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Ph.D. Thesis:

# New Probabilistic Classification Techniques for Hyperspectral Images

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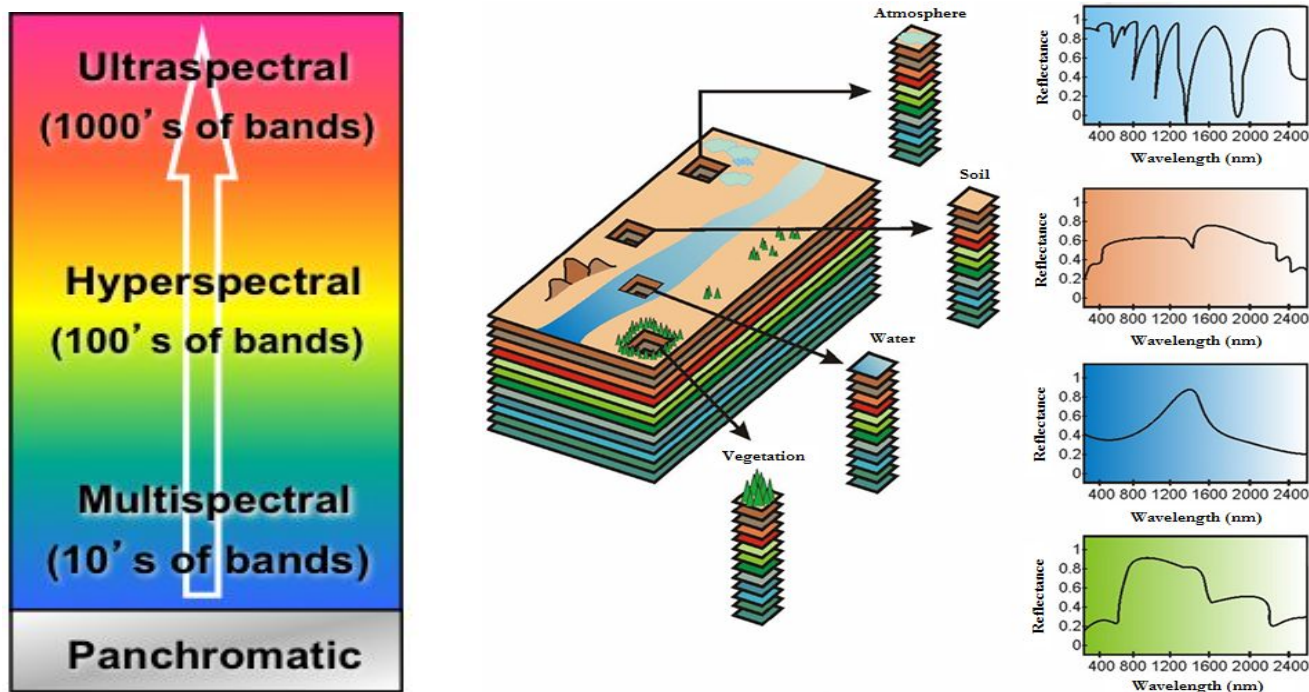
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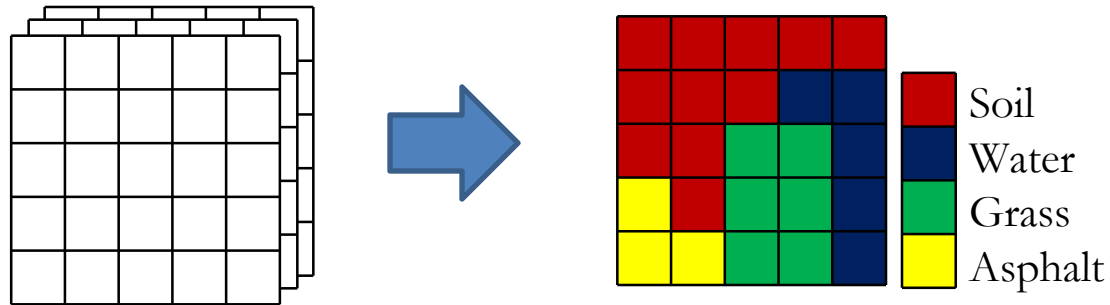
# Hyperspectral image

- Hyperspectral sensors provide rich spectral information for distinguishing different land cover types such as water, soil and vegetation.



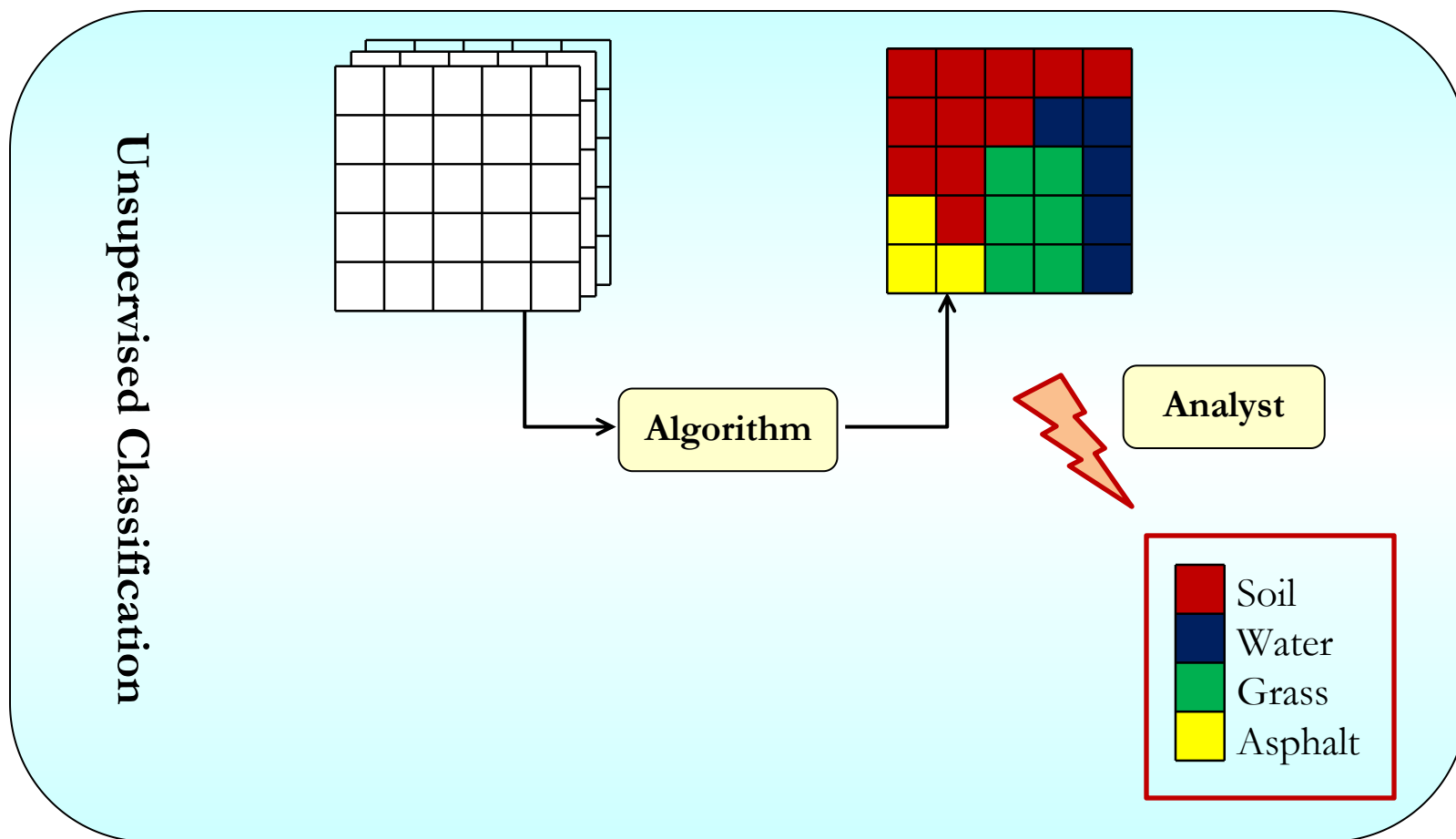
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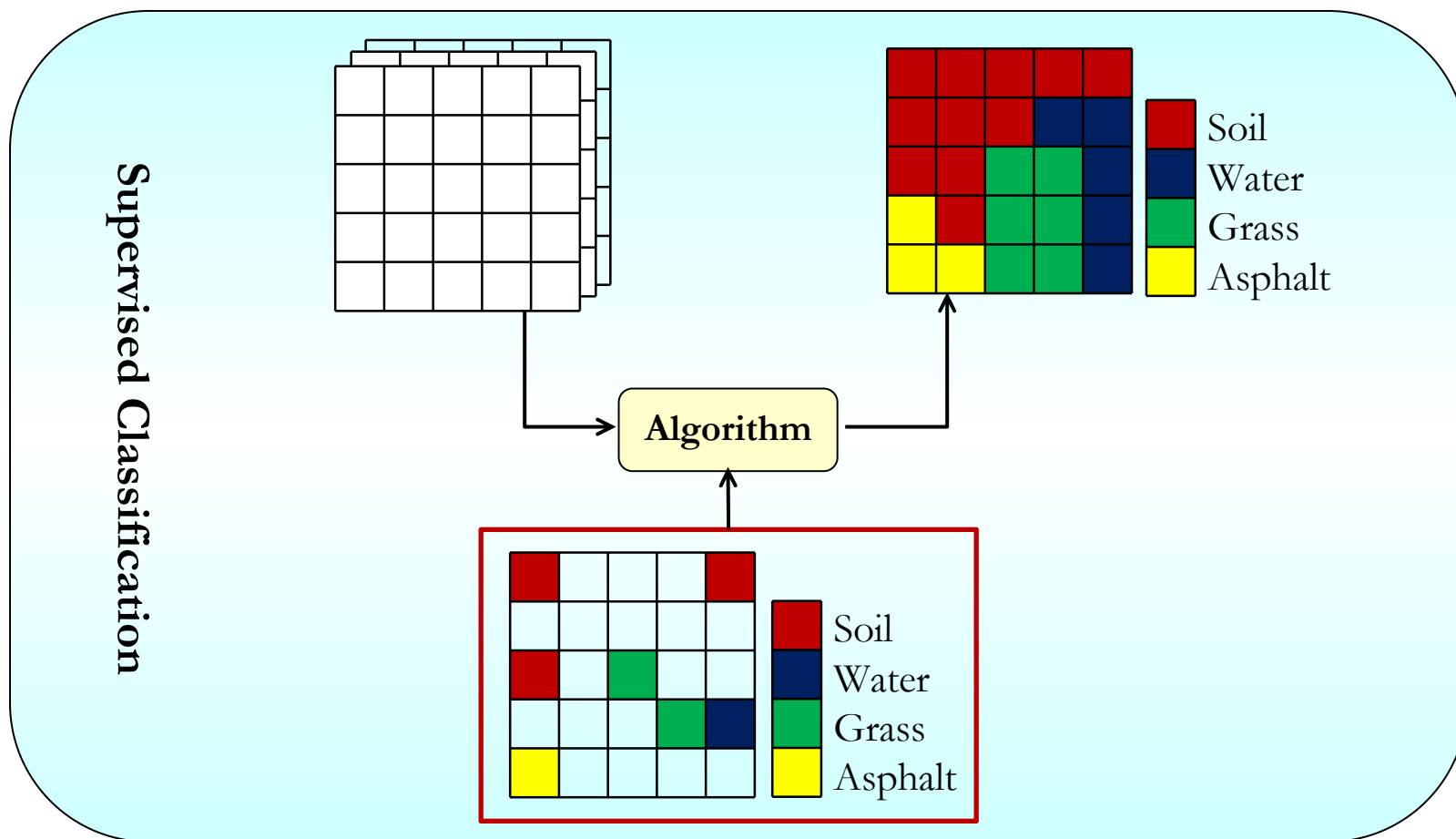
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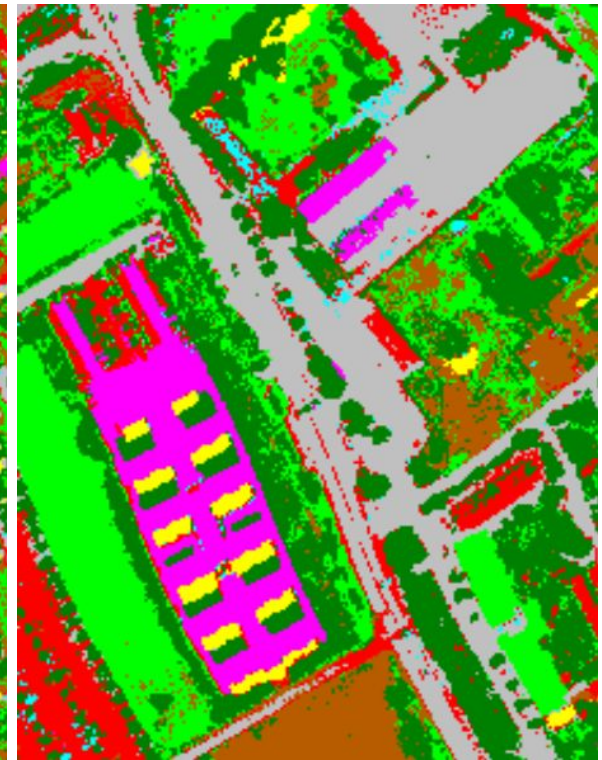
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*True color image*



