
Dissecting EEG-Language Models: Token Granularity, Model Size, and Cross-Site Generalization

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Abstract

We investigate how token granularity and model size affect EEG-language model performance in both in-distribution and cross-site scenarios. We pretrain a 1D ConvNeXt tokenizer (Weaver tokenizer) and use it to adapt Qwen3 language models (Weaver model) with continual pretraining on the Big EEG (BEEG) dataset, the largest corpus of EEG, iEEG, and MEG data to date. Fine-tuning and evaluating on seizure detection and forecasting, we find that optimal scaling depends heavily on the task and whether evaluation is in-distribution. For seizure detection, finer tokenization consistently improves performance. On CHB-MIT and Siena, our models achieve balanced accuracy comparable to or exceeding state-of-the-art EEG foundation models. In contrast, cross-site seizure forecasting benefits significantly from coarser tokenization, challenging the assumption that higher fidelity is always better. While increasing language model size improves in-distribution detection, it offers no benefit for cross-site generalization. These results establish token granularity as a critical, task-dependent scaling dimension for clinical EEG models.

1. Introduction

Electroencephalography (EEG) is a non-invasive method for monitoring brain activity, and has become an increasingly important tool in real-world clinical settings for the monitoring and diagnosis of various neurological disorders (Schomer & Lopes da Silva, 2018). However, manual review of EEG signals can take away precious time and resources that can be otherwise spent on improving patient care. Reliable and automated assistive EEG signal analysis tools therefore have the potential to improve patient care

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and reduce physician workload (Smith, 2005).

Cross-site generalization is a blocker to deploying automated EEG analysis tools in clinical practice. Models trained at one hospital often show strong degradation in performance when applied to another hospital due to differences in data collection, such as acquisition equipment, patient demographics, and recording protocols. This is known as distribution shift, and it is one of the primary reasons that promising deep learning-based EEG analysis systems have not achieved widespread clinical adoption (Kostas et al., 2021; Roy et al., 2019).

Foundation models pretrained on diverse data have shown improved robustness to distribution shift in other domains, such as computer vision, medical imaging and speech recognition (Radford et al., 2022; Moor et al., 2023; Kirillov et al., 2023). A growing body of work interfaces pretrained language models with non-text modalities through discrete tokenization, including audio (Défossez et al., 2024) and images (Team, 2024), to produce a strong foundation model.

Previous works have explored this strategy in EEG modeling domain. NeuroLM (Jiang et al., 2024) trains a decoder-only language model with a text-aligned tokenizer. NeuroCogter (Cong, 2025) uses a similar strategy, while adopting a more sophisticated multi-stream causal pretraining strategy. Both works incorporate text alignment steps for learning the tokenizer.

However, these works fix tokenization granularity early and focus optimization on the downstream language model, leaving the interaction between tokenizer design and model scaling unexplored. *We ask: how do tokenization granularity and language model size jointly affect downstream performance, and do gains achieved in-distribution transfer to cross-site generalization?*

We address this gap through a controlled study using an intentionally transparent design: a 1D ConvNeXt tokenizer trained only with MSE loss, paired with pretrained Qwen3 language models adapted through standard continual pre-training. This transparency lets us isolate the effects of tokenization granularity and model size on both in-distribution and cross-site performance. Concretely, we train a 1D ConvNeXt-based tokenizer with a finite scalar quantiza-

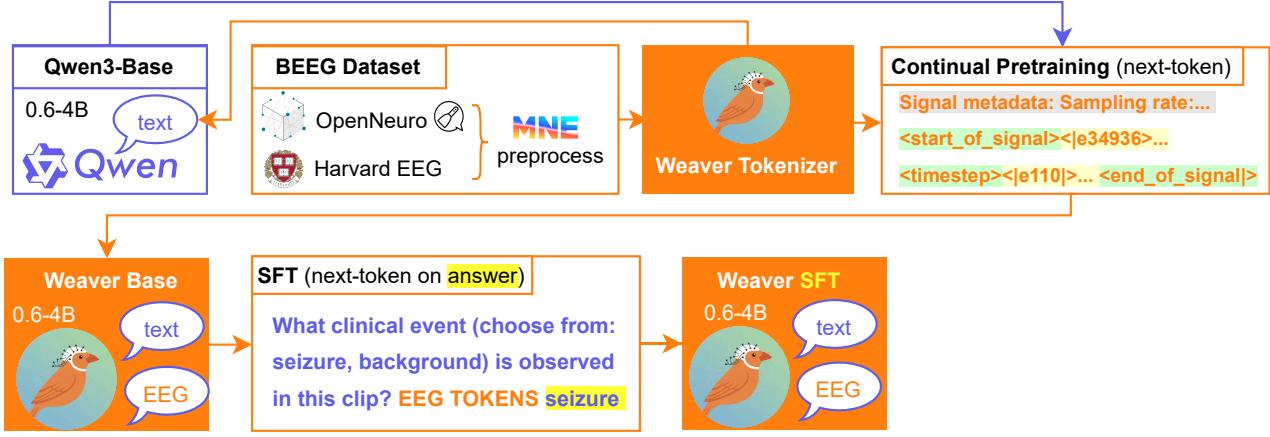


Figure 1. Overview of our framework (Weaver). We construct the BEEG pretraining corpus by combining the Harvard EEG dataset with EEG, iEEG, and MEG recordings from OpenNeuro. The Weaver Tokenizer (a 1D ConvNeXt encoder-decoder with FSQ bottleneck) converts multi-channel EEG clips into discrete tokens, which are serialized with metadata and fed to a Qwen3 language model for continual pretraining via next-token prediction. We finetune the resulting Weaver model on seizure detection and forecasting tasks using a question–signal–answer format, then evaluate under in-distribution and leave-one-site-out settings.

tion (FSQ) bottleneck at three temporal granularities (32, 64, and 128 EEG samples). We continually pretrain Qwen3 base models (0.6B, 1.7B, and 4B parameters) for next token prediction leveraging 50 billion tokens on a large corpus (named BEEG) combining the Harvard EEG dataset (Zafar et al., 2025) and EEG, iEEG, MEG recordings from OpenNeuro. After continual pretraining, we finetune each language model on seizure detection and forecasting tasks by providing prompts and answers to the model using three clinical datasets: CHB-MIT (Guttag, 2010; Shoeb, 2009), Siena (Detti, 2020; Detti et al., 2020), and TUSZ (Shah et al., 2018). See Fig. 1 for the overall training pipeline.

To ensure that our conclusions about scaling trends are valid, we also compare our model’s seizure detection performance against state of the art EEG models. We select the following state of the art EEG models as our baselines. BIOT (Yang et al., 2023) uses a transformer with full attention between EEG patches and masked reconstruction pretraining. LaBraM (Jiang et al., 2023) learns a tokenizer to produce discretized masked reconstruction targets for pretraining a full attention transformer model. On the other hand, CSBrain (Zhou et al., 2025) utilizes a novel cross-scale attention mechanism and structured sparsity to avoid full attention between all patches. CBraMod (Wang et al., 2024) also uses a factorized attention approach (termed “criss-cross” attention in the paper) to decouple the dense attention pattern. GT-STAFG (Nafea & Ismail, 2025) on the other hand, uses a graph transformer (Shehzad et al., 2026) to process the spatio-temporal relations between EEG signal.

