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Using OAIS reference model for storing and preserving large amounts of scientific data

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Motivations

- Research institutions or projects can produce large amounts of digital data
  - size dataset from some terabytes to petabytes
- Precious dataset
  - non-reproducible data
  - reproducible with disproportionate cost or effort
- When a project become inactive, how about the data?
  - data become orphan and/or obsolete over time
  - nothing can be done !
  - What will be the future of the data?
- Principles F.A.I.R.
  - not specifically cite preservation as a requirement
  - management of data cycle life
  - early planification: DMP
- Key question for the «current» and «future» projects

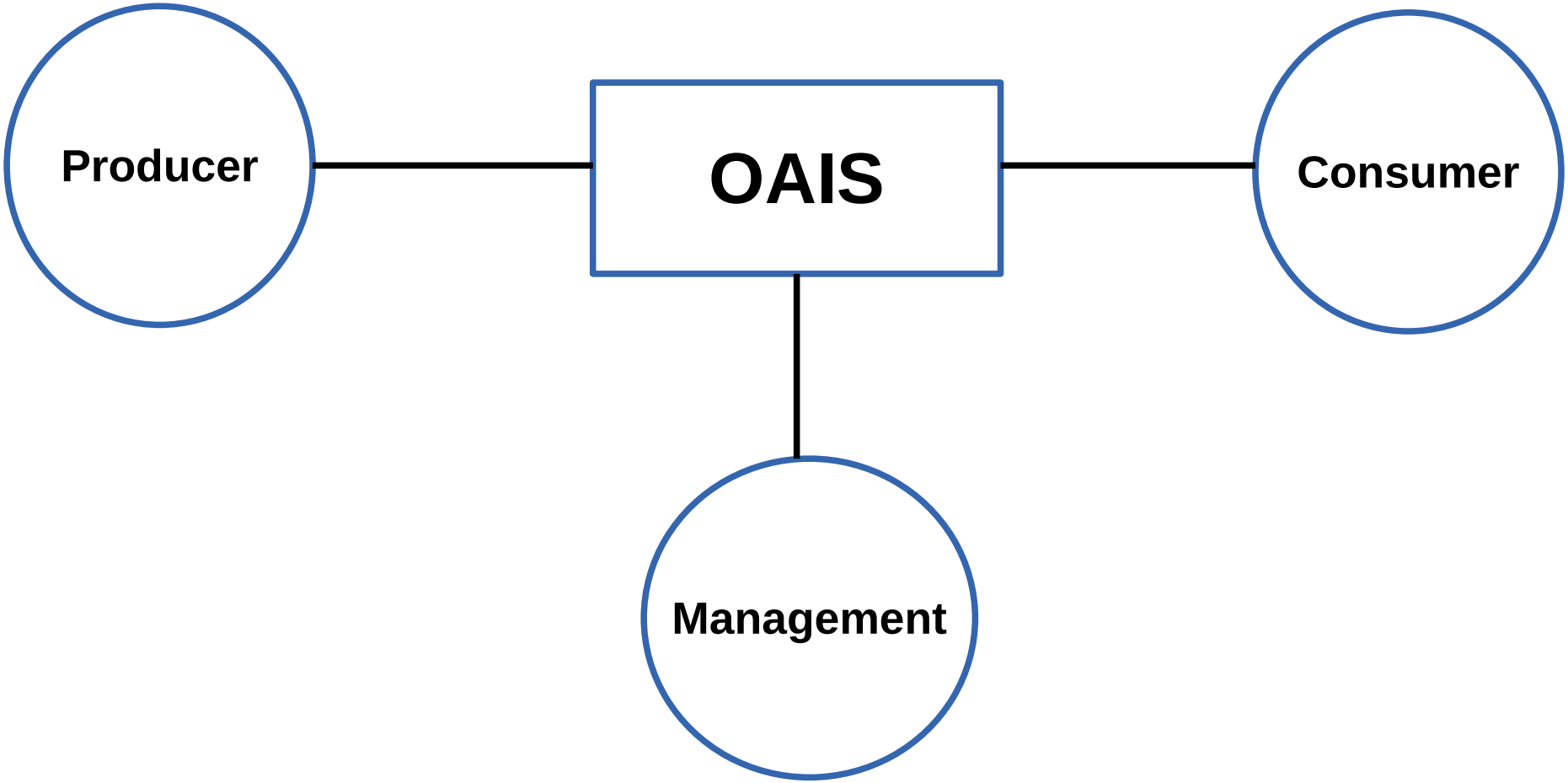
Backup vs Preservation

Backup	Preservation
• operational continuity	• patrimony
• data in production • data modifiable, in progress • all data is potentially concerned • frequency:many times(versions)	• precious or finished data • frozen, validated data • only selected data • frequency:one time
• short-term content retention (hours,days,weeks,months)	• long-term content retention (years,decades,…)
• use proprietary technologies • strong dependencies • low interoperability • create and restitution time must be (very)short	• use open and free technologies • weak dependencies • full interoperability • create and restitution time are not critical
• automatic process (humanless) • automatic data removing	• semi-automatic (curation) • only manual data removing
• Internal (operational)	• external: dissemination

Digital Preservation: some principles

- predict the scene of a great disaster
  - recover information directly from storage support (e.g. tape)
- information packages
  - wrapped: data object + metadata + administrative information
  - complain with standard specifications
  - self-contained and self-described
  - human-readable and machine-actionable
- strong reduction of technical dependencies
  - the minimum possible
  - use standard, open and widely known technologies
  - archive cannot depend of archive management software (disposable)
  - proprietary solutions are forbidden
- several copies
  - minimal two, three recommended
  - on different technologies (e.g. tape and disk)
  - on different locations (a copy more than 300 km away)