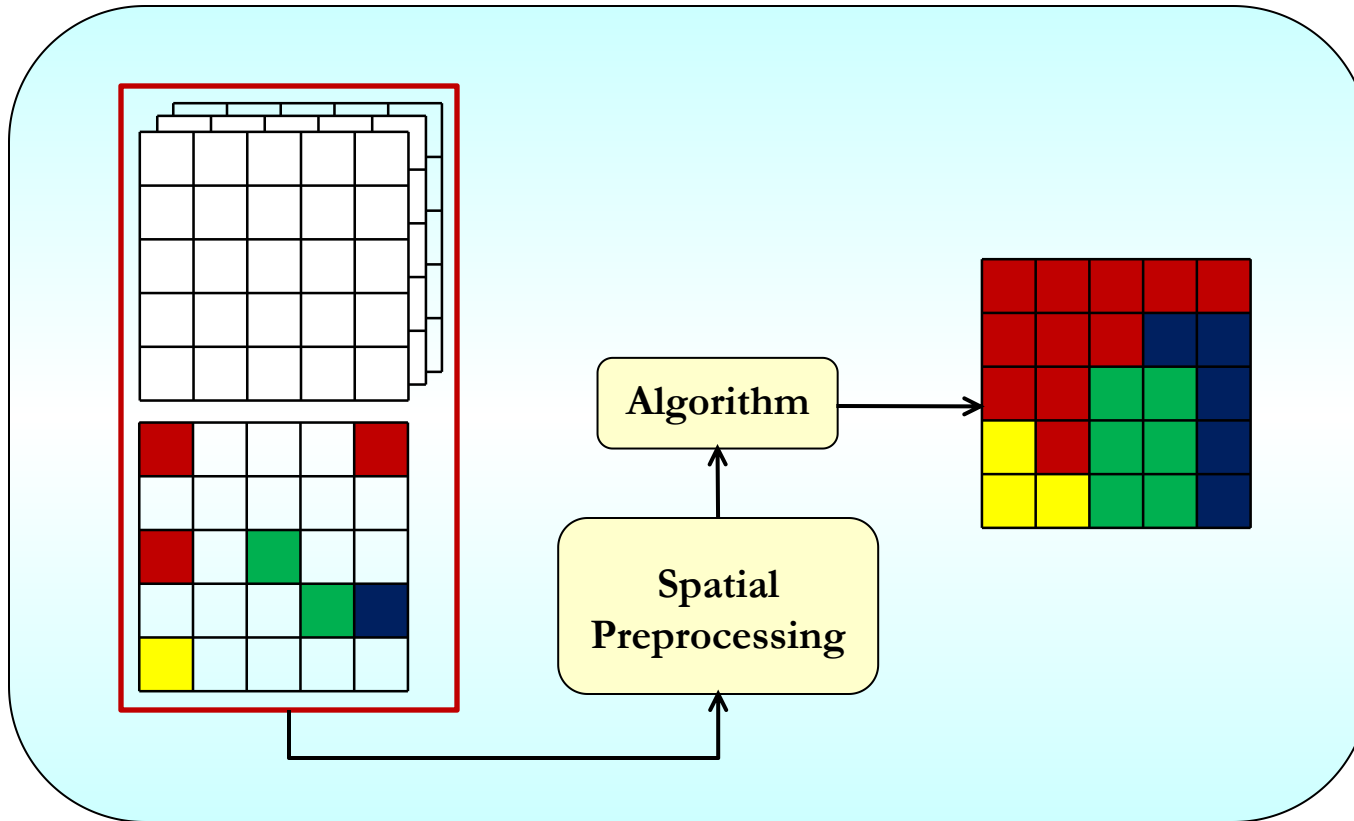
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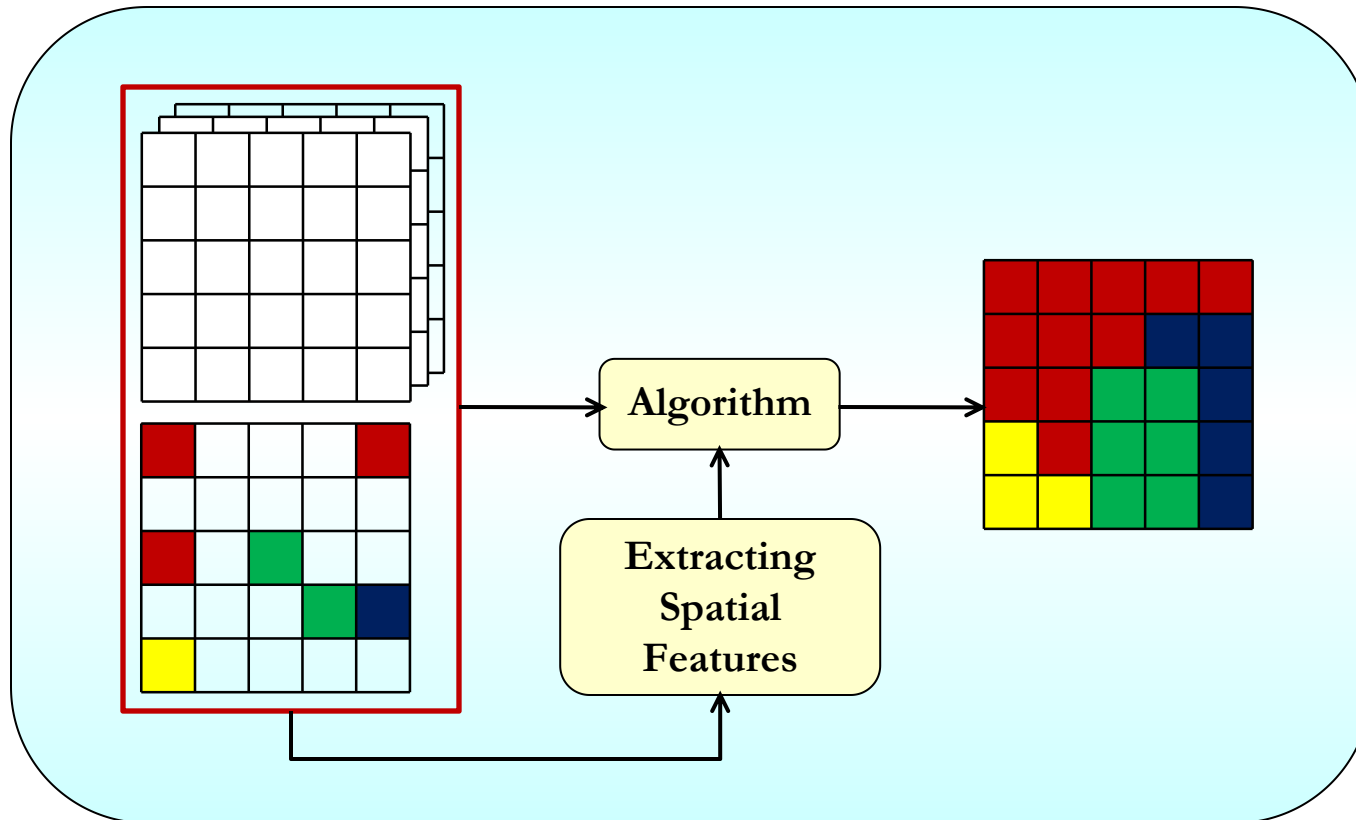
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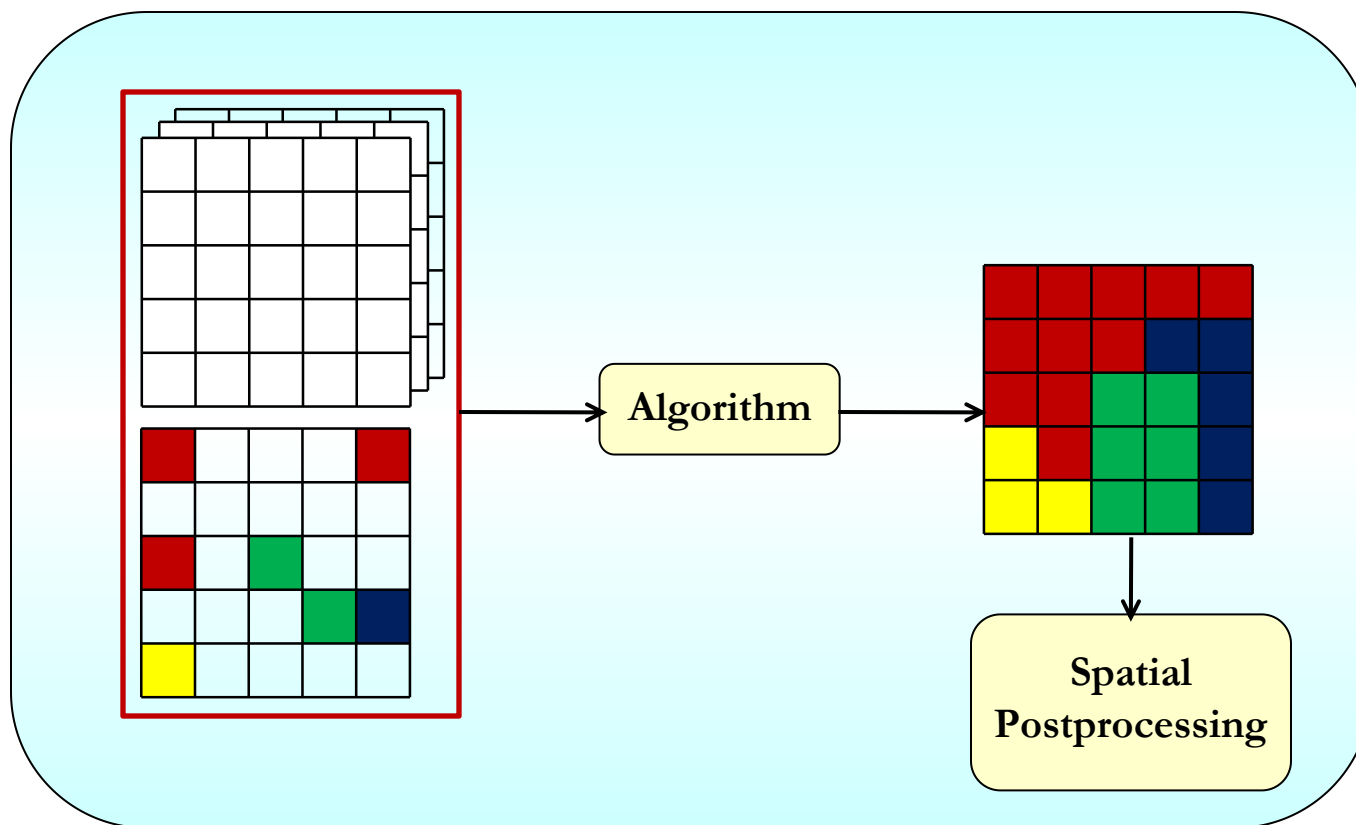
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# Subspace based methods

- It has been proved that the original spectral features in a hyperspectral image contain high redundancy and there is a high correlation between adjacent bands.



