

**PROTOLITH AFFILIATION AND TECTONOMETAMORPHIC EVOLUTION OF THE  
GURLA MANDHATA CORE COMPLEX, NW NEPAL HIMALAYA**

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## 1A. Sm-Nd analytical procedures

Rock samples were crushed and pulverized using a ceramic mortar and pestle, then dissolved using lithium borate fusion and analyzed on ICP-ES for major elements and ICP-MS for Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and other trace elements.

Sm-Nd isotopic analyses were performed at GÉOTOP – Université du Québec à Montréal. 80-110 mg of powder of each sample was spiked with a  $^{150}\text{Nd}/^{149}\text{Sm}$ -enriched spike and dissolved in a mixture of 15N  $\text{HNO}_3$  and 29N  $\text{HF}$  over 5-7 days. The resulting fluoride salts were treated with 16N  $\text{HNO}_3$  and 6N  $\text{HCl}$  to dissolve and enhance the solubility of the REEs. Iron was removed by loading samples in ion-exchange polyprep columns with AG1X8 resin and 6N  $\text{HCl}$ . The REEs were isolated with TRU Spec resin using 0.05N  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and Nd and Sm were separated with LN Spec resin using 0.2N, 0.3N, and 0.5N  $\text{HCl}$ . The Nd and Sm fractions were loaded onto Re filaments and analyzed on a TRITON PLUS thermal ionization mass spectrometer (TIMS) in static mode. Mass fractionation was corrected using the ratio  $^{146}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.7129$  assuming exponential fractionation behavior. The Nd isotopic compositions are expressed as  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_{(0)}$  and calculated using the present day chondritic uniform reservoir (CHUR) values of  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512639$  and  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.1966$  (Goldstein et al., 1984). The  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios are accurate to 0.5%, corresponding to an average  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_{(0)}$  error of  $\pm 0.5$  epsilon units, based on measurements of the JNdi Nd standard ( $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.512095 \pm 5$ ,  $n=3$ ).

## 1B. U-Th/Pb petrochronology and analytical procedures

Petrochronology is the interpretation of isotopic dates in light of complementary elemental or isotopic information from the same mineral(s) (Kylander-Clark et al., 2013).

Yttrium (Y) zonation is a key component of monazite petrochronological interpretation. Y is

readily incorporated in the crystal lattice of monazite (Pyle et al., 2001). In metapelitic rocks, however, garnet preferentially incorporates Y and heavy rare earth elements (HREEs) during growth, depleting the free Y and HREE content of the system and leaving monazites that grew in the presence of garnet Y-poor (Spear and Pyle, 2002; Pyle and Spear, 2003; Kohn et al., 2005). Garnet breakdown during anatexis or decompression can release Y into the system, causing any concurrently crystallizing monazite to be higher in Y content (Pyle, et al., 2001). Monazite results in garnet-bearing rocks can be linked to stages of garnet growth and breakdown, and therefore to prograde or retrograde metamorphism. In melt-present systems, monazite can dissolve on the prograde path during partial melting but tends to recrystallize on the retrograde path, still resulting in higher Y and HREE content in retrograde monazites (Kelsey et al., 2008).

Monazite grains were identified in thin section and selected using a Mineral Liberation Analysis 650 field emission gun environmental scanning electron microscope at Queen's Facility for Isotope Research (Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada). Selected grains were chemically mapped for U, Th, Y, Ca, and Si with X-ray wavelength dispersive spectrometry on a JEOL JXA-8230 electron microprobe, also at Queen's Facility for Isotope Research. The electron microprobe experimental conditions were set at an acceleration voltage of 15 kV, beam current of 200 nA, dwell time of 100 ms and step size of 0.5-1.4  $\mu\text{m}$ . X-ray element maps identified chemical zonation and informed laser spot locations.

Monazite was analyzed directly in thin section using the Laser Ablation Split Stream (LASS) method at the University of California Santa Barbara. Spot location was guided with the aid of X-ray compositional maps. Instrumentation consists of a Photon Machines 193 nm ArF Excimer laser and 'HeIEx' ablation cell coupled to a Nu Instruments HR Plasma high-resolution multi-collector MC-ICP-MS (U, Th, and Pb isotopes) and an Agilent 7700S Quadrupole ICP-MS

(major and trace elements). Methods in this study follow those outlined in Kylander-Clark et al. (2013) with modifications outlined in McKinney et al. (2015). Monazite was ablated using a 7  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter spot at 3 Hz repetition rate for 90 shots at a laser fluence of 1.5 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, resulting in craters that are  $\sim 4 \mu\text{m}$  deep.

Data reduction, including corrections for baseline, instrumental drift, mass bias, down-hole fractionation as well as age calculations were carried out using Iolite v. 2.5 (Paton et al. 2010). Background intensities and changes in instrumental bias were interpolated using a smoothed cubic spline while down-hole inter-element fractionation was modeled using an exponential function. Statistics for baselines, on peak intensities and isotopic ratios were calculated using the mean with a 2.S.D. outlier rejection. The <sup>238</sup>U and <sup>235</sup>U decay constants of Jaffey et al. (1971) and the <sup>232</sup>Th decay constant of Amelin and Zaitsev (2002) were employed to calculate ages. All uncertainties are quoted at 2 $\sigma$  and include contributions from the external reproducibility of the primary reference material for the <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>238</sup>U ratios and <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>232</sup>Th ratios.

Monazite U-Th/Pb data was normalized to ‘44069’ (424 Ma <sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>235</sup>U ID-TIMS age, Aleinikoff et al. 2006), employed to monitor and correct for mass bias as well as Pb/U and Pb/Th down-hole fractionation. To monitor data accuracy, a reference monazite ‘FC-1’ (55.7 Ma <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>238</sup>U ID-TIMS age, Horstwood et al. 2003) was analyzed concurrently (once every  $\sim 7$  unknowns) and mass bias- and fractionation-corrected based on measured isotopic ratios of the primary reference material. During the analytical period, 21 analyses of FC-1 gave a weighted mean <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>238</sup>U date of  $56.0 \pm 1.0$  Ma, and a weighted mean <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>232</sup>Th date of  $55.2 \pm 0.9$  Ma.

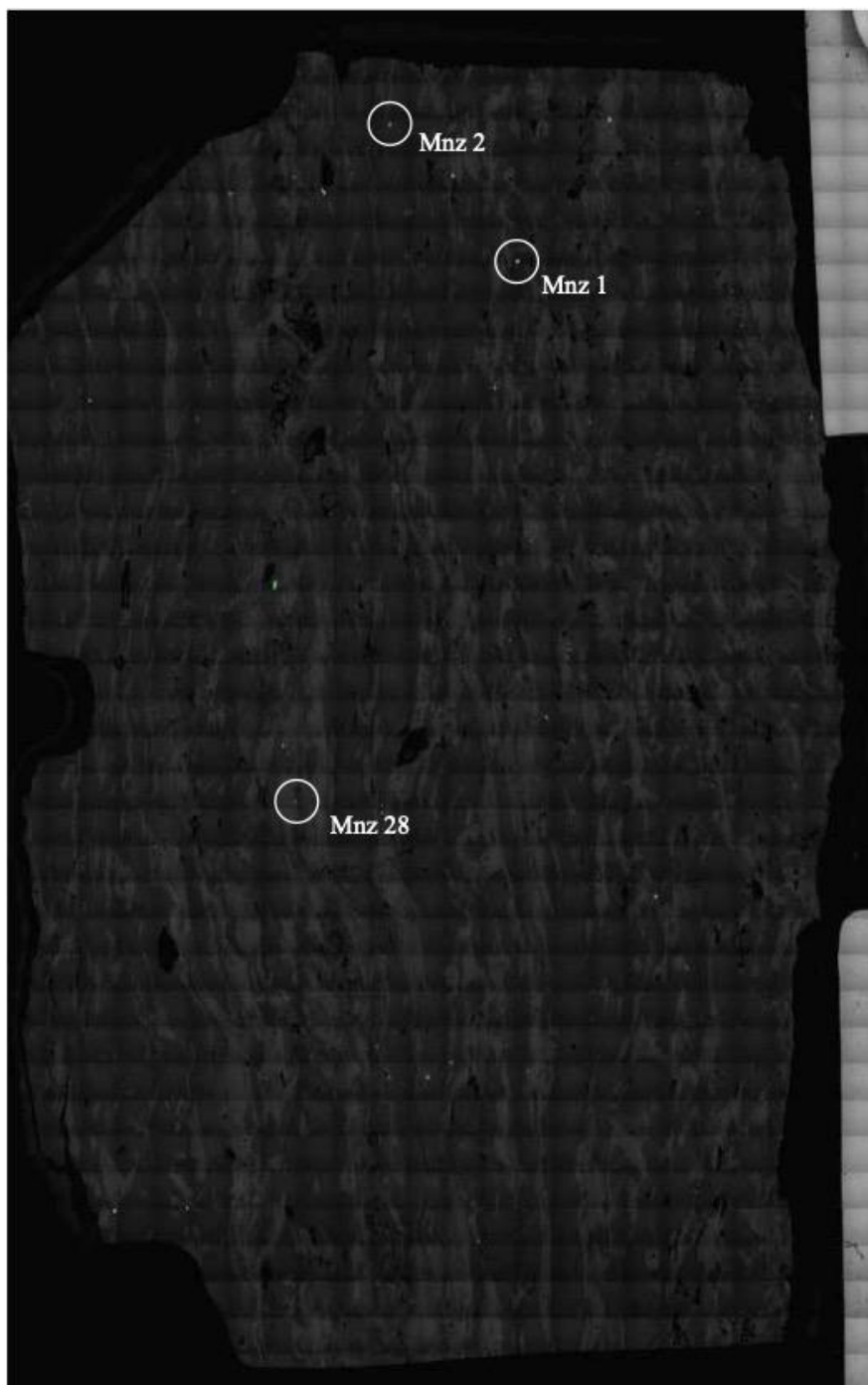
Trace element data were normalized to ‘Bananeira’ monazite using P as an internal standard and the concentration values reported in Kylander-Clark et al., (2013). Si, Ca, and Mg levels were monitored for evidence of inclusions and ablation sites visually inspected to ensure



