

mineralML: Leveraging Machine Learning for Probabilistic Mineral Classification

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The Python package can be accessed on GitHub at github.com/sarahshi/mineralML, and installed with PyPi. The documentation on ReadtheDocs details multiple usages of the mineralML package at mineralml.readthedocs.io/en/latest, working with several different data formats:

· Tabular Data

mineralml.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/mineralML_neuralnetwork.html

· Microanalytical Tabular Data, straight from an CAMECA, Probe for EPMA, or AZtec instrument

mineralml.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/mineralML_microanalysisoutput.html

· Mapped EDS Data

mineralml.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/mineralML_mapping.html

An implementation working with tabular data can be found on Google Colab at:

colab.research.google.com/github/SarahShi/mineralML/blob/main/mineralML_colab.ipynb

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9 **Key Points:**

- 10 • Neural networks trained on high-quality datasets can be used to accurately and
11 probabilistically classify mineralogy in igneous rocks
- 12 • **mineralML** streamlines e-beam analysis workflows with automated mineral clas-
13 sification, stoichiometric calculations, classification diagrams
- 14 • **mineralML** helps identify errors in large geochemical databases (e.g., GEOROC,
15 PetDB), improving the reliability of big-data studies

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Abstract

Characterizing phase assemblages in igneous rocks and the chemical variability within these phases is the fundamental basis of many petrological investigations. We present **mineralML** (mineral classification using Machine Learning), an open-source Python package that classifies common igneous minerals based on oxide chemical data, with prediction scores. **mineralML** employs a two-stage neural network: a variational Bayesian classifier providing probabilistic mineral classifications with uncertainty estimates, along with an autoencoder that projects compositions into a 2-D latent space for visualization. Trained on $\sim 128,000$ curated electron probe microanalyzer analyses spanning 23 mineral classes, **mineralML** achieves $> 99\%$ accuracy on validation data. Applied to > 1.1 million analyses from the GEOROC database, **mineralML** achieves $> 95\%$ classification accuracy, with many of the $\sim 5\%$ misclassifications demonstrating the utility of this package for identifying database misclassifications and data entry errors. When applied to co-collected EBSD-EDS maps, **mineralML** determines phase proportions within 2–3% of the EBSD-derived values, with added advantages over EBSD in identifying non-crystalline and difficult-to-index phases.

Following mineral classification, **mineralML** functions streamline common data processing workflows such as mineral stoichiometry and crystallographic site calculations, assignment of mineral subtypes (e.g., andesine versus labradorite), and production of mineral classification diagrams (e.g., feldspar, pyroxene, amphibole and Fe-Ti oxides ternary and quadrilateral diagrams). **mineralML** functions can also rapidly process EDS maps and generate publication-ready figures of mineral phases, their abundances, and their zoning patterns. As an open-source tool with high classification accuracy, **mineralML** presents immense potential for big data approaches when working with large geochemical databases and EDS maps.

Plain Language Summary

Identifying the minerals present in igneous rocks and understanding their chemical variability is central to understanding how magmas form and evolve prior to volcanic eruptions. Minerals are identified by probing polished rock samples with an electron beam and measuring the characteristic X-rays released, revealing their chemical composition. Classifying minerals from these chemical data, especially across large datasets or detailed chemical maps, is time-consuming and often performed manually, rendering these classifications difficult to reproduce. We have developed **mineralML**, an open-source Python tool using machine learning to automate mineral classification from chemical compositions. **mineralML** assigns mineral names, provides inbuilt prediction scores, and also streamlines downstream tasks such as calculating stoichiometries and crystallographic sites, performing sub-classifications, and converting chemical maps into publication-ready phase and zoning maps. When tested against over 1.1 million analyses from the GEOROC database along with co-collected EBSD-EDS maps, **mineralML** achieves greater than 96% accuracy and reproduces phase proportions within 2–3%. By automating and standardizing mineral classification, **mineralML** opens new possibilities for big data approaches to understanding igneous systems and curating large geochemical databases.

1 Introduction

Crystals in igneous rocks record the temporal, compositional, and thermal evolution of magmatic systems. Different mineral phases, and even distinct crystals of a single phase, encode various aspects of this history, including growth from compositionally heterogeneous melts, mixing of magma batches, and changing magma chamber conditions (Putirka, 2008; Blundy & Cashman, 2008; Cashman & Blundy, 2013; Neave et al., 2013; Mutch et al., 2019; Cheng et al., 2020; Wieser et al., 2025; Ubide et al., 2014). Petrologic studies therefore begin by identifying the mineral phases present, determining their

66 abundances, and documenting textures and microstructures. The presence and absence
67 of different mineral phases within a given rock dictates which quantitative tools can be
68 used, and thus what scientific questions may be addressed. For example, zircon allows
69 for U-Pb dating, while K-bearing phases such as feldspar and glass allow for K-Ar and
70 Ar-Ar dating (Schoene et al., 2013). Certain minerals exhibit variations in chemistry as
71 a function of the temperature, pressure, and melt composition from which they grow,
72 allowing for the application of thermobarometric and hygrometric methods to estimate
73 these parameters within the magmatic system (e.g., amphibole (Ridolfi, 2021), pyrox-
74 ene (Putirka, 2008), and plagioclase (Waters & Lange, 2015)). Furthermore, mineral as-
75 semblages, including modal phase abundances, are themselves key observables that pro-
76 vide important information about the rock. The presence or absence of specific phases
77 defines equilibrium assemblage fields in pressure–temperature–composition (P-T-X) space,
78 underpinning the construction of a P-T-(time) path revealing the history of the rock (Blatter
79 et al., 2013; Weller et al., 2013; Spear et al., 2017; Lanari & Engi, 2017; Voigt et al., 2022).

80 The push towards automated, data-driven igneous petrology has driven the rapid
81 growth of Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR)-aligned data infras-
82 tructures that aggregate results from individual petrological studies (Stall et al., 2019;
83 Klöcking et al., 2023). Databases such as EarthChem and GEOROC (Lehnert et al., 2000),
84 and LEPR/traceDs (Hirschmann et al., 2008) enable synthesis across studies and have
85 supported analyses of global petrologic trends (Reubi & Blundy, 2009; C. B. Keller &
86 Schoene, 2012; Pitcher & Kent, 2019; Barber et al., 2021; Stracke et al., 2022; Rasmussen
87 et al., 2022) and mineral-melt equilibria (Mutch et al., 2022). However, these compila-
88 tions inherit heterogeneous analytical practices and labeling conventions, and contain
89 a number of errors, which are challenging issues to resolve given the size of the databases—GEOROC
90 alone contains more than 1 million individual mineral analyses. Analyses may have been
91 incorrectly assigned a mineral group (e.g., pyroxene labeled as an amphibole), columns
92 may have been mismatched during data compilation (e.g., FeO_t values entered into the
93 MnO column), and entire columns of data may not have been compiled during curation.
94 There are also issues with analysis quality: because of the relatively large interaction vol-
95 umes associated with electron beam techniques, a reported analysis may be a mixture
96 of two neighboring or intergrown phases, termed a ‘mixel’ or mixed pixel in an EDS map.
97 Literature analyses may also suffer from low totals, low cation sums, or poor correspon-
98 dence to theoretical mineral stoichiometry. There is currently no community consensus
99 on the best practices to filter out low-quality data in these large datasets, or how to de-
100 rive mineralogy from oxide data. These limitations directly impact studies utilizing these
101 datasets. Machine learning models using these large datasets to make petrological in-
102 ferences rely on data reliability, and remain inherently vulnerable to ‘garbage in, garbage
103 out’.

104 Another major advance in petrological research has been the increase in the speed
105 of Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS) detectors, and improvements in software al-
106 lowing for fully quantitative analyses to be extracted with comparable quality to Wave-
107 length Dispersive Spectroscopy (WDS) measurements on electron probe microanalyz-
108 ers (Allaz et al., 2026). These advances make it feasible to collect a quantitative chem-
109 ical map of an entire thin section or epoxy stub, comprised of around a million individ-
110 ual analyses (pixels), in one overnight session. There has also been an increase in the avail-
111 ability of SEM systems that allow EDS maps to be collected at the same time as elec-
112 tron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) crystallographic maps. High-throughput, spatially
113 resolved chemical datasets at the thin-section scale are therefore becoming increasingly
114 common in the petrological literature (Gottlieb et al., 2000; Pirrie et al., 2004; Neave et
115 al., 2014, 2017; Neave & MacLennan, 2020; Gleeson et al., 2025; Toth et al., 2025). These
116 hyperspectral SEM-EDS maps are powerful as they enable the concurrent interpretation
117 of chemistry and microstructure at the grain scale, with minerals in their original tex-
118 tural context.

119 Extracting mineralogy from EDS maps can replace tedious tasks such as point count-
120 ing to determine bulk mineralogy. Existing closed-source commercial softwares, includ-
121 ing QEMSCAN (Pirrie et al., 2004), ZEISS Mineralogic (Graham et al., 2015; Taylor et
122 al., 2024), and AZtecMineral (Jones et al., 2020), are designed to provide mineral clas-
123 sifications of each pixel using EDS data, but typically rely on *a priori* information on
124 the mineral assemblage present for peak intensity matching along with iterative user in-
125 put and adjustments to tune compositional windows. Each adjustment can require re-
126 classification of large maps, making this workflow time-consuming and difficult to repro-
127 duce. More recently, open-source tools have been developed to perform unsupervised clas-
128 sification of peak intensities in EDS maps, through dimensionality reduction and clus-
129 tering. These unsupervised methods group pixels by compositional similarity in their EDS
130 spectra without requiring predefined mineral labels or compositional windows. For ex-
131 ample, SIGMA (Tung et al., 2022) and GPyEDS (Toth et al., 2025) use neural network
132 autoencoders to learn efficient, low-dimensionality encodings of EDS peak intensities and
133 then cluster pixels in this reduced space. These autoencoder models can be re-used for
134 the examination of similar datasets of samples with similar phases and compositions, but
135 necessitate re-training for the examination of more variable datasets of samples with dif-
136 ferent phases and compositions. As these methods are unsupervised, compositional clus-
137 ters are returned rather than mineral identifications, so the user must then manually as-
138 sign a mineral label to each cluster after the fact. Additionally, XMapTools (Lanari &
139 Tedeschi, 2025) has expanded to provide common clustering tools for working with mapped
140 intensity data, but also requires *a priori* information with representative pixel X-ray in-
141 tensities from each phase, or manual thresholding to initially identify clusters.

142 We present the first open-source tool, **mineralML** (**mineral** classification using **Machine**
143 **Learning**), for classifying mineralogy from quantitative elemental or oxide concentration
144 data, requiring no prior knowledge of the mineralogy or chemical composition of differ-
145 ent phases in the sample. **mineralML** is built in **Python** and trained on common igneous
146 minerals. **mineralML** allocates a mineral name (e.g., pyroxene, olivine, feldspar) based
147 on elemental or oxide concentration data, and can be applied to spot analyses or map
148 pixels acquired with a range of microanalytical techniques, including EPMA, WDS, and
149 EDS. **mineralML** also calculates stoichiometries, crystallographic sites, and common min-
150 eral components (e.g. anorthite and/or jadeite content), allowing quality filters to be eas-
151 ily applied (e.g. cation sums), and helps streamline common igneous workflows using these
152 parameters (e.g., thermobarometry, plotting ternary diagrams). **mineralML** also uses these
153 additional calculations to provide further sub-classifications where relevant, such as clas-
154 sifying an amphibole as a tremolite, a feldspar as labradorite, a pyroxene as aegirine, an
155 oxide as a rhombohedral oxide, among others. Thus, we envision petrologists incorpo-
156 rating **mineralML** as a key part of their workflow after extracting data from an electron
157 beam instrument, to confirm the mineralogy, filter for poor data, perform component cal-
158 culations, and make common petrological classification diagrams (Figure 1). These ca-
159 pabilities extend to entire EDS maps, shifting the bottleneck from manual phase segmen-
160 tation to data acquisition, allowing users to focus on optimizing the quality of the in-
161 put data, knowing that they can process the resulting data in minutes.

162 **mineralML** is also vital for the identification of misclassified mineral phases and low-
163 quality data in compiled datasets prior to their use in ‘big data’ petrological studies. We
164 evaluate the **mineralML** workflow on independent test datasets from GEOROC, demon-
165 strating that **mineralML** holds the potential to rapidly classify millions of analyses within
166 minutes, identifying their mineral group and sub-classifications, while flagging incorrectly
167 classified data. We anticipate that this approach will be integrated into existing geochem-
168 ical data processing pipelines, to improve the quality of large geochemical datasets used
169 to train petrological models.

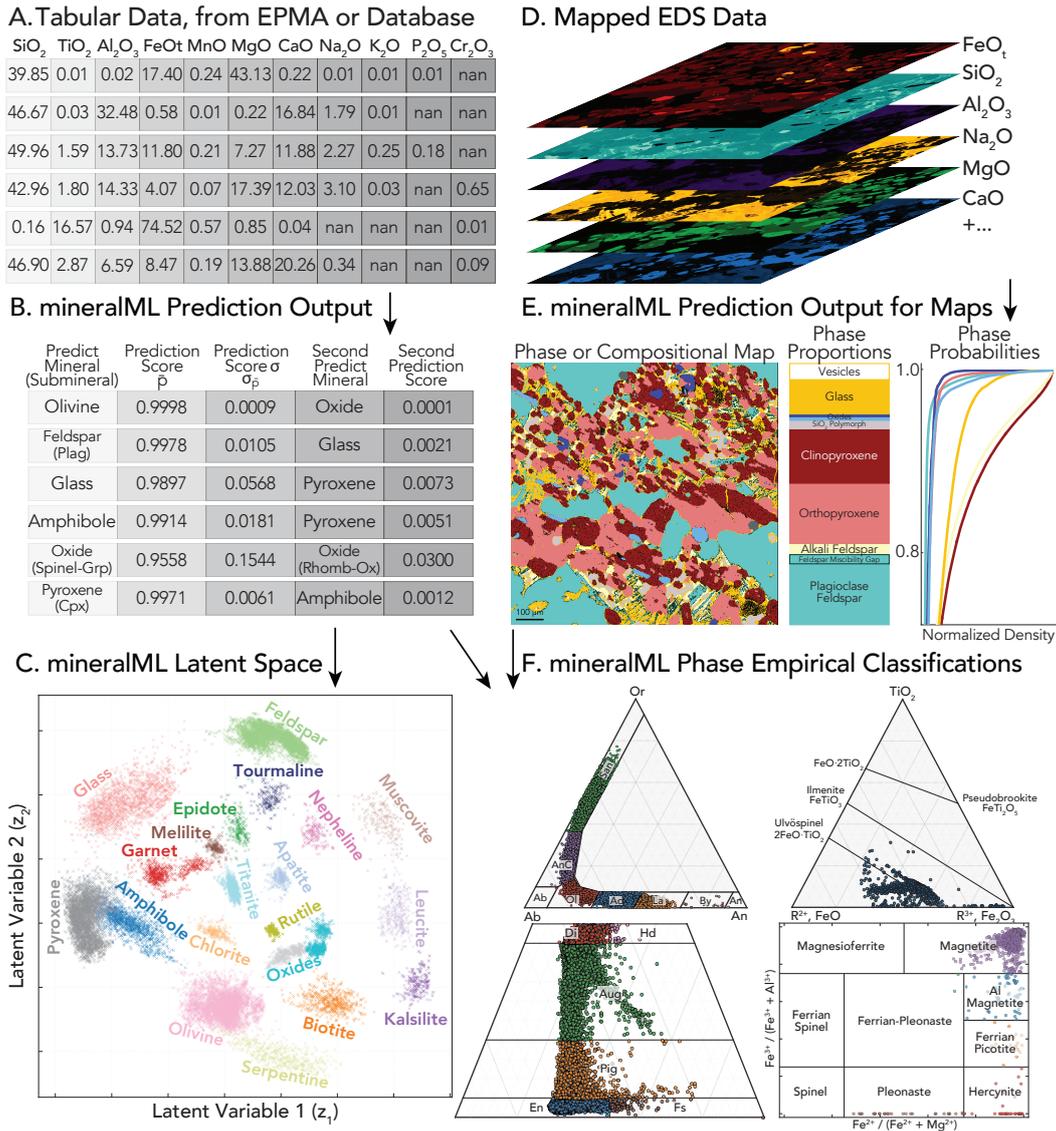


Figure 1. Overview of the `mineralML` workflow presented highlighting applications to both: A) Tabular data, straight from EPMA/EDS spot analyses or a geochemical database and D) Mapped EDS data. Functions are modular and enable probabilistic mineral predictions for either form of data in one code function call. B) `mineralML.predict_class_prob_nnwr` returns a dataframe containing the predicted mineral, its prediction score and associated uncertainty, and the second most likely mineral classification and score. C) The compositions can be projected into the two-dimensional latent space of the training and visualization dataset, to assess whether the predicted mineral is likely and if the data are well represented by the training dataset with `mineralML.plot_z2_overlay`. E) `mineralML.run_map` returns publication-ready figures of phase or compositional maps, phase proportions, and a cumulative density function showing phase probabilities. F) Tabular compositions can then be plotted in petrological classification diagrams including the feldspar, pyroxene, amphibole and Fe-Ti oxides ternary and quadrilateral diagrams.