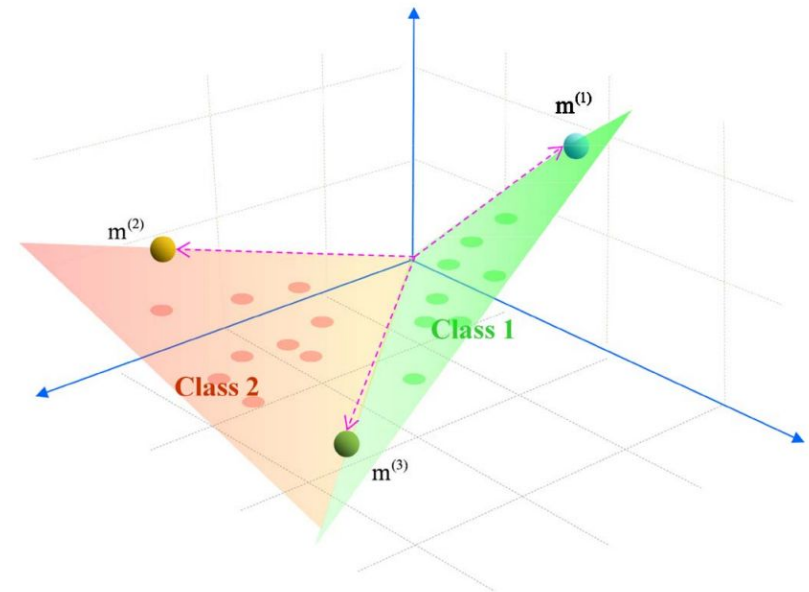
Hyperspectral data may effectively live in a lower-dimensional subspace

1. Reducing the dimensionality of hyperspectral data by projecting it to a precise subspace without losing the original spectral information.
2. Increasing the separability of the classes which are very similar in spectral sense.
3. Handling the effects of noise and the presence of heavily mixed pixels in a hyperspectral image.

# MLRsub

$$p(y_i = c | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\omega}) = \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(c)T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{(c)}(\mathbf{x}_i))}{\sum_{c=1}^K \exp(\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(c)T} \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{(c)}(\mathbf{x}_i))}$$

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$\mathbf{U}^{(c)}$ : set of lower dimensional orthonormal-basis vectors for the subspace associated with class  $c$  using training set  $D^{(c)}$

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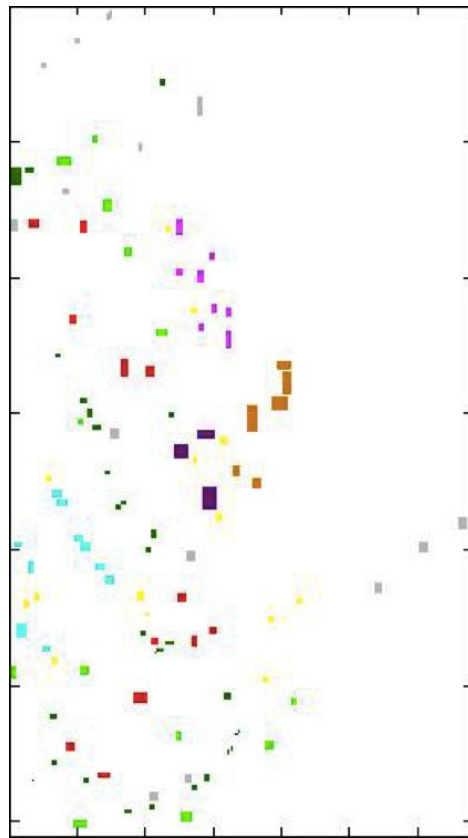


# ROSIS Pavia University data

- Comprises 610x340 pixels and 103 spectral bands between 0.43 and 0.86 microns.
- Spatial resolution of 1.3 meters, with 3921 training samples and 42776 test samples.



False color composition



Training data



Reference data



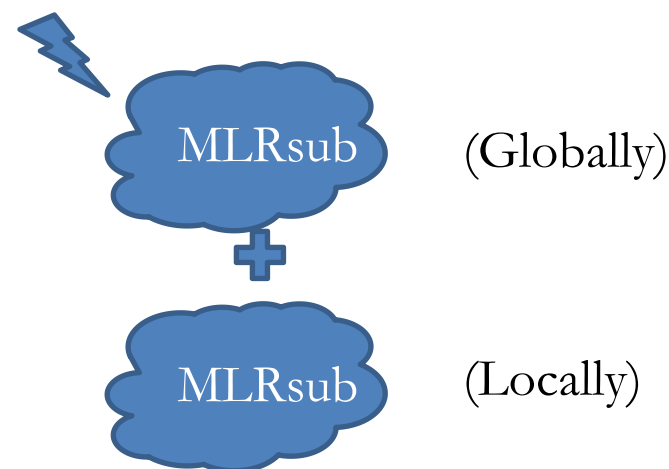
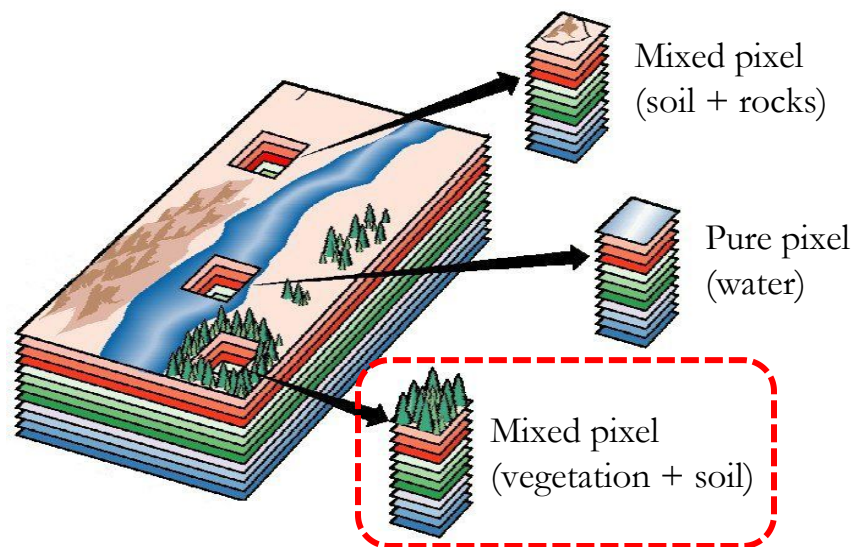
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# Combining local and global probabilities

