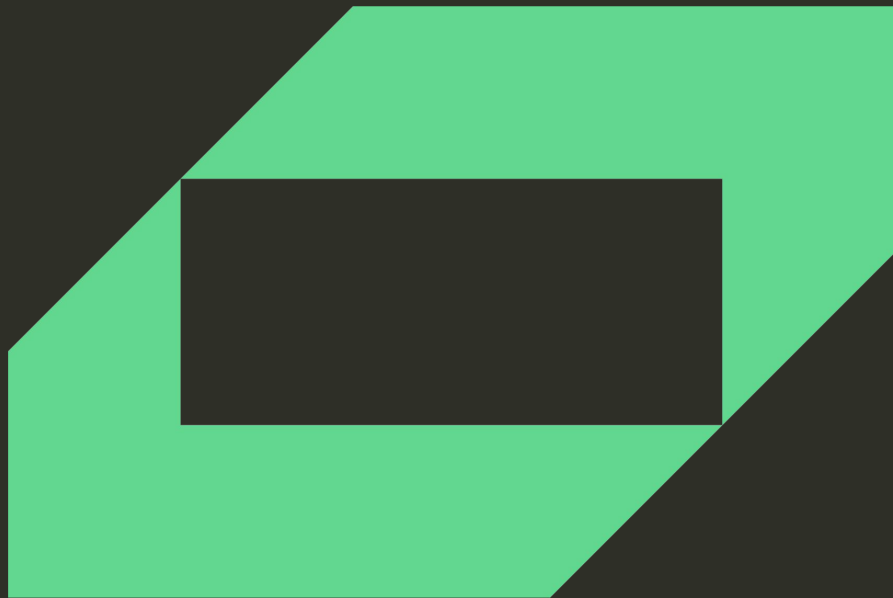


# *What You See Is What You Search: Vision Language Models for PDF Retrieval*



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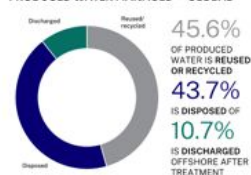
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CONVENTIONAL/OFFSHORE  
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on company-owned lands  
and operated assets.

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0.03% OF LEASE AREAS OVERLAP  
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12 PROTECTED AREAS WITHIN  
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APLNG | Bakken | Permian Basin  
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# Indexing & Searching in PDFs

Complex format with visual infographics, tables, charts and images.

Searching PDFs was Popularized by RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) - Chat with your PDFs

Extraction pipeline to map to text:

- Chunking?
- Text Embedding?

# Sustainability

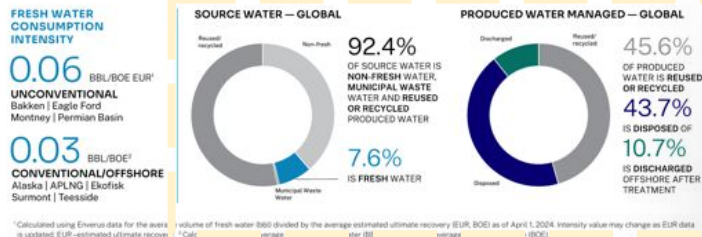
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As of Dec. 31, 2023

## Text extraction is messy

- Embedded images (e.g. infographics)
- Order
- Layout & Structure
- Tables
- Font size

Extract

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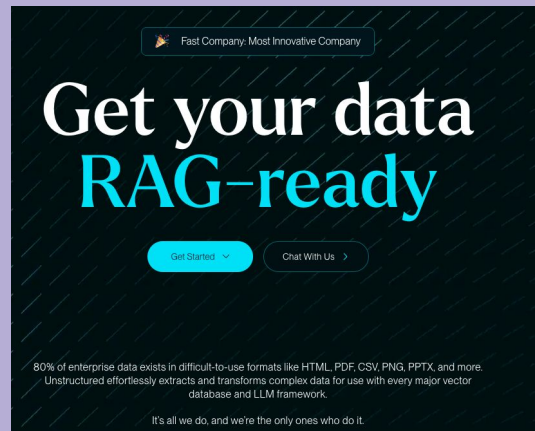
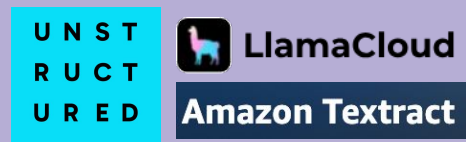
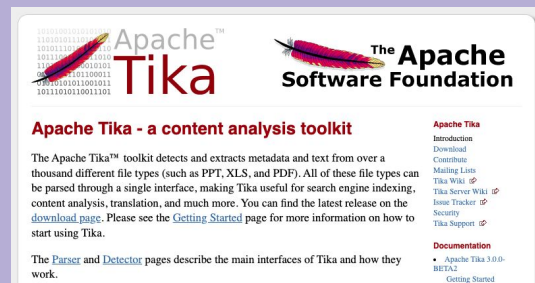
# Why extract to text in the first place?

*Convert to something that makes it searchable*

Convert to text modality:

=> Text search

- Keyword search (BM25)
- Embedding retrieval with text embedding models (e.g. Jina)
- Splade, Bert, ColBERT, OpenAI bla bla bla, all text-only



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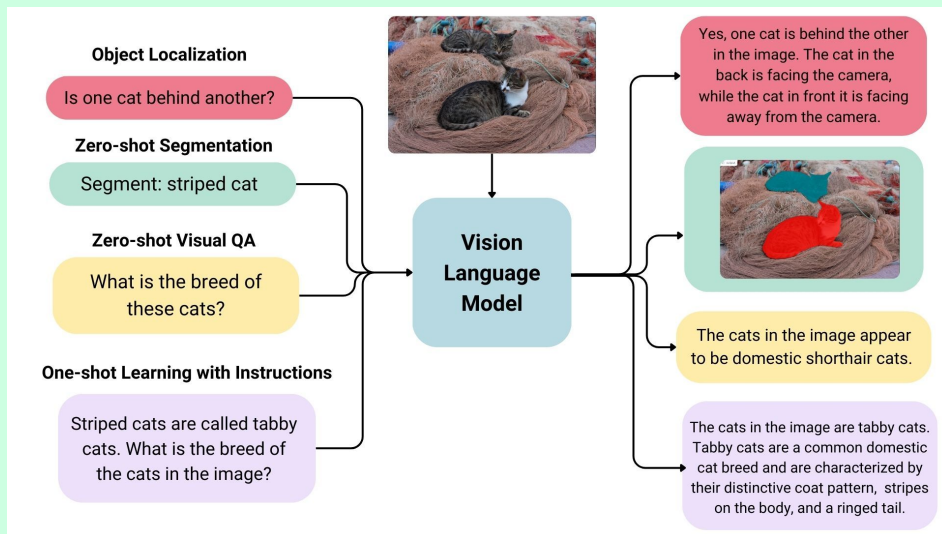
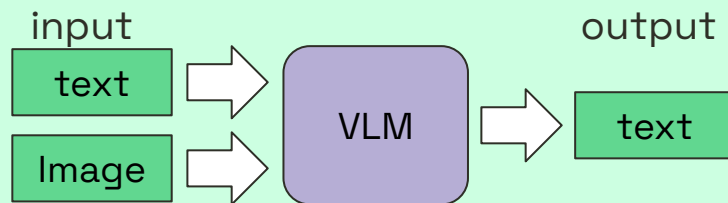
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# What is a Vision Language Model (VLM) ?

