

# **Online Multi-target Tracking using Recurrent Neural Networks - Milan et al.**

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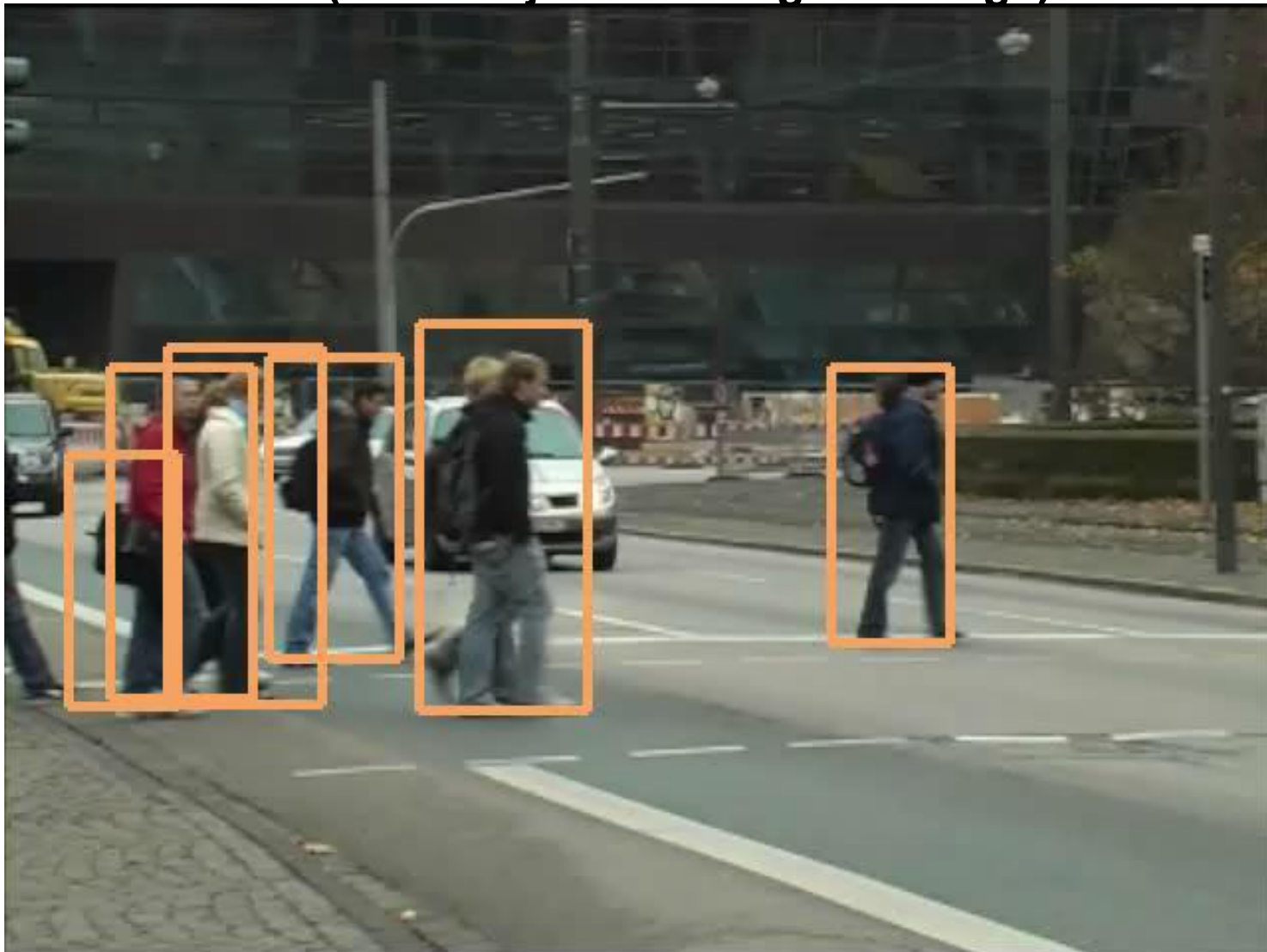
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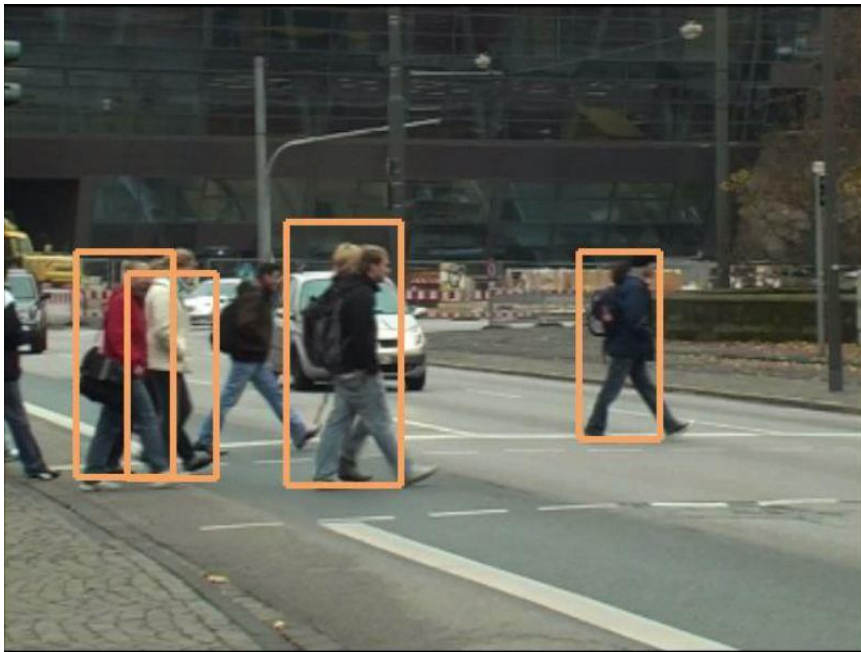
# Introduction: Motivation

## 2D MOT (Multi Object Tracking Challenge) 2015



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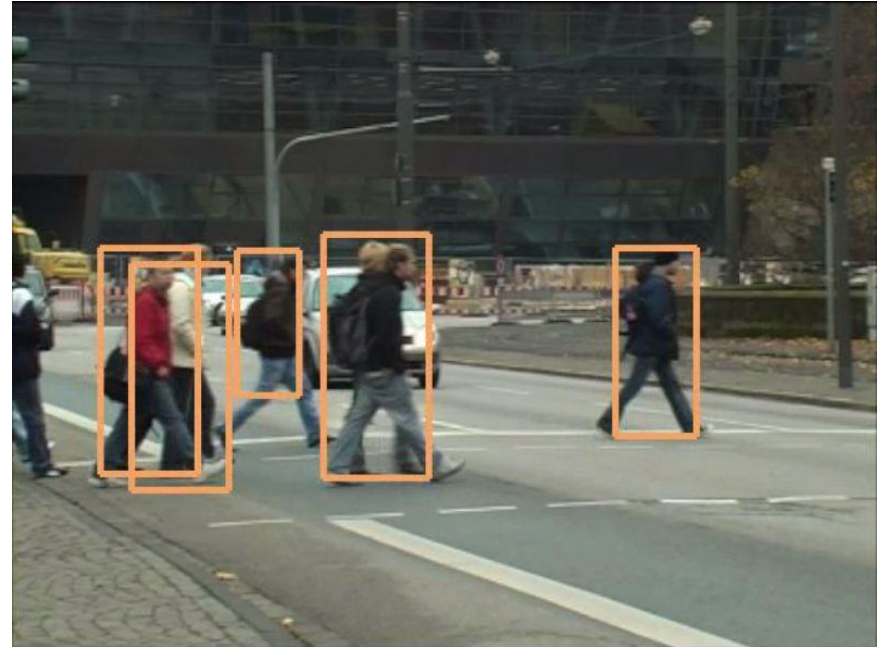
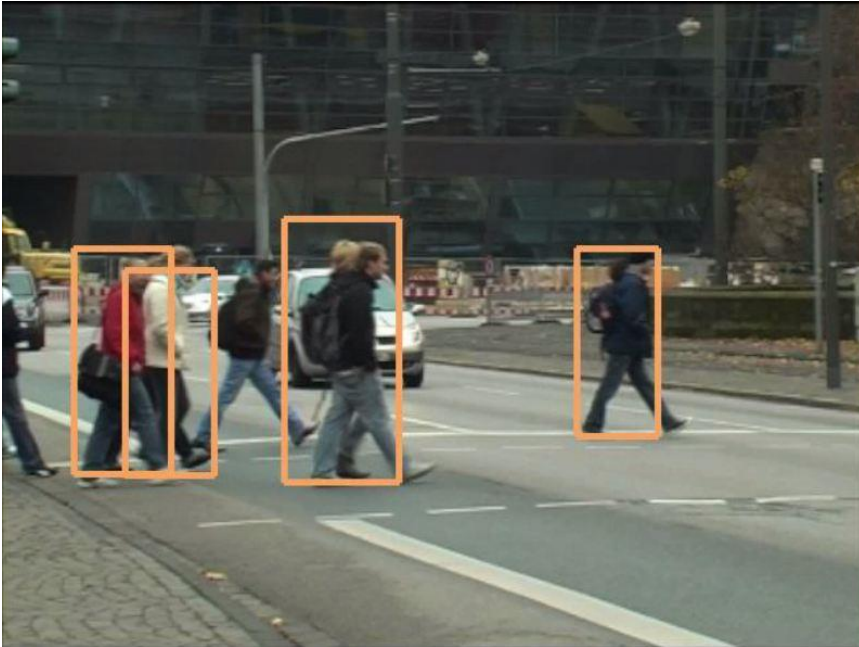
# Introduction: Problem



**Problem:** Locate **multiple** targets of interest in a video **sequence** over time

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# Introduction: Problem - Challenges

