

# **ASSISTANCE OU RISQUE POUR LA SCIENCE ?**

**L'IA GÉNÉRATIVE AU CŒUR  
DES OUTILS DE RECHERCHE DE LITTÉRATURE ACADEMIQUE**



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# PRÉSENTATION

Dans le sillage de ChatGPT, l'IA générative intègre progressivement les outils de recherche bibliographique. Si ces fonctionnalités IA promettent un accès plus aisé à la revue de littérature et une productivité accrue, il convient de s'interroger dès maintenant sur leurs usages et leurs apports. Peuvent-ils faire progresser la science ? Et sommes-nous prêts pour l'ère de la recherche sémantique générative ?

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- Une fonctionnalité de plus en plus standard **#assistance**
- État des lieux actuel **#risques**

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## AI science search engines expand their reach

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## How AI technology can tame the scientific literature

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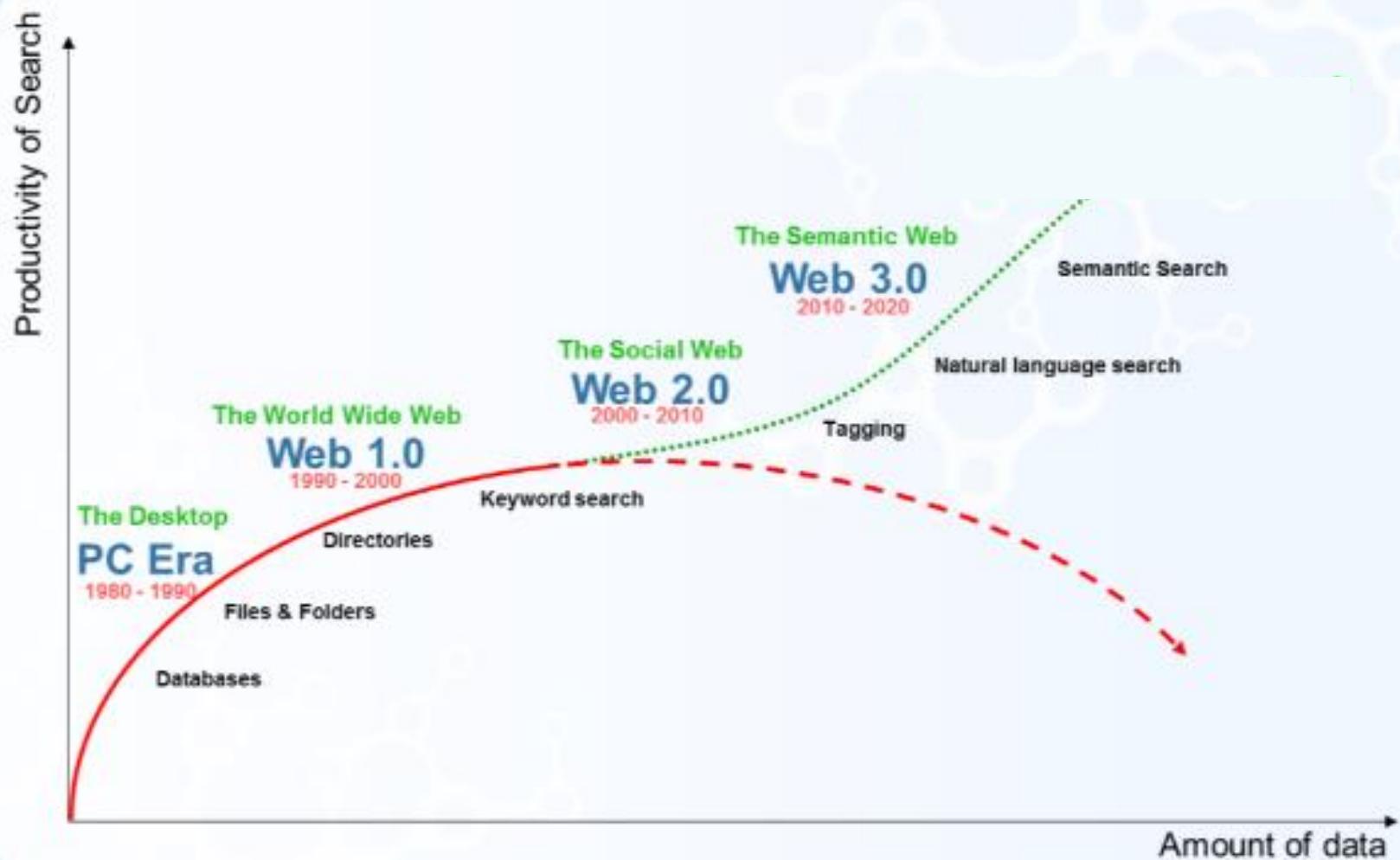
## Drowning in the literature? These smart software tools can help

Search engines that highlight key papers are keeping scientists up to date.

[David Matthews](#)

Every time Eddie Smolyansky had a few moments to himself, he tried to stay abreast of new publications in his field. But by 2016, the computer-vision researcher, who is based in Tel Aviv, Israel, was receiving hundreds of automated literature recommendations per day. "At some point the bathroom breaks weren't enough," he says. The recommendations were "way too much, and impossible to keep up with".

# Beyond the Limits of Keyword Search



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## Pesticide Residues and Bees – A Risk Assessment

F. Sánchez-Bayo, K. Goka • Published in PLoS ONE 9 April 2014 • Environmental Science, Agricultural and Food Sciences, Biology

**TLDR** Risks appear to be low, but analysis indicates that residues of pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticides pose the highest risk by contact exposure of bees with contaminated pollen, and the synergism of ergosterol inhibiting fungicides with those two classes of insecticides results in much higher risks in spite of the low prevalence of their combined residues. Expand

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**Figure 1**

**Table 1**

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- Background Citations
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# Beyond the Limits of Keyword Search





