

# Sensors for Monitoring Water Quality & Ecosystem Functioning



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### Why in-situ sensors?

- High temporal resolution
- Water quality proxies
- Ecosystem functioning and services.





### Sensors for capturing extreme events



- → ~60% of the river discharge occurs during the spring flood
- → Traditional monthly sampling leaves high uncertainties in flux estimates of DOC, nutrients and suspended material to coastal environments

### High Temporal Resolution Data Collection

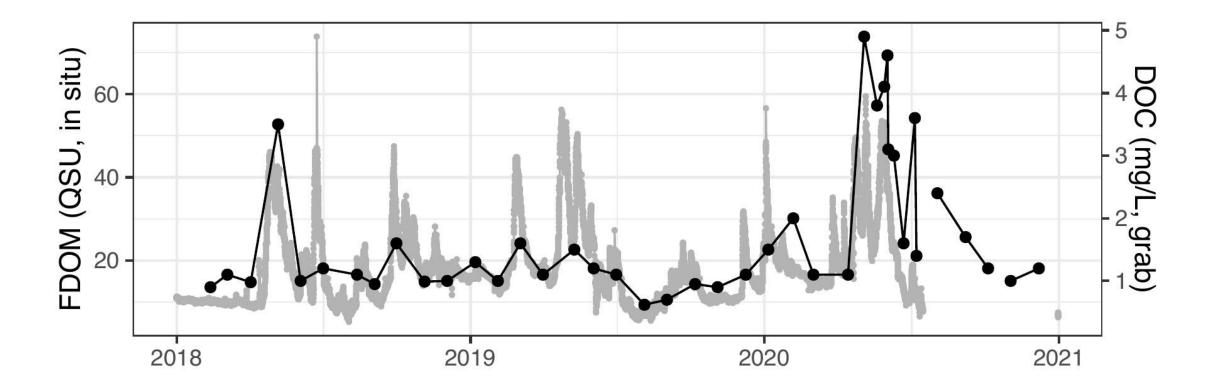




NIVA's Elveovervåking Infrastructure in Målselva

Poste et al., 2022

#### In-situ FDOM sensor and monthly DOC sampling

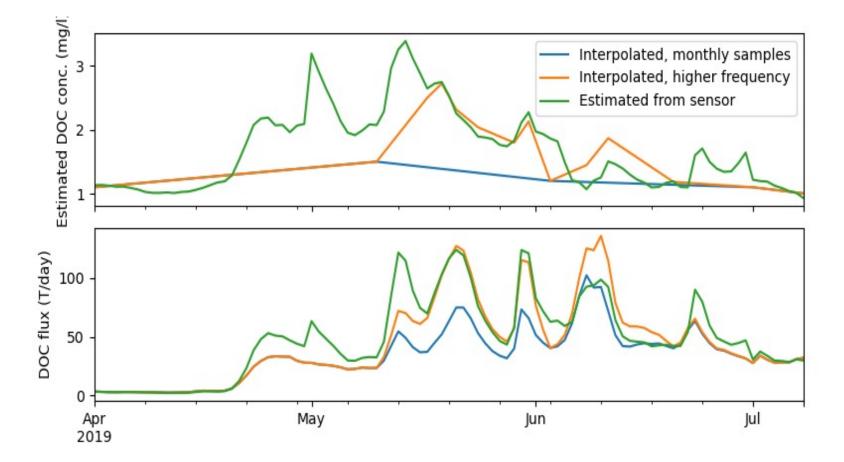


FDOM: Colored dissolved organic matter fluorescence measured using a TriOS microFlu-CDOM sensor



