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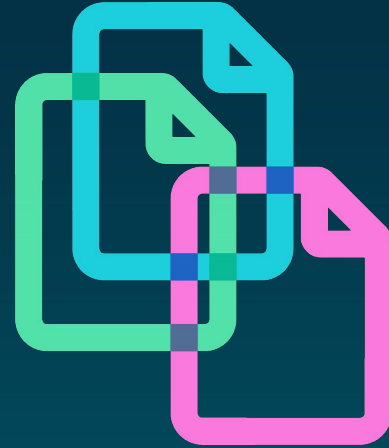
An Open Dataset for Training Multimodal Models on Document and Code Tasks

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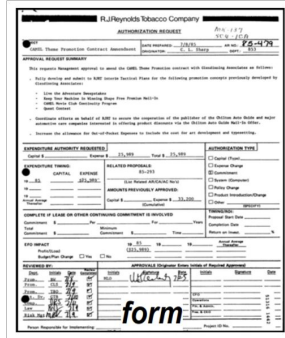
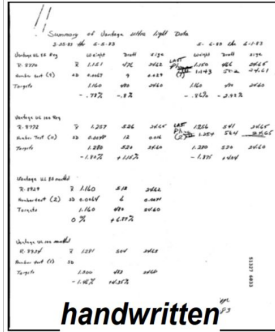
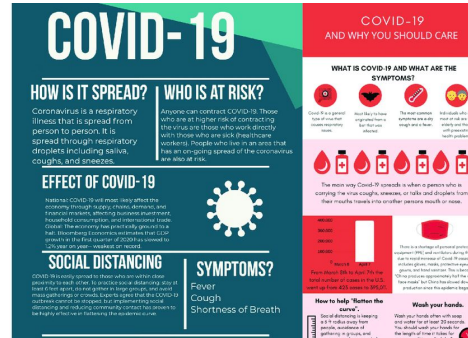
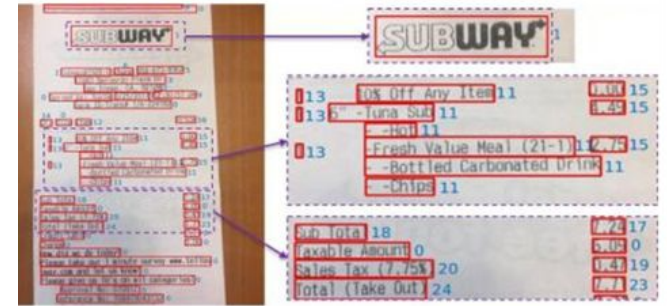
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Multimodal Document Understanding



Why Multimodal Document Understanding?

Existing demand of models to deal with:

Complex Paper Documents

Text-intensive Infographics

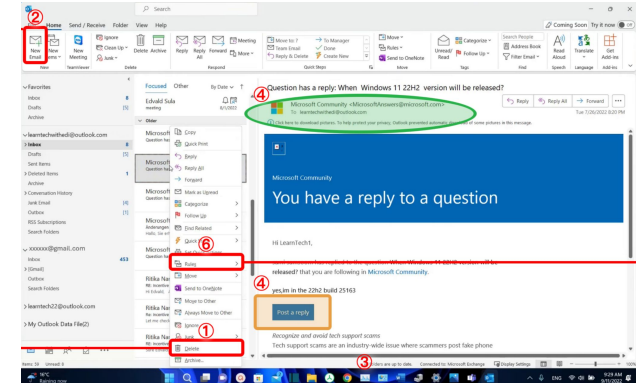
Robust Perception & Grounding

Why Multimodal Document Understanding?

