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**Nonlinear/Non-Gaussian Data Assimilation**<sup>1</sup> JUAN RESTREPO,  
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their inherent uncertainties and errors, are blended within a Bayesian framework  
with the aim of improving estimates of dynamic processes. This process, called  
*data assimilation*, is said to be responsible for significantly better weather/climate  
forecasts. Nonlinear/non-Gaussian processes, however, pose special conceptual and  
computational challenges. In the context of generic transport problems of impor-  
tance in climate and weather a strategy which I have been investigated involves  
adding physically based constraints, leading to smaller but higher quality ensembles  
with which to produce estimates. I will describe some of the tradeoffs and their  
implications on filtering and forecasting.

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