

Thoughts on Hydrology Validation

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Mission Validation vs. Science Validation



- Focused on Formal Science Requirements
- Mission Funded
- Performed by official teams
- Uses predefined, consistent protocols
- Focus of Validation Meeting
- Tightly defined



- Focused on Scientific Priorities
- Funded through many sources
- Performed by all those interested in SWOT capabilities
- Uses a wide range of protocols
- Focus of long-term science needs
- Many SWOT products

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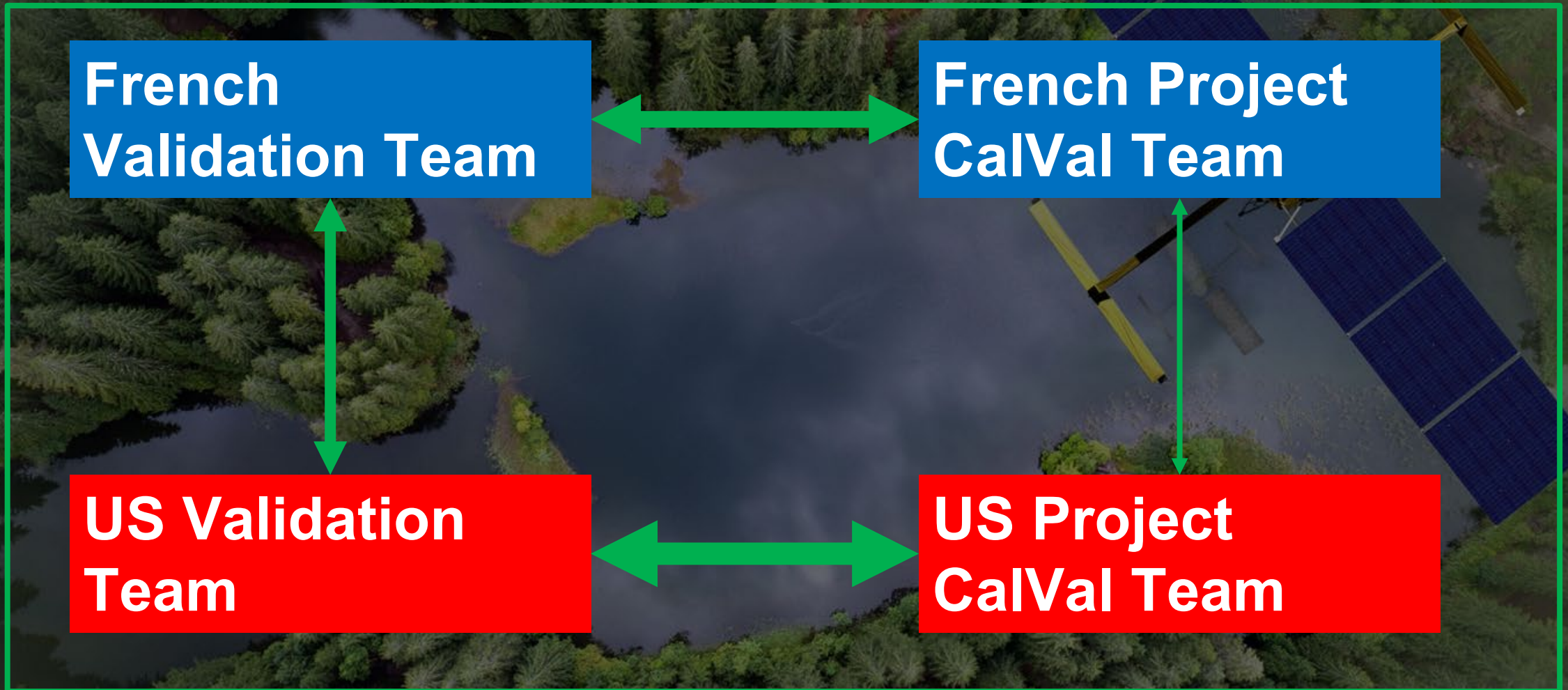
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- Thorough plan for in situ data collection for mission validation during fast sampling and first three months of nominal orbit that covers a wide range of SWOT cases
- Hiring of technicians to perform mission validation data collection
- Coordination of mission validation responsibilities between cal/val team and JPL project
- Development & testing of viable validation methods for key SWOT observables with specific requirements in the Science Requirements Document.
- Purchased of almost all needed equipment