# ChatGPT

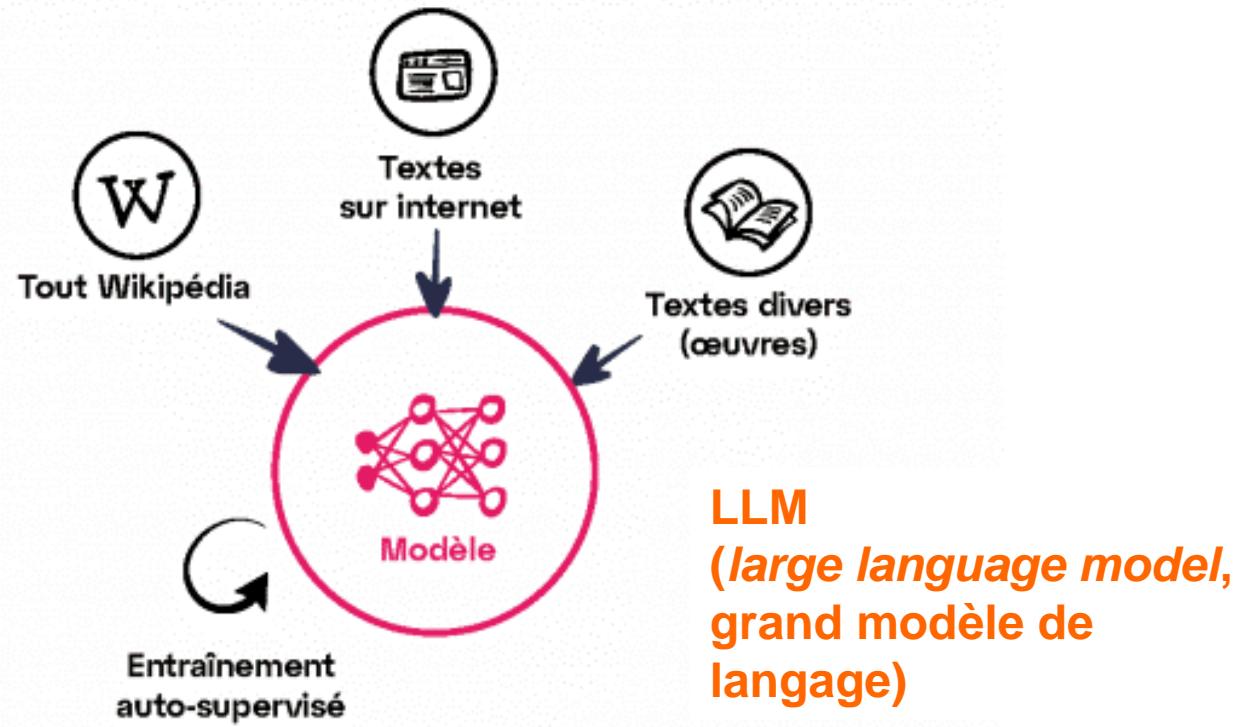
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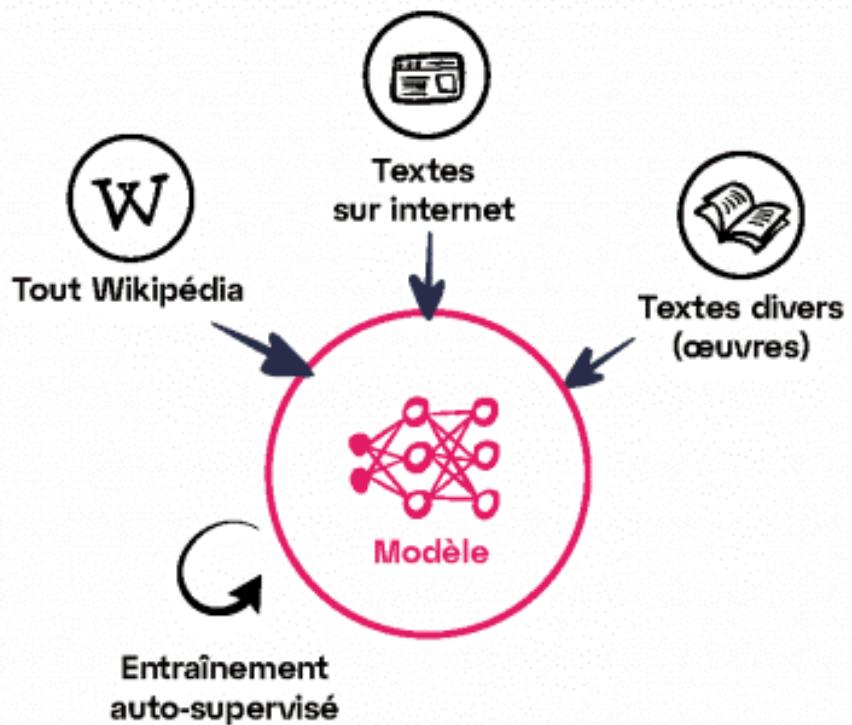
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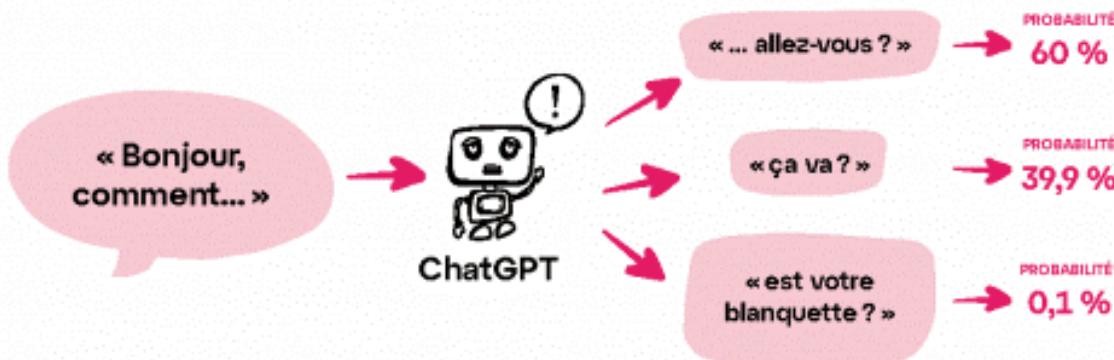
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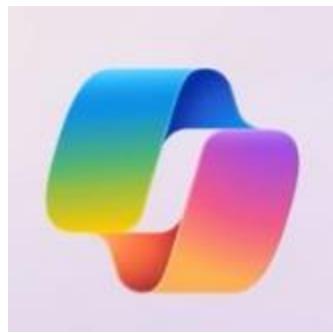
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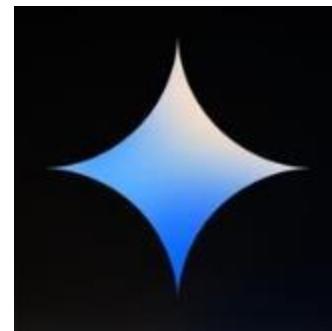
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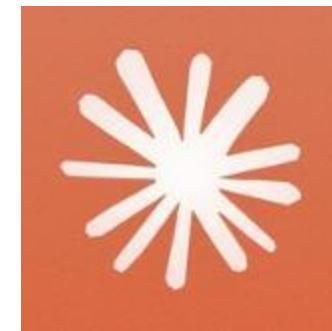
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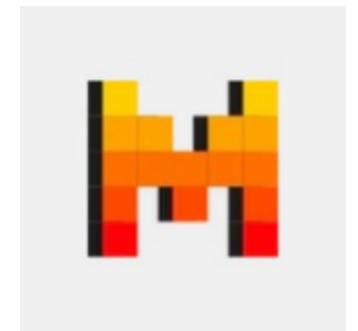
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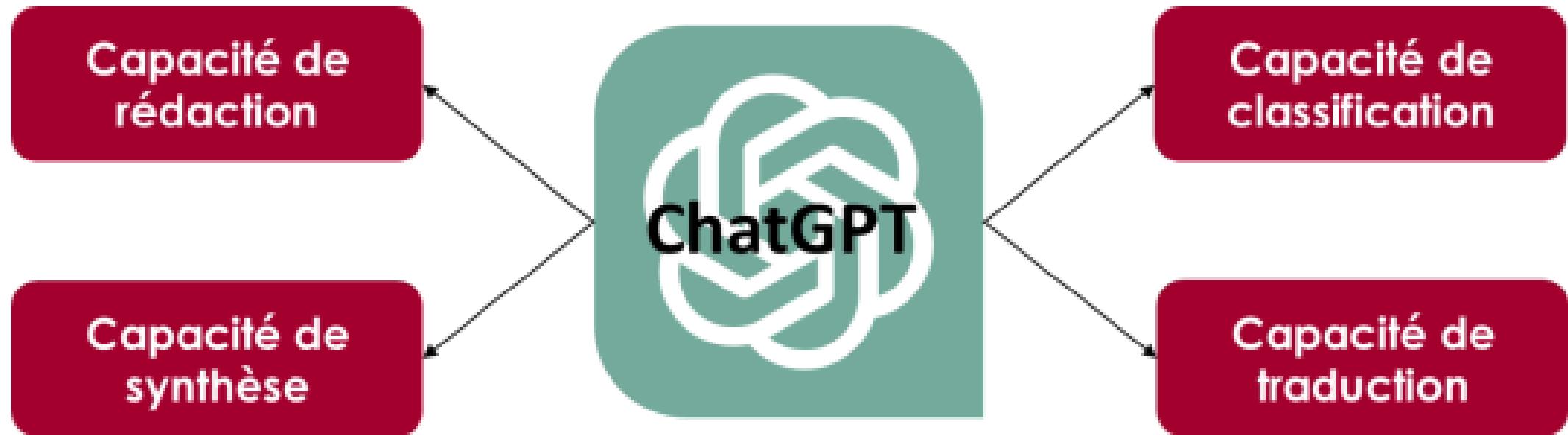
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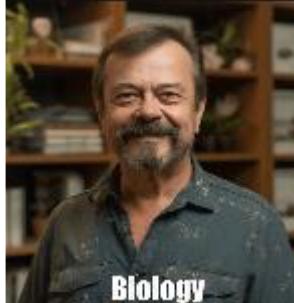
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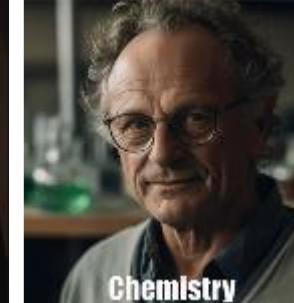
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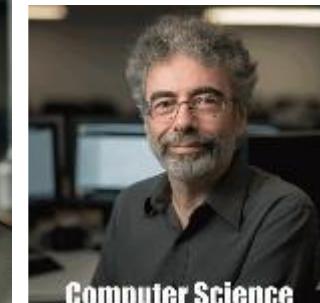
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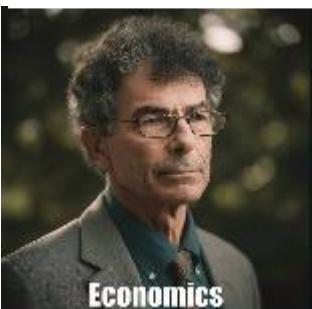
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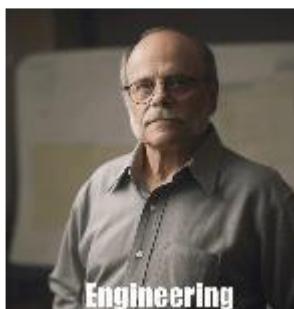
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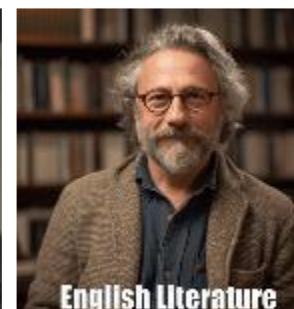
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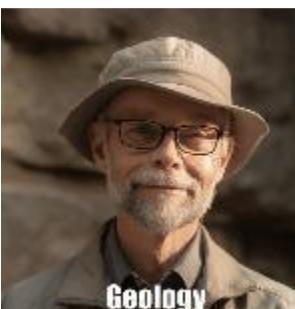
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*What Midjourney thinks  
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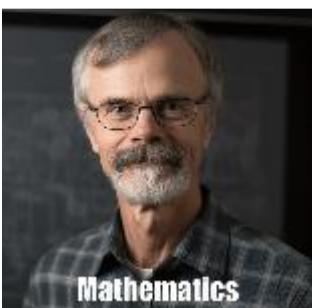
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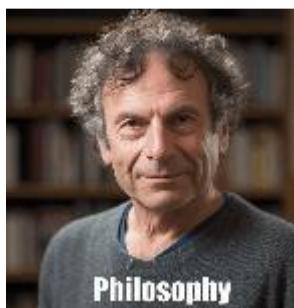
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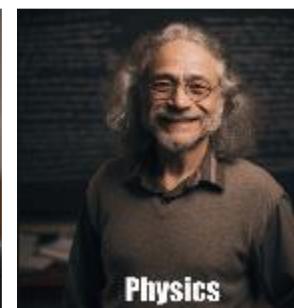
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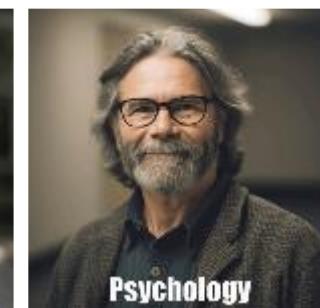
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# #sources ?

les pesticides sont-ils responsables de la disparition des abeilles



Les pesticides, en particulier ceux dits *néonicotinoïdes*, sont souvent pointés du doigt comme étant un facteur majeur contribuant à la disparition des abeilles, bien qu'il n'existe pas une cause unique à ce phénomène complexe. La combinaison de plusieurs facteurs est généralement en cause.

Voici un résumé des principaux éléments :

### 1. Les néonicotinoïdes et autres pesticides

Les néonicotinoïdes, qui sont des insecticides systémiques (ils agissent sur le système nerveux des insectes), sont particulièrement préoccupants. Ces produits affectent la capacité des abeilles à naviguer, à se nourrir et à communiquer avec les autres membres de la ruche. Lorsqu'une abeille est exposée à ces substances, elle peut perdre sa capacité à retourner à sa ruche, ce qui perturbe gravement la structure de la colonie.

Même à des doses faibles, les néonicotinoïdes peuvent altérer le comportement des abeilles, nuire à leur mémoire spatiale et, à terme, affaiblir la colonie. Des études ont aussi montré qu'ils peuvent rendre les abeilles plus vulnérables à d'autres stress environnementaux, comme les parasites et les maladies.