*Vision language models are broadly defined as multimodal models that can learn from images and text.*

*They are a type of generative models that take image and text inputs, and generate text output*



From <https://huggingface.co/blog/vlms>

# The year of multimodal AI (ok, VLMs)

A not very accurate summary of VLM landscape

□ MIT/Apache 2.0

□ Custom License/Open weights

□ API based

OpenAI  
GPT-4o

Anthropic Claude

Google

Qwen2-VL-7B-Instruct

Gemini Flash

Mistral Pixtral

OpenAI  
GPT-4v

MS Phi-3.5-vision

Google PaliGemma

\* Lots of other  
vlms

You are here

Accuracy across  
many different tasks  
(Not just cat photos)

The early days, VLMs for  
searching



2023

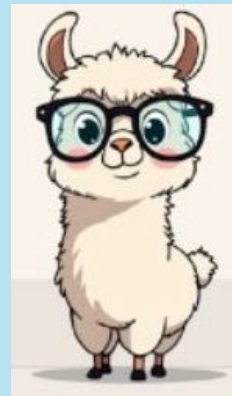
2024

2025

New VLMs last  
week

✦ Molmo

Llama 3.2

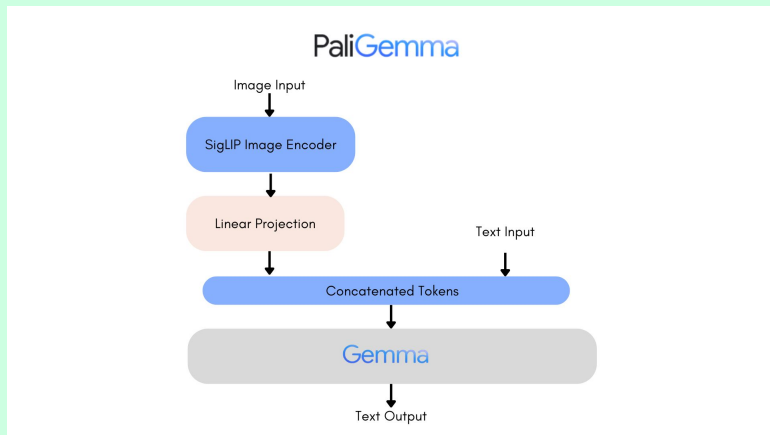




# PaliGemma (a VLM)

PaliGemma – Google’s “Cutting-Edge”  
Open Weight VLM

- OCR capabilities
- Question answering + more



<https://huggingface.co/blog/paligemma>

The screenshot displays a report generated by PaliGemma. The report is divided into several sections:

- FRESH WATER CONSUMPTION INTENSITY:** Shows two metrics: 0.06 BBL/BOE EUR<sup>1</sup> for UNCONVENTIONAL (Bakken | Eagle Ford Montney | Permian Basin) and 0.03 BBL/BOE<sup>2</sup> for CONVENTIONAL/OFFSHORE (Alaska | APLNG | Ekofisk Surmont | Teesside).
- SOURCE WATER — GLOBAL:** A donut chart showing 92.4% of source water is non-fresh water (municipal waste water and reused or recycled produced water) and 7.6% is fresh water.
- PRODUCED WATER MANAGED — GLOBAL:** A donut chart showing 45.6% of produced water is reused or recycled, 43.7% is disposed of, and 10.7% is discharged offshore after treatment.
- Biodiversity:** A section describing the management of biodiversity risks through the Mitigation Hierarchy.
- HABITATS CONSERVED, PROTECTED OR RESTORED:** States that over 540,000 cumulative acres on company-owned lands and operated assets are conserved, with 0.03% of lease areas overlapping with protected areas. It also lists 12 protected areas within 3 miles (5 km) of five assets, specifically APLNG | Bakken | Permian Basin Montney | Teesside.

At the bottom, the interface shows an 'Input Text' field with the question 'What is the percentage of produced water that is reused?' and a 'Text Output' field displaying the answer '45.6%'.

<https://huggingface.co/spaces/big-vision/paligemma-hf>

# “What’s in the image”

## Qwen2-VL-7B Demo

### Qwen2-VL-7B Input



### Output Text

This image shows a performance test result for the MaxSim latency of 1K documents using single-threaded execution with 20X1030 128-dimensional vectors. The test was conducted on three different versions of the software, labeled as "8.404.6-1," "8.404.7-1," and "8.404.8-1."

The graph plots the latency (in milliseconds) on the y-axis against the version number on the x-axis. There are four lines representing different methods:

- Blue line: bits-bits-hamming
- Orange line: float-float-dotproduct
- Green line: float-float-dotproduct-random
- Red line: float-unpacked-bits-dotproduct

The blue line (bits-bits-hamming) shows a significant decrease in latency from version 8.404.6-1 to version 8.404.8-1, indicating improved performance.

### Model

Qwen/Qwen2-VL-7B-Instruct

### Question

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# ColPali: Use VLM document understanding capabilities for document retrieval

IR benchmarks measures clean pre-processed texts

In practical industrial settings we don't have the luxury of pre-processed datasets.

Performance bottleneck usually not in embedding model performance or chunking, but in the data ingestion pipeline

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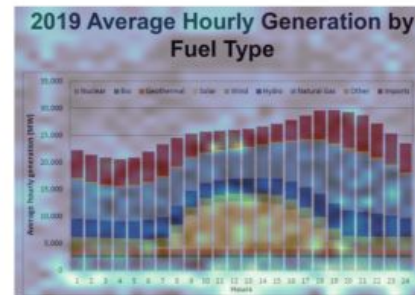
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## Abstract

Documents are visually rich structures that convey information through text, as well as tables, figures, page layouts, or fonts. While modern document retrieval systems exhibit strong performance on query-to-text matching, they struggle to exploit visual cues efficiently, hindering their performance on practical document retrieval applications such as Retrieval Augmented Generation. To benchmark current systems on visually rich document retrieval, we introduce the Visual Document Retrieval Benchmark *ViDoRe*, composed of various page-level retrieving tasks spanning multiple domains, languages, and settings. The inherent shortcomings of modern systems motivate the introduction of a new retrieval model architecture, *ColPali*, which leverages the document understanding capabilities of recent Vision Language Models to produce high-quality contextualized embeddings solely from images of document pages. Combined with a late interaction matching mechanism, *ColPali* largely outperforms modern document retrieval pipelines while being drastically faster and end-to-end trainable. We release all project artifacts at <https://huggingface.co/vidore>.



Query: "Which hour of the day had the highest overall electricity generation in 2019?"

Figure 1: For each term in a user query, **ColPali** identifies the most relevant document image patches (high-lighted zones) and computes a query-to-page matching score. We can then swiftly retrieve the most relevant documents from a large pre-indexed corpus.

index a standard PDF document, many steps are required. First, PDF parsers or Optical Character Recognition (OCR) systems are used to extract words from the pages. Document layout detection models can then be run to segment paragraphs,