Preservation: OAIS reference model



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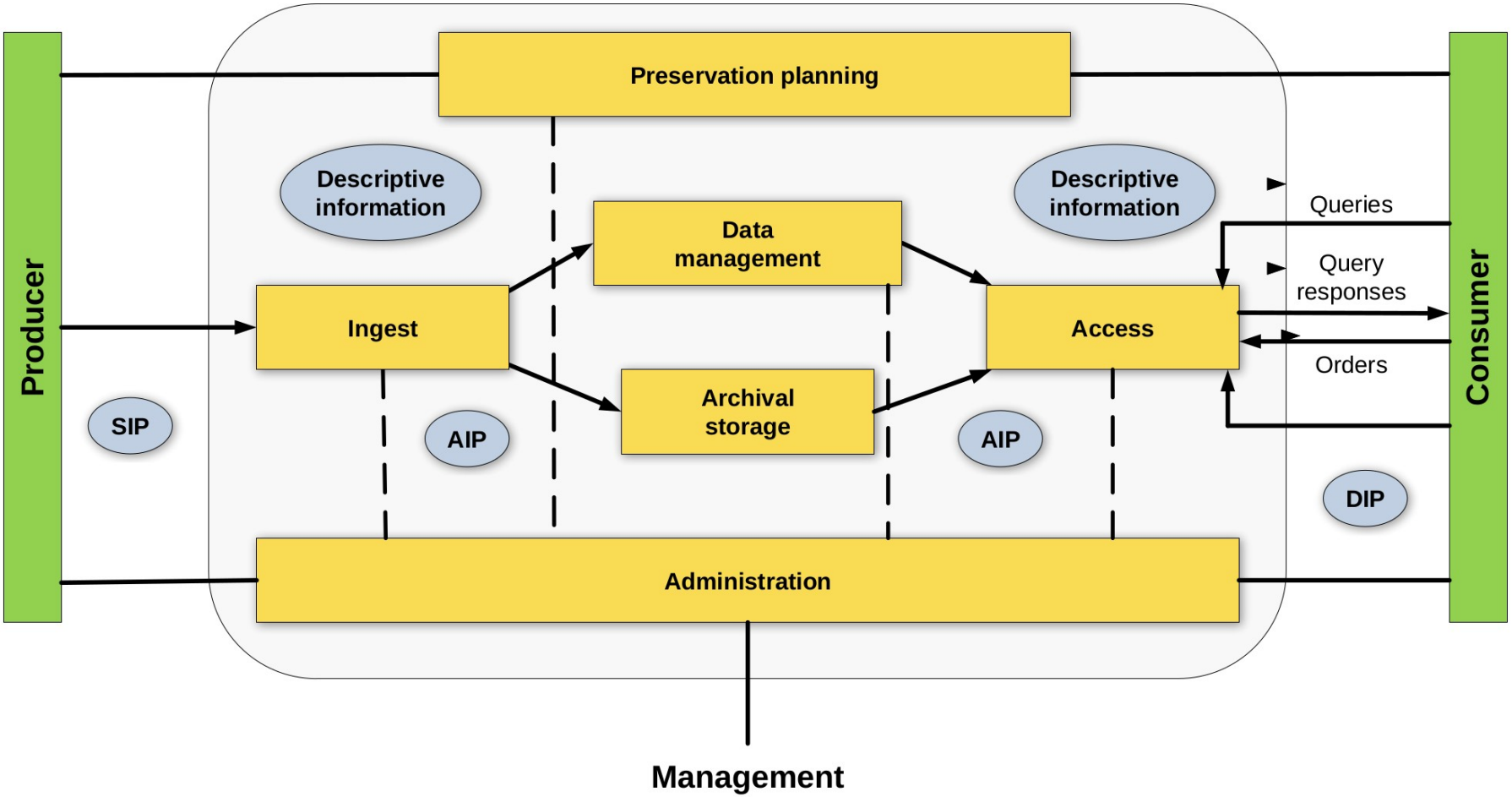
