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In-situ dating of metamorphism in Adirondack anorthosite

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Abstract

The 3000 km² Marcy anorthosite massif dominates the Adirondack Highlands (Grenville Province, NY). The Marcy massif was metamorphosed to granulite facies conditions, in places preserving igneous textures with metamorphic coronas and is most deformed near its margins. Historically, the relationship between anorthosite emplacement and metamorphism has been controversial, and many workers have argued that anorthosite emplacement coincided with metamorphism. Valley and O'Neil (1982) proposed that high-pressure metamorphic mineral assemblages in the anorthosite could not be the same event that formed wollastonite skarns adjacent to anorthosite, which have low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and formed in the presence of meteoric water during shallow emplacement. This study presents new in-situ geochronology that constrains the timing of metamorphic mineral growth in Adirondack anorthosite to 1050-1035 Ma. The Zr source for metamorphic zircon

24 growth was breakdown of hemoilmenite, which is texturally linked to high-pressure
25 mineral assemblages. These data are consistent with previously determined ca.
26 1155 Ma magmatic ages and later granulite facies metamorphism during the 1090-
27 1020 Ma Ottawan phase of the Grenvillian orogeny.

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Introduction

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The Mesoproterozoic Adirondack Highlands is a keystone terrane for understanding the conditions of granulite facies metamorphism in the mid-crust. Early thermometry based on Fe-Ti oxide and feldspar compositions established metamorphic temperatures as high as ca. 800°C in the Marcy anorthosite massif in the central Highlands (Fig. 1; Bohlen and Essene, 1977), which was confirmed by subsequent cation and isotope thermometry (Bohlen et al., 1985; Kitchen and Valley, 1995; Spear and Markussen, 1997; Quinn et al., 2017). Barometry and phase equilibria constrain maximum metamorphic pressures to ~8 kbar (Bohlen et al., 1985; Spear and Markussen, 1997). Since the earliest petrologic studies, the Adirondacks have had an important role as a place for field testing thermometers, barometers, and approaches for retrieving information about the conditions of metamorphism in general (Bohlen et al., 1985; Kitchen and Valley, 1995; Darling and Peck, 2016). Specifically, phase equilibria and isotope studies in the Adirondacks provided important limits on fluid flow and the origin of low a_{H_2O} during granulite facies metamorphism (Valley et al., 1990).

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In spite of the well-constrained metamorphic conditions determined by decades of studies, the polymetamorphic nature of Adirondack rocks has often made

47 it difficult to know which dynamothermal event or events are recorded by mineral
48 compositions. This study approaches this problem by dating zircon texturally
49 associated with metamorphic minerals in meta-anorthosite of the Adirondack
50 Highlands. Adirondack anorthosite commonly shows spectacular garnet and
51 clinopyroxene coronas around igneous pyroxene and hemoilmenite (e.g. McLelland
52 and Whitney, 1977). This textural evidence for garnet growth at the expense of
53 ilmenite allows the possibility that metamorphic zircon formed from Zr liberated by
54 ilmenite breakdown reactions can be used to link geochronology to metamorphic
55 phase equilibria (e.g. Bingen et al., 2001). Our new data show that metamorphic
56 zircon in coronitic and recrystallized anorthositic rocks formed during the latter
57 part of the Ottawa phase of the Grenvillian orogeny ca. 100 m.y. after anorthosite
58 intrusion, demonstrating that thermobarometric determinations on metamorphic
59 minerals in these rocks are unrelated to emplacement.

