

Generalized Category Discovery in Semantic Segmentation

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- Problem/Objective
 - Segment unlabeled images
- Contribution/Key Idea
 - GCDSS

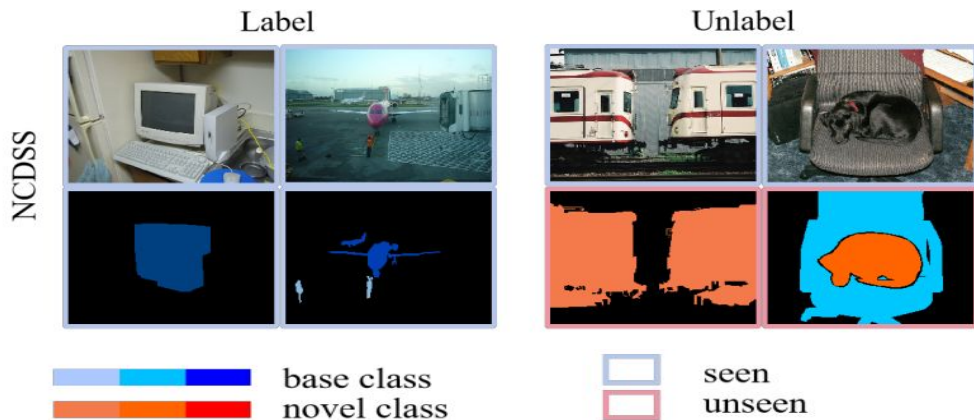
- **NCDSS (Novel Class Discovery in Semantic Segmentation)**

-Goal.

discover novel classes based on prior knowledge from base classes.

-Problem.

each unlabeled image in the unlabeled set must contain at least one novel class.



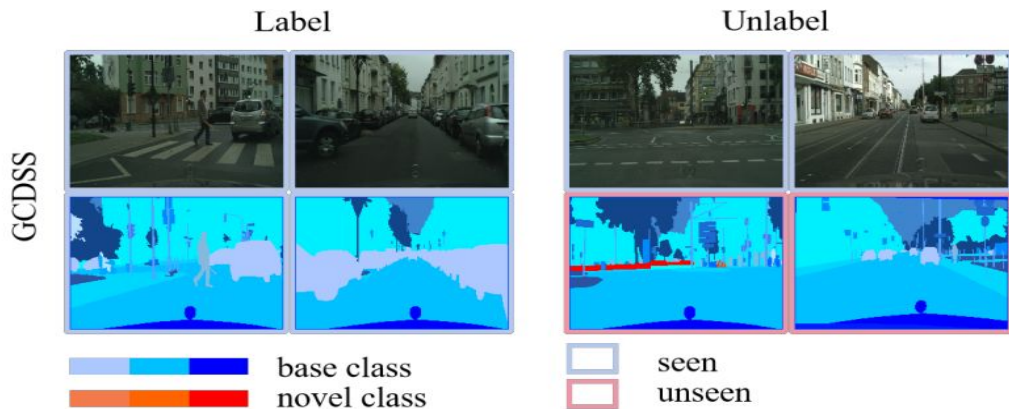
- **GCDSS (General Category Discovery in Semantic Segmentation)**

-Goal.

discover novel classes by leveraging labeled data of base classes and unlabeled data.

