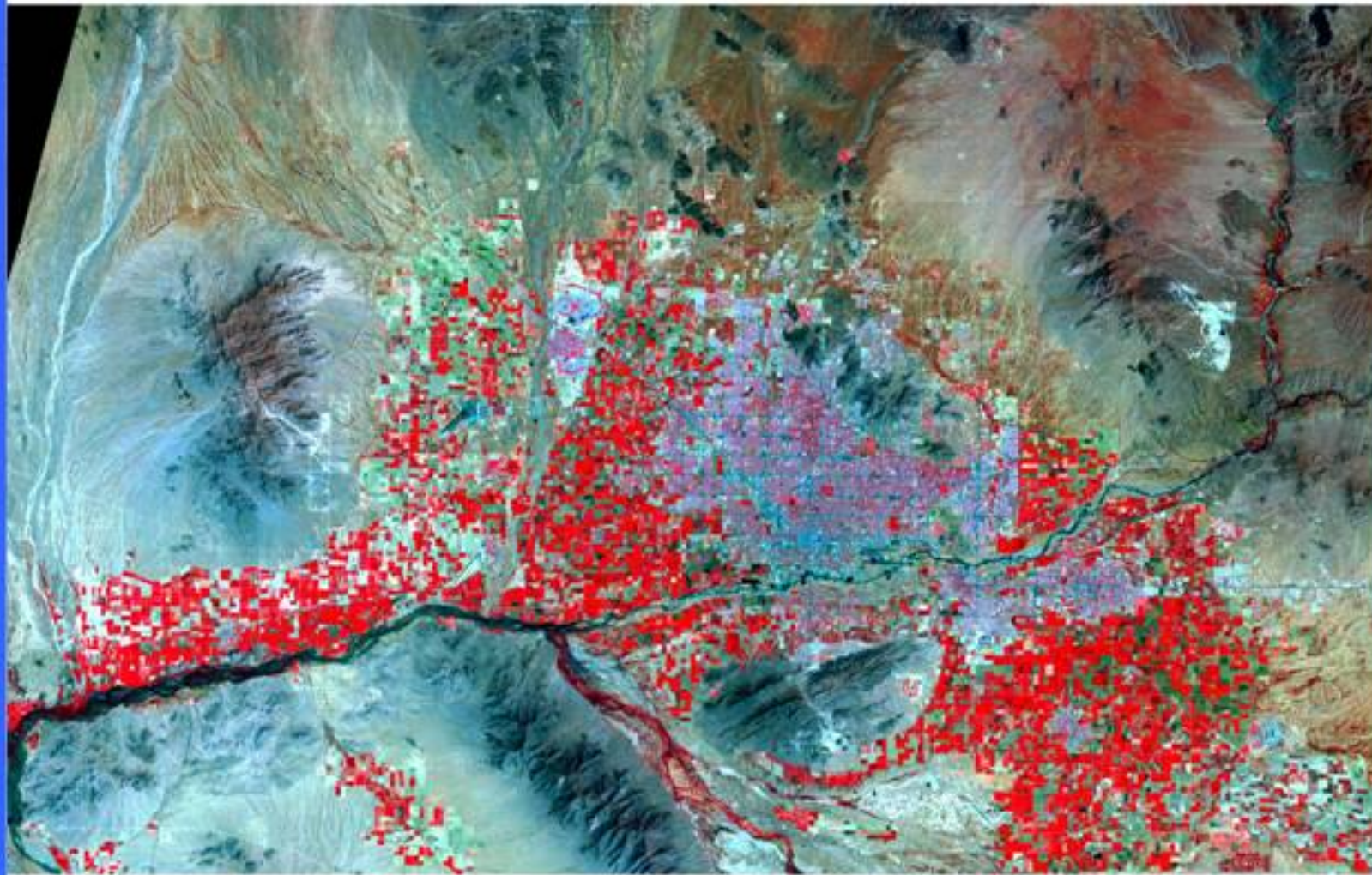


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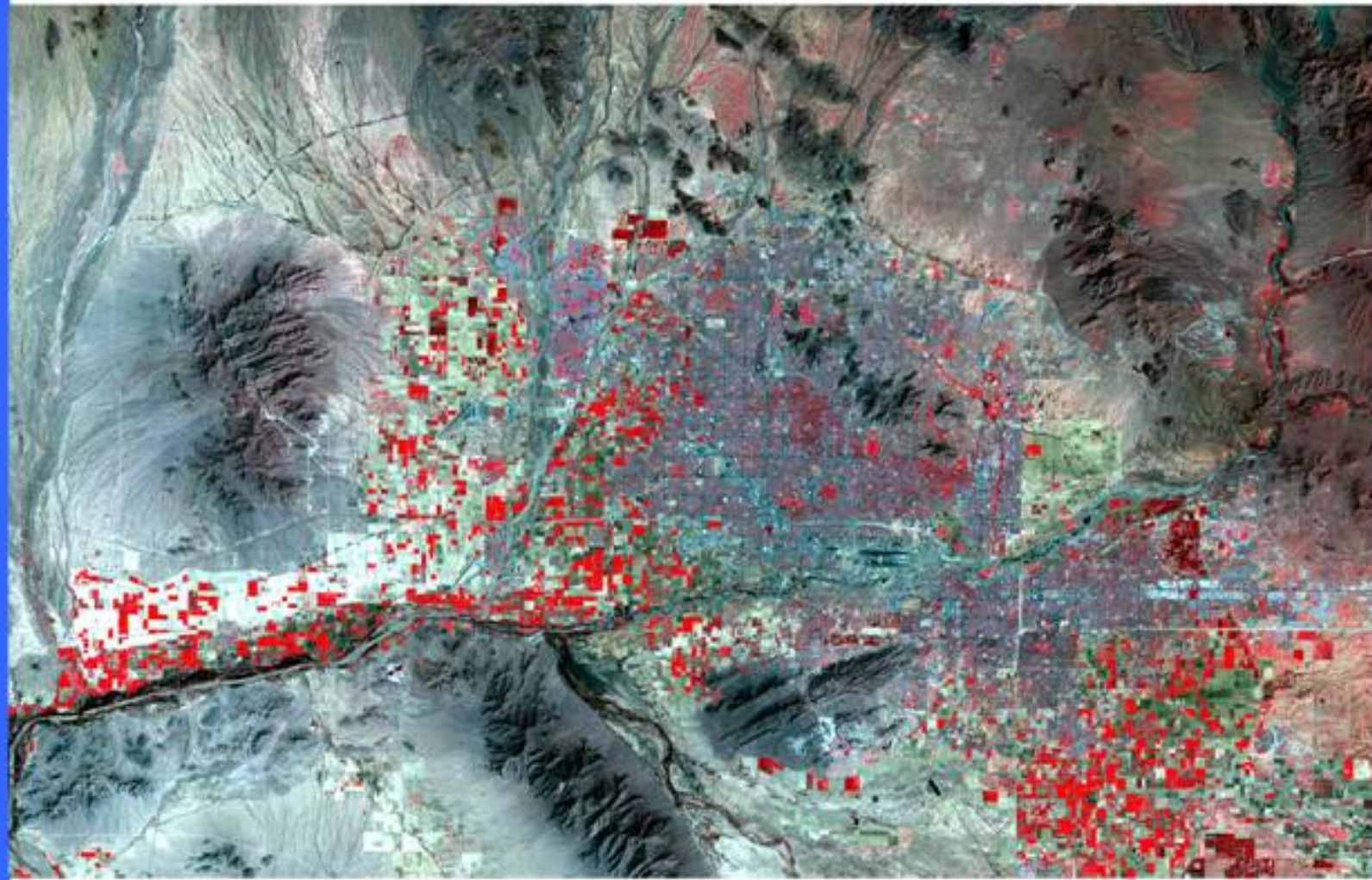
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As Seen From Space