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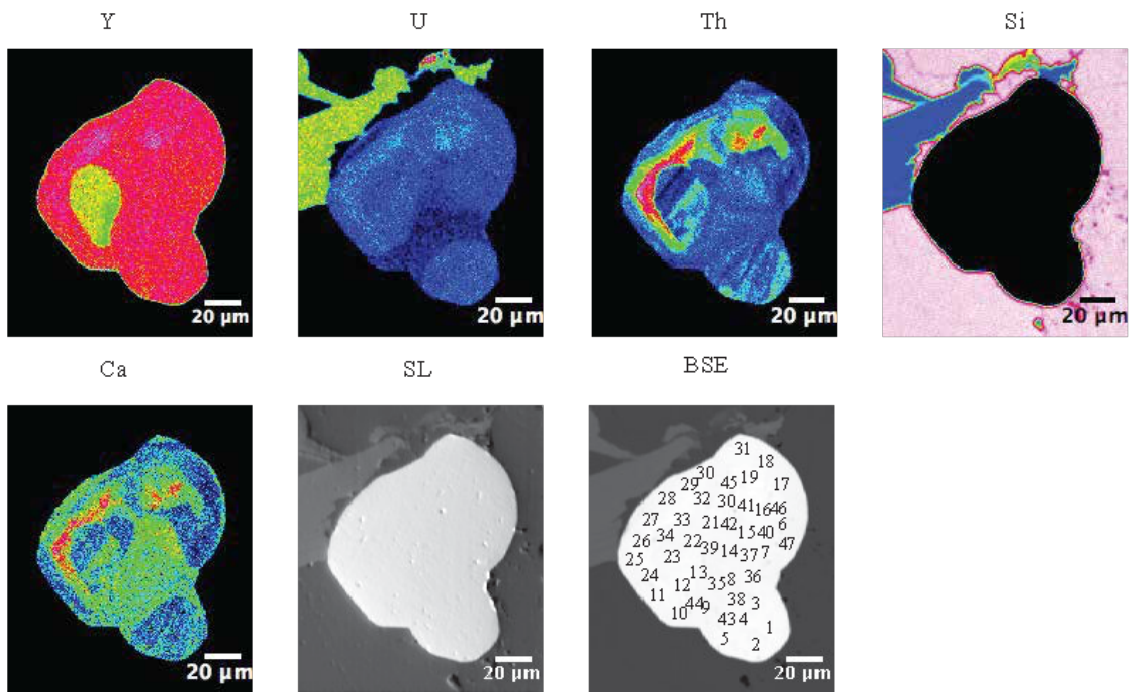
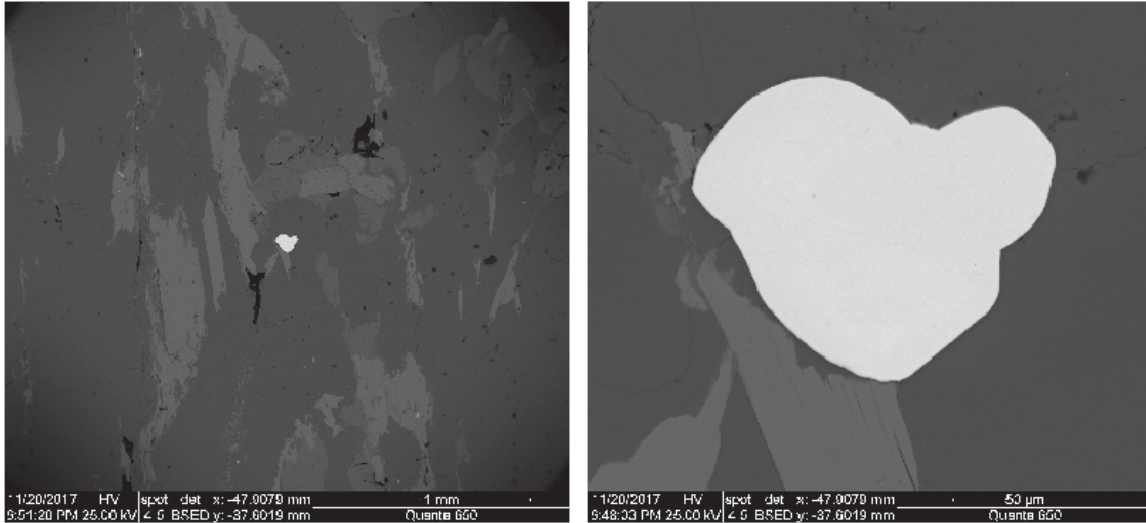
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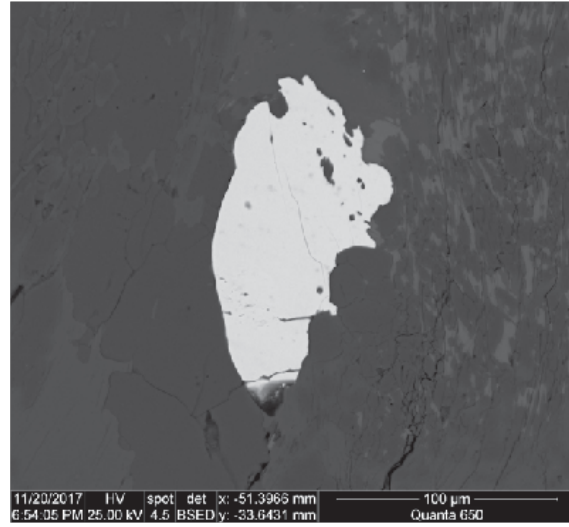
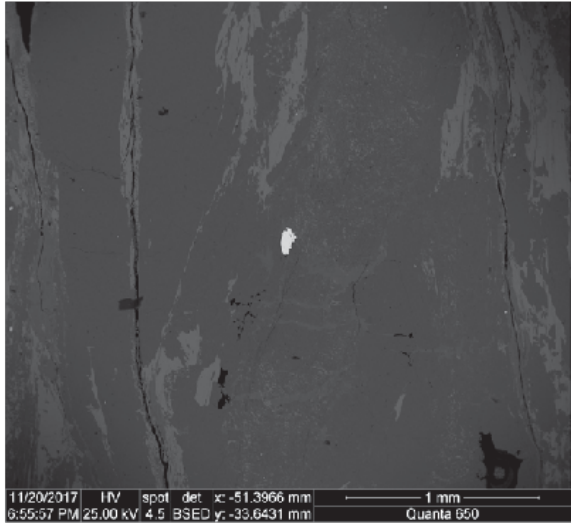
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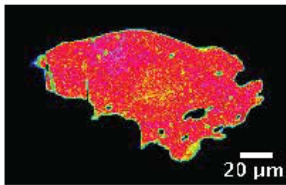


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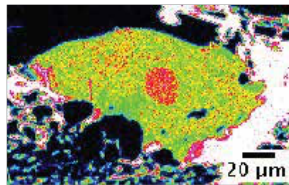
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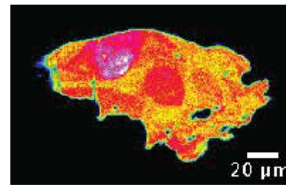
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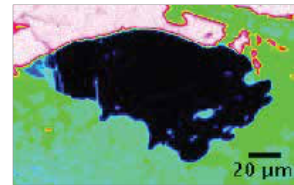
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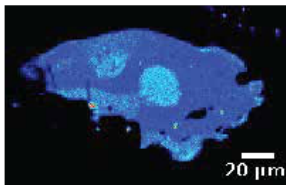
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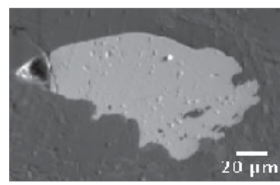
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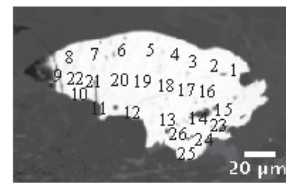
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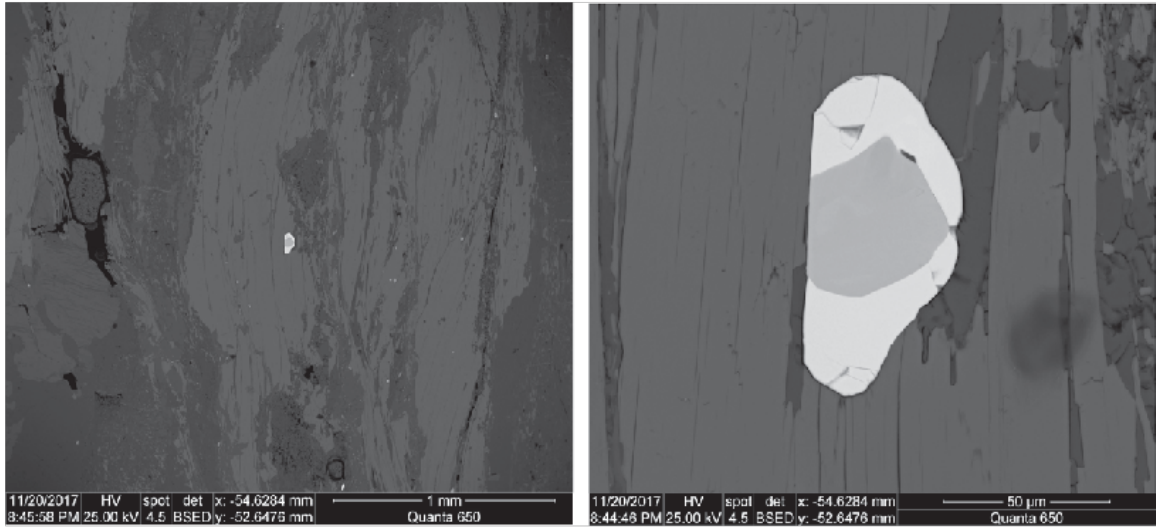


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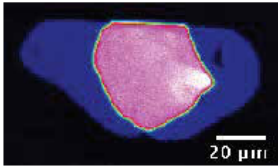


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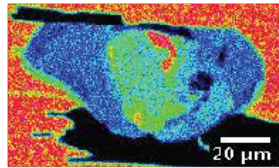
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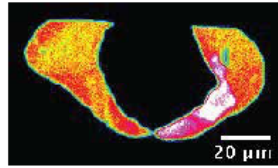
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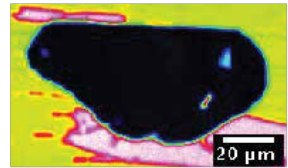
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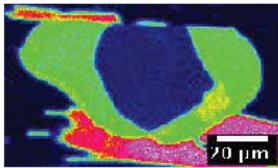
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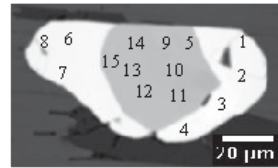
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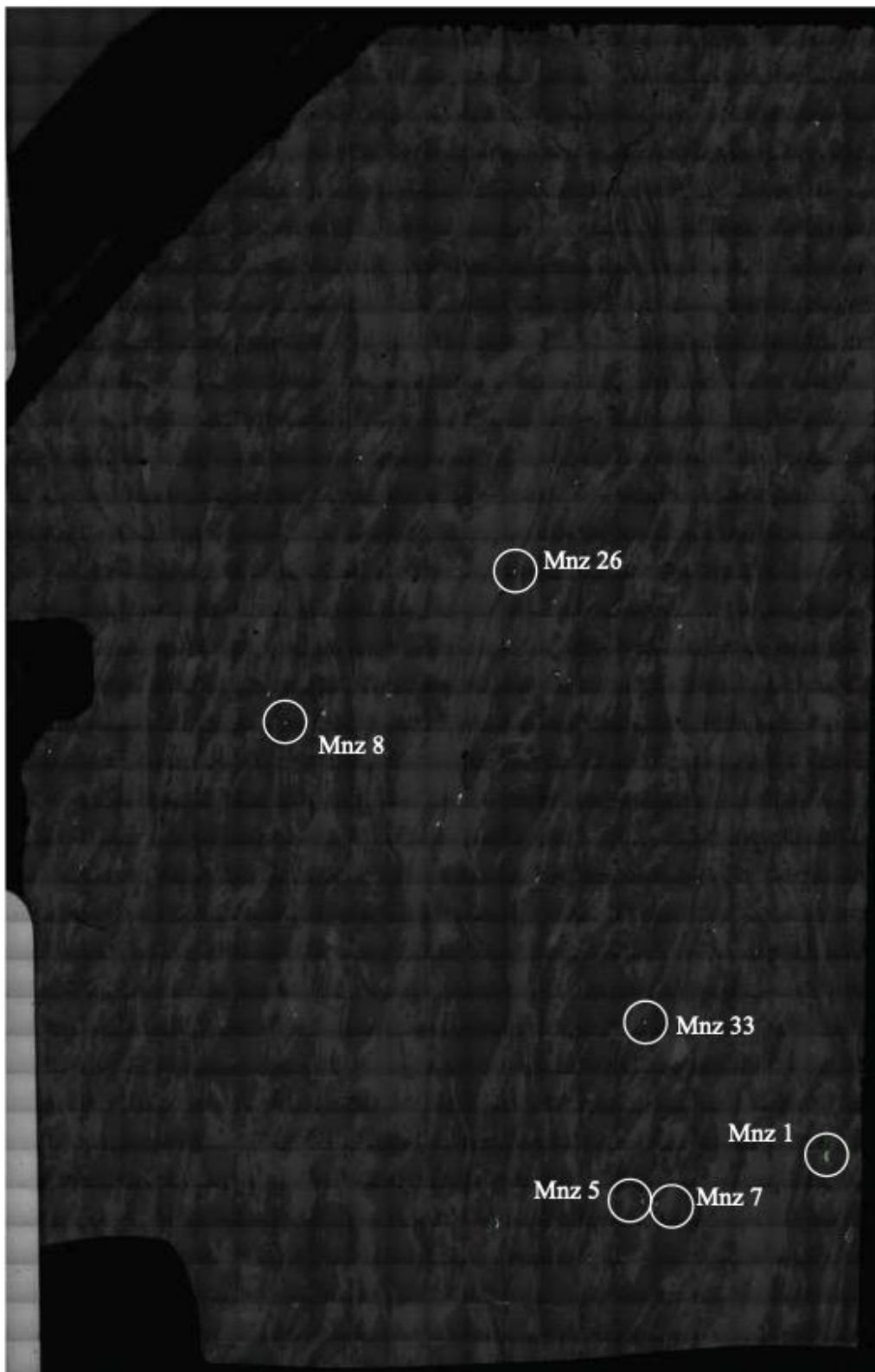
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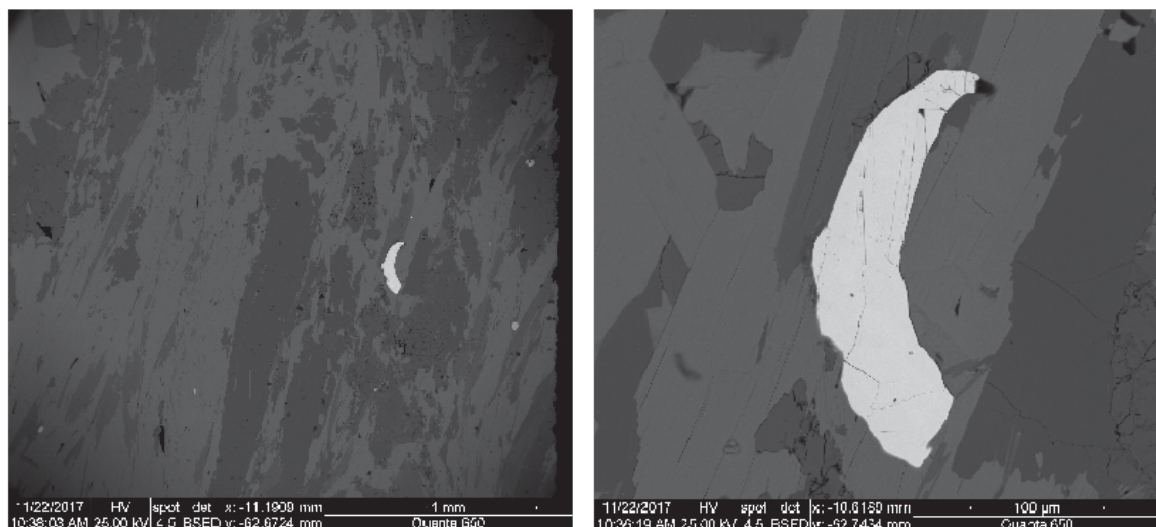