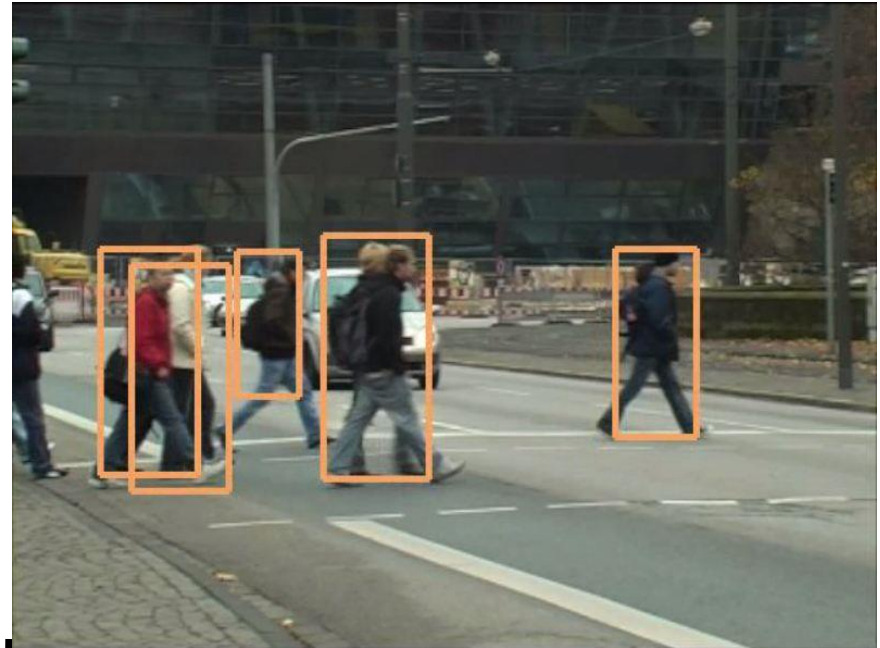
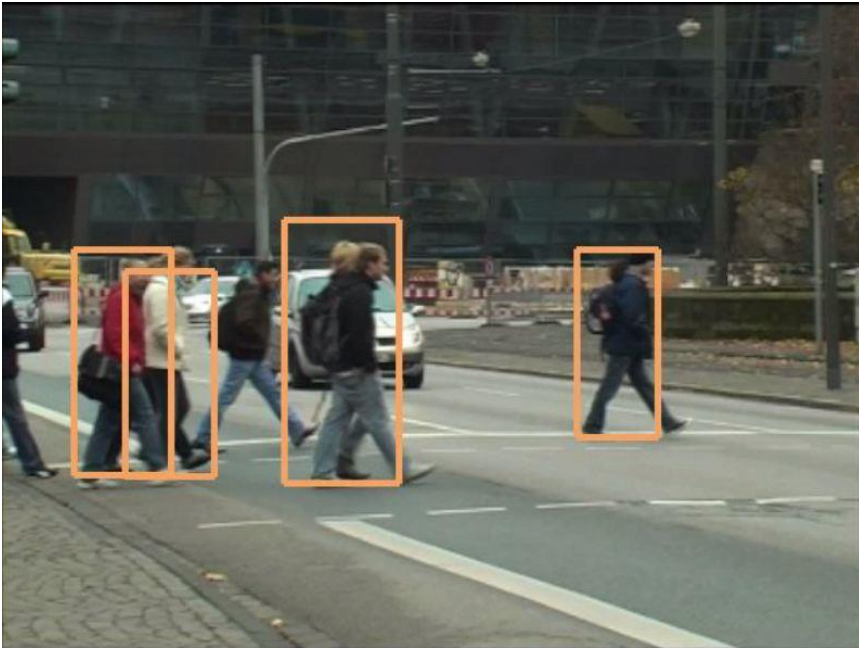


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# Introduction: Problem – Challenges - Solution



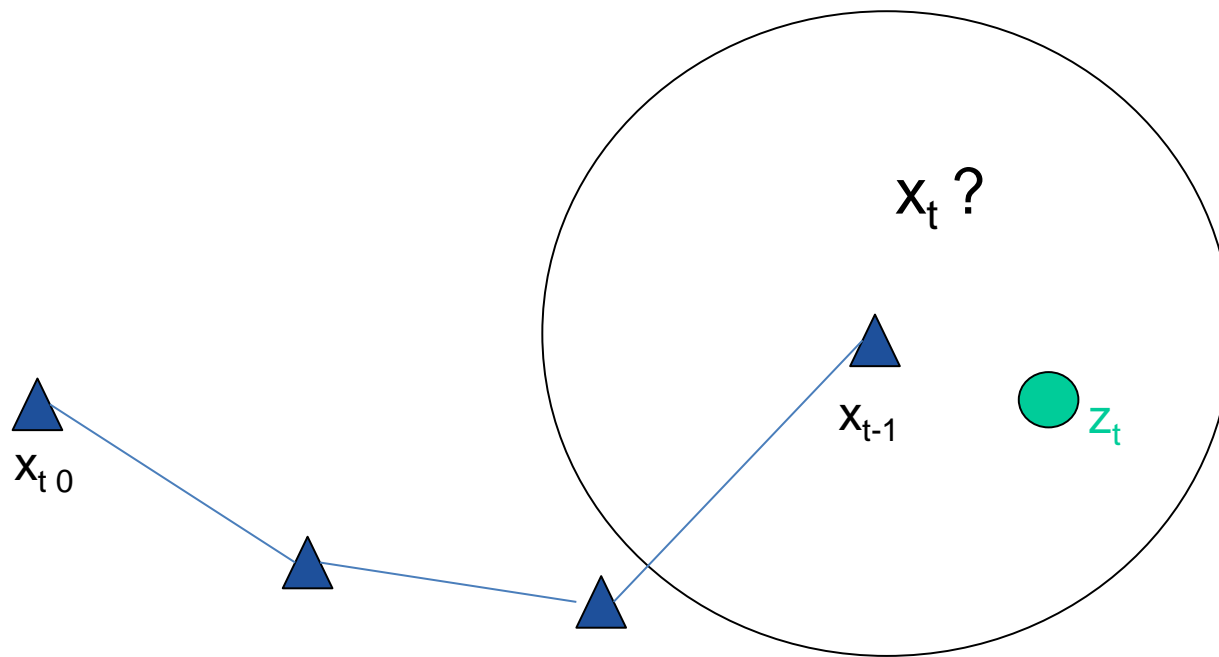
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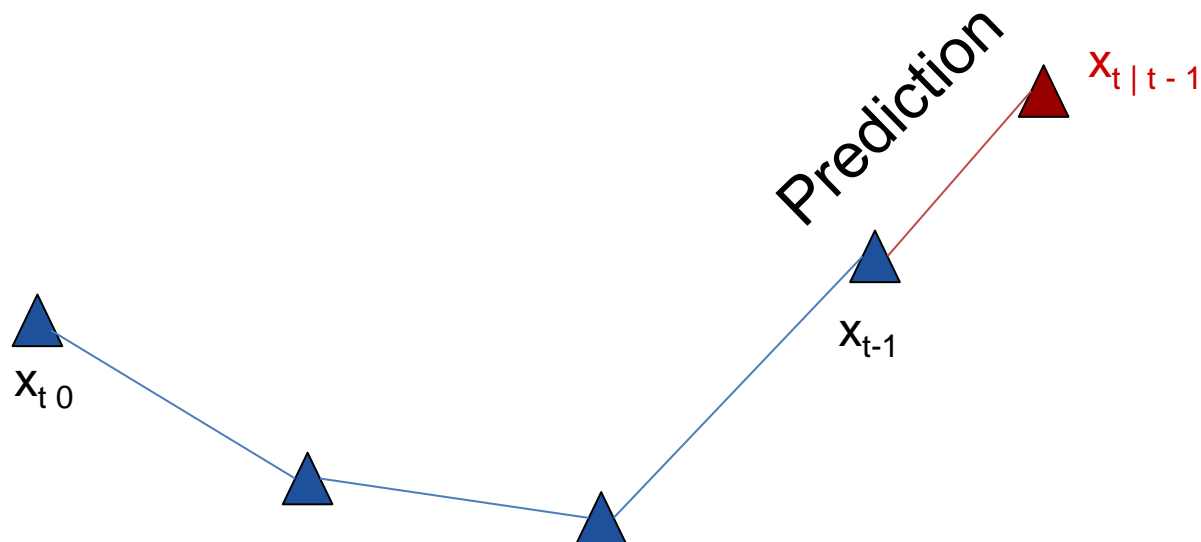
- Sequences and **RNN**, RNN as Bayes Filter!
- Data association can also be “learned”!
- Existence probability

# Digression: State Estimation



What is  $x_t$  (current estimate) given  $x_{0:t-1}$  (previous estimates) and  $z_t$  (measurement)??

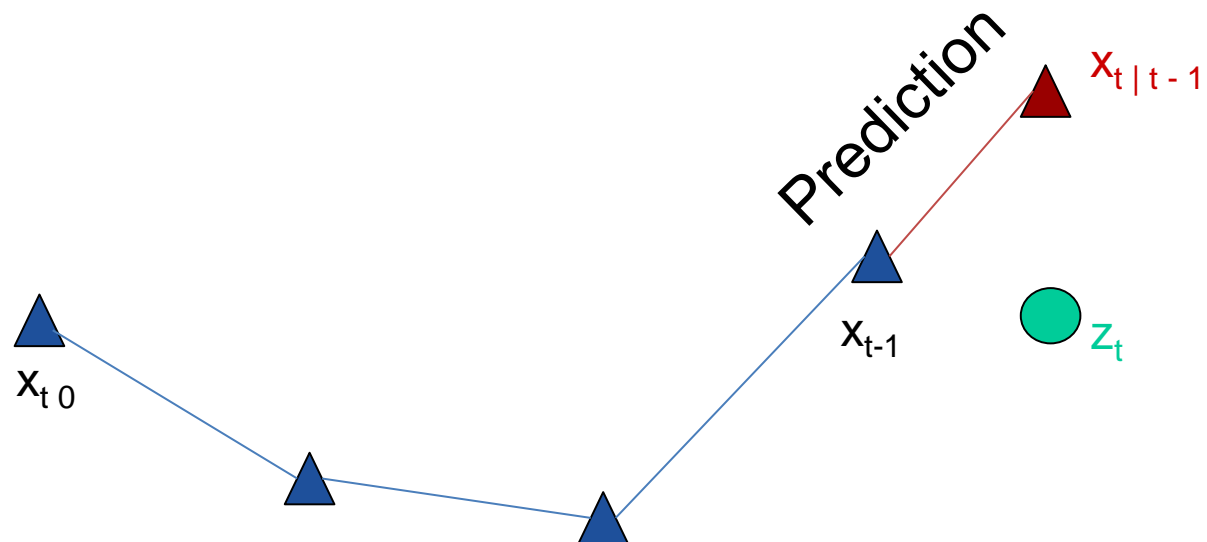
# Digression: Bayes Filter



Predict using previous estimate and motion model!