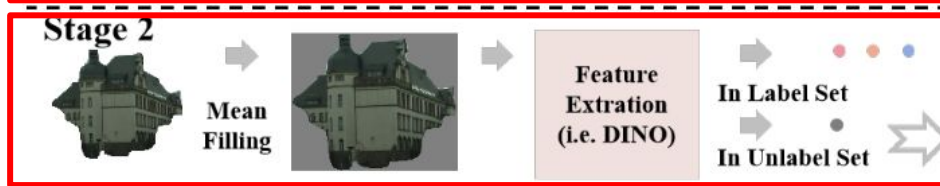
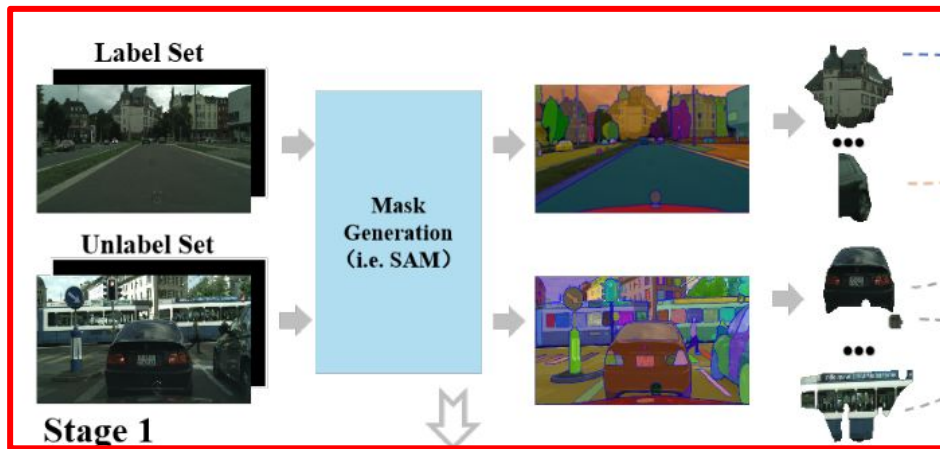
-Feature.

1. There is no prerequisite for prior knowledge mandating the existence of at least one novel class in each unlabeled image.
2. GCDSS broadens the segmentation scope beyond foreground objects.

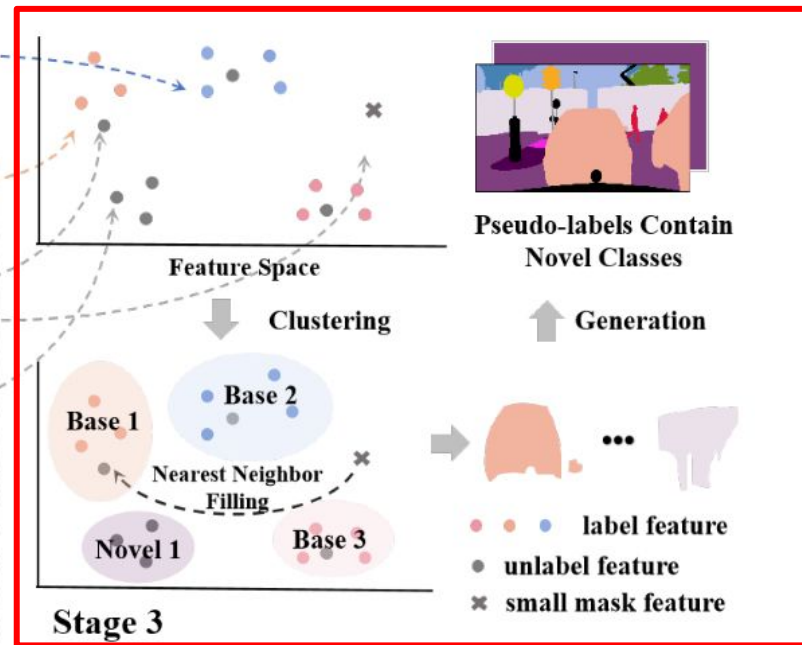


- GCDSS

1. Mask generation.



2. Feature extraction.



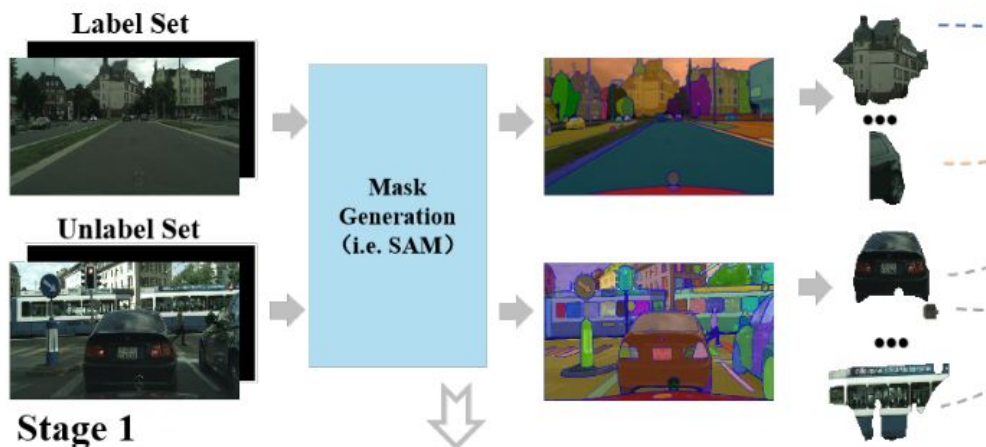
3. Clustering.