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61 **Geologic Context**

62 The Adirondack Highlands is dominated by the 1155 Ma anorthosite-
63 mangerite-charnockite-granite (AMCG) suite (McLelland et al., 2004), the largest
64 body of which is the ca. 3,000 km² Marcy massif, which underlies most of the
65 Adirondack High Peaks. The Marcy massif is made up of anorthosites and
66 leucogabbros, with less-abundant gabbroic lithologies, some of which are oxide-rich
67 and form Fe-Ti ore deposits. In general, anorthosite predominates in the interior of
68 the massif while more gabbroic rocks are commonly found in the border zone and
69 correspond to higher degrees of subsolidus strain. Anorthositic rocks of the massif

70 interior (“Marcy facies”; Miller 1919) typically exhibit igneous contact relationships,
71 coarse textures, and preserve abundant grey plagioclase megacrysts. Rocks of the
72 border zone (“Whiteface facies”; Kemp 1898) are deformed and contain white
73 recrystallized plagioclase with few remnant grey megacrysts. The cause of
74 deformation fabrics in the anorthosite has been interpreted as related to
75 emplacement of the massif (Balk, 1931), the result of a later orogenic deformation
76 (Buddington, 1939; Regan et al., 2018), or a combination of multiple events.

77 Metamorphic growth of pyroxene, garnet, and other minerals in Adirondack
78 anorthositic rocks has two main styles of paragenesis: as isolated porphyroblasts
79 and as coronas around pyroxenes and Fe-Ti oxides. Peak metamorphic conditions
80 constrained from both textural types is ca. 800-850°C at 7 to 8 kbar (Bohlen et al.,
81 1985; Spear and Markussen, 1997). Metamorphic garnet is interpreted to have
82 grown during near isobaric cooling from peak conditions (at ca. 750–650°C; Spear
83 and Markussen, 1997).

84 In spite of the good constraints on conditions of metamorphism, the timing
85 and geodynamics of metamorphic mineral growth in Adirondack anorthosite is not
86 well constrained. Many early studies of Adirondack and other metamorphosed
87 anorthosites interpreted garnet as grown during high pressure cooling after deep
88 magmatic emplacement (e.g. Martignole and Schrijver, 1973; Whitney, 1978; Basu
89 and Pettingill 1983). Deep emplacement of the Marcy massif was challenged by the
90 recognition that low- $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ wollastonite skarns in the contact zone of the massif
91 formed during infiltration of large volumes of hot meteoric water, interpreted to
92 require a shallow emplacement, and suggesting that high-pressure metamorphic

93 assemblages in the anorthosite formed during a subsequent event (Valley and
94 O'Neil, 1982; Clechenko and Valley; 2003). This model is supported by U-Pb
95 geochronology studies of zircon and other minerals from anorthosite and country
96 rocks which record magmatic ages of ca. 1155 Ma for anorthosite and other
97 members of the AMCG suite (McLelland et al., 2004). Rocks within the Adirondack
98 region preserves evidence for experiencing two high-grade events referred to as the
99 Shawinigan Orogeny (1190-1140 Ma) and Ottawan phase of the Grenvillian orogeny
100 (1090-1020 Ma). Metamorphic ages corresponding to the Ottawan in the
101 Adirondack Highlands sometimes have ages attributed to the contractional phase of
102 the orogeny (1090-1050 Ma), but more often as associated with late-Ottawan
103 collapse and cooling (1050-1020 Ma) (Mezger et al., 1991; Heuman et al., 2006;
104 Wong et al., 2012; Bonamici et al., 2014). In anorthosite, dated metamorphic phases
105 are for the most part either zircon overgrowths on igneous cores or 'soccer-ball'
106 shaped zircon neoblasts, which all have ages broadly consistent with late-Ottawan
107 cooling or younger, ca. 1000-900 Ma, ages associated with the Rigolet phase of the
108 Grenvillian orogeny (McLelland and Chiarenzelli 1990; McLelland et al., 2004).
109 These metamorphic zircon analyses all represent isotope dilution or ion probe
110 determinations on mineral separates, some from very large rock samples, and the
111 petrologic context of these metamorphic zircon ages is not well constrained.

