

Supporting Information

Mineral phase-resolved quantification in LA-ICP-MS imaging

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Figure S1. Poggio del Gatto sandstone from Mt. Amiata, Italy. (a) Top view with Dawsonite and oxide phases. (b) Side view showing thin-section sampling positions "Layer 1" to "Layer 4" at increasing distance from the joint surface.

Table S1. Stoichiometry of ideal mineral composition identified by XRD

Mineral	Composition
Quartz	SiO ₂
Calcite	CaCO ₃
Plagioclase	(Na,Ca)[(Si,Al)AlSi ₂]O ₈
Kaolinite	Al ₂ (Si ₂ O ₅)(OH) ₄
Mica/illite	KAl ₃ Si ₃ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂

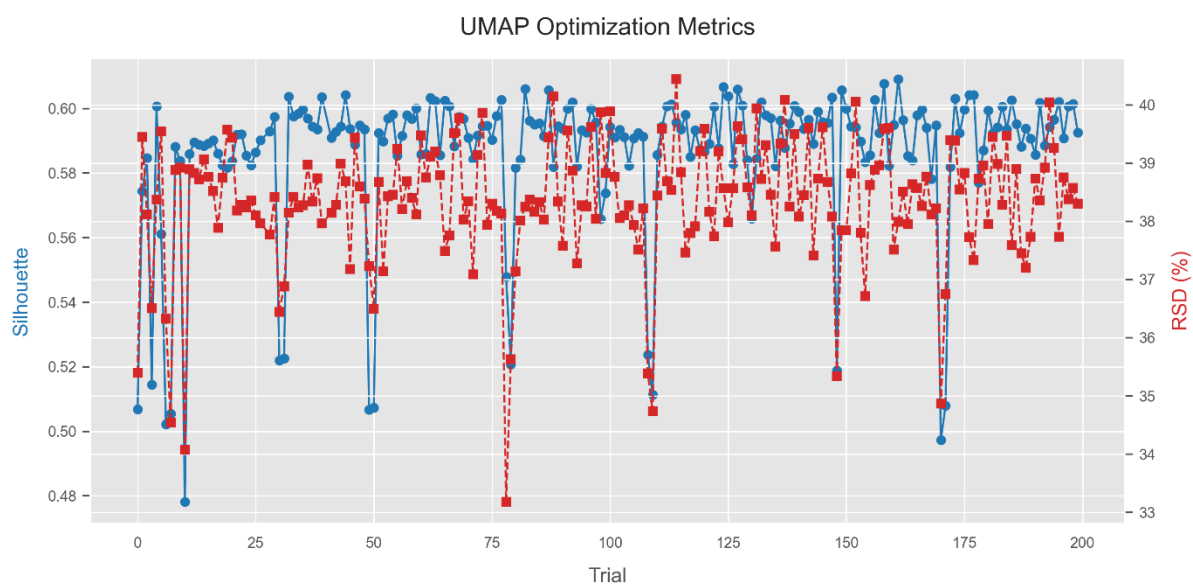


Figure S2. Optimization of UMAP and k-means based on the silhouette score and the Relative Standard Deviation (RSD) within an identified cluster. The optimization process converges at 20-30 trials.

