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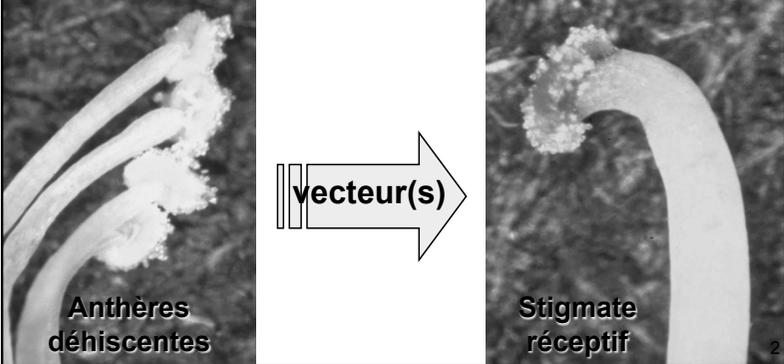
**Abeilles et**

**arboriculture biologique**

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**La pollinisation :**  
le transfert du pollen des étamines productrices aux stigmates



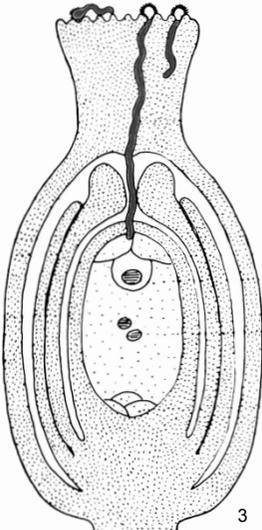
Anthères déhiscentes

vecteur(s)

Stigmate réceptif

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La pollinisation est le préalable incontournable à la fécondation ... et donc à la reproduction sexuée des plantes à fleurs



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**Vecteurs de pollen des cultures en Europe**

**Insectes**

**Vent**  
(flux polliniques atmosphériques)

~~Auto-pollinisation passive~~



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**1. La morphologie**

**Abeille**  
≈  
**Poils branchus**

*Agapostemon angelicus*  
(halicte)

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**2. Le régime alimentaire :  
Nectar & pollen**

*Halictus scabiosa* (halicte) sur capitule de laitue *Lactuca sativa*

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**3. Comportement de butinage**

**Fidélité à  
une  
espèce  
végétale  
lors d'un  
voyage**

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**4. La viabilité du pollen**

**Le pollen transporté demeure viable pendant plusieurs heures**

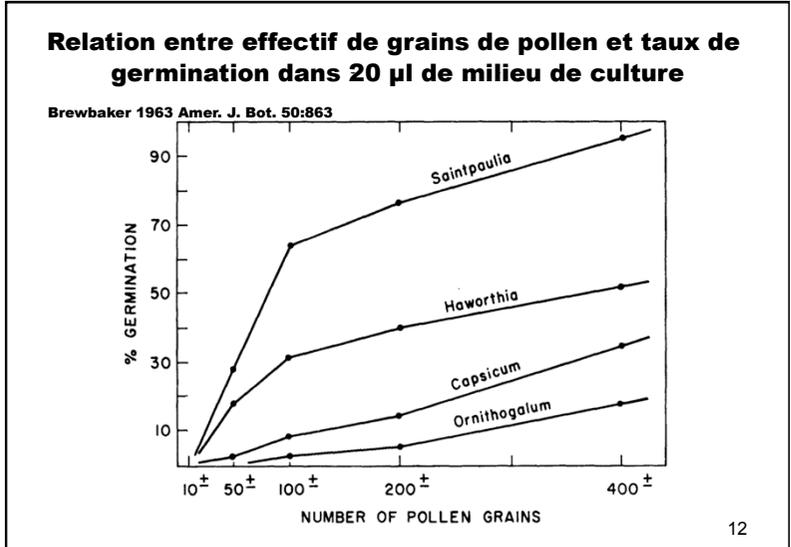
Germination du pollen et tubes polliniques chez la carotte *Daucus carota*