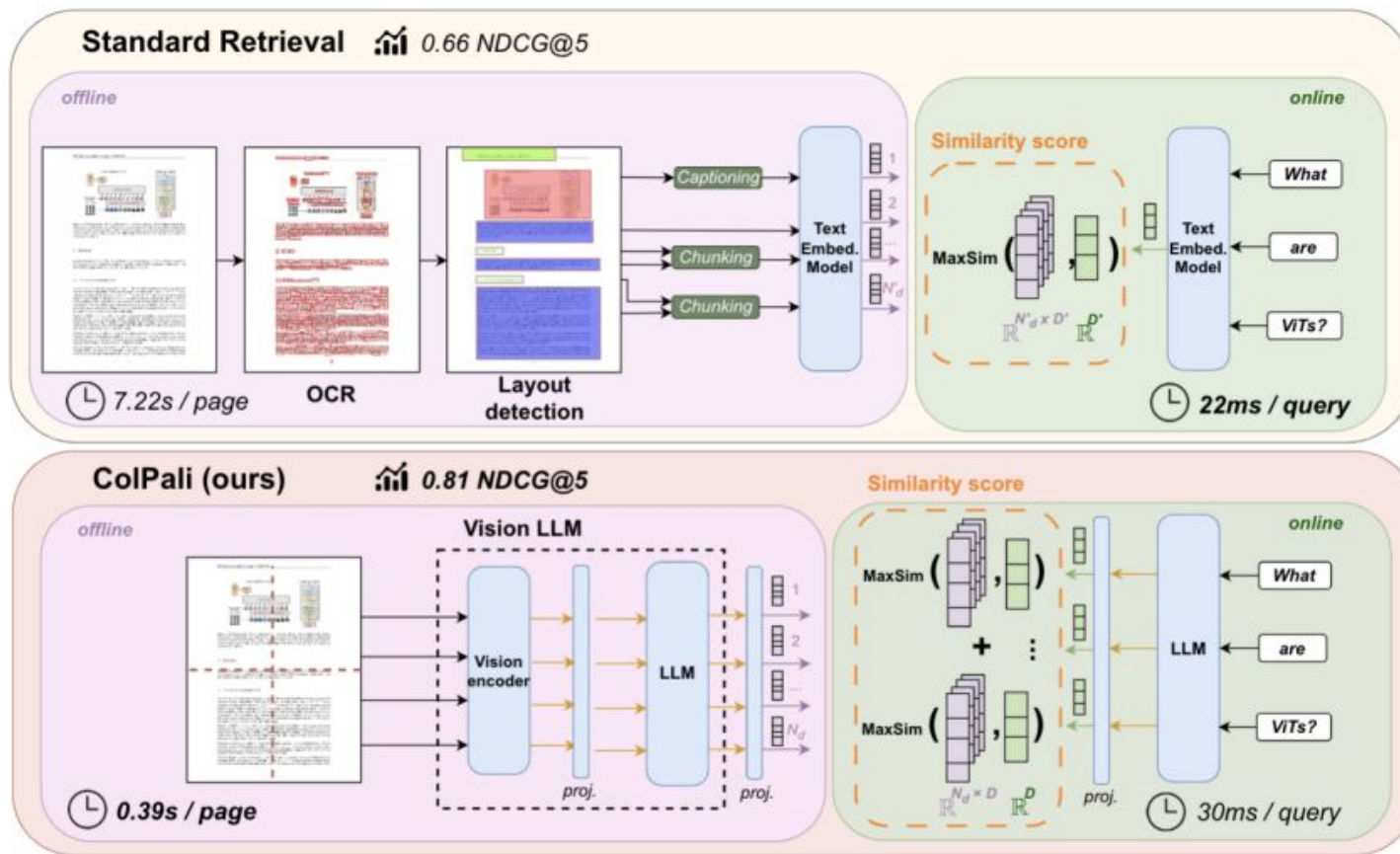


Figure 2: *ColPali* simplifies document retrieval w.r.t. standard retrieval methods while achieving stronger performances with better latencies. Latencies and results are detailed in [section 5](#) and [subsection B.5](#).

# ColPali (Gemma)

ColPali is short for *Contextualized Late Interaction over PaliGemma* and builds on two concepts:

- **Contextualized Embeddings from VLM**
  - ColPali generates contextualized **multi-vector embeddings** directly from the screenshot of a page or text query using the VLM as the backbone
- **Interaction between text query vectors and screenshot vectors at scoring time**

A bi-encoder architecture, enables offline indexing - but with multi-vectors per page





# ColPali offers

- ✓ **Match without text extraction**  
Do not have to map complex formats to the text domain
- ✓ **Avoid OCR**  
Use the VLM OCR capabilities
- ✓ **No Layout Detection**  
Layout is encoded by the VLM
- ✓ **Engineering Simplicity**  
Reduced document processing pipeline complexity
- ✓ **Better relevance**  
Outcompete traditional extract methods
- ✓ **A future direction for document retrieval**  
Can you print the document, then you can index it with the ColPali approach

# ColPali page level embeddings

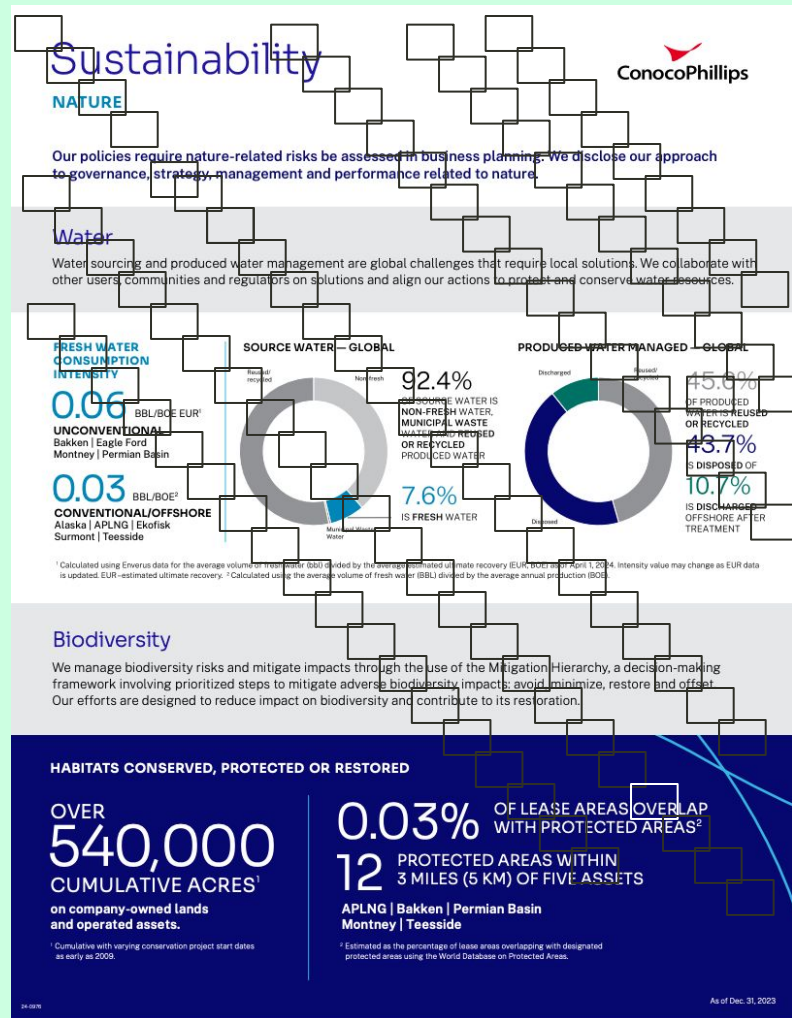
VLM “see” the image as 32x32 patches = 1024 patches.

