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15 1 Introduction

16 The Arctic region is heavily affected by the impacts of climate change (e.g. Swart 2017).
17 Notably, the retreat of numerous glaciers is clearly observed during the last century, which
18 coincides with greatly increased anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions (IPCC, 2013).
19 However, temporal variability in glacial activity prior to the instrumental record is still
20 debated by paleoclimatologists. Prior to the era of direct observations, one possible way to
21 track glacial oscillations and also variation in hydro-sedimentary transfer, both potentially
22 caused by climate change, is to study the origin of sediments deposited in proglacial lakes
23 (e.g. Nesje *et al.*, 2001; de Wet *et al.*, 2017; Briner *et al.*, 2016; Pages 2K Consortium, 2013).
24 Sedimentary source identification is mainly based on experimental and destructive methods
25 (lithogenic radionuclides, geochemistry, particle size and shape) at low resolution (i.e. low

26 sampling interval) (Koiter *et al.*, 2013; Owens *et al.*, 2016; Resentini *et al.*, 2016). However,
27 the use of such low-resolution methods is strongly limited as some lacustrine deposits are
28 finely laminated and may require high-resolution analyses to accurately characterise
29 sedimentary changes potentially linked to climate change. In this context, the “source-to-sink”
30 approach, which entails the comparison of different sources in the lake catchment with
31 sediments stored in lacustrine deposits, is highly useful (Milliman and Syvitski, 1992; Walsh
32 *et al.*, 2016). Currently, these methods generally consist of the study of (i) mineral properties
33 (e.g. magnetism, Horng and Huh 2011, Sandgren and Snowball (2001)), mineral
34 geochemistry (e.g. Revel-Rolland *et al.*, 2005; Bonneau *et al.*, 2016) and (ii) the organic
35 moiety (biomarkers, thermal stability, e.g. Leithold *et al.*, 2016). All these techniques are
36 destructive, may consume a large amount of material, and are time consuming. These
37 limitations make it difficult to study several cores from the same lake, which is essential to
38 validate the significance of the scientific findings (Jenny *et al.*, 2014). They also limit the
39 ability to study a single core at high resolution. Despite these disadvantages, these techniques
40 can quantify the rate of sediment transfer and the relative contribution of source material (e.g.
41 Pulley *et al.*, 2015). Non-destructive methods, such as XRF core-scanning (e.g. Arnaud *et al.*,
42 2016), or magnetic susceptibility measurements (Borruel-Abadía *et al.*, 2015), do not provide
43 any direct quantifications of sedimentary inputs (Brosinsky *et al.*, 2014a; 2014b). While these
44 non-destructive methods may provide some information on the sedimentary organisation at
45 millimetre or micrometric scale, only one longitudinal profile is analysed, which prevents a
46 2D representation. Alternatively, a multi-dimensional representation can be achieved through
47 imaging techniques (e.g. photography, radiography), but to date these methods do not provide
48 information on geochemistry or sediment composition and have not been applied in a source-
49 to-sink context (Owens *et al.*, 2016).

50 In this study, we propose a new experimental method based on hyperspectral imaging. The
51 goal of this research is to track the nature and origin of sediments stored in a lacustrine
52 deposit following a source-to-sink approach. Applied to a sedimentary archive, this imaging
53 technique is effective because it can be carried out at the high-resolution, is non-destructive,
54 multi-dimensional, and can provide quantitative data (Butz *et al.*, 2016; Van Exem *et al.*,
55 2018). Essentially, numerous bands of reflectance are measured in 2D, and each pixel
56 contains one full reflectance spectrum. This technique can provide information at the
57 micrometer scale, and therefore seasonal and extreme events can be discerned (Dearing *et al.*,
58 2010).

59 In order to test this method, we have selected a lacustrine core from the proglacial Lake Linné
60 (Svalbard archipelago, Norway), located along the north-western coast of Spitsbergen.
61 Holocene lacustrine deposits in this lake consist of finely laminated sediments (Mangerud and
62 Svendsen, 1989; Svendsen and Mangerud, 1992; Snyder *et al.*, 2000) with only one major
63 OM (organic matter) layer originating from a coal bed outcrop within the catchment
64 (Svendsen and Mangerud, 1997). The catchment is generally devoid of soils, the vegetation is
65 limited to sparse lichens and moss (Gogolek and Lewandowski, 1980) and no indicator of
66 primary productivity is observed in the sediment of the lake (Svendsen *et al.*, 1989; Svendsen
67 and Mangerud, 1992, 1997; Snyder *et al.*, 2000). Due to the relatively simple nature of
68 organic matter accumulation in the lake, this site is an excellent location to test the hypothesis
69 that the hyperspectral signature (calibrated with other traditional, destructive methods), can
70 accurately reconstruct the Total Organic Carbon (TOC, expressed in weight %). This
71 challenge is relevant since TOC of lacustrine sediment is a proxy widely used in
72 palaeoenvironmental studies in the Arctic context (Bakke *et al.*, 2013).

73 Within a source-to-sink context, we present two methodological approaches based on
74 hyperspectral imaging. In the first approach (A), we compare the spectral properties of

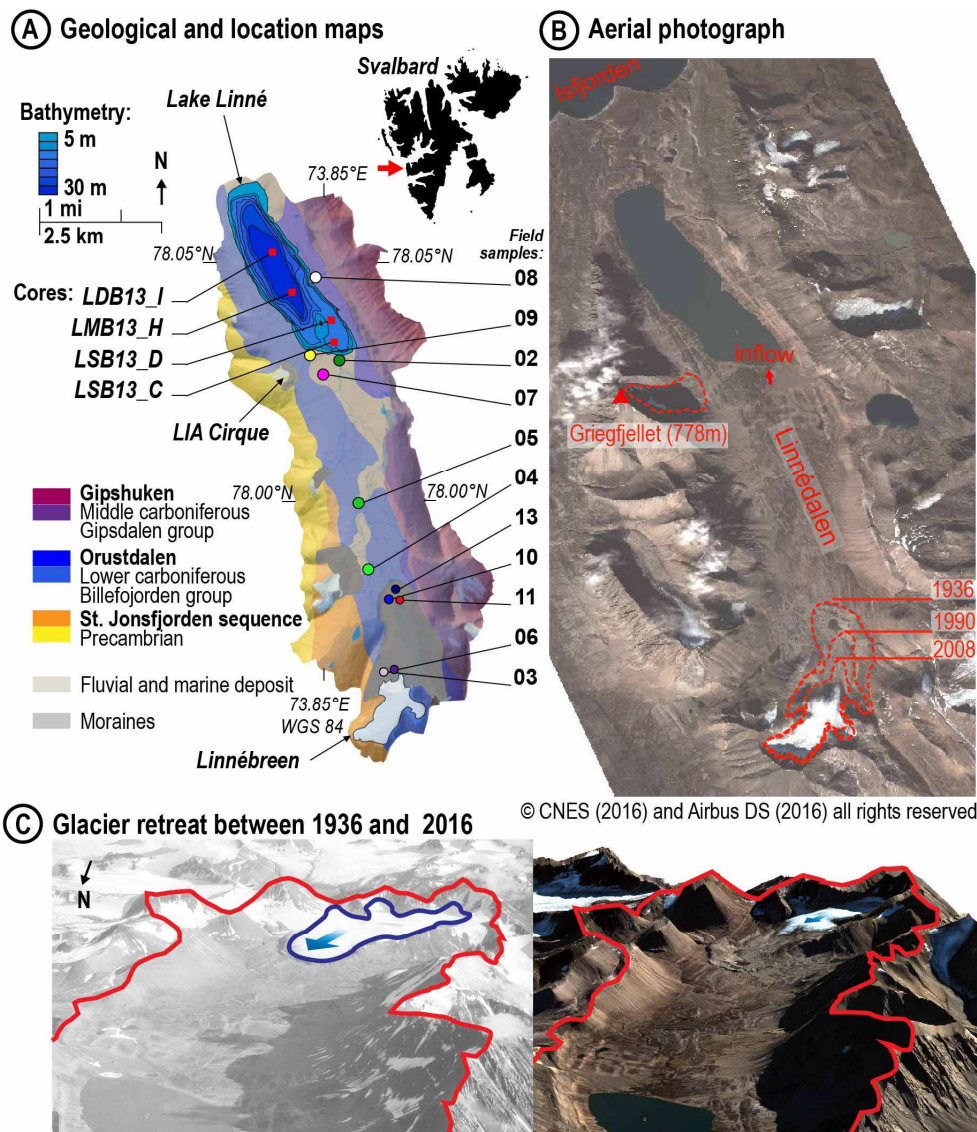
75 downcore samples with samples collected from the lake catchment. The second approach (B)
76 entails the identification of end-member spectral signatures from within the sediment core
77 itself (without the use of catchment samples). Results from these two approaches are then
78 compared with a particular focus on the unique source of OM (coal). TOC based on the
79 hyperspectral imaging method are then calibrated and validated with the use of a bulk organic
80 geochemical method (Rock-Eval 6 pyrolysis).