Landsat MSS Imagery 1973



Landsat TM Imagery 1991



ASTER Imagery 2003

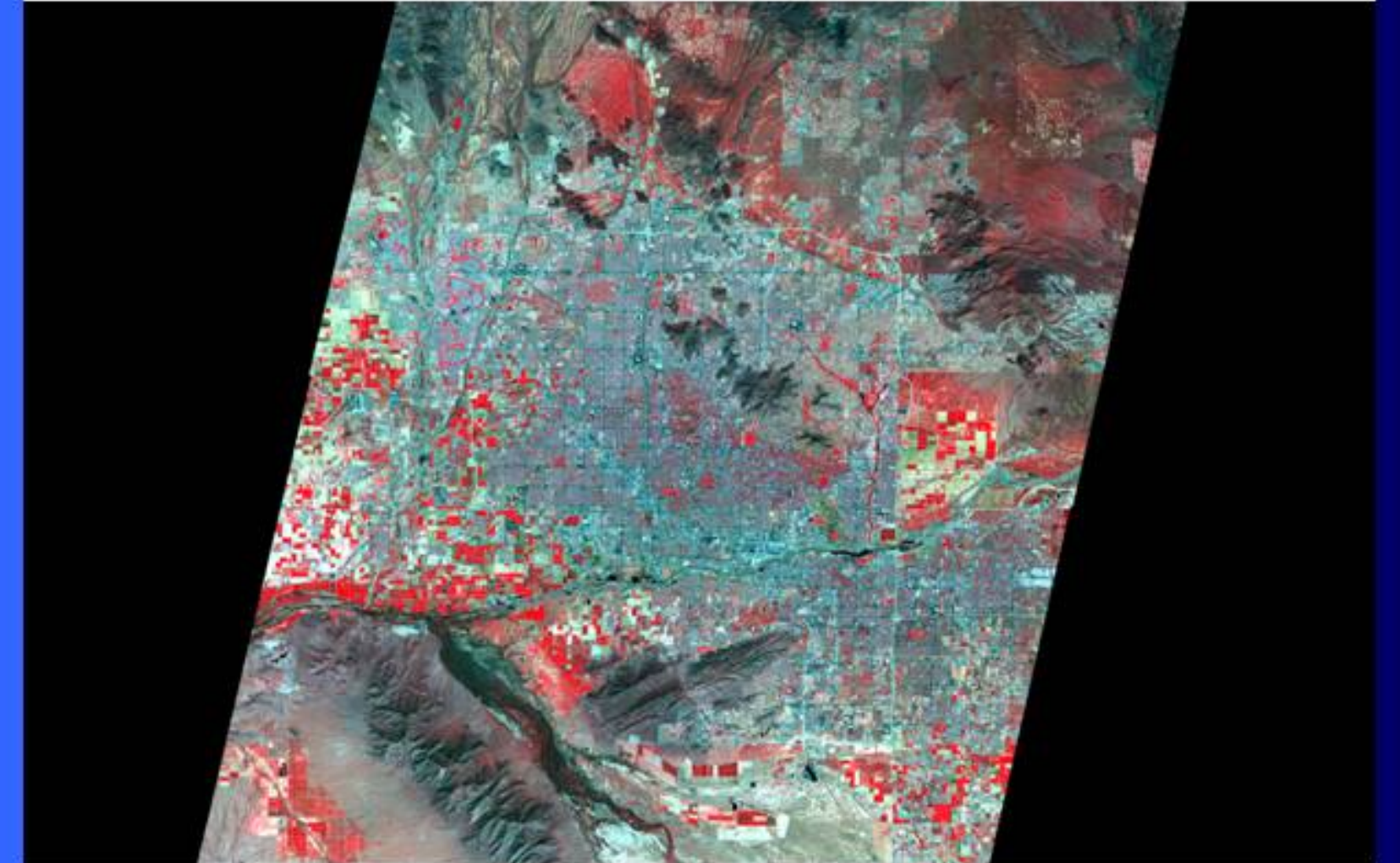
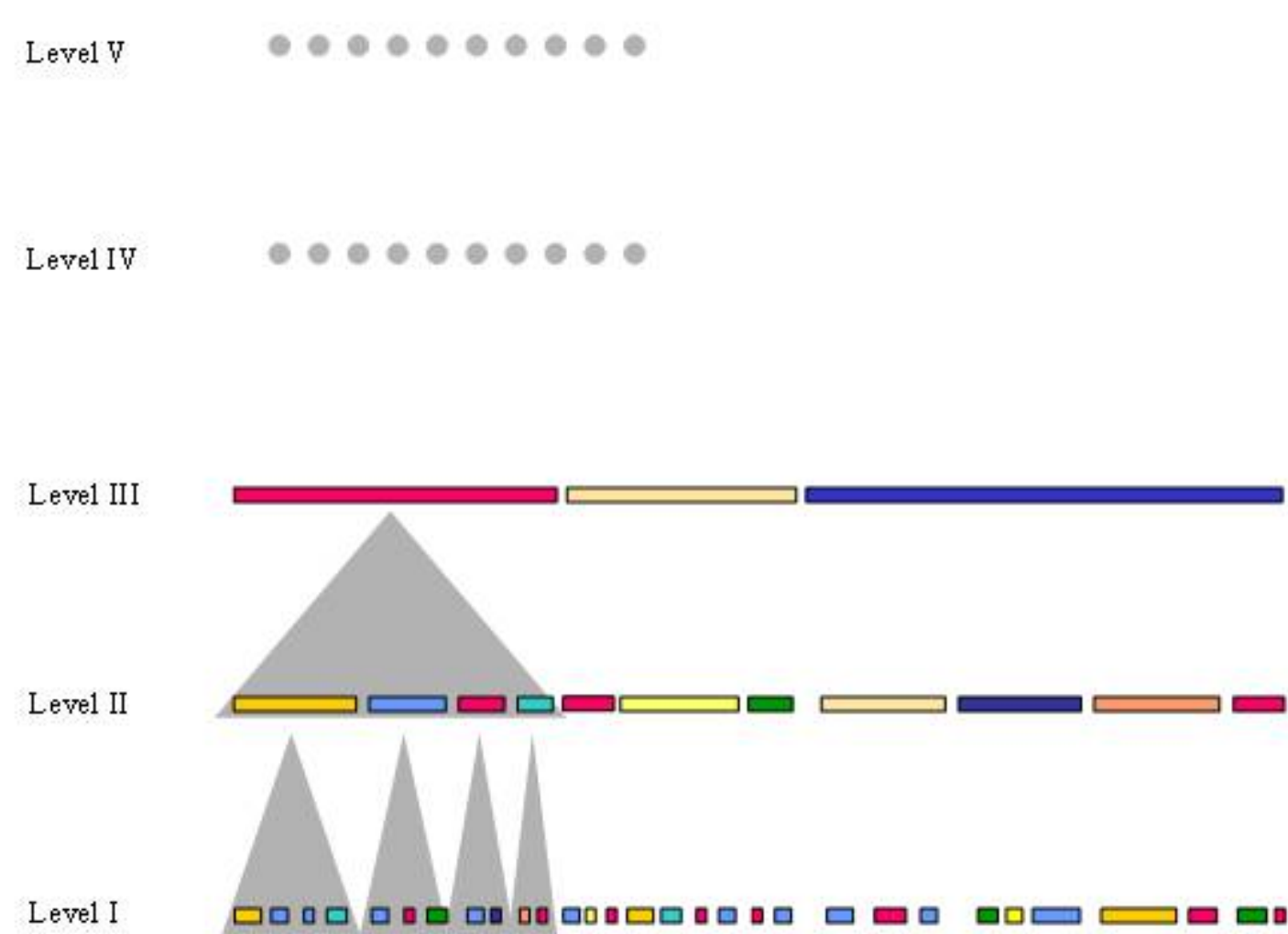


