50114 | 6600 | Pl-Kfs: 720 | GVR-30 | 18T49115 | 4775 | GASP: <9 |
| H37A DPM | 17T50140 | 6644 | Grt-Opx: 760, GAFS: 10 | GVR-12 | 18T49050 | 4720 | GASP: 7 |
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| DM 85 79A | 17T50230 | 6720 | Grt-Opx: 830, Grt-Cpx: 800, GAFS: 8.6 | ANT-88 | 18T48880 | 4614 | GASP: <5.7 |
| DMC 85 4002 | 17T50450 | 6780 | Grt-Opx: 700, Grt-Cpx: 750, GAFS: 9.7 | LB-145 | 18T48820 | 4645 | Pl-Kfs: 690 |
| DMC 8551 03 | 17T50484 | 6910 | Grt-Opx: 830, Grt-Cpx: 750, GAFS: 9 | Ewert (1977) | | | |
| HAL 83 C 50 | 17T49922 | 7305 | Pl-Kfs: 730 | 920035 | 18T50030 | 3945 | Cal-Dol: 470 |
| Bohlen <i>et al.</i> (1980) | | | | 895003 | 18T50035 | 3900 | Cal-Dol: 390 |
| LB-1 | 18T48850 | 4710 | Pl-Kfs: 690 | 857634 | 18T49640 | 3865 | Cal-Doi: 320 |
| LB-2 | 18T48815 | 4620 | Pl-Kfs: 690 | 0 61674 | 18T49685 | 4045 | Cal-Dol: 290 |
| LB-4 | 18T48820 | 4630 | Pl-Kfs: 690 | 0 28004-3 | 18T50025 | 4020 | Cal-Dol: 480 |
| LB-5 | 18T48825 | 4655 | Pl-Kfs: 740 | 0 95567 | 18T49575 | 4095 | Cal-Dol: 310 |
| GVR-136 | 18T49065 | 4825 | Pl-Kfs: 650 | 948621 | 18T49615 | 3945 | Cal-Dol: 260 |
| GVR-62 | 18T49245 | 4955 | Pl-Kfs: 630 | Lonker (1980) | | | |
| GVR-64 | 18T49220 | 4955 | Pl-Kfs: 650 | GN-11-76-A | 18T49250 | 4140 | Pl-Kfs: 670 |
| Busch <i>et al.</i> (1996b) | | | | GN-18-76-C | 18T49225 | 4065 | Grt-Crd: 720, Pl-Kfs: 700 |
| 203 | 18T4757460 | 372380 | Grt-Opx: 750, Grt-Cpx: 780, Grt-Amp-Pl: 8.9, GAFS: 8.2, GADS: 7.8 | WP-62-76-A | 18T49350 | 3850 | Pl-Kfs: 680 |
| 237 | 18T4932900 | 356370 | Grt-Cpx: 730, GADS: 8 | WP-88-77-A | 18T49305 | 3905 | Pl-Kfs: 670 |
| 265 | 18T4937950 | 339070 | Grt-Cpx: 820, GADS: 9.8 | WP-112-77-C | 18T49345 | 3955 | Grt-Crd: 730, Pl-Kfs: 690 |
| 240 | 18T4939150 | 341420 | Grt-Hbl: 620 | GN-165-77-A | 18T49270 | 4120 | Grt-Crd: 680, Pl-Kfs: 680 |
| 68 | 18T4947050 | 344320 | Grt-Hbl: 630 | | | | |
| 173 | 18T4954610 | 354630 | Grt-Bt: 830, Grt-Opx: 720, GAFS: 6 | | | | |
| 170 | 18T4955620 | 354610 | Grt-Bt: 560, Grt-Hbl: 520, Grt-Amp-Pl: 5 | | | | |
| 84 | 18T4959455 | 357290 | Grt-Hbl: 630, Grt-Amp-Pl: 8 | | | | |
| 179 | 18T4959180 | 363370 | Grt-Bt: 650 | | | | |
| 60 | 18T4961475 | 358895 | Grt-Amp-Pl: 7.7 | | | | |
| 206 | 18T4970875 | 372890 | Grt-Hbl: 560, Grt-Amp-Pl: 7.1 | | | | |
| 164 | 18T5003920 | 370350 | Grt-Hbl: 640 | | | | |
| 152 | 18T5010675 | 372390 | Grt-Hbl: 570, Grt-Amp-Pl: 8.3 | | | | |
| 242 | 18T5015650 | 398910 | Grt-Hbl: 750, Grt-Amp-Pl: 8.6 | | | | |
| 35 | 18T4032090 | 338550 | Grt-Bt: 620 | | | | |
| 268 | 18T4984770 | 449910 | Grt-Hbl: 590 | | | | |
| 270 | 18T4958900 | 364140 | Grt-Hbl: 580 | | | | |
| 44 | 18T4989310 | 366860 | Grt-Bt: 660 | | | | |
| 140 | 18T4989250 | 366210 | Grt-Hbl: 580, Grt-Amp-Pl: 7.1 | | | | |
| 137 | 18T4955575 | 344760 | Grt-Amp-Pl: 5.5 | | | | |