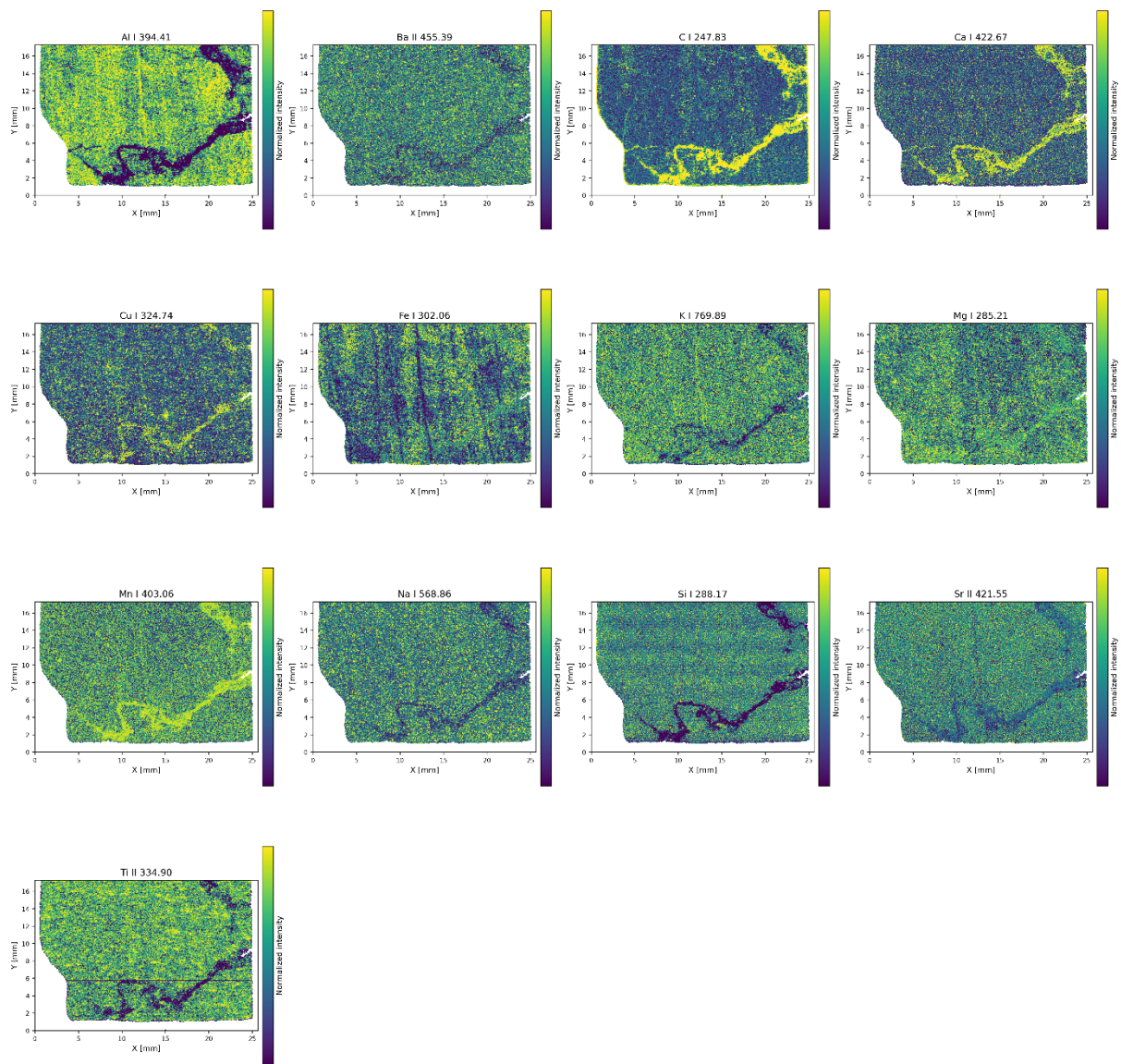


Figure S3. LIBS elemental intensity maps of thin section "Layer 1".