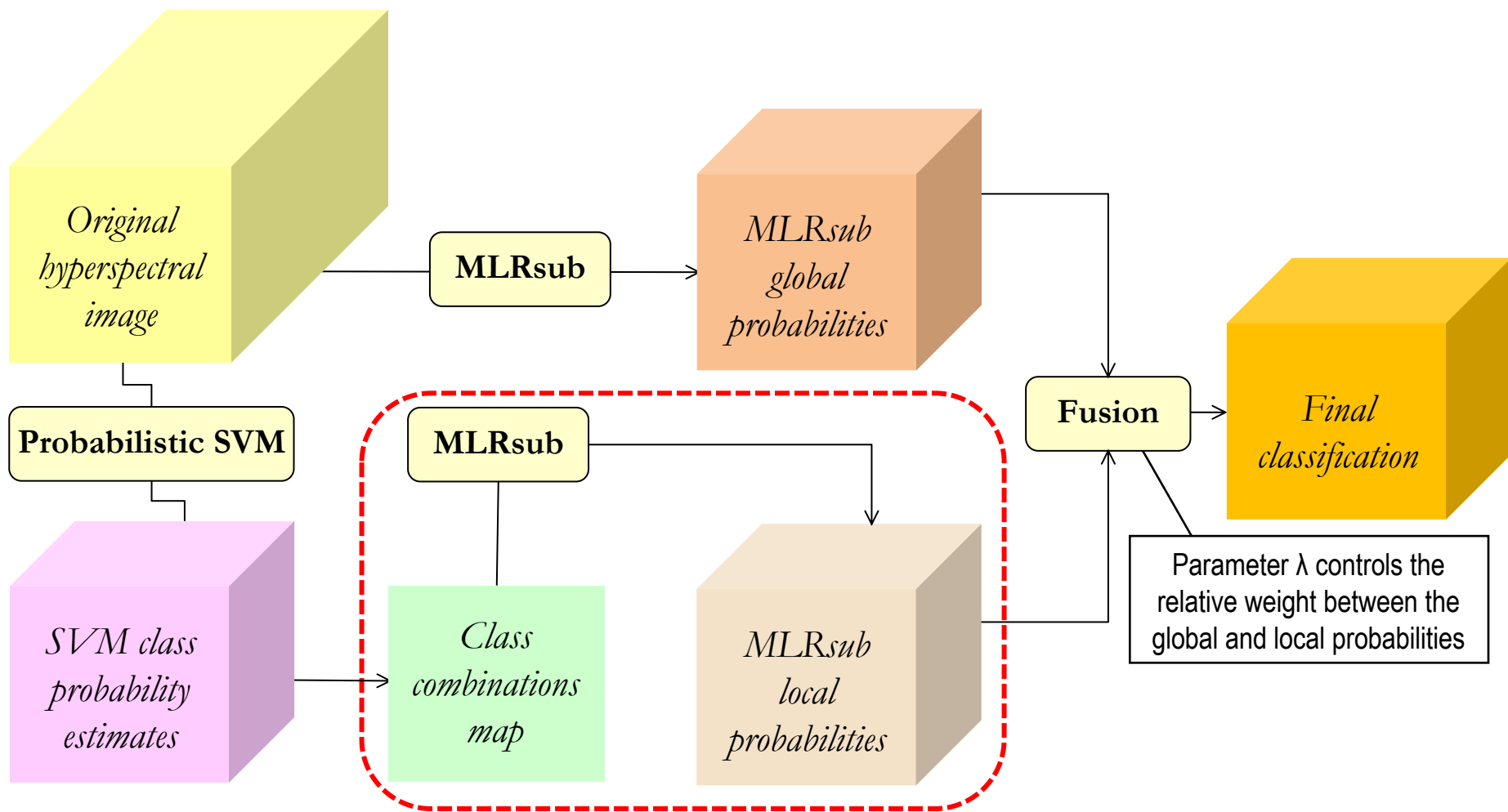
✓ Problem of mixed pixels

✓ Multiple classifier system



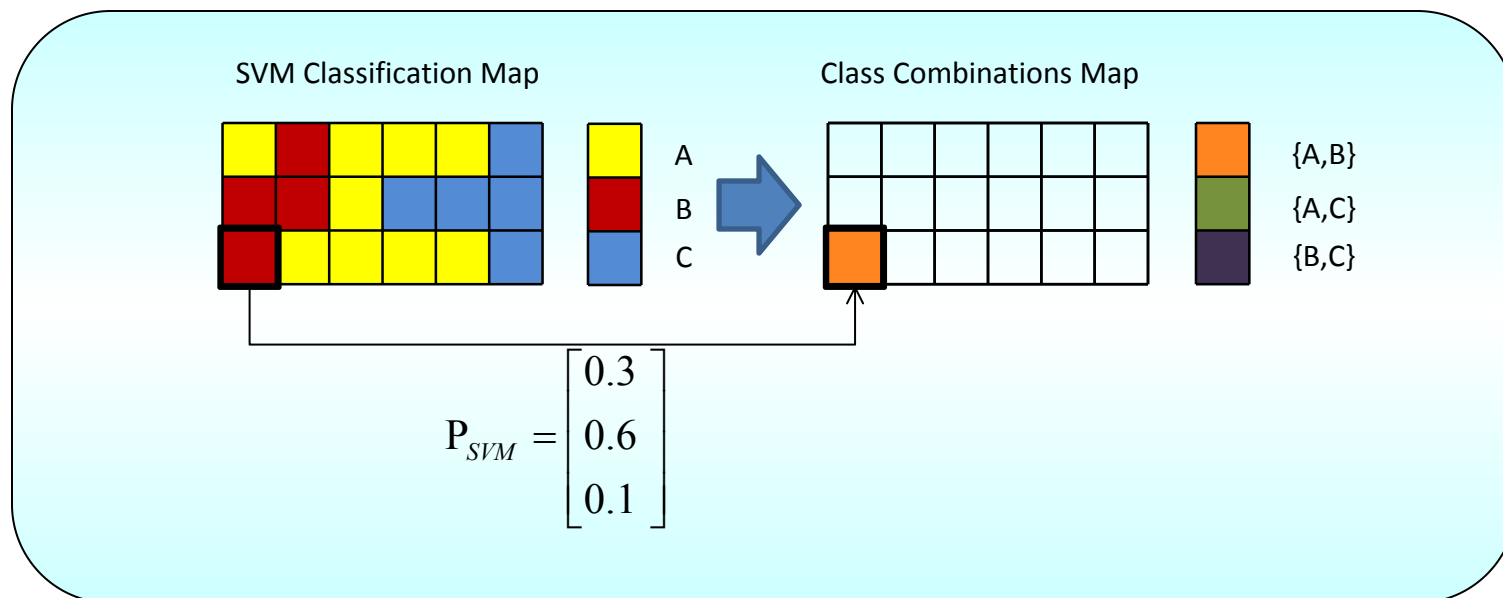
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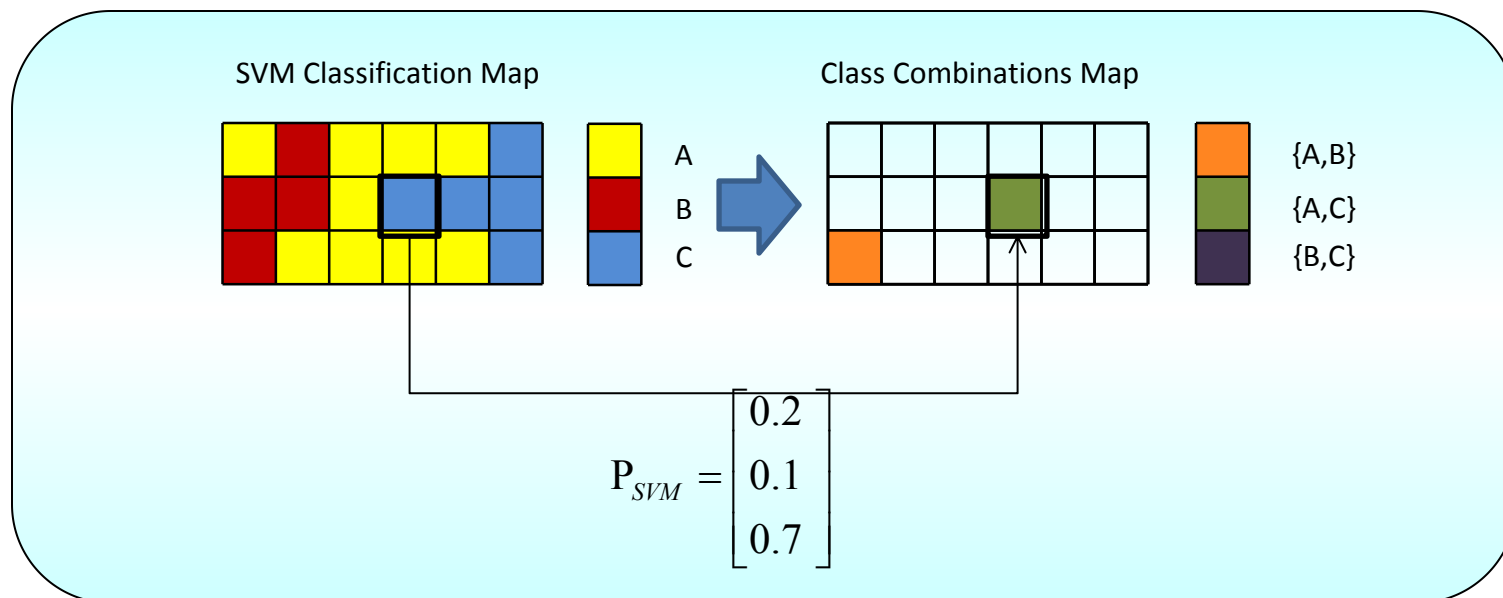
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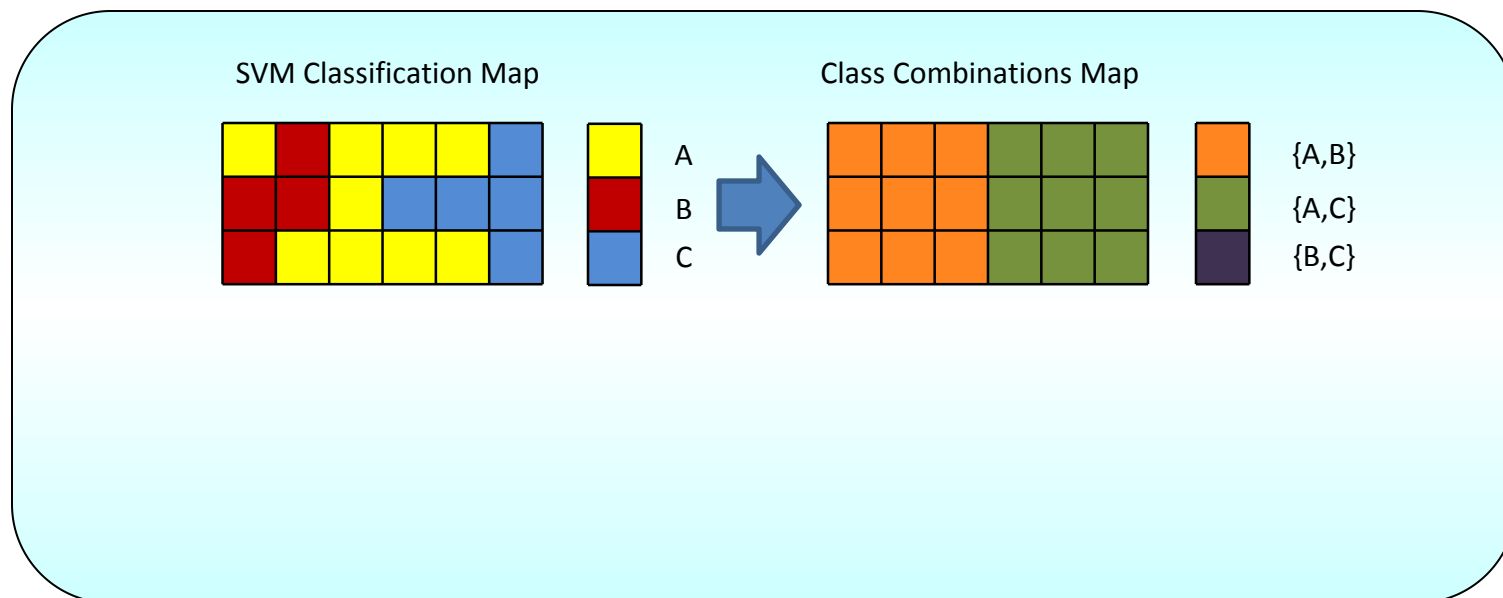
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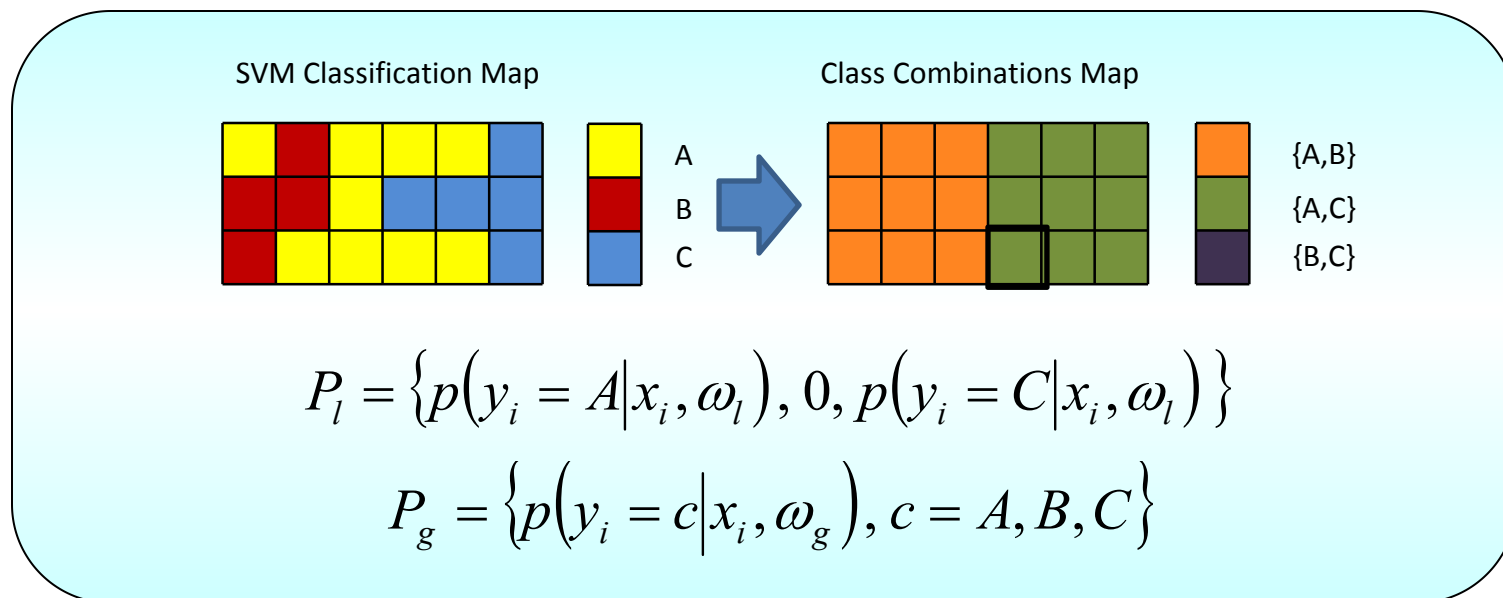
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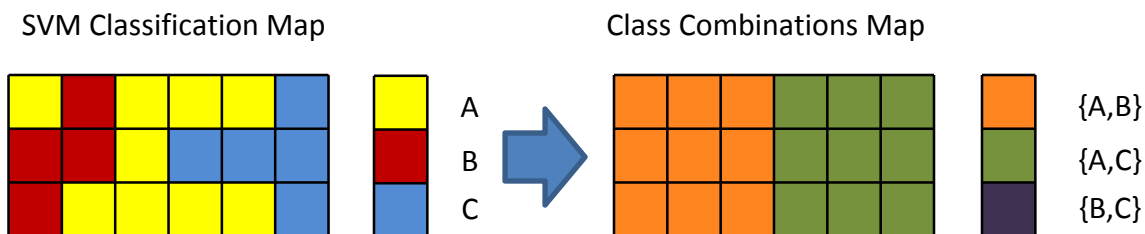
$$p(y_i = c | \mathbf{x}_i) = \lambda p_g(y_i = c | \mathbf{x}_i, \omega_g) + (1 - \lambda) p_l(y_i = c | \mathbf{x}_i, \omega_l)$$





