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A2	5-16-07	Updated document for TM #: NP-EMD.2005.510.0038. Modified Section 2.2.2, changed HC_ROWS and HC_COLS. Modified Table 9, changed HC_ROWS and HC_COLS, Modified Section 2.2.3.1 added verbiage describing code changes for cross granule processing.	All
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B3	11-4-09	Updated for SDRL (Removed Cmn Adj reference upon further investigation—not used)	All
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C3	10-21-10	Updated due to document convergence to include tech memos 2010.510.0078 & 2010.510.0011	All
C4	12-07-10	Updated table 10 due to PCR025300	Table 10
C5	09-19-11	Updated for PCR027383.	17

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Objective

The purpose of the Operational Algorithm Description (OAD) document is to express, in computer-science terms, the remote sensing algorithms that produce the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) end-user data products. These products are individually known as Raw Data Records (RDRs), Temperature Data Records (TDRs), Sensor Data Records (SDRs) and Environmental Data Records (EDRs). In addition, any Intermediate Products (IPs) produced in the process are also described in the OAD.

The science basis of an algorithm is described in a corresponding Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD). The OAD provides a software description of that science as implemented in the operational ground system.

The purpose of an OAD is two-fold:

1. Provide initial implementation design guidance to the operational software developer.
2. Capture the “as-built” operational implementation of the algorithm reflecting any changes needed to meet operational performance/design requirements.

An individual OAD document describes one or more algorithms used in the production of one or more data products. There is a general, but not strict, one-to-one correspondence between OAD and ATBD documents. This particular document describes operational software for the Visible/Infrared Imaging/Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) Sea Ice Age Environmental Data Record (EDR).

1.2 Scope

The scope of this document is limited to describing operational algorithm implementation required to create the VIIRS Sea Ice Age EDR software. The theoretical basis for this algorithm is described in Section 3.3 of the VIIRS Sea Ice Characterization Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD), D0001-M01-S01-016.

1.3 References

The primary software detailed design documents listed here include science software documents, JPSS program documents, plus source code and test data references.

1.3.1 Document References

The science and system engineering documents relevant to the algorithms described in this OAD are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Reference Documents

Document Title	Document Number/Revision	Revision Date
VIIRS Sea Ice Characterization Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD)	D0001-M01-S01-016	Latest
Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Algorithm Specification Part 17	474-00448-01-17_JPSS-SRS-Vol-I-Part-17	Latest

Document Title	Document Number/Revision	Revision Date
	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17 474-00448-03-17_JPSS-OAD-Vol-III-Part-17 474-00448-04-17_JPSS-SRSPF-Vol-IV-Part-17	
Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Algorithm Specification Part 06	474-00448-02-06_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-06, Section 6.3.22	Latest
Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Algorithm Specification Part 07	474-00448-02-07_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-07, Section 6.1.3	Latest
Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Algorithm Specification Part 12	474-00448-02-12_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-12, Section 4.2	Latest
Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) Algorithm Specification Part 1	474-00448-02-01_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-01	Latest
JPSS Program Lexicon	470-00041	Latest
Operational Algorithm Description Document for VIIRS Sea Ice Quality (SIQ) Intermediate Product (IP) and Surface Temperature (ST) IP	474-00095	Latest
Operational Algorithm Description Document for VIIRS Sea Ice Concentration (SIC) Intermediate Product (IP)	474-00094	Latest
Operational Algorithm Description Document for the Granulate Ancillary Software	474-00089	Latest
VIIRS Ice Age LUT Generation document	DAL No. D277c, ITSS Document number ME60822-VIR-022 Rev. ---	02 Dec 2004
NGST/SE technical memo – Cross-granule Processing Memo	NP-EMD.2005.510.0038	07 Mar 2005
NGST/SE technical memo – MS_Engineering_Memo_IceAge_OAD_Update	NP-EMD.2005.510.0115	14 Nov 2005
NGST/SE technical memo – MS_Engineering_Memo_SeaIce_OAD_QualityFlag_Update	NP-EMD.2005.510.0137	14 Nov 2005
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_IceAge_Ancillary Data EDRIR Compliance	NP-EMD.2006.510.0028 Rev. A	24 Oct 2007
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_SeaIce_AOT_field_corrections	NP-EMD.2006.510.0047 Rev. A	24 Oct 2007
NGST/SE technical memo – Conversion of NCEP Ancillary Data Relative Humidity to Specific Humidity	NP-EMD.2007.510.0064	24 Oct 2007
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_IceAge_AMI_IP_removal	NP-EMD.2006.510.0062	16 Aug 2006
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_IceAge_terminator_continuity_fix_RevA	NP-EMD.2006.510.0063	07 Sep 2006
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_IceAge_missing_openwater_fill_fix_0065	NP-EMD.2006.510.0065	13 Sep 2006
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_IceAge_logical_expression_fixes_066	NP-EMD.2006.510.0066	14 Sep 2006
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_IceAge_550nmAOT_OAD_update	NP-EMD.2006.510.0074	15 Oct 2006
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_IceAge_VCM_ThinCirrus_Flag	NP-EMD.2006.510.0083	07 Nov 2006
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_SeaIce_Night_granule_AOT_RevA	NP-EMD-2006.510.0095 Rev. A	26 Jan 2007

Document Title	Document Number/Revision	Revision Date
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_3.4.4_delta_delivery_OAD_update	NP-EMD.2007.510.0046	08 Aug 2007
NGST/SE technical memo – NPP_VIIRS_SeaIce_v3.4.5_delta_delivery_OAD_updates	NP-EMD.2008.510.0018	15 Apr 2008
NGST/SE technical memo – Sea Ice Age Bug Fix to Remove nmy in subroutine IA_ice_age	NP-EMD.2008.510.0057	30 Oct 2008
NGST/SE technical memo – Sea Ice Age Algorithm Array Initialization Bug Fix in Energy Balance Subroutine	NP-EMD.2008.510.0071	15 Dec 2008
NGAS/A&DP technical memo – SeaIceAge_OAD_Update	NP-EMD.10.510.0034	03 May 2010
NGAS/A&DP technical memo – SeaIceAge_heavyAOT_QF_test_fix	NP-EMD.10.510.0036	29 Apr 2010
NGAS/A&DP technical memo – SeaIceAge_Input_Data_Quality_Flag_fix	NP-EMD.10.510.0037	03 May 2010
NGST/SE technical memo – Granule-Level Summary Exclusion Flag Definition Rev. C.doc	NP.EMD.2010.510.0005.Rev-C	02 Mar 2010
NGST/SE technical memo – SeaIceAge_OAD_Corrections	NP-EMD.2010.510.0078	18 Sep 2010
NGST/SE technical memos: LUT_OAD_Drop History_Corrections	NPOESS GJM-2010.510.0011	21 Sep 2010

1.3.2 Source Code References

The science and operational code and associated documentation relevant to the algorithms described in this OAD are listed in Table 2. Indented rows are included as a reference to other Sea Ice Characterization algorithms.

Table 2. Source Code References

Reference Title	Reference Tag/Revision	Revision Date
VIIRS SeaIceCharacterization science-grade software (original reference source) (ECR-A049)	ISTN_VIIRS_NGST_3.4 (ECR A049) (OAD Rev ---)	05 May 2005
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Operational Software	B1.3 (OAD Rev ---)	06 May 2005
VIIRS SeaIceCharacterization science-grade software (ECR-A066)(Sea Ice Age) Includes Tech Memo: NP-EMD.2005.510.0115	ISTN_VIIRS_NGST_3.4.1 (ECR A066)	29 Sep 2005
Implemented TM NP-EMD.2005.510.0115	B1.3 (OAD Rev A1)	10 Oct 2005
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Operational Software	B1.4 (OAD Rev A1)	05 Jun 2005
VIIRS SeaIceCharacterization science-grade software (ECR-A073)(Sea Ice Quality) Includes OAD update Tech Memo: NP-EMD.2005.510.0137 (SIQ)	ISTN_VIIRS_NGST_3.4.2 (ECR-A073)	14 Nov 2005
NGST/SE technical memo – MS_Engineering_Memo_SeaIce_OAD_QualityFlag_Update	NP-EMD.2005.510.0137	14 Nov 2005
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Operational Software	B1.4 (OAD Rev A2)	06 May 2006
VIIRS SeaIceCharacterization science-grade software (ECR-A073 & A108)(Sea Ice Age)	ISTN_VIIRS_NGST_3.4.3 (ECRs -A073 &-A108)	18 Dec 2006
Implemented TM 2005.510.0038	B1.4 (OAD Rev A2)	16 May 2007

