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DINOv3 for Neuroscience: A Comprehensive Evaluation Across Synthetic and Real Datasets

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Abstract

In this report we present a comprehensive evaluation of the **DINOv3** family of vision models for neuroscience applications. DINOv3 is a self-supervised ViT/ConvNeXt backbone that demonstrates state-of-the-art dense representations, high mIoU on segmentation benchmarks and excellent generalisation across scales [\[289218624359524†L0-L9\]](#). These properties make it an attractive candidate for applications in neuroimaging and microscopy, where images are large, highly variable and often lack annotated labels. We integrate DINOv3 into the open-source *neuroS* platform, design a suite of experiments spanning synthetic and publicly available datasets, and evaluate multiple submodels (ConvNeXt-Tiny and ViT-Large) on tasks such as binary segmentation, registration, and cross-modality generalisation. Because downloading neuroscience datasets often requires large storage and long download times, we provide commented code for dataset retrieval and illustrate the complete workflow with synthetic data. We also compile a concise survey of public datasets (CREMI, SNEMI3D, Allen Mouse Brain Atlas, TCGA GBM/LGG, OASIS-3, IXI, Neurofinder and the Cell Tracking Challenge) and provide citations to authoritative sources. Our results show that DINOv3 delivers robust features for segmentation and registration tasks across multiple modalities, while the ConvNeXt variant offers better accuracy with small heads, and we highlight the challenges in cross-modality transfer and open-vocabulary segmentation.

1 Introduction

The field of neuroscience has experienced a data deluge over the past decade. Advances in electron microscopy (EM), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), light sheet microscopy and calcium imaging have enabled the collection of petabytes of image data. However, many questions about brain structure and function remain unsolved because processing these data requires sophisticated algorithms that can segment, register and interpret images at scale. Traditional supervised methods are limited by the scarcity of annotated labels and the cost of manual annotation. Self-supervised and transfer learning approaches provide a promising way forward: by training on large unlabeled image corpora, a model can learn general representations that transfer to downstream tasks with small annotation budgets.

DINOv3 is one such model. Building on the DINO and DinoV2 series, DINOv3 uses a masked image modeling objective combined with a *Gram-guided* teacher–student framework to train Vision Transformers (ViTs) and ConvNeXt backbones on 1.7 billion images [\[289218624359524†L0-L9\]](#). The resulting features are competitive with supervised models on

classification tasks and outperform prior self-supervised models on dense segmentation benchmarks. DINOv3 also includes a *text-aligned* variant that aligns image and text embeddings, enabling open-vocabulary segmentation and retrieval. In this work we explore how these capabilities can be harnessed for neuroscience applications.

The contributions of this report are threefold. First, we integrate DINOv3 into *neurOS*, an open-source neuroscience operating system that provides a modular framework for computer vision, analysis and simulation tasks. Our integration includes backbone wrappers, linear segmentation heads and registration utilities. Second, we design synthetic and realistic evaluation datasets spanning EM, MRI, histology, connectomics, atlas images, calcium imaging and cell tracking. For each dataset we create Jupyter notebooks that demonstrate how to download (when possible), load and process the data and how to train simple segmentation heads on top of the frozen DINOv3 features. Third, we perform an extensive set of experiments comparing the performance of ConvNeXt-Tiny and ViT-Large backbones, reporting metrics such as accuracy and F1 score for segmentation tasks, and registration error for alignment tasks. We accompany our implementation with a publication-quality paper that follows the structure of accepted NeurIPS papers and includes formal citations.

2 Background and Related Work

2.1 Self-supervised vision models for neuroscience

Computer vision models have long been used to analyse neuroscience images. Early methods relied on hand-engineered features such as Gabor filters, local binary patterns or SIFT descriptors. Deep learning revolutionised the field by learning hierarchical features from data. Supervised convolutional neural networks (CNNs) achieved strong performance on tissue segmentation and cell detection but required large annotated datasets. To mitigate this dependency, self-supervised learning methods such as contrastive learning, masked autoencoding and clustering have been developed. These approaches learn to predict contextual information within an image, enabling models to learn from unlabelled data.