- **Mask generation**

-Input image. I



-Non-overlapping Masks. $M = \{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n\}$, $m_i \cap m_j = \emptyset$ for all $i \neq j$

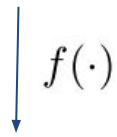


($I = \sum m_i$ 되도록 SAM 보완.)

- **Feature extraction**

-Input image. I

-Non-overlapping Masks. $M = \{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n\}$, $m_i \cap m_j = \emptyset$ for all $i \neq j$



-Features. $F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$



- **Clustering**

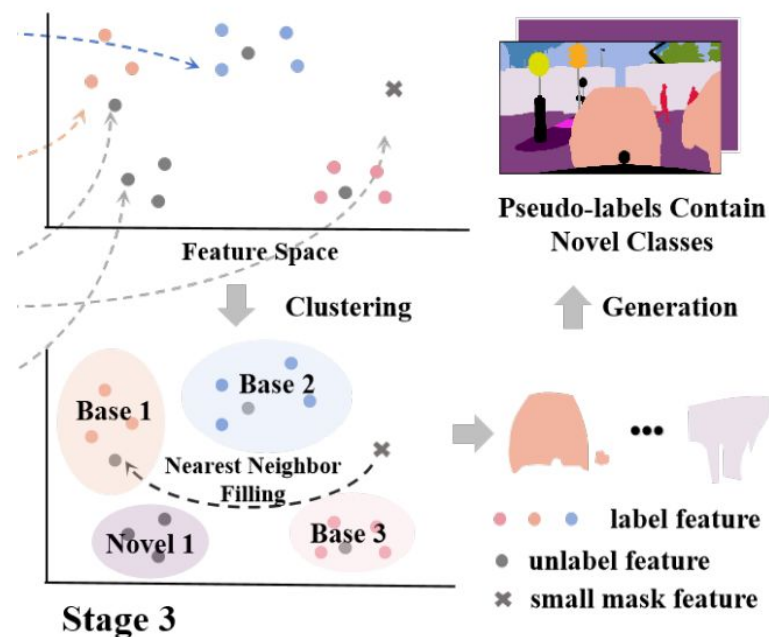
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-Labels. $L = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n\}$

\therefore Final segmentation map = $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \times l_i$

