# Eviatar Bach

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## Professional Appointments

2024 -Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Mathematics of Environmental Data Science

> Department of Meteorology & Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Reading

Reading, UK

Member of the Data Assimilation Research Centre (DARC), member of the steering committee of the Centre for Mathematics of Planet Earth (CMPE), and member of the National Centre for Earth Observation (NCEO). Outreach Officer for the Centre for Doctoral Training in Mathematics for Our Future Climate.

2022-2024 Postdoctoral Research Fellow

> Department of Environmental Science and Engineering & Department of Computing and Mathematical Sciences, Caltech

Pasadena, California, USA

Stanback Postdoctoral Fellow in Global Environmental Science under the supervision of Tapio Schneider and Andrew Stuart. Part of the Science and Engineering Team at the Climate Modeling Alliance (CliMA).

2021-2022 Postdoctoral Research Fellow

> Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique, École Normale Supérieure Paris, France

Make Our Planet Great Again Postdoctoral Fellow under the supervision of Michael Ghil.

### Education

2017-2021 PhD in Atmospheric and Oceanic Science

University of Maryland, College Park

College Park, Maryland, USA

Supervisors: Eugenia Kalnay (primary) and Safa Mote (secondary).

2012-2017 BSc in Physics and Computer Science (Honours), Minor in Mathematics

University of British Columbia

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Grants

2025-2029 Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) (£2.35m)

Co-lead, "AUSPICE - Advancing Understanding of the Signal-to-noise Para-

dox and its Impacts on Climate Ensembles"

Addressing environmental challenges: NERC highlight topics 2024 call With Antje Weisheimer (PI) and co-leads Jochen Bröcker, Christopher O'Reilly, Scott Osprey, Jon Robson, Ted Shepherd, Rowan Sutton, and Tim Woollings.

2025 **NERC** (£50k)

Co-lead, "Data Assimilation Training Course"

Delivering training courses for environmental scientists call

Funding to deliver Data Assimilation Training Course with Alison Fowler (PI) and co-leads Amos Lawless, Jochen Bröcker, Ross Bannister, and Sarah Dance.

### **Publications**

#### In review

- 23. **Bach, Eviatar**, Ricardo Baptista, Edoardo Calvello, and Andrew Stuart (2025). "Learning Enhanced Ensemble Filters". arXiv: 2504.17836 [stat] (under review in *Journal of Computational Physics*).
- 22. Deck, Katherine et al. "ClimaLand: A Land Surface Model Designed to Enable Data-Driven Parameterizations" (under review in *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*).
- 21. **Bach, Eviatar**, Ricardo Baptista, Enoch Luk, and Andrew Stuart (2025). "Learning Optimal Filters Using Variational Inference". arXiv: 2406.18066 [cs]
  - Spotlight talk at Machine Learning for Earth System Modeling (ML4ESM) Workshop at ICML 2024.
- 20. Li, Ziyan, Yan Li, Yinzuo Qin, Laibao Liu, **Eviatar Bach**, Alona Armstrong, Guoqing Li, Mingquan Li, Zheng Wang, Yongqing Bai, and Zhengchao Chen. "A Comprehensive Impact Assessment of 675 Wind Farms on Land Surface Temperature and Vegetation in China Based on Remote Sensing" (under review in *Geography and Sustainability*).

#### Preprints and workshop papers

19. **Bach, Eviatar**, Ricardo Baptista, Daniel Sanz-Alonso, and Andrew Stuart (2024). *Inverse Problems and Data Assimilation: A Machine Learning Approach*. arXiv: 2410.10523 [cs, math, stat]

#### **Published** (see Google Scholar)

- 18. **Bach, Eviatar**, Dan Crisan, and Michael Ghil (2025). "Forecast Error Growth: A Dynamic–Stochastic Model". In: *Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science* 35.7, p. 073118. DOI: 10.1063/5.0248102
- 17. Vernon, Sydney, **Eviatar Bach**, and Oliver R. A. Dunbar (2025). "Nesterov Acceleration for Ensemble Kalman Inversion and Variants". In: *Journal of Computational Physics* 535, p. 114063. doi: 10.1016/j.jcp.2025.114063
- 16. Vishny, David, Matthias Morzfeld, Kyle Gwirtz, **Eviatar Bach**, Oliver R. A. Dunbar, and Daniel Hodyss (2024). "High-Dimensional Covariance Estimation From a Small Number of Samples". In: *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems* 16.9, e2024MS004417. DOI: 10.1029/2024MS004417
- 15. Manta, Gaston, **Eviatar Bach**, Stefanie Talento, Marcelo Barreiro, Sabrina Speich, and Michael Ghil (2024). "The South Atlantic Dipole via Multichannel Singular Spectrum Analysis". In: *Scientific Reports* 14.1, p. 15534. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-024-62089-w