An image is worth 1024 words

Each patch is represented or projected into a 128-dimensional vector space (the latent space)

6 text tokens projected to the same space = 1030 vectors per page

Tokens from text prefix “Describe the image” <img>





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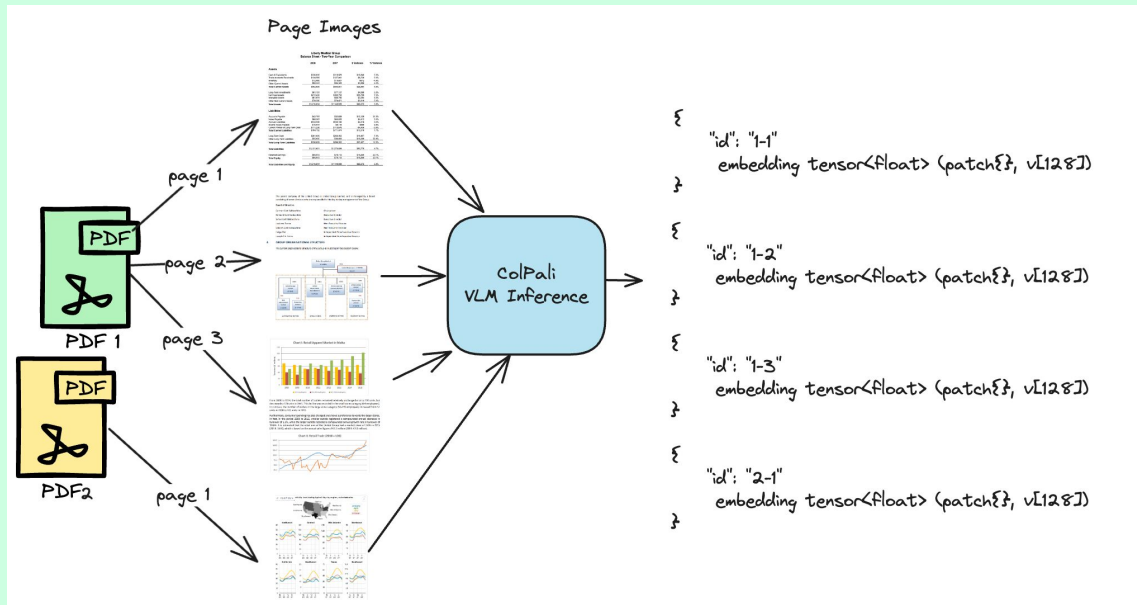
One PDF - Multiple pages

One page represented as a tensor

Vespa tensor definition

*tensor<float>(patch[], v[128])*

A map of vectors (patch is the key, the vector the value)

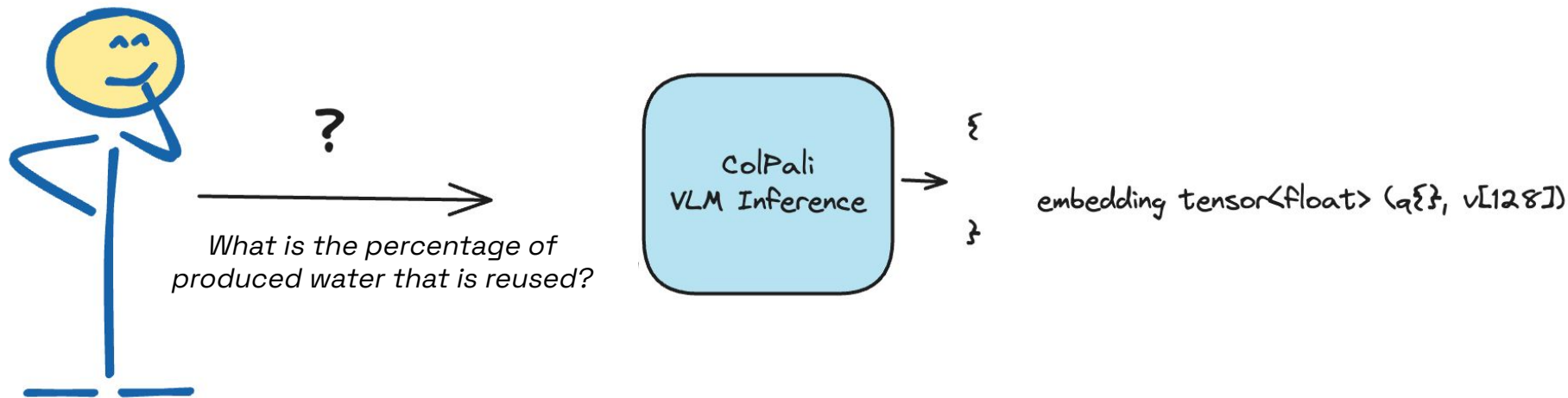


# ColPali text query embeddings

One 128-dimensional vector  
per user input query *token*

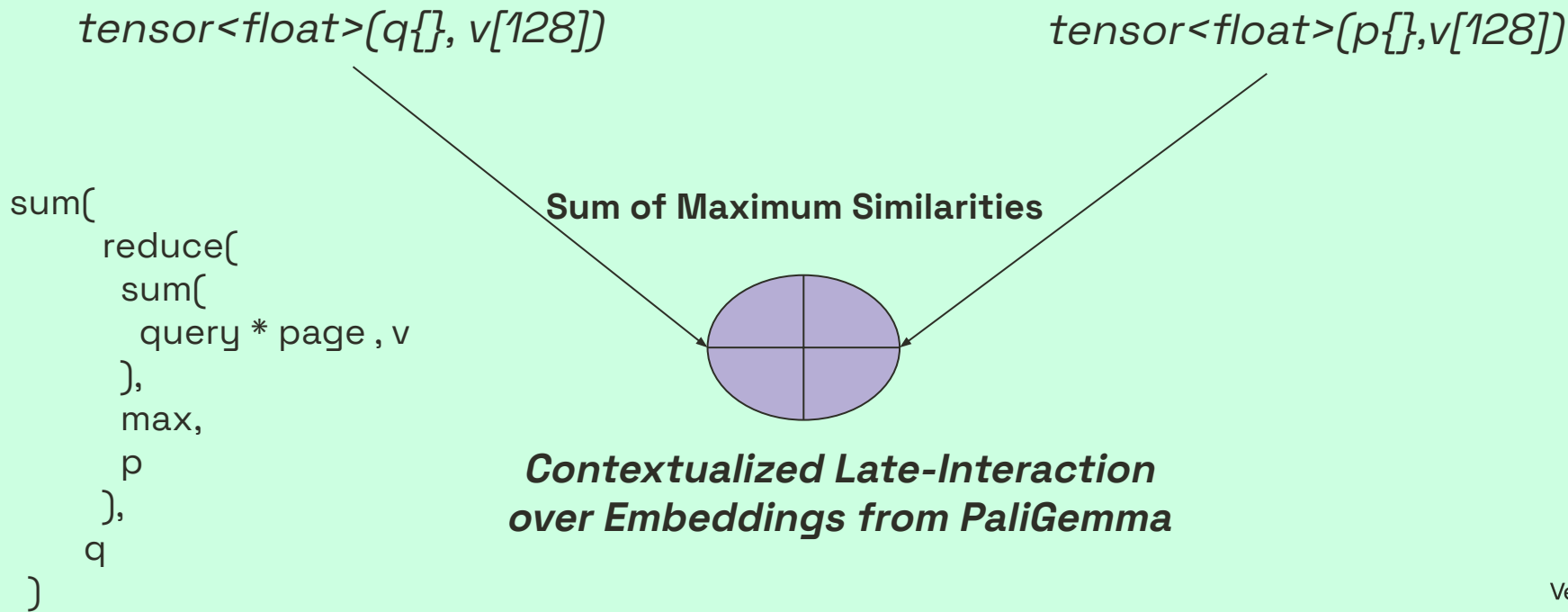
Fixed prepend and query  
expansion tokens

*tensor<float>(q[],v[128])*



# ColPali Relevance Scoring

`score(query, page):`



# (Sum) of MaxSim

Similarity matrix  $|q| \times |p|$  - where similarity is the dot product

Find maximum patch similarity per query token. Toy example with 2-dimensional  $\mathbf{v}$  and 4 image patches.

Query token  
vectors

water [1, 4]

$$\max([38, 12, 11, 9]) = 38$$

recycle [8, 2]

$$\max([34, 36, 28, 12]) = 36$$

$$\text{score}(\text{query}, \text{page}) = 38 + 36 = 74$$



# Score each page in the collection with (Sum of) MaxSim

Similar process as with “regular” search BM25 (Lucene, Vespa, Elasticsearch)

Sort the pages by score in descending order. Score is a proxy for relevance, higher is better.