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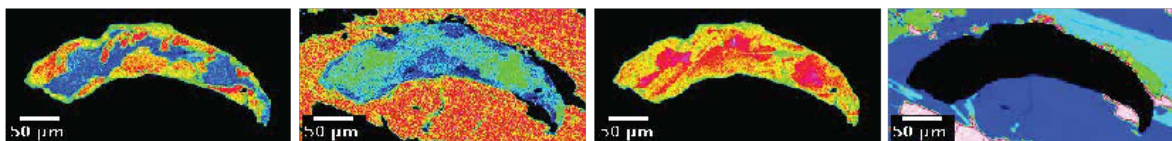


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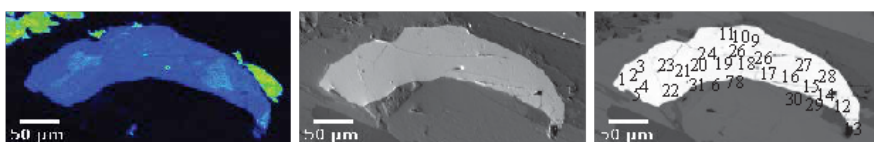
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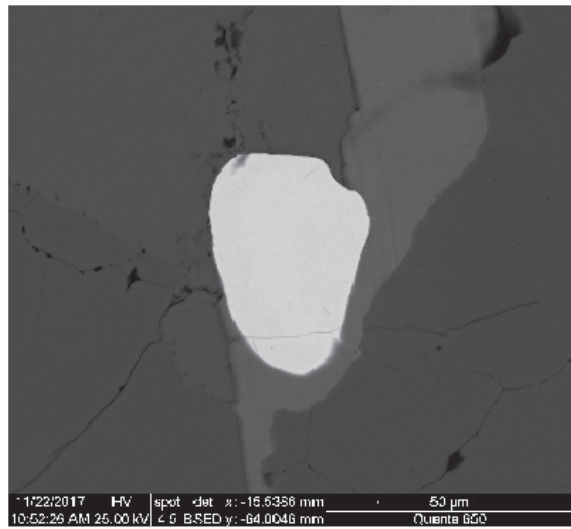
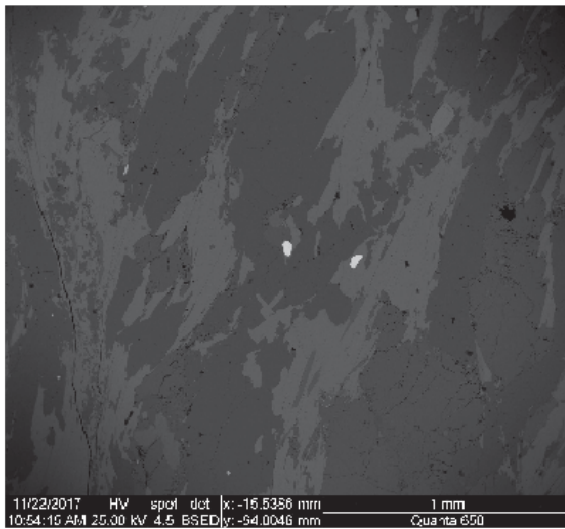
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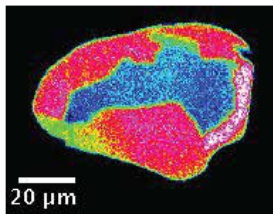


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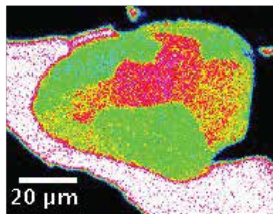
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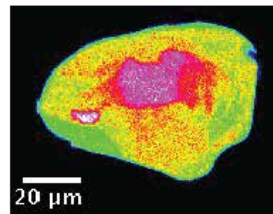
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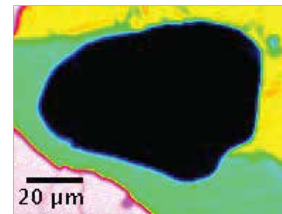
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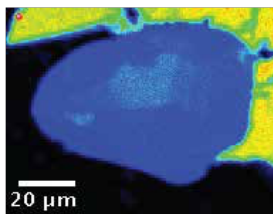
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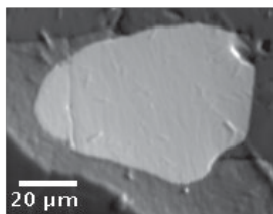
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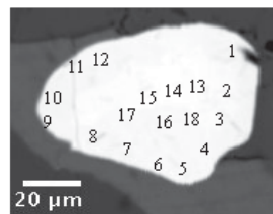
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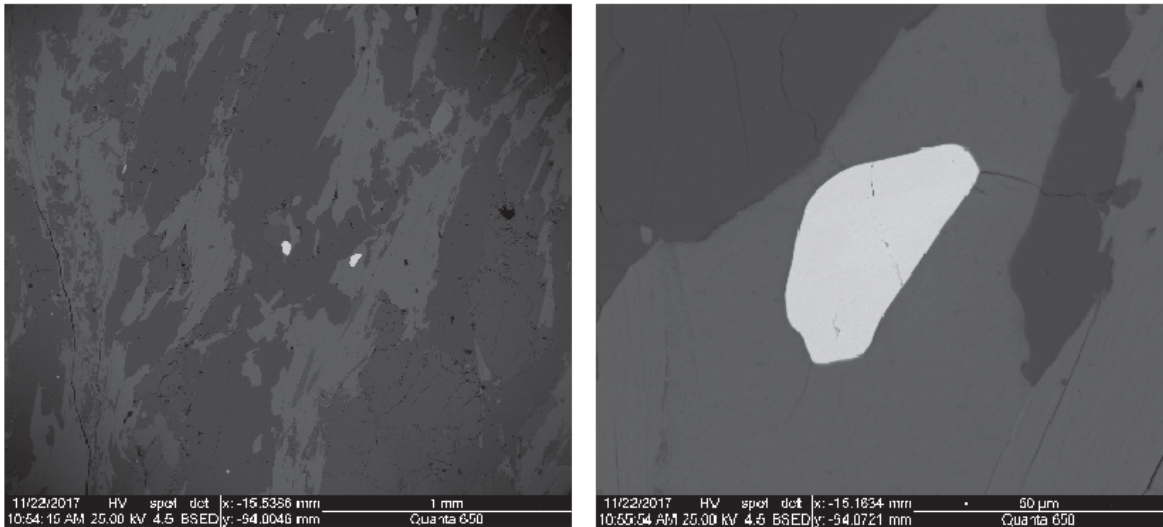


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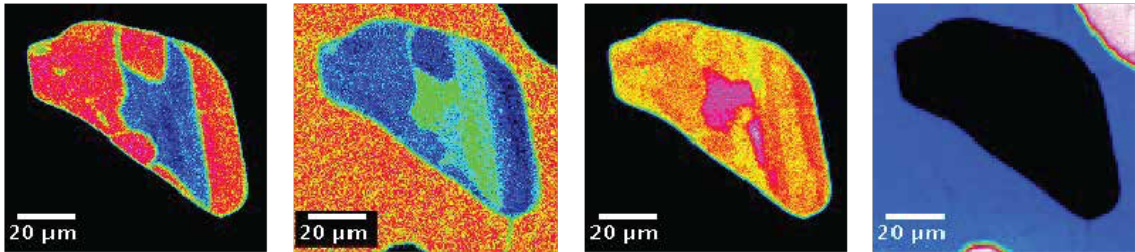


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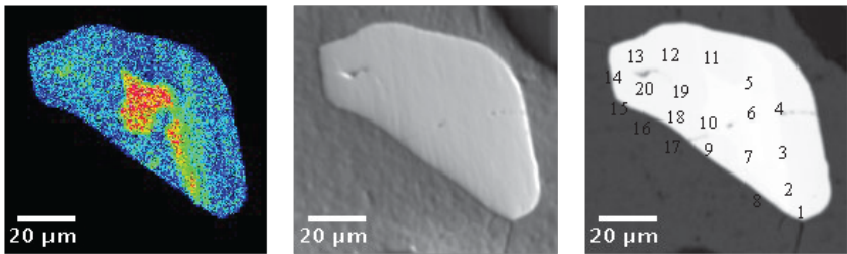