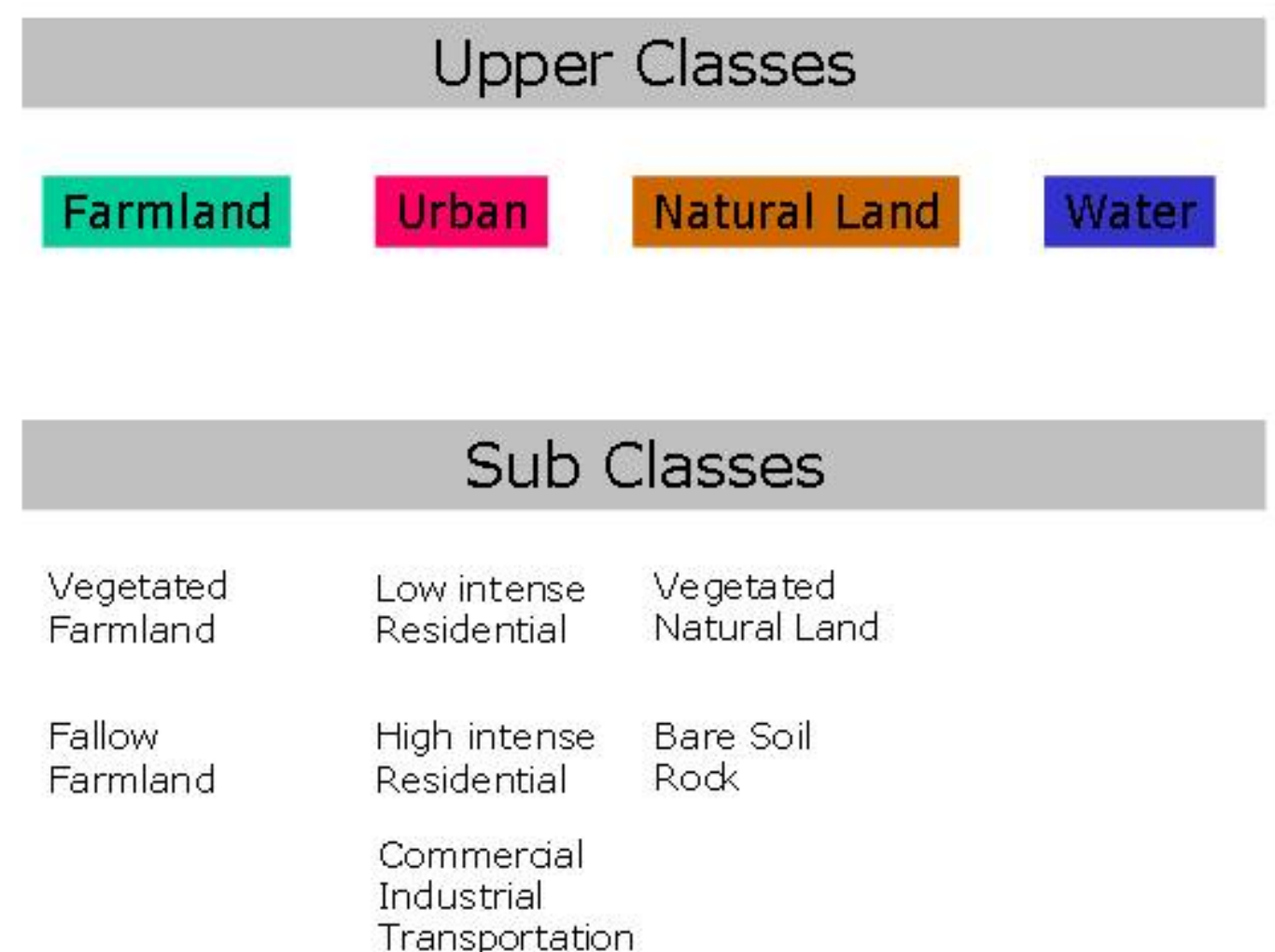
Image Analysis

Image Segmentation



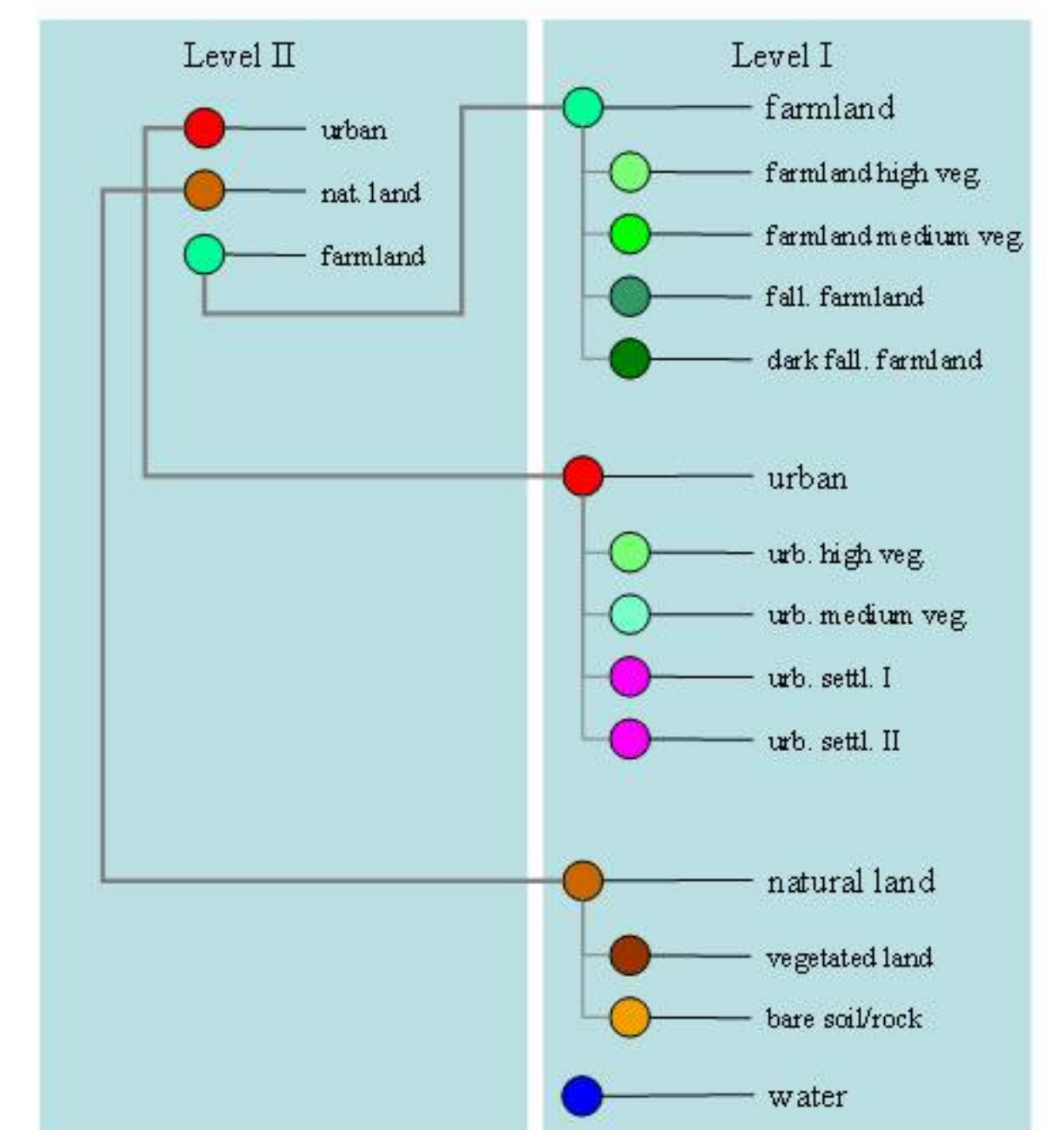
An image segmentation is performed on several levels. Each segment is connected to its upper as well as to its sub segments. It is also related to its neighbors (Topology).

