

An aerial photograph of a wide, winding river flowing through a dense, green forest. The river is a deep blue color, contrasting with the surrounding greenery. The landscape is flat, and the sky is a pale, overcast blue. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Mission Calval for Inland Waters Summary

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Goals:

What are we assessing [coarse validation]?

- Pixel cloud
- River SP
 - WSE [reach and node]
 - Slope [reach]
 - Area [reach and node]
- Lake SP
 - Area
 - WSE
- ADT algorithms that produce those products

What are we validating [fine validation]?

- River SP
 - Change in WSE [reach]
 - Slope [reach]
 - Area [reach]

What did we measure, and how?

Aerial data

- Images
- Lidar
- High res. satellites
- Calculates areas

Humans

- Work hard
- Strict data entry control
- Professionally trained and certified: safety, wilderness medicine, science, boating



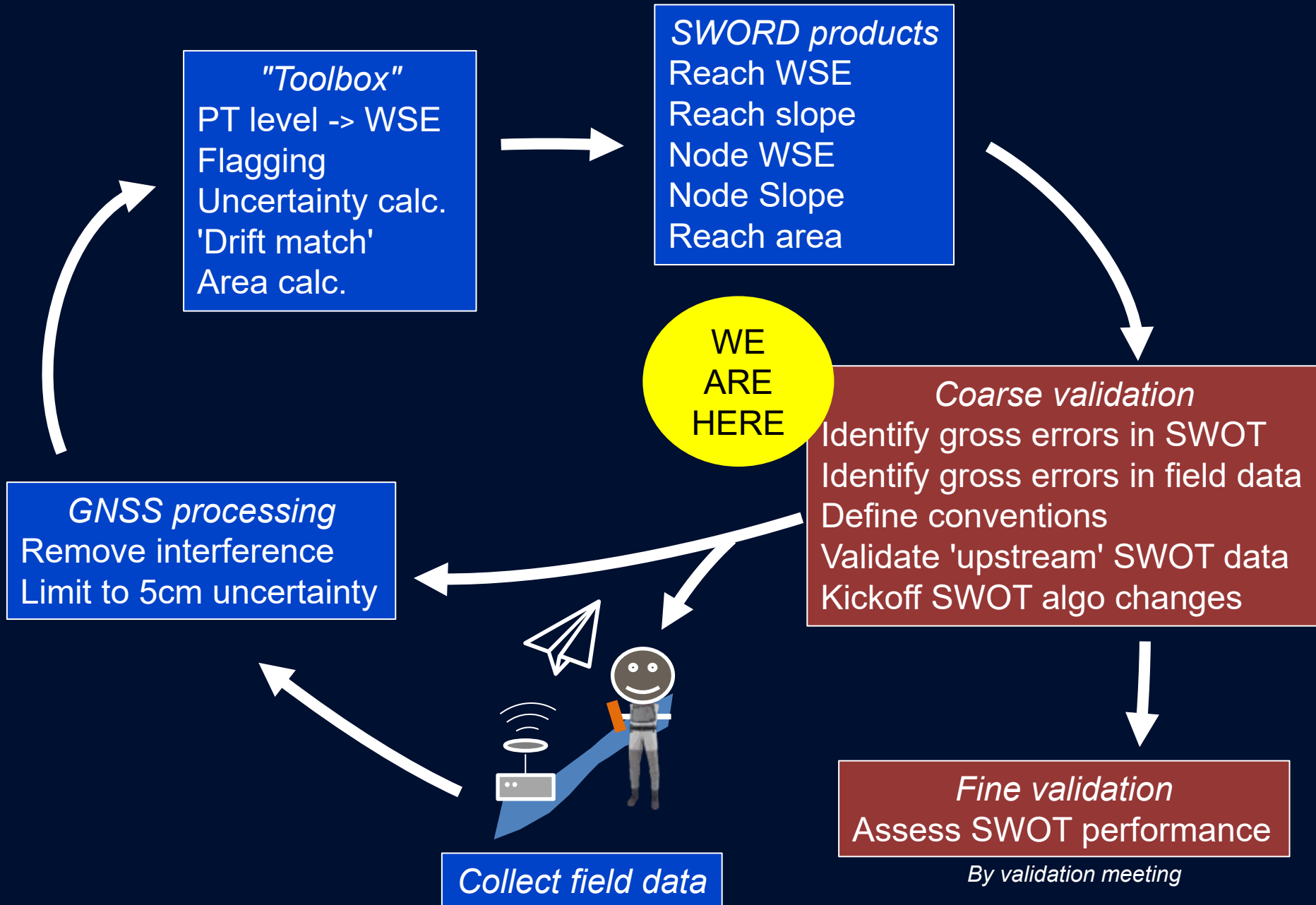
GNSS

- Measures elevations as SWOT does
- Geoid, ellipsoid, pole tide, solid earth tide
- PPP processing- no base stations
- 30m static > kinematic > 30min static
- Records every 1s
- Can take >1hr to traverse a reach
- 'drifts'

Pressure Transducers (PT)

- Record pressure
- Combine with air pressure to get 'level' via hydrostatic eq.
- Records every 15 minutes
- Fixed position

Process



Takeaways

- We are where we think we should be
- Coarse validation going well
- Fine validation to begin soon with reprocessed SWOT data
- Community poll revealed:
 - Hydro community mostly understands calval process
 - Hydro community mostly feels good about calval
 - Stronger French/US integration needed moving forward