CCSDS TM Staging: File Evidence & Length Checks

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Overview

This document records evidence from the staging pipeline:

- TM Framer (SPP \rightarrow TM), Randomizer, RS(255,223) with interleave I=5, ASM insertion, and convolutional coding.
- All excerpts below are direct copies of the output from tools/analyze_cadu.py.

Parameters (expected)

TM header length	6 bytes
RS interleave depth I	5
Bytes per TM frame (body+hdr)	$223 \times I + 6 = 1115$ bytes
Bytes per RS block	$255 \times I = 1275$ bytes
ASM marker	1A CF FC 1D (4 bytes)
Bytes per CADU (ASM+RS)	1279 bytes
Post-conv $(r=1/2, bit-as-byte)$	$2 \times 8 \times 1279 = 20464 \text{ items/frame}$
Post-conv (packed bytes)	$2 \times 1279 = 2558$ bytes/frame

Notes on fractional frame counts

If the analyzer shows *frames* with a fractional value, the file ended mid-frame. Typical causes are stopping the flowgraph mid-packet or tapping a sink before a Head block.

Evidence: Analyzer Outputs (current run)

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TM output (pre-ASM), frame_len = 1115
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C:\Users\joshp\OneDrive\Desktop\gpsk>python "...analyze_cadu.py" "...data\art\tm_out.bin" 1115

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[stage]
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Note: clean, exact integer frame count.

TM frame 0 (full 1115 bytes)

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00000270 2e 7e 20 20 5e 2d 2b 3d 22 20 20 20 3f 20 22 66
00000280 34 21 2a 20 20 23 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d
00000290 4d 4d 4d 4d 2e 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 2f 22 20 20
000002b0 20 20 20 20 20 60 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d
000002c0 4d 4d 4d 4d 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 68 20 2e 2e 20
000002e0 20 20 20 20 20 20 23 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d
000002f0 4d 4d 4d 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 66 20 20 20 20 20
00000300 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 27 20 20 20 20
00000310  20 20 20 20 20 20 40 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d
00000320 4d 4d 0d 0a 20 20 20 3a 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
00000350 4d 0d 0a 20 20 20 22 2b 6d 6d 2b 3d 7e 28 22 20
00000360 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 52 52 20 20 20 20
00000390  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  28  4d  4d  4e  6d  48  48  4d
000003b0 0a 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 75 52 35 20 20
000003d0 4d 6 20 20 0d 0a
000003e0  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  4d  4d  52  4d  4d  3e  20  20
000003f0 20 20 20 20 20 64 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d
00000400 4d 20 20 20 0d 0a 20
00000410  20  20  20  20  20  20  52  4d  24  4d  4d  4d  4d  3d  78  2e
00000430 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 20 20 20 20 0d 0a 20 20
00000440  20  20  20  20  4d  4d  4d  4d  4d  4d  4d  20  20  20  20  20
00000450 20 20 27 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d
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Randomized TM (still 1115)

C:\Users\joshp\OneDrive\Desktop\qpsk>python "...analyze_cadu.py" "...data\art\rand_out.bin" 1115

Note: previous issue with ASM appearing here is resolved.

After RS/interleave, frame len = 1275

C:\Users\joshp\OneDrive\Desktop\qpsk>python "...analyze_cadu.py" "...data\art\rs_out.bin" 1275

[stage]

file: C:\Users\joshp\OneDrive\Desktop\qpsk\data\art\rs_out.bin

size: 45056 bytes

frame_len=1275, frames=35.338 (remainder 431)

WARNING: file size is not an integer multiple of frame_len

first 64 bytes:

RS frame 0 (full 1275 bytes)

20 20 20 20 27 20 28 7e 7e 7e 7e 7e 4d 4d 4d 4d 000001c0 000001d0 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 78 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 0d 000001e0 0a 20 20 20 20 20 66 20 20 20 20 20 2f 60 20 20 20 25 20 20 20 21 7e 7e 7e 7e 7e 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 000001f0 00000200 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 63 20 20 20 20 20 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 20 46 20 20 20 20 3f 20 20 20 20 20 00000210 00000220 20 27 20 20 21 7e 7e 7e 7e 7e 21 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 00000230 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 2e 20 20 20 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 27 20 2e 20 20 3a 22 3a 20 22 20 20 20 00000240 00000250 3a 20 20 21 58 22 22 28 7e 7e 3f 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 00000260 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 68 20 20 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 27 78 20 20 2e 7e 20 20 5e 2d 2b 3d 22 20 00000270 00000280 20 20 3f 20 22 66 34 21 2a 20 20 23 4d 2e 0d 0a 20 20 20 00000290 000002a0 20 20 20 2e 2e 22 20 20 20 20 20 60 4d 4d 4d 4d 000002b0 000002c0 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 000002d0 20 68 20 2e 2e 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 000002e0 20 20 27 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 23 4d 4d 4d 000002f0 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 20 00000300 00000310 20 27 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 40 4d 4d 4d 00000320 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 0d 0a 20 20 20 3a 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2e 3a 3d 22 22 20 20 20 20 00000330 00000340 20 3e 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 64 4d 0d 0a 20 20 20 22 2b 6d 6d 00000350 00000360 2b 3d 7e 28 22 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 00000370 52 52 20 20 20 20 20 40 4d 22 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 00000380 00000390 20 20 20 25 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 28 4d 000003a0 4d 4e 6d 48 48 4d 46 20 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 000003b0 000003c0 20 75 52 35 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 40 4d 4d 000003d0 4d 46 20 20 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 64 4d 000003e0 000003f0 52 4d 4d 3e 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 64 4d 4d 4d 4d 00000400 00000410 20 20 20 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 20 20 52 4d 24 4d 4d 4d 46 3d 78 2e 2e 3d 22 20 52 4d 52 4d 24 4d 00000420 00000430 20 20 0d 0a 20 20 20 20 20 20 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 4d 00000440 4d 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 27 4d 4d bf d2 44 fb ad 00000450 00000460 65 be 5c a3 a8 0a 90 0c f5 d8 27 b9 08 c5 2d 2c 00000470 a0 38 92 3d cc e6 e6 dd aa bc 10 66 5e a1 69 2a 00000480 e7 71 19 de 1b fb e7 08 ff b9 8b f0 ea 2f 6a 53 00000490 9d 44 bd 13 45 77 94 94 25 ae 87 f3 94 e7 8e fa 000004a0 32 5b db b7 e1 b0 77 c4 06 0c 64 1d 9c 2d 0a 47 000004b0 d5 f8 ba c9 35 df a1 34 8f e8 81 3d b7 ff a1 89