112 Previous sampling and analytical strategies used in the past has left
113 published geochronology of Adirondack anorthosites and related rocks open to
114 different interpretations. For example, ca. 1040 Ma zircon from anorthosite related
115 to the Sanford Lake Fe-Ti ore deposits has been interpreted as representing

116 metamorphic zircon growth during the Ottawa orogeny (McLelland et al., 2004)
117 and alternatively as igneous growth, suggesting relatively young anorthosite
118 emplacement within the massif (Aleinikoff and Walsh, 2016). Similarly, ca. 1050–
119 1040 Ma high-pressure mineral assemblages that show partial melting textures in
120 country rocks of the anorthosite have been interpreted as indicating heating by
121 Ottawa-aged anorthosite, and lower crustal emplacement (Alcock et al., 2004).
122 The thermobarometry study of Spear and Markussen (1997) supports shallow
123 intrusion of anorthosite and subsequent high-pressure metamorphism during the
124 Ottawa orogeny, but without geochronologic constraints on metamorphic mineral
125 assemblages. To help evaluate these issues this study presents in-situ dating of
126 zircon associated with garnet-forming reactions in anorthosite, to help better
127 understand the relationship between anorthosite emplacement and granulite facies
128 metamorphism in the Adirondacks.

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Materials and Methods

131 This study focuses on dating metamorphic zircon in anorthositic rocks with
132 clear textural relationship between zircon and metamorphic minerals, for which P-T
133 conditions are well-understood. Two analytical strategies were employed: dating of
134 zircon separates and zircon in-situ in thin sections. Sample EL1224 was collected
135 for crushing and zircon extraction from a sub-km scale screen of gabbroic gneiss
136 (ferrodiorite) gneiss containing coarse andesine porphyroclasts (Fig. 1). The
137 ferrodiorite is interlayered at the map and outcrop scale with protomylonitic
138 leucogabbro. The gneissosity at this locality parallels the southeastern margin of

139 the Marcy Massif (Regan et al., 2018). Zircon from this sample was separated at the
140 U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, VA using standard heavy liquid and magnetic
141 separation techniques and were mounted in epoxy. For in-situ geochronology 81
142 anorthosite-suite samples were visually surveyed for abundance of ilmenite and
143 garnet, and thin sections of 30 of these were screened for zircon by backscattered
144 electron imaging. Polished thin sections were made for in-situ geochronology of
145 four representative samples, all from the mapped border zone of the southern
146 Marcy massif (Fig. 1). Sample OK25 is a gabbroic gneiss (ferrodiorite) from the
147 Paradox Lake 15' quadrangle, the same locality as sample EL1224. OK25 has an
148 equigranular granoblastic texture of plagioclase, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene,
149 hornblende, biotite, and Fe-Ti oxide. Samples OK30 and OK28 are weakly foliated
150 leucogabbros with garnet coronas around deformed aggregates of ilmenite from the
151 Santanoni and Schroon Lake quadrangles, respectively. Leucogabbro sample OK30
152 is from 4 km south of the Sanford Lake Fe-Ti deposit. Both samples have annealed
153 microtextures of granoblastic plagioclase, clinopyroxene, and garnet. Sample
154 14AD19A is a plagioclase-clinopyroxene-garnet gneissic leucogabbro from the
155 Newcomb quadrangle, and is texturally similar to samples OK30 and OK28, but lacks
156 garnet coronas. It is from a low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ anorthosite outcrop in the border zone of the
157 massif that is interpreted to have been infiltrated by meteoric water during
158 emplacement (Morrison and Valley, 1988; Peck et al., 2017). All samples contain a
159 few texturally early, exolved clinopyroxene porphyroclasts and remnant grey
160 igneous plagioclase megacrysts.

161 Zircon crystals were imaged using cathodoluminescence (CL) and
162 backscattered electrons (BSE). U-Pb analyses of mineral separates of EL1224 were
163 acquired at the Stanford-U.S. Geological Survey sensitive high resolution ion
164 microprobe with reverse geometry (SHRIMP-RG). Standard operating conditions
165 (Premo et al., 2008) were utilized during all analytical sessions with a ~20µm
166 diameter oxygen beam. R33 and MADDER standards were analyzed before, after,
167 and throughout sample analysis. Zircon crystals were dated in polished thin
168 sections of the other samples at the Arizona LaserChron Center using laser ablation
169 with a Photon Machines Analyte G2 Excimer laser online with a Ni HR inductively
170 coupled plasma mass spectrometer (Gehrels et al., 2008). A laser spot size of 10µm
171 and ion counter detectors were used to measure ^{208}Pb , ^{207}Pb , ^{206}Pb , and ^{204}Pb , while
172 ^{238}U and ^{232}Th were collected on Faraday detectors. The Laserchron Sri Lanka
173 zircon standard was analyzed during each analytical session to correct for Pb/U
174 fractionation and monitor instrument conditions. Analytical details can be found at
175 <https://sites.google.com/a/laserchron.org/laserchron/>.

