

# RECONSTRUCTION OF 2D AND 3D OCEAN CIRCULATION FROM SWOT: ADVANCES OF THE 2016-2019 SCIENCE TEAM, AND REMAINING ISSUES

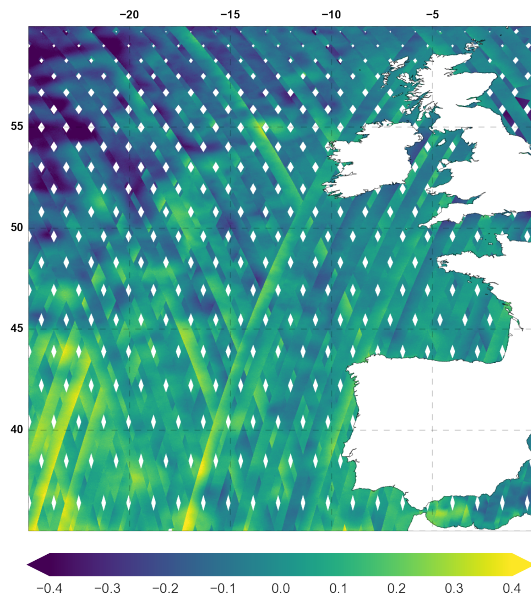
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(coordinators of the reconstruction session and  
contact points if you think we missed something)

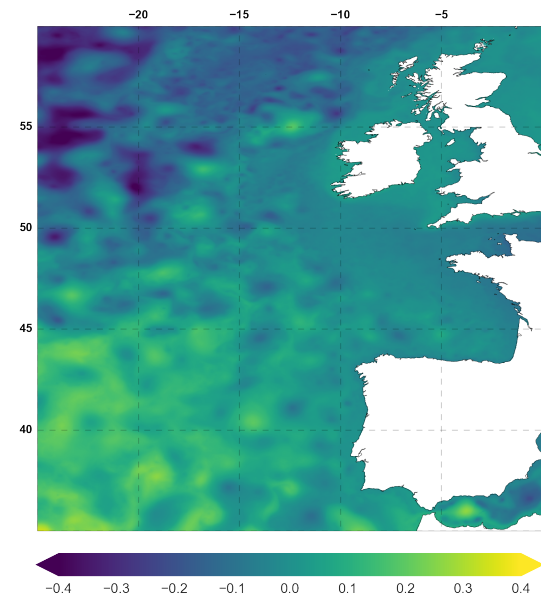
SWOT ST meeting, 17-20 June 2019, Bordeaux

# Reconstruction steps: contributions

SWOT (Balanced dyn., Internal tides)



21 days of SWOT SSH data




Daily SSH field

Surface fields (SSH, U, V)

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Reconstruction-from-SWOT main issues:

- Presence of small-scale and large-scale, structured noise
- Presence of HF signal from internal tides
- High spatial resolution vs low temporal resolution

Resulting to:

- A large diversity of challenges and sub-challenges
  - A large diversity of approaches and methods
  - Remaining open questions
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Brown, fat arrow:  
process investigated

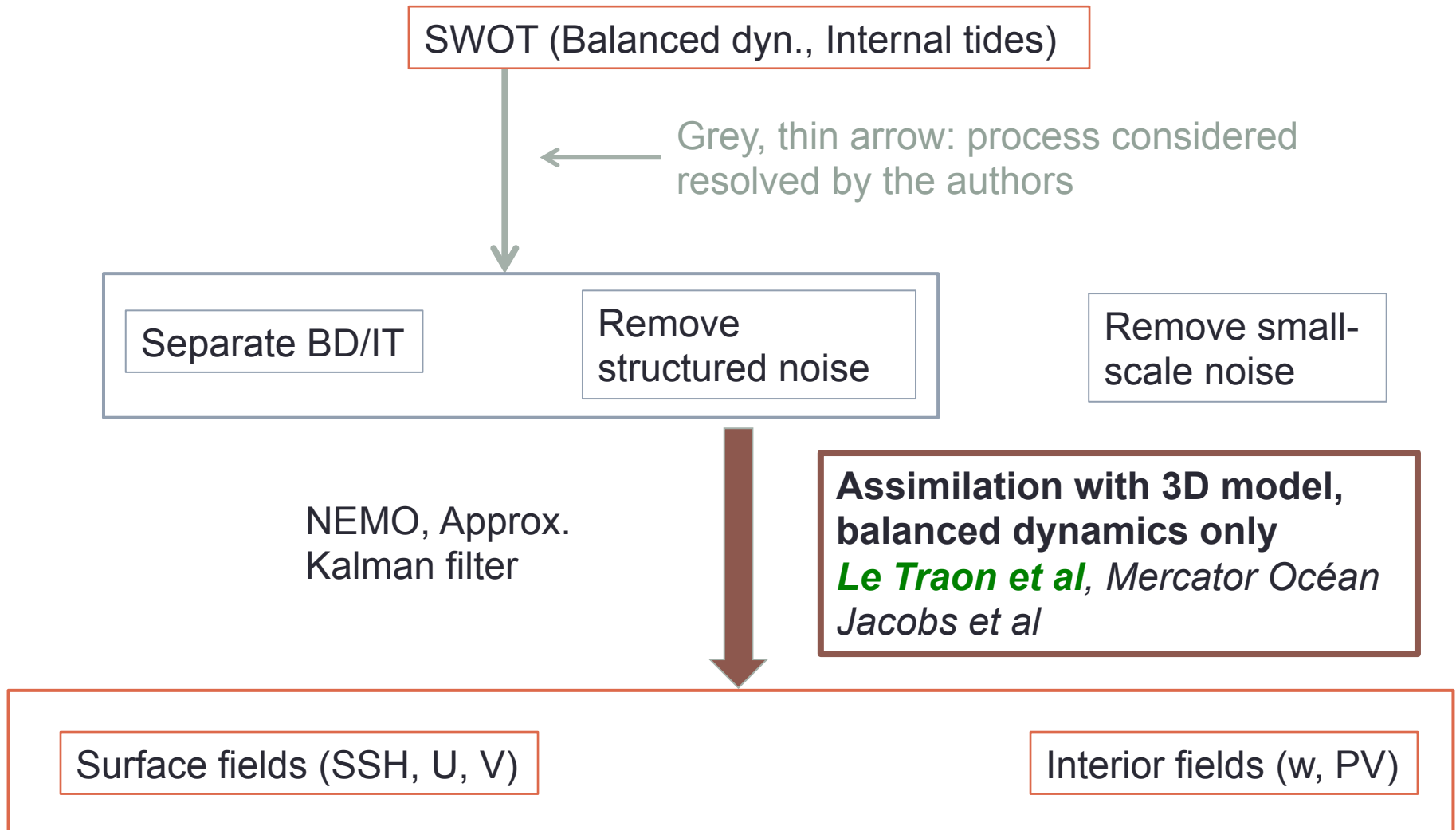
Names: speakers, project PIs, or  
“contact points”