Reference Title	Reference Tag/Revision	Revision Date
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Operational Software includes implementation of TMs: NP-EMD.2006.510.0062, NP-EMD.2006.510.0028, NP-EMD.2006.510.0063, NP-EMD.2006.510.0065, NP-EMD.2006.510.0066, NP-EMD.2006.510.0074, & NP-EMD.2006.510.0083	B1.5 (OAD Rev A4)	06 Sep 2007
VIIRS SeaIceCharacterization science-grade software (ECR-A127A)(Sea Ice Age) Includes Tech Memo: NP-EMD.2007.510.0046	ISTN_VIIRS_NGST_3.4.4 (ECR-A127A)	29 Aug 2007 & 11 Sep 2007
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Operational Software includes TM 2007.510.0095.Rev-A	B1.5 (OAD Revs A5 - A9)	14 Dec 2007
Implemented TM 2007.510.0046 (PCR14258) (ECR A-127)	B1.5 (OAD Rev A11)	07 Mar 2008
VIIRS SeaIceCharacterization science-grade software (Sea Ice Characterization) Includes OAD update Tech Memo: NP-EMD.2008.510.0018	ISTN_VIIRS_NGST_3.4.5 (ECR-A149)	14 May 2008
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Operational Software implemented TMs 2006.510.0095.Rev-A (PCR 14275) and 2008.510.0018	B1.5.x.1 (OAD Rev A12)	24 Oct 2008
Implemented TM 2008.510.0057 (PCR18951)	Build 1.5.x.1-I (No OAD Update)	10 Nov 2008
ACCB	OAD Rev A	10 Dec 2008
Implemented TM 2008.510.0071 (PCR19267)	Build 1.5.x.1-J (No OAD Update)	17 Dec 2008
PCR 20212 (OAD PCR-no code update)	(OAD Rev B1)	15 Apr 2009
Updated due to Common Adjacency OAD TIM-no code update	(OAD Rev B2)	17 Jun 2009
SDRL	(OAD Rev B3)	04 Nov 2009
VIIRS SeaIceCharacterization science-grade software (Sea Ice Characterization) Includes OAD update Tech Memos: NP-EMD.20098.510.0049 & NP-EMD.20098.510.0068 (PCR 21984) (no OAD changes, science code bug fix only)	ISTN_VIIRS_NGST_4.17 (ECRs –A263)	16 Dec 2009
ARB	(OAD Rev B6)	17 Mar 2010
PCR 21630 [TM 2010.510.0005.Rev-C] (No OAD update required)	Build Sensor Characterization SC-09	14 Apr 2010
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Operational Software includes tech memos Implemented: --NGAS/A&DP technical memo – SeaIceAge_OAD_Update NP-EMD.10.510.0034 --NGAS/A&DP technical memo – SeaIceAge_heavyAOT_QF_test_fix NP-EMD.10.510.0036 --NGAS/A&DP technical memo – SeaIceAge_Input_Data_Quality_Flag_fix NP-EMD.10.510.0037	Build Sensor Characterization SC-11 (OAD Rev B7)	25 May 2010
ACCB	OAD Rev B	09 Jun 2010
Convergence Updates (No code updates) includes TM 2010.510.0078 (PCR 24723)	(OAD Rev C2 & C3)	21 Oct 2010
Updated table 10 due to PCR025300	(OAD Rev C4)	07 Dec 2010
PCR027383	(OAD Rev C4)	19 Sep 2011
OAD transitioned to JPSS Program – this table is no longer updated.		

2.0 ALGORITHM OVERVIEW

The Sea Ice Age algorithm produces a Sea Ice Age EDR product. The Sea Ice Age EDR is used to report on "Ice free", "New/Young", and "All other ice" classifications at an aggregated cell size of 2x2 VIIRS imagery pixels. Due to the 2x2 imagery pixel aggregation, the Ice Age EDR product size is equal to moderate resolution product size, therefore, the algorithm produces no geolocation product. The Moderate Resolution VIIRS SDR GEO product should be used whenever geolocation data is required for Ice Age EDR data". The algorithm utilizes Intermediate Product (IP) files produced by other VIIRS algorithms, auxiliary files from the National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) and Lookup Tables (LUT) to produce the output EDRs.

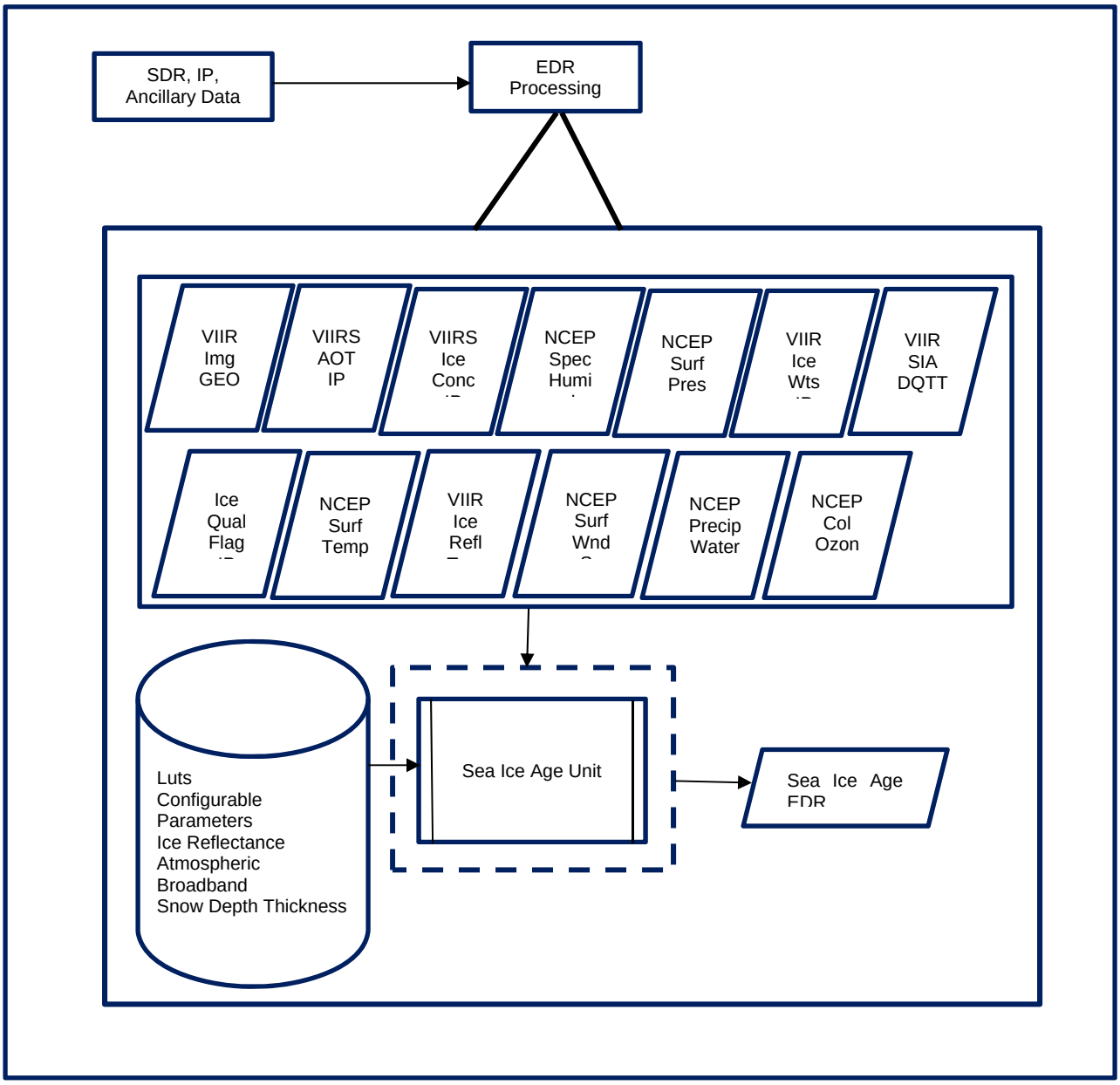

Figure 1. Sea Ice Age EDR Processing Chain

2.1 Sea Ice Characterization EDR Description

The Sea Ice Characterization EDR retrieval algorithm and the theoretical basis are described in detail in the VIIRS Sea Ice Characterization ATBD, D0001-M01-S01-016.

2.1.1 Interfaces

The Sea Ice Characterization algorithm, Ice Age, EDR output is not an input to other algorithms.

2.1.1.1 Inputs

Inputs are listed in 474-00448-01-17_JPSS-SRS-Vol-I-Part-17. A detailed list of inputs is provided in Table 3 below, along with a reference to its supporting Data Dictionary.

