Classification, segmentation and correlation of zoned minerals

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Highlights:

- New methodology to classify minerals in a thin section, using a finite-mixture model approach.
- Using image processing techniques, chemical zonation within phenocrysts has been segmented and correlated across multiple thin sections
- The approach has been used to classify minerals in thin sections of volcanic rocks, and the to correlate zonation within plagioclase phenocrysts.

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48 **Abstract**:

49 Minerals exhibit zoning patterns that can be related to changes in the environment in which they 50 grew. Using statistical methods that have been designed to segment optical images, we have 51 developed a procedure to segment zonation within minerals and correlate these zones between multiple crystals using elemental maps. This allows us to quantify the complexity and variability of 52 53 chemical zoning between different geological samples. Specifically, we employ a simple linear 54 iterative clustering algorithm, which splits the chemical maps into spatially constrained regions of 55 similar chemistry. The result is a texturally segmented crystal, akin to what would be identified by 56 the human eye. To aid the segmentation and correlation of zones, we also introduce a new method 57 to classify multiple mineral phases within a single thin section. This is based on a finite mixture 58 model approach, which proves very effective in removing mixed pixels that will only introduce 59 noise into the segmentation. We provide an example using the mineral phase plagioclase. Using two contemporaneous samples from an eruptive unit on the island of St. Kitts we show that a volcanic 60 61 bomb (~10cm) and scoria (~2cm) have similar rim compositions but distinctly different core 62 compositions. Our methodology will enable a statistical characterization of 2D complexity of crystals in a variety of different geo-scientific disciplines. This will allow the genesis of different 63 64 mineral phases to be characterised and directly compared.

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anorthite

68 **1. Introduction**

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70 Mineral composition is intrinsically linked to the environment in which it precipitated. Hence, when 71 a mineral phase experiences different physical and chemical conditions during its growth, this 72 manifests as chemical zoning. Chemical zoning in individual crystals can be imaged using electron 73 spectroscopy by measuring, for example, variability in atomic density (e.g., backscatter electron; 74 Ginibre et al., 2002) or luminescence (e.g., cathodoluminescence - CL; Hanchar & Miller, 1993; Watt 75 et al., 1997; Lee et al., 2005). Changes in chemical composition can be related to micro-scale 76 variability (e.g., boundary effects; Singer et al., 1995) or macro-scale variability due to changes in 77 the larger state of the geological system (e.g., variation in intensive parameters; Ginibre et al., 78 2007). Hence, identifying and quantifying chemical zonation is an important tool to understand 79 both micro- and macro-scale geological processes.

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81 By visually inspecting crystal zoning throughout a geological sample, individual crystals can be 82 targeted for quantitative analysis to help interpret the causal processes and their associated timescales. Measurements are commonly performed using transects from rim to core of a crystal, 83 84 spanning the temporal history of its growth. Transects can be compared between crystals (Wallace & Bergantz, 2002), but this can be complicated by stretching of rim to core profiles due to sample 85 86 cut effects (Cheng et al., 2017; Probst et al., 2018). Quantified crystals can be used as exemplars for 87 groups of subjectively similar crystals, which is informed by the relative pattern of growth and the 88 number of chemical zones present. Additionally, for particular mineral phases it can be possible to 89 quantitatively calibrate BSE or CL images (e.g., Ginibre et al., 2002), providing the analytical 90 conditions remain consistent and stable, and thus compare 2D variation within a thin section 91 (Humphreys et al., 2013; Cheng et al., 2017).

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Geochemical maps offer an opportunity to quantitatively compare crystal populations. However, no 93 94 systematic approach exists to quantitatively correlate zoned crystals, resulting in uncertainty in the 95 variability and statistical significance of different zoning patterns. The aim of the methodology presented here, is to resolve this issue by developing a semi-autonomous routine to analyse 96 97 chemical maps and correlate crystal zonation. Our approach is designed around principles used in image segmentation and the concept of superpixels, which are defined as spatially constrained 98 99 regions of pixels that have a similar composition (Achanta et al., 2012; Zhou, 2015). This approach 100 is suited to mineral phases, which grow radially and so exhibit spatially constrained chemical 101 zoning. Groups of superpixels are clustered together based on their average composition, such that the zoning patterns do not necessarily replicate the pixel scale variability in chemical composition.
The summary of 2D zonation is simplified in comparison to other methods that directly cluster the
raw pixel data, and is thus more akin to the textural average that would be subjectively identified
by eye (e.g., table 1 in Viccaro et al, 2010).

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107 Our approach allows more robust quantitative comparison of the pattern and variability crystal 108 zonation. For the correlation of segmented zones to be reliable, it is important that noisy data are 109 removed a priori. One example of noisy data are so-called 'mixed pixels', which could be pixels that 110 cross the boundary of two different mineral phases, or could be within a single crystal that contains cracks or smaller mineral or melt inclusions. Computational mineral grain separation is a well-111 112 established field, with many different approaches employed, including database querying (Gottlieb et al., 2000), multivariate regression (Willis et al., 2017), multivariate clustering (Wilson & MacRae, 113 2005; Lanari et al., 2014), and image segmentation methods using as superpixels (Maitre et al., 114 2019). However, the issue of mixed pixels is commonly approached in post-processing of the 115 results (Lanari et al., 2019; Maitre et al., 2019), rather than integrated within the mineral 116 117 separation algorithm. Instead, we have designed a new approach that accurately separates 118 components of a thin section, of which mixed pixels represent one component. This approach is 119 computationally slower (i.e. minutes vs seconds) than more traditional methods, but the results are 120 more accurate with a focus on removing noisy pixels.

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Magmatic minerals crystallised in igneous systems commonly exhibit zoning patterns that are 122 related to changes in the state of the host magma (Bachmann & Dungan, 2002; Zellmer et al., 2003; 123 Costa & Chakraborty, 2004; Humphreys et al., 2006; Pietranik et al., 2006; Ginibre et al., 2007; 124 Shcherbakov et al., 2011; Druit et al., 2012; Cashman & Blundy, 2013; Ubide et al., 2015; Bennett et 125 126 al., 2019; Cao et al., 2019; Weber et al., 2019; Higgins et al., 2021). This is particularly the case in volcanic samples, which can experience multiple different magmatic states during their dynamic 127 128 journey to the surface. Interpreting these zoning patterns provides an insight into the magmatic processes that occur prior to an eruption. We present our method using thin sections of two 129 volcanic samples collected from the island of St. Kitts in the Eastern Caribbean (Fig. 1a). We 130 analyse two contemporaneous samples that represent the same volcanic unit, formed during an 131 explosive basaltic eruption. However, one is a volcanic bomb with a long axis length of ~ 10 cm 132 (SK394C; Fig. 1c), whereas the other is a smaller scoriaceous deposit with a long axis of ~2cm 133 134 (SK394A; **Fig. 1b**). Plagioclase and orthopyroxene phenocrysts are present in both samples, with 135 oxide phases commonly in contact with the orthopyroxene. Amphibole phenocrysts are also present in SK394A. Vesicularity exists in both samples, although vesicles are much larger in thevolcanic bomb (SK394C) in comparison to the scoria (SK394A).

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139 For each sample we prepared a thin section and measured a 1cm x 1cm map at a resolution of 20µm using a five-channel WDS detector in a IEOL IXA-8530F Electron Microprobe at the 140 141 University of Lausanne. The operating conditions were as follows: an accelerating voltage of 15 142 keV, a beam current of 15 nA, a dwell time of 150 ms, and a beam diameter of 5µm. Our analyses focused on the mineral plagioclase, which exhibits distinct zoning in both samples. Quantitative 143 144 analyses were made using transects in individual plagioclase crystals in SK394A, whose chemistry spanned the full variability observed. The operating conditions were as follows: an accelerating 145 voltage of 15 keV, a beam current of 15 nA, a dwell time of 150 ms, and a beam diameter of 5µm. A 146 variety of standards were used to quantify the major chemical components of plagioclase 147 (orthoclase [Si⁴⁺, K⁺], and alusite [Al³⁺], albite [Na⁺], and wollastonite [Ca²⁺]). In both samples the 148 149 chemical variability of the plagioclase is dominantly controlled by the relative composition of the Ca²⁺ (anorthite) and Na⁺ (albite) end members (**Supplementary Fig. 1**). Consequently, in our 150 151 analysis we use the counts of these two elements to segment and cluster textural features.

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154 **2. Proposed method**

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The methodology outlined in this manuscript has been developed to segment individual crystals and correlate zonation across many crystals in multiple thin-sections. Our approach is based on the following three fundamental steps:

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- 160 1) Classification of the phenocrysts that are to be studied;
- 161 2) Segmentation of textural [spatial-chemical] zones in individual crystals;
- 162 3) Correlation of all segmented zones using a geochemical distance metric.
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The data required for the first two steps is the raw intensity (integer counts) for the chemical elements of interest. For example, elemental maps of intensity can be measured by wavelengthdispersive spectroscopy (WDS) or energy-dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDS) using an Electron microprobe (EMPA) or a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM). Alternatively, a measure of intensity that varies systematically with specific chemical elements could be used (e.g. backscatter electrons and anorthite in plagioclase; <u>Ginibre et al., 2002</u>). For the third step, if the analytical conditions do not vary between samples the measure of intensity can be directly compared. However, when samples are not mapped using identical analytical conditions, this step will require quantitative standardisation (e.g., converting intensity to wt. %) using a calibration curve for each sample, for the chemical elements of interest. This ensures different samples are directly comparable and enables quality assurance to be performed on the results. Alternatively, if a complete phase map has been already calibrated for each sample (e.g., XMapTools; Lanari et al., 2014, 2019), this could be used to segment and correlate zonation.