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Results

178 Zircon from sample EL1224 are homogenous in BSE and CL, and range from
179 50–200 µm. 18 analyses of clean portions of these crystals yielded ages ranging
180 from 1119 ± 25 Ma to 957 ± 64 Ma, and lack a coherent population (Fig. 2). See
181 Supplementary Tables for all U-Pb data. The average using all the analyses yields a
182 $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ weighted mean age of 1051 ± 24 Ma and a high MSWD (3.5). A hand
183 sample from the same outcrop (sample OK25) was selected for in-situ

184 geochronology to help resolve the somewhat broad range of ages. Analyzed zircon
185 in sample OK25 is located in-between exsolved ilmenite and metamorphic pyroxenes
186 or hornblende (Fig. 3). Four analyzed grains are anhedral and relatively equant,
187 while one grain has a 'hat-shaped' morphology. This latter texture is where some
188 zircon crystals extend along the boundary of ilmenite (e.g. top images of Fig. 3),
189 suggesting that ilmenite was the source of zirconium for zircon growth (Bingen et
190 al., 2001). Similarly to zircon analyzed in the mineral separate from EL1224, zircon
191 in sample OK25 have overall dark and for the most part featureless CL. The hat-
192 shaped grain shows faint zoning in CL, and the other grains have dark CL with
193 occasional high-CL bands (possibly healed fractures). These features do not
194 correspond with Th/U, which averages 0.38 ± 0.13 , or the weighted $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$ age,
195 which is 1046 ± 8 Ma (MSWD= 0.98; 16 spot analyses; Fig. 3).

196 Samples OK28 and OK30 are lithologically similar samples where zircon is
197 found associated with exsolved ilmenite and almandine garnet (Figs. 4,5). Analyzed
198 zircon in OK30 has two textures. Some are generally equant in thin section and
199 some have hat-shaped morphologies (Fig. 4). These grains are, for the most part,
200 not cathodoluminescent, with some having bright CL regions and Th/U of
201 0.48 ± 0.09 . Sixteen spot analyses on 10 grains yielded a weighted $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$ age of
202 1034.3 ± 7.8 Ma (Fig. 4; MSWD= 1.3). In contrast with OK28, zircon in sample OK30
203 are irregular crystals intergrown with coronitic garnet porphyroblasts (Fig. 5).
204 These zircon show patchy, diffuse CL patterns and have Th/U of 0.46 ± 0.06 . Twenty-
205 three spot analyses on four grains yielded a weighted $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$ age of 1054 ± 11

206 Ma (MSWD= 2.9). A more precise age of 1047.9 ± 6.9 Ma (MSWD= 1.19) was
207 obtained from the most-coherent 21 spot analyses (Fig. 5).

208 The thin section for sample 14AD19A contains a variety of zircon sizes and
209 morphologies (Fig. 6). Some large crystals are euhedral with concentric CL zoning
210 and Th/U of 0.57 ± 0.12 , while other large crystals are anhedral and have patchy
211 bright CL and higher and more variable Th/U = 0.79 ± 0.41 . Small anhedral crystals
212 intergrown with garnet have dark CL (Fig 6) and similar Th/U to the irregular
213 grains: 0.84 ± 0.24 . The weighted $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$ age of seven spot analyses of three
214 euhedral grains is of 1140 ± 37 Ma (MSWD= 2.8). Sixteen analyses of anhedral
215 zircon have a coherent age population of 1032 ± 14 Ma (MSWD= 2.2), with one grain
216 that might have formed slightly earlier (4C; see Supplementary Table 5).

