

*Lecture 3*

# X-ray map corrections and multi-channel classification

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- Motivation and application examples
- X-ray maps: loading and automated indexation
- Displaying X-ray maps, adjusting color contrast and mineral identification
- Automated classification (normalized and classic methods) for manipulating single-phase data
- Manual adjustment of maskfile using the Binary module
- Manual classification
- Corrections (BRC; IDC; TRC)

### Motivations:

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## REE and Hf distribution among mineral phases in the CV–CK clan: A way to explain present-day Hf isotopic variations in chondrites

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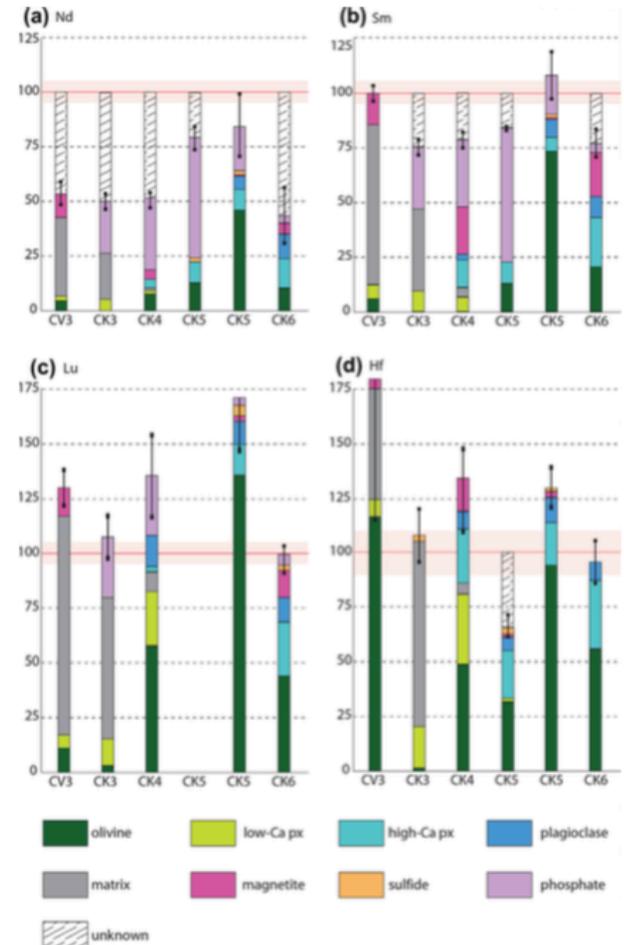
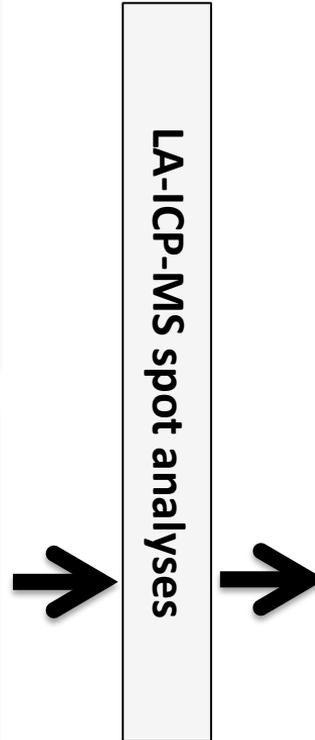
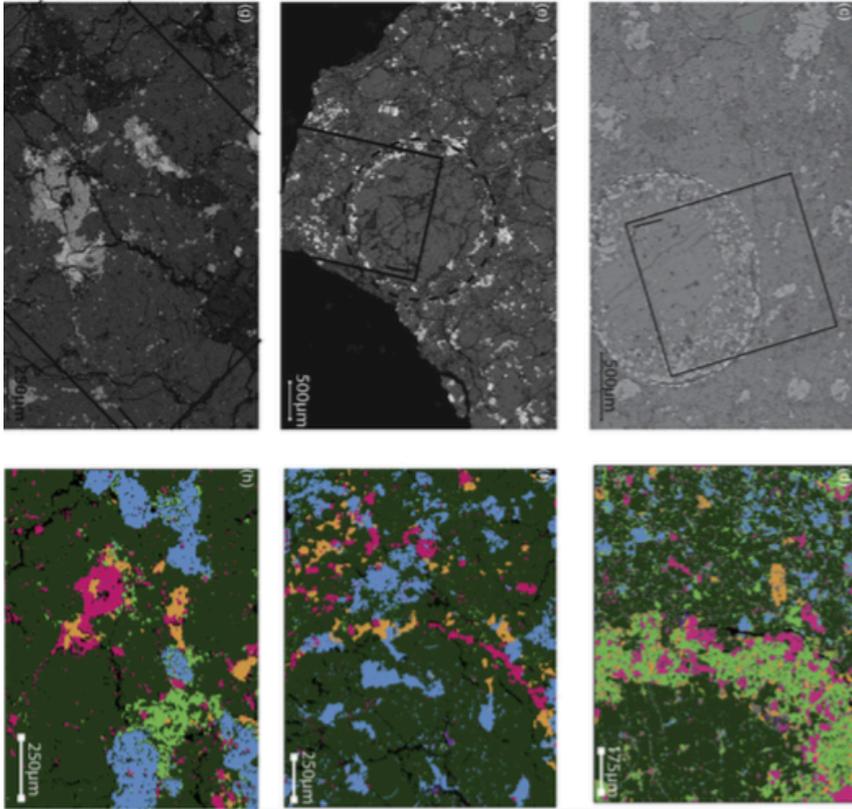
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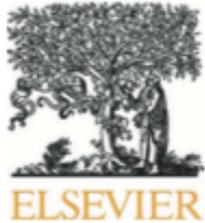
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# MOTIVATION AND APPLICATION EXAMPLES

## Mineral modes from X-ray maps



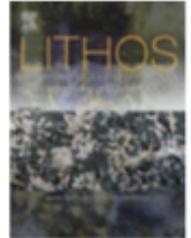
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## Microstructural vs compositional preservation and pseudomorphic replacement of muscovite in deformed metapelites from the Longmen Shan (Sichuan, China)

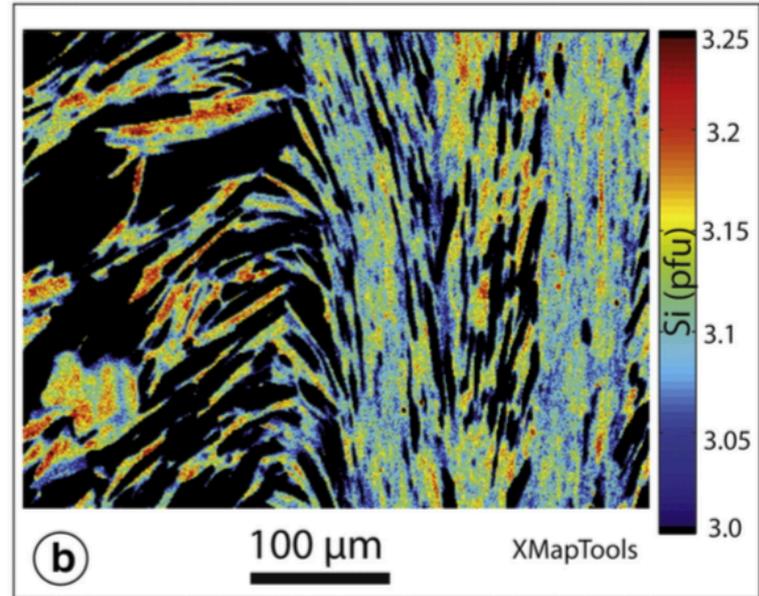
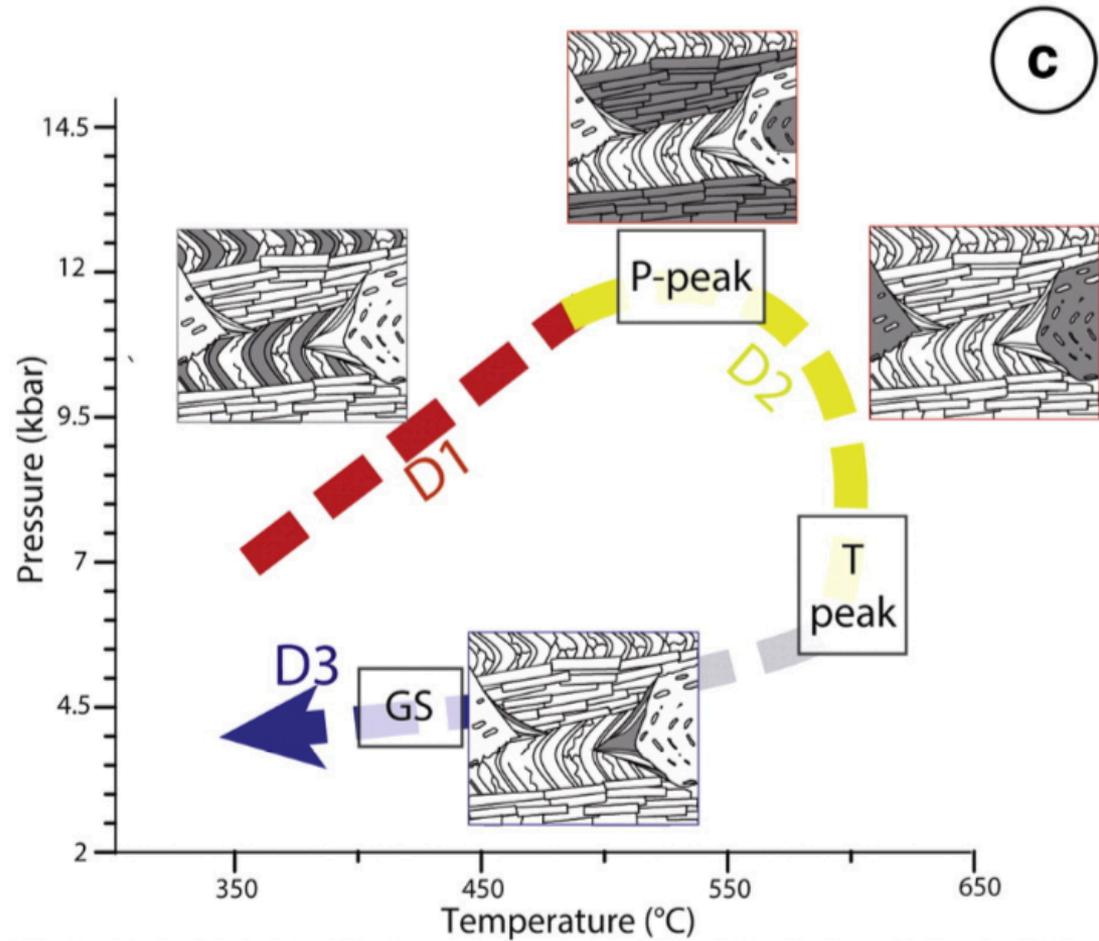


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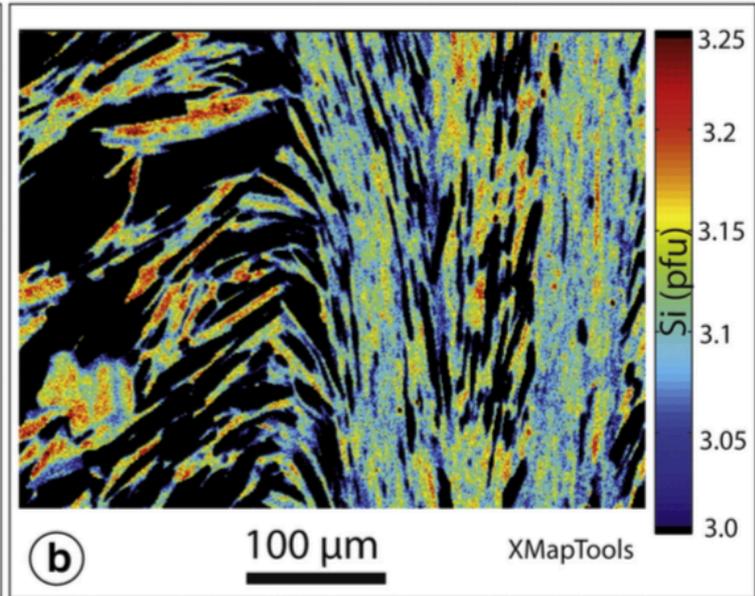
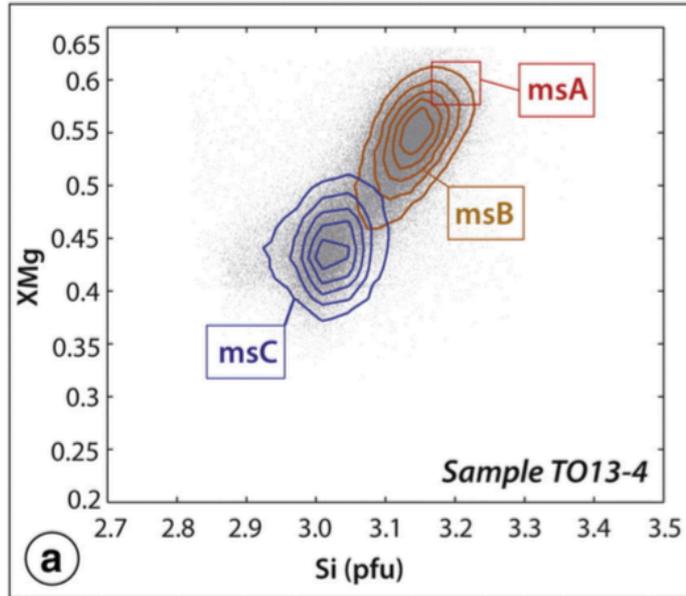
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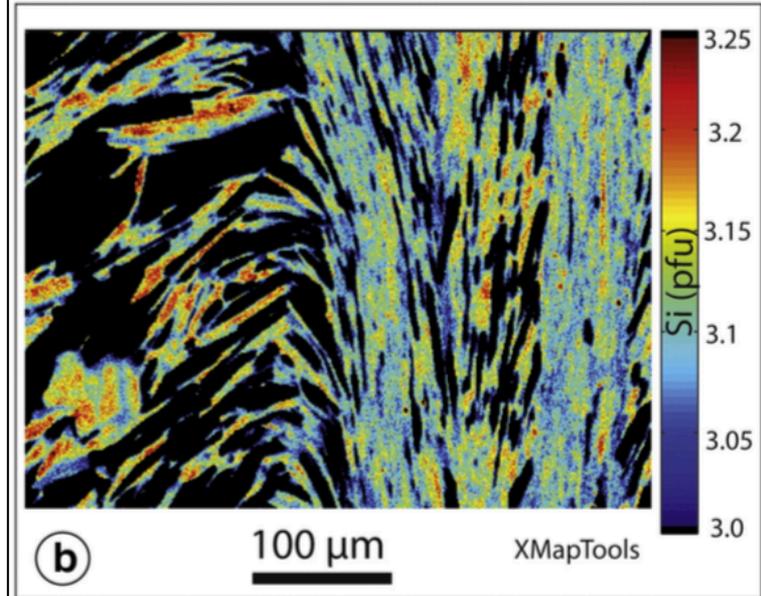


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**Table 3**

Degree of muscovite preservation (fraction of pixel surface with a given chemical composition, see text for details).

Microstructural position	$ms_A$	$ms_B$	$ms_C$
<i>Sample: to13-4</i>			
S1 cleavage	0.48	0.52	0
S2 cleavage	0.15	0.80	0.05
P-shadows	0	0	1
<i>Sample: to13-7</i>			
S1 cleavage	0.23	0.77	0
S2 cleavage	0.15	0.85	0
P-shadows	0	0	1
<i>Sample: lm09-223</i>			
S1 cleavage	0	0	1
S2 cleavage	0	0	1
P-shadows	0	0.15	0.85

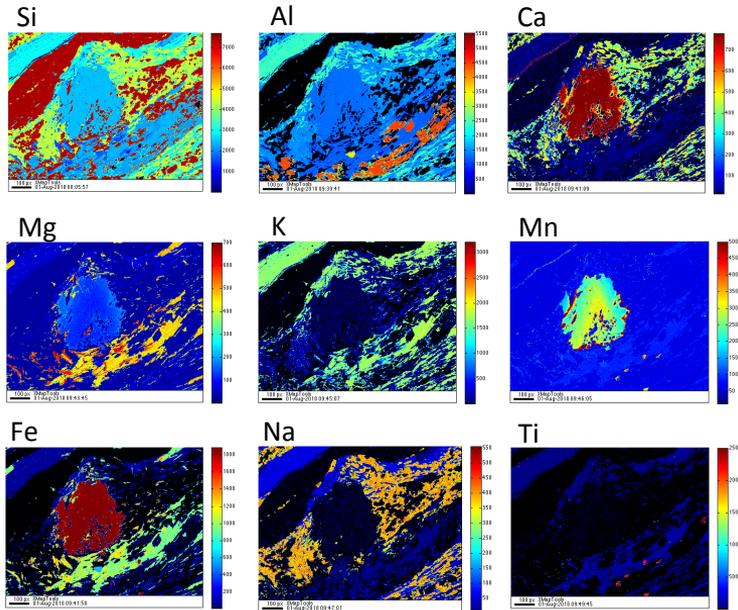


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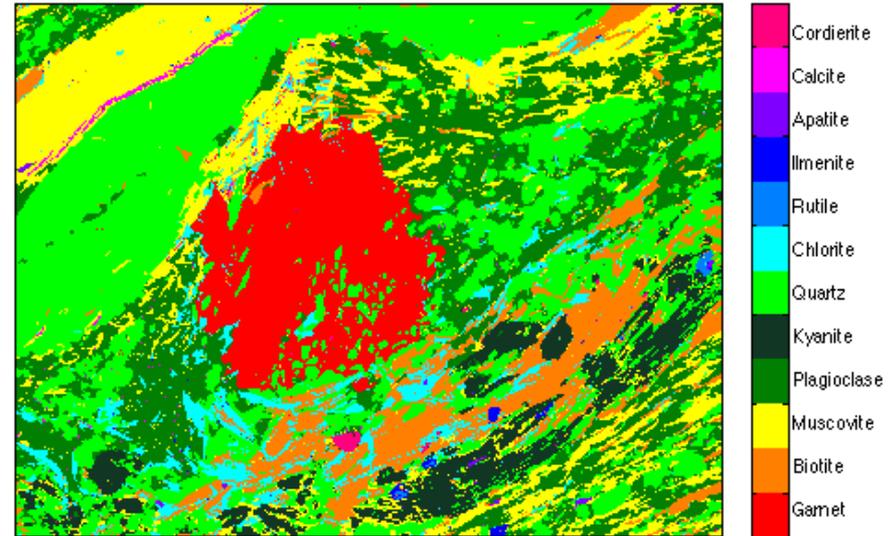
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## X-ray maps (multi-channel)



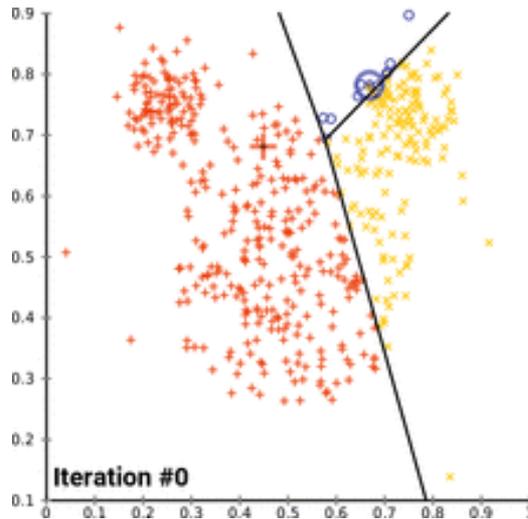
## Classified image



## Automated classification in XMAPTOOLS: K-means clustering

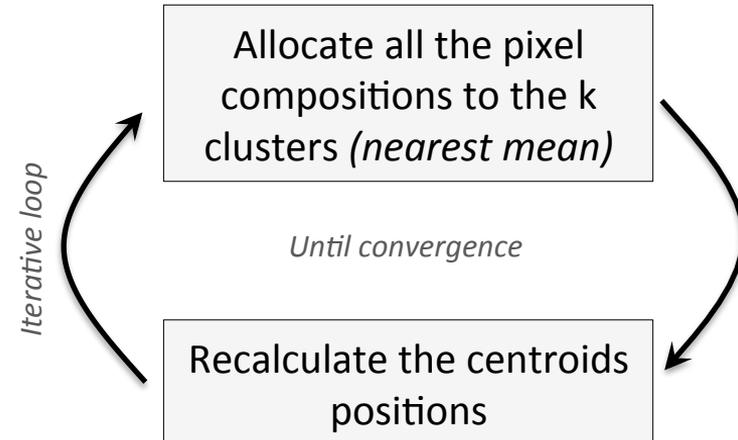


**k-means clustering** aims to partition  $n$  observations into  $k$  clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest mean, serving as a prototype of the cluster



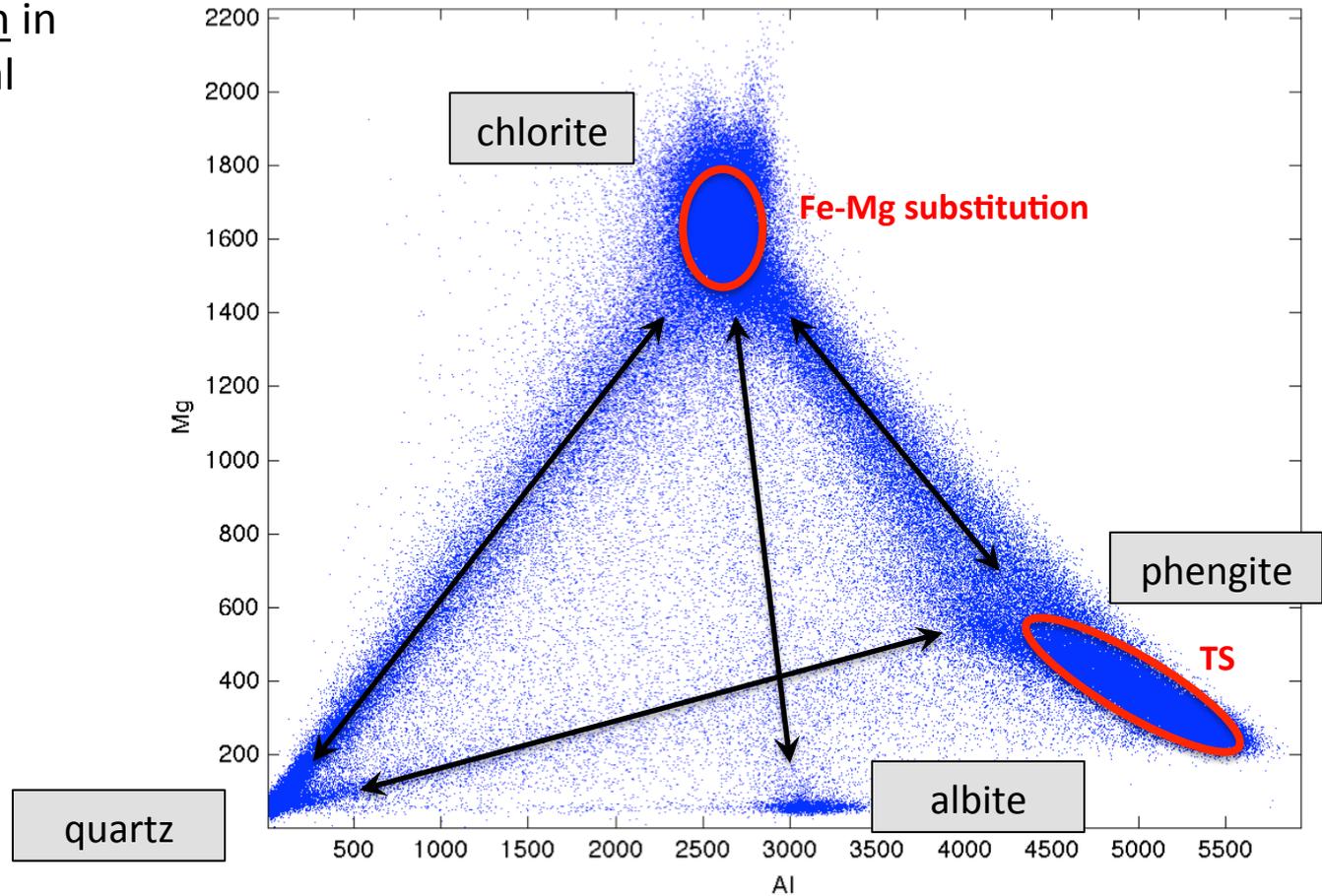
### **k initial phases compositions**

- Number of clusters
- Initial centers of the clusters



# MOTIVATION AND APPLICATION EXAMPLES

Manual classification in XMAPTOOLS: chemical modules

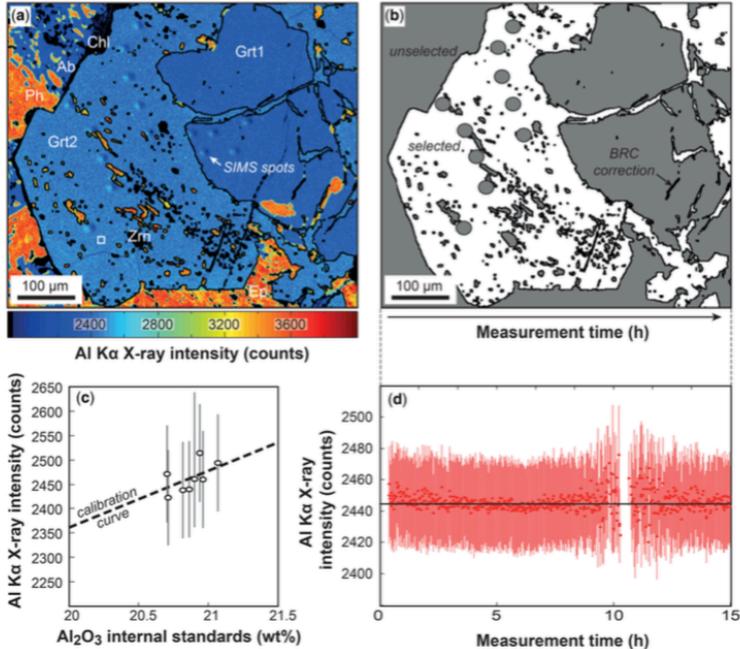


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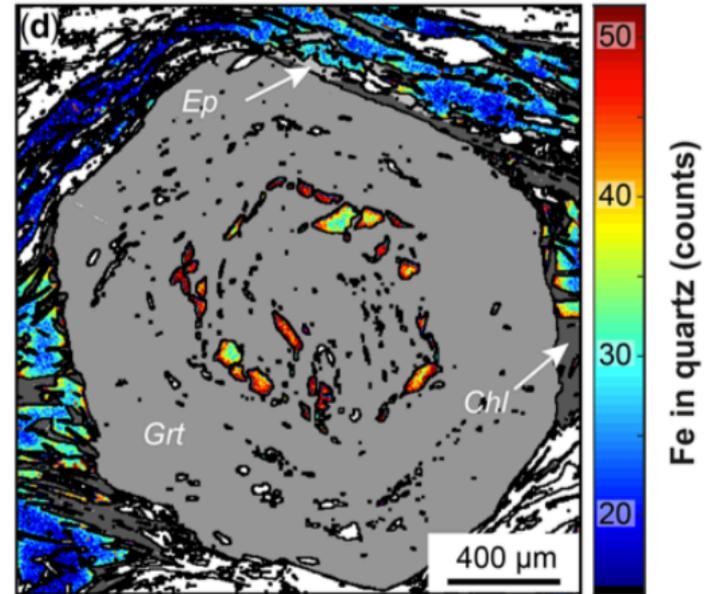
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## Drift