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178 <u>2.1 Classification</u>

We first classify the different mineral phases that are present in the sample, using a two-179 dimensional finite Gaussian mixture model. This approach has the advantage that it excels at 180 identifying mixed pixels (see discussion). It is based on the principle that for different minerals, 181 elements that are present as network-modifying cations (e.g., Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺, K⁺) occur in different 182 proportions with respect to elements that are present as network-forming cations (e.g., Si⁴⁺, Al³⁺). 183 Hence, by transforming the raw data according to the following two equations (Eq. 1-2), we end up 184 with a series of two-dimensional Gaussian distributions that characterises each of the mineral 185 186 phases present. Depending on the combination network-modifying cations (NMC) and network-187 forming cations (NFC) that are chosen, the E-M algorithm will separate mineral phases into different latent classes (i.e. clusters). To classify the chemical data into a series of latent classes we 188 use the *Flexmix* package in R (Leisch, 2004), which uses an expectation-maximisation algorithm to 189 190 implement the discrete mixture model.

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 $192 \quad X = 2 \cdot NFC + 1 \cdot NMC \tag{1}$

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 $194 \quad Y = 1 \cdot NFC + 2 \cdot NMC \tag{2}$

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196 Multiple minerals may belong to the same latent class. This may happen because two phases have 197 similar amounts of both the NMC and NFC (e.g., Al and Ca in orthopyroxene and oxides in Fig. 2a-c). Alternatively, if two minerals share similar covariance matrices (i.e. two elements vary in similar 198 199 proportions in multiple minerals) they may also be allocated to the same latent class (e.g., 200 amphibole and plagioclase in **Fig. 2a-c**). In this case, the two minerals are allocated to the same latent class because the EM algorithm has converged to a local maximum. If the EM algorithm had 201 202 converged to the global maximum it would separate amphibole and plagioclase in Fig. 2b. The 203 density of points belonging to these two phases is clearly distinguishable. However, because the samples contain mostly matrix (Fig. 1b-c), the majority of pixels contain multiple mineral phases
and so convergence to a global maximum is difficult.

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207 To overcome the issues of multiple phases belonging to the same latent class, we run the EM algorithm for different combinations of NMC and NFC. The choice of elements should be informed 208 209 by an understanding of the sample that is being analysed (e.g., predominance of mafic vs. felsic 210 phases). For each combination of elements we search for the same number of latent class components, although the EM algorithm may converge to a smaller (and thus different) number of 211 212 clusters. The number of latent class components is informed by optical microscopy and analysis of the elemental maps and should be equal to or larger than the number of individual mineral phases 213 214 that can be observed (including matrix and vesicles/epoxy).

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By running the EM algorithm for different combinations of NMC and NFC, we overcome the 216 problem of local convergence. For example, whilst Al-Ca cannot distinguish between orthopyroxene 217 and oxides (Fig. 2a-c), because Si is found in orthopyroxene but not oxides, Si-Ca does distinguish 218 these two phases (**Fig. 2d-f**). Furthermore, whilst Al-Ca cannot distinguish between plagioclase and 219 220 amphibole (Fig. 2a-c), it is possible with Si-Ca (Fig. 2d-f). This is because in plagioclase Al and Ca 221 have positive correlation, whereas Si and Ca have negative correlation (Supplementary Fig. 1). 222 Thus, for Si and Ca the covariance matrix for transformed parameters is significantly different for 223 plagioclase and amphibol.

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Using just three elements (Si-Ca & Al-Ca) we can therefore distinguish all five discrete components 225 in SK394A by assessing the pairwise combinations of clusters that exist (Table 1). Nonetheless, by 226 using just three elements we are unable to distinguish all mixed pixels. For example, the plagioclase 227 228 phenocryst at the bottom left of sample SK394A contains many mixed pixels due to the presence of both cracks and melt inclusions (Fig. 1b). Using only Si-Ca and Al-Ca, however, these cracks and 229 230 voids are composed of a mixture of components whose composition is most similar to amphibole. 231 To resolve this we increase the number of possible NMC-NFC combinations. Resultantly, the 232 number of unique combinations of NMC-NFC clusters increases (Table 2; Supplementary Fig. 2).

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To assess which unique combinations represent phenocryst phases we identify those that have at least one pixel that is entirely surrounded by pixels of the same unique combination. The assumption here is that in a 3x3 grid, if all pixels have the same unique combination of clusters the central pixel cannot be a mixed pixel [*central pixel assumption*]. As we increase the number of

238 possible combinations of NMC and NFC, mixed pixels will be distinguished from phenocryst pixels and less likely to satisfy the central pixel assumption. Thus, the results are more likely to converge 239 to the true solution and mixed pixels will be removed. Care must be taken, however, when using 240 241 elements that are in low concentrations in all components, and close to the instrumental detection limit (e.g. Ti, Cr, Mn). Such elements will likely introduce noise into the phenocryst phases and so 242 243 the results will not converge to the true solution (Supplementary Fig. 3). There is a computational 244 cost to the increased number of NMC-NFC combinations. For a single map (500 x 500 pixels) the phase classification algorithm took 154.4 seconds to process the 11 combinations in **Table 2**, using 245 246 a 4GHz i7 processor with 16GB RAM.

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In some cases the finite mixture model will not converge for particular combinations of elements 248 (Supplementary Table 1). In these scenarios care must be taken when choosing the final 249 combinations of elements classify phases. If the finite mixture models are not converging, it is 250 251 possible to change the parameters of the flexmix model. For example, increasing the number of iterations the EM algorithm can run for, or running the EM algorithm repetitively for either 252 different numbers of latent class components (Leisch, 2004). Such an approach could possibly help 253 254 the finite mixture model convergence to a global maximum, in examples where not all phases have been properly classified (Fig. 2b). Such changes, however, would require manual editing of our 255 256 code.

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258 In our example we use 11 combinations of elements to classify the mineral phases in our thin sections (Table 2; Supplementary Fig. 2). After we perform the central pixel assumption we are 259 left with 8 groups, of which 3 groups represent mixed pixels, which we classify as matrix 260 (Supplementary Fig. 4). SEM imaging of the matrix reveals microcrystals of clinopyroxene (Cpx), 261 262 which is not present as a phenocryst phase. Thus, it is possible that small clinopyroxene crystals are creating a chemically discrete group within the matrix and dominate one of the 3 groups of mixed 263 pixels. To generate maps such as in **Figure 1**, it is up to the user to allocate each of these unique 264 265 clusters to a mineral phase, matrix, or vesicles, based on optical microscopy and the maps of raw element counts. It is possible for one mineral phase to be represented by two groups, especially 266 when the data is clearly separated into multiple discrete solid solution members (e.g., albite and 267 anorthite in plagioclase). The final phase maps are presented in **Figure 1** for SK394A and SK394C. 268

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270 <u>2.2 Segmentation</u>

Once individual crystals have been classified, we use a segmentation algorithm combining a simple linear iterative clustering (SLIC) algorithm and an affinity propagation (AP) clustering algorithm (Frey & Ducek, 2007; Achanta et al., 2012; Zhou, 2015). The SLIC algorithm was originally developed to perform image segmentation of optical images, where the composition of a pixel is represented in a colour space such as RGB or CIELAB. The principle of the SLIC method is to identify spatially constrained regions of multiple pixels that share similar characteristics. Each one of these regions is known as a superpixel.

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The segmentation algorithm is performed iteratively on each individual crystal, which is extracted as a polygon from the phase map. We choose plagioclase as it is present and abundant as phenocrysts in both samples, and exhibits clear chemical zonation. In this example, we take all crystals that have an area that is larger than 81 pixels (**Fig. 1b-c**). We choose this area as it is equivalent to a 3x3 grid of superpixels, where the centroids are initiated every 3 pixels (see explanation below). For each crystal we extract a rectangular matrix with pixels that belong to one of the following two masks:

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• Mask 1: Pixels that lie outside the boundary of the crystal or pixels that do not represent the mineral phase being analysed.

• Mask 2: Pixels that lie within the boundary of the crystal and represent the mineral phase 289

For all pixels within mask 2 we normalise the measured chemical intensities between zero and one.
For all other pixels belonging to mask 1 we set their value to -99 (Fig. 3).

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SLIC is an iterative algorithm where the centroid of each superpixel is updated repeatedly until convergence is achieved. In our case, the centroid is calculated as the median value of the spatial coordinates and chemical intensities of all pixels with the same superpixel label (l). As we are focusing on plagioclase, the chemical intensity is based on Ca and Na, which are the two major mobile cations present in our samples (**Supplementary Fig. 1**).

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To initiate the algorithm, centroids are positioned in a regularly spaced grid within the rectangular matrix (**Fig. 4a**). The spacing of the centroids is determined by the parameter *S*, which represents the numbers of pixels between each centroid. The user can choose the value of the parameter *S*, but the default value works well for crystals of different size and shape. The default value of *S* is calculated using the following equation:

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305 $S = 2^{log_{10}[nr \cdot nc]-1}$

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307 where *nr* is the width and *nc* is the height of the rectangular matrix in which the segmentation is 308 performed for the respective crystal. The value of S is rounded to the nearest integer, and the 309 minimum value it can be is 3.

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To ensure the algorithm converges and that superpixels are not seeded on noisy pixels, we move the centroids to the lowest average gradient position in all chemical intensities within a 3 by 3 grid (**Fig. 4b**). Furthermore, to aid segmentation of the crystal phase (pixels in mask 2), we force all pixels belonging to the mask 1 to have a value of -99. All initial centroids that lie on a boundary between pixels belonging to mask 2 and pixels belonging to mask 1 will therefore be forced to initiate within the crystal phase (e.g., i in **Fig. 4b**). Finally, we remove duplicate centroids, which will be more likely to occur in smaller crystals.

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Once the centroids have been initiated the algorithm is run iteratively. For each iteration, within a 1.5 $S \times 1.5S$ grid around each centroid, the algorithm calculates a spatial-chemical distance between each pixel and the respective centroid (**Eq. 4**), in which M is used to weight the relative importance of spatial proximity (**Eq. 5**) versus chemical similarity (**Eq. 6**), where *x* and *y* are the coordinates of the pixel, and *C* represents the concentration for all chosen elements. The user can choose the value of *M*, but the default value works well for crystals of different size and shape (**Eq. 7**) given that chemical intensities are normalised between 0 and 1.