Table 3. Sea Ice Age Inputs

Input	Description	Reference Document
VIIRS granulated NCEP Ozone Total Column VIIRS granulated NCEP Precipitable Water VIIRS granulated NCEP Surface Specific Humidity VIIRS granulated NCEP Surface Air Temperature VIIRS granulated NCEP Surface Pressure VIIRS granulated NCEP Surface Wind Speed	VIIRS Ancillary Data	474-00448-02-07_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-07
VIIRS Img Geo	VIIRS Imagery Resolution Geolocation	474-00448-02-06_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-06
VIIRS Ice Reflection / Temperature	The VIIRS Ice Reflectance IP contains ice tie points, local water tie points, and search window qualities computed for bands I1 and I2	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17
VIIRS Ice Quality Flags	The VIIRS Ice Quality Flags IP is output from the VIIRS Ice Quality unit. The Ice Quality Flags IP gives quality bit information at imagery resolution for each pixel and each band in the VIIRS granule	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17
VIIRS Ice Weights	The VIIRS Ice Weights IP contains the statistical weights for three Imagery Bands, indicating the reliability of each band for further processing.	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17
VIIRS Ice Concentration	The VIIRS Ice Concentration IP contains the ice fractions and summed concentration weights for each pixel. This product is available at the VIIRS Imagery Resolution.	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17

Input	Description	Reference Document
VIIRS Aerosol Optical Thickness	The VIIRS Aerosol Optical Thickness RIP contains thickness values at assorted spectral bands over land and water as well as associated quality flags.	474-00448-02-12_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-12
VIIRS Snow Depth LUT	The VIIRS Sea Ice Snow Depth/Ice Thickness LUT contains snow depth on sea ice and ice thickness. The table values are model computations based on NCEP surface temperature and precipitation rate climatology data.	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17
VIIRS Broadband Transmittance LUT	The VIIRS Sea Ice Broadband Atmospheric Transmittance LUT file is generated using the 6S radiative transfer routine and the algorithm.	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Characterization PCT	The VIIRS Sea Ice Concentration PCT file contains ice concentration parameters.	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17
VIIRS Sea Ice Reflectance LUT	The VIIRS Sea Ice Reflectance LUT file contains top of the atmosphere reflectance, spectral albedo and broad band albedo values for snow/ice surfaces which are treated as flat surfaces.	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Characterization DQTT	Data Quality Threshold Table	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17

The Sea Ice Age unit requires several input data files that are generated offline. LUTs are required for the modeled ice TOA reflectance, atmospheric transmittance, broad band spectral albedo, narrow band spectral albedo, and Climatology Snow Depth-Ice Thickness (data base). Contents of the modeled ice Top of Atmosphere (TOA) reflectance LUT are described in 474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17, Section 7.1. The TOA reflectance LUT is required to be rerun only if errors are detected in the table values or to improve accuracy of the reflectances. The TOA reflectance LUT delivered has been generated using a LUT generation tool. Contents of the broadband albedo and spectral albedo LUTs are also defined in JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17, Section 7.1. Currently, the broadband albedo LUT is populated with values only for the VIIRS I1 band. It should also be noted in 474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17, Section 7.2.2.2 (VIIRS Sea Ice Age Ephemeral PC) that the minimum temperature band weight tunable parameter “min_twgt” has been changed to 0.05, from that of 0.25 as originally defined in the detailed design document. During unit testing it was determined that the value of min_twgt must be less than that of the “band_wgts” of 0.1. If min_twgt is greater than band_wgts, all pixels based on temperature are filtered and thus all night pixel retrievals for ice age fail.

2.1.1.2 Outputs

The Sea Ice Age Unit outputs the Sea Ice Age Characterization EDR as defined by 474-00448-01-17_JPSS-SRS-Vol-I-Part-17. The detailed output (with QFs) can be found in 474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17, Section 5.2 and shows the Sea Ice Age EDR output with horizontal cell resolution. The EDR is reported at aggregated resolution based on the value of the constant “hcsize”.

The CELL_SIZE parameter is the aggregated pixel resolution. The aggregated cell size is defined as:

CELL_SIZE = hcsize.

The setting for hcsize for 2x2 aggregation to be performed is hcsize=2.

Table 4. Sea Ice Age Output

Input	Description	Reference Document
VIIRS Sea Ice Age Characterization EDR	Sea ice age is defined as the time that has passed since the formation of the surface layer of an ice covered region of the ocean. The content of the Sea Ice Characterization EDR is the typing of areas of sea ice by age.	474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17
VIIRS Set Ice Age Characterization DQN	Data Quality Notification	474-00448-02-01_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-01

2.1.2 Algorithm Processing

2.1.2.1 Main Module – IA_main:

IA_main is the main driver for Sea Ice Age Unit. The processing approach developed for the Sea Ice Characterization algorithm, Ice Age, is based on per pixel processing of imagery resolution pixels in a granule. The output Sea Ice Age EDR is reported at an aggregated (2x2) horizontal cell resolution. This algorithm only processes if the granule is within the specified range of latitude.

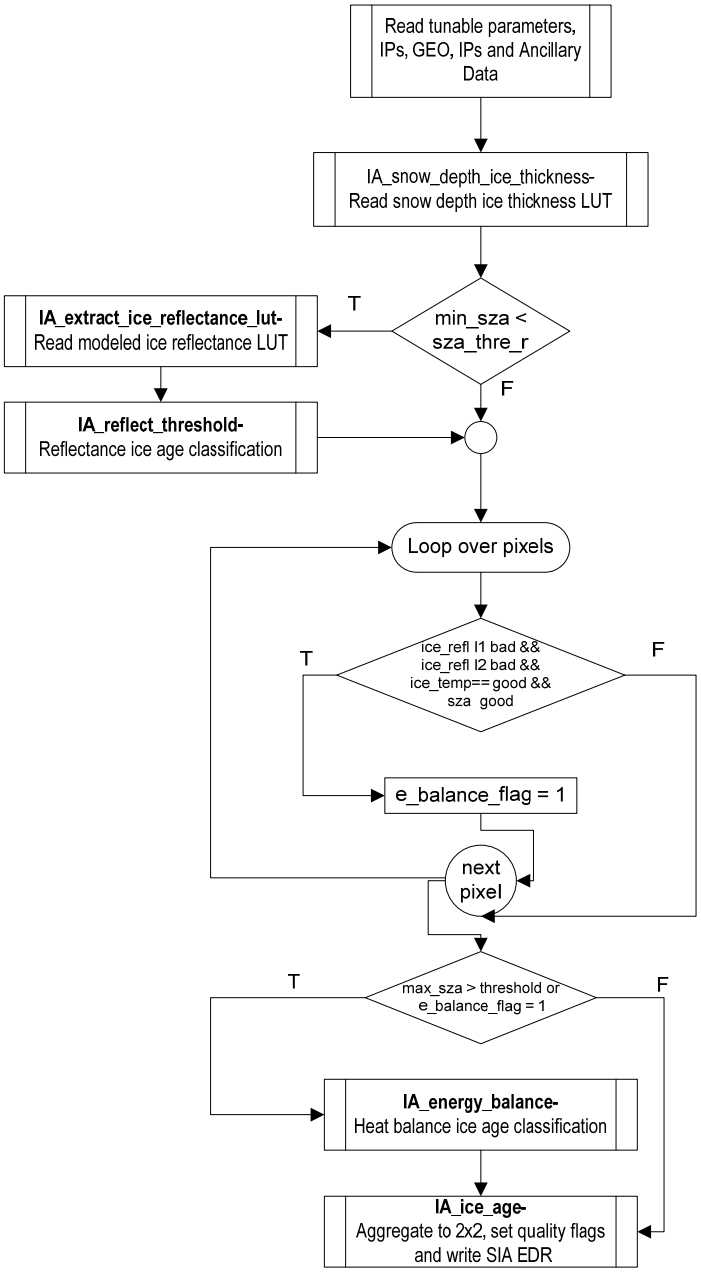

Figure 2. IA_main (main module) logic flow

2.1.2.2 IA_snow_depth_ice_thickness:

IA_snow_depth_ice_thickness extracts the snow-depth-to-ice-thickness ratios from Snow Depth / Ice Thickness LUT.

2.1.2.3 IA_extract_ice_reflectance_lut:

IA_extract_ice_reflectance_lut extracts and interpolates the ice reflectance LUT.

2.1.2.4 IA_reflect_threshold:

IA_reflect_threshold performs ice age classification at VIIRS imagery resolution based on the VIIRS imagery resolution ice reflectance data and the modeled sea ice reflectance LUT.

