

# **Transferring Positioning Model for Device-free Passive Indoor Localization**

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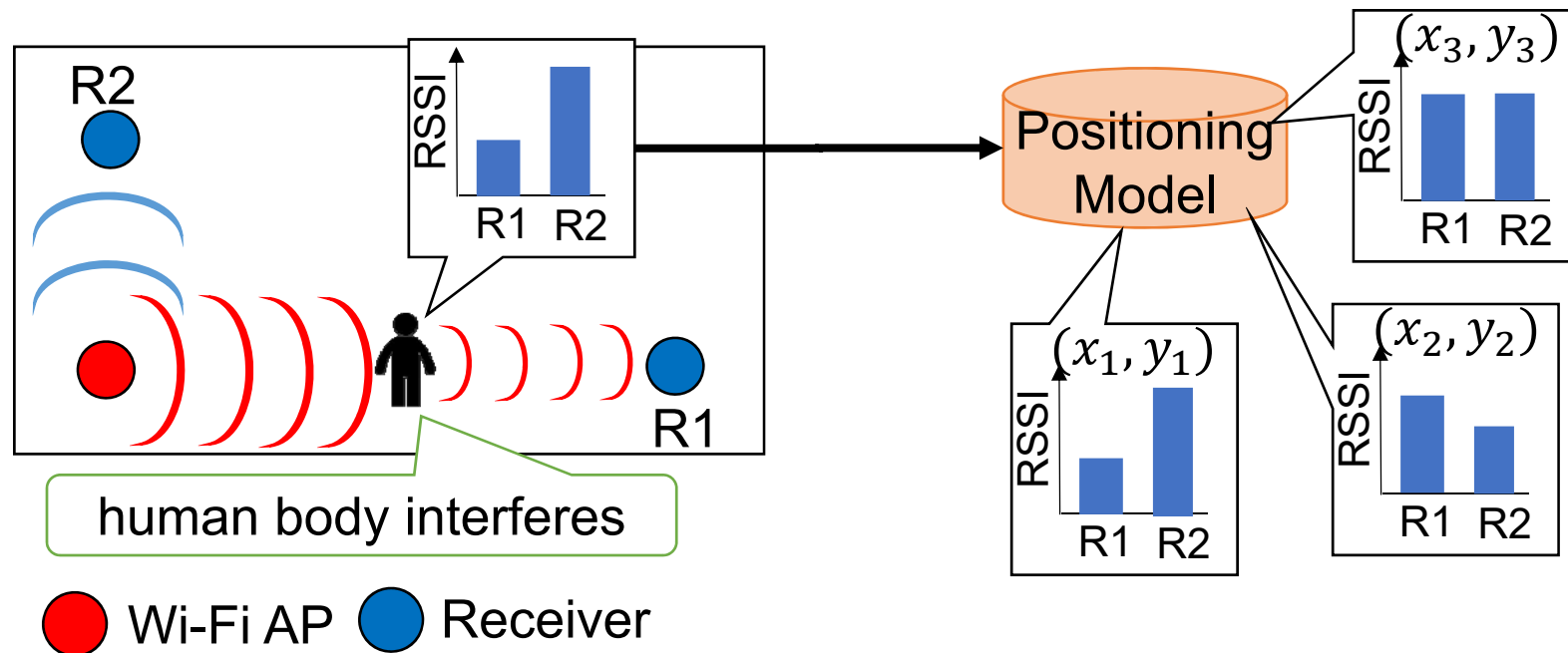
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# Research Background

## Device-free passive indoor positioning

- Estimate position of person in indoor environment
- Need not to carry any device

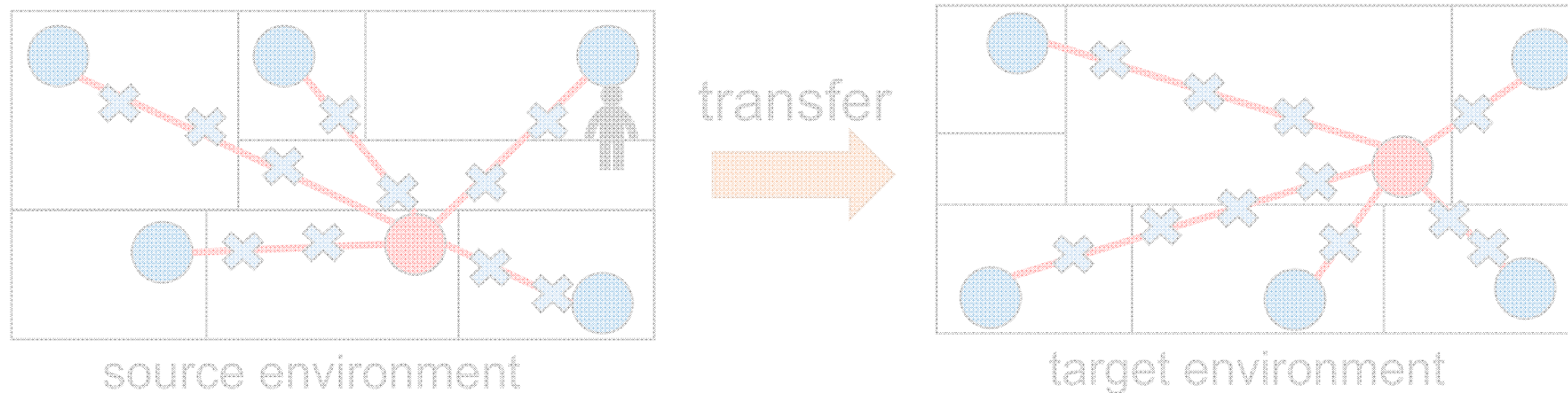
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- surveillance of elderly person
  - smart homes automation



