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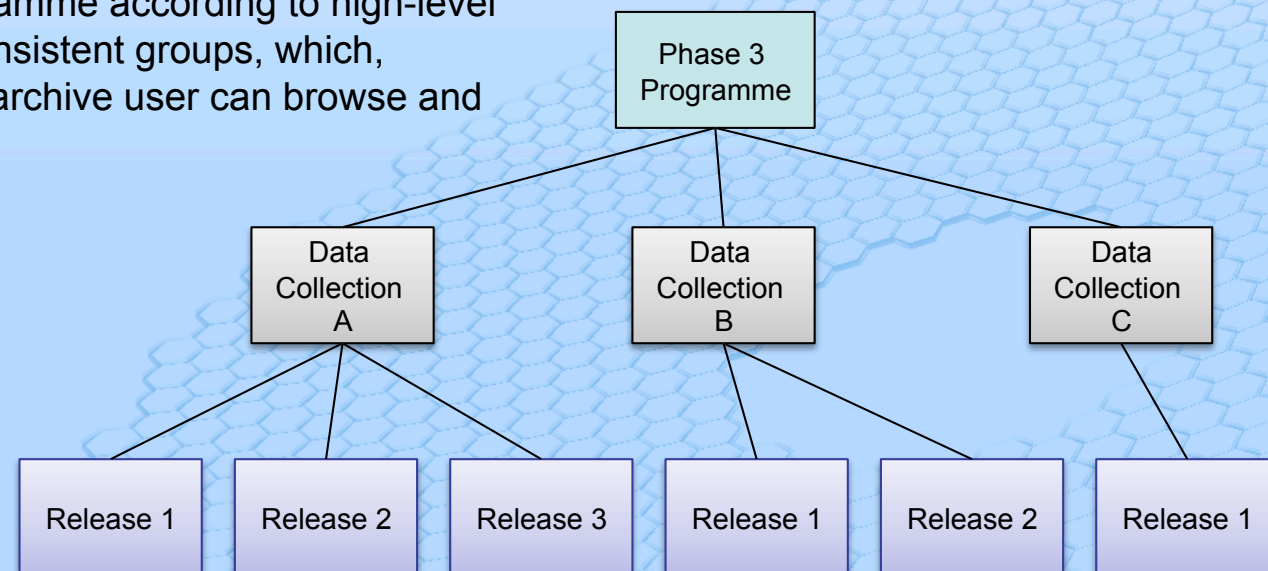


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I. The Phase 3 concepts of data collection and release

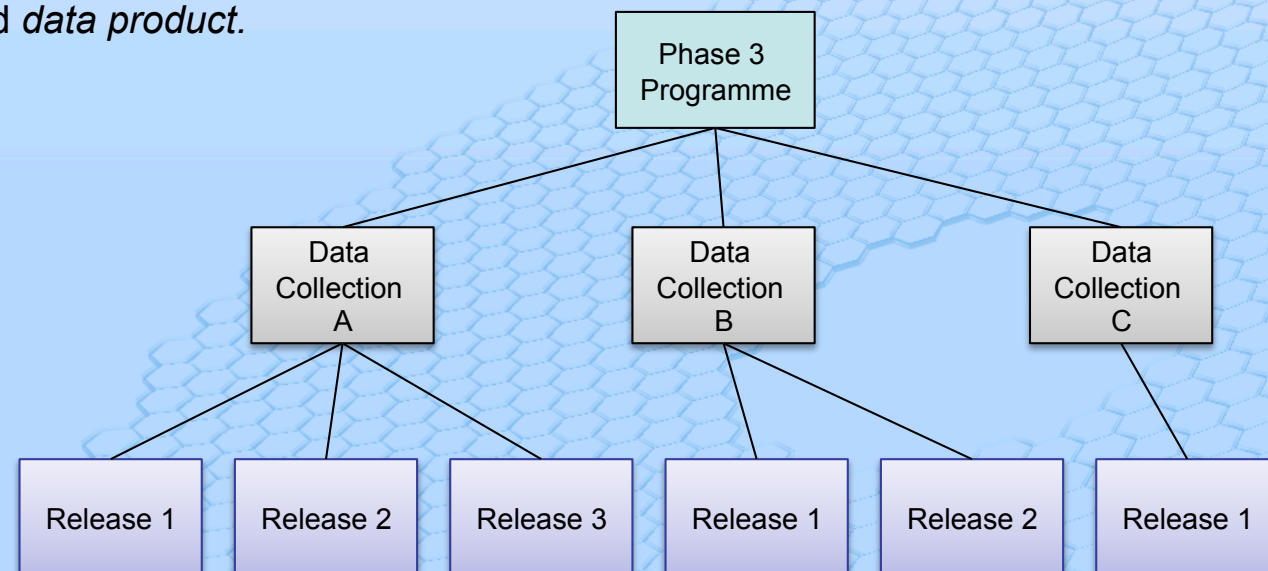
ESO Data Release and Data Collection (1)

- ❑ provide the framework that supports the data submission process and facilitates data access through the ESO Archive;
- ❑ form a simple hierarchical structure where data collection is at the top and any data release must be associated to one and only one data collection;
- ❑ The data collection allows organizing the data from a given programme according to high-level criteria into self-consistent groups, which, subsequently, the archive user can browse and access;

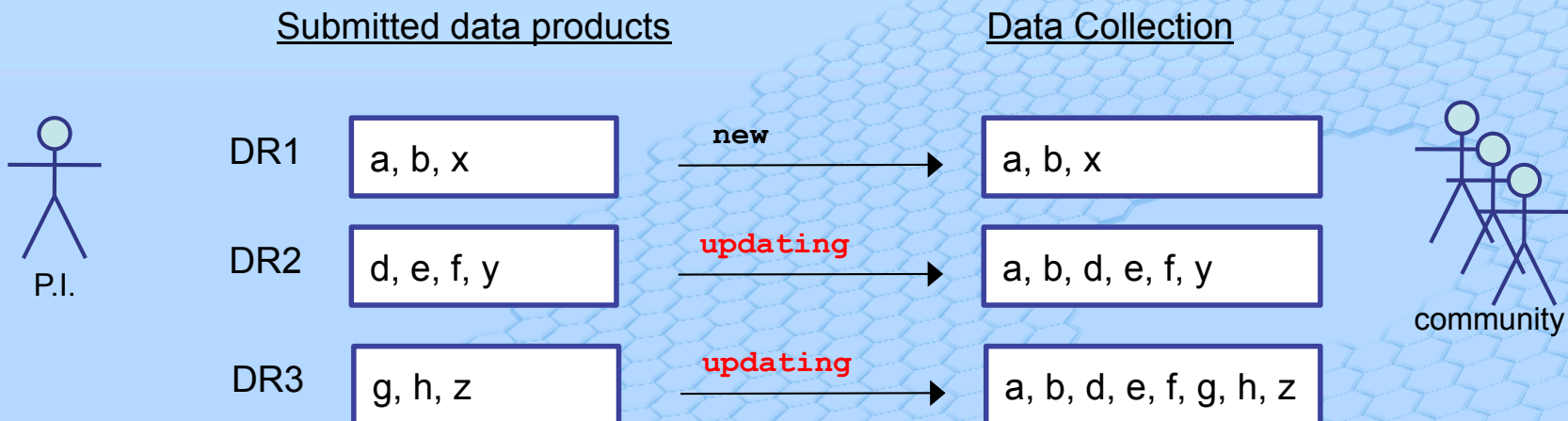
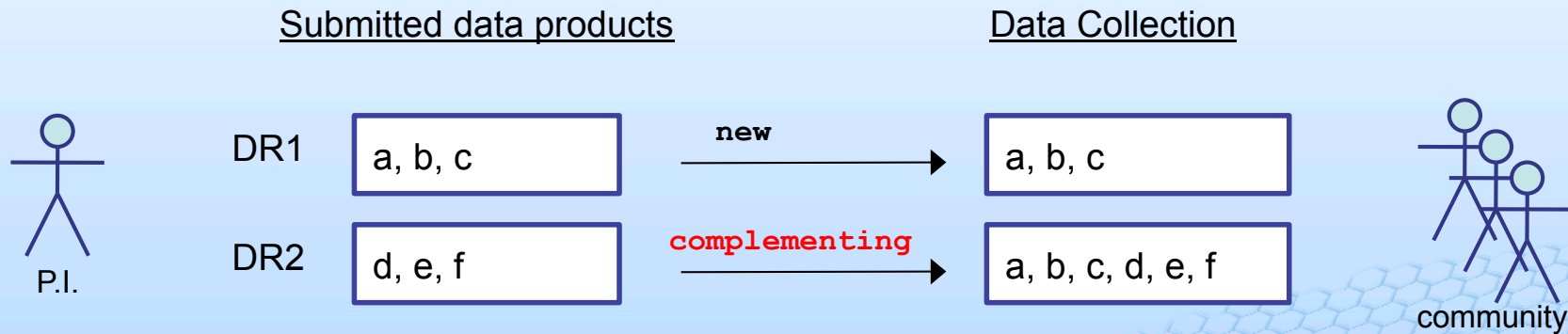