81 **2 Study site and materials**

82 **2.1 Study site**

83 Lake Linné (Linnévatnet) [78°03'N; 13°50'E] is located at the north-western coast of
84 Spitsbergen in the Svalbard archipelago, Norway, (figure 1A). The lake is 4.6 km long and
85 1.2 km wide and is divided into three sub-basins with various depths (Mangerud and
86 Svendsen 1989). The northern basin is the largest (75 % of the lake surface area) and has a
87 maximum depth of 30 m. The two southerly sub-basins are less than 15 m deep. The south-
88 western basin is characterised by a delta fed by a stream draining an old glacial cirque
89 (referred as the Little Ice Age (LIA) cirque). The other sub-basin is impacted by water and
90 sediment discharge from the Linnélva River that forms a delta at the SE shore of the lake.
91 Linnélva, sourced mainly from the glacier Linnébreen, drains a catchment of 37 km². The
92 maximum elevation within the watershed is Griegfjellet (778 m a.s.l., figure 1B). The
93 watershed is composed of three different rock types which outcrop from east to west, the
94 rocks in the Eastern watershed belong to the Gipshuken Formation dated to the middle
95 Carboniferous; the valley bottom is formed of rocks from the Orustdalen Formation of Lower
96 carboniferous age and the ridge and upland cliffs in the West are a Precambrian bedrock
97 phyllitic rocks of the St. Jonsfjorden group (figure 1A). There is an outlet at the north end of
98 the lake that drains into Isfjorden.

99 Lake Linné was formed by glacial activity during the pre-Holocene period (Boyum and
 100 Kjensmo, 1978; Svendsen *et al.*, 1987). During the Early Holocene, the Linnédalen valley
 101 was a fjord inlet, evidenced by marine terraces along the valley walls (Mangerud and
 102 Svendsen, 1989). The lake was isolated from the fjord around 9600 BP (years before present)
 103 due to isostatic rebound (years before present), (see also Mangerud and Svendsen 1989;
 104 Svendsen and Mangerud 1992 for detailed characteristics and history of the lake).



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106 **Figure 1** : A: bathymetric and geological maps of the Lake Linné and its catchment with
 107 sampling and coring sites. B: Satellite Pleiade image in July 25th 2016 and the maximum

108 expansion of the glacier for the years 1936 (Svendsen and Mangerud, 1992), 1990 (Dallman et
109 al., 1992) and 2008 (Landsat image, Norsk Polar Institute, NPI). C: geographical position and
110 expansion of Linnébreen in 1936 and the DEM (NPI, CNES and Airbus DS, 2016 data). Red
111 line: the catchment limit.

112 **2.2 Expected sedimentary sources**

113 The first and likely dominant sedimentary source for the lake is located in the south part of the
114 catchment where the Linnéelva River delivers sediment from the erosion of the Linnébreen
115 glacier into the lake (Svendsen and Mangerud, 1997). This solid export is highly impacted by
116 local coal beds and by a limited input of limestones (3-6 wt.%, Snyder *et al.*, 2000) from the
117 Orusdalen formation (Billefjorden group, Lower Carboniferous, figure 1A). Orusdalen rocks
118 are composed of sandstones with plant fragments, black marls and coal beds (Dallmann *et al.*,
119 1992). This source is estimated to be responsible for half of the yearly sediment flux delivered
120 to the lake (Svendsen *et al.*, 1989). The contribution of coal likely exhibits first-order control
121 on the TOC of Lake Linné sediments, as evidenced by the linear relationship observed
122 between TOC and coal concentration (Mangerud and Svendsen, 1989, 1997).

123 The second important sediment source is located in the eastern part of the catchment, which is
124 drained by an ephemeral stream episodically fed by groundwater and nival melt water.
125 Sediments from this stream are mainly composed of limestones (10 to 40 wt. %) with a minor
126 amount of coal (<1% wt.%) (Snyder *et al.*, 2000). A ferrous and dolomitic gypsum outcrop is
127 present in the eastern part of the valley (Gipshuken deposit from the Gipsladen formation,
128 figure 1A) but its contribution to the sediment flux exported to the lake is thought to be
129 insignificant (Snyder *et al.*, 2000).

130 The third source, located in the western part of the catchment, consists of low grade
131 metamorphic sediments depleted in limestones (3 to 6 wt.%) and graphitic OM (< 0.2 wt.%)
132 from the LIA cirque installed downstream the Griegfjellet Mount (Snyder *et al.*, 2000). These

133 rocks, corresponding to arenitic phyllites, are of Precambrian to Ordovician age and are
134 considered as the bedrock of the catchment (rocks from the St. Jonsforden sequence, figure
135 1A). Late Holocene glacier activity in the western part of the watershed, such as within this
136 LIA cirque, is evidenced by the occurrence of some moraines (Reusche *et al.*, 2014).

137 The last source is the marine sediments deposited prior the isostatic rebound and related to the
138 ice cap retreat in the valley during the last ice age. However, according to Svendsen *et al.*
139 (1989), these sediments remain insignificant with respect to the sedimentary budget of the
140 lake. There are further limited outcrops of marine-derived material and riverine sediment
141 throughout the valley (Dalmann *et al.*, 1992), their influence on sedimentation in the lake is
142 negligible although wave washing and soliflucted sediments along the shorelines has been
143 observed during fieldworks. The sediment sources listed here have been identified in the
144 lacustrine sediment record based primarily on comparison with soil and catchment samples
145 collected in the field (see below).

146 **2.3 Provenance samples**

147 All samples collected in the field are listed in table 1 and encompass the main sources
148 previously described in section 2.2. 11 samples were collected at the different rock outcrops:
149 the first source (labelled I) is characterised by moraine samples from the Linnébreen glacier,
150 rock flour sampled on the glacier, and fine sediments stored between the glacier and its
151 moraine (figure 1A, sample number: 03, 06, 10, 11 and 13). The second source (II) is
152 identified by a unique sample coming from the LIA cirque (figure 1A, sample number 09).
153 The third (III) is mostly limestone characteristic of the eastern cliffs formed by the Gipsuken
154 formation (figure 1A, sample number 08). The last source (IV) is defined by the marine
155 terrace sediments sampled in the Linnédalen valley (figure 1A, sample number 07) and by

156 some riverine samples deposited in an intermediate storage area (floodplain area) or in the
 157 flood deposits (figure 1A, sample number 02, 04 and 05).

158 *Table 1 : Field samples and sedimentary core description.*

Sample/core	East/long.	North/lat.	Type	Description
02_LowerLinnélvased	13.8603°	78.02887°	fine sediment	Lake fan of Linnéelva
03_SurGlacierLinnéFront	13.9193°	77.9702°	fine sediment	Glacier front deposit
04_SkStreamSed	13.88765°	77.98452°	coarse sediment	River deposit
05_MidLinnéelvaSed	13.87832°	77.99922°	fine sediment	River deposit
06_BulkSedFront Glacier	13.9137°	77.9691°	fine sediment	Melt flow stream deposit
07_MarMudSed	13.84733°	78.02835°	fine sediment	Marine terrace
08_Linnécarbonatefan	13.83692°	78.04625°	coarse sediment	Lake fan of east stream
09_OldCirque	13.84622 °	78.0295°	fine sediment	Lake fan of LIA cirque stream
10_EDMoraine	13.9116°	77.97717°	bulk « coal »	Morain deposit
11_LinnéGlacierCoalAffl.	13.9239°	77.9771°	bulk rock	Coal rich sandstone
13_CoalGLMor	13.9164°	77.9792°	bulk « coal »	Moraine deposit
LDB13_I	13,8014°	78.0507°	sediment core	37.5-m depth
LMB13_H	13,8156°	78,043°	sediment core	37.5-m depth
LSB13_D	13,8561°	78,0372°	sediment core	14.5-m depth
LSB13_C	13,86611°	78,032°	sediment core	14.5-m depth

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160 **2.4 Core description**

161 Four sediment cores were collected from the Lake Linné with a gravity coring system during
162 the 2013 summer expedition (August). Two cores were taken from the northern sub-basin:
163 core LDB13_H (60 cm long, ISBN number: IEM2C0013) was collected towards the delta of
164 a small tributary draining the eastern cliff (figure 1A), while the distal core LDB13_I (70 cm
165 long, ISBN number: IEM2C0014) was taken from the deepest part of the lake (water depth
166 of 37.5 m, table 1, figure 1A). Two cores were taken from the SE lacustrine sub-basin, which
167 is fed by the Linnéelva delta: LSB13_D (61 cm long, ISBN number: IEM2C0012) was taken
168 close to the main basin while core LSB13_C (52 cm long, ISBN number: IEM2C000Z) was
169 sampled just in front of the mouth of the Linnéelva delta (figure 1A). Methods

170 **2.5 Hyperspectral imaging**

171 *2.5.1 Method description*

172 Hyperspectral imagery is a visible and near infra-red spectroscopic method measuring the
173 reflectance of sediment surface exposed to an incident light. Light absorption by the sediment
174 results in a reflected light which mainly depends on the composition. Hyperspectral core-
175 logging consist in acquiring an image of a whole sediment core in a single scan. The measure,
176 expressed in percentage of reflectance after a radiometric calibration (3.1.3 Reflectance
177 normalization), is provided for each pixel of the image. The data treatment consists to infer
178 the sediment composition by analyzing the reflectance spectra. Hence the results are
179 represented depending on the position of the pixels to describe the geochemical variations at
180 high resolution.

181 *2.5.2 Raw data acquisition*

182 Prior to analysis with the hyperspectral camera, field samples were crushed in agate
183 mortar after being dried in a ventilated oven at 30°C. The sediment cores were split and

184 cleaned/scraped to ensure a uniform sediment surface. The acquisition process was performed
185 on a core logger equipped with a hyperspectral camera (VNIR-PFD, SPECIM®). This
186 technique has both a short sampling time and allows for high spatial resolution (several
187 dozens of μm). The distance between the studied sample / core and the camera lens was 130
188 mm, with an acquisition angle of 0° . The surface of the sample is indirectly illuminated by 18
189 halogen bulbs homogeneously distributed around the lens. The acquisition speed of the core
190 logger was $0.5 \text{ mm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$. Pixels from the final image exhibit a spatial resolution of $47\times 47 \mu\text{m}^2$
191 and contain raw spectral data from 400 to 1000 nm at 6.5 nm spectral resolution (given in
192 digit number, DN).