New tasks for Document AI



Multimodal Code
Generation



User Interface
Understanding

Current Limitations:

1. **Models** need *huge* and *diverse* datasets to generalize well.
2. **Data is limited**, scattered, poorly licensed, or simplistic.
3. **Modern/real world tasks** are underexplored



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We need **Scalable,**
Open, and **High-Quality**
Multimodal Document
Datasets

BigDocs Contributions Summary



BigDocs 7.5M

Large-scale pre-training dataset with clearly licensing and transparent



BigDocs-Bench

10 innovative tasks for multimodal code & GUI Understanding



BigDocs-Toolkit

Crawling, dataset compound management, safety filtering, document AI training



BigDocs-Models

License-permissive multimodal document models



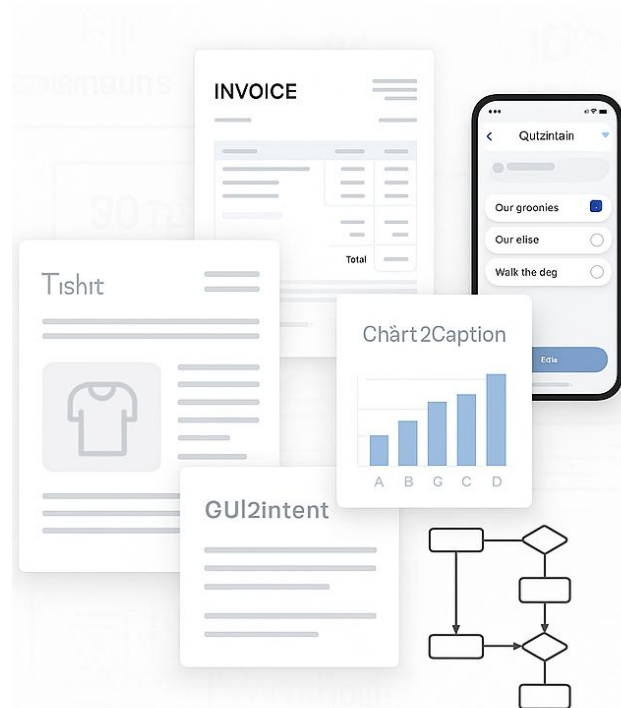
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QwenVL2



LLaVA



Dataset Construction



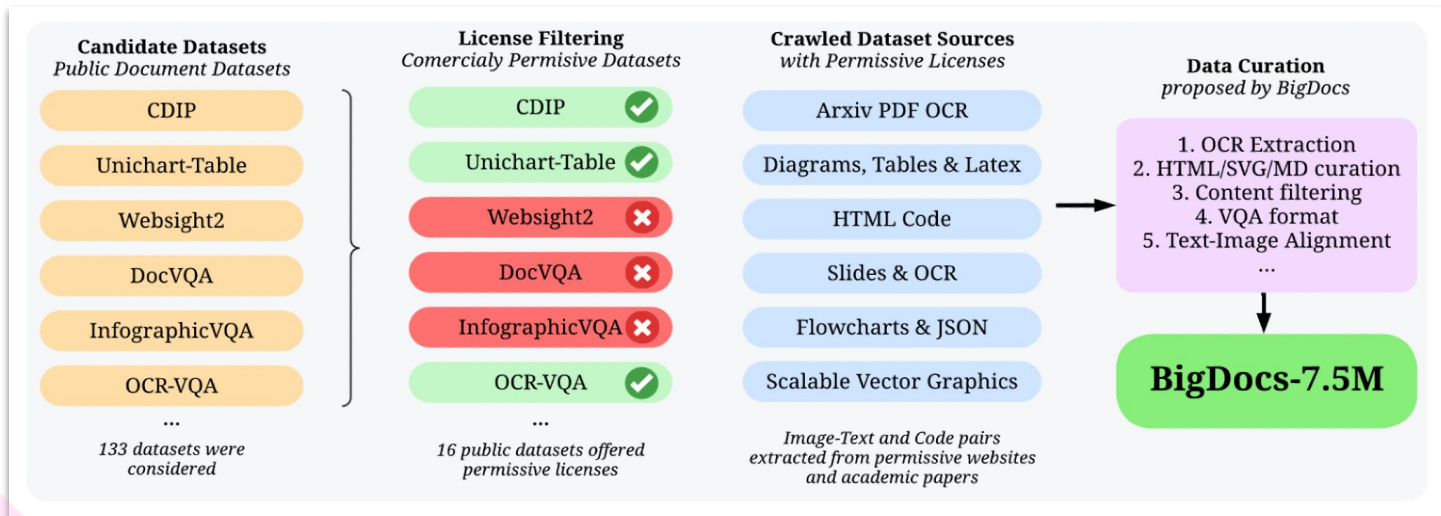
Merged and **filtered 130+ datasets** → kept only **16** with **permissive licenses**