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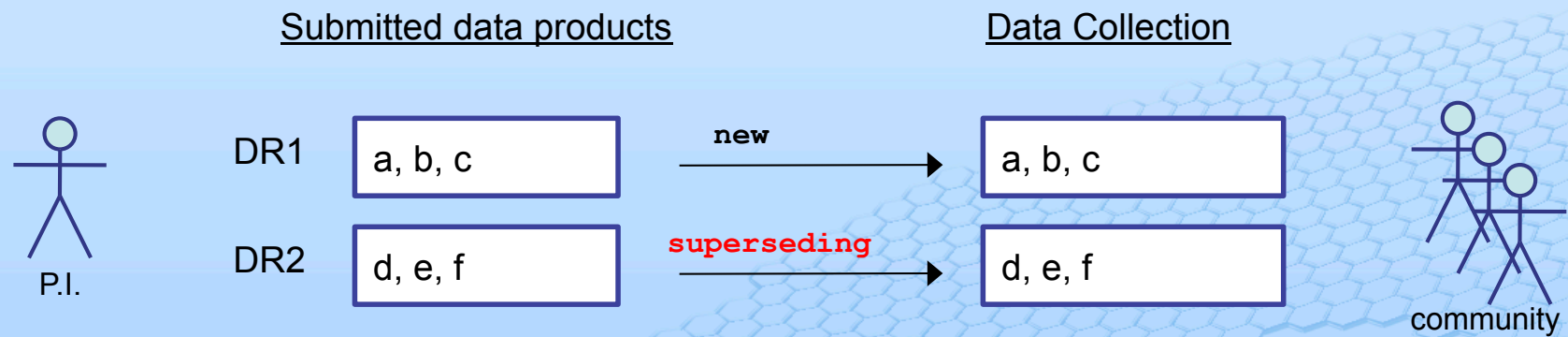
- ❑ Initially, any collection consists of the first data release (“Release 1”)
- ❑ Subsequent data releases for the same collection may follow to add more data according to the observing programme’s progress (2, 3, ...)
- ❑ The individual data release may be considered a version of the data collection
- ❑ It is also possible to submit a revised version of a previously released *data product*.



Building up Data Collections



Replacing the previous version of a release



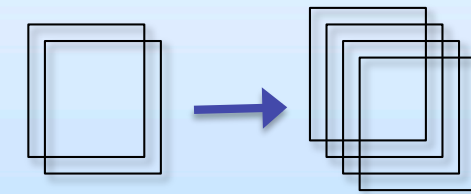


Guidelines for the usage of Data Release and Data Collection (1/2)

- ❑ One data collection may correspond to one target object/
target region, in case of surveys.
- ❑ The collection name has to be defined at the time of
starting the data submission and cannot be revised later
by the user
- ❑ Each data release has to be accompanied by its release
description specifying content, data properties and format
- ❑ The type or number of data products are, generally, not
useful criteria for the definition of data collections.
- ❑ In practice, one ESO programme can result in a single
data collection, like, e.g., the zCOSMOS galaxy redshift
survey

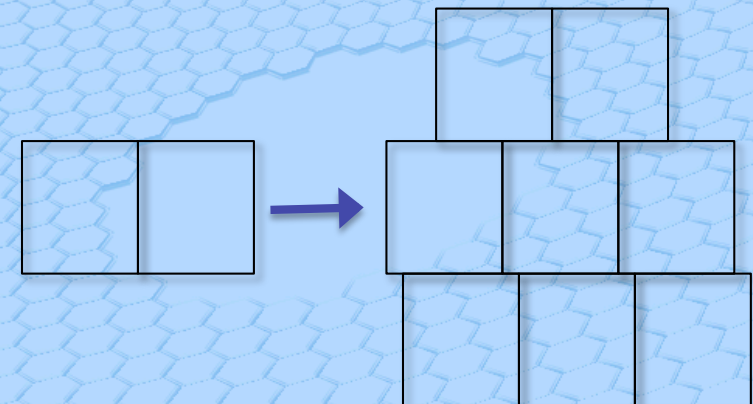
Guidelines for the usage of Data Release and Data Collection (2/2)

- ❑ For deep surveys different collections may be defined to distinguish by region (especially VIDEO, possibly Viking)
- ❑ UltraVISTA may use a collection for the deep and another one for the ultra-deep survey.
- ❑ For VVV the products resulting from the first-pass multi-color survey and from the variability survey may be released in different collections.
- ❑ Another option for VVV is to define one collection each for “bulge” and “disk”.
- ❑ For surveys like VHS, which accumulate more and more area with time, collections may be defined according to observing periods.



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II. Phase 3 user documentation





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In a nutshell, phase 3 denotes the process, in which principal investigators of ESO observing programmes return their reduced data products for archival storage and data publication to the scientific community. ESO's policies governing phase 3 are specific to the type of observing programme. Phase 3 is mandatory for ESO Public Surveys and for ESO Large Programmes since period 75. For other ESO programmes there is no obligation but PIs are invited to take advantage of the phase 3.

To ensure the successful integration of External Data Products (EDPs) into the archive, ESO supports the users in carrying out the phase 3 process by defining ESO/EDP data standards, by devising procedures and providing the infrastructure for the delivery of EDPs, and by supplying tools for the data preparation.

- [Public Surveys Phase 3 Workshop, Garching, 30.11.2010](#)
- Phase 3 policies
- ESO External Data Products standard
- Data preparation and submission procedures
- Software tools

Contact

For any questions regarding phase 3, its policies, the data content and format, or the submission process of data products to the ESO Archive, please feel free to contact the EDP group via email at

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