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2 Methods

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`mineralML` is a Python package containing a neural network that jointly performs probabilistic mineral classification and compositional reconstruction from chemical anal-

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yses. The neural network uses a joint probabilistic classifier and autoencoder, allowing for robust generalization and easy visualization of high dimensional data; the training overview workflow is shown in Figure 2 and the application workflow is shown in Figure 1. After initial empirical filters for compositionally simple phases (carbonates, SiO₂-polymorphs, zircon), the network operates on concentrations for 11 oxides (SiO₂, TiO₂, Al₂O₃, FeO_t, MnO, MgO, CaO, Na₂O, K₂O, P₂O₅, Cr₂O₃). The model outputs the predicted, most-likely mineral class with a prediction score, with values closer to 1 more likely belonging to that predicted mineral class. These prediction scores are the output of this probabilistic model, providing a metric for assessing the likelihood of the model providing an accurate classification. `mineralML` classifies minerals based on the following labels provided in Table 1: amphibole, apatite, biotite, calcite, chlorite, epidote, feldspar, feldspathoids, garnet, melilite, mica, olivine, oxides, pyroxene, quartz (inclusive of all SiO₂ polymorphs), rutile, serpentine, titanite, tourmaline, and zircon. The model also provides a 2-D latent representation which captures the discriminative geochemical features, enabling visualization of the geochemical differences between and within mineral groups, through a compositional reconstruction (trained representation in 1C). These latent representations serve as a lower-dimensionality representation of the input data in which samples with greater chemical similarity are positioned closer together. Unlike linear dimensionality reduction methods such as principal component analysis (PCA), the neural network learns non-linear mappings from the original oxide space to capture more complex compositional relationships between and within mineral groups (Supporting Information S4). By requiring the network to reconstruct input oxide compositions, the network learns to encode geochemically meaningful information into the latent space. This latent space is also vital for assessing the degree of overlap between user-supplied data and the range of compositions represented by the training dataset.

The following sections describe how each component of `mineralML` is constructed, from data compilation to model training and application. Section 2.1 presents the training, validation, and testing datasets compiled for model development and evaluation. Section 2.2 describes the stoichiometric filtering framework used to curate and filter the compiled training and validation data. This stoichiometric framework is also re-used for later examination of mineral compositions. Section 2.3 presents the synthetic mineral generator developed to address class imbalances between mineral groups. Section 2.4 outlines the imputation and pre-processing steps applied to oxide data prior to model training. Section 2.5 details the neural network architecture and training procedure. Finally, Section 2.6 demonstrates the application of the pre-trained model to new data for mineral classification and latent space visualization.

2.1 Training, Validation and Testing Data

We compiled two distinct datasets: one which is split between training and validation, and one for testing. The training dataset was used to learn the core patterns and relationships between oxide compositions and their mineral labels, forming the foundation of the model. The validation dataset was used to tune hyperparameters, which are the parameters configuring a machine learning model, and monitor for overfitting by providing checkpoints and continuous feedback on the model during training. The testing dataset was held as the final auditor of the machine learning model, to evaluate the performance of the model on entirely unseen data, as an unbiased assessment of model accuracy and generalization capabilities. We ensured there was no overlap between the combined training and validation dataset with the test dataset of GEOROC (Lehnert et al., 2000) to ensure robust model evaluation and model extensibility without overfitting.

The training and validation dataset, totaling ~128,000 EPMA analyses of 23 classes (mineral and melt), was manually compiled from literature and will be published on EarthChem as an expert dataset upon article acceptance (Table 1). Training a model to perform mineral classification based on oxide data alone is non-trivial, as real datasets may

225 contain published phase labels that are incorrect or compositions with swapped entries
 226 (see Section 3.2 for examples). The data inputs are concentrations for 11 oxides in ox-
 227 ide %. Point analyses with at least three measured oxides were retained for further use
 228 in training the model. Analyses were carefully culled and filtered with `mineralML` sto-
 229 ichiometric calculators to determine stoichiometric site occupancies (see Section 2.2). Anal-
 230 yses falling outside 10% of expected site occupancies were removed, to ensure the gen-
 231 eration of a dataset with accurate mineral phase labels.

232 To achieve class balance in the training dataset, 1,000 analyses of most minerals
 233 were sampled. The 1,000 analyses for each label is a relatively small dataset, due to the
 234 differential availability of data, as analyses from labels such as tourmaline and melilite
 235 are less abundant than those from olivine or feldspar. For minerals showing highly vari-
 236 able chemistry (e.g., amphibole, glass), or continuous coupled substitutions (e.g., Na–Ca
 237 and Si–Al in plagioclase and alkali feldspar), we sampled 2,000 analyses.

238 The distinctions between related minerals—for example, clinopyroxene, pigeonite,
 239 and orthopyroxene—may be defined by differences in crystallographic criteria, compo-
 240 sitional criteria, or both. This poses a challenge for `mineralML`, which classifies miner-
 241 als based only on chemical criteria and does not have access to crystallographic infor-
 242 mation. In some cases, the compositional and crystallographic boundaries align. Miner-
 243 al species such as monoclinic clinopyroxene and orthorhombic orthopyroxene are def-
 244 ined by their different crystallographic structures, but this difference correlates strongly
 245 with composition. The minerals can therefore be distinguished empirically based on chem-
 246 istry. SiO₂-polymorphs differ in their crystallographic structure but are chemically iden-
 247 tical, so cannot be distinguished by `mineralML`. Other mineral species subdivisions are
 248 empirically defined by chemical criteria (e.g., anorthite content boundaries to distinguish
 249 types of plagioclase). `mineralML` therefore has access to all of the required information
 250 to make these subdivisions, but it is challenging for the model alone to learn these sub-
 251 divisions given the continuous nature of the substitution, and somewhat arbitrary bound-
 252 aries.

253 We grouped some minerals together: feldspar (merging plagioclase and alkali feldspar),
 254 pyroxene (clinopyroxene, pigeonite and orthopyroxene), oxides (rhombohedral oxides in-
 255 cluding hematite and ilmenite, and spinel group minerals including magnetite and ulvöspinel).
 256 Consolidating these minerals ensures that the model identifies the underlying geochem-
 257 ical relationships within and between minerals. To ensure representation across these min-
 258 erals with a broader range of compositions, we used a two-step sampling procedure. First,
 259 analyses for each mineral were clustered in composition space using *k*-means clustering
 260 (Lloyd, 1982; Pedregosa et al., 2011), producing *k* clusters per mineral. Second, we per-
 261 formed stratified random sampling across clusters by selecting an equal number of anal-
 262 yses from each cluster. The sampling procedure ensures that the training dataset spans
 263 the observed compositional space within each mineral, rather than being dominated by
 264 the densest compositional modes. The glass phase was sampled with stratification within
 265 total-alkali silica space (Le Bas et al., 1992); TAS field classifications were assigned with
 266 `pyrolite` (Williams et al., 2020). In practice, we were unable to compile 1,000 natural
 267 analyses of certain mineral phases showing chemical diversity (e.g., zircon, kalsilite-nepheline,
 268 SiO₂-polymorphs, hematite). To ensure class balance in the training dataset, we sup-
 269 plemented these minerals with compositions generated using a synthetic mineral gen-
 270 erator (described further in Section 2.3 and Supporting Information S5).

271 We evaluated the trained model with data from diverse tectonic environments and
 272 collected in a wide variety of laboratories by compiling a test dataset, aggregating data
 273 from three distinct sources: 1) the GEOROC mineral dataset ($n = 1,112,437$), 2) com-
 274 pilations of secondary standard analyses ($n = 3,692$), and 3) co-collected EDS and Elec-
 275 tron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD) maps acquired at the University of California, Berke-
 276 ley ($n = 2$ maps each with $\sim 200,000$ pixels). Unlike the curated approach taken with
 277 the training and validation dataset, analyses from the test dataset underwent no filter-

278 ing. While the training dataset emphasizes high-quality, curated analyses that best rep-
 279 resent each mineral group, the test dataset was left unfiltered to form an unbiased eval-
 280 uation of the model’s performance and generalization ability.

281 2.2 Stoichiometric Filters

282 We developed an object-oriented Python framework using `numpy` and `pandas`, built
 283 around a `mineralML.BaseMineralCalculator` class, providing a generalized workflow
 284 for converting raw oxide weight percentages (mass fractions) into structural mineral for-
 285 mulas. For any given analysis, the `mineralML.BaseMineralCalculator` class performs
 286 a sequence of conversions. First, oxide weight percentages are converted into molar com-
 287 positions, which are used to determine the cation and oxygen proportions. These cation
 288 and oxygen proportions are then normalized to the structural atoms per formula unit
 289 (apfu) based on the theoretical oxygen basis specific to each mineral. Mineral-specific
 290 logic and structural site assignments are implemented through dedicated subclasses, each
 291 titled `mineralML.[Subclass]Calculator`. Structural site assignments follow the cal-
 292 culations described in Deer et al. (2013), where possible. Where Fe can exist in both fer-
 293 ric and ferrous form within the mineral structure (e.g., garnet, Fe-Ti oxides), the Fe^{2+}
 294 and Fe^{3+} estimations are calculated by the Droop (1987) method. To handle complex
 295 solid solutions and site occupancies, `mineralML` implements several additional classifi-
 296 cation pipelines, described below.

297 Amphiboles, which exhibit highly complex chemistry and varying site occupancies,
 298 are processed using the `mineralML.AmphiboleClassifier`. Structural formulas are cal-
 299 culated on a 23-oxygen and 13-cation basis, with normalizations from both Leake et al.
 300 (1997) and Ridolfi (2021) formations for site assignments, with code adapted from `Thermobar`
 301 (Wieser et al., 2022). For example, calcic amphibole compositions can be classified by
 302 plotting them on a Mg# vs. Si (apfu) diagram from Leake et al. (1997) to return the
 303 amphibole sub-classifications of tremolite, actinolite, magnesiohornblende, ferroactino-
 304 lite, ferrohornblende, and ferrotschermakite.

305 Feldspar compositions spanning both the plagioclase and alkali feldspar solid so-
 306 lutions are processed using the `mineralML.FeldsparClassifier`. Structural formulas
 307 are normalized to an 8-oxygen basis to calculate the molar fractions of the three primary
 308 endmembers: anorthite (An), albite (Ab), and orthoclase (Or). These calculated end-
 309 member components allow for direct sub-classification and plotting on the standard high-
 310 temperature feldspar ternary diagram (Deer et al., 2013). This visualization and clas-
 311 sification logic is implemented utilizing `python-ternary` (Harper et al., 2015), building
 312 upon compositional boundaries defined by Deer et al. (1963) and Deer et al. (2001) and
 313 implemented with code from Wieser et al. (2022). The feldspar ternary returns classi-
 314 fications of anorthite, bytownite, labradorite, andesine, oligoclase, albite, anorthoclase,
 315 and sanidine.

316 Pyroxene compositions (including clinopyroxenes, orthopyroxenes, and sodic py-
 317 roxenes) are evaluated using the `mineralML.PyroxeneClassifier`, which calculates struc-
 318 tural formulas on a 6-oxygen and 4-cation basis. The classification logic follows the In-
 319 ternational Mineralogical Association (IMA) nomenclature framework established by Morimoto
 320 (1988). The model first discriminates between sodic and non-sodic pyroxenes based on
 321 their Q ($\text{Ca} + \text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+}$) and J ($2 \cdot \text{Na}$) structural components. Non-sodic pyroxenes
 322 are further evaluated on the enstatite-ferrosilite-wollastonite (En-Fs-Wo) quadrilateral.
 323 Sodic pyroxenes are similarly evaluated on the wollastonite-jadeite-aegirine (Wo-Jd-Aeg)
 324 ternary, utilizing portions of endmember allocation calculations adapted from Walters
 325 (2022). `mineralML` automatically calculates and plots both the En-Fs-Wo quadrilateral
 326 and the Wo-Jd-Aeg ternary to return sub-classifications. The En-Fs-Wo composition py-
 327 roxenes are classified as diopside, hedenbergite, augite, pigeonite, enstatite, and ferrosilite;
 328 the Wo-Jd-Aeg composition pyroxenes are classified as omphacite, aegirine-augite, jadeite,

Table 1. Overview of the compiled training and validation dataset. Abbreviated mineral names from the International Mineralogical Association (Whitney & Evans, 2010). PPL and XPL photomicrographs of different minerals from the thin section showcase of Alex Strekeisen (www.alexstrekeisen.it/english/), who kindly provided permission for their use with permissions.

Mineral	n_{total}	$n_{training}$	$n_{validation}$	$n_{synthetic}$	Thin section
Amphibole (Amp)	6626	2000	4626	-	
Apatite (Ap)	1788	1000	788	-	
Biotite (Bt)	2933	1000	1933	-	
Carbonate (Cb)	1010	1000	10	-	
Chlorite (Chl)	1250	1000	250	-	
Epidote (Ep)	1055	1000	55	-	
Feldspar (Fsp)					
Alkali Feldspar (Alk)	6017	1000	5017	-	
Plagioclase Feldspar (Plag)	19 243	1000	18 243	-	
Garnet (Grt)	3459	1000	2459	-	
Glass (Gl)	9366	2000	7366	-	
Kalsilite (Kls)	1500	1000	500	1316	
Leucite (Lct)	1528	1000	528	-	
Melilite (Mll)	1136	1000	136	-	
Muscovite (Ms)	1100	1000	100	-	
Nepheline (Nph)	1020	1000	20	-	
Olivine (Ol)	25 069	1000	22 069	-	
Oxide (Ox)				-	
Rhombohedral Oxide					
Hematite (Hem)	1500	1000	500	1195	
Ilmenite (Ilm)	1957	1000	957	-	
Spinel Group				-	
Magnetite (Mt)	3323	1000	2323	-	
Spinel (Spl)	1717	1000	717	-	
Pyroxene (Px)				-	
Clinopyroxene (Cpx)	12 035	1000	11 035	-	
Orthopyroxene (Opx)	5826	1000	4826	-	
Rutile (Rt)	1718	1000	718	-	
Serpentine (Srp)	2588	1000	1588	-	
SiO ₂ -polymorphs (Qz)	1500	1000	500	1436	
Titanite (Ttn)	8051	1000	7051	-	
Tourmaline (Tur)	1188	1000 ⁻⁹⁻	188	-	
Zircon (Zrn)	1500	1000	500	950	

329 and aegirine. Multiple Fe^{3+} estimation routines are additionally integrated into the pipeline,
 330 including charge balance methods from Droop (1987) and Lindsley (1983), along with
 331 the formulations of X. Wang et al. (2021).