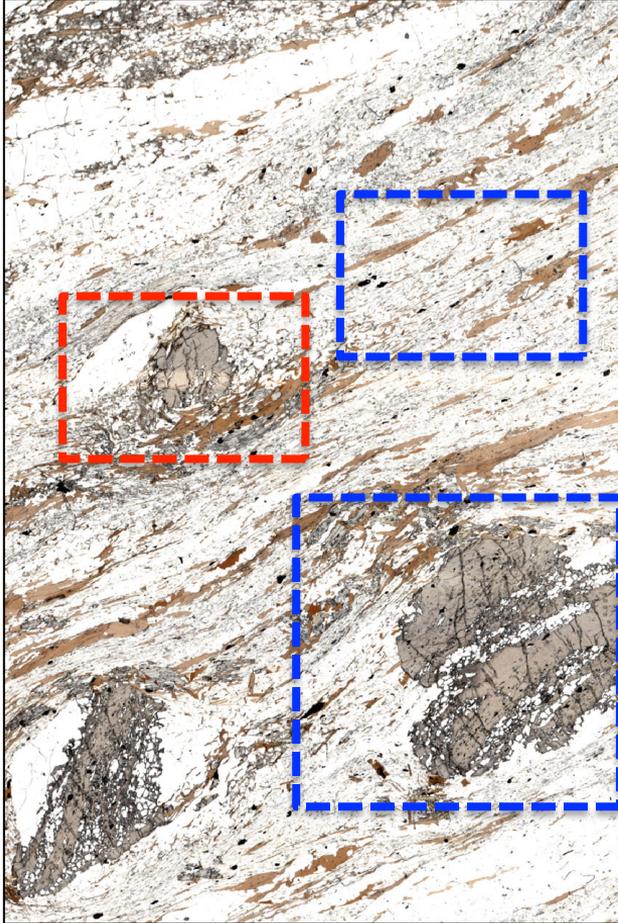
## Secondary fluorescence effects



## Key steps

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- Manual classification using the Binary module
- Corrections

# MOTIVATION AND APPLICATION EXAMPLES



## Sample MA9330

Metapelite from the Central Alps (Switzerland)

*Todd & Engi, (1997) JMG; Boston et al. (2017), Lithos*

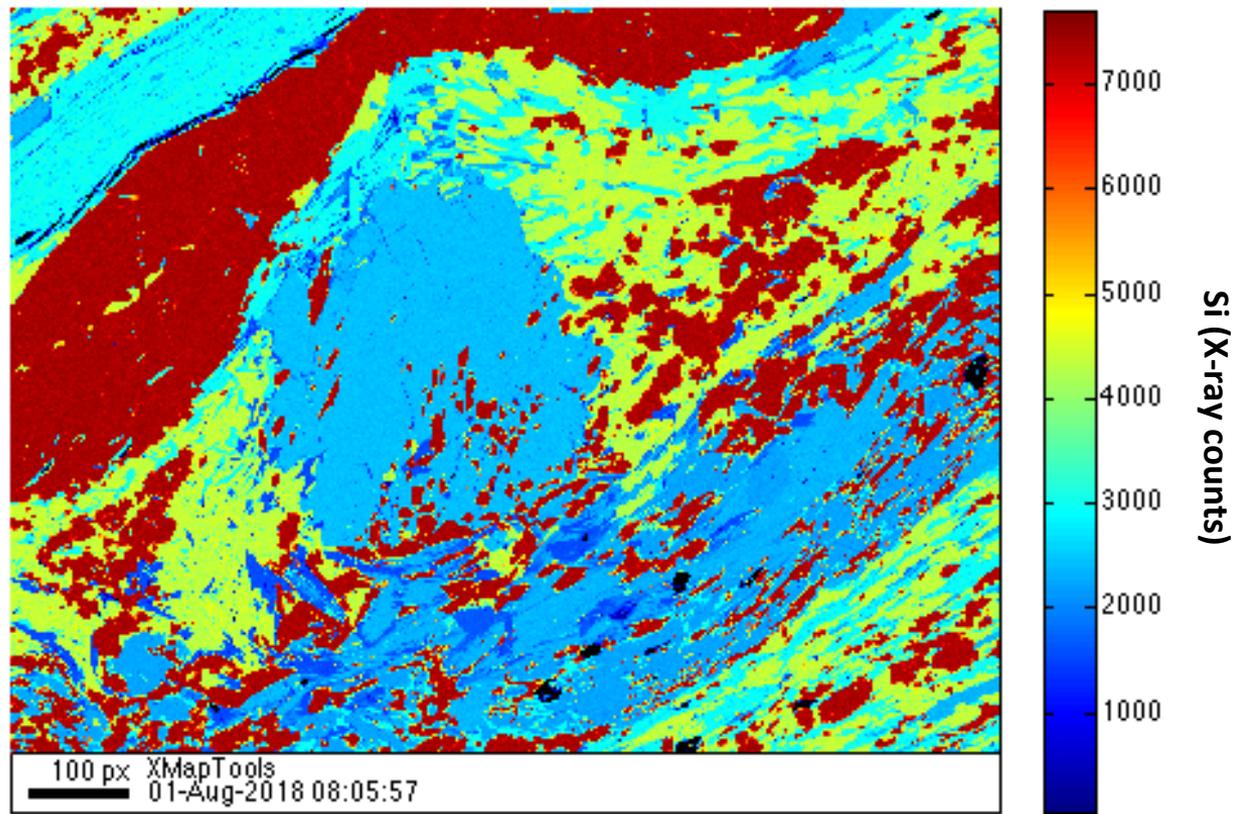
<i>Prograde</i>	garnet, muscovite, quartz, $\pm$ plagioclase, $\pm$ biotite
<i>Peak</i>	biotite, muscovite, quartz, kyanite, cordierite, plagioclase
<i>Retrograde</i>	biotite, chlorite

Map 1 – Mineral matrix – 1000 x 750 pixels, 6  $\mu$ m step size  
100 ms dwell time – **42 h**

Map 2 – Peak + Retrogression – 1000 x 750 pixels, 6  $\mu$ m step size  
100 ms dwell time – **42 h**

Map3 – Garnet porphyroblast – 1000 x 1000 pixels, 10  $\mu$ m step size  
60 ms dwell time – **33 h**

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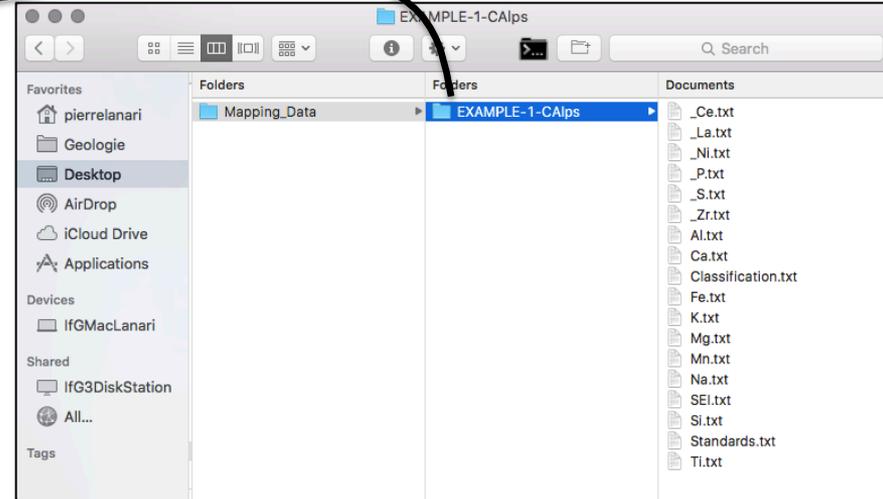
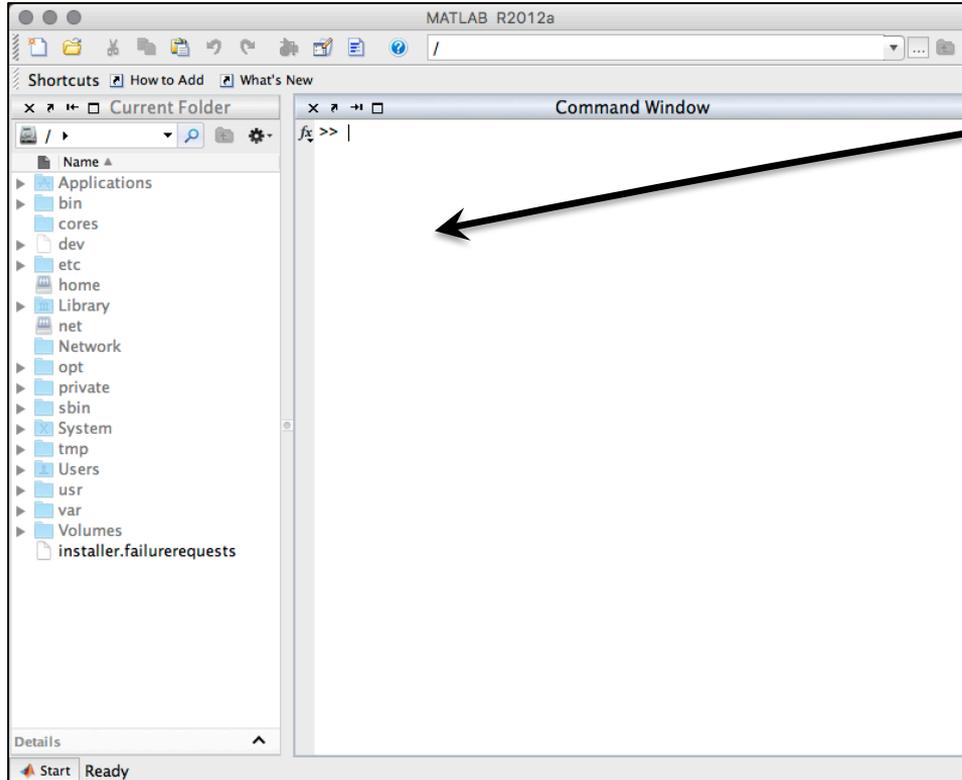


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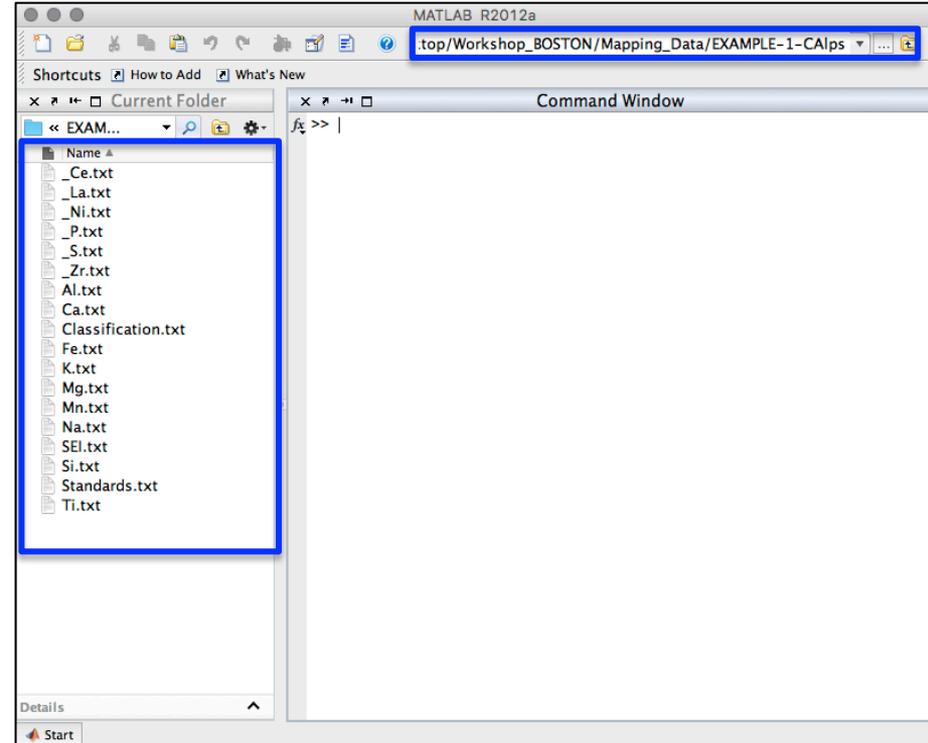
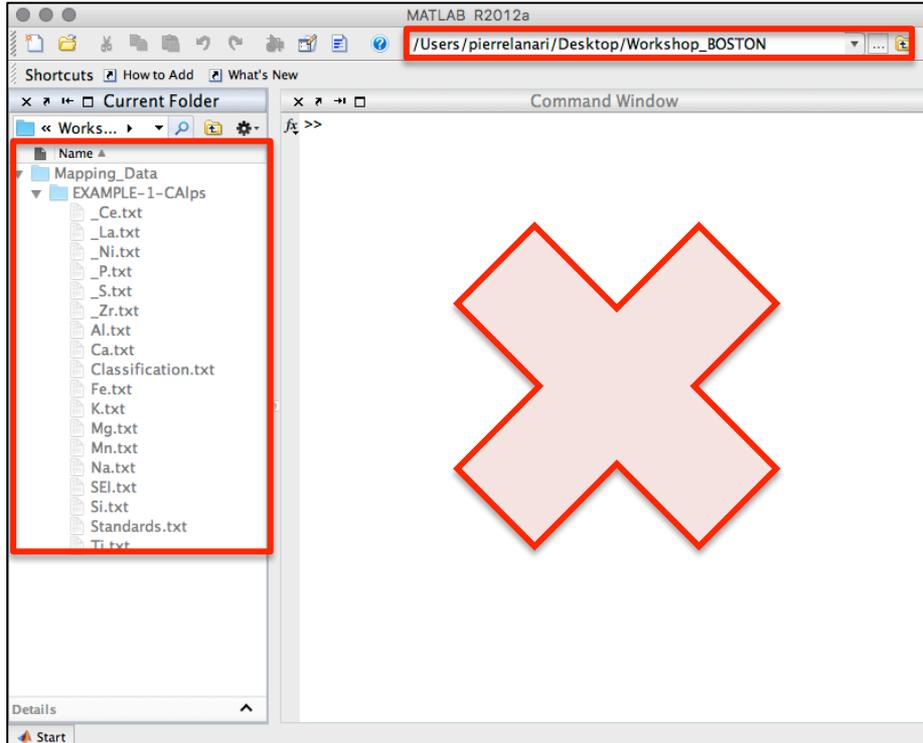
# HOW TO LAUNCH XMAPTOOLS?

- ① In MATLAB®, go to the directory *Documents/MATLAB/Mapping\_Data/Part1\_EPMA/Example-1-CAIps/*



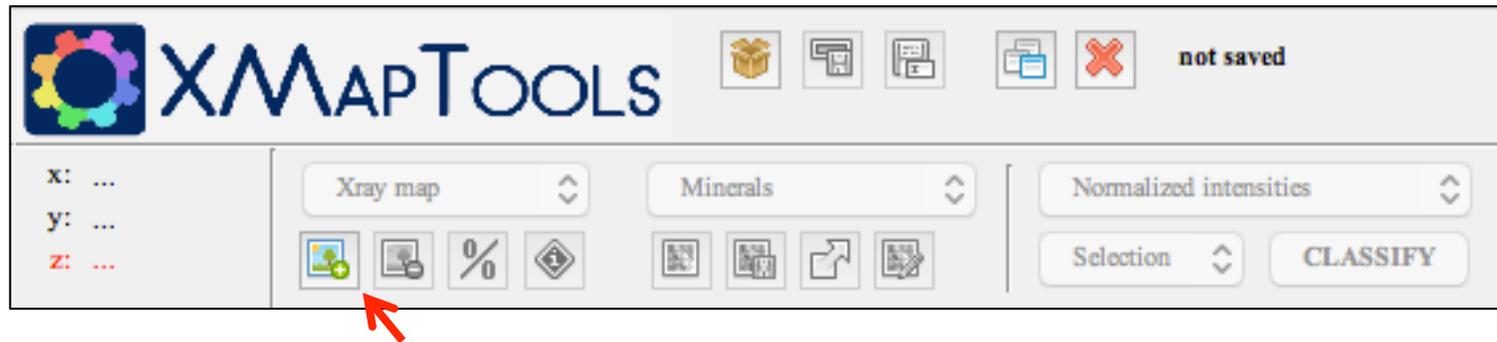
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## X-RAY MAPS: LOADING AND AUTOMATED INDEXATION

- ① Launch XMAPTOOLS using the command: `>> XMapTools`
- ② Import the following X-ray maps using the function *Import map(s)*: `_Ce.txt, _La.txt, _Ni.txt, _P.txt, _S.txt, _Zr.txt, Al.txt, Ca.txt, Fe.txt, K.txt, Mg.txt, Mn.txt, Na.txt, SEI.txt, Si.txt, Ti.txt, TOPO.txt` (select automated indexation)
- ③ Activate the dead time correction (Check `0.cnd` for dwell time; dead time: 300 ns) and press *Apply Corrections*



# X-RAY MAPS: LOADING AND AUTOMATED INDEXATION

- The list of elements and corresponding oxide is defined in `/XMapTools/Program/Dev/Xmap_Default.txt`

```
Xmap_Default.txt
-----
XMAPTOOLS Default File
Last update (8.01.2018), Pierre Lanari
-----
!
! Element / element / Oxide / OXIDE
! EDIT WITH CAUTION (No empty line without the comment symbol (!)
!
Na na Na2O NA2O
Mg mg MgO MG0
Al al Al2O3 AL2O3
Si si SiO2 SIO2
P p P2O5 P2O5
S s SO2 SO2
F f FO2 FO2
Cl cl Cl2O Cl2O
K k K2O K2O
Ca ca CaO CAO
Ti ti TiO2 TIO2
V v V2O5 V2O5
Cr cr Cr2O3 CR2O3
Mn mn MnO MNO
Fe fe FeO FEO
Co co CoO COO
Ni ni NiO NIO
Cu cu CuO CUO
Zn zn ZnO ZNO
Zr zr ZrO2 ZRO2
Ag ag AgO AGO
Cd cd CdO CDO
Sn sn SnO2 SNO2
Ce ce Ce2O3 CE2O3
As as As2O5 AS2O5
Sb sb Sb2O3 SB2O3
Cs cs Cs2O CS2O
La la La2O3 LA2O3
Nd nd Nd2O3 ND02
Pb pb PbO PBO
Sr sr SrO SRO
Th sr ThO2 THO2
U u UO2 UO2
Yt yt Y2O3 Y2O3
!Yt is Y (must be different that 'Y' coordinate)
Sm sm Sm2O3 SM2O3
Gd gd Gd2O3 GD2O3
Dy dy Dy2O3 DY2O3
```

```
Xmap_Default.txt
Pr pr Pr203 PR203
Au Au Au203 AU203
!
! The following isotopes are available for LA-ICP-MS data
!
7Li 7Li Li LI
9Be 9be Be BE
11B 11B B B
12C 12C C C
13C 13C C C
23Na 23na Na NA
24Mg 24mg Mg MG
25Mg 25mg Mg MG
27Al 27al Al AL
28Si 28si Si SI
29Si 29si Si SI
31P 31p P P
34S 34S S S
35Cl 35cl Cl CL
39K 39k K K
43Ca 43ca Ca CA
44Ca 44ca Ca CA
45Sc 45sc Sc SC
47Ti 47ti Ti TI
49Ti 49ti Ti TI
51V 51v V V
52Cr 52cr Cr CR
53Cr 53cr Cr CR
55Mn 55mn Mn MN
56Fe 56fe Fe FE
57Fe 57fe Fe FE
59Co 59co Co CO
60Ni 60ni Ni NI
65Cu 65cu Cu CU
66Zn 66zn Zn ZN
69Ga 69ga Ga GA
71Ga 71ga Ga GA
72Ge 72ge Ge GE
73Ta 73ta Ta TA
74Ge 74ge Ge GE
75As 75as As AS
77Se 77se Se SE
81Br 81br Br BR
82Se 82se Se SE
85Rb 85rb Rb RB
88Sr 88sr Sr SR
89Y 89y Yt YT
90Zr 90zr Zr ZR
```

```
Xmap_Default.txt
192Os 192os Os OS
193Ir 193ir Ir IR
195Pt 195pt Pt PT
197Au 197au Au AU
202Hg 202hg Hg HG
205Tl 205tl Tl TL
204Pb 204pb Pb PB
206Pb 206pb Pb PB
207Pb 207pb Pb PB
208Pb 208pb Pb PB
209Bi 209bi Bi BI
232Th 232th Th TH
238U 238u U U
!
! The following oxides are available to load standardized X-ray
maps.
! The function TTQuanti (Transfer to Quanti) can be used to
transfer
! the data from the X-ray to the Quanti parts.
!
! We used _s because this name will be unused (correspondance with
std name of elements).
!
SiO2 sio2 SiO2_s SIO2_s
TiO2 tio2 TiO2_s TIO2_s
Al2O3 al2o3 Al2O3_s AL2O3_s
FeO feo FeO_s FEO_s
MnO mno MnO_s MNO_s
MgO mgo MgO_s MGO_s
CaO cao CaO_s CAO_s
Na2O na2o Na2O_s NA2O_s
K2O k2o K2O_s K2O_s
!
! The following elements are for metalloids.
! - Fe_m is X-ray data for Fe metal [Name of X-ray images].
! - Fe_ms is Fe metal standardized (Wt% of Fe) [Name of
elements for the point analyses].
!
Fe_m fe_m Fe_ms FE_MS
Cu_m cu_m Cu_ms CU_MS
!
! The following labels are for the BSE, SEI and TOPO images
! They should not be standardized but they can be transferred to
Quanti and Result
! using TTQuanti button.
!
BSE bse BSE_s BSE_s
SEI sei SEI_s SEI_s
TOPO topo TOPO_s TOPO_s
```

# X-RAY MAPS: LOADING AND AUTOMATED INDEXATION

Import Tool

 **XMAPTOOLS** **Import Tool**

**>> Dead time correction [Electron Microprobe (WDS) images]**

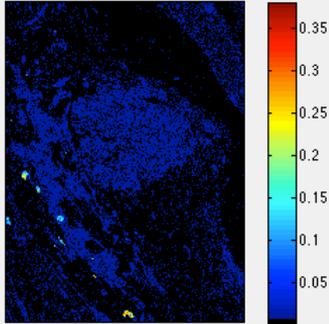
Activate the dead time correction      Dwell time:  ms      Dead time:  ns

**>> Map size correction: re-sampling & rotation [LA-ICP-MS images]**

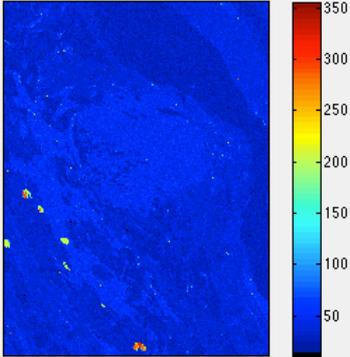
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Y (rows)	<input type="text" value="1000"/>	<input type="text" value="1000"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	0   90   180   270

Find and replace negative values (zero)

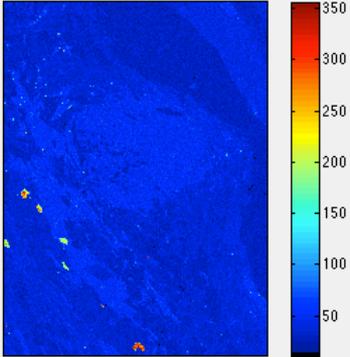
**DEAD TIME CORRECTION**



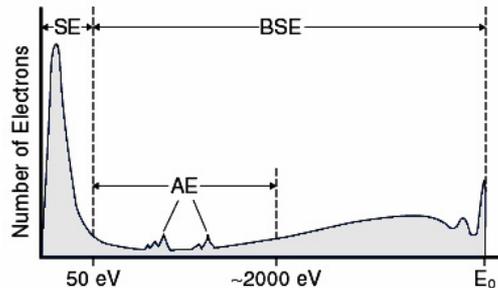
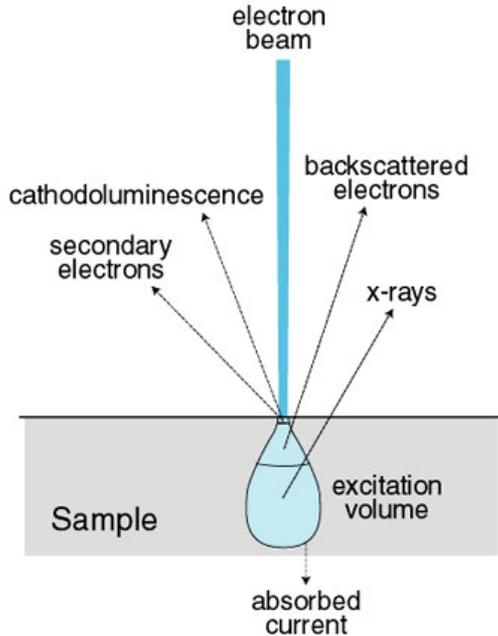
**ORIGINAL IMAGE**



**CORRECTED IMAGE**



# BSE, SEI AND TOPO MAPS



**Backscattered electrons (BSE)** high energy primary electrons scattered from the entry surface. Most BSE have energies slightly lower than that of the primary electron beam  $E_0$  (mostly elastic + inelastic scattering). The fraction of beam electrons backscattered from a sample, depends strongly on the sample's average atomic number,  $Z$ , reflecting the increasing charge of the atomic nuclei.

**Secondary electrons (SE)** are sample electrons mobilized through inelastic scattering (i.e., involving transfer of energy from the beam electrons to the atoms of the specimen) by beam electrons overcome the surface energy barrier and escape from the sample. They have lower energies (<50 eV; majority <10 eV) compared to back-scattered electrons. The escape depth of secondary electrons is only about 1/100 of that for backscattered electrons for incident beam energies in the range 10-30 keV. SE are useful in studying the surface characteristics of the sample.

**Everhart-Thornley (E-T) detector for topographic contrast:** This detector analyze the BSE (negatively biased E-T detector) or both BSE + SE (positively biased E-T detector). The E-T detector is mounted on one side of the sample chamber receiving a highly directional view of the specimen. As a result, when imaging a fractured surface, the faces directly in the line-of-sight of the detector appear brighter than the other faces

# X-RAY MAPS: LOADING AND AUTOMATED INDEXATION

- Display the X-ray map Si:

Menu to select the X-ray map

Workspace: X-ray

The screenshot displays the XMAPTOOLS software interface. The main window shows an X-ray map for Silicon (Si) with a color scale on the right ranging from 1000 (blue) to 7000 (red). The software interface includes a top menu bar with 'Xray' highlighted, a toolbar with 'CLASSIFY' and 'CORRECT' buttons, and a left sidebar with various tool options. The title bar indicates 'XMaptools 2.3.2' and 'not saved'. The status bar at the bottom reads 'X-ray Raw data (Intensity) - Si'.

# Key steps

- Import the maps into XMAPTOOLS
- Identify the mineral phases
- Automated classification
- Manual classification using the Binary module
- Corrections



not saved



Xray

Quanti

Results



x: ...

y: ...

z: ...

Si

Minerals

Normalized intensities

Mask file

Select Correction

no file selected

Advanced S...



Selection

CLASSIFY



CORRECT



STANDARDIZE



9.00024

7708.22



black



2

Sampling



Modules

Binary

TriPlot

RGB

Generator

Add-ons

XThermoT...