# Research Purpose

**Issue** Collecting labeled training data at many positions in the target environment is costly

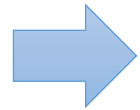
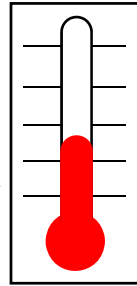
**Purpose** Construct an indoor positioning model by transferring training data from other environments (source environments)



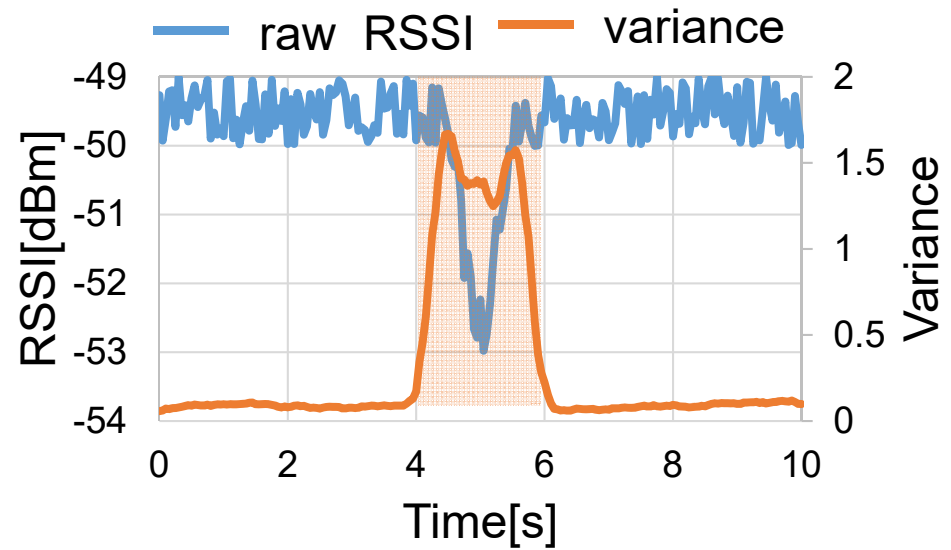
● AP   ● Receiver   ✕ Training points  
—— between AP and receiver