Land Use/Land Cover Classes



after: Anderson et al. (1976) level I and NLCD 2000

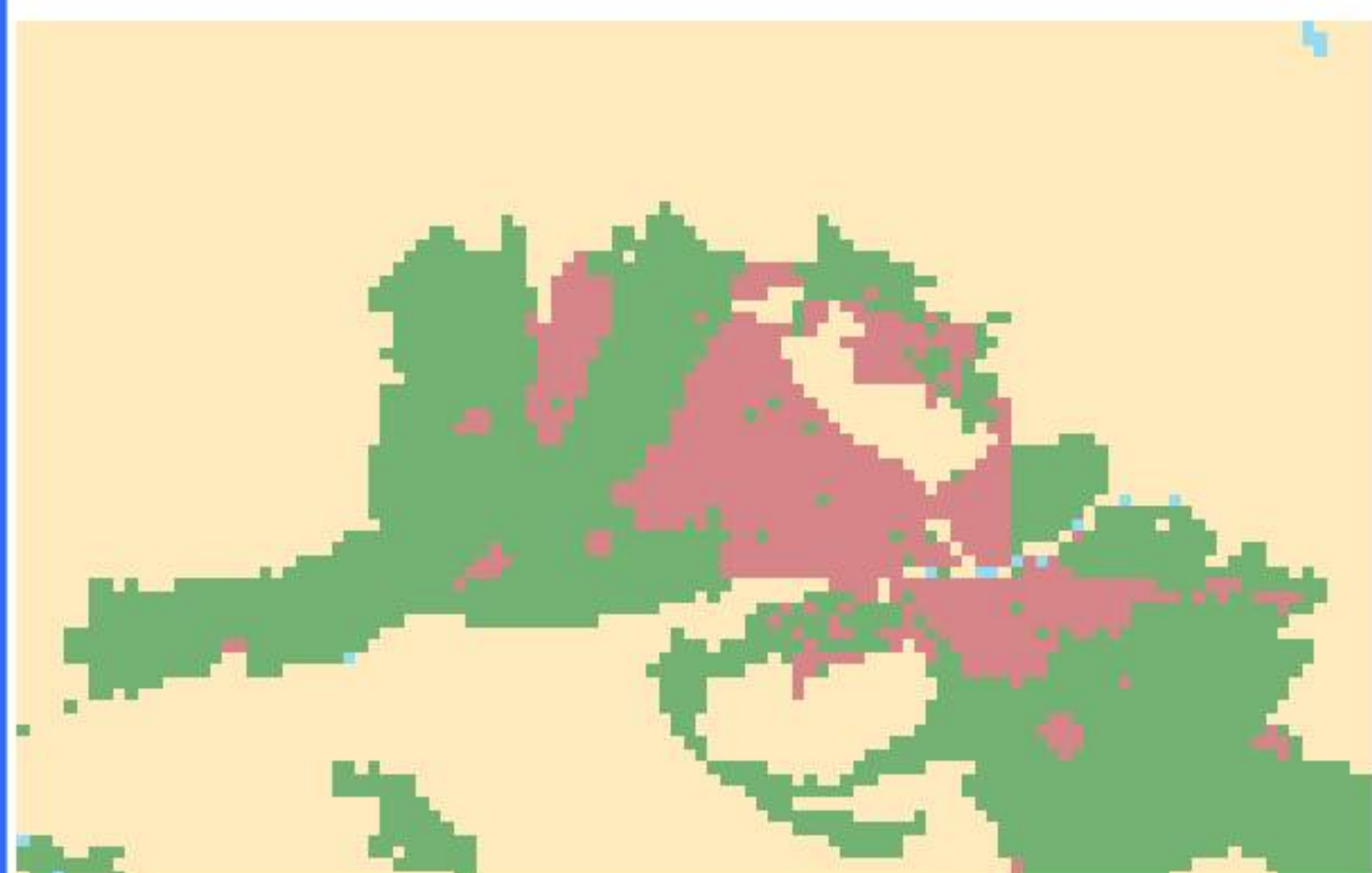
Multi Level Classification



Three classes were defined manually on level II. On level I the refined sub classes were classified (example for the MSS 1979 classification).

