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The Global Ocean
Observing System

OCG data flow mapping

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Introduction

As part of the Observations Coordination Group (OCG) Data Strategy, and Metadata harmonization efforts, and in line with a request from the tenth GOOS Steering Committee meeting in September 2020, GOOS initiated a Data and Metadata mapping project to clearly map out the data and metadata flows for both real-time and delayed mode data, across all the recognized OCG global networks: Argo, OceanGliders, Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP), Ship Observations Team (Voluntary Observing Ships (VOS), Ships of Opportunity Program (SOOP), Automated Shipboard Aerological Programme (ASAP)), the Global Ocean Ship-Based Hydrographic Investigations Program (GO-SHIP), OceanSITES, Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS), Animal Borne Ocean Sensors (AniBOS), and High Frequency (HF) Radar.

Our aims for this mapping exercise are to: 1) enable those outside the networks to better understand how network data moves through the global and national data management systems; 2) enable us in identifying gaps and areas where we can potentially improve or better support data and metadata access; 3) ensure that the required metadata is accessible and flowing into the OceanOPS monitoring system, 4) use as a base for a cross-network data strategy, ensuring that the data from global networks reaches existing and future global access points for both operational real-time and quality controlled delayed mode data. This is a focused effort to increase value and visibility of OCG network data by improving its interoperability and ensuring that OCG data meets its critical role as an integral part of the global ocean information digital ecosystem.

The information and insight from this data mapping will inform and guide the development of an OCG Data Implementation Strategy, to better support observational network development in these areas, and recommend best practices to the community. Understanding these data and metadata flows and identifying areas of enhancement are crucial in order to increase FAIR compliance of OCG network data and compliance with the WMO Unified Data Policy.

The data mapping contains data structures, QC elements, and key performance indicators such as data availability, timeliness, and completeness of metadata, to identify the current state of data and metadata flows for the networks. With this picture of the data flows within the different networks, we can also work with WMO and IODE to integrate this information into their data mapping efforts to extend mapping beyond the scope of just OCG and its networks.

Beyond the work of the GOOS OCG the data maps provided here are useful for global, national and regional observing and data management systems, GOOS partners and others that want to understand the existing data pathways.

Description of the mapping

For each OCG global network, the data mappings consist of three parts: real-time data, delayed mode data and metadata. The mappings illustrate the pathway of 1) real-time data to availability on the WMO GTS and/or through non-GTS services (e.g. GDACs), 2) delayed mode data from network specific repositories, and 3) metadata flow from networks to be available in the OceanOPS monitoring system, and from endpoint locations to OceanOPS to verify for example metadata quality, data arrival and timeliness.

The mapping effort is an on-going work as the OCG networks evolve in partners, EOVS/ECVs, and data pathways. While the initial effort concentrated on the delivery of individual observations or primary data, it will continue to map the products (gridded e.g.) made available, where possible.

Argo

<Core Deep BGC>

Variables:

T, S, currents, BGC-oxygen, pH, nitrate, chlorophyll A, suspended particles, downwelling irradiance

Real Time

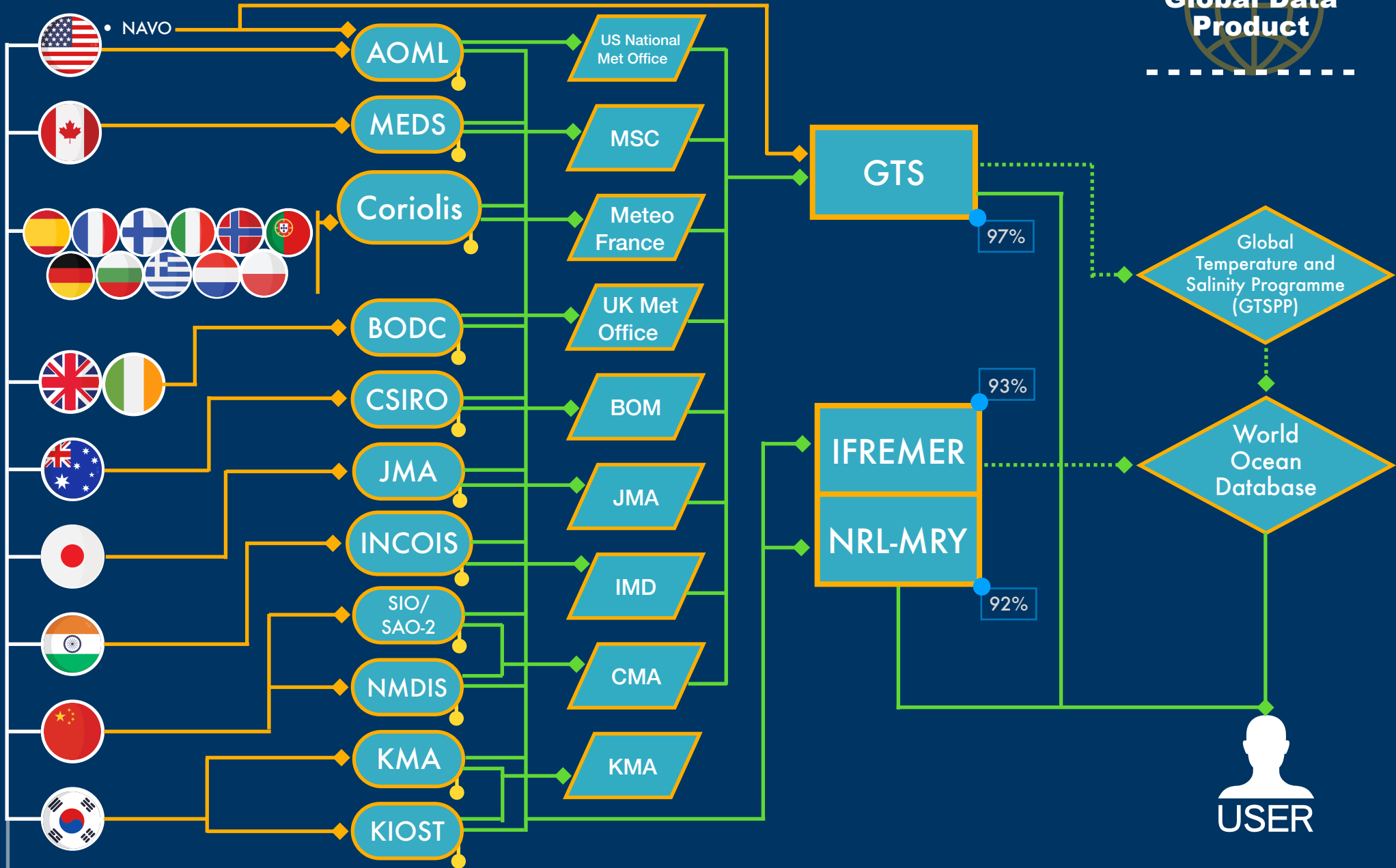
Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center

National Meteorological Services

Global Data Distribution

Global Data Product

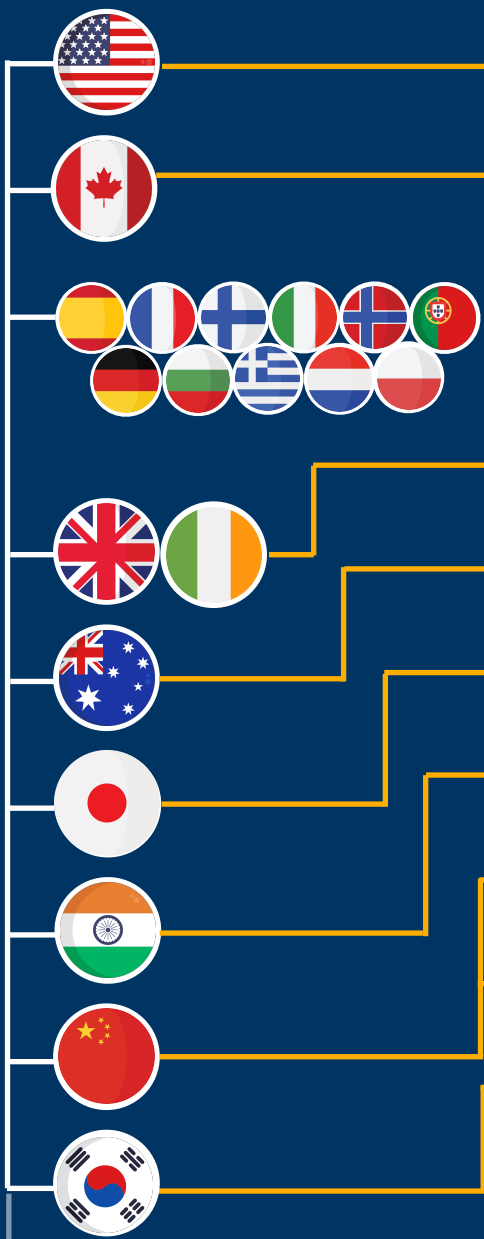


— % • Data distributed within 24h

◆ • Real time raw data flow
 ◆ • Quality controlled real time data flow
 ◆ • To be confirmed

● • Real time data available on users

Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center

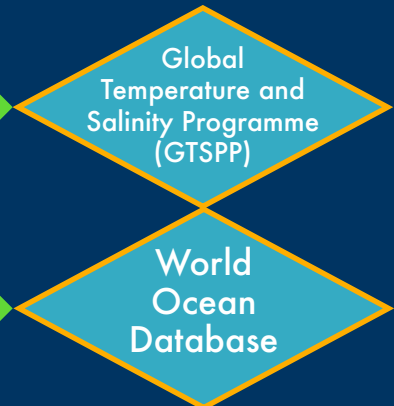


Global Data Distribution

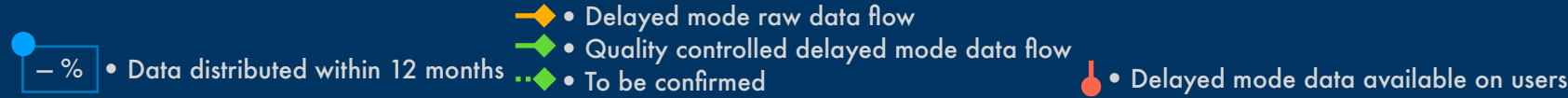


Delayed Mode

Global Data Product



Variables:
T, S,
currents,
BGC-
oxygen, pH,
nitrate,
chlorophyll A,
suspended
particles,
downwelling
irradiance

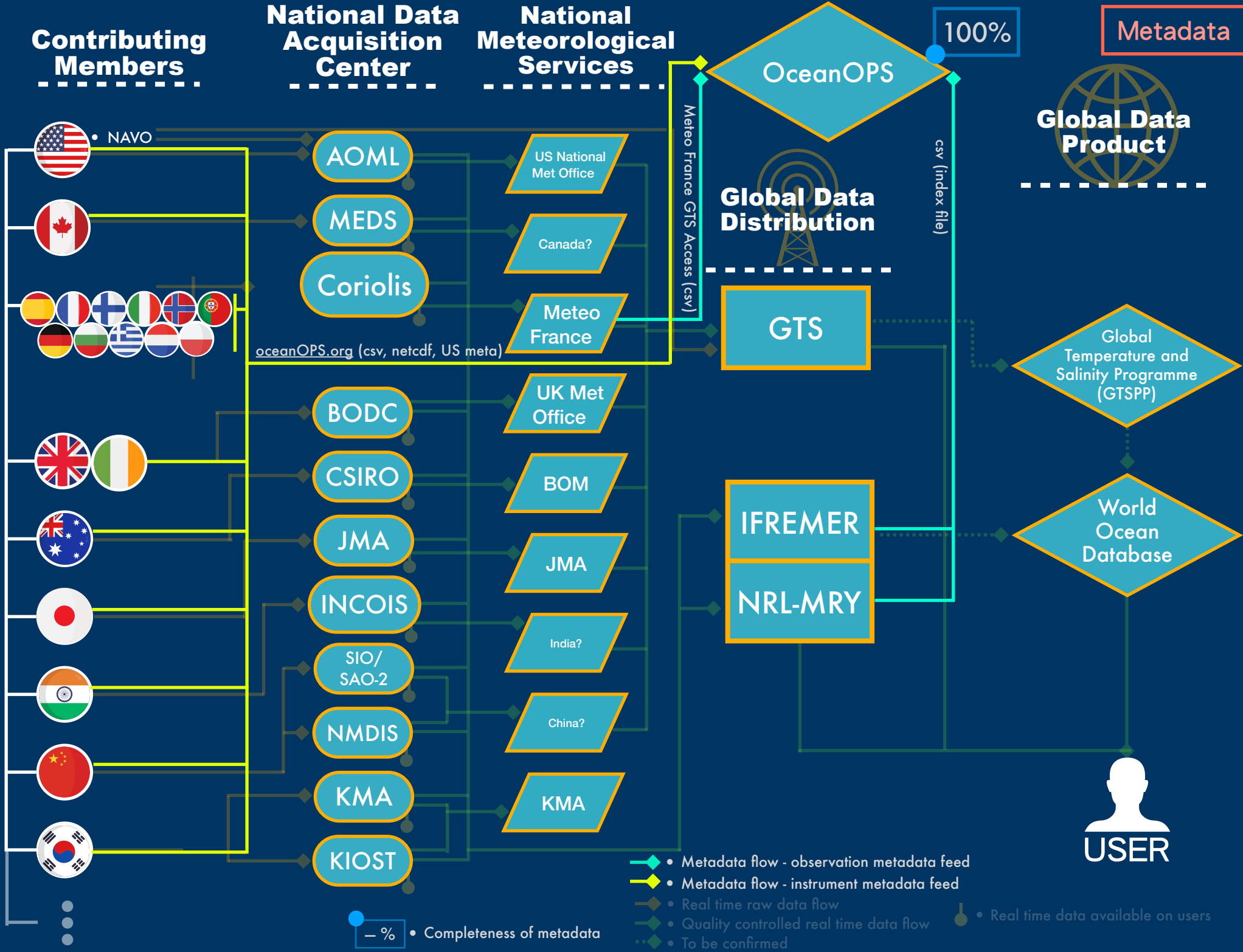


Argo

<Core Deep BGC>

Variables:

T, S, currents, BGC-oxygen, pH, nitrate, chlorophyll A, suspended particles, downwelling irradiance



Metadata

100%

Global Data Product

Global Temperature and Salinity Programme (GTSPP)

World Ocean Database

USER

- ◆ Metadata flow - observation metadata feed
- ◆ Metadata flow - instrument metadata feed
- ◆ Real time raw data flow
- ◆ Quality controlled real time data flow
- ◆ Real time data available on users
- ◆ To be confirmed