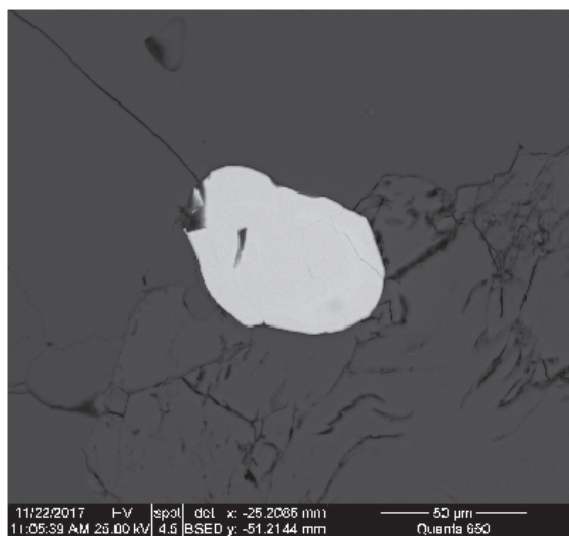
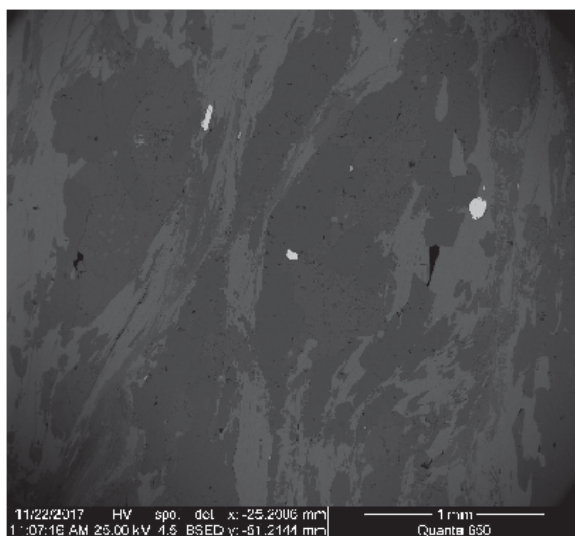
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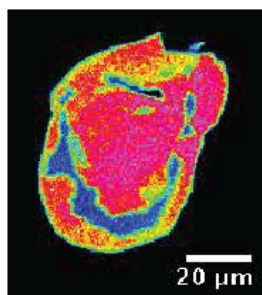
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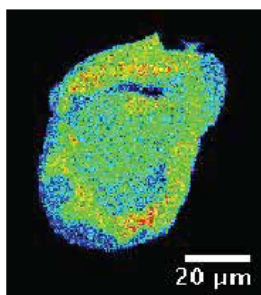
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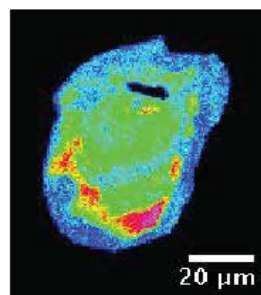
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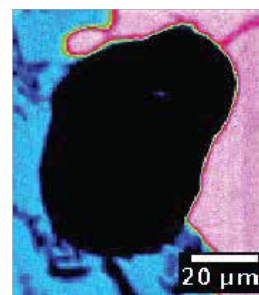
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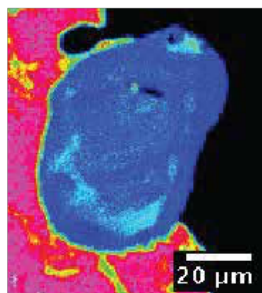
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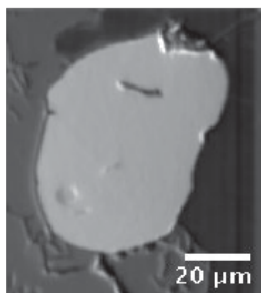
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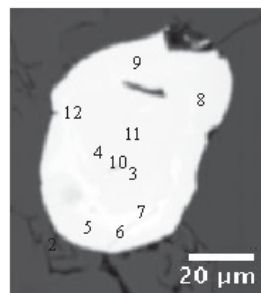
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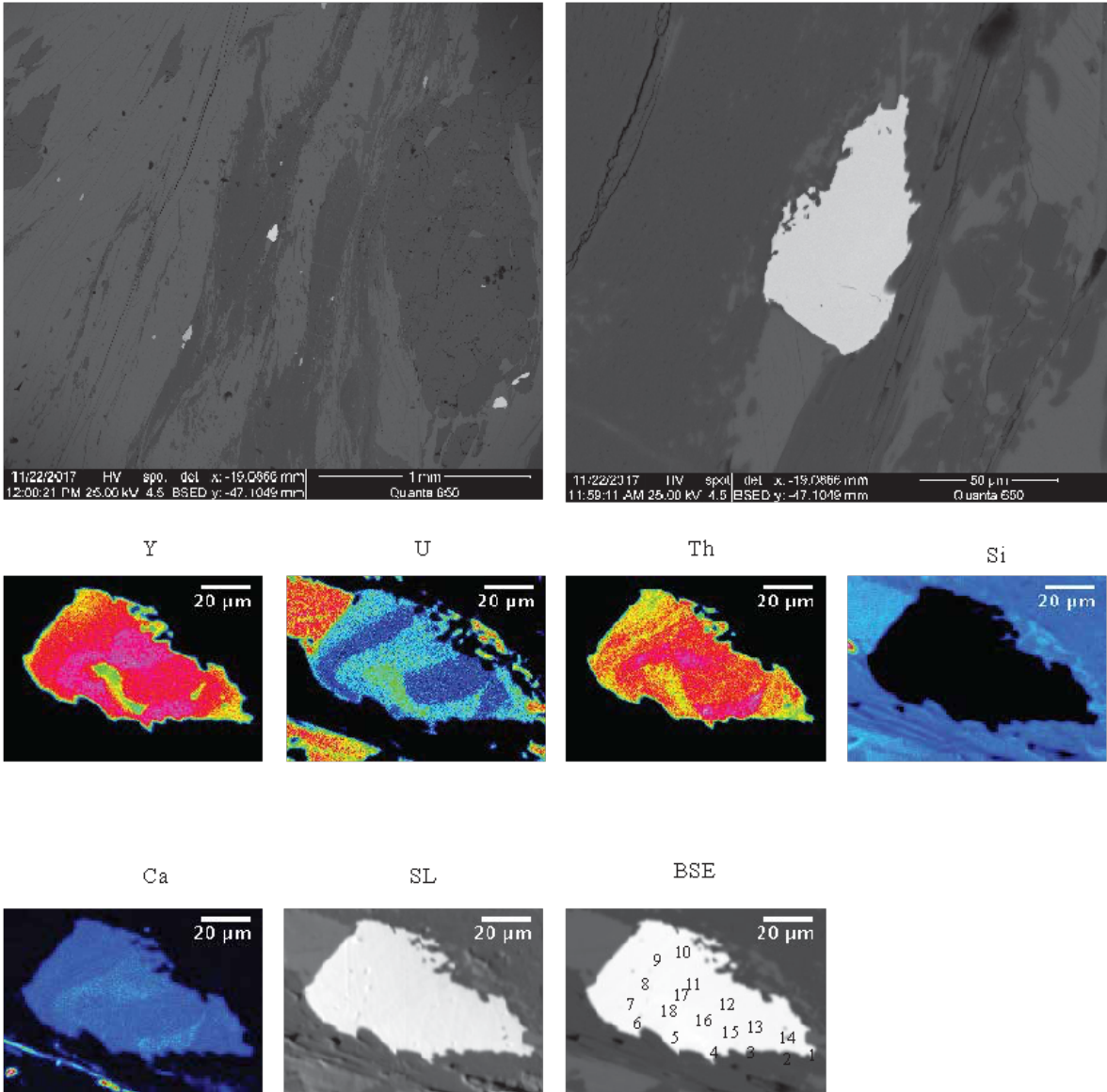
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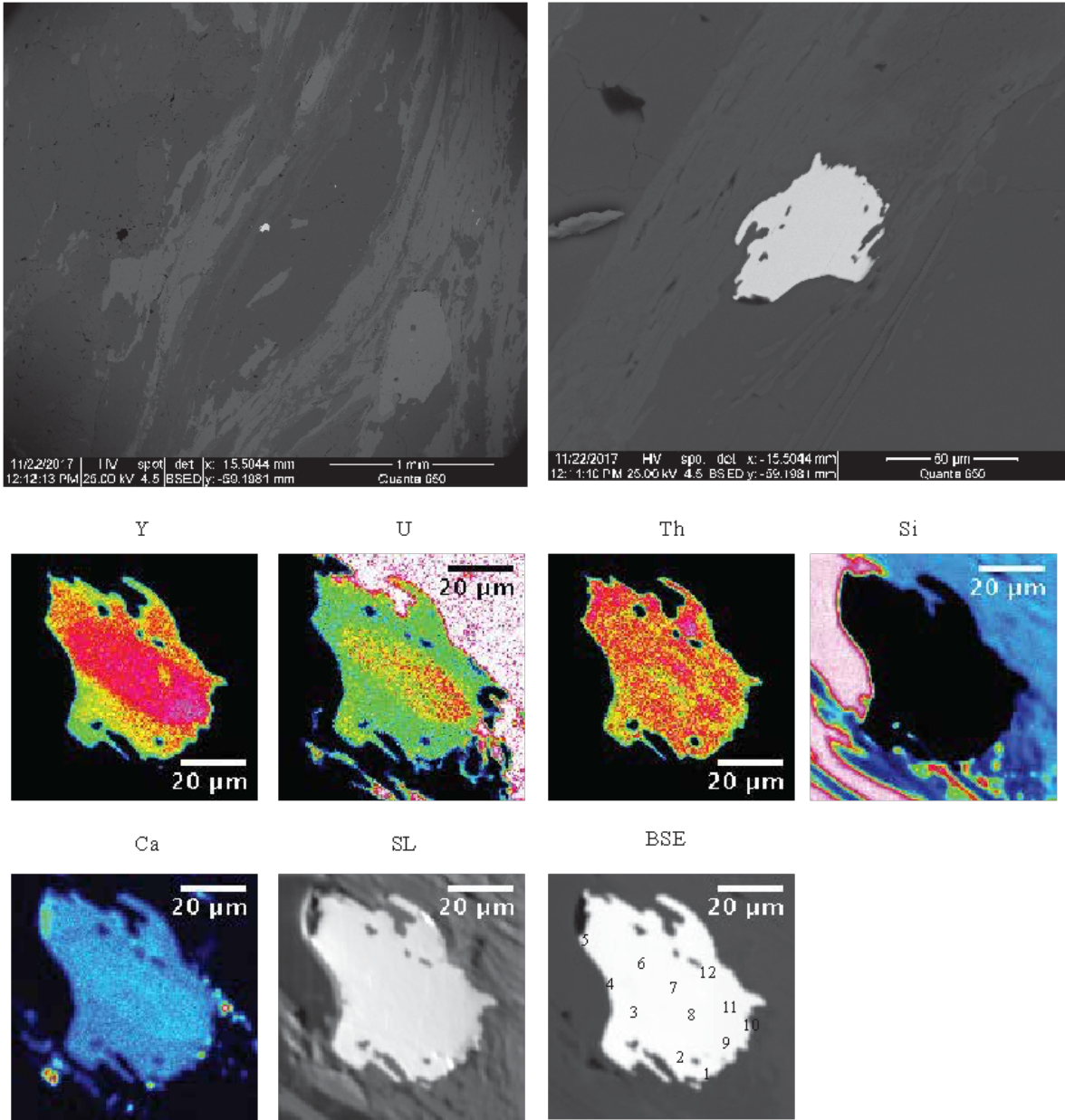


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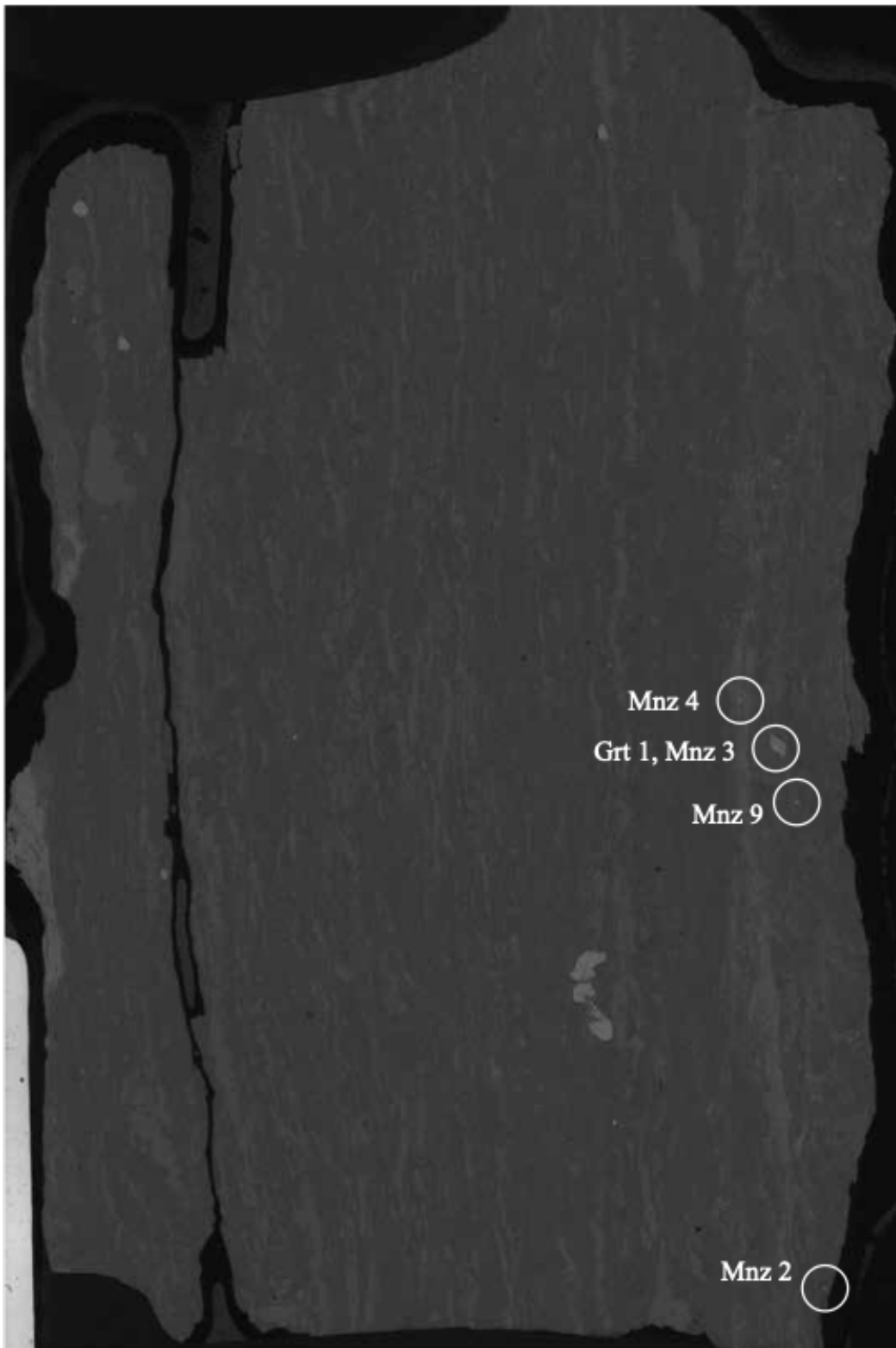