332 When training the model, oxide minerals in `mineralML` are subdivided into rhom-
 333bohedral oxides (Fe-Mg-Mn-Ti oxides, including minerals along the hematite-ilmenite
 334solid solution join) and spinel-group minerals (Fe-Mg-Ti-Al-Cr spinels, including min-
 335erals along the ulvöspinel-magnetite solid solution join), following the definition of Ghiorso
 336and Sack (1991). Owing to difficulty distinguishing relatively pure hematite ('rhombo-
 337hedral oxide') and magnetite ('spinel') in data of variable quality when O is not directly
 338measured but calculated by stoichiometry, we chose to allocate the label of 'oxide' re-
 339gardless of whether the model allocates a label of 'rhombohedral oxide' or 'spinel group'
 340(see further discussion in 6). We then return the 'rhombohedral oxide' or 'spinel group'
 341labels as the 'Submineral'. For subsequent stoichiometric calculations, we encourage the
 342user to carefully inspect whether these labels are reliable based on their data quality. The
 343separation into rhombohedral oxides and spinel-group minerals is essential prior to fur-
 344ther calculations as different assumptions of oxygen- and cation- bases are required for
 345the two groups.

346 Rhombohedral oxides are processed with the `mineralML.RhombohedralOxideCalculator`
 347on a 3-oxygen and 2-cation basis. The function calculates the site distributions and end-
 348member fractions of hematite, ilmenite, Mn-ilmenite, and geikielite. The rhombohedral
 349oxide calculator returns sub-classifications of ilmenite and hematite, split in the middle
 350along the tie line. Spinel-group minerals—including magnetite, chromite, ulvöspinel—are
 351processed with the `mineralML.SpinelCalculator` on a 4-oxygen and 3-cation basis. For
 352both groups, the calculation of structural Fe^{3+} and Fe^{2+} relies on the stoichiometric charge-
 353balance method of Droop (1987). Hematite-rich samples (defined empirically as $\text{FeO}_t >$
 35460 wt.%) bypass this correction and are treated as purely ferric. Spinel can be further
 355sub-classified along standard compositional axes (e.g., $\text{Fe}^{2+}/(\text{Fe}^{2+}+\text{Mg})$ versus $\text{Fe}^{3+}/(\text{Fe}^{3+}+\text{Al})$)
 356to categorize intermediate solid solutions and return sub-classifications such as magne-
 357sioferrite, magnetite, ferrian-spinel, ferrian-pleonaste, Al-magnetite, ferrian-picotite, spinel,
 358pleonaste, and hercynite. Additionally, both mineral groups share structural components
 359(XR^{2+} , XR^{3+} , and XTi) that allow them to be co-plotted and evaluated on the Fe-Ti
 360oxide ternary system within `mineralML`.

361 2.3 Synthetic Mineral Generator

362 To address class imbalance in the training dataset for minerals less commonly an-
 363alyzed by EPMA, we developed a synthetic mineral generator. These less oft analyzed
 364minerals include zircon, kalsilite-nepheline, SiO_2 -polymorphs, and hematite. The algo-
 365rithm simulates natural compositional variability by mixing idealized endmember sto-
 366ichiometries with stochastic perturbation, while enforcing charge balance and oxygen nor-
 367malizations. Inputs to the algorithm are endmember compositions (in terms of the counts
 368of cations and anions), oxygen basis, mixing distribution, and noise.

369 Synthetic base mineral compositions are generated by mixing endmembers using
 370quantities sampled from probability distributions. Single endmember systems are mixed
 371using slight perturbations to their base stoichiometry. Binary systems are mixed with
 372a beta or uniform distribution. Multi-component systems can be mixed with a Dirich-
 373let distribution. Stochasticity is introduced in two parts, to simulate natural variabil-
 374ity and analytical uncertainty. Minor and trace elements are introduced with an expo-
 375nential distribution on these cations, which displaces some charge provided by the ma-
 376jor cations. Major cation abundances are then perturbed with a log-normal distribution
 377to simulate natural variability with positive concentrations. Gaussian noise is then added
 378to individual elemental concentrations.

379 These independent perturbations can result in non-physical formulas, so the total
 380 cationic charge is then computed from ion counts and valences. Charge balance between
 381 the cationic charge and anionic oxygen charges is then confirmed, and synthetic com-
 382 positions with charges disagreeing by more than 10% are discarded. From there, cation
 383 abundances are re-normalized to the oxygen basis. These cation counts are converted
 384 into oxide weight percentages. To validate that synthetic mineral generation reflects em-
 385 pirical distributions, the algorithm compares synthetic elemental distributions against
 386 our training dataset with Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics. The synthetic mineral gener-
 387 ator’s performance is validated by examining well-known and often analyzed solid so-
 388 lution minerals, olivine and feldspar (Supporting Information S5).

389 2.4 Imputing and Pre-processing Data

390 Prior to model training, both the input features of oxide concentrations and the
 391 target labels of mineral classes required pre-processing. Oxide concentrations often have
 392 missing data (e.g., no Cr_2O_3 measurement), which is unavoidable when aggregating anal-
 393 yses from numerous studies. These missing data values may occur for two primary rea-
 394 sons: 1) the oxide or element was below the detection limit, or 2) the oxide or element
 395 was not measured, either to reduce analytical time or because it was not expected in the
 396 mineral phase. To maintain consistent features across all mineral groups, missing oxide
 397 values were imputed (filled-in or substituted) with zeros. Analyses with fewer than three
 398 reported oxides were excluded in the training dataset to avoid samples with insufficient
 399 compositional information; this exclusion did not limit minerals such as quartz and hematite,
 400 as trace elements are often added to the analytical routine to fully utilize the multiple
 401 spectrometers operating simultaneously for EPMA analyses.

402 Oxide training data were pre-processed with a standard z -score scaler, implemented
 403 through `sklearn.preprocessing.StandardScaler`, which normalizes each oxide col-
 404 umn (feature) by subtracting the mean and scaling the values to unit variance:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = (x_i - \mu)/\sigma \quad (1)$$

405 where μ is the mean, σ is the standard deviation (Pedregosa et al., 2011), and i indexes
 406 the oxide. The z -score normalization standardizes the data to a mean of zero with unit
 407 variance. This normalization ensures that feature distributions occupy similar ranges and
 408 that oxides with higher concentrations do not have outsized influence on the neural net-
 409 work. Oxide data were not normalized to 100 wt.% prior to model training, as in many
 410 cases, a deviation in the total from 100 wt.% is a true feature; these deviations may rep-
 411 resent OH^- in amphibole, Fe^{3+} in oxides, H_2O in glasses, or C in carbonates.

412 While Compositional Data Analysis (CoDA) using log-ratio transformations (Aitchison,
 413 1982; Greenacre, 2018) is often recommended to treat mineral oxide data (Boschetti et
 414 al., 2022; Lui et al., 2026) given the closure issue, positive values are required. The pres-
 415 ence of a large number of missing values in this dataset is a feature, rather than being
 416 incidental. Zircon contains primarily ZrO_2 and SiO_2 and the vast majority of analyses
 417 have no values reported for Na_2O , K_2O , and Cr_2O_3 , while hematite is almost all Fe_2O_3 ,
 418 usually measured as FeO_t , and routinely has no values reported for Na_2O , K_2O , and P_2O_5 .
 419 In the CoDA framework, these zeros must be imputed to small positive values. Given
 420 the phase-dependent sparsity of our dataset, this extensive imputation altered the data
 421 structure and introduced artificial variance, producing spurious linear clusters which masked
 422 true geochemical signals (Supporting Information S3, Supporting Information Figure S1).
 423 The transformed feature space ended up reflecting the imputation strategy rather than
 424 the underlying geochemistry, the log-ratios were rendered useless for model training and
 425 so we used z -scoring instead.

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2.5 Neural Network Training and Architecture

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Neural networks are a class of machine learning models loosely inspired by the structure of biological neural systems (i.e., brains), in which stacked computational units transform inputs into progressively more abstract representations. A typical feed-forward network is organized into an input layer consisting of the input data, one or more hidden layers, and an output layer that produces class predictions or a continuous value. Each hidden layer is composed of a set of nodes, each of which computes a weighted sum of the previous layer’s outputs and adds a bias, forming the pre-activation passed through a non-linear activation function. Weights control how input features are combined, and biases provide an offset that shifts neuron response. Learning starts by defining a loss function that measures prediction error. The network’s learned parameters are then iteratively updated with an optimizer, such as stochastic gradient descent or its variants, to minimize this loss by adjusting parameters in the direction most steeply reducing the loss. The gradient of the loss is computed using the backpropagation algorithm, through the repeated application of the chain rule backwards through the network. A key advantage of neural networks is their modularity. Once a network has learned an intermediate representation (an embedding), downstream components can be swapped or added — such as classifiers, decoders, or bottlenecks — to reuse that representation for different objectives without retraining the full model.

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Prior to training the neural network, a few empirical classifications were first applied to three labels of minerals. SiO_2 polymorphs are empirically designated with a filter of $\text{SiO}_2 > 90$ wt.%, as these minerals are almost pure SiO_2 with some quantity of trace elements. Carbonates are empirically designated with a filter of $\text{SiO}_2 < 5$ wt.% and an oxide total < 70 wt.%. Empirical designations of these minerals also help to minimize skewing of the normalization provided by the z -score scaler. Zircons are also removed from the classification schema to avoid the introduction of the ZrO_2 component to feature space, where every other mineral group would have very small or null values. Analyses of these minerals were subsequently removed from the neural network classification schema.

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For the remaining minerals, a two-stage neural network model is used that (i) performs probabilistic mineral-phase classification from oxide compositions and (ii) constructs a lower-dimensional latent representation via a reconstruction objective trained after the classifier is learned (Figure 2). The primary task is to perform probabilistic mineral classification, and the auxiliary task is unsupervised data reconstruction. We employed a sequential, transfer learning approach. The classifier first learns an intermediate feature embedding, \mathbf{h} , from the oxide inputs whilst performing classification in the classification branch (Figure 2A-C), followed by a decoder reconstructing the oxide inputs from a 2-D bottleneck in the reconstruction branch (Figure 2D). This architecture diverges from multi-task learning architectures that optimize multiple objective functions simultaneously, as with deep learning applications in seismology (Zhu et al., 2025; Crawshaw, 2020). While concurrent optimization of multiple objective functions is efficient in seismology, it may also force the network to compromise on both the classification and learned latent distribution. `mineralML` does not jointly optimize classification and reconstruction losses in a single training phase, but instead reuses a frozen representation learned for classification before reconstructing the representation. The architecture allows for the latent representation to provide an additional visualization in 2-D, confirming the structure, without directly influencing the classification.

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In the first stage through the classification branch, the network passes the normalized oxide inputs, $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ through a series of hidden layers (collectively, termed the feature extractor; Figure 2B) followed by a classification head which produces classification outputs \hat{y} (Figure 2C). The layers of neurons structured in hidden layers progressively transform the oxide data into a feature embedding (Figure 2B), which is a multi-dimensional embedding that captures the most relevant emergent features with respect to classifi-

479 cation. Training proceeds iteratively. At each step, a subset of training analyses (a batch)
 480 passes through the network. Label predictions are compared against known labels, and
 481 weights are updated accordingly. The following equations describe the transformation
 482 applied to each analysis at hidden layer l :

$$\mathbf{a}^{(l)} = \mathbf{W}^{(l)}\mathbf{h}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{h}^{(l)} = \text{Drop} \left(\phi \left(\text{BN}(\mathbf{a}^{(l)}) \right) \right) \quad (3)$$

483 Equation 2 describes what happens at each hidden layer, where the outputs from
 484 the previous layer $\mathbf{h}^{(l-1)}$ are multiplied by the weight matrix $\mathbf{W}^{(l)}$, and shifted by the
 485 bias vector $\mathbf{b}^{(l)}$ to produce a pre-activation output $\mathbf{a}^{(l)}$. In the first layer, $\mathbf{h}^{(0)}$ is simply
 486 the normalized input oxide data ($\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$), while in subsequent layers, the inputs are the post-
 487 activation outputs of the preceding layer. Equation 3 demonstrates the application of
 488 three successive operations to $\mathbf{a}^{(l)}$. $\text{BN}()$ denotes batch normalization, rescaling the pre-
 489 activation values to have zero mean and unit variance in each training batch to stabi-
 490 lize the learning process. $\phi()$ denotes the non-linear activation function aimed at intro-
 491 ducing non-linearity — in this case, we use the Leaky Rectified Linear Unit (LeakyReLU)
 492 activation function (Maas et al., 2013). $\text{Drop}()$ denotes dropout, applied solely in the
 493 training process, in which a defined fraction of neuron activations is set to zero at each
 494 update step. Dropout aims to minimize reliance through any single pathway through the
 495 network, improving generalization and preventing overfitting. We use a dropout rate of
 496 10% during training, meaning that 10% of activations are set to zero after each itera-
 497 tion. No dropout is applied at the time of inference.

498 The first two hidden layers use fixed point-estimate weights, but the third and fi-
 499 nal hidden layer of the feature extractor is variational in nature (Figure 2B). Rather than
 500 learning a single weight matrix, this layer parameterizes its weights as normal distribu-
 501 tions with learned means (μ) and variances (σ^2). During each forward pass, weights are
 502 sampled from these learned distributions so the resulting feature embedding $\mathbf{h}^{(L)}$ is it-
 503 self stochastic. This design follows the Bayes by Backprop framework in which weight
 504 uncertainty is maintained and propagated through the network (Blundell et al., 2015).
 505 Placing the variational layer prior to forming the embedding means that uncertainty is
 506 encoded into the learned features, propagated forth to both classification and reconstruc-
 507 tion. The variational layer allows for weight distributions to be assessed at inference through
 508 repeated sampling. For analyses resembling training data, the weight distributions are
 509 well-constrained so repeated sampling will produce similar logits and subsequently tightly
 510 clustered prediction score arrays. For unfamiliar compositions, such as minerals absent
 511 from the training data or anomalous compositions, the weight distributions are poorly
 512 known so sampled weights will vary more widely (see Section 4). High variance in the
 513 logits therefore flags analyses that the model is not well equipped to classify.

514 The classification head is a standard hidden layer that maps this stochastic feature
 515 embedding to raw prediction scores for each mineral class (Figure 2D). These scores, termed
 516 logits, are the direct output of the final layer preceding normalization. A large positive
 517 logit would indicate that the network associates the input with the class, whilst a large
 518 negative value would do the opposite. Near-zero values indicate ambiguity. As logits are
 519 unbounded and do not sum to one, they cannot be directly compared across classes, so
 520 the softmax function is applied as a non-linear transformation that normalizes logits to
 521 a sum of one:

$$p_c = \frac{e^{s_c}}{\sum_{j=1}^C e^{s_j}} \quad (4)$$

522 where p_c is the prediction score for an individual mineral class c (with values closer
 523 to 1 indicating stronger association between the composition and the predicted mineral
 524 class), s_c is the raw logit for class c , j indexes all classes in the denominator, and C is
 525 the total number of classes. Given that the feature embedding is stochastic, each for-
 526 ward pass through the network will produce slightly different logits \mathbf{s} and therefore a dif-
 527 ferent prediction score array \mathbf{p} over the C classes. Running the same oxide compositions
 528 through the network S times thus yields S prediction score arrays, each reflecting a dif-
 529 ferent sample of the variational weights with the spread reflecting model confidence.

530 During training, the prediction score array \mathbf{p} from each forward pass is compared
 531 against the known mineral labels using an objective function we denote as the total clas-
 532 sification loss ($L_{\text{Classification}}$):

$$L_{\text{Classification}} = L_{\text{CE}} + \lambda_{\text{KL}} L_{\text{KL}}, \quad (5)$$

533 The first term L_{CE} is the cross-entropy loss, which measures how well the predicted
 534 labels match the true labels:

$$L_{\text{CE}} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \log(p_{y_n}) \quad (6)$$

535 where N is the number of samples in the batch, y_n is the true class label of sam-
 536 ple n , and p_{y_n} is the prediction score assigned to the true class of sample n . The loss is
 537 the negative log of the prediction score assigned to the correct class, averaged over the
 538 batch.