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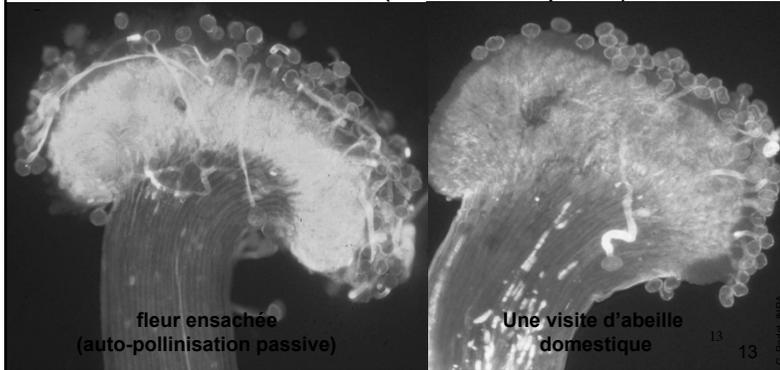
**Quelques caractéristiques essentielles de la pollinisation par les abeilles**

**Sur le plan quantitatif, les abeilles peuvent déposer des quantités considérables de pollen sur les stigmates en quelques visites**

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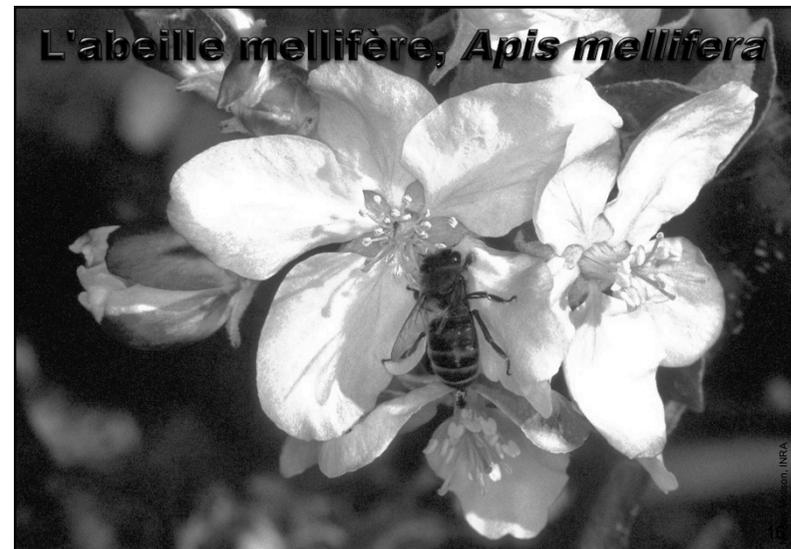


**Sur le plan qualitatif, les abeilles déposent du pollen d'origine génétique variée (allo-pollen compatible)**  
ex. trèfle blanc (*Trifolium repens*)