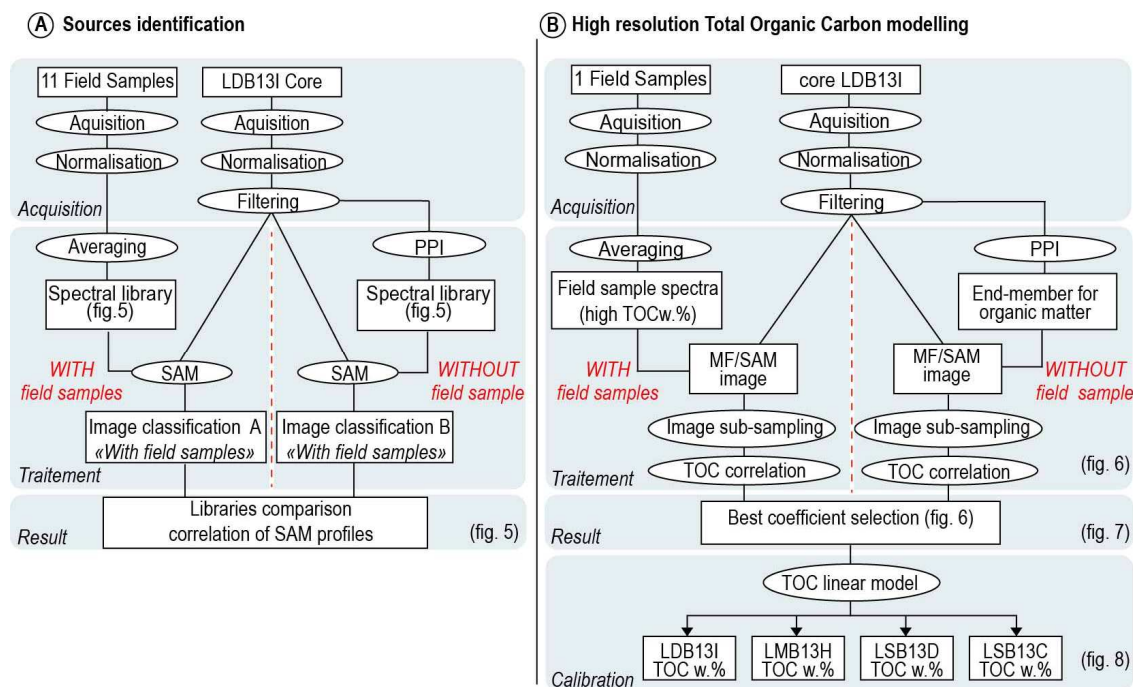
193 *2.5.3 Reflectance normalization*

194 For each acquisition, a normalisation process was performed, with a standard material panel
195 (SPECTRALON®) that exhibited 99 % reflectance. This was then used to convert raw data (8
196 bits) into reflectance percentage (figure 2A, B). All of the measurements were normalised
197 based on this 99% reflectance value. Data processing was then carried out with the ENVI
198 software (v. 5.3). Once normalised, the measurements bands from 475 to 1000 nm were
199 selected in order to keep a signal-to-noise higher than 2. Signal processing included several
200 steps: preprocessing was used to clean up the data, then a first spectral library was made up
201 based on the extraction of the end-members from the sediment core hyperspectral image and a
202 second library was made up of the field samples reflectance measurements. Data processing
203 consisted of the correlation of the sediment core spectra with the libraries separately to form
204 two classification images.

205 *2.5.4 Image preprocessing of downcore sediment*

206 It is crucial to preprocess the image of the sediment core to identify and delete outliers (figure
207 2A, B). Changes in surface roughness can form shadow zones and produce reflection of water
208 present either in sediment cavities and/or on mineral or grain faces. To avoid misleading

209 interpretations, pixels that exhibited grey scale values that exceeded an empiric threshold of
 210 1.5 times the standard-deviation of an image were removed; in this study, such pixels
 211 corresponded to ~5 % of the total archive.



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 213 **Figure 2:** A: Hyperspectral method used to discriminate the sedimentary sources and protocol
 214 steps following a common approach and a new approach using end-members of the spectral
 215 library. B: Quantification of the signal from the total organic carbon content (TOC, in wt.%),
 216 Comparison of the two approaches and TOC reconstruction on the sedimentary archives (see
 217 section XX for further details).

218 2.5.5 Library A: including provenance samples

219 For the Library A approach, the hyperspectral library (against which downcore samples are
 220 compared) consists of spectral references from samples collected within the catchment
 221 of Lake Linné (figure 1), with the objective to characterise the main sources of the sediments
 222 preserved in the lake. The 11 field samples were positioned in a glass petri dish with a
 223 minimum thickness of 5 mm and measured in a single run. The image was divided into square

224 areas of at least 500 pixels each. The area was averaged to provide one spectral reference by
225 field sample. One specific color is assigned to the reference spectra.

226 *2.5.6 Library B: excluding provenance samples*

227 Library B excludes any field samples collected from the Linné catchment and instead relies
228 on spectral “end-members” extracted directly from a previously measured sedimentary
229 archive (Butz *et al.*, 2015). This step is performed using "ENVI spectral wizard", in which a
230 MNF filter ("Minimum Noise Fraction", Green *et al.*, 1988) is applied. The end-members are
231 selected according to the pixel purity index (Pixel Purity Index, PPI). This algorithm selects
232 the most highly differentiated spectral signatures of a given hyperspectral image (Boardman,
233 1994) and thus, of the sedimentary archive.

234 *2.5.7 Classification by spectral angle*

235 Spectral Angle Measure (SAM) is used to classify spectra of an image from the spectra of a
236 hyperspectral library (Kruse *et al.*, 1993). SAM returns a value between 0 and 1, with values
237 closer to 0 representing closer spectra. The classification assigns the same color of the closest
238 library spectra to the pixels of the sediment core image. Finally, the classification image
239 indicates which is the closest field sample (or end-member) to the different parts of the
240 sediment core.

241 *2.5.8 Hyperspectral imaging calibration by Rock-Eval 6 pyrolysis*

242 To convert the imaging data into total organic carbon (TOC), a calibration curve was
243 established that relate measured TOC (wt.%) through Rock-Eval 6 pyrolysis and the MF /
244 SAM hyperspectral index (similarity assessment by Match Filtering, MF, divided by the
245 spectral angle, figure 2B). In order to amplify the degree of variation between spectra, the
246 convolution product (i.e. Match Filtering) was divided by the spectral angle (Crassard *et al.*,
247 2013). A spectrum related to OM content was used to calculate the MF / SAM index of the

248 archive. The image of the MF / SAM index was sub-sampled into 71 zones corresponding to
249 the samples analysed by Rock-Eval 6 pyrolysis (1x1 cm², see below). A transfer function was
250 then defined using these 71 values. To plot the TOC over the sediment core image from the
251 "with field samples" library, the reference spectrum of the sample with the highest TOC was
252 selected. For the end-member library, the OM spectrum was selected based on low reflectance
253 and monotonous spectrum (Cloutis *et al.*, 1990). These properties are specific of geological
254 coal spectra (Cloutis, 2003) and to a mixture of mature organic matter and clay (Milliken and
255 Mustard, 2007).

256 **2.6 OM study with Rock-Eval 6 pyrolysis**

257 Rock-Eval 6 pyrolysis (Vinci-technology®) was used to measure and calibrate TOC from the
258 Lake Linné sediment core. This method relies on thermal degradation of OM at gradually
259 increasing temperatures through pyrolysis and combustion. Pyrolysis provides the TOC of a
260 given sample along with other geochemical characteristics related to the origin and alteration
261 states of the OM (Lafargue *et al.*, 1998). Originally developed to describe the oil potential of
262 sedimentary rocks, the method is widely used to characterize recent OM in soil (e.g., Disnar *et*
263 *al.*, 2003), lacustrine sediments (e.g., Di-Giovanni *et al.*, 1998; Disnar *et al.*, 2003), and
264 suspended sediments in rivers to track fossil organic carbon (Copard *et al.*, 2006). Contrary to
265 other methods related to TOC quantification, the main advantage of this technique is that it
266 does not require pretreatment (acid digestion) since the thermal decomposition of carbonates
267 is considered (see Lafargue *et al.*, 1998 for the principle of the method). Based on standard
268 analyses, the uncertainty of the reconstructed TOC is 0.03 wt.% (Noel, 2001). Analyses were
269 performed on 71 samples from LDB13_I core (1 cm³), sampled each centimeter, and on 11
270 field samples. The field samples were crushed at 250 µm and dried in a ventilated oven at
271 25°C. 50 to 80 mg of sediment was analyzed per sample. For the first stage of the pyrolysis,
272 samples were heated in oven beginning at 200° C. The temperature was then increased to