# Approach

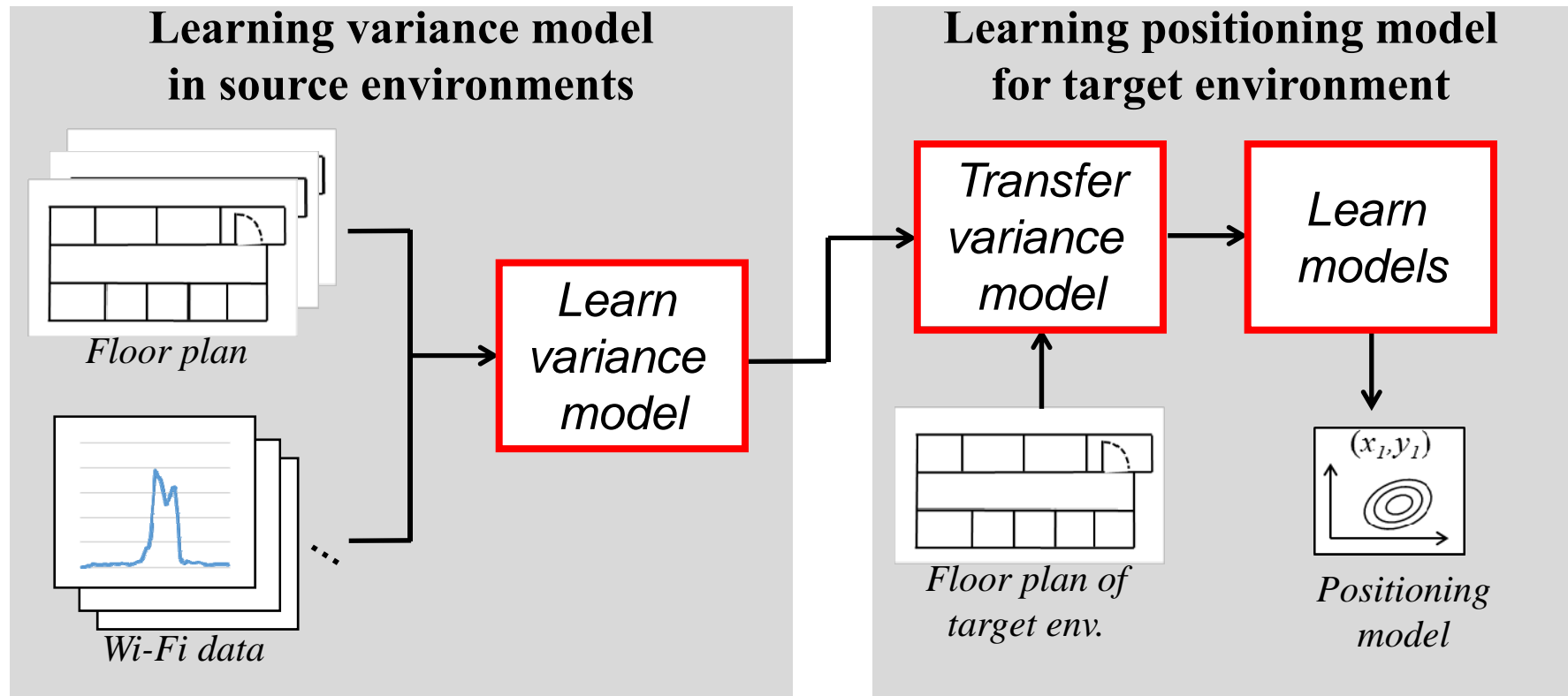
~~raw signal strength~~



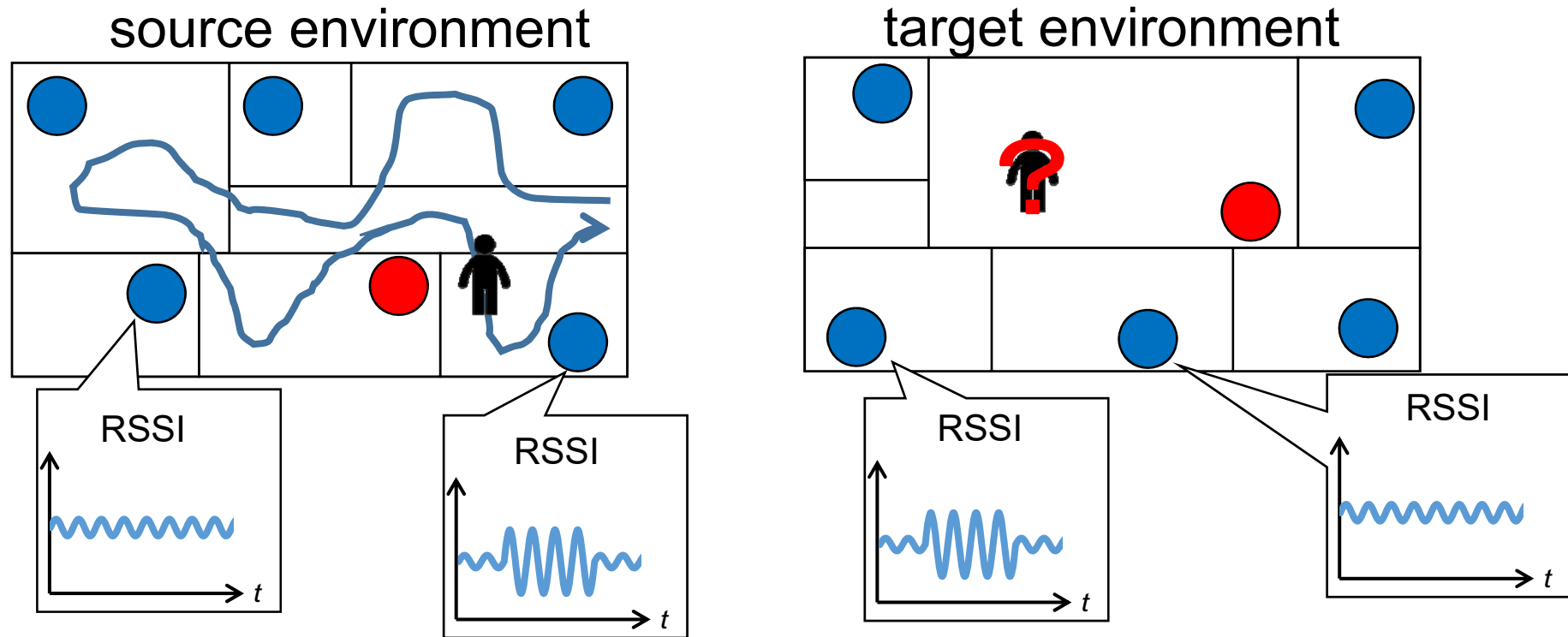
variance of signal strength  
to track the person



# Overview of proposed method



# Proposed method (Necessary information)



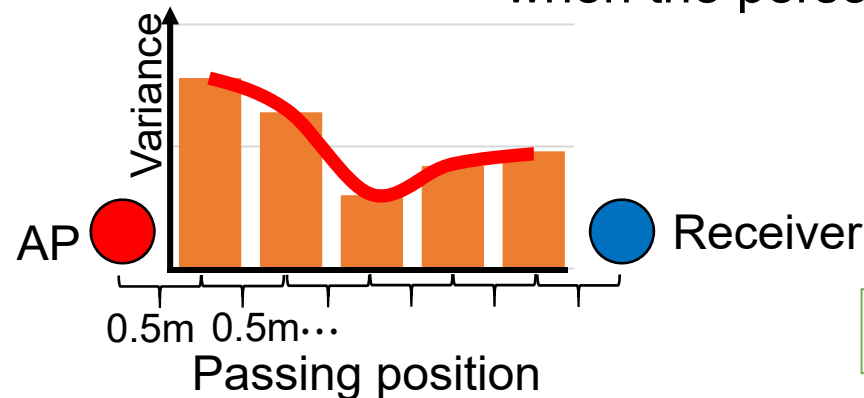
- Floor plans (layout of walls)
- RSSI when there is no person
- Labeled RSSI  
e.g. by video recording