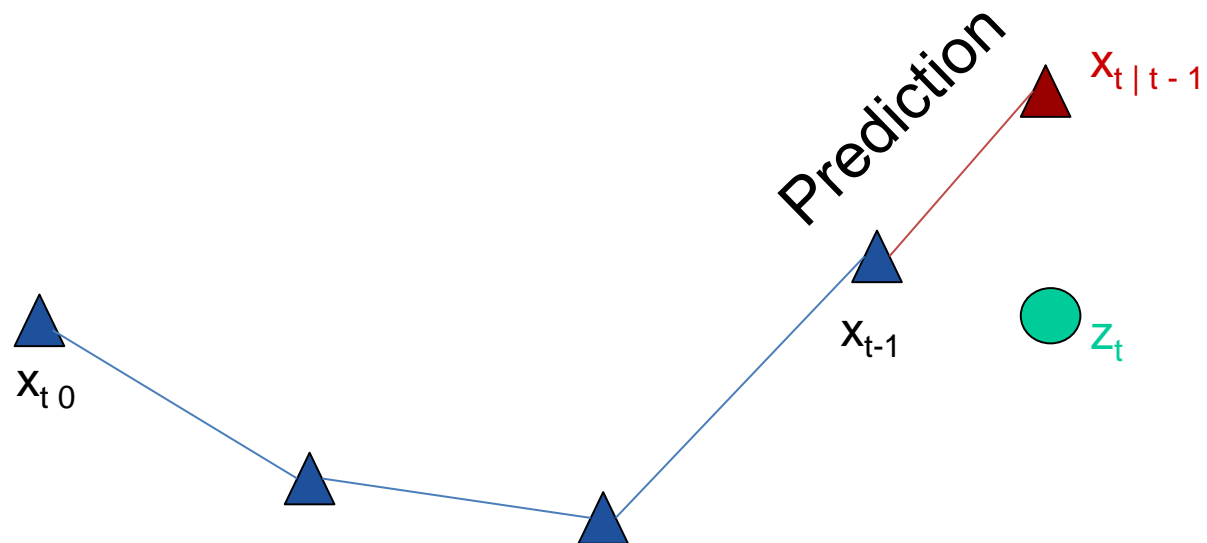


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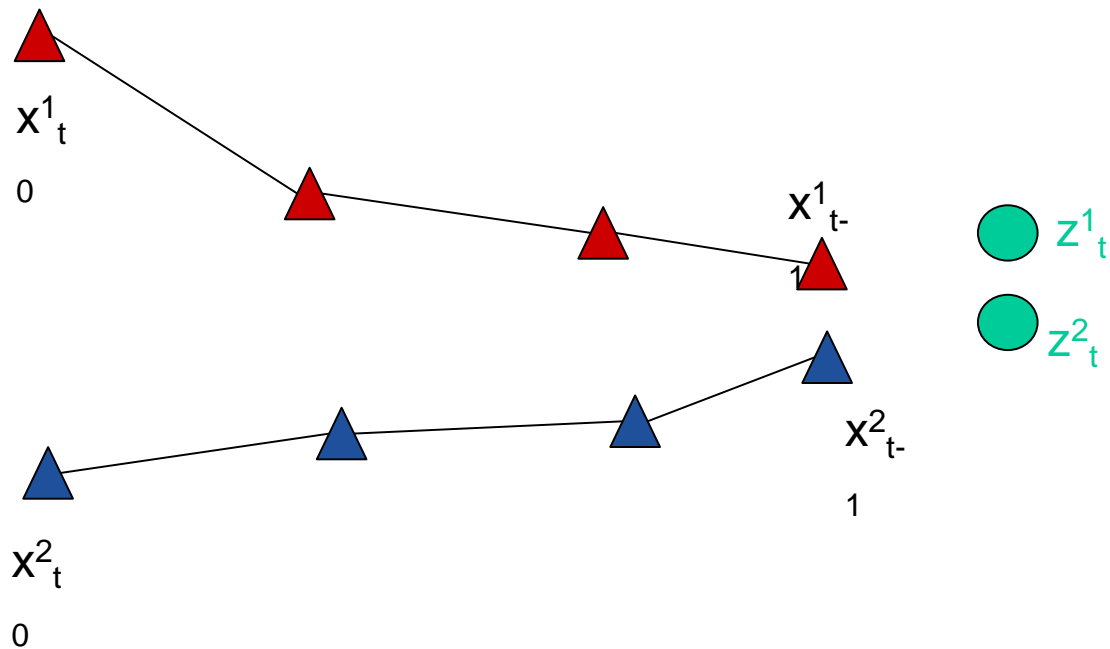
What to trust more: The prediction or measurement?

# Digression: Bayes Filter ...



Correct (update) using the measurement!

# Digression: Data Association



Which observation belongs to which track?

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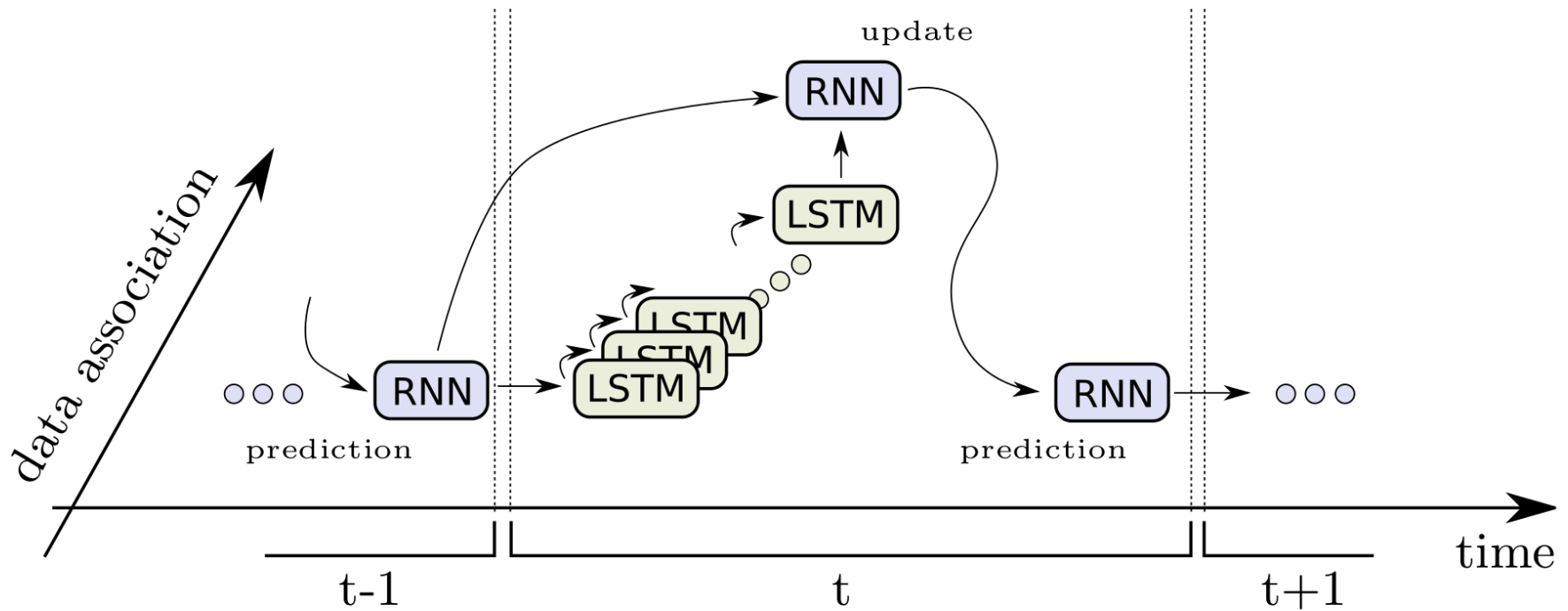
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- RNN promising, mainly used for language processing
- Issues:
  - Multi dimensional space
  - Includes continuous and discrete variables
  - Multiple outputs possible

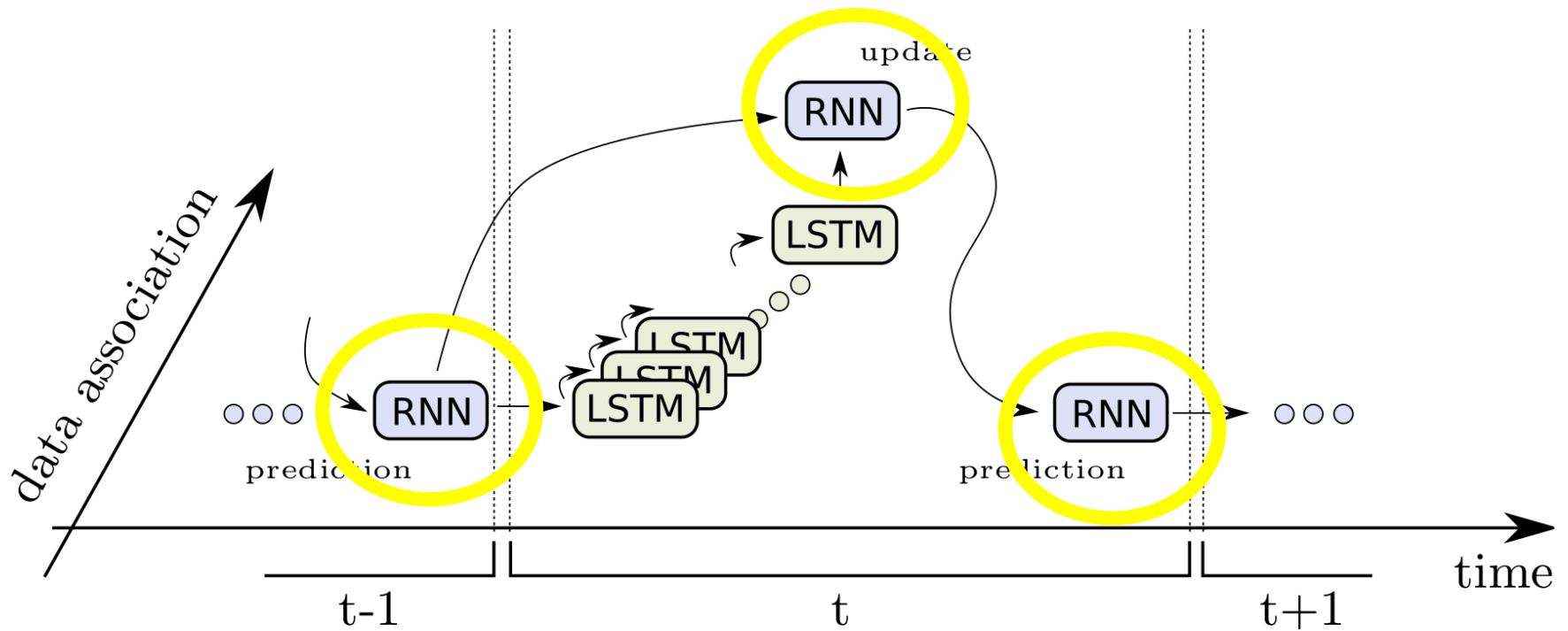
# Main Contributions

- **Bayesian filter** by unified RNN approach
  - Model - free approach
  - Linear, nonlinear or higher order dependencies
- **Data Association** learned from data
- Generated synthetic training data
- Qualitative and quantitative result presented