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Discussion

219 The focus of this study was to identify and analyze metamorphic zircon
220 associated with garnet-pyroxene assemblages to help constrain the age of
221 metamorphic mineral growth. We did not particularly seek to obtain igneous ages
222 and so did not focus on rocks that preserve igneous textures because we see the
223 igneous age of Adirondack anorthosite as being much better understood than the
224 age of metamorphism. Published high-precision thermal ionization mass
225 spectrometry (TIMS) and SHRIMP analysis consistently yield igneous ages of ca.
226 1155 Ma for Adirondack anorthosite and related rocks (McLelland and Chiarenzelli
227 1990; McLelland et al., 2004). In addition, the wealth of published geochemical data

228 show coherent geochemistry for these rocks (see Morrison and Valley, 1988; Seifert
229 et al., 2010), and do not suggest multiple parent magmas or anorthosite events.

230 Metamorphic garnet in the Marcy anorthosite forms via clinopyroxene and
231 ilmenite breakdown reactions (McLelland and Whitney, 1977; Spear and
232 Markussen, 1997), and the zircon grains analyzed in this study have clear textural
233 relationships with both hemoilmenite and metamorphic garnet. The morphology
234 and the CL of the zircon along with the intimate relationship between it and reactant
235 ilmenite are clear indications of metamorphic zircon growth (cf. Bingen et al., 2001).
236 Thorium/uranium ratios are not particularly definitive here for evaluating igneous
237 versus metamorphic zircon. Metamorphic zircon sometimes has low Th/U (<0.1),
238 and this has been used in some studies as an indicator of subsolidus
239 formation. However, Th/U has proven to not be a reliable indicator of metamorphic
240 origin, and metamorphic zircon in many rocks has a range in Th/U, depending on
241 the U and Th budget of the rock and element competition among minerals during
242 zircon growth (see Harley et al., 2007). This is especially the case for granulite
243 facies metaigneous rocks, which often have igneous and metamorphic zircon with
244 similar Th/U (Bingen et al., 2001; Möller et al., 2003). This is the case for igneous
245 and metamorphic zircon in the Marcy anorthosite, which both typically have Th/U
246 in the range 0.3 to 0.9 (McLelland et al., 2004).

247 Granulite facies metamorphism in the Adirondack Highlands had peak
248 conditions of 800–850°C and 7–8 kbar. Reaction modeling (Spear and Markussen,
249 1997) and oxygen isotope thermometry (Quinn et al., 2017) suggest that garnet-
250 forming reactions in anorthosite suite rocks occurred at lower temperatures, ca.

251 750–650°C. The 1050-1035 Ma metamorphic zircon ages correspond well with the
252 time of orogenic collapse and cooling for the Adirondack Highlands from peak
253 metamorphic conditions. 1050-1035 Ma garnet growth suggests relatively rapid
254 cooling after the ~1070 Ma metamorphic peak (ca. 20-35°C/My), consistent with
255 orogenic collapse and diffusion-modeling calculations of rapid cooling by Bonamici
256 et al. (2014). This period of garnet growth is contemporaneous with emplacement
257 of the Lyon Mountain granite in the Adirondack Highlands, which is also interpreted
258 to be the result of collapse of the Ottawa orogenic belt (see Selleck et al., 2005;
259 Chiarenzelli et al., 2017).

260 The ca. 1140 Ma euhedral zircon from sample 14AD19A is consistent with
261 igneous formation during emplacement, and falls within the ages of igneous zircon
262 from Adirondack anorthosite (McLelland and Chiarenzelli 1990; McLelland et al.,
263 2004). The general lack of igneous zircon in the other three samples examined in
264 this study is interesting, and could be a byproduct of selecting samples rich in
265 ilmenite, which may dominate the Zr budget of these rocks during igneous
266 crystallization suppressing igneous zircon formation (see also Morisset and Scoates,
267 2008).

