

Knowledge Recovery: How Large Language Models Help Surface Knowledge Hidden In Vast Repositories

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Goal: Talk to your Data

- Basic idea:
 - Accept a query from the user in natural language
 - Figure out what they're asking for
 - Find the answer(s)
 - Structured & unstructured sources; very large corpora
 - Deliver or even explain the answer back to the user
 - Handle possible follow-up queries



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Use of Large Language Models

- Distant Past (no LLMs):
 - Templates to recognize "intent" to extract relevant facts/entities from query
- Recent Past:
 - Early LLMs (e.g., BERT) to recognize query intent and extract entities
 - Must be trained for the kinds of queries and entities that are expected
- Present:
 - SOTA LLMs (e.g., GPT-4, Claude 3) that are "instructed"
 - Typically are not trained for the task; given examples (zero-shot, one-shot, ...)



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Retrieval-Augmented Generation

- Just Retrieval:
 - Typical search like SharePoint.
- Just Generation:
 - Talking to ChatGPT.
- *Retrieval-Augmented Generation*:
 - Finding documents/pages/passages/tables/etc. in corpus based on the user's query, *then* feeding this + the user's query to an LLM so it can answer the question given some knowledge sources.





Challenge: Finding, not Reading

- Shockingly, if you find the right text/table/etc., and give it to GPT-4 or Claude 3, plus the user's query, the answer is typically produced.
 - SOTA LLMs mostly eliminate the "reading" step.
- So the challenge is finding the right knowledge in the corpus.
 - Every LLM has limited "context" and the corpus may be huge.
- Public QA systems (Copilot on web, ChatGPT, etc.) benefit from redundant knowledge availability.
 - But we often see a "needle in a haystack" challenge one fact from one paragraph from one document in a corpus of millions.



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Vector/Embedded/Semantic Search

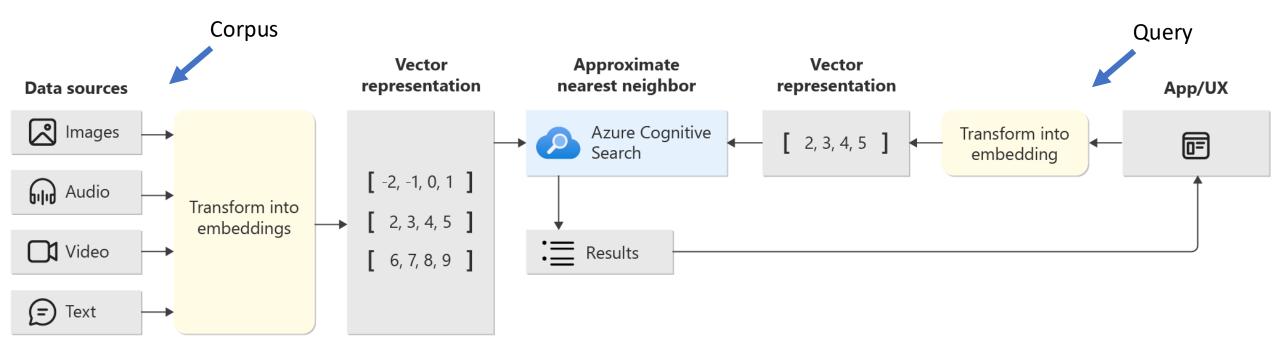


Image: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/search/vector-search-overview



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RAG-based Startups (subset)



Trieve San Francisco, CA, USA

Infrastructure for search teams building retrieval and RAG

W24 B2B INFRASTRUCTURE



SciPhi

SciPhi is the best way to build retrieval for AI



Reducto San Francisco, CA, USA Unlocking data behind complex documents W W24 B2B ENGINEERING, PRODUCT AND DESIGN



Al-powered Snowflake for unstructured data



Superpowered Al Salt Lake City, UT, USA API for Retrieval Augmented Generation



Buster San Francisco, CA, USA

Infrastructure to connect LLMs and databases

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in the volve field, what is the total depth of well 15/9 F-7?

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I don't have access to specific well data like the total depth of well 15/9 F-7 in the Volve field. However, some resources like research papers and oil and gas company websites might publish well information like this.

Here are some resources you can explore to find the total depth of well 15/9 F-7:

- Technical papers: Search for papers related to the Volve field that mention well 15/9 F-7. You can find these papers on engineering research databases or through scholarly search engines.
- Oil and gas company websites: If the Volve field is still operational, the company that operates it might have information about the wells on their website, although this is less likely since the field was shut down in 2016.

Check completed • No results found • Understand the results

Google Gemini



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You You

what is the total depth of 15/9 f-7?

Copilot

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The total depth of the expression 15/9 f-7 depends on the context in which it is used. Let's break it down:

- 1. 15/9: This fraction simplifies to 5/3.
- 2. f: The variable "f" represents an unknown value or function. Without further context, we cannot determine its specific value.
- 3. -7: Subtract 7 from the result of the previous steps.

To calculate the total depth, we need more information about the value of "f." If you have additional context or specific values for "f," please provide them, and I'll be happy to assist further!



Microsoft Copilot (web)



You

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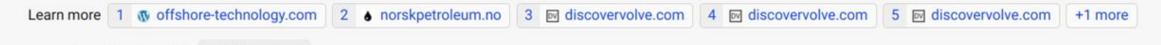
Microsoft Copilot (web)

The Volve oilfield is situated in Block 15/9 in the southern part of the Norwegian North Sea, at a water depth of around 80 meters 12. Now, let's delve into the specifics of well 15/9 F-7:

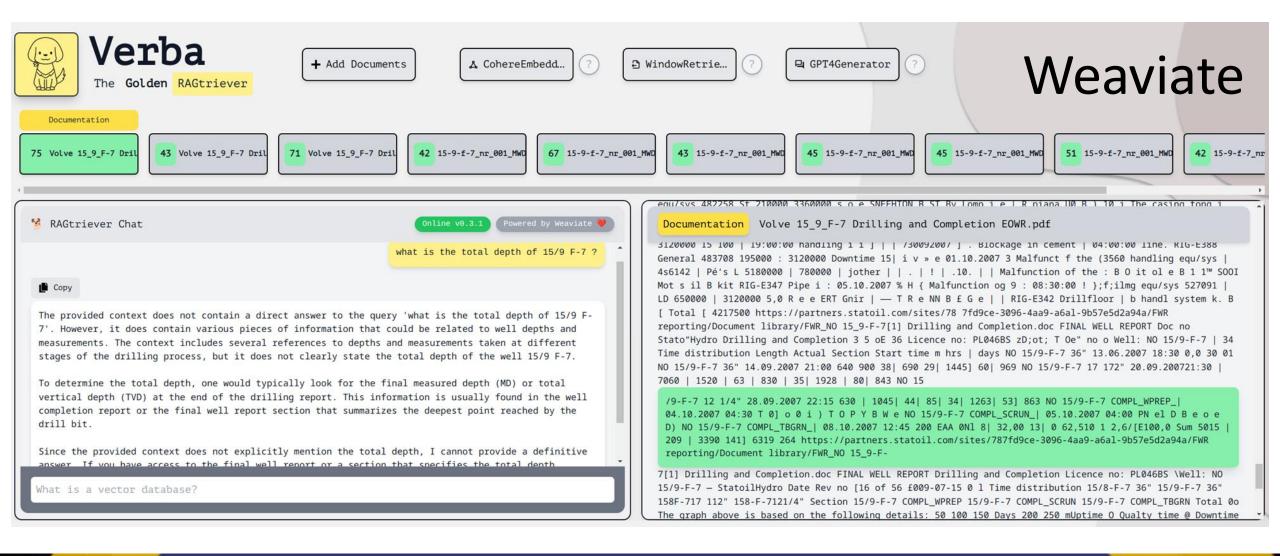
- Well 15/9 F-7 is one of the wells in the Volve oilfield. It was designed for water production and targeted the shallow Utsira formation. The completion type for this well is 7" monobore perforated liner 3.
- The water depth (or air gap) for this well is approximately 91 meters above mean sea level (MSL) or 54.9 meters below rotary table (RT) 4.
- The bottom hole sampling depth for well 15/9 F-7 is 3748 meters measured depth (MD) below rotary kelly bushing (RKB) 5.

If you have any further questions or need additional details, feel free to ask! 🧧 🌊

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Microsoft Copilot (Azure)

where is the Volve field?

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The Volve field is located in the southern part of the North Sea, approximately eight kilometres north of Sleipner Øst¹. It is a relatively small oil discovery, situated on a structural high within the Sleipner area, and has geological similarities with the neighboring structures Loke and Sleipner Øst²³.

✓ 3 references

1 15-9-F-14_nr_003_FWR_MUD.pdf - Part 1

- 2 15_9_F_15_Recommendation_to_Drill.pdf Part 1
- 3 DRILLING_PROGRAMME_1.PDF Part 1



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Microsoft Copilot (Azure) – hybrid search

what is the total depth of 15/9 f-7?

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The requested information is not available in the retrieved data. Please try another query or topic.



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LlamaIndex

(venv) [josh@nostromo llamaindex]\$ llamaindex-cli rag --verbose -q "what is the total depth of 15/9 F-7?"
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> Running module query with input:
query_str: What is the total depth of 15/9 F-7?

> Running module retriever with input: input: What is the total depth of 15/9 F-7?

> Running module summarizer with input: query_str: What is the total depth of 15/9 F–7? nodes: [NodeWithScore(node=TextNode(id_='529daa57–b457–45be–bdef–453260263042', embedding=None, metadata={'page_label': '73', 'file_name': 'FWR MUD F–15_ABC_nr_004.pdf', 'file_path': '/data/josh/corpus/files...

The total depth of 15/9 F–7 is not provided in the context information.



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The time difference between 15/9 F–7 is 13 days.

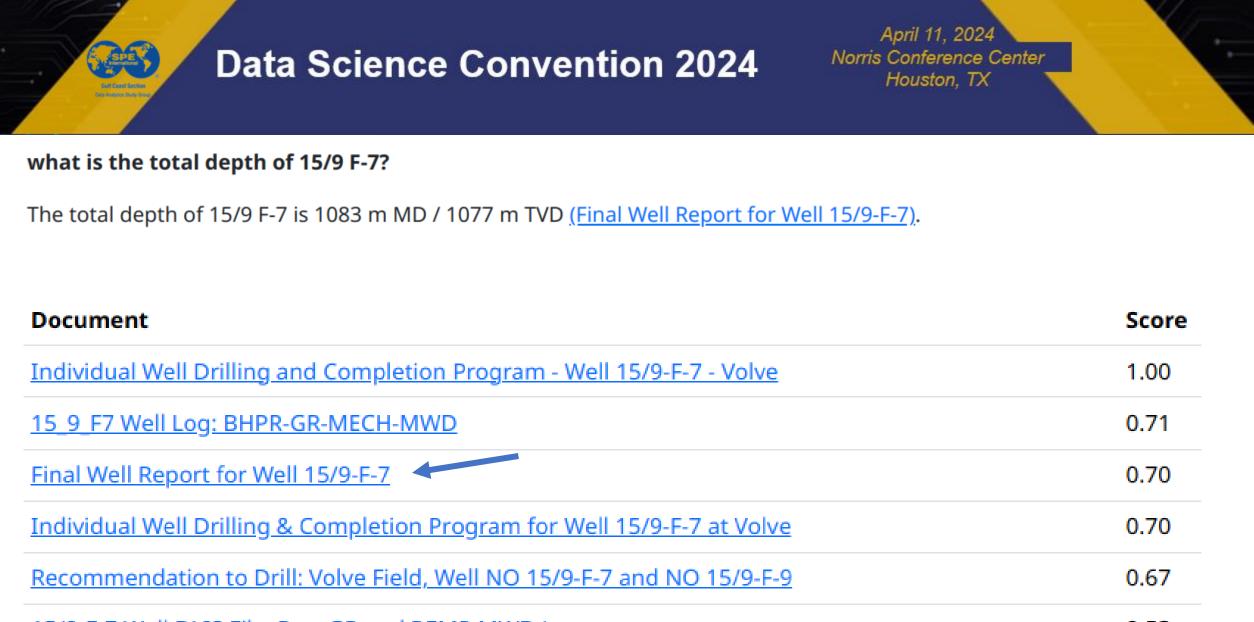
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- We use an agent architecture composed of some domain-general and domain-specific search agents.
- Each agent gives some evidence towards the answer.
- Example agents: geography, geology, wells/basins/formations/fields/...,
 SPE Discipline, dates, file types, keywords, embeddings, etc.

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	Water depth	91mMSL	
	Spud date	17 th September 2007	
	TD reached	3 rd October 2007	
	Total Depth	1083 m MD / 1077 m TVD	



15/9-F-7 Well DLIS File: Raw GR and REMP MWD Logs

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- Identified query: what is the total depth of 15/9 F-7?
- Extracted keywords for keywords_queries: ['total depth', '15/9 F-7', 'F-7']
- Search result for keywords ('total depth',) from queries: 20 docs
- Search result for keywords ('15/9 F-7',) from queries: 20 docs
- Search result for keywords ('F-7',) from queries: 20 docs
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- Classified taxnodes_queries as {'SPE Disciplines | Well Drilling | Drilling Operations'}
- Search result for taxnode SPE Disciplines | Well Drilling | Drilling Operations from queries: 20 docs
- Search result for embedding from prompt: 20 docs
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 pagetext:"total depth"', 'filters': ['taxnodes:"SPE Disciplines|Well Drilling|Drilling
 Operations"']} from queries: 15 docs
- Answer found in snippets



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Conversation Tracking

How many intervals of Well 15/9-F-1 C were perforated on April 10, 2014?

Two intervals of Well 15/9-F-1 C were perforated on April 10, 2014. (Daily Drilling Report for Wellbore 15/9-F-1 C - April 10, 2014)

what depths?

The intervals perforated in Well 15/9-F-1 C on April 10, 2014, were at:

- From 3973 m to 3991 m
- From 3936 m to 3954 m (Daily Drilling Report for Well 15/9-F-1 C: Perforation and Pressure Testing Operations)



Other kinds of knowledge in the corpus

tell me about BSEE inspections in the US title code 30

To learn about BSEE inspections in the US under Title 30 of the U.S. Code, the most relevant documents are "PART 250 - OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR OPERATIONS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF" (document: <u>PART 250 - OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR</u> <u>OPERATIONS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF</u>) and "PART 842 - FEDERAL INSPECTIONS AND MONITORING" (document: <u>PART 842 - FEDERAL INSPECTIONS AND</u> <u>MONITORING</u>). These documents are directly related to regulatory frameworks and inspections pertaining to oil, gas, and sulphur operations, as well as federal inspection and monitoring activities, under the jurisdiction specified in Title 30.



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what's the definition/limit for sour gas?

Natural gas that contains more than 4 ppmv of hydrogen sulphide (H2S) is commonly referred to as "sour" gas. (Sour Gas: Challenges, Safety Training, and Sweetening Processes)

what can be used to treat it?

To treat sour gas, various processes and solvents can be used, depending on the conditions and requirements. The processes and solvents include:

- Regenerative chemical solvents like alkanolamines (primary, secondary, or tertiary amines such as Monoethanolamine (MEA), Diethanolamine (DEA), and Methyldiethanolamine (MDEA)) for sour gas sweetening <u>(Sour Gas Sweetening: Overview, Process Equipment, and Solvent Selection)</u> [4].
- The Claus process for recovering elemental sulfur from gaseous hydrogen sulfide <u>(Sour Gas: Challenges,</u> <u>Safety Training, and Sweetening Processes)</u>.
- The GT-SPOC process, a Claus type process with a catalytic section for sulfide to sulfur conversion <u>(Sour</u> <u>Gas: Challenges, Safety Training, and Sweetening Processes)</u>.



Should the LLM be Domain-Tuned?

- We are working towards building an LLM that's finetuned specifically for the Energy domain.
- How this helps:
 - Better understanding of the query: keywords, well names, units of measure, etc.
 - Better retrieval using more accurate embeddings.
 - Better generation of the answer given the knowledge context.
- How we will do it:
 - Train a foundation LLM (e.g., Mixtral or Llama-2) with questions and answers appropriate for the domain.
 - I.e., guide the LLM to mimic expected behavior as seen in the training set.



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Rapid Advances

- This technology is highly dynamic.
- What is commonplace now was not possible last year.
 - Particularly in terms of LLM understanding, generation, and embeddings.
- As of now, effective RAG or "knowledge recovery" depends on a mixture of horizontal and vertical solutions.