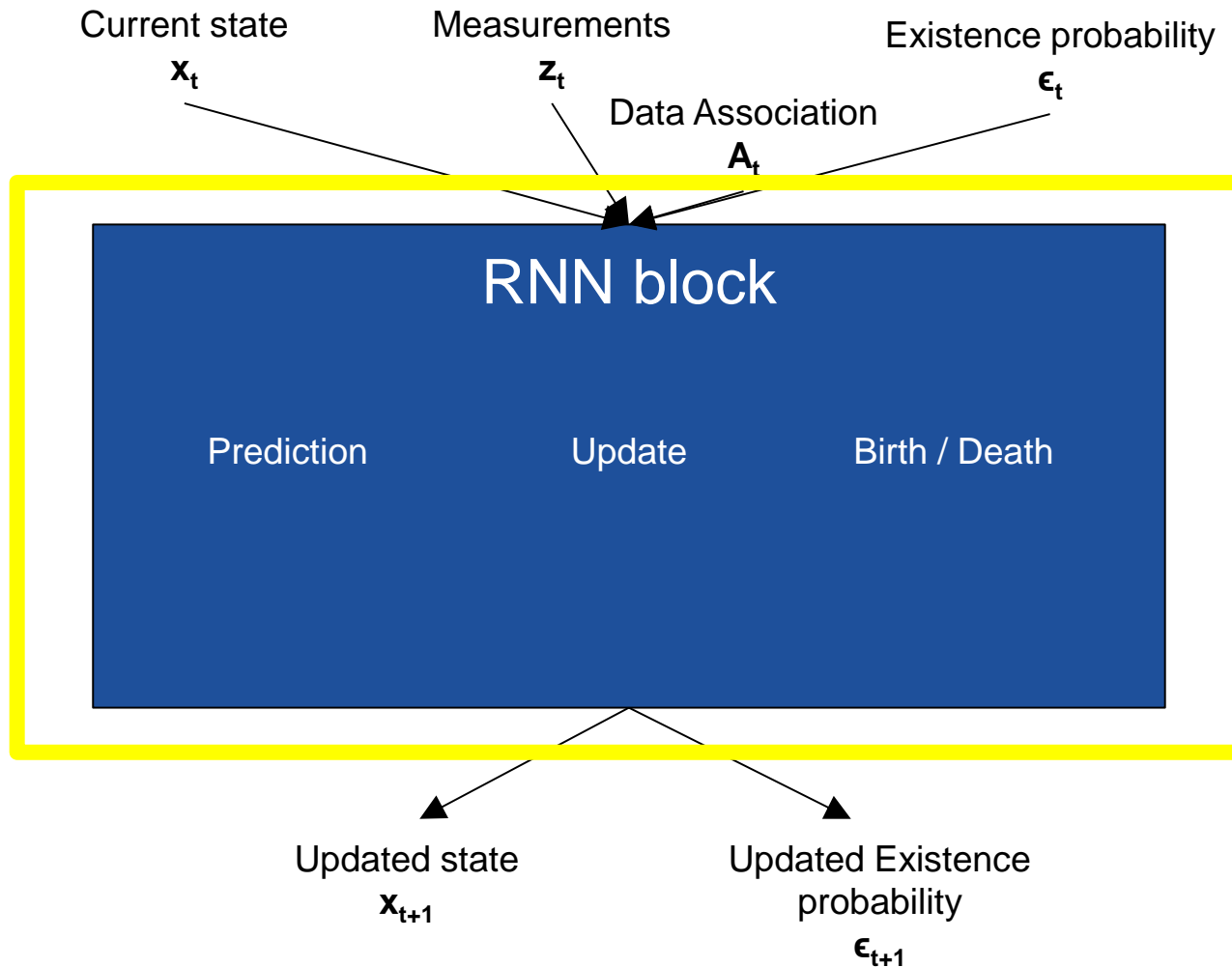


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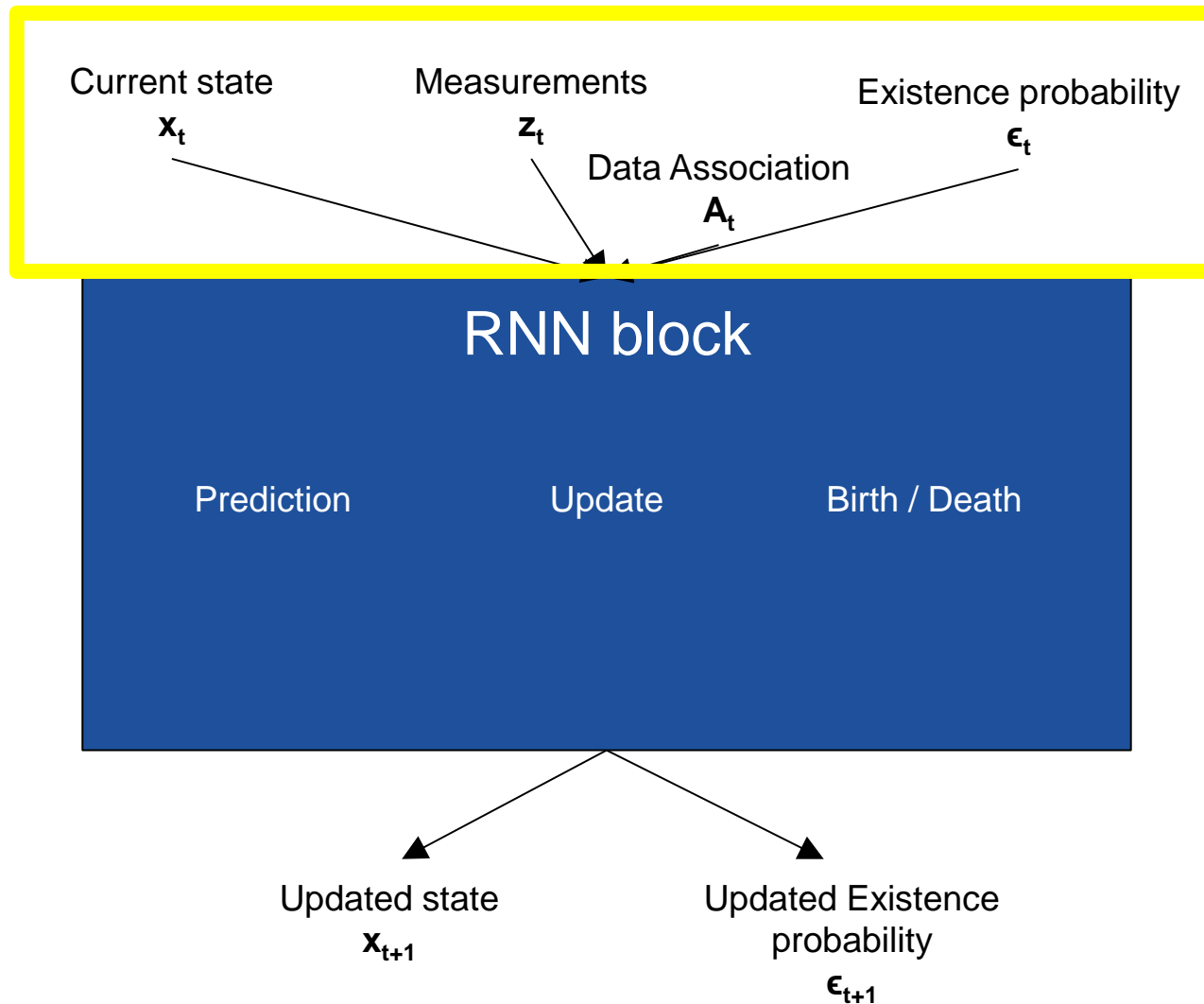


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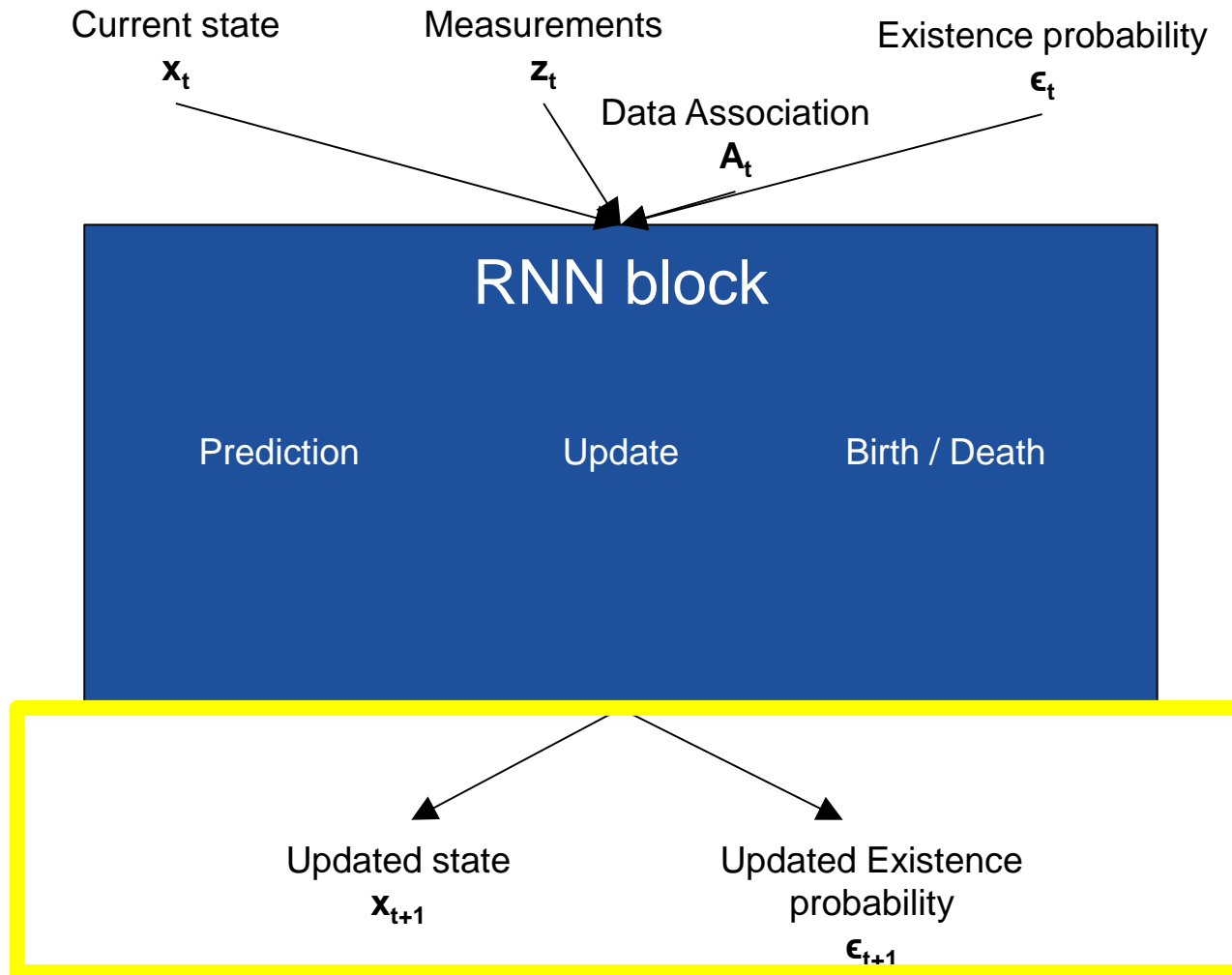
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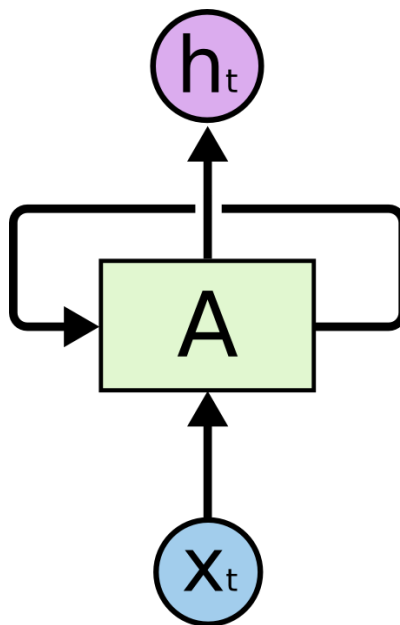