Added **new data**: UIs, HTML screenshots, LaTeX tables, ...



Strict content, license, and quality checks throughout



What's in BigDocs-7.5M?

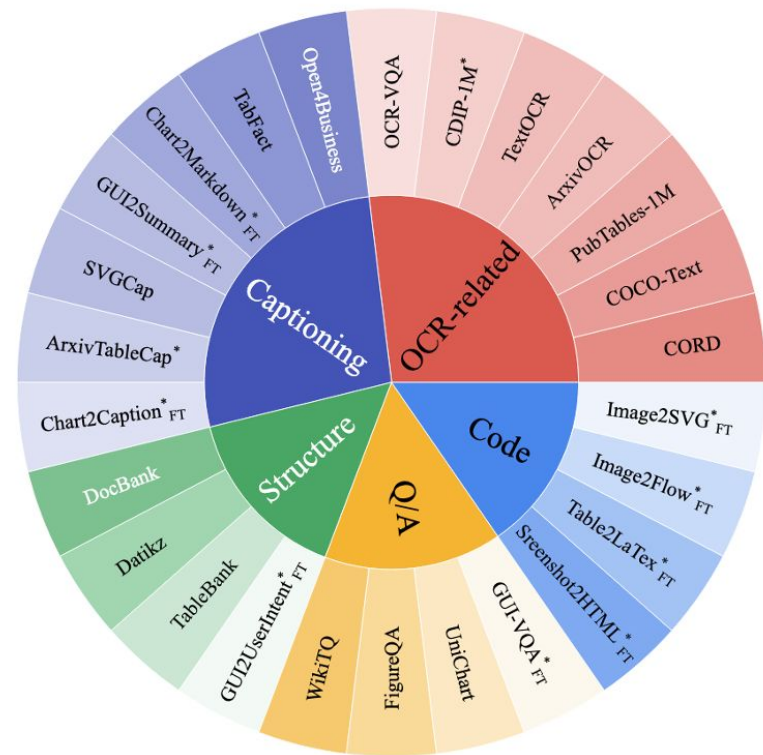
OCR, Layout, Tables, Forms, Charts,
UIs, Scientific Diagrams

Text, Images, Structured Outputs
(HTML, LaTeX, JSON, SVG)

Balanced across input-output modalities:
vision → code, vision → text

What's in BigDocs-7.5M?

We **curated multimodal datasets** in an **open** and **transparent** way specifically **for training multimodal models document, website, coding domains**



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We created *new*
Benchmarks for
Modern Document AI

Introducing **BigDocs-Bench**

- **Proposing 10 new tasks** for challenging real-world use cases
- Tests **visual reasoning, layout understanding, structured code generation, UI comprehension**

Multimodal Code Generation

Image2HTML, Image2LaTeX,
Image2SVG, Flow2Code

User Interface Reasoning

GUI2Intent,
GUI2Summary, GUI-VQA

Chart Understanding



Chart2Caption

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It's not just OCR anymore.

