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**A new selection principle
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We introduce and study the following new selection principle.

Let X be a topological space and let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} denote collections whose elements are families of (open) subsets of X .

Then $S_{pf}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ denotes that for each sequence $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ of elements of \mathcal{A} there is a sequence $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$ such that for each n \mathcal{V}_n is a point-finite family with $\mathcal{V}_n < \mathcal{U}_n$ and $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{V}_n \in \mathcal{B}$.

This general selection principle is compared with other well known principles and it is investigated in relation with metacompactness and other topological properties.

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