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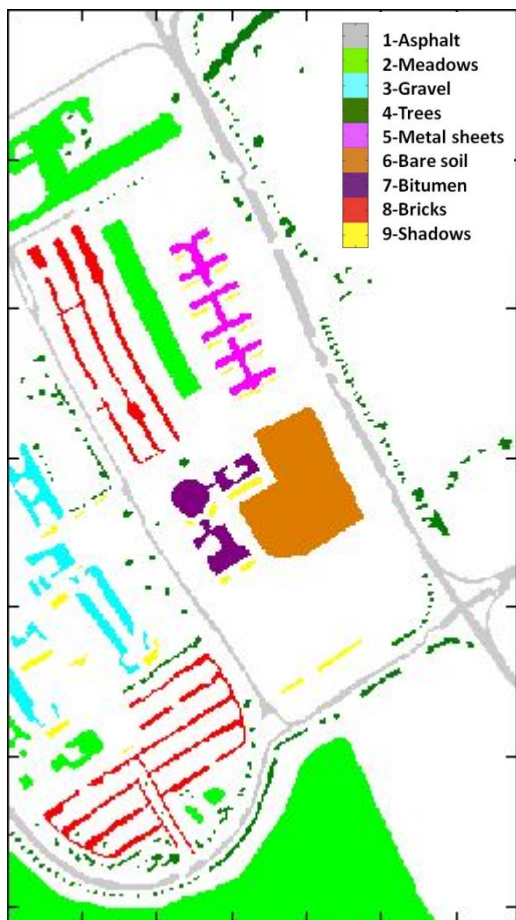
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Classification Accuracy	M						
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Overall	82.61	78.95	76.07	74.38	72.73	71.94	71.24
Average	83.79	80.31	77.67	76.38	75.25	74.66	74.23

Overall classification accuracies as a function of parameter  $M$

# Experimental results



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MLRsub(global)  
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MLRsub(global+local)  
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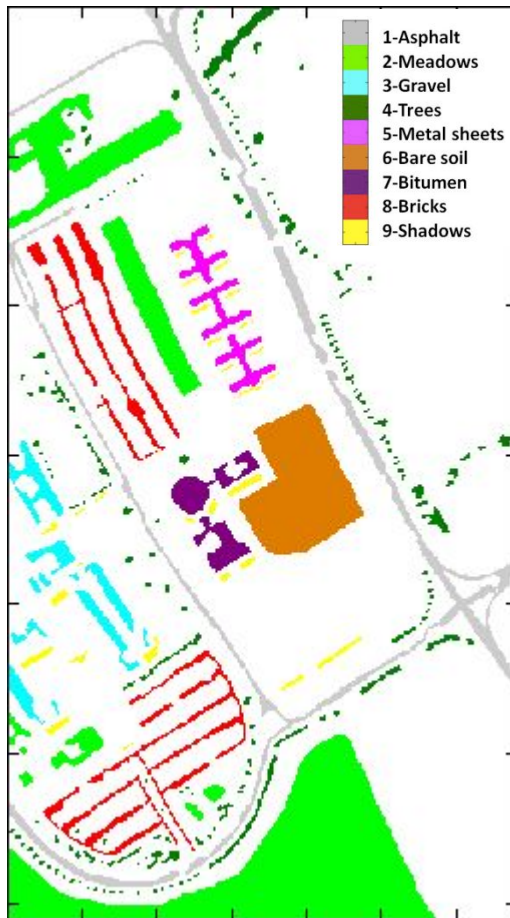
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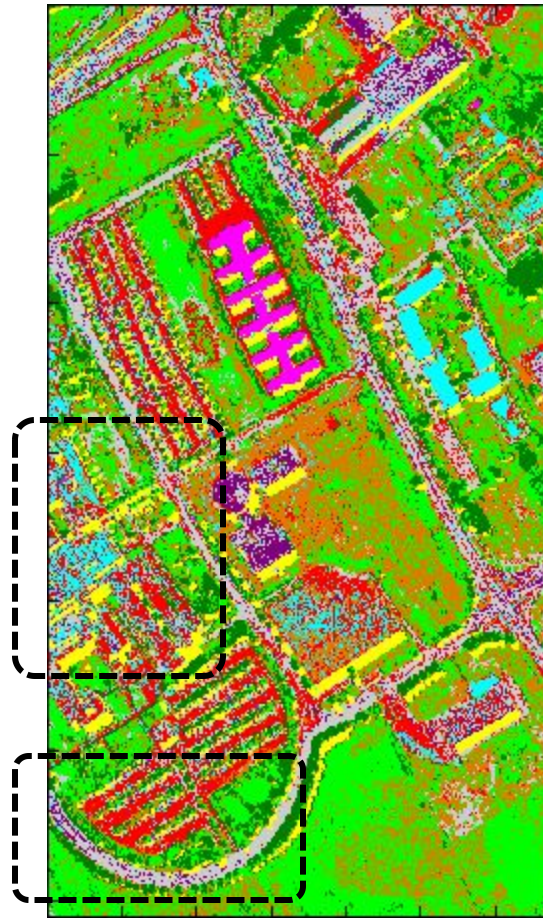
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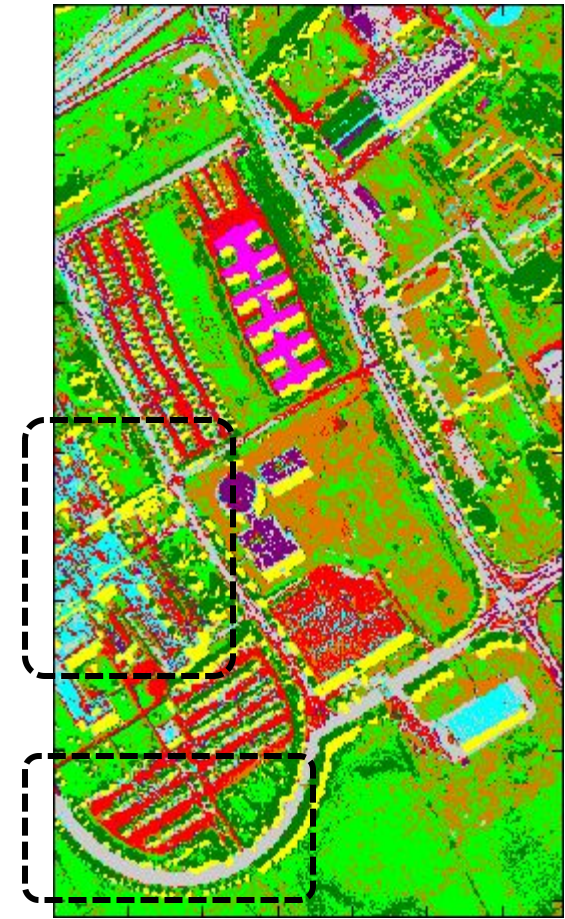


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MLRsubmod

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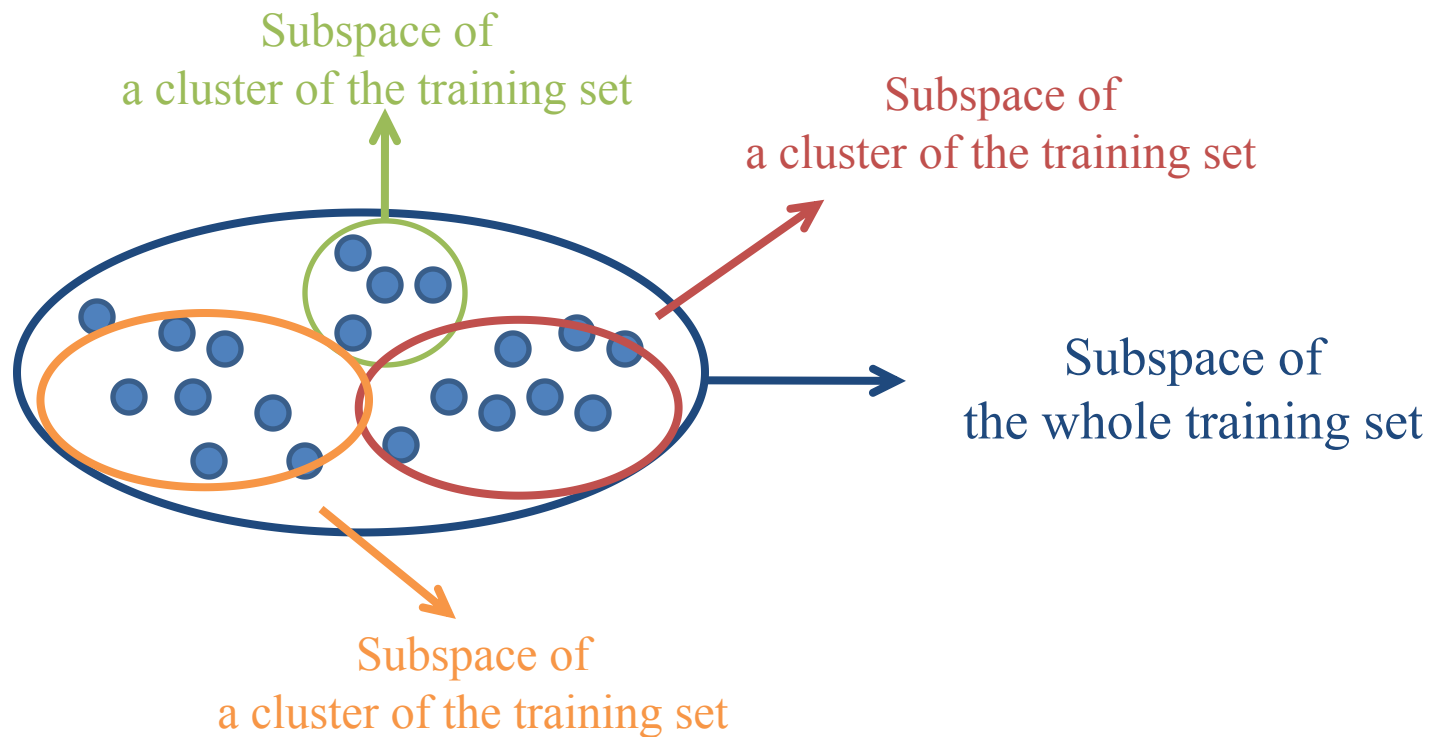


