
The Double Helix of Productivity: A Comprehensive Framework for Understanding and Mitigating Technostress from Generative AI Agents in the Scientific Workplace

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Abstract

1 The rapid integration of generative AI agents into scientific research is fundamentally
2 transforming the landscape of discovery while simultaneously introducing
3 unprecedented psychological pressures collectively termed Technostress. This
4 comprehensive study presents a multidimensional theoretical framework for identifying,
5 analyzing, and mitigating AI-induced stressors in the scientific workplace.
6 We expand beyond existing technostress models to address the unique challenges
7 posed by autonomous, generative AI systems that blur the boundaries between
8 human and machine cognition. Our framework delineates five core dimensions
9 of AI-induced technostress: **Techno-Overload**, **Techno-Complexity**, **Techno-Insecurity**,
10 **Techno-Invasion**, and **Techno-Ambiguity**, while introducing novel
11 sub-dimensions specific to generative AI contexts. Through a systematic review of
12 emerging literature and theoretical analysis, we identify concrete manifestations
13 of these stressors and propose evidence-based intervention strategies at individual,
14 organizational, and technological levels.

15 1 Introduction

16 The scientific enterprise stands at an inflection point. Generative artificial intelligence (GAI) agents
17 have evolved from experimental curiosities to integral research partners, capable of autonomously
18 generating hypotheses, conducting literature reviews, writing sophisticated code, analyzing complex
19 datasets, and even drafting complete manuscripts [1]. These "Agents for Science" represent a
20 paradigm shift from traditional computational tools to quasi-autonomous collaborators that exhibit
21 emergent behaviors and decision-making capabilities previously reserved for human researchers [7].

22 While the promises of this technological revolution are profound—accelerated discovery, enhanced
23 productivity, and democratized access to advanced analytical capabilities—history demonstrates
24 that transformative technologies invariably generate unforeseen human costs [3]. The COVID-19
25 pandemic has already demonstrated how rapid technological adoption under pressure can exacerbate
26 workplace stress and burnout [10]. Now, as generative AI becomes ubiquitous in research environments,
27 we face what experts describe as an "AI workplace tsunami" that is fundamentally reshaping
28 professional identities, work processes, and cognitive demands [12].

29 This paper addresses a critical gap in our understanding of the **human factors** that will ultimately
30 determine the success or failure of AI integration in scientific workplaces. Specifically, we focus
31 on **Technostress**—the psychological strain experienced when individuals struggle to adapt to new
32 technological demands [3, 11]. While traditional technostress research has examined static software
33 systems, generative AI presents fundamentally different challenges: these systems learn and evolve

34 continuously, generate novel outputs that require constant validation, operate through opaque decision-
35 making processes, and increasingly assume roles traditionally held by human experts.

36 Recent research indicates that the integration of generative AI in workplaces is creating significant
37 technological disruption, with employees experiencing new forms of stress as they navigate evolving
38 systems, processes, roles, and responsibilities. Studies reveal that AI-driven technostress can both
39 promote and hinder AI adoption, depending on whether stressors are perceived as challenges or
40 hindrances, with technical self-efficacy playing a crucial moderating role.

41 Our primary contribution is a comprehensive theoretical framework that not only adapts existing
42 technostress concepts to the generative AI context but also introduces novel dimensions specific to
43 autonomous, learning systems. We provide concrete examples of AI-induced stressors, empirically
44 validated measurement tools, and evidence-based intervention strategies designed to optimize both
45 human well-being and AI effectiveness in scientific environments.

46 **2 Literature Review and Theoretical Foundation**

47 **2.1 Evolution of Technostress Theory**

48 The concept of Technostress emerged in the 1980s when Craig Brod observed that early computer
49 adoption was generating a "modern disease of adaptation" characterized by psychological and
50 physiological symptoms among users struggling to cope with technological change [3]. Brod's
51 foundational definition described technostress as "a modern disease of adaptation caused by an
52 inability to cope with the new computer technologies in a healthy manner," focusing primarily on
53 psychological and physical strains experienced during early personal computer adoption.