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- Unlabeled RSSI

# Learning variance model

## Example data

signal strength variance values  
when the person passed each position

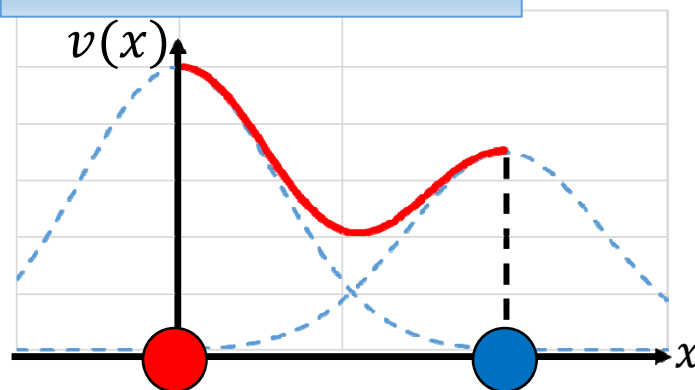


Become larger as the path  
becomes closer to device



Human body interferes signal more

## Variance model



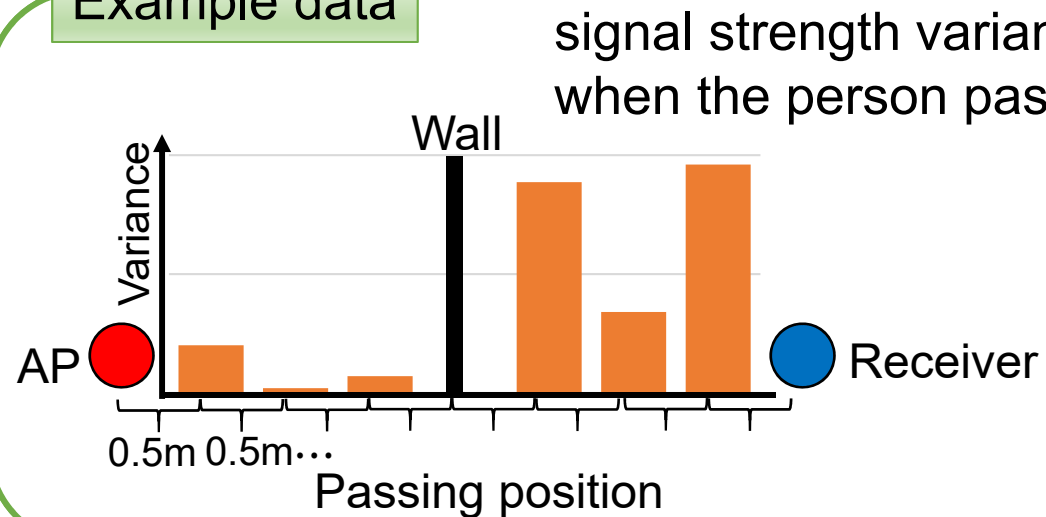
$x$  : passing point,  $v(x)$  : variance value

Bimodal model

- Largest at AP and Receiver
- mixture of 2 Gaussian functions

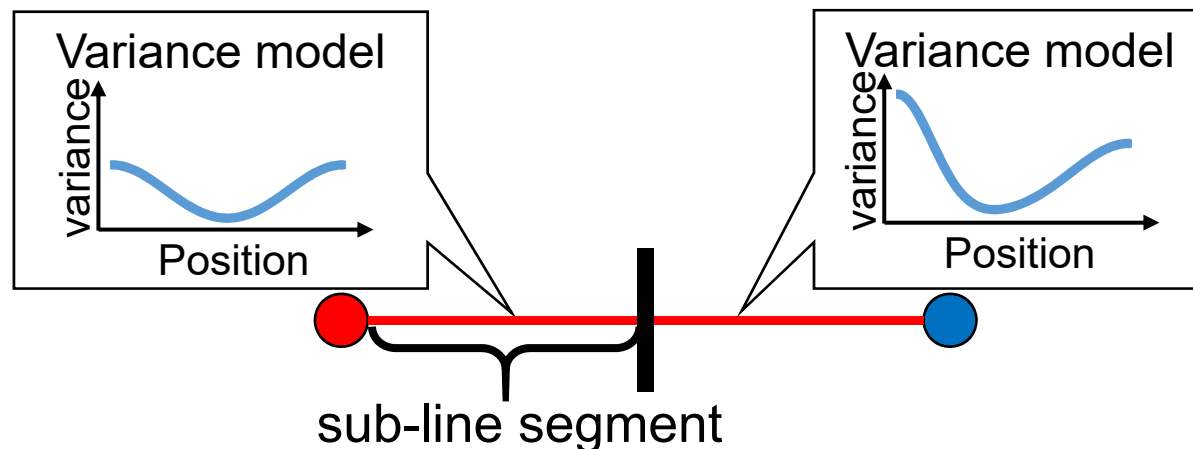
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## Example data



Feature depends greatly on  
the area divided by walls

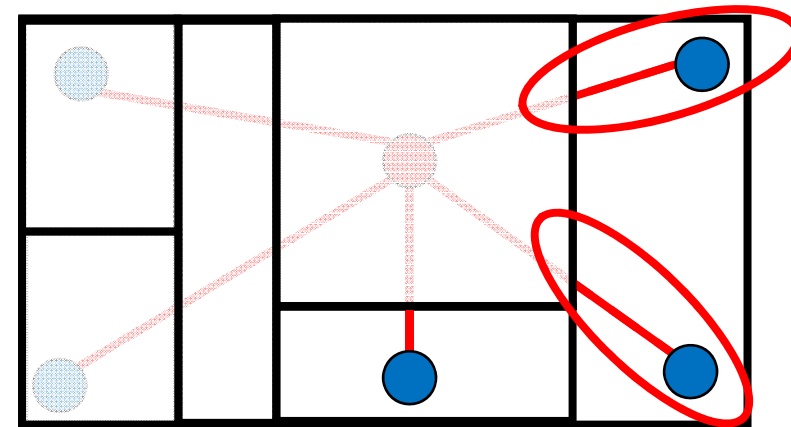
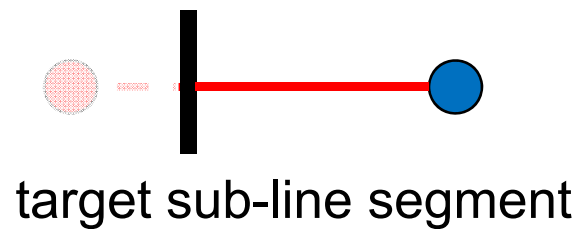
## Variance model





# Transferring variance model

1. Find top-k similar source sub-line segments
  - i. the same end points of sub-line segment
  - ii. the same number of walls
  - iii. kNN search according to three criteria



source environment

## 2. Transferring variance model

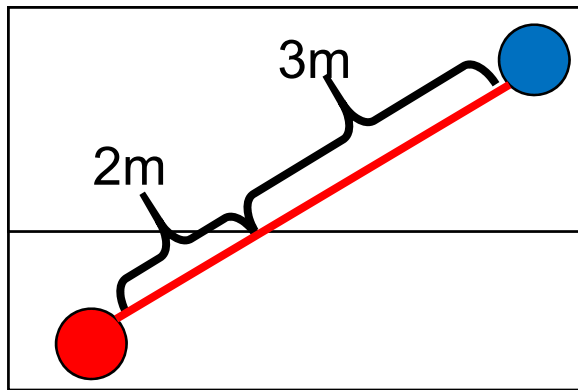
Averaging parameters of top-k source models