539 Cross-entropy loss penalizes confident and incorrect predictions whilst rewarding
 540 confident and correct predictions. The second term L_{KL} is the Kullback-Leibler (KL)
 541 divergence, which measures how much the learned weight distributions differ from a ref-
 542 erence distribution or prior (here, a standard normal distribution). This term prevents
 543 the variational layer from collapsing toward deterministic weights and preserves the uncertainty-
 544 quantification properties described above. The KL weight λ_{KL} is increased from zero
 545 over the first training epochs — a process called KL annealing, allowing the network to
 546 first focus on classification accuracy before the constraint on the shape of the distribu-
 547 tion is tightened (Bowman et al., 2016).

548 Once classification losses are minimized, weights of the feature extractor and clas-
 549 sification head are frozen (i.e. fixed) and no longer updated. The learned feature em-
 550 beddings $\mathbf{h}^{(L)}$ serve as input to the second stage, which trains the autoencoder. An au-
 551 toencoder is a neural network architecture consisting of two parts: an encoder that com-
 552 presses its input into a lower-dimensional representation, and a decoder that attempts
 553 to reconstruct the original input from that compressed representation (Figure 2D). The
 554 network is trained purely on reconstruction quality, as there are no labels involved. Here,
 555 the encoder compresses $\mathbf{h}^{(L)}$ into a two-dimensional bottleneck, \mathbf{z}_2 , using similar hidden
 556 layers to those of the classification branch, with layer normalization and LeakyReLU ac-
 557 tivations. The decoder then maps \mathbf{z}_2 back to the original normalized oxide space, $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$. The
 558 reconstruction loss is the mean squared error (MSE) between the original and reconstructed
 559 inputs:

$$L_{\text{MSE}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n\|^2 \quad (7)$$

560 where $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n$ represents the normalized input parameters and $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_n$ represents the model’s
 561 reconstructed outputs. The two-dimensional bottleneck \mathbf{z}_2 can be plotted directly as a

latent space in which the position of each analysis captures geochemical similarity. This makes \mathbf{z}_2 comparable to other dimensionality reduction techniques used in petrology, although the sequential architecture of `mineralML` offers advantages over these methods. Linear dimensionality reduction techniques, such as principal component analysis (PCA), are commonly used to capture axes of maximum variance in petrologic data (Boschetti et al., 2022; Shi et al., 2024; Toth et al., 2025) and find axes of maximum compositional variance irrespective of the classifier label. An autoencoder trained directly on raw oxide compositions would behave similarly, compressing data along directions of greatest variance. As the input to our autoencoder is a feature embedding already optimized for phase classifications, the 2-D latent space captures structure that reflects mineralogical distinctions rather than bulk compositional variance (Figures 1C, 2D).

`mineralML` is implemented in PyTorch (Paszke et al., 2019) with pre-processing in `scikit-learn`. Model training was performed on a CUDA-enabled NVIDIA RTX 4500 Ada Generation GPU for accelerated computation. Hyperparameters including the learning rate, hidden layer sizes and numbers, and regularizers were tuned by selecting the configuration that minimized loss for each stage: cross-entropy loss with the KL term for classification and MSE loss for reconstruction. The maximum number of epochs, or number of times the model is shown the entire dataset, was capped at 500 with an early stopping mechanism. If validation loss failed to improve for 50 consecutive epochs, the training process was prematurely stopped. The batch size, or the subset of training samples processed before updating the model’s weights, was fixed at 128 to introduce stochastic variation into the gradient updates (Keskar et al., 2016). Both training stages were independently optimized with AdamW (Loshchilov & Hutter, 2017), a variant of the Adam (Kingma & Ba, 2014) optimization algorithm with decoupled weight decay.

2.6 Application of the Trained Model

`mineralML` is distributed as an open-source Python package with a pre-trained model. At inference, the learned neural network parameters are fixed, except for the variational layer, whose weights are sampled from learned distributions across repeated forward passes to capture prediction uncertainty. `mineralML` returns predicted mineral phases with associated prediction scores with their uncertainties. The model is incredibly fast to run; millions of analyses require 30 seconds to 2 minutes to run on a laptop. To use the model, new oxide compositions from tabular or mapped data are input to obtain mineral classifications, prediction scores, and optional latent-space projections (Figure 1). Both mineral label predictions with prediction scores and latent space projections can be executed in one line of code. Open-source Jupyter notebooks are provided to guide users through the workflow on the ReadTheDocs page <https://mineralml.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>.

Compositions are transformed into phase predictions with their corresponding prediction scores with the function `mineralML.predict_class_prob_nnwr`. Oxide compositions are first screened with the empirical criteria described in Section 2.5 to assign SiO_2 polymorphs, carbonates, and zircons directly from oxide data (Figure 1A). The remaining compositions are z -score normalized with the scaler fit on the training dataset. Compositions are passed through the trained classifier with Monte Carlo inference. The classifier is evaluated $S = 50$ times per composition, with each forward pass sampling from the variational weight distributions to produce a prediction score vector $\mathbf{p}^{(s)}$. Final class prediction scores are reported as the mean across draws:

$$\bar{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}^{(s)} \quad (8)$$

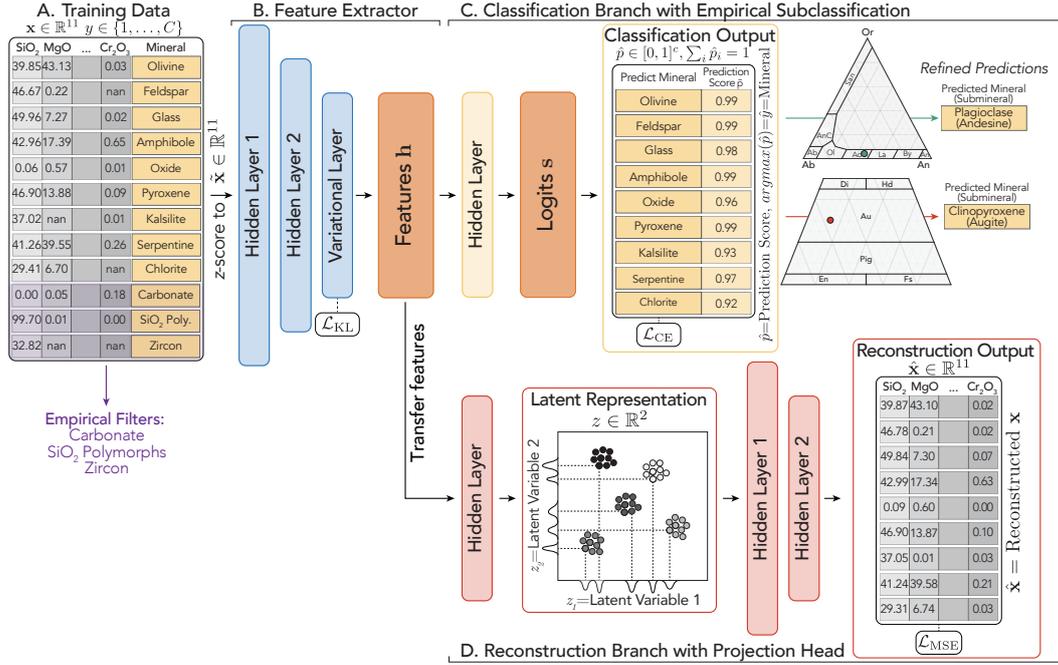


Figure 2. Two-stage neural network architecture for probabilistic mineral classification and 2-D latent space visualization, used in the training stage. The trained model is used for inference. A) Input oxide compositions \mathbf{x} are z -score normalized to $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$. B) $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ is passed through a series of fully-connected hidden layers (the feature extractor), where the final layer is variational. Weights are parameterized as distributions rather than point estimates, regularized by \mathcal{L}_{KL} . The post-activation output of the feature extractor forms a stochastic feature embedding $\mathbf{h}^{(L)}$, whose variance across repeated forward passes reflects model confidence. C) A classification head maps $\mathbf{h}^{(L)}$ to logits and class prediction scores $\hat{\mathbf{p}} \in [0, 1]^C$ with softmax. Loss is measured with cross-entropy loss \mathcal{L}_{CE} . Classification output contains predicted mineral, prediction score, and prediction score variance across forward passes. Broader mineral classes (feldspar, pyroxene, oxide) are refined through empirical filters. Once training of the classifier is complete, the feature extractor and classifier’s weights are frozen and fixed. D) An autoencoder is trained to compress $\mathbf{h}^{(L)}$ into a two-dimensional latent bottleneck \mathbf{z}_2 . A decoder reconstructs normalized inputs $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$, optimized with mean squared error loss \mathcal{L}_{MSE} . The reconstructed outputs $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ are compared against the original inputs $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ to evaluate reconstruction.

607 where $\bar{\mathbf{p}}$ is a vector of prediction scores across all classes considered by `mineralML`
 608 and the predicted mineral class is assigned as $\text{argmax}_c \bar{p}_c$ (Figure 1C). The standard deviation
 609 across draws:

$$\sigma_{\bar{\mathbf{p}},c} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S (p_c^{(s)} - \bar{p}_c)^2} \quad (9)$$

610 quantifies prediction uncertainty for each class c . Low values of $\sigma_{\bar{\mathbf{p}},c}$ indicate that
 611 the variational layer produces consistent predictions across forward passes, suggesting
 612 that those compositions are well represented in the training data. High values of $\sigma_{\bar{\mathbf{p}},c}$
 613 indicate poorly constrained compositions, signaling that the classified mineral should be
 614 interpreted with caution.

615 The mineral with the highest \bar{p}_c is returned as the primary classification, along with
 616 its prediction score. In the first row of tabular data in Figure 2, for example, if the pre-
 617 diction scores are $\bar{p}_{ol} = 0.99$ and $\bar{p}_{serpentine} = 0.009$; the analysis would thus be clas-
 618 sified as olivine with serpentine as the second-ranked candidate. If the $\sigma_{\bar{p},ol}$ is 0.005, that
 619 would indicate that the classification is highly confident.

620 Following neural-network prediction, an empirical subclassification step is applied
 621 to refine mineral assignments within broader groups returned by the classifier (e.g., feldspar,
 622 pyroxene, oxides). Users can also project their compositions onto the two-dimensional
 623 latent representation with the function `mineralML.plot_z2_overlay` reusing the frozen
 624 feature embedding \mathbf{h} and computing \mathbf{z}_2 for visualization (Figure 1C). The projection over-
 625 lays sample compositions onto the two-dimensional latent space of the training and val-
 626 idation dataset. As this step of the latent projection is trained from the feature vector,
 627 the neural network shares this feature but the projection does not influence the classi-
 628 fication output. The workflow is reusable either for working with tabular point analy-
 629 ses from EPMA, EDS, or a database, or for working with mapped EDS data and lines-
 630 cans.

631 3 Results

632 `mineralML` returns a primary mineral classification, a second-ranked mineral clas-
 633 sification, and associated prediction scores (along with the standard deviation of the first
 634 prediction score across Monte Carlo passes) for each classification. For the four broader
 635 groups returned by the neural network classifier—feldspar, pyroxene, rhombohedral ox-
 636 ide, and spinel group—empirical subclassifications refine the prediction to specific min-
 637 erals. It is these refined classifications that are reported and demonstrated throughout
 638 this section.

639 3.1 Performance on Validation Data

640 Model performance was evaluated on a validation dataset, withheld from param-
 641 eter updates through the training process. The validation dataset was subsequently passed
 642 through the trained neural network to provide a first understanding of performance. Of
 643 the validation dataset’s $\sim 99,000$ analyses, 90 predictions of mineral group (0.09%) di-
 644 verged from the stated mineral. The relatively low percentage of differences in the stated
 645 and predicted mineralogy is unsurprising, given that the validation data are drawn from
 646 the same underlying datasets as the training data with stratified and/or random sam-
 647 pling. Differences in predictions primarily existed within the stated amphibole, plagioc-
 648 lase, and glass groups. No glaring issues existed within the validation data. One mi-
 649 nor difference is attributed to differences between stated glasses and predicted amphi-
 650 boles or feldspars. Nearly all of these glasses were predicted as amphiboles, although with
 651 prediction score \bar{p} of 0.73 and prediction score sigma $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ of 0.24; these predictions also
 652 all have the second most likely predicted label of glass. These compositions lie in the re-
 653 gion where there is indeed overlap between glass and amphibole compositions. The trained
 654 model may not have the ability to resolve between geochemically near-identical compo-
 655 sitions. The reverse is also true, with another eight analyses stated as amphiboles clas-
 656 sified as glass. The remaining glasses were predicted as feldspars or within the feldspar
 657 miscibility gap with a prediction score mean of 0.87; these analyses may reflect ground-
 658 mass compositions excitation of feldspars during microanalysis. A more rigorous assess-
 659 ment of model generalization requires evaluation on independently collected data that
 660 are not represented in the training dataset. We thus turn to the GEOROC dataset, mi-
 661 croprobe standard compilation, and co-collected mapped datasets.

3.2 Performance on GEOROC Data

We tested the model using 15 precompiled GEOROC files for major mineral groups exported on 1 December 2024 (DIGIS Team, 2024, 2025). This dataset consists of ~1.1 million analyses, which can be processed with `mineralML` in approximately 2 minutes of computational time on a \$1000 Windows ThinkPad laptop (Intel I7, 16 GB RAM) or in approximately 30 seconds of computational time on a M2 Macbook Pro with 12 CPU cores. Some minerals in GEOROC are given a generic group name rather than the name of a specific mineral (e.g., both biotite and muscovite may be labeled mica; clinopyroxene is labeled as pyroxene; and SiO_2 polymorphs are labeled as quartz). Using these more generic names, the initial performance of `mineralML` on the unfiltered GEOROC database was very promising: 99% of oxides, 98% of pyroxene and titanite, 97% of feldspar, olivine, quartz, and mica, and 96% of apatite are classified correctly. However, some minerals show poorer initial performance; only 90% of zircons, 88% of garnets, and 86% of amphiboles are classified correctly.

Failures of `mineralML` can be split into two main categories: database errors and classification errors. It is no small task to work out which are which; the 2% of pyroxene misclassifications represent 5673 individual analyses from 730 unique studies! For each mineral, we investigate the studies showing the largest absolute number of incorrect classifications to estimate the prevalence of database versus classification errors. To do this, we make use of the `mineralML` functions to plot analyses in major element space (`mineralML.plot_harker`) and latent space with the calibration dataset (including training and validation data) of each mineral underlain (`mineralML.plot_z2_overlay`).

First, we found that some studies have misclassified minerals (e.g., they analyzed what they thought was an amphibole and labeled it as such in the supporting information, but it was actually a clinopyroxene). Such mistakes are sufficiently widespread that identifying them was one of the key motivations for developing `mineralML`. For example, the ‘amphiboles’ from Torres-Orozco et al. (2023) show a clear bimodal composition, with one group possessing high Al_2O_3 (10-14 wt.%) and TiO_2 (2-3 wt.%), and low CaO (12 wt.%) and SiO_2 (40-42 wt.%), while a second group have 50-53 wt. % SiO_2 , high CaO (20-23 wt.%) and low TiO_2 contents (<1 wt.%). This second group of 59 analyses are classified as ‘Cr-actinolites’ by the authors in the supplement. However, `mineralML` classifies this high SiO_2 group as pyroxenes, which is supported by the fact that these analyses overlap with the reported pyroxene analyses from the same samples (Figure 3). Torres-Orozco et al. (2023) performed amphibole thermobarometry and calculated melt SiO_2 contents from both compositional groups, yielding pressures of ~ 400 MPa and SiO_2 contents of 64-65 wt.% for the true amphiboles, but anomalously low pressures (60-80 MPa), high SiO_2 contents, and ‘incoherent oxygen fugacity values’ for the ‘Cr-actinolites’. The authors suggest, at least in part based on the lower pressures and higher SiO_2 contents obtained from the ‘Cr-actinolites’, that there is a final, shallow storage zone of rhyolitic melts prior to eruption. However, we believe these calculations to be spurious as it is not valid to apply amphibole thermobarometers and chemometers to clinopyroxene. This example shows the power of `mineralML` to filter datasets prior to performing thermobarometry calculations, and also to filter literature datasets when investigating prior interpretations from specific volcanic systems (Figure 3).