### 2. Autres facteurs de stress

La disparition des abeilles n'est pas uniquement liée aux pesticides. D'autres facteurs de stress contribuent également à ce déclin :

- **Maladies et parasites** : Le varroa destructor, un acarien parasite, est une menace majeure pour les colonies d'abeilles. Ce parasite affaiblit les abeilles en les infectant et en se nourrissant de leur hémolymphé, ce qui rend les colonies plus vulnérables à d'autres maladies.
- **Monocultures et manque de diversité florale** : L'intensification de l'agriculture, avec des monocultures étendues, réduit la diversité des plantes et des ressources disponibles pour les abeilles. Cela limite leur alimentation, ce qui peut affecter leur santé.

- **Changements climatiques** : Les variations climatiques modifient les cycles floraux, ce qui perturbe l'approvisionnement en nourriture des abeilles au moment où elles en ont besoin.
- **Habitat naturel réduit** : La destruction des habitats naturels, par l'urbanisation et l'agriculture intensive, laisse peu d'endroits où les abeilles peuvent se reproduire et se nourrir.

### 3. Réglementation et actions en cours

Face à ce problème, plusieurs pays ont pris des mesures pour limiter l'utilisation des néonicotinoïdes et d'autres pesticides nocifs pour les polliniseurs. Par exemple, l'Union européenne a interdit certains néonicotinoïdes en 2018. Cependant, les réglementations varient selon les régions, et il reste encore du travail à faire pour protéger efficacement les abeilles.

### Conclusion

Les pesticides, en particulier les néonicotinoïdes, jouent un rôle important dans le déclin des abeilles, mais ils ne sont qu'un des facteurs dans une série de pressions environnementales et biologiques. La combinaison de l'exposition aux produits chimiques, des maladies, du changement climatique et de la perte d'habitat contribue au problème. La protection des abeilles nécessite une approche globale qui inclut des solutions pour réduire l'utilisation de pesticides, restaurer les habitats naturels et encourager des pratiques agricoles plus durables.

## 'ChatGPT-generated reading list' sparks AI peer review debate

Social scientist sees hand of ChatGPT in list of non-existent papers cited in peer reviewer's rejection

April 5, 2023

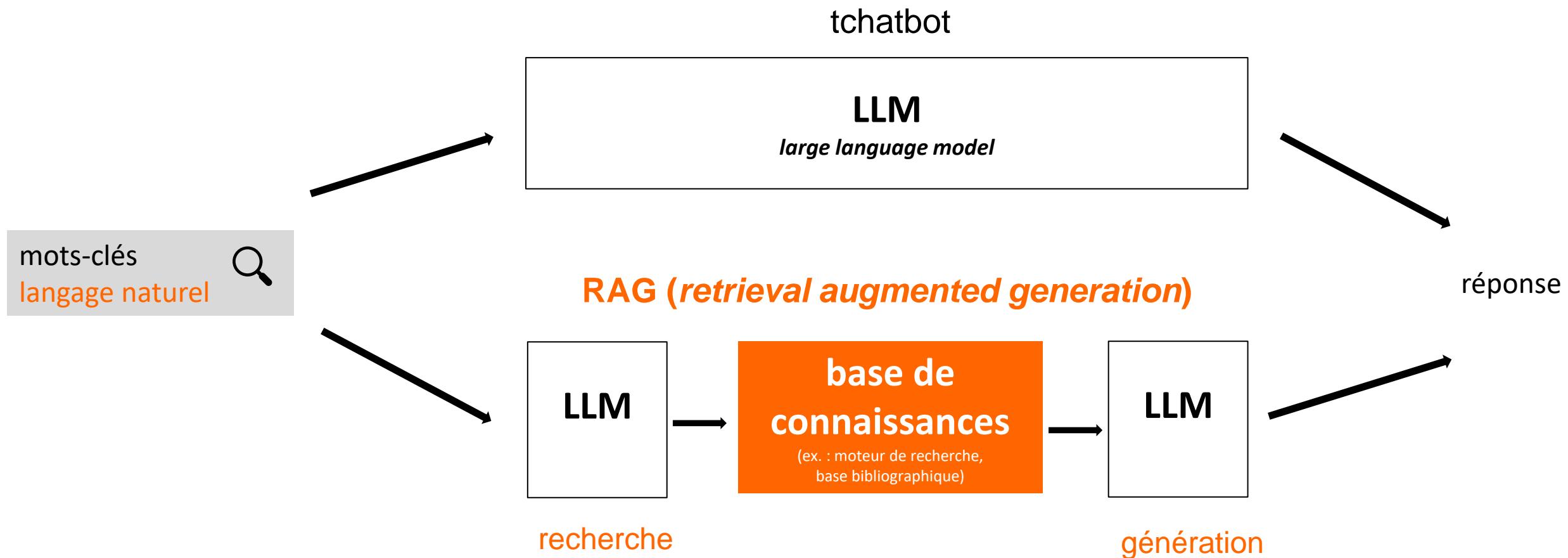
[Jack Grove \(/content/jack-grove-0\)](#)

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Fears over ChatGPT's growing role in peer review have been raised after a Dutch researcher claimed that a reviewer who rejected his paper recommended a handful of fictitious publications invented by the AI chatbot.



[Times higher education, 5/04/2023](#)



# What can I help with?

les pesticides sont-ils responsables de la disparition des abeilles

0  Search the web



les pesticides sont-ils responsables de la disparition des abeilles ?

Oui, les pesticides, en particulier les néonicotinoïdes, jouent un rôle significatif dans le déclin des populations d'abeilles. Ces insecticides agissent sur le système nerveux des abeilles, entraînant des pertes d'orientation et une incapacité à reconnaître les fleurs, ce qui affecte directement leur capacité à polliniser les plantes et contribue à leur disparition. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Des études ont montré que les néonicotinoïdes, tels que l'imidaclopride et le clothianidine, peuvent provoquer des lésions cérébrales chez les abeilles, même à des doses sublétales. Ces effets incluent une diminution de l'activité de vol et des performances d'apprentissage olfactif, compromettant ainsi la survie des colonies. WIKIPEDIA

Face à ces risques, l'Union européenne a restreint l'utilisation de certains néonicotinoïdes en 2013, puis a étendu l'interdiction à toutes les utilisations en extérieur en 2018, afin de protéger les populations d'abeilles. WIKIPEDIA

Cependant, les pesticides ne sont pas la seule cause du déclin des abeilles. D'autres facteurs, tels que les parasites (comme le varroa destructor), les maladies, le changement climatique et la perte d'habitats naturels, contribuent également à cette diminution. GREENPEACE FRANCE

En résumé, bien que les pesticides soient une cause majeure du déclin des abeilles, il est essentiel de considérer l'ensemble des facteurs pour élaborer des stratégies efficaces de conservation.

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Ces néonicotinoïdes agissent sur le système nerveux des abeilles. Ils ralentissent leur développement, cré...

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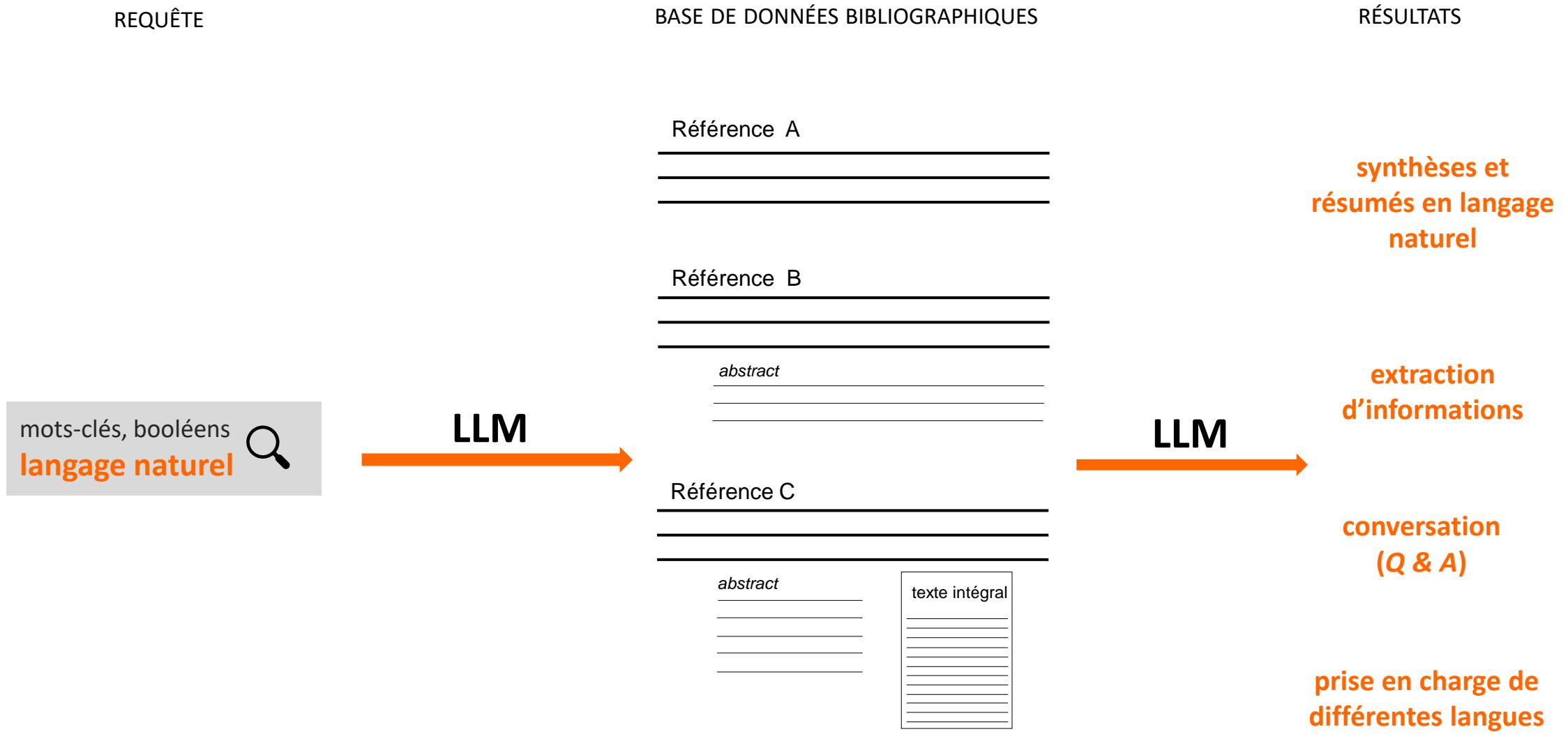
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Today

 Greenpeace France  
Abeilles en danger : les causes et les conséquences  
Les principales raisons de la disparition des abeilles. Elles sont multiples et s'entretiennent les unes les...