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000004c0 37 be be bf 00 24 7b 53 7d 82 64 93 54 62 f2 8c 000004d0 b9 35 8e 36 48 f7 e6 f1 fe 75 e1 41 ef 4b 68 3e 000004e0 8f b0 f2 a4 b6 62 e7 16 f4 3e 53 b8 e5 3c 8a c5 000004f0 e5 b8 21 c1 06 10 98 f5 3b 61 38
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After ASM insertion, frame len = 1279

C:\Users\joshp\OneDrive\Desktop\qpsk>python "...analyze_cadu.py" "...data\art\asm_out.bin" 1279

ASM @ offsets (first 5): [0, 1279, 2558, 3837, 5116] bytes around first ASM (-8..+16):

ASM frame 0 (full 1279 bytes)

```
00000000 1a cf fc 1d 08 00 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 00 00
00000010 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 75 20 20 20 20 20
00000060 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 0d 0a 20 20 20
00000070 20 2e 22 58 20 4d 7e 7e 3e 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
00000090 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 0d 0a 20 20 20 64
000000a0 7e 7e 58 58 7e 7e 7e 6b 20 20 20 20 2e 75 2e 78
000000b0 5a 20 60 5c 20 5c 20 22 25 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
000000d0 7e 4d 21 7e 7e 7e 3f 2e 2e 2b 22 7e 7e 7e 7e 7e
000000e0 3f 3a 20 20 22 20 20 20 20 68 20 20 20 20 20 20
000000f0 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 0d 0a 20 27 7e 7e 7e
00000110 7e 3f 20 20 20 20 20 20 60 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
00000120  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  0d  0a  20  34  7e  7e  7e  7e
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      00000450
      4d
      be
      20
      20
      20
      20
      20
      20
      27
      4d
      4d
      bf

      000000460
      d2
      44
      fb
      ad
      65
      be
      5c
      a3
      a8
      0a
      90
      0c
      f5
      d8
      27
      b9

      000000470
      08
      c5
      2d
      2c
      a0
      38
      92
      3d
      cc
      e6
      e6
      dd
      aa
      bc
      10
      66

      00000480
      5e
      a1
      69
      2a
      e7
      71
      19
      de
      1b
      fb
      e7
      08
      ff
      b9
      8b
      f0

      000004400
      ea
      2f
      6a
      53
      9d
      44
      bd
      13
      45
      77
      94
      94
      25
      ae
      87
      f3

      000004400
      9c
      2d
      0a
      47
      d5
```

Post-convolution (packed 2558)

C:\Users\joshp\OneDrive\Desktop\qpsk>python "...analyze_cadu.py" "...data\art\conv_out.bin" 2558

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[stage]
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file: C:\Users\joshp\OneDrive\Desktop\qpsk\data\art\conv_out.bin
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size: 20480 bytes

frame_len=2558, frames=8.006 (remainder 16)

WARNING: file size is not an integer multiple of frame_len

first 64 bytes:

ASM not found.

Note: as expected for a non-systematic rate-1/2 encoder, the literal ASM bytes are not present.

Summary Table

Stage	Expected len	Analyzer len	ASM found?	Notes
TM (pre-ASM)	1115	1115	No	Frames: 38 exact
Randomized TM	1115	1115	No	Fractional tail (stop mid-frame)
RS/interleave	1275	1275	No	Fractional tail (stop mid-frame)
ASM inserted	1279	1279	Yes	33 occurrences; aligned at $0, 1279, 2558, \ldots$
Post-conv (packed)	2558	2558	No	Looks correct

Repro commands

All commands executed from C:\Users\joshp\OneDrive\Desktop\qpsk.

```
python ".\tools\analyze_cadu.py" ".\data\art\tm_out.bin" 1115 python ".\tools\analyze_cadu.py" ".\data\art\rand_out.bin" 1115
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python ".\tools\analyze_cadu.py" ".\data\art\rs_out.bin" 1275 python ".\tools\analyze_cadu.py" ".\data\art\asm_out.bin" 1279 python ".\tools\analyze_cadu.py" ".\data\art\conv_out.bin" 2558