Green, bold names:  
Talks this week. No details  
in this presentation.

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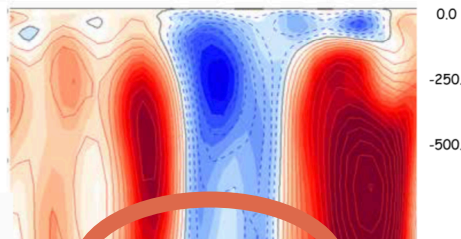


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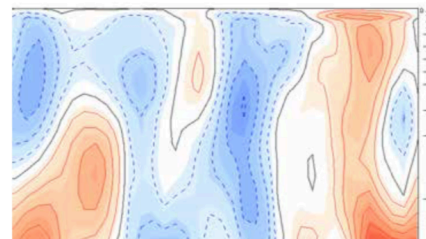
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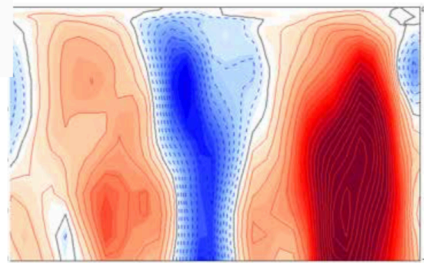
A: Vertical Velocity at 10.5°W, 08/11/2009  
NatRun : IBI36



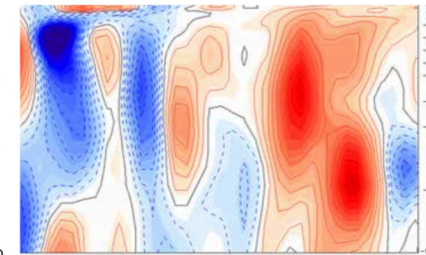
B: Vertical Velocity at 10.5°W, 08/11/2009  
OSSE0 : Free Model (Control)



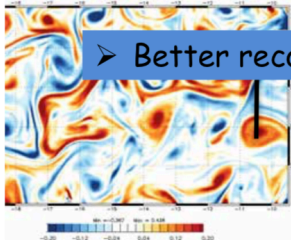
D: Vertical Velocity at 10.5°W, 08/11/2009  
OSSE3 : Assim SWOT + J2+ J1g + En