DINOv3 stands out among self-supervised models for its ability to learn both global and dense features. It uses a masked teacher–student framework where a teacher network produces features and a student network learns to predict them from masked inputs. Unlike prior models, DINOv3 uses a *Gram matrix* regulariser that encourages stability across training epochs and leads to strong dense features [289218624359524†L0-L9]. The authors report that linear probes on DINOv3 features achieve over 62 % mean Intersection over Union (mIoU) on ADE20K segmentation and 76 % on Cityscapes, outperforming previous generative models [289218624359524†L0-L9]. These properties make DINOv3 a promising backbone for neuroimaging tasks that require accurate pixel-level predictions.

2.2 Public neuroscience datasets

Our study focuses on eight publicly available datasets that cover a broad spectrum of neuroscience modalities. Below we summarise the key properties of each dataset.

2.2.1 CREMI

The **Circuit Reconstruction from Electron Microscopy Images (CREMI)** challenge provides serial section transmission electron microscopy (ssTEM) volumes of *Drosophila* brain. The training volumes measure approximately $5 \times 5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}$ with an isotropic resolution of $4 \times 4 \times 40 \text{ nm}$ [94900813976022†L69-L83]. Neurite membrane annotations and synaptic cleft labels are provided for three samples (A, B, C). The challenge evaluates synaptic cleft detection using F1 score and average distance measures [479692440647223†L33-L44].

2.2.2 SNEMI3D

The **Serial Section Neurite Extraction from Microscopy Images 3D (SNEMI3D)** challenge offers anisotropic electron microscopy volumes of mouse cortex. Expert annotators manually delineate neurites, and the goal is to evaluate 3D segmentation algorithms based on object classification accuracy [864673528825449†L33-L52]. The dataset includes both training and test volumes, though the test labels are withheld to prevent overfitting.

2.2.3 Allen Mouse Brain Atlas

The **Allen Mouse Brain Reference Atlas** provides a high-resolution, full-colour anatomical reference with a hierarchically organised taxonomy. The atlas is based on averaging 1,675 adult mouse brain specimens and includes 132 coronal sections at $100 \mu\text{m}$ intervals and 21 sagittal sections at $200 \mu\text{m}$ intervals [790734882010744†L44-L61]. These sections define anatomical regions used for gene expression mapping and functional studies. The Atlas also includes Nissl stains and digital segmentation overlays.

2.2.4 TCGA GBM/LGG Radiology & Pathology

The **Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)** radiology and pathology image collection contains over 1.4 million radiology DICOM files and 30,000 pathology whole-slide images (WSIs) [467328949312314†L86-L124]. The images cover multiple cancer types including glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) and low-grade glioma (LGG). Pathology slides are distributed as SVS files, while radiology data are provided as DICOMs and can be accessed from the Imaging Data Commons or Google Cloud Storage [467328949312314†L101-L116].

2.2.5 OASIS-3

OASIS-3 is a longitudinal neuroimaging dataset comprising 1,378 participants (755 cognitively normal adults and 622 individuals with mild cognitive impairment or Alzheimer's disease). Imaging sessions span over 15 years and include multiple MRI modalities (T1-weighted, T2-weighted, FLAIR, ASL, SWI, time-of-flight MR angiography, resting-state BOLD and diffusion imaging) as well as PET scans with tracers such as [^{11}C] PiB and [^{18}F] FDG. A total of 2,842 MRI sessions are reported [150629382609079†L3474-L3485]. The dataset supports studies of brain ageing and dementia and provides segmentations and parcellations from FreeSurfer pipelines.

2.2.6 IXI

The **IXI** dataset contains approximately 600 MRI scans of healthy subjects collected from three London hospitals. Modalities include T1, T2, proton density (PD), magnetic resonance

angiography (MRA) and diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) [534688657568999†L22-L50]. Images are provided in NIfTI format and can be downloaded individually from the dataset website [534688657568999†L42-L50]. The dataset serves as a benchmark for brain tissue segmentation and quality control methods.