We evaluate under two regimes: (i) in-distribution, where

training and test subjects come from the same sites, and (ii) leave-one-site-out, where models are trained on two sites and tested on the held-out third site. Our main findings are:

- **Detection scaling:** Finer tokenization consistently improves both in-distribution and cross-site seizure detection accuracy. In contrast, scaling model size only improves in-distribution performance. Larger models show no benefit, and sometimes degradation, on held-out sites.
- **Forecasting scaling:** Seizure forecasting shows a distinct pattern: in-distribution performance exhibits no reliable scaling trends with either tokenization or model size, while cross-site generalization benefits from *coarser* tokenization. This contrast suggests that detection and forecasting rely on different temporal scales of EEG features.
- **Representation analysis:** To understand these scaling differences, we analyze learned representations. Despite flattening multi-channel EEG into a 1D token sequence, representations remain robust to sensor permutation, with finer tokenization maintaining higher invariance. Fine-grained tokenization also produces disproportionately large weight updates in mid-network layers. This suggests finer tokenization learns distinct features from coarser ones.
- **High-performance seizure detection:** Weaver achieves seizure detection balanced accuracy comparable to or exceeding current state-of-the-art EEG foun-

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111 dation models on CHB-MIT and Siena datasets, though
112 we note differences in evaluation protocols.

113 To support reproducibility and future research, we release:

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- 115 • **BEEG**: code for building the largest electrophysiology
116 pretraining corpus to date (EEG, iEEG, MEG).
 - 117 • **BEEGBench**: a package for creating reproducible
118 EEG-language datasets for supervised finetuning
119 (SFT).
 - 120 • **Weaver model weights**: Weaver Tokenizer check-
121 points at three granularities, Weaver continual-
122 pretrained EEG-language models up to 4B parameters.

123 2. Methods

124 2.1. BEEG: Continual pretraining dataset

125 For the continual pretraining of the language model, we
126 draw data from two large open datasets. For the Harvard
127 EEG dataset (Zafar et al., 2025; Sun et al., 2025), to ensure
128 high data quality, we only keep recordings with duration
129 longer than 1 minute. The remaining data are split into
130 train and validation split based on the patient ID, with data
131 from 4 patients chosen randomly as the validation set. Data
132 from remaining patients are used as the training set. Each
133 recording is further split into non-overlapping clips of 10-30
134 second.

135 We further leverage all the EEG, iEEG, and MEG data from
136 the OpenNeuro platform (Markiewicz et al., 2021). Since
137 OpenNeuro data consists of multiple individual datasets, we
138 select one subject from each sub-dataset to form the validation
139 set. The remaining subjects are used as the training set.
140 We split each recording into clips of 5-10 seconds.

141 As will be detailed in section 2.5, we flatten the signals from
142 all electrodes in a clip into a 1D sequence consisting of
143 tokens from all electrodes for the language model to process.
144 Since the recordings from OpenNeuro usually have a larger
145 electrode count, in order to maintain a similar total sequence
146 length (in terms of the number of tokens), we elect to use
147 shorter clips.

148 The resulting dataset, to be called the Big EEG (BEEG)
149 dataset, consists of clips totaling approximately 2.75 million
150 hours (Table 1). It is the largest and most diverse electro-
151 physiology recording dataset to date. We will release the
152 preprocessing script for generating this dataset from the
153 Harvard and OpenNeuro datasets.

154 2.2. Evaluation datasets

155 The evaluation datasets for seizure detection and forecasting
156 are collected from sites strictly outside of BEEG pretraining

157 *Table 1.* BEEG dataset composition. Duration is reported in hours;
158 channel statistics are per-recording.

159 DATASET	160 DURATION (HOURS)	161 NUM CHANNELS	162 MEAN	163 STD
HARVARD EEG	2,710,349	32.0	9.3	
OPENNEURO EEG	38,919	56.6	58.1	
OPENNEURO iEEG	3,247	107.8	42.6	
OPENNEURO MEG	809	281.2	66.5	
TOTAL	2,753,324	—	—	

164 dataset to prevent data leakage. For each evaluation dataset,
165 we randomly select 20% of the subjects as test subjects, and
166 10% of all subjects as validation subjects. The remaining
167 subjects are used as the training set. Each recording is split
168 into 5-15 second clips. In order to make evaluation result
169 analysis easier, we apply a balanced sampling strategy that
170 ensures each class (with and without seizure) is represented
171 roughly equally in the training, validation, and test sets.
172 Preprocessing of data is done according to section 2.3.

173 For seizure forecasting, to produce positive samples (seizure
174 forecasting with different future horizons $[T_1, T_2]$), for each
175 EEG recording in an evaluation dataset, we identify locations
176 with seizures based on seizure annotation, and sample
177 a clip of 5-10 seconds long that is within the T_2 to T_1 minutes
178 window before the seizure onset. We also randomly
179 select non-seizure clips which do not have seizures within
180 the next T_1 to T_2 duration as negative samples. We examine
181 5 prediction horizons, with $T_1 = 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50$
182 and $T_2 = T_1 + 10$. Preprocessing is identical as seizure
183 detection.

184 Following the aforementioned process, we produce 50,000
185 training clips for seizure detection from each site, and
186 10,000 training clips for seizure forecasting from each site
187 across all clip durations. For testing, each site generates
188 additional 1,000 clips for seizure detection with durations
189 of 5s, 10s, and 15s, respectively, or 3,000 testing clips in
190 total. Similarly, we generate 3000 testing clips of different
191 durations for seizure forecasting.

192 2.3. EEG data preprocessing

193 All EEG data are first high-pass filtered at 0.5 Hz to detrend,
194 and then notch filtered at 50 Hz and 60 Hz to remove power
195 line noise. Note that we apply both filters to unify the
196 EEG data from different sites. We then apply channel-wise
197 z-score normalization to standardize the amplitude of the
198 EEG signal clips, with the mean and std derived from the
199 clip itself.

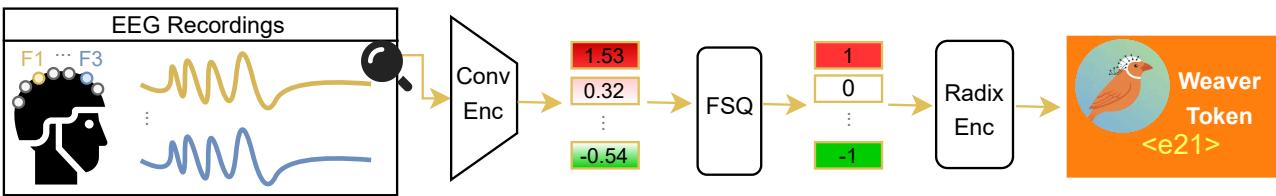


Figure 2. Weaver Tokenizer architecture. A single-channel EEG signal passes through wavelet downsampling, a ConvNeXt encoder, FSQ quantization, and radix encoding to produce discrete tokens. Details of each component are provided in 2.4.