C: Vertical Velocity at 10.5°W, 08/11/2009  
OSSE1 : Assim J2+ J1g + En



Relative Vorticity : NatRun



➤ Better reconstruction of vertical and horizontal velocity in the deep ocean

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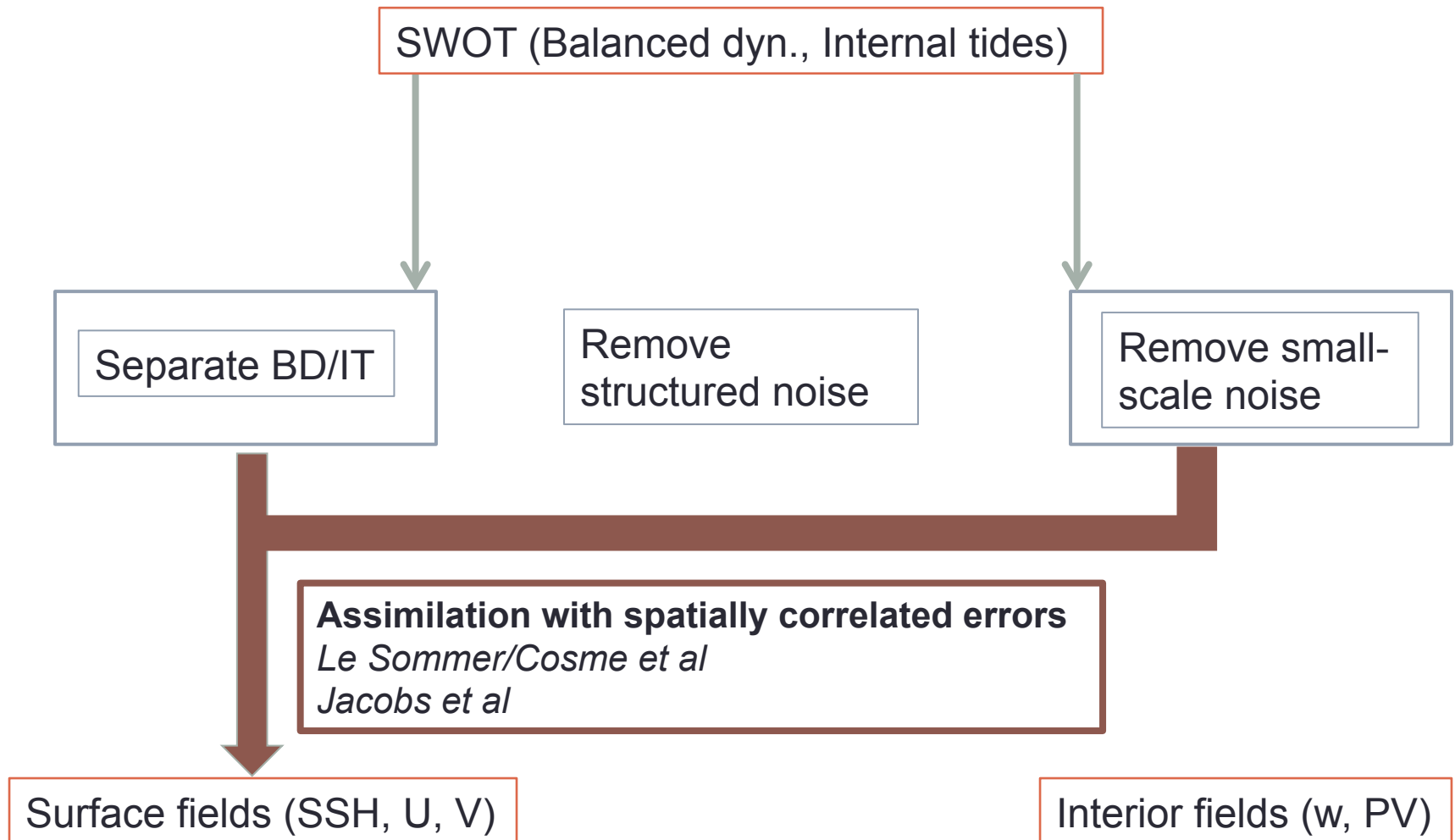
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*et al*, Mercator Océan  
*al*

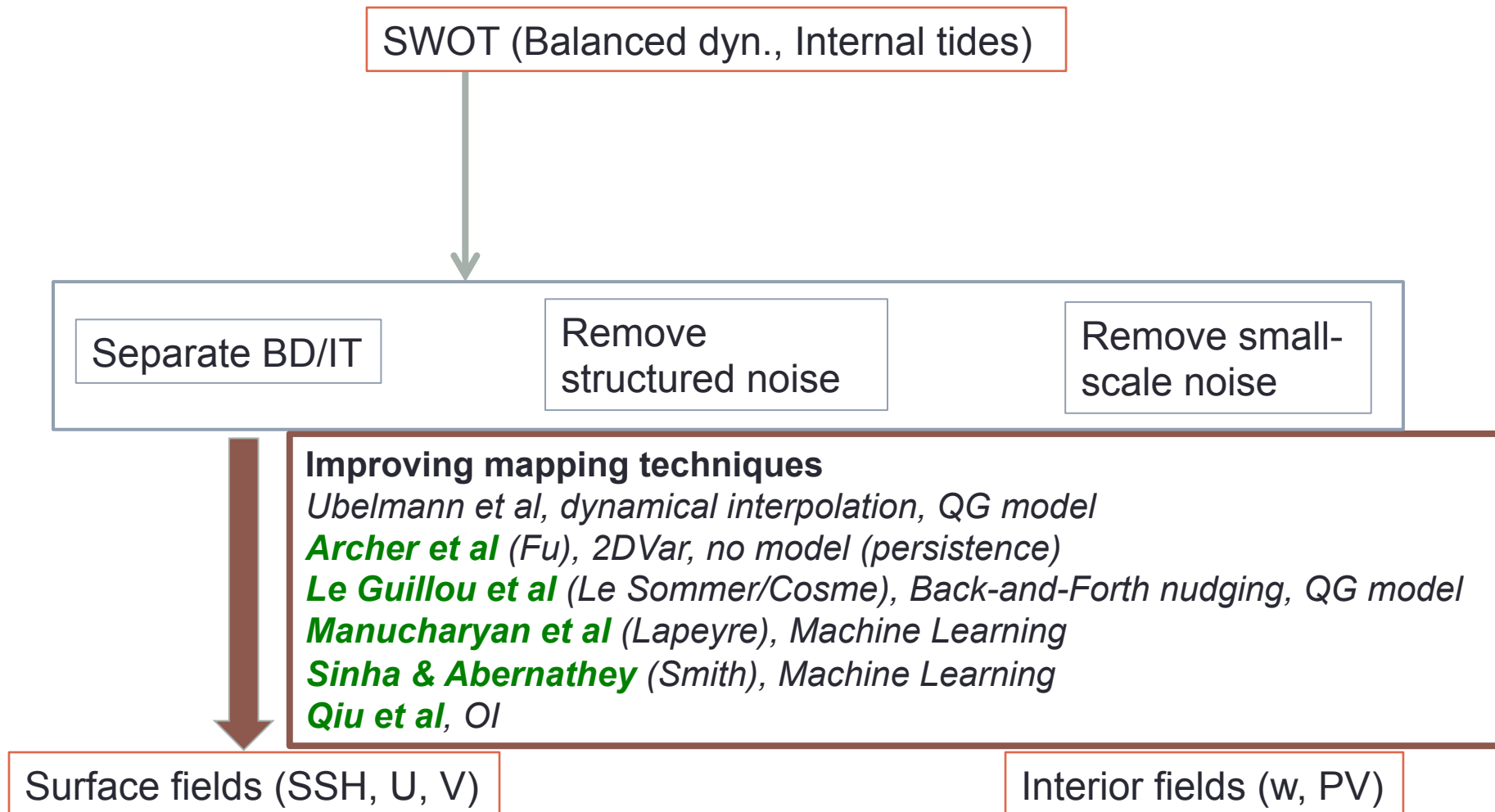
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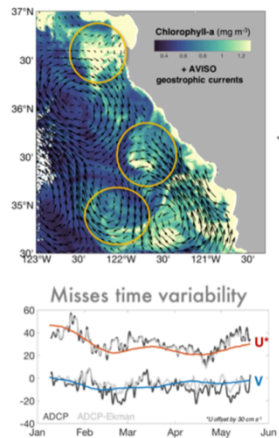