**Search Results**

 PollenPaths  
La disparition des abeilles : causes, impacts et efforts de ...  
January 17, 2024 — Les apiculteurs sont non seulement responsables de la production de miel...

 Science Post  
De quoi les abeilles meurent-elles vraiment - Scienpost



RAG (*retrieval augmented generation*)

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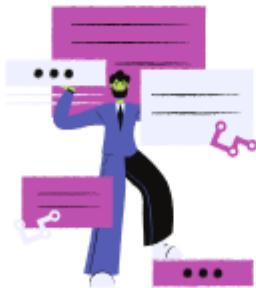
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# GenAI Tools for Literature Reviews

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Research  
Question



2.

Literature Search  
& Review



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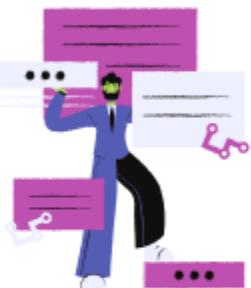
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# GenAI Tools for Literature Reviews

1.

## Research Question



### Common activities

- Brainstorm topics
- Conduct preliminary literature search
- Identify research gaps
- Form hypotheses
- Develop / sharpen research questions

### Research tools

Preliminary literature search

Google

Google Scholar

Scholarly databases

e.g. Web of Science, Scopus

Free scholarly databases

e.g. Semantic Scholar, Dimensions, Lens

### How AI can help

Brainstorm topics / keywords / hypotheses / research questions

Poe

Copilot

ChatGPT

Preliminary literature search / Identify gaps

Perplexity

Consensus

Mindmapping

GitMind

Whimsical

# Conclusions



## 3. ChatGPT pourrait-il (aider à) réaliser un mémoire ?

- ➔ Résumés,  
synthèses
- ➔ Liens entre  
concepts
- ➔ Références, sujet  
connus
- ➔ Structuration
- ➔ Styles
- ➔ Originalité
- ➔ Fil difficile à construire
- ➔ Arrêts
- ➔ Arrêt après 1h  
d'utilisation environ
- ➔ Exemples mal adaptés
- ➔ Références douteuses



# GenAI Tools for Literature Reviews

2.

## Literature Search & Review



### Common activities

- Build search query
- Conduct in-depth literature search
- Explore similar articles through citation chaining
- Organize literature
- Read & evaluate studies

### Research tools

In-depth literature search

Google Scholar

Scholarly databases  
e.g. Web of Science, Scopus

Explore similar articles in visual

Connected Papers

ResearchRabbit

Managing literature

Zotero

EndNote

Mendeley

JabRef (LaTeX)

Reading & annotation

Zotero

EndNote

Acrobat

### How AI can help

Build structured search query

Poe

Copilot

ChatGPT

Suggest relevant articles &  
Extract useful content

Elicit

Scite Assistant

SciSpace

Petal

Undermind

Summarize articles to  
facilitate reading & evaluation

Poe (Claude / GPT-4o)

## principaux outils *freemium*



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(Consensus NLP)



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(Elicit Research)



<https://typeset.io/>  
(PubGenius)



<https://scite.ai/assistant>  
(scite)

# #interrogation en langage naturel (1)

Ask a yes/no question

ⓘ Does creatine improve cognition?

ⓘ Does the death penalty reduce crime?

ⓘ Is CBT effective for anxiety?

Ask about the relationship between concepts

ⓘ What is the impact of climate change on GDP?

ⓘ What are the benefits of mindfulness meditation?

ⓘ What are the long-term health effects of preeclampsia?

Ask about “what is the best...”

ⓘ What is the best treatment for restless leg syndrome?

Ask “how to” do something

ⓘ How do you increase local voter turnout?

Try asking or searching for:

Q [How does climate change impact biodiversity?](#)

Q [Why are aging Covid patients more susceptible to severe complications?](#)

Q [How does social media affect the college selection process?](#)

Q [What are the interesting theories about dark matter and dark energy?](#)

Q [What is the significance of higher-dimensional algebra?](#)

SciSpace

Consensus

## #interrogation en langage naturel (2)

The image shows two screenshots of the Scite AI interface. The left screenshot displays a search bar with the query "Are pesticides responsible for the disappearance of bees?". Below the search bar are "Settings" and "Sources" buttons, and a "Use Table Mode" checkbox. The right screenshot shows a "Search Strategy" panel with tabs for "References" and "Search Strategy". It lists several search terms used to find references, including "bees disappearance and pesticides", "impact of pesticides on bees", "pesticides effects on pollinators", "pesticides, pollinators, and food production a global perspective", "the impact of agricultural practices on bee health", and "neonicotinoids and pollinator decline a review".

Are pesticides responsible for the disappearance of bees?

Settings Sources  Use Table Mode

References Search Strategy

→

**Searches Used**

These are the searches that Assistant ran to find references.

[bees disappearance and pesticides](#)  
[impact of pesticides on bees](#)  
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[neonicotinoids and pollinator decline a review](#)

# #synthèses et résumés

Q Are pesticides responsible for the disappearance of bees?

Summary of top 4 papers ▾

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Recent studies indicate that pesticides, particularly neonicotinoids and pyrethroids, play a significant role in the decline of bee populations worldwide. These chemicals pose risks through both contact exposure and ingestion of contaminated pollen and honey (Sánchez-Bayo & Goka, 2014). Chronic exposure to field-level concentrations of these pesticides impairs foraging behavior, increases worker mortality, and negatively impacts colony development and survival (Gill et al., 2012). Neonicotinoids, the most widely used insecticides globally, have been shown to affect bees' navigation memory and muscle movements even at sublethal doses (Pereira et al., 2020). The extensive use of pesticides in agriculture has led to the detection of residues in bee bodies and hives, causing both lethal and sublethal effects on bee physiology and behavior (Manzoor & Pervez, 2021). These findings suggest that pesticides, especially when combined, contribute significantly to the ongoing bee crisis and pose a threat to global food security.

Elicit

← Are pesticides responsible for the disappearance of bees?

Answer

Pesticides applied to agricultural crops have a negative impact on bees, with pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticide residues posing the highest risk by contact exposure.

## Pesticide Residues and Bees – A Risk Assessment

F. Sánchez-Bayo, K. Goka - 9 avr. 2014

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Citations Influential Citations

PLoS ONE

Q1 SJR score

### Quality indicators

Rigorous Journal Highly Cited

### Study snapshot

Population	More than 300 000 bees
Sample size	100
Methods	bioassay
Outcomes	bee health index, reproduction
Results	pesticide residues, synergistic toxicity

Generate snapshot

PDF Full text Semantic Scholar

### Key takeaway

Pesticide residues in pollen and honey pose low overall risks to bees, but pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticide residues pose the highest risk by contact exposure and their synergistic toxicity with ergosterol inhibiting fungicides.

### Abstract

Bees are essential pollinators of many plants in natural ecosystems and agricultural crops alike. In recent years the decline and disappearance of bee species in the wild and the collapse of honey bee colonies have concerned ecologists and apiculturalists, who search for causes and solutions to this problem. Whilst biological factors such as viral diseases, mite and parasite infections are undoubtedly involved, it is also evident that pesticides applied to agricultural crops have a negative impact on bees. Most risk assessments have focused on direct acute exposure of bees to agrochemicals from spray drift. However, the large number of pesticide residues found in pollen and honey demand a thorough evaluation of all residual compounds so as to identify those of highest risk to bees. Using data from recent residue surveys and toxicity of pesticides to honey and bumble bees, a comprehensive evaluation of risks under current exposure conditions is presented here. Standard risk assessments are complemented with new approaches that take into account time-cumulative effects over time, especially with dietary exposures. Whilst overall risks appear to be low, our analysis indicates that residues of pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticides pose the highest risk by contact exposure of bees with contaminated pollen. However, the synergism of ergosterol inhibiting fungicides with those two classes of insecticides results in much higher risks in spite of the low prevalence of their combined residues. Risks by ingestion of contaminated pollen and honey are of some concern for systemic insecticides, particularly imidacloprid and thiamethoxam, chloryprifos and the mixtures of cyhalothrin and ergosterol inhibiting fungicides. More attention should be paid to specific residue mixtures that may result in synergistic toxicity to bees.

Ask this paper

Consensus

# #extractions d'informations (1)

Answer from top 5 papers ▾

The decline of bee populations, particularly honeybees, has been increasingly linked to pesticide exposure, which poses significant risks to their health and survival. Research indicates that pesticides, especially neonicotinoids and fungicides, have detrimental effects on bee colonies, leading to increased mortality rates and impaired colony functions. The following sections elaborate on the specific impacts of pesticides on bees.

**Pesticide Toxicity and Bee Mortality**

- Studies have shown that common pesticides like fipronil and lambda-cyhalothrin exhibit high toxicity to honeybee larvae, with mortality rates reaching up to 94% under certain conditions (Waseem & Thakur, 2023).
- In semi-field studies, exposure to neonicotinoids combined with fungicides resulted in a 2.93-fold increase in mortality and reduced colony activity (Shepherd et al., 2024).

**Sub-lethal Effects on Behavior and Cognition**

- Pesticides can impair essential behaviors such as foraging and communication, affecting the bees' ability to perform their roles within the colony ("Pesticide Impact on Honeybees Declines and Emerging Food Security Crisis", 2022).
- Sub-lethal exposure to pesticides has been linked to altered social behaviors and cognitive functions, which can contribute to colony collapse disorder ("Pesticide Impact on Honeybees Declines and Emerging Food Security Crisis", 2022).

**Broader Implications for Ecosystems**

- The decline in bee populations due to pesticide exposure poses a threat to global food security, as bees are crucial pollinators for many crops ("Pesticide Impact on Honeybees Declines and Emerging Food Security Crisis", 2022).
- The interaction of pesticides with other stressors, such as pathogens, may exacerbate the decline of bee populations, highlighting the need for comprehensive studies to understand these dynamics (Straub et al., 2022).

While pesticides are a significant factor in bee population declines, other stressors like habitat loss and climate change also play critical roles. Understanding the multifaceted nature of these threats is essential for developing effective conservation strategies.

