# Panoptic Segmentation: Unifying Semantic and Instance Segmentation





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**Object Detection** 





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- Popular datasets can be used
- We introduce simple, intuitive metric
- Drive novel algorithmic ideas

## Popular datasets can be used



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Datasets	Instance Segmentation	Semantic Segmentation	
COCO*	+	+	
ADE20k/Places	+	+	
CityScapes	+	+	
Mapillary Vistas	+	+	

\*COCO has overlaps (no depth order)

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**Theorem:** Matching is unique if overlapping threshold > 0.5 IoU and both ground truth and prediction have no overlaps.

Proof sketch:



then there is no other non overlapping object that has IoU > 0.5.









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Objects  $> 32^2$ 

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Classification Flaws

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Segmentation Flaws

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# Mask R-CNN + PSPNet Combination Heuristic



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# Mask R-CNN Non-overlapping Instances



Mask R-CNN output



Mask R-CNN filtered



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SharpMask, Mask R-CNN,

FCIS, YOLO, RetinaNet,

FPN, etc.

FCN 8s, Dilation8, DeepLab, PSPNet, RefineNet, U-Net, etc.







# Panoptic Segmentation: Future Plans

- Panoptic Segmentation paper on ArXiv
- Efficient evaluation code on GitHub
- Possible competition(s)





Panoptic CityScapes

Panoptic COCO