While a number of other studies appear to have a small number of true misclassifications (e.g., one or two mislabeled clinopyroxenes in a large group of amphiboles), it is more common that the phase was documented correctly in the supplement but was tabulated incorrectly in GEOROC. For example, `mineralML` classifies 1,067 ‘clinopyroxene’ analyses from Tappe et al. (2009) as biotite. These do indeed plot with the biotite calibration dataset, and the supplement clearly labels them as phlogopite (a Mg-rich biotite), so clearly a mistake was made upon data entry documenting these as clinopyroxene. The dataset of Yamasaki (2022) has 78 amphiboles where GEOROC and `mineralML` agree on the classification, but `mineralML` classifies 35 biotites and 29 plagioclases from

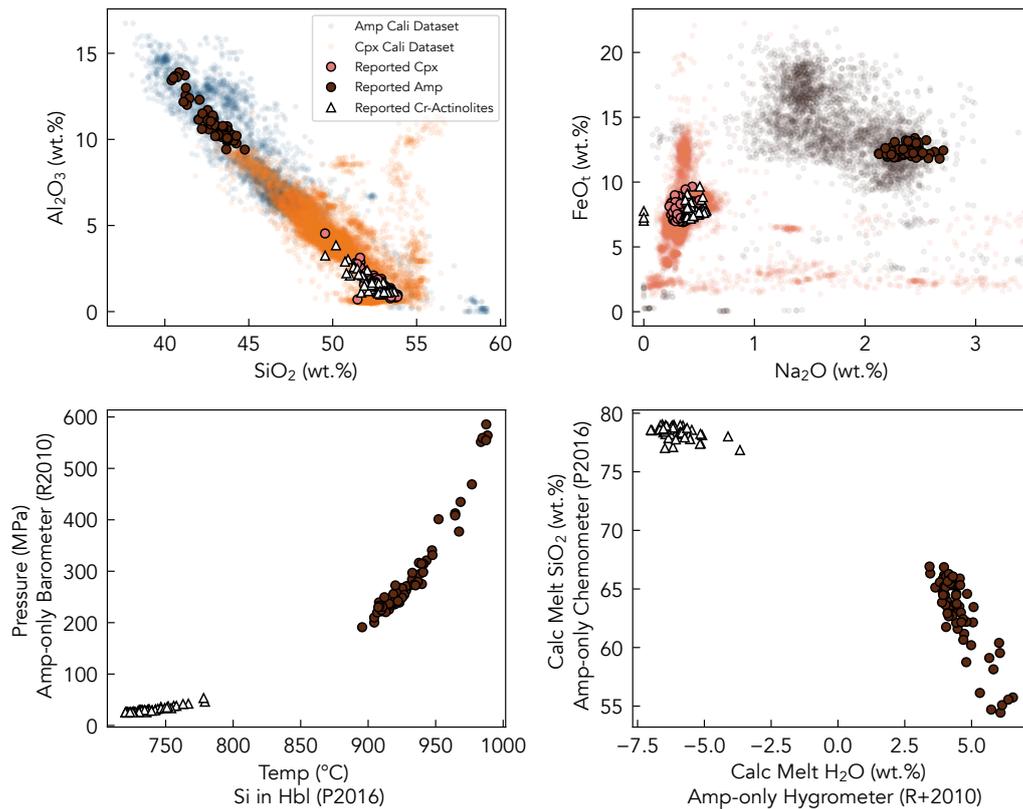


Figure 3. Evaluation of the Torres-Orozco et al. (2023) dataset where `mineralML` predicts that 59 analyses labeled as amphibole (specifically, Cr-Actinolites) are clinopyroxenes. A-B) When plotted in oxide-oxide space, it is apparent that the Cr-actinolites overlap with the major element compositions of reported pyroxenes from the same samples, and are far more aligned with the clinopyroxene calibration dataset in `mineralML` than that of amphiboles. C-D) A comparison of different thermobarometric and chemometric proxies provided by the authors in the supplement show that the misidentification of clinopyroxene as amphibole results in anomalously low storage pressures, temperatures, and melt water contents, and anomalously high predicted melt SiO₂ contents. P2016: Putirka (2016), R2010: Ridolfi et al. (2010).

715 analyses labeled as amphibole. When plotted in latent space, the plagioclase and biotite
 716 analyses sit alongside the calibration data for these phases, and away from that of am-
 717 phibole (Figure 4). From comparing the datatables in the paper, it is clear that the min-
 718 eral label for these analyses were mis-typed in GEOROC, likely as a function of having
 719 been part of a large in-text datatable. Similarly, GEOROC reports 36 amphiboles from
 720 Parman et al. (2003), but `mineralML` classifies 30 of these as clinopyroxene (2 as amphi-
 721 bole and 4 as serpentine). The Parman et al. (2003) paper does not mention amphibole
 722 at any point, and catalogs these analyses as clinopyroxene in the datatables, apart from
 723 the 4 analyses it labels as ‘serpentine/chlorite’ that `mineralML` classifies as serpentine.
 724 Additionally, of the 85 ‘olivine’ analyses in GEOROC from Thivet et al. (2020), 12
 725 are classified by `mineralML` as clinopyroxene, and 42 as plagioclase. Harker diagrams demon-
 726 strate that there are clearly three distinct geochemical groups, which overlap with the
 727 calibration dataset of the allocated `mineralML` label. Finally, the 94 ‘olivine’ analyses

728 in GEOROC from Horn et al. (2022) also plot as three separate groups, and `mineralML`
 729 correctly identifies 3 of them as amphibole, and 38 of them as plagioclase.

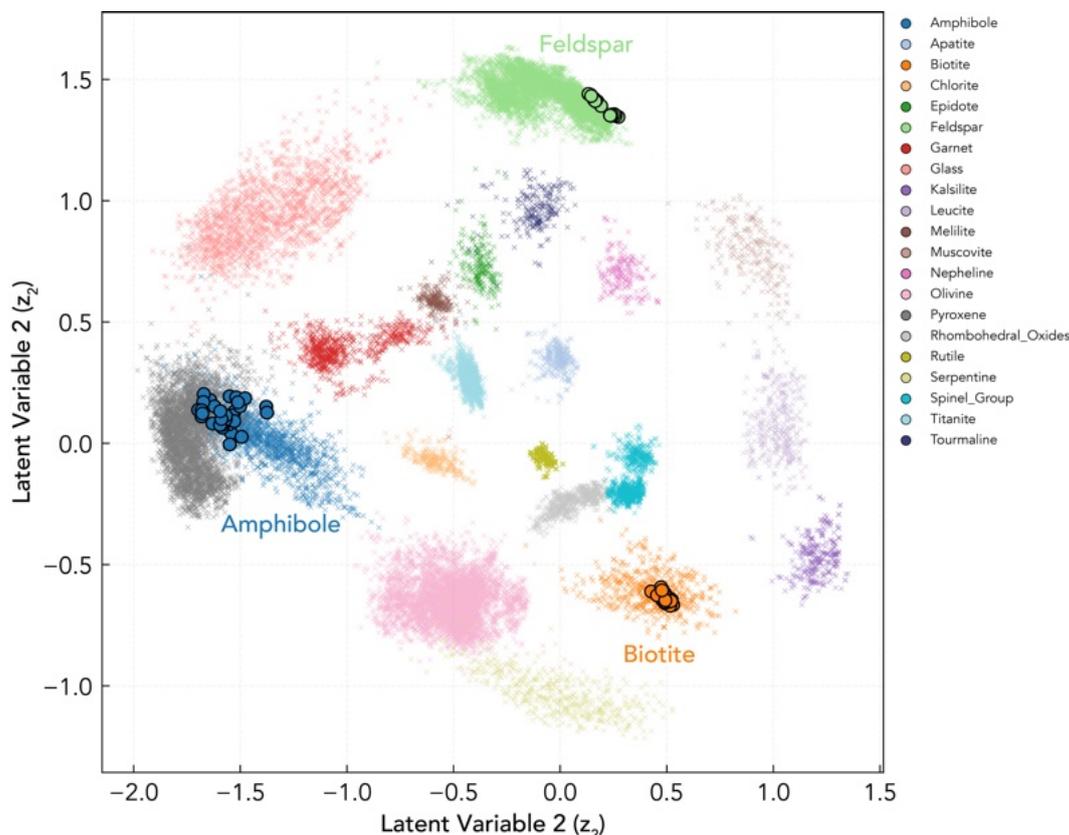


Figure 4. Latent space showing the analyses of Yamasaki (2022) in GEOROC which were labeled as ‘amphibole’, with the `mineralML` training dataset for each mineral underlain with semi-transparent symbols (marked with crosses). While a subset of these analyses (dark blue circles, labeled towards the center left) are certainly amphiboles, it is clear that the analyses allocated biotite (orange colored circles, labeled on the bottom right) and feldspar (pistachio colored circles, labeled on the upper center) by `mineralML` show far better latent affinity with the calibration data of these labels than with amphibole.

730 Errors can also be introduced when compiling microprobe data into supporting spread-
 731 sheets. In our experience, microprobe software often outputs elements in different or-
 732 ders from different sessions, which can cause issues when stitching together multiple days
 733 of analyses. For example, the dataset of Castro et al. (2023) contains 392 analyses la-
 734 beled as amphibole; `mineralML` agrees with 149 of these, but classifies the other 243 as
 735 oxides. It is apparent from plotting a Harker diagram that two clear groups emerge: one
 736 plotting alongside the amphibole calibration data, and the other group having extremely
 737 low MgO contents, and extremely high MnO contents. In the supporting datatable, the
 738 values of MnO and MgO are swapped after row 149 (this was confirmed based on the
 739 calculated ‘cations pfu’ column in the original supporting information). We find that column-
 740 swapping was the cause of a surprisingly large number of apparent misclassifications. For
 741 example, of the 89 amphiboles in García et al. (2020), `mineralML` classifies 45 as amphi-
 742 boles, and 44 as pyroxenes (all with low prediction scores, 0.45-0.8). Harker diagrams
 743 show that these amphiboles are extremely Cr-rich (~3-16 wt.% Cr₂O₃), and Al₂O₃-poor.

744 It is apparent from the supplementary table (and thus GEOROC) that the Cr_2O_3 and
 745 Al_2O_3 columns have been swapped for all rows (again, the cation columns are correct).
 746 In Larocque and Canil (2010), of the 73 amphiboles, 71 are classified as oxides and 1 is
 747 classified as chlorite, with low prediction scores (40-80%). It appears that the MnO and
 748 FeO columns were swapped in the supporting information, based on our calculated $\text{Mg}\#_{>98}$
 749 not matching those stated in the text ($\text{Mg}\#_{77-83}$), and the fact that anomalously high
 750 MnO contents are not mentioned in the paper (10-25 wt.%).

751 In other studies, the columns are correct in the author data table, but have been
 752 copied incorrectly into GEOROC. In Didonna et al. (2024), there are 1167 correctly clas-
 753 sified olivines which sit alongside the olivine calibration data in major element space. The
 754 1216 ‘olivine’ that `mineralML` classifies as oxides have extremely high Na_2O and MnO
 755 contents and very low SiO_2 and FeO_t contents. It is apparent that all the ‘misclassifi-
 756 cations’ arise from table B1 in the supplement, where the following column swaps oc-
 757 curred when data was entered into GEOROC:

- 758 • $\text{SiO}_2^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{O}^{\text{GEOROC}}$,
- 759 • $\text{TiO}_2^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{SiO}_2^{\text{GEOROC}}$,
- 760 • $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{MgO}^{\text{GEOROC}}$,
- 761 • $\text{Na}_2\text{O}^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3^{\text{GEOROC}}$,
- 762 • $\text{MgO}^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{MnO}^{\text{GEOROC}}$,
- 763 • $\text{MnO}^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{FeO}^{\text{GEOROC}}$,
- 764 • $\text{FeO}^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3^{\text{GEOROC}}$.

765 Similarly, in Repstock et al. (2022), of the 151 pyroxenes, 40 are classified by `mineralML`
 766 as nepheline and 111 as oxides. It is apparent that:

- 767 • $\text{FeO}^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3^{\text{GEOROC}}$ and vice versa,
- 768 • $\text{CaO}^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{MgO}^{\text{GEOROC}}$,
- 769 • $\text{Na}_2\text{O}^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{CaO}^{\text{GEOROC}}$ (among other swaps)

770 Finally, in Egorova and Latypov (2013), of 477 pyroxenes, 372 are classified cor-
 771 rectly, but 99 are misclassified as olivine and 6 as rhombohedral oxide due to the columns
 772 FeO and MnO being swapped in GEOROC.

773 In other cases, GEOROC is missing entire columns that were originally present in
 774 the supporting information. In Callegaro et al. (2021), 141 true pyroxenes are classified
 775 by `mineralML` as amphibole (88), calcite (3), epidote (9), garnet (33), rhombohedral ox-
 776 ide (3) and tourmaline (5). It is apparent that CaO, Na_2O and Cr_2O_3 data is missing
 777 in GEOROC, leading to this misclassification. In Polat et al. (2018), the first 35 entries
 778 in GEOROC have no CaO data, causing clinopyroxene to be misclassified as nepheline
 779 and glass. Once CaO contents from the supplements are added back, `mineralML` clas-
 780 sifies these correctly. Finally, in Carlson and Ionov (2019), 59 clinopyroxenes are mis-
 781 classified as titanite based on LA-ICPMS data, because FeO or MgO were not measured,
 782 so no values were entered in GEOROC.

783 We also found some column swaps that occurred when data were copied into GEOROC.
 784 These column swaps persist in the pre-compiled mineral files, but have been fixed in GEOROC
 785 itself. For example, in McCarthy and Müntener (2017), 682 amphiboles are classified cor-
 786 rectly, but 88 are incorrectly classified as calcite, and 22 as orthopyroxene. The misclas-
 787 sified ones are missing MgO, CaO, Na_2O , K_2O and Cr_2O_3 data (all zeros) in the pre-
 788 compiled datasets, but not in the since-updated GEOROC entries associated with the
 789 paper. Similarly, $\text{SiO}_2^{\text{supplement}} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{O}^{\text{GEOROC}}$, in Boudoire et al. (2023), resulting
 790 in stated misclassifications from `mineralML`. There are additionally anomalously high
 791 CaO reported in olivine from Viljoen et al. (2022) and anomalously low SiO_2 contents
 792 in olivine in Ionov et al. (2017). The exact root of these issues is unclear.

793 In contrast to these data errors, the lower prediction rate of amphiboles, garnets,
794 and zircons after the initial round of training represented true model failures; these model
795 failures were fixed with subsequent retraining discussed in the following paragraph. For
796 example, the 655 amphiboles from the Main Ethiopian rift rhyolites measured by Tadesse
797 et al. (2023) were classified as glass and Na-pyroxene. In oxide-oxide space, it was im-
798 mediately apparent that amphiboles with $Mg\# < 0.5$, low Na_2O , CaO and MgO contents,
799 high FeO_t were not represented in the training dataset. This was a recurring problem
800 in very evolved and alkaline systems, in which amphiboles were routinely being classi-
801 fied as glass and to a lesser extent pyroxene (e.g., Teiber et al. (2015); Pontesilli et al.
802 (2022); Park and Kim (2022); Siegel et al. (2017)). There initially were 350 garnets mea-
803 sured by Braunger et al. (2018); Melluso et al. (2022); Whitley et al. (2020), all of which
804 were classified by the neural network as ‘epidote’. The high number of differences in clas-
805 sifications revealed the dearth of garnets with high CaO (grossular and andradite) and
806 MnO contents (spessartine) within the training dataset. The lack of representation of
807 these garnets was particularly apparent in more silica-undersaturated (phonolitic) and
808 in carbonatite samples. The 145 zircons in GEOROC which were misclassified lacked ZrO_2
809 data, making the empirical classification based on ZrO_2 content impossible. There were
810 89 null values for ZrO_2 ; the remaining 56 values for ZrO_2 had a maximum value of 49.94
811 wt.%, which is lower than what is expected based on the stoichiometric assumption. Most
812 of these studies measure U-Pb ages recorded by these zircons, and therefore do not fo-
813 cus on major element chemistry (Ondrejka et al., 2018; C. Wang et al., 2023). The re-
814 maining 1368 zircons in GEOROC are predicted correctly. Similarly, `mineralML` initially
815 did a very poor job of predicting olivine with $Mg\#_s < 0.2$ (i.e. fayalites). While a num-
816 ber of the misclassifications represented database issues including but not limited those
817 described above (e.g., Viljoen et al. (2022); Giuffrida et al. (2018); Didonna et al. (2024)),
818 true fayalite was also being classified as garnet (e.g., Brandt et al. (2021); Swallow et al.
819 (2019)), likely as a consequence of the fact that extremely few olivines had $MgO < 30$ wt.%,
820 $FeO_t > 50$ wt.%, or $MnO > 0.5$ wt.% in the training dataset. In alkaline systems with Na-
821 rich pyroxenes, `mineralML` tended to struggle to distinguish between clinopyroxene and
822 amphibole, typically predicting approximately half of the pyroxenes were amphiboles,
823 with low prediction scores (30-50%, e.g., X. Wang et al. (2021)). It was clear that the
824 calibration dataset did not contain sufficient analyses of Na-rich amphiboles.

