

# Some theoretical aspects of Particle Filters and Ensemble Kalman Filters

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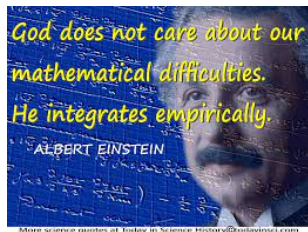
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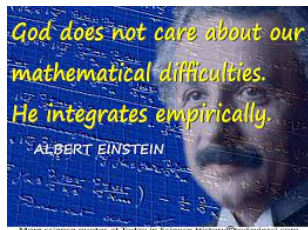
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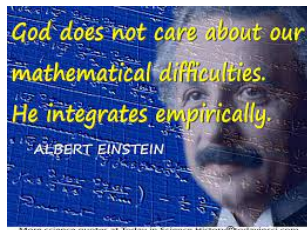


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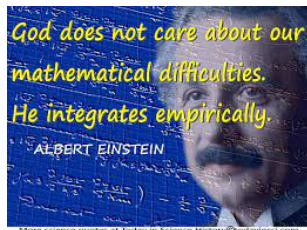
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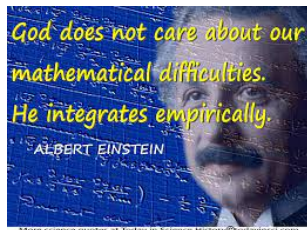
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1. Find some possibly nonlinear process

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2. Then apply mean field particle methodology



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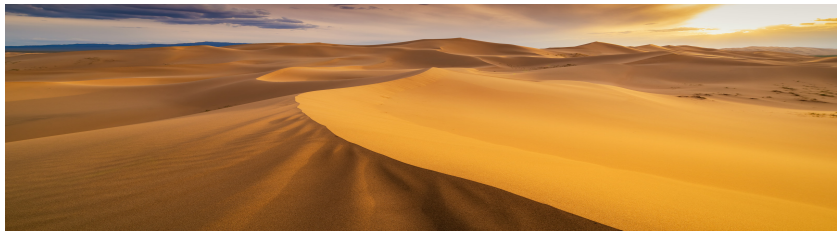
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**BUT  $t \leq 6 \implies$  Eventually use all sand grains on earth**



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## ↪ **Stability Markov & Positive/Feynman-Kac semigroups**

- ▶ Lyapunov sg. & illustrations + Arnaudon, Ouhabaz SAA 23
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## $\rightsquigarrow$ Linear-Gaussian world - possibly unstable/transient "signals"

- ▶ Stability Kalman-Bucy filters + Bishop SIAM-17.
- ▶ Inflation/localisation + Bishop, S. Pathiraja SPA-17.
- ▶ Harmonic Oscillator ( $Y = 0$ ) + Horton CIMP-23/Arxiv21.

## KEY OBS:

**Innovation/Weights/Penalties/likelihoods... stabilizing effects !!**

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## Ensemble KB filters for possibly unstable/transient signals

- ▶ AAP-19 (1d-case)+ Bishop, Kamatani, Rémillard.
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# Reformulation $\rightsquigarrow$ Nonlinear Kalman-Bucy diffusion

$\iff$  McKean-Vlasov type diffusions  $\bar{X}_t$  such that (given  $\mathcal{Y}_t$ )

$$\eta_t := \text{Law}(\bar{X}_t) = \mathcal{N}[\hat{X}_t, P_t]$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Interacting with their conditional mean and covariance matrices

$$\mathcal{P}_{\eta_t} = \eta_t [(e - \eta_t(e))(e - \eta_t(e))'] \quad \text{with} \quad e(x) := x.$$

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- ▶ 1d-discrete time/EnKF (+ Horton, Arxiv 21, AAP 23)
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OK for  $|A| < 1$  but also for  $|A| \geq 1$  unstable/effective dimension/...

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