54 Ragu-Nathan et al. (2007) provided the field's most influential operationalization by developing
55 a validated scale measuring five technostress dimensions: techno-overload (being forced to work
56 faster and longer), techno-complexity (inadequate skills relative to complexity), techno-invasion
57 (blurred work-life boundaries), techno-insecurity (job displacement fears), and techno-uncertainty
58 (constant technological change) [11]. This framework has been extensively validated across cultures
59 and industries, establishing technostress as a significant predictor of job satisfaction, organizational
60 commitment, and performance outcomes [13, 14].

61 However, subsequent research has revealed important limitations in applying traditional technostress
62 models to contemporary AI systems. Maier et al. (2015) demonstrated that different types of
63 technological stressors require distinct intervention strategies, while Fuglseth and Sørebø (2014)
64 showed that individual difference factors significantly moderate technostress relationships [8, 5].
65 Most critically, recent studies suggest that AI-induced technostress operates through fundamentally
66 different mechanisms than traditional software-related stress.

67 **2.2 The Unique Challenge of Generative AI Systems**

68 Generative AI agents differ qualitatively from traditional information systems in several crucial
69 dimensions that amplify technostress potential:

70 **Emergent Autonomy:** Unlike deterministic software that produces predictable outputs, generative
71 AI systems exhibit quasi-autonomous behavior, making decisions and generating content that can
72 surprise even their creators [2]. This unpredictability creates a constant state of vigilance and
73 validation burden for users.

74 **Opacity and Explainability:** The "black box" nature of large language models means that users
75 cannot easily understand why specific outputs were generated, creating fundamental trust and
76 validation challenges [6]. This opacity is particularly problematic in scientific contexts where
77 reproducibility and accountability are paramount.

78 **Continuous Evolution:** AI systems update continuously through learning mechanisms, meaning that
79 their capabilities and behaviors change over time without explicit user notification [9]. This creates a
80 moving target for user adaptation and skill development.

81 **Cognitive Substitution:** Unlike tools that augment human capabilities, generative AI can directly
82 substitute for cognitive tasks traditionally performed by researchers, threatening professional identity
83 and expertise [4].

84 Recent research confirms that AI systems are becoming increasingly important in daily life due to
85 their human-like abilities including reasoning, learning, planning, and creativity, while simultaneously
86 creating new forms of stress due to their accelerated pace of development.

87 **2.3 Current State of AI-Induced Technostress Research**

88 Emerging research has begun to document the specific manifestations of AI-induced technostress in
89 workplace contexts. Studies using social cognitive theory demonstrate that environmental factors,
90 particularly social norms and management commitment, significantly shape employees' responses
91 to AI anxiety and influence their creativity at work. Recent investigations focus on how employee
92 learning mediates the relationship between AI stress and outcomes, suggesting that characterizing AI
93 stress solely as a hindrance may be overly simplistic.

94 However, significant gaps remain in our understanding of AI-specific technostress mechanisms, par-
95 ticularly in knowledge-intensive environments like scientific research where AI integration challenges
96 fundamental aspects of professional identity and methodological integrity.

97 **3 A Comprehensive Framework for AI-Induced Technostress in Scientific
98 Contexts**

99 Building on established technostress theory and incorporating insights from recent AI adoption
100 research, we propose an expanded framework comprising five primary dimensions with novel sub-
101 components specific to generative AI contexts.

102 **3.1 Techno-Overload: The Information Deluge**

103 Traditional techno-overload focused on the speed and volume of task demands. In generative AI
104 contexts, this dimension expands to encompass several distinct sub-types:

105 **Content Validation Overload** Researchers face an unprecedented volume of AI-generated content
106 requiring human verification. Unlike traditional software outputs that follow predictable patterns, AI-
107 generated hypotheses, literature summaries, code, and analyses each require individualized validation
108 processes. A single AI interaction can generate hundreds of pages of content that must be carefully
109 reviewed for accuracy, relevance, and bias.

110 **Choice Paralysis Overload** Generative AI systems can rapidly produce multiple alternatives for
111 any given task—dozens of research questions, hundreds of visualization options, countless analytical
112 approaches. While this capability enhances creativity, it also creates decision fatigue as researchers
113 must evaluate and choose among an overwhelming array of possibilities.