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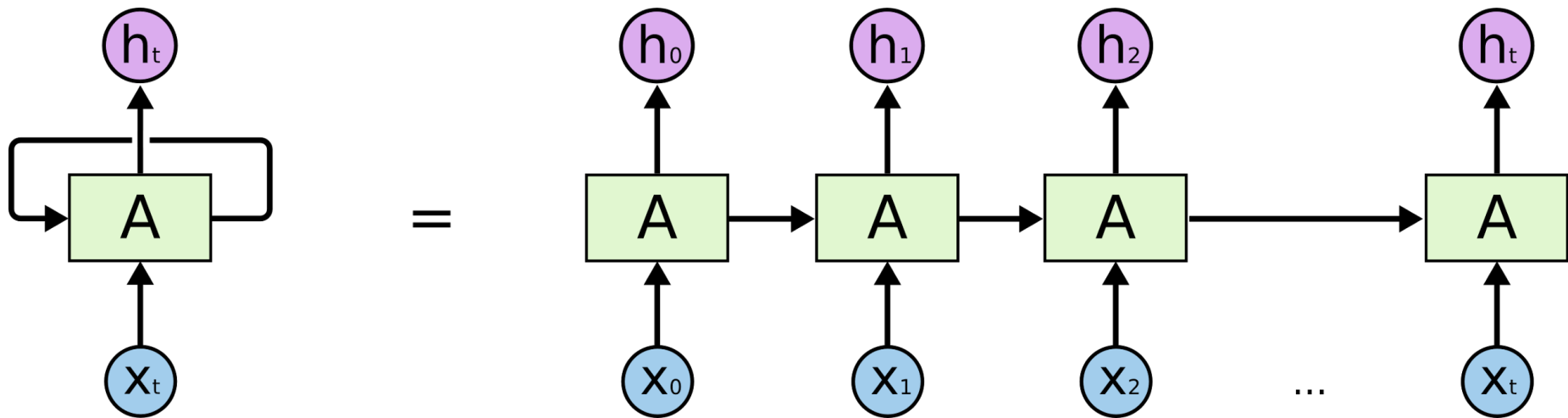
# Digression: RNN

RNNs are neural networks with loops!



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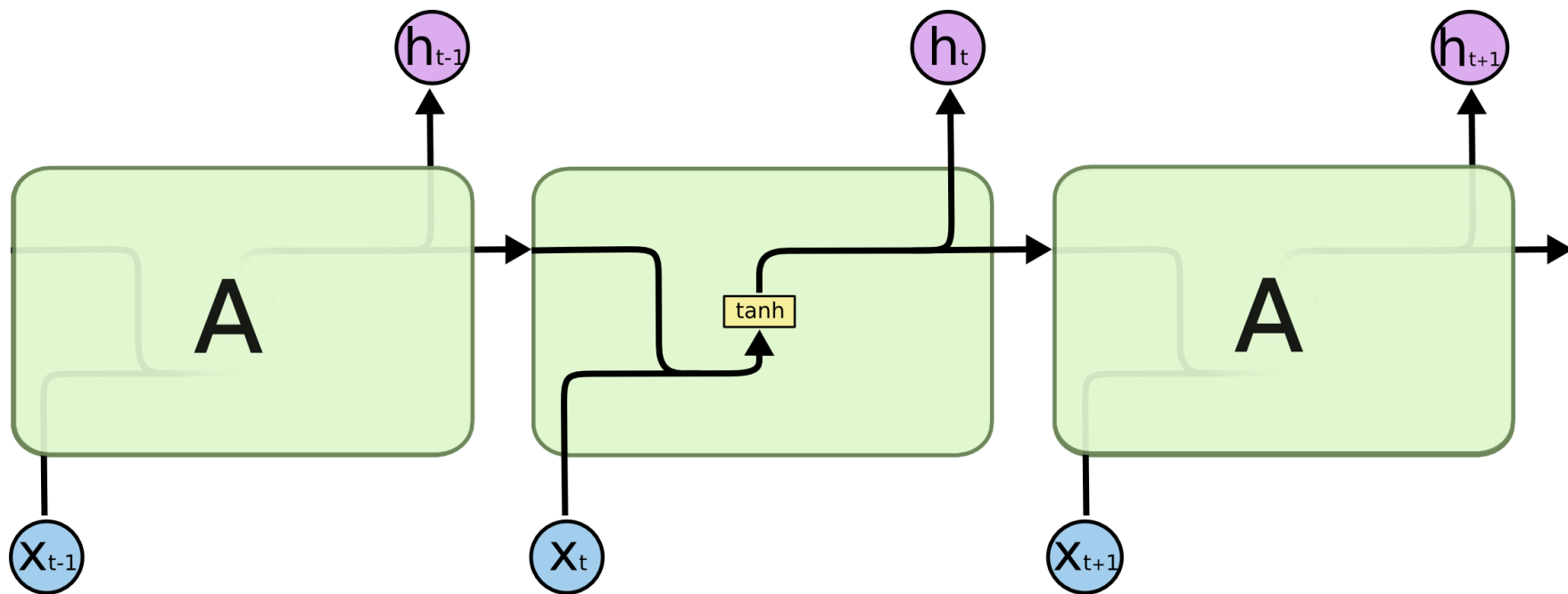
More intuitive way of seeing an RNN!



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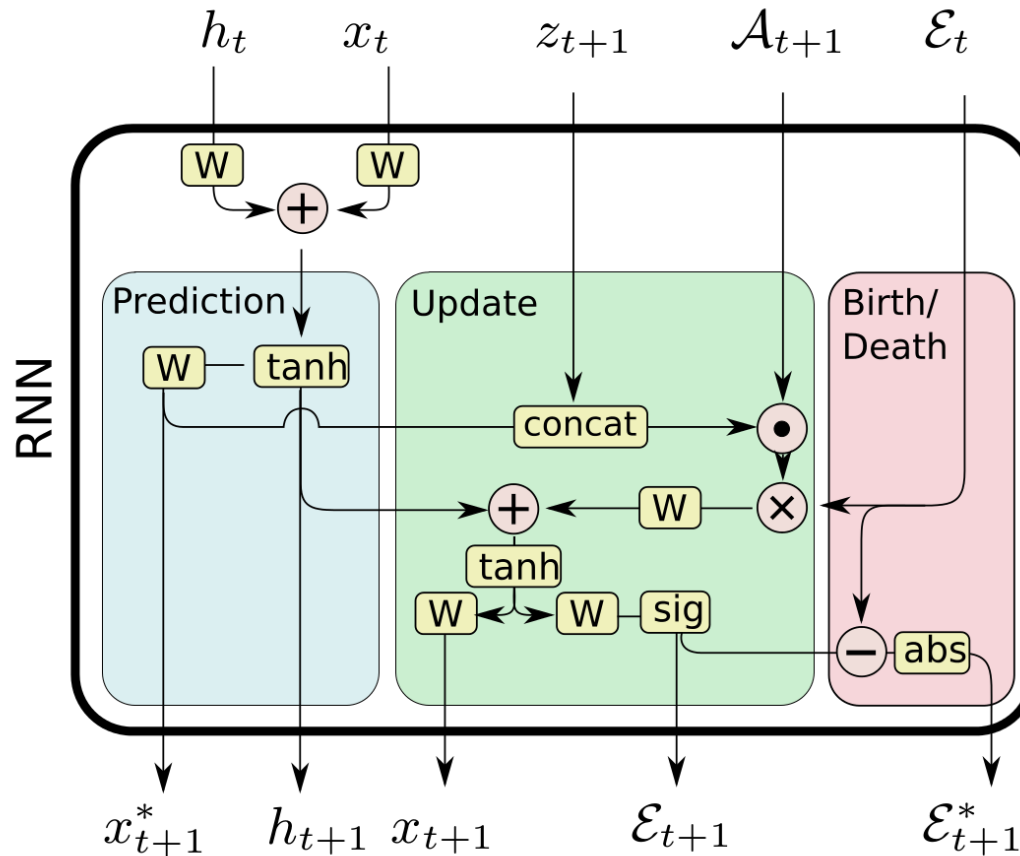
A simple RNN!



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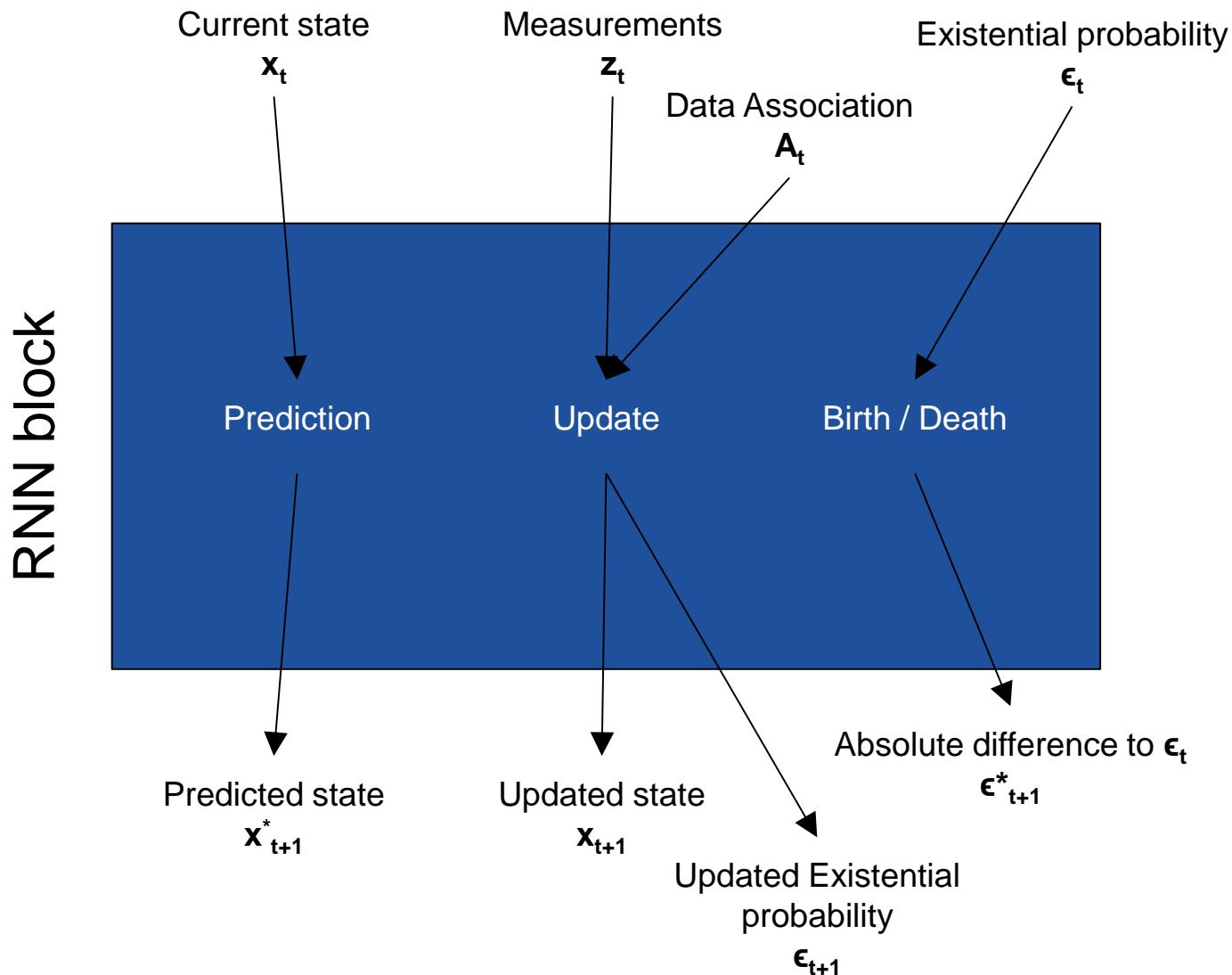
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## RNN in their approach