14. **Bach, Eviatar**, V. Krishnamurthy, Safa Mote, Jagadish Shukla, A. Surjalal Sharma, Eugenia Kalnay, and Michael Ghil (2024). "Improved Subseasonal Prediction of South Asian Monsoon Rainfall Using Data-Driven Forecasts of Oscillatory Modes". In: *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 121.15, e2312573121. DOI: 10.1073/pnas. 2312573121

Written about by UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

13. **Bach, Eviatar**, Tim Colonius, Isabel Scherl, and Andrew Stuart (2024). "Filtering Dynamical Systems Using Observations of Statistics". In: *Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science* 34.3, p. 033119. DOI: 10.1063/5.0171827

Chaos Editor's Pick

- 12. Xu, Zhengjie, Yan Li, Yingzuo Qin, and **Eviatar Bach** (2024). "A Global Assessment of the Effects of Solar Farms on Albedo, Vegetation, and Land Surface Temperature Using Remote Sensing". In: *Solar Energy* 268, p. 112198. DOI: 10.1016/j.solener. 2023.112198
- 11. **Bach, Eviatar** and Michael Ghil (2023). "A Multi-Model Ensemble Kalman Filter for Data Assimilation and Forecasting". In: *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems* 15.1, e2022MS003123. DOI: 10.1029/2022MS003123

In top 10% most-viewed papers published by the journal in 2023.

10. Chattopadhyay, Ashesh, Ebrahim Nabizadeh, **Eviatar Bach**, and Pedram Hassanzadeh (2023). "Deep Learning-Enhanced Ensemble-Based Data Assimilation for High-Dimensional Nonlinear Dynamical Systems". In: *Journal of Computational Physics* 477, p. 111918. doi: 10.1016/j.jcp.2023.111918

Featured in SIAM News Blog.

- 9. Dunbar, Oliver R. A., Ignacio Lopez-Gomez, Alfredo Garbuno-Iñigo, Daniel Zhengyu Huang, **Eviatar Bach**, and Jin-long Wu (2022). "EnsembleKalmanProcesses.Jl: Derivative-free Ensemble-Based Model Calibration". In: *Journal of Open Source Software* 7.80, p. 4869. DOI: 10.21105/joss.04869
- 8. Chattopadhyay, Ashesh, Mustafa Mustafa, Pedram Hassanzadeh, **Eviatar Bach**, and Karthik Kashinath (2022). "Towards Physics-Inspired Data-Driven Weather Forecasting: Integrating Data Assimilation with a Deep Spatial-Transformer-Based U-NET in a Case Study with ERA5". In: *Geoscientific Model Development* 15.5, pp. 2221–2237. DOI: 10.5194/gmd-15-2221-2022
- 7. Qin, Yingzuo, Yan Li, Ru Xu, Chengcheng Hou, Alona Armstrong, **Eviatar Bach**, Yang Wang, and Bojie Fu (2022). "Impacts of 319 Wind Farms on Surface Temperature and Vegetation in the United States". In: *Environmental Research Letters* 17.2, p. 024026. DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/ac49ba
- 6. **Bach, Eviatar**, Safa Mote, V. Krishnamurthy, A. Surjalal Sharma, Michael Ghil, and Eugenia Kalnay (2021). "Ensemble Oscillation Correction (EnOC): Leveraging Oscillatory Modes to Improve Forecasts of Chaotic Systems". In: *Journal of Climate* 34.14, pp. 5673–5686. DOI: 10.1175/JCLI-D-20-0624.1

- 5. **Bach, Eviatar** (2021). "parasweep: A Template-Based Utility for Generating, Dispatching, and Post-Processing of Parameter Sweeps". In: *SoftwareX* 13, p. 100631. DOI: 10.1016/j.softx.2020.100631
- 4. **Bach, Eviatar**, Safa Motesharrei, Eugenia Kalnay, and Alfredo Ruiz-Barradas (2019). "Local Atmosphere–Ocean Predictability: Dynamical Origins, Lead Times, and Seasonality". In: *Journal of Climate* 32.21, pp. 7507–7519. DOI: 10.1175/JCLI-D-18-0817.1

3rd most read article in the *Journal of Climate* in the period 5 June 2019 – 5 June 2020.