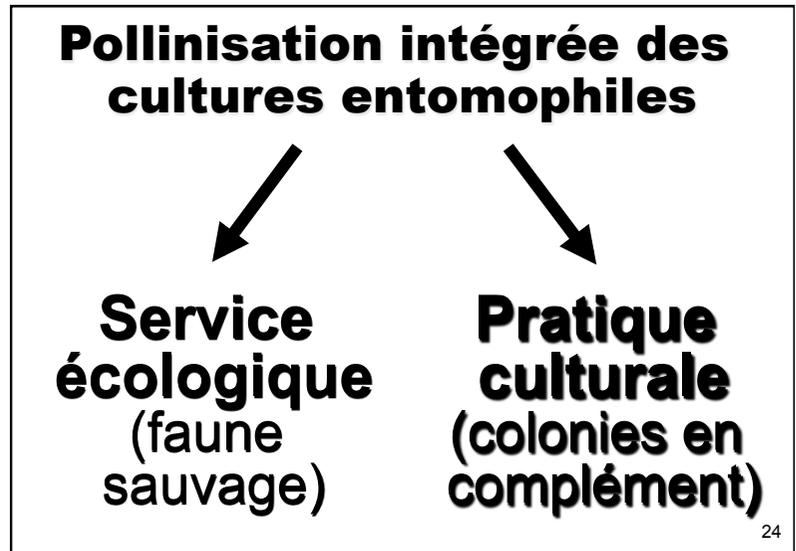
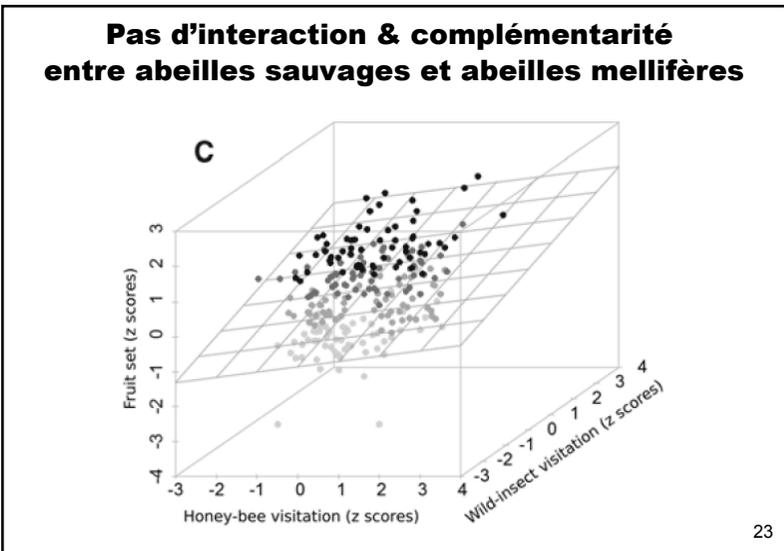
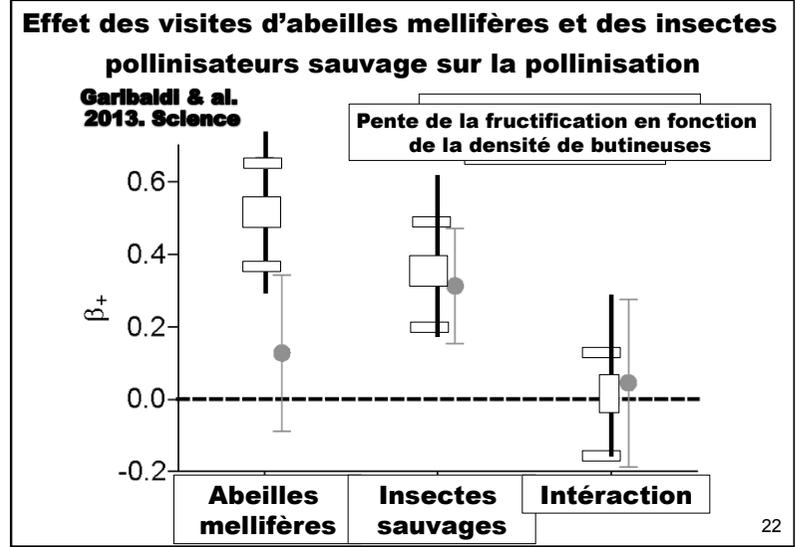
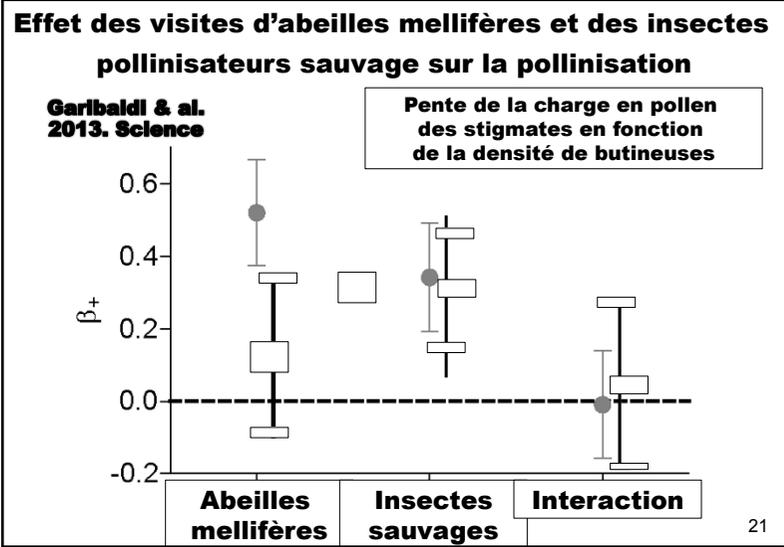


**Quels insectes pollinisateurs pour l'agriculture aujourd'hui?**

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**Avoiding a bad apple: Insect pollination enhances fruit quality and economic value<sup>1,2</sup>**