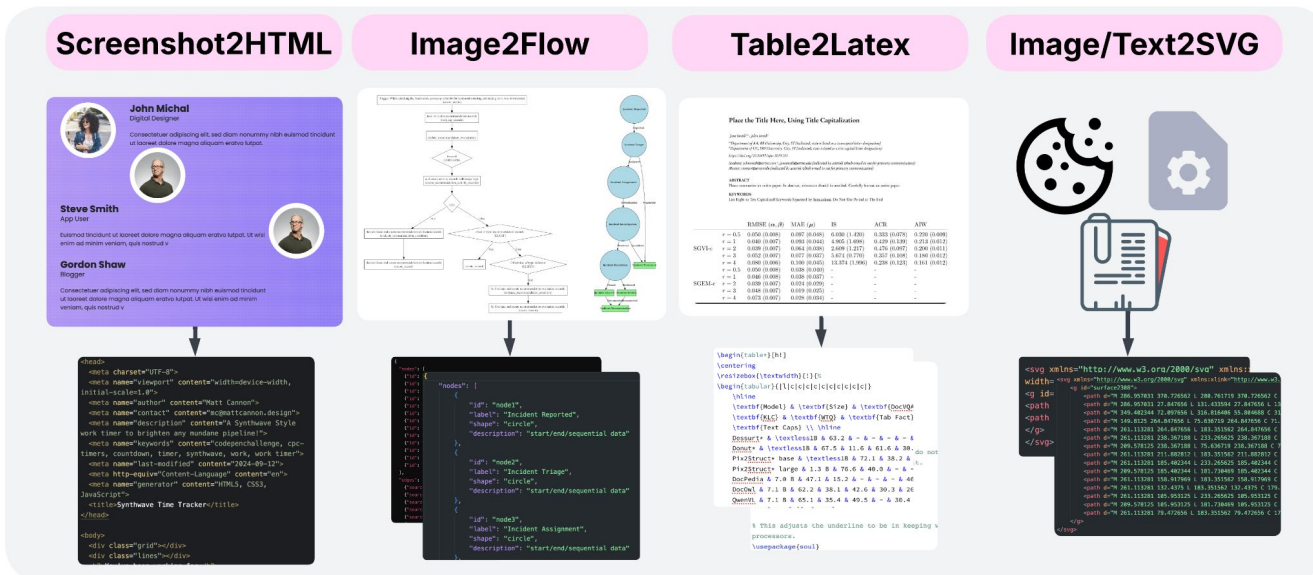
*Models must generate
complex outputs from
visuals.*

Novel Tasks in BigDocs-Bench

Task	Train	Val	Test	Hidden	Tokens
 Screenshot-2HTML	9.3K	1000	500	500	32.7K±53K
 Table-2LaTeX	77.7K	1000	500	500	438±540
 Image2SVG	198K	2000	748	500	2.9K±1.7K
 Image2Flow (GraphViz)	8.0K	1000	500	500	418±124
 Image2Flow (JSON)	8000	1000	500	500	1800±601
 Chart-2Markdown	4500	1000	500	500	1.6K±4.4K
 Chart2Caption	5.4K	1300	650	500	94±49
 GUI2UserIntent	79K	1000	500	500	28±4
 GUI2Summary	79K	1000	500	500	132±25
 GUI-VQA	78.9k	1000	500	500	35±24

Novel Tasks: Image2Code

- Input: Screenshot of web page, table, workflow, logotype
- Output: HTML / LaTeX / SVG
- Requires: understanding **layout**, **content**, and **generating structured code**

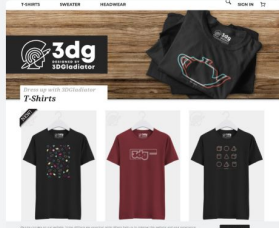


Novel Tasks: GUI & Chart Understanding

- Answer questions & describe UI screenshots.
- Predict user's action from a UI screenshot
- Interpret data visualizations

GUI-VQA

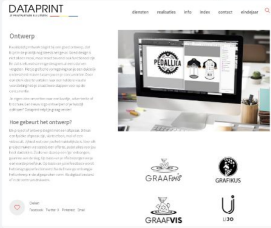
What colors dominate the design in this aesthetic?