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| Rathmell (1993) | | | | | | | |
| BB91159 | 18T702421 | Grt-Bt: 590 | | KA91142 | 18T315394 | Grt-Bt: 640 | |
| BB91149 | 18T709385 | Cal-Dol: 480 | | KA91115 | 18T201298 | Cal-Dol: 400 | |
| BB91148 | 18T709384 | Cal-Dol: >510, Cal-Gr: 560 | | KI9221 | 18T336249664 | Cal-Dol: <250 | |
| BB91143 | 18T765345 | Cal-Dol: >250, Cal-Gr: 460 | | GH9201 | 17T345805 | Grt-Bt: 800 | |
| BB9145 | 18T840339 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | GH9215C | 17T271736 | Grt-Bt: 800 | |
| BB9144 | 18T838335 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | GH9178 | 17T307779 | Cal-Dol: 280, Cal-Gr: 190 | |
| CF9134 | 18T915285 | Cal-Dol: 440, Cal-Gr: 380 | | BA9189 | 18T786870 | Cal-Dol: 550, Cal-Gr: 410 | |
| BB9138 | 18T921384 | Cal-Dol: 480 | | BA903A | 18T767915 | Cal-Dol: >470 | |
| KA9206 | 18T26312 | Grt-Bt: 540 | | BA904A | 18T795887 | Cal-Dol: 340, Cal-Gr: 550 | |
| KA9126 | 18T38275 | Cal-Dol: >370, Cal-Gr: 520 | | BA9191 | 18T806912 | Cal-Dol: 330 | |
| KA9121 | 18T19415 | Cal-Dol: 430, Cal-Gr: 460 | | BA9212 | 18T815915 | Grt-Bt: 650 | |
| KA9113A | 18T44419 | Cal-Dol: 290 | | BA9211 | 18T815912 | Grt-Bt: 650 | |
| CH91133 | 18T641673 | Grt-Bt: 680 | | BA916B | 18T849939 | Cal-Dol: 530 | |
| BB9142 | 18T859407 | Cal-Dol: <250, Cal-Gr: 590 | | BA9195 | 18T908963 | Cal-Gr: 630 | |
| BB9207 | 18T774401 | Grt-Bt: 440 | | BA9202 | 18T918971 | Grt-Bt: 680, Cal-Dol: 470 | |
| BB9147 | 18T767422 | Cal-Dol: 480 | | BA9197 | 18T04964 | Cal-Dol: >600, Cal-Gr: 360 | |
| KI902B | 18T983444 | Cal-Dol: >410, Cal-Gr: 440 | | BA9198 | 18T977896 | Cal-Dol: <250 | |
| KI909 | 18T294649523 | Cal-Dol: 470, Cal-Gr: 500 | | WF9219 | 18T337877 | Grt-Bt: 770 | |
| BB9148 | 18T918512 | Cal-Dol: >470, Cal-Gr: 480 | | CH91107 | 18T773718 | Cal-Dol: 560, Cal-Gr: 540 | |
| BB9223A | 18T754540 | Grt-Bt: 600 | | CH9164 | 18T826733 | Cal-Dol: >520 | |
| BB9224 | 18T753540 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | CH906 | 18T841799 | Cal-Dol: >260 | |
| BB91153 | 18T670526 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | CH905 | 18T813851 | Cal-Dol: 530, Cal-Gr: 600 | |
| BB91154 | 18T669526 | Cal-Dol: <250, Cal-Gr: 550 | | CH9158 | 18T871794 | Cal-Dol: 500 | |
| BB91155 | 18T669528 | Grt-Bt: 670 | | CH9159 | 18T916784 | Cal-Dol: 510, Cal-Gr: 590 | |
| BB91156 | 18T671582 | Cal-Dol: 520, Cal-Gr: 640 | | CH91100 | 18T896861 | Cal-Dol: 530, Cal-Gr: 540 | |