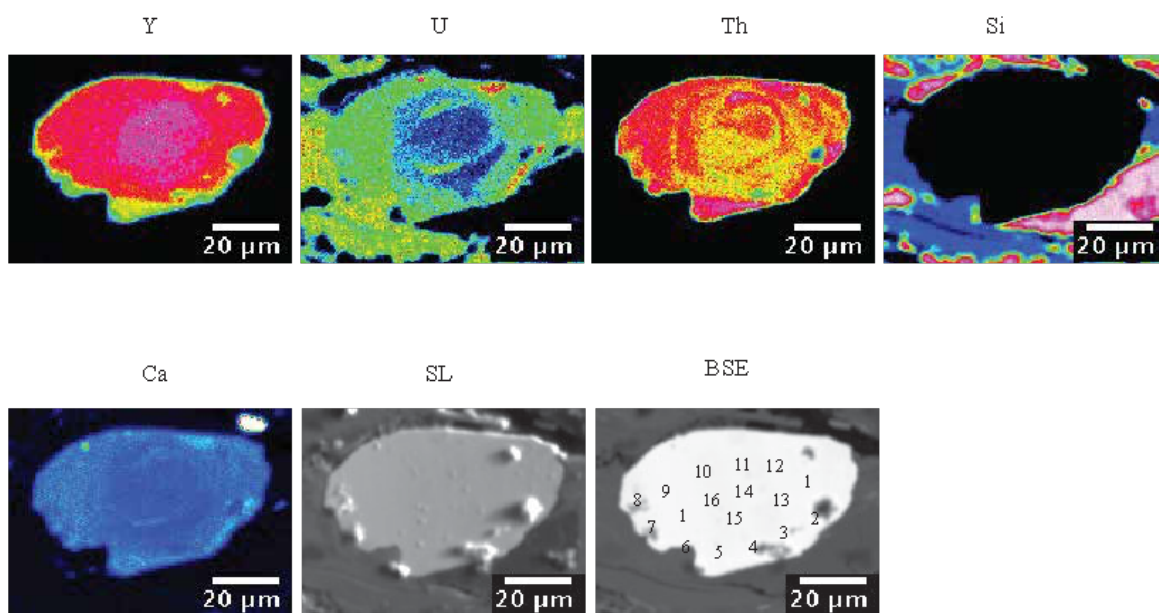
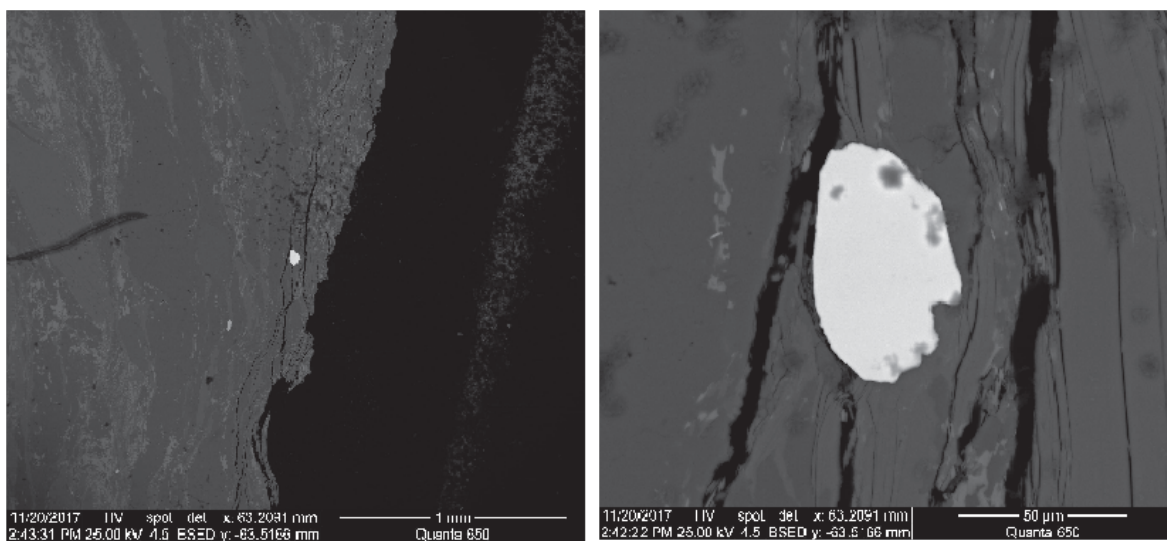
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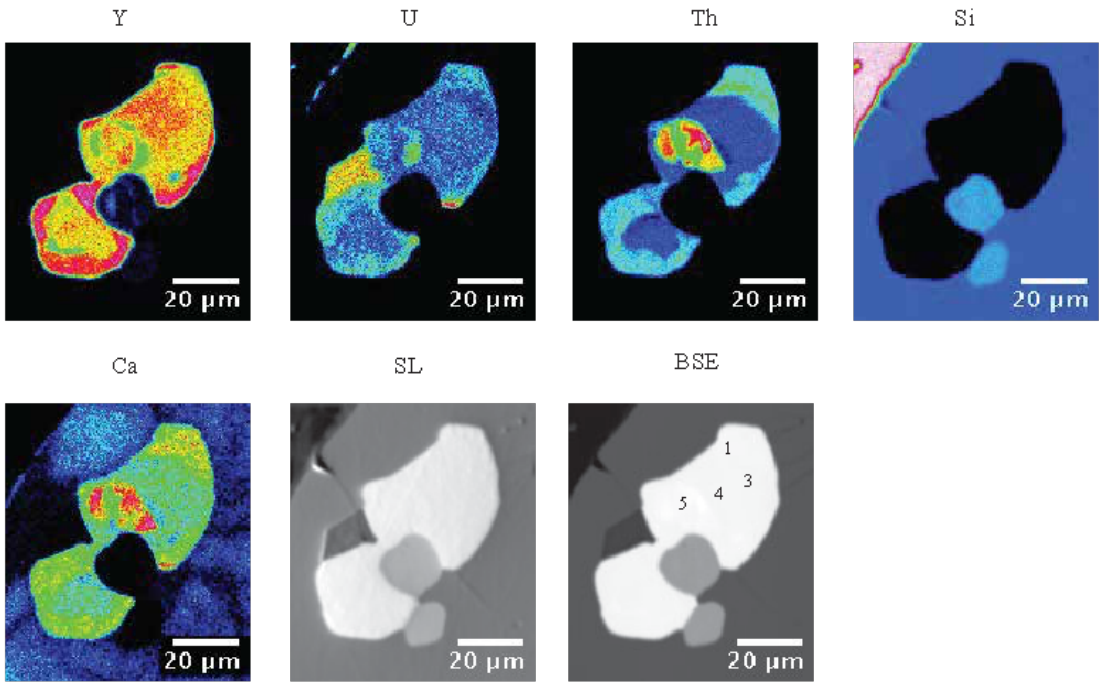
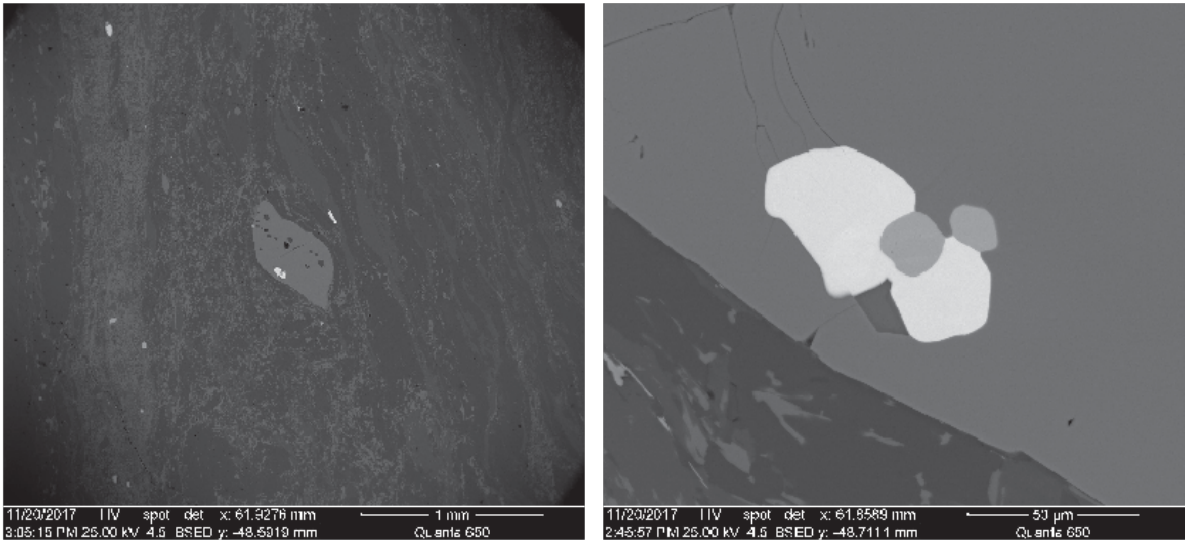