## Ranked Pages by MaxSim

id 2-1



$$\text{MaxSim}(\text{page}, \text{query}) = 72$$

id 1-3



$$\text{MaxSim}(\text{page}, \text{query}) = 69$$

id 1-2



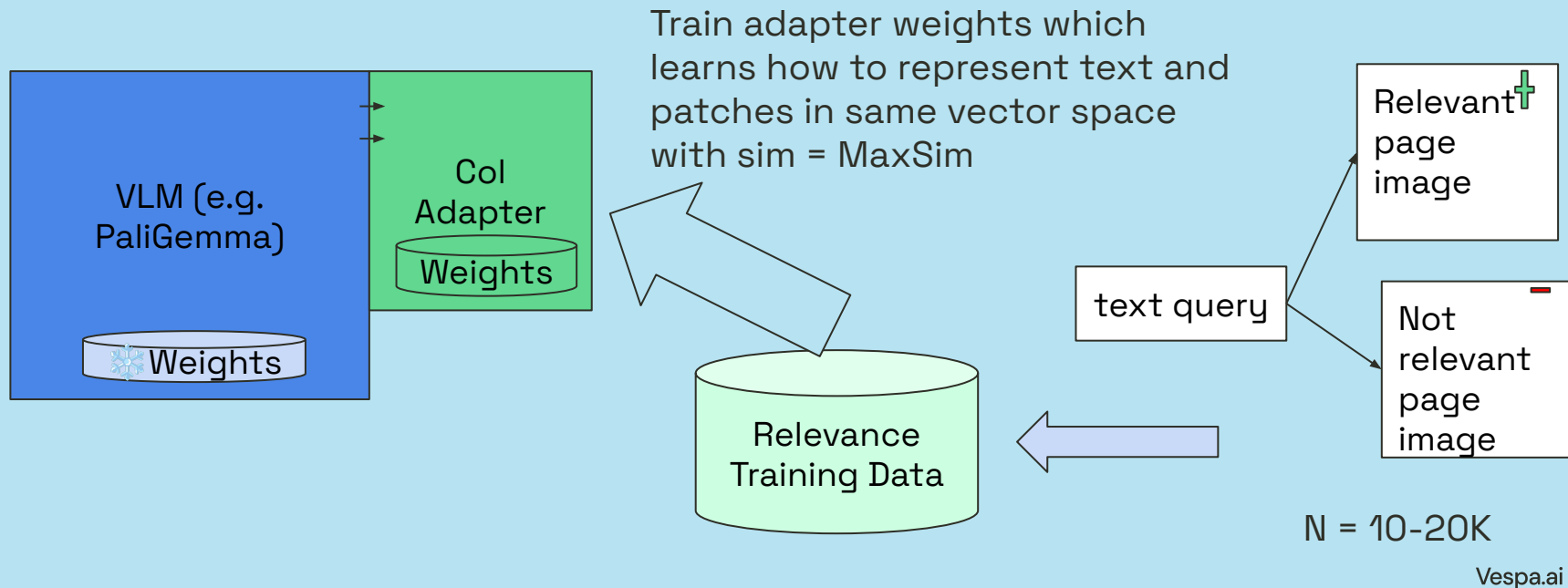
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id 1-1



$$\text{MaxSim}(\text{page}, \text{query}) = 64$$

# Learning Col vectors for retrieval (representation learning)



How does ColPali  
compare with  
traditional  
methods?

# The ViDoRe Benchmark

	ArxivQ	DocC	InfoQ	TabF	TATQ	Shift	AI	Energy	Gov.	Health.	Avg.
<b>Unstructured Text only</b>											
- BM25	-	34.1	-	-	44.0	59.6	90.4	78.3	78.8	82.6	-
- BGE-M3	-	28.4 <sub>↓5.7</sub>	-	-	36.1 <sub>↓7.9</sub>	68.5 <sub>↑8.9</sub>	88.4 <sub>↓2.0</sub>	76.8 <sub>↓1.5</sub>	77.7 <sub>↓1.1</sub>	84.6 <sub>↑2.0</sub>	-
<b>Unstructured + OCR</b>											
- BM25	31.6	36.8	62.9	46.5	62.7	64.3	92.8	85.9	83.9	87.2	65.5
- BGE-M3	31.4 <sub>↓0.2</sub>	25.7 <sub>↓11.1</sub>	60.1 <sub>↓2.8</sub>	70.8 <sub>↑24.3</sub>	50.5 <sub>↓12.2</sub>	73.2 <sub>↑8.9</sub>	90.2 <sub>↓2.6</sub>	83.6 <sub>↓2.3</sub>	84.9 <sub>↑1.0</sub>	91.1 <sub>↑3.9</sub>	66.1 <sub>↑0.6</sub>
<b>Unstructured + Captioning</b>											
- BM25	40.1	38.4	70.0	35.4	61.5	60.9	88.0	84.7	82.7	89.2	65.1
- BGE-M3	35.7 <sub>↓4.4</sub>	32.9 <sub>↓5.4</sub>	71.9 <sub>↑1.9</sub>	69.1 <sub>↑33.7</sub>	43.8 <sub>↓17.7</sub>	73.1 <sub>↑12.2</sub>	88.8 <sub>↑0.8</sub>	83.3 <sub>↓1.4</sub>	80.4 <sub>↓2.3</sub>	91.3 <sub>↑2.1</sub>	67.0 <sub>↑1.9</sub>
<b>Ours</b>											
SigLIP (Vanilla)	43.2	30.3	64.1	58.1	26.2	18.7	62.5	65.7	66.1	79.1	51.4
BiSigLIP (+fine-tuning)	58.5 <sub>↑15.3</sub>	32.9 <sub>↑2.6</sub>	70.5 <sub>↑6.4</sub>	62.7 <sub>↑4.6</sub>	30.5 <sub>↑4.3</sub>	26.5 <sub>↑7.8</sub>	74.3 <sub>↑11.8</sub>	73.7 <sub>↑8.0</sub>	74.2 <sub>↑8.1</sub>	82.3 <sub>↑3.2</sub>	58.6 <sub>↑7.2</sub>
RiPali (+LATE)	56.5 <sub>↑2.0</sub>	30.0 <sub>↓0.3</sub>	67.4 <sub>↑3.3</sub>	76.9 <sub>↑14.5</sub>	33.4 <sub>↑3.9</sub>	43.7 <sub>↑19.2</sub>	71.2 <sub>↑6.3</sub>	61.9 <sub>↓11.7</sub>	73.8 <sub>↑9.4</sub>	73.6 <sub>↓0.2</sub>	58.8 <sub>↑0.2</sub>
<b>ColPali (+Late Inter.)</b>	<b>79.1<sub>↑22.6</sub></b>	<b>54.4<sub>↑24.5</sub></b>	<b>81.8<sub>↑14.4</sub></b>	<b>83.9<sub>↑7.0</sub></b>	<b>65.8<sub>↑32.4</sub></b>	<b>73.2<sub>↑29.5</sub></b>	<b>96.2<sub>↑25.0</sub></b>	<b>91.0<sub>↑29.1</sub></b>	<b>92.7<sub>↑18.9</sub></b>	<b>94.4<sub>↑20.8</sub></b>	<b>81.3<sub>↑22.5</sub></b>

Table 2: Comprehensive evaluation of baseline models and our proposed method on ViDoRe. Results are presented using NDCG@5 metrics, and illustrate the impact of different components. Text-only metrics are not computed for benchmarks with only visual elements.