Black, white, and natural wood tones

GUI2Summ

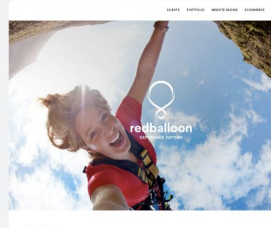
Please summarize the webpage in the image.



This website, DATAPOINT, is a professional design and printing service.

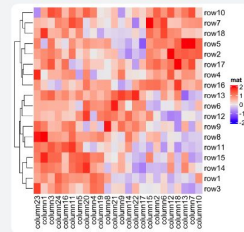
GUI2UserIntent

What opens when the user clicks [550, 0, 600, 80]?



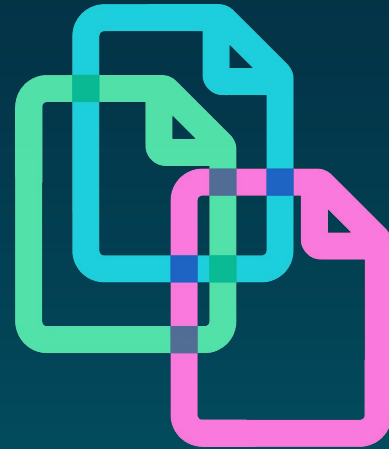
Display the PORTFOLIO.

Chart2Caption



This is a heatmap, a graphical representation of data where the individual values contained in a matrix are represented as colors. Here's a summary:
Color Legend: The color scale on the right side indicates the range from -2 (dark blue) to 2 (dark red). Intermediate shades represent intermediate values.
Rows and Columns: Rows: Labeled from row10 to row3. Columns: Labeled from column23 to column10

Why use **BigDocs**?



Training & Models

- We **Continually Pre-Trained** open-source VLMs to perform **Document AI**
- We **instruction-tuned** the models for multiple downstream tasks
- We released full **training/inference** pipelines and recipes



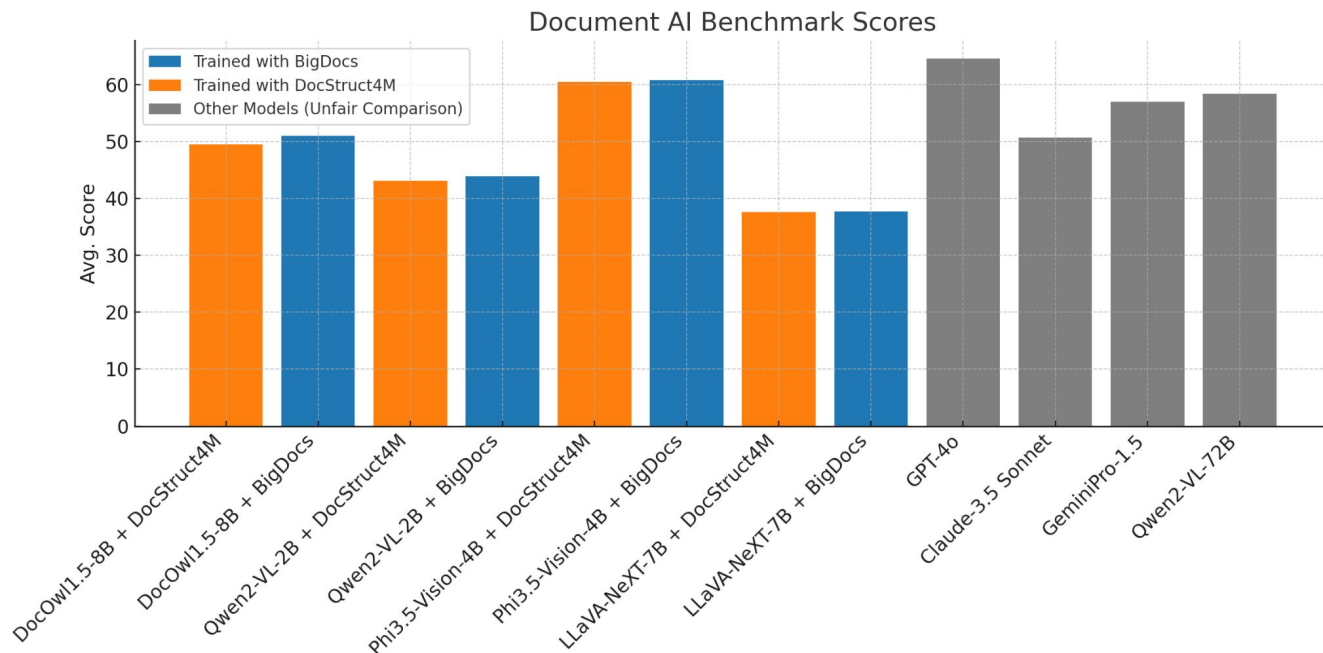
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Qwen