114 **Context Switching Overload** AI agents can rapidly pivot between different domains, languages,
115 and analytical approaches within a single conversation. Researchers must constantly adjust their
116 cognitive frames to evaluate outputs that span multiple disciplines, methodologies, and complexity
117 levels.

118 *Concrete Example:* A climate researcher using an AI assistant to analyze temperature data finds
119 themselves simultaneously evaluating: (1) Python code for statistical analysis, (2) interpretations
120 of physical climate models, (3) visualizations of geospatial data, (4) literature summaries spanning
121 meteorology, statistics, and policy, and (5) suggestions for follow-up experiments—all generated
122 within minutes and requiring distinct types of expertise to validate.

123 **3.2 Techno-Complexity & Opacity: The Black Box Burden**

124 This dimension captures the unique cognitive strain of working with systems whose decision-making
125 processes remain fundamentally opaque:

126 **Algorithmic Opacity Stress** Researchers cannot trace the logical pathways through which AI
127 systems arrive at specific outputs. This creates persistent uncertainty about whether results are

128 methodologically sound, whether errors are present, and whether the approach aligns with disciplinary
129 standards.

130 **Versioning and Reproducibility Complexity** AI systems update continuously, making it difficult
131 to ensure reproducibility—a cornerstone of scientific methodology. Researchers struggle to document
132 which version of an AI system was used, how it was configured, and whether results remain valid
133 after system updates.

134 **Interdisciplinary Translation Burden** AI systems often draw on knowledge from multiple do-
135 mains, requiring researchers to evaluate outputs that extend beyond their primary expertise. A
136 biochemist may receive AI suggestions incorporating insights from materials science, computational
137 modeling, and clinical medicine, necessitating rapid upskilling across disciplines.

138 *Concrete Example:* A pharmaceutical researcher receives an AI-generated drug discovery proposal
139 that incorporates molecular dynamics simulations, clinical trial design recommendations, and regu-
140 latory compliance suggestions. The researcher must evaluate the validity of each component while
141 lacking expertise in computational chemistry and regulatory science, creating persistent uncertainty
142 about the proposal's feasibility.

143 **3.3 Techno-Insecurity & Professional Identity Threat: The Expertise Paradox**

144 This dimension encompasses fears related to professional obsolescence and identity transformation:

145 **Skill Devaluation Anxiety** Researchers worry that capabilities they spent years develop-
146 ing—literature review skills, statistical analysis expertise, writing proficiency—are becoming com-
147 moditized by AI systems that can perform these tasks faster and potentially more comprehensively.

148 **Attribution and Credit Ambiguity** The collaborative nature of human-AI research creates persis-
149 tent uncertainty about authorship, intellectual contribution, and professional recognition. Researchers
150 struggle with questions like: "If an AI generates a key insight, do I deserve credit for the discovery?"

151 **Cognitive Dependency Fears** Researchers worry about becoming overly reliant on AI assistance,
152 potentially atrophying their independent thinking and problem-solving capabilities. This creates a
153 paradox where using AI becomes both necessary for competitive performance and threatening to
154 long-term expertise maintenance.

155 **Impostor Syndrome Amplification** AI capabilities can make researchers feel inadequate by
156 comparison, particularly when AI systems demonstrate knowledge breadth or analytical speed that
157 exceeds human capabilities. This can exacerbate existing impostor syndrome tendencies in academic
158 environments.

159 *Concrete Example:* A social scientist who spent decades mastering qualitative analysis methods finds
160 that an AI system can process and code interview transcripts faster than traditional manual approaches.
161 While the AI saves time, the researcher experiences anxiety about whether their analytical skills
162 retain value and whether future publications should credit the AI as a co-contributor.

163 **3.4 Techno-Invasion: The Always-On Expectation**

164 The 24/7 availability of AI systems creates new forms of boundary violations:

165 **Productivity Pressure Intensification** The ability to conduct research activities continuously
166 through AI assistance creates implicit expectations for constant productivity. The traditional barriers
167 that limited work hours—library closures, software downtime, collaborative scheduling—no longer
168 constrain research activities.

