

**Supplementary Material:**

**A fast and simple extraction method for analysing levoglucosan and its  
isomers in sediments by ion chromatography tandem mass spectrometry**

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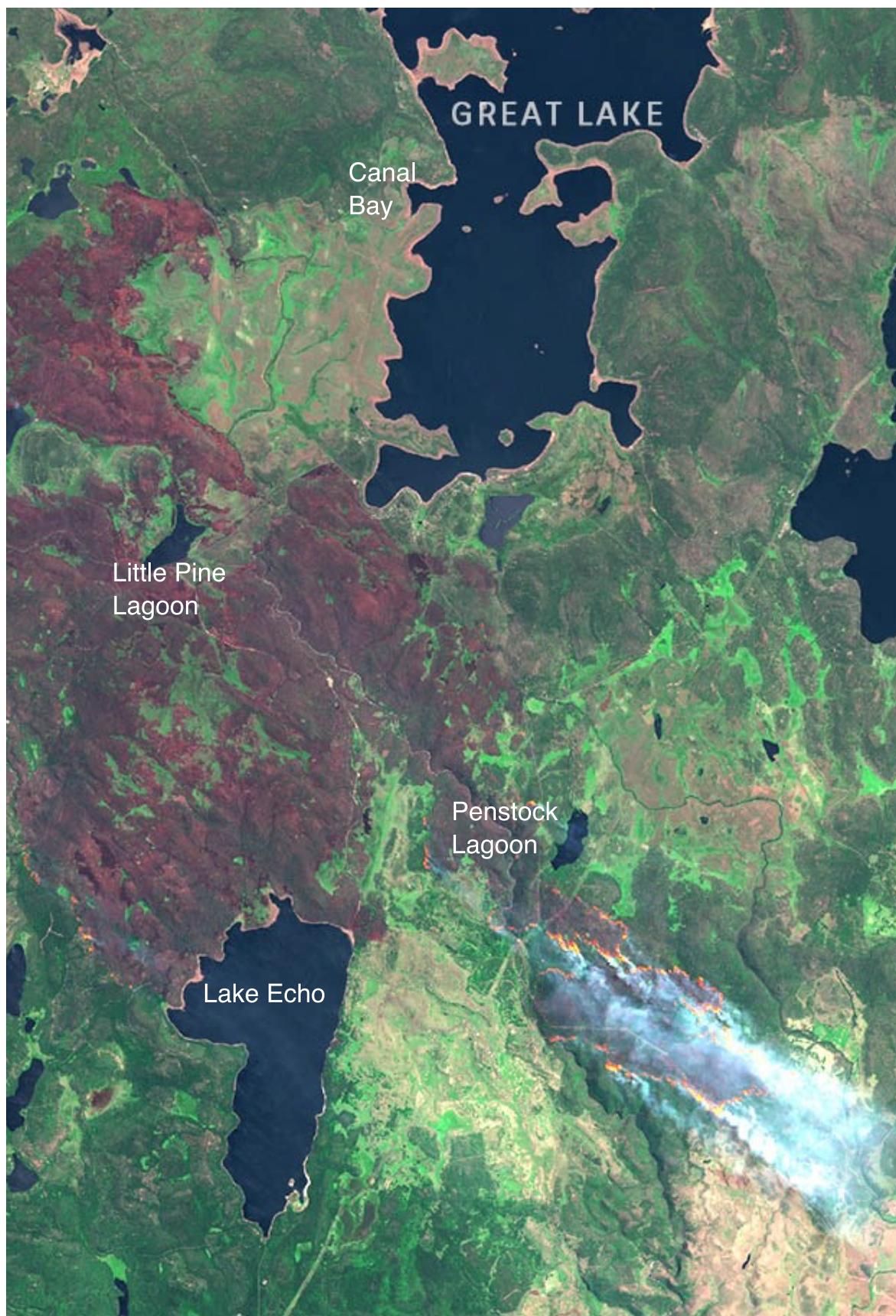


Figure 1 - 2019 Central Plateau fire showing ongoing fires and burned areas. Studied lakes are also shown. Satellite image from <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-02-02/great-lake-fire--jan-28/10770780?nw=0>.

Table 1 - Reported LEV, MAN, and GAL values for Urban dust CRM 1649.

| Author                   | Urban dust CRM 1649a |                     |                    | Urban dust CRM 1649b |                     |                    |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                          | Levoglucosan         | Mannosan            | Galactosan         | Levoglucosan         | Mannosan            | Galactosan         |
| (Louchouarn et al. 2009) | 160.5 ± 4.7<br>n = 4 | 17.3 ± 1.0<br>n = 4 | 5.0 ± 0.3<br>n = 4 | 160.5 ± 5.0<br>n = 4 | 16.7 ± 0.7<br>n = 4 | 4.8 ± 0.2<br>n = 4 |
| (Orasche et al. 2011)    | 165 ± 1.4            | 20.5 ± 1.0          | 10.8 ± 1.8         |                      |                     |                    |
| (Kirchgeorg et al. 2014) |                      |                     |                    | 168 ± 4.5            | 15.7 ± 0.7          | 5.0 ± 0.2          |

Table 2 - Highlighting the retention times and main ions generated from the injections of common sugars in the presence of LiCl.

| Sugar name | Retention time (minutes) | m/z               | Main ions generated   |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Fucose     | 7.6                      | 171<br>189        | [M+Li] <sup>+</sup><br>[M+Li+H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup>   |
| Rhamnose   | 12.1                     | 171<br>189        | [M+Li] <sup>+</sup><br>[M+Li+H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup>   |
| Arabinose  | 12.6                     | 157               | [M+Li] <sup>+</sup>   |
| Glucose    | 14.0                     | 205<br>187<br>169 | [M+Li+H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup><br>[M+Li] <sup>+</sup><br>[M+Li-H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup> |
| Mannose    | 14.1                     | 205<br>187<br>169 | [M+Li+H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup><br>[M+Li] <sup>+</sup><br>[M+Li-H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>+</sup> |
| Xylose     | 14.6                     | 157               | [M+Li] <sup>+</sup>   |
| Ribose     | 15.9                     | 157               | [M+Li] <sup>+</sup>   |
| Sucrose    | 20                       | 349               | [M+Li] <sup>+</sup>   |
| Maltose    | unknown                  | n.a               | n.a   |

Table 3 - Analytical performance of the repeat IC-TSQ-MS analysis of LPL\_11 sediment.

|                                    | LEV  | MAN  |
|------------------------------------|------|------|
| Reference sediment av. conc (µg/g) | 0.27 | 0.12 |
| Reference sediment (RSD %)         | 9.0  | 9.6  |