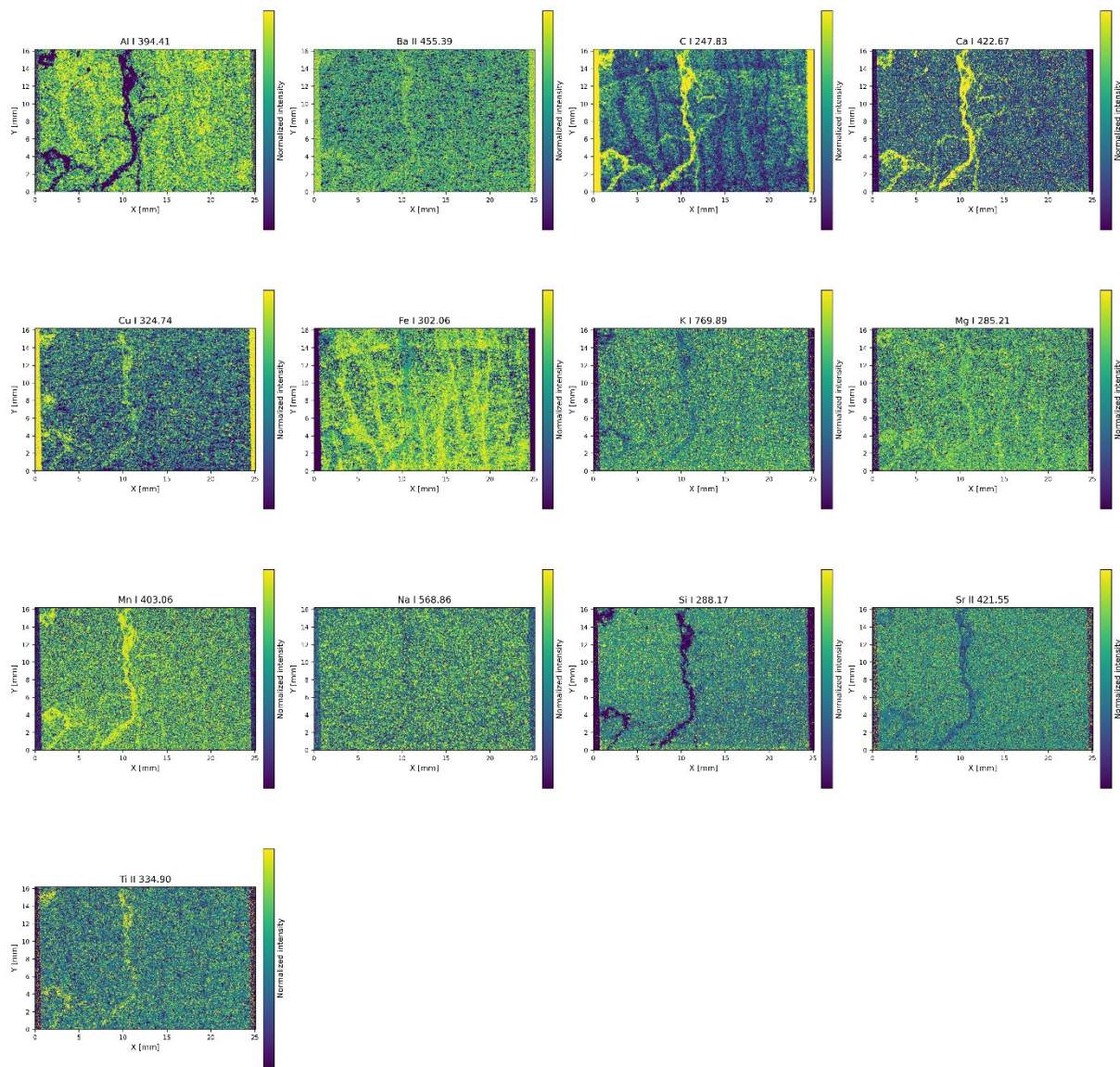


Figure S4. LIBS elemental intensity maps of thin section "Layer 2" mounted on a microscope slide.