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Section: Abstract

Combined pesticide exposure severely affects individual- and colony-level traits in bees

Richard J. Gill<sup>1</sup>, Oscar Ramos-Rodriguez<sup>2</sup>, Nigel E. Raine<sup>3</sup> 2012 *Nature*

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4 Combined pesticide exposure severely affects individual- and colony-level traits in bees Yes

Chronic exposure to two pesticides (neonicotinoid and pyrethroid) impairs natural foraging behavior and increases worker mortality, leading to significant reductions in brood development and colony success.

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The decline of bee populations has become a pressing environmental concern, with pesticides frequently cited as a significant contributing factor. Research indicates that pesticides, particularly neonicotinoids, have detrimental effects on both honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) and wild bee species. These chemicals can disrupt bee behavior, impair cognitive functions, and lead to increased mortality rates, ultimately threatening pollination services essential for global food production and ecosystem health.

Neonicotinoids, a class of neurotoxic insecticides, have been extensively studied for their impact on bee health. For instance, exposure to neonicotinoids has been shown to affect metabolic physiology and reduce the overall fitness of honey bee colonies (Cook, 2019; Gill et al., 2012). Sublethal doses of neonicotinoids like Imidacloprid can lead to significant adverse effects, including decreased body weight and increased mortality among worker bees (Abbo et al., 2016). Furthermore, studies have demonstrated that these pesticides can impair learning and memory in bumblebees, which are crucial for foraging and navigation (Kaakinen, 2024; Siviter et al., 2018). The cognitive impairments caused by pesticide exposure can hinder a bee's ability to efficiently gather food, thereby affecting colony health and survival (Tosi & Nieh, 2017).

In addition to direct toxic effects, pesticides can also interact synergistically with pathogens, exacerbating their harmful impacts on bee populations. Research has shown that the combination of pesticide exposure and infections from pathogens like Nosema can severely compromise honey bee immunity and survival (Grassi et al., 2018; Naharki & Regmi, 2020). This synergistic effect highlights the complexity of factors contributing to bee declines, as both pesticides and pathogens can work together to undermine bee health (Syromyatnikov et al., 2021).

Moreover, the landscape context in which bees operate plays a crucial role in moderating the effects of pesticide exposure. Agricultural practices that rely heavily on pesticides can lead to habitat loss and reduced availability of natural food sources for bees, further compounding the negative impacts of pesticide use (Bloom et al., 2021; Park et al., 2015). The loss of diverse habitats not only increases dependency on chemical inputs but also diminishes the resilience of bee populations against environmental stressors (Bloom et al., 2021).

The evidence linking pesticide use to bee population declines is robust and multifaceted. Studies consistently show that the application of pesticides correlates with reduced bee abundance and diversity, which in turn affects pollination services critical for agricultural productivity (Baron et al., 2017; Bloom et al., 2021). The ongoing use of harmful pesticides, despite growing awareness of their impacts, poses a significant threat to both managed and wild bee populations, necessitating urgent action to mitigate their use and protect these vital pollinators (Stanley et al., 2016; Gill et al., 2012).

In conclusion, pesticides, particularly neonicotinoids, are indeed responsible for contributing to the decline of bee populations through direct toxicity, impaired cognitive functions, and synergistic effects with pathogens. The interplay of these factors, compounded by habitat loss and agricultural practices, underscores the urgent need for sustainable pest management strategies that safeguard bee health and ensure the continued provision of pollination services.

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Answer

Pesticides applied to agricultural crops have a negative impact on bees, with pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticide residues posing the highest risk by contact exposure.

**Pesticide Residues and Bees – A Risk Assessment**

F. Sánchez-Bayo, K. Goka - 9 avr. 2014

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Study snapshot

Population	Over 100000 bees
Sample size	100
Methods	Observational
Outcomes	Bees' health and reproduction
Results	Pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticide residues pose the highest risk by contact exposure of bees to contaminated pollen. However, the synergism of ergosterol inhibiting fungicides with those two classes of insecticides results in much higher risks in spite of the low prevalence of their combined residues. Risks by ingestion of contaminated pollen and honey are of some concern for systemic insecticides, particularly imidacloprid and thiamethoxam, chlorpyrifos and the mixtures of cyhalothrin and ergosterol inhibiting fungicides. More attention should be paid to specific residue mixtures that may result in synergistic toxicity to bees.

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Key takeaway

Pesticide residues in pollen and honey pose low overall risks to bees, but pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticide residues pose the highest risk by contact exposure and their synergistic toxicity with ergosterol inhibiting fungicides.

Abstract

Bees are essential pollinators of many plants in natural ecosystems and agricultural crops alike. In recent years the decline and disappearance of bee species in the wild and the collapse of honey bee colonies have concerned ecologists and apiculturalists, who search for causes and solutions to this problem. Whilst biological factors such as viral diseases, mite and parasite infections are undoubtedly involved, it is also evident that pesticides applied to agricultural crops have a negative impact on bees. Most risk assessments have focused on direct acute exposure of bees to agrochemicals from spray drift. However, the large number of pesticide residues found in pollen and honey demand a thorough evaluation of all residual compounds so as to identify those of highest risk to bees. Using data from recent residue surveys and toxicity of pesticides to honey and bumble bees, a comprehensive evaluation of risks under current exposure conditions is presented here. Standard risk assessments are complemented with new approaches that take into account time-cumulative effects over time, especially with dietary exposures. Whilst overall risks appear to be low, our analysis indicates that residues of pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticides pose the highest risk by contact exposure of bees to contaminated pollen. However, the synergism of ergosterol inhibiting fungicides with those two classes of insecticides results in much higher risks in spite of the low prevalence of their combined residues. Risks by ingestion of contaminated pollen and honey are of some concern for systemic insecticides, particularly imidacloprid and thiamethoxam, chlorpyrifos and the mixtures of cyhalothrin and ergosterol inhibiting fungicides. More attention should be paid to specific residue mixtures that may result in synergistic toxicity to bees.

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Les pesticides jouent un rôle significatif dans la disparition des abeilles, bien que d'autres facteurs contribuent également à ce phénomène.

**Impact des Pesticides sur les Abeilles**

- Effets Directs et Indirects: Les insecticides peuvent tuer directement les abeilles, tandis que les herbicides réduisent la diversité des ressources alimentaires.
- Exposition Chronique et Synergisme: Les pyréthroides peuvent altérer le comportement et le développement des colonies.
- Effets Sub-Létaux: À des doses sub-létales, les pesticides peuvent altérer les fonctions cognitives des abeilles, compromettant également leur survie et leur reproduction.

**Interactions avec les Pathogènes**

- Suppression Immunitaire: Les insecticides peuvent réduire l'immunité des abeilles, les rendant plus sensibles aux maladies.
- Interactions Synergiques: L'exposition à plusieurs facteurs, tels que les pathogènes et les pesticides, peut entraîner des effets synergiques dévastateurs.

**Autres Facteurs Contributifs**

- Perte d'Habitat et Stress Alimentaire: Les changements environnementaux et la perte de habitats naturels contribuent également au déclin des populations d'abeilles.
- Changements Climatiques: Les changements climatiques exacerbent les problèmes en augmentant le stress sur les populations d'abeilles.

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Le déclin des populations d'abeilles, en particulier des abeilles domestiques, est de plus en plus lié à l'exposition aux pesticides, qui présente des risques importants pour leur santé et leur survie. Les recherches indiquent que les pesticides, en particulier les néonicotinoïdes et les fongicides, ont des effets néfastes sur les colonies d'abeilles, entraînant une augmentation des taux de mortalité et une altération des fonctions des colonies. Les sections suivantes traitent des impacts spécifiques des pesticides sur les abeilles.

**Toxicité des pesticides et mortalité des abeilles**

- Des études ont montré que les pesticides courants tels que le fipronil et la lambda-cyhalothrine présentent une toxicité élevée pour les larves d'abeilles domestiques, avec des taux de mortalité pouvant atteindre 94 % dans certaines conditions (Waseem & Thakur, 2023).
- Lors d'études semi-terrains, l'exposition à des néonicotinoïdes combinés à des fongicides a entraîné une augmentation de 2,93 fois de la mortalité et une réduction de l'activité des colonies (Shepherd et al., 2024).

**Effets sublétaux sur le comportement et la cognition**

- Les pesticides peuvent altérer des comportements essentiels tels que la recherche de nourriture et la communication, affectant ainsi la capacité des abeilles à jouer leur rôle au sein de la colonie (Pesticide Impact on Honeybee Behavior and Cognition, 2024).

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Are pesticides responsible for the disappearance of bees?

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### Introduction

The disappearance of bees, a phenomenon linked to global declines in pollinator populations, has garnered attention due to its critical impact on ecosystems and agriculture. Research increasingly identifies pesticides, particularly insecticides like neonicotinoids, as contributing factors in bee population declines by impairing bees' health, behavior, and overall colony viability.

### Evidence

- 1. Direct Toxicity and Behavioral Impacts**

Pesticides like neonicotinoids and pyrethroids are found in pollen and nectar, exposing bees to sublethal doses that impair their foraging efficiency, cognitive abilities, and pollen collection behavior. Chronic exposure to these substances weakens bees and disrupts colony functions (Gill et al., 2012), (Sánchez-Bayo & Goka, 2014), (Prado et al., 2019).
- 2. Synergistic Effects with Other Stressors**

Pesticides not only weaken bees directly but also interact with other stressors like parasites (e.g., Nosema ceranae) and environmental factors to increase vulnerability to disease and mortality. The interaction between pesticides and parasites significantly raises bee mortality and impairs colony health (Goulson et al., 2015), (Doublet et al., 2015).
- 3. Sublethal Effects on Development and Immune Systems**

Sublethal doses of pesticides have been shown to disrupt bees' development, longevity, and immune responses. Studies reveal that pesticide exposure during early life stages harms bee development and gene expression, weakening colonies over time (Christen & Fent, 2017), (Tomé et al., 2019).
- 4. Exposure to Multiple Residues**

Bees in agricultural areas face exposure to numerous pesticide residues, including neonicotinoids in maize pollen, which accumulates within hives and further stresses bee populations. These multi-residue exposures contribute to colony collapse and heightened mortality risks (Krupke et al., 2012).

### Conclusion

Overall, pesticides play a significant role in the decline of bee populations by weakening bees, impairing their behaviors, and interacting with other environmental stressors. Reducing pesticide use and exposure, alongside other environmental protections, is crucial to supporting bee populations and, by extension, global ecosystems.