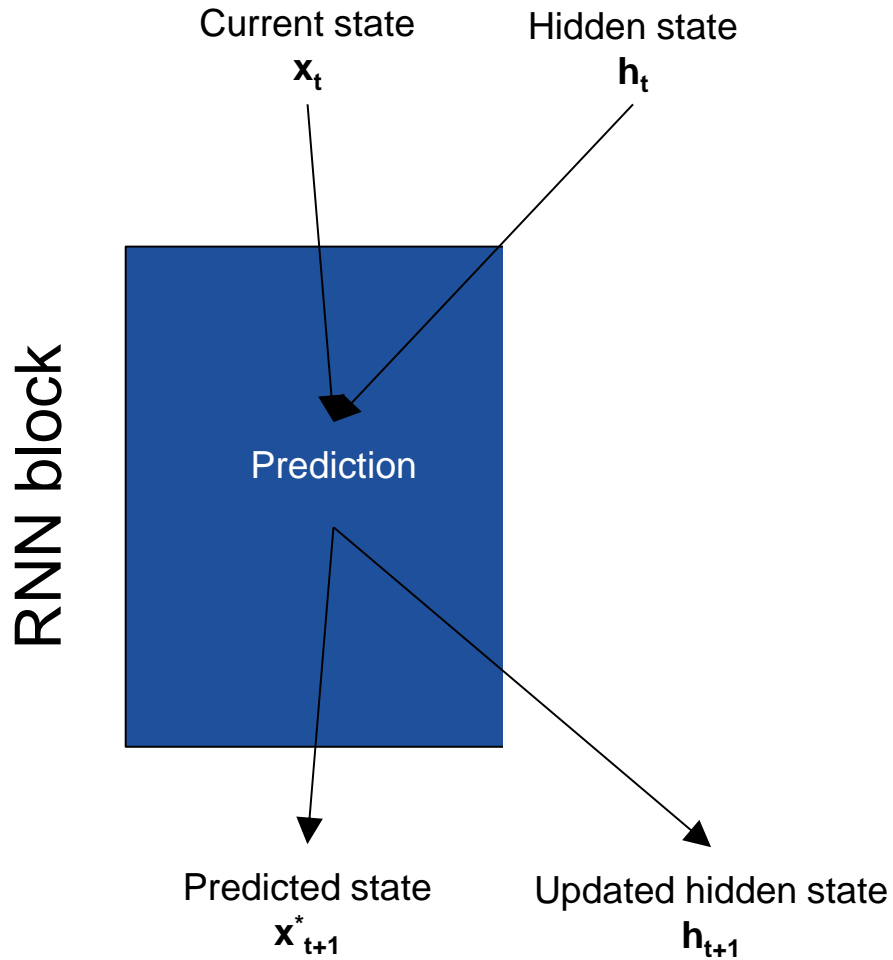


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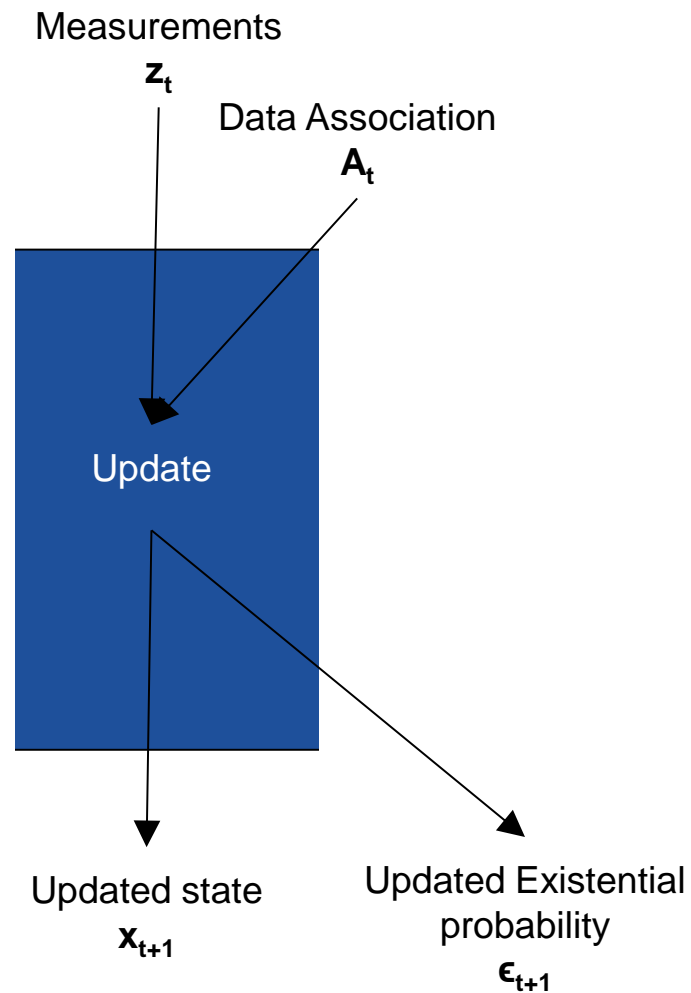


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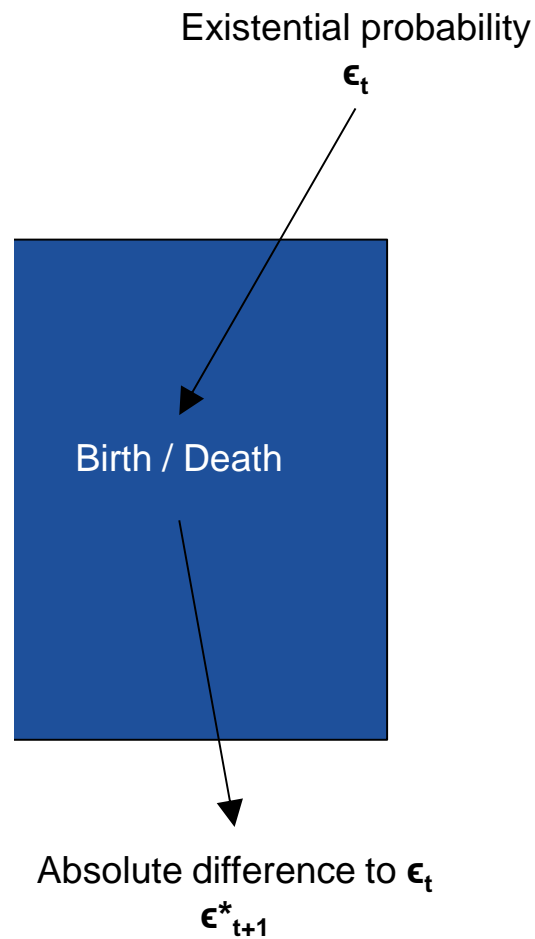
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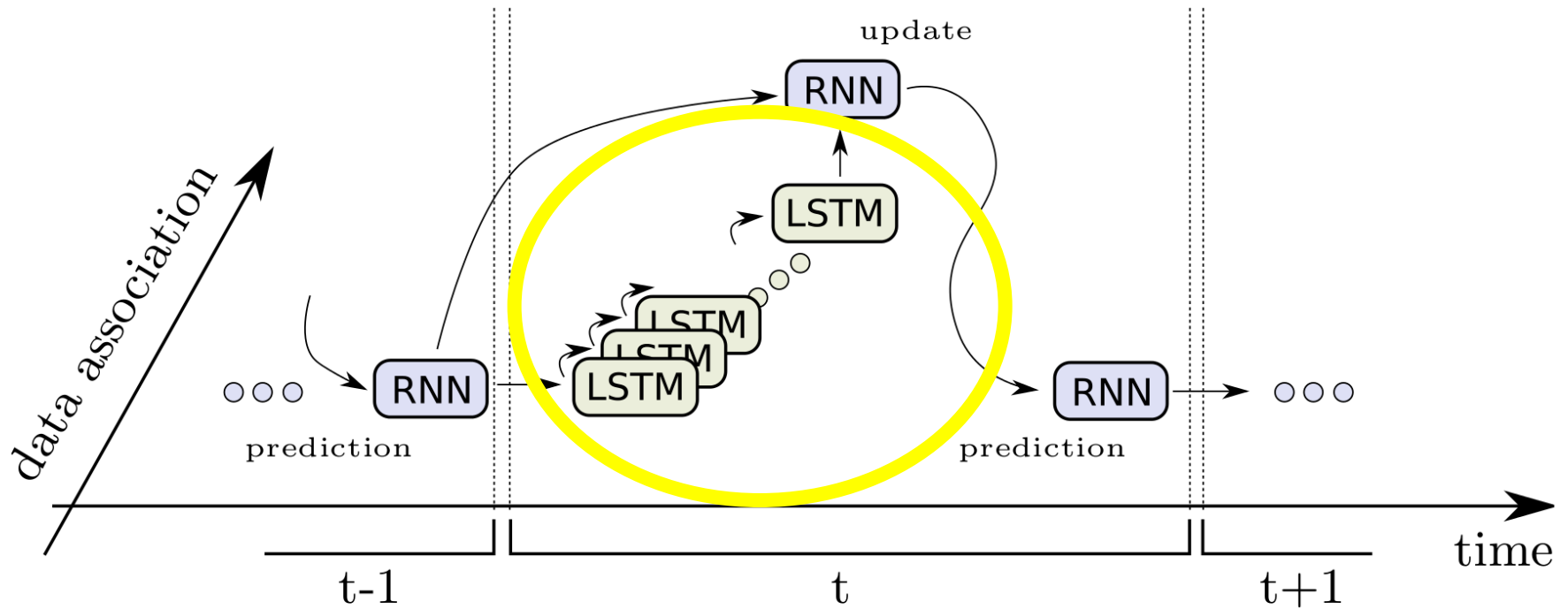