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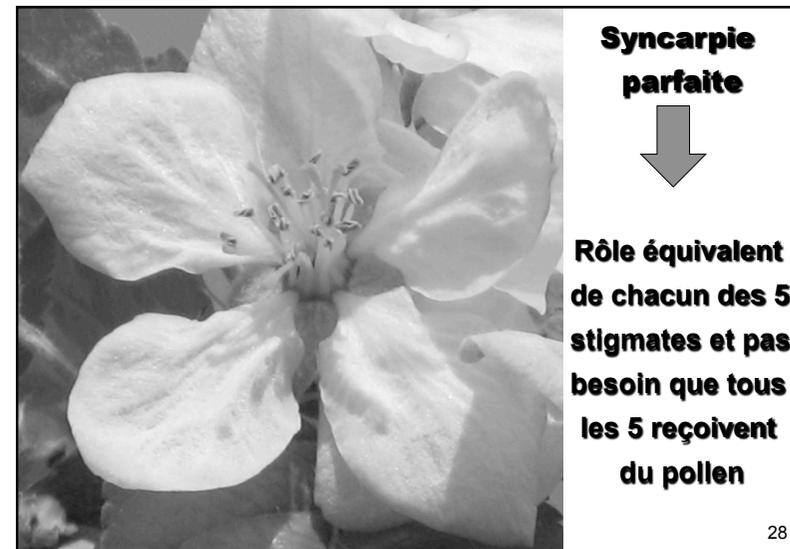
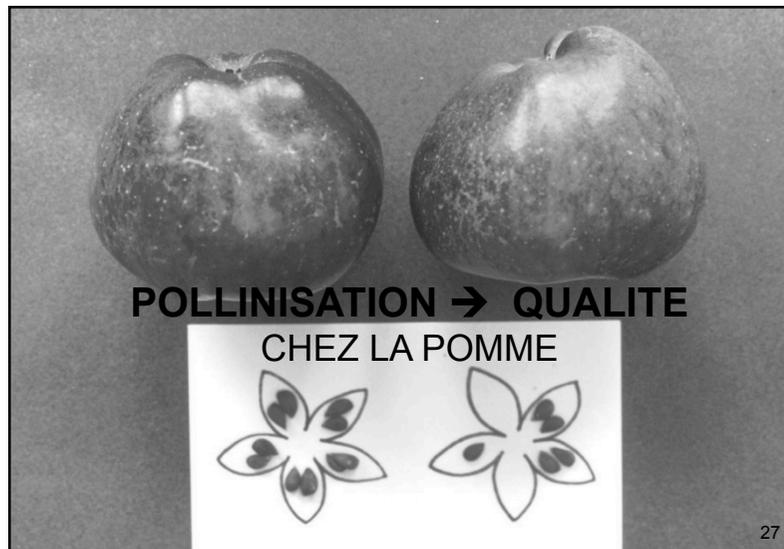
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**ABSTRACT**  
 Insect pollination is important for food production globally and apples are one of the major fruit crops which are reliant on this ecosystem service. It is fundamentally important that the full range of benefits of insect pollination to crop production are understood, if the costs of interventions aiming to enhance pollination are to be compared against the costs of the interventions themselves. Most previous studies have simply assessed the benefits of pollination to crop yield and ignored quality benefits and how these translate through to economic values. In the present study we examine the influence of insect pollination services on farmgate output of two important UK apple varieties: Gala and Cox. Using field experiments, we quantify the influence of insect pollination on yield and importantly quality and whether either may be limited by sub-optimal insect pollination. Using an expanded bioeconomic model we value insect pollination to UK apple production and establish the potential for improvement through pollination service management. We show that insects are essential in the production of both varieties of apple in the UK and contribute a total of £36.7 million per annum, over £6 million more than the value calculated using more conventional dependence ratio methods. Insect pollination not only affects the quantity of production but can also have marked impacts on the quality of apples, influencing size, shape and affecting their classification for market. These effects are variety specific however. Due to the influence of pollination on both yield and quality in Gala, there is potential for insect pollination services to improve UK output by up to £5.7 million per annum. Our research shows that continued pollinator decline could have serious financial implications for the apple industry but there is considerable scope through management of wild pollinators or using managed pollinator augmentation, to improve the quality of production. Furthermore, we show that it is critically important to consider all production parameters including quality, varietal differences and management costs when valuing the pollination service of any crop so investment in pollinator management can be proportional to its contribution.  
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## Quelles variétés pollinisatrices?