825 To address these issues, we compiled additional mineral data to help address these
826 compositional gaps in our training data. For example, for amphibole, we compiled Fe-
827 rich amphiboles from GEOROC from studies for which `mineralML` had initially performed
828 poorly. We used the data from 14 studies as training data, and held back an additional
829 12 studies for testing. There were 3566 amphiboles in the studies selected for training,
830 with only a subset used for model training and the remaining compositions were used
831 for model validation. An additional 1802 amphiboles comprised a distinct test dataset.
832 For the 387 fayalites held back as testing data, 100% are now classified correctly. For the
833 1802 amphiboles, 94% are classified correctly. 2.7% of the remaining failures are amphi-
834 boles from (Hidalgo et al., 2011), which `mineralML` classified as orthopyroxene. These
835 flagged compositions are very unusual compared to the other amphiboles analyzed in this
836 study, and their supporting information shows they flag invalid estimates when entered
837 into thermobarometric estimates, so it is possible that the analyses are not amphibole.
838 Apart from the misclassifications of amphibole as glass where `mineralML` is incorrect,
839 most other failures appear to be database issues, where mineral labels were incorrectly
840 entered. From version `mineralML` v0.0.3.2, the model has been updated with this larger
841 test dataset for Fe-rich amphiboles, fayalites, and Ca- (grossular and andradite) and Mn-
842 rich garnets (spessartine). The iterative training process highlights the perpetually evol-
843 ving nature of `mineralML`. When compositions are underrepresented, or not represented,
844 we can recalibrate the model and build extended versions suitable for more compositions.
845 This also shows the importance of users citing what version of the model they have used
846 in their study.

847 3.3 Microprobe Standard Compositions

848 We also tested `mineralML` on the reported composition of microprobe reference ma-
 849 terials. These analyses are a useful test in addition to GEOROC, as these materials are
 850 well-characterized and as many of these reference materials are close to pure end-members
 851 derived from mantle peridotites, and thus push the model outside its calibration dataset,
 852 which is focused more on crustal compositions. First, we use the preferred values of the
 853 Smithsonian microprobe standards (Jarosewich, 2002). `mineralML` predicts all amphi-
 854 boles, apatites, carbonates, pyroxenes, garnets, and feldspars correctly. `mineralML` clas-
 855 sifies all igneous glass standards correctly, but classifies the Corning glass archaeolog-
 856 ical reference materials A-B-C-D as Na-pyroxene (prediction score of 0.81), melilite (pre-
 857 diction score of 0.70), muscovite (prediction score of 0.47) and feldspar (prediction score
 858 of 0.47). This is not altogether surprising, as these glasses are designed to resemble An-
 859 cient Egyptian/Roman plant ash and natron glasses (A, B), high-Ba East Asian glasses
 860 (C), and potash-lime glasses of Medieval European compositions (D) rather than vol-
 861 canic glasses (Brill, 1971).

862 The compilation also contains several unusual silicate minerals on which `mineralML`
 863 was not trained, providing an opportunity to test the ability of the model to recognize
 864 when it is uncertain. Benitoite (a Ba-rich cyclosilicate) is classified as tourmaline with
 865 only a prediction score of 0.39. Not all mistaken predictions, however, show low confi-
 866 dence. Gahnite (ZnAl_2O_4) is classified with the empirical filter as carbonate (as it has
 867 a low total), so has no prediction confidence. Meionite (a carbonate-bearing part of the
 868 scapolite group) is classified as plagioclase feldspar with a prediction score of 0.95, and
 869 osumilite (a K-Na-Fe-Mg-Al cyclosilicate) is classified as Na-pyroxene with a prediction
 870 score of 0.97.

871 The main failure on minerals it was trained on is the incorrect classification of mag-
 872 netite as a rhombohedral oxide (hematite). We believe this reflects the extremely pure
 873 composition of this magnetite compared to the natural magnetites in our training data,
 874 which contain appreciable Al_2O_3 , SiO_2 , TiO_2 . Without these minor components, the com-
 875 position approaches pure Fe_3O_4 making the Droop (1987) recalculation challenging and
 876 the distinction from hematite difficult (discussed further in Section 6).

877 We also compile analyses of microprobe standards from a variety of supporting datasets
 878 (including, but not exclusively, standards from the Smithsonian) from Iddon et al. (2019);
 879 Gleeson et al. (2020); Loewen et al. (2021) and F. Keller et al. (2024). All amphiboles,
 880 pyroxenes, olivines, and feldspars were classified correctly. Of all the glass analyses, 2
 881 were classified as garnet (0.71-0.76 prediction score) and 2 were classified as nepheline
 882 (0.62-0.70 prediction score). These misclassified glasses are from Loewen et al. (2023)
 883 and are marked in the supplement as ‘rejects’, showing the ability of `mineralML` to help
 884 identify poor quality analyses. Overall, this standard compilation shows that `mineralML`
 885 does an excellent job of correctly predicting common silicate minerals, but that care must
 886 be taken when applying it to samples that may contain minerals not present in the train-
 887 ing datasets.

888 3.4 Concurrent EDS and EBSD Mapping

889 A major motivation for developing `mineralML` was to be able to produce phase maps
 890 from quantitative Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS) maps. This application pro-
 891 vides a challenging test for the model because the dwell times used for mapping are typ-
 892 ically very short (e.g., 1-20 ms per pixel), resulting in larger analytical errors than the
 893 minute-length analyses typically used for the point analyses in GEOROC and the sec-
 894 ondary standard compilation. To evaluate the success of `mineralML` on noisier mapping
 895 data, we co-collected Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD) and Energy Dispersive
 896 Spectroscopy (EDS) maps, utilizing the fact that EBSD can independently identify the
 897 phases based on their crystallography, using diffraction patterns. We selected a thin sec-

tion of an andesite from Mount Hood, Oregon and a granodiorite from the Porphyritic Half Dome unit of the Tuolumne Intrusive Complex, California (Sample B from Gordon and Wallis (2026); Gordon (2024)), to cover a range of both major rock forming minerals (feldspars, pyroxenes, amphiboles) and accessory minerals (epidote, zircon, apatite, titanite, oxide minerals).

Data were collected using a JEOL IT800HL SEM at the University of California, Berkeley, equipped with an Oxford Instruments Symmetry S3 detector and UltimMax EDS detector. Thin sections were tilted to 70° on the eucentric stage to enable EBSD acquisition. While this geometry is less optimal for EDS, comparison of EDS data collected on the sample when flat and when tilted showed no significant difference in major element composition once EDS data were normalized to 100%. Diffraction patterns were collected and indexed using Oxford Instruments AZtec 6.2 acquisition software to obtain crystallographically-determined phase maps. EBSD patterns are indexed against match units chosen by the user, so knowledge of the sample’s mineralogy in advance of EBSD acquisition is highly beneficial. For our samples, mineralogy was determined using transmitted and reflected light microscopy, and from previous studies (Gordon, 2024). Where a good match unit could not be identified during acquisition, patterns were saved and re-indexed in AZtec in post-processing. The match units used for the final maps are available in the EBSD .ctf files (Zenodo DOI will be available upon article acceptance), which can be opened in any text file viewing software. The corresponding EDS data were processed with the QuantMap feature in AZtec using factory calibrations to get elemental weight or oxide percentage data, then classified with `mineralML` to evaluate against EBSD labels. The concurrent EBSD-EDS mapping tests allow for direct pixel-to-pixel validation of the model’s phase classification capability on natural compositions and textures. EBSD has a higher spatial resolution than EDS due to its smaller interaction volume at our acquisition conditions, therefore the mapping also allows us to test the performance of `mineralML` at grain boundaries where mixed pixels occur.

In the AZtec acquisition software, EBSD-EDS maps are generally collected using the pixel dwell time selected to optimize the EBSD pattern, which can mean that maps are collected too quickly to obtain high-quality EDS data. The rate at which EBSD detectors can index patterns has experienced a rapid increase since the 1990s, with a notable jump in 2017 due to the introduction of complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) sensors to replace traditional charge coupled device sensor technology (CCDs) (Oxford Instruments Technical Note, 2026). These analytical advances mean that high-quality EBSD data can now be collected extremely rapidly. At our initial analytical conditions of a working distance of 25 mm, voltage of 20 kV, and beam current of 21 nA, a solvable diffraction pattern was acquired in 2.56 ms (0.00256 seconds). At these conditions, the EDS detector had a 34% deadtime using process time 3, so was only counting X-rays for 1.69 ms. This means that the total number of X-ray signals that arrived at the detector was very low, and thus the counting statistics yield large uncertainties. For example, a clinopyroxene with ~ 51 wt.% SiO₂ would have a 1 sigma absolute error of ± 9.4 wt.% SiO₂ (an 18% relative error); this means that 68% of pixels (mean±1 sigma) acquired on a homogeneous clinopyroxene will yield SiO₂ contents spanning 41.8-60.5 wt.%. In contrast, the ±1 sigma range in the calibration dataset for clinopyroxene in `mineralML` is only 48.1-52.2 wt.% SiO₂. EDS maps with short dwell times therefore display poor data quality and speckling (Supporting Information S6, Supporting Information Figure S10).

Analytical errors associated with X-ray counting techniques scale as the square root of the number of counts. As counts are proportional to acquisition time, analytical error scales as $t^{-0.5}$ (Wittke, 2022). To demonstrate this, we collected EDS spots at a variety of total acquisition times (live time/(1-dead time)) on a clinopyroxene grain using a tilted stage, at 25 mm working distance and beam conditions of 20 kV and 21.2 nA (Figure 5A-C). EDS maps were collected under the same conditions, but with pixel ac-

951 quisation times varying from 1-50 ms. It is apparent from the error curves (Figure 5A-
 952 C) that the errors reach 25-55% for 1 ms dwell times, but reduce to <10% for 50 ms. Maps
 953 collected with a 1 ms dwell time show lots of checkerboarding in the phase maps calcu-
 954 lated by `mineralML`, with pixels of glass appearing in the pyroxene and plagioclase crystals
 955 (Figure 5D); the prediction scores are also generally low with a mean of 0.82 (Fig-
 956 ure 5G). By 10 ms, the map is greatly improved, but glass pixels still appear in the pla-
 957 gioclase (Figure 5E), and the prediction scores increase to a mean of 0.93 (Figure 5H).
 958 By 50 ms, the checkerboarding is almost entirely gone, and the only pixels classified as
 959 glass are ‘mixels,’ or mixed pixels, on the grain boundaries (Figure 5F), and the predic-
 960 tion scores have also increased to 0.97 (Figure 5I). Pixels of clinopyroxene, particularly
 961 at phase boundaries, retain their lower prediction scores. This test shows the importance
 962 of minimizing errors while EDS mapping to ensure accurate phase identification. We rec-
 963 ommend that users perform similar tests for their acquisition conditions of choice, as the
 964 errors will be dependent on the beam conditions, the detector hardware, and the elemen-
 965 tal concentration in each phase.

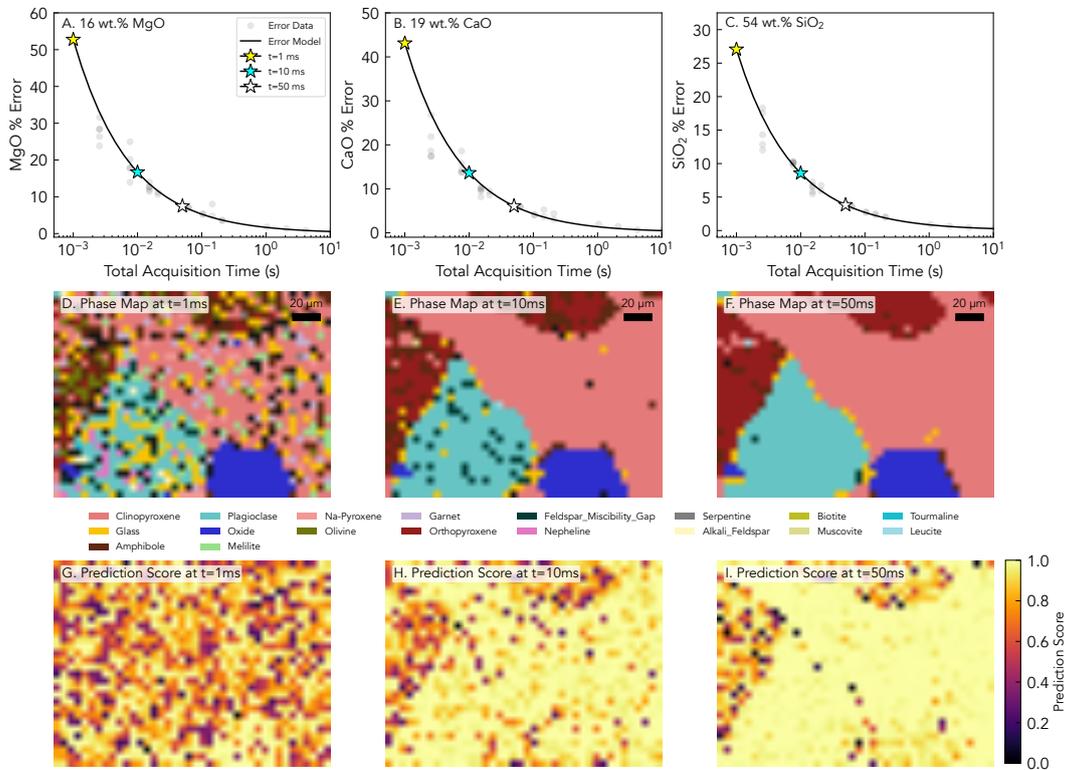


Figure 5. EDS analytical errors and `mineralML` classifications as a function of acquisition time. A-C) EDS acquisitions collected at different total acquisition times (gray dots) fit with a model to predict the error as a function of time. For each element, we calculate the error for $t=1$ ms, 10 ms and 50 ms (colored stars). D-F) EDS data collected at these acquisition times were run through `mineralML` to produce phase maps, with no prediction score minimum or phase filtering. G-I) Prediction scores associated with `mineralML` classifications. At shorter acquisition times, many different mineral labels are returned, but with low prediction scores of < 0.8 . These solutions are improbable and not present in this sample, but reflects noise associated with the short count times. At greater acquisition times, there is a huge improvement in indexing and an increase in prediction scores.

966 To obtain high-quality co-collected EBSD-EDS mapped data to test the accuracy
 967 of `mineralML`'s phase classification, we shortened the working distance, and set the beam
 968 current to optimize the EDS detector deadtime. We used a current of 6.9 nA and work-
 969 ing distances of 12 mm for the Mount Hood andesite and 15 mm for the Tuolumne gra-
 970 nodiorite. At these conditions, 7.65 ms (Mount Hood) and 9.31 ms (Tuolumne) were re-
 971 quired to obtain a good EBSD pattern. We set the EBSD frame averaging to 20, yield-
 972 ing total acquisition times of 153 ms and 186 ms respectively. EBSD data were processed
 973 in `AZtecCrystal` using the 'remove wild spikes' function to replace individual incorrectly
 974 indexed pixels that did not match their neighbours. Unindexed pixels with at least six
 975 matching neighbours were also replaced, and any phases that consisted only of misin-
 976 dexed pixels were removed. `mineralML`-predicted EDS phase maps show high mineralog-
 977 ical fidelity across samples, reproducing the mineralogy provided by EBSD and adding
 978 compositional information from EDS to the phase maps (Figures 6, 7).