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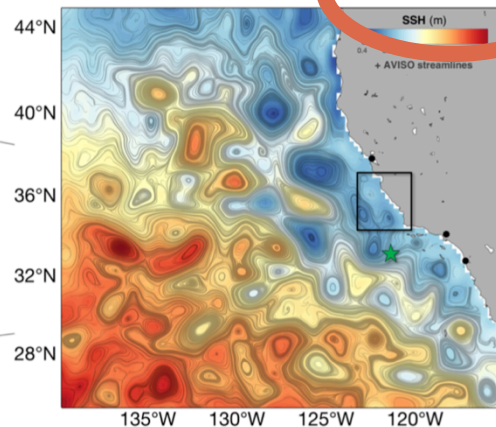
## AVISO (CURRENT)

Archiving, Validation, and Interpretation of Satellite Oceanographic Data

Misses Smaller Eddies



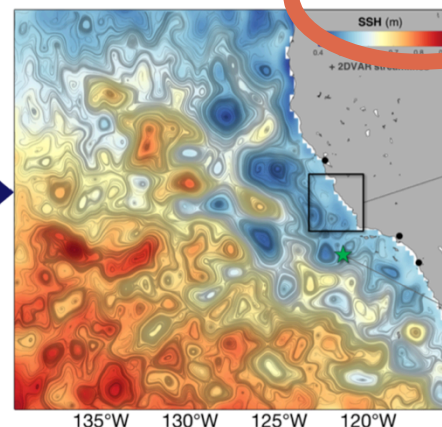
AVISO resolves scales down to ~170 km



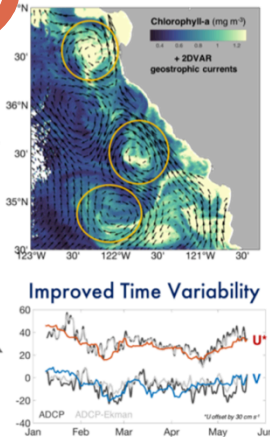
## 2DVAR (NEW)