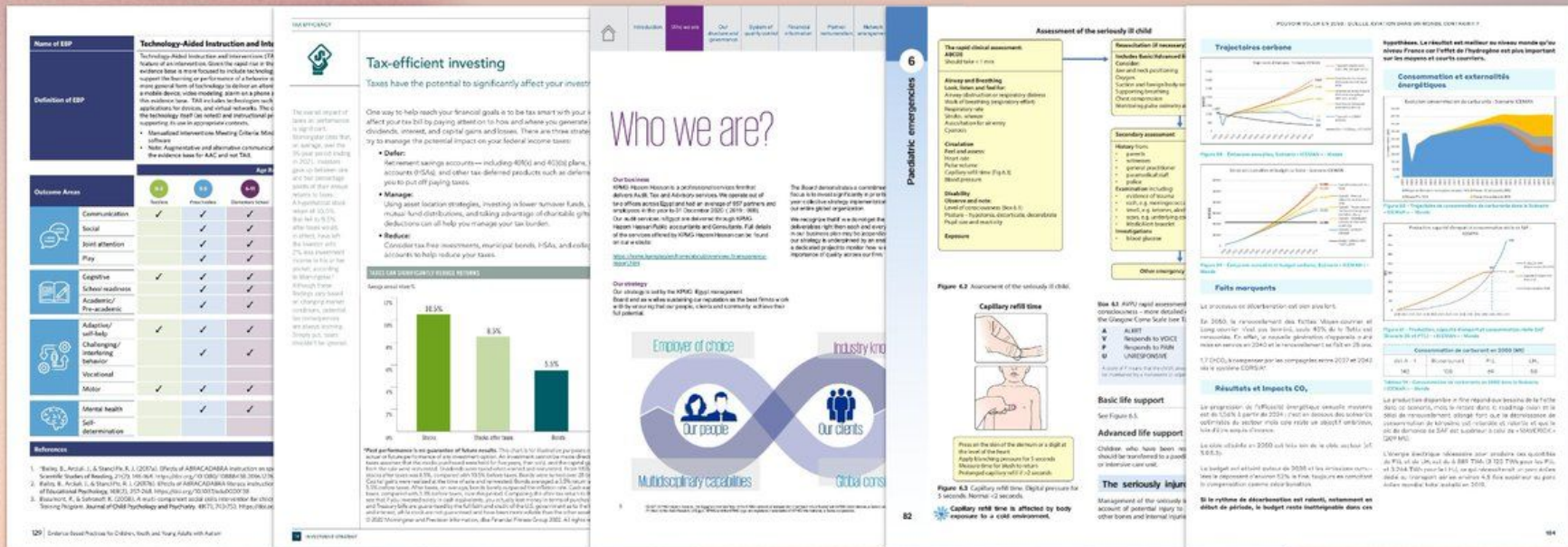
## Datasets ViDoRe

Dataset	# Queries	Domain
<b>Academic Tasks</b>		
DocVQA (eng)	500 (500)	Industrial
InfoVQA (eng)	500 (500)	Infographics
TAT-DQA (eng)	1600 (1600)	Varied Modalities
arXivQA (eng)	500 (500)	Scientific Figures
TabFQuAD (fra)	210 (210)	Tables
<b>Practical Tasks</b>		
Energy (eng)	100 (1000)	Scientific
Government (eng)	100 (1000)	Administrative
Healthcare (eng)	100 (1000)	Medical
AI (eng)	100 (1000)	Scientific
Shift Project (fra)	100 (1000)	Environment

Table 1: ViDoRe comprehensively evaluates multimodal retrieval methods. The size of the document corpus is indicated in parentheses.

nDCG@5 avg 0.66 => 0.813





# Samples from the ViDoRe benchmark dataset

**A**

Population Density  
(Cells/ $\mu$ l)

SUC2 Frequency,  $x$

**B**

Survival

Separatrix

Extinction

Population Density  
(Cells/l)

SUC2 Frequency,  $x$

**C**

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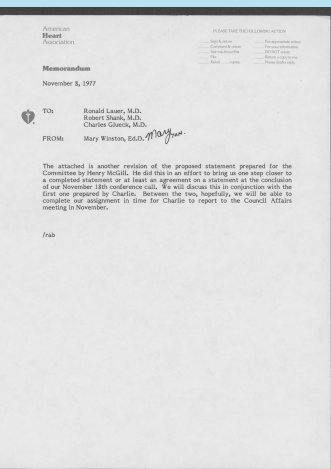
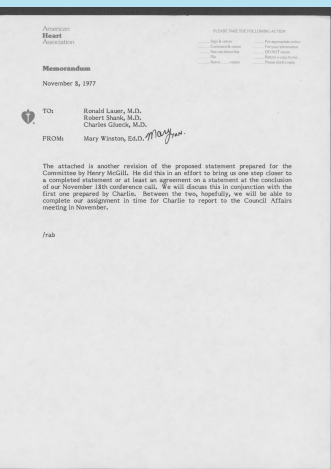
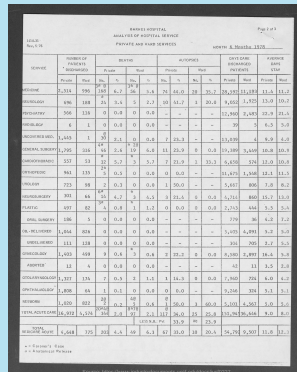
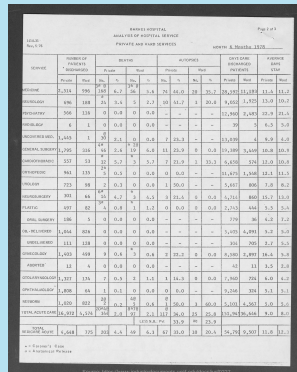
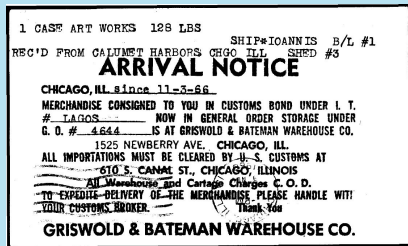
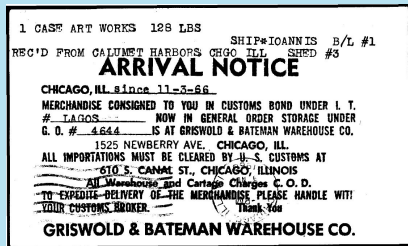
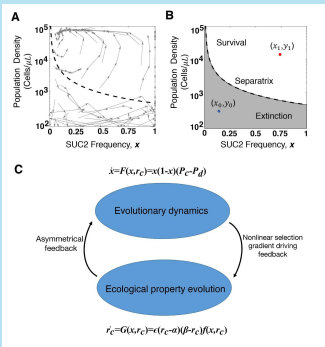
Evolutionary dynamics

Asymmetrical feedback

Ecological property evolution

Nonlinear selection gradient driving feedback

$$\dot{r}_c = G(r_c) = (r_c - \mu)P_c(r_c)/f(r_c)$$



## 5. Remuneration *continued*

Remuneration at a glance 2019

## How we performed

Remuneration key performance indicator	2019 actual	2019 threshold	2020 target	maximum	Remuneration measure
Group operating profit (£m)	277.3	256.7	270.3	283.6	Annual Incentive Plan
Group cash generation (£m)	296.4	270.7	285.0	299.2	Annual Incentive Plan
Group ROCE (%)	54.5	50.1	52.7	55.3	Annual Incentive Plan
2017-2019 EPS (%)	57.5	27.6	N/A	52.3	Performance Share Plan
2017-2019 relative TSR (percentile TSR)	94th	50th	N/A	75th	Performance Share Plan

The above figures exclude the acquisition of Thermococcus

## Executive Directors' remuneration and shareholdings

The Executive team has consistently delivered upper quartile performance for shareholders and this is reflected in the results of both the annual bonus and LTIP. The Committee is pleased with the work of the Executive team and is confident that this vesting outcome is reflective of the value delivered to the business.