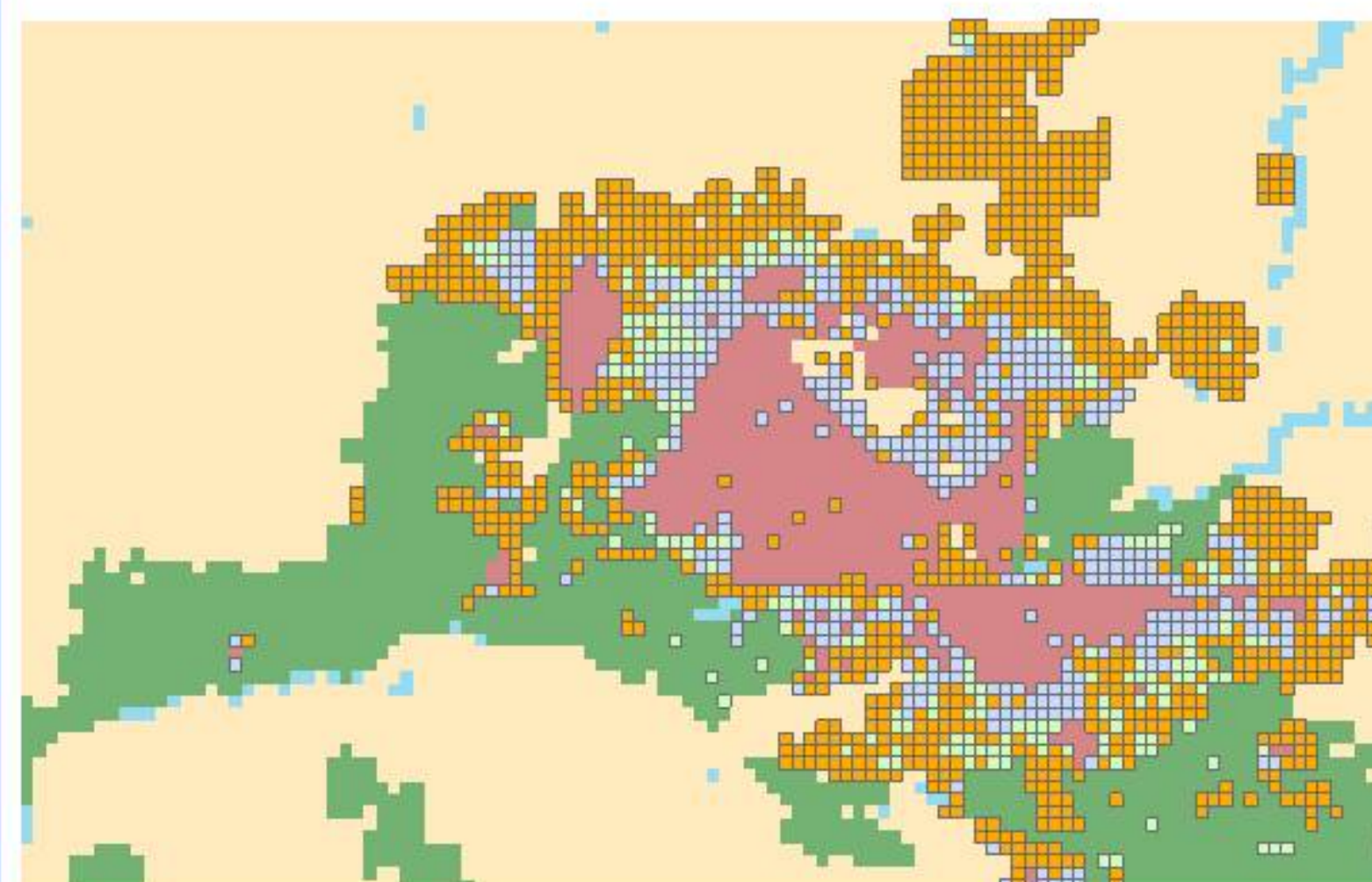
Visualizing Changes

Classification Landsat MSS 1979



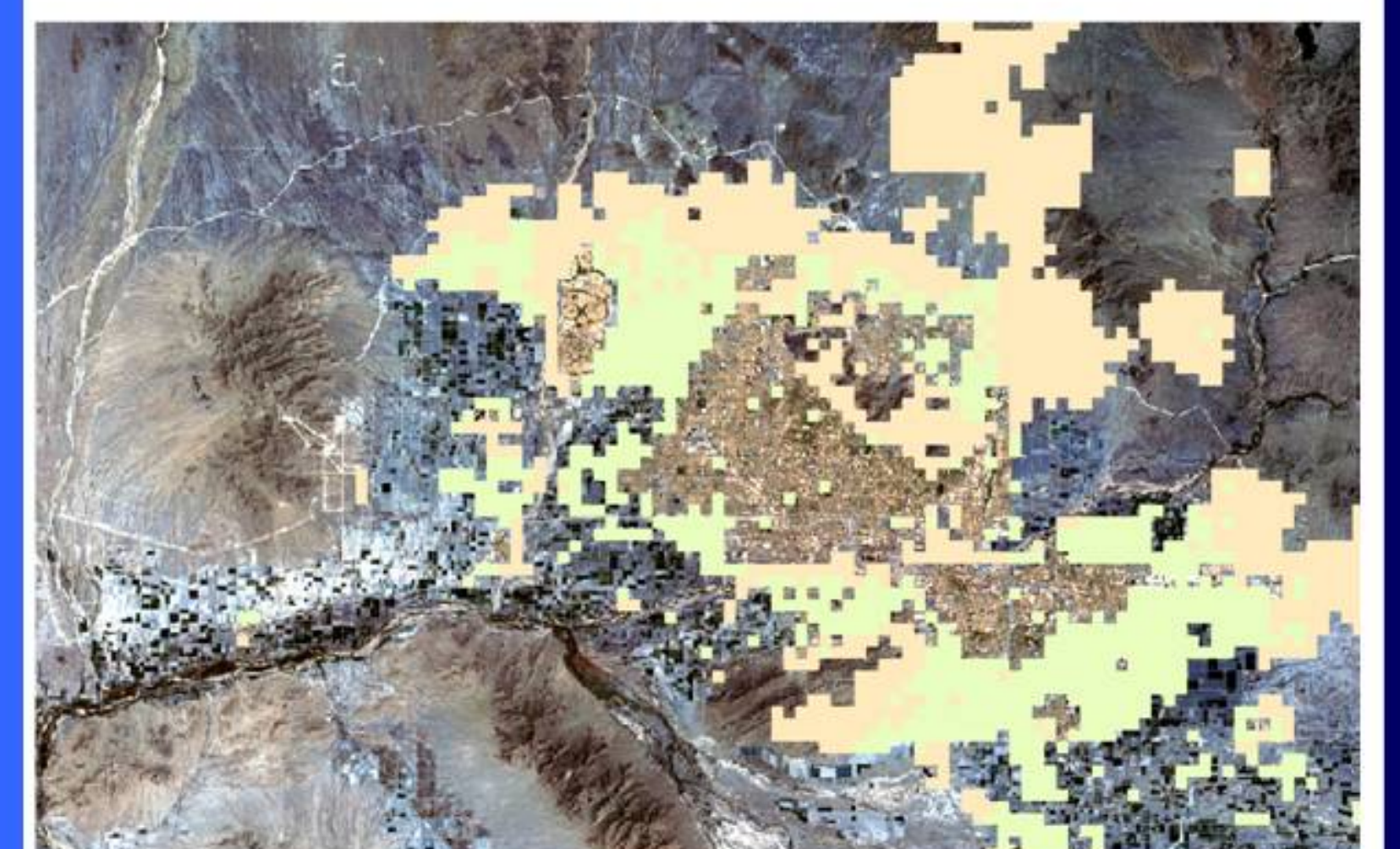
Legend: beige: natural lands; green: farmland; dark red: urban

Landuse Changes 1979 - 2000



Legend: blue: not urban 1979, urban in 1985
green: not urban 1985, urban in 1991
orange: not urban 1991, urban in 2000
size: one rectangle indicates 1x1 sqkm

Transition 1979 - 2000



Legend: green: transition to urban
beige: natural land to urban
based on a 1x1 sqkm cell size
underlying TM image, 1985; r, g, b - r, b, ir