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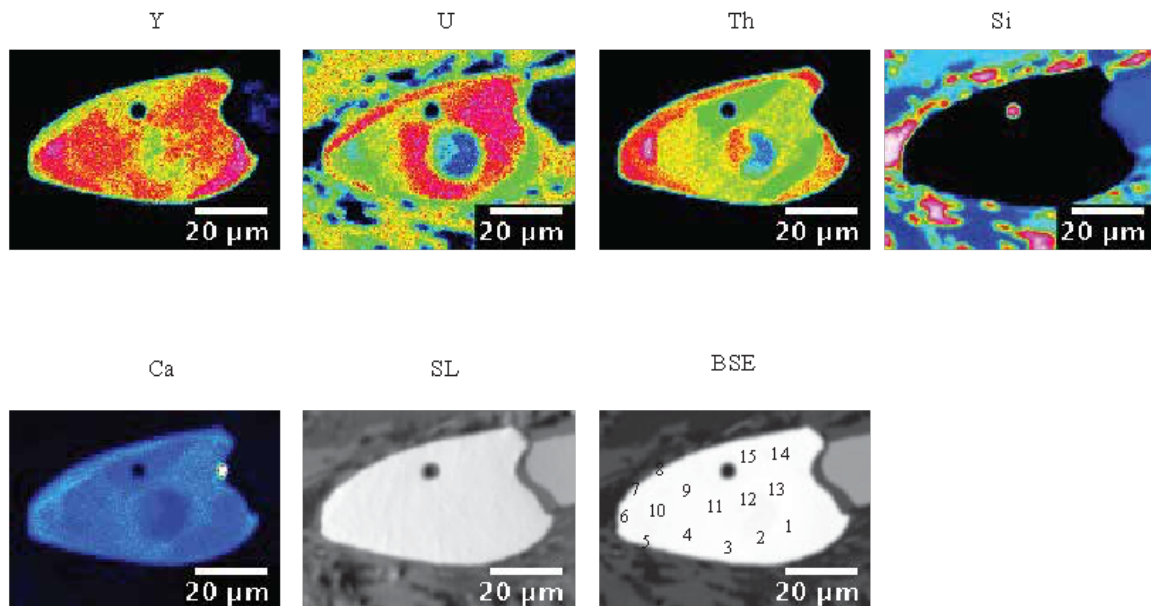
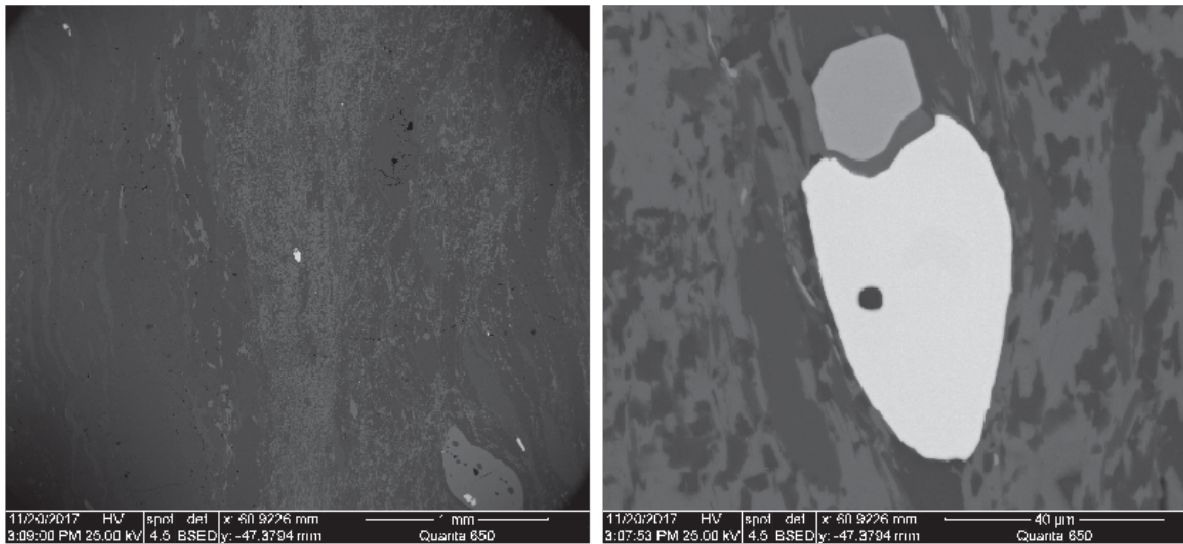
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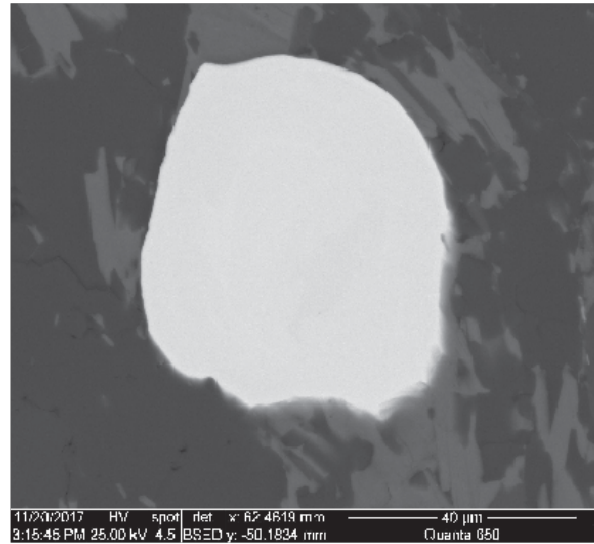
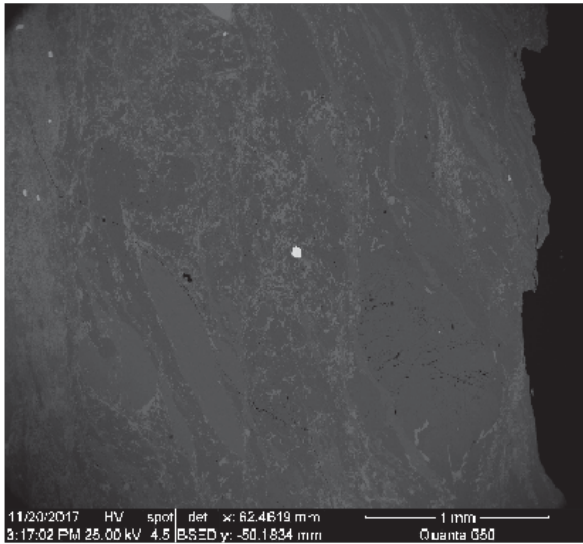
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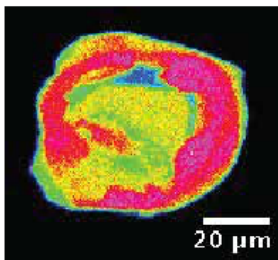
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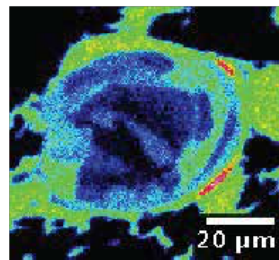
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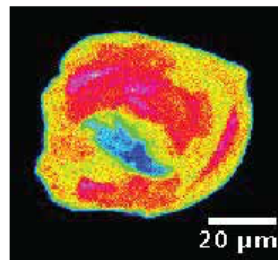
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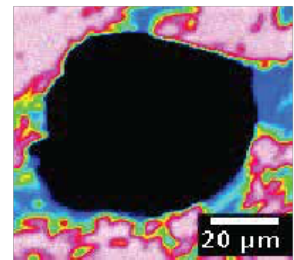
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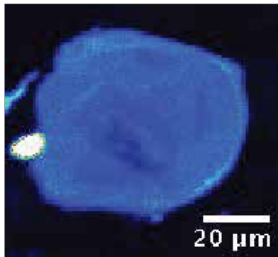
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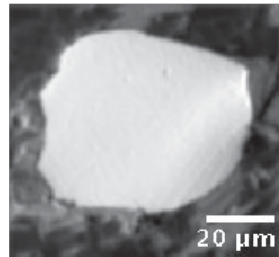
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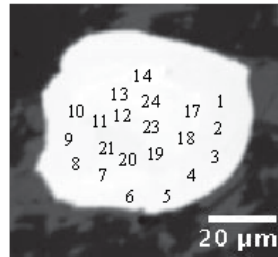
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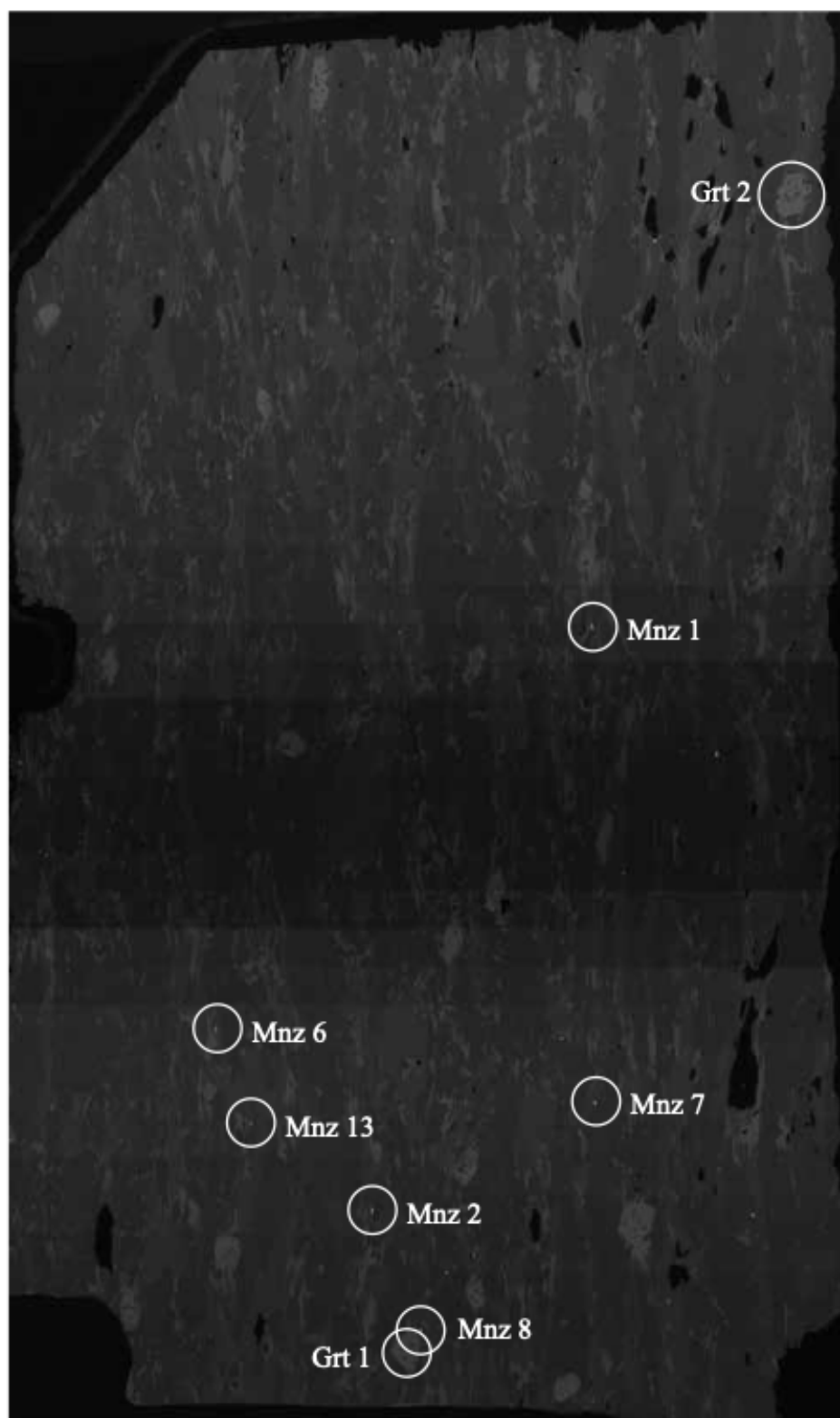
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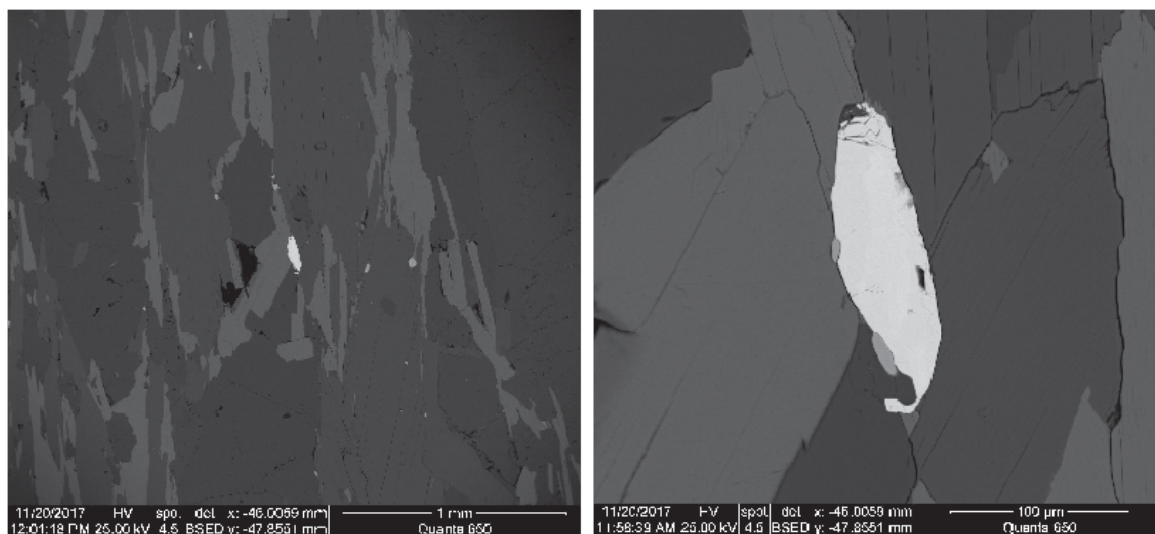
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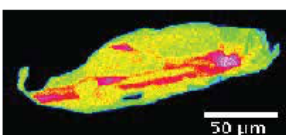
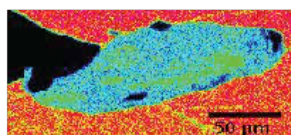
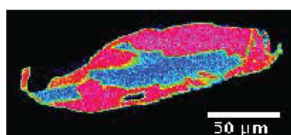