| CH908A | 18T916657 | Cal-Dol: 390, Cal-Gr: 480 | | CH9204 | 18T860735 | Grt-Bt: 620 | |
| CH9153 | 18T850651 | Cal-Dol: >500, Cal-Gr: 470 | | CH9203 | 18T25802 | Grt-Bt: 670 | |
| CH9152 | 18T868603 | Cal-Dol: >480, Cal-Gr: 410 | | CH9170 | 18T989726 | Cal-Dol: 480, Cal-Gr: 480 | |
| CH9214 | 18T818615 | Grt-Bt: 640 | | CH9171 | 18T12795 | Cal-Dol: 540, Cal-Gr: 540 | |
| CH91130 | 18T676655 | Cal-Dol: 530, Cal-Gr: 560 | | CH9166 | 18T900717 | Cal-Dol: 540, Cal-Gr: 550 | |
| CH91116 | 18T634748 | Cal-Dol: 550 | | CH9217 | 18T751644 | Grt-Bt: 690 | |
| CH91113 | 18T737769 | Cal-Dol: >500 | | BB91121 | 18T826542 | Cal-Dol: >290, Cal-Gr: 190 | |
| CH9186 | 18T677849 | Cal-Dol: 340 | | BF918 | 17T274441 | Cal-Dol: >270 | |
| CH9184 | 18T675797 | Cal-Dol: >480, Cal-Gr: 630 | | BF917 | 17T278422 | Cal-Dol: 520 | |
| BF9110 | 17T282525 | Cal-Dol: >300, Cal-Gr: 300 | | BF9216 | 17T278535 | Grt-Bt: 810 | |
| GH91134 | 17T332662 | Cal-Dol: >390 | | KI912 | 18T365449619 | Cal-Dol: >460 | |
| GH91123 | 17T289637 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | BB915 | 17T932567 | Cal-Dol: 460 | |
| GH91124 | 17T306672 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | BA9183 | 17T360874 | Cal-Dol: 570, Cal-Gr: 190 | |
| GH91126 | 17T333700 | Cal-Dol: <250, Cal-Gr: 530 | | | | | |
| GH9181 | 17T339830 | Cal-Dol: >460 | | M.M. Streepey, unpubl. data | | | |
| KA901B | 18T25324 | Cal-Dol: <250, Cal-Gr: 490 | | A132-1 | 18T49300 | 4975 | Grt-Bt: 710, Pl-Kfs: 680, GASP: 7.5, GRIPS: 6, GRAIL: 6.9 |
| KA914A | 18T25324 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | A132-3 | 18T49300 | 4975 | Grt-Bt: 850 |
| KA914C | 18T25324 | Cal-Dol: >370 | | A114-1 | 18T49205 | 4860 | Grt-Bt: 880, Pl-Kfs: 520, GASP: 9, GRIPS: 6.3, GRAIL: 8 |
| KA9124 | 18T50305 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | A121-1 | 18T48955 | 4710 | Grt-Bt: 730, Pl-Kfs: 520, GASP: 7, GRIPS: 7.5, GRAIL: 7.3 |
| KA9117 | 18T144325 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | A111-1 | 18T49210 | 4845 | Grt-Bt: 760, GASP: 8.5, GRIPS: 6, GRAIL: 7.6 |
| KA91163 | 18T163361 | Grt-Bt: 560 | | A111-2 | 18T49210 | 4845 | Grt-Bt: 700, GASP: 8.5, GRIPS: 6, GRAIL: 7.5 |
| KA91135 | 18T212362 | Cal-Dol: >340, Cal-Gr: 510 | | | | | |
| KA91116 | 18T233324 | Cal-Dol: <250, Cal-Gr: 530 | | | | | |
| KA91118 | 18T278344 | Cal-Dol: 600 | | | | | |
| KA91119 | 18T254306 | Cal-Dol: <250, Cal-Gr: 230 | | | | | |
| KA91138 | 18T315395 | Cal-Dol: 550, Cal-Gr: 580 | | | | | |
| KA91136 | 18T318456 | Cal-Dol: <250 | | | | | |