- 3. Penny, Stephen G., **Eviatar Bach**, Kriti Bhargava, Chu-Chun Chang, Cheng Da, Luyu Sun, and Takuma Yoshida (2019). "Strongly Coupled Data Assimilation in Multiscale Media: Experiments Using a Quasi-Geostrophic Coupled Model". In: *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems* 11.6, pp. 1803–1829. DOI: 10.1029/2019MS001652
- 2. Li, Yan, Eugenia Kalnay, Safa Motesharrei, Jorge Rivas, Fred Kucharski, Daniel Kirk-Davidoff, **Eviatar Bach**, and Ning Zeng (2018). "Climate Model Shows Large-Scale Wind and Solar Farms in the Sahara Increase Rain and Vegetation". In: *Science* 361.6406, pp. 1019–1022. DOI: 10.1126/science.aar5629
  - 14th top Earth science article on Altmetric in 2018, 79th of all articles in 2018, most-blogged about article of September 2018.
  - 10th most featured climate paper in the media in 2018, according to Carbon Brief.
  - Written about by the BBC, Los Angeles Times, Popular Science, and other international media.
- 1. **Bach, Eviatar**, Valentina Radić, and Christian Schoof (2018). "How Sensitive Are Mountain Glaciers to Climate Change? Insights from a Block Model". In: *Journal of Glaciology* 64.244, pp. 247–258. doi: 10.1017/jog.2018.15
  - Shortlisted for 2020 IACS-IGS Graham Cogley Award, for papers published by early career scientists in the *Journal of Glaciology* or *Annals of Glaciology*.
  - Selected glaciology article for the period 2015–2019, Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics.

#### Non-refereed

- Bach, Eviatar and Oliver Dunbar (2023). "How Do We Estimate Climate Parameters? An Introduction to Ensemble Kalman Inversion". In: Climate Modeling Alliance Blog. URL: https://clima.caltech.edu/2023/06/12/how-do-we-estimate-parameters-an-introduction-to-ensemble-kalman-inversion/
- Chattopadhyay, Ashesh, Ebrahim Nabizadeh, Eviatar Bach, and Pedram Hassanzadeh (2021). "Deep Learning-Augmented Data Assimilation for Next-Generation Predictive Models". In: SIAM News Blog. url: https://sinews.siam.org/Details-Page/deep-learning-augmented-data-assimilation-for-next-generation-predictive-models
- Pentakota, Sreenivas, Sagar V. Gade, Suryachandra A. Rao, Cheng Da, Kriti Bhargava, Chu-Chun Chang, Eviatar Bach, Eugenia Kalnay, and Travis Sluka (2020). "Advances in Coupled Data Assimilation, Ensemble Forecasting, and Assimilation of Altimeter Observations". In: CLIVAR Exchanges 79, pp. 27–30. DOI: 10.36071/clivar.79.2020

# Honors and Awards

2022–20	024	Foster and Coco Stanback Postdoctoral Fellowship in Global Environmental Science Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences, Caltech, Pasadena, California, USA	
2021–20	022	Make Our Planet Great Again Postdoctoral Fellow Campus France, République Française	
2020		<b>Eugene Rasmusson Fellowship</b> Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, University of Maryland College Park, USA	
2020–20	021	Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship University of Maryland, College Park, USA	
2017–20	021	Flagship Fellowship University of Maryland, College Park, USA	
Prese	entat	ions	
Invited	l talks		
2025	Isaac	obabilistic AI for Environmental Science (October 21–22) ac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences ambridge, England	
2025	(Sep Univ	Surrogates and Dimension Reduction in Scientific Machine Learning September 9–10) University of Manchester Manchester, England (online talk)	
2025	<b>Applied Inverse Problems 2025</b> (July 28 – August 1) Minisymposia on "Data Assimilation for Inverse Problems" and "Probabilistic Learning Methods for Inverse Problems" Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		
2025	Univ	kshop on Uncertainty Quantification for Dynamical Modelling (July 9) rersity of Edinburgh burgh, Scotland	
2025	learı Isaac	elerating statistical inference and experimental design with machine ning (June 27)  Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences bridge, England	
2024	15) Sessi	putational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics) 2024 (Decemberson on Mathematics of deep-learning for solving differential equations don, England (online talk)	

#### 2024 **Dynamics Days Europe 2024** (July 29 – August 2)

Minisymposium on Stability, long term behaviour, and data assimilation in infinite dimensional stochastic systems for weather, climate, and ocean Bremen, Germany

#### 2024 **AMS-UMI International Joint Meeting** (July 23–26)

Special session on Analysis, control and inverse problems in climate sciences Unione Matematica Italiana and American Mathematical Society Palermo, Italy