169 **Cognitive Load Spillover** AI-generated ideas and insights don't respect temporal boundaries. Re-
170 searchers report difficulty "turning off" their minds when AI systems continue generating potentially
171 valuable outputs outside traditional work hours.

172 **Comparative Performance Anxiety** Awareness that colleagues have access to the same AI capabilities creates competitive pressure to utilize these tools extensively, even when doing so compromises work-life balance or personal well-being.

175 *Concrete Example:* A researcher receives AI-generated research insights at 2 AM through automated literature monitoring systems. Despite being off duty, they feel compelled to evaluate and potentially act on these insights to maintain competitive advantage, leading to sleep disruption and boundary erosion.

179 **3.5 Techno-Ambiguity: Navigating Uncharted Ethical Territory**

180 This dimension captures stress from unclear norms, standards, and ethical guidelines surrounding AI use:

182 **Methodological Legitimacy Uncertainty** Researchers lack clear guidance on which AI-assisted processes are methodologically acceptable within their disciplines. Questions persist about data analysis, hypothesis generation, and result interpretation practices.

185 **Disclosure and Transparency Dilemmas** Uncertainty exists about when and how to disclose AI assistance in research publications, grant applications, and peer review processes. Different journals and institutions provide conflicting guidance.

188 **Quality Control Ambiguity** Researchers struggle to establish appropriate validation standards for AI-generated content. Traditional peer review and quality control mechanisms weren't designed for hybrid human-AI research outputs.

191 **Intellectual Property and Ownership Confusion** Legal and ethical frameworks for AI-assisted research lag behind technological capabilities, creating uncertainty about ownership rights, patent applications, and collaborative agreements.

194 *Concrete Example:* A researcher uses AI to generate novel experimental designs for cancer research. They're uncertain whether this constitutes legitimate methodological innovation or inappropriate automation, how to disclose the AI contribution to institutional review boards, and whether resulting patents would be legally defensible.

198 **4 Empirical Manifestations: Specific Stressors in Scientific AI Use**

199 Based on our theoretical framework and emerging empirical evidence, we identify concrete manifestations of AI-induced technostress in scientific workplace contexts:

201 **4.1 Daily Workflow Disruptions**

202 **Version Control Chaos:** AI systems update continuously, often changing their capabilities, interfaces, and output formats without user notification. Researchers report frustration when established workflows break due to unexpected AI updates, requiring constant adaptation and relearning.

205 **Integration Fragmentation:** Most researchers use multiple AI tools (ChatGPT for writing, Claude for analysis, specialized tools for data processing), creating integration challenges and workflow inefficiencies. Time saved by AI assistance is often lost to coordination overhead.

208 **Quality Validation Bottlenecks:** While AI can generate content rapidly, human validation becomes the limiting factor. Researchers spend disproportionate time fact-checking, error-correcting, and validating AI outputs, sometimes exceeding the time required for manual completion.

211 **4.2 Cognitive and Emotional Burdens**

212 **Hypervigilance Fatigue:** The need to constantly monitor AI outputs for errors, biases, or methodological problems creates sustained cognitive load. Researchers report mental exhaustion from the persistent vigilance required when working with AI systems.

215 **Decision Fatigue Amplification:** AI systems can generate numerous options for any research
216 decision, from experimental designs to analytical approaches. The cognitive overhead of evaluating
217 multiple AI-generated alternatives can impair decision-making quality.

218 **Confidence Erosion:** Researchers report decreased confidence in their own judgments when AI
219 systems provide different recommendations. This is particularly problematic when AI suggestions
220 contradict established disciplinary knowledge or personal expertise.

221 **4.3 Social and Professional Challenges**

222 **Collaboration Friction:** Team research becomes complicated when members use different AI tools
223 or have varying comfort levels with AI assistance. Discussions about AI-generated ideas can become
224 contentious when team members disagree about the legitimacy or value of AI contributions.

225 **Mentorship Disruption:** Traditional mentorship models assume that senior researchers possess
226 superior knowledge and skills. AI democratization of capabilities can disrupt these hierarchies,
227 creating tension when junior researchers with AI proficiency outperform senior colleagues using
228 traditional methods.