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$$\mathcal{L}(x^*, x, \mathcal{E}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}) = \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{ND} \sum \|x^* - \tilde{x}\|^2}_{\text{prediction}} + \underbrace{\frac{\kappa}{ND} \|x - \tilde{x}\|^2}_{\text{update}} + \underbrace{\nu \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{E}} + \xi \mathcal{E}^*}_{\text{birth/death + reg.}},$$

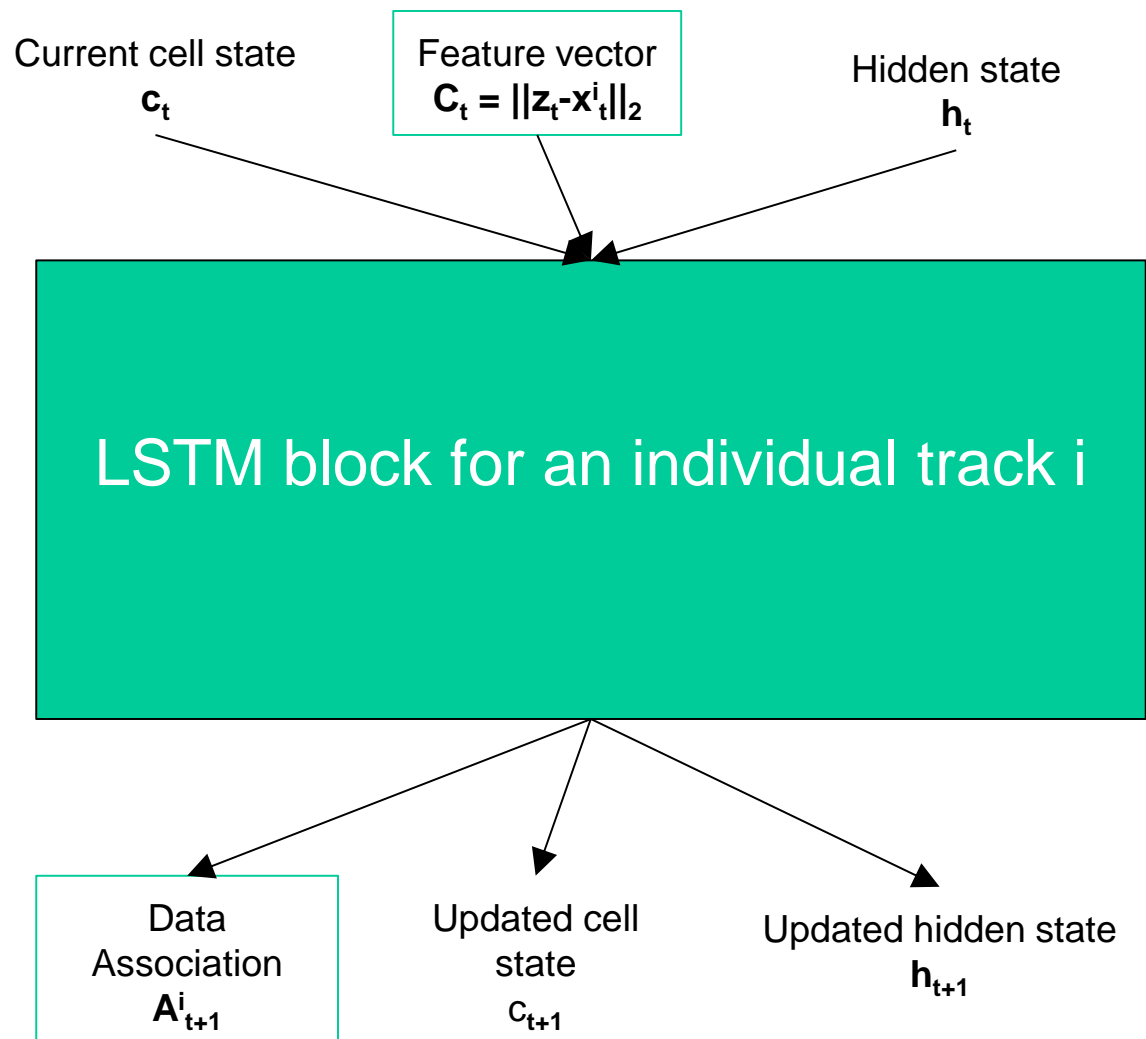
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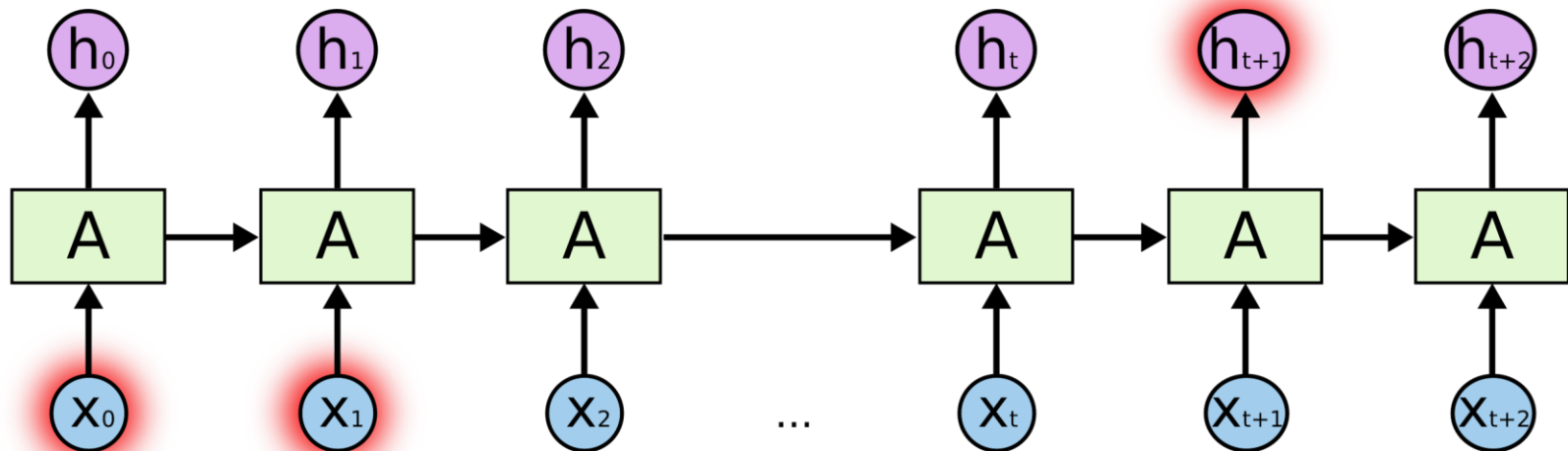
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# Approach: LSTM for Data Association



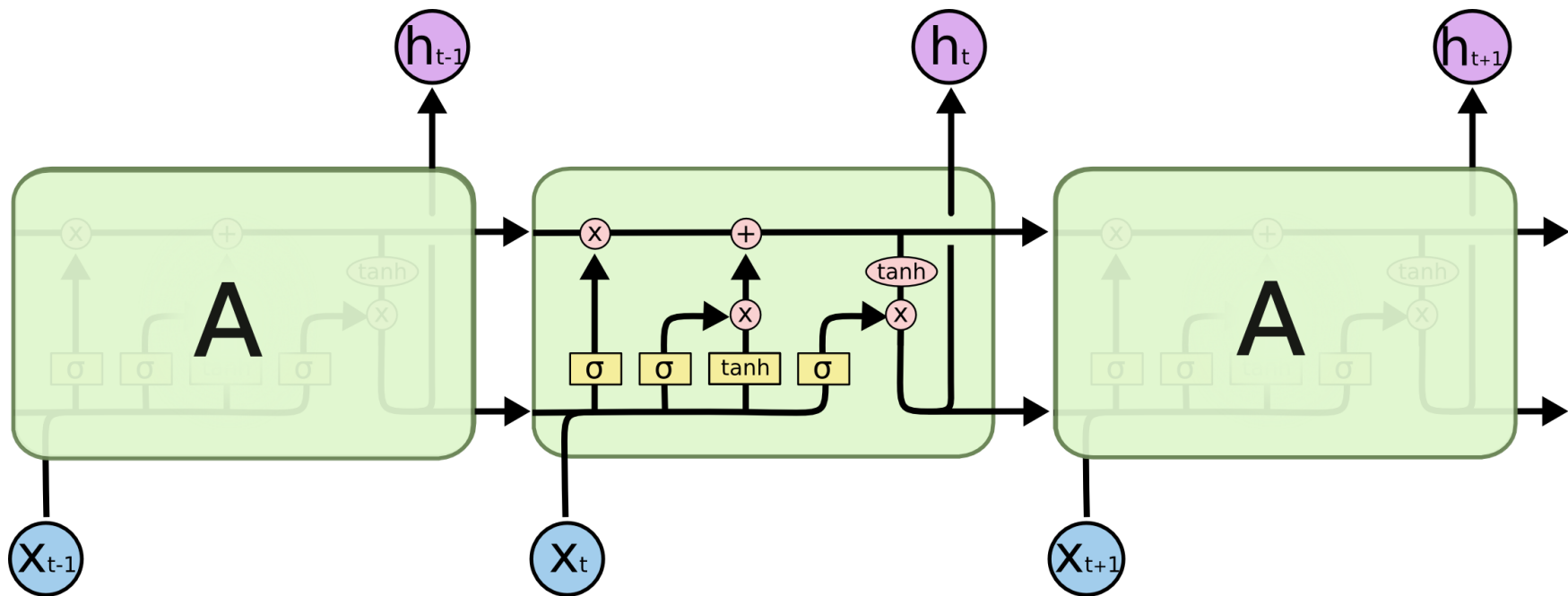
# Digression: LSTM

Long term dependency!



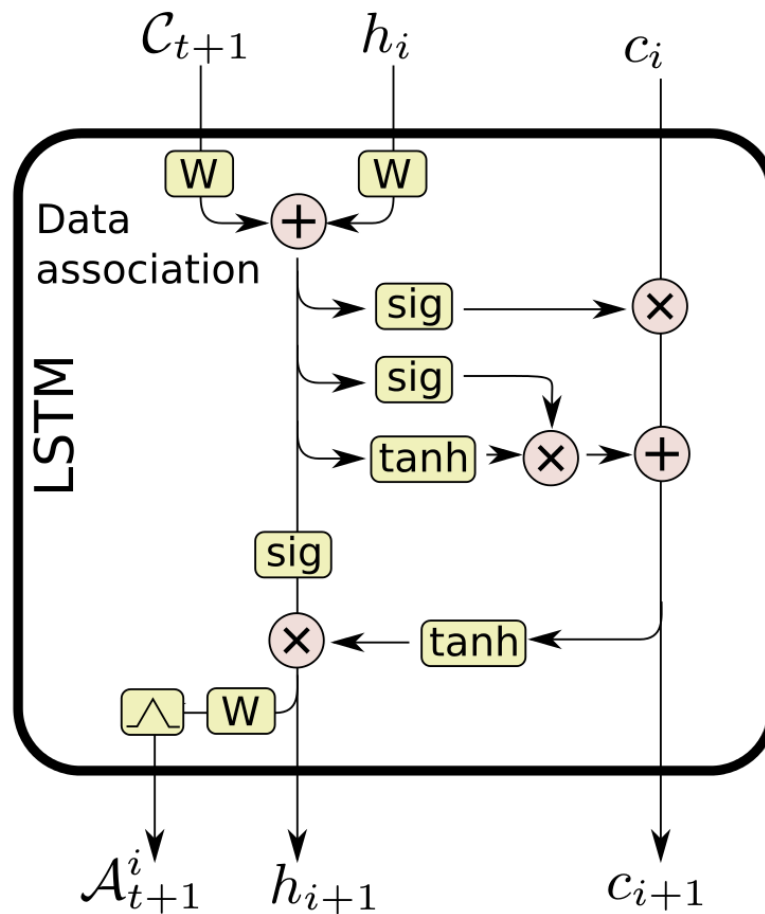
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- A simple LSTM
- Cell state -- Conveyor belt!