2.4. Weaver Tokenizer

Since different montages for EEG exist, we design the Weaver Tokenizer to process the signal over a token duration from a single EEG channel at a time, thus deferring the duty of fusing information from all electrodes together to the latter language model. The weaver tokenizer converts single channel EEG signal into sequence of tokens. We provide an overview in figure 2.

To keep the tokenizer simple and efficient, the Weaver Tokenizer consists of an encoder, a finite scalar quantization (FSQ) bottleneck (Mentzer et al., 2023), and a decoder. Both the encoder and the decoder are built by stacking 1D ConvNeXt (Woo et al., 2023) blocks. The downsampling and upsampling are performed by an L -level wavelet-inspired transform from the stable audio tools library (Stability AI & Contributors) that achieves $2^L \times$ temporal compression using invertible biorthogonal wavelets (details in Appendix C). The FSQ bottleneck maps the input to a fixed codebook of size 65536 (2^{16}). The whole network is trained with mean squared error (MSE) between the input and reconstructed signal, and a straight-through-estimator (STE) is used to ensure differentiability of the discrete FSQ.

The tokenization process for a single EEG channel proceeds as follows: the raw signal is first downsampled by the wavelet module to reduce temporal resolution, then passed through the ConvNeXt encoder to produce a latent representation of shape $T \times H$, where T is the compressed time dimension and H is the latent dimension. FSQ quantizes each of the H latent dimensions independently into discrete levels. Since this produces multiple quantized values per timestep, we apply radix encoding to combine them into a single integer token per timestep: given quantized values (q_1, \dots, q_H) with $q_i \in \{0, \dots, \ell_i - 1\}$ for level counts (ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_H) , the token is $\sum_{i=1}^H q_i \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \ell_j$, yielding a vocabulary of size $\prod_{i=1}^H \ell_i = 65536$. Thus, each channel yields T tokens from an input window, with each token drawn from a vocabulary of 65536 possible values.

The tokenizer is trained on a uniform mixture of iEEG, EEG, and MEG data from our BEEG pretraining corpus, although in this work we only explored EEG-based tasks.

For determining the optimal number of layers and hidden dimensions, we performed a hyperparameter search using NSGA-II multi-objective optimization (Deb et al., 2002) provided by the Optuna library (Akiba et al., 2019). We optimize the following two objectives: (1) the reconstruction loss, and (2) the encoding speed. That is, we aim to find the tokenizer that reconstructs the signal with minimal MSE while maintaining fast encoding speed. The search space we explored is detailed in appendix A and we list the optimal hyperparameters found in B. Each hyperparameter search is given a fixed time budget of 5 days on a single GPU. The tokenizer for each token length is fixed once trained and not finetuned during either continual pretraining or finetuning stage.

2.5. Weaver: Language model continual pretraining

We use the Qwen3 model family (Yang et al., 2025) as our base language model. We continually pretrain the 0.6B, 1.7B, and 4B base models to produce Weaver models.

To feed EEG signals to the language model, we serialize each multi-channel clip into a 1D token sequence. The sequence begins with a metadata header containing the sampling rate, number of sensors, data type (EEG, iEEG, or MEG), and an ordered list of sensor names. Following the header, we emit a `<|start_of_signal|>` token, then flatten the tokenized signal in time-major order: for each timestep, we concatenate the tokens from all sensors and append a `<|timestep|>` delimiter before advancing to the next timestep. The sequence concludes with an `<|end_of_signal|>` token. An example serialization is shown below:

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Signal metadata:  
Sampling rate: 512.0 Hz  
Number of sensors: 16  
Datatype: eeg  
Sensor names: Fpz, T8, C3, ..., F7  
<|start_of_signal|><|e34936|><|e296|>...  
<|timestep|><|e110|><|e456|>...  
<|end_of_signal|>
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The embeddings for all EEG related special tokens are ini-

ialized with a normal distribution of mean=0, std=0.022 and updated during the continual pretraining, along with the original text embeddings and other model parameters.

Continual pretraining uses lr= 10^{-4} , global batch size=512, max sequence length of 2000 tokens, and we train for 50 billion tokens in total. We clip the gradient norm to 1.0 to prevent gradient explosion, and apply a 500 step learning rate warmup from 0, and a cosine learning rate schedule that decays to 1e-5. To preserve the text capability of the language model, we interleave EEG with text data from DCLM (Li et al., 2024) in a 1:1 ratio throughout continual pretraining.

2.6. Weaver-SFT: Downstream tasks finetuning

We treat the seizure detection and seizure forecasting tasks (under different prediction horizons) as the next-token-prediction objective on the answer tokens, and finetune the Weaver models jointly for both tasks to produce Weaver-SFT. Each training example follows a question–signal–answer format: we first present a text question (e.g., “What clinical event is observed in this clip?”), followed by the serialized EEG clip as described above, and finally the target answer (e.g., “seizure” or “background”). The model is trained to predict only the answer tokens given the preceding context. The full prompts used for finetuning are detailed in appendix E. We use a global batch size of 8 with max sequence length of 16384 tokens with sequence packing to finetune the language model weight, while keeping the tokenizer frozen. All finetuning uses 1000 gradient update steps. We run 10 rounds of hyperparameter searches for each model to search for the optimal learning rate and weight decay. The hyper-parameter search space for finetuning is detailed in appendix D.

During evaluations, we simplified the forecasting task into a binary classification problem by pooling outcomes: seizure within 30 minutes vs. no seizure within 30 minutes (combining later seizures and background).

3. Results

More granular tokenization shows better reconstruction performance across frequency bands We first evaluate the reconstruction error of the tokenizer in different frequency bands, shown in Figure 3. It shows that 32 samples/token provides the lowest reconstruction error throughout the frequency range.

In-distribution effects of model settings We quantify in-distribution performance using binomial generalized estimating equations (GEE) to regress trial-level correctness on model size, token granularity, pretraining steps, and clip duration (see Tables 3 and 4 in Appendix F for more de-

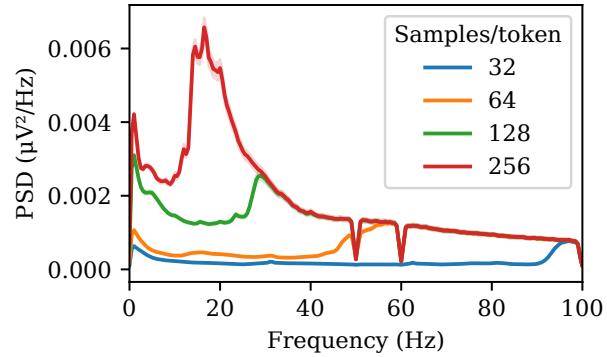


Figure 3. Reconstruction error for different frequency bands for weaver tokenizers with different granularities. Lower is better.

tails). The results are summarized in Figure 4. We report odds ratios (OR), which quantify how the odds of a correct prediction change with each predictor: an OR of 1.02 for a variable means a one-unit increase in that variable is associated with 2% higher odds of correctness, while an OR below 1 indicates lower odds. For log-transformed predictors (model size, samples/token, clip duration), the OR represents the effect of doubling that variable.