Results on Document AI Benchmarks

- **Pretraining on BigDocs** surpasses other pre-training approaches
 - No benchmark contamination, transparent, license clarity
- Our best model **matches/outperforms SOTA closed models**



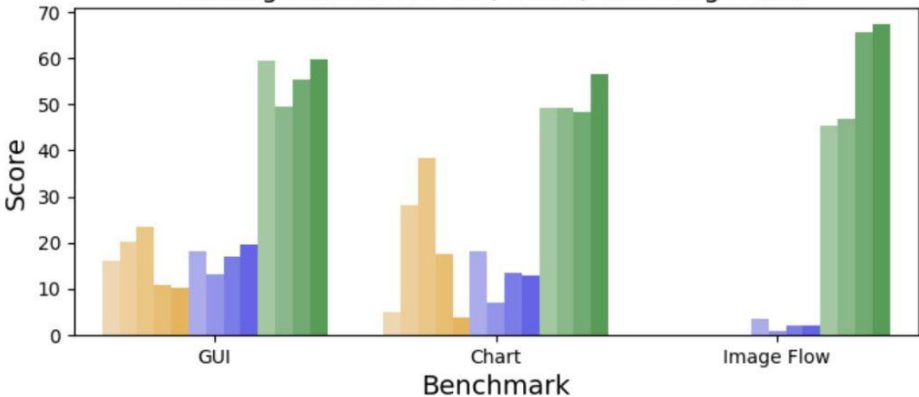
Results on BigDocs-Bench

Models struggle at Multimodal Coding and GUI Reasoning

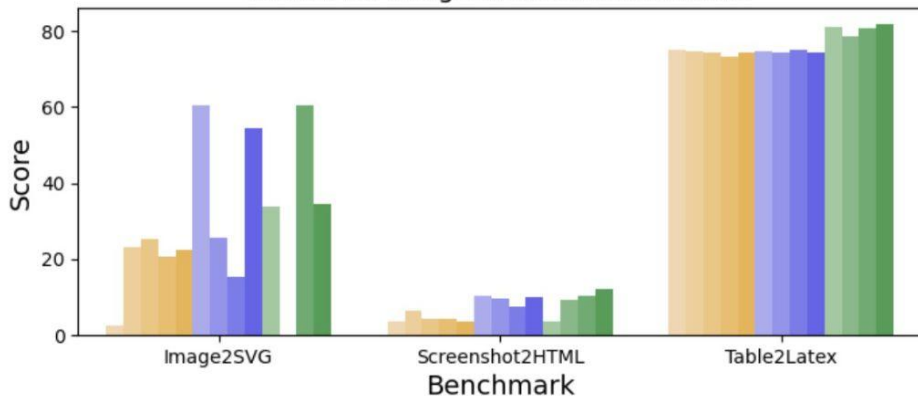
BigDocs teaches new skills, surpassing SOTA models

Model Performance Comparison on BigDocs-Bench

Average Scores for GUI, Chart, and Image Flow



Scores for Image-Related Benchmarks



Open Source

- DocOwl-1.5-8B
- Qwen2-VL-2B
- Phi3.5-V-4B
- LLaVA-NeXT-7B
- Idefics2-8B

Closed Source

- GPT-4o 20240806
- Claude-3.5 Sonnet
- GeminiPro-1.5
- Qwen2-VL-72B

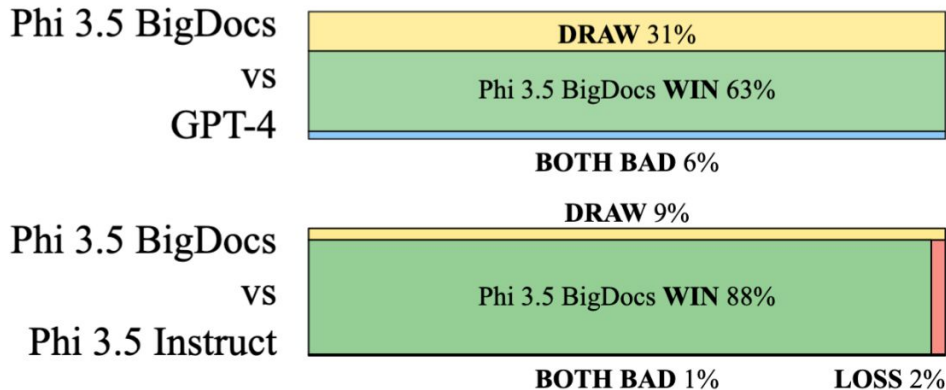
BigDocs Models

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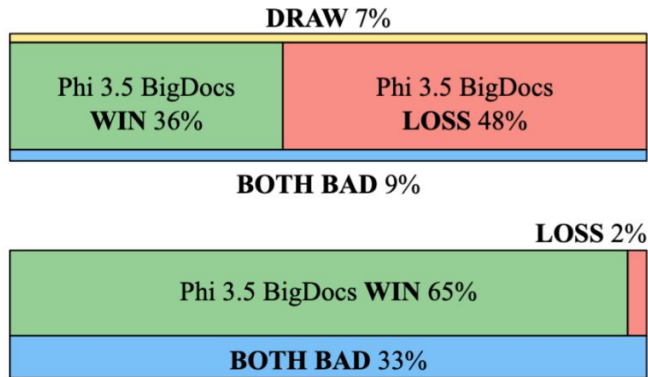
Results - Human Evaluation

- Human evaluation **reveals a clear preference**
- BigDocs **outperforms** GPT4 on **Latex** and **HTML** generation

Table2LaTeX



Screenshot2HTML



Qualitative Example - Latex Generation

- BigDocs achieves a better table conversion than GPT4

Input Image

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	SIR	SIS	Threshold	Kirman	Gene	Mutualistic	CML
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$T + 2$	0.73	0.80	0.84	0.81	0.602	1.086	0.021
$T + 3$	0.81	0.75	0.81	0.82	0.609	1.276	0.024
$T + 4$	0.82	0.74	0.74	0.83	0.724	1.512	0.027
$T + 5$	0.80	0.74	0.72	0.85	0.822	1.601	0.028

Output from GPT4o

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Results – Does BigDocs Help?

 BigDocs **adapts eneral multimodal models** to reach **SOTA performance in Document AI**.

 Delivers **+34.5% gains** on **code generation** and **GUI understanding** tasks.

 **Outperforms GPT-4** on **LaTeX** generation and intent prediction from **GUIs**.

Summary & Takeaways

-  **BigDocs-7.5M**: Large open multimodal document dataset
-  **BigDocs-Bench**: 10 hard tasks, real-world relevance
-  **Strong gains** – even outperform GPT-4 in key areas
-  **Fully open** – data, tools, models, benchmarks



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