➡ target model parameter

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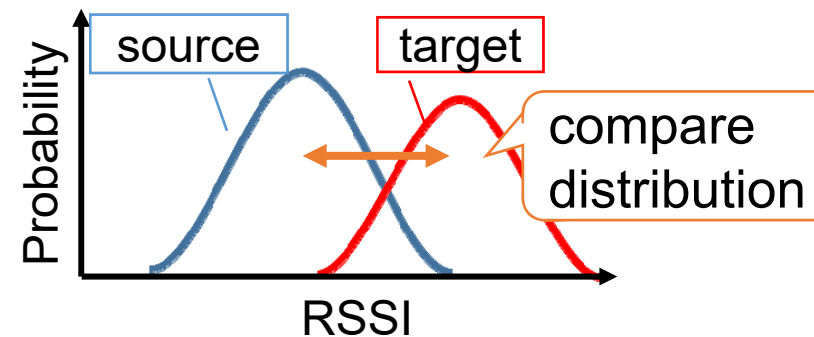
Criteria used for selecting source sub-line segments with  $k$ NN search

## 1. Length of sub-line segment

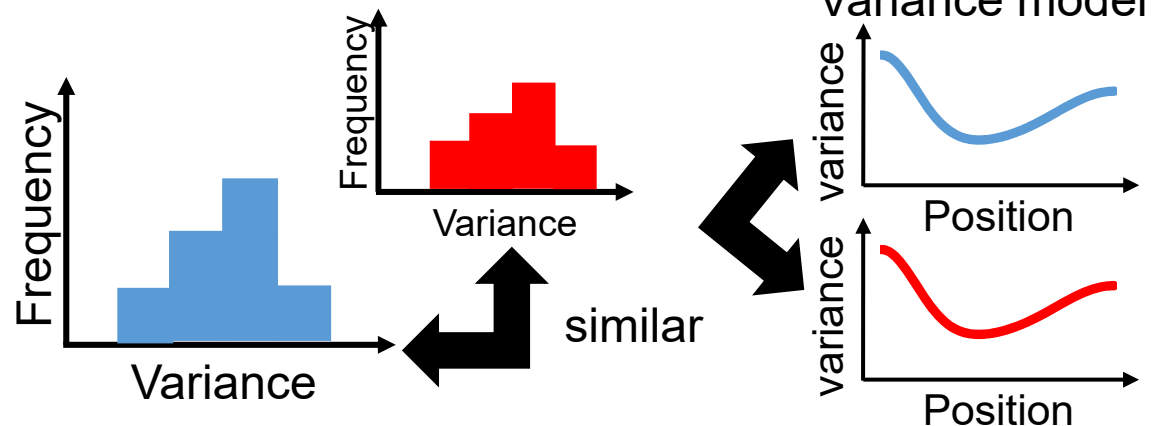
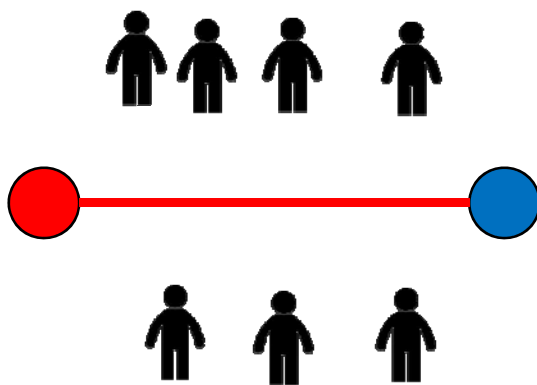


## 2. Signal strength when there is no person

materials on segments are similar



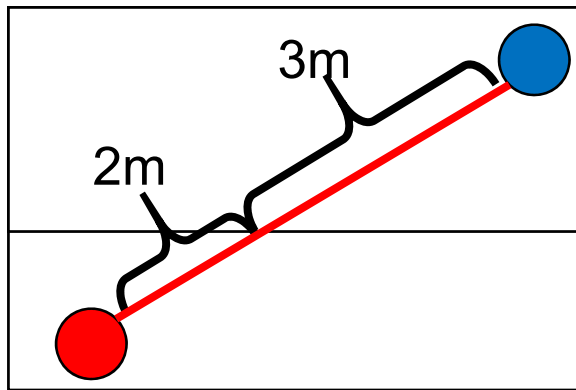
## 3. Variance value when a person passes randomly