Mineral symbols in this compilation follow the convention of Kretz (1983); in addition, Amp is used to represent amphibole. The table is arranged alphabetically according to name of authors cited. Limiting temperatures and pressures are noted by the signs ">" and "<". Acronyms: GAFS: garnet - plagioclase - ferrosilite - quartz; GRIPS: garnet - rutile - ilmenite - plagioclase - quartz; GASP: garnet - aluminosilicate - quartz - plagioclase; GRAIL: garnet - rutile - ilmenite - aluminosilicate; GADS: garnet - plagioclase - diopside - quartz.

cordierite, garnet–hornblende, garnet–orthopyroxene, and garnet–clinopyroxene), on the other hand, are considered more reliable, and temperatures calculated using these thermometers were used preferentially in contouring. Some assemblages required the use of limiting barometers (Edwards & Essene 1988, Anovitz & Essene 1990, Cureton *et al.* 1997), although absolute pressures were used instead of limiting pressures wherever possible.

RESULTS OF THE COMPILATION

Temperatures

Figure 3a shows the contour map resulting from the compilation of temperature data. In the Gneiss Belt, temperature ranged from greater than 750°C in the west to 650–700°C in the east (Anovitz & Essene 1990). There appears to be a discontinuity in temperature across the southern part of the MBBZ; temperatures of 700–750°C in the west decrease to 600–650°C in the east. Temperatures decrease south from the BSZ to less than 500°C at the Hastings Low near Madoc, Ontario (Anovitz & Essene 1990, Rathmell 1993). In the Mazinaw domain, temperature estimates between 600 and 650°C have been reported near the RLSZ (Busch *et al.* 1996b, Cureton *et al.* 1997). Across the RLSZ, temperatures remain between 600 and 650°C, increasing to 650–700°C at the SLSZ. Temperature estimates to the east of the SLSZ are on the order of 700–750°C in the Frontenac domain (Reinhardt 1968, Carmichael *et al.* 1978, Lonker 1980, Davidson 1986, Anovitz & Essene 1990, Busch *et al.* 1996b). Lonker (1980) argued that the pyroxene granulites in the Frontenac domain attained *ca.* 800°C and were variably reset after the peak of metamorphism. However, an evaluation of uncertainties in maximum temperatures of granulite-facies rocks are complex and beyond the scope of this paper. Temperature appears to have decreased locally to 650–700°C in the Adirondack Lowlands and then increased again across the CCSZ to 700–750°C in the Adirondack Highlands (Bohlen & Essene 1977, Brown *et al.* 1978, Bohlen *et al.* 1980, 1985, Powers & Bohlen 1985, Edwards & Essene 1988, Cartwright *et al.* 1993, Lamb 1993, Kitchen & Valley 1995). It is possible that peak temperatures in the Frontenac domain and the Adirondack Highlands were somewhat higher than those preserved by the systems that were applied (perhaps in the range of 750–800°C).

Pressures

Although available data on pressure are sparse in comparison to data on temperature, pressures are significantly less variable, and the data are easier to interpret than data on temperature. Figure 3b shows a contour map based on compiled data on pressure. In the

GB, pressure estimates exceed 8 kbar (800 MPa) and decrease across the MBBZ (Anovitz & Essene 1990). We surmise that pressure decreased in a manner similar to temperature in the Elzevir domain, to less than 6 kbar (600 MPa) in the vicinity of the MSZ (Busch *et al.* 1996b, Cureton *et al.* 1997). Pressure estimates increase to the east to 7–8 kbar (700–800 MPa) at the RLSZ, and then drop sharply to 6–7 kbar (600–700 MPa) across the RLSZ. In the Sharbot Lake domain, higher values are recorded, up to ~8 kbar (800 MPa) at the SLSZ (Busch *et al.* 1996b). Pressures decrease across the SLSZ to approximately 6 kbar (600 MPa) in the Frontenac domain (Reinhardt 1968, Lonker 1980), and increase slightly to 7–8 kbar (700–800 MPa) in the vicinity of the CCSZ (Edwards & Essene 1988, Busch *et al.* 1996b).