979 For the Mount Hood andesite, `mineralML` yields modal proportions of major phases
 980 in excellent agreement with those determined by EBSD (Figure 6). Of the major phases,
 981 clinopyroxene (23.7% EDS and 22.6% by EBSD) and orthopyroxene (23.7% EDS and
 982 26.3% by EBSD) agree within 3%. Of the accessory phases, oxides (2.3% by EDS and
 983 2.4% by EBSD) and apatite (0.19% by EDS and 0.22% by EBSD) agree within 0.1%.
 984 The primary differences between the datasets occur in the classification of feldspars and
 985 non-crystalline materials. `mineralML` classifies approximately 3.7% of the map area as
 986 falling within the feldspar miscibility gap, which is classified empirically on the high-temperature
 987 feldspar ternary from Deer et al. (1963). This classification is likely inaccurate and oc-
 988 curs due to phases mixing within the EDS interaction volume, as it arises primarily at
 989 grain boundaries, or in the groundmass where there is a fine-grained intergrowth of pla-
 990 gioclase, alkali feldspar, and glass. EBSD handles these fine-grained regions better due
 991 to its smaller interaction volume, and the fact it is extremely good at differentiating be-
 992 tween crystalline and non-crystalline groundmass. However, in some cases there is mi-
 993 nor mis-indexing between structurally similar feldspars. Additionally, EBSD cannot dif-
 994 ferentiate between different non-crystalline materials such as glass, epoxy and vesicles,
 995 all of which are assigned 'unindexed' due to the lack of a diffraction pattern. `mineralML`
 996 is able to differentiate between these materials due to their different X-ray signatures.
 997 The combined phase proportion of glass and vesicles from EDS sum to within 3% of the
 998 unindexed phase proportion in EBSD. The EDS data also provide information on ma-
 999 jor element zoning within minerals, which EBSD cannot detect. The plagioclase crys-
 1000 tals have irregular zoning with more anorthitic rims, and the clinopyroxene crystals have
 1001 higher Mg# towards the rims. The in-situ compositional data provided by the EDS map
 1002 provides a rich source of petrological information and could be used to guide the place-
 1003 ment of line profiles, collected at longer dwell times, for diffusion chronometry.

1004 The Tuolumne granodiorite also shows excellent agreement for phase abundances
 1005 for major and accessory phases. Of the major phases, plagioclase (67.5% by EDS and
 1006 65.8% by EBSD), SiO₂ polymorphs (8.7% by EDS and 9.3% by EBSD), titanite (8.1%
 1007 by EDS and 8.0% by EBSD), and amphibole (7.0% by EDS and EBSD) phase abundances
 1008 agree within 2%. Accessory phase abundances all agree within 0.5%. This concurrently
 1009 collected map highlights some issues that emerge with both methods, particularly in the
 1010 region surrounding the zircon crystal (marked in cyan) on the lower left area of the map,
 1011 where some pixels failed to index appropriately. Some areas of the EBSD map, partic-
 1012 ularly of apatite and alkali feldspar, failed to index due to low-quality patterns; these
 1013 low-quality patterns may emerge due to sample topography, polishing imperfections, or
 1014 alteration. The diffraction patterns from one Fe-Ti oxide (magnetite) crystal failed to
 1015 index as such due to orientation, since insufficient high-quality zone axes were present
 1016 in the patterns; thus, the pixels identified as oxide minerals are more sparse. `mineralML`-
 1017 classified EDS pixels in this area identify all the Fe-Ti oxide pixels. The large patch of
 1018 epidote (marked in magenta) failed to index at first pass due to a poor match with the
 1019 epidote match unit originally selected for indexing. The diffraction patterns were there-

1020 fore saved, and `mineralML` was used to confirm the mineralogy, before an alternative epi-
 1021 dotite match unit was used to re-index the saved diffraction patterns successfully. This
 1022 granodiorite sample is fully crystalline, and the pixels identified as glass by `mineralML`
 1023 mostly arise due to the mixed signals that occur at grain boundaries. The process of gen-
 1024 erating these maps demonstrates the utility of the paired approach in providing infor-
 1025 mation that other methods lack. `mineralML` may serve as a useful tool for phase iden-
 1026 tification to facilitate the selection of appropriate match units for indexing EBSD maps.

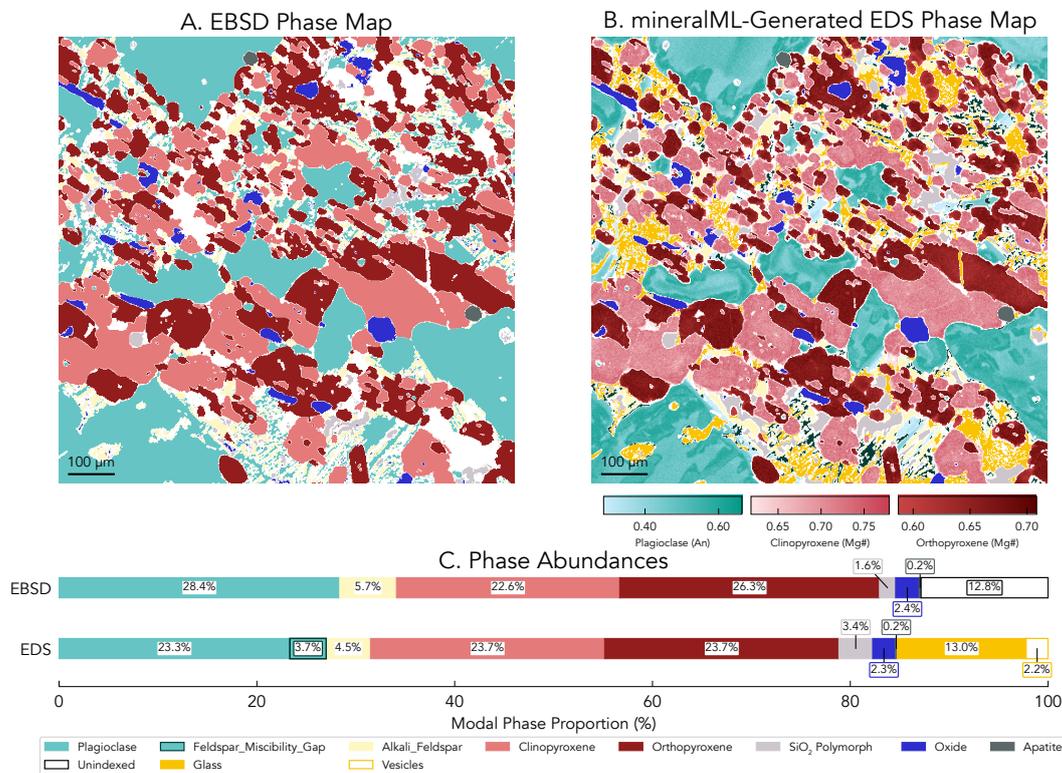


Figure 6. Comparison of EBSD and `mineralML`-generated EDS phase maps for an andesite from Mount Hood, Oregon, collected at a pixel size of 2 μm . A) Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD) provides crystallographically-determined mineral phase labels. As EBSD relies on crystal diffraction, it cannot index non-crystalline phases such as glass or vesicles and leaves these pixels unindexed. B) Concurrently-collected EDS phase map with phase compositions predicted by `mineralML`. EDS mapping correctly identifies the presence of glass in the interstices. Pixels indicated as the feldspar miscibility gap are where there is fine-grained groundmass plagioclase, alkali feldspar, and glass, and the pixels pick up a mixed signal. Major element zoning in plagioclase and the two pyroxenes can be observed, with higher anorthite rims in plagioclase and some higher Mg# rims in the clinopyroxenes. Compositional ranges indicated by the colorbars are centered upon the mean with $\pm 2\sigma$. C) Comparison of modal phase abundances (%) from EBSD and `mineralML`-classified EDS maps, with strong agreement within 2-3% for all minerals.

1027 4 On the Calibration of Prediction Scores

1028 Neural networks are known to produce overconfident predictions, where prediction
 1029 scores exceed actual classification accuracy (Guo et al., 2017). Ideally, network predic-
 1030 tion scores should reflect the true likelihood of a correct classification. Models assign-

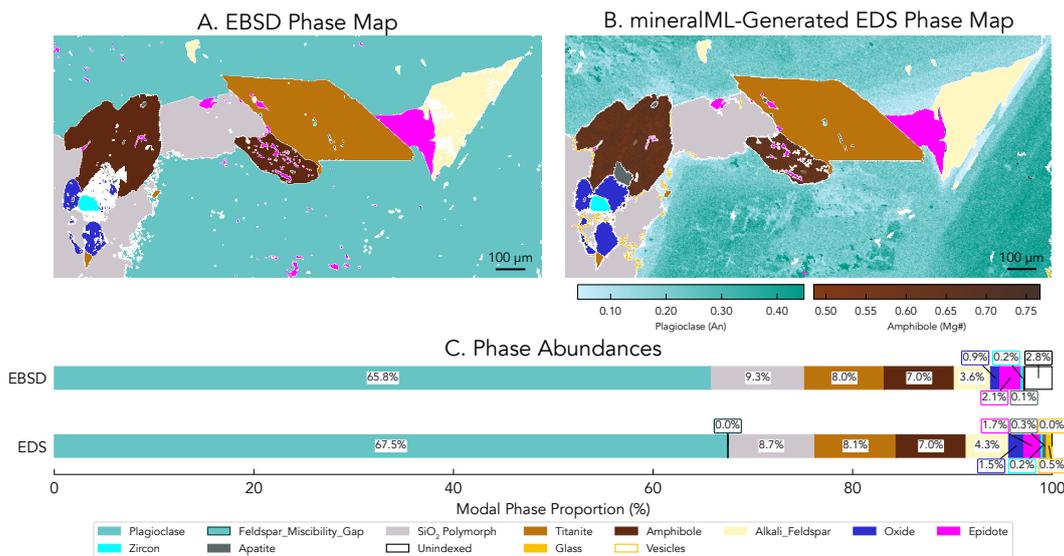


Figure 7. Comparison of EBSD and `mineralML`-generated EDS phase maps for sample Bii, a porphyritic granodiorite from the Tuolumne Intrusive Complex, California, collected at a pixel size of 3 μm. Panel layout, data collection, and colorbar scaling are identical to that of Figure 6. A) EBSD-derived phase map. The lower left region surrounding the zircon has spinels with some pixels that see poor indexing due to their orientation. The epidote did not index well with the original choice of match unit, so `mineralML` was applied to the EDS map to confirm its mineralogy and inform the subsequent selection of a successful match unit. B) Concurrently-collected EDS phase map. Zoning in plagioclase feldspar and amphibole can be observed. C) Comparison of modal phase abundances (%) from EBSD and `mineralML`-classified EDS maps. All phase abundances agree within 2% in this map. `mineralML` identifies additional Fe-Ti oxides that are missed by EBSD, and the EBSD indexing identifies small regions of epidote that are missed by EDS within the amphibole crystal. The two methods work in tandem to provide a unified view of mineralogy and phase abundances.

1031 ing a probability score of 0.90 should be correct 90% of the time. Well-calibrated pre-
 1032 diction scores are thus important for ensuring the interpretability and reliability of neural
 1033 network outputs, particularly as these scores are used downstream. To evaluate whether
 1034 `mineralML` suffers from this overconfidence, we assessed the calibration of the model's
 1035 prediction scores using reliability diagrams (DeGroot & Fienberg, 1983; Niculescu-Mizil
 1036 & Caruana, 2005) and the Expected Calibration Error metric following the workflow out-
 1037 lined by Guo et al. (2017).

1038 We evaluated the calibration of the neural network on the GEOROC test dataset
 1039 of ~ 1.1 million analyses (Figure 8). The analyses with misclassified minerals (~ 22,000)
 1040 identified in Section 3.2 were removed from this analysis. The removal of these analy-
 1041 ses addresses some of the most readily identifiable mislabeled data; some residual mis-
 1042 classifications likely remain, but are unavoidable. Reliability diagrams are constructed
 1043 by grouping `mineralML`-derived classifications into bins by their prediction score. The
 1044 average accuracy within each bin is compared against the average score (Figure 8A). Per-
 1045 fect calibration would fall along the 1-1 diagonal. Deviations above the diagonal indi-
 1046 cate that the accuracy exceeds the prediction score, so the model is underconfident; de-
 1047 viations below the diagonal indicate that the prediction score exceeds the accuracy, so

1048 the model is overconfident. The Expected Calibration Error (ECE) metric summarizes
1049 the calibration as a scalar value:

$$\text{ECE} = \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{|B_m|}{n} |\text{acc}(B_m) - \text{conf}(B_m)| \quad (10)$$

1050 where B_m is the set of predictions in bin m , $|B_m|$ is the number of predictions in
1051 that bin, $\text{acc}(B_m)$ is the fraction of correct predictions in the bin, $\text{conf}(B_m)$ is the mean
1052 prediction score in that bin, M is the number of bins, and n is the total number of pre-
1053 dictions. Lower ECE values indicate that there is no significant difference between the
1054 accuracy and the prediction score, so the model is well calibrated. The reliability dia-
1055 gram shows that `mineralML`'s prediction scores closely track the 1-1 diagonal across most
1056 confidence bins, yielding an ECE of 0.0152 (Figure 8A). Some mild underconfidence is
1057 observed in the low-to-mid confidence bins at 0.3-0.4 and 0.4-0.5. The low-confidence bins
1058 contain relatively few analyses and thus exhibit noisier calibration estimates. In the high-
1059 confidence bins exceeding 0.8, where most predictions are concentrated, the accuracy and
1060 prediction scores closely match.

1061 We further examined accuracy as a function of $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ to determine whether the pre-
1062 diction score uncertainty $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ (standard deviation across predictions) from Monte Carlo
1063 sampling provides a meaningful signal for identifying unreliable classifications (Figure
1064 8B). The prediction accuracy decreases monotonically as $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ increases. Accuracy nears
1065 100% at the lowest $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ uncertainties around 0 and decreases to around 84% at $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ uncer-
1066 tainties exceeding 0.2. The accuracy and standard deviation across Monte Carlo draws,
1067 which can be interpreted as the prediction score uncertainty, indicate that $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ is an in-
1068 formative indicator of prediction reliability. Low values of prediction score uncertainty
1069 correspond to well-constrained compositions classified with high accuracy, while elevated
1070 values of prediction score uncertainty should be treated with more caution. The distri-
1071 bution of $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ further supports this interpretation (Figure 8C). Correctly classified anal-
1072 yses are densely concentrated at low $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$, while misclassified analyses exhibit a distribu-
1073 tion shifted towards higher values.

1074 The low ECE scalar value and monotonic relationship between accuracy and pre-
1075 diction uncertainty together demonstrate that `mineralML`'s prediction scores are both
1076 well-calibrated and that the variational weight sampling provides a reliable measure of
1077 classification uncertainty. We reference the softmax-normalized outputs as prediction scores
1078 rather than probabilities, as softmax outputs from neural networks are not inherently
1079 calibrated (Guo et al., 2017). The calibration analysis presented here, however, indicates
1080 that `mineralML`'s prediction scores can be interpreted as meaningful estimates of clas-
1081 sification reliability.