2-Dimensional Variational Data Assimilation

2DVAR resolves scales down to ~100 km



Resolves Smaller Eddies



## Improving mapping techniques

*Opelmann et al*, dynamical interpolation, QG model

**Archer et al** (Fu), 2DVar, no model (persistence)

**Le Guillou et al** (Le Sommer/Cosme), Back-and-Forth nudging, QG model

**Manucharyan et al** (Lapeyre), Machine Learning

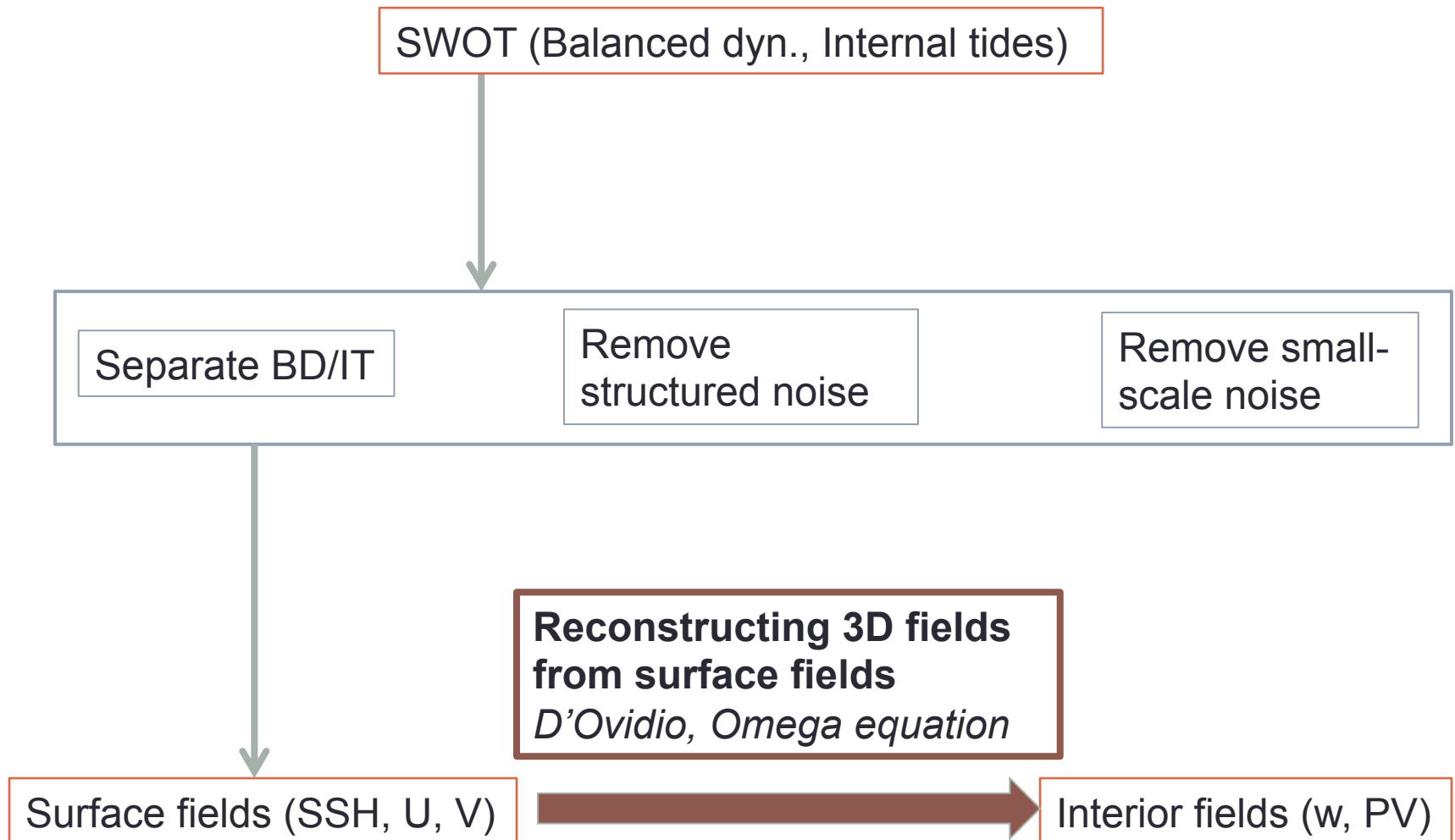
**Sinha & Abernathey** (Smith), Machine Learning

**Qiu et al**, OI

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## Conclusions

**Is the Omega equation the good framework for the experimental calculation of vertical velocities ?**

- **Not really !**

- *The omega equation doesn't reproduce well the submesoscale vertical velocity (below few tens of kilometers) in any dynamical regime.*
- *In some regimes these small mesoscale and submesoscale (below 40 km) features account for up to 30 % of the variance of the field.*
- The vertical velocity inferred from the omega equation represents well the mesoscale energetic patterns. Structures larger than 40 km tend to have a spectral coherence above 0.6