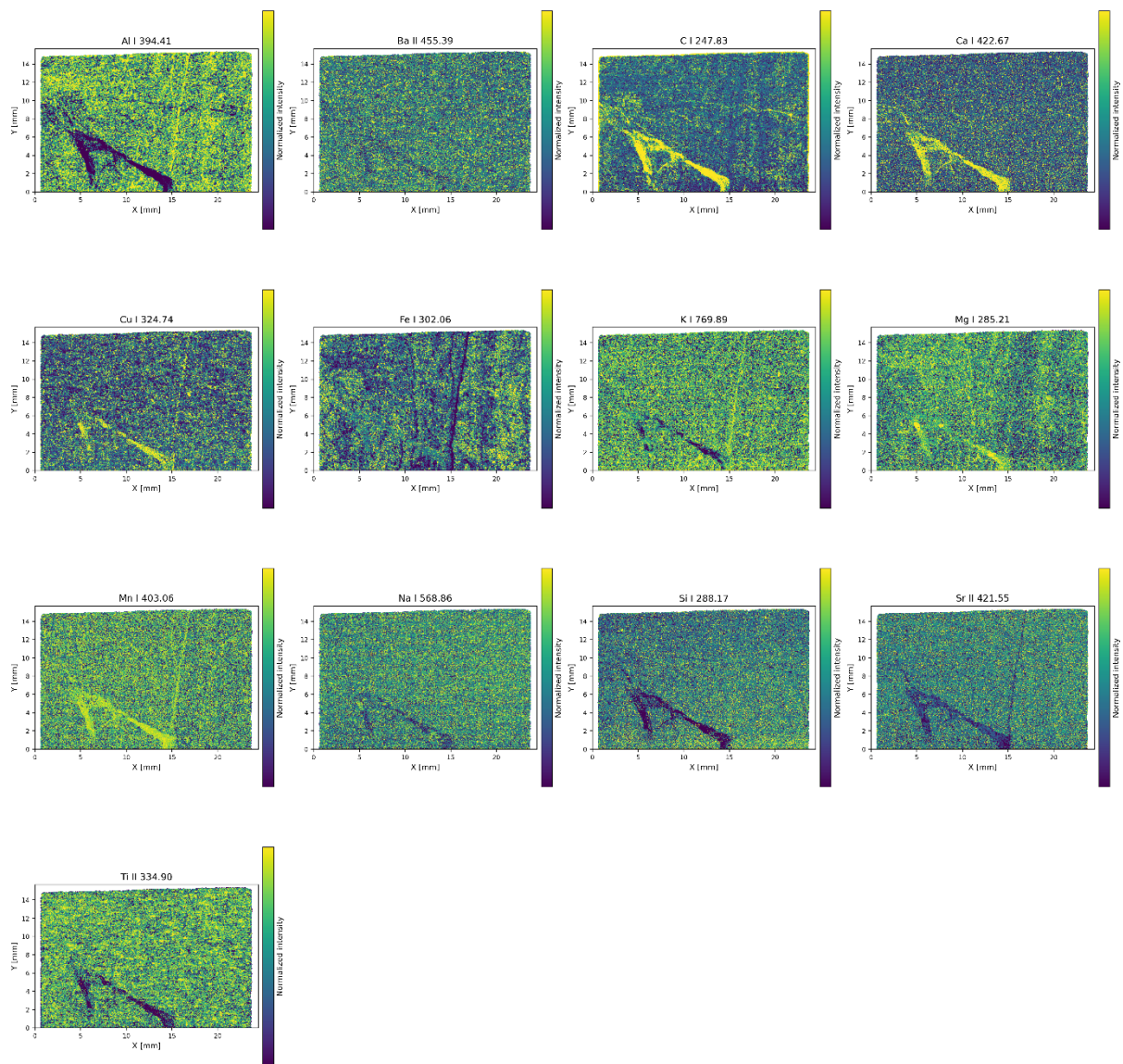


Figure S5. LIBS elemental intensity maps of thin section "Layer 3".

