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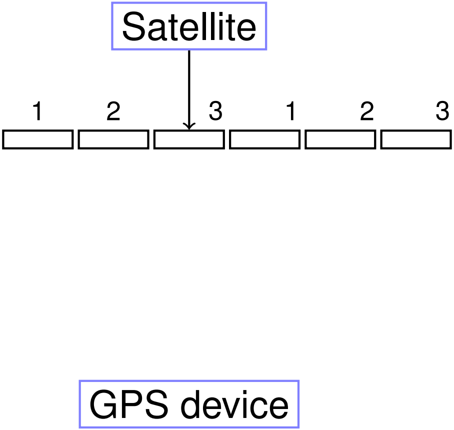

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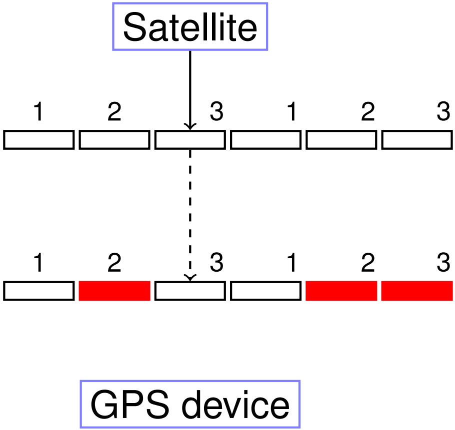

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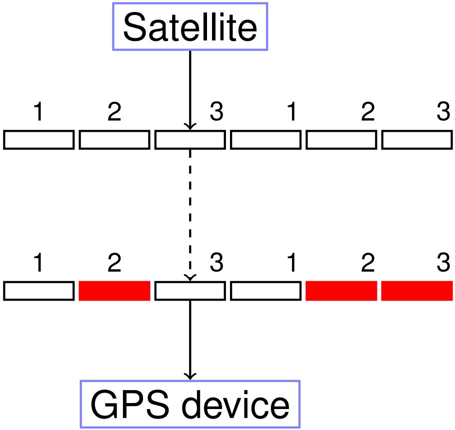

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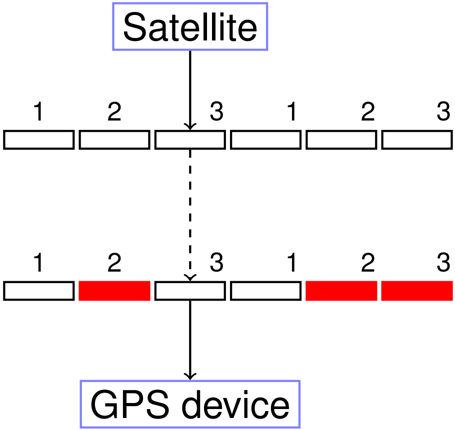

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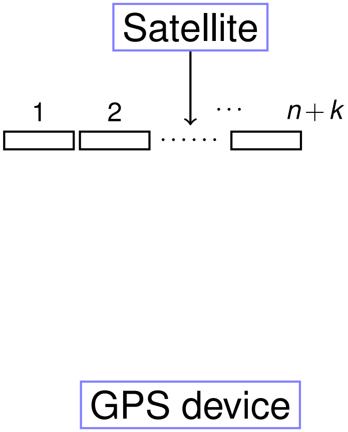

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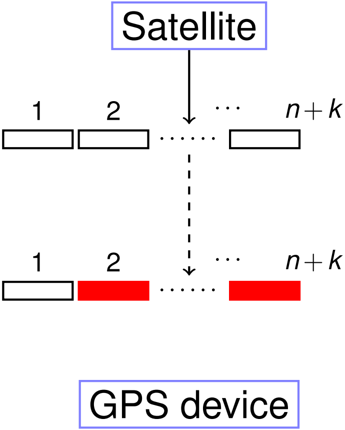