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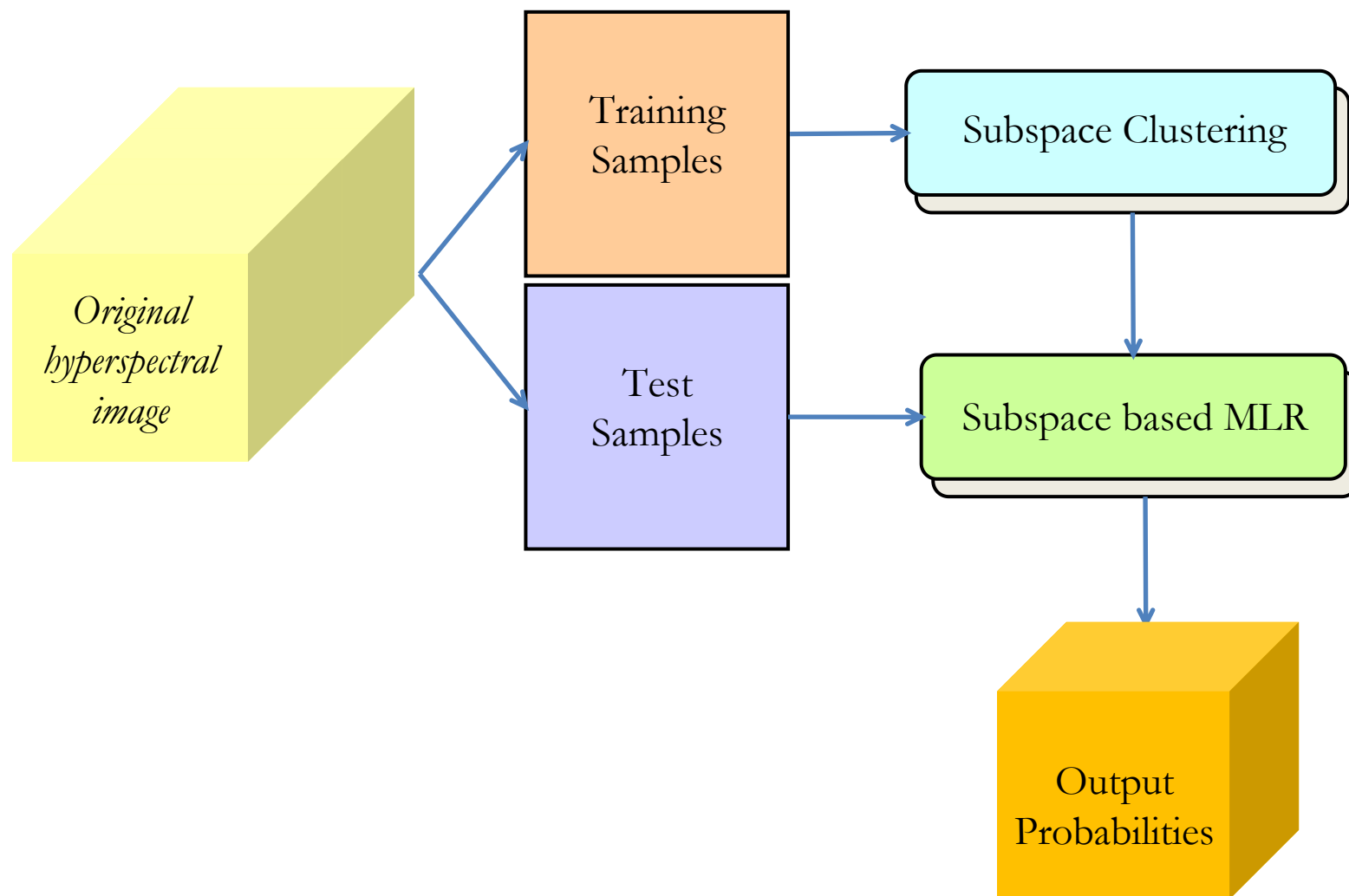
# Union of Subspaces

- Modeling high-dimensional data with a union of subspaces is a useful generalization of subspace models.



M. Khodadadzadeh, J. Li, A. Plaza and J. M. Bioucas-Dias, "Hyperspectral Image Classification Based on Union of Subspaces," IEEE Joint Urban Remote Sensing Event (JURSE'15), Lausanne, Switzerland, 2015.

- Includes: 1) subspace clustering of training samples set; 2) subspace projection and probabilistic classification using MLR algorithm.



M. Soltanolkotabi, E. Elhamifar, E. J. Candes et al., "Robust subspace clustering," *The Annals of Statistics*, vol. 42, no. 2, pp. 669–699, 2014.

# Union of Subspaces MLR

- Exploiting the union of subspaces in an MLR framework by including the norms of the projection of the spectral vectors onto the subspaces estimated by RSC.

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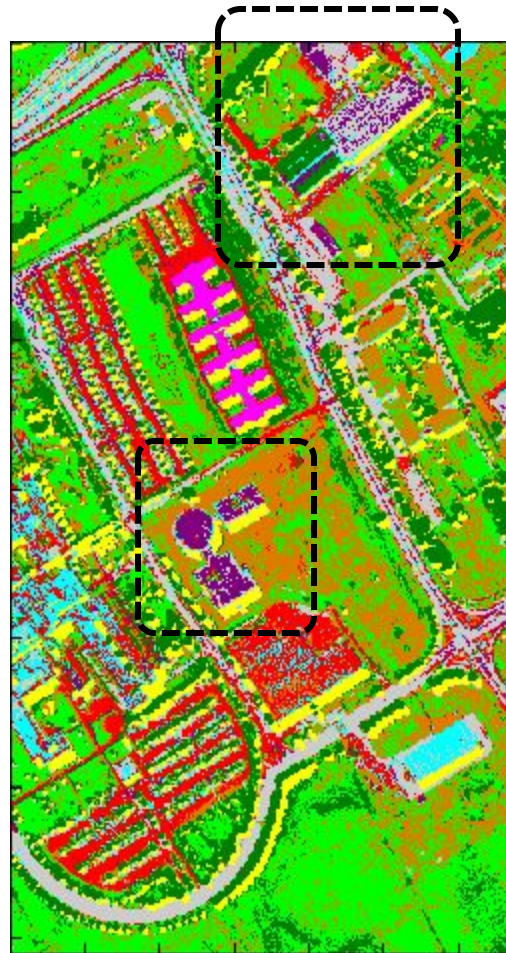


$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) = [\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2, \|\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{U}_1^{(1)}\|^2, \dots, \|\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{U}_{L^{(1)}}^{(1)}\|^2, \dots, \|\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{U}_1^{(K)}\|^2, \dots, \|\mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{U}_{L^{(K)}}^{(K)}\|^2]$$

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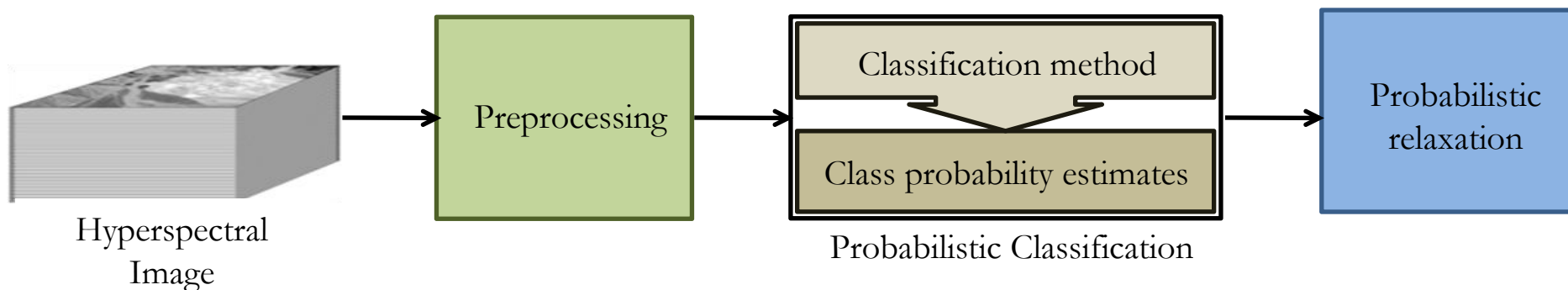
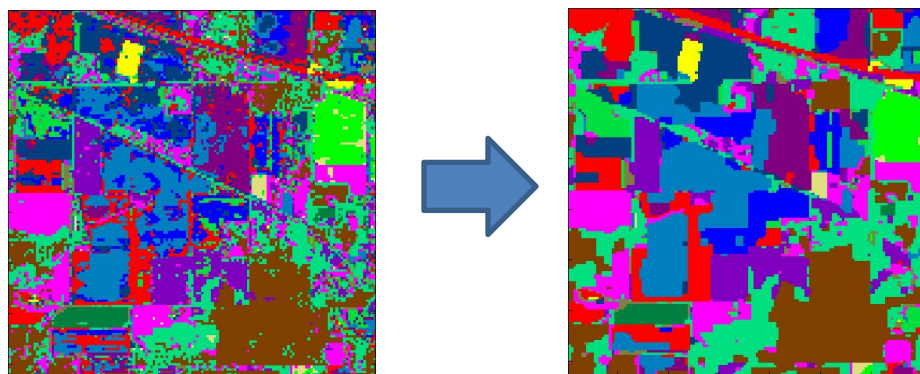
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# Relaxation

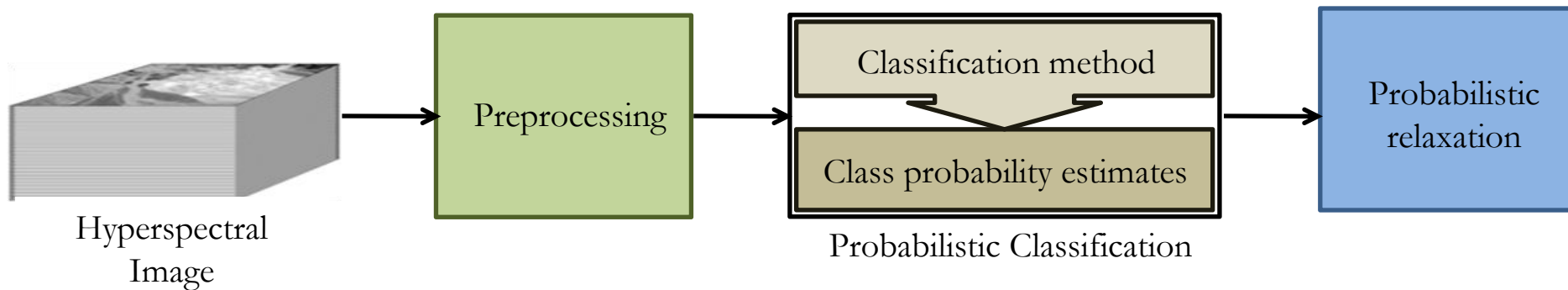
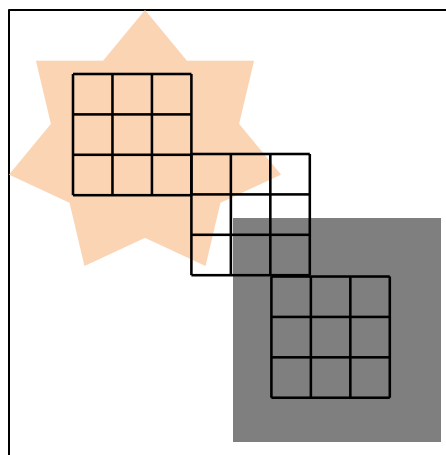
- As preprocessing, spatial smoothing over the hyperspectral data can remove noise and enhance spatial texture information.
- As postprocessing, relaxation-based approaches can be an effective tool to improve classification accuracies.



J. Li, M. Khodadadzadeh, A. Plaza, X. Jia and J. M. Bioucas-Dias, "A Discontinuity Preserving Relaxation scheme for Spectral-Spatial Hyperspectral Image Classification," IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing, 2015.