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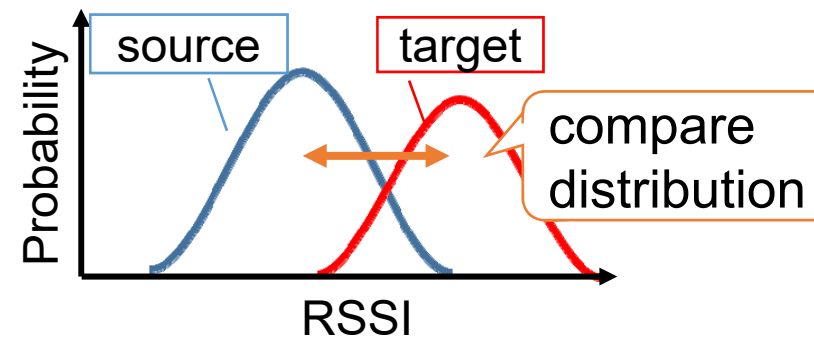
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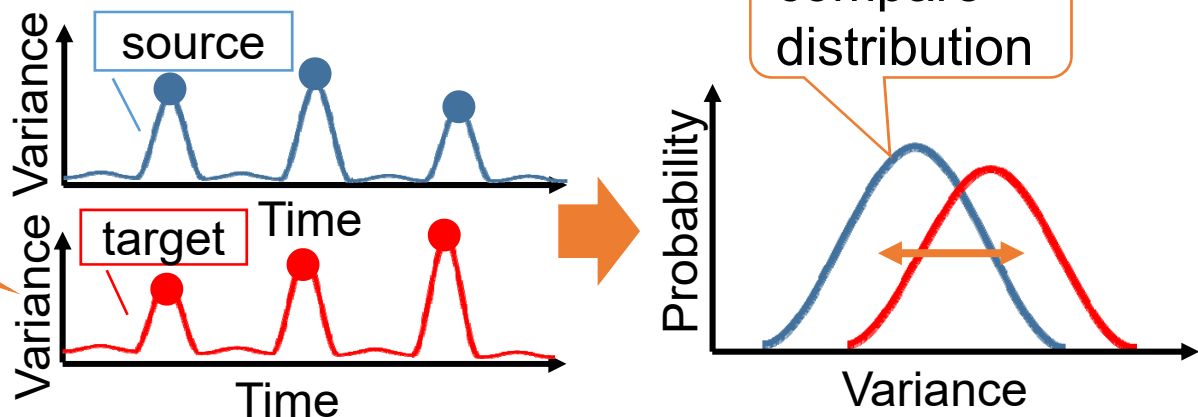
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From unlabeled data