DISCUSSION

Anovitz & Essene (1990) noted major changes in peak pressures and temperatures of metamorphism in the Grenville Province of Ontario, both on a regional scale and across known tectonic boundaries. However, age determinations on shear zones in the MB were not available at the time, and so contours were drawn across boundaries that join domains that we now know to have different metamorphic ages. Geochronological data, considered in conjunction with pressure–temperature data, help to elucidate the influence of major shear zones on thermobarometric gradients in the Metasedimentary Belt and the pattern of regional metamorphism in the Grenville Orogen (van der Pluijm *et al.* 1994, Cosca *et al.* 1995). For instance, there is no systematic offset in ages across the MSZ, and there are no apparent thermobarometric discontinuities (Cureton *et al.* 1997). Thus, the MSZ is interpreted to be a shear zone that predates the most recent peak metamorphic event. Ages are discontinuous across the RLSZ, and there are also marked changes in pressure–temperature conditions across this boundary. Thermobarometric conditions are slightly different across the SLSZ, which separates rocks that were metamorphosed at the same time but have different cooling histories (Busch *et al.* 1996a). Finally, rocks of the Adirondack Lowlands in the upper amphibolite to granulite facies have metamorphic ages that are distinctly older than rocks of the granulite-facies Adirondack Highlands across the CCSZ. Therefore, the CCSZ separates rocks with dissimilar metamorphic histories (Mezger *et al.* 1991a).

Incorporating the results of our pressure–temperature compilation with what is known about ductile shear zones in the MB shows that distinct thermobarometric discontinuities occur across zones that represent late to post-orogenic extension (BSZ, RLSZ, CCSZ). Although it is possible to generate common contours for the entire MB, it is important to recognize that the pattern does not represent a single metamorphic event. Rather, at least two major episodes

