



### **Overview**

- Part 1: Get a good baseline model op CityScapes
- Part 2: Go beyond peak performance

- 50% of your final grade! (70 hours!)
- <u>5LSM0 Cityscapes competition!</u>











# **Competition Benchmarks**

#### **Peak Performance**

- Open for submissions!
- Get the highest segmentation score

#### **Robustness**

- Open for submissions!
- Get the highest segmentation score on harder dataset

#### **Efficiency**

- Open for submissions!
- Get a good performance with a small model

#### **Out-of-distribution**

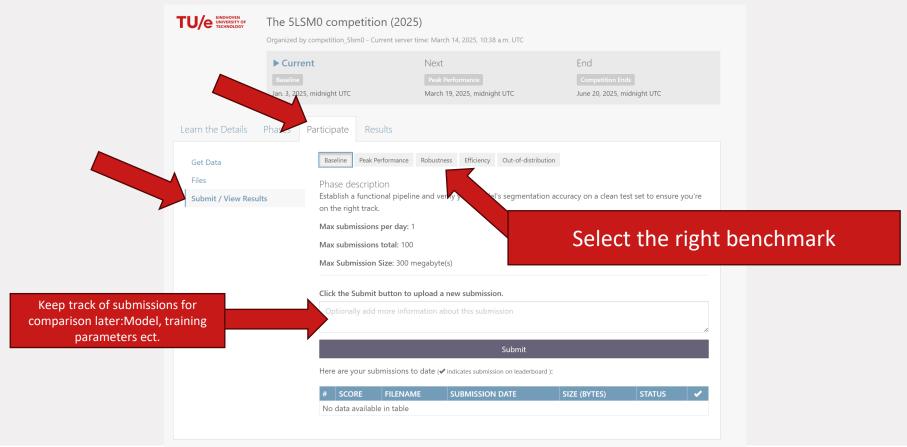
- Open for submissions!
- Give your model the option to tell the user it is unsure about the prediction

Choose 1 of the 3





### **CodaLab**







### **Robustness**

- Sometimes your model will face 'harder' images
- Make your model more robust against lesser image quality
- Make your model more robust against different situations

Metric: Dice score

Fog Rain





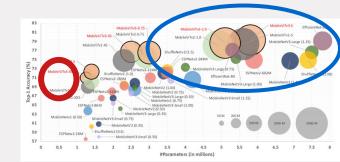






## **Efficiency**

Most state-of-the-art models every large e.g. Transformers



- Sometimes there is no high-end hardware available
- Create a small model with still an acceptable performance
- Metrics: Dice score/number of flops
- Note: the dice score needs to be at least 80% our baseline solution, otherwise metric = 0





### **Out-of-distribution**

- What happens when the model sees an image out of distribution?
- It will still give a segmentation output



- Test set: In-distribution data, near-out-of-distribution data, far out-of-distribution data
- Metric: Dice score on all included images
  - 1. Your model has the option to excluded OOD images -> **Good**, mean dice score will not be affected
  - 2. If your model includes OOD images -> Bad, dice = 0 for that image, mean dice score will decrease
  - 3. If your model excluded ID images -> **Bad**, dice = 0 for that image, mean dice score will decrease





### **Bonus**

- For each benchmark you can get bonus point on your final assignment grade!
  - Winner: +0.5
  - Top 3: +0.25
- Example: You win the 'peak performance' benchmark and you become 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Robustness benchmark. Bonus = +0.75
- While achieving high rankings on the competition leaderboards is nice, it's essential to remember that this is still a research project. Formulating a research question, thoroughly understand the challenges at hand, and come up with innovative solutions are paramount.





## **Deliverables (exact details on Canvas)**

- 1. 4-page IEEE format research paper
- 2. The research question you try to answer should of course focus on one of the three benchmark
- 3. Public GitHub repository with all code
- 4. At least one working solution on the "Peak performance" benchmark and 1 other benchmark. Of course, you can also submit on multiple benchmarks!





## **Tips**

- **Start early!** Since working with a HPC will be new to most students we will offer as much guidance as need. However, this will only work if you start well on time with the assignment.
- Check <u>Weights and Baises</u> for model training logging!
- Try to define a good baseline for comparison! This will be your starting point and improvements need to be compared against this baseline implementation
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