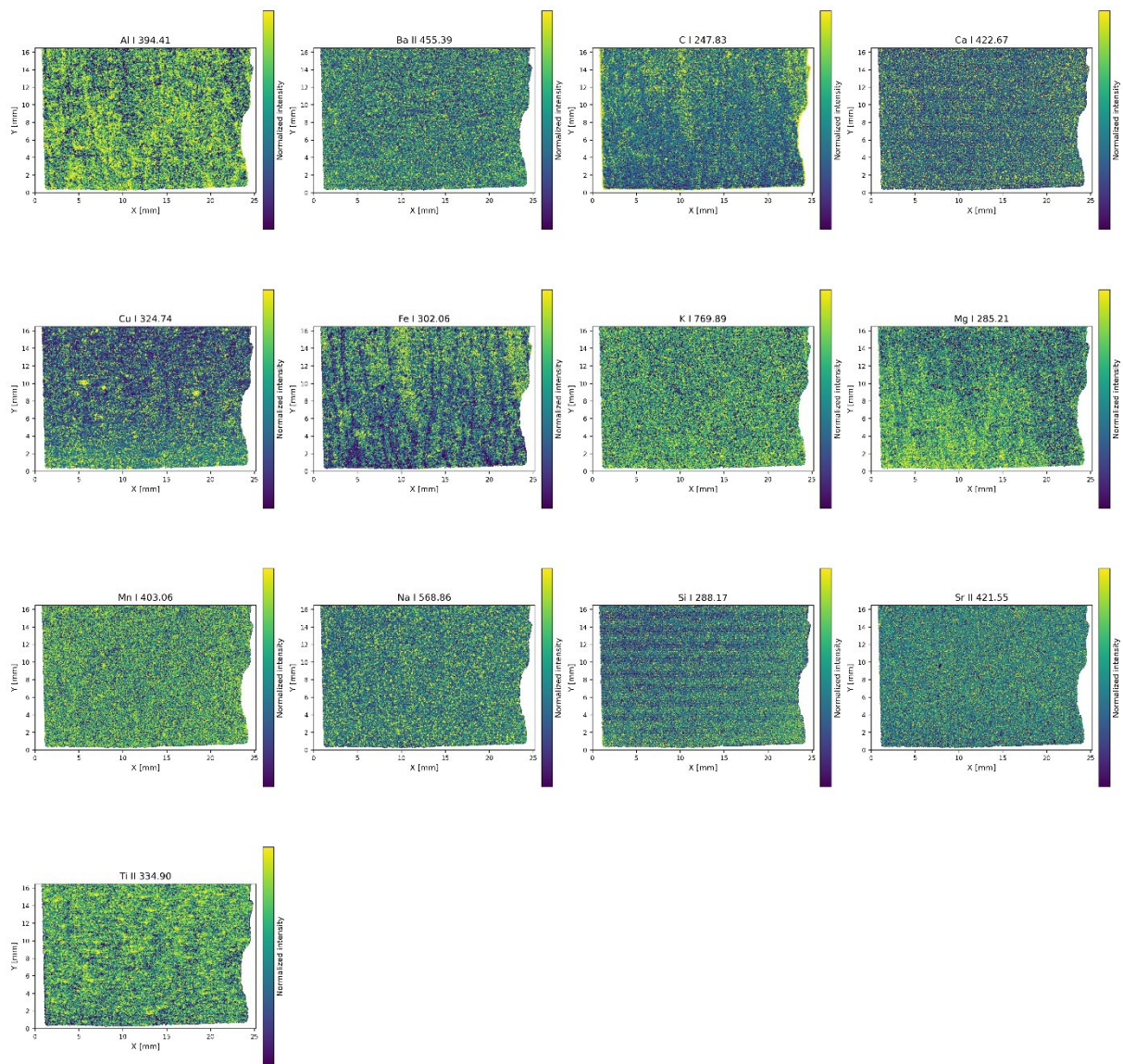


Figure S6. LIBS elemental intensity maps of thin section "Layer 4".

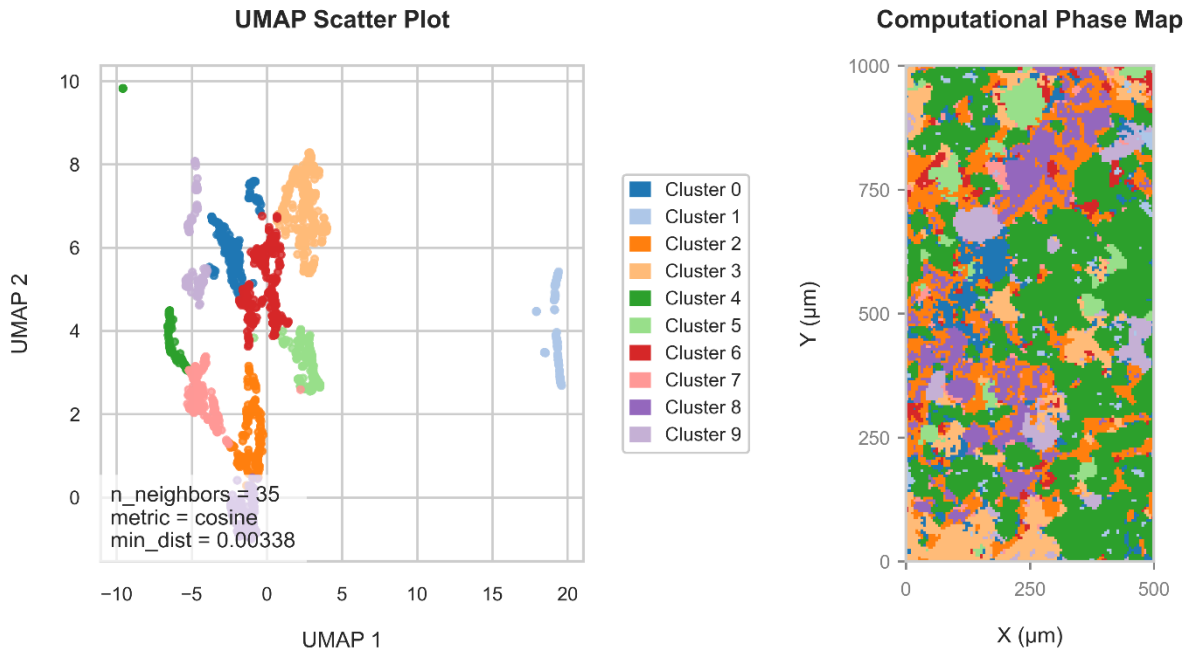


Figure S7. Scatter plot after optimized UMAP and generated computational phase map for "Layer 1".