**Reconstructing 3D fields  
from surface fields**  
*D'Ovidio, Omega equation*

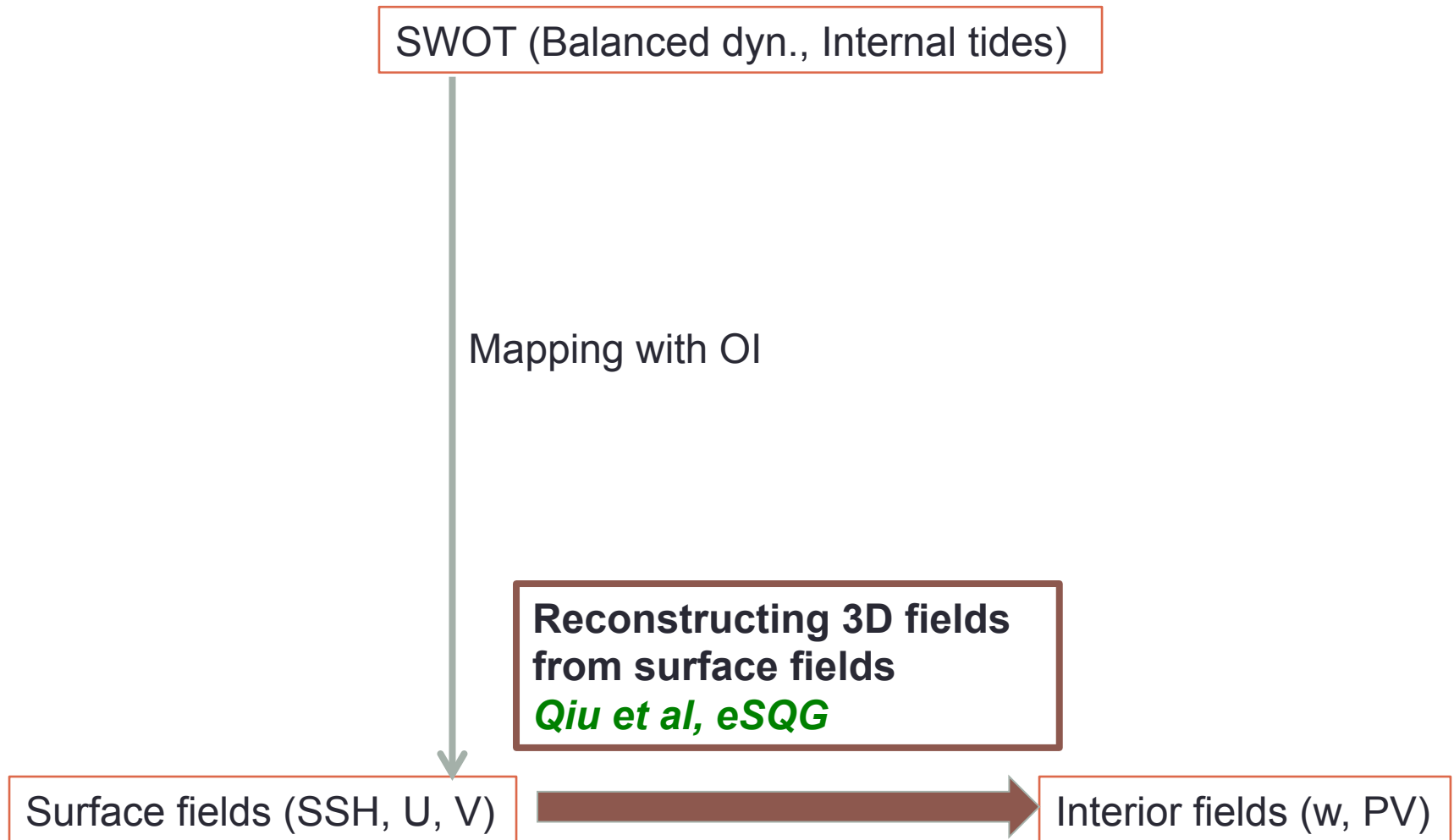
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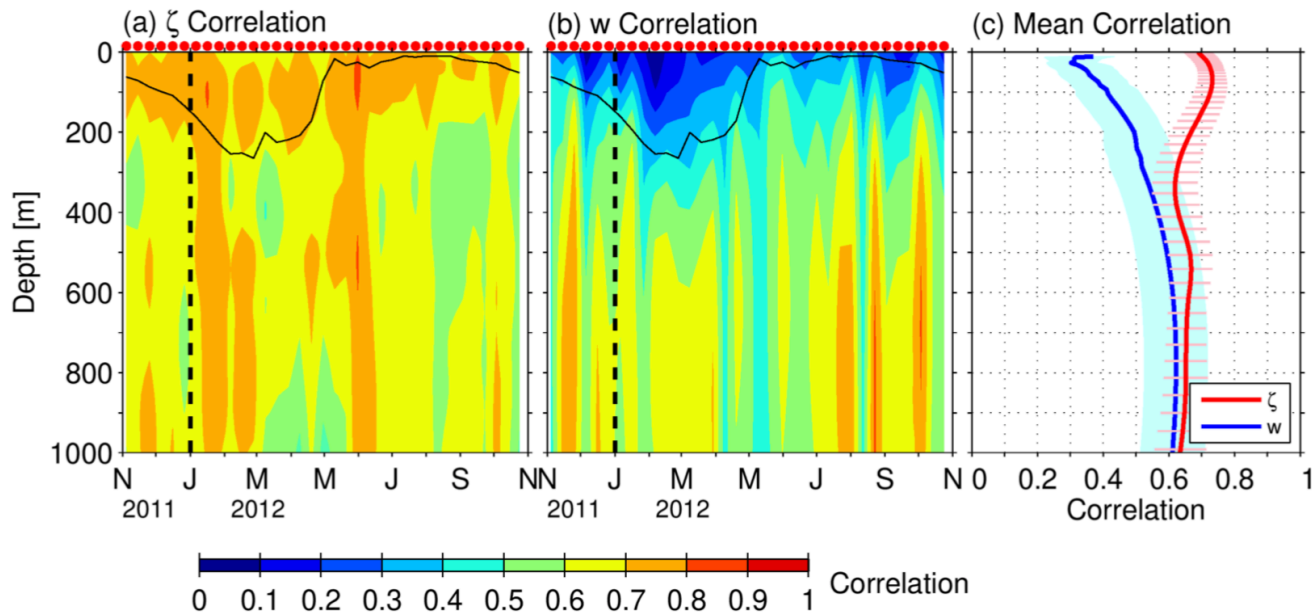
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## Reconstructed $w$ & $\zeta$ correlations as a function of time