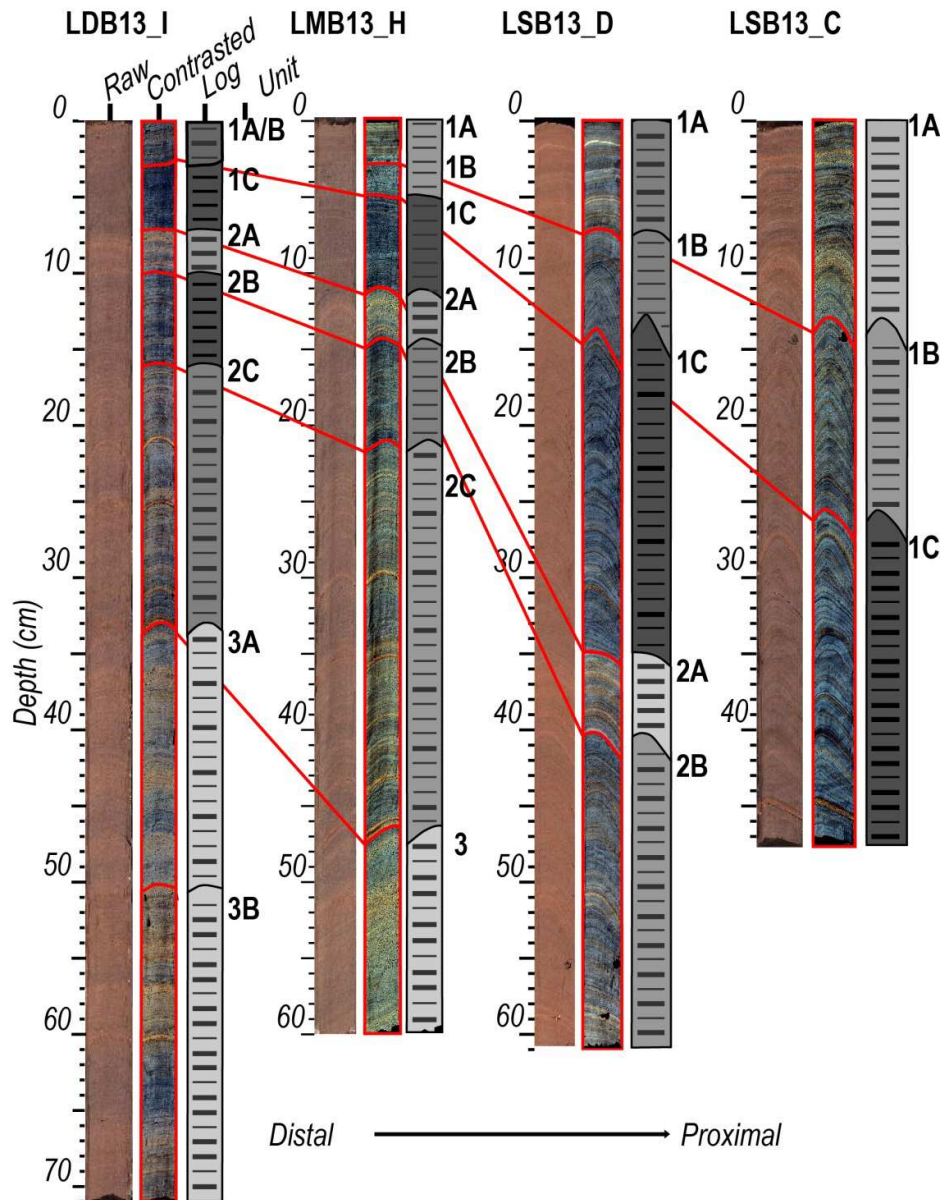
273 650°C at a rate of 25°C min⁻¹. During this process the pyrolysis effluents are conveyed with a
274 constant nitrogen flow to the flame ionization detector for the quantification of hydrocarbons
275 and to an infrared detector for the quantification of the CO₂ and CO compounds. The second
276 oxidation phase was carried out in an oven where the carbonaceous residues of the pyrolysis
277 were carbonized between 400°C and 750°C and the effluents exported via airflow to an
278 infrared detector where CO₂ and CO were quantified. These signals give some parameters
279 related to the quantification of TOC and the quality of the OM: TOC (in wt.%) is given by the
280 sum of OC pyrolyzed (pyrolyzed carbon) and carbonized OC (residual carbon), while the
281 pyrolysis step gives qualitative parameters of the OM. In this study, we focused on the
282 richness of hydrocarbons of the OM (HI index, expressed in mg HC.g⁻¹ TOC) and that of the
283 oxygen (OI index, expressed in mgO₂.g⁻¹ TOC).

284 **3 Results and interpretations**

285 **3.1 Stratigraphy and sedimentary units**

286 Core LDB13_I was divided into 3 units (1-3) based on the dominant color and thickness
287 of the laminations (figure 3). Unit 1 (0-7 cm depth) of the LDB13_I core is dark grey and was
288 divided into three subunits based on lamina thickness. The subunits 1A and 1B of 0 to 3 cm
289 deep both highlight lamina of heterogeneous thicknesses of about 1-mm with clear or even
290 gradual contacts. In the distal core LDB13_I these 2 subunits are not distinguished from each
291 other. In the proximal records (i.e. LSB13_C and LSB13_D), the color of the laminae is
292 clearer in the 1A subunit. Subunit 1C (3 to 7 cm deep), has laminations less than 1-mm thick
293 and sharp contacts (figure 3). Some bright yellow laminae are present. Unit 2, from 7 to 34
294 cm, shows alternating light and dark laminae. Subunit 2A, 7 to 10 cm, is bright, the thickness
295 of the lamina varies from 1 to 3 mm. Contacts are sharp or gradual. Subunit 2B 10 to 16 cm
296 deep is dark, the thickness of the lamina is homogeneous and approximately 1 mm. The
297 contacts between the lamina are clear. Subunit 2C (16 to 34 cm depth) is clearly defined. The

298 laminae thickness is heterogeneous from 1 to 3 mm. The contacts are sharp. At 25 cm depth in
 299 Unit C, a red lamina (2 mm) strongly emerges from the rest of the entire archive. This lamina
 300 is also present at 35 cm in the LDB13_H archive. Unit 3, 34 to 71 cm, is heterogeneous with
 301 fewer laminations than the previous two units. In the LDB13_H archive, the sediments of
 302 Unit 3 have a massive appearance (figure 3).



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304 **Figure 3:** Raw hyperspectral images and hyperspectral images with amplified contrast,
 305 sedimentary log, and correlation of sedimentary units between the four archives.

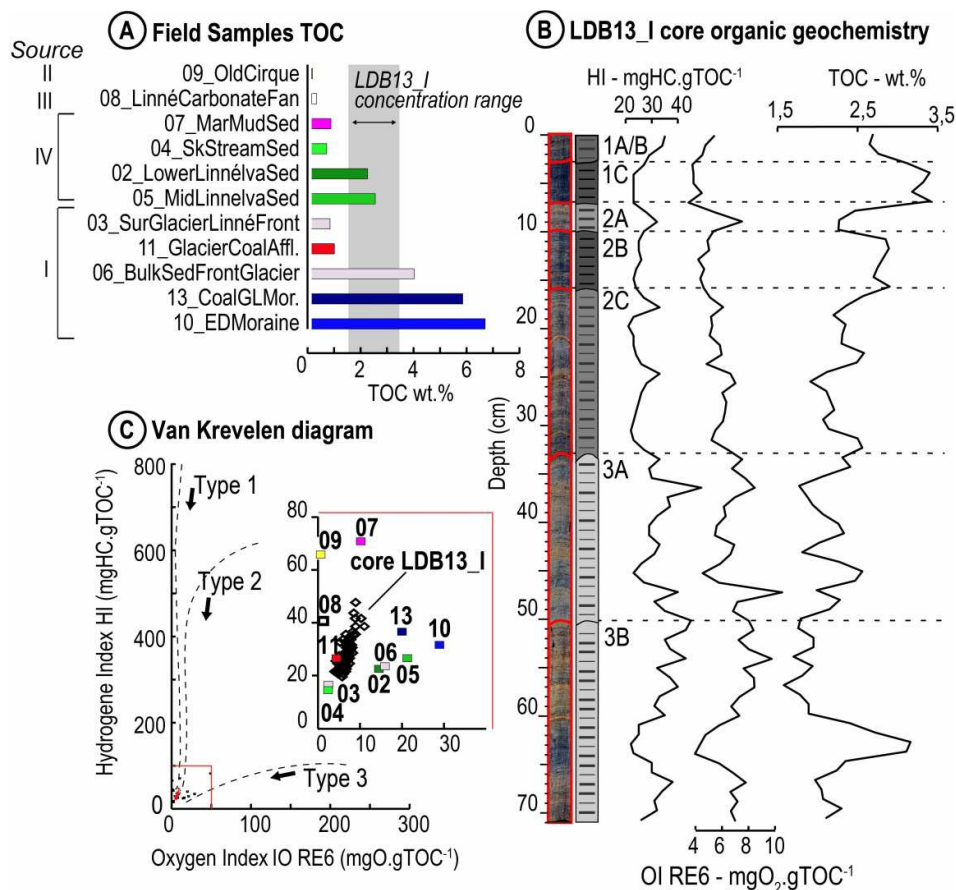
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307 Although the subunit thickness appears to increase from LDB13_I core to LSB13_C core, the
308 same stratigraphy is exhibited in all four archives. This difference in thickness is explained by
309 the locations of the coring sites. The distal cores (I and H) receive relatively less sediment
310 because they are located further away from the Linnéelva than the proximal sites (C and D).
311 The sedimentary deposits of the LDB13_I core are representative of the stratigraphy of the
312 other cores and the archive can therefore be used to describe the sedimentary inputs in the
313 Lake Linné. The following interpretations are based primarily on the LDB13_I archive since
314 it presents the thinner laminations to experience the high resolution of the hyperspectral core-
315 logger.