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**Pesticide Residues and Bees – A Risk Assessment**

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**Introduction**

Growing concern about the impact of pesticides on pollinators is reflected in the enormous literature on the topic in the past few years [1]. In response to this concern, considerable amounts of new data on toxic effects of pesticides on wild bees, in particular bumble bees, have been obtained from laboratory and semi-field experiments [2,3].

A number of reviews on the topic have highlighted the importance of bees as natural pollinators not only for our crops but also for wildflowers and plants of forests and tropical ecosystems [4,5]. That is why the current declining trend of pollinators is worrying [6]. For example, it has been estimated that without bees, some 60 species of crop plants would fail to produce fruit [7], the economic consequences of this impact are obvious. Importation of bumble bees to make up for the losses of pollinators in the areas affected not only does not solve the issue but also creates more problems by exporting parasites to other regions or countries [8,9] or competing with native species [10].

low levels of pesticides may act as stressors that make bees more prone to biological infections [11,12,13]. Among the pesticides, newly developed systemic insecticides such as fipronil and neonicotinoids have been targeted as the main culprits involved in the collapses since they were launched to the market in the mid-1990s [20,21,22,23].

Biological factors have been responsible for many of the problems that beekeepers have with their bee hives [24], but they are unlikely to be the main cause of disappearance of a number of wild bee species, or the decline of bumble bees in North America and Europe in recent years [12,25]. Although there are scant data on bee populations from other parts of the world to make a proper evaluation, the fact that bee declines have been observed in countries that have a long history of using pesticides in agriculture points to these agrochemicals as one of the important factors underlying wild bee and honey bee colony losses. To resolve this issue, several surveys have been carried out in recent years in North America [26,27,28], France [29,30], Spain [31] and India [32] among others, to find out the amounts and prevalence of

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Introduction

- Describes the growing concern about the decline of bee species.
- Highlights the importance of bees as pollinators.
- Mentions factors contributing to honey bee biological diseases and pesticides.
- Presents the need for comprehensive research on pollen and honey.

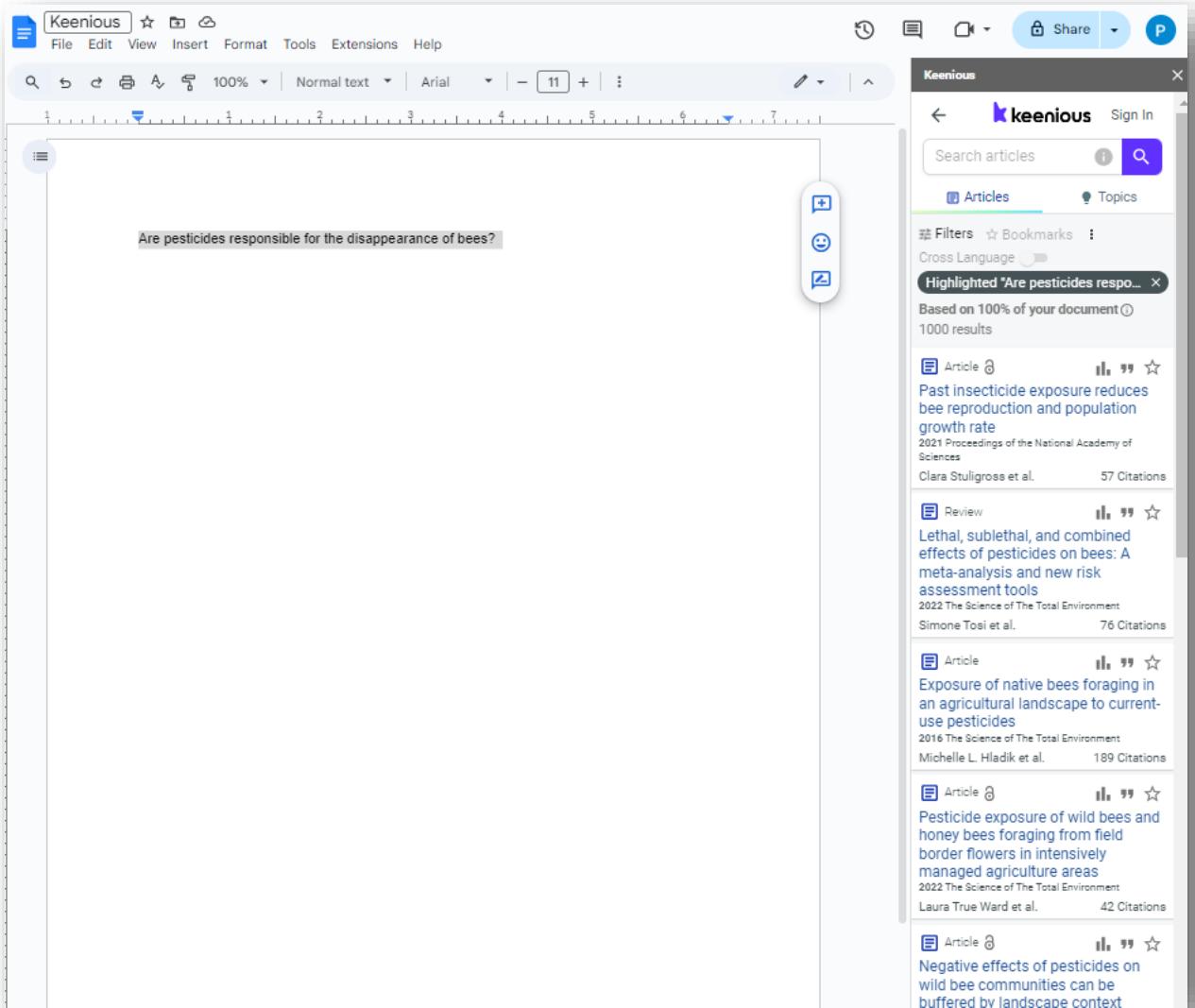
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- Notes that the assessment focuses on bees (*Bombus* spp.).
- Lists sources of data on pesticide residues.
- Presents sources of acute oral and contact toxicity for bumble bees.
- Describes the standard risk assessment approach for pesticide residue detection.
- Discusses the estimation of synergistic effects.
- Presents two novel approaches for assessing the risk approach and the time-cumulative effect.

**Results**

- Presents the residue data, showing the presence of various pesticides in pollen and the most frequent detections.
- Discusses the risk by contact exposure, indicating moderate, and low risks for honey bee adults.
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### Abstract

Scientists are enthusiastically imagining ways in which artificial intelligence (AI) tools might improve research. Why are AI tools so attractive and what are the risks of implementing them across the research pipeline? Here we develop a taxonomy of scientists' visions for AI, observing that their appeal comes from promises to improve productivity and objectivity by overcoming human shortcomings. But proposed AI solutions can also exploit our cognitive limitations, making us vulnerable to illusions of understanding in which we believe we understand more about the world than we actually do. Such illusions obscure the scientific community's ability to see the formation of scientific monocultures, in which some types of methods, questions and viewpoints come to dominate alternative approaches, making science less innovative and more vulnerable to errors. The proliferation of AI tools in science risks introducing a phase of scientific enquiry in which we produce more but understand less. By analysing the appeal of these tools, we provide a framework for advancing discussions of responsible knowledge production in the age of AI.

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*Editor's Note: Today's post is by Teresa Kubacka. Teresa is a senior data scientist in the Knowledge Management Group at the ETH Library (ETH Zurich) and leads a project "Towards Open Bibliometric Indicators". The article reflects her personal experience and opinions. All tests described in the article were performed in October 2023 at a point when ScopusAI was in its Beta version.*

Last summer, Scopus announced the release of a new tool, ScopusAI, integrated with their bibliometric database. Citing the [documentation](#), "Scopus AI is an AI-driven research tool that uses the Scopus peer-reviewed research repository to help users understand and navigate unfamiliar academic content". The tool consists of a chatbot interface, which accepts prompts in natural language and provides several sentence-long answers with citations drawn from the Scopus database. Users can type a follow-up question or pick a suggested question from a list. Additionally, the tool creates a visualization of keywords, a functionality not rolled out fully at the time of writing this article.

How does ScopusAI work in the background? From the [official documentation](#), we can infer that ScopusAI follows a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) architecture and consists of two machine learning (ML) components. One component retrieves relevant documents published between 2018 and 2023 and indexed in Scopus. It is built differently than the default Scopus search: it is used to match the user input with single sentences contained in available abstracts. It is suggested that [other article metadata are also being used to rank the results](#). Once the few best-matching abstracts are identified, another ML component – a generative large language model (LLM) [likely from a GPT family](#) – rephrases them into an answer to the original question.

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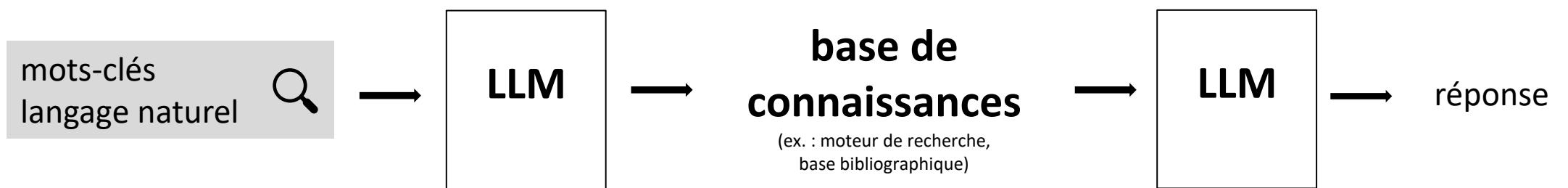
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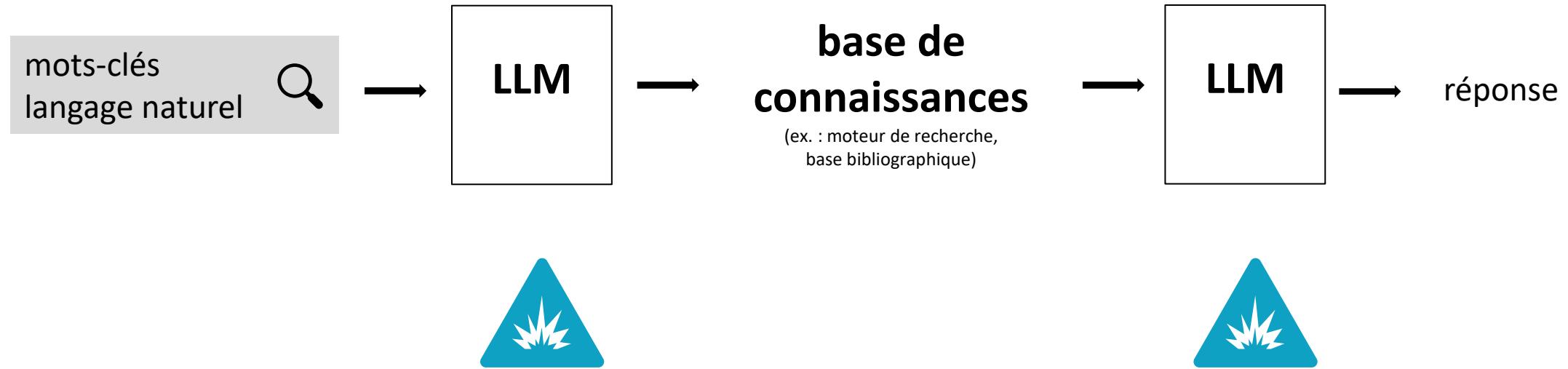