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# Approach: LSTM for Data Association ...



learnable  
parameters



element-wise  
operations



dot product



sigmoid



softmax

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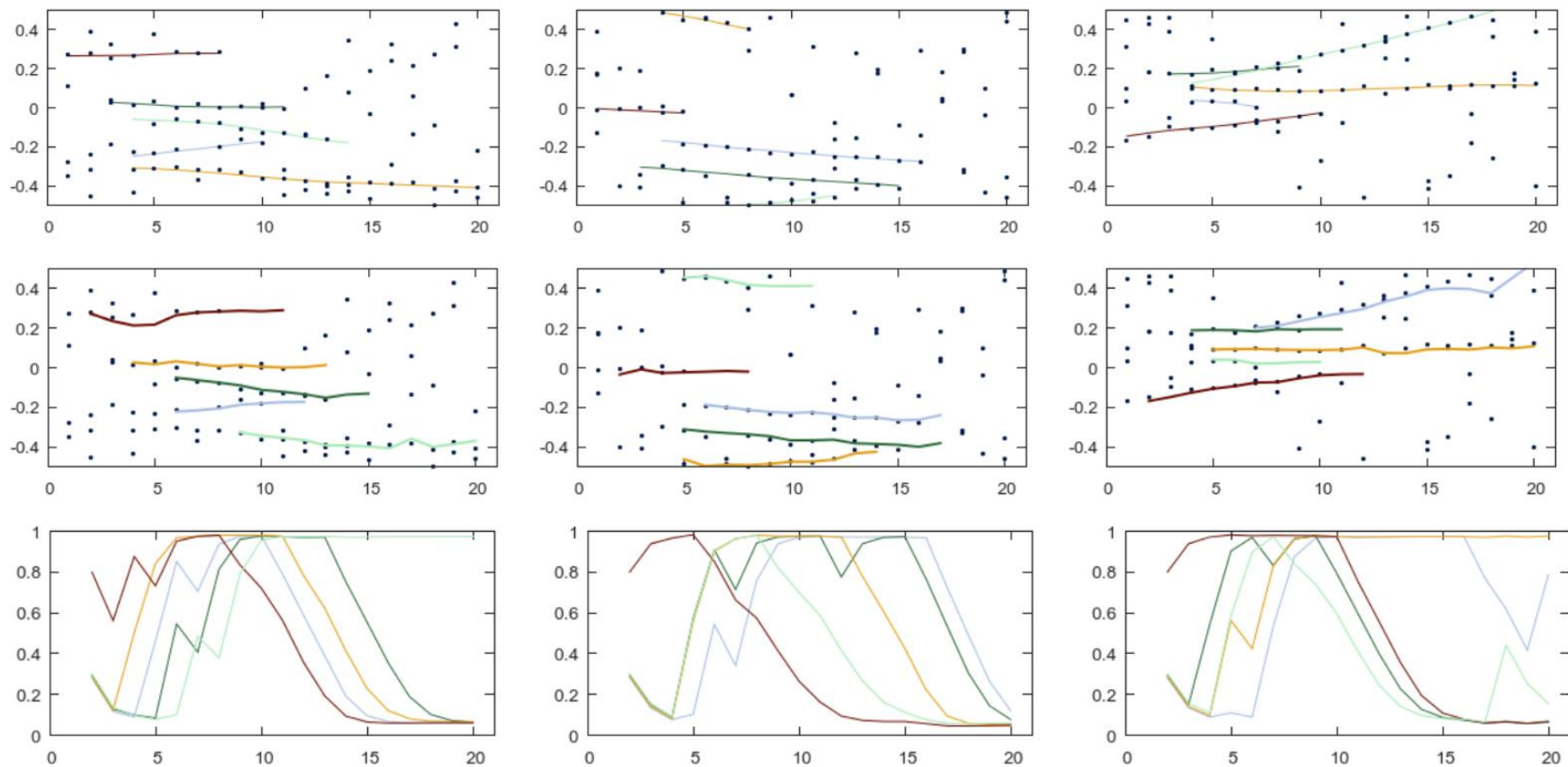
- **Few training data available**
- Perturbation of real data
  - Mirroring
  - Translation
  - Rotation
- Sampling from a generative model
  - Learn trajectory model from each available training sequence
- Physically-based trajectory generation
  - Simulating real world motion and cameras

# Implementation: other details

- Platform: Lua and Torch7
- Network size:
  - RNN: 1 layer, 300 hidden units
  - LSTM: 2 layers, 500 hidden units
- Optimization:
  - RMSprop
  - Convergence under 200,000 iterations
- Data:
  - 100,000 20-frame long sequences
  - Mini batches of 10 samples per batch
  - Normalized to  $[-0.5, 0.5]$

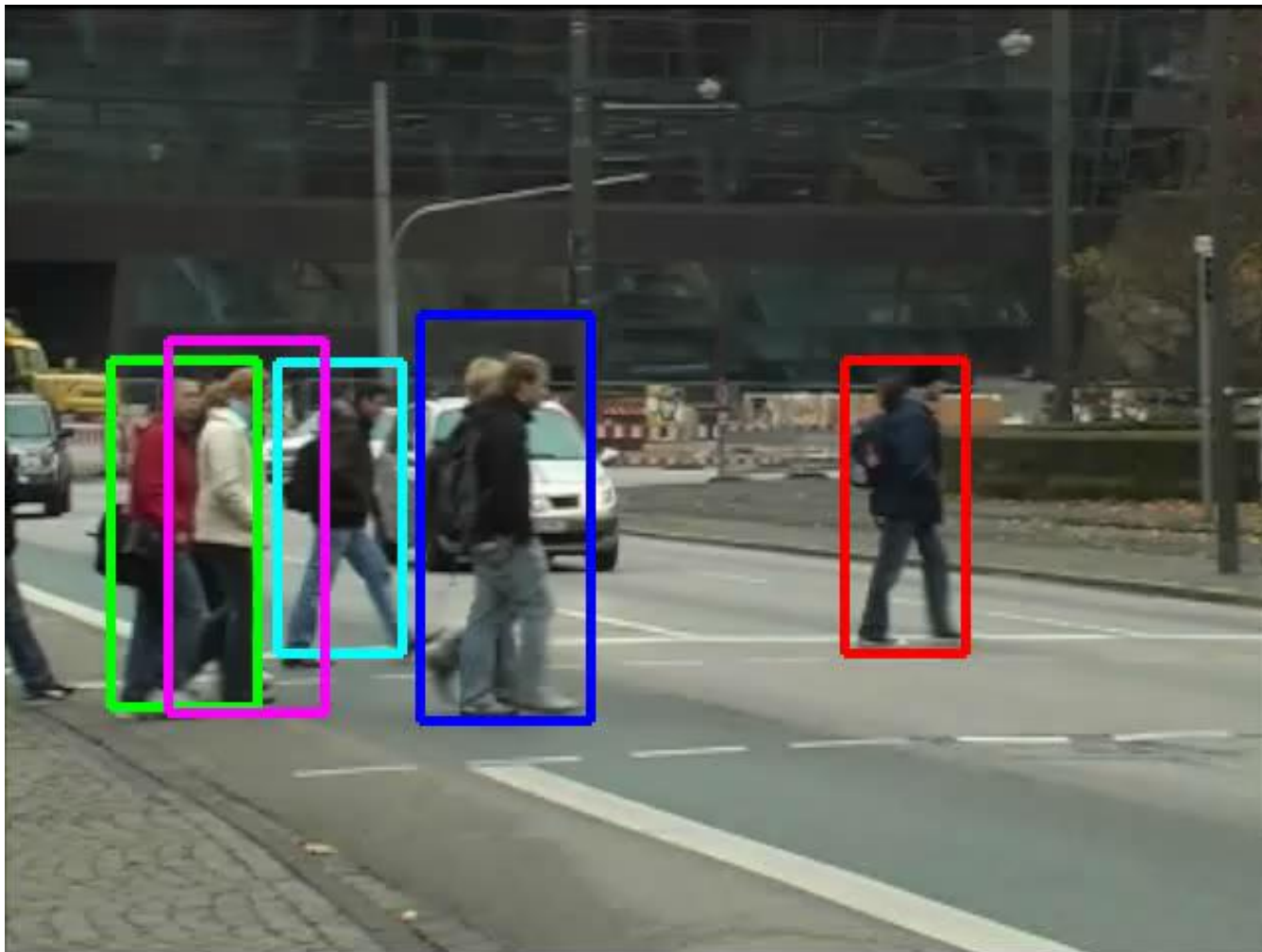


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**Table 1.** Tracking results on the MOTChallenge training dataset. \*Denotes offline post-processing.

Method	Rcll	Prcn	MT	ML	FP	FN	IDs	FM	MOTA	MOTP
Kalman-HA	28.5	79.0	32	334	3,031	28,520	685	837	19.2	69.9
Kalman-HA2*	28.3	83.4	39	354	2,245	28,626	105	342	22.4	69.4
JPDA <sub>m</sub> *	30.6	81.7	38	348	2,728	27,707	109	380	23.5	69.0
RNN_HA	37.8	75.2	50	267	4,984	24,832	518	963	24.0	68.7
RNN_LSTM	37.1	73.5	50	260	5,327	25,094	572	983	22.3	69.0

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**Table 2.** Tracking results on the MOTChallenge test dataset. \*Denotes an offline (or delayed) method.

Method	MOTA	MOTP	FAR	MT%	ML%	FP	FN	IDs	Frag.	FPS
MDP [48]	30.3%	71.3%	1.7	13.0	38.4	9,717	32,422	680	1,500	1.1
JPDA <sub>m</sub> * [13]	23.8%	68.2%	1.1	5.0	58.1	6,373	40,084	365	869	32.6
TC_ODAL [49]	15.1%	70.5%	2.2	3.2	55.8	12,970	38,538	637	1,716	1.7
RNN_LSTM	19.0%	71.0%	2.0	5.5	45.6	11,578	36,706	1,490	2,081	165.2

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- RNN's and its relation to sequences makes it look promising
- Their approach showed that RNN can be utilized to design a Bayes Filter
- LSTM for Data Association not a trivial task
- First approach that employs end-to-end training for multi-target tracking

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