316 **3.2 OM geochemical analyses**

317 The total organic carbon (TOC) in the LDB13_I core varies from 1.58 to 3.41 wt.%, with
318 significant variability with depth (figure 4). The highest values are found in sub-units 1C and
319 3B (> 3 wt.%). The TOC for the field samples range from 0.3 to 6.74 wt.%, where the highest
320 values (i.e. > 5 wt.%) correspond to the Linnébreen moraine coal-rich samples (i.e. 10 and
321 13). Fluvial sediment samples have intermediate values (0,58 to 2,47 wt.%). The Sample
322 04_SkStreamSed located upstream the Linnéelva has the lowest TOC content of the fluvial
323 source (0.58 wt.%). This reflects a low influence of the glacier sediment at the sample
324 location, slightly on the west of the glacier (figure 1). All other samples show low TOC (< 1
325 wt; %, figure 4A), indicating a gradual dilution of OM inputs from the Linnébreen glacier by
326 lateral contributions. However, these lateral contributions remain low since the TOC are 2.17
327 wt.% at the mouth of the stream (02_LowerLinnéelva). Samples from the three other potential
328 sources (sample 09_OldCircle, 08_LinnéCarbonateFan, 07_MarMudSed) also exhibit low
329 TOC: 0.03 wt.%, 0.19 wt.%, 0.75 wt.% respectively. It should be noted that the top core

330 sample exhibits a TOC ~2.50 wt.%, similar to samples along the stream (at the intermediate
 331 site: 05_MidLinnéElvaSed: 2.47 wt.%, slightly upstream of the Linnéelva River mouth:
 332 02_LowerLinnéElvaSed: 2.17 wt.%).



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334 **Figure 4:** A: Total Organic Carbon (TOC% m) measurements for sediment field samples. B:
 335 Hydrogen index, oxygen index and TOC profiles for the LDSB13_I archive. C: Van Krevelen
 336 diagram showing oxygen index versus hydrogen index, for field samples and samples from
 337 archive LDB13_I. Organic matter (OM) of Type 1 corresponds to kerogens of lacustrine origin,
 338 OM of Type 2 corresponds to kerogens of marine origin, OM of Type 3 are kerogens of
 339 lignocellulosic material with a terrestrial origin.

340 OM origin was determined by plotting the OI vs HI index in a pseudo Van Krevelen diagram
 341 (figure 4C). For all field samples, OI values are less than 30 mg O₂.TOC⁻¹. HI values are
 342 below 70 mgHC.TOC⁻¹. This range of values suggests that the OM of the Linnéelva

343 watershed has a lignocellulosic origin and is likely related to glacier erosion of the
344 Carboniferous coal seams. Samples from other parts of the watershed have a stronger HI
345 (09_Oldcirque, 08_LinnécarbonateFan, 07_MarMudSed: 67, 42, 72 mgHC.TOC⁻¹
346 respectively) and / or very low OI values (09_Oldcirque: 0.12 O₂.TOC⁻¹,
347 08_LinnécarbonateFan: 9.98 mg O₂.TOC⁻¹).

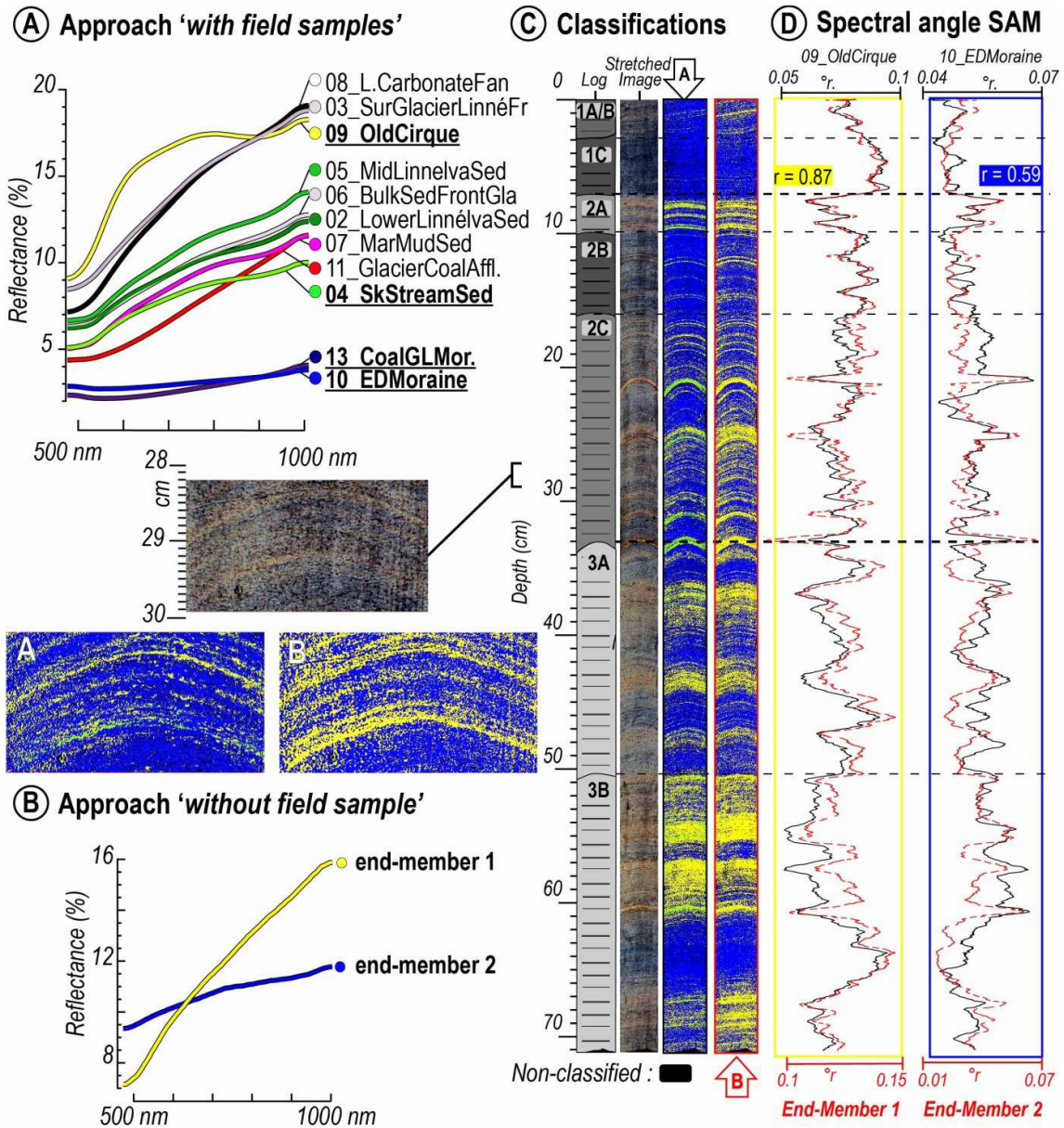
348 In the LDB13_I core, the variations of the OI and HI indices are minor with 4 to 10
349 mgO₂.TOC⁻¹ and 20 to 50 mgHC.TOC⁻¹ respectively. Compared to the field samples,
350 intermediate values from downcore samples confirm that the sediment deposited in the lake
351 represents a mixture of coal (high OI, low OI) and another source that increases the HI and
352 decreases the OI values. This relationship is particularly evident when comparing HI, OI and
353 TOC values: TOC values are higher when OI and HI values are lower (figure 4B). This
354 clearly contrasts the coal from Linnéelva and detrital sedimentation, devoid of OM, from
355 other sources. However, the RE6 pyrolysis does not provide information on the source of
356 additional OM beyond coals. Essentially, only the remobilization of the geological OM
357 contained in the Carboniferous sedimentary rocks explains the geochemical signature of the
358 OM in the core (figure 4). The OM of core LDB13_I is identical to that identified in the field
359 samples (figure 4A, 35C). The HI and OI values remain broadly unchanged with depth,
360 suggesting an absence of diagenetic processes in the core (figure 4C). One of the main
361 conclusions drawn from the downcore bulk geochemical data is that there is limited
362 autochthonous primary productivity occurring within the lake itself, or at least that this OM is
363 no more present in the lacustrine sedimentary record at the time of the analyses.

364 **3.3 Sedimentary sources tracking with hyperspectral imaging**

365 *3.3.1 Approach A: “with field sample”*

366 The spectral library from the field samples, used to identify the sources of sediment material
367 in the core, is presented in figure 5A. These spectra have well-differentiated characteristics in

368 terms of amplitude and slope; as an example, the amplitudes vary from 3 to 19% R
369 (reflectance). The weakest reflectance corresponds to the samples from source I (Linnébreen
370 moraine). The spectrum of the LIA cirque sample (09_OldCirque) differs from the others by
371 increasing sharply between 500 and 600 nm and decreasing between 800 and 900 nm. This
372 significant increase between 500 and 600 nm is related to the occurrence of hematite with the
373 charge transfer of Fe cations within the sample (Hunt, 1977, Deaton and Balsam, 1991, Clark
374 *et al.*, 2007). This is consistent with field observations made during sample collection where
375 yellow oxidized sediment was observed near the sample location. Spectra from the other
376 darker samples exhibit rather lower reflectance values. The spectrum of the sample from the
377 carbonate cliffs increases almost linearly over the entire spectral range to reach 19%R at 1000
378 nm (08_LinnéCarbonateFan). The spectra of the coal samples from the Linnébreen glacier
379 moraine exhibit reflectance values of less than 5%R (i.e. 13_CoalGLMoraine, 10EDMoraine)
380 with a similar trend. Fluvial sediment samples show intermediate values consistent with a
381 dilution signal (7-14%R for 05_MidLinnéElvaSed sample, 6-12%R for
382 02_LowerLinnéElvaSed, 5-9%R for 04_SkStreamSed). Finally, the spectrum from the marine
383 terrace sample exhibits intermediate reflectance values ranging from 5 to 11% R
384 (07_MarMudSed).