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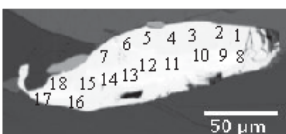
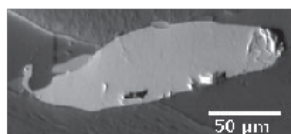
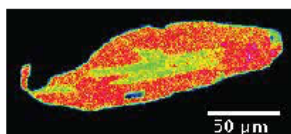
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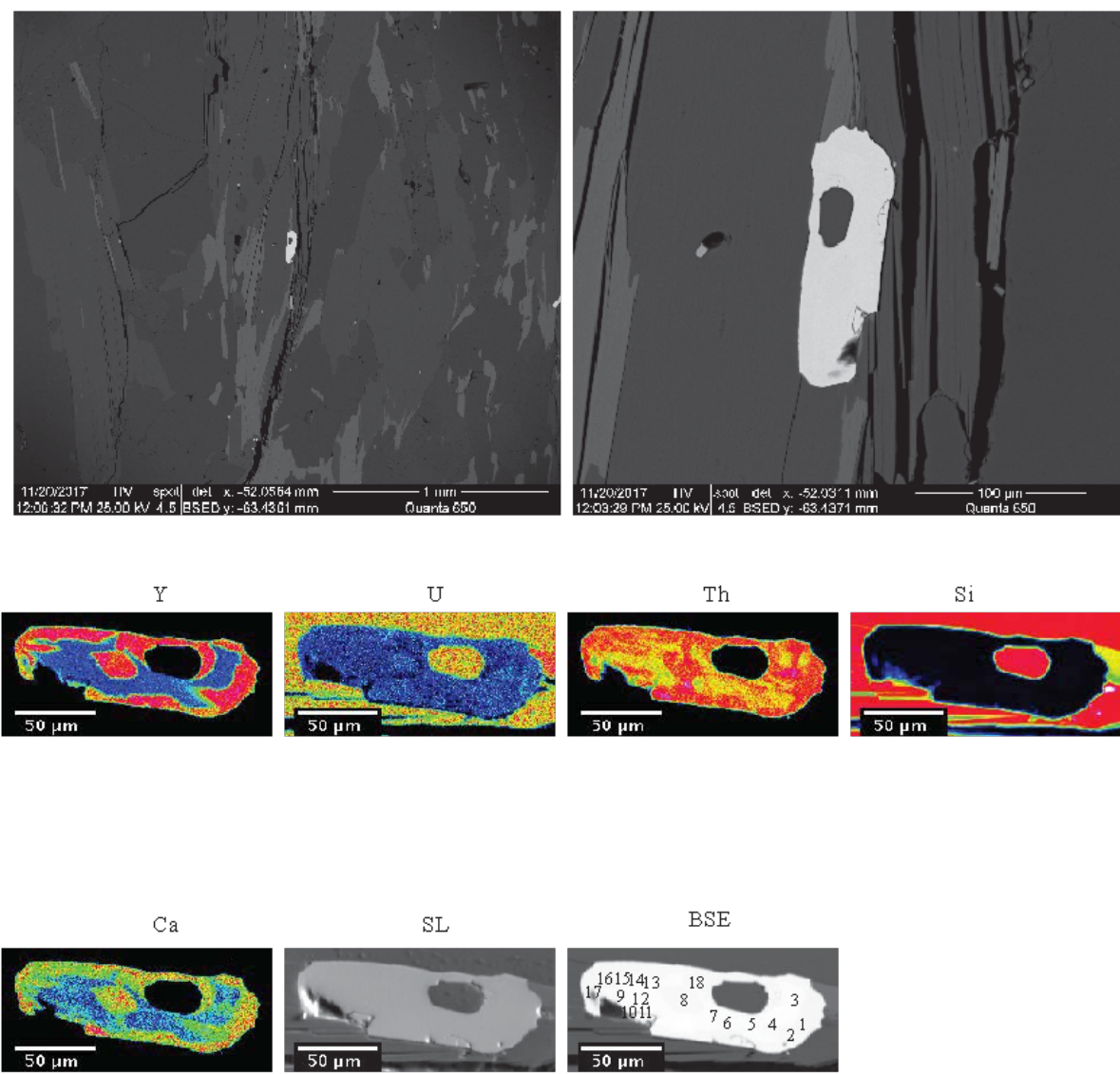
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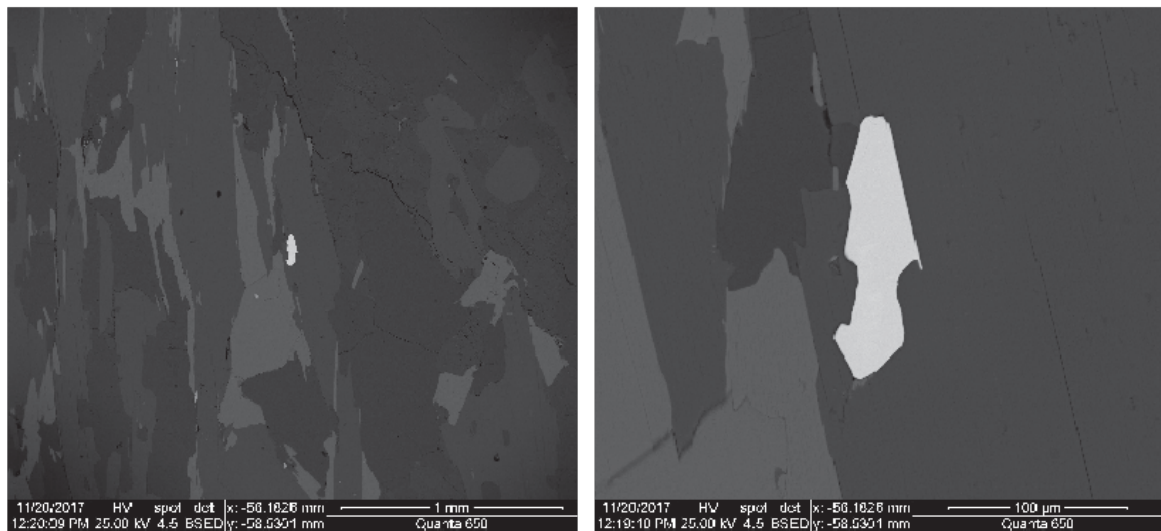
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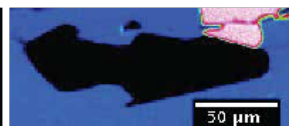
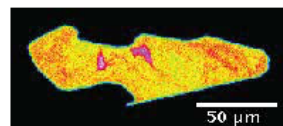
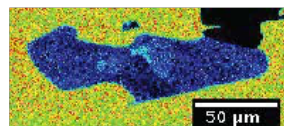
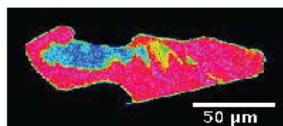


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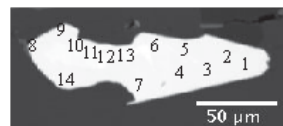
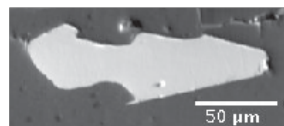
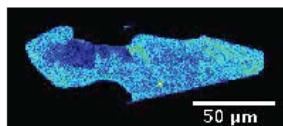
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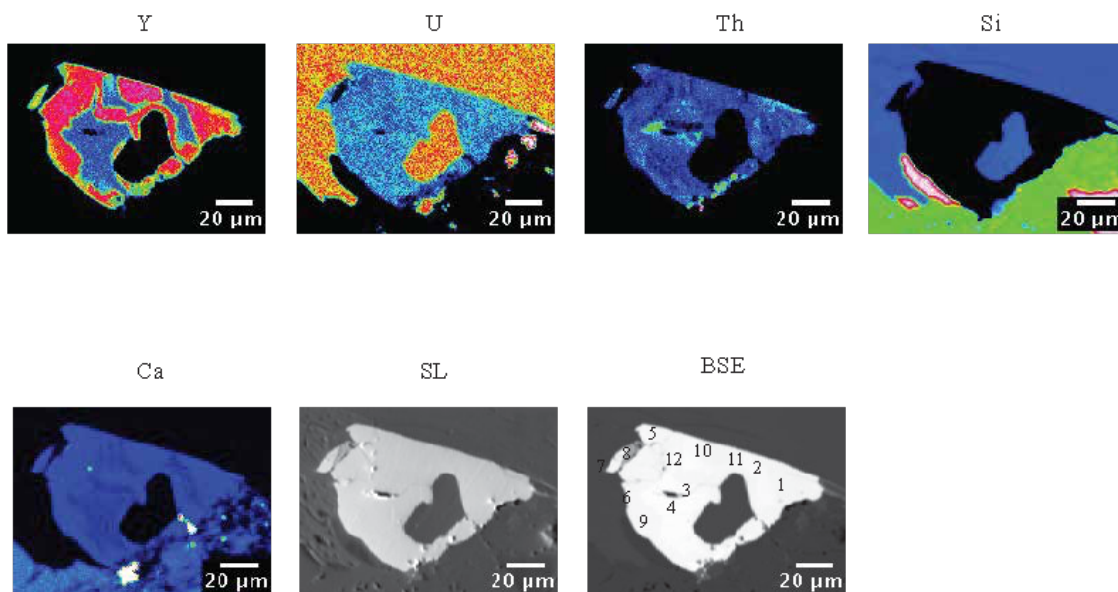
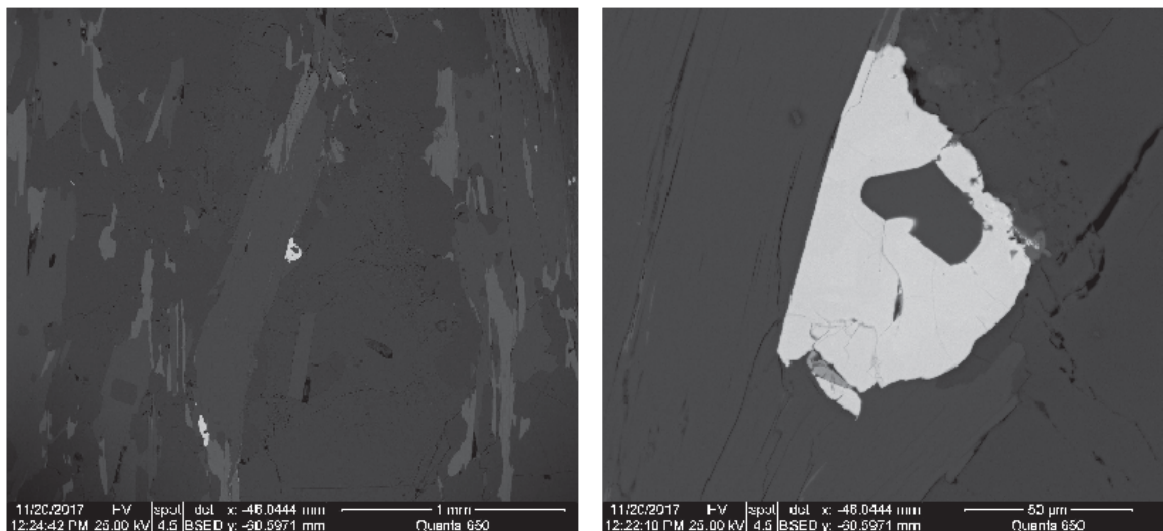
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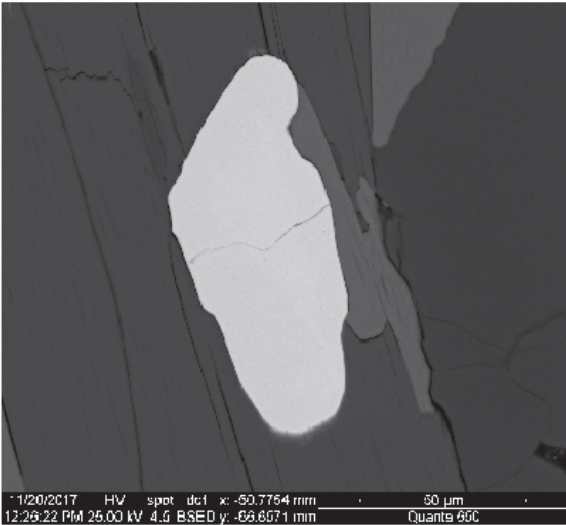
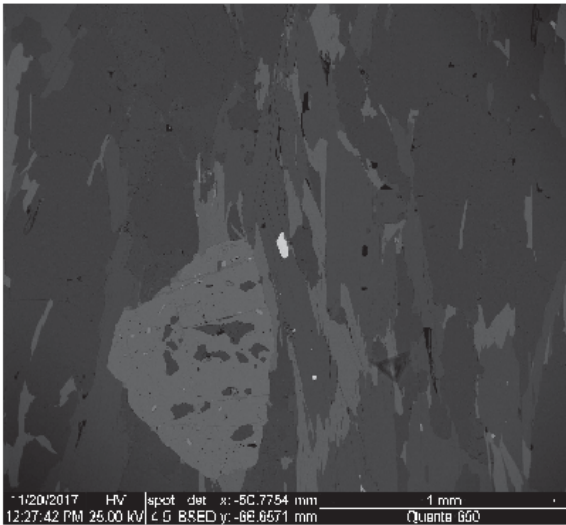


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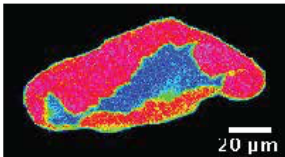