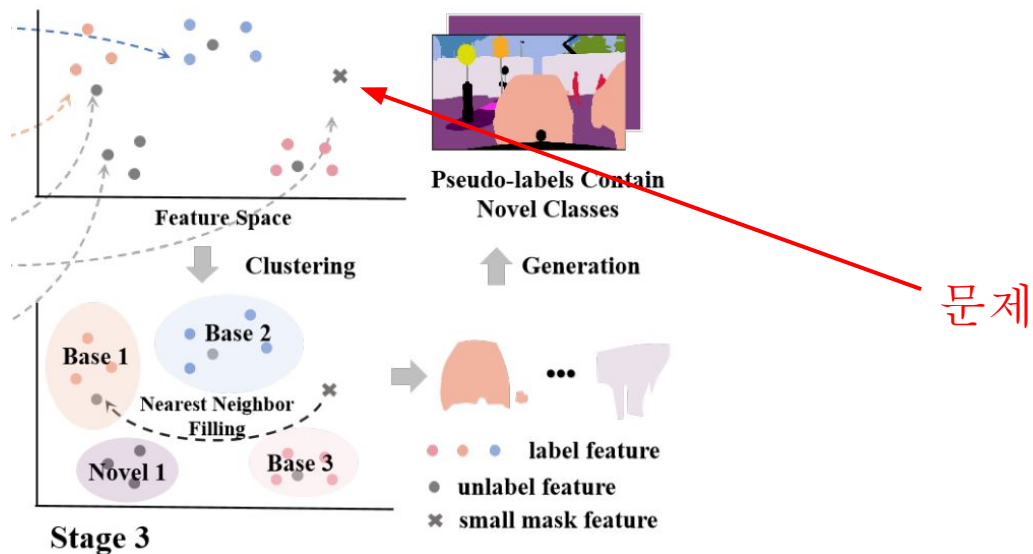


- **Problem**

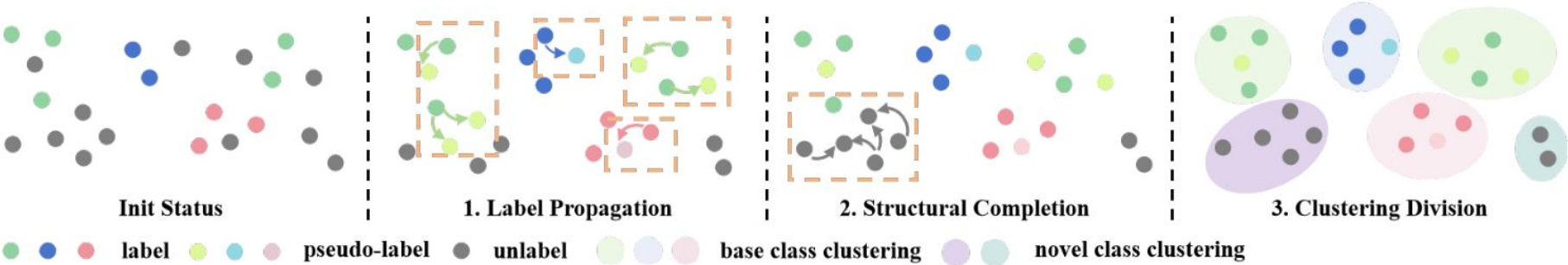
Hard to classify small masks that lack distinct features.

- **Solution**

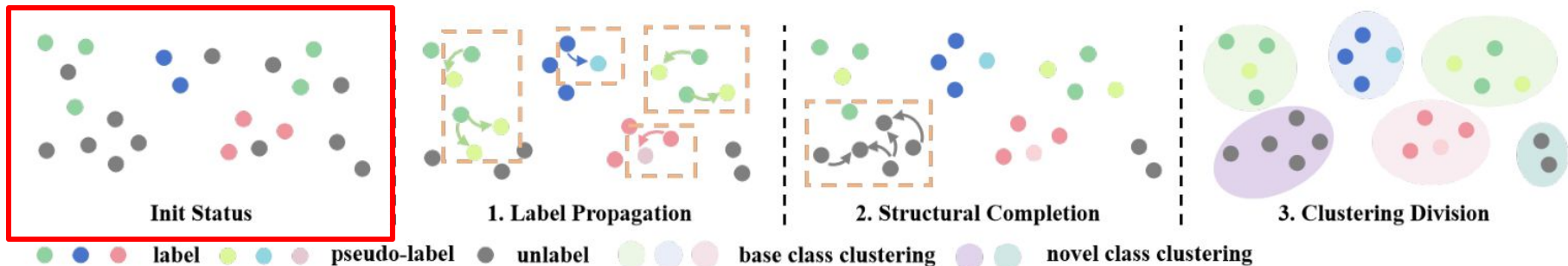
Neighborhood Relations-Guided Mask Clustering Algorithm (NeRG-MaskCA).