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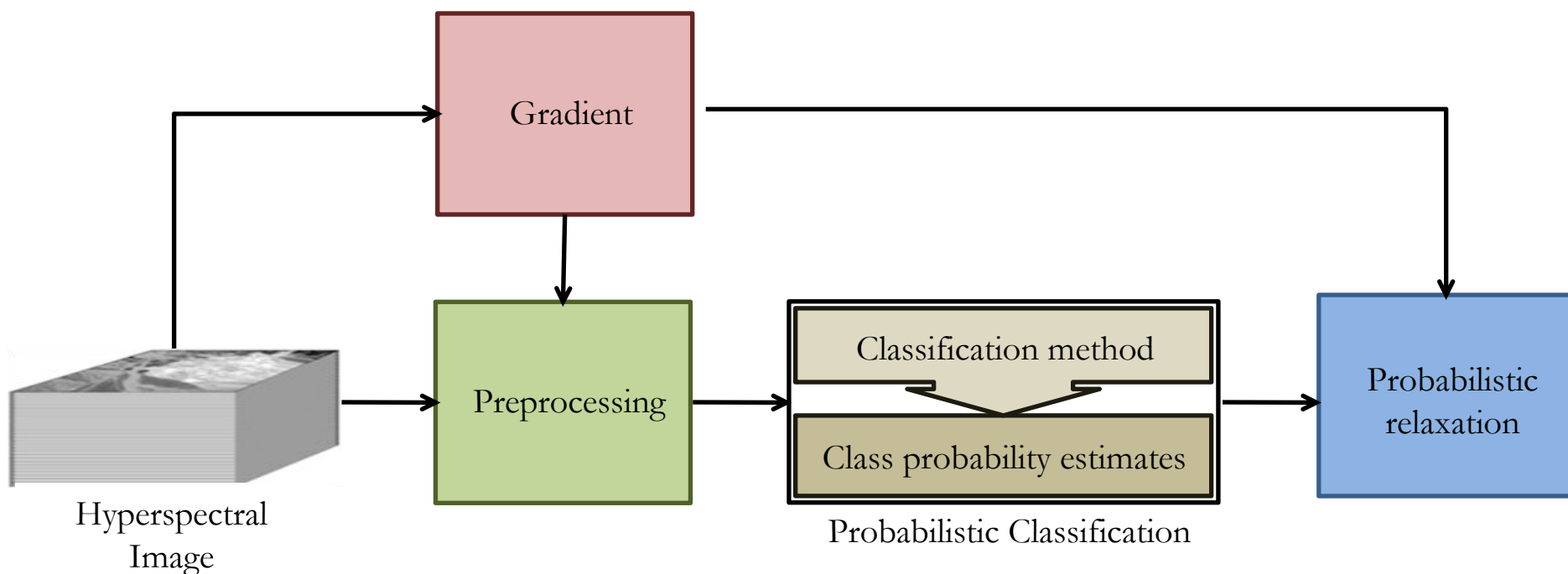
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# Discontinuity Preserving Relaxation

- We implement a relaxation scheme that is the solution of the following optimization problem:

$$\mathbf{p} = [\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n] \in \mathcal{R}^{K \times n}$$

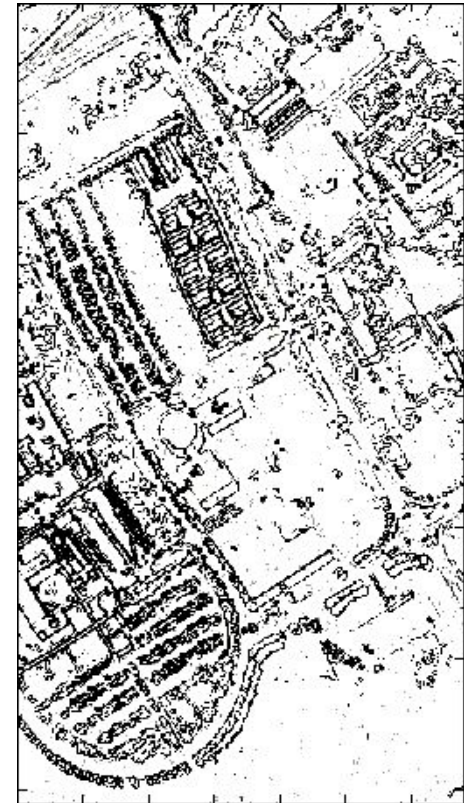
$$\min (1-\lambda) \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{p}\|^2 + \lambda \sum_i \sum_{j \in \partial_i} \varepsilon_j \|\mathbf{u}_j - \mathbf{u}_i\|^2$$

$$s.t.: \mathbf{u}_i \geq 0, \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{u}_i = 1$$

$$\varepsilon = \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^d \text{sobel}(\mathbf{X}^{(i)})\right)$$

- Using iterative Gauss Seidel method:

$$u_i^{(t+1)}(c) = \frac{(1-\lambda)p_i(c) + \lambda \sum_{j \in \partial_i} \varepsilon_j u_j^{(t)}(c)}{(1-\lambda) + \lambda \sum_{j \in \partial_i} \varepsilon_j}$$



Discontinuity Map

# Experimental results



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SVM

OA=81.13%,  
AA=89.05%



MLRsub

OA=70.61%,  
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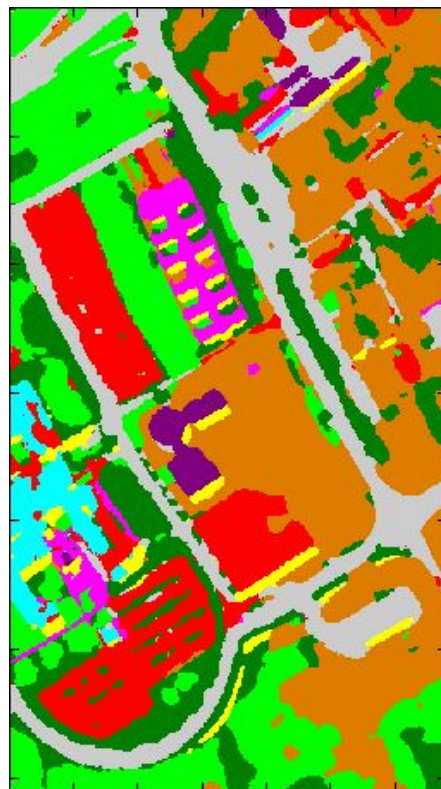
MLRsub(gl)

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AA=83.80%

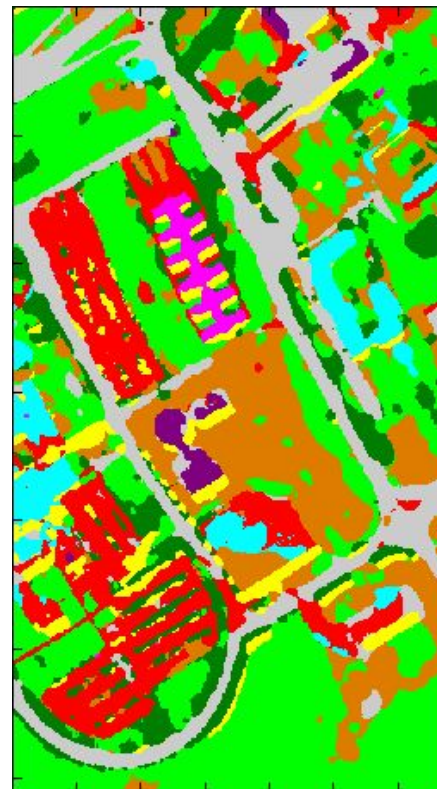
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SVM-pr  
OA=88.09%,  
AA=93.24%



MLRsub-pr  
OA=91.93%,  
AA=88.39%



MLRsub(gl)-pr  
OA=95.05%  
AA=92.48%

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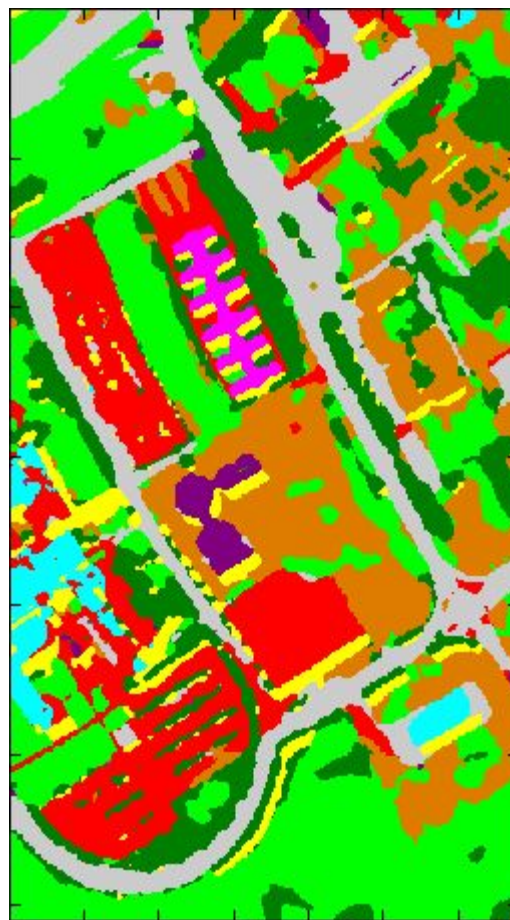


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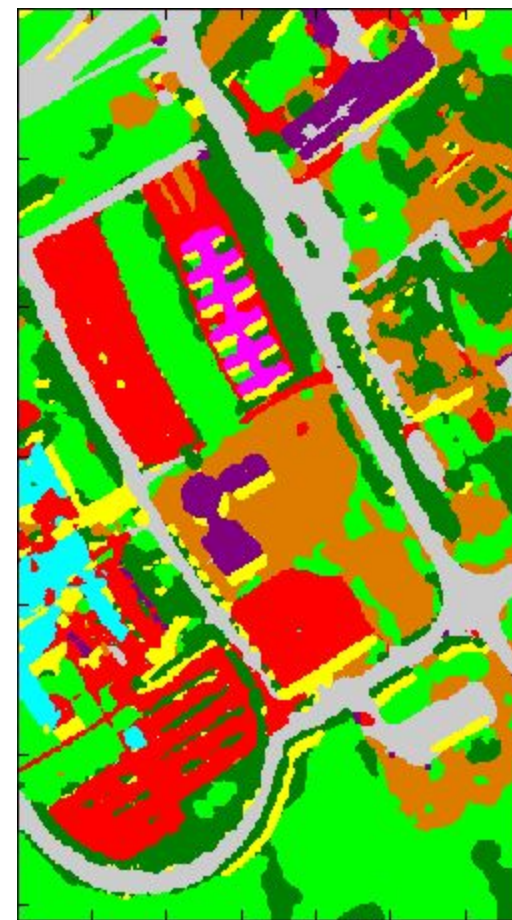
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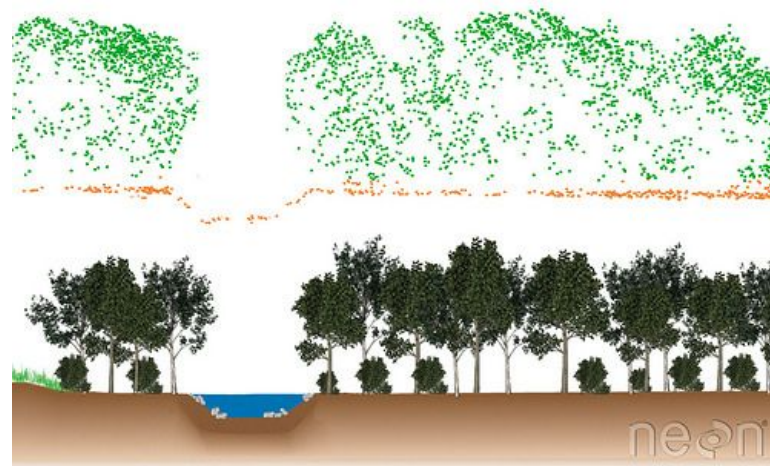
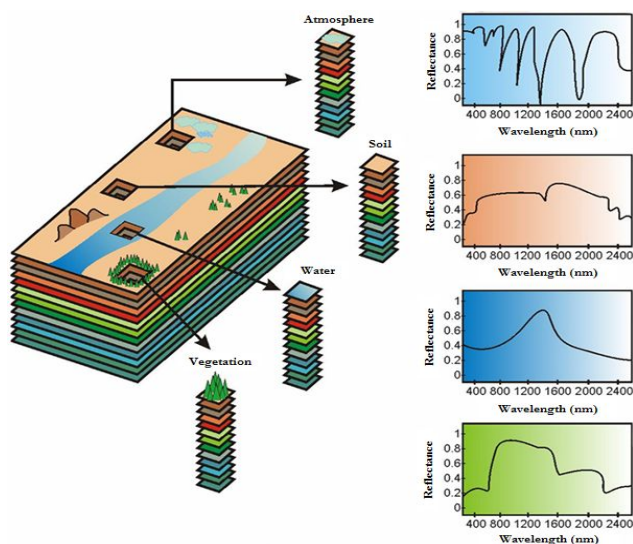
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# Hyperspectral and LiDAR

- Light detection and ranging (LiDAR) provide detailed information on the elevation of the Earth's surface and objects on the landscape.
- Combining information from multiple sources is an effective way to improve classification results.