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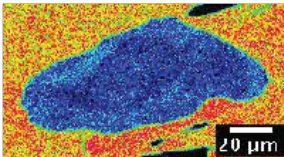
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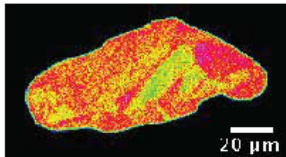
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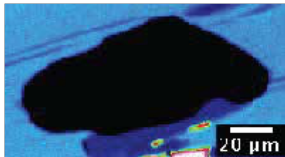
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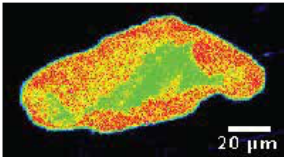
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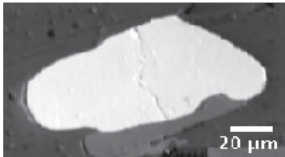
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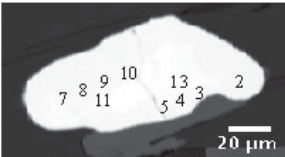
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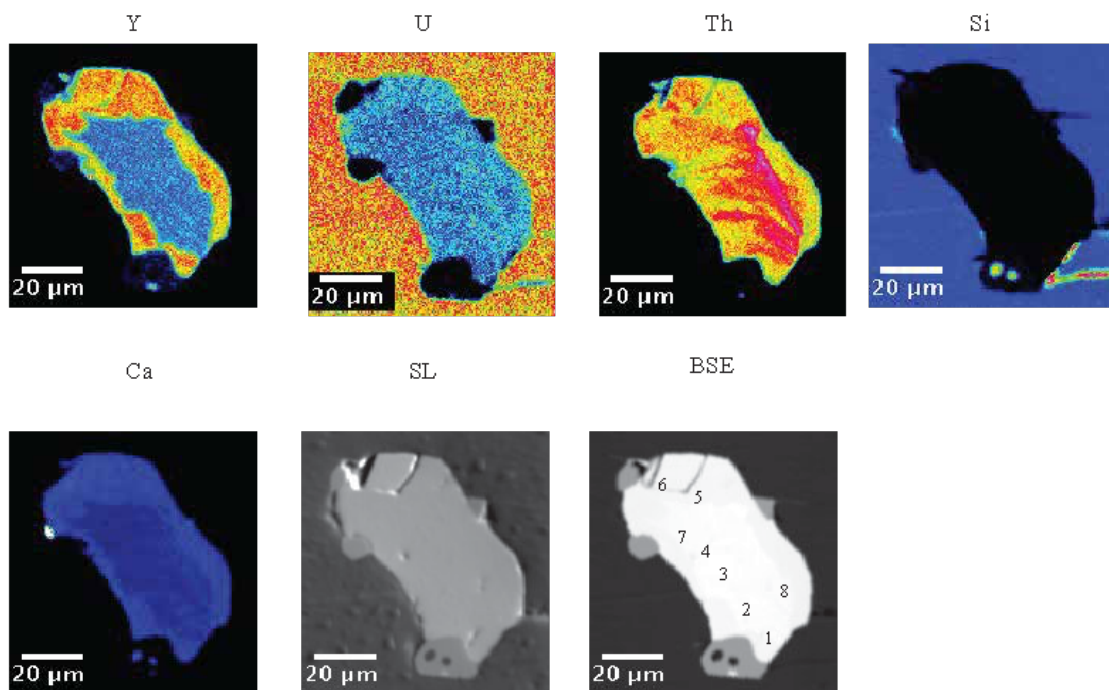
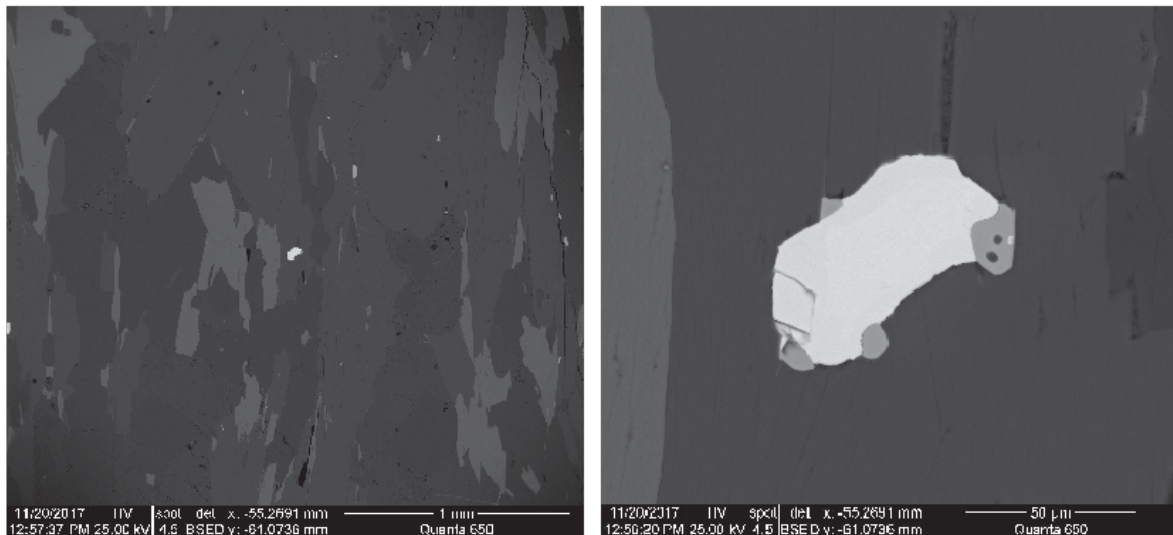


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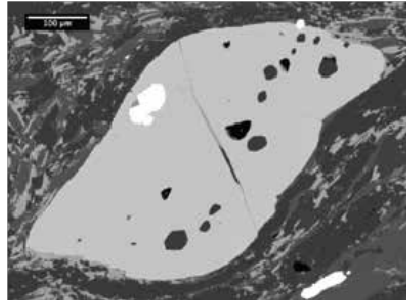


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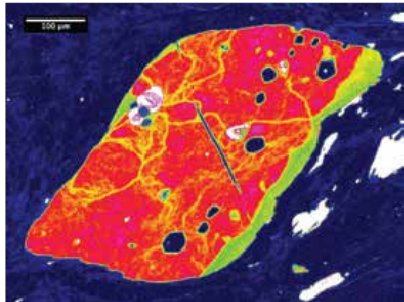
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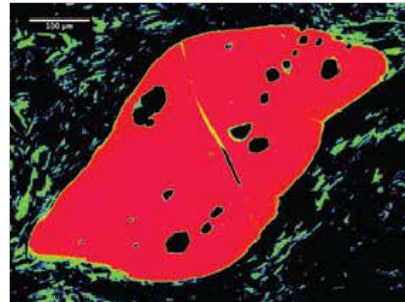
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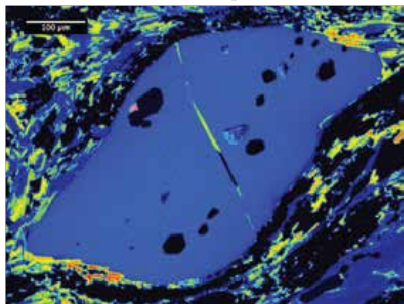
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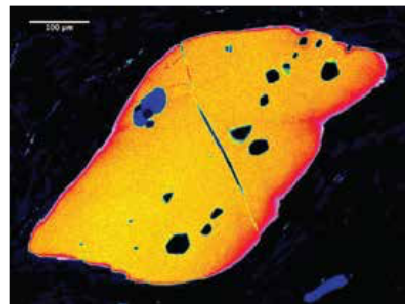
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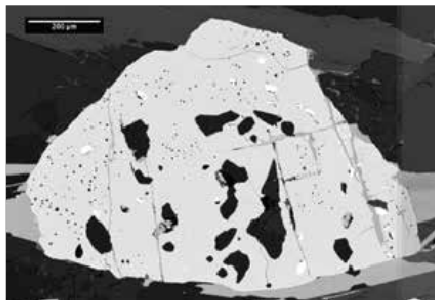
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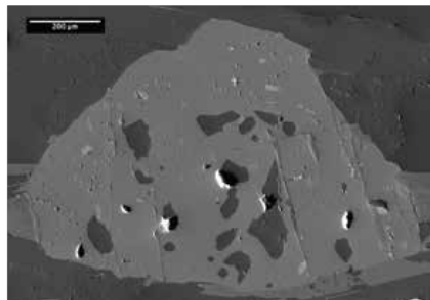
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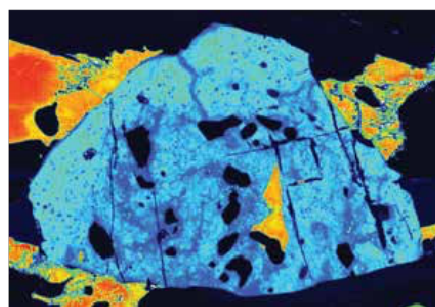
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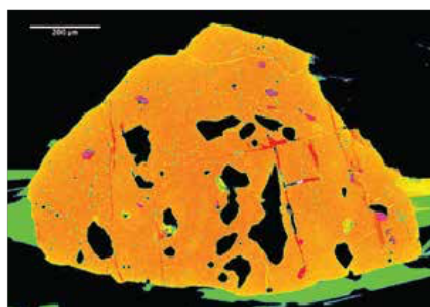
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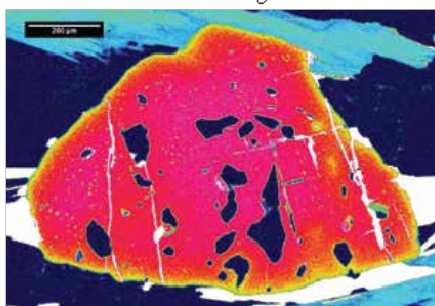
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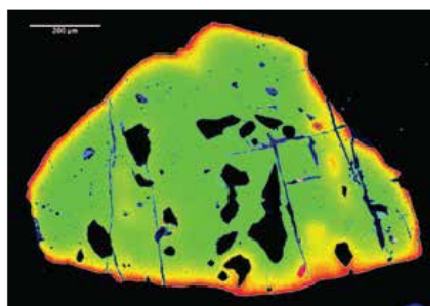
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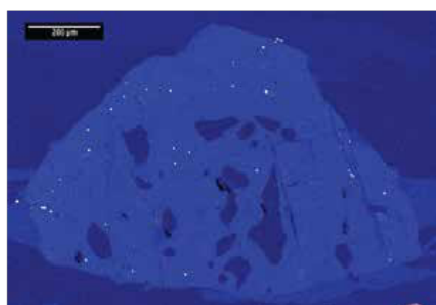
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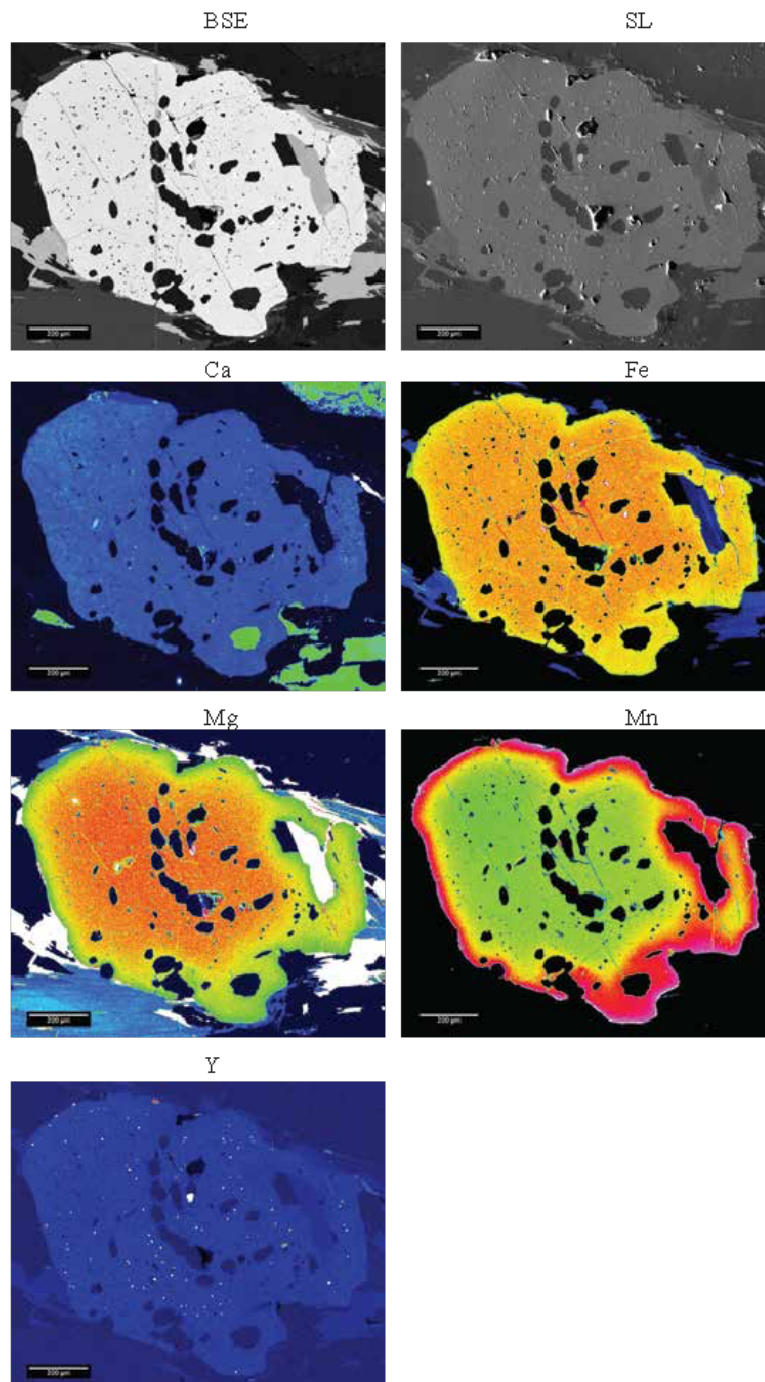


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