— % • Completeness of metadata

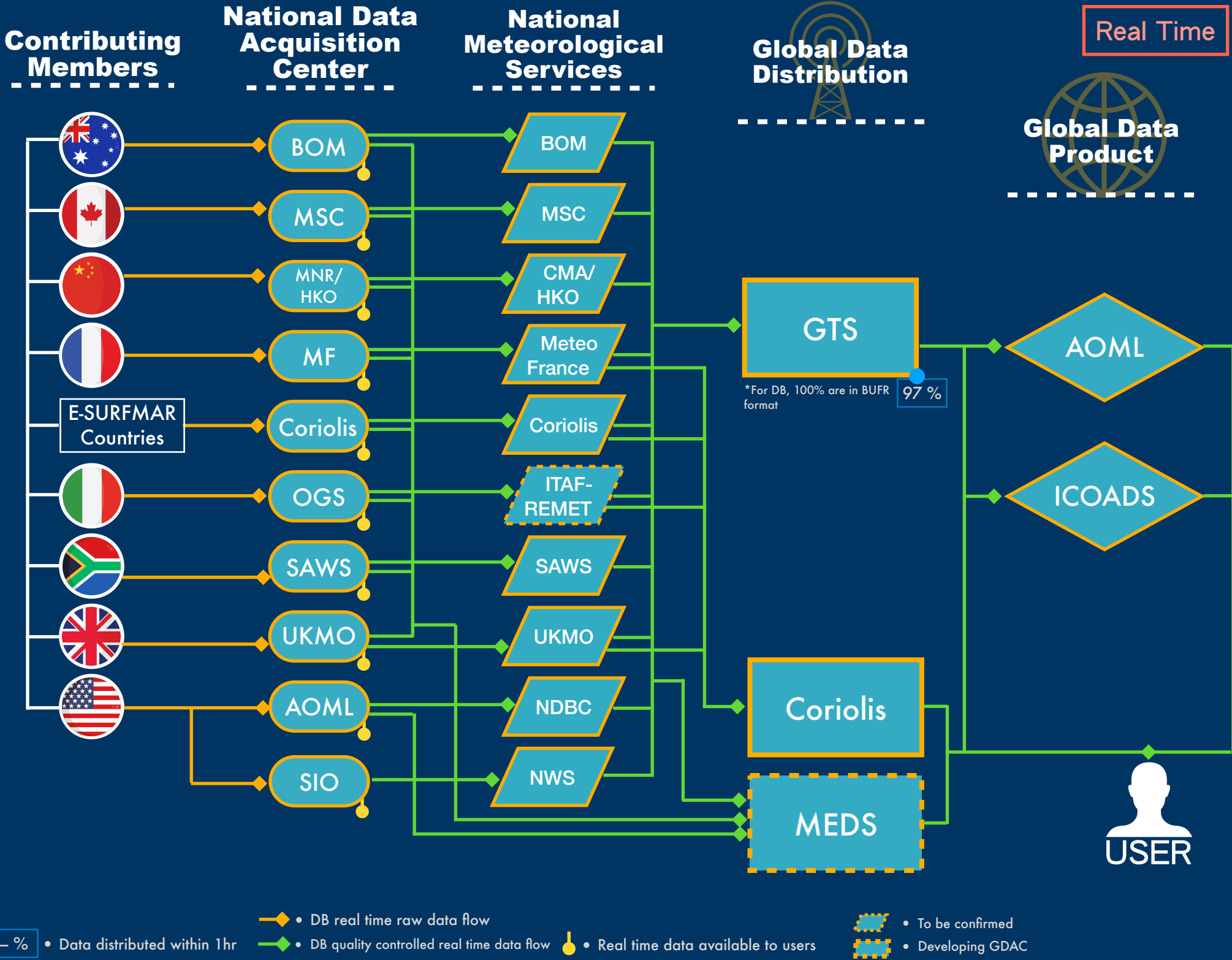
DBCP

Drifting Buoy (DB)

Variables:

SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

Real Time



DBCP

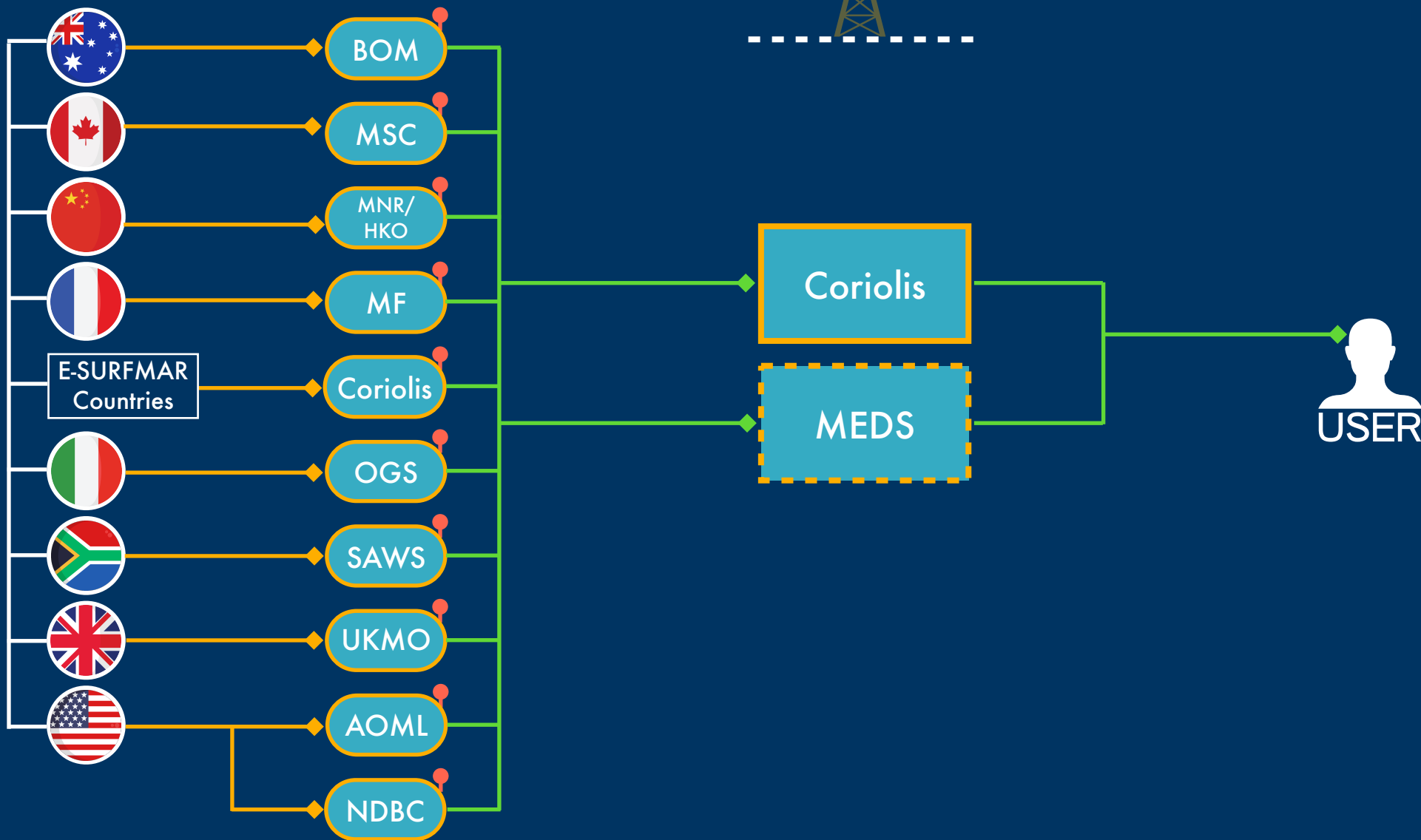
Drifting Buoy (DB)

Delayed Mode

Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center

Global Data Distribution



Variables:

SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

— %
— %

• Data distributed within ??
• Completeness of meta data

• DB delayed mode raw data flow

• DB quality controlled delayed mode data flow

• Delayed mode data available to users

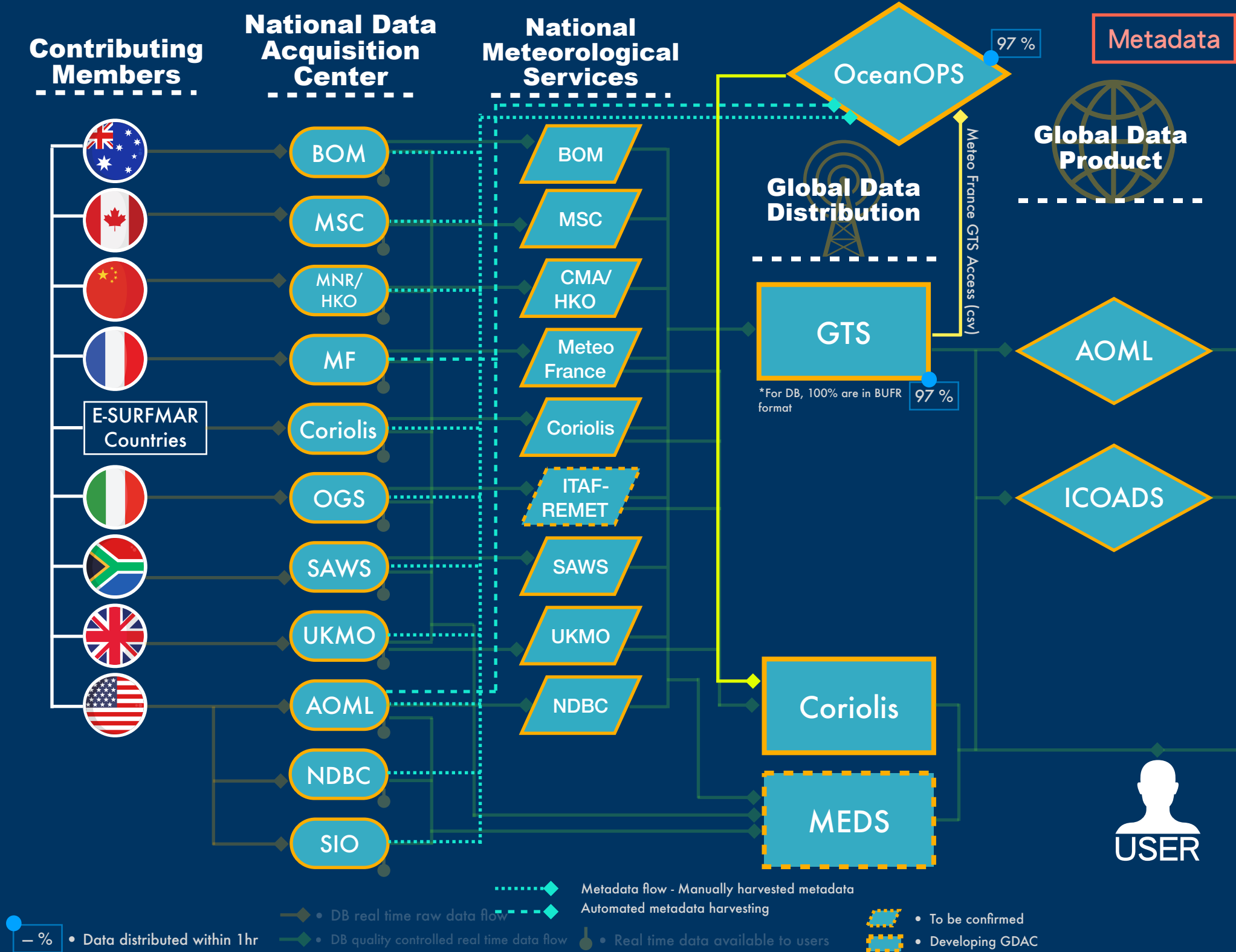
• Developing GDAC

DBCP

Drifting Buoy (DB)

Variables:

SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity



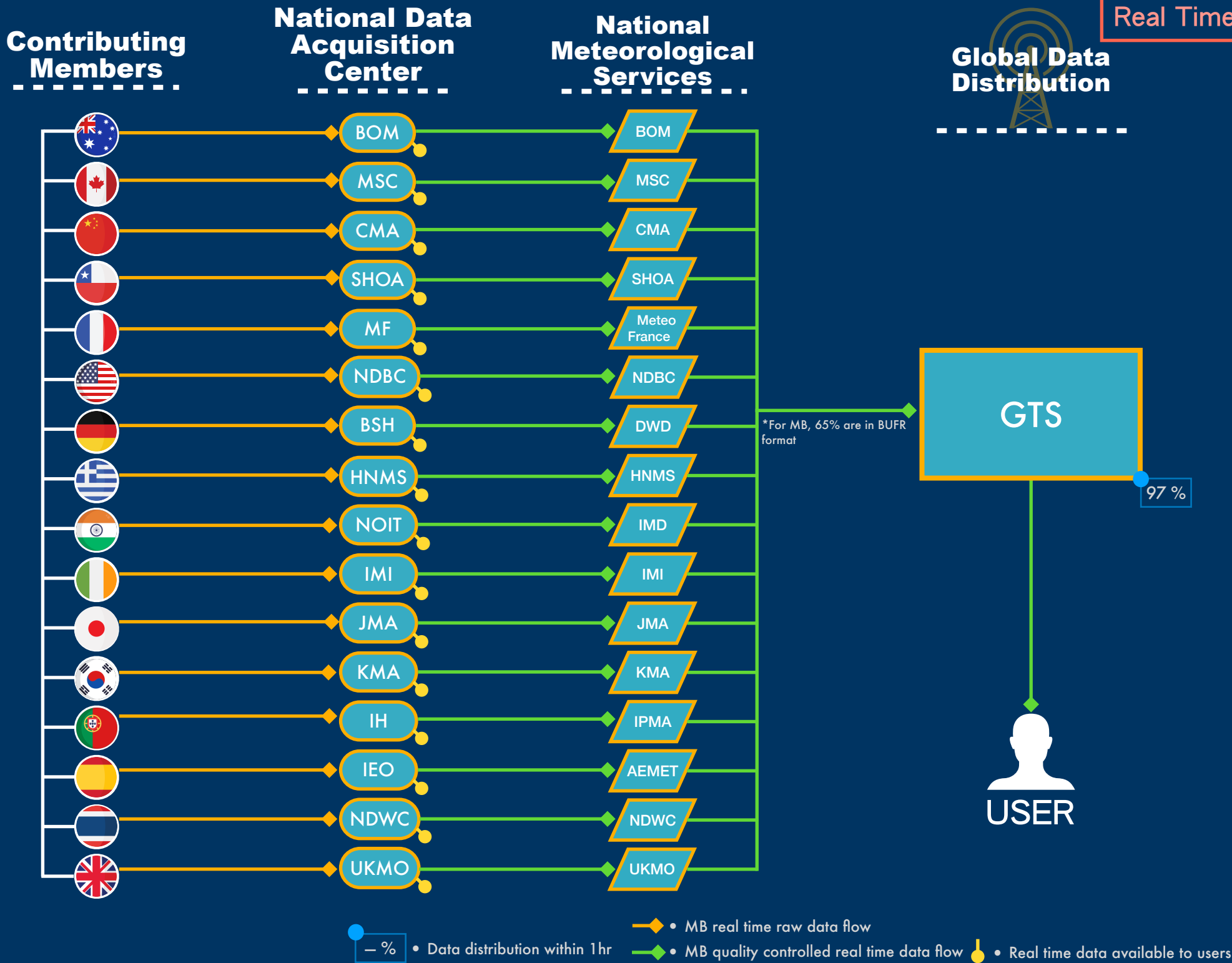
DBCP

Moored Buoy (MB)

Variables:

SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

Real Time



DBCP

Moored Buoy (MB)