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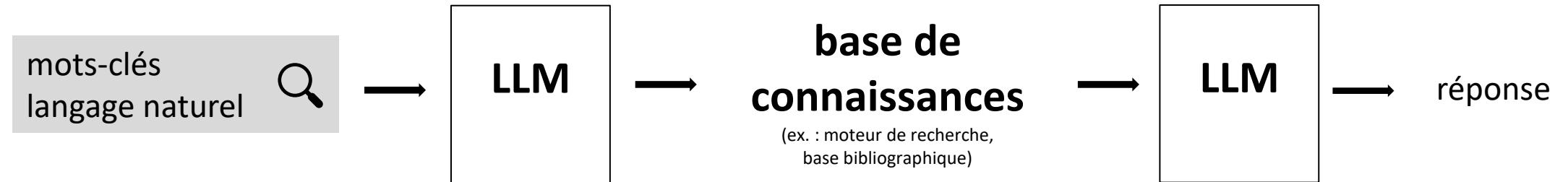
## #What could possibly go wrong?

RAG (*retrieval augmented generation*)

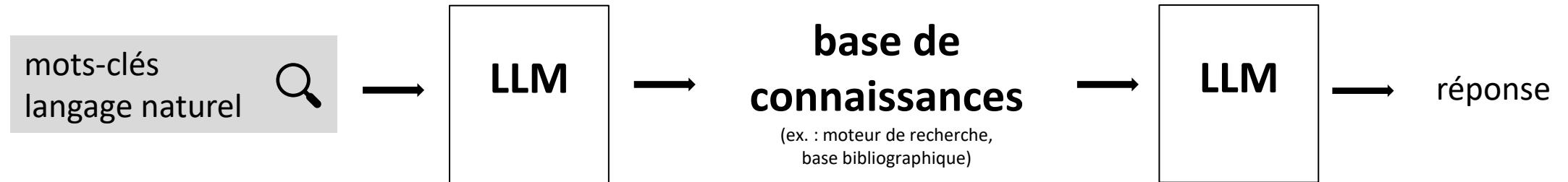




#données d'entraînement des LLM  
#hallucinations  
#boîtes noires

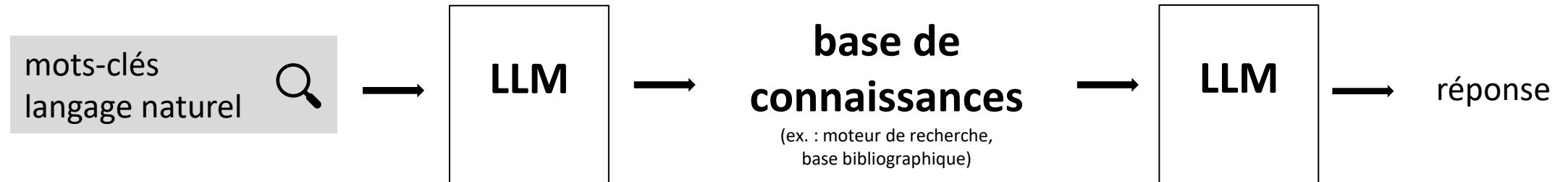


#données couvertes  
#données utilisées  
#jardins fermés



#construction de la requête

#prompt



#classement  
#représentativité  
#fiabilité

Est-ce que le karaté peut améliorer le bien-être ?



Talked to ai-api.dimensions.ai ▾

La pratique du karaté peut améliorer le bien-être, comme le montrent plusieurs études récentes. Une étude menée par Jansen et al. (2016) a révélé que l'entraînement au karaté améliore la santé mentale subjective et réduit l'anxiété chez les adultes plus âgés (Jansen, 2016). De même, une autre étude a démontré des effets positifs sur le bien-être émotionnel des personnes âgées, incluant une amélioration de l'estime de soi et de la performance cognitive après un entraînement de karaté (Jansen, 2012).

En conclusion, le karaté est associé à une amélioration du bien-être émotionnel, du contrôle de soi et de la qualité de vie à travers diverses populations, avec plus de 9 000 publications disponibles sur ce sujet.

Can karate improve well-being?



Talked to ai-api.dimensions.ai ▾

Karate has been shown to improve well-being in various populations. Studies indicate that karate training enhances emotional well-being, reduces anxiety, and boosts cognitive performance, especially in older adults (Jansen, 2016). It can also positively impact life satisfaction by improving self-control and emotional regulation (Potoczny, 2022). Additionally, karate improves mood and balance, making it beneficial even for individuals with Parkinson's disease (Dahmen-Zimmer, 2017).

In conclusion, karate offers several mental and physical benefits, with over 9,300 relevant publications affirming its positive effects on well-being.

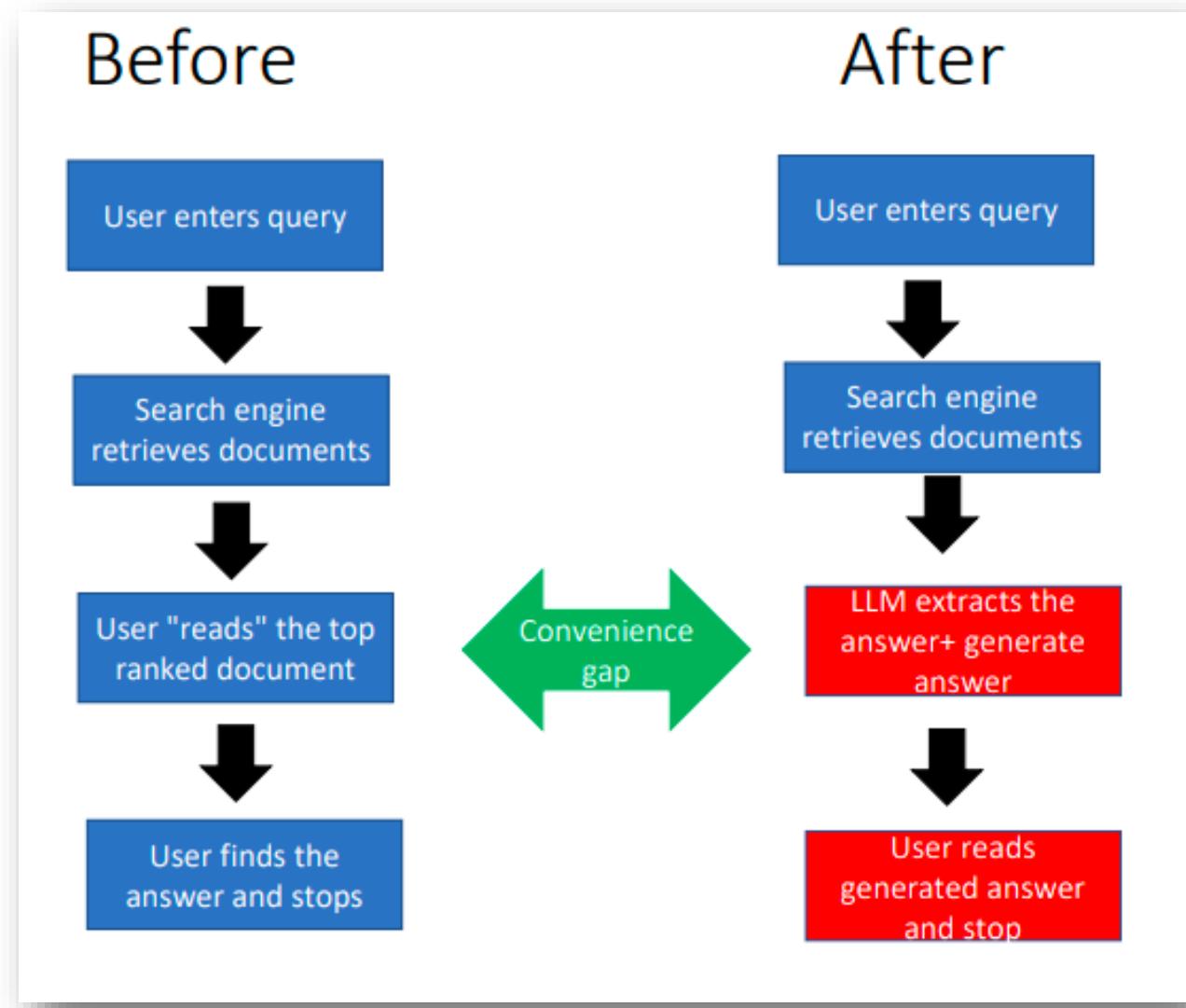
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« *epistemic trespassing* »

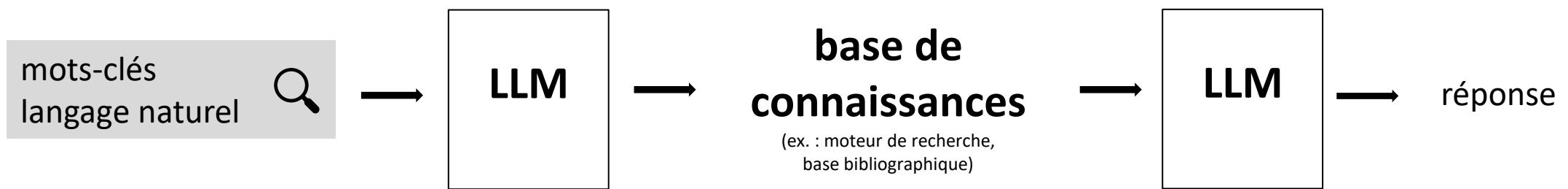
« *illusions of understanding* »