268 The metamorphic history of the Marcy anorthosite, and especially its depth
269 history, has long been controversial. Many early workers concluded that
270 anorthosite emplacement coincided with granulite facies metamorphism, and that
271 metamorphic garnet grew during cooling after deep emplacement. The important
272 recognition of Valley and O'Neil (1982) that low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ skarns formed in the presence
273 of heated meteoric water during anorthosite emplacement suggested a

274 polymetamorphic model, as the maximum pressures recorded by metamorphic
275 mineral equilibria (~30 km depth) was not compatible with the presence of surface
276 fluids during shallow emplacement. However, low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ skarns are only recognized
277 in the northeastern part of the massif, and the final emplacement depths elsewhere
278 in the massif are unclear. Aluminum contents of igneous orthopyroxene in
279 anorthosite are consistent with polybaric crystallization, yielding a spectrum of
280 pressures from ca. 3 to 12 kbar (Jaffe and Schumacher, 1985; Spear and Markussen,
281 1997; Peck and Taylor, 2017). In the southern Marcy massif, a small zone with low
282 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ was interpreted by Morrison and Valley (1988) as supporting shallow
283 intrusion of this part of the massif. Metamorphic garnet from these outcrops is in
284 oxygen isotope equilibrium with co-existing plagioclase, which shows that the low
285 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ signature is an early (pre-metamorphic) feature of the anorthosite (Peck et al.,
286 2017). Sample 14AD19A is from this zone, and constrains the low $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of these
287 rocks (and shallow water-rock interaction) to earlier than ~1035 Ma. Existing
288 geochronology is most compatible with shallow emplacement of the anorthosite
289 massif and hydrothermal alteration by meteoric fluids at ca. 1155 Ma, followed by
290 granulite facies metamorphism and garnet growth in the anorthosite at 1050-1035
291 Ma.

292 These new data help constrain the timing of deformation and mineral growth
293 during the latter phases of the Ottawa phase of the Grenvillian Orogeny. The
294 Ottawa phase is interpreted as a Himalayan-style collision between Laurentia and
295 Amazonia, producing widespread penetrative deformation, melting, and granulite
296 facies mineral assemblages in the Adirondack Highlands (e.g. McLelland et al., 2013;

297 Darling and Peck, 2017). Garnet coronas surround elongate ilmenite and
298 clinopyroxene in deformed anorthosite, so growth of garnet and dated zircon clearly
299 post-dates deformation in these rocks. The metamorphic mineral growth dated
300 here is synchronous with emplacement of the Lyon Mountain ferroan leucogranite
301 suite, emplaced during structural collapse of the Adirondack Highlands (Selleck et
302 al., 2005; Chiarenzelli et al., 2017). This suite of leucogranites cross cuts, and lacks
303 evidence for, granulite facies fabrics and assemblages, consistent with a relatively
304 late to post-kinematic origin and a contemporaneous relationship with corona
305 growth in anorthositic rocks. The exact nature of the Ottawa phase of the
306 Grenvillian orogeny in the Adirondack Highlands persists as a major problem, but
307 data presented in this study suggest that granulite-facies assemblages in
308 anorthositic rocks formed during peak Ottawa tectonism, and coronas formed
309 along a retrograde path during tectonic exhumation and emplacement of the Lyon
310 Mountain ferroan leucogranite suite. This interpretation is consistent with in-situ
311 monazite U-Th-total Pb geochronology indicating that strain paralleling the margin
312 of the Marcy anorthosite formed at ca. 1065 Ma, immediately prior to corona growth
313 documented in this study (Regan et al., 2018).