#### 2024 Chaos, Computation, Analysis and Optimization (CaCAO) Days (April 15)

Scripps Institution of Oceanography La Jolla, California, USA

#### 2024 **Department of Applied Mathematics** (April 8)

University of California, Santa Cruz, California, USA

#### 2024 **SIAM UQ24** (March 1)

Probabilistic Approaches to Uncertainty Quantification in Dynamical Systems session

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

Trieste, Italy

#### 2023 **ICIAM 2023** (August 24)

Combining Machine Learning and Stochastic Methods for Modeling and Forecasting Complex Systems session International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Tokyo, Japan

# 2023 SIAM Conference on Mathematical & Computational Issues in the Geosciences 2023 (June 19)

Computational Aspects of Ensemble Design and Interpretation in Climate Science and Modelling session

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

Bergen, Norway

#### 2023 Energy and Machine Learning Seminar (April 25)

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Washington, USA (online)

#### 2023 **Atmosphere Ocean Science Colloquium** (March 29)

Courant Institute for Mathematical Sciences, New York University, New York City, USA

#### 2023 **Department of Scientific Computing Seminar** (March 1)

Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA

#### 2022 Applied Math Seminar (October 14)

Florida International University, Miami, USA (online)

#### 2022 Applied Math Seminar (October 6)

Hunter College, City University of New York, New York City, USA (online)

2022	Forecast Verification and Data Assimilation in intermediate and large scale models of geophysical fluid dynamics (September 23) Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences Reading, England
2022	<b>Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic &amp; Earth Sciences Seminar</b> (May 11) George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA (online)
2022	AI for Climate Seminar (January 26) Sorbonne University, Paris, France
2020	Climate Modeling Alliance Seminar (October 21) Caltech, Pasadena, California, USA (online)
2020	<b>PrExDA: Predicting Extremes by Data-Driven Analytics</b> (October 1) National Science Foundation Convergence Accelerator (online)
2020	<b>Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic &amp; Earth Sciences Seminar</b> (April 29) George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA (online)
Contrib	uted talks
2025	NCEO Virtual Staff Conference (September 3) National Centre for Earth Observation
2025	International Workshop on Monsoons (March 17) World Meteorological Organization Pune, India (online talk)
2024	<b>International Symposium on Data Assimilation 2024</b> (October 21–25) Kobe, Japan
2024	Oxford Workshop on Model Uncertainty (September 25) Oxford University, Oxford, UK
2024	Machine Learning for Earth System Modeling workshop (July 26) International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) Vienna, Austria (online talk, joint with Enoch Luk)
2024	RMetS Annual Weather and Climate Conference (July 9) Royal Meteorological Society Reading, England
2024	<b>Toward Minimizing Early Model Biases and Errors in S2S Predictions</b> (June 7) National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Boulder, Colorado, USA (online talk)
2024	Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology (May 10) American Meteorological Society Long Beach, California, USA
2024	<b>ESA–ECMWF Workshop on Machine Learning for Earth System Observation</b> and Prediction (May 10) European Space Agency and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Frascati, Italy (online talk)

2024	International Symposium on Data Assimilation – Predictability (May 3) Online	
2024	$ \begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{International Symposium on Data Assimilation - Advancements in Ensemble} \\ \textbf{Data Assimilation} \ (March\ 8) \\ \textbf{Online} \end{tabular} $	
2023	2023 AGU Fall Meeting (December 9–13) American Geophysical Union San Francisco, California, USA	
2023	EGU General Assembly 2023 (April 28) European Geosciences Union Vienna, Austria (online talk)	
2022	<b>2022 Model Hierarchies Workshop</b> (August 30) Stanford University, Stanford, California, USA	
2022	SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Planet Earth 2022 (July 14) Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA (online talk)	
2022	International Symposium on Data Assimilation 2022 (June 7) Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA	
2022	EGU General Assembly 2022 (May 25) European Geosciences Union Vienna, Austria (online talk)	
2020	2nd NOAA Workshop on Leveraging AI in Environmental Sciences (September $10$ ) Online	
2020	<b>PSU-UMD Data Assimilation Workshop</b> (August 21) Pennsylvania State University and University of Maryland (online)	
2019	CISESS Science Meeting (November 12–14) Cooperative Institute for Satellites Earth System Studies (CISESS), College Park, Maryland, USA	
2019	2019 AGU Fall Meeting (December 9–13) American Geophysical Union San Francisco, California, USA	
Teach	ing	
2025	<b>Tutorial on Data Assimilation</b> (September 15–16) University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland	
2025	NERC/NCEO/DARC Training course on data assimilation and its interface with machine learning (June 9–13) University of Reading, Reading, UK Taught lectures and practical on machine learning in data assimilation.	