« *cherry picking* »

## #changements de méthodes ?



## RAG (*retrieval augmented generation*)



- sélection de l'outil
- définition de la question
- **réflexion scientifique**
- **instructions (assistant)**

- évaluation
- interactions avec l'outil
- diversification des outils
- **responsabilité des usages**

## The use of generative AI and AI-assisted technologies in writing for Elsevier

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# #Search vs Discovery

The screenshot shows the Web of Science homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Clarivate logo, the "Web of Science™" logo, a search bar, and a "Research Assistant" button. The "Research Assistant" button is highlighted with a blue border. Below the navigation bar, there are two main tabs: "DOCUMENTS" and "RESEARCHERS". The "RESEARCHERS" tab is currently selected and has a purple background. In the center, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for documents by entering topics, authors, institutions, funders" and a "Search" button. To the left of the search bar, there is a sidebar with icons for "MENU", "Smart Search BETA", "Advanced Search", and a bell icon. On the right side, there is a callout box for "Research Assistant" with the sub-headline "Let Research Assistant talk you through it". It includes a description of the feature, a "Get started with Research Assistant" button, and five circular icons for "Understand a topic", "Literature review", "Find a journal", and "Start a new chat". To the right of this box, there is another callout box titled "Personalize your experience" with a "Sign in to" link. It lists several features: "Save searches", "Manage your profile", "Save and organize documents to lists", "Get alerted when your publications are cited", "Receive alerts when new publications match your search", and "Get personalized suggested content". A "Register now" button is also present. At the bottom, there is a footer with a "Jump back into your research - try out our personalized homepage dashboard." message, a "Don't have an account? [Register for a new account](#)" link, and a "Sign in to access" button.

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# #L'ère des assistants personnels

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## AI Research Assistant

Carefully searching all academic research

Welcome! I'm your research assistant. I can help you find academic papers.

You can tell me exactly what you want, like a colleague, and I'll understand. That means I can find **very specific** and **extremely complex** ideas.

To get started,

1. First, tell me what you want to find.
2. Then I'll ask one or two follow-up questions to make sure I understand what you want.
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To do a careful job, the final literature search will take ~3 minutes.

So, what topic do you want to find research papers on? Please be as detailed as possible.

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<https://undermind.ai/>  
(Undermind)

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So, you're interested in the non-evaporative paths to achieving Bose-Einstein condensates through laser cooling, which is a pretty innovative approach given the typical reliance on evaporative cooling to achieve sufficiently low temperatures.

Could you specify any particular techniques or methods within laser cooling that you're most interested in? For instance, are you looking for implementations using specific atoms or is there a certain aspect of the method, such as Doppler cooling, that is crucial for your search?

Lastly, are you focusing on theoretical models, experimental results, or a combination of both? Clarifying this will help narrow down whether you need papers that present new experimental data, theoretical frameworks, or comprehensive reviews on the subject.

### Research Topic

I want to find papers about laser cooling an ensemble of ultra cold atoms to quantum degeneracy or BEC. Have people accomplished this? Why do people want to do laser cooling instead of using evaporative cooling to reach BEC?

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### Summary

Laser cooling has been successfully used to achieve quantum degeneracy and Bose-Einstein Condensation (BEC) in various atomic species, as demonstrated in multiple studies [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], with significant advantages over evaporative cooling including higher atom numbers, faster cooling times, and minimal atom loss.

- Direct Achievements of BEC Through Laser Cooling:
  - Strontium: Stellmer et al. (2013) demonstrated BEC in strontium atoms using continuous Doppler cooling on a narrow-linewidth transition, achieving condensates of up to  $10^5$  atoms [1].
  - Rubidium-87: Unruh et al. (2019) presented a method to produce BEC of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  atoms using Raman cooling in a dipole trap, achieving condensation with  $2.5 \times 10^4$  atoms at  $0.6 \mu\text{K}$  [2]. Similarly, Hu et al. (2017) achieved BEC with  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  atoms using a 2D optical lattice and Raman sideband cooling [4].
  - Machine Learning Optimization: Xu et al. (2023) utilized polarization gradient cooling along with machine learning to optimize parameters, forming a small BEC of  $\sim 250$   $^{87}\text{Rb}$  atoms in 40 ms [3]. Venderio et al. (2022) also applied machine learning to expedite the BEC formation process by optimizing Raman cooling parameters [21].
  - Sub-Recoil and Advanced Cooling Techniques:
    - Narrow-Line Cooling: Several studies, such as Katori et al. (2000) [11] and Bennetts et al. (2017) [9], have discussed the use of narrow intercombination lines and efficient cooling schemes that approach, but may not directly reach, the quantum degeneracy regime.

So far, I've closely analyzed 220 of the most promising papers, and I've found **~14-27** that are relevant, which is probably **more than 90%** of all that exist.

To get this estimate, we do a statistical [analysis](#) of the discovery process.

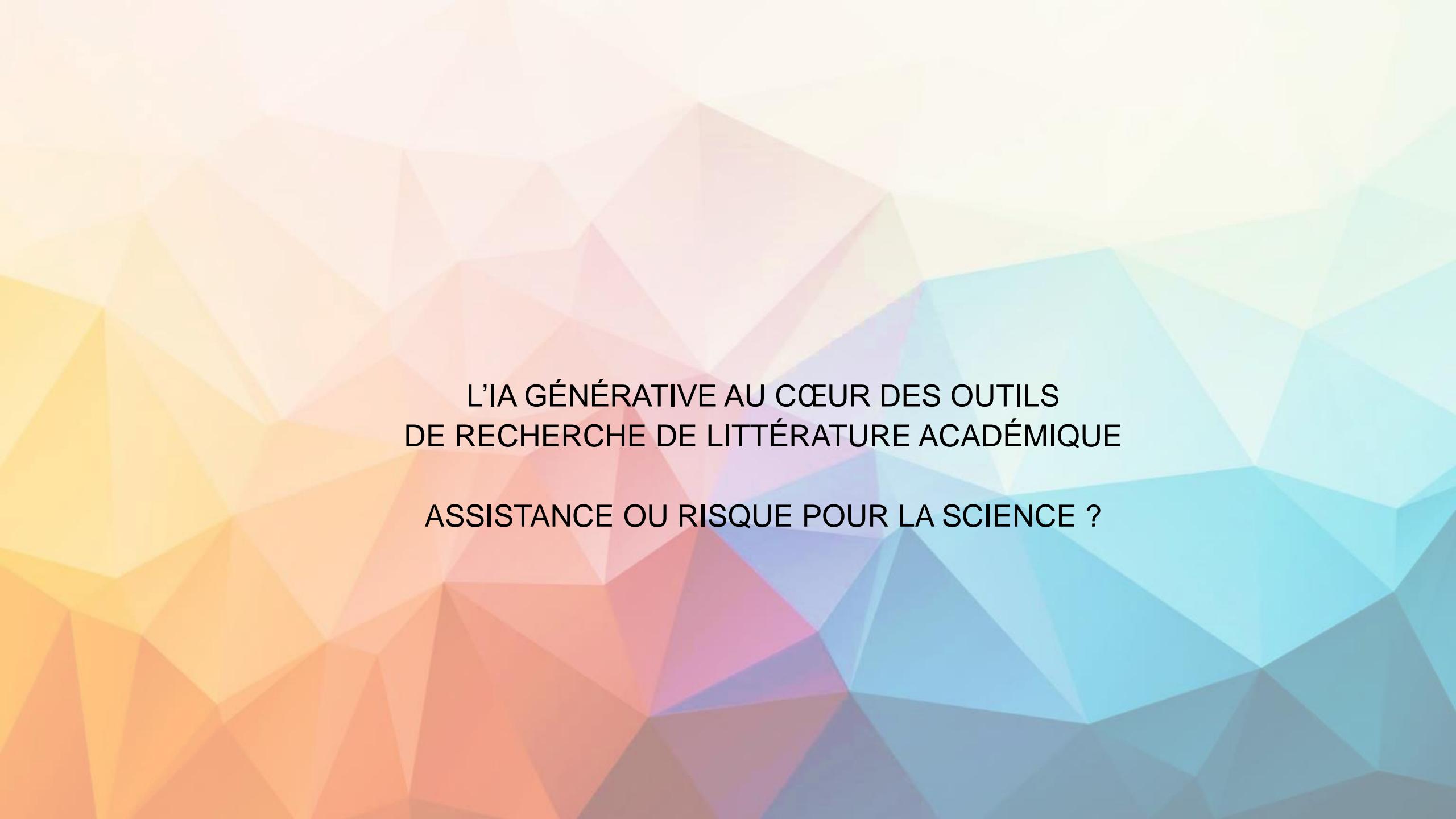
I've only analyzed 220 papers. If I keep searching, I may find more that are relevant. If you want, I can analyze 120 more of the next best results for you. [Extend search](#)

### References

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Topic Match Cit./Year Year Paper

Topic Match	Cit./Year	Year	Paper	Paper Relevance Summary
100.0%	11.6	2013	[1] Laser cooling to quantum degeneracy. S. Stellmer, ..., and F. Schreck Physical review letters 2013 - 134 citations - <a href="#">Show abstract</a> <a href="#">44 Cite</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>	Provides evidence of reaching BEC using laser cooling alone. Demonstrates BEC in strontium atoms through continuous Doppler cooling on a narrow-linewidth transition below $1 \mu\text{K}$ . Achieves condensates of up to $10^5$ atoms, highlighting practical and repeated application within 100 ms.



L'IA GÉNÉRATIVE AU CŒUR DES OUTILS  
DE RECHERCHE DE LITTÉRATURE ACADÉMIQUE

ASSISTANCE OU RISQUE POUR LA SCIENCE ?



### 3 prédictions pour 2027 ([A. Tay](#))

1. la recherche sémantique va devenir si efficace qu'il faudra s'adapter, même si elle est moins transparente
2. l'extraction d'informations sera de plus en plus populaire (dans un 1<sup>er</sup> ou un 2<sup>nd</sup> temps de la recherche ?)
3. les agents de recherche commenceront à se développer

**“Not for the lazy”**

([Elsevier](#))

recherche par mots-clés

mots-clés, booléens



recherche par co-citations

références et  
citations d'une publication



recherche sémantique

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