What we have achieved to date (France)

- Thorough plan for in situ data collection for mission validation during fast sampling and first three months of nominal orbit that covers a wide range of SWOT cases
- Coordination of mission validation responsibilities between cal/val team and CNES project
- Development & testing of viable validation methods for key SWOT observables with specific requirements in the Science Requirements Document.
- Purchased of almost all needed equipment
- Set-up pre-validation campaigns (Issykkul, Maroni, Madagascar, Amazon basin, French rivers)

Overall Organization of Mission Validation



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Key Organizational Questions

- Who will perform validation work focused on existing in situ data, satellite data, etc? How will hydrologists be included?
- How do the U.S./French project cal/val teams coordinate? Should that affect how the U.S./French validation teams coordinate?
- How will we coordinate/communicate among all four key groups in mission CalVal?
- How will the science team communicate science validation results to the calval team?

Science Validation

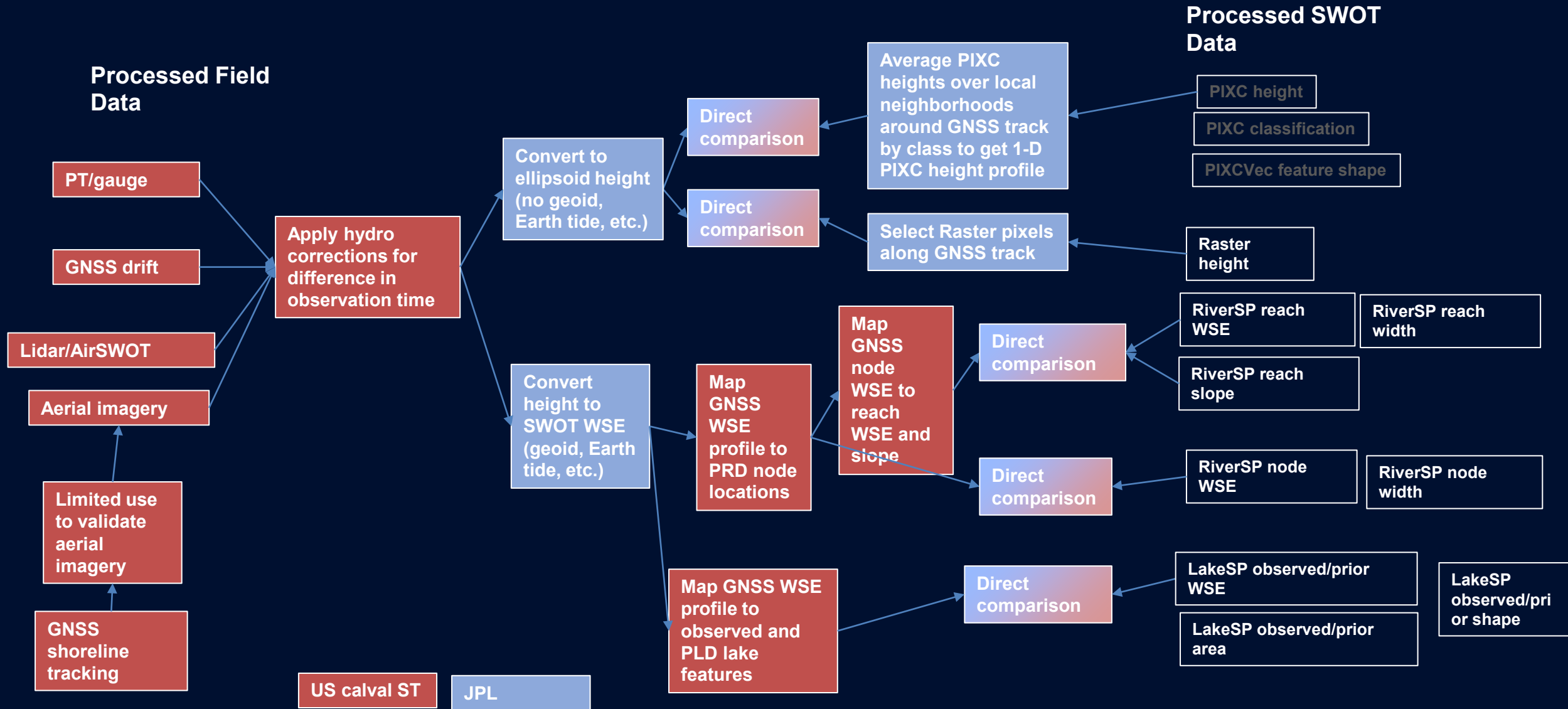
- We want to encourage lots of people to be involved in science validation; this should be an open community effort.
 - The best science calval comes when you validate what you care most about
- Science validation data collection can start when the fast sampling phase starts; actual validation will begin when data are released.
- We will publish our protocols
- The oceanographers have the Adopt a Crossover program, which is an organized way of doing science validation.
 - Do we need an equivalent program in hydrology? If so, how do we get started?