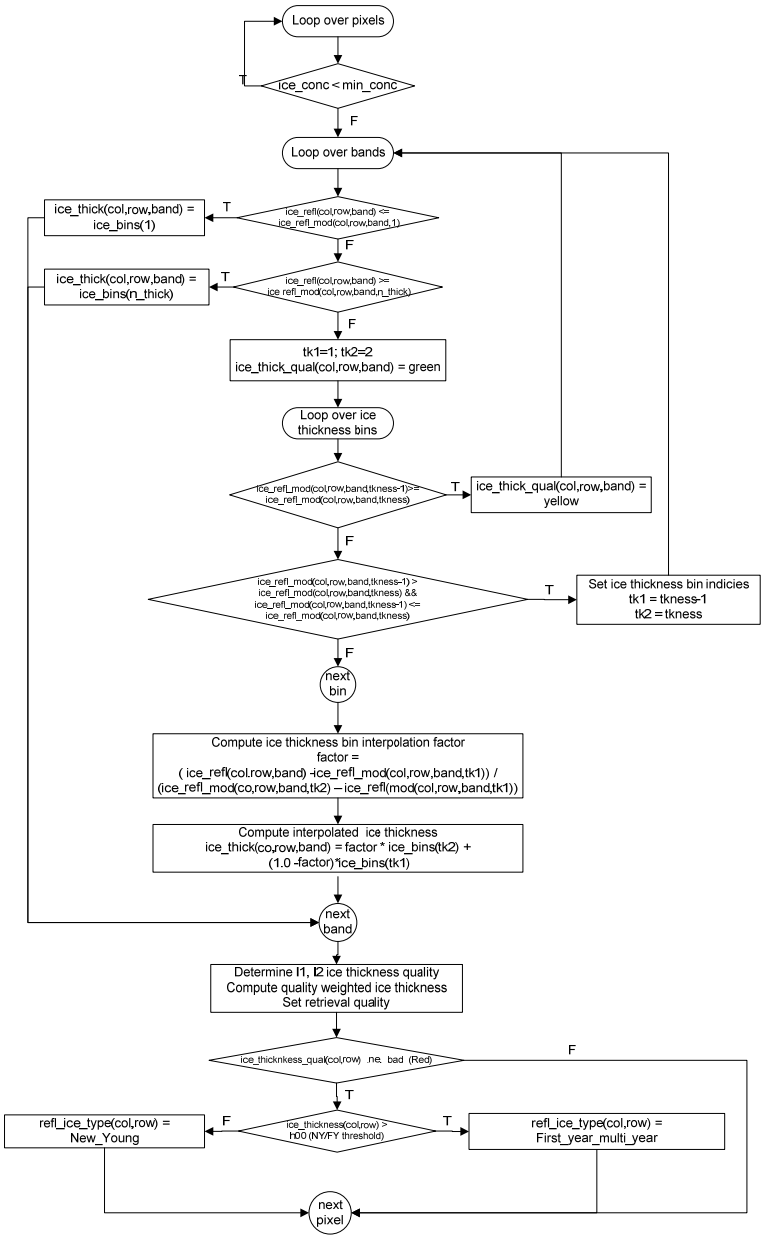

Figure 3. IA_reflect_threshold logic flow

2.1.2.5 IA_energy_balance:

IA_energy_balance performs ice age classification at VIIRS imagery resolution based on an energy balance model using ice temperature data. Note that the operational implementation of the energy balance is based on a surface air specific humidity input instead of surface air relative humidity as described in the VIIRS Sea Ice Characterization ATBD, D0001-M01-S01-016. Since the vapor pressure can be computed directly from the specific humidity, the relative

humidity based computations for vapor pressure and dew point temperature defined in the ATBD as equations 3.3.4.1.4 