McGovern, 2022

#### Using FDOM as a proxy for DOC improves flux estimations

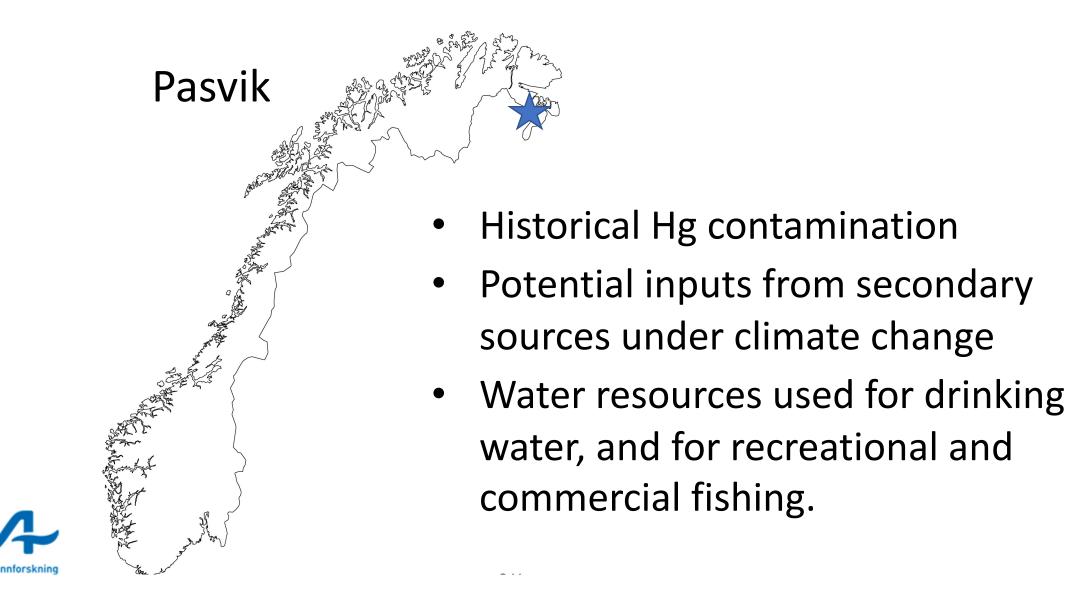


Traditional flux estimates underestimated the Målselva spring freshet DOC flux by up to 30%.