Executive Director	Single total remuneration figure (E/5000)				Shareholding policy to assist shareholding (% of salary)			
N.J. Anderson Group Chief Executive	2017	757	725	1,304	E2,788	2018	300	345
	2018	754	628	990	E2,324	2019	300	321
K.J. Boyd Chief Financial Officer	2017	892	302	708	E1,624	2018	300	324
	2018	558	335	643	E1,438	2019	85	125
N.H. Davis Managing Director, Western Specialist	2017	981	348	560	E1,473	2018	300	304
	2018	536	265	592	E1,280	2019	125	354
J.L. Whelan Principal, Watson-Marlow	2017	909	445	361	E1,820	2018	200	451
	2018	909	445	361	E1,863	2019	200	451

■ Fixed
■ Annual Bonus
■ E1,132
■ Shareholding policy to assist shareholding

<sup>5</sup> Retired from the Board on 31st December 2019.

## Overview of the Executive Directors' Remuneration Policy

Base salary	Benefits	Pension	Annual bonus award	Performance Share Plan (PSPI)
To enable the Group to attract, retain and motivate high-performing Executive Directors of the Group	To provide market competitive benefits, and to enable the Executive Directors to undertake their roles with confidence, through ensuring their well-being and security	To offer appropriate levels of pension, and to attract and retain individuals with the general ability, skills and experience required to deliver Group strategy	To incentivise and reward performance against selected KPIs and to ensure that the Group's strategy is aligned to business strategy, while ensuring a significant proportion of Executive Director remuneration is directly linked to business performance	To incentivise and reward Executive Directors for delivering against long term Group performance, to align Executive Directors' interests to those of shareholders, and to retain key Executive talent

## Changes at a glance 2019

Executive Directors	2019 Base salary	% Change from 2018	Non-Executive Directors	2019 Fee	% Change from 2018
Nicholas Anderson	\$585,000	7.7	Jamie Pike	\$216,000	2.9%
Kevin Boyd	\$380,500	7.7	Peter Francis	\$51,760	2.9%
Neil Daws	\$369,600	6.0	Caroline Johnstone	\$61,760	N/A <sup>1</sup>
Jay Whalen	\$498,623	3.0	Jane Kingston <sup>2</sup>	\$51,760	2.9%
			Trudy Schoonenberg <sup>1,2</sup>	\$61,760	N/A <sup>1</sup>
			Kevin Thompson	\$61,760	2.9%

<sup>1</sup> From 15th May 2019.

\* The 2.9% increase applies to base fee. Chair and Senior Independent Director fees were unchanged.

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“But, Does It Scale?”

“That’s a lot of  
vectors!”

Reply Guys  
20.08.2024

# Scaling ColPali MaxSim

Compute scales with number of dot products  $\mathbf{D} \times [\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{v}]$

Storage scales with  $\mathbf{D} \times [\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{v}]$

Note: MaxSim only, inference of model is scaled independently

- $\mathbf{q}$  is the number of query tokens, including the mask and instruction tokens
- $\mathbf{p}$  is the number of image patches
- $\mathbf{v}$  is the vector dimensionality
- $\mathbf{D}$  is the number of pages scored by MaxSim

# Scaling ColPali MaxSim

- Reduce # patch vectors (reduces  $|p|$ ) - clustering, remove redundant
- Reduce precision of  $v$  from float to bit - 32x
- Replace float dot products with inverted hamming (4x reduction in compute)
- $q$  is the number of query tokens, including the mask and instruction tokens
- $p$  is the number of image patches
- $v$  is the vector dimensionality
- $D$  is the number of pages scored by MaxSim

# ColPali vectors

32x reduction  
storage  
4x compute  
reduction

Binary Quantization ( > 0 )

Normalized vectors (unit length). Values close to 0

Replace float dot product with inverted hamming distance  
(correlates)

MaxSim ranking. Latency (single-threaded) 1000x20X1030 128D hamming (>20M 128-bit hamming distances)



# Scaling ColPali

## MaxSim + Retrieval

Phased retrieval & ranking

Search for close neighbors  
of all k query token vectors  
- compatible with HNSW  
indexing using hamming  
distance metric

Step 2 - re-rank using  
MaxSim

nDCG@5 DocVQA

float-float	52.4
binary-binary (hamming)	49.5
binary-binary (hamming) + float-float re-ranking	51.6



# Scaling ColPali

## TLDR;

- Reduce precision (float to bit)
- Binary quantization (BQ)
- Hamming instead of dot product
- Multi-vector HNSW indexing
- Phased retrieval & ranking

<https://blog.vespa.ai/scaling-colpali-to-billions/>

## Scaling ColPali to billions of PDFs with Vespa



This blog post deep dives into scaling “ColPali: Efficient Document Retrieval with Vision Language Models”<sup>1</sup> to large collections of documents. We demonstrate how we can use a

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# RAG with ColPali

ColPali is the first stage retriever

For the generative step you need a VLM for question answering based on the retrieved context


## RAG is Dead, Long Live RAG

→ Compare <> Get code

### System Instructions

You are an assistant that answers tough questions using a PDF as source of information.

**User**



2023 Analyst & Investor Meeting

2023-conocophillips-aim-pre... 34,567 tokens

**User**

What is the medium term GHG intensity reduction target?

**Model** 16.0s

The medium term GHG intensity reduction target is 50-60% (from 40-50%) from 2016 baseline. This will result in a near zero methane intensity target of less than 1.5 kg CO2e/BOE.

### Run settings

Reset

**Model**

Gemini 1.5 Flash

**Token Count**

34,636 / 1,048,576

**Temperature**

1

**Tools**

**JSON mode**

Edit schema

**Code execution**

**Function calling**

Edit functions

# Frontier VLMs

VLMs are better at  
question  
answering when  
using image data  
than text + OCR.

## Single-Page Question

**Question:** I want to see a doctor in the campus hospital. After registering at the registration area, what is the next step?

**Answer:** Go to the medical department you registered at (i.e. internal medicine, surgical medicine, dental medicine)

**Solution:** Check the diagram about process for seeing a doctor at the hospital in *Section Health and Safety*, page 27. After registering at the registration area (Step 1), the second step is to go to the medical department you registered at.

**Evidence Sources:** Image

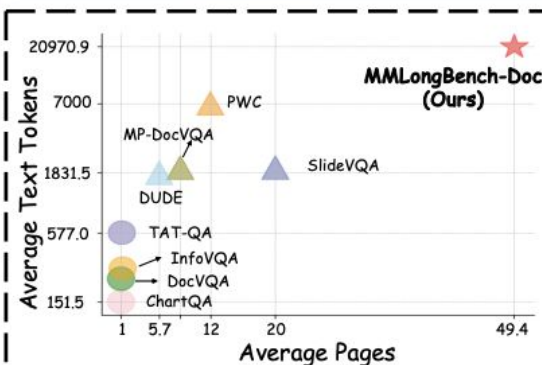
## Cross-Page Question

**Question:** I'm at location "J" shown in the campus map. Tell me the nearest coffee shop.

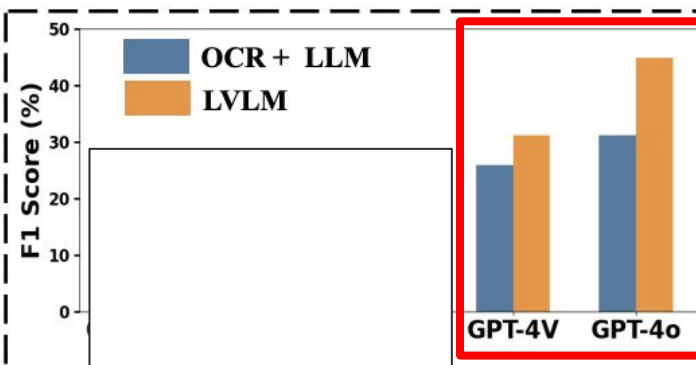
**Answer:** Ten Years After Café.

