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A class of abstract stochastic evolution equations of Ito-type in a separable Hilbert space is investigated. The evolution equations under consideration are characterized by dependence of the nonlinearity on the probability distribution of the state process. Such equations are of so-called McKean-Vlasov type and arise naturally in the mathematical modeling of nonlinear diffusion processes.

A brief survey of past work on this type of equation will be provided, followed by a discussion of existence and stability theory for such a class of equations undergoing time-delays and impulsive effects. The abstract results will be illustrated by applications to concrete initial-boundary value problems of various kinds. Several open problems will also be mentioned. (Received July 30, 2009)