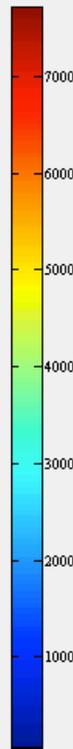
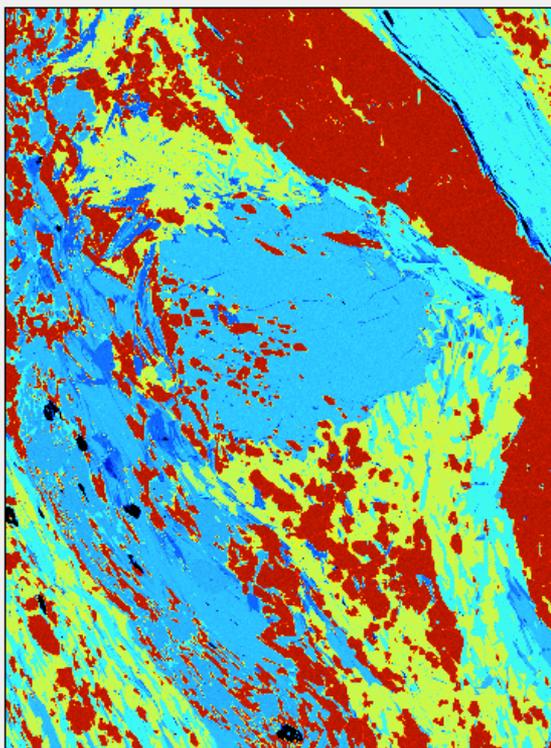
RUN

X-pad



Corrections

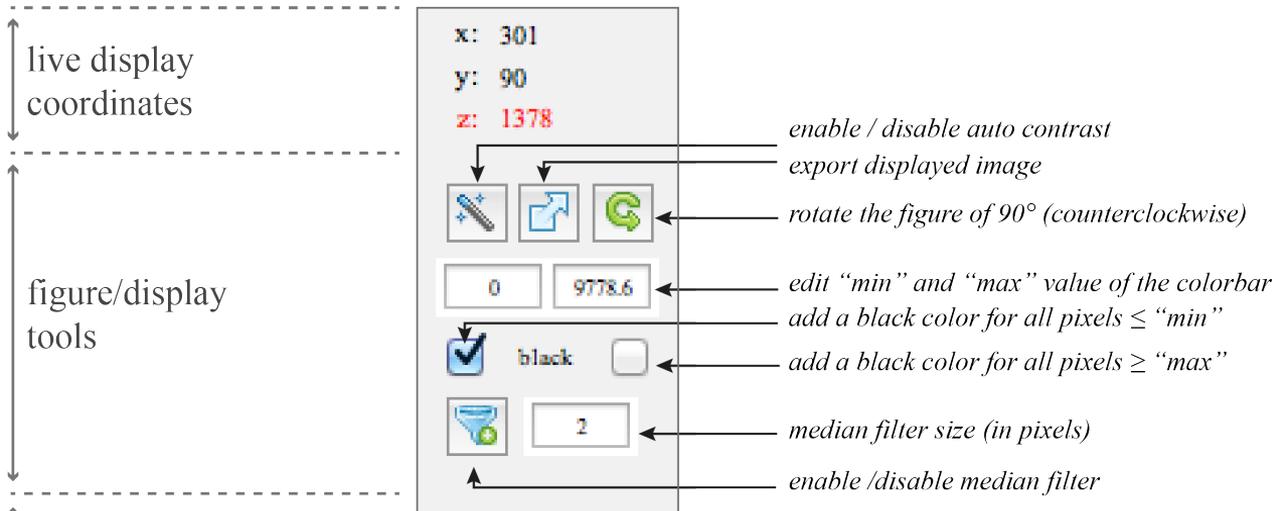
BRC



X-ray Raw data (Intensity) - Si

## IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

- ① Use the rotate function to rotate the image by 90°
- ② Quickly go through all the maps using the auto-contrast function to automatically adjust the limits of the colorbar. Every time you recognize a new phase, report the coordinates of a reference pixel in the file *Classification.txt*
- ③ Delete the maps that are not needed



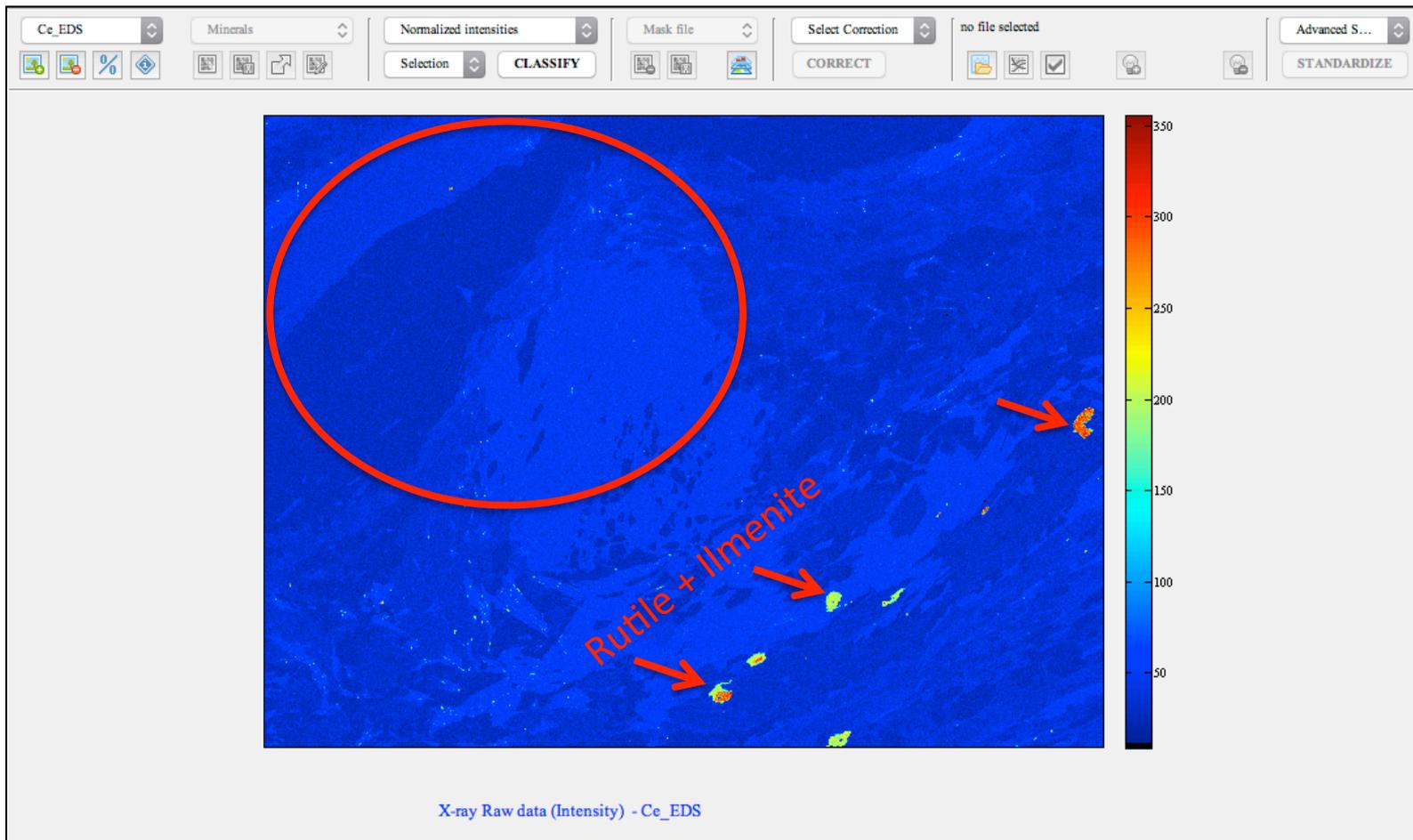
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

```
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 |
7
8
9
10
11 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)
12 ! Format: DENSITY
13 >2
14
15
16
17
```

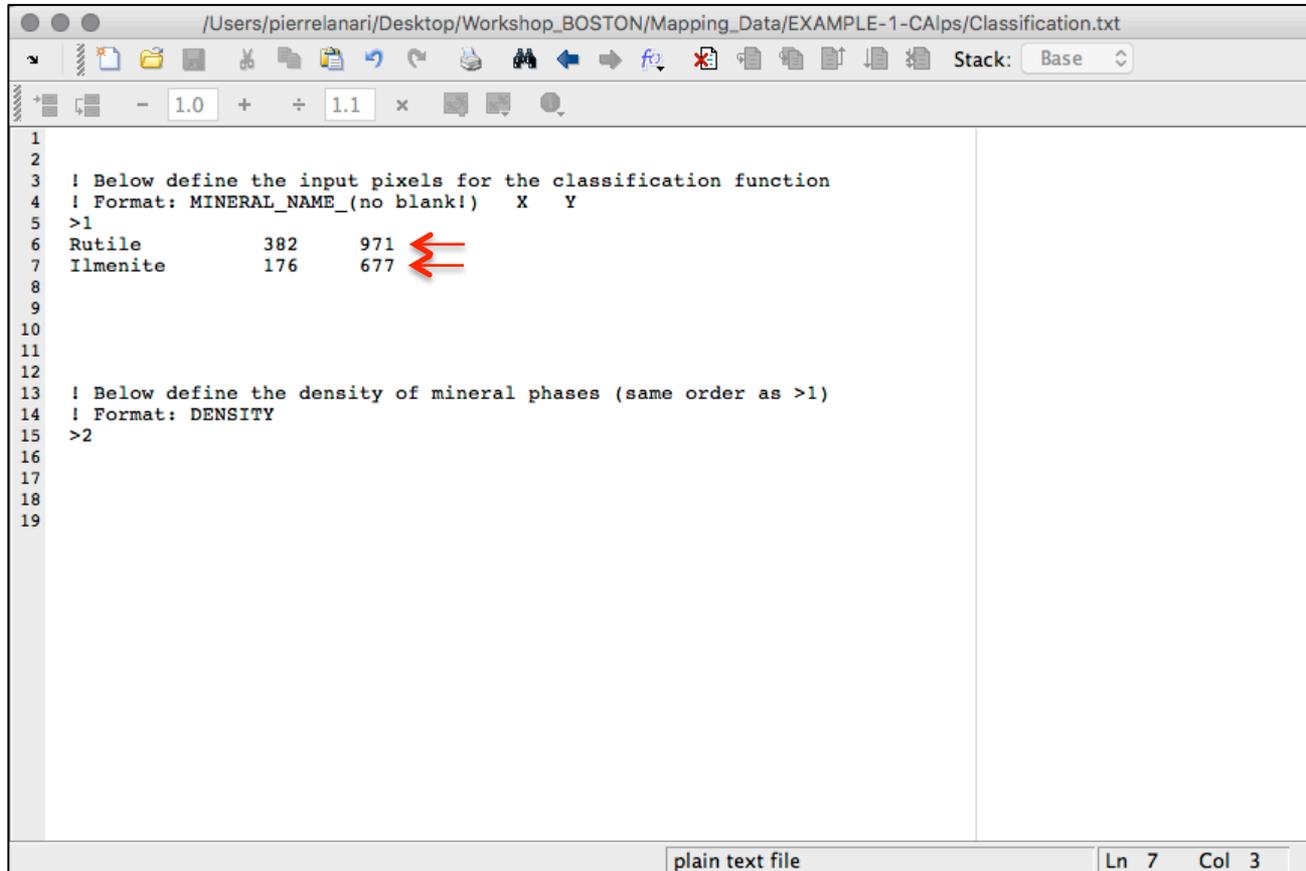
plain text file Ln 6 Col 1

# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Ce  
La



# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

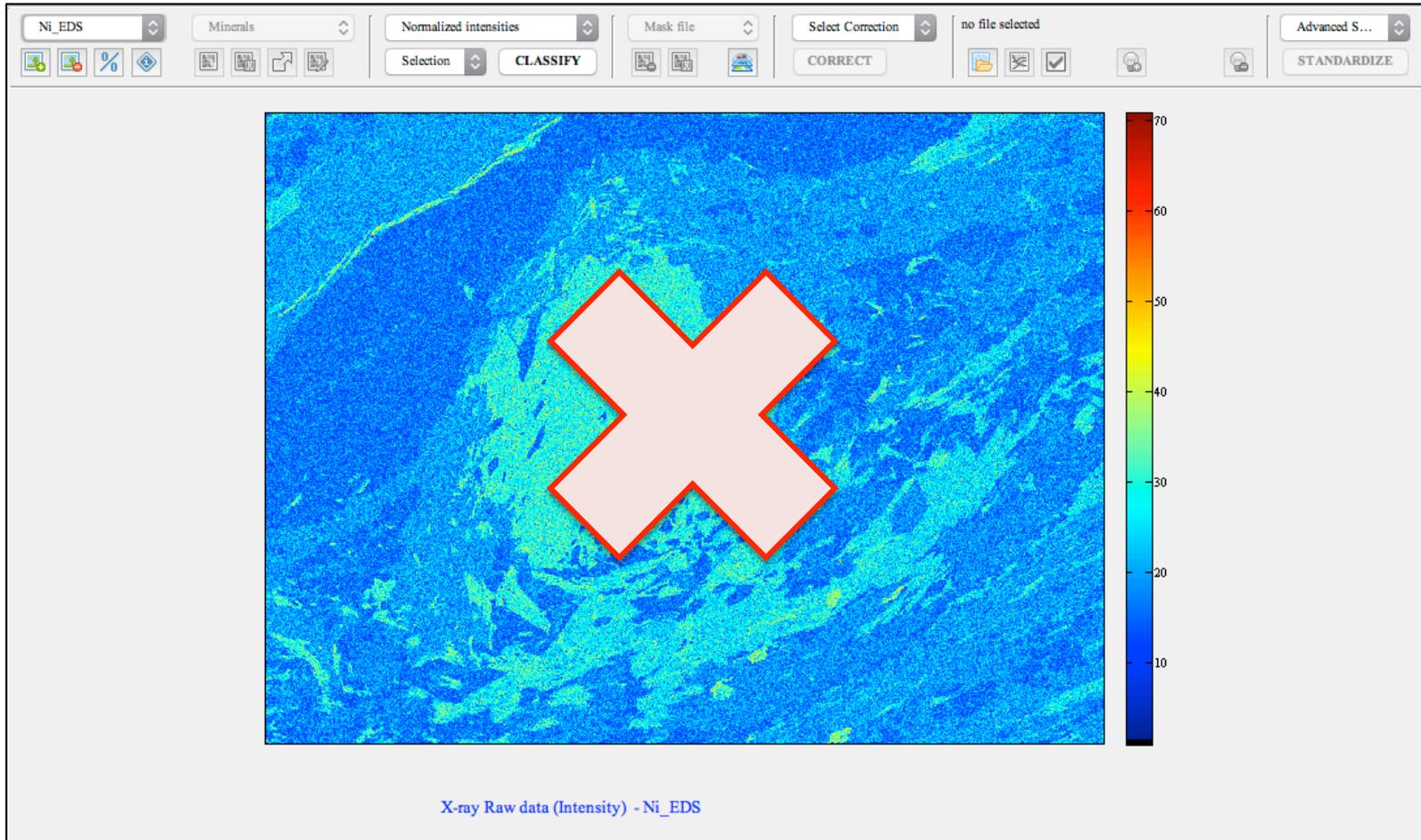


```
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 Rutile      382    971
7 Ilmenite    176    677
8
9
10
11
12
13 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)
14 ! Format: DENSITY
15 >2
16
17
18
19
```

plain text file      Ln 7    Col 3

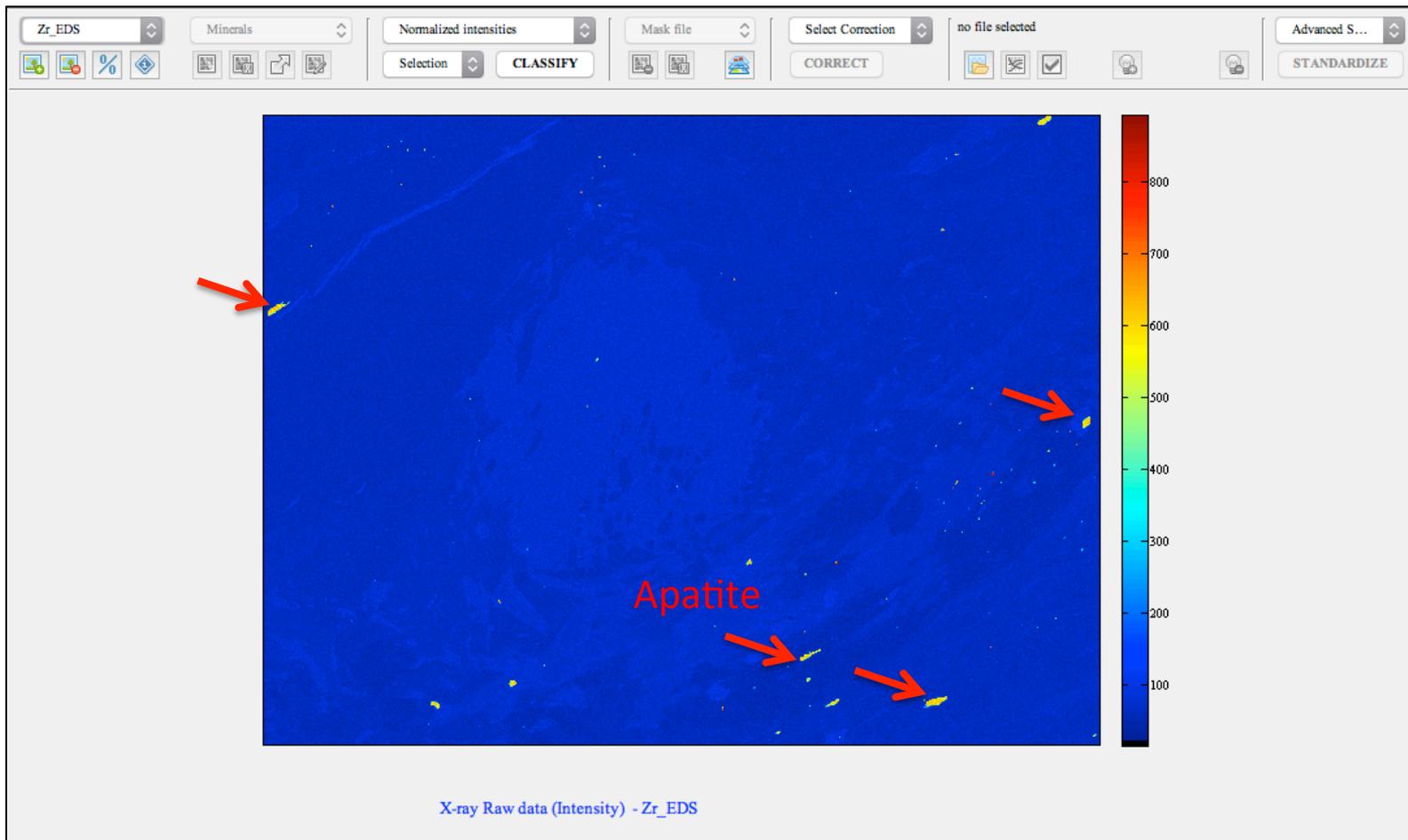
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Ni  
P  
S

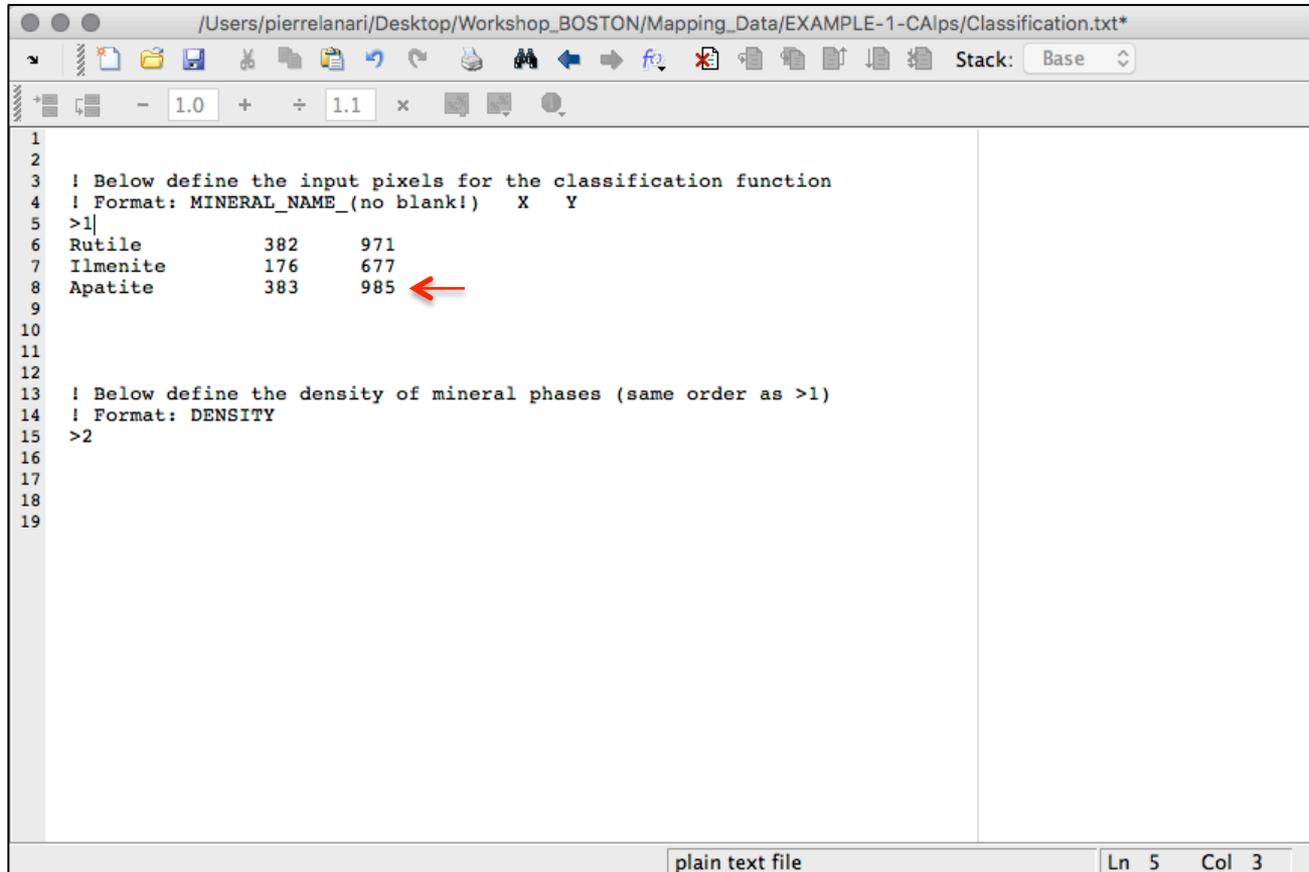


# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Zr



# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES



The screenshot shows a text editor window with the following content:

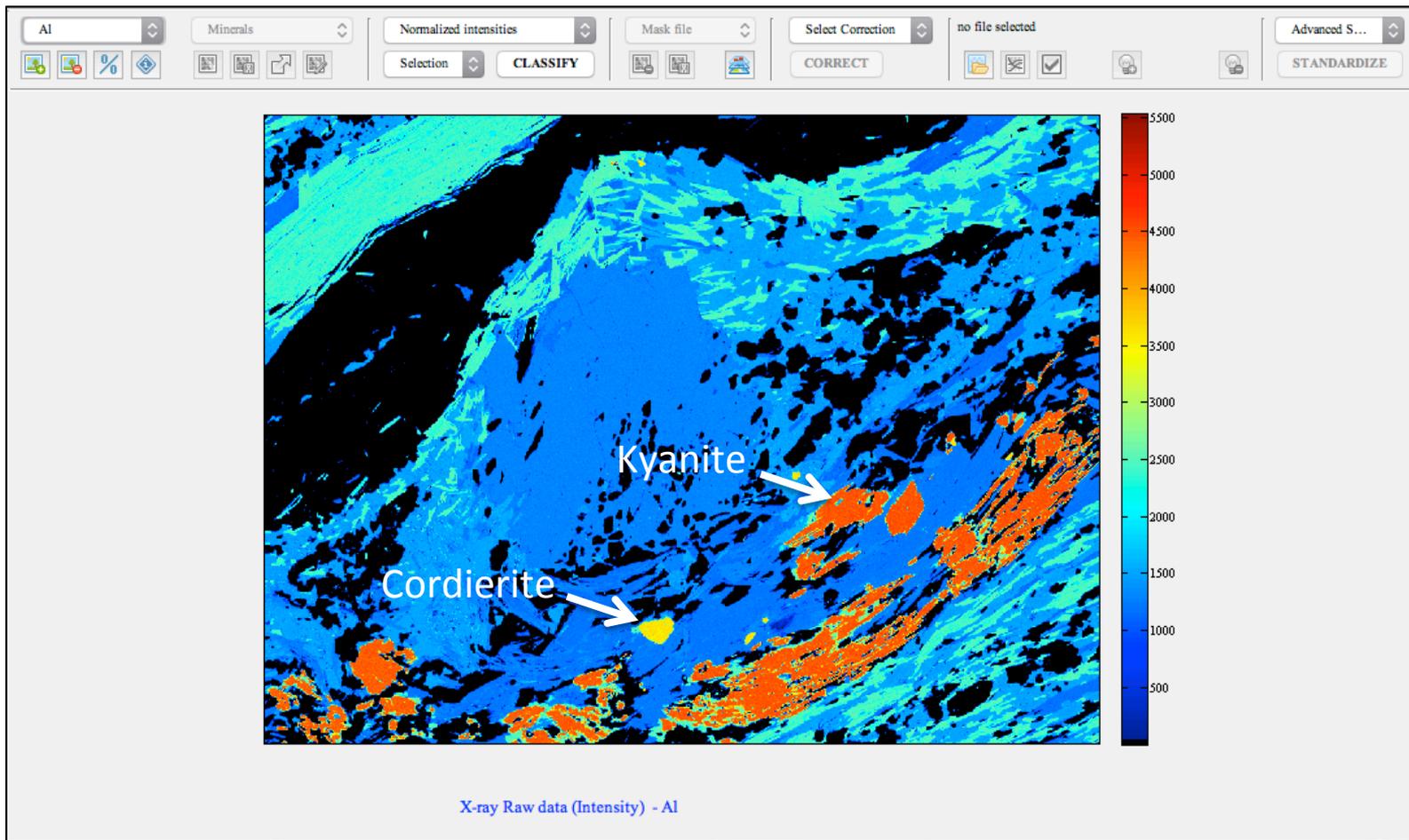
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1  
2  
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function  
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y  
5 >1|  
6 Rutile          382    971  
7 Ilmenite        176    677  
8 Apatite         383    985  
9  
10  
11  
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13 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)  
14 ! Format: DENSITY  
15 >2  
16  
17  
18  
19
```

A red arrow points to the value 985 in the Apatite row.

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# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

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# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

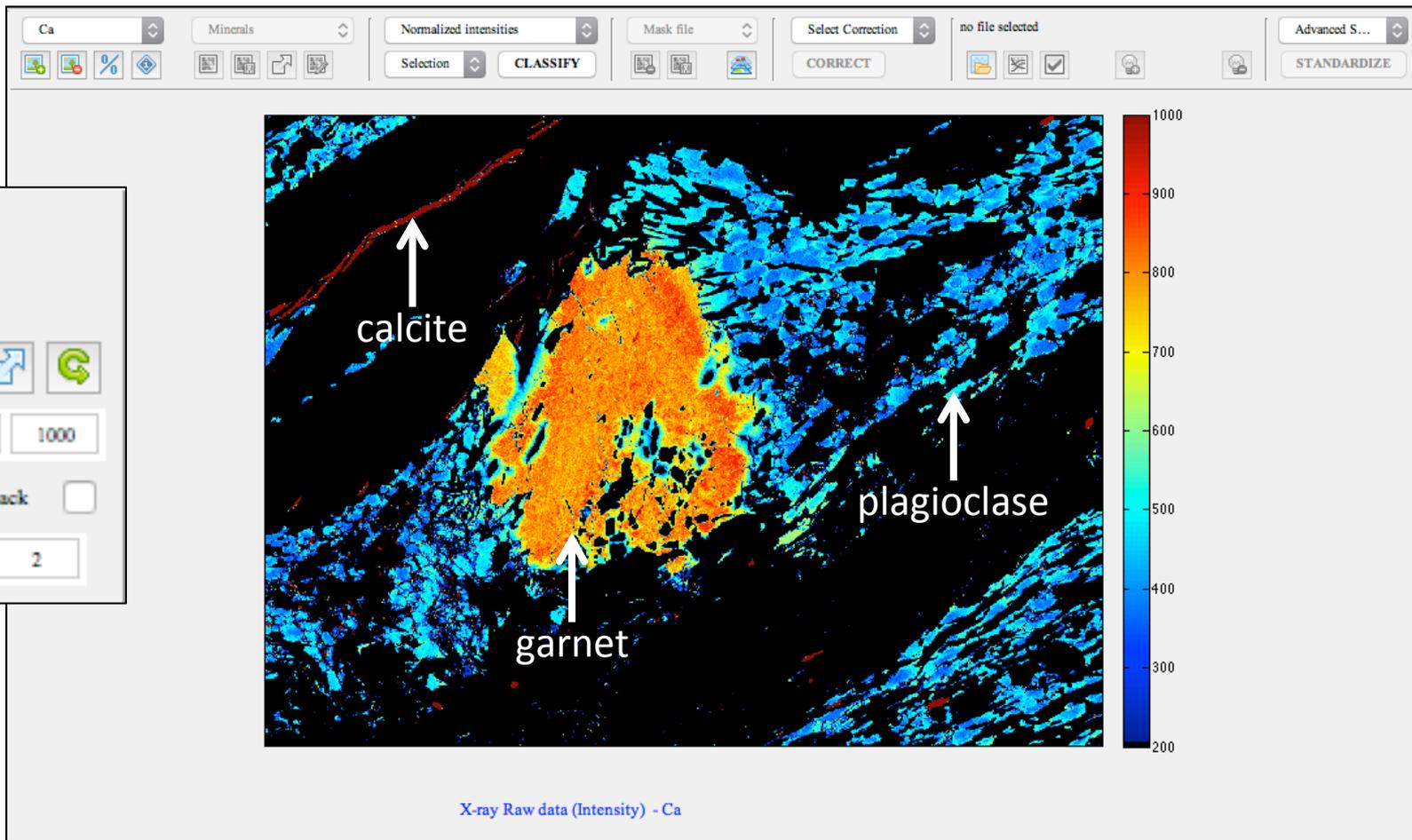
```
/Users/pierrelanari/Desktop/Workshop_BOSTON/Mapping_Data/EXAMPLE-1-CAIps/Classification.txt
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 Kyanite          268    760
7 Cordierite       135    471
8 Rutile           382    971
9 Ilmenite         176    677
10 Apatite          383    985
11
12
13
14
15 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)
16 ! Format: DENSITY
17 >2
18
19
20
21
```

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# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Ca



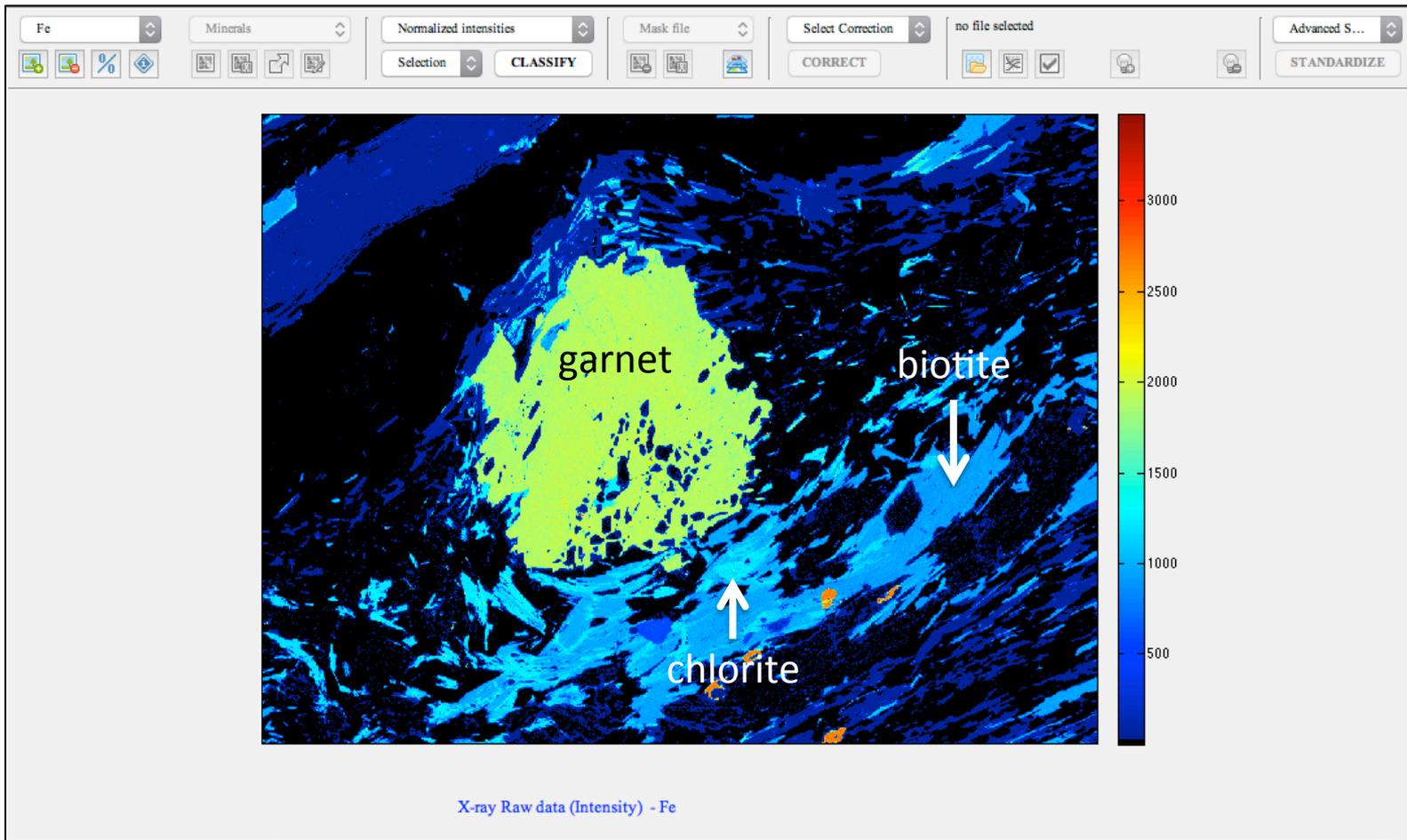
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

```
/Users/pierrelanari/Desktop/Workshop_BOSTON/Mapping_Data/EXAMPLE-1-CAIps/Classification.txt
Stack: Base
- 1.0 + ÷ 1.1 x
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 Garnet          450    430
7 Plagioclase     576    652
8 Kyanite         268    760
9 Cordierite      135    471
10 Rutile         382    971
11 Ilmenite       176    677
12 Apatite        383    985
13 Calcite        627    171
14
15
16
17 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)
18 ! Format: DENSITY
19 >2
20
21
22
23
```

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# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

## Fe



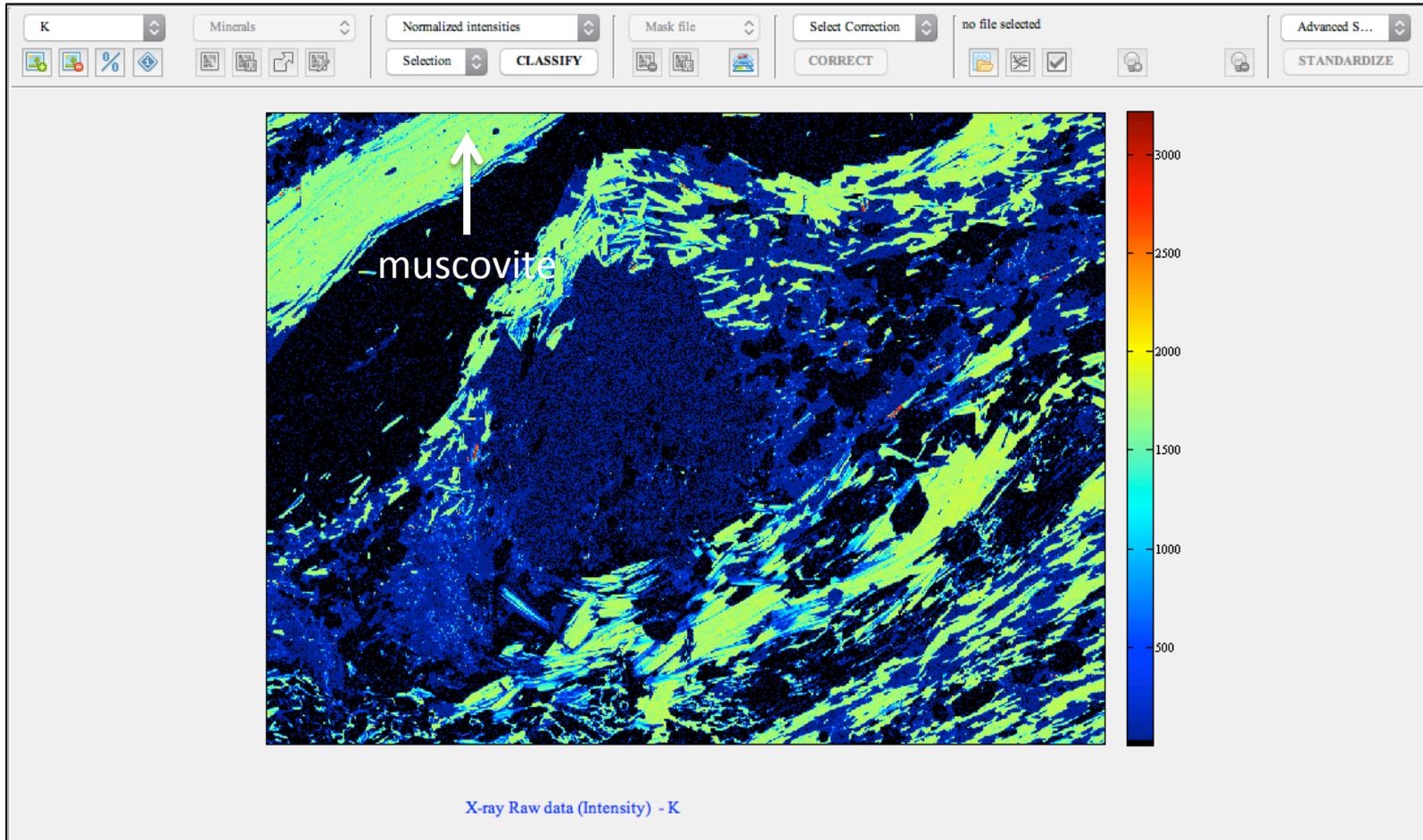
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

```
/Users/pierrelanari/Desktop/Workshop_BOSTON/Mapping_Data/EXAMPLE-1-CAIps/Classification.txt
Stack: Base
1.0 1.1 x
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 Garnet          450    430
7 Biotite         323    855 ←
8 Plagioclase     576    652
9 Kyanite         268    760
10 Chlorite        205    556 ←
11 Cordierite     135    471
12 Rutile         382    971
13 Ilmenite       176    677
14 Apatite        383    985
15 Calcite        627    171
16
17
18
19 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)
20 ! Format: DENSITY
21 >2
22
23
24
25
```

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# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

K



# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

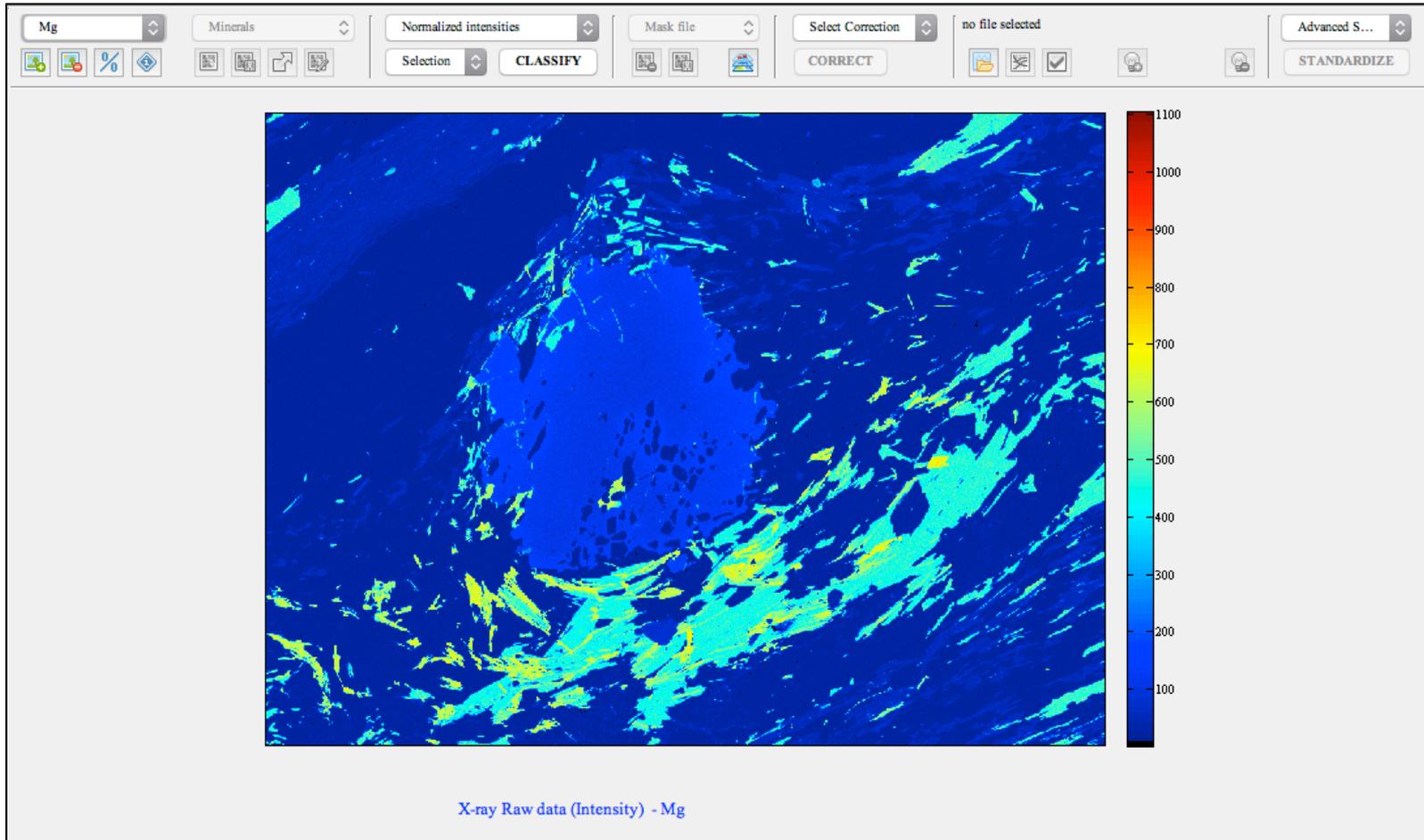
```
/Users/pierrelanari/Desktop/Workshop_BOSTON/Mapping_Data/EXAMPLE-1-CAIps/Classification.txt
Stack: Base
1.0 1.1 x
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 Garnet          450    430
7 Biotite         323    855
8 Muscovite       615    85
9 Plagioclase     576    652
10 Kyanite         268    760
11 Chlorite        205    556
12 Cordierite     135    471
13 Rutile          382    971
14 Ilmenite        176    677
15 Apatite         383    985
16 Calcite         627    171
17
18
19
20 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)
21 ! Format: DENSITY
22 >2
23
24
25
26
```



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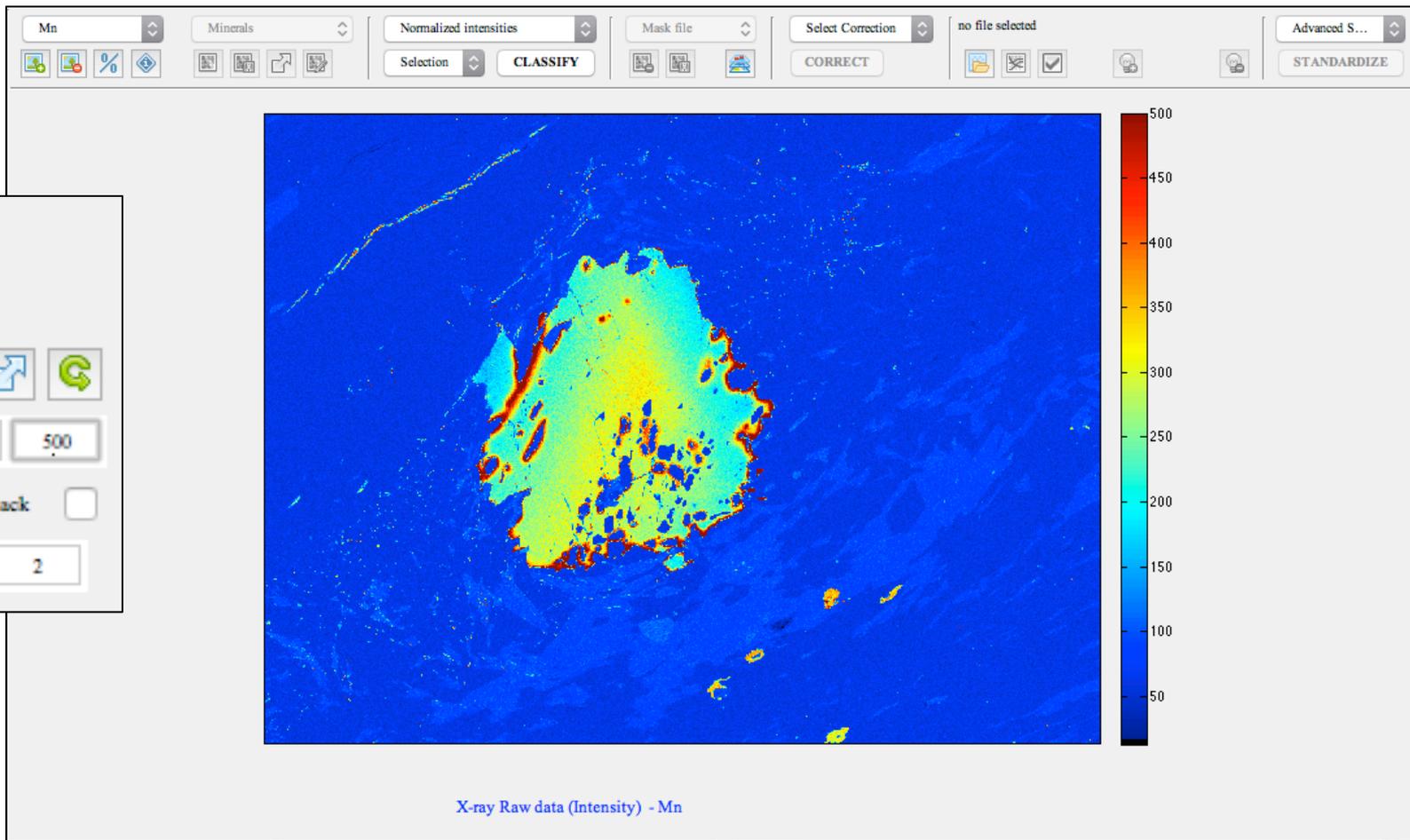
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Mg



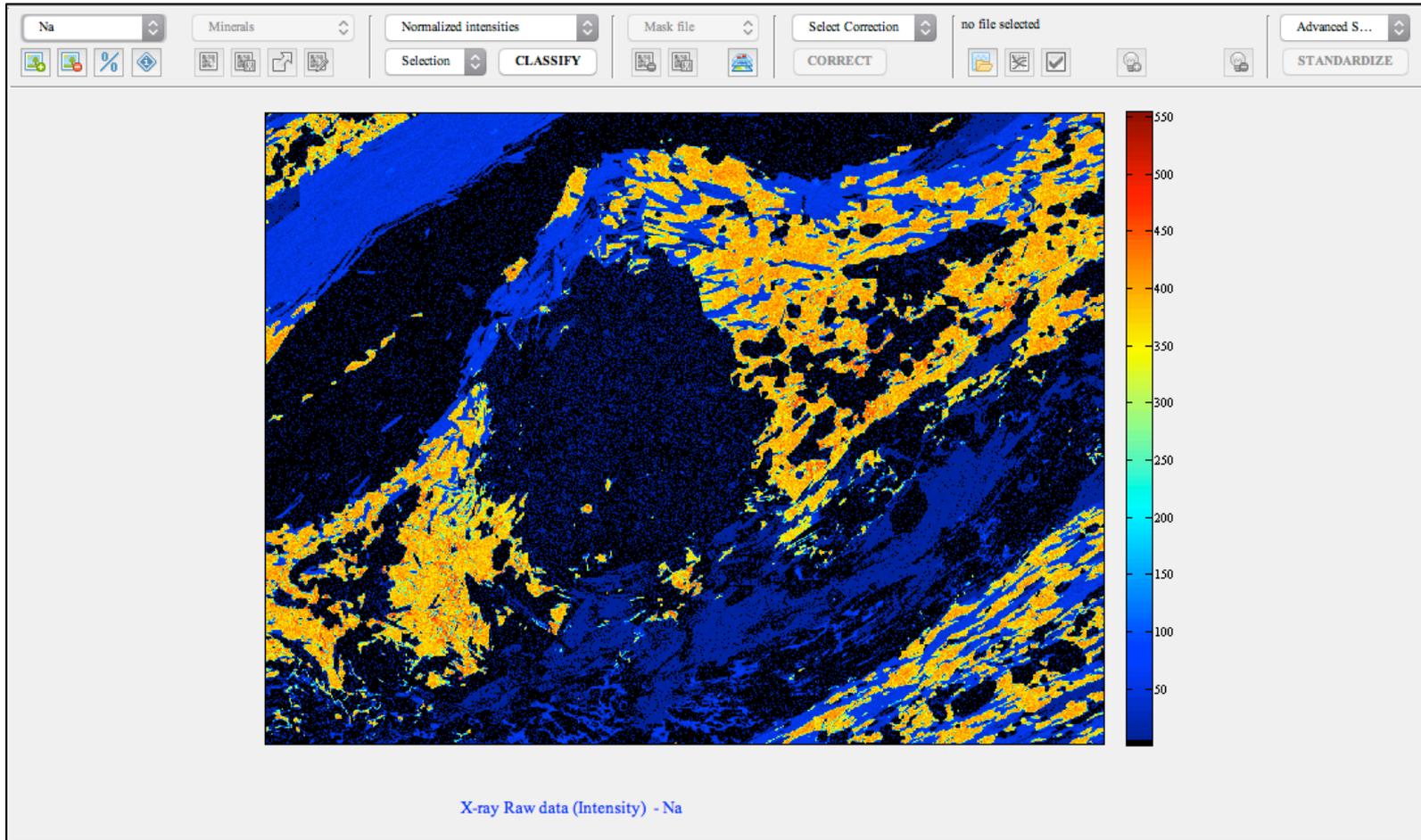
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Mn



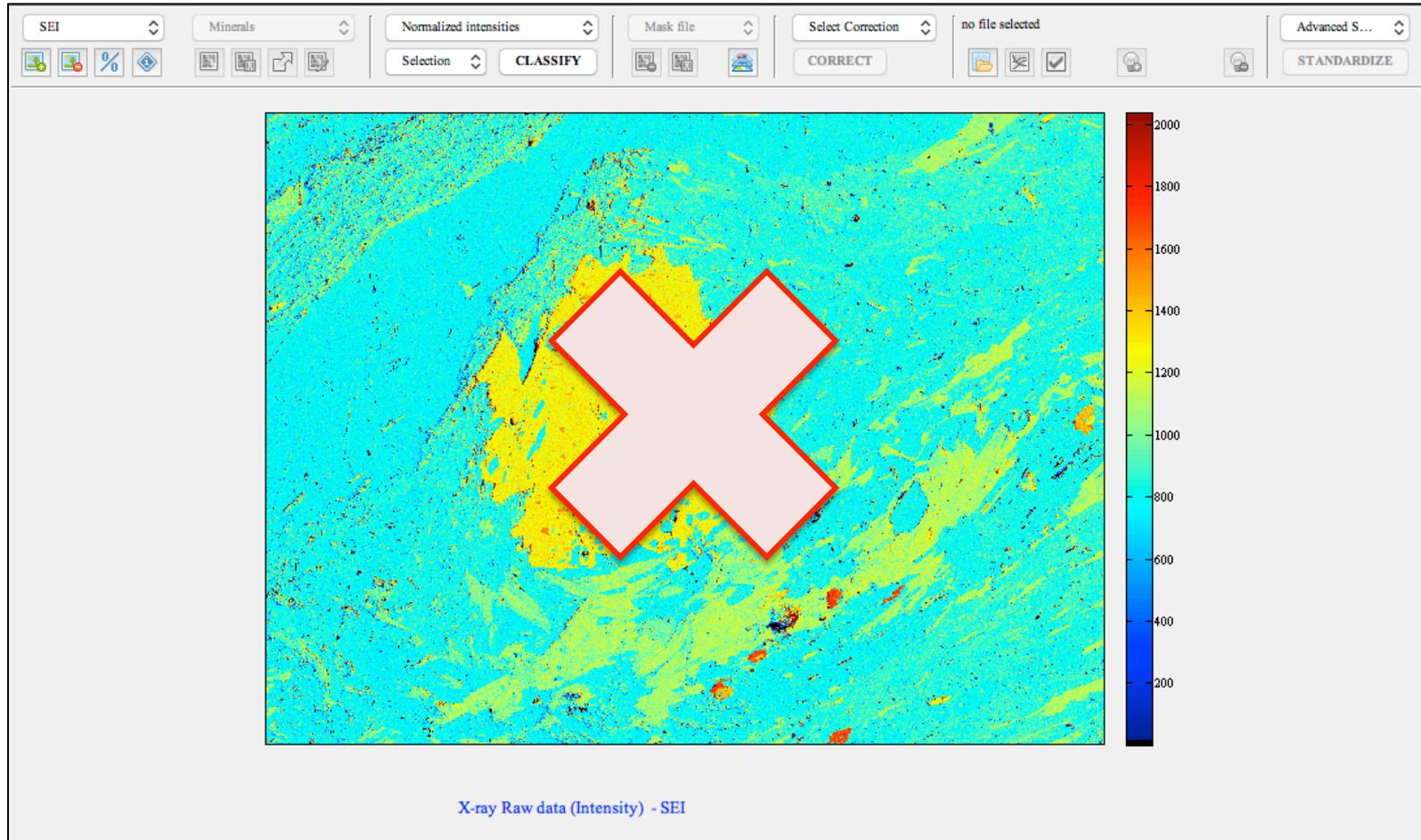
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Na



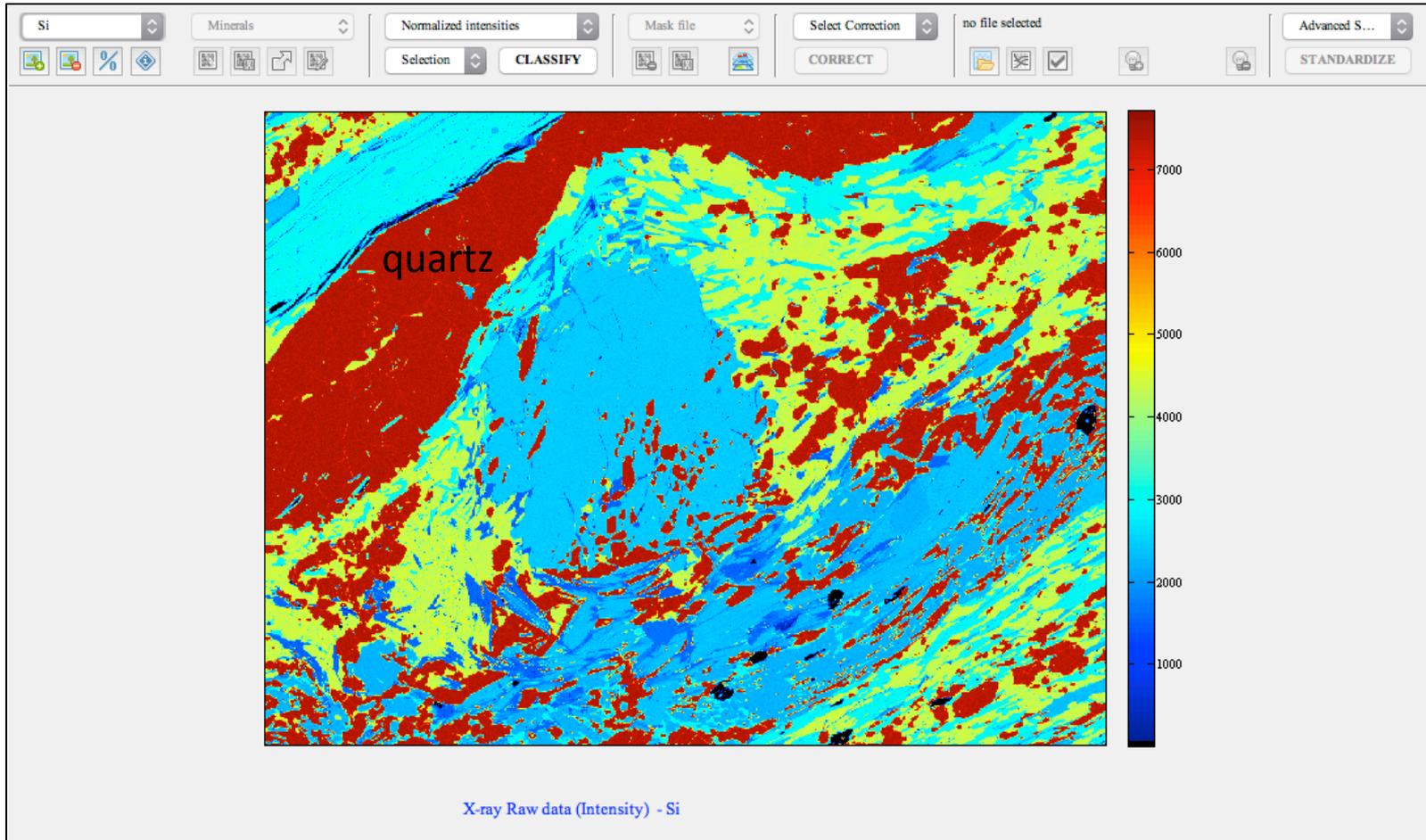
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

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# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Si



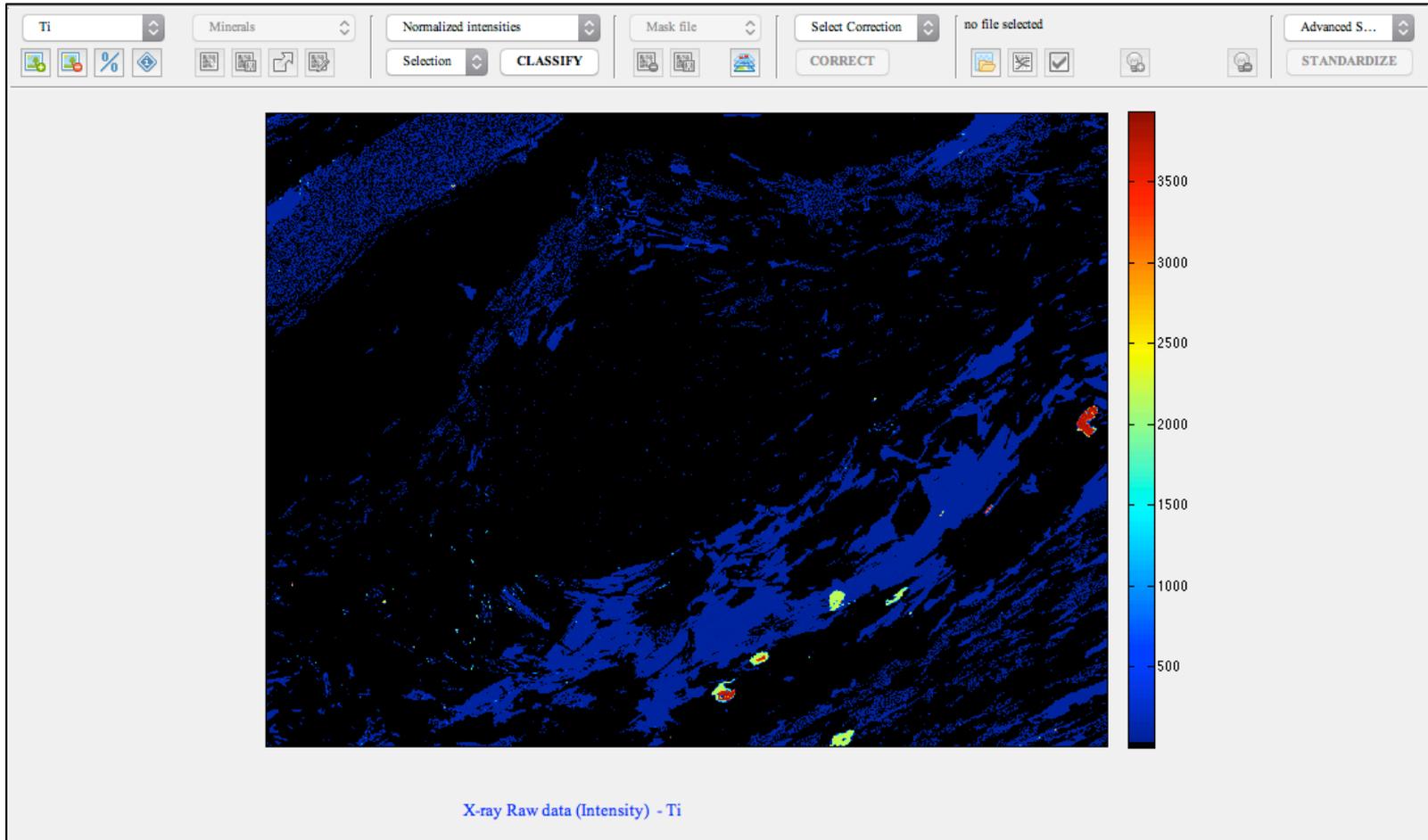
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