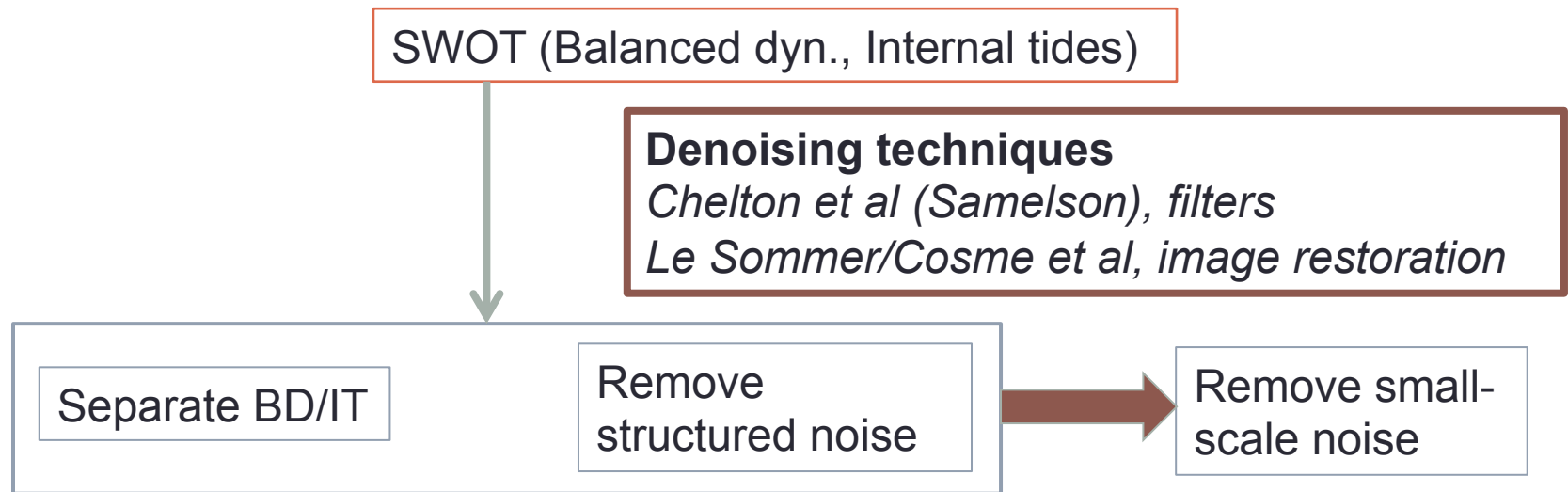
eSQG  
reconstruct  
using **SWOT-**  
**measured**  $\eta$

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Interior fields ( $w$ , PV)

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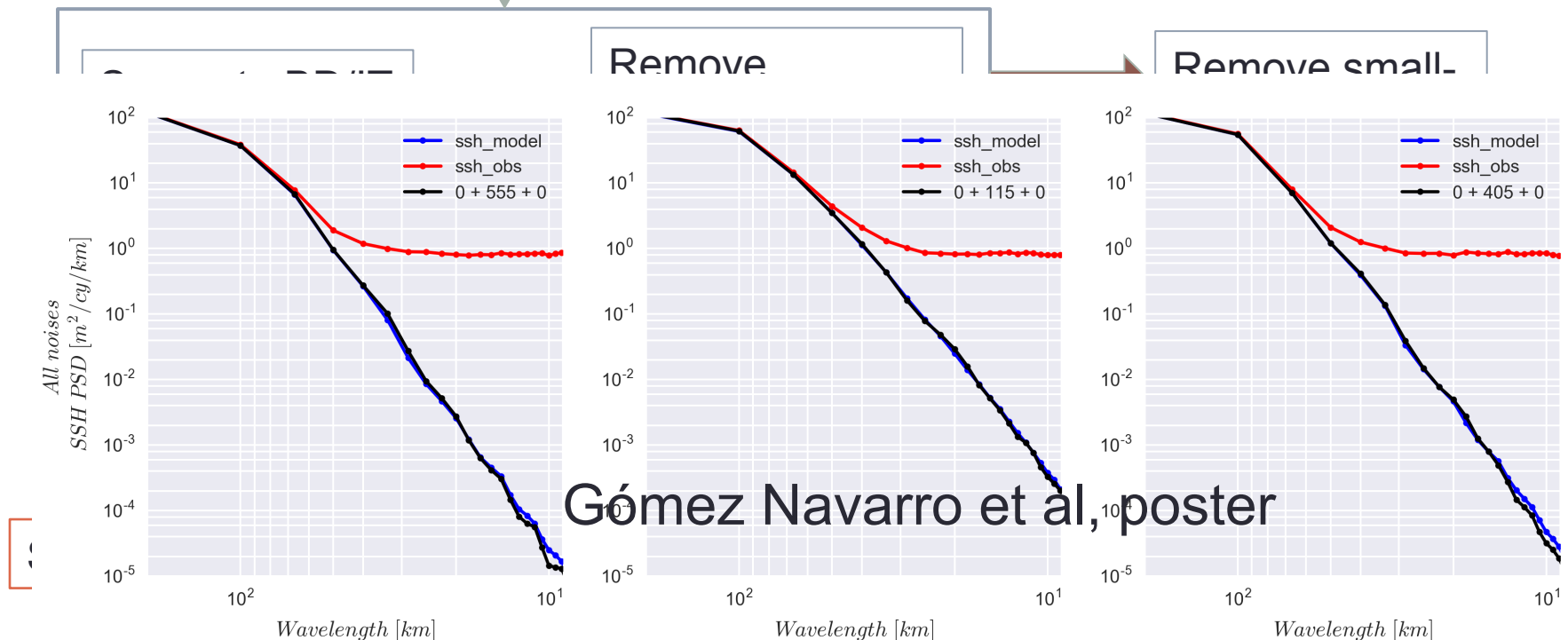
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## Denoising techniques