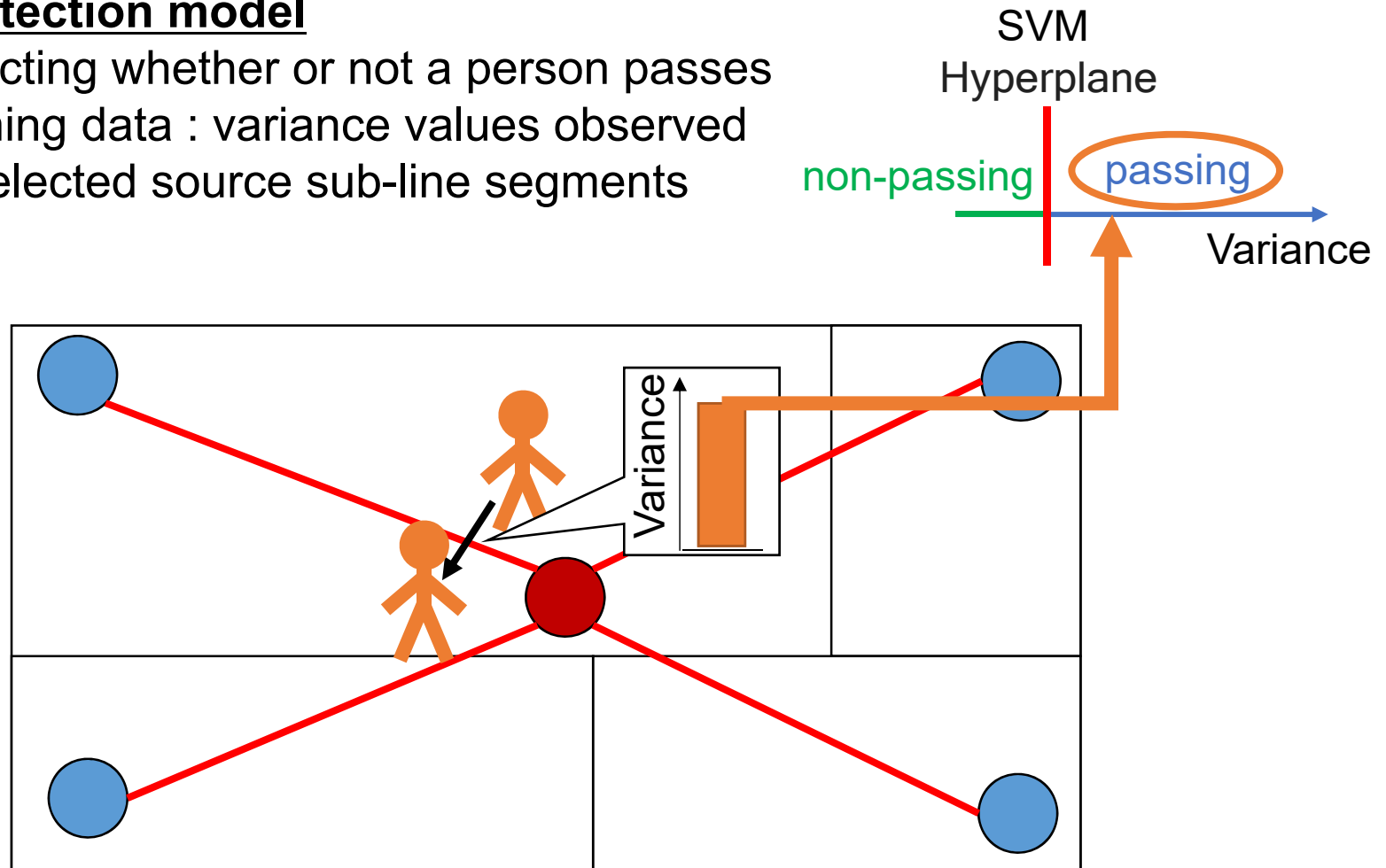
outlier detection



# Learning models

## Passing detection model

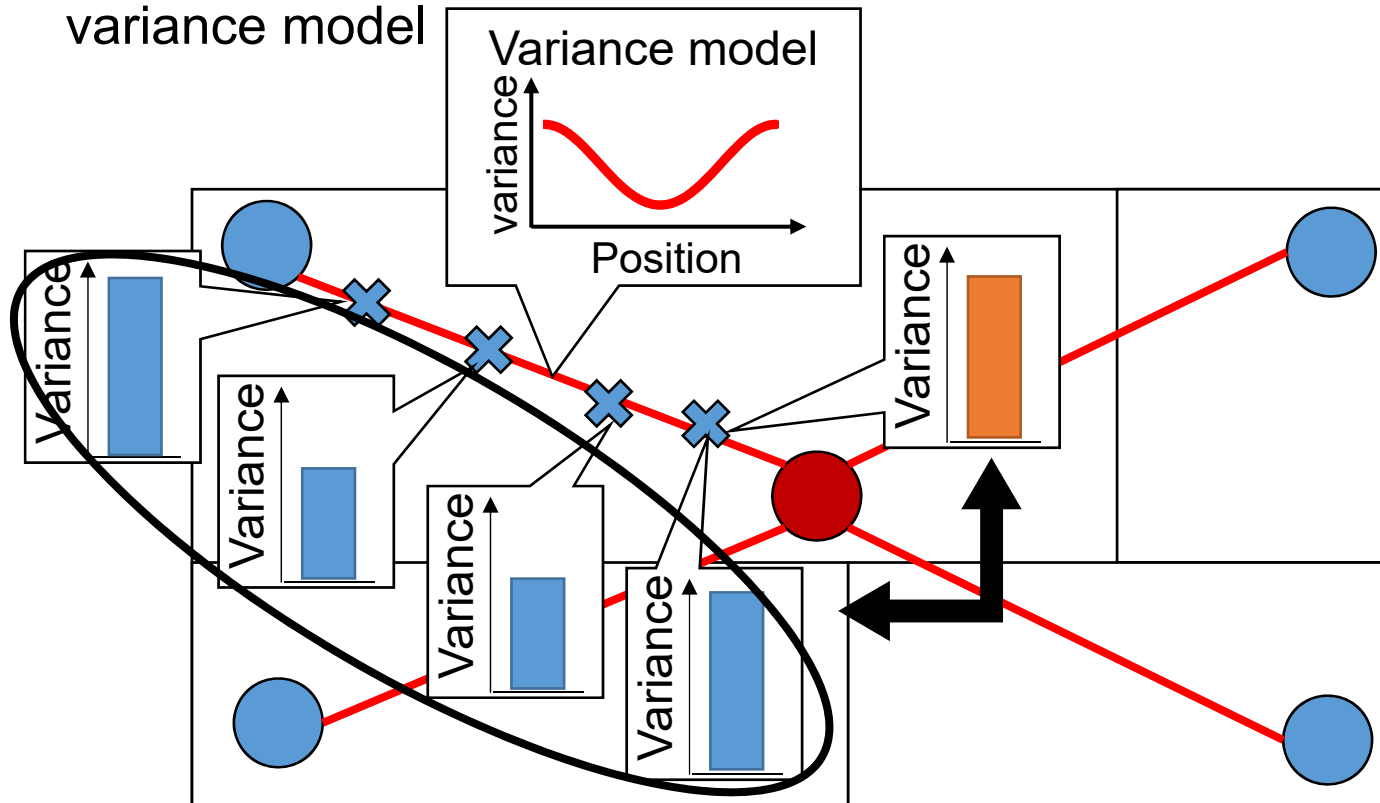
- Detecting whether or not a person passes
- Training data : variance values observed by selected source sub-line segments



# Learning models

## Positioning model

- Estimate position of a person when passing is detected
- Compute variance values at some points from a transferred variance model