An aerial photograph of a satellite in orbit over a lush, green forested area with a winding river. The satellite is positioned in the upper right quadrant, featuring a central gold-colored body and two large, rectangular blue solar panel arrays extending outwards. The forest below is dense with various shades of green, and the river reflects the surrounding environment. The text 'Backup Slides' is centered in the middle of the image.

Backup Slides

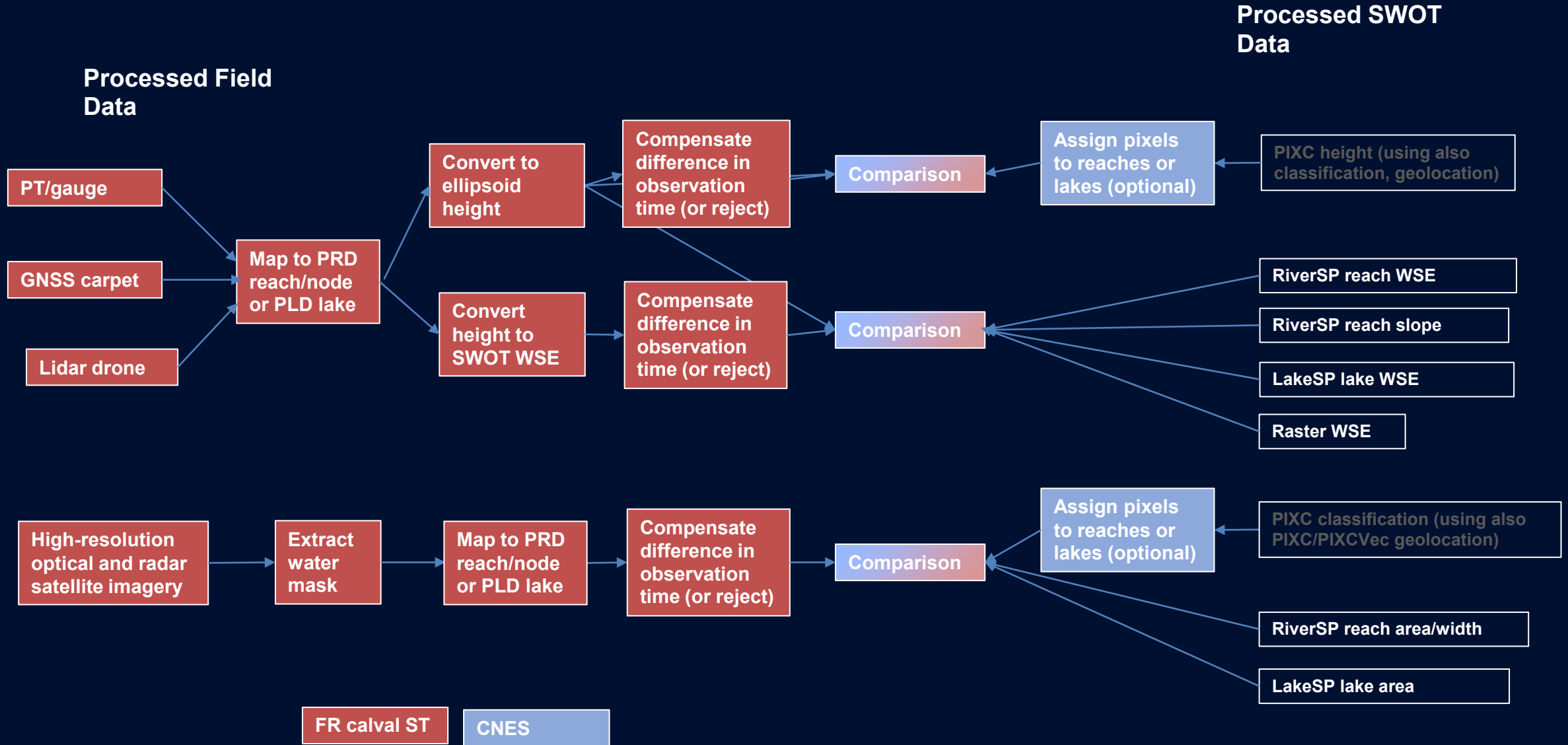
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NASA validation workflow

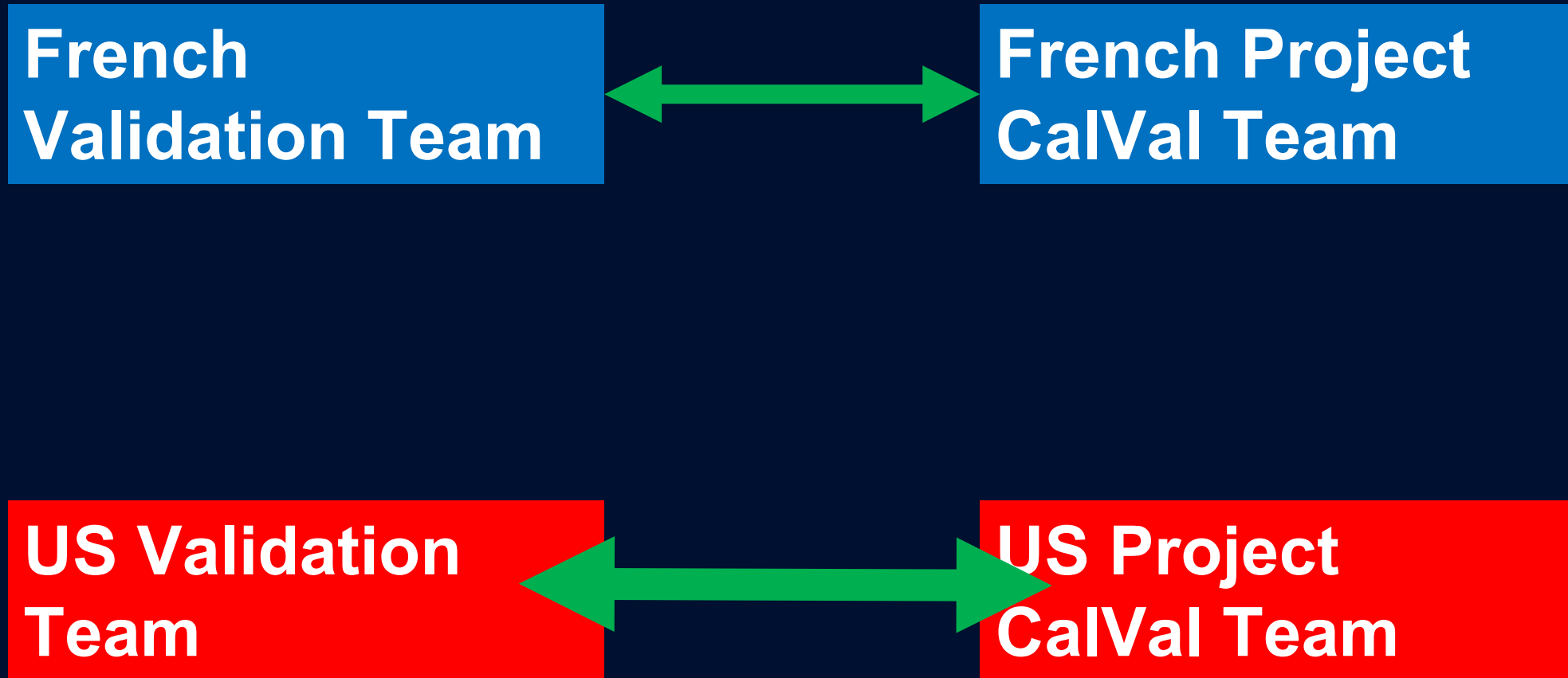


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CNES validation workflow