● NeRG-MaskCA



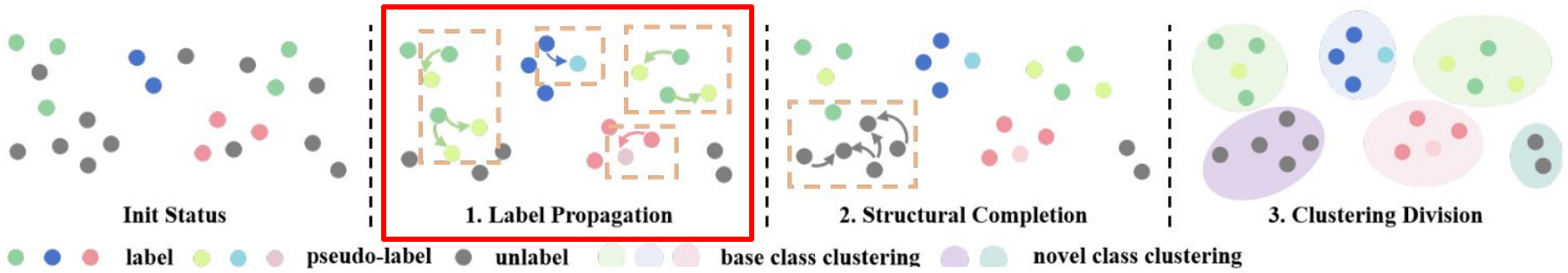
● **Init status**



Algorithm 1 NeRG-MaskCA

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1: Input:  $M_u, M_l, F, W, L(M_l)$ , where  $M_u \cup M_l = M$ 
2: Output:  $L(M_u)$ 
3:  $p(m_u) \leftarrow 0$  for  $m_u \in M_u$ ,  $p(m_l) \leftarrow 1$  for  $m_l \in M_l$   $\triangleright$  Init
4: for  $x_u \sim M_u$  do
5:   for  $m' \in M_u \cup M_l$  do
6:      $\text{dis}(m_u, m') \leftarrow \|F(m_u) - F(m')\|_2$ 
7:   end for
8:   find and save top-k nearest mask of  $x_u$ 
9: end for
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● Label propagation



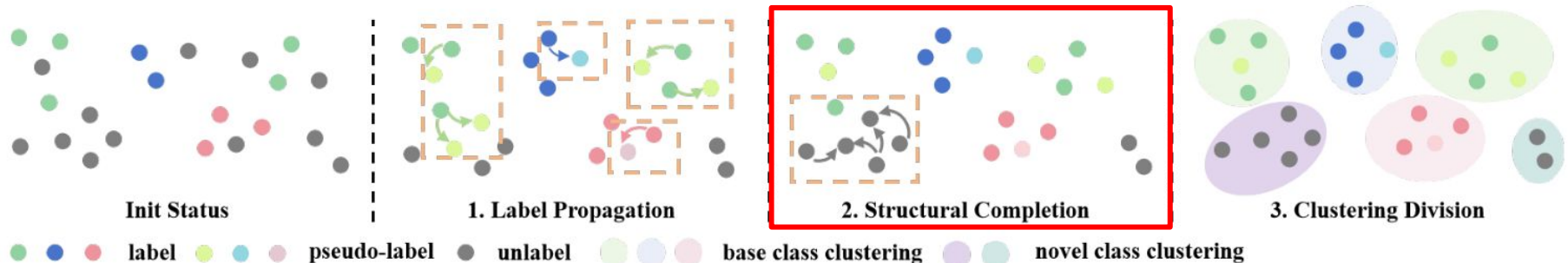
-pseudo-label formula.

$$l = \begin{cases} \operatorname{argmax}_c \left(\sum_{i=1}^k p_i \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\{label_i=c\}} \right) \\ \quad , \text{ if } \max \left(\sum_{i=1}^k p_i \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\{label_i=c\}} \right) > \theta \\ unlabeled, \text{ otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

-update formula.

$$p = \begin{cases} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k p_i \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\{label_i=c\}} \right) \\ \quad , \text{ if } \max \left(\sum_{i=1}^k p_i \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\{label_i=c\}} \right) > \theta \\ 0, \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

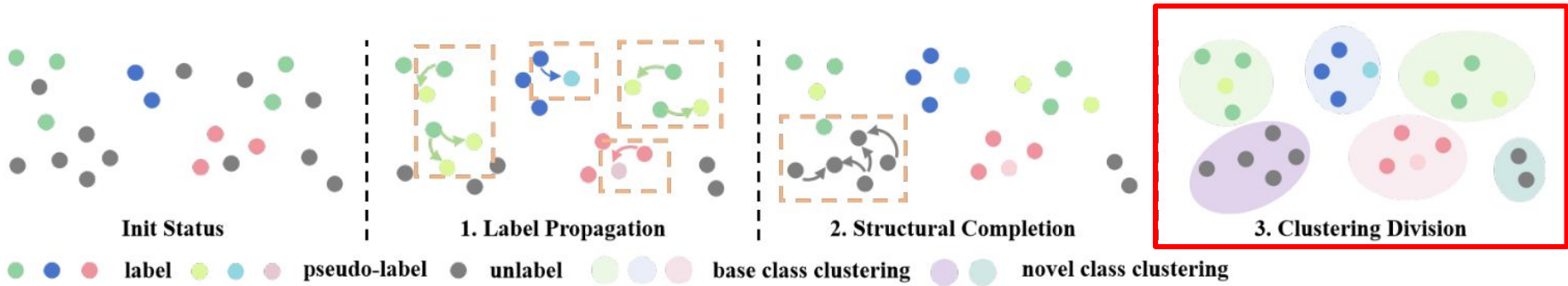
• **Structural Completion**



-elimination formula.

$$l = unlabeled, \text{ if } \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\{label_i = unlabeled\}} \right) > \theta$$

● **Clustering Divison**



● Experiment

Labeled set D_l contains only the base classes.