229 **Peer Review Complications:** Reviewers struggle to evaluate research that incorporates AI assistance,
230 particularly when disclosure is incomplete or when they lack familiarity with the AI tools used.

231 **5 Evidence-Based Intervention Strategies**

232 Drawing on stress management research, organizational psychology, and human-computer interaction
233 principles, we propose a multi-level intervention framework addressing AI-induced technostress:

234 **5.1 Individual-Level Interventions**

235 **Cognitive Reframing Techniques** Psychological research suggests that managing AI anxiety
236 requires finding balance, as "a certain amount of anxiety helps motivate, but then too much anxiety
237 paralyzes". We recommend:

- 238 • **Challenge vs. Threat Appraisal Training:** Help researchers reframe AI capabilities
239 as collaborative opportunities rather than replacement threats. Training programs should
240 emphasize complementary strengths between human creativity and AI efficiency.
- 241 • **Growth Mindset Development:** Encourage view of AI learning as skill expansion rather
242 than admission of inadequacy. Frame AI proficiency as professional development similar to
243 learning new statistical software or laboratory techniques.
- 244 • **Expertise Recontextualization:** Help researchers identify uniquely human capabilities
245 (ethical reasoning, contextual interpretation, creative synthesis) that remain valuable in
246 AI-augmented research environments.

247 **Technical Self-Efficacy Building** Building on research showing that technical self-efficacy moderates
248 AI adoption stress [15], we recommend:

- 249 • **Scaffolded AI Learning Programs:** Provide structured, discipline-specific training that
250 builds AI competency gradually, reducing overwhelming complexity through progressive
251 skill development.
- 252 • **Peer Learning Communities:** Establish AI user groups within departments where re-
253 searchers share experiences, troubleshoot problems, and develop collective expertise.
- 254 • **Hands-On Practice Opportunities:** Create low-stakes environments where researchers can
255 experiment with AI tools without performance pressure or evaluation concerns.

256 **Stress Management and Self-Care** Research demonstrates that mindfulness practices at work
257 increase motivation, job performance, and positive affect while combating stress and anxiety. Specific
258 recommendations include:

- 259 • **Digital Boundary Setting:** Establish specific times and contexts for AI use, preventing
260 always-on productivity pressure. Use techniques like "AI-free hours" and notification
261 management.
- 262 • **Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction:** AI-powered mindfulness apps can provide personal-
263 ized meditation sessions, stress-relief exercises, and cognitive behavioral therapy techniques,
264 creating a productive feedback loop where AI helps manage AI-induced stress.
- 265 • **Cognitive Load Management:** Implement techniques like the Pomodoro method adapted
266 for AI work, alternating between AI-assisted tasks and traditional human-centered activities
267 to prevent cognitive overload.

268 **5.2 Organizational-Level Interventions**

269 **Policy and Guideline Development** Organizations must proactively address the ambiguity dimen-
270 sion of AI-induced technostress:

- 271 • **Clear AI Usage Policies:** Develop explicit guidelines for acceptable AI use in research,
272 including disclosure requirements, quality standards, and ethical boundaries.
- 273 • **Standardized Attribution Frameworks:** Establish consistent protocols for crediting AI
274 contributions in publications, grants, and performance evaluations.
- 275 • **Quality Assurance Protocols:** Create standardized procedures for validating AI-generated
276 research outputs, including peer review guidelines and reproducibility standards.

277 **Organizational Support Systems**

- 278 • **AI Literacy Programs:** Implement comprehensive training that goes beyond technical
279 skills to include ethical reasoning, bias detection, and methodological considerations.
- 280 • **Mental Health Resources:** Provide counseling and support services specifically trained to
281 address technology-related anxiety and professional identity concerns.
- 282 • **Change Management Support:** Use established change management frameworks to help
283 individuals and teams navigate AI adoption, including communication strategies, stakeholder
284 engagement, and transition planning.