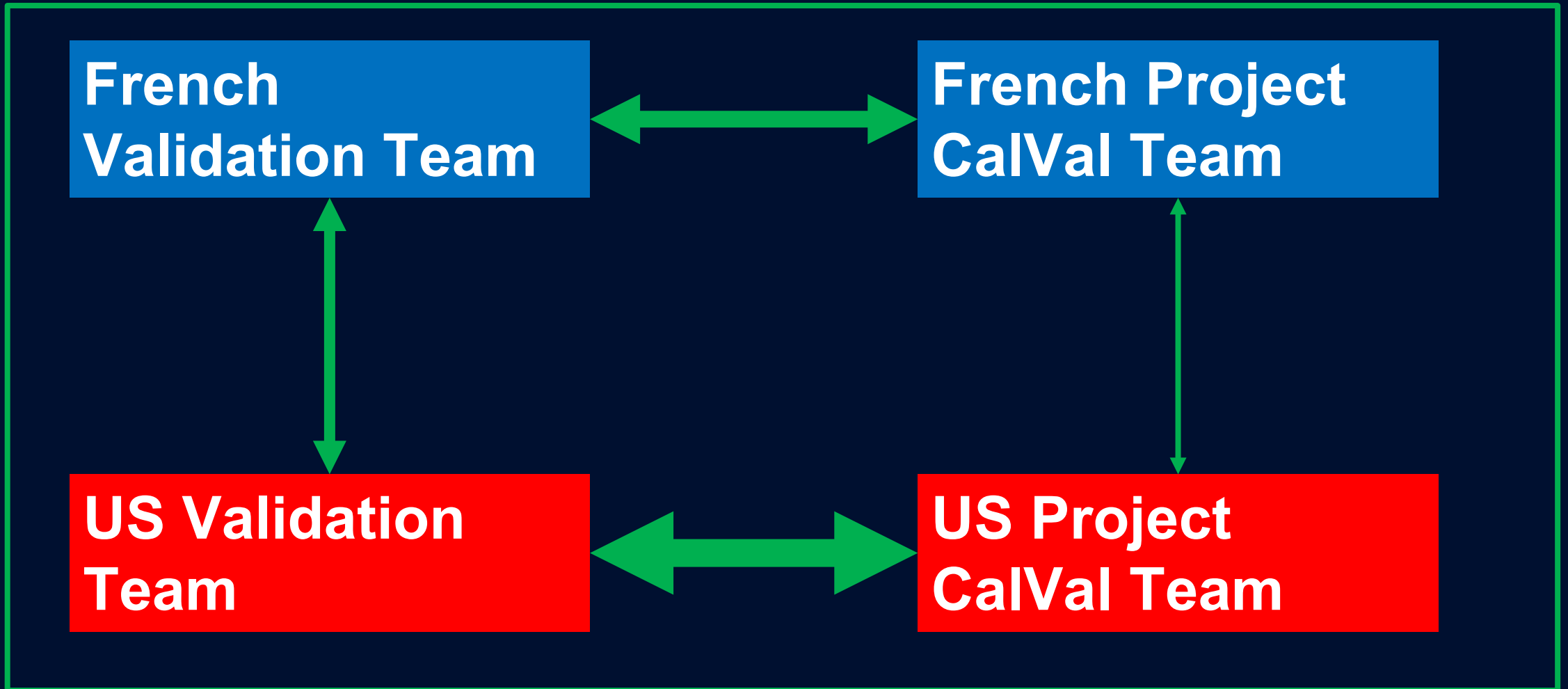


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