Unlabeled set D_u includes both the base classes and novel classes.

Comb.	Novel Classes	Num / Pixel Area in Unlabel Set
1	Rider, Truck, Bus, Train	1816 / 1.31%
2	Rider, Bus, Train, Motor.	1805 / 1.05%
3	Wall, Truck, Bus, Train	1767 / 2.08%
4	Wall, Bus, Train, Motor.	1876 / 1.82%
5	Fence, Truck, Bus, Train	1986 / 2.38%

Table 1. **Cityscapes-GCD**. Our dataset includes five combinations, each with a labeled set (1390 images) and an unlabeled set (2085 images). It features 15 base classes and 4 novel classes. We also provide detailed information on the novel classes in the unlabeled set, including image number (Num) and pixel area proportion (Pixel Area).

Combination	Baseline			NeRG-MaskCA		
	Base Class	Novel Class	Avg Class	Base Class	Novel Class	Avg Class
Comb. 1	31.99	3.38	25.97	46.12	30.61	42.86
Comb. 2	28.38	2.36	22.9	46.62	28.94	42.90
Comb. 3	31.01	2.10	24.92	46.42	30.74	43.12
Comb. 4	32.3	3.86	26.31	46.84	28.03	42.88
Comb. 5	28.91	5.88	24.06	45.65	33.18	43.02
Average mIoU	30.52	3.52	24.83	46.33	30.30	42.96

Table 2. **Comparison of the baseline and NeRG-MaskCA across five class combinations.** NeRG-MaskCA outperforms the baseline compared to the five class combinations.

- Ablation study

Clustering	Label	Struct	mIoU (%)
Div.	Prop.	Comp.	(Base / Novel / Avg)
✓	-	-	30.52 / 3.52 / 24.83
✓	✓	-	46.31 / 23.92 / 41.60
✓	✓	✓	46.33 / 30.30 / 42.96

Table 3. Comparison of components.

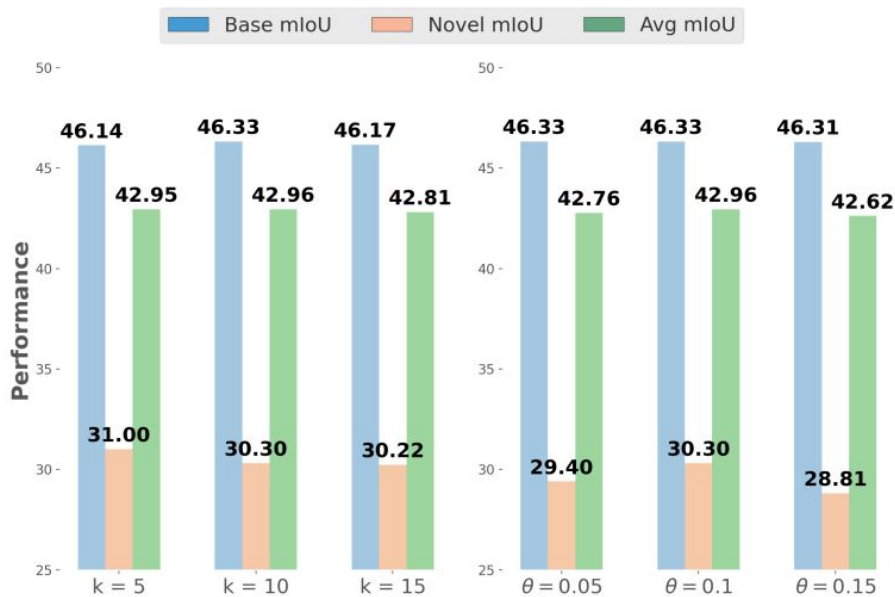


Figure 5. **Parameter analysis of k and θ .** The nearest mask number k varies among 5, 10, and 15. The lower bound confidence θ for pseudo-label changes among 0.05, 0.10, and 0.15. The performance of our approach is relatively stable.