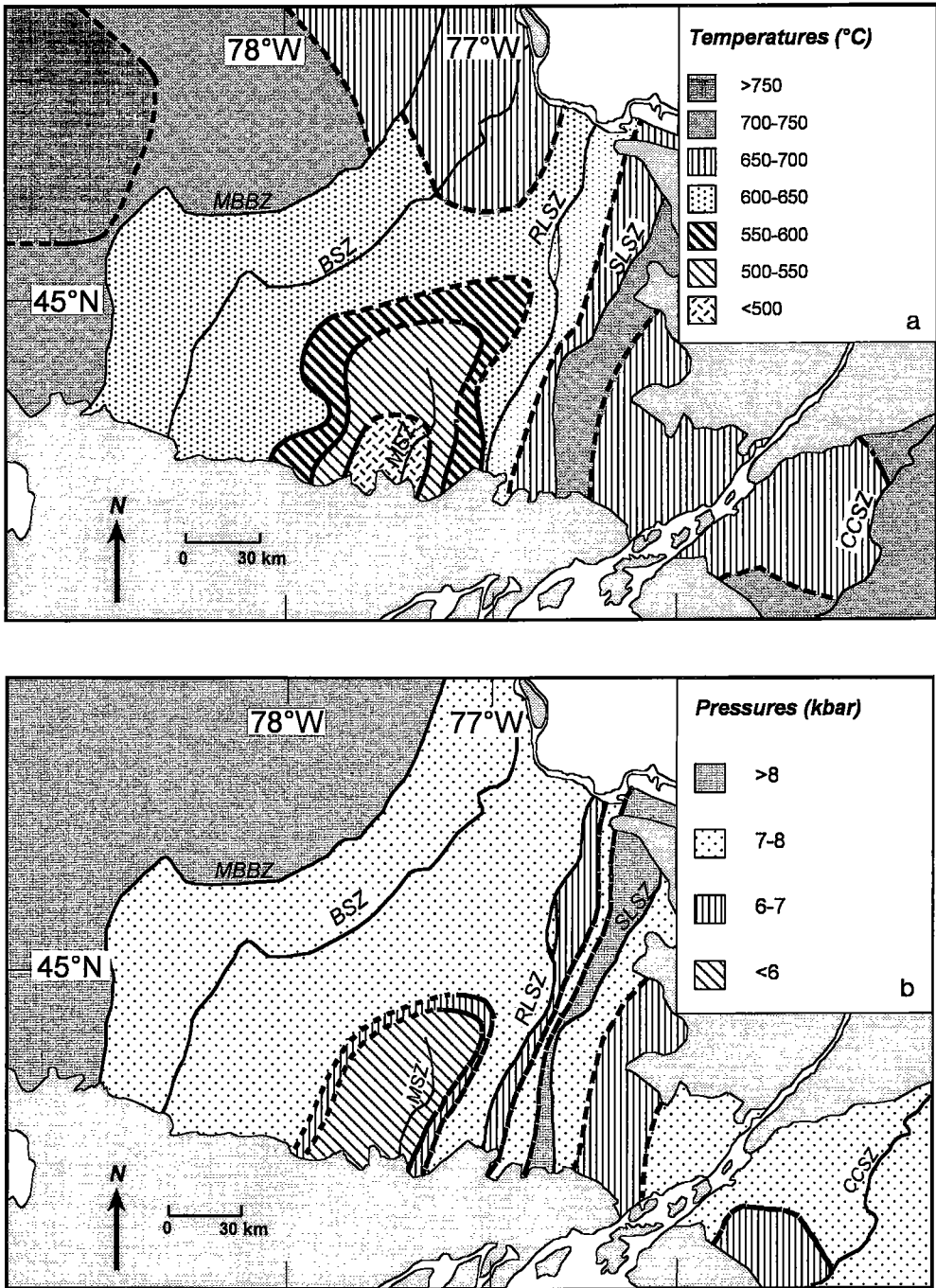


FIG. 3. Generalized contour maps of temperatures (a) and pressures (b) in the Metasedimentary Belt. Data points from Figure 2 have been removed for clarity. Also shown are the major zones of ductile shear (see Fig. 1). Dashed lines represent inferences, whereas solid lines are based on thermobarometric measurements. Titanite ages range from 1000 to 1070 Ma in the Bancroft domain, from 1040 to 1070 Ma in the Elzevir domain, approximately 1010 Ma in the Mazinaw domain, 1150 to 1555 Ma in the Sharbot Lake domain, 1150 to 1170 in the Frontenac and the Adirondack Lowlands, and 1030 to 1050 in the Adirondack Highlands (e.g., van der Pluijm *et al.* 1994).

of deformation, at *ca.* 1150 Ma and *ca.* 1040 Ma, characterize the region (van Breemen & Hanmer 1986, Mezger *et al.* 1991b, 1993, McEachern & van Breemen 1993, Corfu & Easton 1995). It is crucial, therefore, to incorporate geochronological studies when evaluating temperature–pressure gradients in regions that expose complex structural and metamorphic histories of rocks of the middle to lower crust.

Future work

The purpose of this paper is not only to elucidate the significance of shear zones on thermobarometric gradients, but also to examine weaknesses in the database of temperatures and pressures. For instance, there is a marked lack of data in the Bancroft domain as well as a paucity of data on pressure of metamorphism in the Elzevir and Frontenac domains. Only tentative temperature–pressure contours can be drawn across these areas. In addition, the reliability of individual thermometers must be evaluated. Calcite–dolomite data from Rathmell (1993) and Ewert (1977) have been ignored when drawing contours because of the susceptibility of resetting of the calcite–dolomite thermometer. This is supported in the Elzevir and Mazinaw domains by additional data from garnet–biotite and calcite–graphite thermometers; however, few other constraints are available for temperatures in the Sharbot Lake domain. The portion of the Sharbot Lake domain near the Ottawa River may represent a second low-grade lobe of Grenville metamorphism in Ontario (Ewert 1977). As an alternative, the apparent low-grade character of these rocks may be produced by extensive retrograde metamorphism. Application of the calcite–graphite thermometer may prove useful in determining the extent of resetting of the calcite–dolomite thermometer in this area.

Quantitative thermobarometry can have serious limitations in that the rocks of interest may not have the full mineral assemblages needed, and thermobarometers can also be affected by retrograde metamorphism. In these cases, the most powerful determinations of peak conditions of metamorphism come from field characteristics and mapped isograds. In addition, thermometers cannot distinguish between temperatures reached by regional metamorphism and those influenced by contact metamorphism. In many instances, the influence of intrusions on peak temperatures is not straightforward, and these complexities are reflected in the data. Correlating patterns generated from quantitative data and field isograds will ultimately give the most coherent picture of peak conditions of metamorphism in the Metasedimentary Belt.

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