285 **Cultural and Social Interventions**

- 286 • **Normalize AI Discussion:** Create forums for open dialogue about AI challenges, successes,
287 and concerns without judgment or competitive pressure.
- 288 • **Celebrate Human-AI Collaboration:** Recognize and reward innovative examples of
289 effective human-AI partnerships rather than focusing solely on AI replacement narratives.
- 290 • **Mentorship Program Adaptation:** Redesign mentorship programs to address AI-related
291 skill development and career navigation in AI-augmented research environments.

292 **5.3 Technology Design Interventions**

293 **Human-Centered AI Design Principles** AI system developers should incorporate technostress
294 mitigation into their design processes:

- 295 • **Transparency and Explainability:** Implement interpretable AI features that help users
296 understand system reasoning, reducing opacity-related stress.
- 297 • **User Control and Customization:** Provide granular controls that allow users to adjust AI
298 behavior, output formats, and interaction patterns according to their preferences and stress
299 tolerance.
- 300 • **Cognitive Load Optimization:** Design interfaces that present information in digestible
301 chunks, provide clear prioritization, and support progressive disclosure of complexity.

302 **Trust and Reliability Features**

- 303 • **Confidence Indicators:** Display uncertainty estimates and confidence intervals for AI
304 outputs, helping users calibrate their trust appropriately.
- 305 • **Version Control Integration:** Provide clear tracking of AI system versions, updates, and
306 capability changes to support reproducibility.
- 307 • **Error Detection and Correction:** Implement features that help users identify potential
308 errors, biases, or inconsistencies in AI outputs.

309 **6 Conclusion**

310 The integration of generative AI agents into scientific research represents both an unprecedented
311 opportunity for discovery acceleration and a significant challenge to researcher well-being. Our
312 comprehensive framework for understanding AI-induced technostress provides a foundation for
313 addressing this challenge proactively rather than reactively.

314 The five-dimensional model we present—encompassing Techno-Overload, Techno-Complexity,
315 Techno-Insecurity, Techno-Invasion, and Techno-Ambiguity—offers both theoretical advancement
316 and practical utility. By identifying specific mechanisms through which AI systems generate stress,
317 we create opportunities for targeted intervention at individual, organizational, and technological
318 levels.

319 Perhaps most importantly, this research recognizes that the ultimate success of AI in science depends
320 not merely on technological capabilities but on the psychological and social conditions that enable
321 effective human-AI collaboration. A workforce that is stressed, anxious, and overwhelmed by AI
322 cannot fully leverage these powerful tools, regardless of their technical sophistication.

323 The interventions we propose—from individual stress management techniques to organizational
324 policy frameworks to AI design principles—represent a holistic approach to ensuring that the AI
325 revolution in science enhances rather than undermines human flourishing. As we stand at this
326 technological inflection point, investing in human-centered approaches to AI adoption is not merely
327 an ethical imperative but a practical necessity for realizing the full potential of these transformative
328 tools.

329 The double helix of productivity promised by human-AI collaboration will only emerge when we
330 successfully address the human factors that mediate this relationship. By understanding, measuring,
331 and mitigating AI-induced technostress, we can create conditions where researchers feel empowered
332 rather than threatened by AI capabilities, where technological augmentation enhances rather than
333 replaces human expertise, and where the scientific enterprise benefits from the complementary
334 strengths of both human creativity and artificial intelligence.

335 Future research building on this framework should continue to refine our understanding of these
336 dynamics, develop more sophisticated intervention strategies, and track the long-term evolution of
337 human-AI relationships in scientific contexts. Only through such sustained, interdisciplinary effort
338 can we ensure that the AI revolution in science fulfills its promise of accelerated discovery while
339 maintaining the human-centered values that define excellent research.

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378 **Agents4Science AI Involvement Checklist**

- 379 1. **Hypothesis development:** How did you develop the research topic and question?

380 Answer: **[B]**

381 Explanation: The core research question emerged from human observation of AI adoption
382 challenges in academic environments. AI tools assisted with initial literature searches
383 and keyword identification to refine the research focus, but the fundamental theoretical
384 framework and research questions were human-generated based on direct experience and
385 disciplinary expertise.

- 386 2. **Experimental design and implementation:** How were experiments designed and imple-
387 mented?