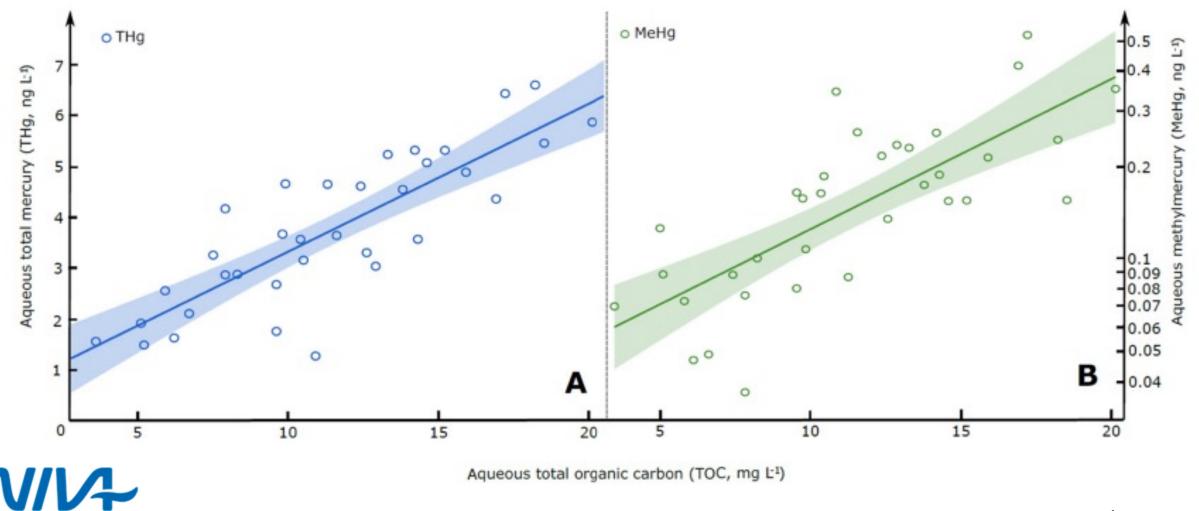


NIVA report; Poste et al., 2022

#### Water Quality: Hg contamination



#### Organic-carbon associated contaminants



Braaten et al., 2018

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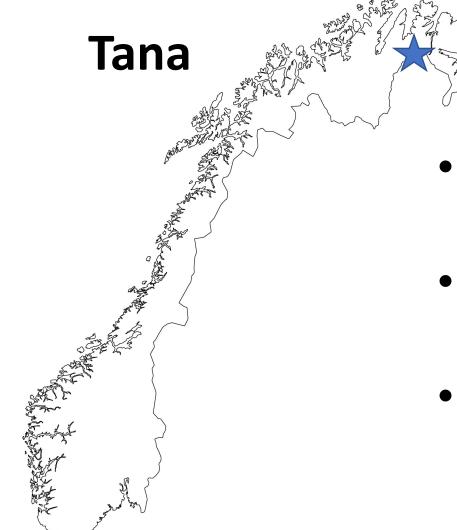
#### FDOM - Hg relationship to monitor inputs from secondary sources





NIVA's LOW-PAS Project; M McGovern

### **O2 Sensors for Ecosystem Functioning**



- O2-derived stream metabolism estimates
- Biodiversity and fisheries services
- Freshwater GHG emissions

#### Quantom (NFR 2021-2024; PI Benoit Demars)



### Stream metabolism on the network scale



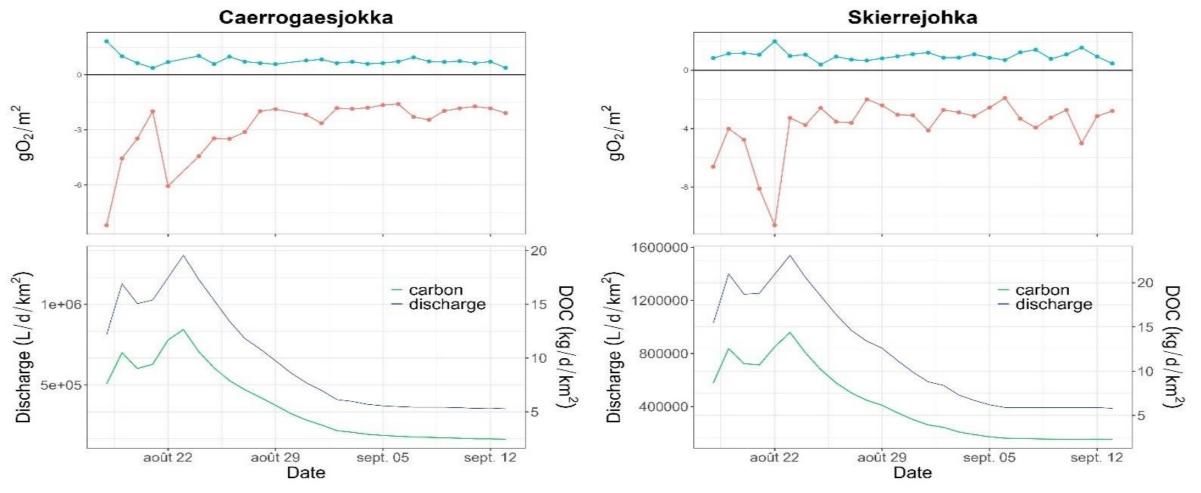
YSI Multiparameter sensor (including both FDOM and O2)

Cransac, 2023



### Snowmelt on Finnmarksvidda

### Linking Extreme Events to Ecosystem Functioning



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Cransac, McGovern and Demars, 2023

- 1. High temporal resolution
- 2. Water quality proxies
- 3. Ecosystem Functioning and services



## Thanks for listening!