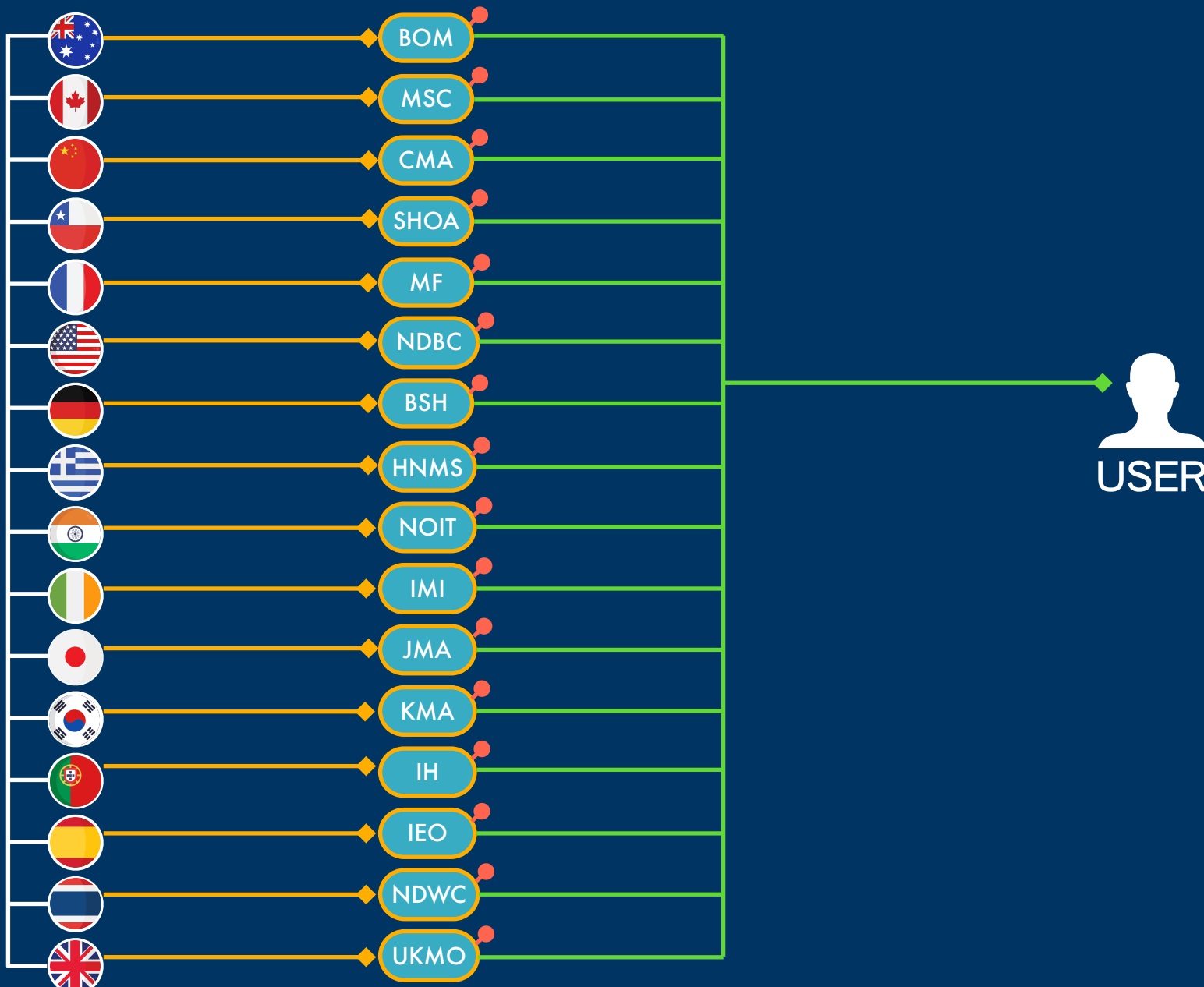
Variables:

SST, Sea level pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

Delayed Mode

Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center



- % • Data distribution within ??
- % • Completeness of meta data
- ◆ • MB delayed mode raw data flow
- ◆ • MB quality controlled delayed mode data flow
- • Delayed mode data available to users

DBCP

Moored Buoy (MB)

Variables:

SST, Sea level pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center

BOM
MSC
CMA
SHOA
MF
NDBC
BSH
HNMS
NOIT
IMI
JMA
KMA
IH
IEO
NDWC
UKMO

National Meteorological Services

BOM
MSC
CMA
SHOA
Meteo France
NDBC
DWD
HNMS
IMD
IMI
JMA
KMA
IPMA
AEMET
NDWC
UKMO



Metadata

Global Data Distribution



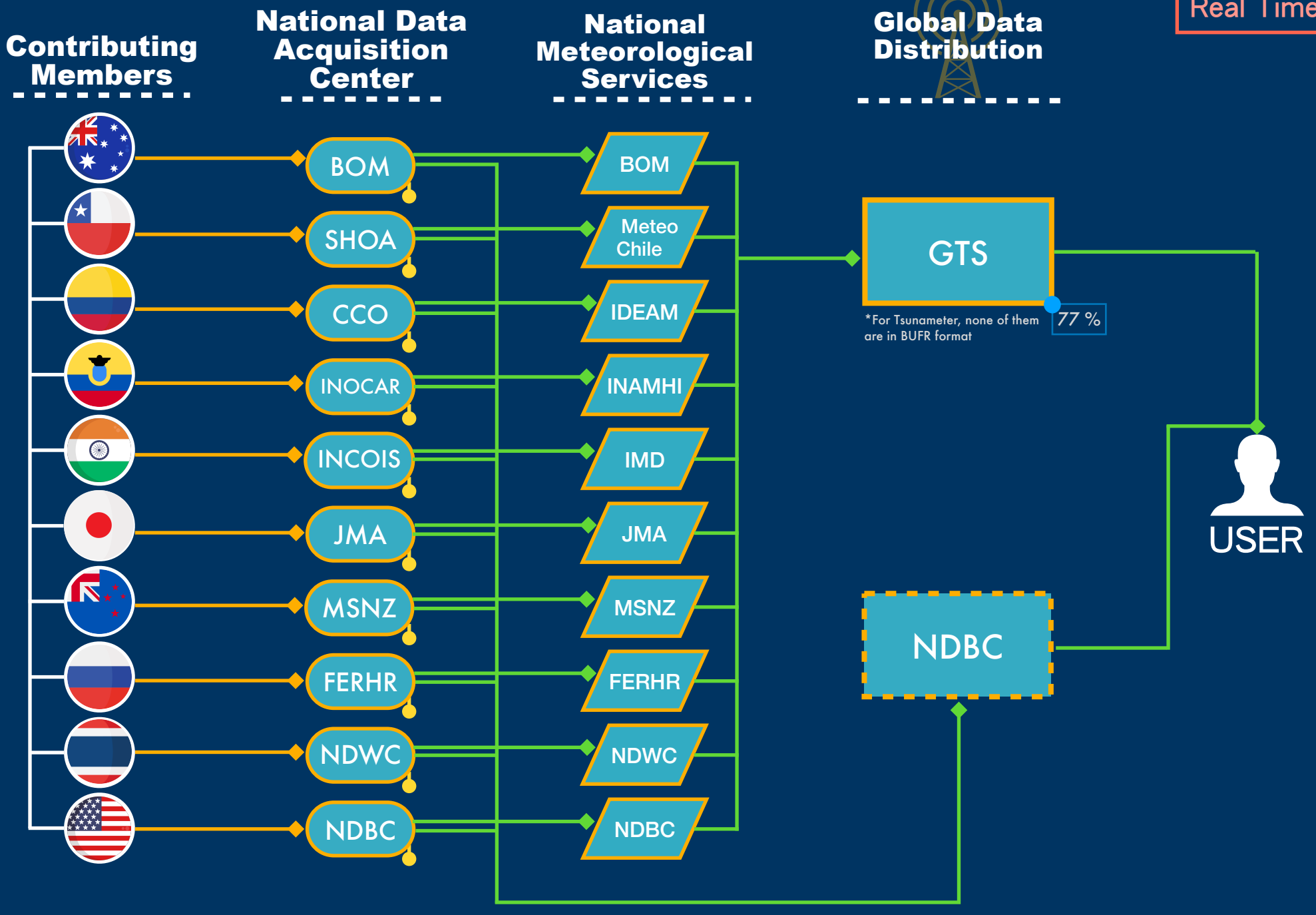
* For MB, 65% are in BUFR format

- Monitoring data flow
- Manually harvested metadata (csv or website harvesting)
- Semi-automated metadata harvesting
- MB real time raw data flow
- MB quality controlled real time data flow
- Real time data available to users

98% • Completeness of meta data

DBCP

Real Time



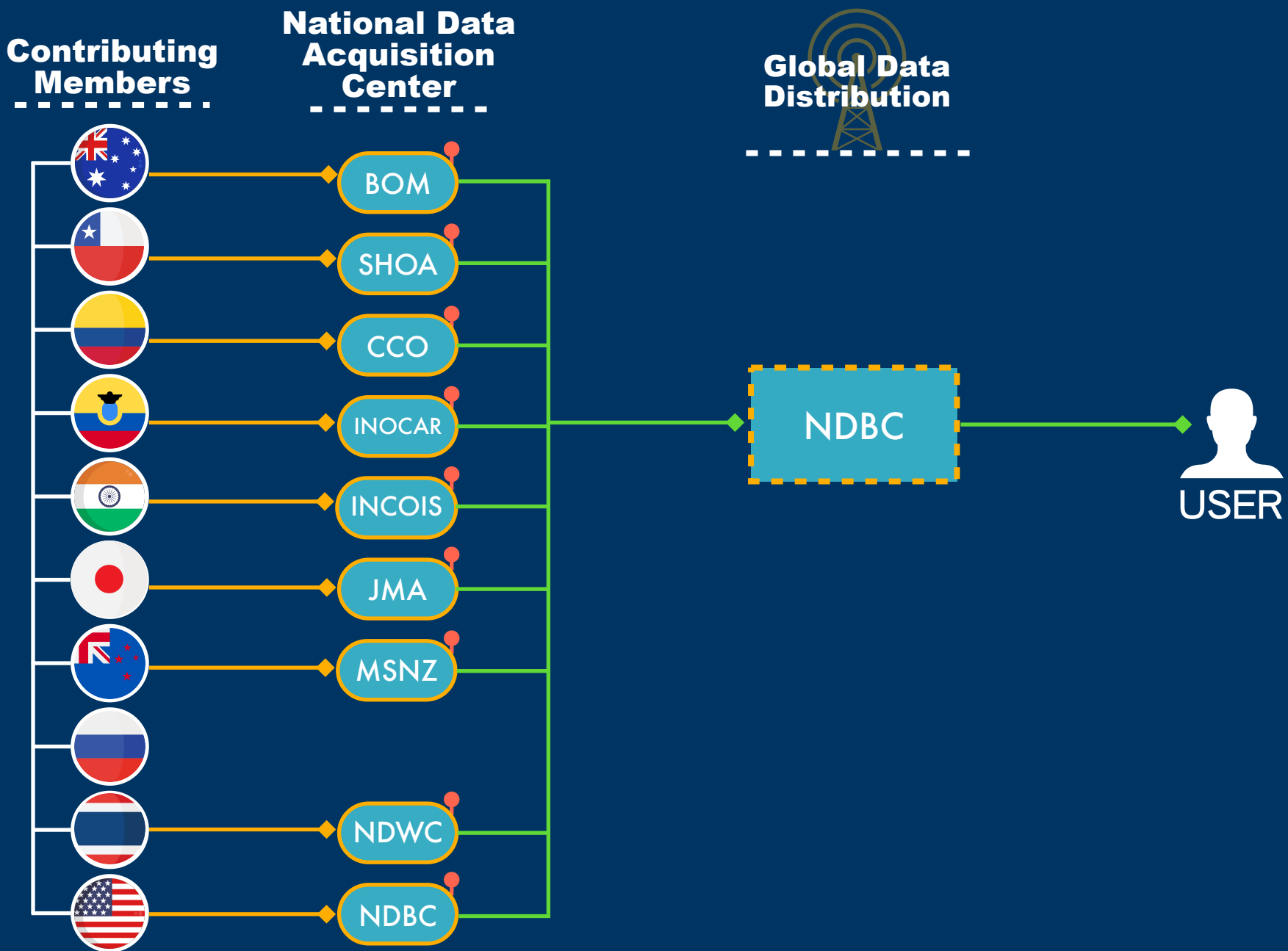
Tsunameter

Variables:
SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

- % • Data distribution within 1hr
- ♦ • Tsunameter real time raw data flow
- ◆ • Tsunameter quality controlled real time data flow
- ● • Real time data available to users
- ▤ • Developing GDAC

DBCP

Delayed Mode



Tsunamieter

Variables:

- SST, Sea level
- atmospheric pressure,
- Wind vector,
- Salinity,
- Waves, Air temperature,
- Relative Humidity

Legend:

- Blue circle: Data distribution within ??
- Yellow diamond: Tsunamieter delayed mode raw data flow
- Green diamond: Tsunamieter quality controlled delayed mode data flow
- Red circle: Delayed mode data available to users
- Blue dashed box: Developing GDAC

DDBCP

Tsunamieter

Variables:

SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center

BOM
SHOA
CCO
INOCAR
INCOIS
JMA
MSNZ
FERHR
NDWC
NDBC

National Meteorological Services

BOM
Meteo Chile
IDEAM
INAMHI
IMD
JMA
MSNZ
FERHR
NDWC
NDBC



Metadata

Global Data Distribution



*For Tsunamieter, none of them are in BUFR format



OSMC Open-GTS Access Node



USER

- Monitoring data flow
- Manually harvested metadata (csv or website)

- Tsunamieter real time raw data flow
- Tsunamieter quality controlled real time data flow
- Real time data available to users
- Developing GDAC

– % • Completeness of meta data

DBCP

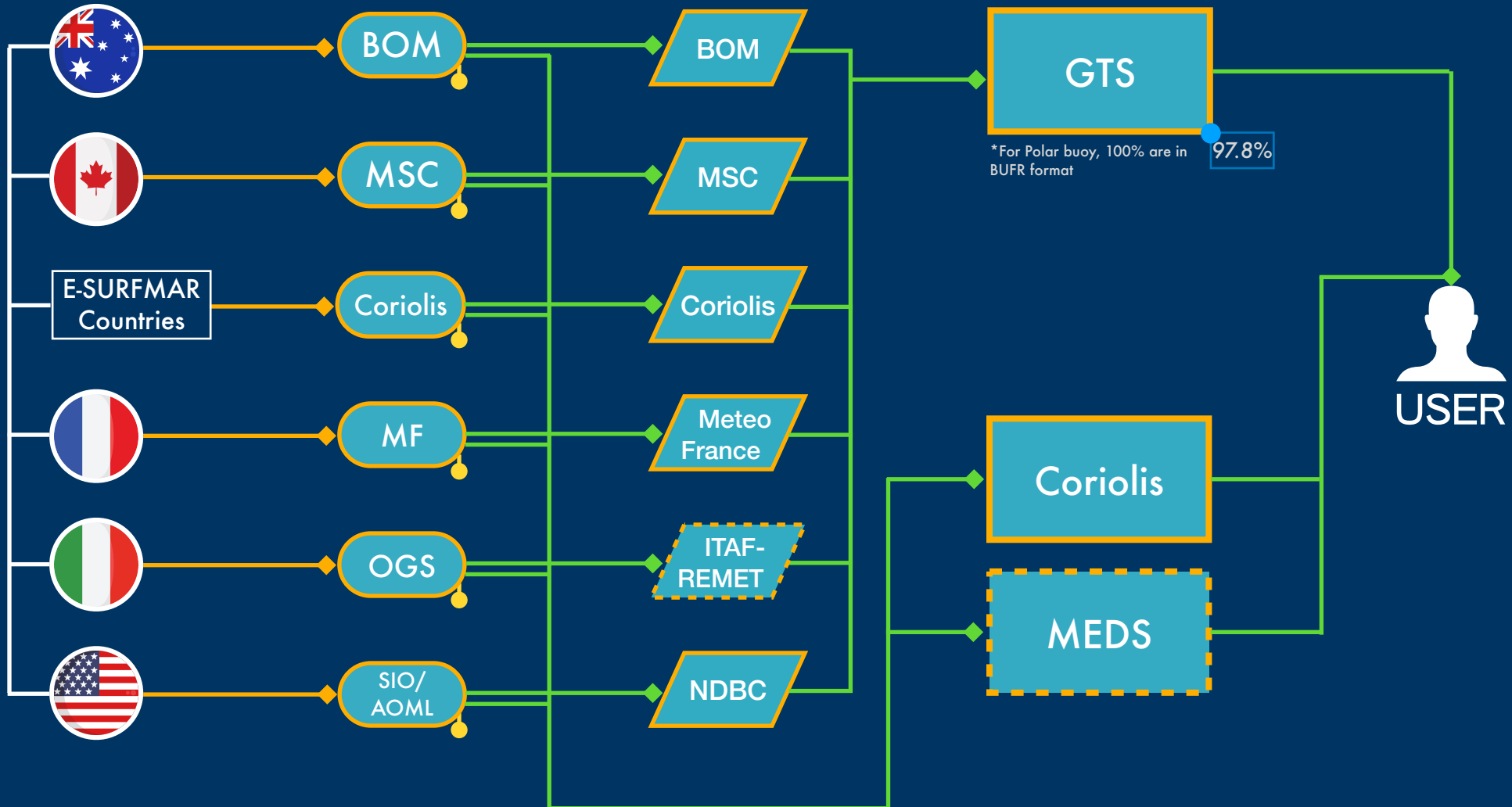
Real Time

Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center

National Meteorological Services

Global Data Distribution



*For Polar buoy, 100% are in BUFR format 97.8%

Variables:

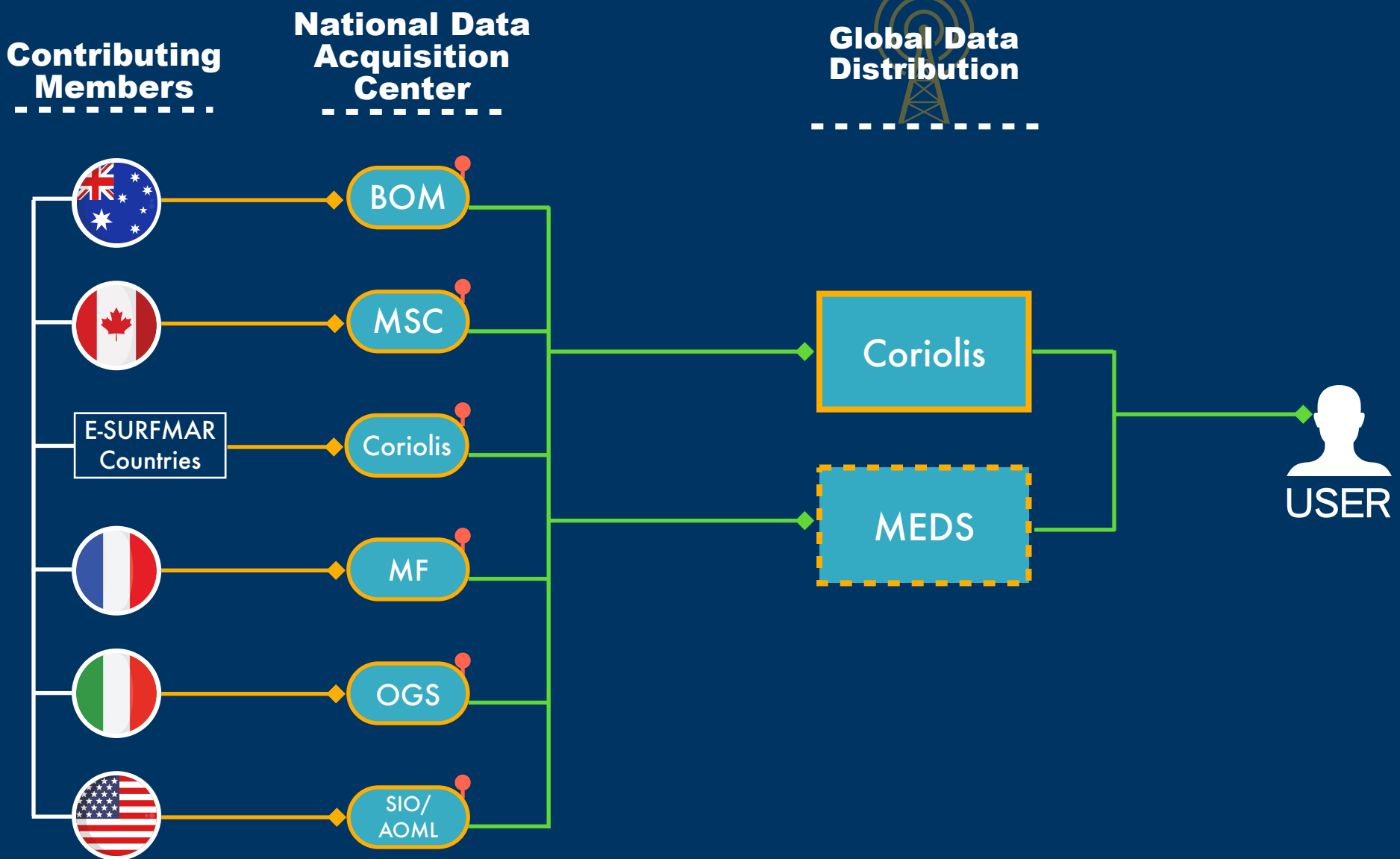
SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

- PB real time raw data flow
- PB quality controlled real time data flow
- Real time data available to users
- To be confirmed
- Developing GDAC
- % • Data distributed within 1hr

DBCP

Delayed Mode

Polar Buoy



Variables:

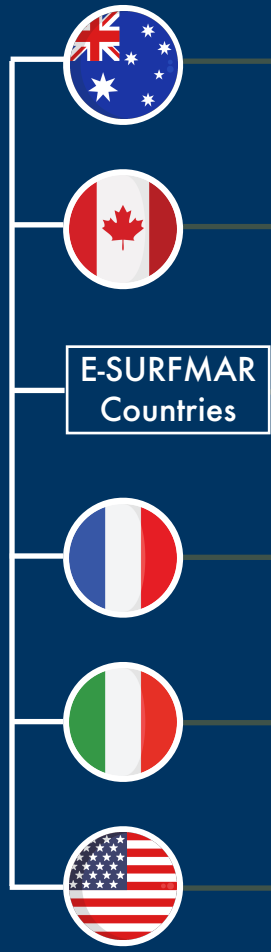
SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

- - % • Data distributed within 1 hr
- - % • Completeness of meta data
- ◆ • PB delayed mode data flow
- ◆ • PB quality controlled delayed mode data flow
- • Delayed mode data available to users
- • Developing GDAC

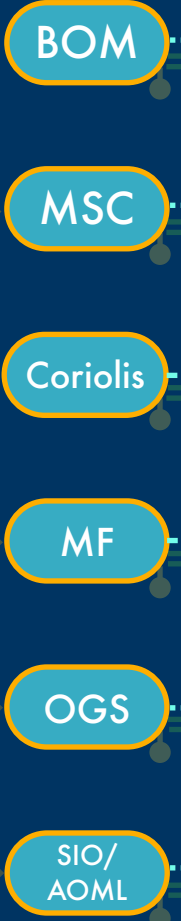
DBCP

Metadata

Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center



National Meteorological Services



Global Data Distribution



Variables:

SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Wind vector, Salinity, Waves, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

— % • Completeness of meta data

— ◆ • PB real time raw data flow

— ◆ • PB quality controlled real time data flow

— ● • Real time data available to users

- ◆ • Monitoring data flow
- ◆ • Manually harvested metadata (csv, website)
- ◆ • Automated metadata harvesting

- ◆ • To be confirmed
- ◆ • Developing GDAC

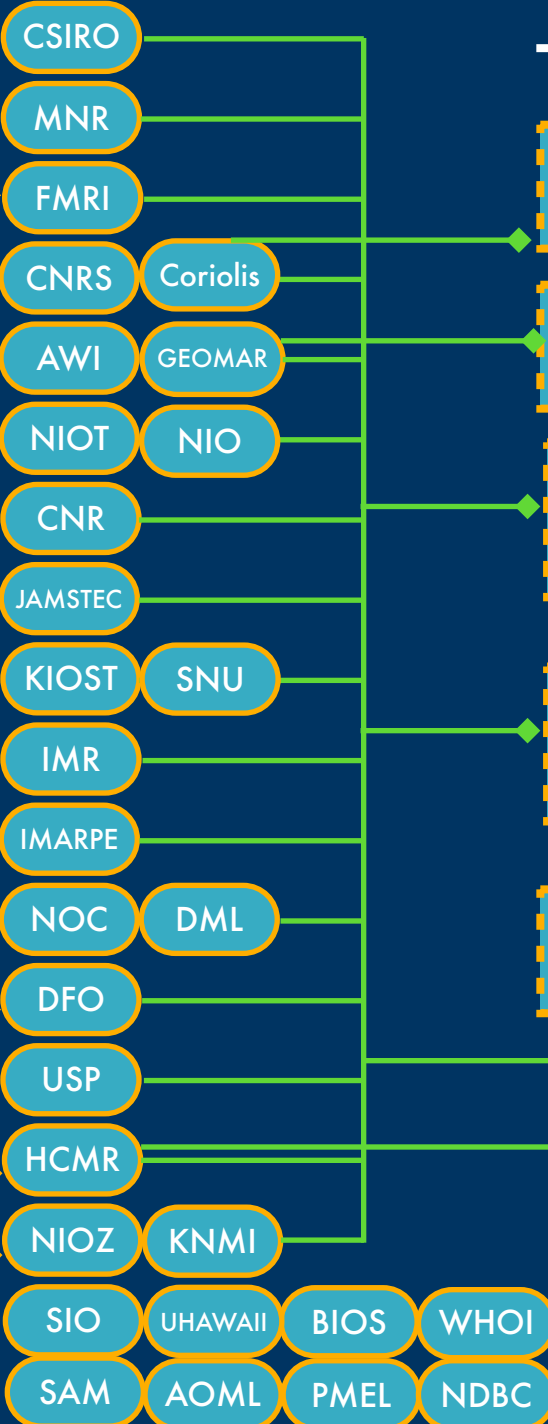
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SMITHS

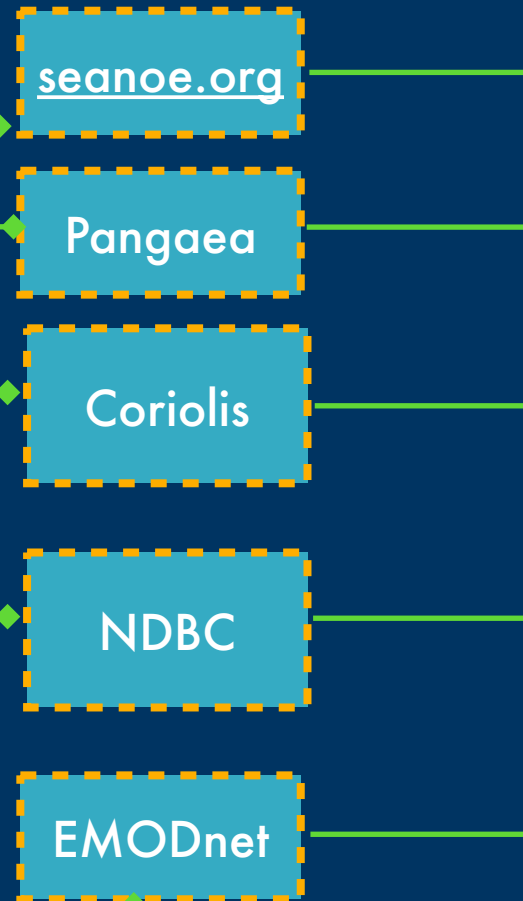
Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center



Global Data Distribution



Delayed Mode



Variables:
T, P, S,
Oxygen,
Fluorescence,
Turbidity, pH,
Nitrates,
water velocity

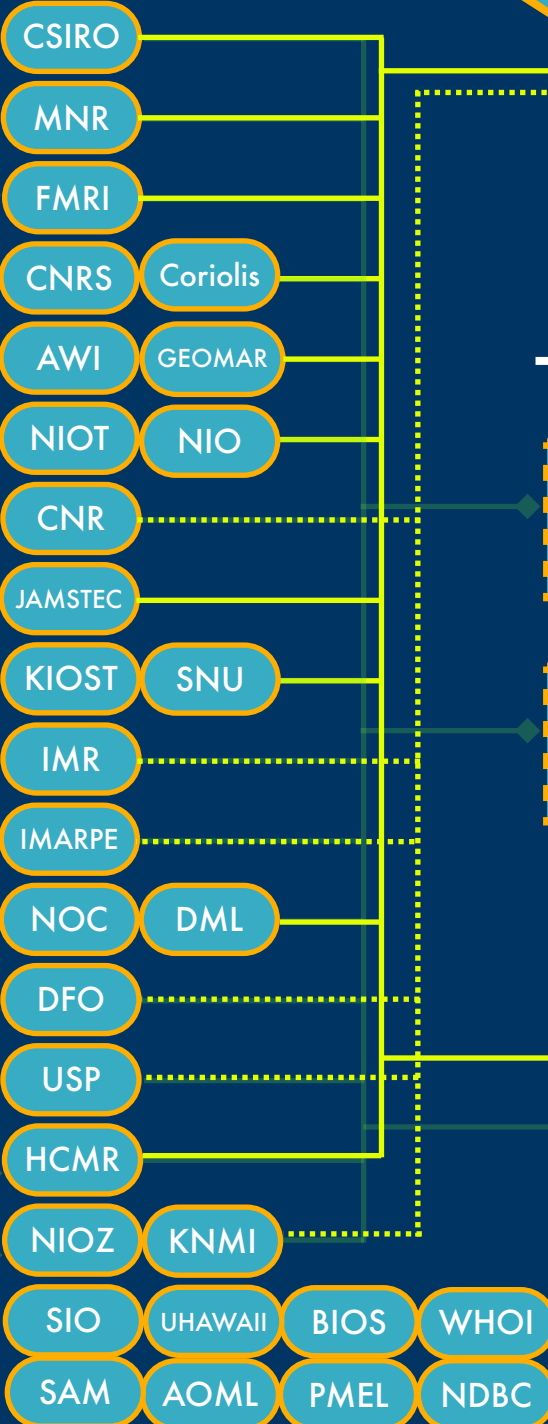
- Under developed
- Delayed mode raw data flow
- Quality controlled delayed mode data flow
- Delayed mode data available to users

SMITHS OCEANICS

Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center



Metadata

Global Data Distribution



USER

Variables:

T, P, S, Oxygen, Fluorescence, Turbidity, pH, Nitrates, water velocity

- Metadata flow - feed
- Metadata flow - operational status
- No metadata flow
- Under developed
- Delayed mode raw data flow
- Quality controlled delayed mode data flow
- Delayed mode data available to users

GO-SHIP

Bottle/
CTD

Variables:

T, P, S,
Oxygen
DIC, pH
Alkalinity
Nutrients
(NO3/NO2,
PO4,
SiO3), CFCs,
SF6, 14C,
δ 13C of DIC,
CCl4,
Dissolved
Inorganic
Carbon,
phosphate,
silicate, DOC,
DON