Dossier kiwi

# LA POLLINISATION DE L'ACTINIDIA DELICIOSA

var. *deliciosa* Chev. (Actinidiaceae)

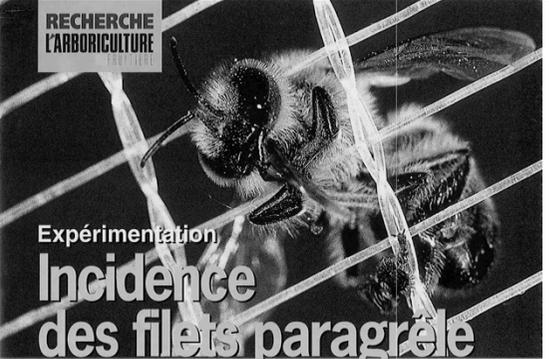
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Pour maximiser la quantité et le rendement dans son verger le kiwiculteur doit élaborer et mettre en oeuvre une stratégie de pollinisation raisonnée.

Le calibre des fruits est devenu un facteur essentiel dans la rentabilité économique de la kiwiculture et les poids seuils des catégories 1er choix et Extra sont maintenant fixés par la CEE à 70 g et 90 g, respectivement (Mac Sharry, 1990). Le kiwi est une plante non parthénocarpique en conditions naturelles et la nouaison et le développement d'un fruit sont fonction du nombre de graines qu'il contient. Ainsi, la taille d'un fruit à la récolte varie directement avec son contenu en graines comme l'est montré de nombreux travaux (McKay, 1976; Blanchet & Roubault, 1986; Pyke & Alspach, 1986; Hopping, 1990) ainsi que les résultats obtenus dans le Gard depuis 1990 (Fig. 1; Vaissière et al., 1991). Le kiwi est une liane dioïque, c'est-à-dire qu'il existe à la fois des plantes mâles et des plantes femelles, et non apentique, ce qui signifie que la fécondation d'un ovule est nécessaire pour obtenir une graine. De ce fait, le nombre de graines d'un fruit dépend directement des transferts de pollen viable des fleurs mâles aux fleurs femelles et la pollinisation constitue un facteur de production essentiel qui intervient tant au niveau des rendements que de la qualité des fruits. On sait néanmoins encore peu de choses sur les mécanismes réels de cette pollinisation et les pratiques empiriques actuelles

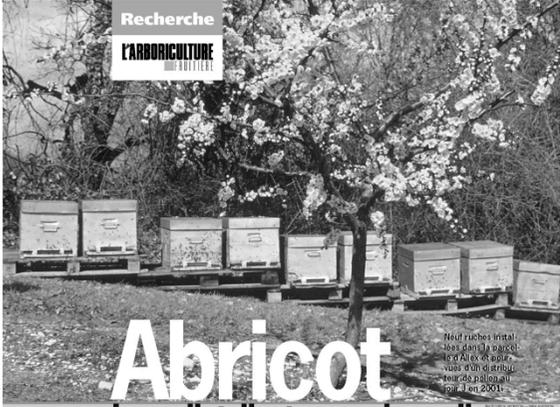
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# Incidence des filets paragrêles sur les abeilles et la pollinisation des pommiers

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# Abricot

## Les distributeurs de pollen améliorent-ils la pollinisation des vergers ?

Neuf ruches installées dans le parc de l'INRA de Montpellier, équipées d'un distributeur de pollen au printemps 2011.

Les distributeurs de pollen placés à l'entrée des ruches sont de plus en plus utilisés en vue d'améliorer

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## Adding bumblebees (*Bombus terrestris* L., Hymenoptera: Apidae) to pear orchards increases seed number per fruit, fruit set, fruit size and yield

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### SUMMARY

The European pear (*Pyrus communis*) cultivars 'Spadona' and 'Coscia' exhibit full self-incompatibility, and therefore fruit production depends entirely on cross-pollination, which is carried out mainly by honeybees (HB), the ultimate pollinators of pear. To increase the efficiency of HB pollination, colony numbers are doubled or introduced sequentially; nevertheless, yields remain relatively low and fruit are small due to the low number of seeds per fruit. In the present research, we studied the effect of adding bumblebees (BB) to the HB colonies. Adding BB hives to pear orchards 10 d before bloom, at a density of ten hives ha<sup>-2</sup>, improved the percentage fruit-set, fruit size, and also sometimes fruit yield. These positive results were due to a large increase in seed numbers per fruit, especially in 'Spadona' which had only one-to-three seeds per fruit when pollinated only by HB, compared to four-to-six seeds after pollination with HB + BB. There was a strong positive correlation between the number of BB visits tree<sup>-1</sup> min<sup>-1</sup> and the number of seeds fruit<sup>-1</sup>, and a similar correlation between seed number and fruit size.