1082 5 Applications of mineralML

1083 `mineralML` is designed to serve as a first-pass processing step when working with
1084 chemical data from EPMA, EDS, or a geochemical database. The above tests show that
1085 `mineralML` can reliably predict mineralogy in a wide variety of igneous rock types. Once
1086 analyses are acquired and exported, `mineralML` workflows can provide immediate min-
1087 eral identifications, identify any discrepancies between the mineralogy hypothesized by
1088 the user and the mineralogy predicted by the neural network, and perform all standard
1089 mineral component calculations within one Jupyter notebook. All compositions are re-
1090 turned in Excel sheets, with all input data in one tab, and data for each predicted min-
1091 eral group also split in individual tabs. The workflow supported by this package substan-
1092 tially cuts down on the manual post-processing required after microprobe sessions, whilst
1093 reducing opportunities for misclassification errors to propagate into downstream ther-
1094 mobarometric calculations and into databases. Classification is sufficiently rapid to be

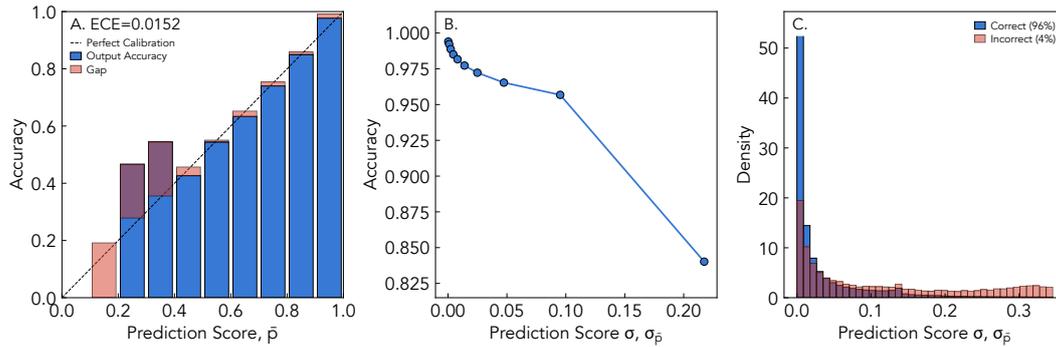


Figure 8. Calibration analysis of the `mineralML` model, evaluated on the GEOROC test dataset (~ 1.1 million analyses). A) Reliability diagram comparing the prediction score (\bar{p}) and prediction accuracy across 10 equally spaced bins from 0 to 1. The dashed line represents the perfect calibration, where there is no offset between the prediction accuracy and score; the model is well-calibrated if it nears the dashed line. The blue bars indicate the accuracy of the model’s predicted outputs, compared against the groundtruth labels. The red bars indicate the calibration gap, or the absolute difference between the prediction accuracy and prediction score for a given bin. Where the red bars extend beyond the blue bars, the model is overconfident (the prediction score exceeds the accuracy), and where the red bars extend below the blue bar, the model is underconfident (the accuracy exceeds the prediction score). The Expected Calibration Error (ECE) of 0.0152 indicates that `mineralML`’s model prediction scores closely approximate true classification accuracy. B) Classification accuracy as a function of $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$, or the standard deviation across predictions from Monte Carlo passes through the variational layer of the network. Analyses are binned by quantiles so each point represents approximately equal numbers of analyses. Accuracy decreases monotonically with increasing $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$, indicating that the variational weight sampling provides a meaningful indicator of prediction reliability. C) Normalized distributions of $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$ for correctly classified (blue) and incorrectly classified (red) analyses. Correct classifications are more densely concentrated at low $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$, while incorrect classifications are more broadly distributed and shifted towards higher $\sigma_{\bar{p}}$.

1095 used in real-time during analytical sessions. Users can export spot analyses, linescans,
 1096 or preliminary maps during a session, run `mineralML`, and receive mineral identifications
 1097 to guide subsequent analyses; this is particularly useful when working with rocks with
 1098 complex mineralogy where phase identifications guide subsequent analytical decisions.

1099 `mineralML` offers a reproducible alternative to the manual phase segmentation and
 1100 simple chemistry filters or clustering models currently used to process EDS maps. Such
 1101 processing is time consuming, subjective, and presents a bottleneck in high-throughput
 1102 workflows. Having a reliable, open-source model to classify mineralogy will allow the fields
 1103 of volcanology and igneous petrology to fully capitalize on the ability of modern EDS
 1104 detectors to produce chemical maps at high speed with high spatial resolution. We have
 1105 developed Jupyter notebooks optimized to load quantitative EDS mapped data exported
 1106 as .csv files for each element (the standard output from Oxford Instruments), and pre-
 1107 dict pixel-by-pixel mineralogy using Monte Carlo forward passes through the neural net-
 1108 work. The `mineralML.run_map` function loads the path to the .csv files and returns a
 1109 phase map colored by predicted mineral, a bar chart of mineral phase proportions, and
 1110 histograms of prediction scores that allow users to evaluate prediction scores at a glance.
 1111 For phases with well-defined solid solutions such as plagioclase, olivine, clinopyroxene,

1112 and orthopyroxene, `mineralML` automatically computes stoichiometric components (anor-
 1113 thite content, forsterite content, Mg#) from the underlying oxide chemistry and maps
 1114 these values into arrays that highlight internal crystal zoning, at the resolution of the
 1115 EDS map. The `mineralML.plot_component_composite` function renders these compo-
 1116 sitional fields with continuous colors, which are mean centered and with the range of col-
 1117 ors set to $\pm 2 \sigma$. With both these functions, individual pixels below a specified area thresh-
 1118 old can be removed with `remove_islands` and holes within maps enclosed within a sin-
 1119 gular continuous phase can be filled with `fill_phase_holes`. In the case of the composi-
 1120 tional map, the filled holes in maps are interpolated from surrounding points. All these
 1121 compositional data, component calculations, and predicted labels are returned in struc-
 1122 tured dictionaries and dataframes for further analysis and export. In addition to these
 1123 EDS workflows, `mineralML` also provides functions to load and visualize EBSD phase
 1124 maps from `.ctf` files (`mineralML.plot_ctf_phases`), enabling direct comparison between
 1125 diffraction- and chemistry-based mineral identification on the same sample — these func-
 1126 tions were used for the side-by-side phase diagrams presented in Figures 6 and 7. We
 1127 welcome collaborations with users of other detectors to develop workflows for other in-
 1128 strument data structures.

1129 Our testing on the GEOROC database highlights the power of `mineralML` to im-
 1130 prove the quality of large geochemical databases. Rather than having to look through
 1131 every single study to check for errors, a difference in the mineralogy reported for the anal-
 1132 yses and that allocated by `mineralML` offers an efficient way to identify studies requir-
 1133 ing human inspection. These discrepancies can highlight inaccurate phase reporting (both
 1134 by the authors and during data curation), as well as swapped and missing columns. Im-
 1135 proving the quality of large geochemical databases will be absolutely key to the appli-
 1136 cation of big data approaches to geochemical data. We welcome contributions from users
 1137 who wish to extend `mineralML` to broader ranges of mineral compositions and new phases.

1138 6 Limitations of mineralML

1139 While `mineralML` performs well over a range of igneous compositions, some limi-
 1140 tations should be considered, especially when applying it to new datasets that lie out-
 1141 side the calibration range of the model. New data should first be examined in Harker
 1142 plots (`mineralML.plot_harker`) or in latent space (`mineralML.plot_z2_overlay`), to
 1143 ensure that compositions lie within regions that have been calibrated. The prediction
 1144 scores (\bar{p}) and their associated standard deviation ($\sigma_{\bar{p}}$) across Monte Carlo draws can
 1145 also help provide a quantitative flag for misclassifications, as described in Sections 2.5
 1146 and 4.

1147 `mineralML` is fundamentally dependent on the quality of the input oxide data. Whilst
 1148 this is not an issue for most EPMA data or spot EDS analyses with acquisition times
 1149 > 1 s, it is relevant to EDS maps with short dwell times, including co-collected EBSD-
 1150 EDS maps. Short pixel dwell times can produce analytical uncertainties that exceed the
 1151 compositional variability between mineral groups (Figure 5A-C; Supporting Information
 1152 Figure S10). The classification results are not failures of the model, but instead demon-
 1153 strate the minimum data quality required for reliable phase identification. The proba-
 1154 bilistic framework of `mineralML` communicates this limitation, as low prediction scores
 1155 flag these classifications.

1156 A related challenge for mapped data is the issue of mixed pixels, or ‘mixels,’ in which
 1157 a single pixel analyses samples more than one mineral phase. ‘Mixels’ are particularly
 1158 common in rocks with fine-grained groundmass, where pixel analyses may integrate sig-
 1159 nals from multiple minerals at grain boundaries where the electron beam’s interaction
 1160 volume straddles two phases. In both cases, the resulting analysis returns a composition
 1161 that is a mixture of the phases. The composition will therefore not align entirely with
 1162 a single mineral. `mineralML` will either assign a classification with low prediction scores,

1163 or classify the pixel as the mineral whose composition most closely resembles the mix-
1164 ture. These ‘mixels’ are an artifact of the spatial resolution of the analytical technique.
1165 Users should be aware that phase maps of fine-grained or intergrown samples may con-
1166 tain misclassifications within the groundmass, and that individual pixels along grain bound-
1167 aries may be misclassified.

1168 As `mineralML` classifies minerals solely from chemistry, it cannot distinguish be-
1169 tween polymorphs that share the same composition but differ in crystal structure. SiO_2
1170 polymorphs (quartz, coesite, stishovite, tridymite, cristobalite) are grouped under a sin-
1171 gle label, as are other structurally distinct but chemically identical phases. Users requir-
1172 ing polymorph identification should pair `mineralML` classifications with structural data
1173 from techniques such as EBSD or Raman spectroscopy.

1174 One notable limitation is the ability of `mineralML` to distinguish certain oxide phases
1175 belonging to the hematite-ilmenite (‘Rhombohedral-Oxides’) and magnetite-spinel (‘Spinel-
1176 Group’) mineral groups. For studies presenting data for magnetite-ilmenite pairs in in-
1177 termediate to felsic igneous rocks, `mineralML` correctly subdivides the data into the ap-
1178 propriate mineral groups (Rutherford & Devine, 2008; Pratama et al., 2023; Ji et al., 2023;
1179 Blundy et al., 2008; Ghiorso & Evans, 2008), a useful feature for researchers wishing to
1180 use these analyses to perform ilmenite-magnetite thermometry and oxybarometry cal-
1181 culations. `mineralML` also successfully identifies Cr-spinel analyses from chromitites as
1182 being in the ‘Spinel-Group’ (Chayka et al., 2023). Where `mineralML` struggles, however,
1183 is for oxide phases from iron ores and/or metamorphosed/altered intrusive igneous rocks
1184 (Ovalle et al., 2018; Khedr et al., 2024; Mokchah & Mathieu, 2022). In these samples,
1185 we find many analyses that the original authors identify as magnetite are classified as
1186 ‘Rhombohedral-Oxides’ (hematite) by `mineralML`. Closer examination reveals that near-
1187 pure magnetite crystals (with low TiO_2), common in iron ore bodies but absent from the
1188 predominantly igneous `mineralML` training dataset, are being misclassified as hematite.
1189 This misclassification is due to an absence of pure Fe_3O_4 data in the training dataset.
1190 As a result, the use of the oxide subclassifications in ore systems is currently not advised.

1191 The training dataset for `mineralML` is currently comprised of minerals from igneous
1192 rocks, and the model has primarily been developed and evaluated in igneous contexts.
1193 Many minerals classified by `mineralML`—such as olivine, pyroxene, feldspar, amphibole,
1194 oxides, and garnet—are common to both igneous and metamorphic assemblages. The
1195 model is expected to perform well on certain metamorphic rocks with igneous protoliths,
1196 specifically those containing mineral phases whose compositions overlap with the igneous
1197 training dataset. However, the model does not yet include the full compositional range
1198 of minerals found in metamorphic rocks, particularly in metapelites. Garnet composi-
1199 tions in the training dataset, for example, are dominated by igneous garnets and do not
1200 currently span the full range of metamorphic compositions. Several metamorphic min-
1201 erals, such as kyanite, sillimanite, staurolite, lawsonite, and cordierite, are currently ab-
1202 sent from the classification scheme. Extending `mineralML` to both metamorphic and ore
1203 systems is a natural direction for future development, requiring the compilation of train-
1204 ing datasets with appropriate compositional coverage and new mineral classes.

1205 7 Conclusions

1206 `mineralML` is a novel method for probabilistic mineral classification from oxide chem-
1207 istry, written in the open-source Python language using PyTorch (Paszke et al., 2019).
1208 We use a sequential, transfer learning approach to build a neural network with a clas-
1209 sification and reconstruction branch, providing mineral classifications with uncertainty
1210 estimates while visualizing these data in two-dimensional latent spaces. The package fur-
1211 ther provides stoichiometric calculators for structural formulas, site assignments, and sub-
1212 classifications across common igneous mineral groups. `mineralML` is designed to be in-
1213 corporated into the data analysis workflow, following data export from electron beam

1214 instruments. Automating mineral classification will relieve the pressure on data process-
1215 ing as the rate-limiting step in the petrologist’s workflow.

1216 Application of `mineralML` to validation datasets and the GEOROC database demon-
1217 strates greater than 95% accuracy across most mineral groups. By testing on more than
1218 1.1 million analyses from GEOROC, we find that most misclassifications arise due to database
1219 errors such as incorrectly identified mineralogy, swapped columns in supplementary ma-
1220 terials, and beyond, rather than true model failure. `mineralML` has the potential to serve
1221 as a powerful tool for curating large geochemical databases, identifying errors that may
1222 otherwise cascade into thermobarometric models or understandings of magmatic systems.
1223 When applied to co-collected EBSD-EDS maps, classified EDS phase maps using `mineralML`
1224 reproduce crystallographically-generated EBSD phase maps within 2-3% and provide the
1225 additional benefit of quantifying chemical variability within phases. `mineralML`’s devel-
1226 opment demonstrates how testing the model on large, heterogeneous datasets drives it-
1227 erative model improvement. Compositional gaps in the training data—for example, Fe-
1228 rich amphiboles, fayalitic olivines, Na-rich pyroxenes, and Ca- and Mn-rich garnets—were
1229 only identified through evaluation against GEOROC. Addressing these gaps by expand-
1230 ing the training dataset improved classification performance.

1231 Automating mineral classification has the potential to relieve the pressure on data
1232 processing as the rate-limiting step in a petrologist’s workflow, especially as analytical
1233 techniques advance with ever-faster detectors and ever-growing datasets. `mineralML` ad-
1234 ditionally has the potential to serve as a tool for curating large geochemical databases,
1235 identifying errors that otherwise may cascade into our understandings and interpreta-
1236 tions of magmatic systems. We anticipate this iterative process continuing as users ap-
1237 ply `mineralML` to new rock types and mineral assemblages that are currently unrepre-
1238 sented in the training data. The modular nature of the package can support this growth.
1239 New minerals can easily be incorporated into the classification scheme, stoichiometric
1240 calculators can be extended and refined, and the training dataset can continue to expand.
1241 All code, training data, and Jupyter notebooks for analysis are publicly available on GitHub.
1242 We welcome collaboration with users who encounter edge cases or wish to extend `mineralML`
1243 to new compositions, to evolve this code package with the needs of the petrology com-
1244 munity.

1245 Contributions

1246 SS, PW, KL conceptualized the project. SS developed and documented the code,
1247 wrote the manuscript, interpreted the results, and compiled the training, validation, and
1248 test datasets. PW compiled the secondary standard test dataset and provided guidance
1249 and support. PW and SS performed the testing on the GEOROC dataset. CG collected
1250 the EBSD-EDS datasets and processed the EBSD data. NT consulted on machine learn-
1251 ing approaches and methods. MG performed model testing on oxides and developed the
1252 quantitative EDS mapping routines. PA and KL supported database access and provided
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1267 Data Availability

1268 All data and code are available on GitHub (<https://github.com/sarahshi/mineralML>)
1269 and are archived on Zenodo (DOI:10.5281/zenodo.18819451). The training and valida-
1270 tion data will be archived on EarthChem upon manuscript acceptance. mineralML doc-
1271 umentation and examples are on Read The Docs ([https://mineralml.readthedocs.io/
1272 en/latest/](https://mineralml.readthedocs.io/en/latest/)). The supplement contains information about the code structure and datasets.

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