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Implications

316 It was not until broad application of U-Pb geochronology to metaigneous and
317 metasedimentary rocks in the Adirondacks (e.g. McLelland et al., 1988; Mezger et al.,
318 1991) that many of the cutting-edge determinations of metamorphic pressures,
319 temperatures, and fluid composition from the 1970s and 1980s could be understood

320 in a geodynamic context. However, the reaction history of the anorthosite, where
321 many of these petrologic studies were focused, remained poorly constrained. The
322 Adirondack Highlands experienced anorthosite-suite magmatism during the latter
323 parts of the 1190-1140 Ma Shawinigan Orogeny, an accretionary event that caused
324 high-grade metamorphism and melting in the Adirondacks (Mezger et al., 1991;
325 Heumann et al., 2006). Metasedimentary country rocks to the anorthosite
326 experienced both Shawinigan and Ottawan events (e.g. Kitchen and Valley, 1995;
327 Heumann et al., 2006; Peck et al., 2010). In the absence of direct dating of
328 metamorphic minerals in these rocks it is often unclear to what extent pressure-
329 temperature estimates from these rocks represent Shawinigan or Ottawan
330 conditions (or reflect a combination of the two). The recognition that metamorphic
331 mineral assemblages in the anorthosite formed at 1050-1035 Ma and are not related
332 to the Shawinigan orogeny or anorthosite emplacement provides a more clear
333 perspective on Ottawan metamorphic conditions than was previously available.
334 Metamorphic minerals commonly overgrow igneous textures, and texturally late
335 garnet in anorthosite has historically been interpreted as evidence for formation
336 shortly after after emplacement in the Marcy massif and elsewhere (e.g. Martignole
337 and Schrijver, 1973; Whitney, 1978; Basu and Pettingill 1983). However, assigning
338 the 8 kbar peak pressures determined from metamorphic minerals in these rocks to
339 anorthosite emplacement would be erroneous (e.g. Alcock et al., 2004), and the
340 evidence best supports for shallow emplacement of the anorthosite at ca. 1155 Ma
341 during collapse associated with the Shawinigan orogeny followed by granulite facies

342 metamorphism, rapid cooling, and collapse during the 1080-1030 Ma Ottawan
343 orogeny.

344 Evaluation of the textural context of zircon and in-situ geochronology was
345 critical for constraining the metamorphic history of these rocks. If the samples we
346 analyzed in this study had been crushed, and zircons had been examined in grain
347 mounts, their anhedral crystal forms and zoning patterns might easily have been taken
348 for the unusual igneous grains often found in mafic lithologies (e.g. Corfu et al.,
349 2003). This approach might have led to the erroneous interpretation that ages
350 determined from these grains would reflect the age of igneous emplacement, rather
351 than metamorphic growth during a later orogenic event.

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492 anorthosite massif, Adirondack Highlands, underlain by a percent slope map
493 derived from LiDAR. Names of 7.5' quadrangles are shown. In the inset, LMG= Lyon
494 Mountain granite and AN= anorthosite.
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496 Figure 2. Concordia diagram (left) of LA-ICPMS spot analyses of zircon dated in-situ
497 in ferrodiorite gneiss OK25. Inset are $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$ ages and the weighted age. 2σ
498 errors are shown. Images (right) show representative analyzed zircon (left
499 backscattered electrons, right cathodoluminescence showing laser spot locations).
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501 Figure 3. Concordia diagram (left) of LA-ICPMS spot analyses of zircon dated in-situ
502 in leucogabbro gneiss OK28. Inset are $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$ ages and the weighted age. 2σ
503 errors are shown. Images (right) show representative analyzed zircon (left
504 backscattered electrons, right cathodoluminescence showing laser spot locations).
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506 Figure 4. Concordia diagram (left) of LA-ICPMS spot analyses of zircon dated in-situ
507 in leucogabbro gneiss OK30. Inset are $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$ ages and the weighted age of the
508 most-coherent 21 spot analyses. 2σ errors are shown. Images (right) show
509 representative analyzed zircon (left backscattered electrons, right
510 cathodoluminescence showing laser spot locations).
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512 Figure 5. Weighted age histograms of LA-ICPMS spot analyses of zircon dated in-
513 situ in leucogabbro gneiss 14AD19A (left). 2σ errors are reported, boxes in this plot
514 are $\pm 1\sigma$. Images (right) show representative analyzed zircon (left backscattered
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