**Solution:** According to the campus map in Page 34, the location "J" is the security Department near the New Qinghuaxuetang. Check the info table of on-campus coffee shop in Page 16, we find that Ten Years After Café is the nearest one to location "J".

**Evidence Sources:** Table & Image



(b) Dataset Statistics



(c) Performance on MMLongBench-Doc

From **MMLongBench-Doc: Benchmarking Long-context Document Understanding with Visualizations**

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# “Does it work for my data?”

Reply Guys  
27.09.2024

# Fine-tuning ColPali

ColPali **retrieval adapter** mostly trained on synthetic data created by previous generation VLMs using a prompting technique. Generate questions about a particular page.

New and improved VLM backbones gives:

- Better training data (generated on your domain and language)
- Better VLM backbone

## ColPali fine-tuning Query Generator

[ColPali](#) is a very exciting new approach to multimodal document retrieval which aims to replace existing document retrievers which often rely on an OCR step with an end-to-end multimodal approach.

To train or fine-tune a ColPali model, we need a dataset of image-text pairs which represent the document images and the relevant text queries which those documents should match. To make the ColPali models work even better we might want a dataset of query/image document pairs related to our domain or task.

One way in which we might go about generating such a dataset is to use an VLM to generate synthetic queries for us. This space uses the [Qwen/Qwen2-VL-7B-Instruct](#) VLM model to generate queries for a document, based on an input document image.

**Note** there is a lot of scope for improving to prompts and the quality of the generated queries! If you have any suggestions for improvements please [open a Discussion!](#)

This [blog post](#) gives an overview of how you can use this kind of approach to generate a full dataset for fine-tuning ColPali models.

If you want to convert a PDF(s) to a dataset of page images you can try out the [PDFs to Page Images Converter](#) Space.

The screenshot displays the ColPali fine-tuning Query Generator interface. On the left, a document page from ConocoPhillips is shown, titled 'Sustainability' with a 'Water' section. The document content includes a table with water consumption data and two donut charts showing water management metrics. On the right, the generated JSON output is displayed, showing a 'broad\_topical\_query' and a 'specific\_detail\_query'.

**Document Content (Water Section):**

Category	Value	Unit
FRESH WATER CONSUMPTION INTENSITY	0.06	litres per litre of oil produced
UNCONVENTIONAL WATER	0.03	litres per litre of oil produced
CONVENTIONAL/OFFSHORE WATER	0.03	litres per litre of oil produced

**Water Management Metrics:**

- SOURCE WATER - GLOBAL:** 92.4% of source water is replenished, 7.6% is not.
- PRODUCED WATER MANAGED - GLOBAL:** 45.6% of produced water is recycled or reused, 43.7% is discharged, 10.7% is discharged off-site after treatment.

**Generated JSON Output:**

```
{
  "broad_topical_query": "ConocoPhillips Sustainability Report",
  "broad_topical_explanation": "This query is effective because it covers the main subject of the document, which is ConocoPhillips' sustainability report.",
  "specific_detail_query": "ConocoPhillips water consumption intensity",
  "specific_detail_explanation": "This query is effective because it focuses on a specific fact mentioned in the document, which is the water"
}
```

“Can’t you use GPT-4o  
for this?”

Reply Guys  
27.09.2024



ColPali is a promising direction

Will see new checkpoints based on new VLMs

Trained on more data

Embedding providers..



# QA

## Resources

<https://blog.vespa.ai/retrieval-with-vision-language-models-colpali/>

<https://blog.vespa.ai/the-rise-of-vision-driven-document-retrieval-for-rag/>

<https://blog.vespa.ai/scaling-colpali-to-billions/>

<https://huggingface.co/blog/manu/colpali>

<https://github.com/illuin-tech/colpali>



**Jo Kristian Bergum**  @jobergum · Aug 15

I don't understand why my timeline is not all about ColPali for RAG over complex document formats?

 24

 11

 181

 48K



# Even more resources

[https://pyvespa.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/pdf-retrieval-with-ColQwen2-vlm\\_Vespa-cloud.html](https://pyvespa.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/pdf-retrieval-with-ColQwen2-vlm_Vespa-cloud.html)

[https://pyvespa.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/simplified-retrieval-with-colpali-vm\\_Vespa-cloud.html](https://pyvespa.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/simplified-retrieval-with-colpali-vm_Vespa-cloud.html)

[https://pyvespa.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/colpali-benchmark-vqa-vm\\_Vespa-cloud.html](https://pyvespa.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/colpali-benchmark-vqa-vm_Vespa-cloud.html)

<https://pyvespa.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples/colpali-document-retrieval-vision-language-models-cloud.html>

```
async with app.asyncio(connections=1, total_timeout=120) as session:
    for idx, query in enumerate(queries):
        query_embedding = {k: v.tolist() for k, v in enumerate(qs[idx])}
        response: VespaQueryResponse = await session.query(
            yql="select title,url,image,page_number from pdf_page where userInput(@userQuery)",
            ranking="default",
            userQuery=query,
            timeout=120,
            hits=3,
            body={
                "input.query(qt)": query_embedding,
                "presentation.timing": True
            },
        )
    assert response.is_successful()
    display_query_results(query, response)
```

**Query text: 'Percentage of non-fresh water as source?', query time 0.07s, count=133, top results:**

**PDF Result 1**

**Title: ConocoPhillips Managing Climate Related Risks, page 45 with score 90.48**

Performance metrics and targets

## Additional climate-linked performance areas

### Energy efficiency

We continually strive to make our operations more energy efficient. This can provide environmental and economic benefits through lower production costs or greater sales revenue. Through the natural decline of production, as our fields diminish in size, they tend to require either the same, or in some cases, even greater amounts of energy to extract the product for processing or refining.

Total energy consumption in 2023 was 205 trillion British Thermal Units (BTU). Approximately 90% of our consumption was combustion of fuel for our own energy use with the remainder from purchased electricity.

### Water

We manage water-related risks by considering the local, social, regulatory, economic and environmental conditions such as water stress, which are unique to every basin or offshore marine area. Water risks are managed at the BU level, enabling a tailored, region-specific approach. Water-related risks associated with fresh water withdrawal and consumption, water stress, offshore produced water discharges and onshore produced water disposal can affect our business.

We measure and report on the volume of fresh water and non-fresh water withdrawn from local water sources, the volume of municipal waste water reused, and the volume of produced water that is reused, recycled, disposed or discharged after treatment. The data is used to estimate our water intensity and exposure to water stress. We also collect water forecast data for our LRP which enables us to test our portfolio of projects against our water risks to make better-informed strategic decisions.

The 2023 fresh water consumption intensity for our unconventional assets in the U.S. (Eagle Ford, Bakken, Permian) and in Canada (Montney) was 0.06 BBL/BOE EUR. The 2023 fresh water consumption intensity for our conventional (Alaska, Canada Summit and LNG) and offshore assets (Norway) was 0.03 BBL/BOE. [Read more](#) about our water metrics and how we [manage water risks](#).

We use the [World Resources Institute Aqueduct Risk Atlas](#) to complete a screening level assessment of our portfolio exposure to water stress. For select assets we also verify the level of water stress using local water supply and demand data for a more detailed understanding. Operated assets located within areas of high baseline water stress in 2023 included parts of the Permian Basin and parts of the Eagle Ford. Overall, 14.7% of our fresh water withdrawal and 18.3% of our freshwater consumption was in regions of high water stress.

### SOURCE WATER — GLOBAL

Reused/Recycled 92.4%

### PRODUCED WATER MANAGED — GLOBAL

Reused/Recycled 45.6%



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