and 3.3.4.1.5 respectively have been replaced by following equivalent equation for computation of vapor pressure in the operational implementation:

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vp = specific_hum(col_m,row_m)*surf_press(col_m,row_m)/( 0.62197 +
     0.37803*specific_hum(col_m,row_m)
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Also, the computation of surface air specific humidity defined as equation 3.3.4.1.9 in the ATBD is no longer required since the operational implementation reads surface air specific humidity as input.

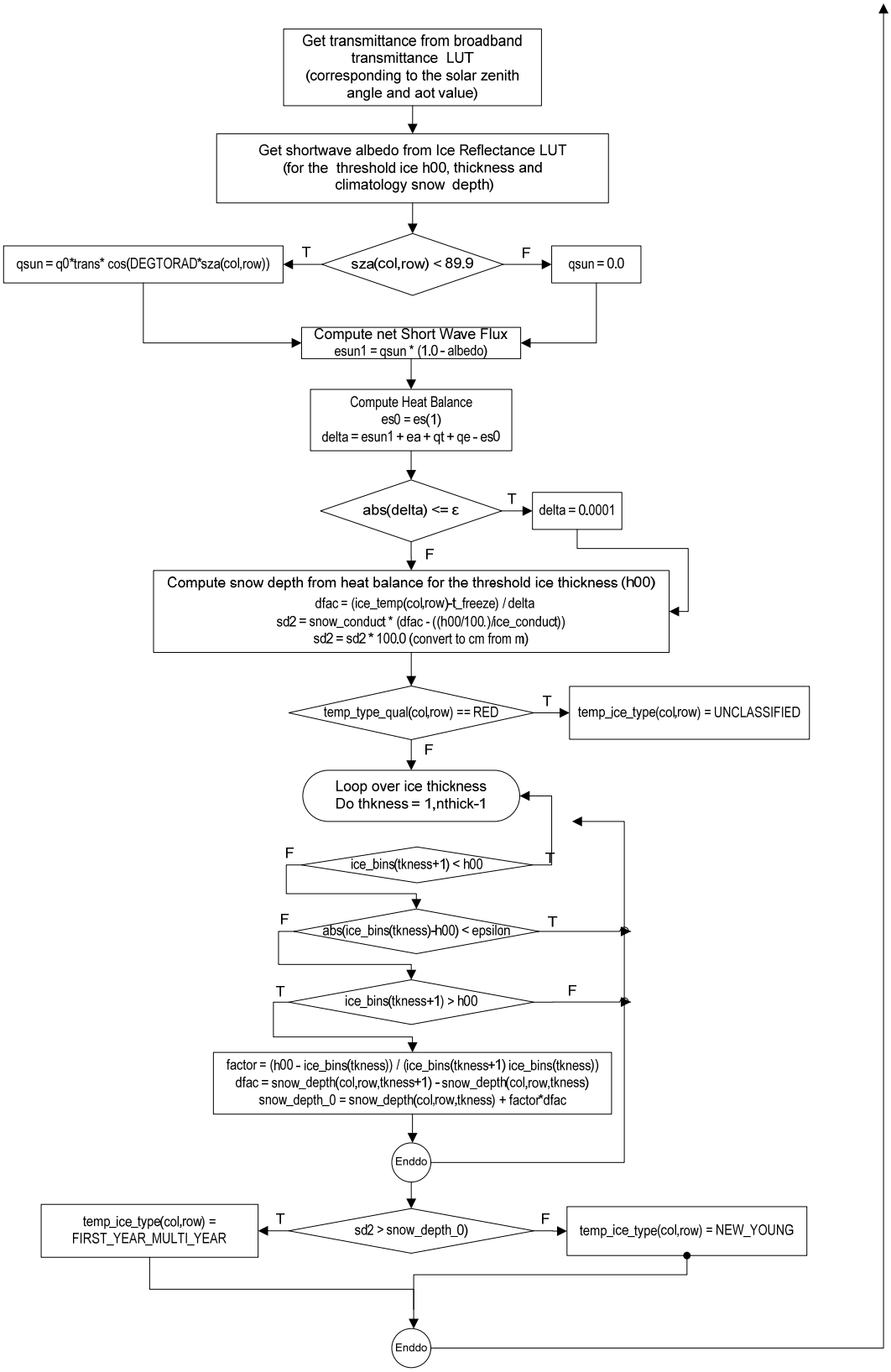
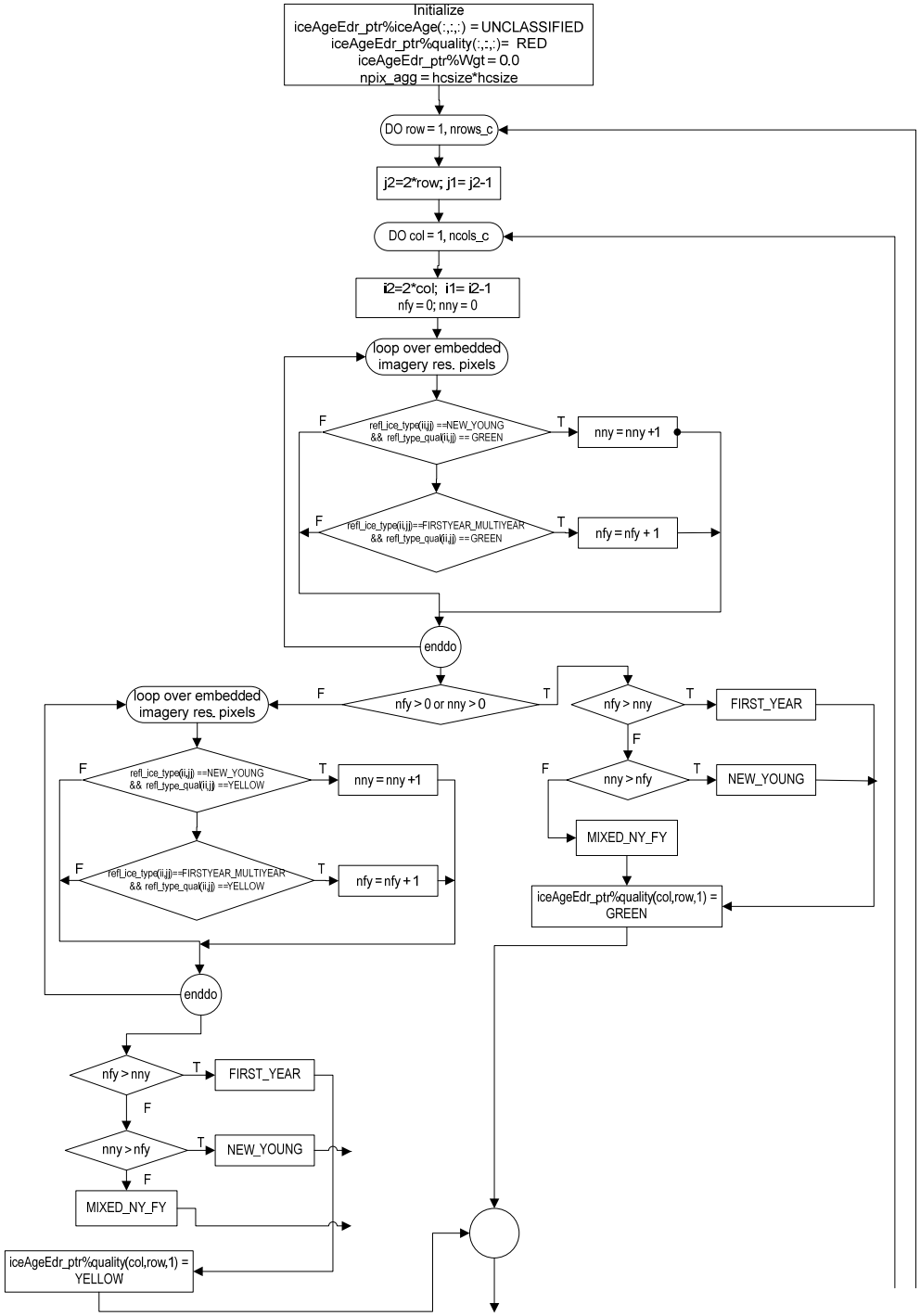
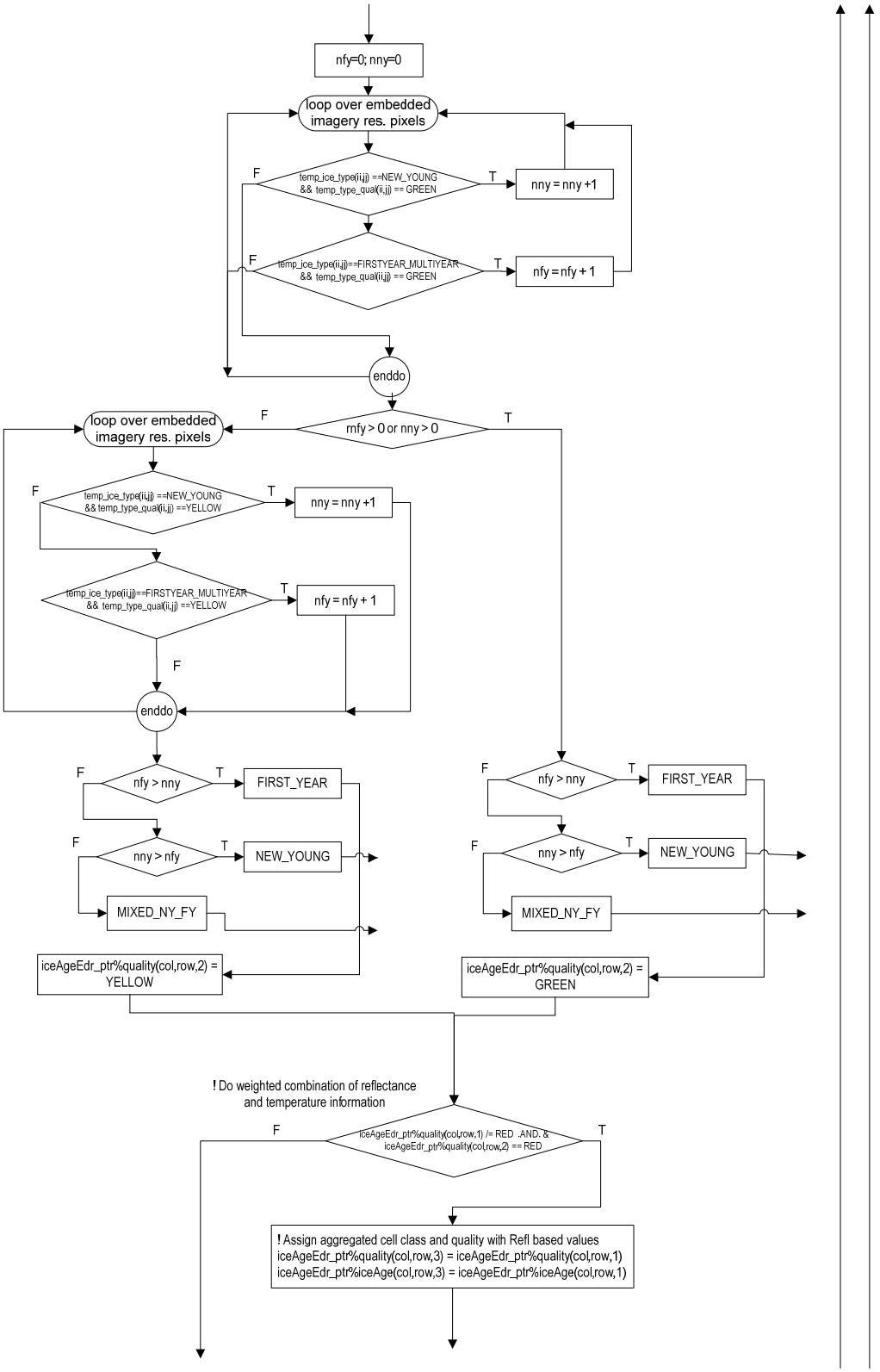


Figure 4. IA_energy_balance logic flow

2.1.2.6 IA_ice_age:

IA_ice_age determines ice age aggregated to VIIRS moderate resolution.





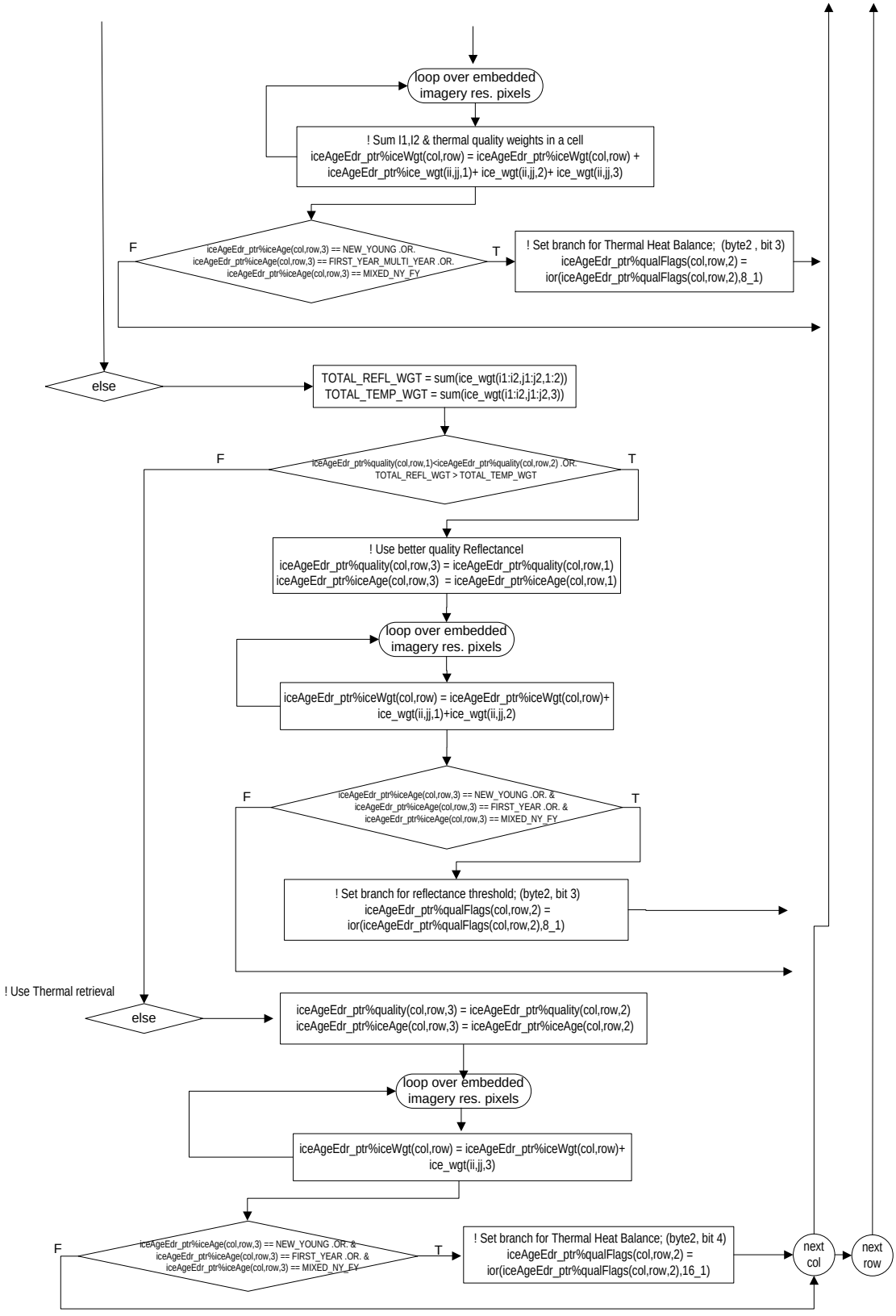
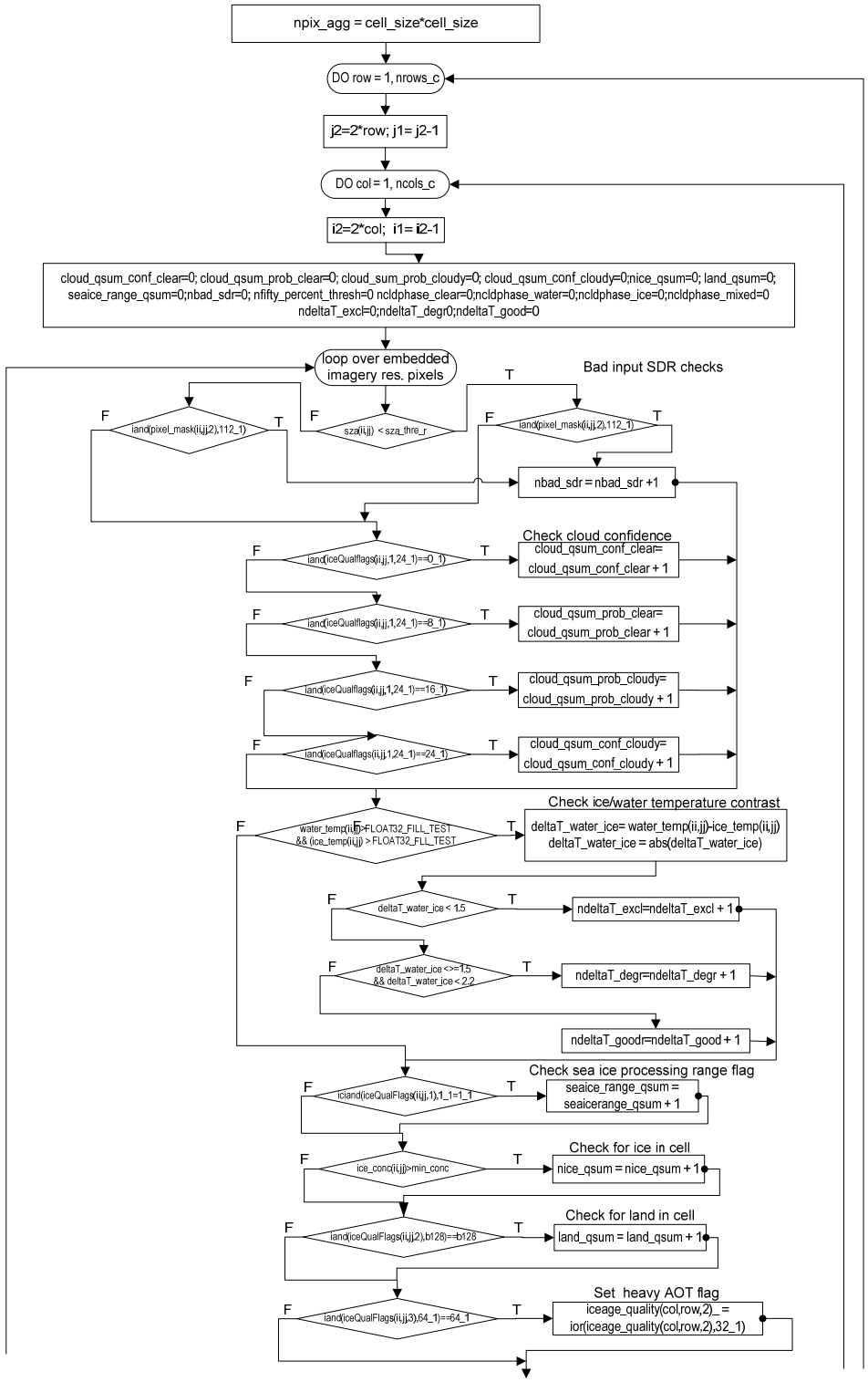
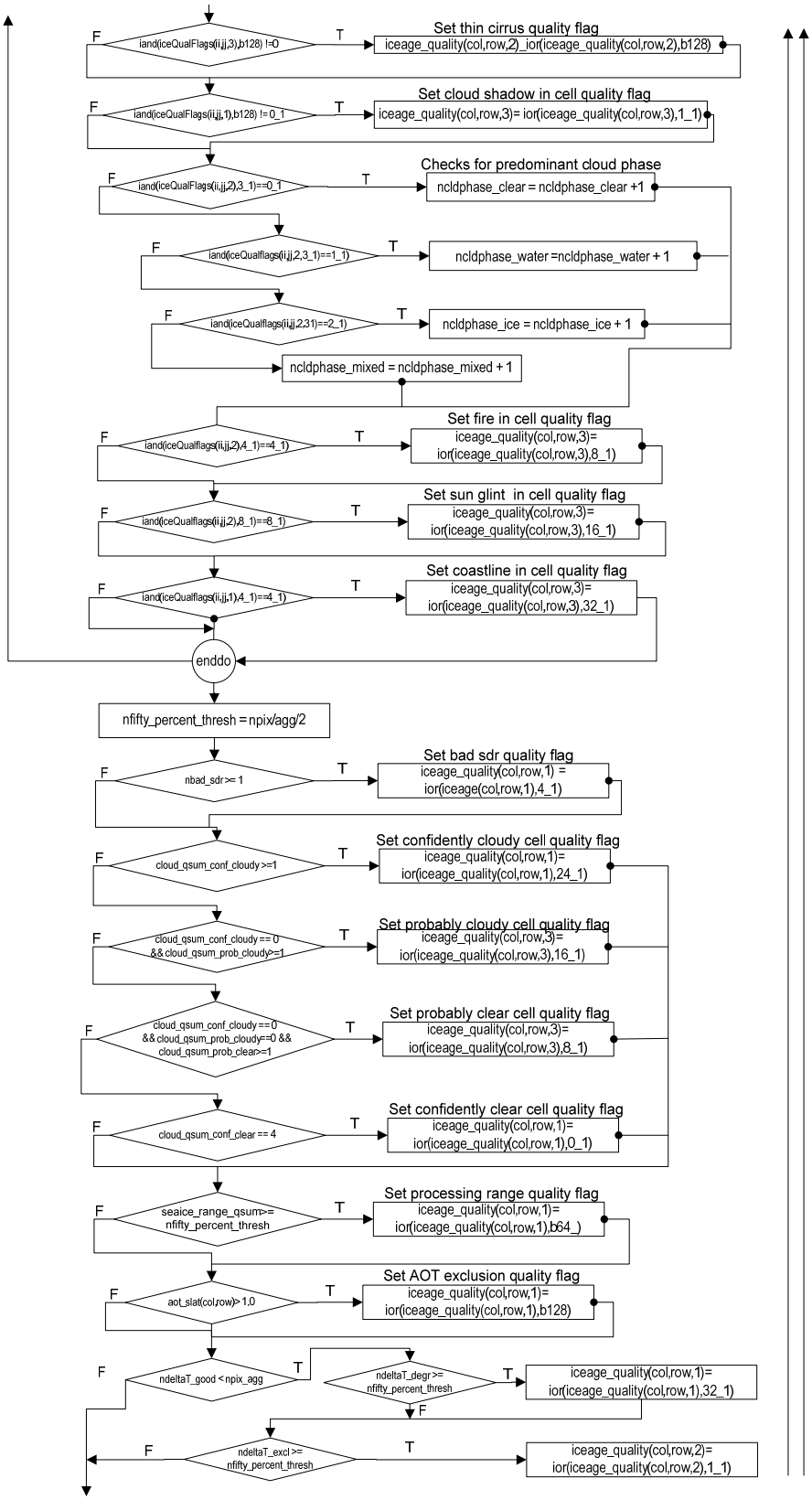