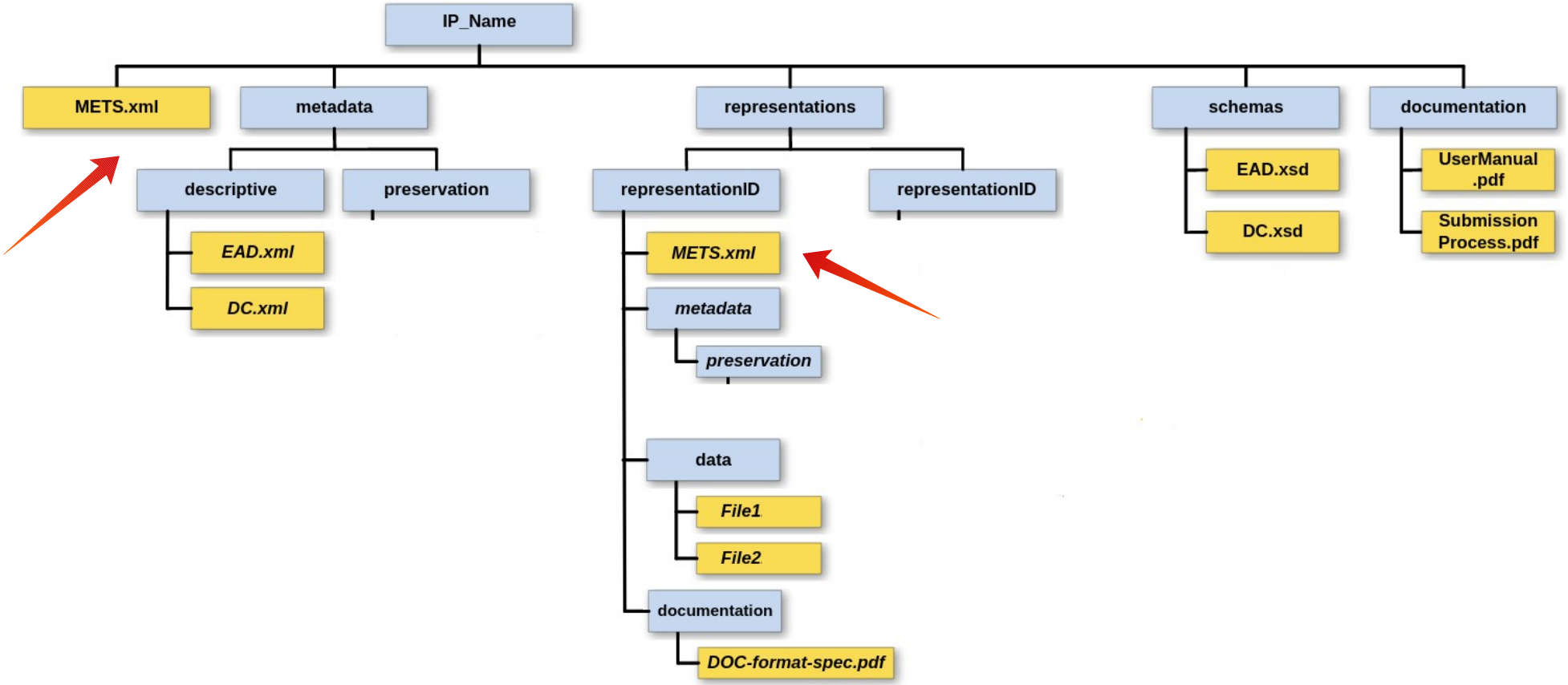
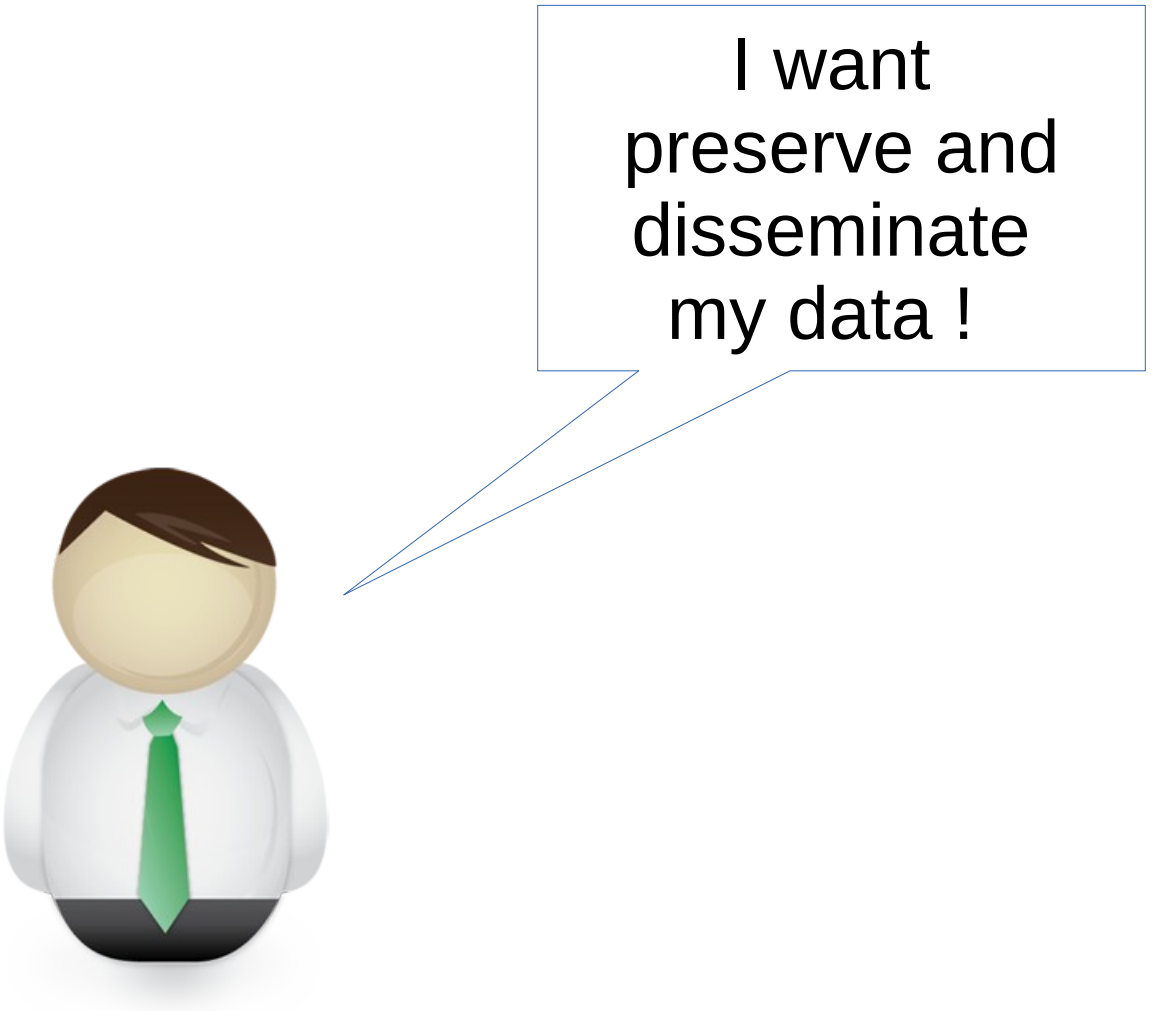


Common Specification for Information Packages

CISP information package structure



Preserving research data



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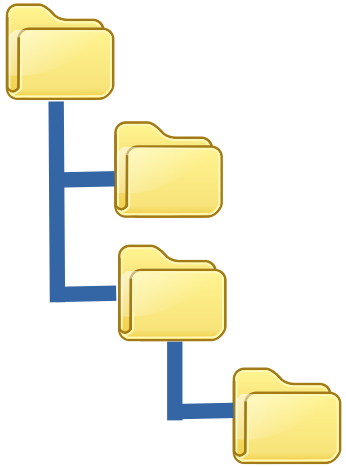
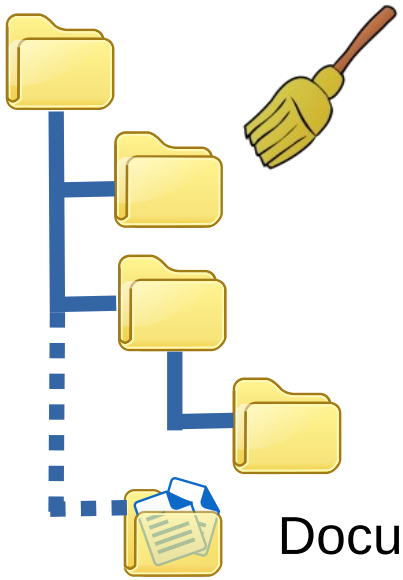


DATA

Metadata

DMP

Cycle live data and Preservation



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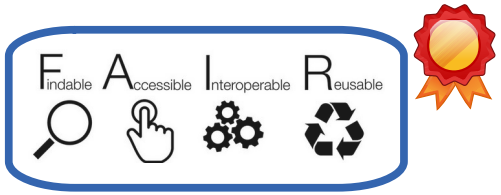
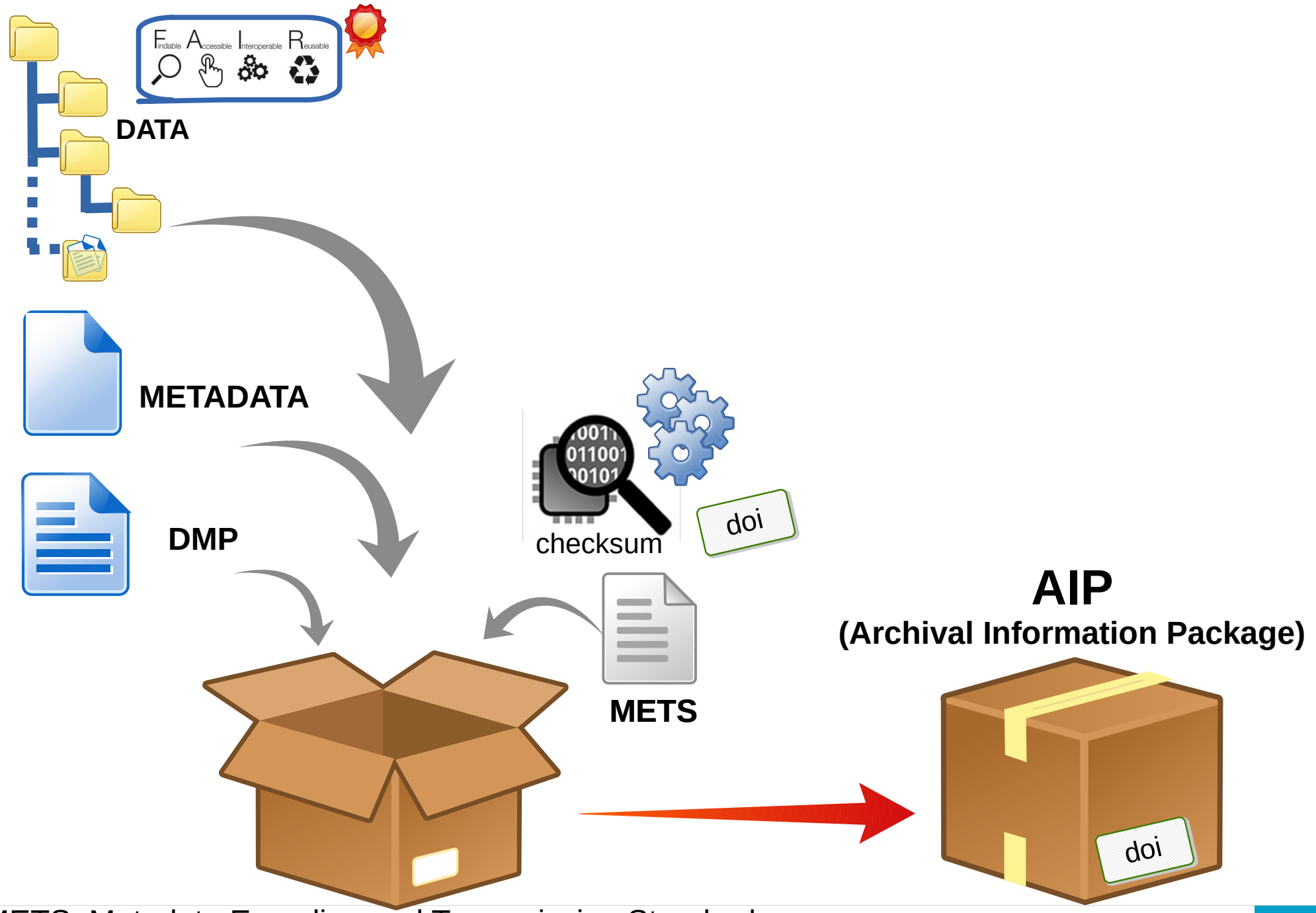