#### 2025 MTMCW: Causality and Decision-Making (Semester 2)

Department of Meteorology

University of Reading, Reading, UK

Taught lectures and practicals on causal discovery.

#### 2025 **ST2PST: Probability and Statistical Theory** (Semester 2)

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

University of Reading, Reading, UK Co-taught (50%) with Jeroen Wouters.

#### 2024 ACM270: Inverse Problems and Data Assimilation, a Machine Learning

**Approach** (Spring semester)

Department of Computing and Mathematical Sciences

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, USA

Creating curriculum and co-teaching graduate-level, special topics course

with Andrew Stuart.

#### 2019, 2018 Snakes on a Satellite workshops at AGU Fall Meetings

American Geophysical Union

Co-taught interactive workshops on the scientific Python ecosystem and its use for Earth science data processing and analysis. Attended by over 70 participants in 2019.

#### 2019, 2018 Snakes on a Satellite workshops at NOAA

NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction, College Park, Maryland, USA

Co-taught interactive workshops on the scientific Python ecosystem.

Attended by over 100 NOAA scientists.

## **Editorial**

#### 2023–2025 Special Issue Editor, Earth System Dynamics

Co-editor of special issue "Theoretical and computational aspects of ensemble design, implementation, and interpretation in climate science", with David Stainforth, Christian Franzke, Irina Tezaur, and Francisco de Melo Virissimo.

Joint issue between *Earth System Dynamics*, *Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics*, and *Geoscientific Model Development*.

## Sessions Co-Chaired

#### 2024 **SIAM UQ24** (February 27)

Advances at the intersection of probabilistic machine learning, inverse problems and data assimilation mini-symposium

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Bergen, Norway

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Model Hierarchies for the Ocean 2 session Stanford, California, USA

2022 **SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Planet Earth 2022** (July 14)

Data Science session Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

## Advising

2024–2025 Enoch Luk (Caltech, undergrad; now Machine Learning Engineer at

Instagram)

Advising a research project on using variational inference to learn optimal filters for data assimilation.

2024 Kota Okuda (Tohoku University, undergrad)

Co-advised (with Oliver Dunbar) a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) on accelerated Markov chain Monte Carlo methods for emulators.

2022, 2024 Anagha Satish (Caltech, undergrad; now PhD student at Harvard)

Co-advised (with Oliver Dunbar) a SURF on the impact of time-step size on ensemble Kalman inversion, and advised a research project on combining numerical and machine learning models for data assimilation.

2023 **Sydney Vernon** (Caltech, undergrad)

Co-advised (with Oliver Dunbar) a SURF on accelerating the convergence of ensemble Kalman inversion using momentum methods.

2019–2020 Greta Easthom (University of Maryland, College Park undergrad; now PhD

student at North Caroline State University)

Co-advised (with Safa Mote) an undergraduate thesis on mathematical modelling of population dynamics.

Thesis Committees

2025 **Internal examiner for Reyk Börner's viva** (June 5)

Department of Mathematics and Statistics University of Reading, Reading, UK

## Visiting Positions

2025 Residential Programme participant, Isaac Newton Institute Programme on "Representing, calibrating & leveraging prediction uncertainty from statistics to machine learning" (June 19–July 8)

Cambridge, England

2022 Residential Programme participant, Isaac Newton Institute Satellite

Programme on Geophysical Fluid Dynamics (September 10–25)

Reading, England

2018 **Visiting Researcher, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology** (November 18 –

December 8)

Pune, Maharashtra, India

## Service

• Journal reviews (over 55):

General interest: Science; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; PLOS ONE; Journal of Open Source Software

Earth science: Geophysical Research Letters; Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems; Journal of Climate; Monthly Weather Review; Geoscientific Model Development; npj Climate and Atmospheric Science; Communications Earth & Environment; Climate Dynamics; Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society; Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics; International Journal of Climatology; The Cryosphere; Earth's Future; Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology; Earth and Space Science; Geografiska Annaler: Series A, Physical Geography; Journal of Glaciology

Physics: Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science; Physics of Fluids Machine learning/data science: Nature Machine Intelligence; Journal of Geophysical Research: Machine Learning and Computation; Information Fusion

- Reviewed a book manuscript on data analysis for Earth science for Wiley.
- Grant reviewer for National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Hungary (2022).