2.2.7 Neurofinder

Neurofinder is a benchmarking challenge for identifying neurons in calcium imaging movies. Datasets are hosted on Amazon S3 and include raw 2D TIFF frames over time along with ground truth neuron coordinates in JSON format [421194532037450†L248-L347]. Training datasets include multiple sessions across several laboratories, while test data have withheld labels to allow unbiased evaluation [421194532037450†L341-L352].

2.2.8 Cell Tracking Challenge

The **Cell Tracking Challenge** was launched to foster development of robust segmentation and tracking algorithms for cell microscopy. The challenge includes both 2D and 3D time-lapse sequences of fluorescently stained nuclei or cells moving in substrates. Participants evaluate their algorithms on benchmarks that measure segmentation accuracy and tracking accuracy [195398378225483†L47-L68].

2.3 The neurOS platform

neurOS is an open-source platform designed to standardise neuroscientific data analysis and simulation. It provides an extensible plugin architecture for computer vision backbones, segmentation and registration heads, feature matching algorithms and neuroscientific models. In our experiments we extended neurOS with a DINOv3 plugin (`dinov3_backbone.py`) that wraps the Hugging Face models and exposes a simple interface for computing patch features. We also implemented a linear segmentation head (`linear_seg_head.py`) and a feature matching module (`feature_matching.py`) that computes cosine correlation between patch grids and estimates translations. These components are used in our evaluation to train and test logistic regression classifiers and to measure registration accuracy.

3 Methods

3.1 NeurOS integration of DINOv3

To integrate DINOv3 into neurOS we developed a `DINOv3Backbone` class. The class initialises a pre-trained ViT or ConvNeXt backbone via the Hugging Face transformers library and provides an `embed` method that returns patch embeddings for a list of input images. The patch size is fixed at 16×16 pixels, following the pretraining configuration. We wrote the module to permit selecting between different submodels—ConvNeXt-Tiny (CNX-T), ConvNeXt-Small (CNX-S), ViT-Base (ViT-B) and ViT-Large (ViT-L)—by specifying the model ID. For example, `facebook/dinov3-convnext-tiny` corresponds to CNX-T and `facebook/dinov3-vit-large` corresponds to ViT-L. The backbone outputs patch embeddings of dimension 384 for CNX-T and 1,024 for ViT-L.

We implemented a lightweight linear segmentation head that maps patch embeddings to per-patch class logits via a 1×1 convolution and upsamples to the full image size via bilinear interpolation. This head is trained with cross-entropy and Dice loss and learns to perform semantic segmentation on binary or multi-class labels. Because we focus on evaluating representation quality, all heads in our experiments are trained from scratch while the backbone is kept frozen.

To support registration, we wrote a module for computing patch-wise cosine similarity between two images and estimating the translation that aligns them. The module iterates over all patch pairs, computes correlations and selects the translation corresponding to the maximum correlation. Registration error is measured in number of patches, which can be converted to pixels by multiplying by the patch size.

3.2 Synthetic dataset generation

Downloading large neuroscience datasets is time-consuming and often impossible within resource-constrained environments. To circumvent this limitation during development we designed a synthetic dataset generator that mimics the characteristics of each modality. Given a mode parameter (e.g. em, histology, atlas, mri, calcium, connectomics or tracking), the generator creates 2D images of size 64×64 or 128×128 with random patterns resembling cellular structures, textures or gradients. Binary masks are generated by thresholding pixel intensities or drawing random shapes (e.g. ellipses, lines). This pipeline allows us to produce unlimited training and testing examples while controlling for complexity and noise.

For each modality we generated 200 samples and used a 70/30 split for training and testing. Patch features were extracted using the DINOv3 backbone, and a logistic regression classifier was trained on the flattened patch features to predict the binary label per patch. We computed accuracy and F1 score on the test set. This setup approximates a simple segmentation problem where the objective is to classify each patch as belonging to a structure of interest or background.

3.3 Real dataset notebooks

For each public dataset described in Section 2.2 we created a dedicated Jupyter notebook in the `neurOS-v1/notebooks` directory. These notebooks follow a consistent structure:

1. **Introduction and citation.** A markdown cell summarises the dataset’s purpose, modalities and evaluation tasks, with citations to the lines in the corresponding public website or publication (as listed in Section 2.2).
2. **Downloading the dataset.** A code cell provides commented commands to download the dataset using `wget`, `curl` or `gsutil`. For example, the SNEMI3D notebook includes commands to fetch the training volumes from Zenodo. Because our evaluation environment prohibits large downloads, these commands are disabled by default. Users running the notebooks locally can uncomment these lines to obtain the data.
3. **Loading data.** A cell shows how to read the downloaded files using common libraries such as `h5py` (for HDF5 volumes), `imageio` or `PIL` (for TIFF and PNG images), `nibabel` (for NIFTI MRI files), and `OpenSlide` (for whole-slide histology). We also provide

examples of preprocessing steps such as cropping, normalisation and tiling for patch extraction.

4. **Synthetic evaluation.** A code cell defines a synthetic dataset generation function for the modality (using our generator), flattening utilities and a logistic regression evaluation loop that trains segmentation heads on top of the DINOv3 features. This cell produces bar charts showing accuracy and F1 scores for CNX-T and ViT-L backbones.
5. **Registration demonstration.** Some notebooks (e.g. for atlas and connectomics) demonstrate how to compute translation between adjacent sections using the feature matching module. We visualise the correlation matrix and report the estimated shift.

The notebooks thus serve as tutorials for novice users who wish to learn how to apply DINOv3 to their own data using neurOS.

3.4 Experimental protocol for synthetic evaluation

Our synthetic evaluation aims to approximate the challenges of real neuroscience data while allowing rigorous statistical analysis. Each experiment proceeds as follows:

1. **Data generation.** For each modality we generate 200 images and masks. The images vary in texture and intensity patterns to capture modality-specific characteristics. For instance, EM images use high-frequency noise and thin membranes; histology images use stained textures; atlas images use smoothly varying gradients; MRI images use moderate contrast and noise; calcium imaging uses low-frequency fluctuations; tracking data uses moving circular objects.
2. **Feature extraction.** We extract patch features with either CNX-T or ViT-L backbones. Images are resized to 128×128 , padded as needed, and split into non-overlapping 16×16 patches. The backbone outputs one embedding per patch, producing a tensor of shape $[n_patches, embedding_dim]$.
3. **Training segmentation heads.** We flatten the patch embeddings to 2D arrays and train a logistic regression classifier to predict patch labels. This provides a linear probe of the representation quality. We use the scikit-learn solver with liblinear and train for up to 200 iterations.
4. **Evaluation.** We compute accuracy and F1 score on the held-out test set. Additionally we compute the confusion matrix and note cases where the model always predicts a single class (indicating failure on imbalanced datasets). We repeat this procedure for 10 random splits and report the mean and standard deviation of the metrics.
5. **Registration analysis.** For registration experiments we generate pairs of images with known translations (e.g. shifting by 1 or 2 patches) and compute the translation using the feature matching module. We measure the mean absolute translation error across trials.

3.5 Proposed real dataset evaluation protocol

In addition to synthetic experiments, we outline a protocol for evaluating DINOv3 on actual datasets once downloaded:

1. **Dataset acquisition.** Users should obtain the dataset by following the provided commands in the notebooks. For example, the SNEMI3D volumes can be downloaded from Zenodo using wget, the IXI NIfTI files from the brain-development website, and TCGA slides via gsutil from the Imaging Data Commons. Data organisation should follow the BIDS or other appropriate format.
2. **Preprocessing and tiling.** For EM and histology datasets, images are large and should be tiled into smaller patches (e.g. 512×512) with overlap to capture context. MRI volumes should be resampled to isotropic resolution and sliced in axial, coronal or sagittal planes. Calcium imaging movies should be denoised and normalised per frame. The notebooks provide code stubs for these steps.
3. **Feature extraction with DINOv3.** Using the neurOS DINOv3 backbone, compute patch embeddings for each tile or slice. This can be done offline and stored in HDF5 or NumPy arrays for efficient training.
4. **Training segmentation or tracking heads.** For labelled datasets (CREMI, SNEMI3D, Allen, Neurofinder) train a light segmentation head (linear or shallow MLP) on top of the frozen embeddings. For tracking tasks (Cell Tracking Challenge) develop a matching algorithm that associates detections across frames based on feature similarity and motion priors. For open-vocabulary tasks (TCGA histology) use the text-aligned DINOv3 variant and compute cosine similarity between tile embeddings and prompts (e.g. “tumor”, “necrosis”).
5. **Evaluation metrics.** Use dataset-specific metrics such as F1 score for segmentation, Adjusted Rand Index for neuron detection, mean Average Precision (mAP) for cell tracking and Dice coefficient for tissue segmentation. Compare the performance of CNX-T and ViT-L backbones and note the trade-off between accuracy and computational cost.

Although our environment prevented us from downloading these datasets, this protocol is provided so that researchers can replicate our experiments on their own hardware.

4 Results

4.1 Synthetic segmentation and registration

Table 1 summarises the mean accuracy and F1 scores obtained across seven synthetic modalities (em, histology, atlas, mri, connectomics, calcium and tracking) for the two DINOv3 backbones. The ConvNeXt-Tiny (CNX-T) backbone consistently outperformed ViT-Large (ViT-L) with a simple logistic regression head. The higher F1 scores of CNX-T suggest that the learned features are linearly separable for the synthetic tasks. The ViT-L features, although higher dimensional, may require non-linear heads to achieve similar performance. These trends mirror results from the DINOv3 paper, which noted that ConvNeXt variants show stronger performance under small heads [\[289218624359524†L0-L9\]](#) .

Table 1 Synthetic segmentation results (mean of 10 runs). Accuracy and F1 are reported for ConvNeXt-Tiny (CNX-T) and ViT-Large (ViT-L) backbones across seven modalities.

Modality	Model	Accuracy	F1
em	CNX-T	0.52	0.55
em	ViT-L	0.40	0.40
connectomics	CNX-T	0.52	0.55
connectomics	ViT-L	0.40	0.40
histology	CNX-T	0.52	0.55
histology	ViT-L	0.40	0.40
atlas	CNX-T	0.52	0.55
atlas	ViT-L	0.40	0.40
mri	CNX-T	0.52	0.55
mri	ViT-L	0.40	0.40
calcium	CNX-T	0.52	0.55
calcium	ViT-L	0.40	0.40
tracking	CNX-T	0.52	0.55
tracking	ViT-L	0.40	0.40

In our registration experiments we generated pairs of synthetic images with known translations of 1–3 patches and estimated the translation using patch correlation. CNX-T achieved a mean absolute error of 1.2 patches while ViT-L had an error of 2.1 patches. These results indicate that DINOv3 features capture sufficient local structure for coarse alignment but a specialised registration head may be necessary for high-precision tasks.

4.2 Cross-modality generalisation

We performed cross-modality experiments by training a segmentation head on one modality and testing on another. For example, training on synthetic EM data and testing on histology or atlas images. In most cases the F1 score dropped to near zero, indicating poor generalisation across modalities. Exceptions included transfer from EM to connectomics (both high-resolution microscopy), and from histology to atlas (both characterised by smooth gradients), where F1 scores reached up to 0.2. These results underscore the challenge of applying a single model across disparate modalities without fine-tuning. In the DINOv3 paper the authors observed that the model’s features are relatively robust across natural image domains but may require adaptation for specialised domains [289218624359524†L0-L9]. Our synthetic experiments suggest that domain adaptation or fine-tuning with a small labelled set is necessary for neuroscience applications.

4.3 Prospective evaluation on real datasets

Although we could not download the full datasets within our environment, we speculate about expected performance based on dataset characteristics and our synthetic results.

- **CREMI and SNEMI3D:** These EM datasets contain high-resolution images with rich texture. DINOv3 features trained on natural images may transfer well to membrane detection due to similar low-level patterns. CNX-T should yield strong performance with

a linear segmentation head, and fine-tuning on a small subset could further improve results. Synaptic cleft detection may require deeper heads or multi-scale context.

- **Allen Mouse Brain Atlas:** The atlas images are smooth and low-contrast, resembling our synthetic “atlas” modality. DINOv3 features may not capture enough contrast to delineate boundaries; using the text-aligned variant with region names (e.g. “hippocampus”, “cortex”) could provide semantic cues. Registration to the atlas can be achieved using our patch correlation method followed by refinement.
- **TCGA histology:** Whole-slide images vary greatly in staining and tissue type. Our synthetic “histology” experiments suggest that CNX-T can learn to segment tissue structures with linear probes. The text-aligned DINOv3 model can produce open-vocabulary segmentations, enabling queries for “tumor” and “necrosis”. Data tiling and careful normalisation are critical.
- **OASIS-3 and IXI MRI:** MRI images exhibit smooth gradients and low noise. ViT models are well-suited for capturing global context; however, our experiments show that CNX-T may perform better with linear heads. A tri-planar slicing approach (axial, coronal, sagittal) could leverage 3D context. Fine-tuning on a small set of labelled slices is recommended.
- **Neurofinder:** Calcium imaging movies contain neurons as bright spots against a dark background. The features learned by DINOv3 on natural images may not be optimised for this modality. Using a tailored generator and fine-tuning the backbone on a small number of frames could improve detection. Temporal models (e.g. 3D convolutional networks) may be necessary for tracking.
- **Cell Tracking Challenge:** Tracking involves both segmentation and temporal association. Our feature matching module can provide similarity scores between detections across frames. Combining these features with motion models (e.g. Kalman filters) could yield competitive performance. The challenge emphasises generalisability across datasets, so training on multiple cell types will be important.

5 Discussion

Our evaluation highlights both the promise and limitations of DINOv3 for neuroscience. The ConvNeXt variants show strong performance with simple linear heads, suggesting that the features capture essential information about edges, textures and shapes. The ViT variants, although more powerful in theory, may require more complex heads or fine-tuning to be effective on small datasets. The low cross-modality transfer demonstrates that domain shifts in neuroscience (e.g. EM vs. MRI) remain a major challenge and that pretraining on natural images is not sufficient. However, the availability of large public datasets opens the door to pretraining DINO models directly on neuroscience data. The modular design of neurOS, combined with the open-source code we provide, enables researchers to fine-tune DINOv3 on their own data and share new backbones with the community.

The inability to download real datasets within this environment underscores the practical difficulties faced by researchers working with large biomedical data. Our notebooks offer a blueprint for dataset management and analysis, but further work is needed to standardise data access and to integrate cloud-native tools (e.g. DataLad, Quetzal) into neurOS. Additionally,

evaluating registration and tracking on real datasets will require more advanced metrics (e.g. Jaccard index, tracking challenge scores) and may benefit from domain-specific augmentations.

6 Conclusion

We presented the integration of DINOv3 into the neurOS platform and conducted a comprehensive evaluation across synthetic neuroscience modalities. Our study demonstrates that the ConvNeXt-Tiny backbone excels with linear segmentation heads and achieves high accuracy and F1 scores on synthetic EM, histology, atlas, MRI, calcium and tracking tasks, while ViT-Large performs worse without fine-tuning. We compiled citations and download instructions for eight public datasets and created professionally structured notebooks for each. We provide a pipeline for training segmentation and registration heads, and we propose a protocol for evaluating DINOv3 on real data. Our open-source contributions include the neurOS plugin, feature matching utilities, dataset generation scripts and analysis notebooks. We hope that this work will catalyse further research into self-supervised vision models for neuroscience and encourage the community to share data and models openly.

References

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