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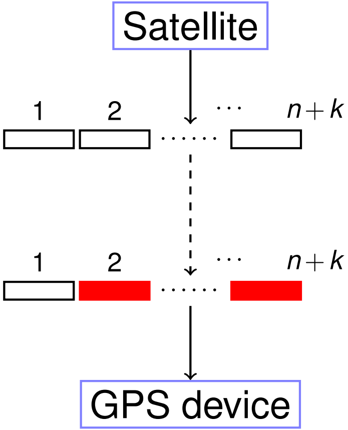

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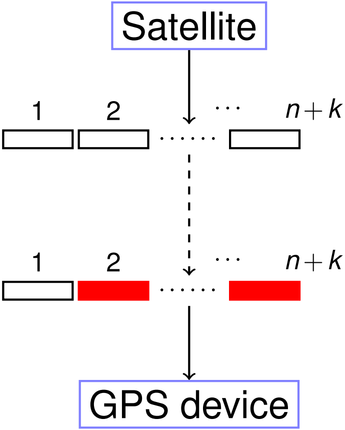

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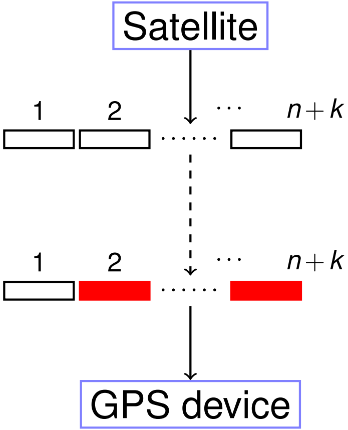

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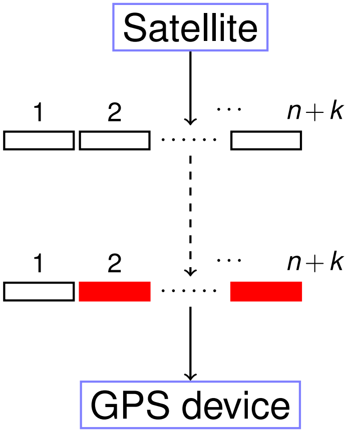

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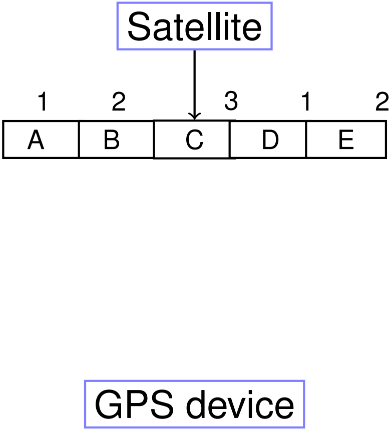

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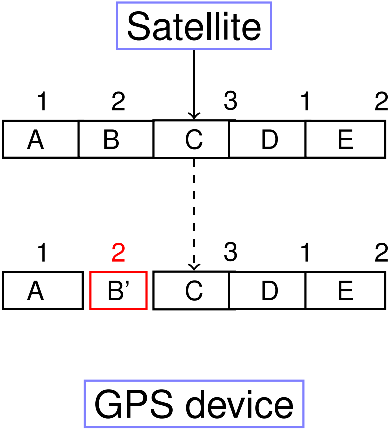

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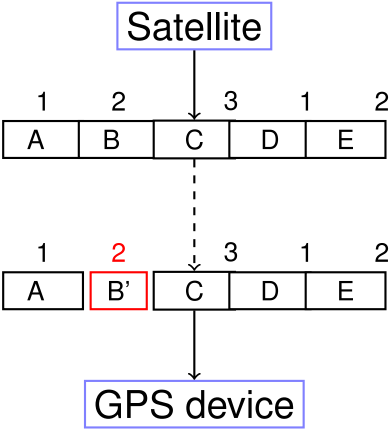

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How do we find where the bad packets are efficiently?!?!?!

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Oh where, oh where can he be

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Oh where, Oh where
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With his ears cut short

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Error Correction: Berlekamp-Welsh

Message: $m_1, \ldots, m_n$.
Sender:

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2. Send $P(1), \ldots, P(n+2k)$.

Receiver:

1. Receive $R(1), \ldots, R(n+2k)$.
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Yaay!!

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Cool.