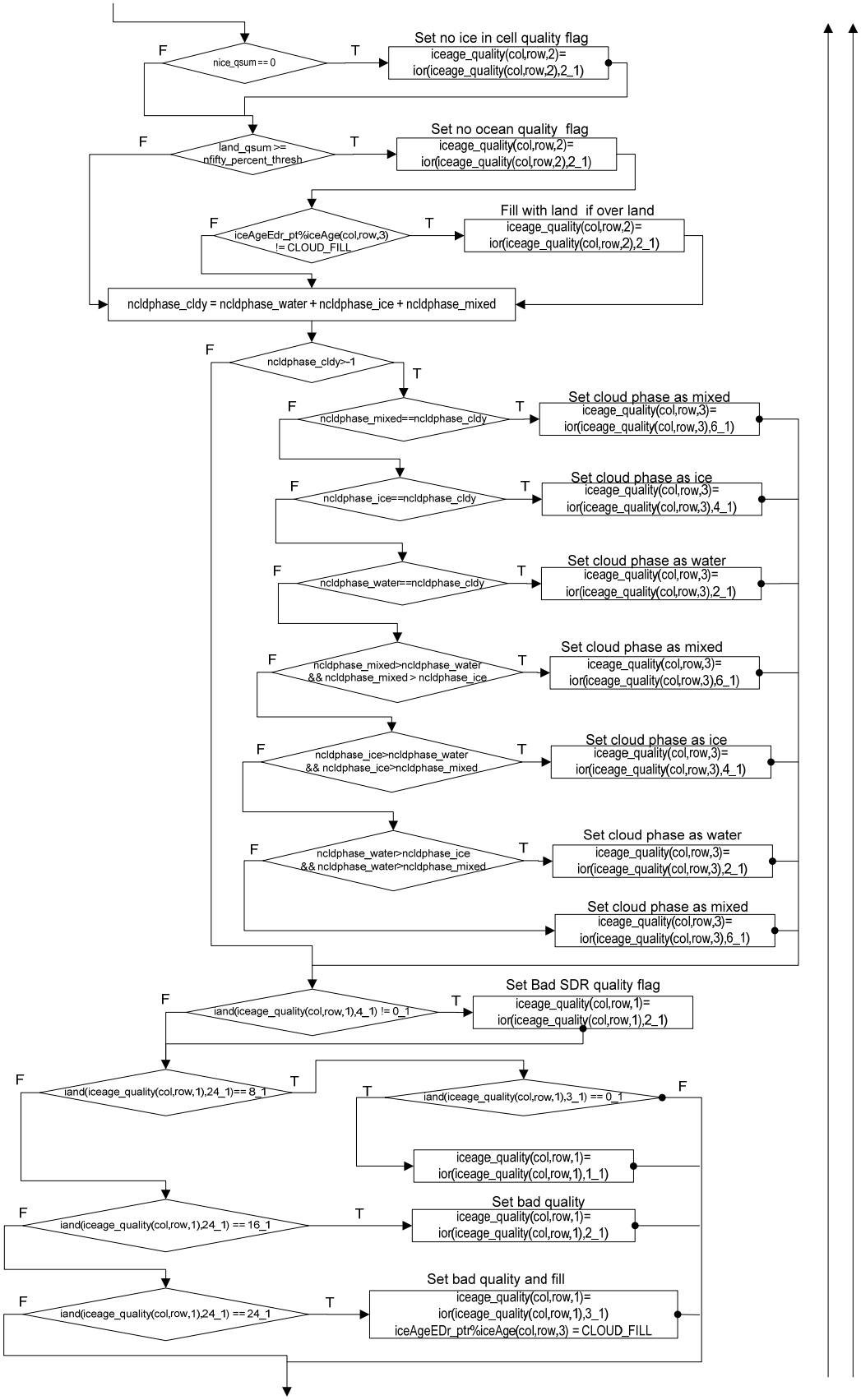
Figure 5. IA_ice_age logic flow

2.1.2.7 IA_set_qflags:

IA_set_qflags sets the pixel level quality flags.







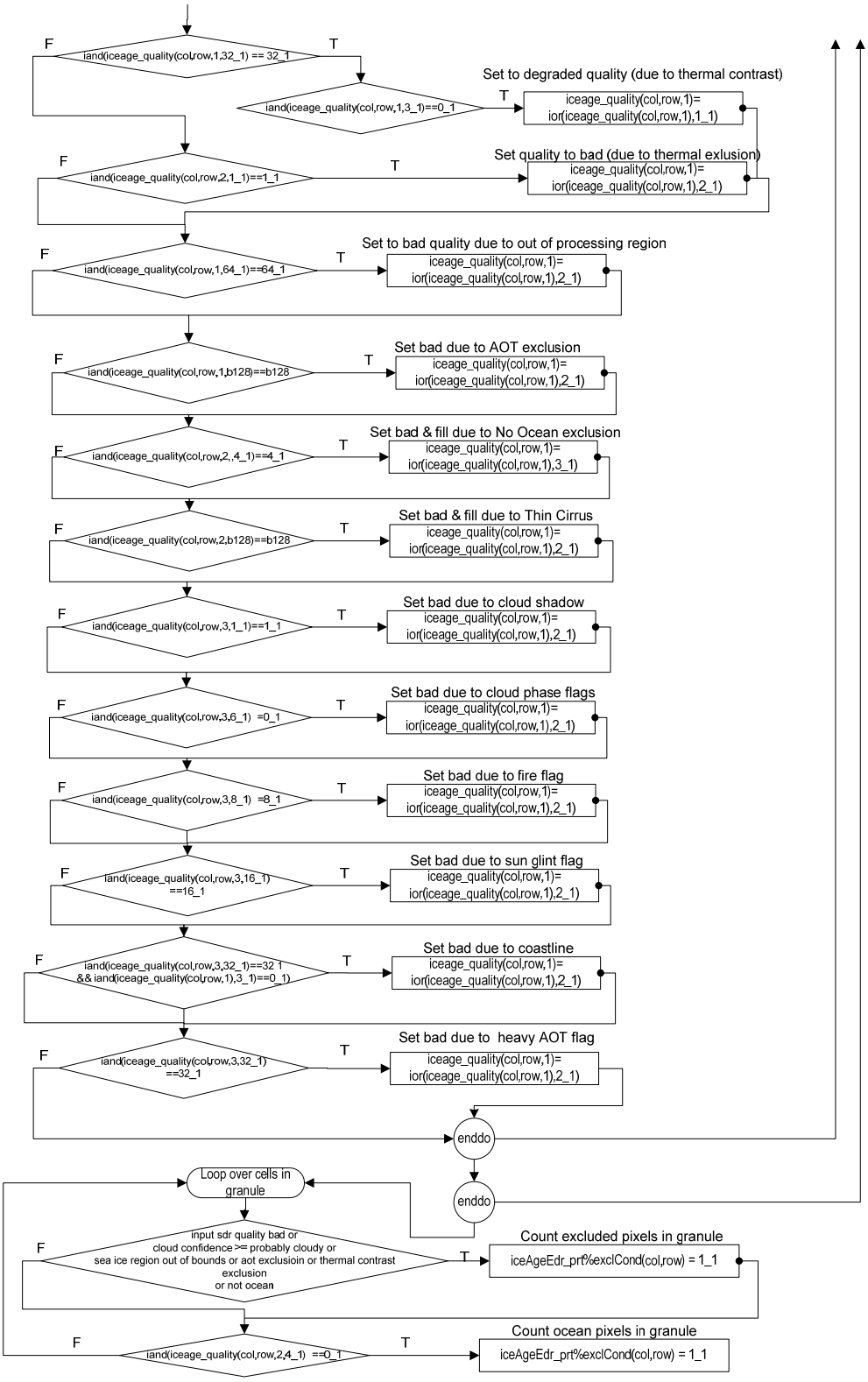


Figure 6. IA_set_qflags logic flow

2.1.3 Graceful Degradation

2.1.3.1 Graceful Degradation Inputs

There are two cases where input graceful degradation is indicated in the Ice Age:

1. A primary input denoted in the algorithm configuration guide cannot be successfully retrieved but an alternate input can be retrieved.
2. An input that is retrieved for an algorithm has the N_Graceful_Degradation metadata field set (propagation).

Table 5 details the instances of these cases. Note that the shaded cells indicate that the graceful degradation was done upstream at product production.

Table 5. Graceful Degradation

Input Data Description	Baseline Data Source	Primary Backup Data Source	Secondary Backup Data Source	Tertiary Backup Data Source	Graceful Degradation Done Upstream
Sea Surface Wind Speed and Direction	VIIRS_GD_09.4.2 NCEP	VIIRS_GD_09.4.2 NCEP (Extended Forecast)	N/A	N/A	Yes
Adjusted Surface Pressure	VIIRS_GD_28.4.1 NCEP	VIIRS_GD_28.4.1 NCEP (Extended Forecast)	N/A	N/A	Yes
Surface Air Temperature	VIIRS_GD_09.4.10 NCEP	VIIRS_GD_09.4.10 NCEP (Extended Forecast)	N/A	N/A	Yes
Specific Humidity at Surface	VIIRS_GD_09.4.12 NCEP	VIIRS_GD_09.4.12 NCEP (Extended Forecast)	N/A	N/A	Yes
Aerosol Optical Thickness	VIIRS_GD_15.4.1 VIIRS AOT IP	VIIRS_GD_25.4.1 NAAPS	VIIRS_GD_15.4.1 Climatology	N/A	Yes, backup only
Total Column Precipitable Water	VIIRS_GD_09.4.11 NCEP	VIIRS_GD_09.4.11 NCEP (Extended Forecast)	N/A	N/A	Yes
Total Column Ozone	VIIRS_GD_09.4.1 NCEP	VIIRS_GD_09.4.1 NCEP (Extended Forecast)	N/A	N/A	Yes

2.1.3.2 Graceful Degradation Processing

None.

2.1.3.3 Graceful Degradation Outputs

None.

2.1.4 Exception Handling

The current implementation of the software does not allow the program to continue execution if an invalid value of surface pressure or other input IP value is encountered.