```
/Users/pierrelanari/Desktop/Workshop_BOSTON/Mapping_Data/EXAMPLE-1-CAIps/Classification.txt
Stack: Base
1.0 1.1 x
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 Garnet          450    430
7 Biotite         323    855
8 Muscovite       615    85
9 Plagioclase     576    652
10 Kyanite         268    760
11 Quartz         545    145 ←
12 Chlorite       205    556
13 Cordierite     135    471
14 Rutile         382    971
15 Ilmenite       176    677
16 Apatite        383    985
17 Calcite        627    171
18
19
20
21 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)
22 ! Format: DENSITY
23 >2
24
25
26 |
27
```

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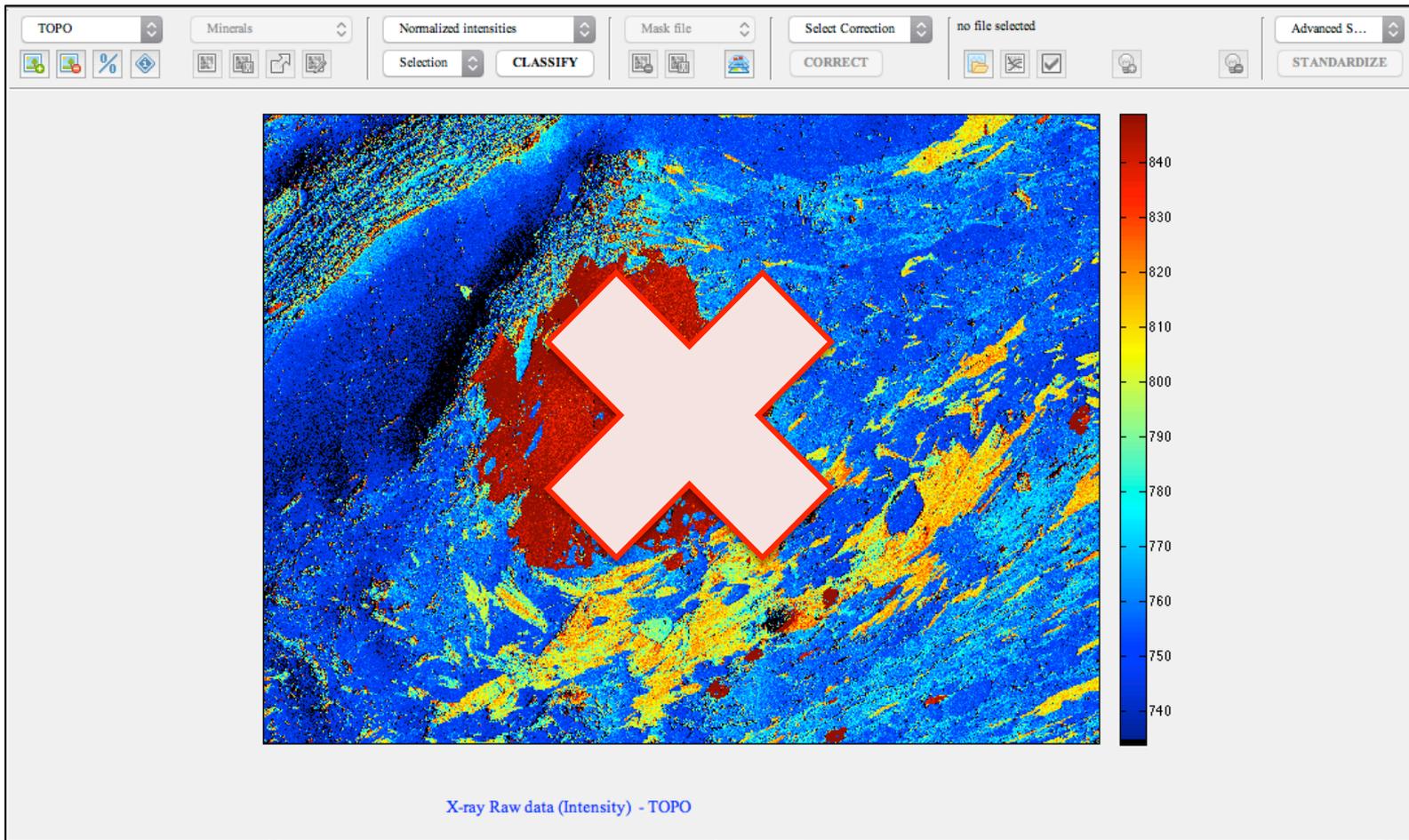
# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

Ti

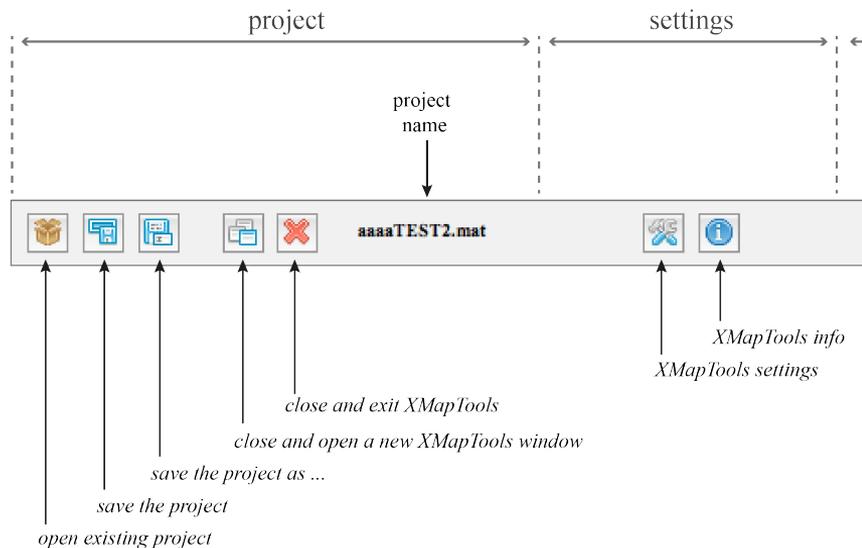


# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES

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# IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL PHASES



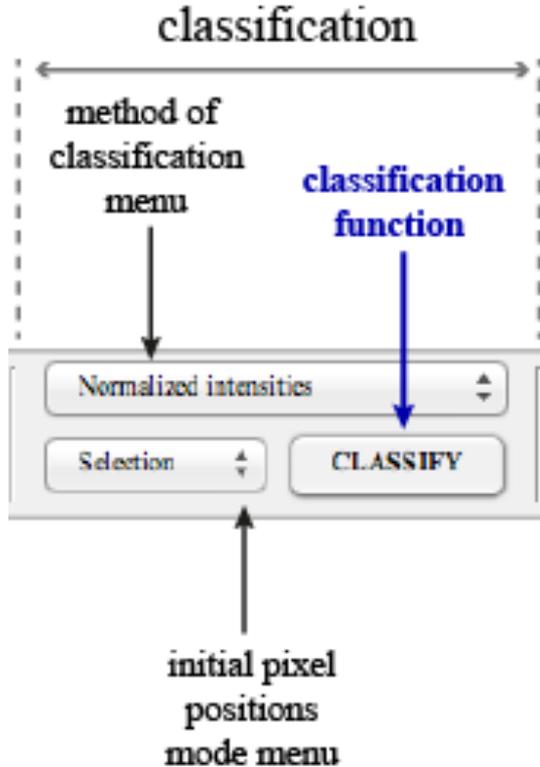
- ① Save the project (aaa.mat)
- ② Close XMAPTOOLS
- ③ Launch XMAPTOOLS and load your project using the command: `>> XMapTools open aaa`



# Key steps

- Import the maps into XMAPTOOLS
- Identify the mineral phases
- Automated classification
- Manual classification using the Binary module
- Corrections

# AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION (NORMALIZED AND CLASSIC METHODS)



- ① Select the method “Normalized intensities” and the mode “file” in the classification menus
- ② Press CLASSIFY
- ③ Follow the instructions given by the program. In this example, Mn is excluded from the classification; system: Ce, La, Zr, Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Na, Si, Ti



If you want to use the mode “selection”, you need to find a map on which all the phases are visible in order to define the reference pixels of each phase.

➤ The classification function generates a maskfile

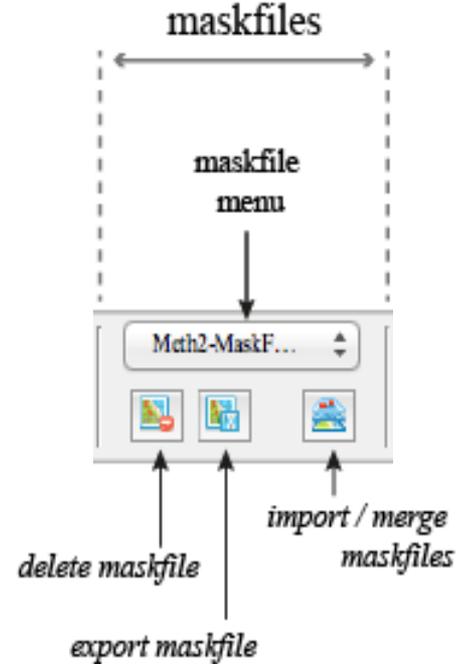
# AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION (NORMALIZED AND CLASSIC METHODS)

1	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	1
1	1	2	2	3	3	4	1	1	1
1	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	1	1
2	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	1
2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	2	2
2	2	2	3	3	1	4	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2
3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3

- 4 Garnet
- 3 Chlorite
- 2 Plagioclase
- 1 Quartz

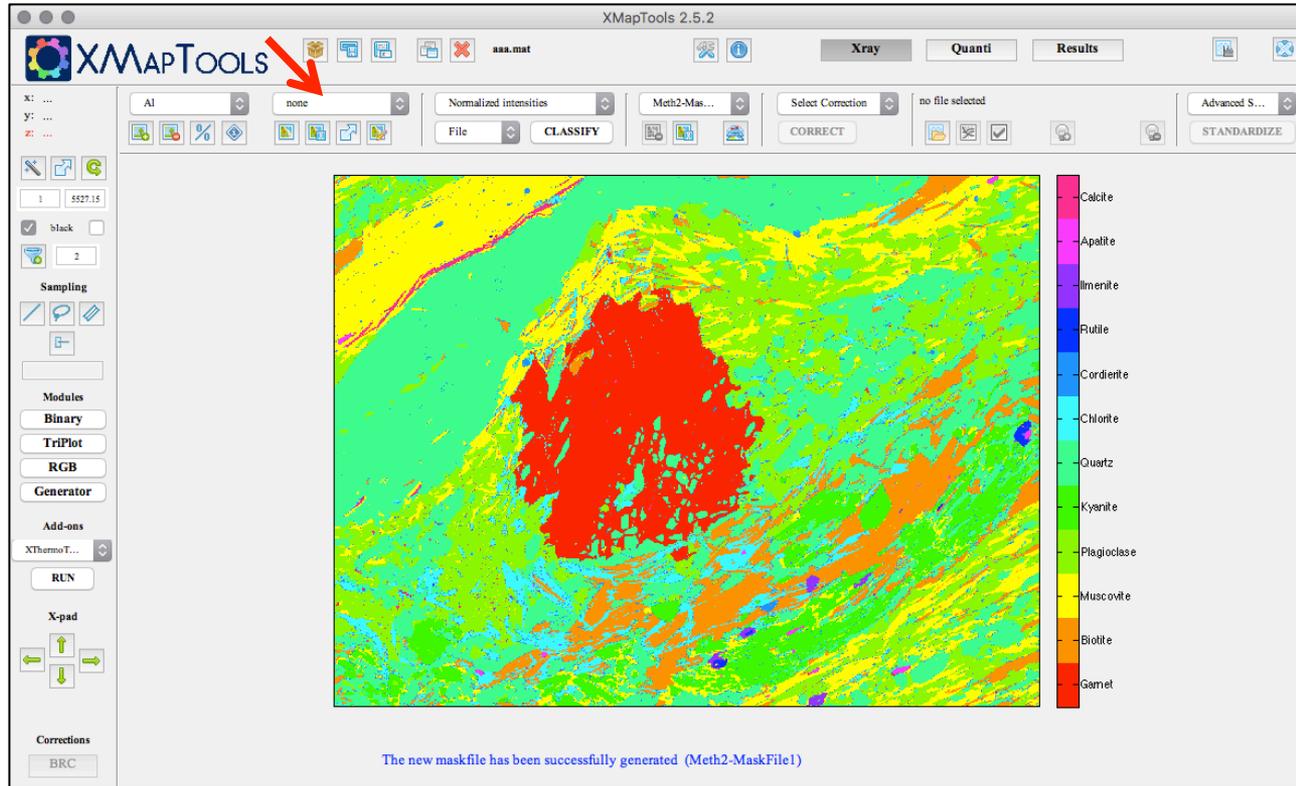
It is possible to select and manipulate maskfiles using the maskfile menu and the corresponding buttons

## Note:



# AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION (NORMALIZED AND CLASSIC METHODS)

- ④ Check the classification by displaying each phase



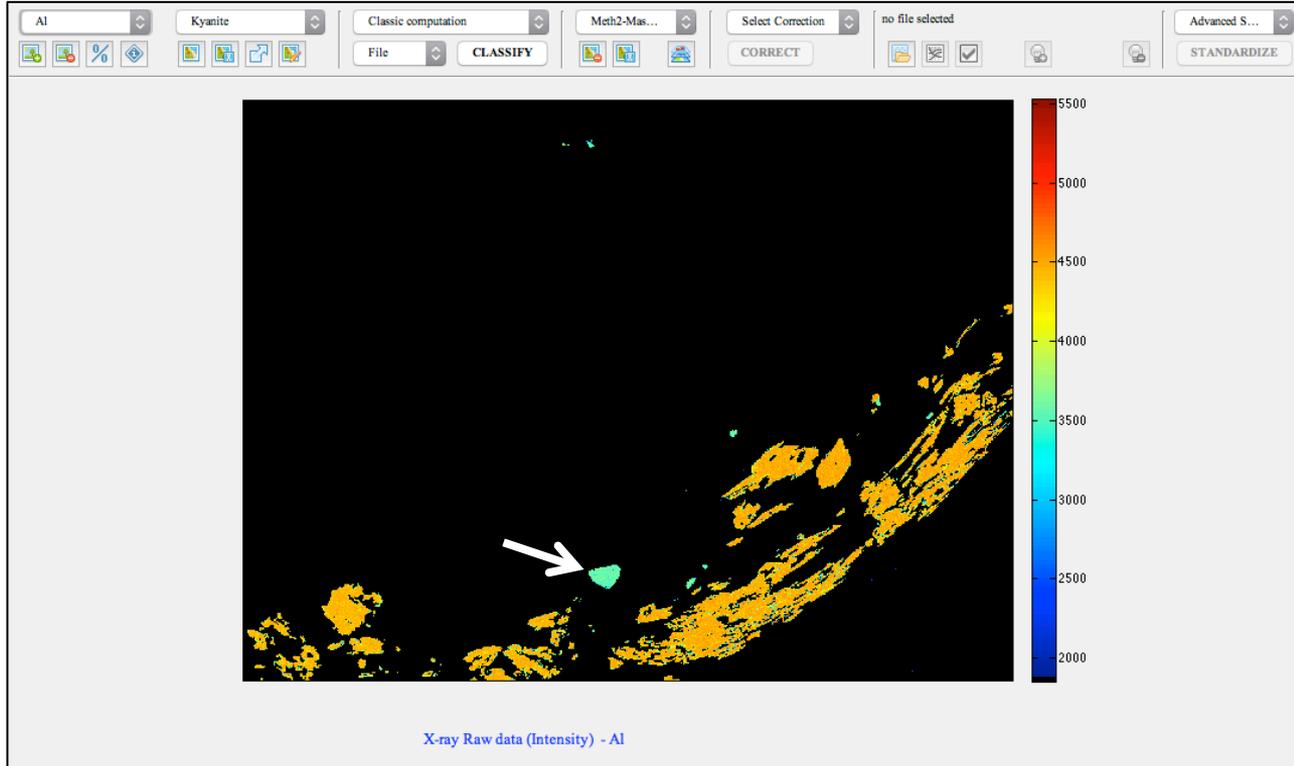
The screenshot displays the XMapTools 2.5.2 software interface. The main window shows a phase classification map of a sample, with a central red region (Garnet) surrounded by various other phases. A red arrow points to the 'CLASSIFY' button in the top toolbar. The interface includes a menu bar, a toolbar, and a status bar. The status bar at the bottom indicates: "The new maskfile has been successfully generated (Meth2-MaskFile1)".

**Legend:**

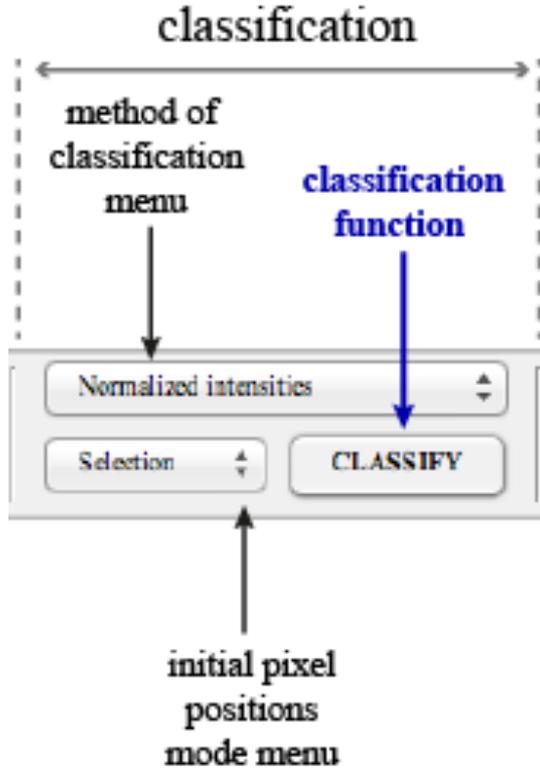
- Calcite
- Apatite
- Ilmenite
- Rutile
- Cordierite
- Chlorite
- Quartz
- Kyanite
- Plagioclase
- Muscovite
- Biotite
- Garnet

# AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION (NORMALIZED AND CLASSIC METHODS)

- ④ Check the classification by displaying each phase



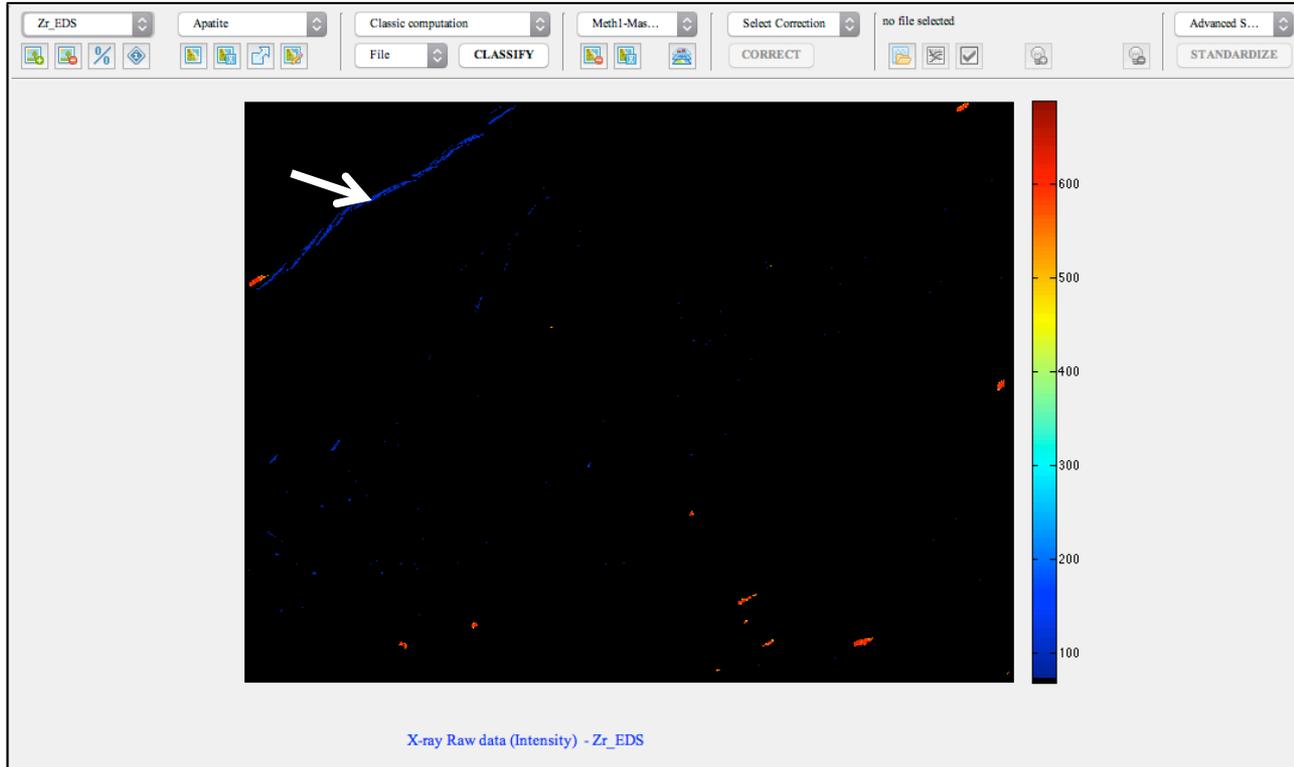
# AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION (NORMALIZED AND CLASSIC METHODS)



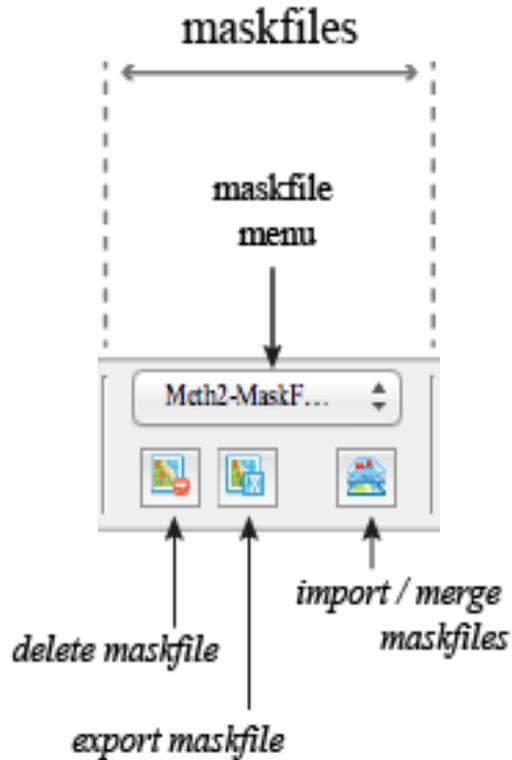
- ① Select the method "Classical computation" and the mode "file" in the classification menus
- ② Press CLASSIFY
- ③ Follow the instructions given by the program. In this example, Mn is excluded from the classification; system: Ce, La, Zr, Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Na, Si, Ti

# AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION (NORMALIZED AND CLASSIC METHODS)

- ④ Check the classification by displaying each phase



# AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION (NORMALIZED AND CLASSIC METHODS)

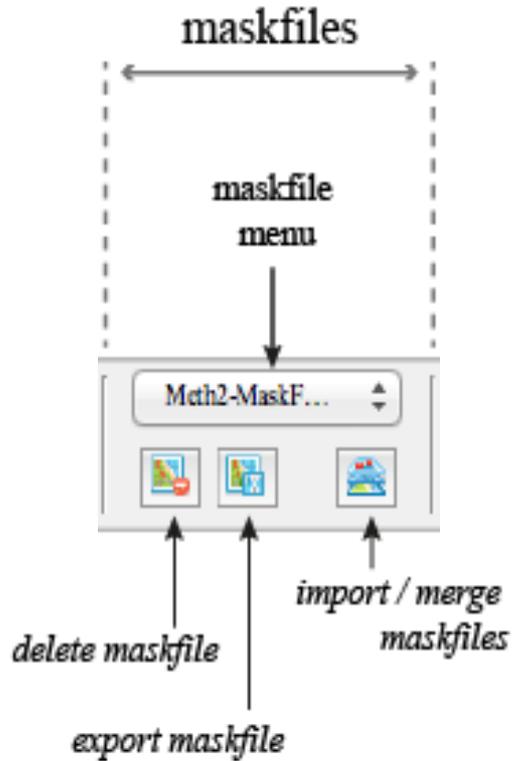


- ① Delete the second maskfile (*Meth1-MaskFile2*, classic computation)
- ② Remove Cordierite from the list in Classification.txt

```
/Users/pierrelanari/Desktop/Workshop_BOSTON/Mapping_Data/EXAMPLE-1-CAlps/Clas...
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 Garnet          450    430
7 Biotite         323    855
8 Muscovite       615    85
9 Plagioclase     576    652
10 Kyanite        268    760
11 Quartz         545    145
12 Chlorite       205    556
13 Rutile         382    971
14 Ilmenite       176    677
15 Apatite        383    985
16 Calcite        583    108
17
18 Cordierite     135    471
19
20
21 ! Below define the density of mineral phases (same order as >1)
22 ! Format: DENSITY
23 >2
24
25
26
```

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## AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION (NORMALIZED AND CLASSIC METHODS)



- ① Delete the second maskfile (*Meth1-MaskFile2*, classic computation)
- ② Remove Cordierite from the list in *Classification.txt*
- ③ Select the method “Normalized intensities” and the mode “file” in the classification menus
- ④ Press CLASSIFY
- ⑤ Follow the instructions given by the program. In this example, Mn is excluded from the classification; system: Ce, La, Zr, Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Na, Si, Ti
- ⑥ Export the maskfile (all masks) as “AutoClassificationNoCrd.txt”

- All the pixels are classified (no zero)
- The pixels of kyanite and cordierite are in mask number 5, *kyanite*

Save the project

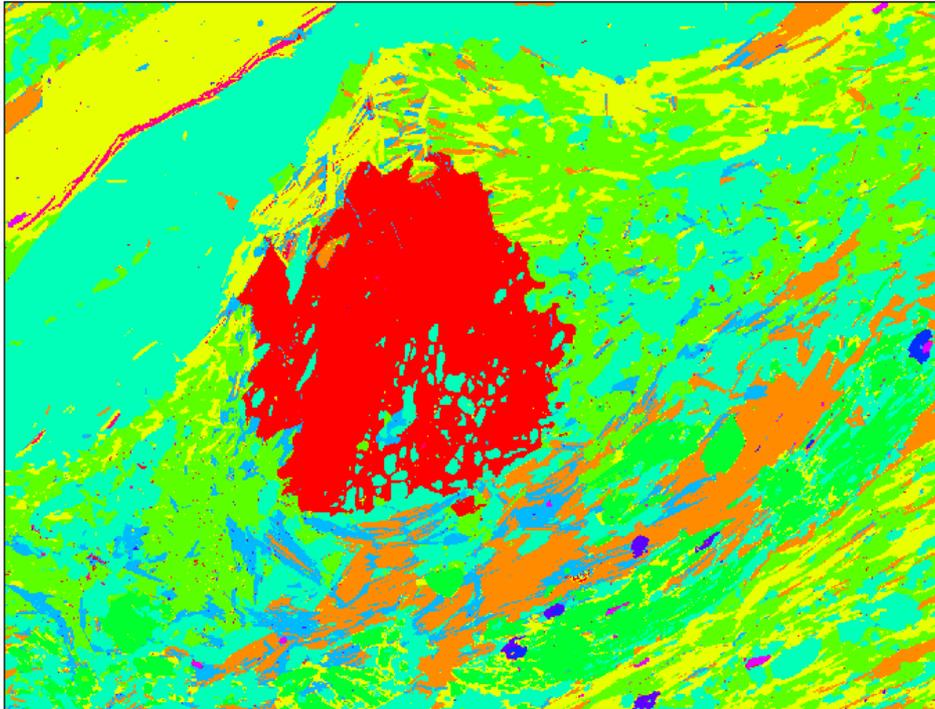


# Key steps

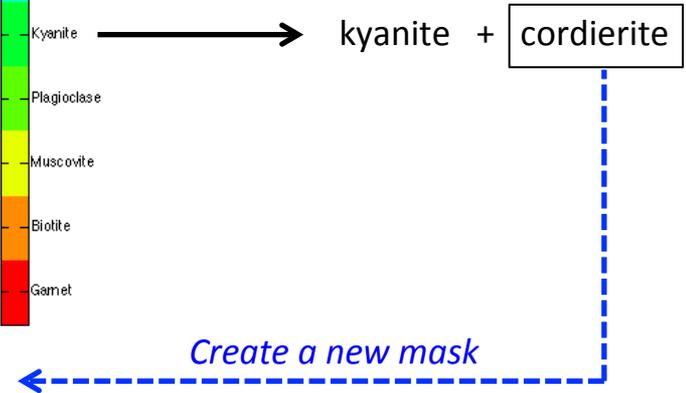
- Import the maps into XMAPTOOLS
- Identify the mineral phases
- Automated classification
- Manual classification using the Binary module
- Corrections

# MANUAL ADJUSTMENT OF MASKFILE

Automated classification (normalized)

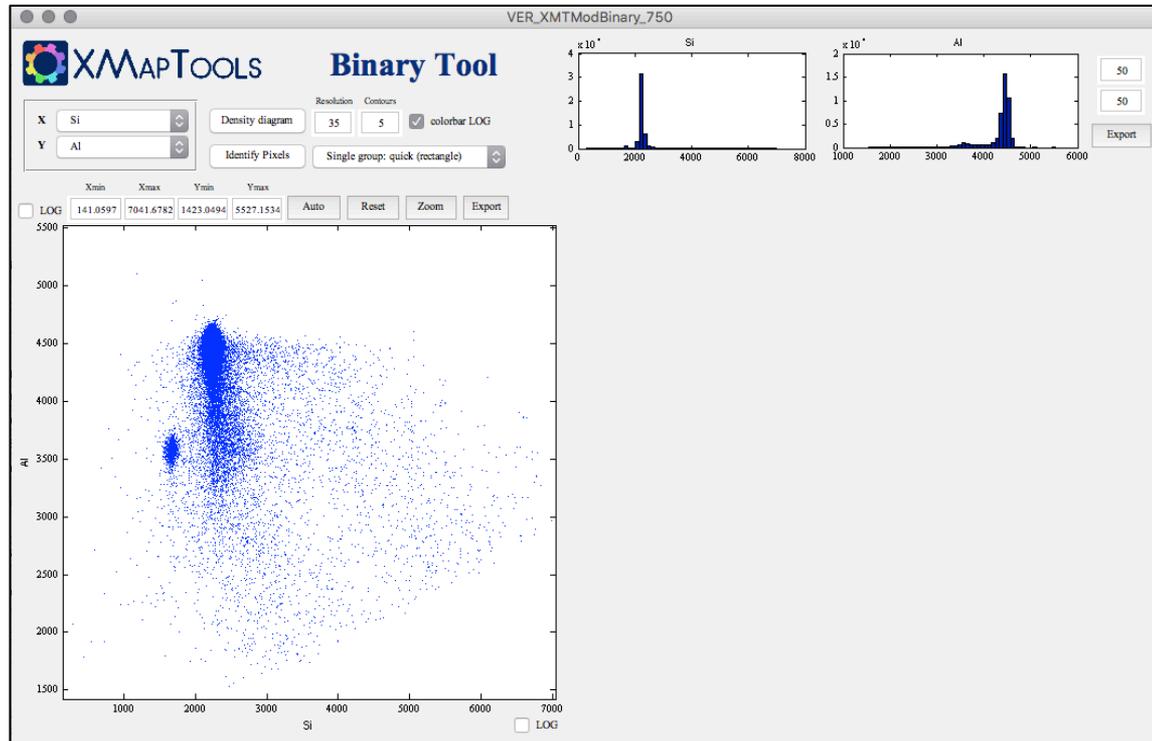


## Binary module



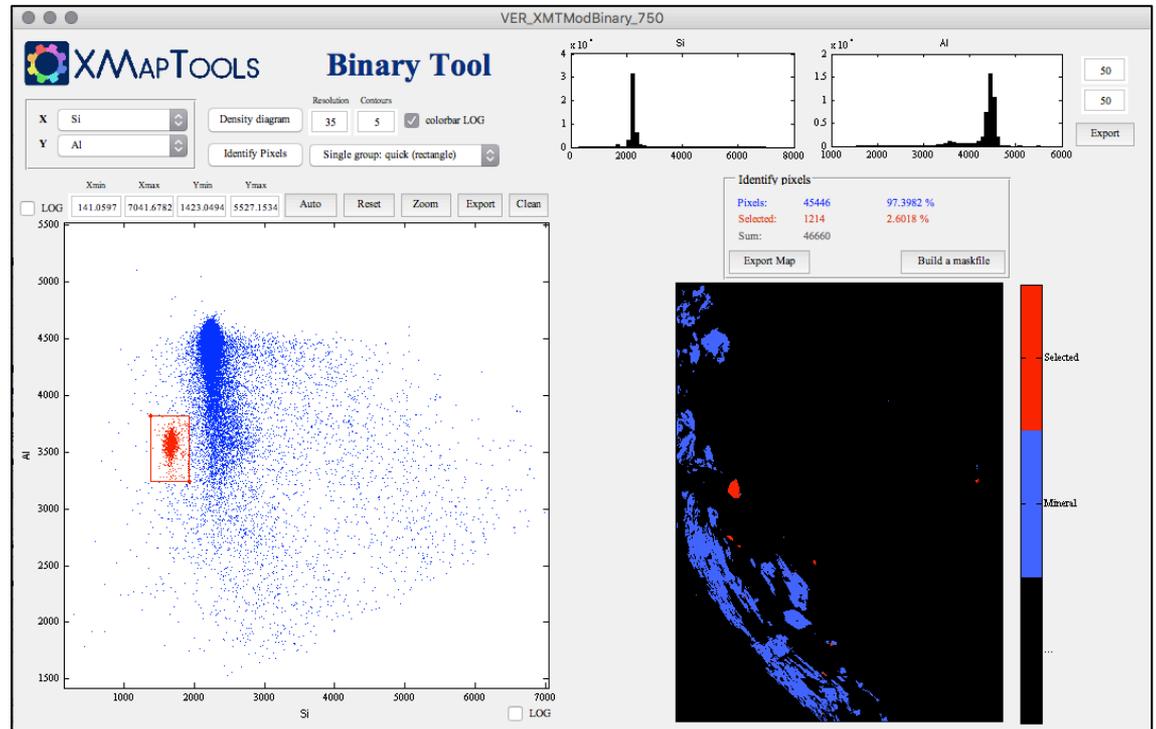
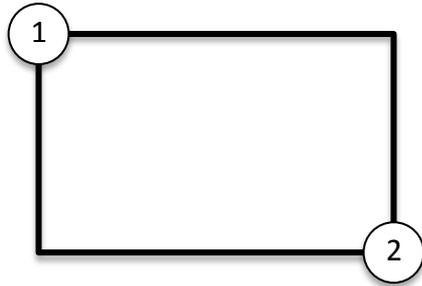
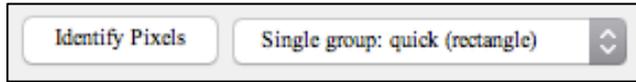
# MANUAL ADJUSTMENT OF MASKFILE

- ① Select the phase kyanite
- ② Open the chemical module “Binary”



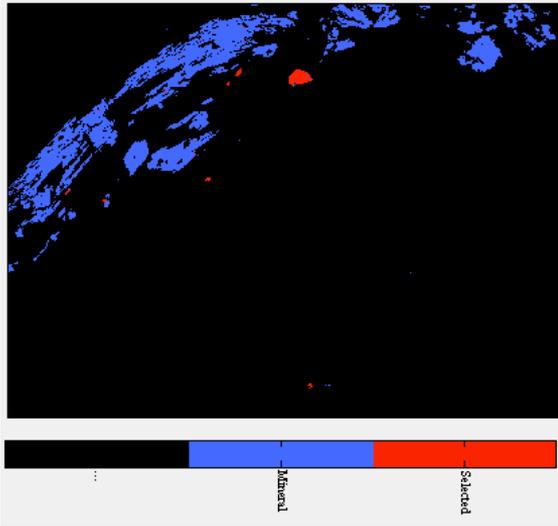
# MANUAL ADJUSTMENT OF MASKFILE

- ③ Plot the pixel compositions in a diagram  $Si$  vs  $Al$
- ④ Use the identify pixel tool “single group: quick (rectangle)” to select the pixels of cordierite

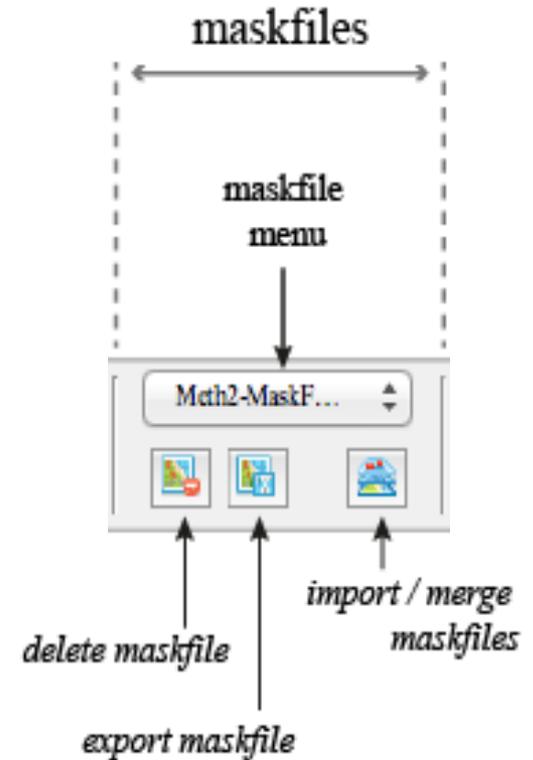


## MANUAL ADJUSTMENT OF MASKFILE

- ⑤ Press “*build a maskfile*” and generate a new maskfile “*Cordierite.txt*”;  
Note: it is important to only export the selected pixels. Edit the name of the mask “*Selection\_1*” to “*Cordierite*”
- ⑥ Close the Binary module
- ⑦ In XMAPTOOLS, import and merge the two maskfiles

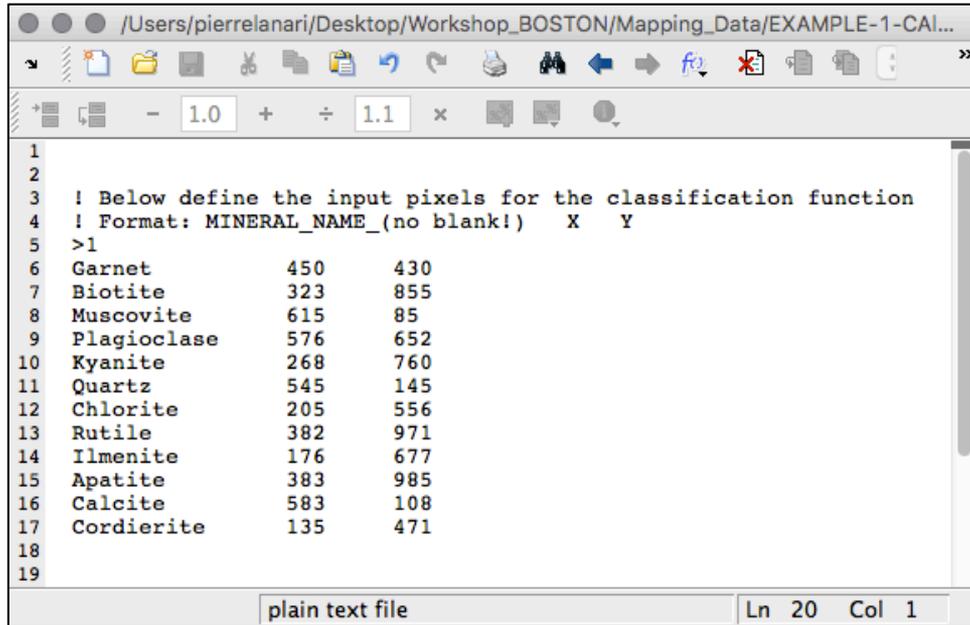


kyanite + cordierite



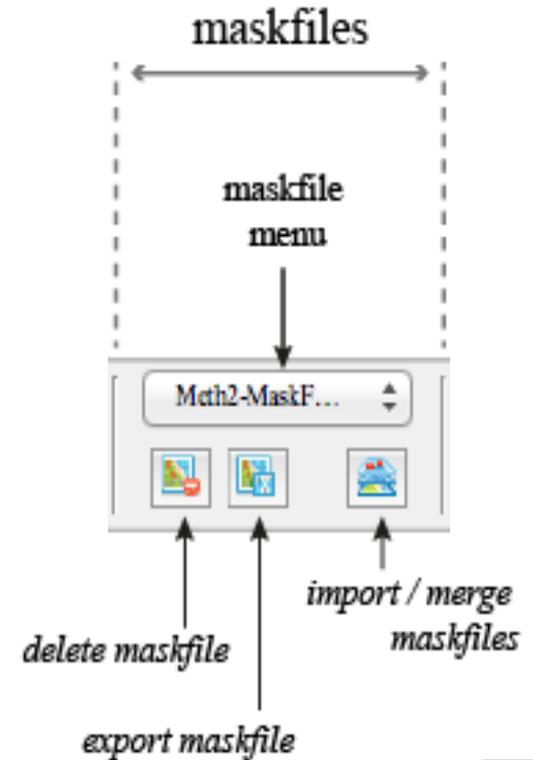
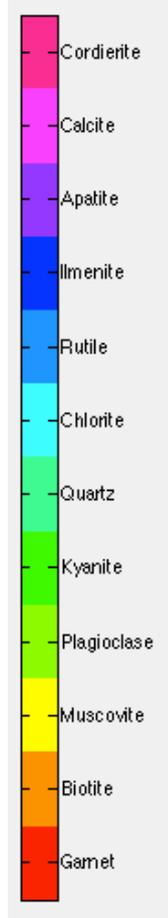
# MANUAL ADJUSTMENT OF MASKFILE

- ⑧ Check the classification by displaying each phase
- ⑨ Delete the other maskfiles
- ⑩ Update the file *classification.txt*



```
1
2
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y
5 >1
6 Garnet      450    430
7 Biotite     323    855
8 Muscovite   615     85
9 Plagioclase 576    652
10 Kyanite     268    760
11 Quartz      545    145
12 Chlorite    205    556
13 Rutile      382    971
14 Ilmenite    176    677
15 Apatite     383    985
16 Calcite     583    108
17 Cordierite  135    471
18
19
```

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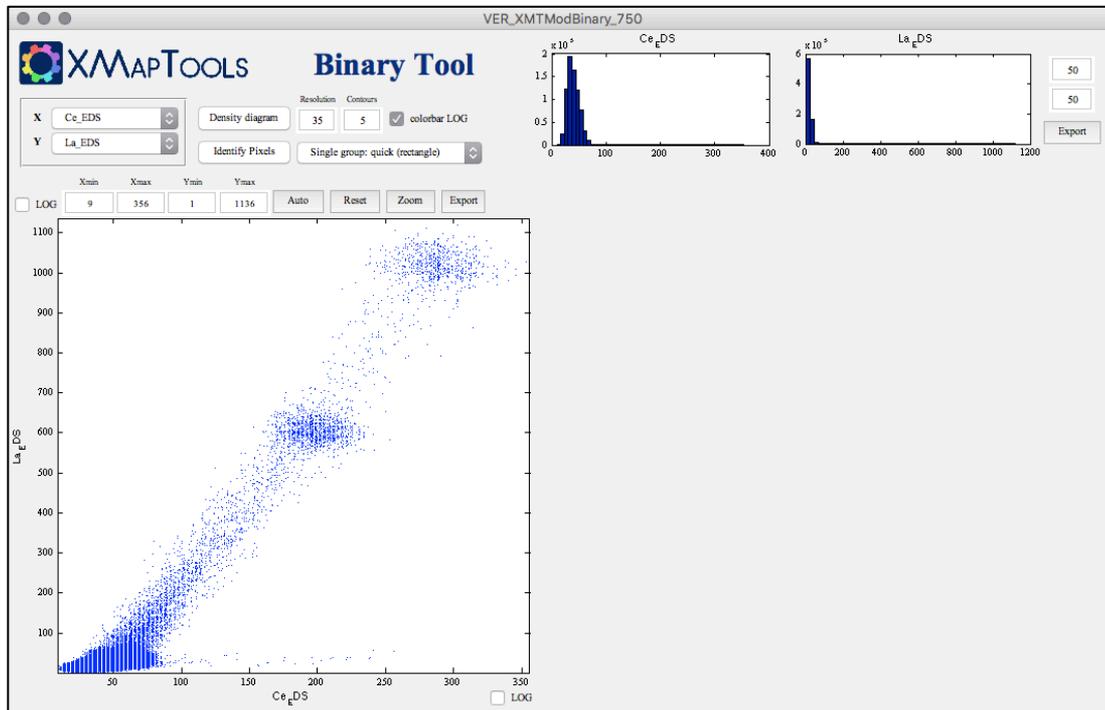


Save the project



# MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE

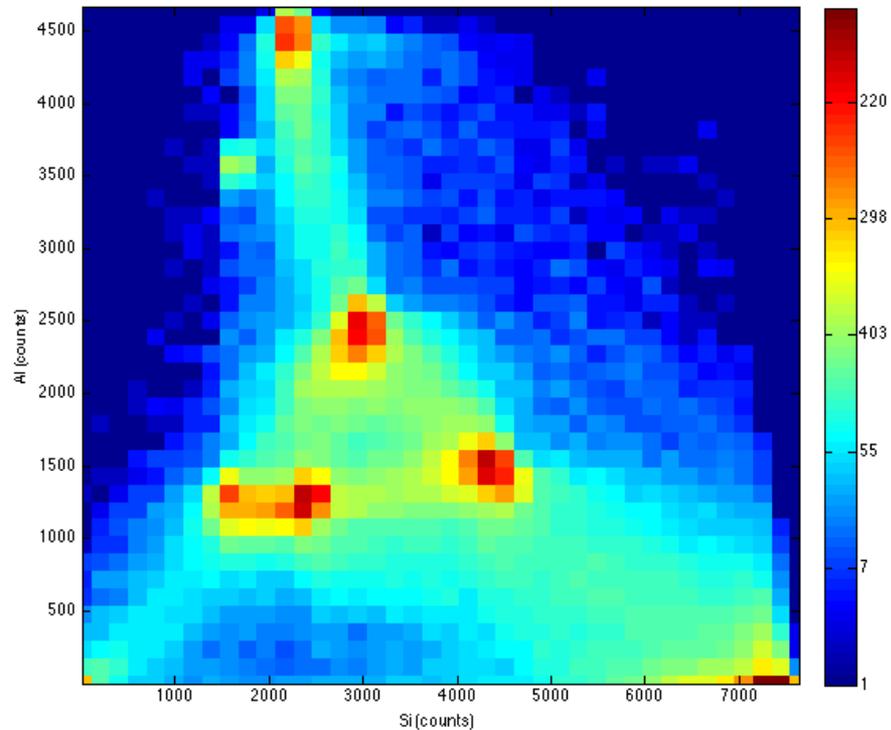
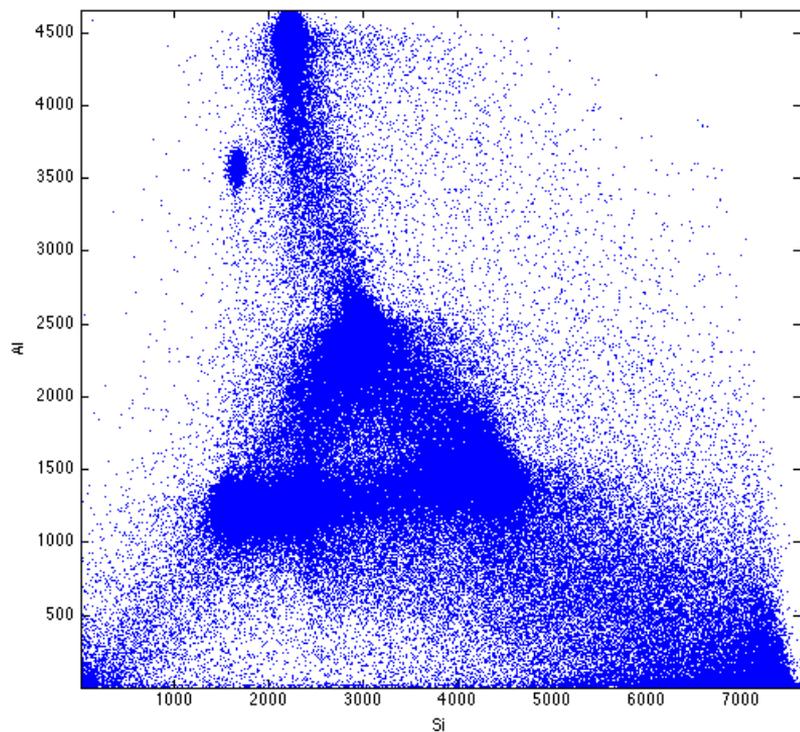
- ① Select “none” in the *phase menu*
- ② Open the chemical module “Binary”



In this case the compositions of all the pixels have been sent to the Binary module

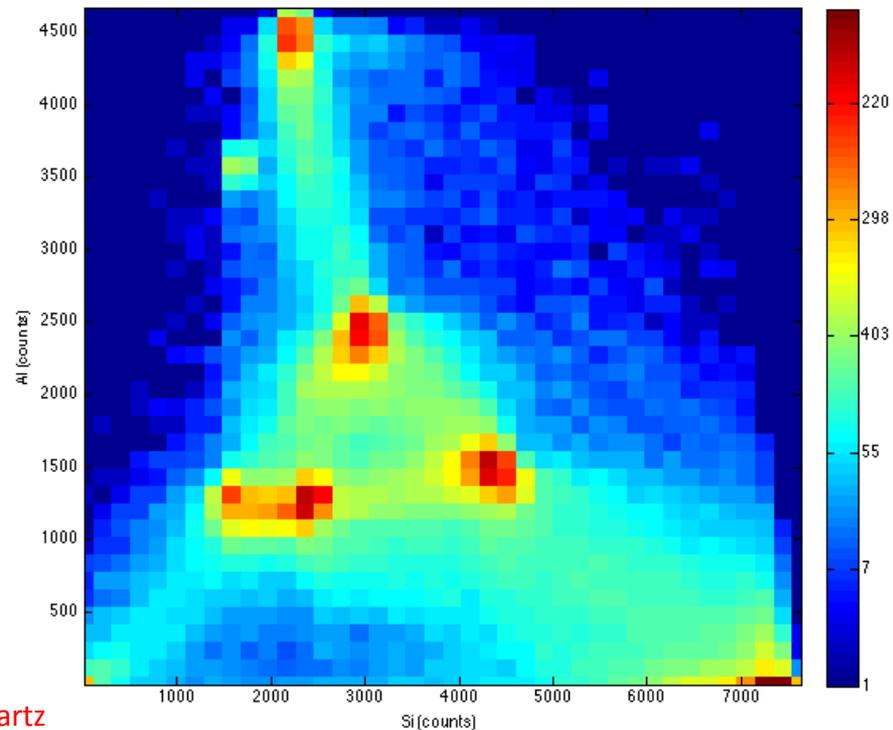
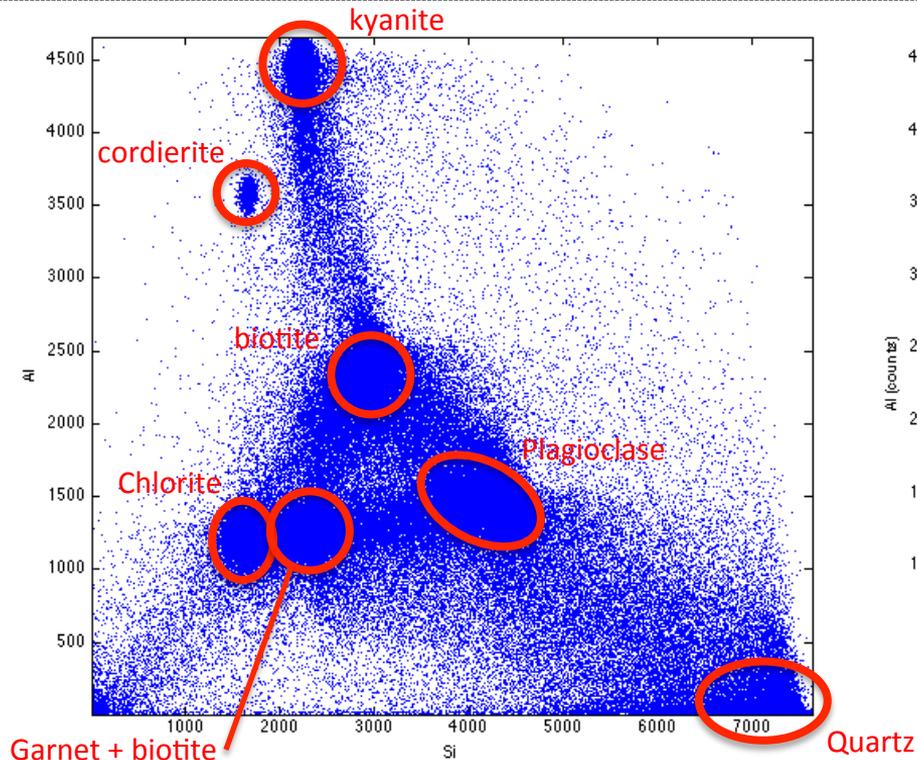
## MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE

- ① Plot again *Si vs Al* and press “auto” to adjust the axis limits
- ② Compute a density map of this diagram with a resolution of 40 px



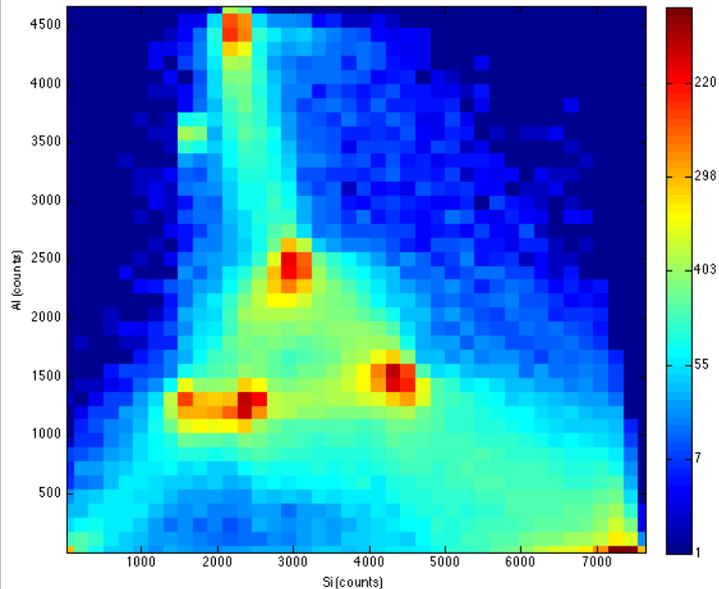
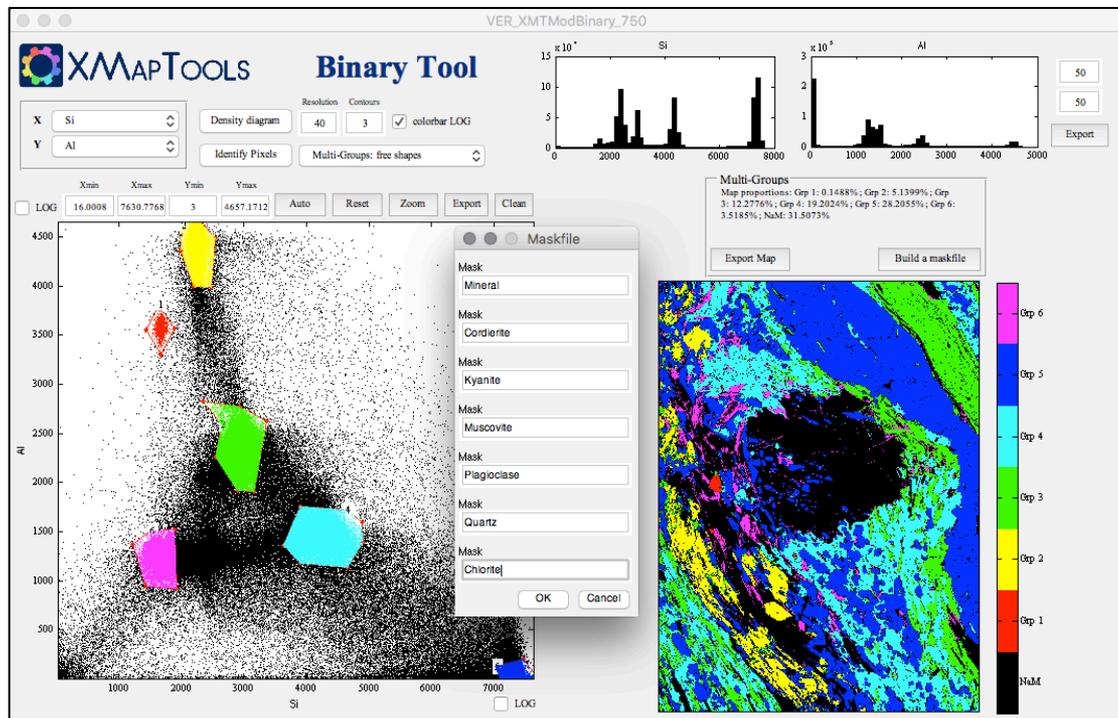
# MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE

- ③ Close the density map
- ④ Identify the mineral(s) corresponding to each group of pixel



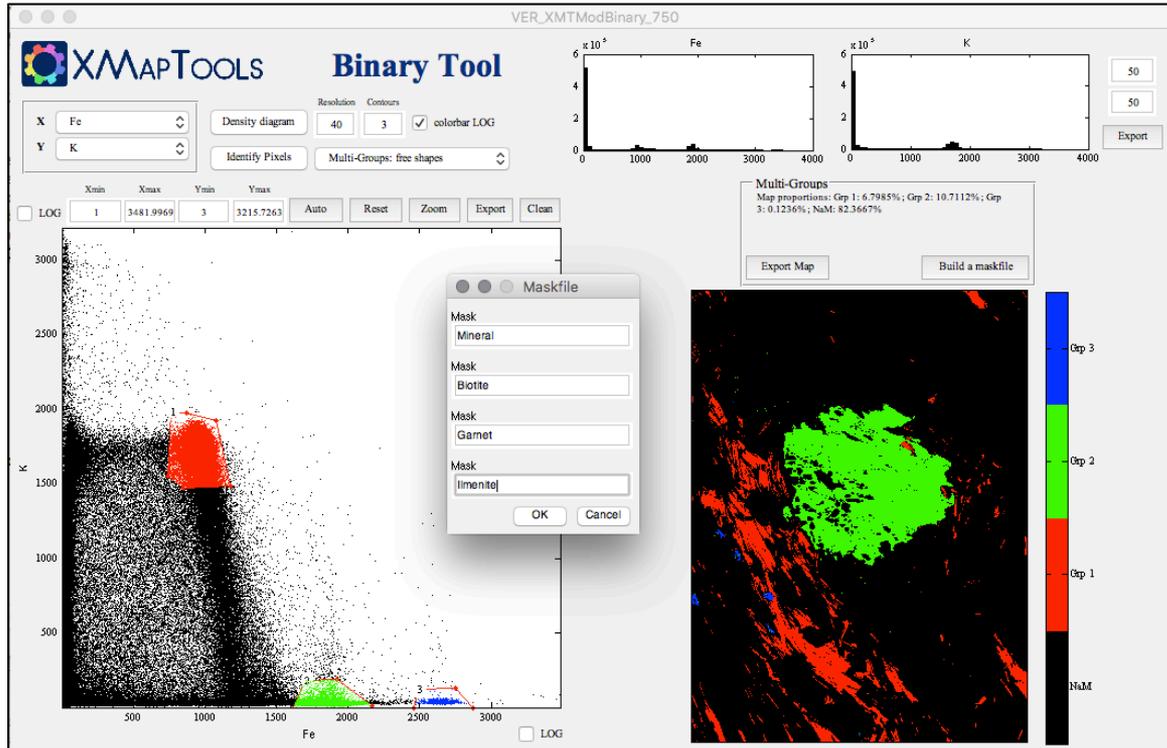
# MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE

- ③ Use the tool identify pixels (multi-groups free shapes to select the pixels of the phases: (1) cordierite, (2) kyanite, (3) muscovite, (4) plagioclase, (5) quartz and (6) chlorite and save the corresponding maskfile (*name: Manual\_Crd-Ky-Ms-Pl-Qz-Chl.txt*)



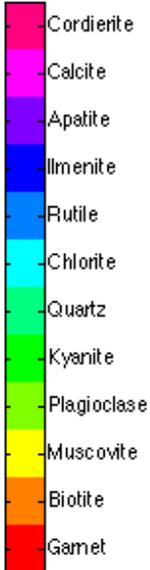
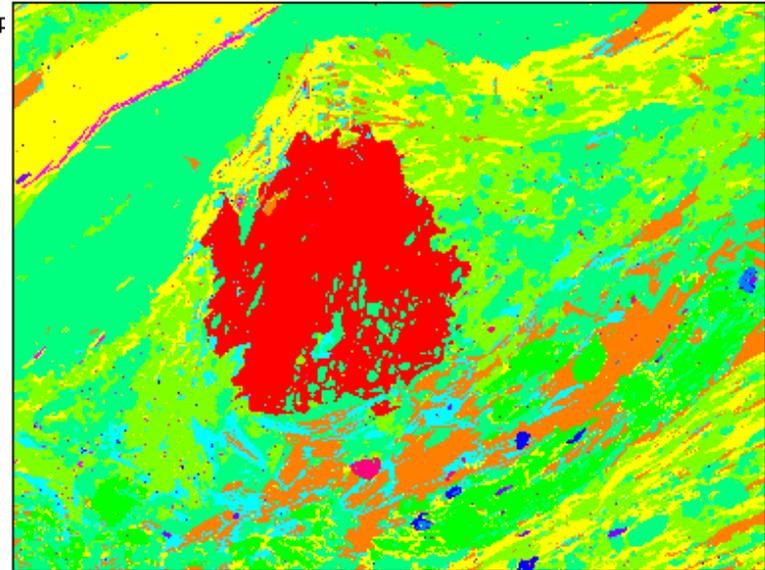
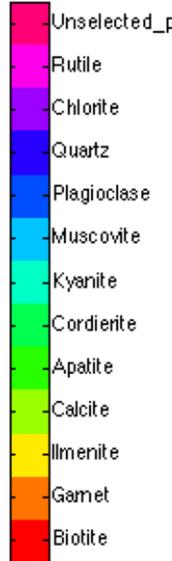
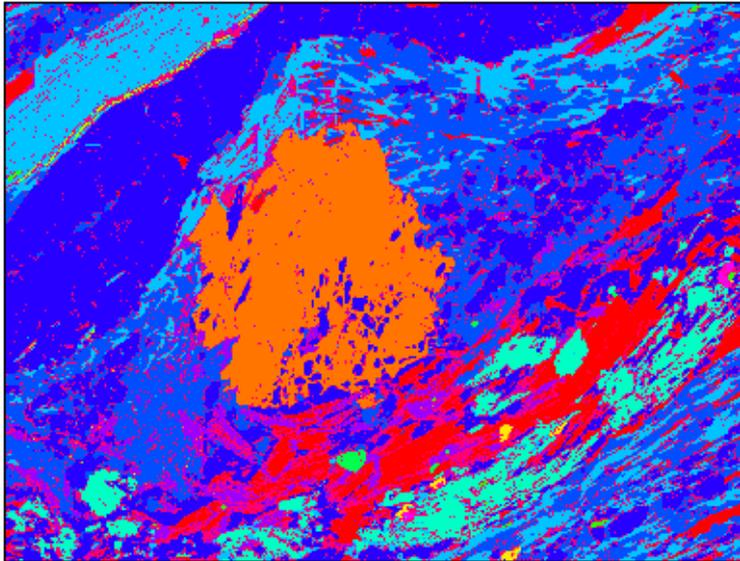
# MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE

- ④ Plot a diagram *Fe vs K* and export a maskfile containing (1) biotite, (2) garnet and (3) ilmenite (*Manual\_Bi-Grt-Ilm.txt*)



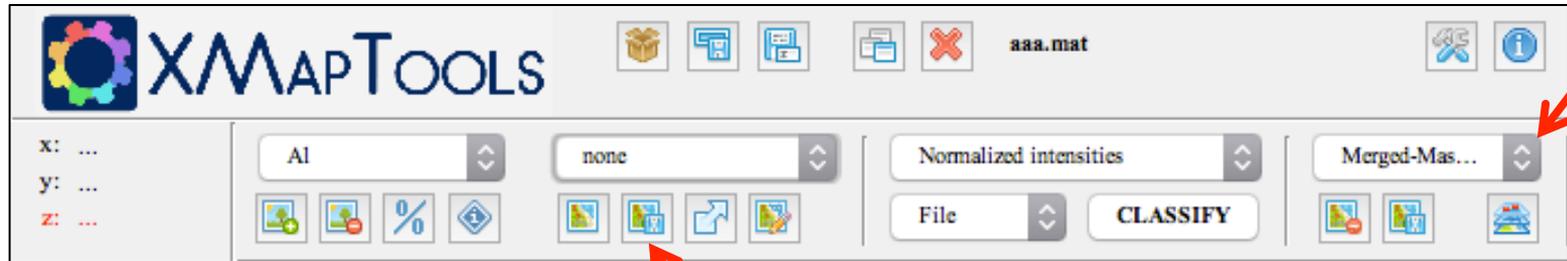
## MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE

- ⑤ Plot a diagram  $Zr$  vs  $Ca$  and export a maskfile containing (1) calcite and (2) apatite (*Manual\_Clc-Ap-Ilm.txt*)
- ⑥ Plot a diagram  $Ti$  vs  $Ca$  and export a maskfile containing the pixels of rutile (*Manual\_Rt.txt*)
- ⑦ Go back to XMAPTOOLS and import the maskfiles *Manual\_Crd-Ky-Ms-Pl-Qz-Chl.tx*, *Manual\_Bi-Grt-Ilm.txt*, *Manual\_Clc-Ap-Ilm.txt* and *Manual\_Rt.txt*



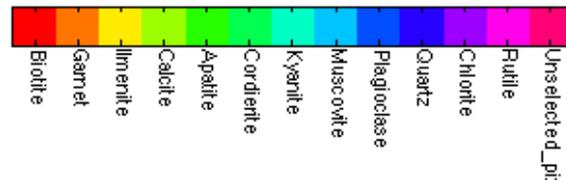
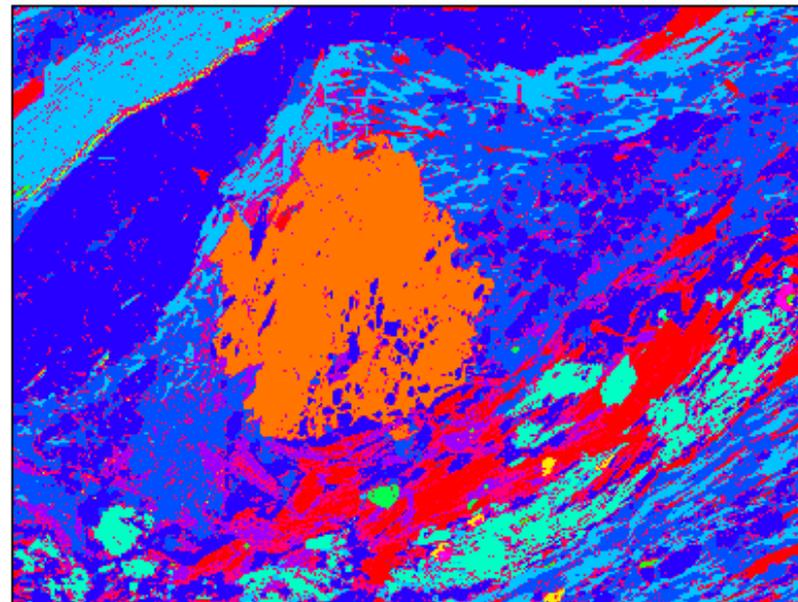
## MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE

- ⑧ Export the phase proportions of the semi-automated and manual maskfiles

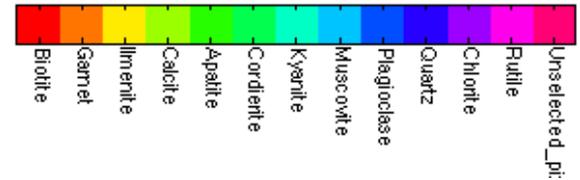
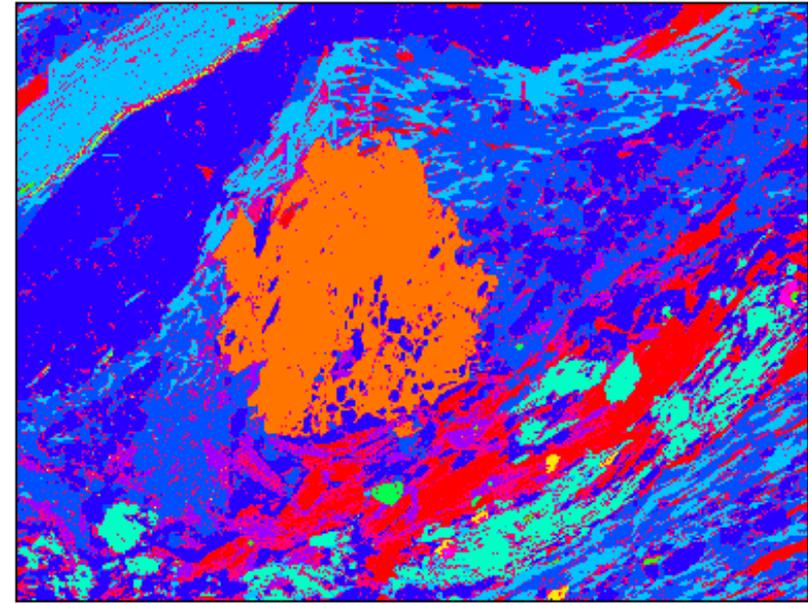
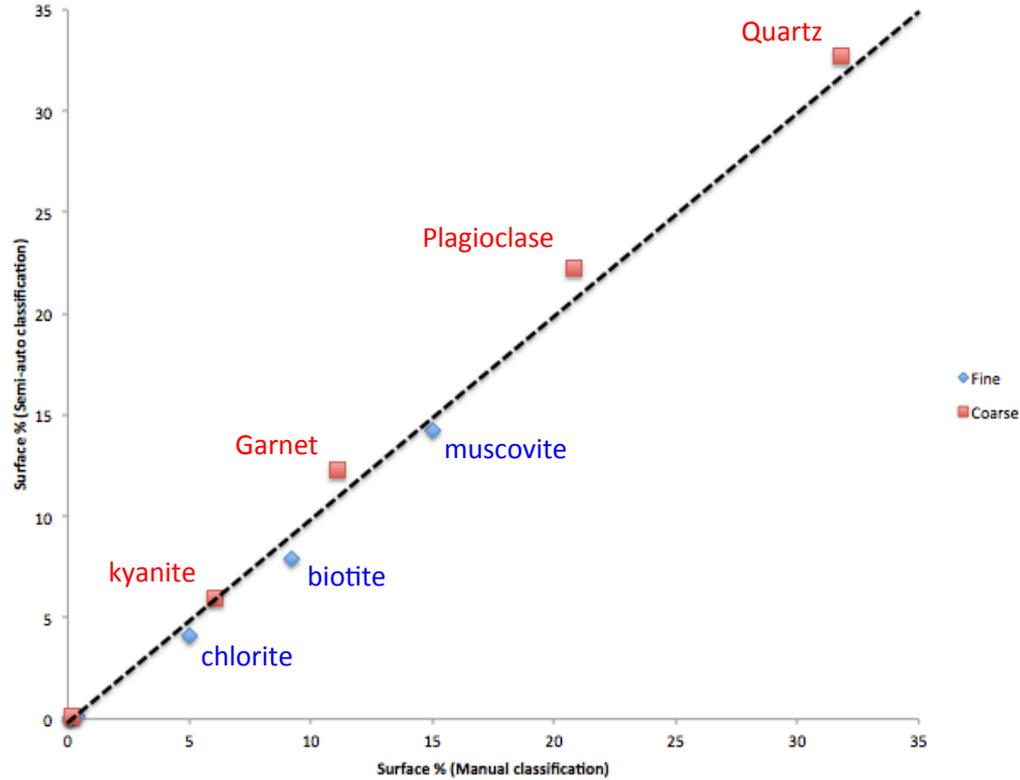


# MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE

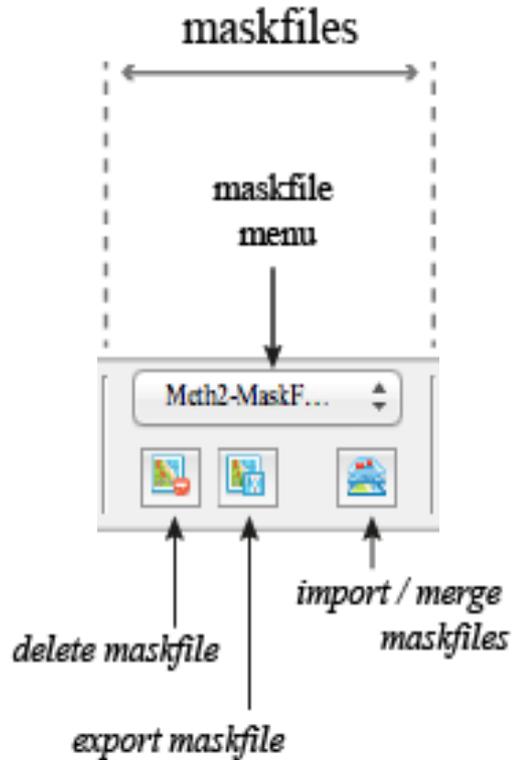
	Semi-auto	Manual
Biotite:	9.21	7.87
Garnet:	11.12	12.29
Ilmenite:	0.21	0.14
Calcite:	0.4	0.15
Apatite:	0.13	0.09
Cordierite:	0.16	0.17
Kyanite:	6.06	5.96
Muscovite:	14.99	14.23
Plagioclase:	20.79	22.25
Quartz:	31.82	32.68
Chlorite:	5.02	4.08
Rutile:	0.1	0.09



# MANUAL CLASSIFICATION WITH THE BINARY MODULE



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- ⑨ Keep the maskfile from the semi-automated classification and delete the other maskfiles

The screenshot shows a text editor window with the following content:

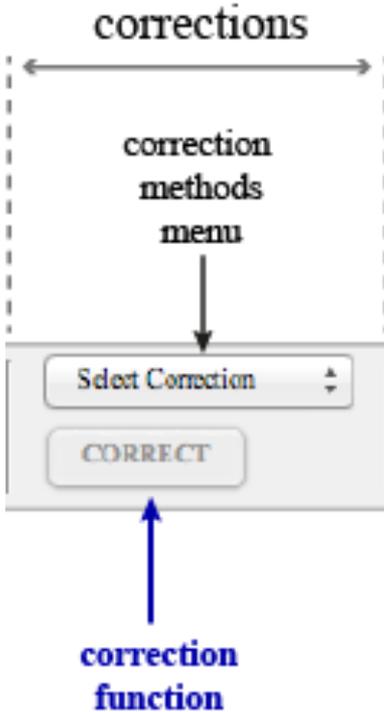
```
1  
2  
3 ! Below define the input pixels for the classification function  
4 ! Format: MINERAL_NAME_(no blank!) X Y  
5 >1  
6 Garnet          450    430  
7 Biotite         323    855  
8 Muscovite       615    85  
9 Plagioclase     576    652  
10 Kyanite         268    760  
11 Quartz          545    145  
12 Chlorite        205    556  
13 Rutile          382    971  
14 Ilmenite        176    677  
15 Apatite         383    985  
16 Calcite         583    108  
17 Cordierite      135    471  
18  
19
```

A red warning triangle icon is overlaid on the right side of the text editor window.

# Key steps

- Import the maps into XMAPTOOLS
- Identify the mineral phases
- Automated classification
- Manual classification using the Binary module
- Corrections

## CORRECTIONS (X-RAY WORKSPACE)



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# CORRECTIONS (X-RAY WORKSPACE): BRC

① Select “BRC” in the correction menu and press “APPLY”

Considering a mask i.e., a matrix with ones where the pixels are allocated to the selected phase, and a given pixel:

$$px(i, j) \quad (3.1)$$

with

$$((X - 1)/2) < i < i_{max} - ((X - 1)/2) \quad (3.2)$$

and

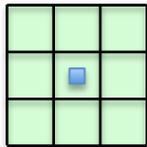
$$((X - 1)/2) < j < j_{max} - ((X - 1)/2) \quad (3.3)$$

This pixel is removed by the BRC function ( $BRC(i, j) = 0$ ) if

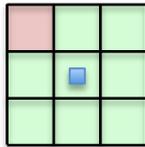
$$\sum_1^{X^2} (px(i - (X - 1)/2 : i + (X - 1)/2, j - (X - 1)/2 : j + (X - 1)/2)) < X^2 \frac{Q}{100} \quad (3.4)$$

with X the size of the scanning window in pixel (odd number  $\geq 3$ ) and Q the reject criterion in %. This filtering procedure is applied to all the pixels of all the masks.

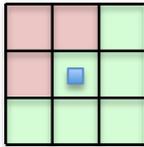
The equation (3.4) implies that BRC may not filter the pixels located at the rim of the map. The width of this rim is exactly  $(X - 1)/2$  pixels.



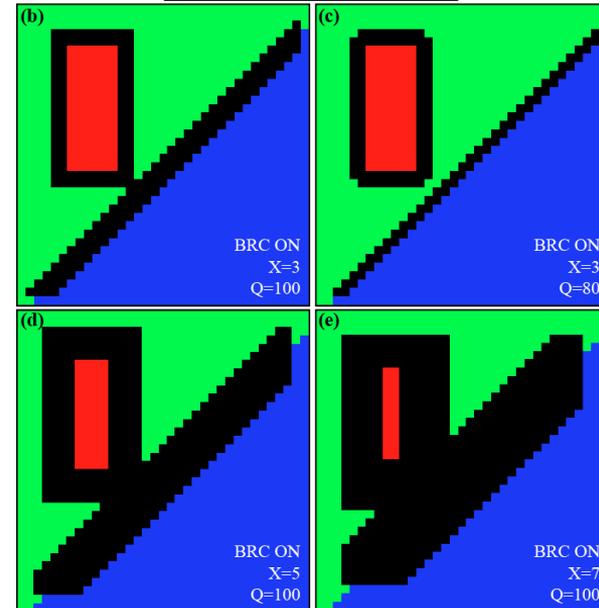
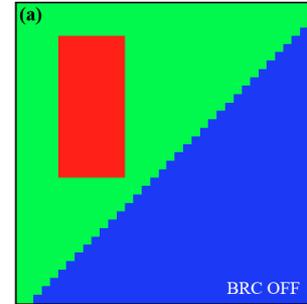
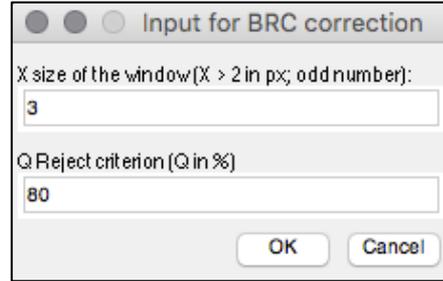
100 %



88 %

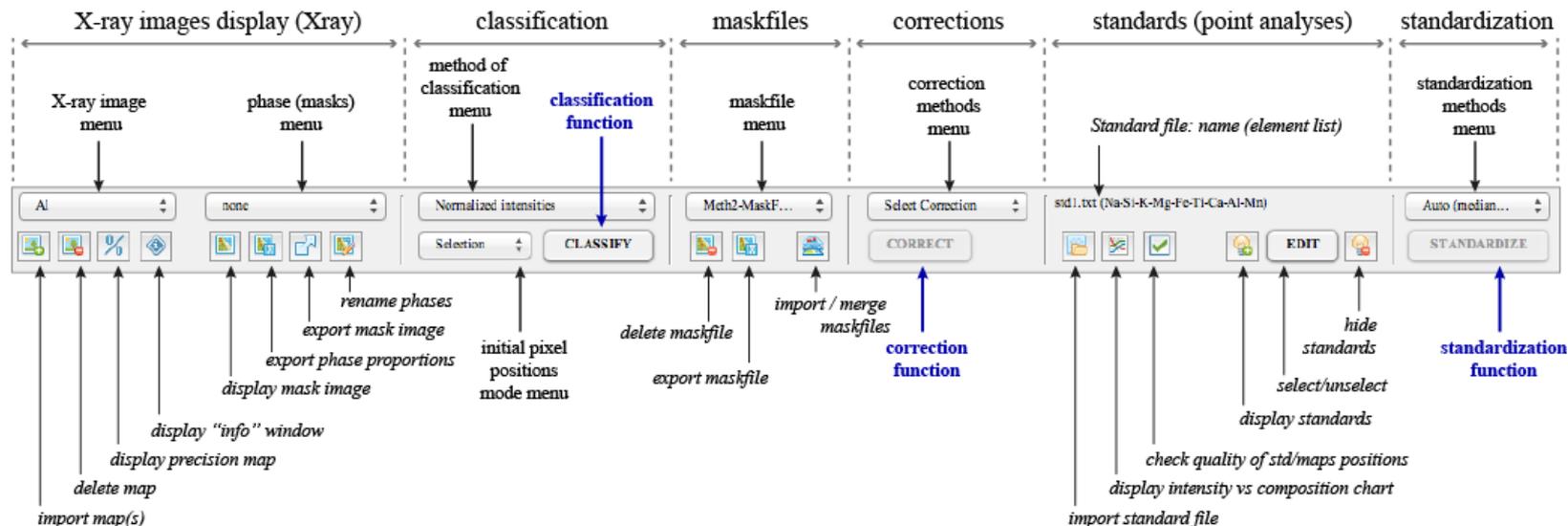


66 %



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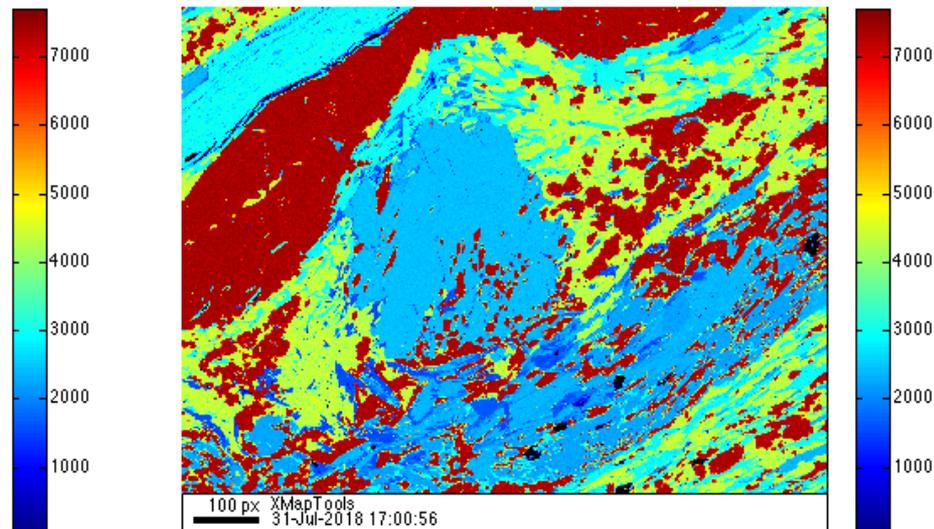
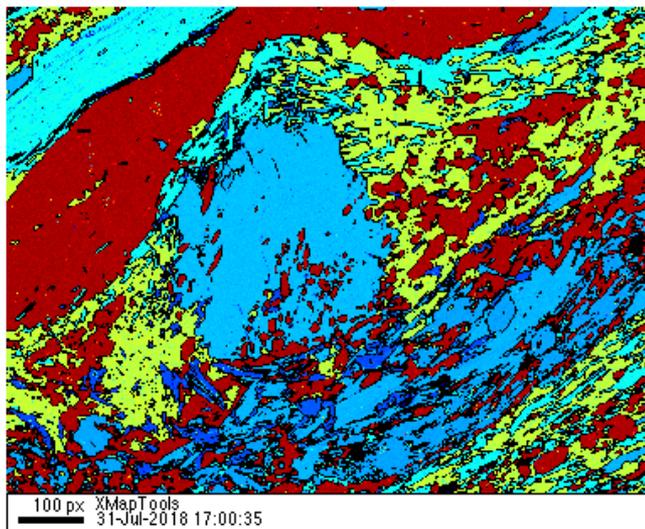
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② Compare the map of silicon with the BRC active and without



X: ...  
Y: ...  
Z: ...

black

9.00024 7708.22

Sampling

Modules

Binary

TriPlot

RGB

Generator

Add-ons

XThermoT...

RUN

X-pad

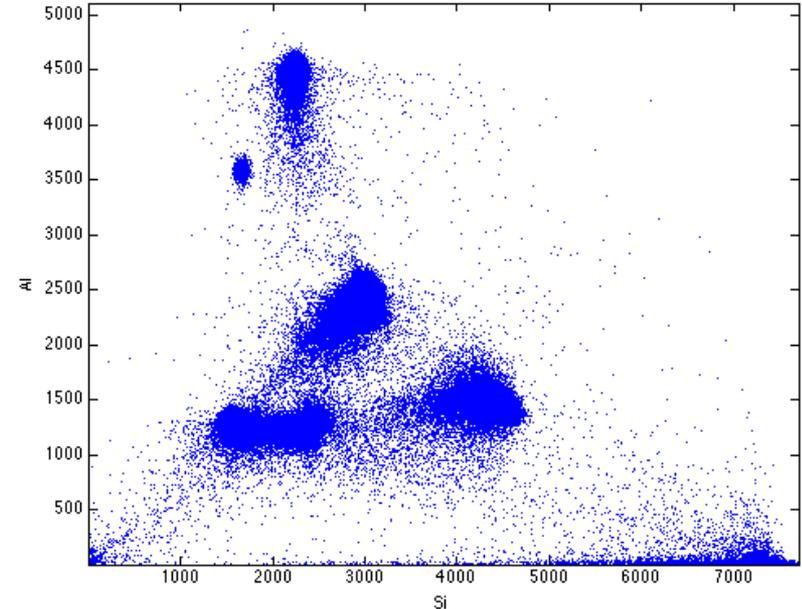
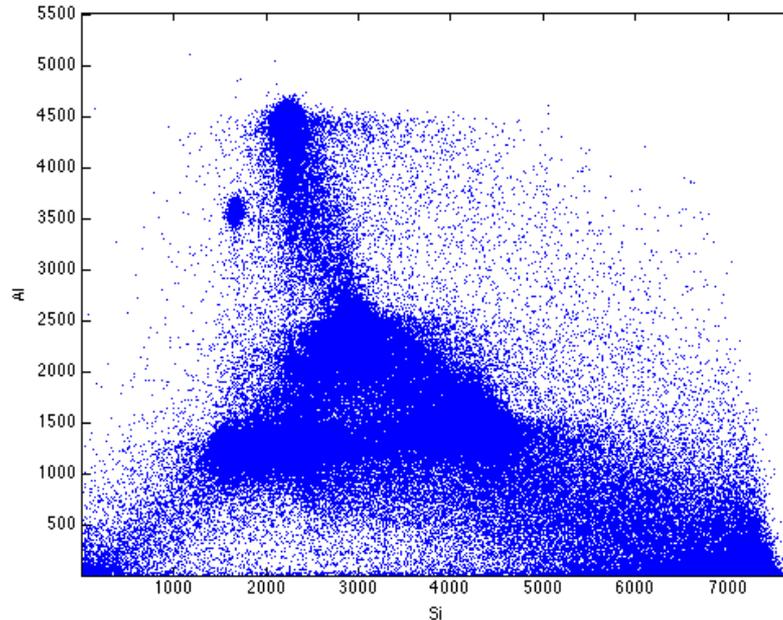
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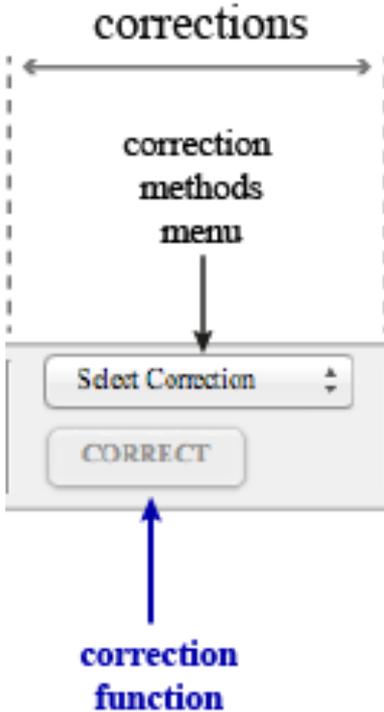
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③ Plot a binary diagram *Si vs Al* containing all the pixels



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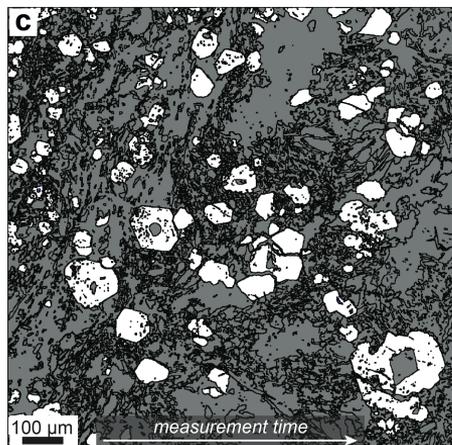
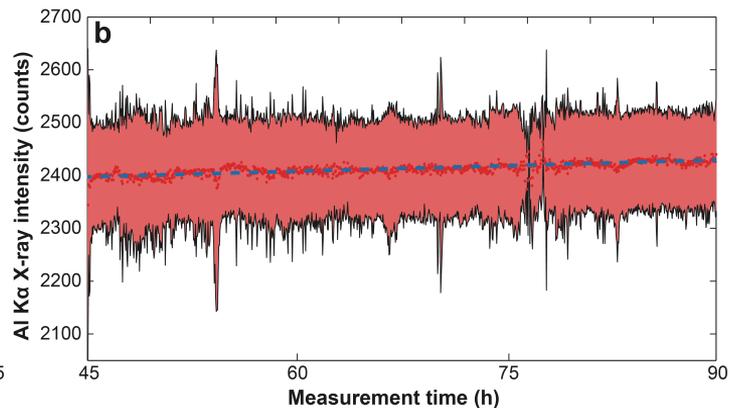
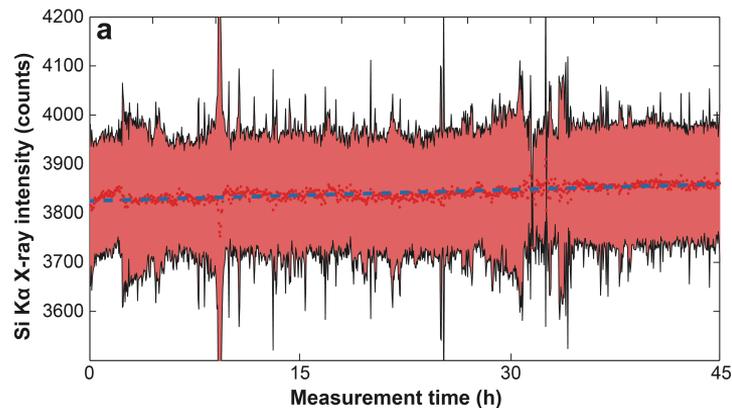


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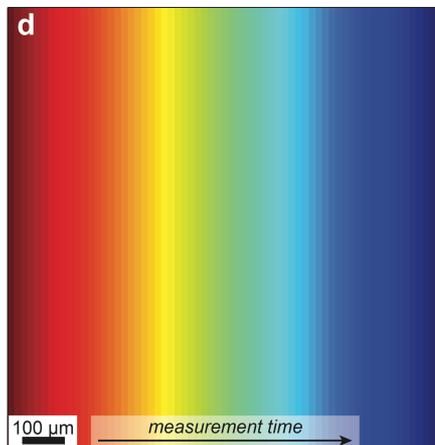
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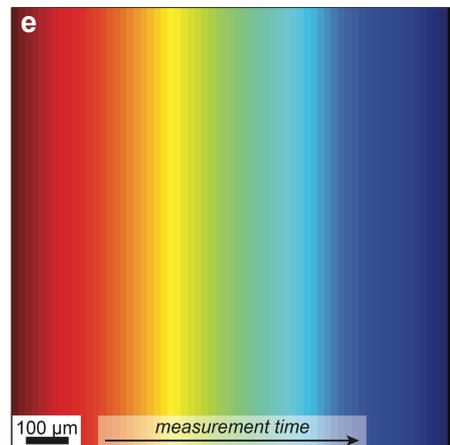
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Legend for **c**:  selected  unselected  BRC correction



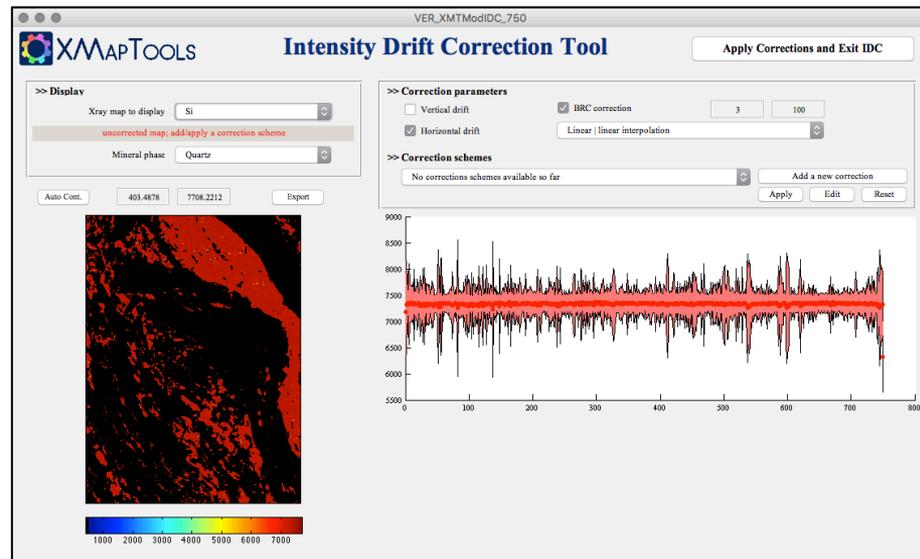
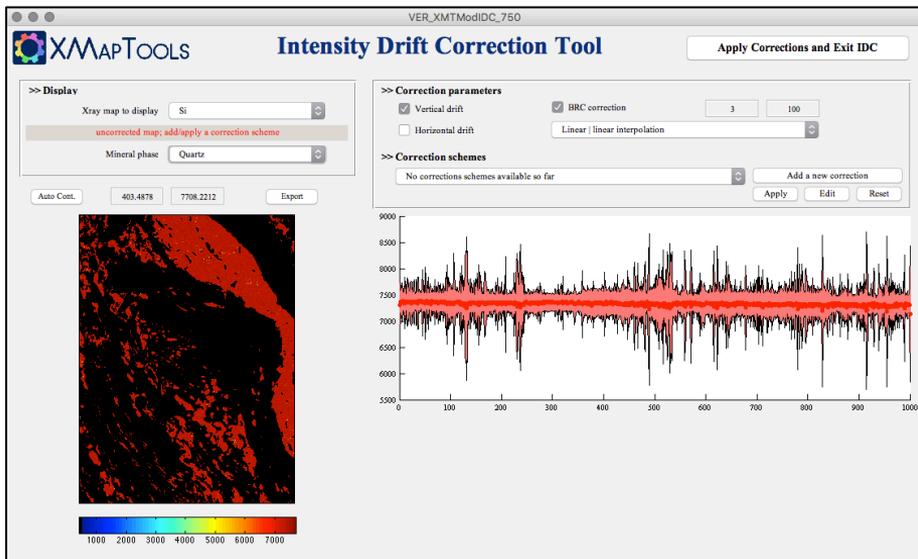
Correction factor for Si X-ray intensity (%)



Correction factor for Al X-ray intensity (%)

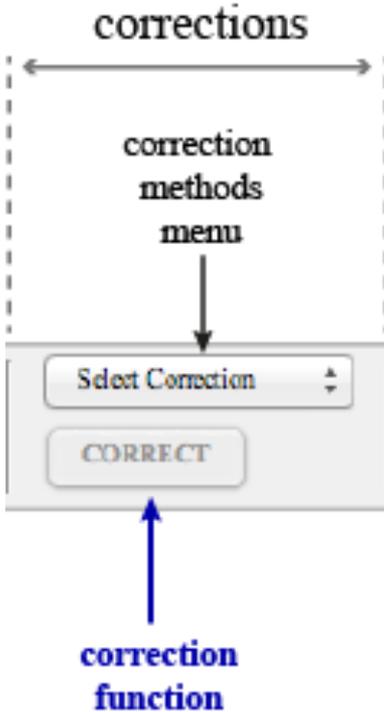
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- ① Select “IDC” in the correction menu and press “RUN”
- ② Display the map “Si” and the phase “Quartz”. Check for vertical and horizontal drift



- ③ Close the IDC module

## CORRECTIONS (X-RAY WORKSPACE)



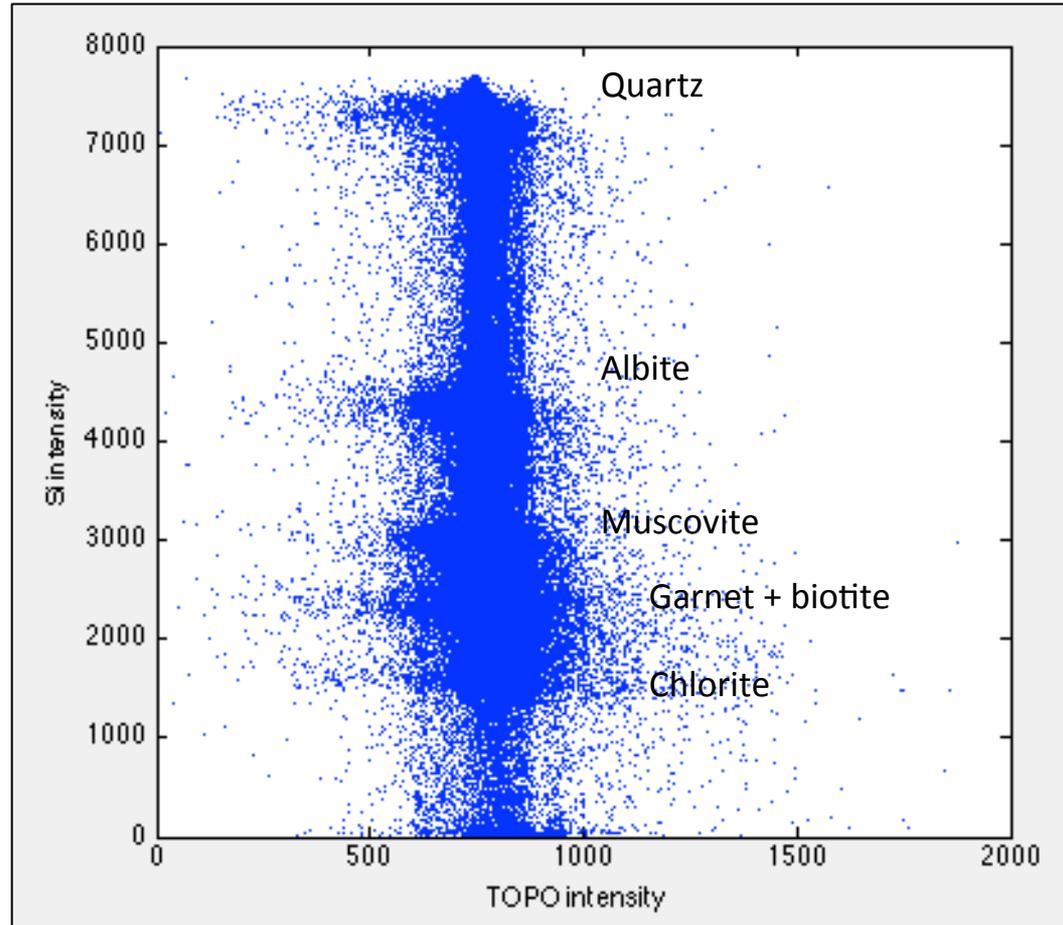
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- ③ Select “TRC” in the correction menu and press “RUN”
- ④ Select the element “Si” and “none” in the phase menu



# CORRECTIONS (X-RAY WORKSPACE): IDC

TRC  
*Extension for XmapTools*

(1) select an element (X-ray map) and a phase

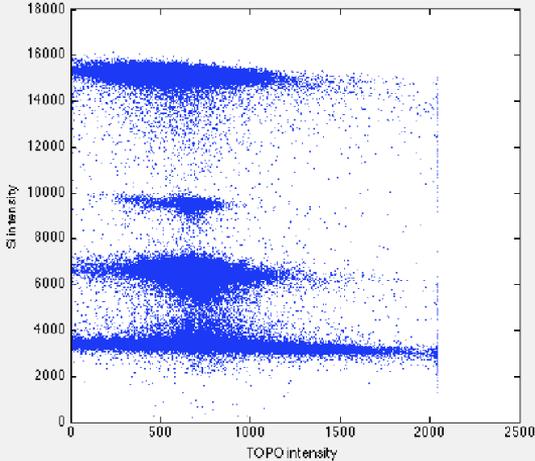
Xray map:

Mask:

(2) Define a new or apply an existing correction

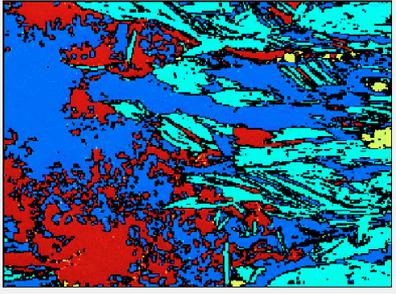
(3) Apply the corrections to XMapTools data

XMTModTRC



Scatter plot showing Si intensity (Y-axis, 0 to 18000) versus TOPO intensity (X-axis, 0 to 2500). The plot displays a dense distribution of blue points, indicating a strong correlation between the two intensity measurements.

uncorrected Si



Color map showing the uncorrected Si intensity distribution. The plot displays a complex pattern of colors (red, yellow, green, cyan, blue) representing different intensity levels across the sample area.

Auto Cont.

227.0155

16224.5887



Intensity scale bar ranging from 0 to 15000, with major ticks at 0, 5000, 10000, and 15000.

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Mask:

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-0.33994

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XMTModTRC

Intensity  $\times 10^4$

TOPO intensity

uncorrected Si

corrected Si intensity  $\times 10^4$

TOPO intensity

corrected Si

Auto Cont.

5121.858

16224.5887

0 5000 10000 15000

2000 4000 6000 8000 10000 12000 14000 16000

## CORRECTIONS (X-RAY WORKSPACE): IDC

- ① Load the TOPO map
- ② Activate the BRC
- ③ Select “TRC” in the correction menu and press “RUN”
- ④ Select the element “Si” and “none” in the phase menu
- ⑤ Check the other elements
- ⑥ Close the TRC module

## QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION

