RFC: Support for Multiple Products in nagg

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Previous nagg prototypes aggregated only one product plus an associated geolocation product. The next version will support multiple compatible input and output products. This document presents details of the operation of nagg and changes to be made for aggregating multiple products.

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# Purpose

This document describes the addition of the support for multiple sensor data products feature to the nagg tool. The output files can be in the Packaged and Unpackaged formats. Section 2 describes the functionality specification of the multiple data products features and the two output formats. Section 3 describes the implementation design. Section 4 describes the implementation details.

# Functionality Specification

Two new functions will be added to the nagg tool: the multiple sensor data products and the two output file formats. We describe the output formats first since the multiple products build on top of the two output formats.

## Packaged and Unpackaged File Formats

There are two data product file formats according to section “**3.5.7 Geolocation Packaging (From CDFCB Vol1.)”.**

There are two options for receiving geolocation data for NPP/NPOESS Data Products5:

1. Packaging Off – For all data products with the same geolocation data, deliver only one geolocation HDF5 file and reference the geolocation HDF5 file from each corresponding data product HDF5 file per request. Each data product requested is also delivered in a separate HDF5 file
2. Packaging On – Package all data products sharing the same geolocation data in a single HDF5 file and include their corresponding geolocation data in the HDF5 file with the data products per request.

The figure below illustrates the two file formats.



Figure 1: Packaged and Unpackaged File Formats

## The Simple (-S) Option of the nagg Tool

The nagg tool has the ability to produce output files in the packaged format where granules of sensor products and their corresponding geolocation product of the same time duration are aggregated into one file.

When the Simple (-S) option is specified, the nagg tool produces results in the unpackaged format where there is one file each for the granules of each sensor product and their corresponding geolocation product. See the figure above.

Examples

The examples in the table below compare the results when the –S option is and is not used. These examples assume that all input granules are aggregated into one bucket time period. If there are more granules, more sets of files of the same layout are produced. Other nagg options, such as the required –n and input files, are not shown here.

| **Example Command Line** | **Results** |
| --- | --- |
| % nagg –t EDR4 … | Produces one file containing EDR4 and GEO2 granules. |
| % nagg –S –t EDR4 … | Produces one file containing EDR4 granules and one file of GEO2 granules. |

## Multiple Products List

The –t command line option may take an argument of a list of multiple sensor product IDs separated by commas. The list of products must be compatible: they must all use the same geolocation product. The nagg tool will aggregate the granules of all given sensor products and the geolocation product into the output files in either Packaged or Unpackaged file formats.

A nagg Tool Extension

If for some reason users do not want the geolocation product in the output files or if the geolocation product granules are missing from the input files, users may add the -g no option to tell the nagg tool not to look for nor produce geolocation granules.

Geolocation Product Only Output

If the users want to aggregate only geolocation granules and do not want any sensor products, they may specify the geolocation product ID with the –g command line option and not use the –t option at all. An example is shown below.

| **Example Command Line** | **Results** |
| --- | --- |
| % nagg –g GEO2 … | Produces one file containing GEO2 granules. |

## Formal Description of the Command Line Options

The new command line options are described below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| -t *list* | *list* specifies a comma separated list of NPP sensor record type mnemonics. Unless -S is specified the granule types will be packaged together. Types must be compatible to be packaged together. (Use -h to list valid package groupings)*.* If only the geolocation granules are aggregated, this option should not be used and the -g option should specify the geo-product-ID. |
|  |  |
| -g *criterion* | *criterion* is the criterion for searching the geolocation granules. Possible values for criterion are no, yes, strict, and geo-product-ID and are described in the table below. |

| **Criterion** | **Comments** |
| --- | --- |
| no | 0 | Aggregate product files without geolocation input or output. |
| yes | 1 | Allow approximate matching of geolocation input filenames (default). |
| strict | 2 | Require exact matching of geolocation input filenames. |
| *geo-product-ID* | Only the geolocation granules of *geo-product-ID* are aggregated. When this is specified, -t should not be used. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| -S | Simple aggregates are produced. Each type is packaged separately. All granule types including geolocation products are packaged in one file. |

## Examples Using the New Command Line Options

| **Example Command Line** | **Results** |
| --- | --- |
| % nagg –t SDR1,EDR1 SDR1\*.h5 EDR1\*.h5 | One output file containing SDR1, EDR1, and GEO1 |
| % nagg –t SDR1,EDR1 –S SDR1\*.h5 EDR1\*.h5 | Three output files containing SDR1, EDR1, and GEO1 each in separate files |
| % nagg –t SDR1,EDR1 –g no SDR1\*.h5 EDR1\*.h5 | One output file containing SDR1 and EDR1 |
| % nagg –t SDR1,EDR1 –g no –S SDR1\*.h5 EDR1\*.h5 | Two output files containing SDR1 and EDR1 each in separate files |
| % nagg –g GEO1 GEO1\*.h5 | One output file containing GEO1 |

The following examples incur errors for different reasons.

| **Example Command Line** | **Results** |
| --- | --- |
| % nagg –t SDR1,SDR2 SDR1\*.h5 SDR2\*.h5 | ERROR: Incompatible geolocation products because SDR1 uses GEO1 while SDR2 uses GEO2. |
| % nagg –t SDR1,EDR1 SDR1\*.h5 | ERROR: Missing EDR1 product granules. |
| % nagg -g GEO1 SDR1\*.h5 | ERROR: Missing GEO1 product granules. Note that even though nagg can have found the GEO1 granules via the SDR1 geolocation reference, the option tells the nagg tool to look for GEO1 granules directly. |
| % nagg –g GEO1 SDR1\_GEO1\*.h5 | This succeeds because SDR1\_GEO1\*.h5 are packaged files containing both SDR1 and GEO1 granules. |

# Implementation Design

This section describes the interfaces of functions in the nagg tool that is involved in the support of the two new features.

## parse\_options

parse\_options(int argc, char \* const argv[])

**Parameters:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| argc | IN: number of elements in argv |
| argv | IN: the list of command options argument |

**Return Values:**

0 if successful.

Call leave(EXIT\_FAILURE)if it encounters irrecoverable errors such as illegal options or bad option values.

Description:

The parse\_options() function uses the standard *getopt()* function to parse the command options. It will set up the values of the following global variables during its execution.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Command Line Option** | **Global Variables** | **Description** |
| -n | *ngranulesperfile* | The number of granules per product in each output file. Default is 1. |
| -t | *products\_arg* | A linked list of products requested. |
|  | *nproducts* | Number of products specified in –t flag. |
|  | *geoproduct* | The geolocation product ID used by the products. The geolocation product should not be specified in this list since it is determined according to a pre-defined Products Table and assigned to the variable *geoproduct*. If the user wants to aggregate the geolocation product only, he should specify it via the –g option and not use –t at all. |
| -g | *geofiles\_arg* | An enum variable representing different geolocation granule selection criterion. Valid values are “no”(0), “yes” (1), “strict”(2), and “geoproduct(3)”. If the criterion is actually a geolocation product ID (and –t is not specified), the product ID is assigned to the variable *geoproduct.* (See –t option above.) |
| -d | *outDir* | Directory name in which output files are generated. Default is NULL (generate files in the current directory). |
| -O | *origin\_arg* | A four character origin identifier. Default is “XXXX”. |
| -D | *domain\_arg* | A three character domain identifier. Default is “XXX”. |
| -S | *outfile\_format* | An enum variable representing the output file format of PACKAGED and UNPACKAGED for the Packaged and Unpackaged formats respectively. |
| <input\_files> … |  |  |
|  | *inputfiles* | A link list of input files. |
|  | *ninputfiles* | Number of elements in *inputfiles*. |

The parse options module checks that all requested products are compatible; products are compatible if they use the same geolocation product. It is an error if the requested products are not compatible (using different geolocation products).

## get\_gpid\_by\_id

get\_gpid\_by\_id(const char \*prod\_id)

Parameter:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| prod\_id | IN: 5 character product identifier (DPID) of a sensor product. |

Return Values:

DPID of the geolocation product that the sensor product uses.

NULL otherwise.

## set\_granule\_pattern

set\_granule\_pattern(granule\_p\_t granule)

Parameters:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| granule\_p\_t | IN: pointer to granule structure to be used to get information to be saved for creating attributes and datasets for product in output file. |

Return Values:

0 if successful.

-1 otherwise.

Input/Output Scenarios

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Inputs: | Product DPID not already in array, valid granule |
| Results: | New gran\_pattern\_p\_t structure for product in array. |
| Return value: | 0 |
|  |  |
| Inputs: | Product DPID already in array, valid granule |
| Return value: | -1 |
|  |  |
| Inputs: | Malformed DPID or invalid or incomplete granule |
| Return value: | -1 |

## get\_granule\_pattern

get\_granule\_pattern(const char \*product\_id)

Parameters:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| product\_id | IN: product identifier (DPID) of the product or geolocation product |

Returns:

gran\_pattern\_p\_t structure if successful.

NULL otherwise.

Input/Output Scenarios

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Input: | Valid product DPID |
| Condition: | Granule in array for product DPID |
| Returns: | gran\_pattern\_p\_t structure. |
|  |  |
| Input: | Valid product DPID |
| Condition: | No granule in array for product DPID |
| Returns: | NULL |
|  |  |
| Input: | Invalid product DPID |
| Returns: | NULL |

## nagg\_get\_granules

nagg\_get\_granules(char \*\*file\_list, int number\_of\_files,

char \*\*products\_list, int nproducts, geolocation\_t geofiles\_arg,

char \*geoproduct, granule\_p\_t \*granule\_info\_p[], int \*number\_of\_granules\_p)

Parameters:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| file\_list | IN: list of files containing granules to be added to the granule table. |
| number\_of\_files | IN: number of file names in the list. |
| products\_list | IN: list of product types for which granules will be written to a file. |
| nproducts | IN: number of products types in the list. |
| geofiles\_arg | IN: enum value from –g command option (default GEOFILE\_YES). |
| geoproduct | IN: the DPID of the geolocation product. |
| \*granule\_info\_p[] | OUT: address of the granule table to be populated. |
| \*number\_of\_granules\_p | OUT: address of variable for number of granules put in the table. |

Return Values:

0 if successful.

-1 otherwise.

Input/Output Scenarios

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Inputs: | file\_list | SDR1\*.h5 EDR1\*.h5 |
|  | products\_list | SDR1 EDR1 |
|  | geoproduct | GEO1 |
|  |  |  |
| Returns: | 0 |  |
|  | granule\_info\_p | Pointer to table of SDR1, EDR1, and GEO1 granules found in files SDR1\*.h5, EDR1\*.h5, and files referenced in those files’ N\_GEO\_Ref attributes. |
|  | number\_of\_granules\_p | Number of granules in granule\_info\_p table. |
|  | gran\_pattern\_p | Array of structures containing sufficient information to create attributes and datasets for SDR1, EDR1, and GEO1 products. |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Inputs: | file\_list | SDR1\*.h5 EDR1\*.h5 |
|  | products\_list | SDR1 EDR1 |
|  | geoproduct | NULL |
|  |  |  |
| Returns: | 0 |  |
|  | granule\_info\_p | Pointer to table of SDR1 and EDR1 granules found in files SDR1\*.h5 and EDR1\*.h5. |
|  | number\_of\_granules\_p | Number of granules in granule\_info\_p table. |
|  | gran\_pattern\_p | Array of structures containing sufficient information to create attributes and datasets for SDR1 and EDR1 products. |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Inputs: | file\_list | GEO1\*.h5 |
|  | products\_list | NULL |
|  | geoproduct | GEO1 |
|  |  |  |
| Returns: | 0 |  |
|  | granule\_info\_p | Pointer to table of GEO1 granules found in files GEO1\*.h5. |
|  | number\_of\_granules\_p | Number of granules in granule\_info\_p table. |
|  | gran\_pattern\_p | Array of structures containing sufficient information to create attributes and datasets for the GEO1 product. |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Inputs: | file\_list | EDR1\*.h5 |
|  | products\_list | SDR1 EDR1 |
|  | geoproduct | NULL |
|  |  |  |
| Returns: | -1 |  |
|  | granule\_info\_p | undefined |
|  | number\_of\_granules\_p | undefined |
|  | gran\_pattern\_p | undefined |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Inputs: | file\_list | SDR1\*.h5 EDR1\*.h5 |
|  | products\_list | NULL |
|  | geoproduct | GEO1 |
|  |  | Condition: external geolocation files available with GEO1 granules. |
|  |  |  |
| Returns: | -1 |  |
|  | granule\_info\_p | undefined |
|  | number\_of\_granules\_p | undefined |
|  | gran\_pattern\_p | undefined |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Inputs: | file\_list | SDR1\*.h5 EDR1\*.h5 |
|  | products\_list | SDR1 EDR1 |
|  | geoproduct | GEO1 |
|  |  | Condition: no external files available with GEO1 granules. |
|  |  |  |
| Returns: | -1 |  |
|  | granule\_info\_p | undefined |
|  | number\_of\_granules\_p | undefined |
|  | gran\_pattern\_p | undefined |

## select\_granules

select\_granules(granule\_p\_t granule\_info[], int \*\_gindex, char \*\*products\_list, int nproducts, int total\_nproducts, char \*geoproduct, granule\_p\_t granules\_selected[], int ngranulesperfile, int \*\_granules\_remain, int \*\_total\_granules\_file)

**Parameters**:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| granule\_info | IN: table of granules for selection. |
| \*\_gindex | INOUT: index of the next available granule in the granule\_info for selection. It reaches the end of the table if \_granules\_remain is equal to 0. |
| \*\*products\_list | IN: the list of products to match. |
| nproducts | IN: number of elements in products\_list. |
| total\_nproducts | IN: number of products and the geolocation product if wanted. |
| \*geoproduct | IN: geolocation product (NULL if not wanted.) |
| granules\_selected | INOUT: a table of selected granules for output. It is expected that sufficient space has been allocated for granules\_selected to store all granules selected. |
| ngranulesperfile | IN: number of granules of each product per output file. |
| \*\_granules\_remain | INOUT: number of granules in the granule\_info table available for selection. |
| \*\_total\_granules\_file | OUT: number of granules in the granules\_selected table. |

**Return Values:**

0 if success.

-1 otherwise. If the return value is -1, the values of the OUT or INOUT parameters are undefined.

## compose\_output\_fname <<this section needs more work>>

/\* Compose the output file name.

\* Parameters:

\* granule\_info\_p: IN: The table of all granules.

\* number\_of\_granules: IN: number of granules in granule\_info\_p.

\* products\_list: IN: The list of all products requested.

\* nproducts: IN: Number of products in the list.

\* ngranulesperfile IN: Number of granules to be writtern to the output file.

\* createtime: OUT: creation time string is returned via it.

\* output\_fname OUT: Composed new output file name is returned via it.

\* geo\_fname OUT: Composed new Geo-file name is returned via it.

\* Return code:

\* positive: output filename composed.

\* 0: all filled granules; no output file composed.

\* negative: error encountered.

\*/

/\* Algorithm

\* file name convension

\* <DPID>-...-<DPID>\_<spacecraft>\_d<Start\_date>\_t<Start\_time>\_e<Stop\_time> \

\* \_b<Orbit\_number>\_c<Creation\_date>\_<Origin>\_<Domain>.h5

\*/

int

compose\_output\_fname(granule\_p\_t granule\_info\_p[], int number\_of\_granules,

char \*\*products\_list, int nproducts, int ngranulesperfile,

char \*creationdate, char \*\*output\_fname, char \*\*geo\_fname)

select\_granules(granule\_p\_t granule\_info[], int \*\_gindex, char \*\*products\_list, int nproducts, int total\_nproducts, char \*geoproduct, granule\_p\_t granules\_selected[], int ngranulesperfile, int \*\_granules\_remain, int \*\_total\_granules\_file)

**Parameters**:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| granule\_info | IN: table of granules for selection. |
| \*\_gindex | INOUT: index of the next available granule in the granule\_info for selection. It reaches the end of the table if \_granules\_remain is equal to 0. |
| \*\*products\_list | IN: the list of products to match. |
| nproducts | IN: number of elements in products\_list. |
| total\_nproducts | IN: number of products and the geolocation product if wanted. |
| \*geoproduct | IN: geolocation product (NULL if not wanted.) |
| granules\_selected | INOUT: a table of selected granules for output. It is expected that sufficient space has been allocated for granules\_selected to store all granules selected. |
| ngranulesperfile | IN: number of granules of each product per output file. |
| \*\_granules\_remain | INOUT: number of granules in the granule\_info table available for selection. |
| \*\_total\_granules\_file | OUT: number of granules in the granules\_selected table. |

**Return Values:**

0 if success.

-1 otherwise. If the return value is -1, the values of the OUT or INOUT parameters are undefined.

## start\_write

start\_write(NPPFileName\_t \*outfiles, int noutfiles, const char \*outgeofile,

char \*geoproduct, char \*\*products\_list, int nproducts,

const char \*creationdate, const char \*creationtime, int ngranulesperfile)

Parameters:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| outfiles | IN: list of file names to be created for writing an output aggregation |
| noutfiles | IN: number of names in the outfiles list. |
| outgeofile | IN: name of the corresponding geolocation file or NULL. |
| geoproduct | IN: DPID of the corresponding geoproduct or NULL. |
| products\_list | IN: list of DPIDs, one for each product. Only one product is supported for this version. |
| nproduct | IN: number of DPIDs in the products\_list argument. |
| creationdate | IN: date of creation of the output files (for writing to the N\_HDF\_Creation\_Date attribute) |
| creationtime | IN: time of creation of the output files (for writing to N\_HDF\_Creation\_Time attribute). |
| ngranulesperfile | IN: number of granules in each aggregation. |

Return Values:

0 if successful.

-1 otherwise.

Input/Output

| **noutfiles/nproducts:** | **0/0** | **1/n** | **n/n** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| outgeofile && geoproduct | Geoproduct in outgeofile | Error (possible but option not provided) | One product in each outfile.  Geoproduct in outgeofile |
| NULL && geoproduct | Error | N products and geoproduct in one outfile | Error (option not provided) |
| NULL && NULL | Error | N products in one outfile | N products in n outfiles |
| outgeofile && NULL | Error | Error | Error |

# Implementation Details

This section describes the interfaces of functions in the nagg tool that are involved in the support of the new features.

## parse\_options

Description:

The parse\_options() function uses the standard *getopt()* function to parse the command options. It will set up the values of the following global variables during its execution.

| **Option** | **Global Variables** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| -n | *ngranulesperfile* | The number of granules per product in each output file. Default is 1. |
| -t | *products\_arg* | A linked list of products to store in each output file. |
|  | *nproducts* | Number of products specified in –t flag. |
| -d | *outDir* | Directory name in which output files are generated. Default is NULL (generate files in the current directory). |
| -O | *origin\_arg* | A four character origin identifier. Default is “XXXX”. |
| -D | *domain\_arg* | A three character domain identifier. Default is “XXX”. |
| -g | *geofiles\_arg* | An enum variable representing different geolocation granule selection criterion. Valid values are “no”(0), “yes” (1), “strict”(2), and “geoproduct(3)”. |
| <input\_files> … |  |  |
|  | *inputfiles* | A link list of input files. |
|  | *ninputfiles* | Number of elements in *inputfiles*. |

The parse options module will now be checking that all requested products are compatible (all of the products having one corresponding geolocation product). Leave(EXIT\_FAILURE) should be called if the requested products are not compatible (use more than one geolocation product).

Parse options will also need to handle multiple entries in the –t string.

## get\_gpid\_by\_id

Description:

This function returns the DPID of the sensor data product’s corresponding geolocation product. Geolocation products have no corresponding geolocation product, so the function should return NULL when calling for a geolocation product. Geolocation product names can be obtained using get\_product\_sname\_by\_id(geo\_product\_id).

## set\_granule\_pattern

Uses the gran\_pattern\_p\_t structure. Will contain structures, which are to be allocated and populated while getting granules, with information for creating attributes and raw data datasets.

Description:

This function creates a gran\_pattern\_t structure for the input product and populates it with information from the input granule.

## get\_granule\_pattern

Description:

Use this function to get the gran\_pattern\_t structure for the input product.

## nagg\_get\_granules

Description:

The nagg\_get\_granules() function opens and reads the files in the list provided by the command parser. It gets the values needed to re-aggregate the granules from attributes in the file and puts them in the members of a granule\_t structure instance as described in Appendix 1 of the *NPP Aggregation Tool Components* document. Unless the –g no option is specified or the file is a geolocation file, the file specified by the file’s N\_GEO\_Ref attribute will also be opened and read, and its granules will be added to the granule table.

The attributes from which granule information is gathered are attributes of several different objects in the file. Some are attributes of the root group. Others are attributes of the product groups which are sub-groups of the /Data\_Products group. The function iterates through all sub-groups of /Data\_Products collecting granule information from the groups and their aggregate and granule datasets.

There will now be a pointer to an array of granule\_pattern\_t structures: one for each product plus one for the geolocation product. The information from the first granule for each product will be saved in one of these structures and will be used in write granules to initialize files when the first granule is a fill granule. This may be extended to initialize all files from the pattern granule in the future, especially if compression is added.

The nagg\_get\_granules() function needs to add only granules in the product list or the corresponding geolocation granules from files indicated by granules in the product list to the granule table. It also needs to check for a geolocation group in the files with the product as well as checking for an N\_Geo\_Ref attribute with the name of a geolocation file.

Error messages will be returned under the following conditions:

* If a file specified is not an HDF5 file
* If the file does not exist or cannot be accessed due to insufficient file permissions
* If the file cannot be opened due to an HDF5 failure
* If no granules are found for a requested product
* For any of the input combinations resulting in error output listed in the “start\_write” section on page 13
* If the geolocation product is not found except when -g no is specified

The tool will not continue if any of these errors are encountered.

## select\_granules

Description:

The select\_granules function selects granules that will fit in the output file according to bucket alignment boundary. The following is a description of the algorithms used.

nagg algorithm in the calculation of bucket alignment:

* Let N be the number of granules requested by the nagg user to re-aggregate the NPP product files.
* Let Tg be the duration of the first selected granule (This value is different for different products and is defined in the products table).
* Then Tbucket = N\*Tg seconds.
* Let An be the nth bucket since epoch.
* Let Asn and Aen be the starting and ending time of An.
* Let Gs be the beginning time of the first selected granule.

Then

An = floor(Gs/Tbucket )

Asn = An\*(Tbucket )

Aen = As + Tbucket

How fill granules are added to produced files:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| First produced file | For the first file, if the starting time of the first selected granule is bigger than Asn, no fill granules are added before copying existing granules to the new file. This will produce a partial file. By partial, we mean that fewer granules are put into the file than requested. |
| Second to (n-1)th files | N existing granules per product requested are copied to each of the new files; insert fill granules in place of any missing granules. |
| Last (nth) file | Remaining granules per product requested are copied to the last file. If the ending time of the last granule is less than the ending time of the last bucket, no fill granules are added. This will produce a partial file. |

## start\_write

Description:

The start\_write() function is the first function called when writing an aggregation of granules. For a single product with the corresponding geolocation granules in a separate file, start\_write() creates the product and geolocation output files. When multiple products are supported in the future, for the –S nagg tool option, start\_write() will create an output file for each product for each aggregation of granules plus the geolocation file if geolocation granules are aggregated separately. When packaging is supported, start\_write() will create one output file for all of the products in an aggregation.

All of the granules selected for an aggregation will be written to the output files before any granules are selected for the next aggregation. The granules within an aggregation may be written in any order and typically will be written one to each output file in rotation. The write granules module creates an array of product\_info\_t structures to keep track for each product the output filenames, input and output file handles, number of granules written, and a pointer to the previously written granule. The product\_info\_t structure is shown below.

typedef struct {

const char dpid[DPID\_size+1];

hid\_t infile;

hid\_t outfile;

const char \* outfilename;

int last\_i\_granule;

int granules\_written;

granule\_p\_t prev\_granule;

} product\_info\_t;

A product\_info\_t structure is created and populated for each product and geolocation file by the start\_write() function. The write\_granules() function will then select the product\_info\_t for each granule that matches its DPID. The product\_info\_t for the separate geolocation file is created last so that its index will always be nproducts.

The start\_write() function also writes three attributes to the root group of the files: N\_GEO\_Ref (for files except the geolocation file), N\_HDF\_Creation\_Date, and N\_HDF\_Creation\_Time. Values for these attributes are generated by nagg with the new geolocation file name and the current time.

start\_write will also determine from the parameters whether the output is to be packaged or unpackaged. If unpackaged, each product will be written to a separate file, including the geolocation product. If packaged, all products will be written to a single file, including the geolocation product.

## **write\_granules**

Description:

The write\_granules() function is called for each granule selected to be written to an aggregation and is responsible for writing most of the data and attributes to the new file. The written values might be from the original file or might be generated by the nagg tool. The function does the following:

* Selects the product\_info\_t structure matching the granule’s product identifier (DPID) to find the correct output file.
* Opens the input file specified by granule->file\_in.
* Initializes the output file when first called with a granule.
  + Copies root group attributes except those written by start\_write() from the input file to the output file.
  + Creates group structure in the file. Creates product groups in /All\_Data and /Data\_Products. Product groups in /All\_Data are named <productname>\_All; those in /Data\_Products are named <productname>.
  + Copies datasets from the /All\_Data group in the input file to the /All\_Data group in the output file; resizes the datasets for the new aggregation size.
  + Copies attributes from the /Data\_Products/<productname> group in the input file to the /Data\_Products/<productname> group in the output file.
* Copies the /Data\_Products/<productname>/<productname>\_gran\_*n* dataset for the granule in the input file to the dataset for the granule in the output file. References and metadata that are specific to the new file will be overwritten in subsequent steps.
* Copies the granule’s hyperslab for each dataset in /All\_Data from the input file to the output file creating a region reference to the new location in the granule’s new /Data\_Products/<productname>/<productname>\_gran\_*n* dataset.
* Creates the /Data\_Products/<productname>/<productname>\_Aggr dataset with object references to all the datasets in /All\_Data/<productname> group. Copies attributes from the aggregate dataset in the input file to the aggregate dataset in the output file.
* Copies values for the aggregate dataset’s AggregateBeginningDate, AggregateBeginningGranuleID, AggregateBeginningOrbitNumber, and AggregateBeginningTime from the first granule in the aggregation.
* Increments the value of the variable that keeps track of the number of granules written.