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386 **Figure 5:** Results of the identification of the sources. A: hyperspectral library of the approach
 387 with field samples, the reference spectra present in the classification are indicated in bold. B:
 388 Hyperspectral library of the approach without sample. C: Classification of the LDB13_I
 389 archive according to the most similar reference spectra. D: Spectral angle between the
 390 reference spectra and the sedimentary archive (average over the width of the image (622-
 391 pixels), the average is affected by the curvature of the lamina related to the piston, and moving
 392 average on 100-pixels (~ 5.7-mm) in depth).

393 Downcore sediment samples were then classified based on these catchment reference spectra
394 using the SAM method. Of the measured catchment samples, four spectral signatures appear
395 to dominate the downcore spectral analyses (figure 5C). The 10_EDMoraine and
396 13_CoalGLMor signatures are the most prevalent throughout the core (figure 5C). These
397 samples were taken a few meters away from each other and exhibit comparable spectra and
398 reflectance distribution, with the 10_EDMoraine spectrum the most represented. A third
399 spectrum corresponds to the 09_OldCirque sample, taken downstream of the LIA cirque.
400 Downcore spectral signatures that correspond to this reference sample likely represent
401 sediment sourced from this cirque. The last spectrum is the least represented and related to the
402 fluvial sediment sample (04_SkStreamSed). The thick laminae of unit 2C are all attributed to
403 this field sample. Individual laminae that may be difficult to identify visually are clearly
404 distinguished using this hyperspectral method. These submillimeter size laminae, observed all
405 along the core, correspond to changes in the origin of the sedimentary inputs to the lake
406 (figure 5). Among the four sources present in the watershed, three are identified in the
407 sediment core (figure 5C). Neither the source of the marine sediments were evidenced in the
408 archive (sample 07_MarMudSed); nor that of the carbonate cliffs (sample 08_CarbonateFan).

409 Changes in sedimentary input from the two main sources are characterized by the profiles of
410 their spectral angles (SAM index, samples 10_EDMoraine and 09_OldCirque, figure 5D).
411 Regardless of the number of spectra composing the spectral library, the classification does not
412 attribute all the pixels to a reference spectrum (i.e. "unclassified" zones, figure 5C). Thus, if a
413 source has not been sampled, the core sediment will not be assigned by any similarity with the
414 classification.

415 **3.3.2 Approach B: “without field samples”**

416 The objective of this second approach is to directly extract spectral end-members from the
417 sample image (PPI) which are then used as reference spectral library. 5000 iterations of the

418 PPI algorithm made it possible to extract the most different spectra from the archive, which
419 was then compiled to constitute the library of the "no field sample" approach. Values from the
420 first end-member (EM1), ranged from 6 to 16% R, and generally increased strongly between
421 500 and 600 nm, indicating the presence of hematite (Deaton and Balsam, 1991, Clark *et al.*,
422 2007). Values from the second end-member (EM2) vary only from 9.5 to 11% R, with less
423 variation than EM1 (figure 5B), characteristic of a spectra from mature OM (Cloutis *et al.*,
424 1990; Cloutis, 2003; Milliken and Mustard, 2007).

425 In this classification, EM2 is the most represented, but laminae assigned to EM1 are present
426 throughout the archive. Thick laminae of unit 2C are assigned to EM2 but generally the EM2
427 laminae are very fine and thus suggest that slight changes in the origin of sediment are tracked
428 by the technique. The SAM index of end-members shows rapid variations and strong
429 amplitudes for these laminae. The variations in the spectral angle correspond exactly to the
430 boundary between two laminae (e.g. 22 cm deep, figure 5C). Broadly this classification
431 method suggests there are two dominant end-members in the sedimentary record and
432 therefore record two main sedimentary sources.

433 **4 Discussion**

434 **4.1 Coupling between the two approaches « no samples» vs « field samples »**

435 The EM1 reflectance spectrum shows an increasing signature which becomes amplified
436 between 500 and 600 nm. This trend is typical of sample spectra from the western LIA cirque
437 (i.e., sample 09_Old_Cirque) and of fluvial sediments from the river (02_LowerLinnéElva,
438 05_MidLinnéElva, 04_SkStreamSed). This increase between 500 and 600 nm is characteristic
439 of the occurrence of hematite (Clark *et al.*, 2007) reported by Hjelle *et al.*, (1986) and
440 Dallman *et al.*, (1992) in the Precambrian, bedrock on the western side of the lake. The EM1
441 is therefore attributed to inputs from the southwestern LIA cirque since it originates from the

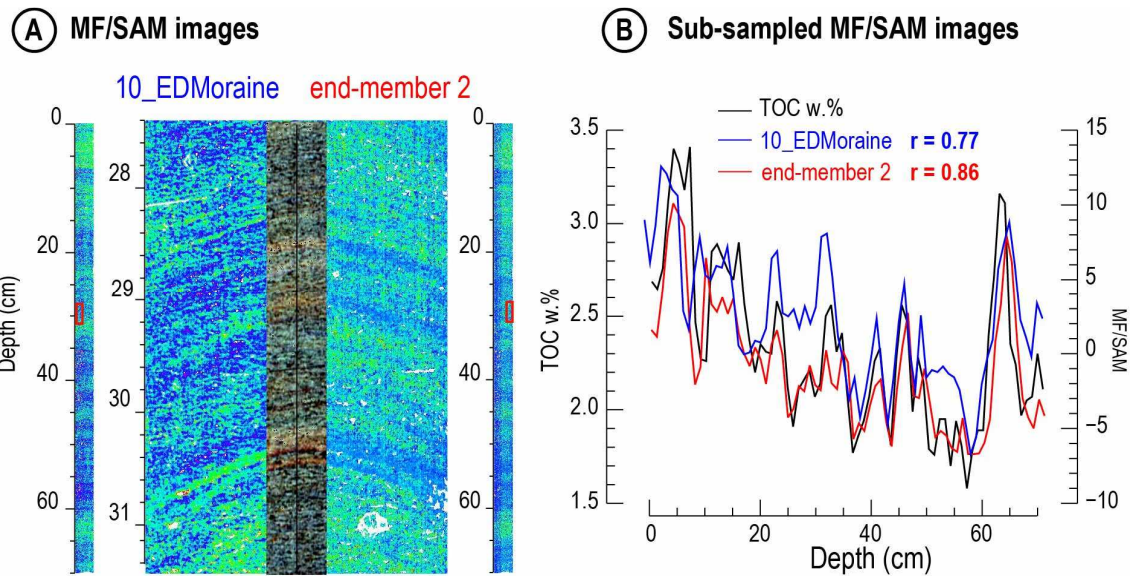
442 Precambrian bedrock in the western part of the catchment. Indeed, based on these
443 classifications, the laminae corresponding to EM1 with the approach B ("without field
444 samples") are assigned to samples 09_OldCirque and 04_SkStreamSed with the approach A
445 ("with field samples"). These results is in accordance with the TOC measures since these two
446 samples contain little OM (0.03 and 0.58 wt.%), which show the weak influence of the
447 Linnébreen source. Contrary to other sample of the fluvial sample (02_LowerLinnéElva,
448 05_MidLinnéElva) 04_SkStreamSed, and 09_OldCirque are representative of the LIA glacier
449 sediments.

450 The EM2 spectrum is characterized by low reflectance and is most similar to spectra from
451 field samples 10_EDMoraine and 13_CoalGLMor. This signature is consistent with TOC
452 values of EDMoraine (6.74 wt.%) and 13CoalGLMor (5.87 wt.%). These relatively high TOC
453 values come from the erosion of the Carboniferous sedimentary rocks enriched in OM that
454 underlies Linnébreen glacier (Svendsen and Mangerud, 1997). EM2 is therefore ascribed to
455 high OM input from the erosional activity of the Linnébreen glacier on the coal-bearing
456 bedrock below. As a consequence and for the classification, the laminae corresponding to the
457 EM2 (approach B: "without a field sample") are assigned to the samples 10_EDMoraine and
458 13_CoalGLMor (approach A: "with field samples").

459 The "with field samples" classification also identifies a third source represented by the
460 04_SkStreamSed fluvial sediment sample that is absent in the "without field samples"
461 approach. However, in the classification of end-members ("without field samples"), the
462 laminae of the sedimentary inputs of fluvial sediments are all attributed to EM2 (figure 5).
463 River sediments were collected in the intermediate storage area, which receives erosion
464 products from the main primary sources (Linnébreen glacier and lateral input of St.
465 Jonsfjorden rock, figure 1A) during spring floods /nival melt. Thus the spectrum of the
466 sample 04_StreamSed represents a mixture between the spectra of the samples rich in OM

467 from the glacier (i.e. 10_EDMoraine and 13_CoalGLMor) and the contributions of the St.
468 Jonsfjorden rocks present in the LIA cirque (i.e. 09_OldCirque). The reflectance and TOC
469 value of the 04_StreamSed sample are intermediate (5 to 9% R; 0.58 wt.%) relative to the
470 primary source samples (e.g., 10_EDMoraine and 09_OldCirque), however the end-member
471 extraction method relies on highly differentiated spectra (PPI; Kruse, 1993). Thus the
472 spectrum of a secondary source is not an extreme signature and is not necessarily identified as
473 a sedimentary source. The method of spectra extraction explains the absence of this third
474 source in the library of end-members. The reproductibility of the method is thus limited
475 mainly to spectrally distinct sources. Hence, if a source exhibits an intermediate spectrum to
476 those of two other sedimentary sources, this source may not be distinguished and is likely to
477 be attributed to one of the other sources of the classification.

478 The classification assigns a colour code to a specific pixel based on its similarity to the closest
479 spectrum in the library. However, if there is a mixed spectral signal, minor contributions from
480 another source are not considered, similar to the situation for secondary sources in the
481 previous section. It is therefore necessary to use the spectral angle (see 3.1.6) to resolve
482 mixtures of sedimentary sources. Indeed, variations in spectral angle (SAM index, figure 5D)
483 highlight differences in sedimentary input even when the overall spectral signature is not
484 necessarily definitive. The SAM indices of sample 09_OldCirque and sample 10_EDMoraine
485 vary in opposite directions (e.g. they are anti-correlated). Within the classification, this
486 corresponds to variations in the intensity of sedimentary inputs from the Linnébreen glacier
487 and the LIA cirque. The SAM index profile for sample 09_OldCirque increases at the level of
488 the laminae attributed to the 04_StreamSed sample (unit 2C). This confirms that
489 04_StreamSed is the result of a mixture of sedimentary materials from the Carboniferous
490 formation and the Precambrian Massif.



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492 **Figure 6:** A: Comparison of images of the MF / SAM ratio of the LDB13_I archive obtained
 493 from the spectra of the 10_EDMoraine field sample and the end-member 2 spectrum. B:
 494 Correlation between the total organic carbon concentration (% m) of the LDB13_I archive and
 495 the MF / SAM ratios of the 10_EDMoraine reference spectrum "approach with field sample"
 496 and the end-member 2 "approach without field sample".

497 The MF / SAM index of EM 2 characterizes the deposits in greater detail (figure 6). The MF /
 498 SAM image of EM2 identifies finer-scale changes in TOC content than the index from the
 499 spectrum of the field sample 10_EDMoraine. The 10_EDMoraine sample exhibits a
 500 correlation coefficient with TOC of 0.77 while that of the EM2 reaches 0.86 (figure 6B). This
 501 difference is explained by the high TOC value of the 10_EDMoraine sample (6.74 wt.%)
 502 compared to the sedimentary archive, where TOC values ranged from 1.58 to 3.41 wt.%
 503 (figure 4). Additionally, since the EM2 spectrum has been extracted from the LDB13_I core,
 504 it is therefore more representative of this range of values. The reflectance values of the EM2
 505 spectrum (i.e. 5 to 9% R) suggest a lower concentration of fossil OM compared to the sample
 506 10_EDMoraine (3% R for 6.74 wt.%; Milliken and Mustard, 2007). Consequently, the MF /
 507 SAM index of EM 2 was therefore selected to calibrate the TOC values at high-resolution.

508 4.2 Sources tracking at high resolution

509 Three types of sedimentary deposits are identified in the classification, representing
510 contributions of three of the four potential sources defined by Snyder *et al.*, (2000). The first
511 sedimentary source was well characterized and assigned to the coal-bearing Carboniferous
512 rocks that underlie the Linnébreen glacier (Snyder *et al.*, 2000). Svendsen and Mangerud
513 (1997) demonstrated that TOC values in the Lake Linné sediment are correlated with the
514 input of this coal-rich material. Erosion of the Carboniferous rocks enriched in coal by the
515 glacier can be considered as a marker of glacial activity. The predominance of the glacier
516 inputs in the classification is consistent with some previous studies (Svendsen *et al.*, 1989,
517 Svendsen and Mangerud, 1992, 1997, Snyder *et al.*, 2000). Svendsen *et al.*, (1989) estimated
518 that the volume contribution of glacial erosion to the lake sediments reached 50 %, thus
519 explaining the importance of sedimentary inputs from the glacier.

520 The second source of material is suggested to be sediments from LIA cirque in the
521 southwestern part of the catchment. Local wind patterns cause currents in the lake to follow a
522 counterclockwise rotation (Snyder *et al.*, 2000). The contributions of the LIA cirque to the
523 west of the watershed are thus diverted towards the east before moving north over the
524 LDB13_I sampling site. Additionally, the input of material by hyperpycnal flow is blocked by
525 the bedrock threshold located between the two sub-basins in the southern part of the lake
526 (Snyder *et al.*, 2000). As a result, it is likely that the input of material from the LIA cirque that
527 eventually ends up at Site I mainly consists of fine material.

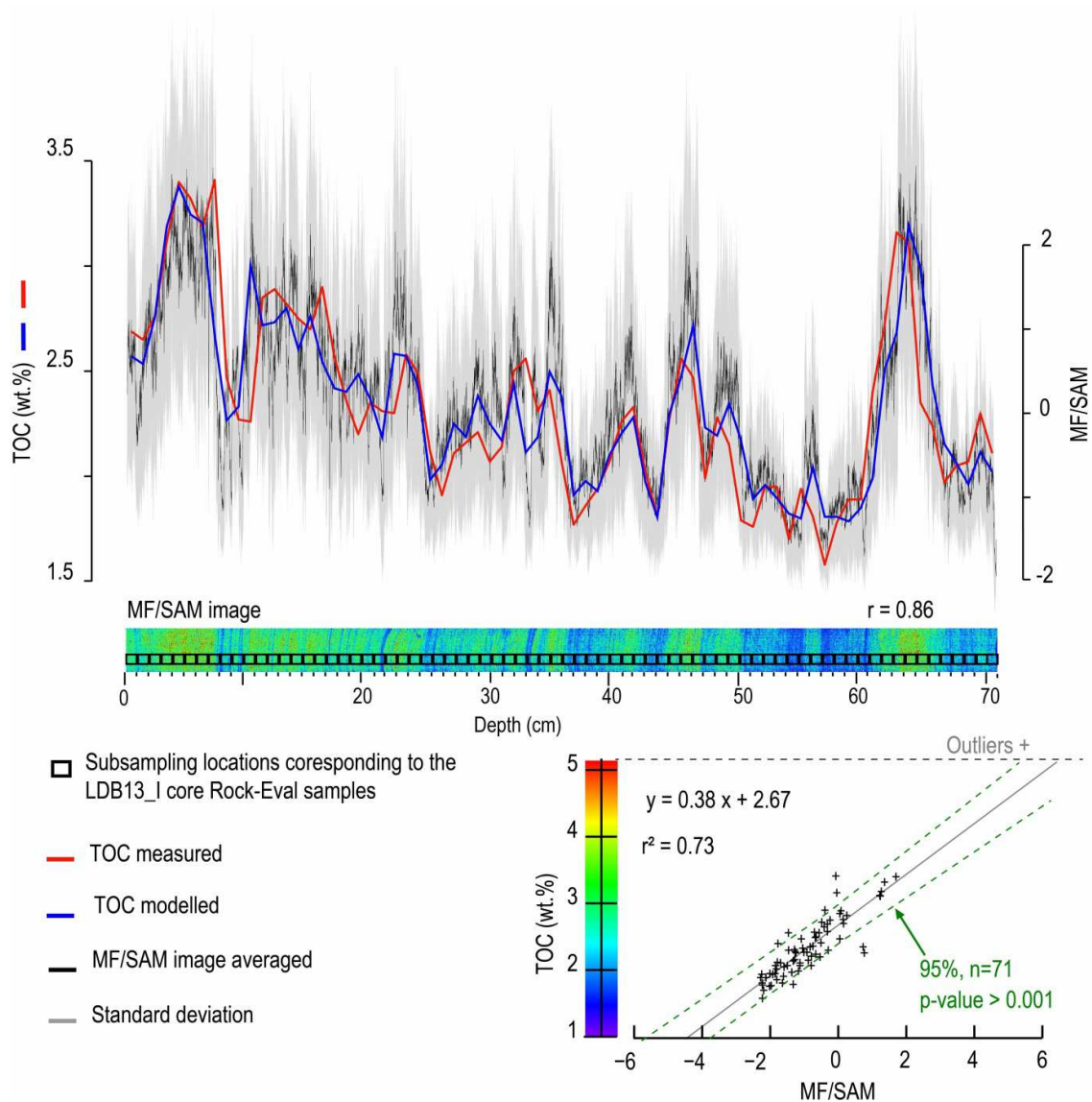
528 Fluvial sediment inputs (sample 04_StreamSed) from the fourth source are identified in this
529 study by the field-sampling approach (04_SkStreamSed, figure 5C). Although the
530 contribution of fluvial erosion has not been documented in previous studies (Snyder *et al.*,
531 2000), these conclusions coincide with observations made during the field survey. This fluvial

532 source was also reported from Svendsen *et al.*, (1989) who mentioned minor fluvial erosion of
533 Linnéelva channels.

534 As seen in the previous works of Svendsen *et al.*, (1989) and Snyder *et al.*, (2000), the
535 contributions from marine sediments (i.e., fourth source) and carbonate cliffs were not
536 detected and are thus considered insignificant.