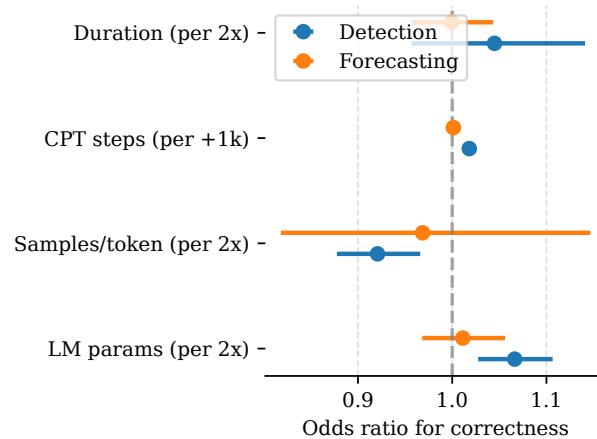


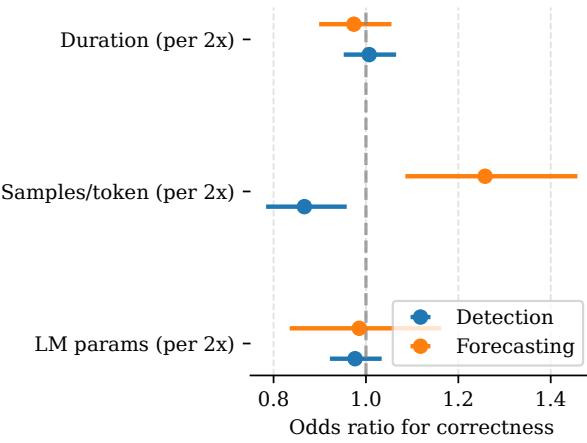
Figure 4. How input duration, continual pretraining step, tokenizer granularity, and language model size affect in-distribution task performances, measured by average odds ratio. Odds ratio > 1 indicates an increase in correct prediction rate, and < 1 indicates a decrease.

Seizure detection Seizure detection ($N=311,385$) shows clear benefits from scaling. Both larger model size ($p=0.001$; $\approx 1.6\%$ gain per doubling) and finer token granularity ($p=0.001$; $\approx 2.1\%$ gain per halving samples-per-token) significantly improve performance, with no sig-

275 nificant difference in their effect magnitudes (Wald test
 276 $p=0.58$). Continual pretraining also yields consistent gains
 277 ($p<10^{-5}$; $\approx 0.5\%$ per 1k steps), while clip duration shows
 278 no significant effect ($p=0.328$).
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280 *Seizure forecasting* In contrast, seizure forecasting
 281 ($N=314,940$) exhibits no reliable scaling trends. Neither
 282 model size ($p=0.614$), token granularity ($p=0.711$), pre-
 283 training steps ($p=0.312$), nor clip duration ($p=0.976$) show
 284 significant associations with correctness, suggesting a funda-
 285 mentally different scaling behavior compared to detection.
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287 **Cross-site effects of model settings** We evaluate cross-
 288 site generalization using a leave-one-site-out protocol, fit-
 289 ting a binomial GEE (Figure 5; details in Tables 5 and 6 in
 290 Appendix F).



308 *Figure 5.* How input duration, continual pretraining step, tokenizer
 309 granularity, and model size affect cross-site task performances of
 310 variants of Weaver-SFT, measured by average odds ratio.
 311 Odds ratio > 1 indicates an increase in correct prediction rate, and < 1
 312 indicates a decrease.

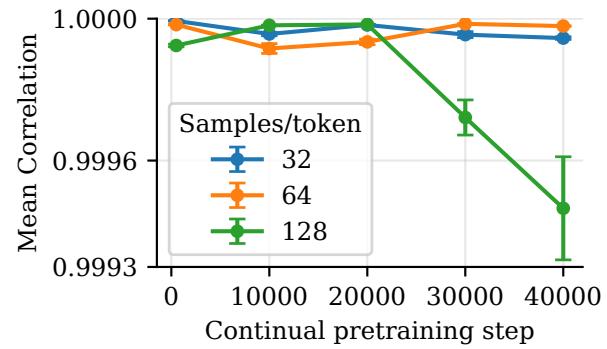
313 *Seizure detection* For cross-site seizure detection
 314 ($N=62,277$), tokenizer granularity remains the only signif-
 315 icant predictor: more granular tokenization significantly
 316 improves performance ($p=0.005$; $\approx 3.6\%$ gain per halving
 317 samples-per-token). Notably, scaling language model size
 318 does not improve cross-site accuracy ($p=0.415$), suggest-
 319 ing that larger models do not necessarily generalize better to
 320 unseen hospitals. The clip duration was also not significant
 321 ($p=0.809$).

322 *Seizure forecasting* Cross-site seizure forecasting
 323 ($N=62,988$) reveals a reversal of the granularity trend:
 324 coarser representations significantly improve performance
 325 ($p=0.002$; $\approx 5.7\%$ gain per doubling samples-per-token).

275 Neither model size ($p=0.863$) nor clip duration ($p=0.517$)
 276 showed significant effects.

Model representation is robust to sensor permutation

One concern with flattening EEG tokens to a 1D sequence is that the order in which sensors are flattened may cause the model to produce representations that are highly permutation-dependent. We evaluate the degree to which the models are permutation-invariant by shuffling the order of sensors in the input and measuring similarity to a prototype representation. Specifically, for each EEG sample, we compute a prototype as the mean embedding across multiple random sensor orderings. We then measure permutation robustness as the average cosine similarity between each permuted sample’s representation and this prototype; high similarity indicates the model produces consistent representations regardless of sensor order. The results are shown in figure 6. It shows that for all token granularities, the correlation between permuted and unpermuted representations is high (all $\rho>0.999$), indicating that although in principle the order of sensors in the flattened sequence may affect the model’s output, the effect is minimal in practice. Specifically, the more granular tokenizers, 32 samples/token and 64, show a consistently high permutation invariance throughout the continual pretraining, whereas the coarser 128 samples/token tokenizer shows a gradual decline in permutation invariance as the model is trained for more steps.



308 *Figure 6.* Permutation variance of Weaver-base-0.6B of dif-
 309 ferent token granularity as measured by mean correlation between
 310 mean-pooled representations of samples with permuted sensor or-
 311 der. Higher is more invariant.

Fine-grained tokenization leads to larger mid-network layer updates Next, we would like to understand whether different tokenization granularities would show different learning dynamics. We evaluate the relative change in attention weights in each layer of the 0.6B language model after continual pretraining and plot the results in figure 7. It shows that for layers 0-10 and layers 20-28, the three

types of tokenization show qualitatively similar patterns. However, for the finest tokenization, 32 samples/token, a prominent difference is visible from layer 10-20. Specifically, the attention weights from layer 10-20 show a larger relative change than the other two tokenization schemes.

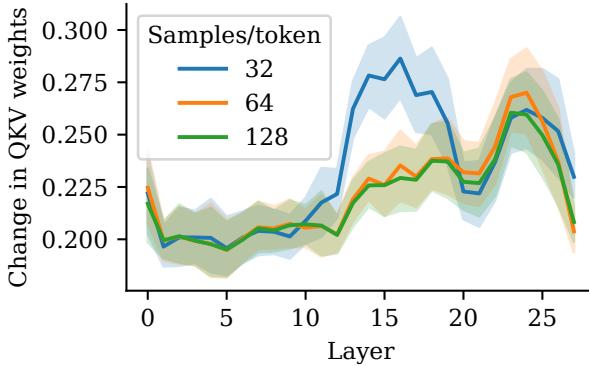


Figure 7. Relative weight change of attention weights in each layer of the 0.6B model after continual pretraining (Weaver-Base) compared to the initial base weights (Qwen).

Weaver achieves comparable or better seizure detection performance than state-of-the-art EEG foundation models We compare our model with other state-of-the-art EEG foundation models on the seizure detection task. The results are shown in Table 2. Our Weaver models (under the best parameter setting for in-distribution) achieve state-of-the-art results on CHB-MIT and Siena datasets as measured by balanced accuracy (BAcc), significantly outperforming existing EEG foundation models performance as reported in the CS-Brain benchmark. Specifically, our 4B parameter model achieves 0.893 BAcc on CHB-MIT and our 1.7B model achieves 0.839 BAcc on Siena, surpassing the previous bests of 0.740 and 0.766 respectively. On TUSZ, Weaver demonstrates competitive performance (0.765 BAcc), comparable to strong baselines like BIOT (0.784), though trailing behind specialized models like GT-STAFG (0.835). To the best of our knowledge, there are no public reports of seizure forecasting models that we can compare with.

4. Discussion

Our study investigates the scaling laws of EEG foundation model size and tokenizer granularity, revealing a surprising decoupling between representation fidelity and model capacity. We establish that token granularity, not model size, is the primary driver of cross-site generalization for seizure detection. This challenges the direct transfer of text-based scaling laws to continuous modalities, suggesting that for biological signals, a more nuanced scaling law might be in

Table 2. Cross-subject segment-level seizure detection balanced accuracy (BAcc; higher is better. Best performance bolded). Ours use 15s clips, while CHB-MIT and Siena baselines follow the CSBrain benchmark split (10s windows). TUSZ baselines follow GT-STAFG’s evaluation setup.

Model	CHB-MIT	Siena	TUSZ
Ours			
Weaver (64k_64, 0.6B)	0.764	0.802	0.686
Weaver (64k_64, 1.7B)	0.741	0.839	0.689
Weaver (64k_64, 4B)	0.893	0.796	0.765
Baselines			
CSBrain	0.726	0.766	–
CBraMod	0.740	0.732	–
LaBrA M	0.708	0.708	–
BIOT	0.707	0.735	0.784
GT-STAFG	–	–	0.835

place. While larger models fit in-distribution data better, they fail to generalize to new hospitals absent a high-fidelity representation of the underlying signal dynamics.

In our cross-site generalization experiments, we find that higher token granularity improves detection performance, but it will decrease forecasting performance. We hypothesize that seizure detection requires features that are higher frequency in nature, whereas forecasting might rely on slower state dynamics that are difficult to capture from token to token and thus benefit from using a coarser tokenizer.

Mid-network layer updates are particularly pronounced for fine-grained tokenization, which is a unique pattern among the different tokenization granularity we considered. This could explain why scaling tokenization has a reliable effect on downstream performance even when evaluated cross-site. It causes more fundamental changes in model weights (and in turn representations), whereas coarser tokenization might be learning shallower features.

We note that our performance comparison with previous state of the art models (Table 2) is not directly comparable, as factors such as clip length and test set selection are different. Thus, they only serve to show that our model can produce seizure detection performance comparable to previous state-of-the-art models, without claiming our model is strictly better. This also highlights the importance of a unified platform for evaluating EEG models.

Weaver still trails behind the state-of-the-art GT-STAFG on TUSZ performance, despite having a significantly larger model size (refer to Table 2). A plausible explanation of this is that Weaver is trained on both seizure detection and seizure forecasting tasks across 3 different datasets, while GT-STAFG’s TUSZ performance is obtained by training only on TUSZ for seizure detection. Future studies on how model expressivity interacts with multi-task training might help improve our understanding of this gap.

We established that for in-distribution and cross-site seizure detection, token granularity is an important factor that can be used to improve model performance, and sometimes even stronger than scaling the language model size. Similar conclusions for tasks such as image generation in computer vision have been reached where a strong image tokenizer can be used to match performance of continuous input models (Yu et al., 2023; You et al., 2025). One future direction is to explore ways to learn strong representation in the tokenizer beyond token granularity. Methods such as masked reconstruction (He et al., 2021; Fu et al., 2024) and self-distillation has been very successful methods for learning strong representations in computer vision (Siméoni et al., 2025; Balestriero & LeCun, 2025), and EEG tokenizer learning can incorporate representation steps inspired by them.

Limitations Our study has several limitations that suggest directions for future work:

1. We evaluate cross-site generalization using only three clinical sites (CHB-MIT, Siena, TUSZ); the observed scaling patterns may not hold across a more diverse set of hospitals with greater variation in equipment, protocols, and patient populations.
2. In order to study cross-site generalization, we limited our scope to seizure detection and forecasting tasks. It is possible that other downstream tasks may not benefit from tokenization granularity scaling.
3. Although our tokenizer is trained on EEG, iEEG, and MEG data, we only evaluate downstream performance on scalp EEG tasks. How well our findings transfer to intracranial or magnetoencephalography is unclear.
4. To keep the computation cost manageable, we fixed the tokenizer vocabulary size to 64k. Future studies should also explore how tokenizer vocabulary size interacts with model size and task performance.
5. Our language model experiments use the Qwen3 family exclusively. Other architectures, such as mixture of experts (MoE) or model families may show different scaling behaviors.
6. We do not explore hybrid or adaptive tokenization strategies that could potentially balance the competing demands of detection and forecasting tasks.

Impact Statement

In this work, we showed that tokenization granularity can be a more reliable way to scale the cross-site performance of EEG analysis models. This provides rigorous evidence that smaller, well-tokenized models can match the efficacy of larger ones, which can significantly reduce the carbon

footprint of 24/7 seizure monitoring and democratizing access to high-performance AI in resource-constrained clinical settings.

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A. Tokenizer Hyperparameter Search Space

- 550 1. Hidden dimension of the encoder: {32, 64, 128, ..., 512}
 551 2. Hidden dimension of the decoder: {32, 64, 128, ..., 512}
 552 3. Number of ConvNeXt layers in the encoder: {1, ..., 8}
 553 4. Number of ConvNeXt layers in the decoder: {1, ..., 8}
 554 5. ConvNeXt block kernel size in the encoder: {3, 5, 7}
 555 6. ConvNeXt block kernel size in the decoder: {3, 5, 7}
 556 7. Pre-FSQ layernorm: {True, False}
 557 8. MLP ratio in the encoder: uniform(1, 4)
 558 9. MLP ratio in the decoder: uniform(1, 4)
 559 10. Wavelet kernel type: {bior2.2, bior2.4, bior2.6, bior2.8, bior4.4, bior6.8}
 560 11. Whether the wavelet kernel can be updated: {True, False}
 561 12. How FSQ's 64k codebook is decomposed: One example is (4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4), which means the codebook is
 562 decomposed into 8 groups, each with 4 levels.

B. Optimal hyperparameter for tokenizers

B.1. 32 Samples/token

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574 {
575   "fsq_levels": [4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 8, 8],
576   "enc_dim": 416,
577   "enc_layers": 7,
578   "dec_dim": 192,
579   "dec_layers": 4,
580   "wavelet": "bior2.2",
581   "wavelet_levels": 5,
582   "enc_conv_kernel": 5,
583   "enc_expansion": 3.758881181594571,
584   "dec_conv_kernel": 5,
585   "dec_expansion": 2.3783779598934514,
586   "learnable_wavelet_kernel": true
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B.2. 64 Samples/token

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591 {
592   "levels": [4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 8, 8],
593   "enc_dim": 352,
594   "enc_layers": 4,
595   "dec_dim": 896,
596   "dec_layers": 3,
597   "wavelet": "bior4.4",
598   "wavelet_levels": 6,
599   "enc_conv_kernel": 3,
600   "enc_expansion": 1.7106679127356494,
601   "dec_conv_kernel": 7,
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605     "dec_expansion": 2.5110991475686695,
606     "pre_fsq_norm": true,
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B.3. 128 samples/token

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610 {
611     "levels": [4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4],
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616     "wavelet": "bior2.4",
617     "wavelet_levels": 7,
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619     "enc_expansion": 3.3398946112629897,
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622     "pre_fsq_norm": true,
623     "learnable_wavelet_kernel": true
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B.4. 256 samples/token

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629     "levels": [4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 8, 8],
630     "enc_dim": 128,
631     "enc_layers": 1,
632     "dec_dim": 576,
633     "dec_layers": 4,
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635     "wavelet_levels": 8,
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638     "dec_conv_kernel": 5,
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640     "pre_fsq_norm": false,
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C. Wavelet Downsampling and Upsampling

We use an L -level wavelet-inspired transform for downsampling that achieves $2^L \times$ temporal compression. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times T}$ denote an input with C channels and T time steps. At each level ℓ , we partition x into the first channel $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times T}$ and the remaining channels $x_{\text{rest}} \in \mathbb{R}^{(C-1) \times T}$. Let \tilde{h} and \tilde{g} denote the analysis low-pass and high-pass filters of a biorthogonal wavelet. The transform computes:

$$a = (x_1 * \tilde{h}) \downarrow 2, \quad d = (x_1 * \tilde{g}) \downarrow 2 \quad (1)$$

$$x'_{\text{rest}} = \text{reshape}(x_{\text{rest}}, [2(C-1), T/2]) \quad (2)$$

where $*$ denotes convolution and $\downarrow 2$ denotes stride-2 subsampling. The first channel is decomposed into approximation (a) and detail (d) coefficients via filtering, while the remaining channels are reshaped to halve the temporal dimension and double the channel count without filtering. The output $[a; d; x'_{\text{rest}}] \in \mathbb{R}^{2C \times T/2}$ becomes the input for the next level, with a treated as x_1 . The process starts with the entire input signal as x_1 .

660 For upsampling, the inverse transform reconstructs the signal using the synthesis filters h and g :

$$x_1 = (a \uparrow 2) * h + (d \uparrow 2) * g \quad (3)$$

$$x_{\text{rest}} = \text{reshape}(x'_{\text{rest}}, [(C - 1), T]) \quad (4)$$

665 where $\uparrow 2$ denotes upsampling by zero-insertion. We start with the first two input channels as h and g , and merge them into
 666 the first channel of the next stage, with remaining channels come from x_{rest} . We then repeat on the first two channels in
 667 the next stage. We use biorthogonal wavelets (e.g., bior4.4), which satisfy the perfect reconstruction property. The filter
 668 coefficients are optionally learnable during training.

D. Finetuning Hyperparameter Search Space

- 672 1. Learning rate: loguniform(1e-6, 1e-4)
- 673 2. Weight decay: uniform(0, 0.3)

E. Finetuning Prompt

E.1. Seizure detection

679 prompt: "What clinical event (choose from: seizure, background) is observed in this clip?"
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 681 completion: "seizure" or "background"

E.2. Seizure forecasting

685 prompt: "Forecast the next seizure (choose from: {{unique_events_str | join(', ')}})."
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 687 completion: "{{event_name}}"

688 The possible events considered for finetuning in our work is: {"0-10 minute(s)", "10 minute(s)-20 minute(s)", "20 minute(s)-
 689 30 minute(s)", "30 minute(s)-40 minute(s)", "40 minute(s)-50 minute(s)", "50 minute(s)-1 hour(s)", " ≥ 1 hour(s) or no
 690 future event"}.

F. Detailed Statistical Results

694 We fitted binomial Generalized Estimating Equations (GEE) with an exchangeable working correlation structure and robust
 695 standard errors to assess the effects of model settings on correctness. The following tables present the detailed regression
 696 results.

698 *Table 3.* In-distribution Seizure Detection GEE Results ($N = 311, 385, 118$ clusters (GEE treats each subject as a cluster to correct scoring
 699 biases caused by correlation from multiple samples from the same subject.)). Log-transformed variables (Model size, Samples/token, clip
 700 duration) represent the change in log-odds per doubling of the predictor.

PREDICTOR	COEF.	STD. ERR.	z	$P > z $	[0.025	0.975]
INTERCEPT	-0.9415	0.540	-1.744	0.081	-2.000	0.117
$\log_2(\text{PARAMETER COUNT})$	0.0642	0.019	3.395	0.001	0.027	0.101
$\log_2(\text{SAMPLES/TOKEN})$	-0.0825	0.025	-3.367	0.001	-0.131	-0.034
CPT STEPS (K)	0.0180	0.003	5.853	0.000	0.012	0.024
$\log_2(\text{CLIP DURATION})$	0.0439	0.045	0.978	0.328	-0.044	0.132

G. Model performance under different settings

Token Granularity, Model Size, and Cross-Site Generalization

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Table 4. In-distribution Seizure Forecasting GEE Results ($N = 314,940$, 70 clusters).

PREDICTOR	COEF.	STD. ERR.	z	$P > z $	[0.025	0.975]
INTERCEPT	0.2460	0.656	0.375	0.708	-1.040	1.532
$\log_2(\text{PARAMETER COUNT})$	0.0112	0.022	0.504	0.614	-0.032	0.055
$\log_2(\text{SAMPLES/TOKEN})$	-0.0320	0.086	-0.371	0.711	-0.201	0.137
CPT STEPS (K)	0.0013	0.001	1.011	0.312	-0.001	0.004
$\log_2(\text{CLIP DURATION})$	-0.0007	0.022	-0.030	0.976	-0.044	0.043

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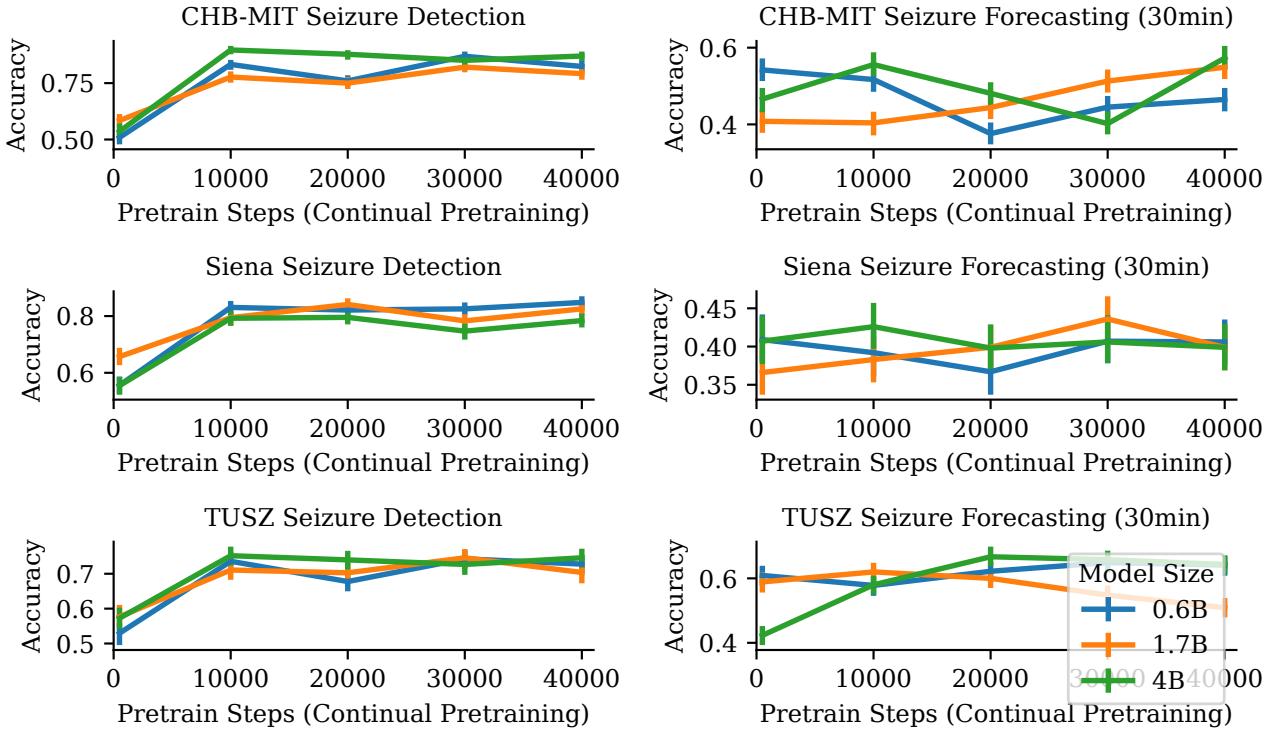
Table 5. Cross-site Seizure Detection GEE Results ($N = 62,277$, 118 clusters).

PREDICTOR	COEF.	STD. ERR.	z	$P > z $	[0.025	0.975]
INTERCEPT	1.9279	1.102	1.750	0.080	-0.232	4.088
$\log_2(\text{PARAMETER COUNT})$	-0.0239	0.029	-0.816	0.415	-0.081	0.033
$\log_2(\text{SAMPLES/TOKEN})$	-0.1430	0.051	-2.789	0.005	-0.244	-0.043
$\log_2(\text{CLIP DURATION})$	0.0069	0.029	0.241	0.809	-0.049	0.063

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Table 6. Cross-site Seizure Forecasting GEE Results ($N = 62,988$, 70 clusters).

PREDICTOR	COEF.	STD. ERR.	z	$P > z $	[0.025	0.975]
INTERCEPT	-1.1350	2.453	-0.463	0.644	-5.943	3.674
$\log_2(\text{PARAMETER COUNT})$	-0.0146	0.084	-0.173	0.863	-0.180	0.151
$\log_2(\text{SAMPLES/TOKEN})$	0.2294	0.075	3.048	0.002	0.082	0.377
$\log_2(\text{CLIP DURATION})$	-0.0265	0.041	-0.648	0.517	-0.107	0.054



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Figure 8. In-distribution model performance for 32 samples/token

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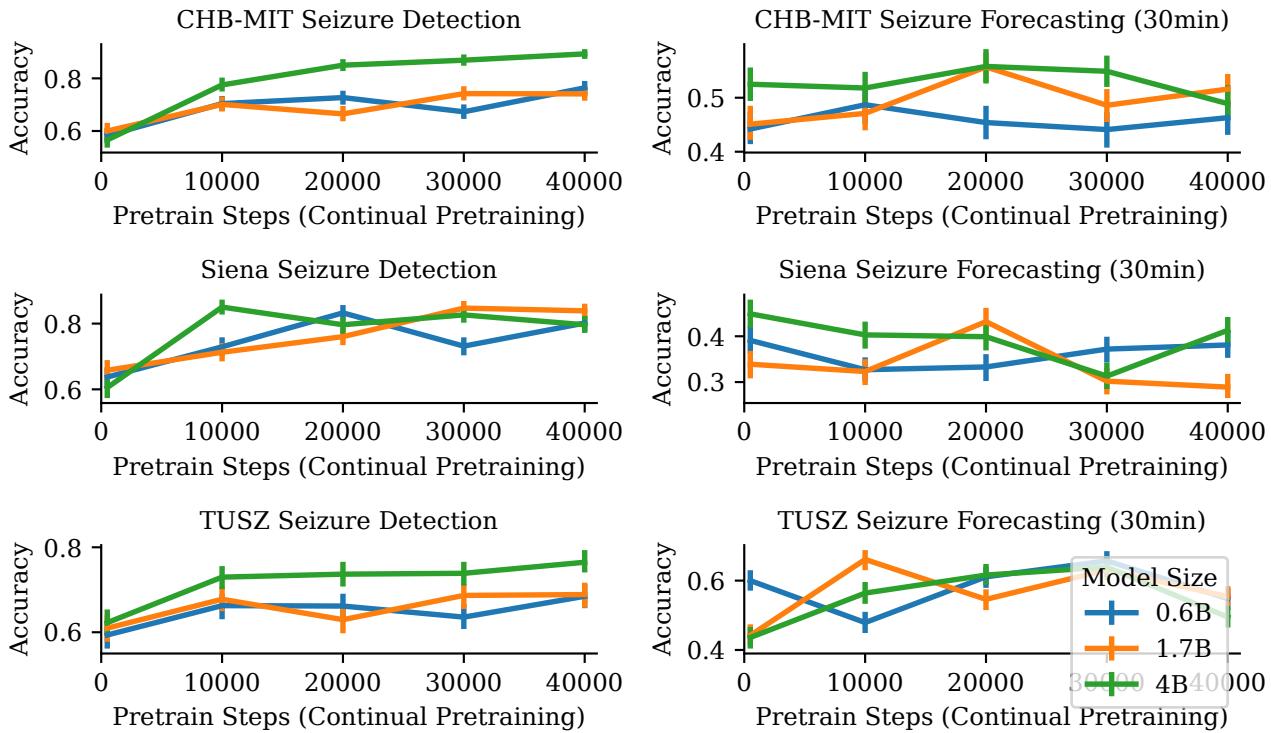


Figure 9. In-distribution model performance for 64 samples/token

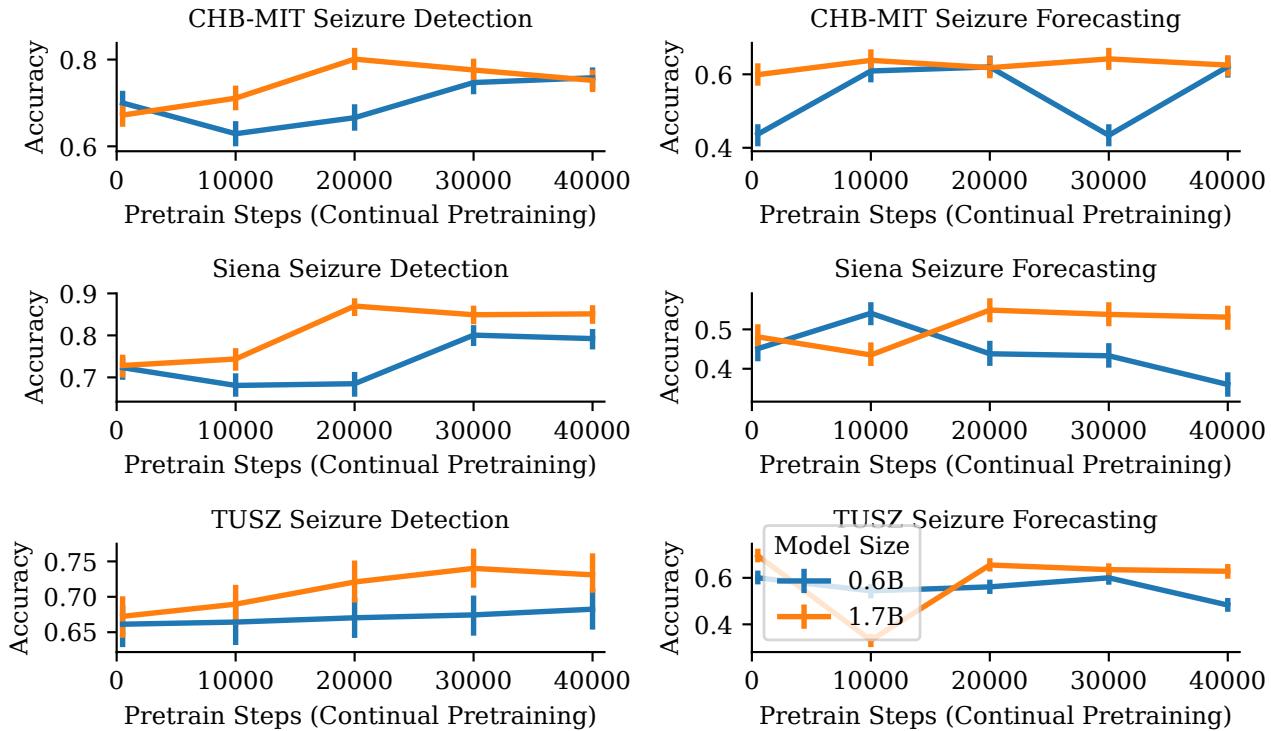


Figure 10. In-distribution model performance for 128 samples/token

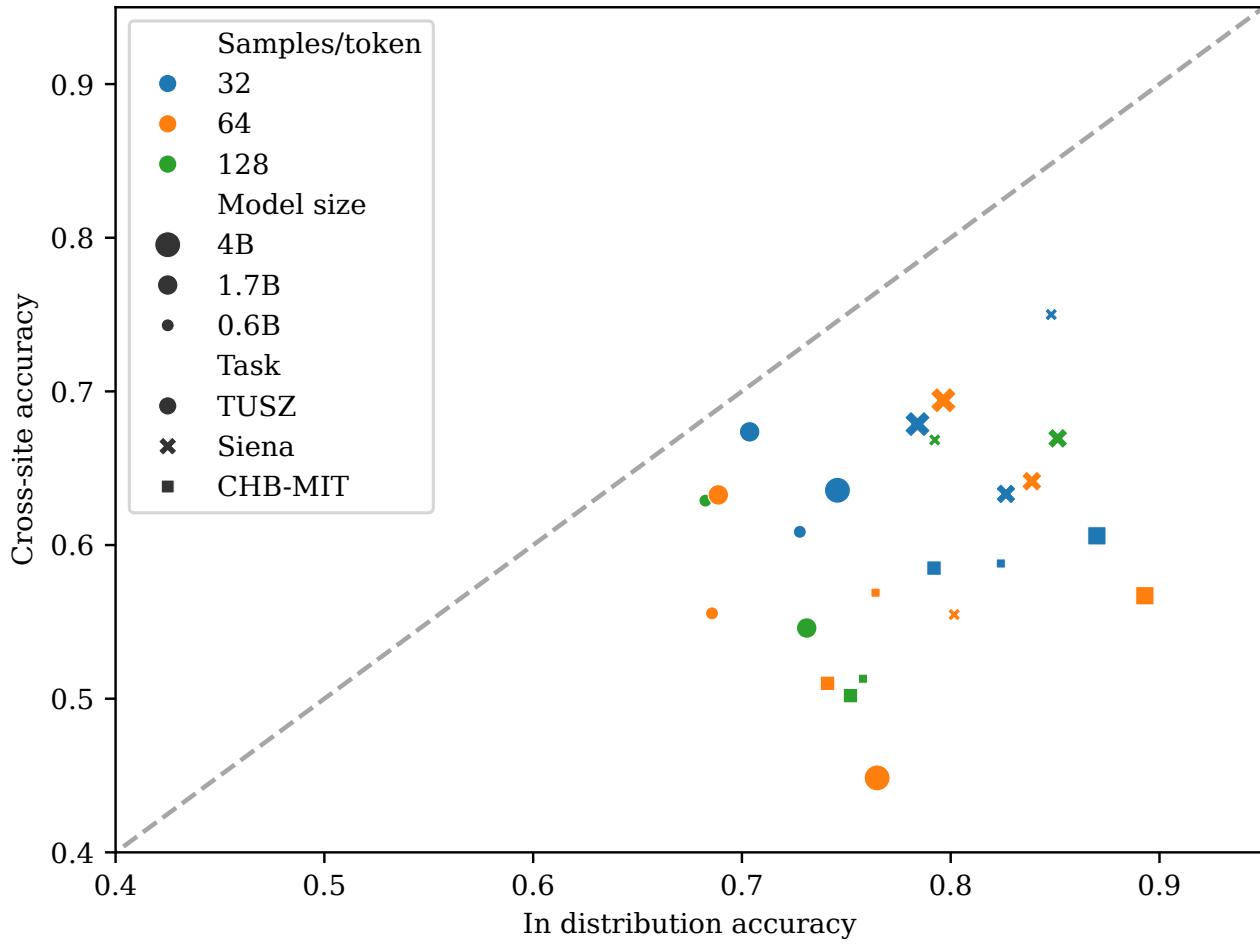


Figure 11. Comparison of in-distribution and cross-dataset model performance for seizure detection