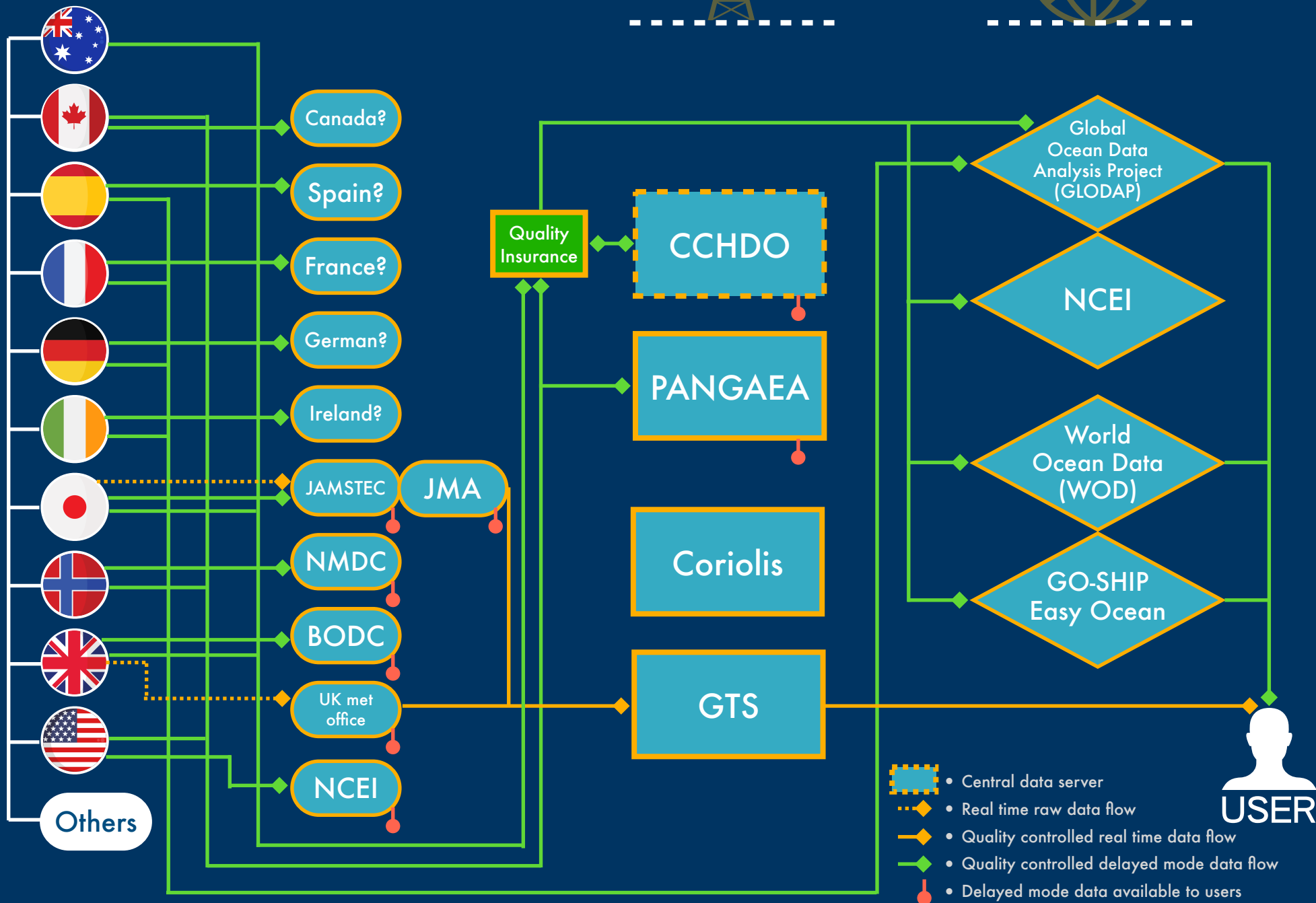
Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center

Global Data Distribution

Global Data Product

Real Time/
Delayed Mode



GO-SHIP

Bottle/
CTD

Variables:

T, P, S,
Oxygen
DIC, pH
Alkalinity
Nutrients
(NO3/NO2,
PO4,
SiO3), CFCs,
SF6, 14C,
δ 13C of DIC,
CCl4,
Dissolved
Inorganic
Carbon,
phosphate,
silicate, DOC,
DON

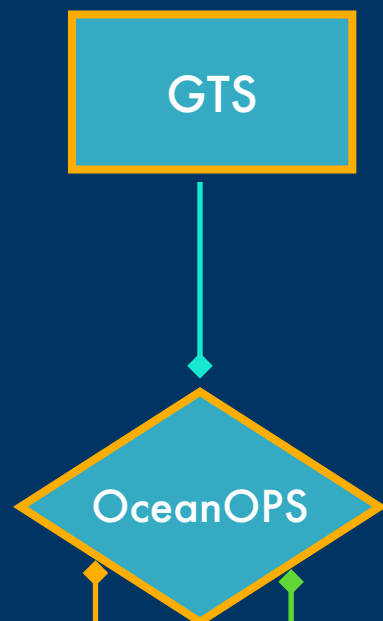
Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center



Global Data Distribution



Global Data Product

Metadata

- ◆ Metadata flow - Basic Cruise information (pre cruise)
- ◆ Metadata flow - Detailed Cruise information (post cruise)
- ◆ Metadata flow - Observation (GTS) metadata
- ⊛ Not known or unconfirmed

VOS

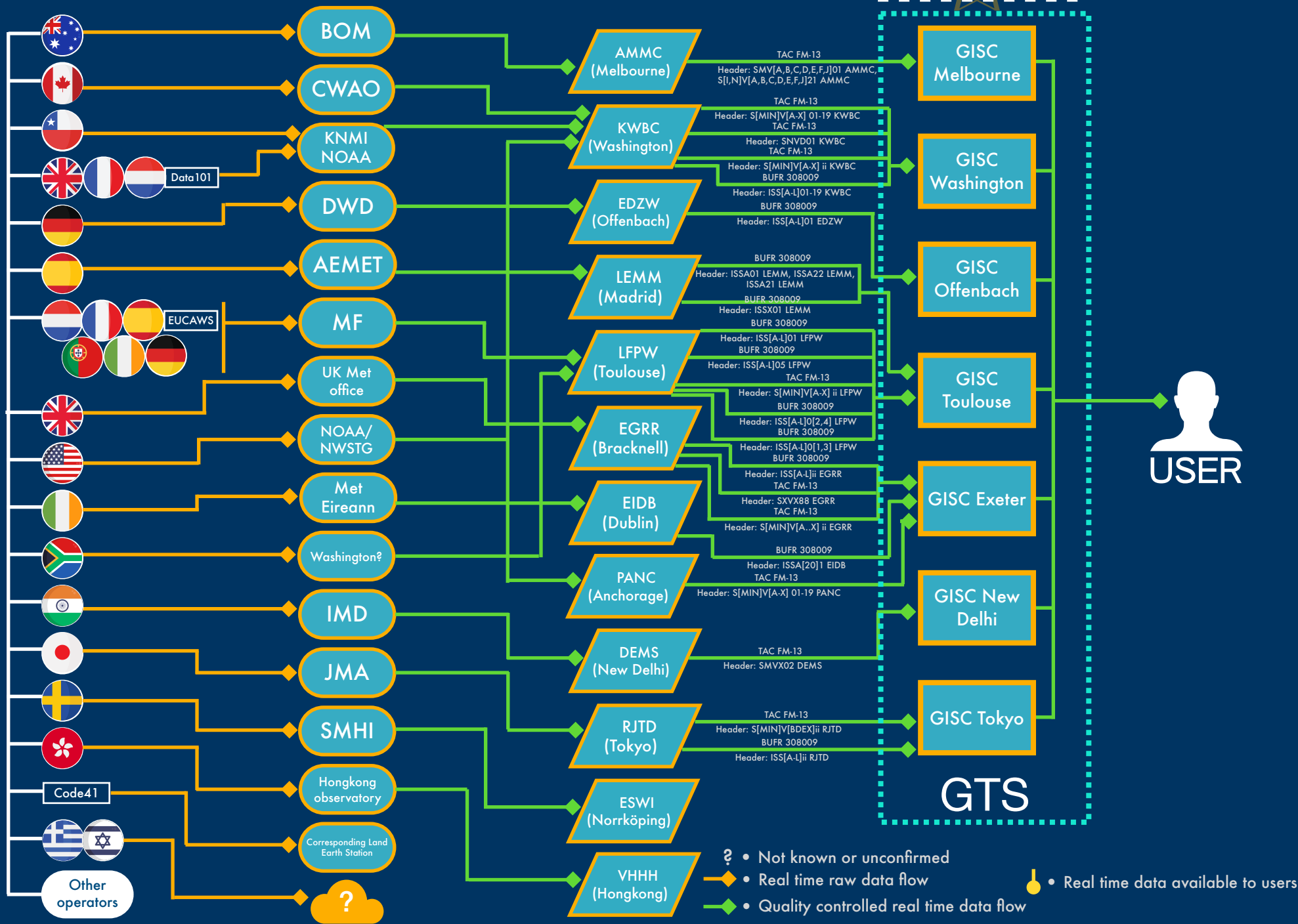
Real Time

Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center

National Meteorological Services

Global Data Distribution

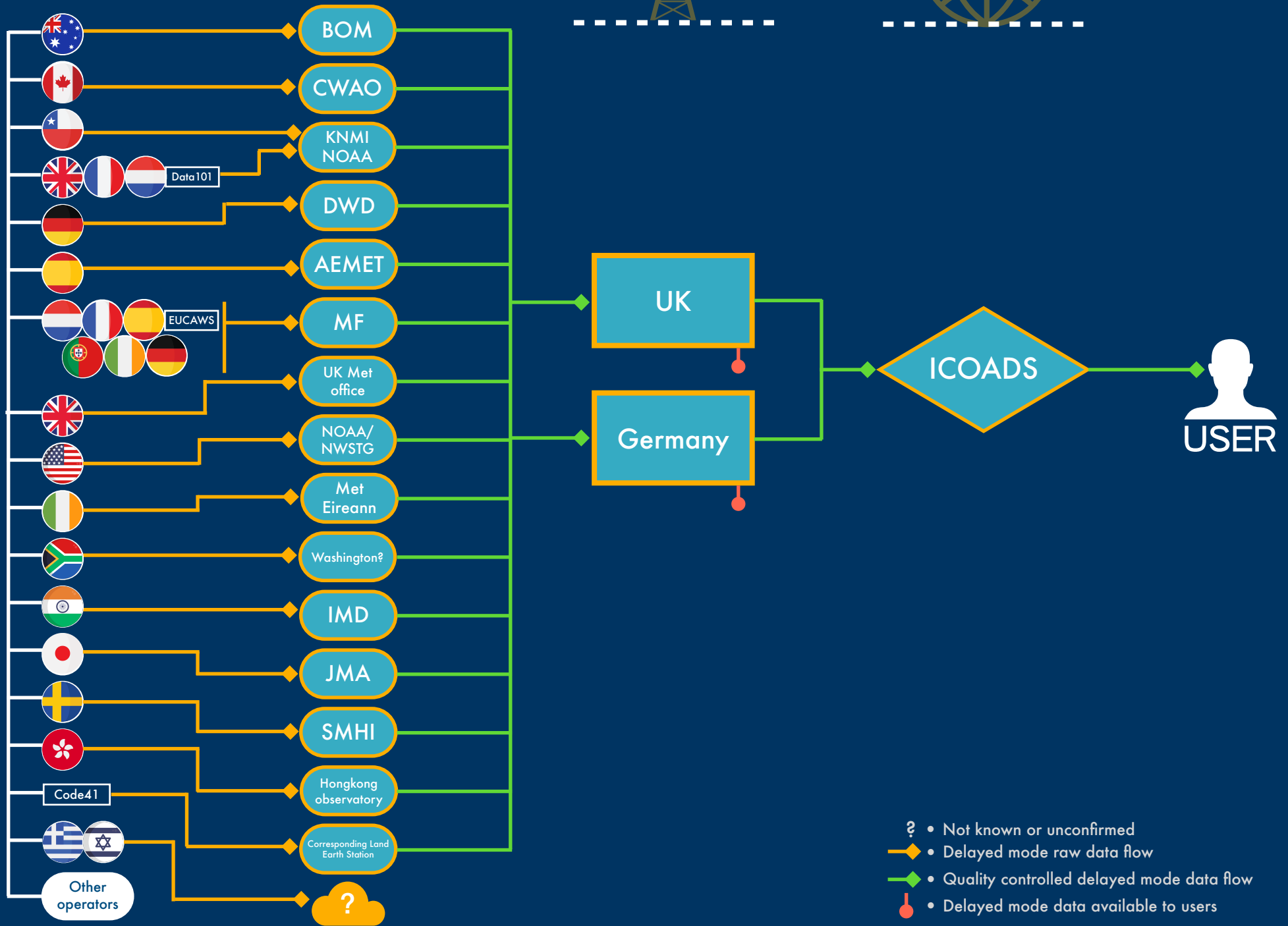


Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center

Global Data Distribution

Global Data Product



VOS

Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center



National Meteorological Services



Global Data Distribution



Metadata

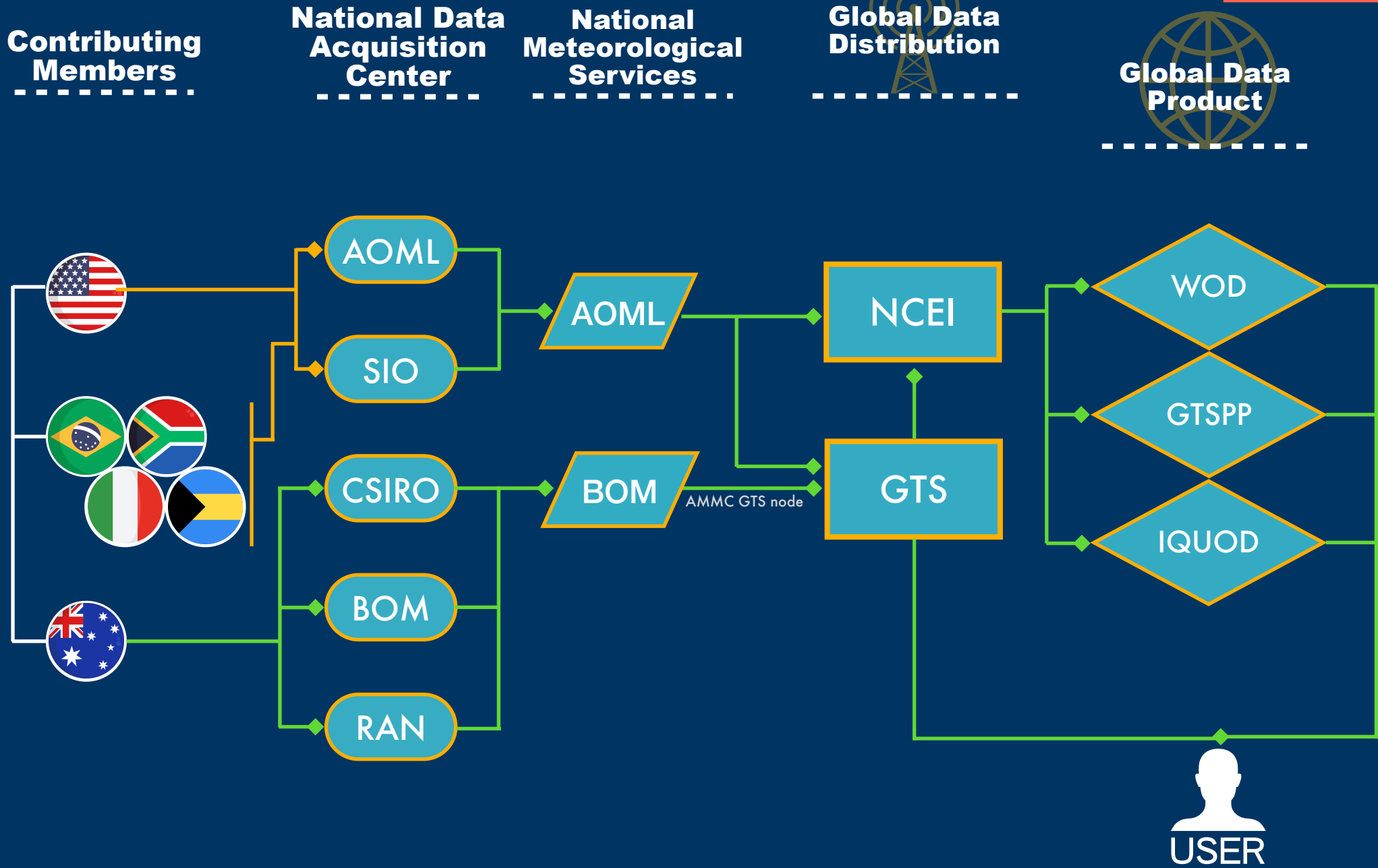


Variables:
SST, Sea level atmospheric pressure, Surface wind speed and direction, Significant wave height, Air temperature, Relative Humidity

- Metadata flow - Instrument Operator feed
- Metadata flow - Observation (GTS) feed
- Real time raw data flow
- Quality controlled real time data flow
- Real time data available to users

SOOP

Real Time



<XBT>

Variables:
T

- ◆— • Real time raw data flow
- ◆— • Quality controlled real time data flow
- • Real time data available to users

SOOP

Delayed Mode

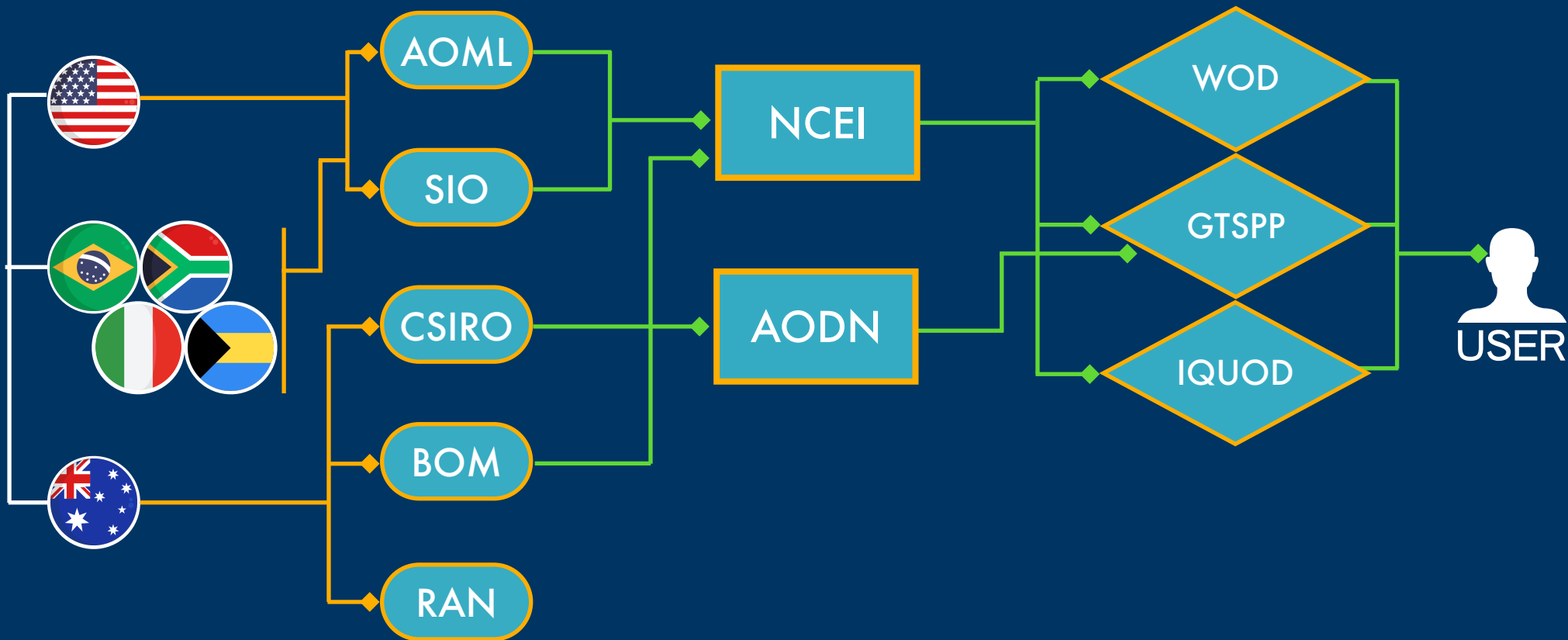
Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center

Global Data Distribution

Global Data Product

<XBT>



Variables:

T

Orange line with diamond • Delayed mode raw data flow

Green line with diamond • Quality controlled delayed mode data flow

Red line with pin • Delayed mode data available to users

ASAP

Contributing Countries



National Data Acquisition Center

- US Met Office
- MF
- AEMET
- DWD
- DMI
- JMA
- KMA

National Meteorological Services

- KWBC (Washington)
- LFPW (Toulouse)
- LEMM (Madrid)
- EDZW (Offenbach)
- BOM
- JMA
- KMA

Global Data Distribution

- GTS
- ??

Real Time

Global Data Product

- ??
- ??



Variables:

- Not known or unconfirmed
- Data distributed within 24h

- Real time raw data flow
- Quality controlled real time data flow

- Real time data available to users

ASAP

Delayed Mode

Contributing Countries



National Data Acquisition Center

- US Met Office
- MF
- AEMET
- DWD
- DMI
- JMA
- KMA

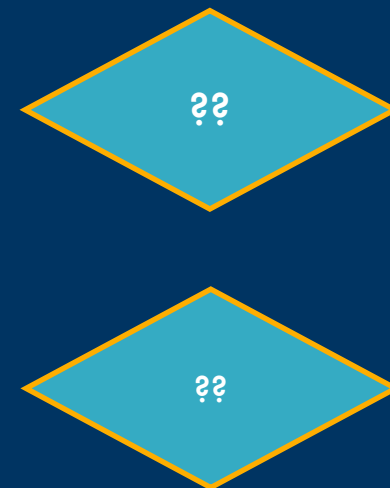
National Meteorological Services

- KWBC (Washington)
- LFPW (Toulouse)
- LEMM (Madrid)
- EDZW (Offenbach)
- BOM
- JMA
- KMA

Global Data Distribution



Global Data Product



Variables:

- Not known or unconfirmed
- Data distributed within 24h
- Delayed mode raw data flow
- Quality controlled delayed mode data flow
- Delayed mode data available to users

HFRadar

Real Time

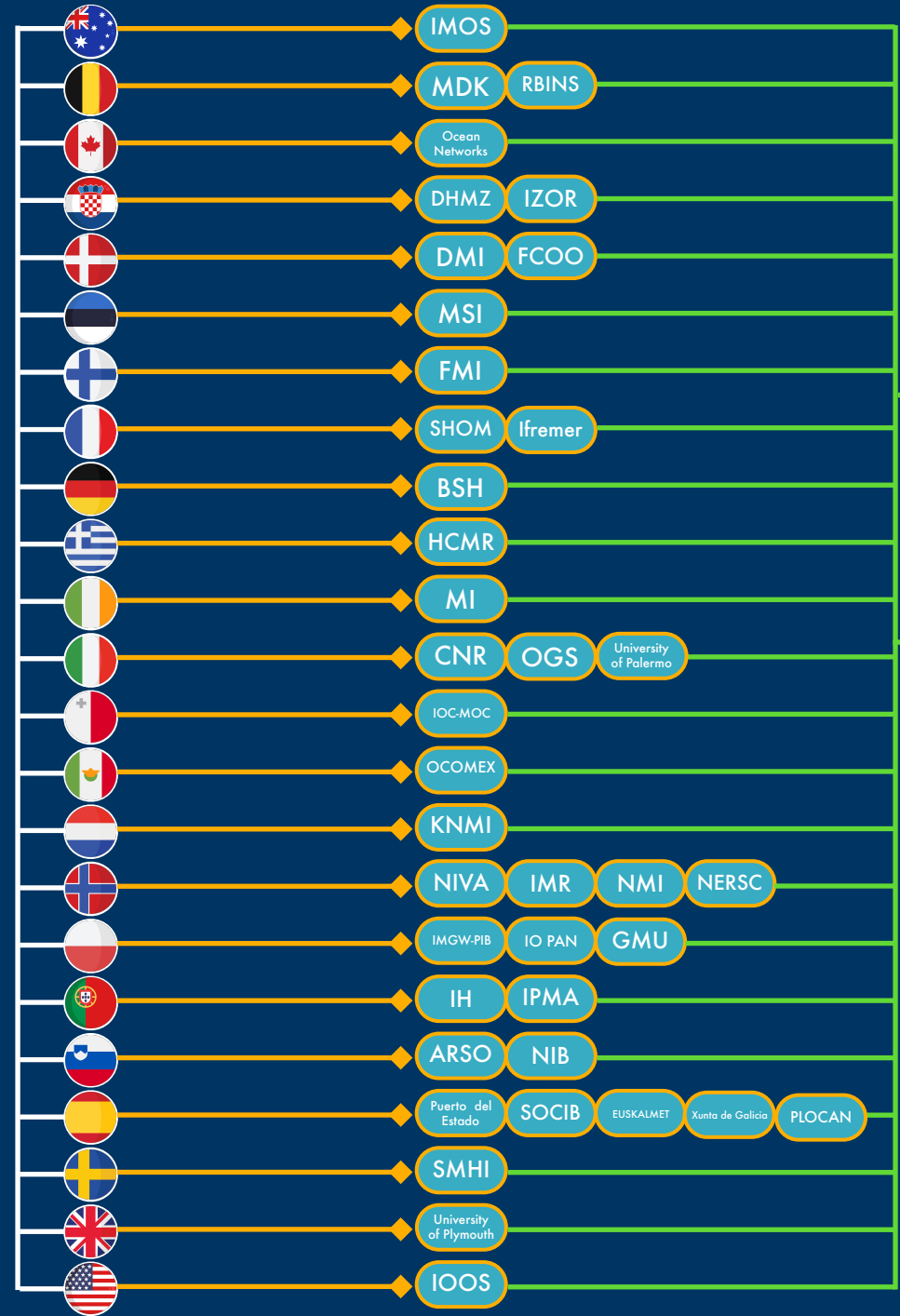
Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center



Global Data Distribution

Variables:
 surface currents,
 wave height,
 wave direction,
 wave period,
 wind direction



CMEMS

IOOS

USER

- Real time raw data flow
- Quality controlled real time data flow

HFRadar

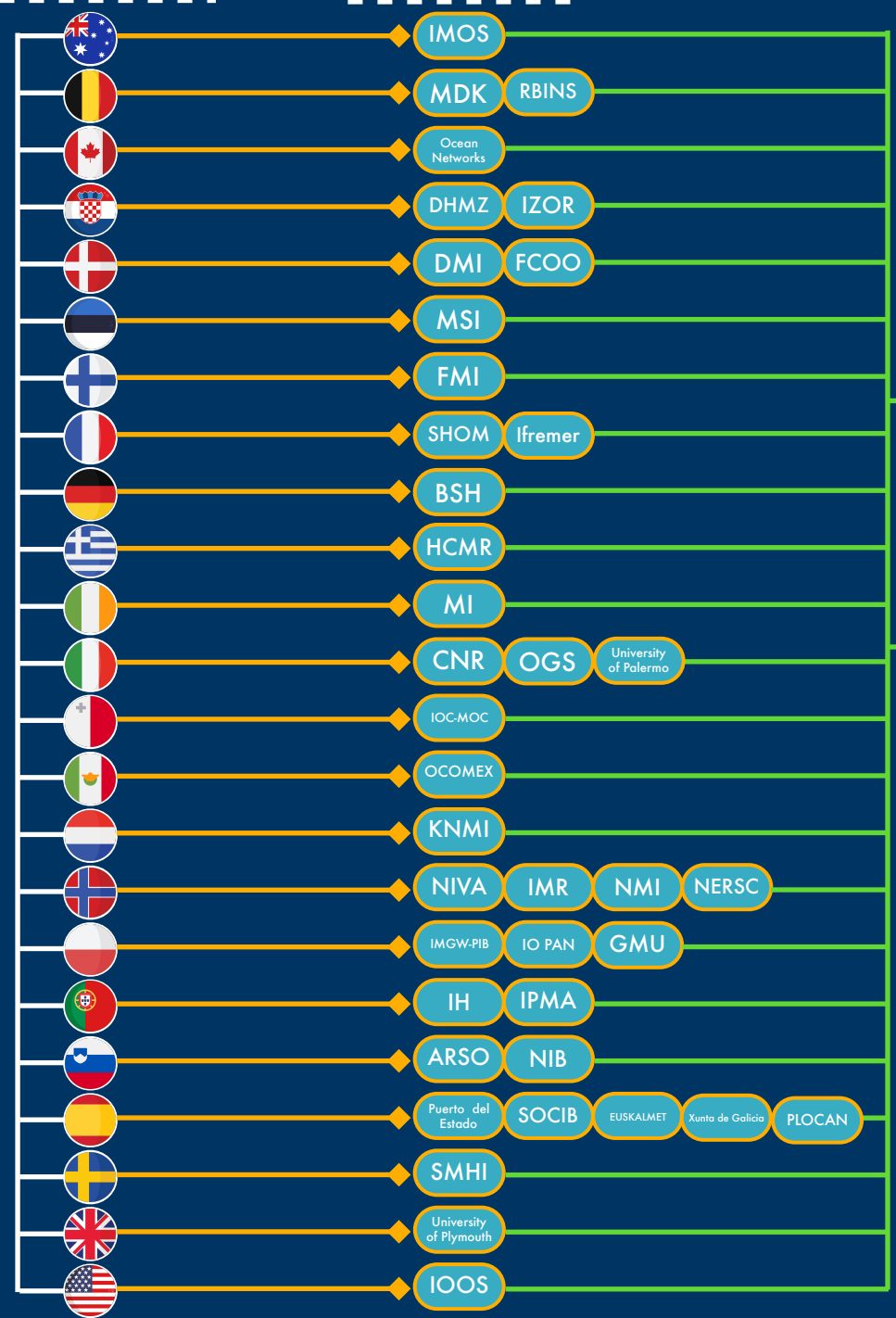
Delayed Mode

Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center



Variables:
 surface currents,
 wave height,
 wave direction,
 wave period,
 wind direction



CMEMS

IOOS

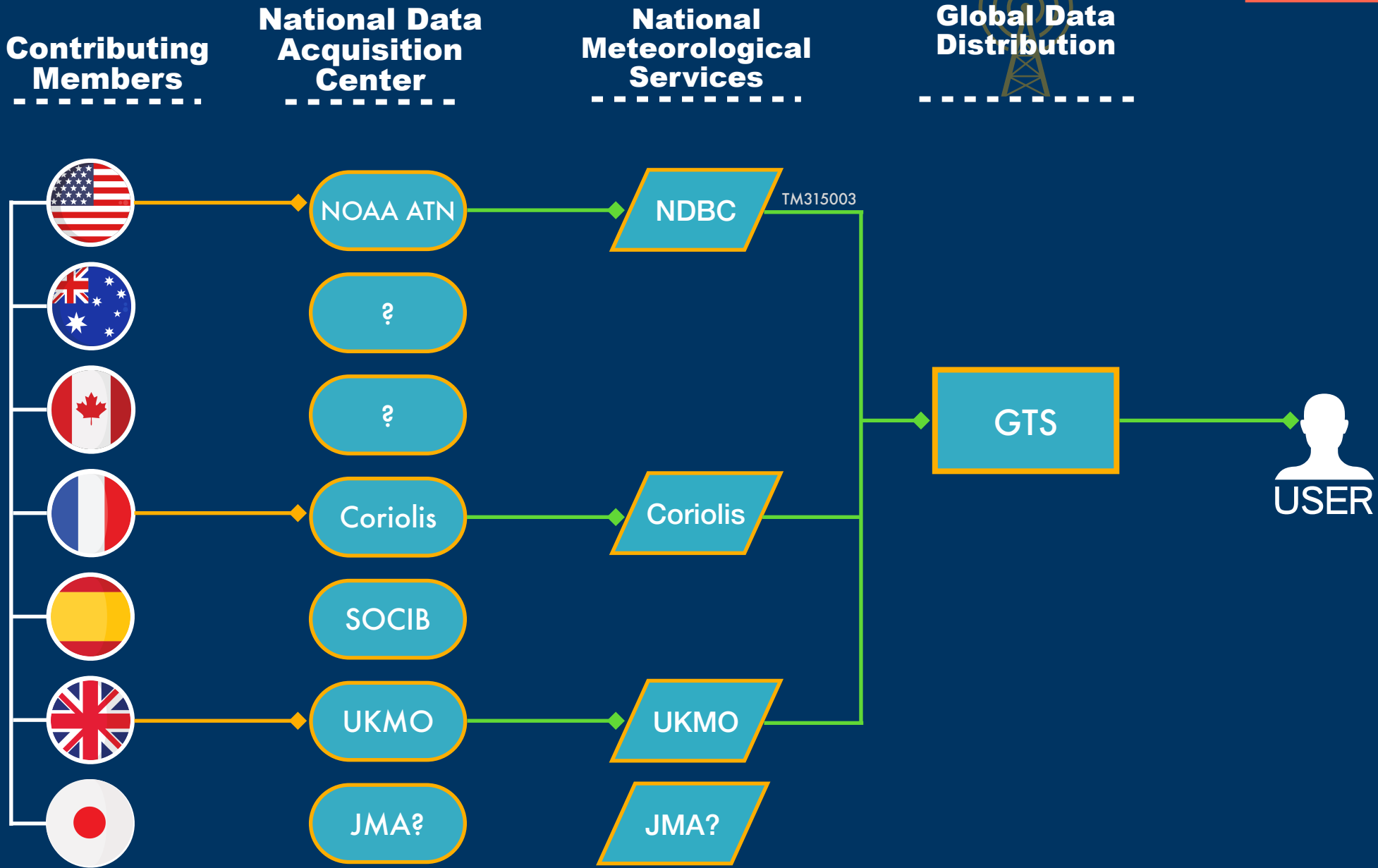


USER

◆ • Delayed mode raw data flow
◆ • Quality controlled delayed mode data flow

A n i B O O S

Real Time

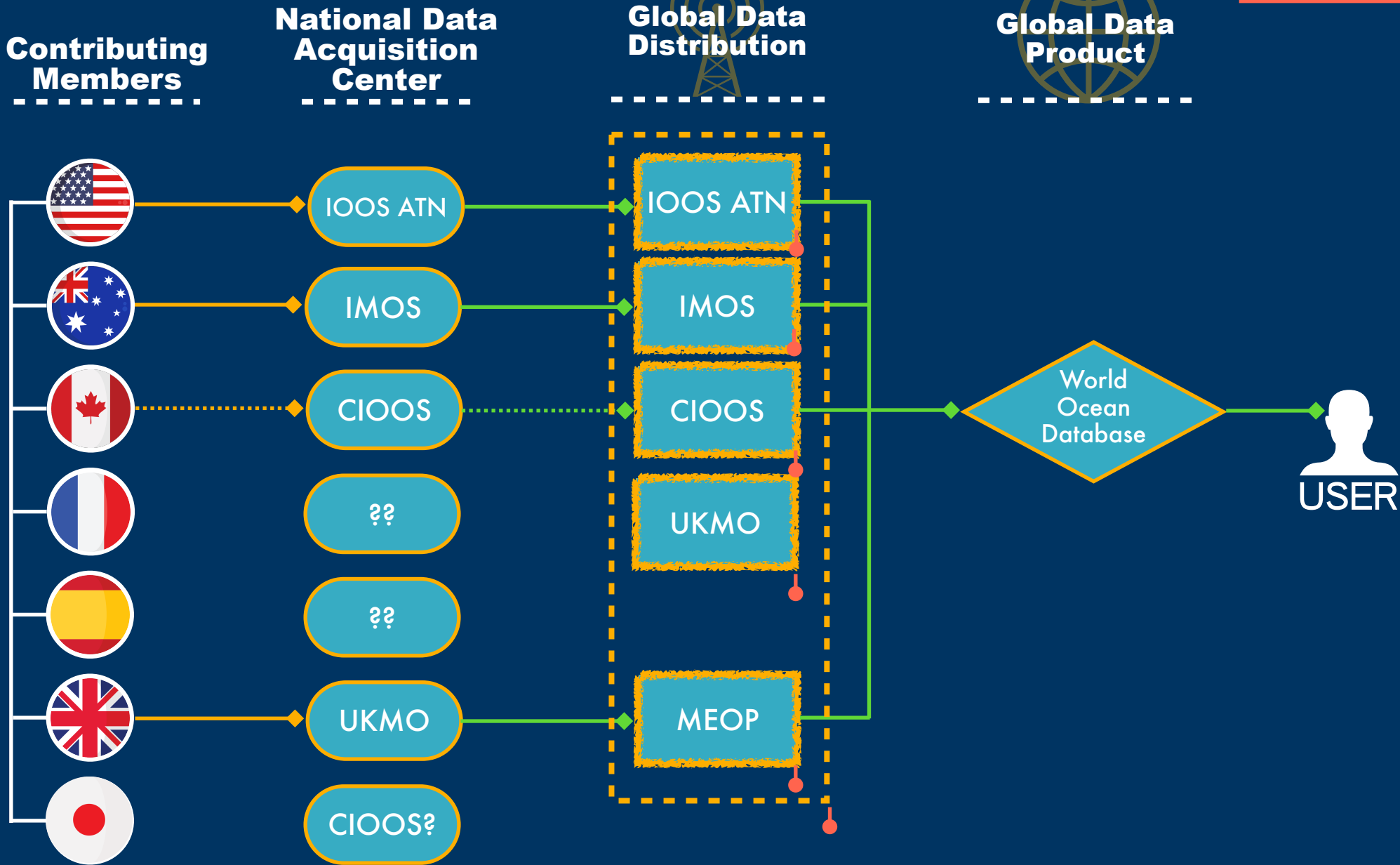


Variables:
T, P, S,
Oxygen,
Pressure,
Fluorescence
, Light

- Not known or unconfirmed
- Data distributed within %
- Real time raw data flow
- Quality controlled real time data flow
- Real time data available to users

A n i B O O S

Delayed Mode

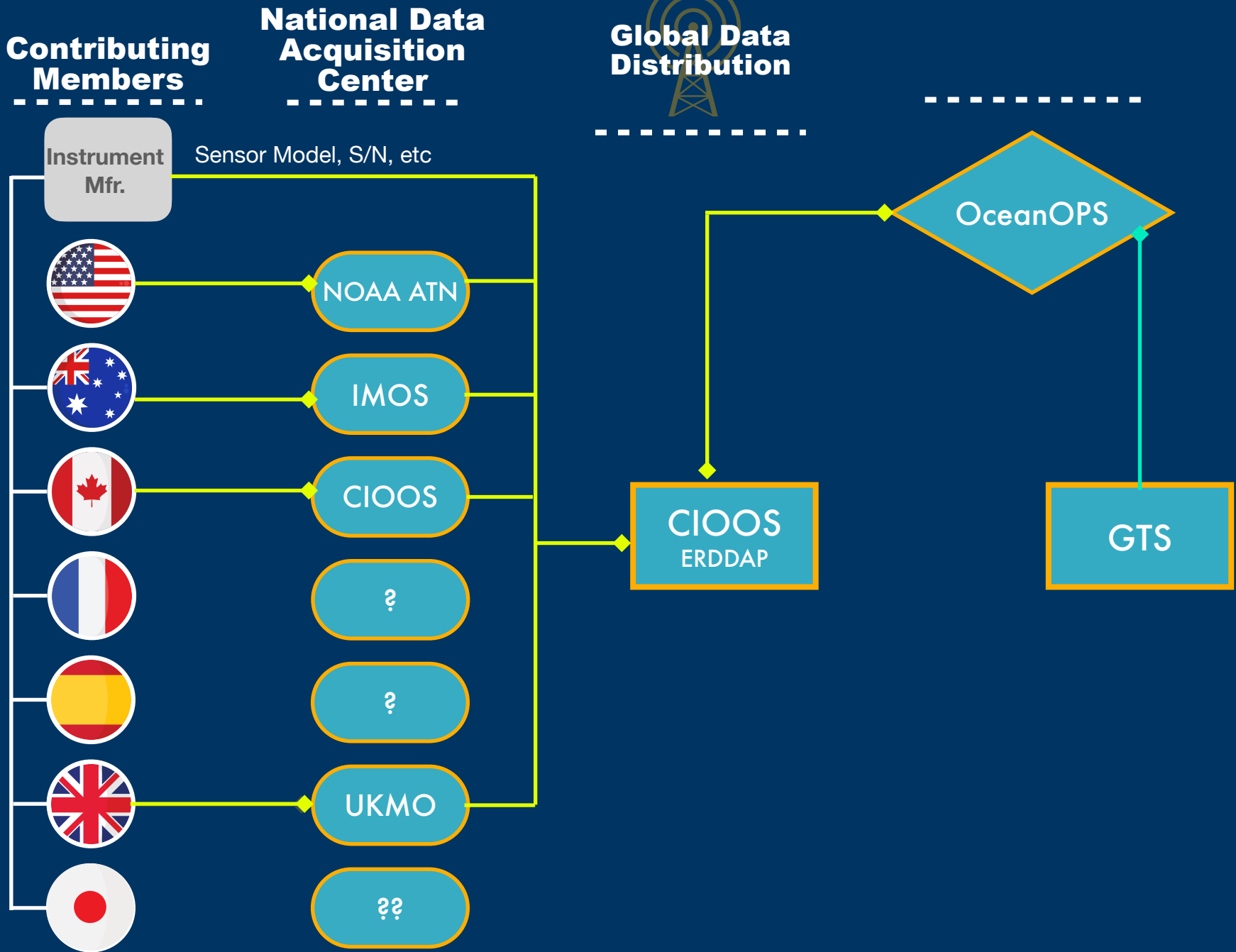


Variables:
T, P, S,
Oxygen,
Pressure,
Fluorescence,
Light

- Not known or unconfirmed
- Data distributed within a year
- Delayed mode raw data flow
- Quality controlled delayed mode data flow
- Delayed mode data available to users
- Virtual GDAC

Arctic Ocean Observing System

Metadata



Variables:
T, P, S,
Oxygen,
Pressure,
Fluorescence,
Light

- Not known or unconfirmed
- Data distributed within 24h
- Metadata flow - observation metadata feed
- Metadata flow - instrument metadata feed
- Real time data available to users

OceanGivers

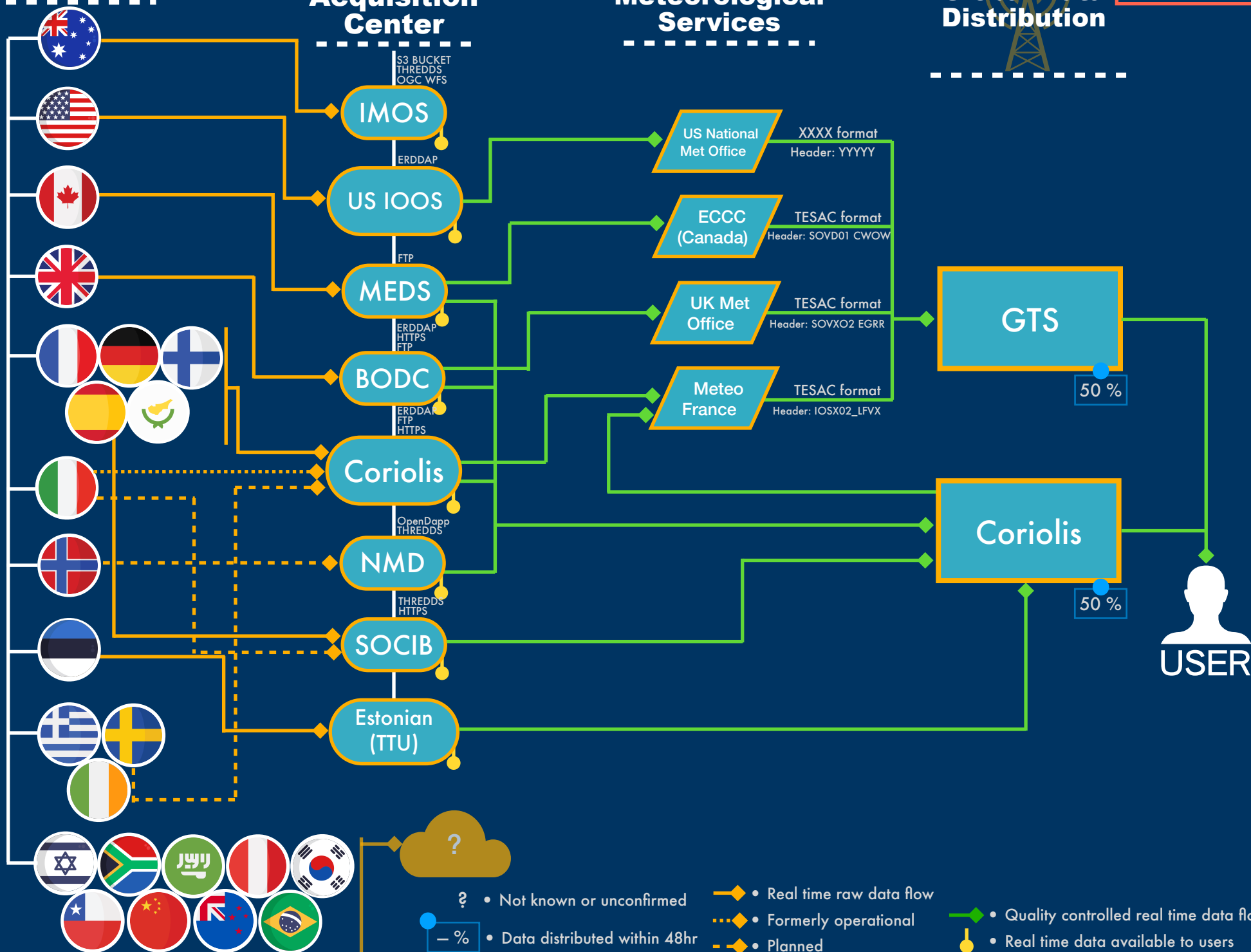
Contributing Members

National Data Acquisition Center

National Meteorological Services

Global Data Distribution

Real Time

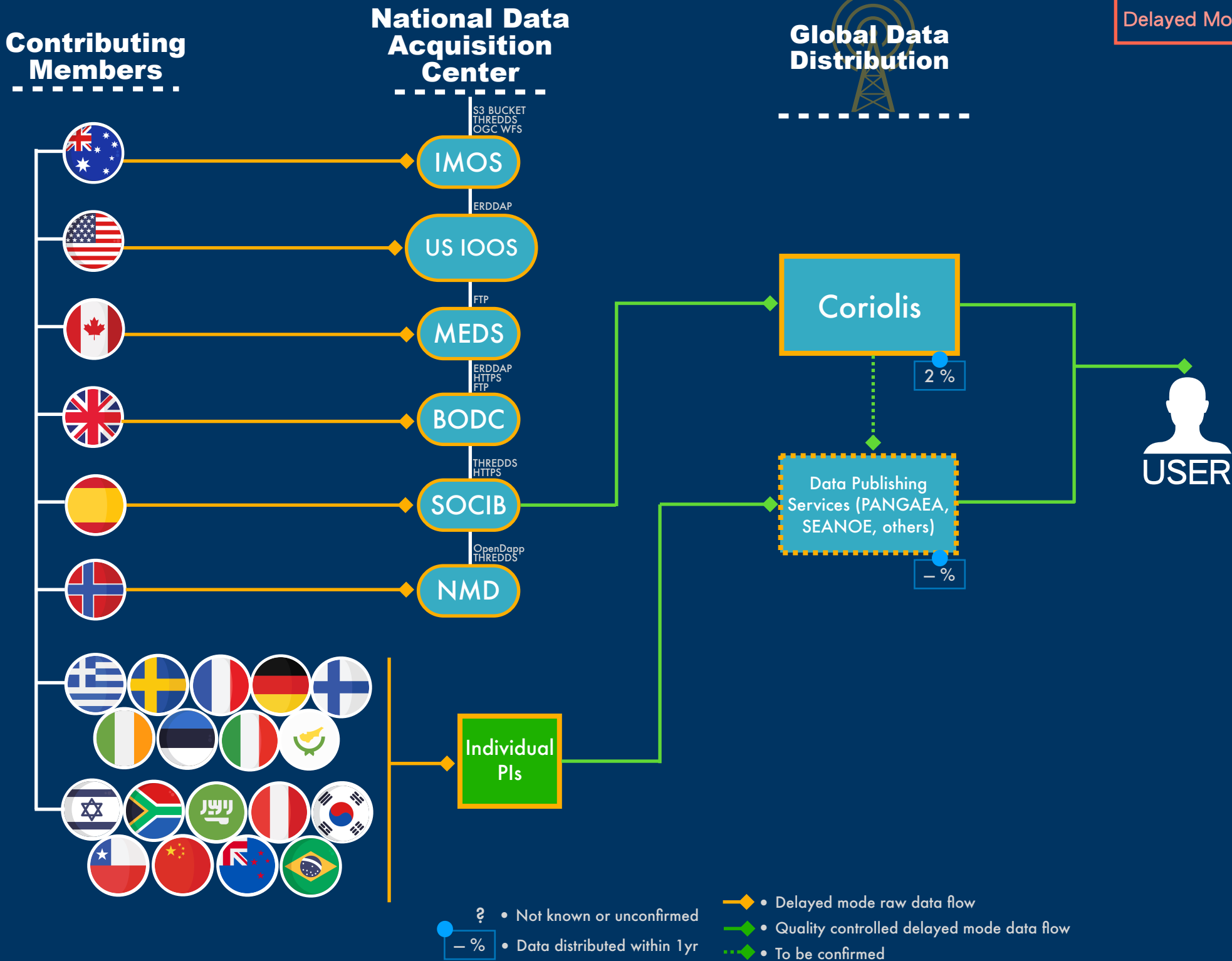


Variables:

T, P, S, Oxygen, Fluorescence, Turbidity, pH, Nitrates, water velocity

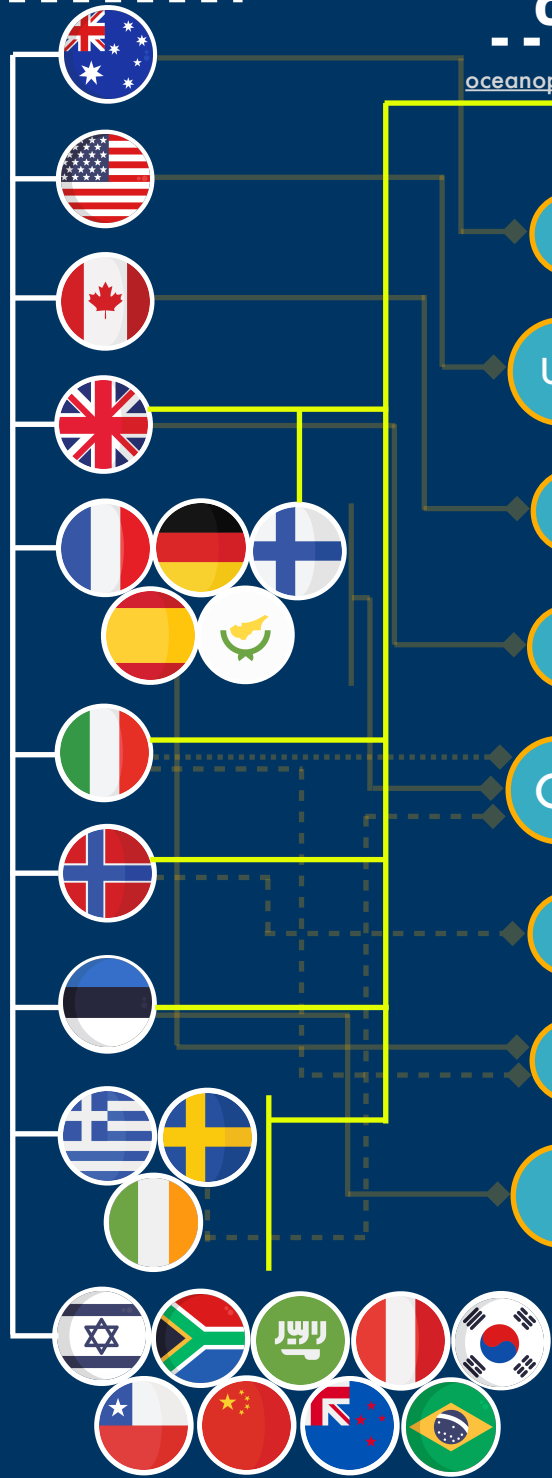
OceanGlider

Delayed Mode



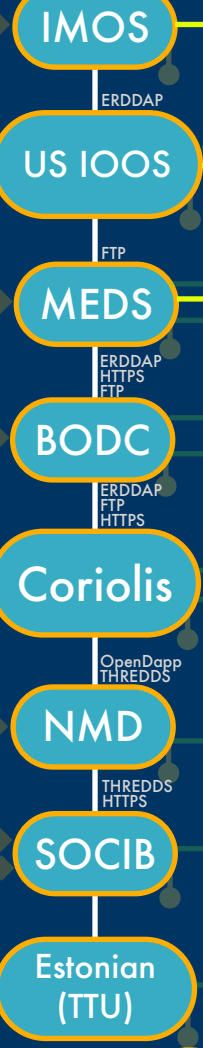
OceanGirders

Contributing Members



National Data Acquisition Center

oceanops.org (json, csv)

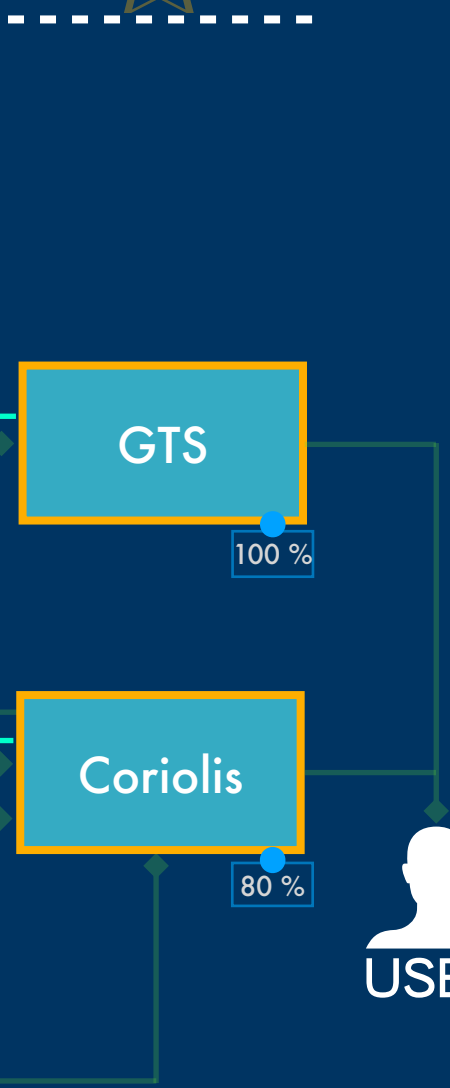


National Meteorological Services



Global Data Contribution

Metadata



Variables:
T, P, S, Oxygen, Fluorescence, Turbidity, pH, Nitrates, water velocity

- ◆ Metadata flow - observation metadata feed
- ◆ Metadata flow - instrument metadata feed
- ◆ Real time raw data flow
- ◆ Quality controlled real time data flow
- ◆ Formerly operational
- ◆ Real time data available to users
- ◆ Planned
- ◆ ? Not known or unconfirmed
- ◆ - % Completeness of meta data

GLOBAL LOSS

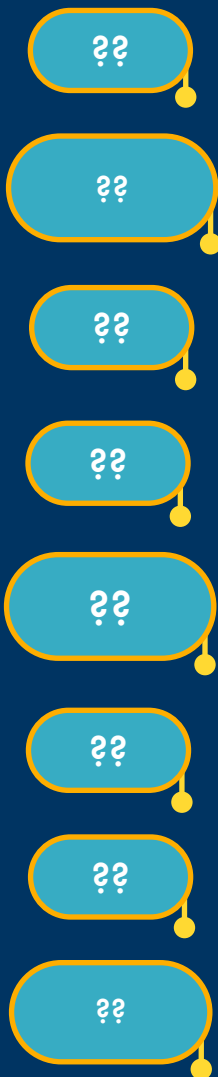
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Variables:
T, P, S,
Oxygen,
Fluorescence,
Turbidity, pH,
Nitrates,
water velocity

Contributing Countries



National Data Acquisition Center



Global Data Distribution



Real Time



- %



• Not known or unconfirmed
- % • Data distributed within ??hr

• Real time raw data flow

• Quality controlled real time data flow

• Real time data available to users

GLOBAL LOSS

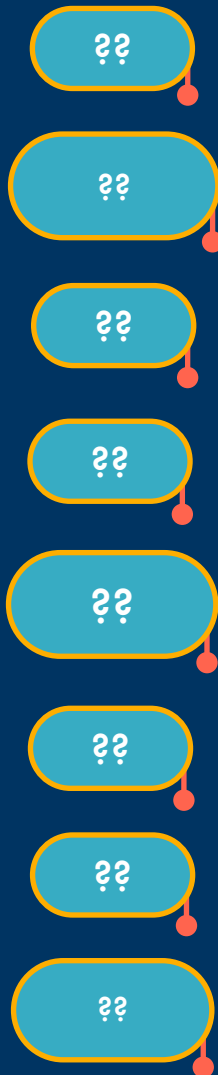
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Variables:
T, P, S,
Oxygen,
Fluorescence,
Turbidity, pH,
Nitrates,
water velocity

Contributing Countries



National Data Acquisition Center



Global Data Distribution

BODC

PSMSL

CMEMS

SeaDataNet

Delayed Mode



- Not known or unconfirmed
- Completeness of metadata
- Delayed mode raw data flow
- Quality controlled delayed mode data flow
- Delayed mode data available to users

Supplementaries

- AEMET - State Meteorological Agency
- AODN - Australian Ocean Data Network
- AOML - Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory
- AWI - Alfred Wegener Institute
- BIOS - Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences
- BODC - British Oceanographic Data Centre
- BOM - Bureau of Meteorology
- BSH - Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany
- CCHDO - CLIVAR and Carbon Hydrographic Data Office
- CCO - Colombian Ocean Commission
- CIOOS - Canadian Integrated Ocean Observing System
- CMA - China Meteorological Administration
- CNR - National Research Council
- CNRS - National Center for Scientific Research
- CSIRO - Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization
- DFO - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- DMI - German Maritime Institute
- DML -
- DWD - Germany's National Meteorological Service
- ECCC - Environment and Climate Change Canada
- FERHR -
- FMRI - Faroe Marine Research Institute
- GEOMAR - Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel
- GISC - Geographic Information Science
- GLODAP - Global Ocean Data Analysis Project
- GTS - Global Telecommunication System
- HCMR - Hellenic Center for Marine Research
- HKO - Hong Kong Observatory
- HNMS - Hellenic National Meteorological Service
- ICOADS - International Comprehensive Ocean-Atmosphere Data Set
- IDEAM - Colombia Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies
- IEO - Spanish Institute of Oceanography
- IFREMER - French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea
- IH - Hydrographic Institute
- IMD - India Meteorological Department
- IMI - Marine Data Center
- IMOS - Integrated Marine Observing System
- IMR - Institute of Marine Research
- IMRPE - Marine Institute of Peru
- INAMHI - Ecuadoran Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology
- INCOIS - Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Service
- INOCAR - Oceanographic Institution of the Navy
- IOOS - Integrated Ocean Observing System
- IPMA - Portuguese Institute for Ocean and Atmosphere
- IQUOD - International Quality-Controlled Ocean Database
- ITAF-REMET - Italian Airforce - Operational Forces Command - Department for Meteorology
- JAMSTEC - Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology
- JMA - Japan Meteorological Agency
- KIOST - Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology
- KMA - Korea Meteorological Administration
- KNMI - Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute
- MEDS - Marine Environmental Data Service
- MEOP - Marine Mammals Exploring the Oceans Pole to Pole
- MF - Meteo France
- MNR - Ministry of Natural Resources
- MSC - Meteorological Service of Canada
- MSNZ - Marine Services New Zealand
- NCEI - National Centers for Environmental Information
- NDBC - National Data Buoy Center
- NDWC - National Disaster Warning Center
- NIO - National Institute of Oceanography
- NIOZ - Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research
- NMDC - Norwegian Marine Data Centre
- NMDIS - National Marine Data and Information Service
- NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- NOIT - National Institute of Ocean Technology
- NOC - National Oceanography Centre
- NRL-MRY - Naval Research Laboratory, Marine Meteorology Division
- NWSTG - National Weather Service Telecommunication Gateway
- OGS - National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics
- PMEL - Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory
- RAN - Royal Australian Navy
- SAM - Southwest Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation
- SAWS - South African Weather Service
- SHOA - Spanish for Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Chilean Navy
- SIO - Second Institute of Oceanography
- SMHI - Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute
- SNU - Seoul National University
- SOCIB - Balearic Islands Coastal Observing and Forecasting System
- TTU - Tallinn University of Technology
- UKMO - UK Met Office
- USP - University of Sao Paulo
- WHOI - Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- WOD - World Ocean Database

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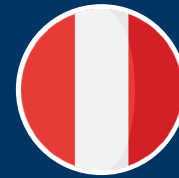
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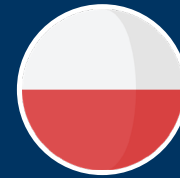
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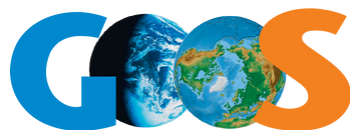


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