537 **4.3 TOC signal reconstruction at high resolution**

538 We tested the ability of hyperspectral imaging to reconstruct OM concentration in lake
539 sediments by calculating the correlation between TOC and the MF / SAM ratio corresponding
540 to sedimentary inputs from the Linnébreen glacier identified by EM2. In order to more
541 accurately compare the Rock-Eval measurements with the hyperspectral data, the data were
542 re-sampled to match the sampling interval of the Rock-Eval data (figure 7). It is important to
543 note that minor coring effects, visible by the curvature of the lamina (in figures 3 and 5),
544 induces an error in the correlation between TOC measured by Rock-Eval pyrolysis (TOC RE)
545 and TOC reconstructed from hyperspectral imagery (TOC HYP). Between 0 and 5 cm both
546 measured and reconstructed TOC are better correlated. As compression due to coring affects
547 the laminations on the thickness of the core, the effect of coring is amplified by the volumetric
548 measurement of the concentration of TOC RE (volumetric sampling) compared to the
549 hyperspectral analysis, which is based on the measurement of a surface (figure 6). Despite this
550 issue, the correlation between the high-resolution reconstruction of TOC HYP and TOC RE is
551 highly promising. The results confirm the potential of hyperspectral imaging to quantify TOC
552 as the reconstructed TOC values are highly correlated with the measured proxy data ($r = 0.86$)
553 (Figure 6). Based on this relationship, it is possible to reconstruct TOC at high resolution
554 from the other cores collected in Linné that were not analyzed by Rock Eval Pyrolysis.

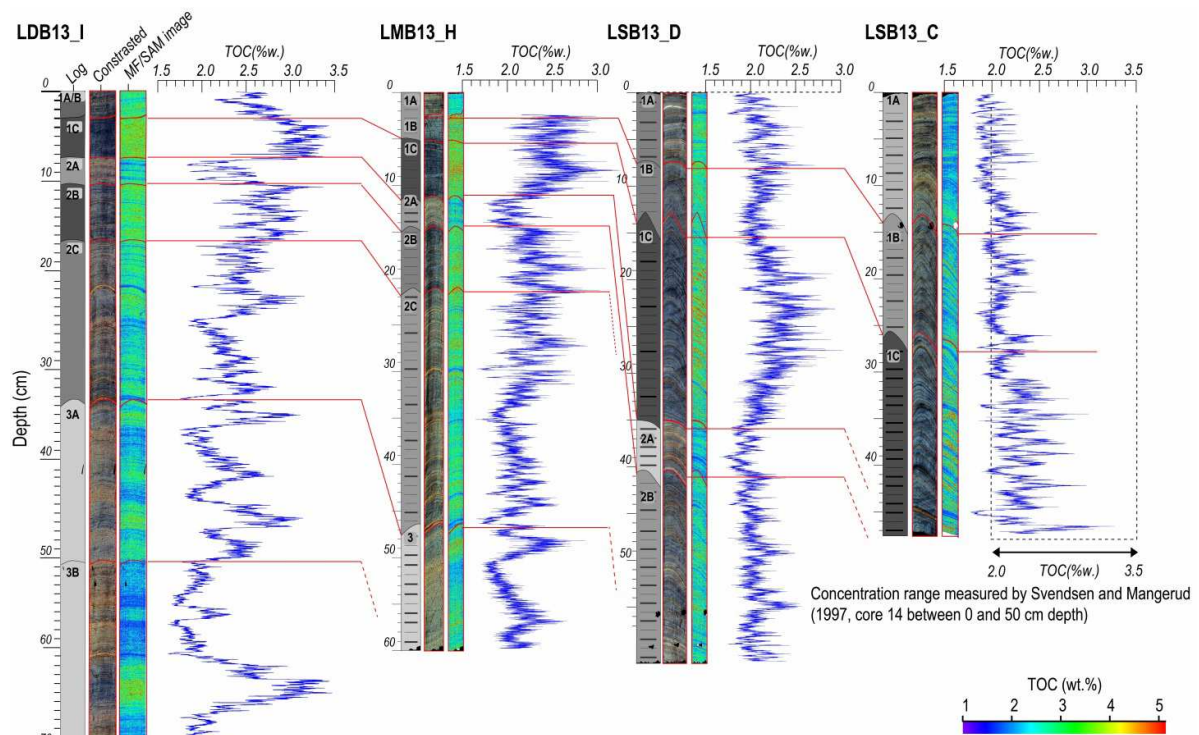


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556 **Figure 7:** Calibration of the hyperspectral index MF / SAM by the concentration of TOC (%m)
 557 measured by the destructive technique at low resolution. The image is downsampled to
 558 establish a transfer function to reproduce the high resolution TOC concentration.

559 One caveat to this approach is the necessity of similar sedimentary matrices between the
 560 different sediment cores. The correlation between the hyperspectral data and measured TOC
 561 concentrations was established based on the reflectance of the organic matter and the Lake
 562 Linné specific mineral matrix. This relationship would be different for a different mineral
 563 matrix. Additional sedimentary sources, or other types of sediment, could further complicate

564 this correlation. It is unlikely that there are additional sedimentary inputs to the more proximal
565 coring sites in the Lake Linné (H, D, and C), however, as the sites are within the same
566 catchment (Snyder *et al.*, 2000). The common stratigraphy of the four sedimentary archives
567 (site H, D, and C) thus makes it possible to use the correlation between TOC RE and TOC
568 HYP of core LDB13_I as a transfer function in order to reconstruct the TOC on the other
569 archives by using only the hyperspectral data. The fossil OM content of the proximal cores is
570 thus reconstructed at high resolution (figure 8).



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572 **Figure 8:** TOC infer with the hyperspectral data on the four cores of the Lake Linné

573 The TOC profiles are consistent with the sedimentary units identified in the different archives
574 (see 4.1). For example, unit 1C, which has the highest TOC concentrations in core LDB13_I,
575 also has the highest TOC values in the other three cores. Unit 2A has the lowest
576 concentrations (<1.5% TOC). These differences are diluted in the more proximal archives
577 where the TOC concentrations show significant variations that correspond to the stratigraphic

578 resolution of the lamina (Figure 8). Previous cores were collected from Lake Linné and
579 published by Svendsen and Mangerud in 1997. One of these cores is located near the coring
580 location at Site C (core 14). The TOC of core number "14" in the top 50 cm oscillates
581 between 2 and 3.5%. The values of TOC HYP in the LSB13_C archive are between 2 and 3
582 TOC% m and therefore in agreement with the values reported by Svendsen and Mangerud
583 (1997). In addition, the TOC HYP of the thickest laminae attributed to the inflow of river
584 sediments in unit 2C by the "with field samples" classification is estimated at 2% TOC HYP.
585 This corresponds to the TOC RE measurements made on the river sediment samples
586 (02_LowerLinnéElvaSed: 2.17% m and 05_MidLinnéElvaSed 2.57% m, figure 4a) thus
587 reinforcing the power of the hyperspectral camera to reconstruct total organic carbon at high
588 resolution.

589 **5 Conclusion**

590 The objective of this research is to test the application of hyperspectral imagery to 1)
591 track sedimentary sources in a lacustrine archive using a source-to-sink approach and 2) to
592 reconstruct total organic carbon concentrations based on the spectral signature of the lake
593 sediments. To accomplish the first goal, two methods were used in order to identify the origin
594 of the sedimentary material in a sediment core from Lake Linné. Approach A relies on
595 samples retrieved from the lake watershed to identify specific sedimentary sources. The
596 second method is based purely on pole extraction and excluded any field samples. Broadly, it
597 appears that the end-member extraction (i.e. PPI method, Approach B) makes unnecessary the
598 field samples for source-to-sink studies. Nevertheless, secondary sediment sources
599 (intermediate storage, etc.), resulting from the mixture of two sources, are not detected by this
600 method but are identified using the field sample calibration approach. It is therefore possible
601 to produce a high-resolution image of the archive according to the origin of the sediments on
602 the watershed (figure 5C). In the case of the Lake Linné, the application of hyperspectral

603 imaging produces a high-resolution image that identifies the two major sedimentary inputs:
604 the Linnébreen glacier in the South and the LIA cirque in the West.

605 The second part of this study aims at reconstructing TOC concentrations downcore at a high-
606 resolution based on the spectral signature of organic matter calibrated with direct TOC
607 measurements. The strong correlation between TOC measured with Rock-Eval pyrolysis and
608 the hyperspectral index of OM in the core LDB13_I allows to establish a transfer function to
609 quantify TOC in the other cores in a non-destructive way. This technical advantage allows to
610 analyse several cores at low costs. The hyperspectral index is transform into concentration of
611 organic carbon, which permits to compare the TOC concentration reconstructed in the
612 proximal core LSB13_C with the concentrations published in former studies. This comparison
613 shows that the reconstructed TOC with hyperspectral imagery compares favourably with
614 previously published work (Svendsen and Mangerud, 1997). Moreover, the calibration of
615 hyperspectral data enhances the resolution of TOC concentration beyond the maximum
616 resolution of destructives analysis. The application of the transfer function allows to increase
617 the quantity of information outcoming from the expensive and time consuming destructive
618 analysis. This study shows the possibility to benefits with the combination of a low resolution,
619 destructive but quantitative analysis and the strengths of a high-resolution, non-destructive but
620 non-quantitative technique. Hyperspectral imaging is a promising tool for high-resolution
621 proxy reconstructions as the acquisition process is fast and inexpensive with regard to the
622 amount of data produced. These new technical features can add value to reconstructions with
623 high resolution proxies across multiple sedimentary archives.

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