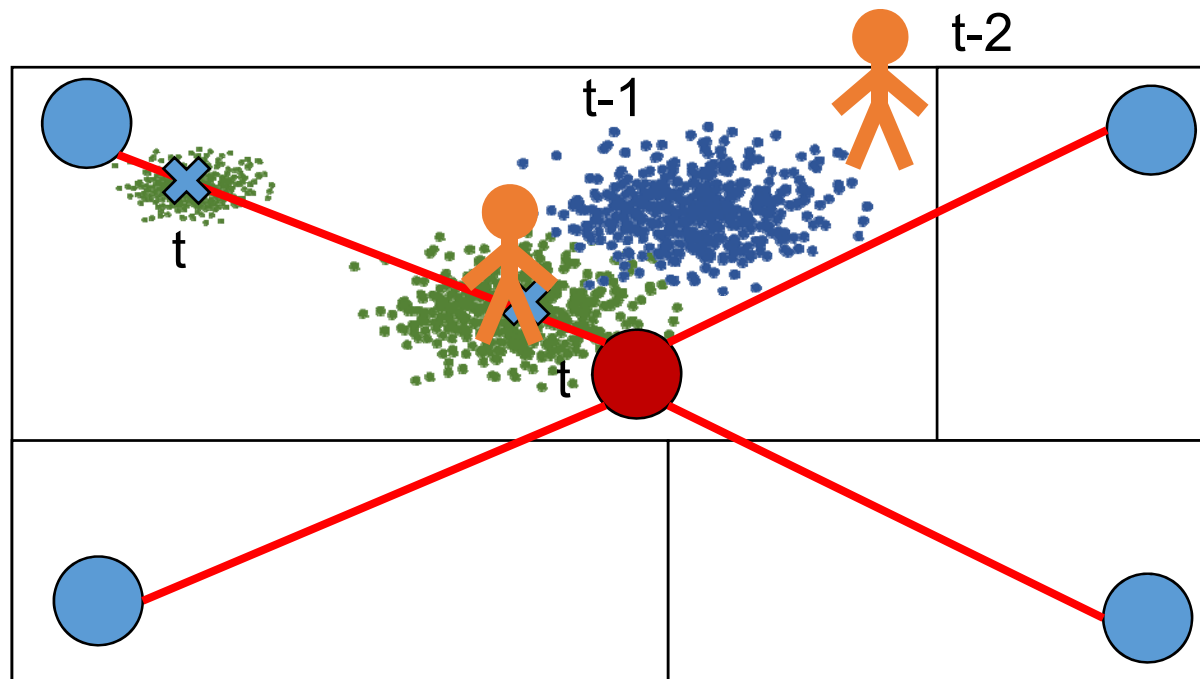


Two positions match → Tracking by using particle filter

# Tracking by using particle filter

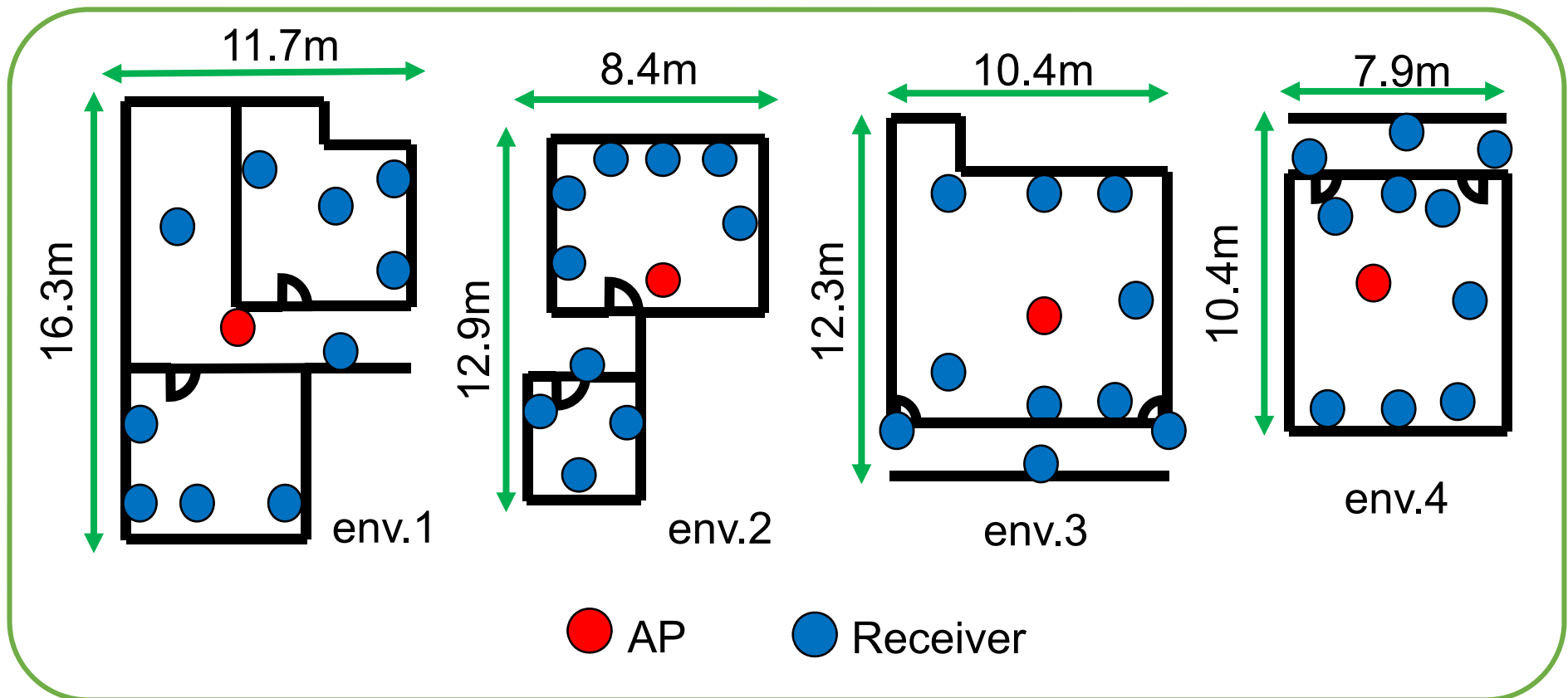
## Particle filter

- Particle : position of a person
- High density particles
- ➡ High probability that the person is there



# Evaluation (Environments)

- 1 Wi-Fi AP and 10 receivers
- Walk around for 20 minutes in each environment
- Leave-one-out cross-validation evaluation

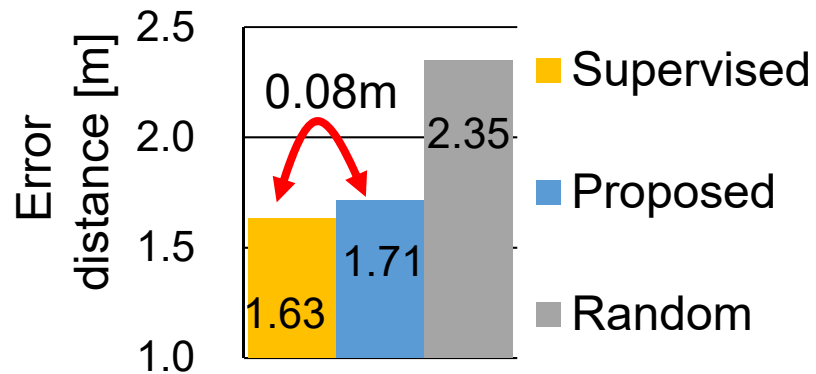


# Evaluation (Results)

## Evaluating proposed method

Supervised • • • trained on labeled data obtained in the same environment

Random • • • select randomly  $k$  *sub-line* segments while transferring variance model



➤ Performance of random was poorer than with proposed method



# Conclusion

- We proposed a new method that enables us to construct a positioning model for device-free passive indoor localization with little effort
- As a part of our future work, we plan to automatically obtain unlabeled data in an end user's daily life to reduce burdens imposed on the user