Documentation

Metadata

DMP

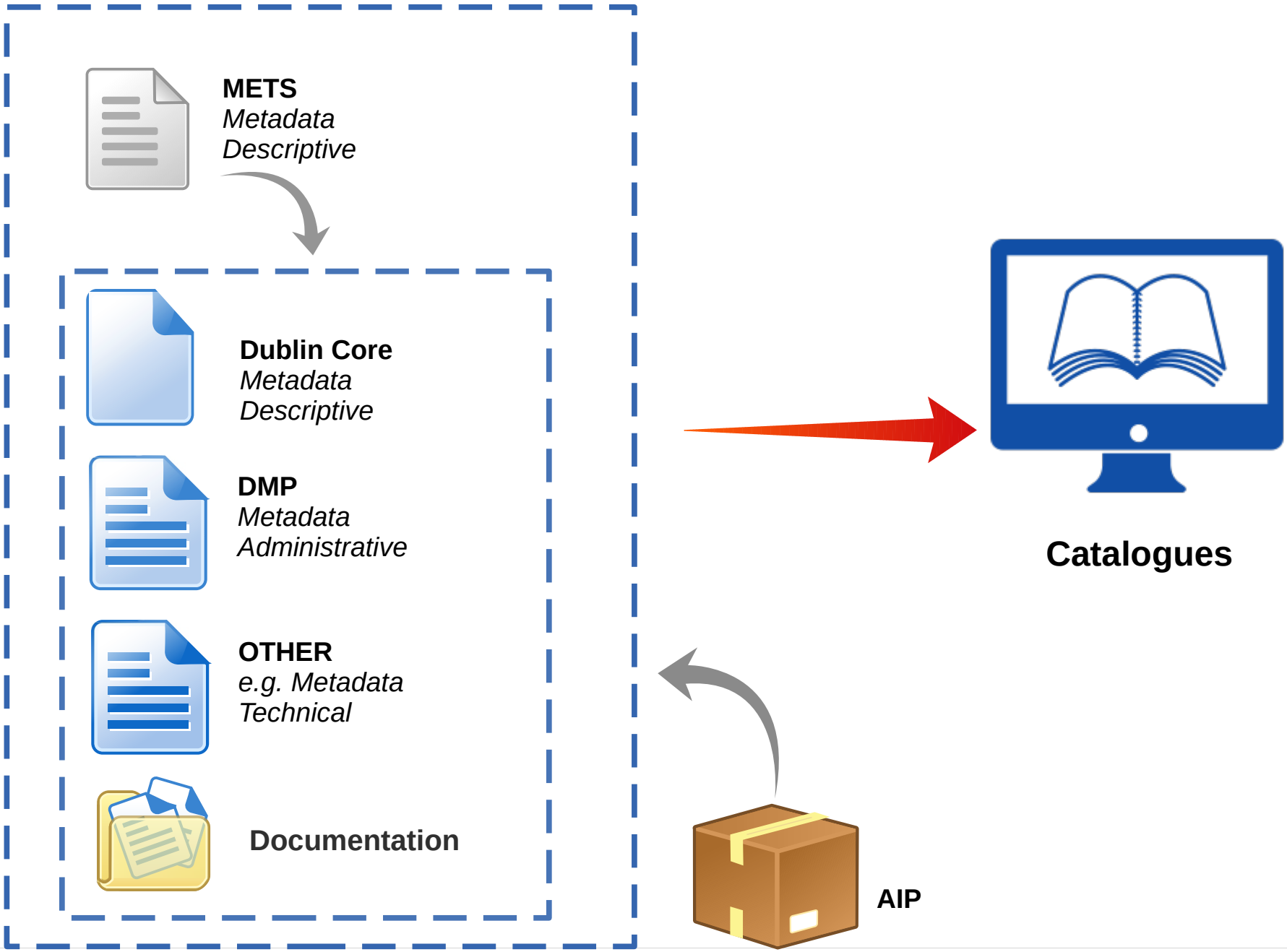
Preserving process



METS: Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard

Preservation + Dissemination

Using metadata and DMP



Preservation + dissemination

Archive

Catalogue

Search

User

DIP

(Dissemination Information Package)

Summary

- target large datasets (from several terabytes to petabytes)
- light and flexible implementation of OAIS reference model
  - data curation based on F.A.I.R. process (producer: research project)
  - not addressed to administrative documents (not probatory value)
  - simplified procedures: e.g. ingest (not SEDA protocol)
  - accept all data formats (not migration)
- compliant with european specifications E-ARK/CSIP
  - interoperability
- implemented at CC-IN2P3 using existing infrastructure
  - IRODS
  - Tape library

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DMP Common Standard Model

RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE