

Deep Learning and Segmentation

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Image Segmentation -- Definition and Tasks

Definition 1:

Segmentation = finding outline of object (“thing”) or region (“stuff”) in image

Definition 2:

Segmentation = grouping of pixels into regions such that:

- Pixels in each region have a common property
- Pixels in adjacent regions do not share this property
- Exclusive Partitioning: $P_i \cap P_j = \text{empty set } \{\}$, for all i not equal to j
- Exhaustive Partitioning: Union of P_i 's = entire image

Tasks:

Semantic Segmentation: Common property: Same “stuff class”

Instance Segmentation: Common property: Same “thing class”

Panoptic Segmentation: Common property: Either same thing or stuff class

“Semantic” Segmentation = Segmentation

Model:
FCN-8s



Ground truth



Here: Exclusive & exhaustive partitioning involving 3 object classes:

- All regions with pixels that collectively show bikes are labeled green.
- All regions with pixels of bikers are shown in antique pink.
- All regions background pixels are black.

“Semantic” Segmentation = Region Segmentation

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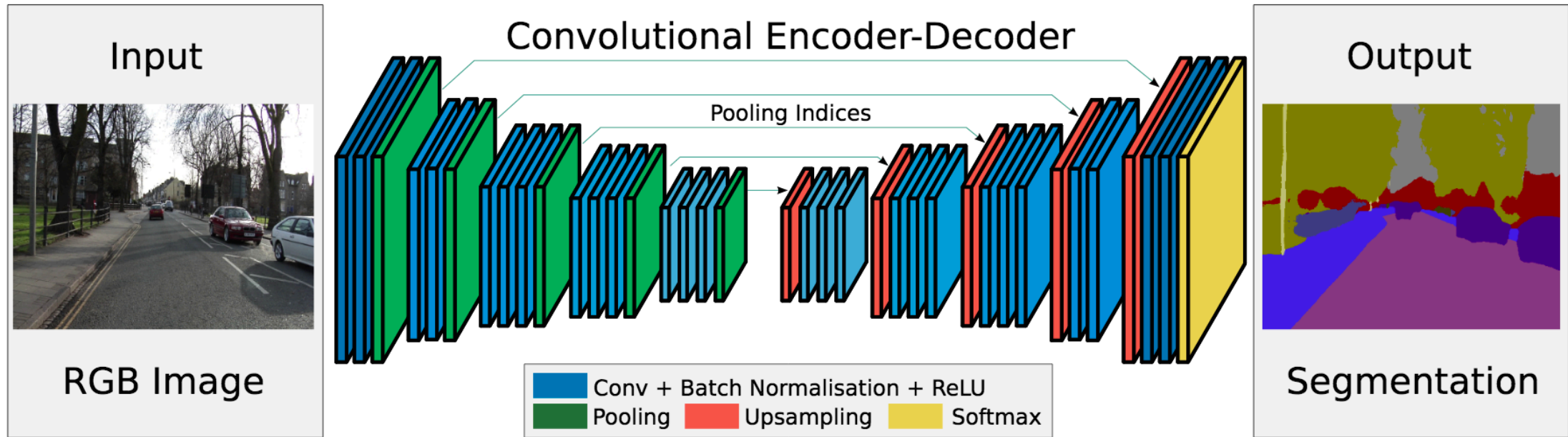


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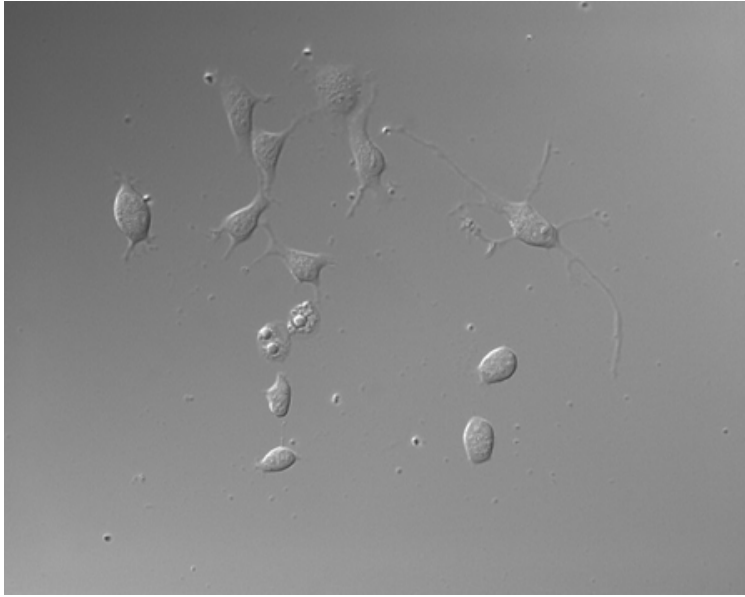
Your Assignment 4

SegNet: Encoder-Decoder Architecture for Semantic Segmentation

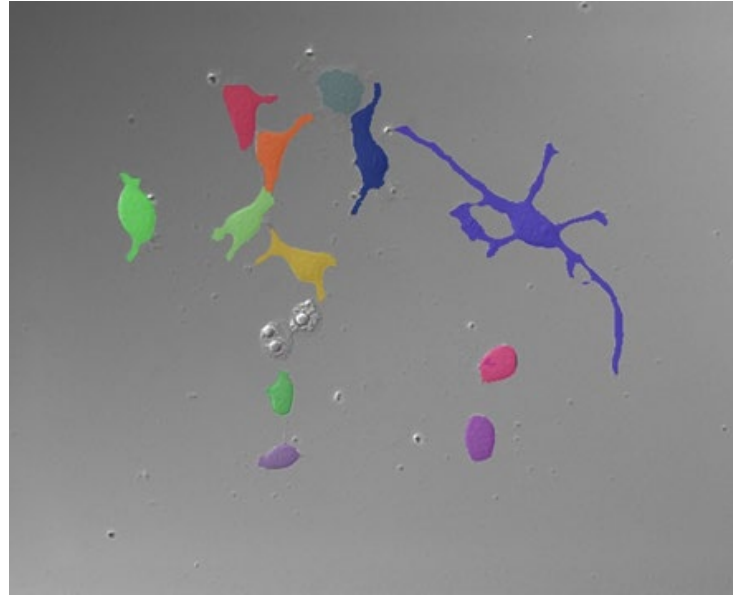


[Badrinayayanan et al., 2016](#)

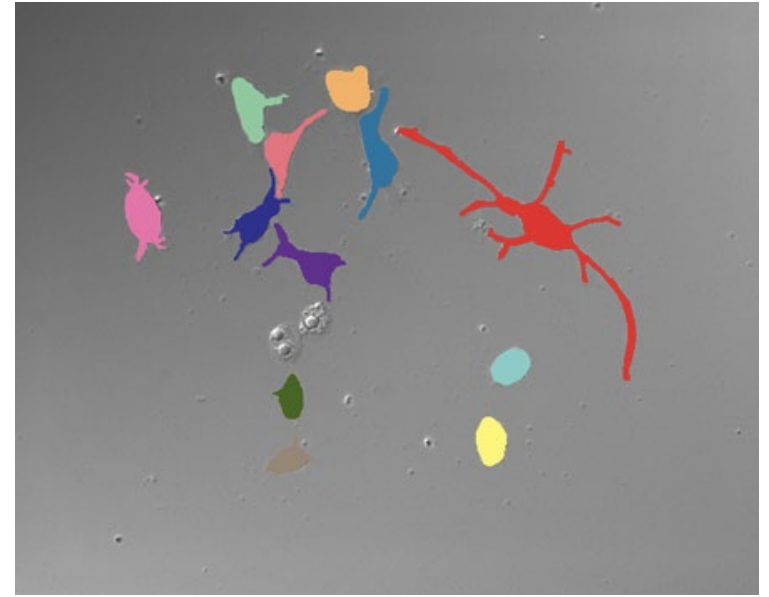
Instance Segmentation = Segmentation of Individual Objects



Phase-contrast microscopy image



Ground truth segmentation



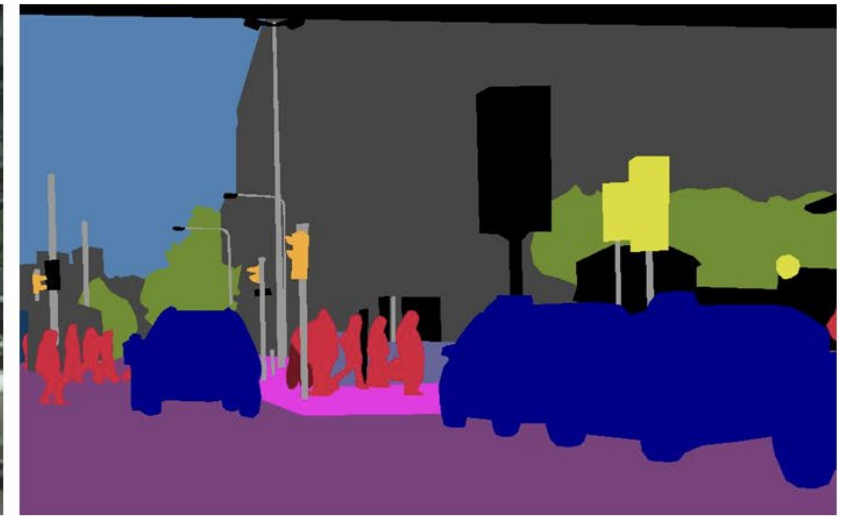
Model segmentation

Panoptic Segmentation = Segmentation of regions and objects

Term coined by
[Kirillov et al., 2018](#)



(a) image



(b) semantic segmentation



(c) instance segmentation



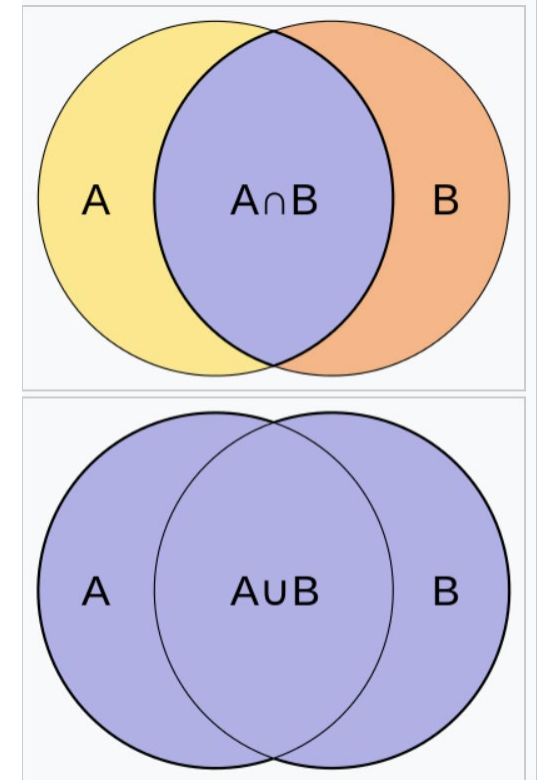
(d) panoptic segmentation

How can we measure the success of a segmentation model?

Intersection over Union (IoU) or Jaccard Index

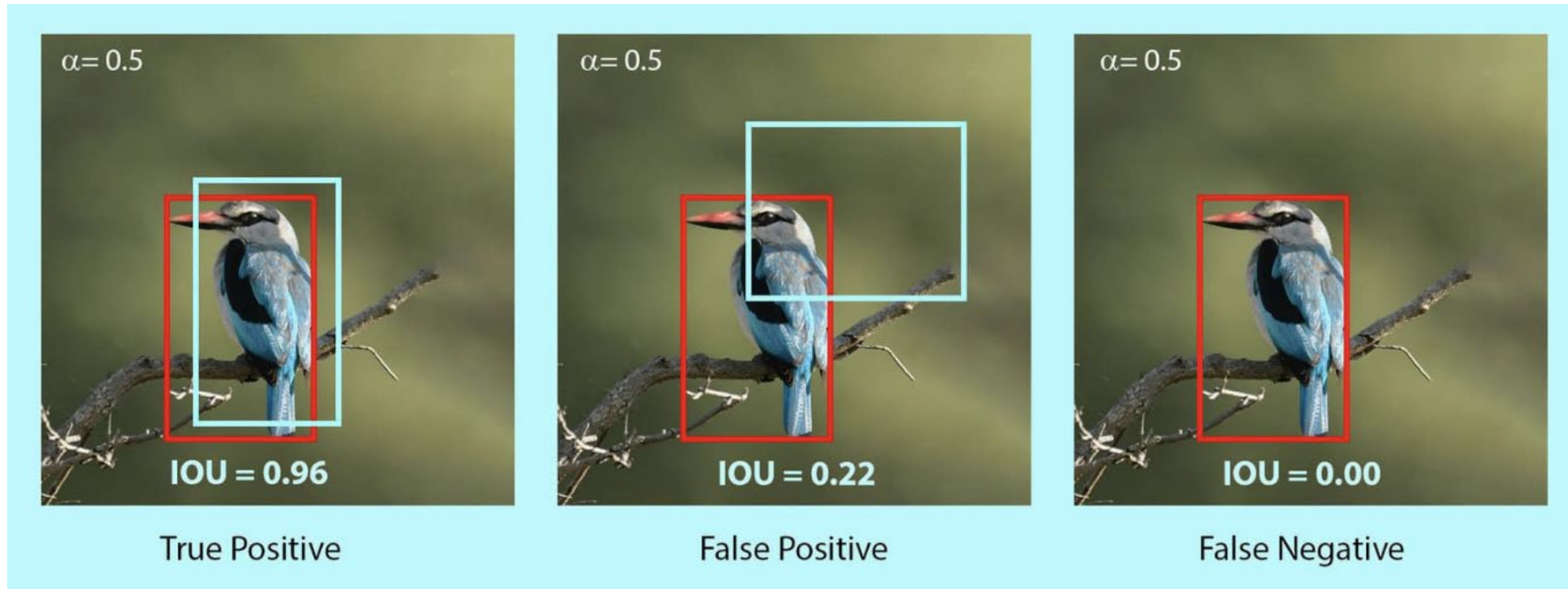
Given an **object region A**, drawn by an expert, and an **object region B**, determined by the computer, the Jaccard index computes the **ratio** of the number of pixels common to A and B over the number of pixels that are in at least one of the regions: $|A \cap B| / |A \cup B|$.

Resulting scores range from 0 to 1 with larger values indicating greater similarity between the two regions.



Intersection and union of two sets A and B

Using a Threshold on the IoU for Classification



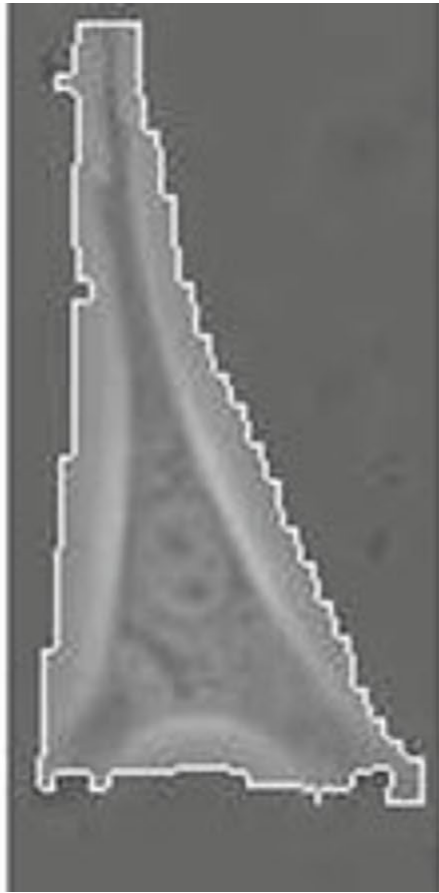
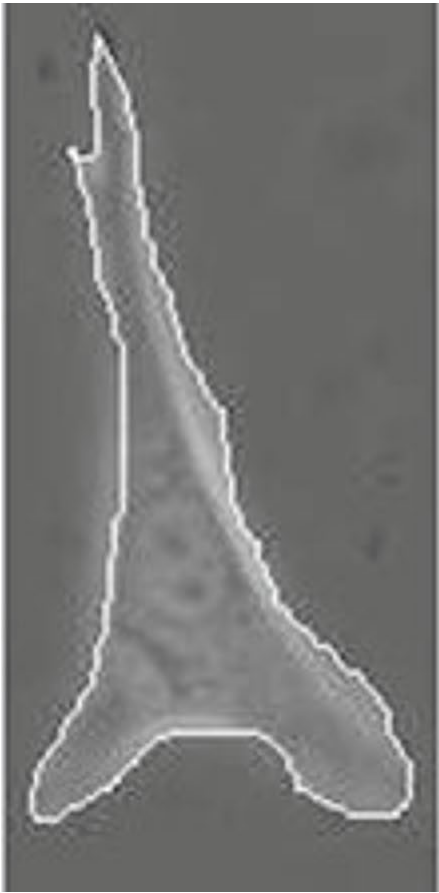
Ground truth bounding box: red. Model bounding box: light blue

Image credit: [Learnopencv.com](https://learnopencv.com)

Beware of Annotation Noise

Ground truth

Adaboost



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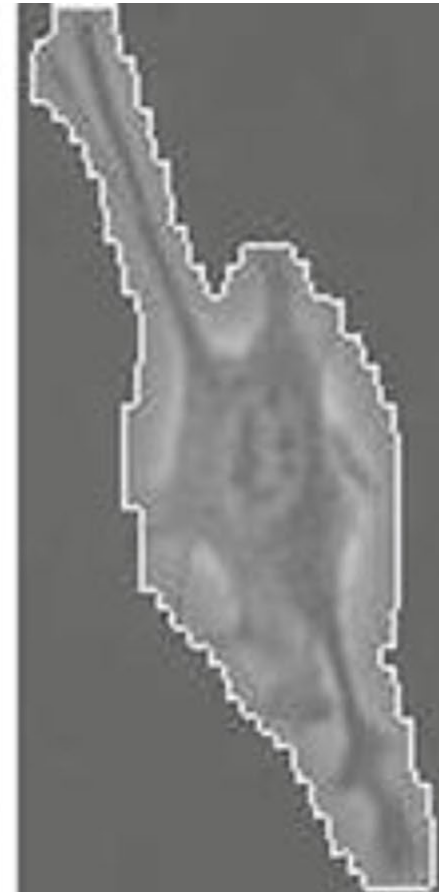
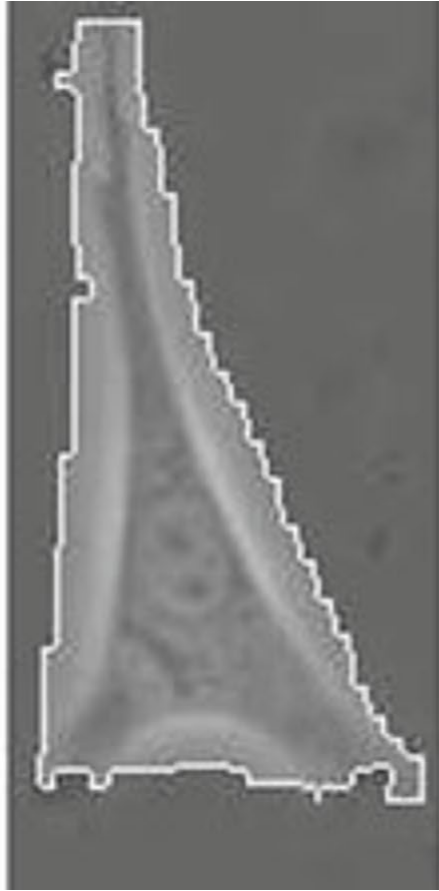
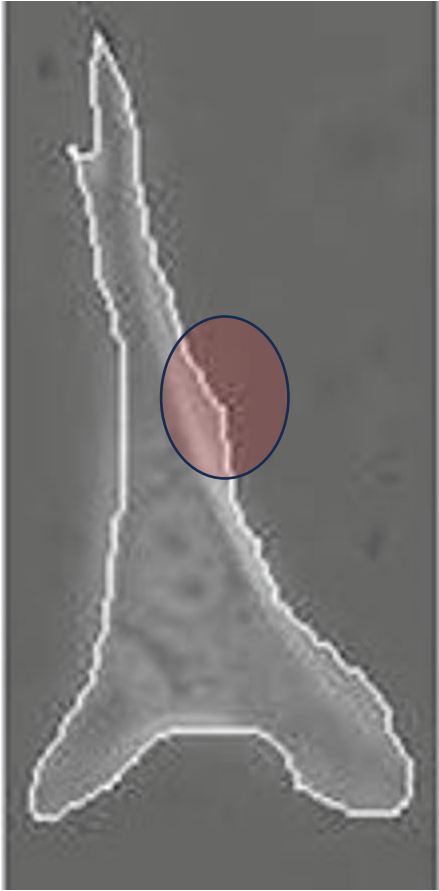


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[Theriault et al., MV, 2012](#)

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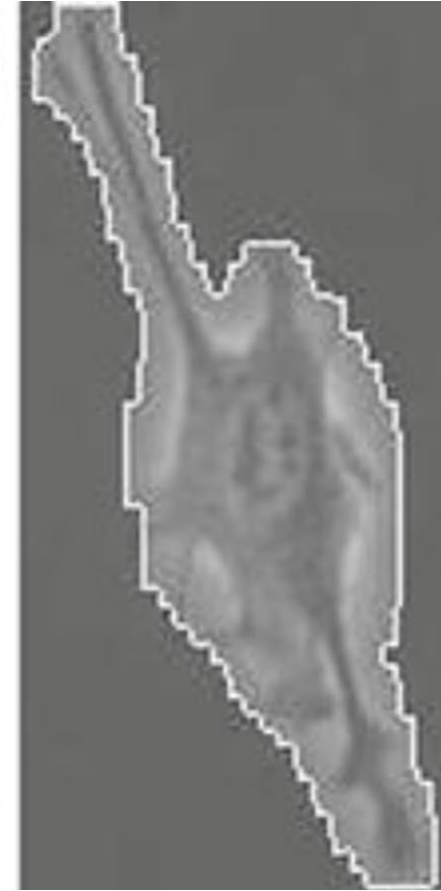


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ICORD: Intelligent Collection of Redundant Data

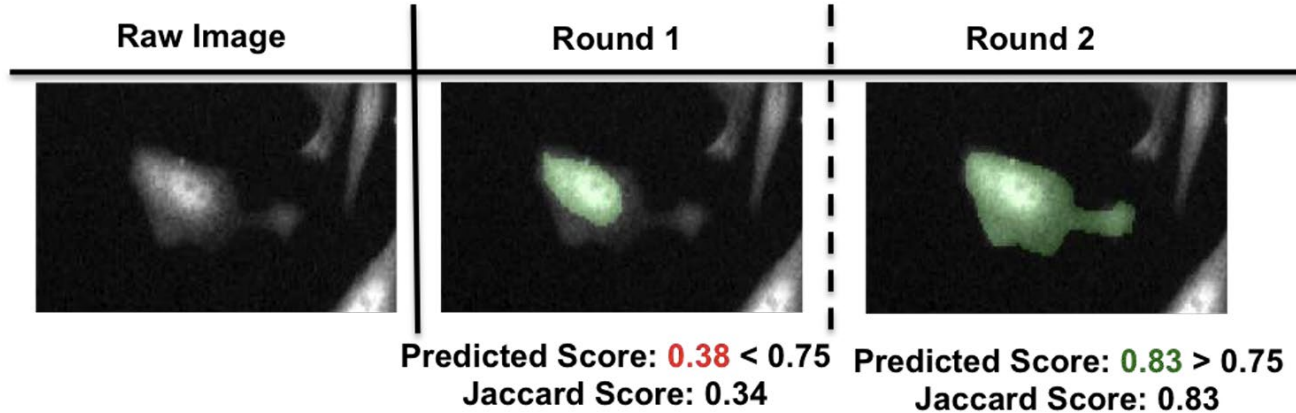


Figure 5. An example processed by ICORD involving a cell on a fluorescence microscopy image. ICORD detects in the second round that the outline is sufficiently accurate to be considered a final product ($\tau = 0.83$).

[Sameki et al., CVPRW 2016](#)

ICORD Process for Cell Segmentation:

Input: Raw images of cells, quality threshold τ , number of rounds N .

1. A single round of crowdsourcing is performed on all cell images. One segmentation is obtained per cell.
2. Crowd segmentations are converted to binary masks, and image and behavioral features are extracted.
3. The prediction model receives the feature vectors and evaluates the quality of each segmentation.
4. For each cell: If the predicted score is higher than threshold τ , the system accepts the annotation (step 7). Otherwise, the annotation is flagged as inaccurate (step 6).
6. Repeat until all cell segmentations are predicted to be accurate or N crowdsourcing rounds have been performed:
 - 6.1 A new round of crowdsourcing is performed on the cell images with annotations flagged as inaccurate.
 - 6.2 Steps 2.-4. are applied to the current segmentation.
7. For any cells still predicted to have inaccurate segmentations, the segmentation among the N collected is chosen that has highest predicted quality.

Output: Cell annotations and their predicted quality scores.

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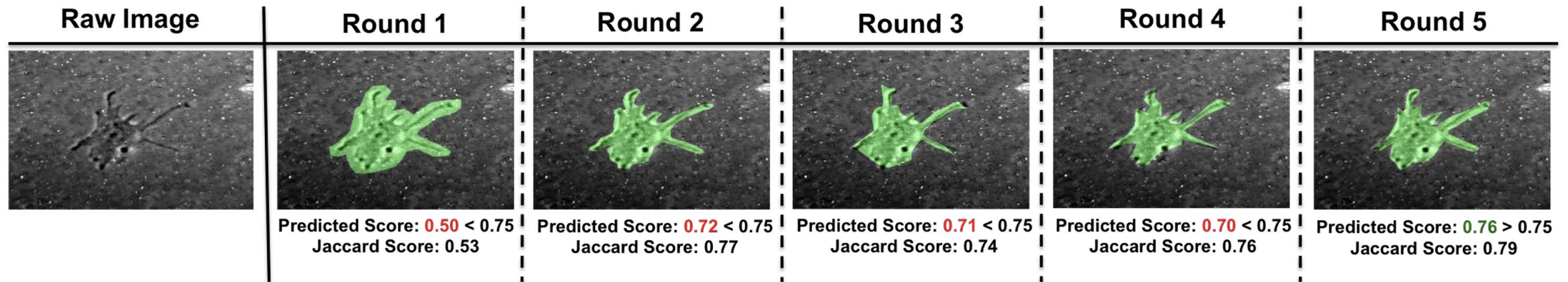


Figure 4. An example processed by ICORD: A phase contrast image of a cell and its segmentations, produced by crowd workers in 5 rounds. In rounds 1–4, the prediction model flagged the segmentations as not sufficiently accurate (quality score below threshold $\tau = 0.75$). In round 5, ICORD predicts that the shown segmentation is accurate (score > 0.75) and terminates the processing on this cell. For each round, the Jaccard scores measuring the overlap between expert-drawn and crowd-worker-drawn regions are also displayed (observed and predicted scores only differ by 6 or fewer percentage points).

[Sameki et al., CVPRW 2016](#)



Dataset Overview

Get an overview of the Cityscapes dataset, its main features, the label policy, and the definitions of contained semantic classes.

[Read more](#)



Examples

Have a look at some examples providing further insights into the type and quality of annotations, as well as the metadata that comes with the Cityscapes dataset.

[Read more](#)



Benchmark Suite

Find out about the challenges in our benchmark suite, their corresponding metrics and the performance results of evaluated methods.

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The Cityscapes Dataset

We present a new large-scale dataset that contains a diverse set of stereo video sequences recorded in street scenes from 50 different cities, with high quality pixel-level annotations of 5000 frames in addition to a larger set of 20000 weakly annotated frames. The dataset is thus an order of magnitude larger than similar previous attempts. Details on [annotated classes](#) and [examples of our annotations](#) are available at this webpage.

The Cityscapes Dataset is intended for

1. assessing the performance of vision algorithms for major tasks of semantic urban scene understanding: pixel-level, instance-level, and panoptic semantic labeling;
2. supporting research that aims to exploit large volumes of (weakly) annotated data, e.g. for training deep neural networks.

Latest News



[Cityscapes 3D Benchmark Online](#)
October 17, 2020

Cityscapes 3D is an extension of the original Cityscapes with 3D bounding box annotations for all types of vehicles as well as a benchmark for the 3D detection task. For more details please refer to our paper, presented at the CVPR 2020 Workshop on Scalability in Autonomous Driving. Today, we extended our benchmark and evaluation server to include the 3D vehicle detection task. In order to train and evaluate your method, checkout our toolbox on Github, which can be installed using pip, i.e. `python -m pip install cityscapescripts[gui]`. In order to visualize the 3D Boxes, run `csViewer` and select the `CS3D...` [Read more](#)

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Type of annotations



Contained cities

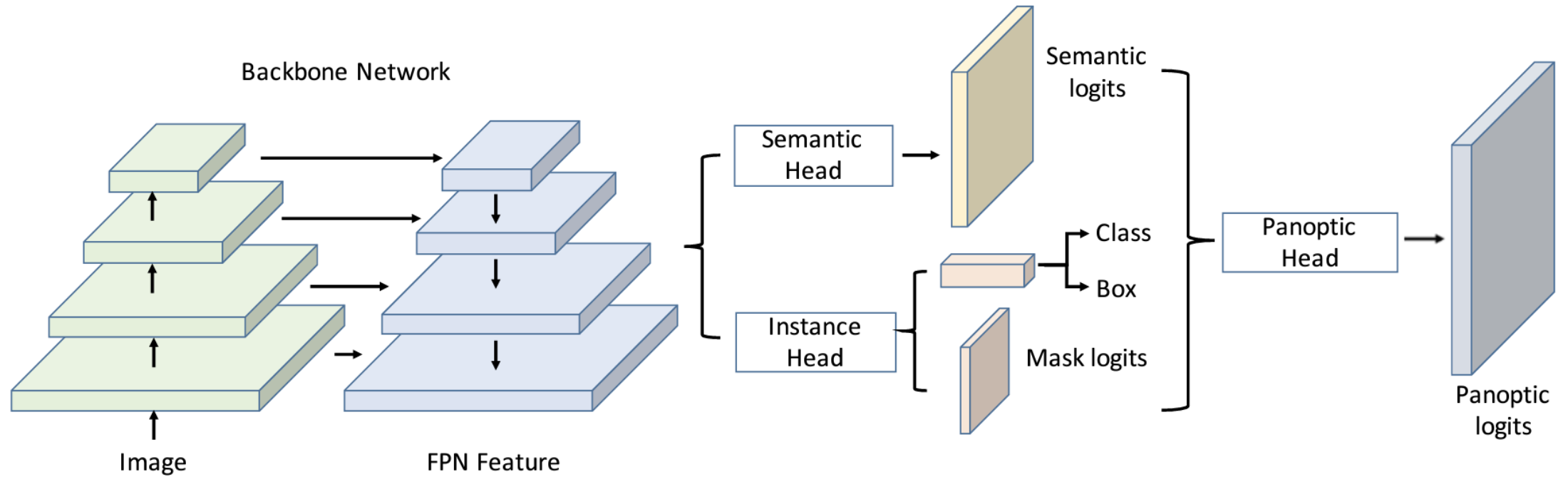


Cityscapes Dataset



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2. person · rider
3. car · truck · bus · on-rails · motorcycle · bicycle · caravan · trailer
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5. pole · pole group · traffic sign · traffic light
6. vegetation · terrain
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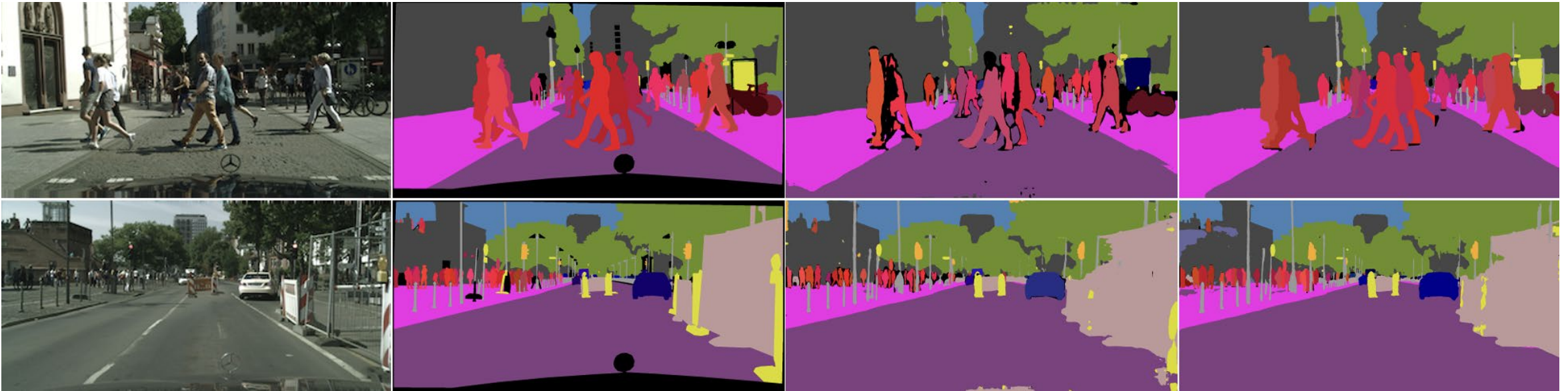
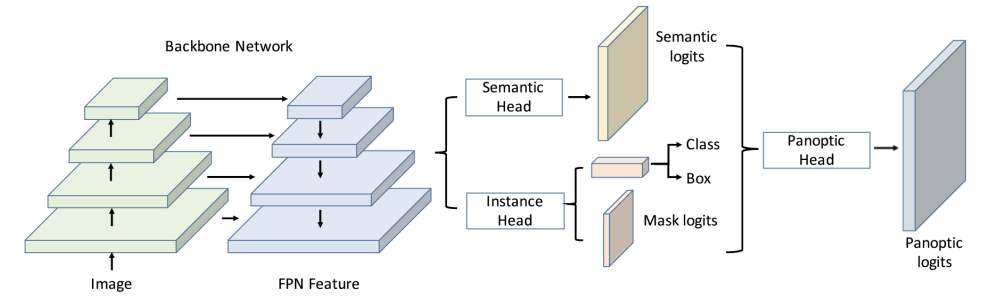
UPNet: Panoptic Segmentation



Runtime speedup 3x over previous work

[Xiong et al., 2019](#)

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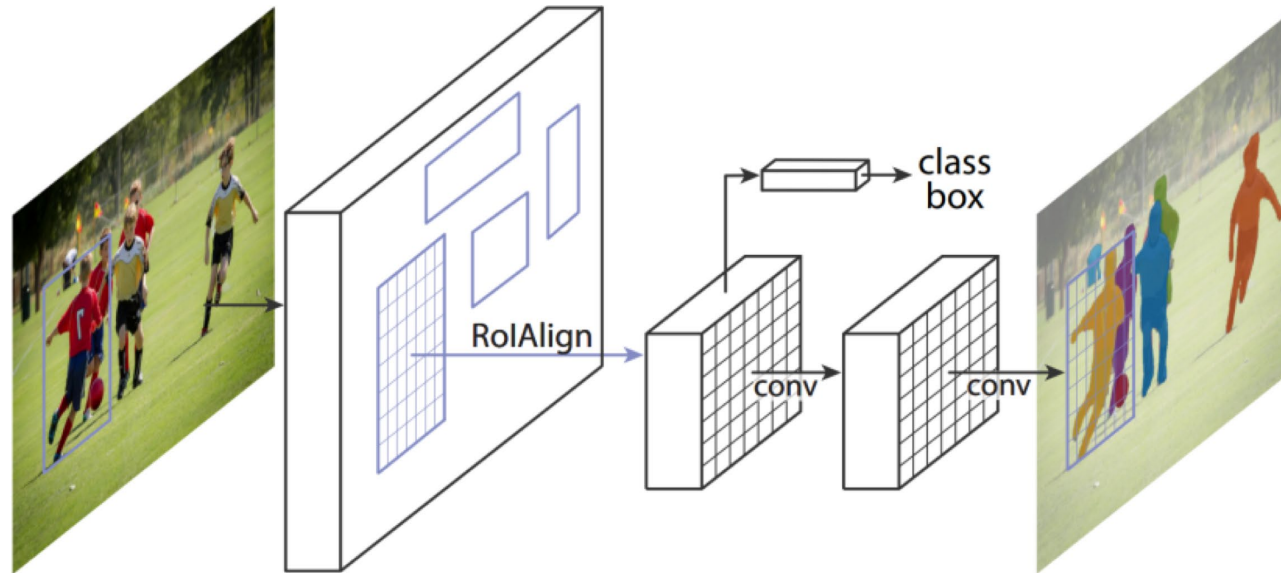
Ground truth

Xiong et al.'s evaluation
of Kirillov et al.'s model

[Xiong et al., 2019](#)

Mask R-CNN

Extends [Faster R-CNN](#) by adding a branch for predicting an object mask in parallel with the existing branch for bounding box recognition



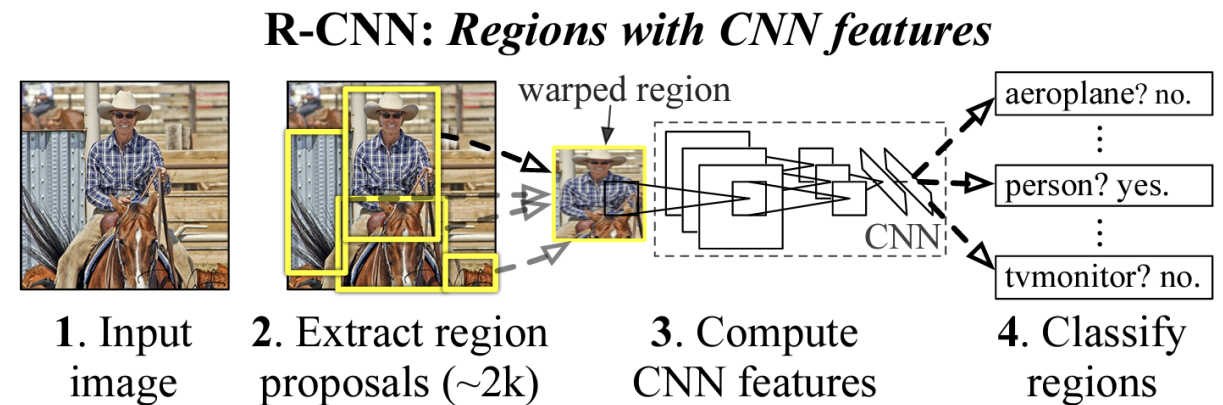
[He et al., ICCV 2017](#)

Backbone Detection Networks used for Segmentation

Faster R-CNN uses a Region Proposal Network (RPN) that shares convolutional features with the Fast R-CNN: [Ren et al., NIPS 2015](#)

Fast R-CNN: [Girschik, 2015](#)

R-CNN (for “Regions with CNN Features”): [Girschik et al., 2014](#)



Domain Adaptive Semantic Segmentation

[Wang et al., ICCV 2023](#)

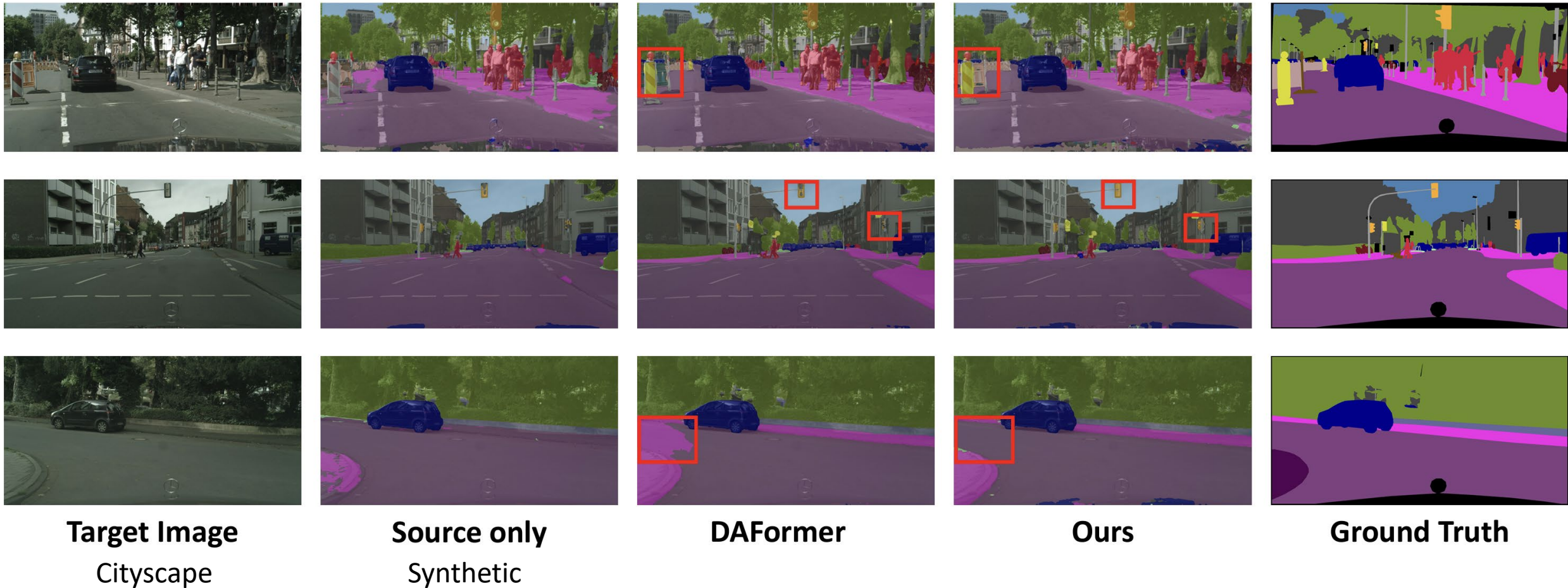
Deep models often generalize poorly to new domains such as different cities or weather in driving scenes. Solution: Domain Transfer

Unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA) allows knowledge transfer from synthetic data (source domain), where pixel-level annotations are more cheaply available, to real-world data (unlabeled target domain).

Extends DAFormer, a Transformer-based model for UDA

Our contribution: A cross-domain attention consistency loss function.

Wang et al., ICCV 2023's Results



Learning Objectives

- Know differences between semantic, instance, and panoptic segmentation
- Know architectures of FCN-8s, SegNet, UPSNet, Mask R-CNN. High level, not details
- Know how to measure the success of a segmentation model (can apply IoU)
- Know that “expert” annotations can be noisy
- Know that crowdsourcing of labels typically involves collecting redundant annotations
- Know that domain adaptation yields more generally applicable models
- Know that Cityscapes is a widely used dataset for scene segmentation