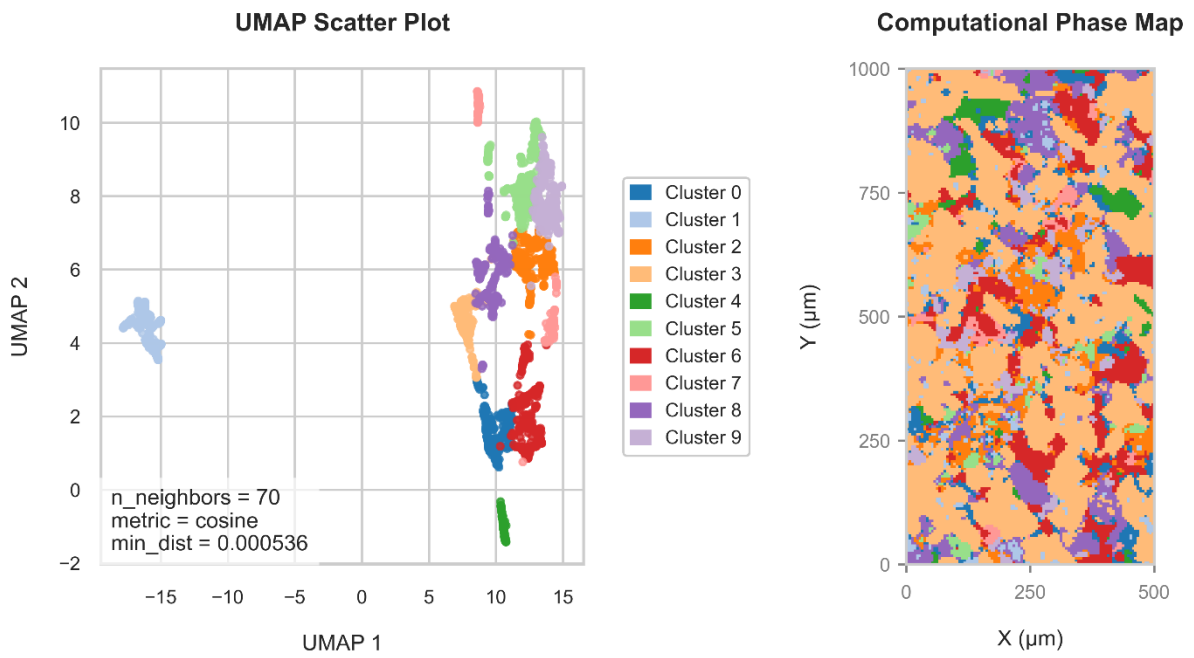


Figure S8. Scatter plot after optimized UMAP and generated computational phase map for "Layer 3".