*Chelton et al (Samelson), filters*

*Le Sommer/Cosme et al, image restoration*



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**Detrending technique**  
*Le Guillou & Metref* (Le Sommer/  
Cosme)

Separate BD/IT

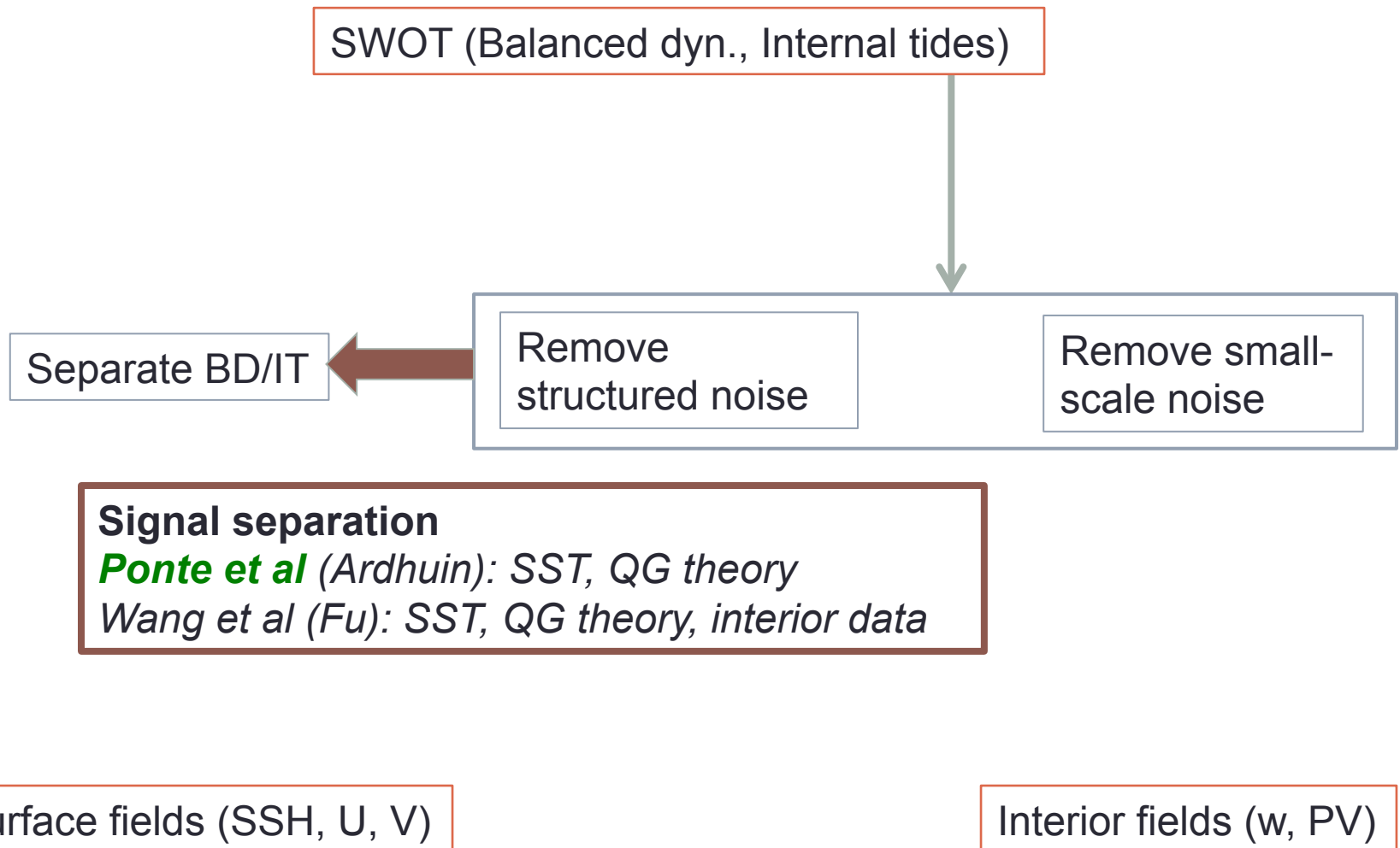
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A big remaining issue.

Splinter session 4 dedicated to it.

Talk by A. Ponte on the state of the art.

Remove small-scale noise

## Signal separation

**Ponte et al** (Ardhuin): SST, QG theory

**Wang et al** (Fu): SST, QG theory, interior data

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Multi-sensor approaches:  
Considered by many authors  
Essential!



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# Conclusions

- All issues and related smaller challenges have been/are being tackled. Significant progress have been made on all items
- Mapping: many approaches tested, no consensus yet. Need to compare methods at some point. Explore coastal and low-lat regions.
- The Internal Tide separation problem still remains a particularly open issue
- The BD+IT Assimilation has not yet been implemented
- No clear end-to-end demonstration of reconstruction so far (i.e., from SWOT data made from a recent version of the simulator and with tides, to 3D datasets)