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$$D = \sqrt{dc^2 + M^2 \cdot (ds/S)^2}$$
 (4)

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$$d_s = \sqrt{(C_k - C_i)^2}$$
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$$d_c = \sqrt{(x_k - x_i)^2 + (y_k - y_i)^2}$$
 (6)

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- 333 M = 2S/(nr + nc) (7)
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By using the finite mixture model approach to classify the different phases we are confident that this range represents the true chemical range of only the phase we are analysing (in our case plagioclase). The inclusion of additional noisy (i.e., mixed) pixels at this stage would reduce the efficacy of the segmentation. However, as a safeguard we describe below an additional step tofurther reduce the influence of noisy pixels on the results of the segmentation.

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For an individual pixel, when the value of D is smaller than the value in the previous iteration, its 341 label is updated to the index of the superpixel centroid around which the algorithm is currently 342 343 searching. The algorithm is iteratively repeated 10 times (Fig. 5a), which is long enough to enable 344 convergence in SLIC algorithms (Achanta et al., 2012). The user can modify the number of iterations. Finally two post-processing steps are performed. The first removes single pixels whose 345 346 label is not identical to at least one other adjacent pixel in either the X or Y dimensions. The second step combines duplicate labels that may have converged onto the same centroid. Each label is 347 represented by a single centroid (Fig. 5b), although it is possible for one superpixel to be split 348 349 across the image (Fig. 5c).

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Once an image has been segmented into superpixels the next step is to group similar superpixels together to segment the chemical map. The approach we use here is based on the SLICAP algorithm (Zhou, 2015), which uses an affinity propagation (AP) algorithm (Frey & Dueck, 2007). The advantage of the AP algorithm is that it does not require the user to specify the number of clusters. To perform this step we use the *APCluster* package in the R language (Bodenhofer et al., 2011).

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Using the AP algorithm, we compare the mean value for all chemical elements of each pairwise combination of superpixels (C_i , C_k) to calculate a negative similarity matrix using the following equation:

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$$s_{i,k} \sim \sum -(C_i - C_k)^2$$
 (8).

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363 This similarity matrix forms the basis for a series of transformations. Prior to these transformations, however, is the only semi-subjective step of the AP algorithm, which is to define 364 the values for the diagonal of the similarity matrix. Based on **Eq. 8**, the diagonal values will be zero, 365 which will encourage the AP algorithm to converge to the maximum number of clusters. To avoid 366 367 over-fitting the number of clusters, however, the diagonal values can be set to a value between the minimum of the non-infinite values in the similarity matrix and zero. In our methodology we set the 368 369 diagonal values of the similarity matrix to equal a percentile value of the distribution of non-infinite values. To reduce the influence of pixels that do not belong to the crystal (e.g., cracks) we set all 370 371 pixels in masks 1 to NA. We also remove from the similarity matrix superpixels that contain more than 90% pixels belonging to mask 1. This is to ensure that noisy pixels belonging to mask 2 (which will make up less than 10% of a superpixel) do not bias the AP algorithm. The prevalence of such superpixels (i.e., containing a few noisy pixels) will depend on how individual phases were classified. Using the finite mixture model presented above we see very few noisy superpixels in our results.

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The sensitivity of the results of the AP algorithm to the percentile value (*q*) will depend upon the aspect ratio and size of the crystal (**Supplementary Fig. 5**). Consequently, we estimate *q* using the following equation,

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382 $q = exp^{-q_1-q_2+q_3}$

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where *q1* is calculated as the ratio of the long and short axes of the ellipse,

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386 $q1 = X_{long}/X_{short}$ (10),

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388 *q2* is the area of the large phenocryst (A_{max}) relative to the area of the current phenocryst (A_n), 389

390 $q^2 = \ln(A_{max}/A_n)$ (11),

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and q3 is a constant that can be changed to set the maximum (q_{max}) value of q,

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$$q_3 = \ln(q_{max} + q_{1min} + q_{2min})$$
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where q1_{min} and q2_{min} both equal 1. In our example we set the value of *q3* to 1, such that the q_{max} equals 0.05. A final post-processing step is performed where each of the pixels is allocated to one of the clusters identified by the AP algorithm, and all pixels belonging to mask 1 are set to NA. Pixels belonging to superpixels that contain more than 90% pixels belonging to mask 1 are set to NA, but any individual pixels within this group that belong to mask 2 are attributed to the AP cluster value of neighbouring pixels. The result is a single segmented crystal that is texturally correct (**Fig. 6**), but not yet directly comparable to zonation in other samples and crystals.

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404 <u>2.3 Correlation</u>

Once all crystals have been through the segmentation process we compare the chemical composition of each segmented zone, using the elements that were used to segment the crystals. Rather than compare the average composition of each zone, we have decided to compare both the absolute value and variability of the chemistry in each zone. To do this we compare the mean distance (d_{mean}) in the cumulative probability distribution for a single chemical parameter (**Fig. 7**). This allows us to compare the shape of the distribution, as well as the absolute values.

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When using multiple elements there are two approaches: (1) calculate d_{mean} for each element separately and then calculate the average d_{mean} for all elements; or (2) convert the data into a single chemical parameter (e.g. ratio) and calculate a single mean distance. Given we have focused on solid solution zonation in plagioclase between albite (Na) and anorthite (Ca), it is reasonable to calculate d_{mean} for the ratio of these two end members.

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As we stated earlier, for samples measured using the same analytical conditions the user may directly compare the raw elemental intensities. Otherwise the intensities will need to be standardised to a quantified unit such as weight percent (wt. %) or atoms per formula unit (apfu). To quantify an elemental map a series of standardised analytical points need to be measured. Ideally, these analyses should be made during the same analytical session in which the elemental map was measured. This would ensure that the reference frame of the elemental map and analytical points is identical, and will make calibration easier (e.g., Lanari et al., 2014).

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To correlate the segmented zones in our example we calibrate Ca and Na counts in each sample for their respective atoms per formula unit (apfu) (**Supplementary Fig. 6; Supplementary Table 2**), which we in turn use to calculate the approximate anorthite content of the plagioclase in mol. % using the following equation,

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$$An = 100 \cdot \left(\frac{Ca^{2+}}{Ca^{2+} + Na^{2+}}\right)$$
 (13).

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We compare the cumulative probability distribution of anorthite for each zone, across the complete
range of anorthite present in the two samples, and calculate d_{mean}. We plot the results as a distance
matrix, and using hierarchical clustering we identify groups of geochemically similar zones (Fig. 78). We define these as zoning groups, which are correlated across crystals and samples, and which
form the chemical building blocks of each crystal.

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440 **3. Results & Discussion**

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The segmentation algorithm splits each phenocryst into a number of different zoning groups based on the anorthite composition of each crystal. In sample SK394A we analysed 29 phenocrysts, in which we identified 1-3 distinct zoning groups per crystal (**Fig. 9a**). In sample SK394C we analysed 28 phenocrysts, in which we identified 1-3 distinct zoning groups per crystal (**Fig. 9b**). Across both samples we identified 90 (48 + 42) distinct zones in total, which correspond with anorthite composition (**Fig. 9c,d**).

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449 A key aspect of correlating crystal zones for the proposed method is the distance matrix (Fig. 7), 450 which allows quantitative comparison of zoning chemistry between samples. The number of final zoning groups can be guided by a qualitative analysis of the distance matrix (Fig. 7c), where 451 pairwise combinations of zones are combined so that they have similar [low] values of d_{mean}. The 452 453 number of zoning groups can also be informed by scoring metrics such as the c-index (Fig. 7b; 454 Hubert & Schultz, 1976). The c-index is a relatively simple scoring metric that compares the within-455 cluster pairwise distances and the within-sample pairwise distances. As the value of the c-index 456 decreases, the number of zoning groups is defined as better describing the data. As you can see in 457 Figure 7b, this would suggest that the best number of groups is 25. This is clearly an over-fitting of the data and is a result of the hierarchical structure of the clustering algorithm. Whenever using a 458 459 scoring metric such as this it is important to interpret the structure of the results, not only the absolute value of the metric. Hence, we base our assessment of the number of groups on identifying 460 461 the first major plateau in the c-index score.

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463 Choosing six zoning groups ensures that crystals that are segmented into two zones or more (Fig. 464 9a-b) also contain two or more zoning groups (Fig. 8a-b). Alternatively, we could choose five 465 zoning groups instead of six, which will result in some crystals segmented into two or more zones 466 containing only a single zoning group (Supplementary Fig. 7). Based on the distance matrix 467 plotted in Figure 7c, this would mean that the red and yellow zoning groups would be combined. 468 At this stage we can observe the success of the segmentation and correlation algorithms, as 469 fragments belonging to the same crystal are attributed to identical zoning groups.