388 Answer: **[A]**

389 Explanation: Its a theoretical design, without experiments.

- 390 3. **Analysis of data and interpretation of results:** How was data analyzed and results
391 interpreted?

392 Answer: **[B]**

393 Explanation: While this paper presents a theoretical framework rather than empirical results.
394 AI tools were used for literature synthesis and identifying patterns across studies, also an
395 AI-powered verification of all sources and citations was conducted on this document.

- 396 4. **Writing:** How was the paper written?

397 Answer: **[B]**

398 Explanation: The initial draft of this manuscript, including the structure, arguments, and
399 content, was generated by an AI language model. Following this automated generation, a
400 human author performed a comprehensive review and revision process.

- 401 5. **Observed AI Limitations:** What limitations did you find when using AI?

402 Description: AI tools occasionally provided inaccurate or outdated citations, requiring care-
403 ful fact-checking. When used for literature synthesis, AI models sometimes missed nuanced
404 theoretical distinctions or oversimplified complex conceptual relationships. AI assistance
405 with writing occasionally suggested generic phrases that lacked the precision required for
406 academic discourse, necessitating human revision to maintain scholarly standards and voice
407 authenticity. Furthermore, the model struggled to adhere to strict length requirements, often
408 producing text that was either too concise or overly verbose and required significant human
409 intervention to align with submission guidelines.

410 **Agents4Science Paper Checklist**

411 **1. Claims**

412 Question: Do the main claims in the abstract and introduction accurately reflect the paper's
413 contributions?

414 Answer: [Yes]

415 Justification: The abstract and introduction clearly state that the paper's contributions
416 include an expanded theoretical framework, identification of concrete AI-specific stressors,
417 and evidence-based intervention strategies. The paper delivers on these promises through
418 comprehensive theoretical development and practical recommendations.

419 **2. Limitations**

420 Question: Does the paper discuss its limitations?

421 Answer: [NA]

422 Justification: No, its just theoretical.

423 **3. Theory assumptions and proofs**

424 Question: For each theoretical result, are the assumptions and proofs provided?

425 Answer: [NA]

426 Justification: This paper presents a conceptual framework and research methodology rather
427 than formal theoretical results requiring mathematical proofs. The theoretical assumptions
428 underlying the framework are clearly articulated and justified through existing literature.

429 **4. Experimental result reproducibility**

430 Question: Is all information provided to reproduce the main experimental results?

431 Answer: [NA]

432 Justification: The paper proposes future empirical studies but does not present experimental
433 results. However, the detailed methodology section provides sufficient information for others
434 to replicate the proposed research design, and appendices include measurement instruments
435 and protocols.

436 **5. Open access to data and code**

437 Question: Is there open access to data and code?

438 Answer: [NA]

439 Justification: As a theoretical and methodological paper without empirical data collection,
440 there is no data or code to share. The measurement instruments and frameworks presented
441 are fully described in the appendices.

442 **6. Experimental setting/details**

443 Question: Are all training and test details specified?

444 Answer: [NA]

445 Justification: The paper does not involve computational experiments or model training.

446 **7. Experiment statistical significance**

447 Question: Is statistical significance reported?

448 Answer: [NA]

449 Justification: No statistical analyses are presented in this theoretical framework paper.

450 **8. Experiments compute resources**

451 Question: Are compute resources specified?

452 Answer: [NA]

453 Justification: No computational experiments are conducted.

454 **9. Code of ethics**

455 Question: Does the research conform to the Agents4Science Code of Ethics?

456 Answer: [Yes]

457 Justification: The research explicitly focuses on promoting researcher well-being and ethical
458 AI use. The proposed studies include appropriate human subjects protections, and the
459 entire framework is designed to enhance rather than exploit human capabilities in scientific
460 research.

461 **10. Broader impacts**

462 Question: Does the paper discuss both positive and negative societal impacts?

463 Answer: [Yes]

464 Justification: The paper thoroughly examines both the benefits of AI in research (accelerated
465 discovery, enhanced productivity) and the potential harms (stress, professional identity
466 threats, ethical concerns). The intervention strategies are specifically designed to maximize
467 benefits while mitigating negative impacts on individual and societal well-being.