2.1.5 Data Quality Monitoring

It was determined that a Data Quality Notification (DQN) was needed for the Ice Age output latitude, longitude, weight, and age. The DQN test looks for any output pixel which is set to NA, MISS, or ERR. If the test is true, a product is populated into DMS that contains what check was done and how many pixels were within this range. For a detailed description of DQN, please refer to 474-00448-01-01_JPSS-SRS-Vol-II-Part-1. For information on the data quality tests see 474-00448-01-17_JPSS-SRS-Vol-II-Part-17.

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2.1.6 Computational Precision Requirements

Single precision 32-bit floating point computations are required.

2.1.7 Algorithm Support Considerations

474-00448-02-17_JPSS-DD-Vol-II-Part-17, Section 7.2.2.2 contains tunable algorithm parameters. Note: The “hcsize” constant controls the aggregation cell size that is used for the Ice Age EDR. The setting of hcsize is hcsize =2 and results in 2x2 aggregation.

2.1.8 Assumptions and Limitations

None.

3.0 GLOSSARY/ACRONYM LIST

3.1 Glossary

Table 6 contains terms most applicable for this OAD.

Table 6. Glossary

TERM	DESCRIPTION
Algorithm	A formula or set of steps for solving a particular problem. Algorithms can be expressed in any language, from natural languages like English to mathematical expressions to programming languages like FORTRAN. On JPSS, an algorithm consists of: 1. A theoretical description (i.e., science/mathematical basis) 2. A computer implementation description (i.e., method of solution) 3. A computer implementation (i.e., code)
Algorithm Engineering Review Board (AERB)	Interdisciplinary board of scientific and engineering personnel responsible for the approval and disposition of algorithm acceptance, verification, development and testing transitions. Chaired by the Data Process Algorithm Lead, members include representatives from STAR, DPES, IDPS, and Raytheon..
Algorithm Verification	Science-grade software delivered by an algorithm provider is verified for compliance with data quality and timeliness requirements by Algorithm Team science personnel. This activity is nominally performed at the GRAVITE facility. Delivered code is executed on compatible GRAVITE computing platforms. Minor hosting modifications may be made to allow code execution. Optionally, verification may be performed at the Algorithm Provider's facility if warranted due to technical, schedule or cost considerations.
Ancillary Data	Any data which is not produced by the JPSS System, but which is acquired from external providers and used by the JPSS system in the production of JPSS data products.
Auxiliary Data	Auxiliary Data is defined as data, other than data included in the sensor application packets, which is produced internally by the JPSS system, and used to produce the JPSS deliverable data products.
EDR Algorithm	Scientific description and corresponding software and test data necessary to produce one or more environmental data records. The scientific computational basis for the production of each data record is described in an ATBD. At a minimum, implemented software is science-grade and includes test data demonstrating data quality compliance.
Environmental Data Record (EDR)	*[IORD Definition]* Data record produced when an algorithm is used to convert Raw Data Records (RDRs) to geophysical parameters (including ancillary parameters, e.g., cloud clear radiation, etc.). *[Supplementary Definition]* An Environmental Data Record (EDR) represents the state of the environment, and the related information needed to access and understand the record. Specifically, it is a set of related data items that describe one or more related estimated environmental parameters over a limited time-space range. The parameters are located by time and Earth coordinates. EDRs may have been resampled if they are created from multiple data sources with different sampling patterns. An EDR is created from one or more JPSS SDRs or EDRs, plus ancillary environmental data provided by others. EDR metadata contains references to its processing history, spatial and temporal coverage, and quality.
Model Validation	The process of determining the degree to which a model is an accurate representation of the real-world from the perspective of the intended uses of the model.
Model Verification	The process of determining that a model implementation accurately represents the developer's conceptual description and specifications.
Operational Code	Verified science-grade software, delivered by an algorithm provider and verified by GRAVITE, is developed into operational-grade code by the IDPS IPT.
Operational-Grade Software	Code that produces data records compliant with the System Specification requirements for data quality and IDPS timeliness and operational infrastructure. The software is modular relative to the IDPS infrastructure and compliant with IDPS application programming interfaces (APIs) as specified for TDR/SDR or EDR code.

TERM	DESCRIPTION
Raw Data Record (RDR)	*[IORD Definition]* Full resolution digital sensor data, time referenced and earth located, with absolute radiometric and geometric calibration coefficients appended, but not applied, to the data. Aggregates (sums or weighted averages) of detector samples are considered to be full resolution data if the aggregation is normally performed to meet resolution and other requirements. Sensor data shall be unprocessed with the following exceptions: time delay and integration (TDI), detector array non-uniformity correction (i.e., offset and responsivity equalization), and data compression are allowed. Lossy data compression is allowed only if the total measurement error is dominated by error sources other than the data compression algorithm. All calibration data will be retained and communicated to the ground without lossy compression. *[Supplementary Definition]* A Raw Data Record (RDR) is a logical grouping of raw data output by a sensor, and related information needed to process the record into an SDR or TDR. Specifically, it is a set of unmodified raw data (mission and housekeeping) produced by a sensor suite, one sensor, or a reasonable subset of a sensor (e.g., channel or channel group), over a specified, limited time range. Along with the sensor data, the RDR includes auxiliary data from other portions of JPSS (space or ground) needed to recreate the sensor measurement, to correct the measurement for known distortions, and to locate the measurement in time and space, through subsequent processing. Metadata is associated with the sensor and auxiliary data to permit its effective use.
Retrieval Algorithm	A science-based algorithm used to 'retrieve' a set of environmental/geophysical parameters (EDR) from calibrated and geolocated sensor data (SDR). Synonym for EDR processing.
Science Algorithm	The theoretical description and a corresponding software implementation needed to produce an NPP/JPSS data product (TDR, SDR or EDR). The former is described in an ATBD. The latter is typically developed for a research setting and characterized as "science-grade".
Science Algorithm Provider	Organization responsible for development and/or delivery of TDR/SDR or EDR algorithms associated with a given sensor.
Science-Grade Software	Code that produces data records in accordance with the science algorithm data quality requirements. This code, typically, has no software requirements for implementation language, targeted operating system, modularity, input and output data format or any other design discipline or assumed infrastructure.
SDR/TDR Algorithm	Scientific description and corresponding software and test data necessary to produce a Temperature Data Record and/or Sensor Data Record given a sensor's Raw Data Record. The scientific computational basis for the production of each data record is described in an Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD). At a minimum, implemented software is science-grade and includes test data demonstrating data quality compliance.
Sensor Data Record (SDR)	*[IORD Definition]* Data record produced when an algorithm is used to convert Raw Data Records (RDRs) to calibrated brightness temperatures with associated ephemeris data. The existence of the SDRs provides reversible data tracking back from the EDRs to the Raw data. *[Supplementary Definition]* A Sensor Data Record (SDR) is the recreated input to a sensor, and the related information needed to access and understand the record. Specifically, it is a set of incident flux estimates made by a sensor, over a limited time interval, with annotations that permit its effective use. The environmental flux estimates at the sensor aperture are corrected for sensor effects. The estimates are reported in physically meaningful units, usually in terms of an angular or spatial and temporal distribution at the sensor location, as a function of spectrum, polarization, or delay, and always at full resolution. When meaningful, the flux is also associated with the point on the Earth geoid from which it apparently originated. Also, when meaningful, the sensor flux is converted to an equivalent top-of-atmosphere (TOA) brightness. The associated metadata includes a record of the processing and sources from which the SDR was created, and other information needed to understand the data.

TERM	DESCRIPTION
Temperature Data Record (TDR)	*[IORD Definition]* Temperature Data Records (TDRs) are geolocated, antenna temperatures with all relevant calibration data counts and ephemeris data to revert from T-sub-a into counts. *[Supplementary Definition]* A Temperature Data Record (TDR) is the brightness temperature value measured by a microwave sensor, and the related information needed to access and understand the record. Specifically, it is a set of the corrected radiometric measurements made by an imaging microwave sensor, over a limited time range, with annotation that permits its effective use. A TDR is a partially-processed variant of an SDR. Instead of reporting the estimated microwave flux from a specified direction, it reports the observed antenna brightness temperature in that direction.

3.2 Acronyms

Table 7 contains terms most applicable for this OAD.

Table 7. Acronyms

ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION
AM&S	Algorithms, Models & Simulations
API	Application Programming Interfaces
ARP	Application Related Product
COT	Cloud Optical Thickness
DMS	Data Management Subsystem
IET	IDPS Epoch Time
IIS	Intelligence and Information Systems
INF	Infrastructure
ING	Ingest
IP	Intermediate Product
LUT	Look-Up Table
PRO	Processing
PW	Precipitable Water
QF	Quality Flag
RTM	Radiative Transfer Model
SDR	Sensor Data Records
SI	Software Item or International System of Units
SWS	Surface Wind Speed
TBD	To Be Determined
TBR	To Be Resolved
TOA	Top of the Atmosphere
VCM	VIIRS Cloud Mask

4.0 OPEN ISSUES

Table 8. Open Issue TBXs

TBX ID	Title/Description	Resolution date
None		