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471 Irrespective of whether we choose five or six zoning groups, the chemical data can be interpreted in472 a very similar way. All zoned crystals exhibit a rim composition represented by the yellow or red

473 zoning group (Fig. 8a-b). The presence of this common rim in both samples supports the 474 observation that they are contemporaneous and erupted in the same magma. Of these zoned 475 crystals, the majority in both samples are normally zoned, although a few crystals are also reversely 476 zoned. Most core compositions belong to light blue zoning group, which is present in both samples and represents the majority of normally zoned crystals (**Fig. 8a-b**). A second pink zoning group, is 477 478 also present in both samples (Fig. 8a-b). It has the lowest An# compositional range (Fig. 8c) and is 479 most common as a core, in what are therefore reversely zoned crystals. A third green zoning group 480 represents cores that are only present in the scoriacious sample (Fig. 8a). This group of cores has a 481 distinctly high An# compositional range (Fig. 8c), indicating crystals that are sourced from a deeper, hotter and more volatile-rich portion of the magmatic system (Sisson & Grove, 1993; 482 483 Melekhova et al., 2017). Finally, a dark blue zoning group that mantles one of these high-An cores in SK394A, is also present in one fragmented crystal in SK394C that displays patchy zonation. 484

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486 The maximum number of zones identified within an individual crystal will depend on two main factors: (i) the spatial resolution of the chemical map versus the sizes of crystals; and (ii) the 487 average size of superpixels, which will be a function of the parameter S. The choice of analytical 488 489 conditions will be determined by the research question that is being investigated. However, given that the minimum value of S can be 3, we suggest that the optimum resolution be set at 490 491 approximately 1/3 of the smallest feature targeted for segmentation. At these highest resolutions, 492 the image will likely be segmented into more superpixels than necessary. However, whilst this may 493 be computationally inefficient, it will not lead to over-segmentation, which will be limited by both 494 the affinity propagation and hierarchical clustering that follows. For example, if we considered the results in **Figure 9a-b** to be over-segmented, by choosing only five instead of six zoning groups, the 495 complexity in the segmentation is reduced in the finally correlated crystals (Supplementary 496 497 **Figure 7**). Finally, the affinity propagation can be optimised by the parameter *q3* (Eq. 12) to alter the complexity of the zoning that is segmented. 498

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To this point we have focussed solely on the spatial resolution and its influence on the segmentation results. The chemical resolution, however, will also influence the efficacy of both the phase classification and segmentation. Again, the chemical resolution that is required will be influenced by the mineral phases and the chemistry (e.g., major vs trace) of the zoning that is of interest. Ultimately, a judgement will be required between spatial resolution, chemical resolution and mapping extent. For example, as we were interested in mapping a large area (1 cm^2) with medium resolution (20µm) we decided that the WDS detector on an EPMA would provide the 507 optimum chemical resolution for classification and segmentation. However, the development of 508 more sensitive silicon drift detectors will facilitate higher precision chemical mapping at larger 509 spatial extent and higher spatial resolutions using both x-ray spectrometry and electron 510 spectroscopy.

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512 In porphyritic rocks, such as the samples presented in this manuscript, the matrix can represent a 513 large proportion of the total mapped area. Consequently, unless the spatial resolution of the imaging method is extremely high (\sim a few µm) the resulting image will be dominated by a mixed 514 515 signal. We can observe the effect of this by comparing the results of our new approach for classifying mineral phenocryst phases with both unsupervised and supervised k-means clustering. 516 517 The results show our proposed method is most compatible with what we observe under a 518 petrographic microscope, including the distribution and abundance of cracks and inclusions and 519 crystal shape.

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521 K-means clustering is an iterative algorithm that separates data into distinct clusters, by classifying 522 each multivariate data point to the cluster that has the nearest mean value. In the unsupervised 523 approach only the number of cluster centres is chosen, whereas in the supervised approach the 524 value of each centre is initiated prior to running the algorithm. In our case, we choose six clusters, which equates to the number of distinct components in SK394A, including mixed pixels and vesicles 525 (Fig. 1b). In the supervised approach, we define the centre based on the mean average of all points 526 527 belonging to each distinct component in **Figure 1b**. We run both versions of the algorithm for the five elements used in the finite mixture model (Table 2; Fig. 10), although the results are similar 528 when we use all 10 oxides that were measured using the WDS detector during the analytical 529 530 session (Supplementary Fig. 8).

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532 The first impact of the porphyritic nature of the samples can be seen in both k-means approaches 533 (Fig. 10a-b), in which amphibole has not been distinguished from orthopyroxene, even in the 534 supervised approach. This is because these two phases are more similar in composition than 535 variability within the mixed pixels, especially given that the matrix contains clinopyroxene, which is not present as a phenocryst. Consequently, discrete components identified within mixed pixels and 536 537 amphibole-orthopyroxene becomes a single cluster. A similar effect can also be seen for oxides and vesicles, although this is resolved using the supervised algorithm. By simply attributing each pixel 538 539 to the closest centroid, and not running the k-means algorithm we can see that the results are more 540 similar to those in **Figure 1b**, with both amphibole-orthopyroxene and oxides-vesicles correctly separated (Fig. 10c). However, these centroids have been learnt a-priori using our finite mixture
model, and would not be available if only relying on a k-means/centroid-based approach.

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544 To the centre right of each image in **Figure 10** is the crystal in **Figures 3-6**, which has not been as efficiently classified compared to the finite mixture model. Large mineral inclusions are removed, 545 546 but cracks less than 20µm remain allocated as plagioclase, in both the unsupervised and supervised 547 approaches (Fig. 10a-b). Based on the centroid approach, these mixed features are better resolved (Fig. 10c). However, due to the similarity between the mixed-matrix composition (in which 548 549 plagioclase dominates) and the rims of many plagioclase phenocrysts, many crystals have only been partially classified as plagioclase. Hence, even if a centroid-based approach is able to classify each 550 551 of the mineral phases, it will not correctly remove all mixed pixels at the resolution of individual phenocryst. This will influence the efficacy of further analyses, such as the segmentation we have 552 553 proposed in this manuscript.

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556 **4. Conclusions**

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We have developed a method to optimally segment zoned phenocrysts, based on their chemical 558 559 composition, at a thin-section scale. This provides a robust approach to distinguish and correlate mineral zonation. We emphasise that the method is semi-autonomous: it requires an understanding 560 561 of the mineral phases that are present in a sample and the chemical variability that characterises them. The methodology is adaptable to different chemical elements and different spatial scales 562 depending upon the scientific question of interest. In this manuscript there has been a focus on 563 chemical maps, but the segmentation approach could also be calibrated for use with the results of 564 565 imaging techniques such a cathodoluminescence or backscatter electron.

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567 Our approach is based on a 3-step procedure: (i) the classification of mineral phases; (ii) 568 segmentation of intra-crystal zonation; and (iii) correlation of inter-crystal zonation. 569 Independently, the first classification step provides a method for the separation of mineral phases. 570 Additionally, the results of the second step will be useful for the quantification of crystal fracturing 571 and other physical parameters describing mineral textures (<u>Higgins et al., 2021</u>).

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573 The methodology has been applied to plagioclase phenocrysts in 1cm² thin section maps from two 574 contemporaneous samples. The results show all crystals share a common rim composition,

- 575 supporting the hypothesis that both samples were erupted in the same magma. A small number of
- 576 high-An# plagioclase cores are exclusively found in the scoriaceous sample, which could indicate a
- 577 possible role of magma origin on the fragmentation efficiency in the shallow conduit.
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579 The classification of mineral phases using a finite mixture model has wide application in many 580 different fields of geology and geoscience. It provides an effective way to deal with noisy data 581 associated with mixed pixels. By removing mixed pixels, down-stream analyses will be significantly 582 improved, such as the segmentation we propose in this manuscript. The segmentation of crystals 583 has wide application in a variety of mineral sciences, beyond igneous geochemistry and petrology. 584 This approach will allow the fingerprinting of individual crystals (e.g., <u>Higgins et al., 2021</u>) and in 585 the future we believe it will be possible to automatically sequence the temporal zoning within a

- 586 crystal.
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593 **Figure captions**:

- (a) Sample location on the island of St. Kitts; (b+c) Phase maps for samples SK394A and SK394C, classified using the finite mixture model approach developed in this manuscript. All white space is classified as vesicles.
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 2. Finite mixture model using the transformed parameters in Eq. 1-2 for (a-c) Al-Ca and (d-f)
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 51-Ca in SK394A. (a,d) The classification of the discrete components (colour) in Fig. 1b,
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 - 3. Example phenocryst in SK394A: (a) Raw counts of Ca measured using the EMPA, with the outline of the crystal in white according to the results of the finite mixture model; (b) the two masks used to run the segmentation algorithm; (c) normalised counts of Ca in Mask 2.
- 4. Superpixel centroids (a) at initial position and (b) moved to the lowest gradient position in a 3x3 grid. Pixels may move from their original position because (i) they were located in mask 1, but adjacent to a pixel in mask 2, to which it moves to; (ii) on the edge of the phenocryst and so moves to an interior position; or (iii) moves to a low-gradient position within the crystal.
- 5. Superpixels and their respective centroids after 10 iterations of the segmentation algorithm. 611 Each of the 80 superpixels is a slightly different colour according to the scale. (a) Locations 612 613 of superpixel centroids for all 10 iterations. Centroids with lower opacity represent previous locations from where the algorithm has converged. Centroids with a red outline represent a 614 final centroid location. (b) Each superpixel outlined in grey, and it's associated centroid. The 615 white box represents the area covered in panel c. (c) The red boxed outline represents a 616 617 single superpixel (number 16) that is spatially distributed. This will often occur with areas 618 that belong to mask 1, which can be found within and exterior to the crystal.

- 6. Phenocryst segmented into two zones based of the results of the affinity propagation
 algorithm. The superpixels are outlined in grey, and two exemplar pixels from the affinity
 propagation are outlined in red.
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 7. Correlation of segmented zones, based on (a) the anorthite distribution. The number of zoning groups is chosen manually based on the results of a hierarchical clustering algorithm, and is informed: by (b) quantitative scoring metrics such as the C-Index; and (c) by visually using a distance matrix. The colours to the right of the distance matrix correspond to zoning groups in Figure 8.
- 627 8. Correlation of segmented plagioclase in (a) SK394A and (b) SK394C. Across both samples,
 628 six zoning groups have been identified, based on (c) the anorthite composition of each zone.
 629 The colour of each of the zoning groups corresponds to that plotted next to the distance
 630 matrix in Figure 7.
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 9. Segmented zones in individual plagioclase, where the colour does not represent the correlation of chemistry. Phenocrysts have been split into a maximum of three zones in both (a) SK394A and (b) SK394C. (c-d) The calibrated anorthite composition of segmented plagioclase in both samples, using Eq. 13.
- 635 10. Classification of 6 discrete components in SK394A using the six elements in Table 2. The
 636 results are for: (a) an unsupervised k-means; (b) a supervised k-means; and (c) a
 637 minimisation of the Euclidean distance to the mean value of each discrete component
 638 identified in Figure 1a. The mean values used in panel (c) are used to initiate the supervised
 639 approach in panel (b).

641 **Tables**:

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Table 1: Unique cluster-combinations for the five discrete components in SK394A, using the results from the Al-Ca and Si-Ca discrete mixture models in Figure 3

Component	Index (Al-Ca)	Index (Si-Ca)	Combination
Plagioclase	1	1	1-1
Orthopyroxene	3	3	3-3
Amphibole	1	3	1-3
Oxides	3	2	3-2
Vesicles	2	2	2-2

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Table 2: Nine combinations of elements used to discretely cluster sample SK394A

_	Combination	No. of clusters identified	Cumulative combinations of clusters
_	Al-Ca	4	4
	Al-Fe	3	12
	Al-K	4	37
	Al-Mg	3	106
	Si-Al	4	277
	Si-Ca	5	582
	Si-Fe	3	747
	Si-K	6	1464
	Si-Mg	1	1464

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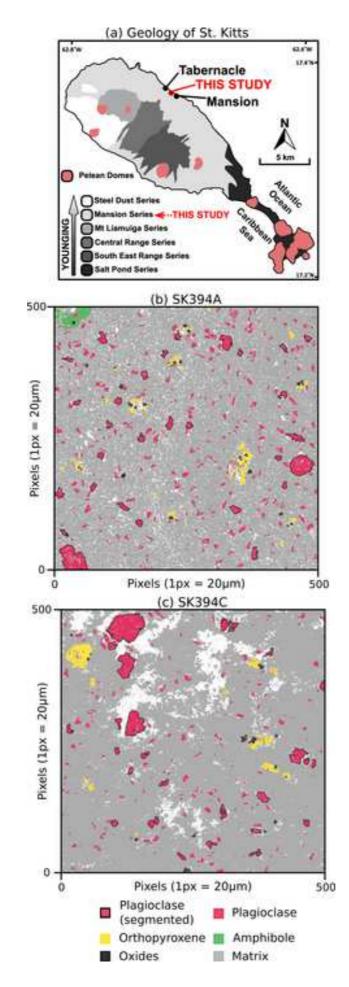
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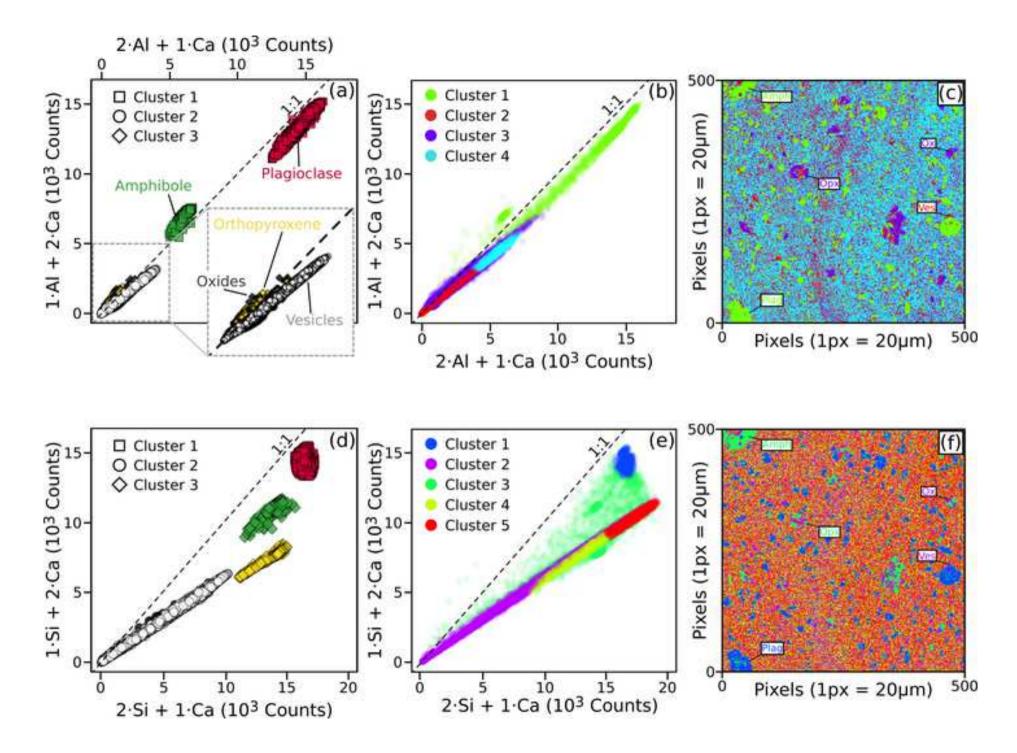
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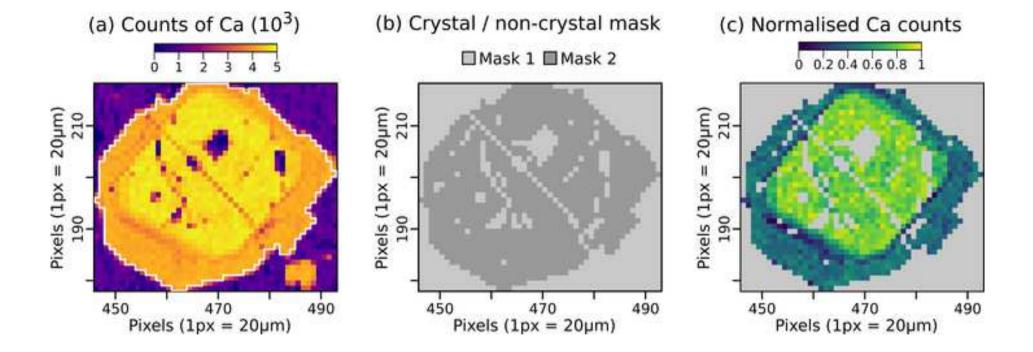
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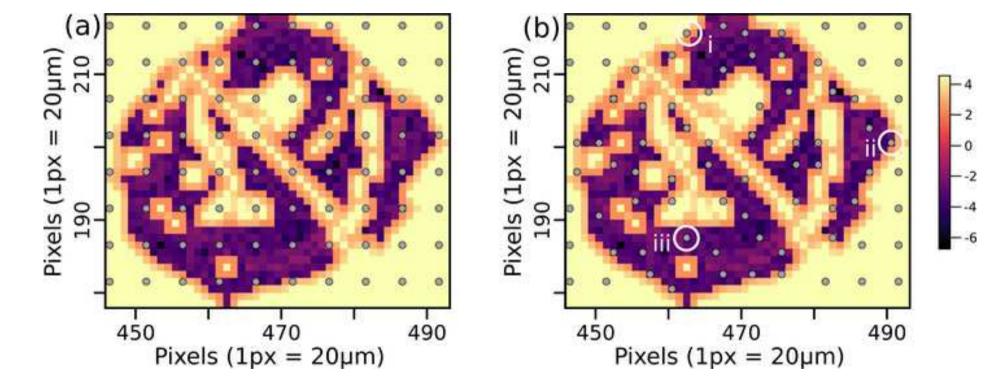
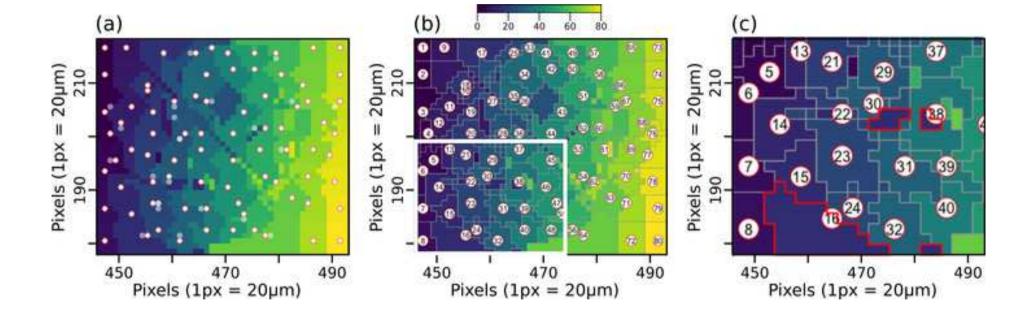
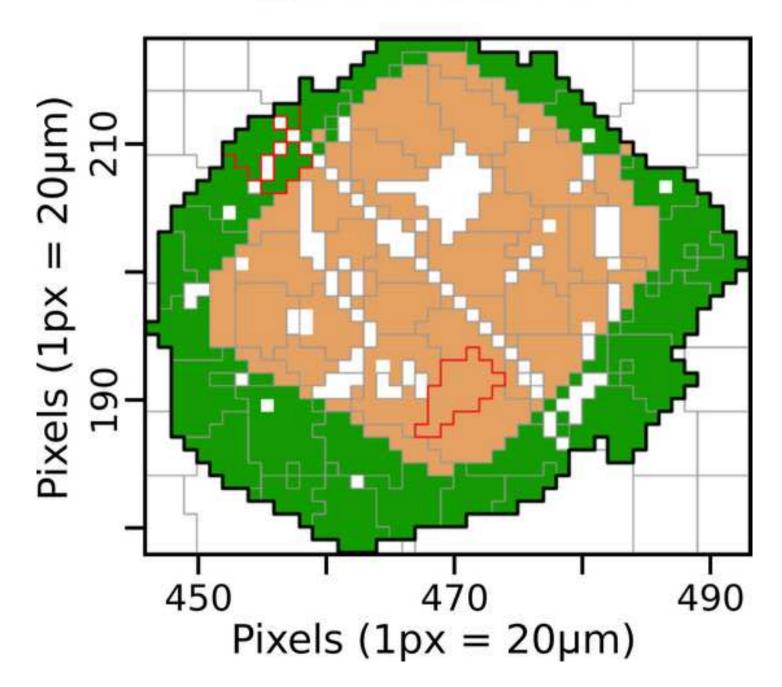
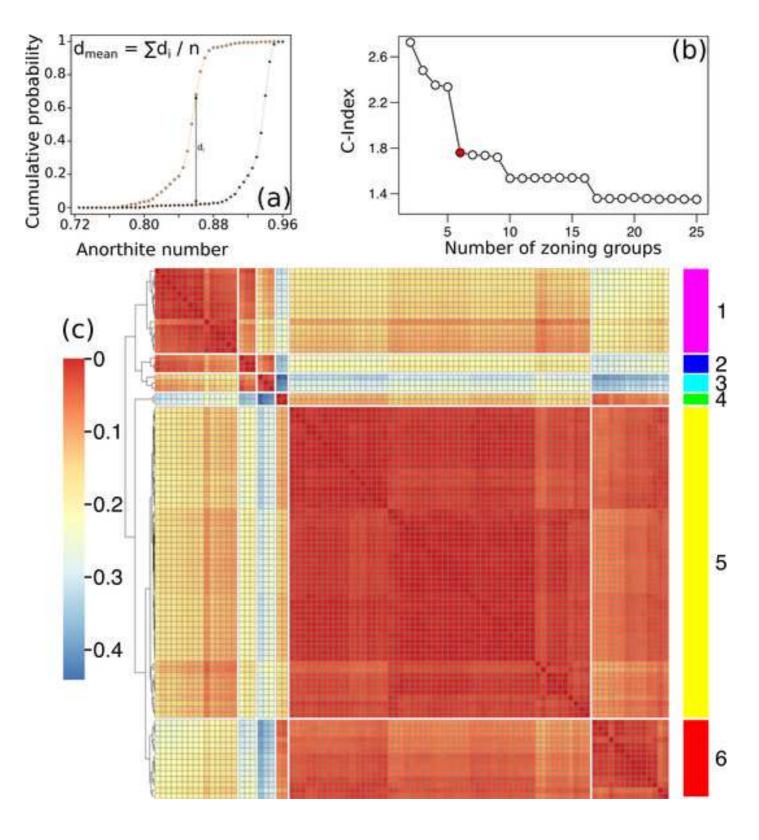


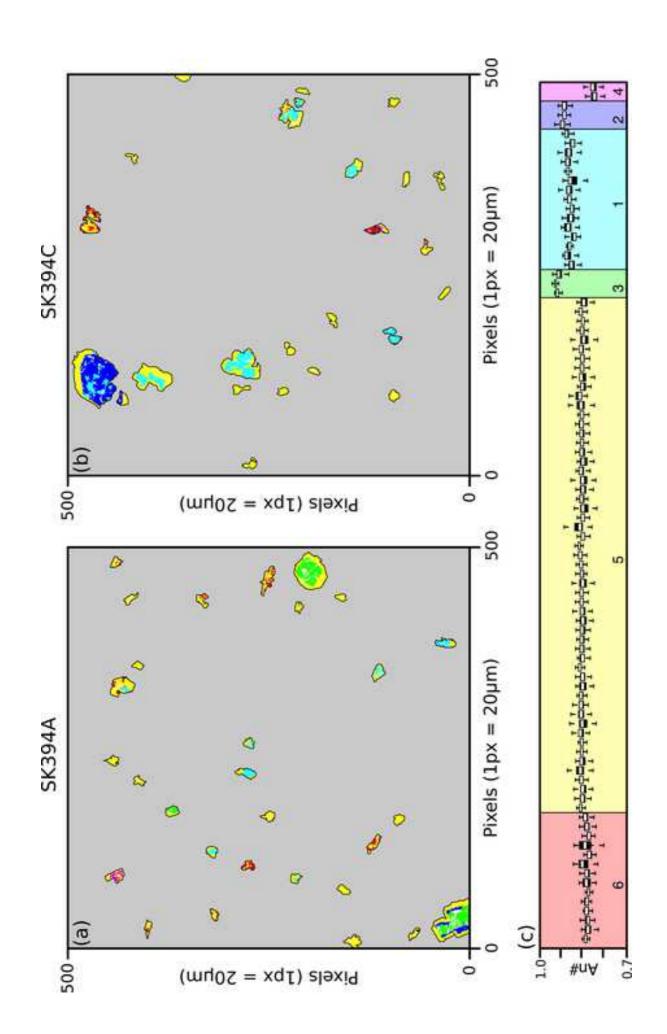
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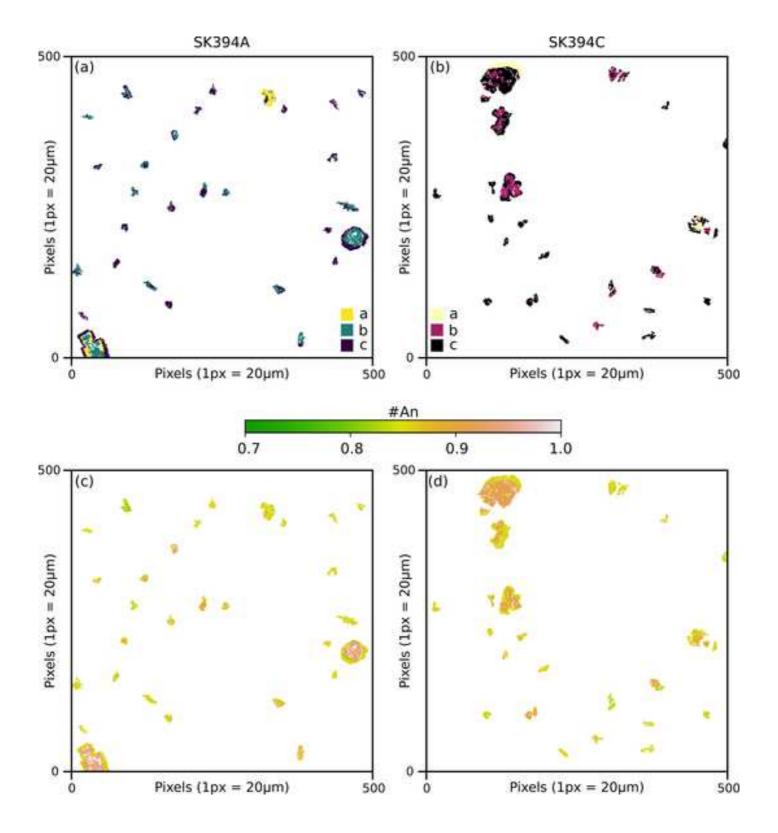
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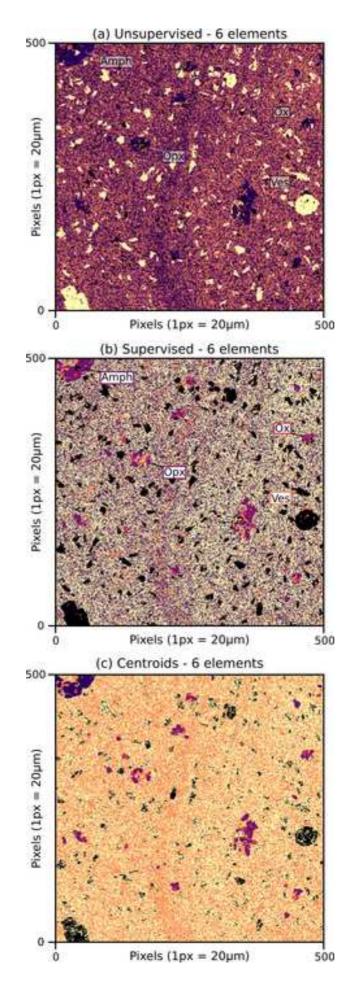












Supplementary Figures (PDF file)

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Fig. S1: Plagioclase systematics. Ternary diagram of the three plagioclase-feldspar endmembers (Albite, Orthoclase & Anorthite). Positive correlation of atoms per formula unit between Al & Ca. Negative correlation of atoms per formula unit between Al & Si.

Fig. S2: Results of the individual finite mixture models for all combinations of elements in Table 2.

Fig. S3: Finite mixture model classification for (a-b) Si-Cr, and (c-d) Al-Cr. Segmented plagioclase are outlined in dark grey. Phases are only identified when there is significant variability in the network forming cation. Cr has no influence on the results of the finite mixture model.**Fig. S4:** The eight final discrete components that satisfy the *central pixel assumption* in SK394A.

Fig. S5: Results of the affinity propagation for different percentile values (1/2th, 1/4th, 1/20th, 1/100th). You can see that for high percentile values the AP algorithm can segment the crystals into many zones, even over-fitting large crystals (e.g., i & ii). Higher percentile values can provide more information on crystal structure (e.g., iii – here the low Ca region in Figure 3 is identified), but may still over-segment noisy crystals (e.g., iv). Choosing too low values will reduce the number of potential zones, especially in larger crystals (e.g., v).

Fig. S6: Calibration of Si, Al, Ca, Na & K in plagioclase for the chemical maps. Outliers in red have been identified using the Cooks distance, and are not included in the calibration.

Fig. S7: Correlation of phenocryst zones when the results of the hierarchical clustering are split into five groups.

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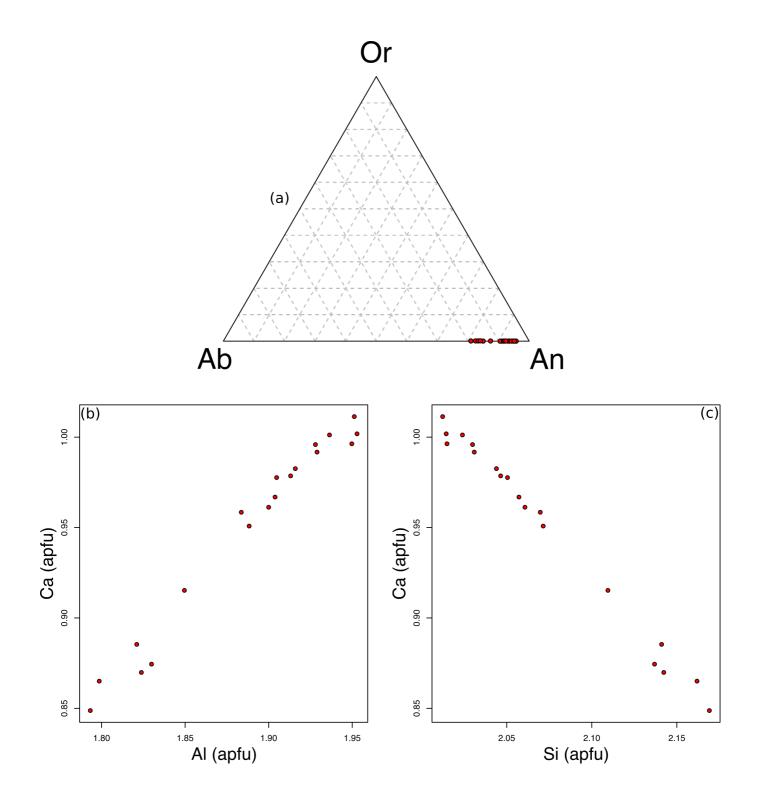


Fig. S1: Plagioclase systematics: (a) Ternary diagram of the three plagioclase-feldspar endmembers (Albite, Orthoclase & Anorthite); (b) Positive correlation of atoms per formula unit between Al & Ca; (c) Negative correlation of atoms per formula unit between Al & Si.

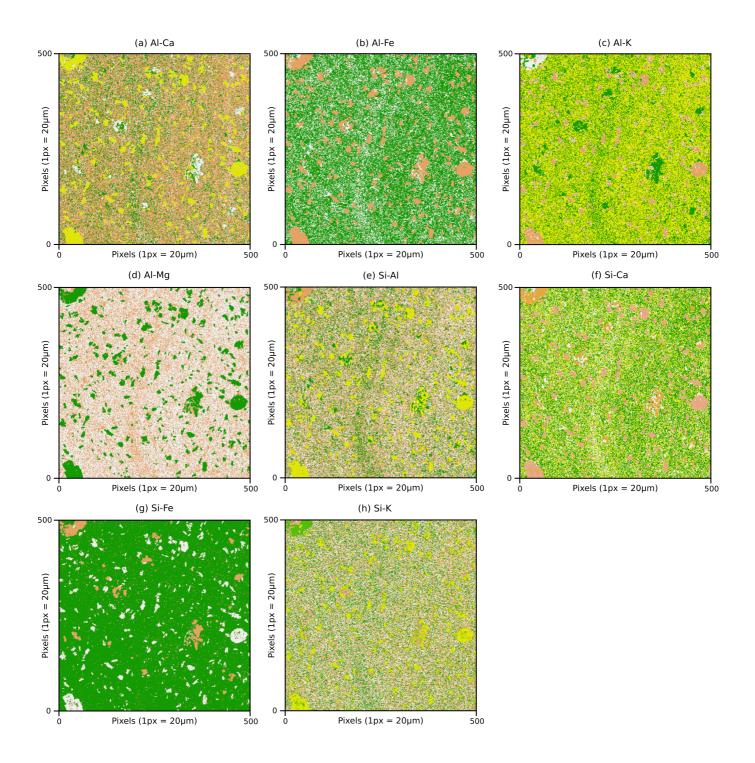


Fig. S2: Results of the individual finite mixture models for all combinations of elements in Table 2.

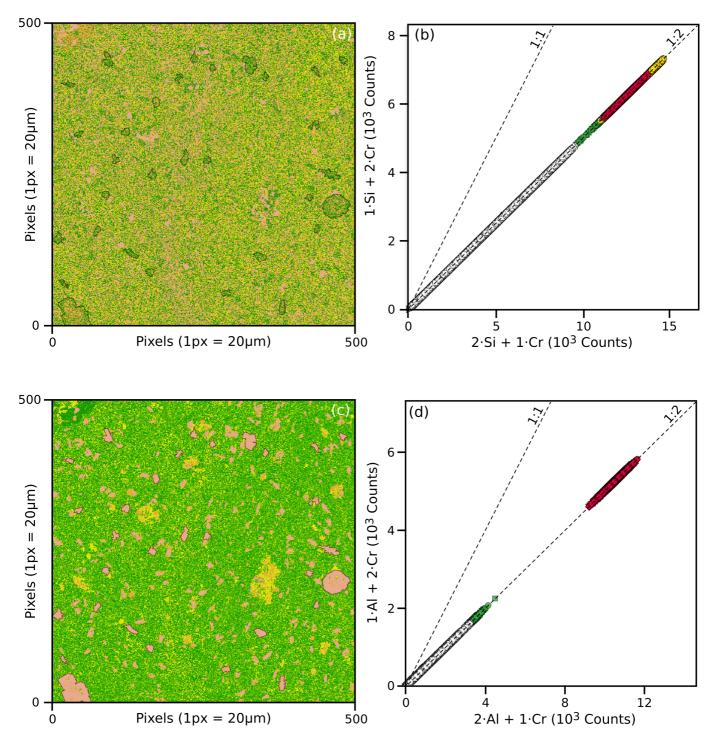


Fig. S3: Finite mixture model classification for (a-b) Si-Cr, and (c-d) Al-Cr. Segmented plagioclase are outlined in dark grey. Phases are only identified when there is significant variability in the network forming cation. Cr has no influence on the results of the finite mixture model.

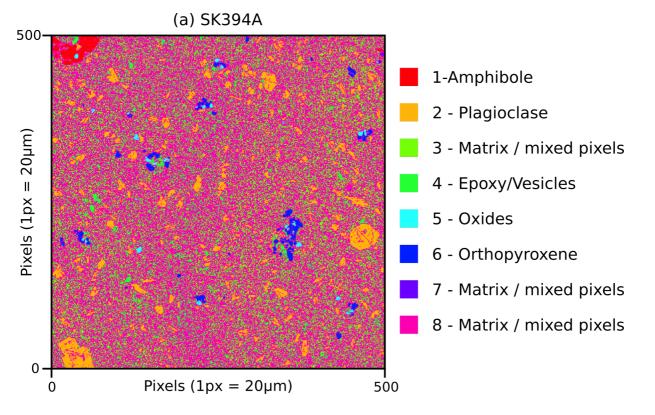


Fig. S4: The eight final discrete components that satisfy the *central pixel assumption* in SK394A.

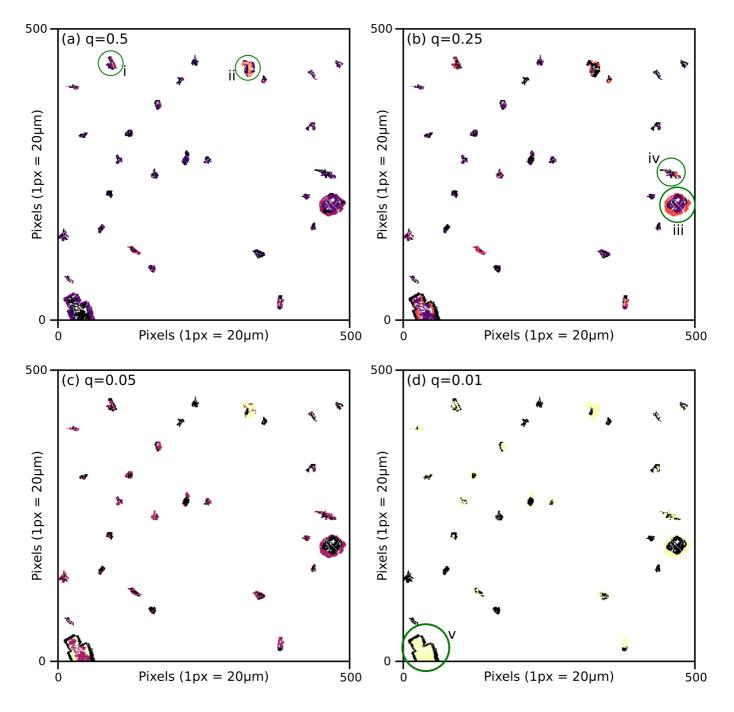


Fig. S5: Results of the affinity propagation for different percentile values (1/2th, 1/4th, 1/20th, 1/100th). You can see that for high percentile values the AP algorithm can segment the crystals into many zones, even over-fitting large crystals (e.g., i & ii). Higher percentile values can provide more information on crystal structure (e.g., iii – here the low Ca region in Figure 3 is identified), but may still over-segment noisy crystals (e.g., iv). Choosing too low values will reduce the number of potential zones, especially in larger crystals (e.g., v).

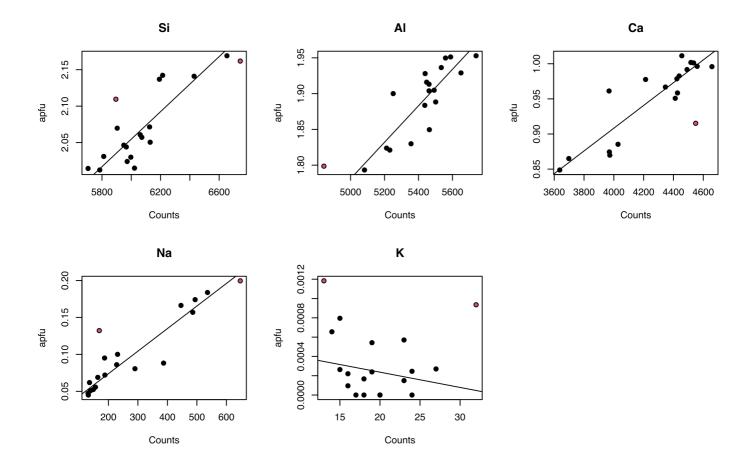


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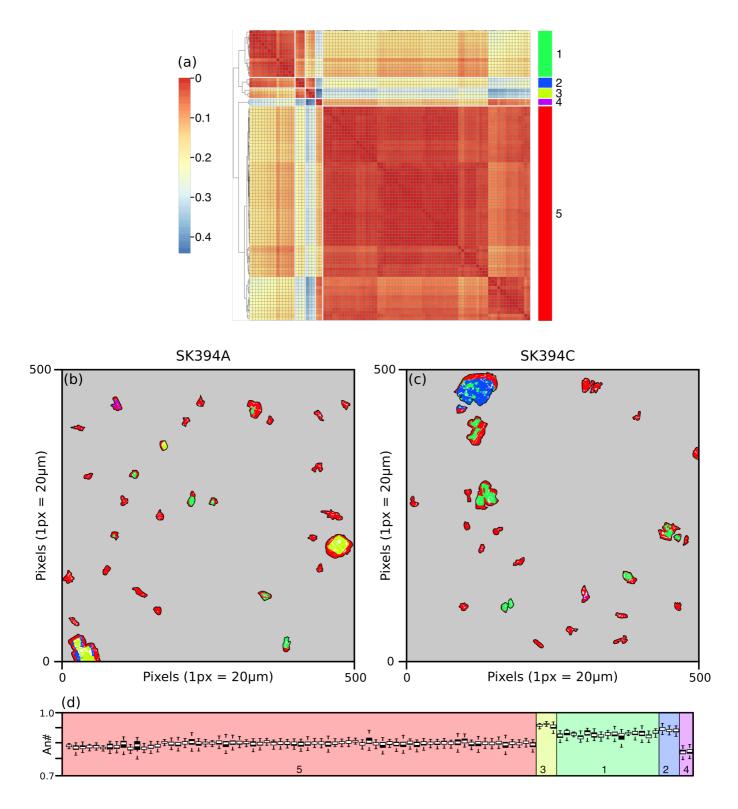


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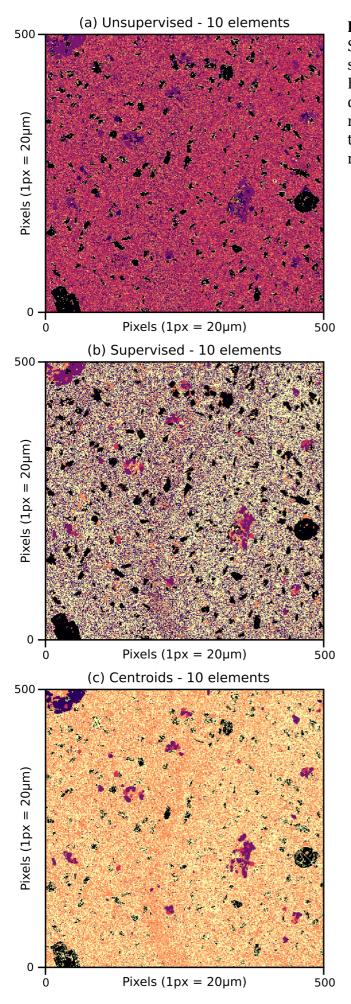


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Table S1: 1. Results of the finite mixture models for SK394A & SK394C,

including whether the finite mixture model converged and if the results were included in the final classification of the thin section.

		1		2		3	4		5		6		7		8		9
Elements1	Al	Al		Al		Al	Al		Si		Si		Si		Si		
Elements2	Ca	Fe		К		Mg	Si		Ca		Fe		К		M	3	
Converged	TRUE	Т	RUE		TRUE	TRUE		TRUE		TRUE		TRUE		TRUE		TRUE	
Included	TRUE	Т	RUE		TRUE	TRUE		TRUE		TRUE		TRUE		TRUE		TRUE	
Clusters		4		3		4	3		4		5		3		6		1
	1	4		5		4	5		4		J		5		0		T
		1		2		3	5 4		5		6		5 7		8		9
SK394C	AI	1 Al															9
SK394C Elements1	Al Ca	1		2		3	4		5		6		7		8		9
SK394C Elements1 Elements2		1 Al Fe	RUE	2 Al	TRUE	3 Al	4 Al	FALSE	5 Si	TRUE	6 Si	TRUE	7 Si	TRUE	8 Si	g TRUE	9
SK394C Elements1 Elements2 Converged Included	Ca	1 Al Fe T	RUE	2 Al	TRUE TRUE	3 Al Mg	4 Al	FALSE FALSE	5 Si		6 Si	TRUE TRUE	7 Si	TRUE TRUE	8 Si	-	9

				S	oot analyses -	Oxides (wt. 9	6)			
02		Al2O3	Na2O	MgO	К2О	MnO	CaO	TiO2	FeO	Cr2O3
	43.42	34.53	0.755	0.02	0.0045	0.0194	19.48	0.0186	0.4444	0
	43.2	34.81	0.611	0.0426	0.0044	0	19.78	0.0058	0.5318	0
	44.01	33.98	1.0429	0.0528	0.0041	0.0207	19.02	0.0297	0.5688	0
	44.26	34.23	1.1026	0.0326	0	0.0079	18.96	0.024	0.4815	0.0119
	46.3	32.68	2.03	0.0386	0.0157	0.014	17.29	0.0119	0.433	0
	46.05	33.26	1.93	0.0331	0.0134	0	17.45	0	0.4745	0.0286
	45.76	33.02	1.73	0.0223	0.0028	0.0152	17.66	0.0099	0.4959	0.0022
	43.99	34.41	0.971	0.0287	0.0025	0.0049	19.15	0.0074	0.5221	0
	43.09	35.44	0.5207	0.009	0.0037	0.0194	20	0	0.3545	0.018
	42.96	35.34	0.4953	0.0144	0.0016	0.0237	20.15	0.0064	0.31	. 0
	43.75	34.35	0.9439	0.0249	0	0.0177	19.19	0	0.4465	0
	46.58	32.67	2.21	0.0382	0.0096	0.0042	17.01	0.0228	0.4778	0
	45.85	33.31	1.84	0.0284	0.0199	0.0104	17.51	0.0225	0.4931	0
	45.17	33.6	1.46	0.0367	0.011	0.0049	18.29	0.0129	0.5466	0
	43.65	34.62	0.7922	0.0203	0	0	19.48	0.0056	0.5365	0
	43.25	34.85	0.6795	0.0219	0.004	0.0042	19.71	0	0.5152	0
	43.17	35.04	0.5776	0.0344	0	0.0092	19.93	0.0025	0.4158	0.013
	43.23	35.49	0.5624	0.0277	0	0.0319	19.95	0.0028	0.5251	0
	43.89	34.59	0.89	0.0218	0.0091	0.0362	19.53	0.0183	0.4986	0

 Table S2: Composition of plagioclase point analyses in SK394A

	Elem	ental maps (\	WDS) - Counts	(Total)						Spot ana	alyses - Ator
Si	Al	Са	Na	К		Si	Al	Na	Mg	К	
	5966	5448	4438	164	27		2.04396	1.91594	0.06891	0.00140	0.00027
	5997	5439	4658	156	15		2.02993	1.92798	0.05567	0.00298	0.00026
	5904	5437	4427	187	24		2.06974	1.88360	0.09510	0.00370	0.00025
	6125	5501	4412	231	17		2.07145	1.88831	0.10006	0.00227	0.00000
	6744	4843	3698	536	32		2.16186	1.79859	0.18379	0.00269	0.00094
	6214	5212	3973	494	15		2.14232	1.82381	0.17410	0.00229	0.00080
	6429	5231	4028	486	18		2.14106	1.82105	0.15695	0.00155	0.00017
	6061	5251	3968	387	23		2.06072	1.89999	0.08820	0.00200	0.00015
	5705	5739	4517	131	16		2.01444	1.95287	0.04720	0.00063	0.00022
	5785	5589	4456	132	16		2.01235	1.95123	0.04499	0.00101	0.00010
	6072	5462	4346	228	24		2.05719	1.90382	0.08606	0.00174	0.00000
	6653	5082	3637	647	23		2.16914	1.79325	0.19955	0.00265	0.00057
	6192	5356	3970	446	13		2.13691	1.82989	0.16628	0.00197	0.00118
	5895	5464	4549	169	14		2.10949	1.84956	0.13221	0.00255	0.00066
	5949	5462	4423	188	20		2.04644	1.91313	0.07202	0.00142	0.00000
	5812	5650	4491	136	19		2.03094	1.92893	0.06187	0.00153	0.00024
	5972	5534	4535	149	20		2.02399	1.93639	0.05251	0.00240	0.00000
	6022	5559	4559	139	18		2.01490	1.94974	0.05083	0.00192	0.00000
	6129	5492	4213	290	19		2.05046	1.90475	0.08062	0.00152	0.00054

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Mn	Са	Ti	Fe	Cr		#An
	0.00077	0.98258	0.00066	0.01750	0.00000	0.93
	0.00000	0.99590	0.00020	0.02090	0.00000	0.95
	0.00082	0.95845	0.00105	0.02237	0.00000	0.91
	0.00031	0.95082	0.00084	0.01885	0.00044	0.90
	0.00055	0.86504	0.00042	0.01691	0.00000	0.82
	0.00000	0.86985	0.00000	0.01846	0.00105	0.83
	0.00060	0.88537	0.00035	0.01940	0.00008	0.85
	0.00019	0.96123	0.00026	0.02045	0.00000	0.92
	0.00077	1.00185	0.00000	0.01386	0.00067	0.95
	0.00094	1.01137	0.00023	0.01214	0.00000	0.96
	0.00070	0.96686	0.00000	0.01756	0.00000	0.92
	0.00017	0.84876	0.00080	0.01861	0.00000	0.81
	0.00041	0.87443	0.00079	0.01922	0.00000	0.84
	0.00019	0.91524	0.00045	0.02135	0.00000	0.87
	0.00000	0.97858	0.00020	0.02104	0.00000	0.93
	0.00017	0.99173	0.00000	0.02023	0.00000	0.94
	0.00037	1.00122	0.00009	0.01630	0.00048	0.95
	0.00126	0.99633	0.00010	0.02047	0.00000	0.95
	0.00143	0.97765	0.00064	0.01948	0.00000	0.92