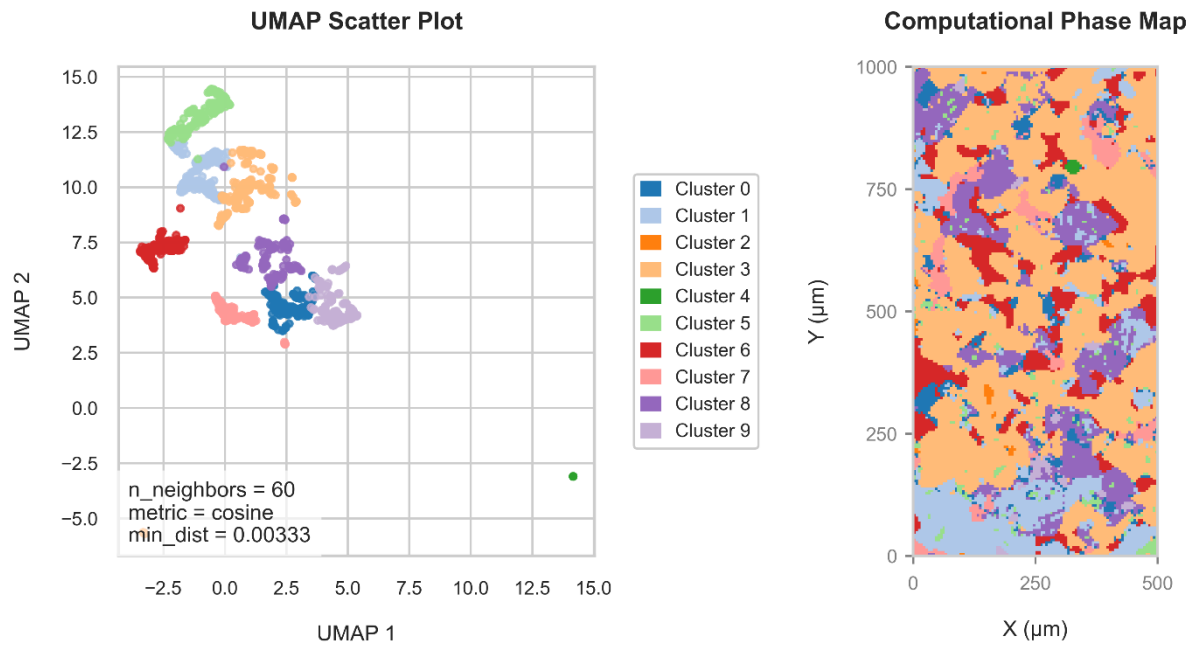


Figure S9. Scatter plot after optimized UMAP and generated computational phase map for "Layer 4".

To clarify the impact on quantification, we selected a random pixel of the calcite phase as an example and computed the deviation that arises when a carbonate data point is quantified as an oxide: the relative error. The proof of concept for the normalization approaches was presented previously (Leach and Hieftje (2000), Liu et al. (2008), Chen et al. (2011); see *Introduction*). For this specific application and sample, the scheme of calculation is reported in the following Table S2.

Table S2. Quantification deviation when a carbonate pixel is calculated as an oxide. Comparison of calculated element concentrations expressed as oxides and as mainly carbonates for one representative calcite pixel. Concentrations are normalized to 100 wt% oxides and 100 wt% carbonates, respectively. "Absolute deviation" refers to the difference between the element concentrations obtained under the two normalization schemes, and "Relative error" expresses this deviation as a percentage.

	Concentration as oxide norm. to 100 wt% oxides [mg kg ⁻¹]		Element concentration norm. to 100 wt% oxides [mg kg ⁻¹]		Concentration as carbonate [mg kg ⁻¹]	Concentration as carbonate norm. to 100 wt% carbonates [mg kg ⁻¹]		Element concentration norm to 100 wt% carbonate [mg kg ⁻¹]	Absolute deviation [mg kg ⁻¹] = Elem. conc. (oxide) – Elem. conc. (carb.)	Relative error [%] = (Absolute deviation / Elem. conc. (carb.)) * 100
CaO	968021	Ca	691235	CaCO ₃	1726217	966430	Ca	386991	304244	79
SiO ₂	2792	Si	1304	SiO ₂	2790	1562	Si	730	574	79
MnO	6505	Mn	5034	MnCO ₃	10532	5896	Mn	2818	2216	79
Al ₂ O ₃	12246	Al	6476	Al ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	28081	15721	Al	3626	2850	79
FeO	5215	Fe	4050	FeCO ₃	8402	4704	Fe	2268	1783	79
K ₂ O	18	K	15	K ₂ O	18	10	K	8	6	79
MgO	4109	Mg	2476	MgCO ₃	8589	4809	Mg	1386	1090	79
BaO	0.5	Ba	0.4	BaCO ₃	0.6	0.3	Ba	0.2	0.2	79
SrO	1074	Sr	907	SrCO ₃	1528	856	Sr	508	399	79
Ho ₂ O ₃	2.1	Ho	1.9	Ho ₂ O ₃	2.1	1.2	Ho	1.0	0.8	79
ThO ₂	1.9	Th	1.7	ThO ₂	1.9	1.1	Th	0.9	0.7	79
PbO	15	Pb	14	PbCO ₃	18	10	Pb	7.6	6	79
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