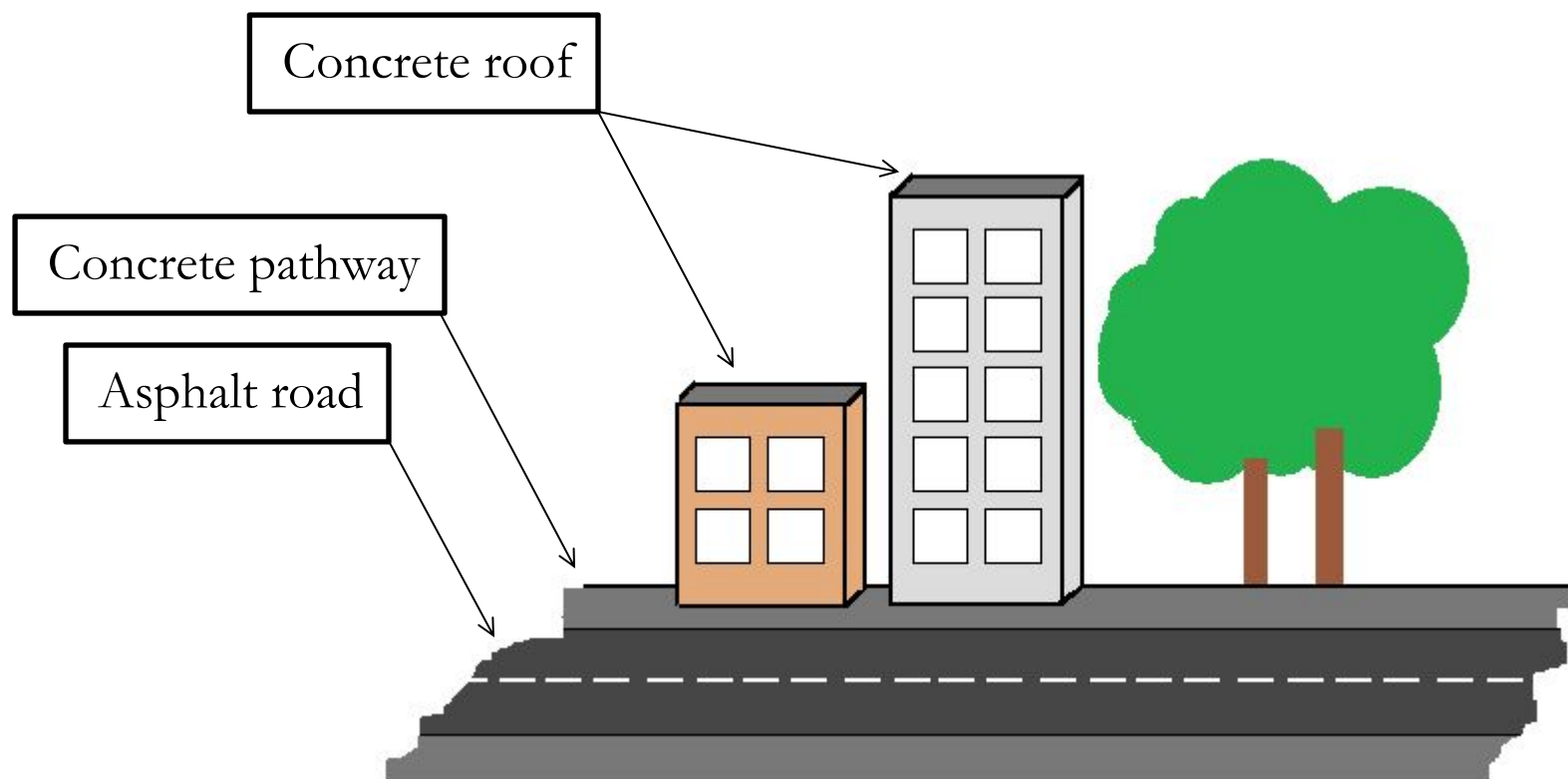


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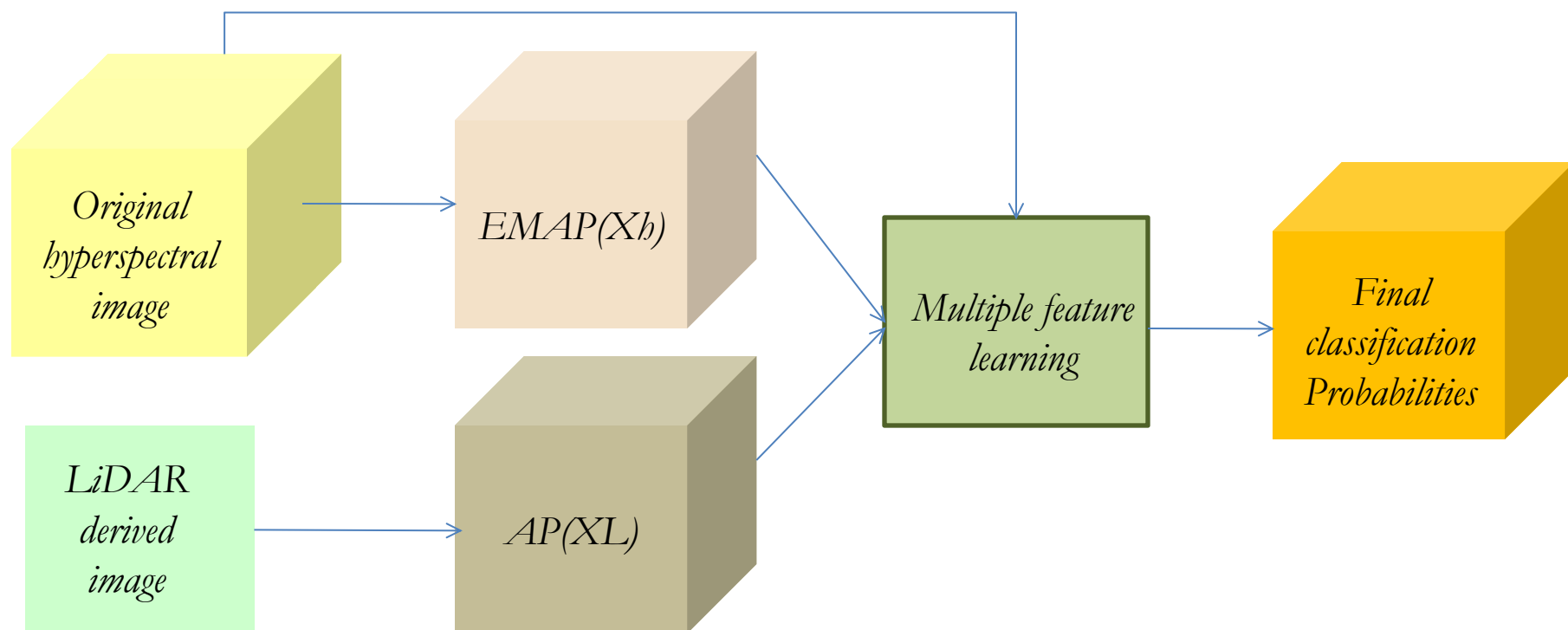


# The importance of the fusion

- The information provided by LiDAR can effectively complement the spectral information from the hyperspectral data for classification purposes:



# Fusion of hyperspectral and LiDAR data



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# Logarithmic opinion pool (LOGP) rule

- The LOGP is a consensus rule for combining several source-specific posterior probabilities with considering weights for controlling the relative influence of each data source.

$$L_c((\mathbf{x}_i)_1, \dots, (\mathbf{x}_i)_q) = \prod_{m=1}^q p_m(y_i = c | (\mathbf{x}_i)_m)^{\alpha_m}$$

- Using LOGP rule and considering the parameters associated with the classifiers, we can calculate the final posterior probabilities as:

$$p_{LOGP}(y_i = c | (\mathbf{x}_i)_1, \dots, (\mathbf{x}_i)_q, \boldsymbol{\omega}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\omega}_q, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q) = \frac{\prod_{m=1}^q p_m(y_i = c | (\mathbf{x}_i)_m, \boldsymbol{\omega}_m)^{\alpha_m}}{\sum_{c=1}^K \prod_{m=1}^q p_m(y_i = c | (\mathbf{x}_i)_m, \boldsymbol{\omega}_m)^{\alpha_m}}$$

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# Combination of LOGP and MLRsub

- Using MLRsub to model the posterior probabilities of each feature vector and LOGP rule for combining the source-specific posterior probabilities, we can now obtain:

$$p_{LOGP}(y_i = c | (\mathbf{x}_i)_1, \dots, (\mathbf{x}_i)_q, \boldsymbol{\omega}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\omega}_q, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q) = \frac{\exp\left(\sum_{m=1}^q \alpha_m \boldsymbol{\omega}_m^{(c)T} \phi((\mathbf{x}_i)_m)\right)}{\sum_{c=1}^K \exp\left(\sum_{m=1}^q \alpha_m \boldsymbol{\omega}_m^{(c)T} \phi((\mathbf{x}_i)_m)\right)}$$

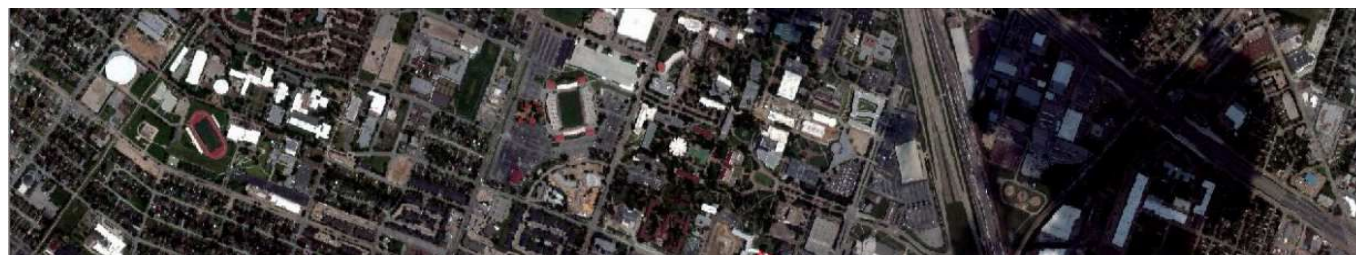
- Combining the regressors and the weight parameters into a new set of regressors:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_m^{(c)} = \alpha_m \boldsymbol{\omega}_m^{(c)}$$

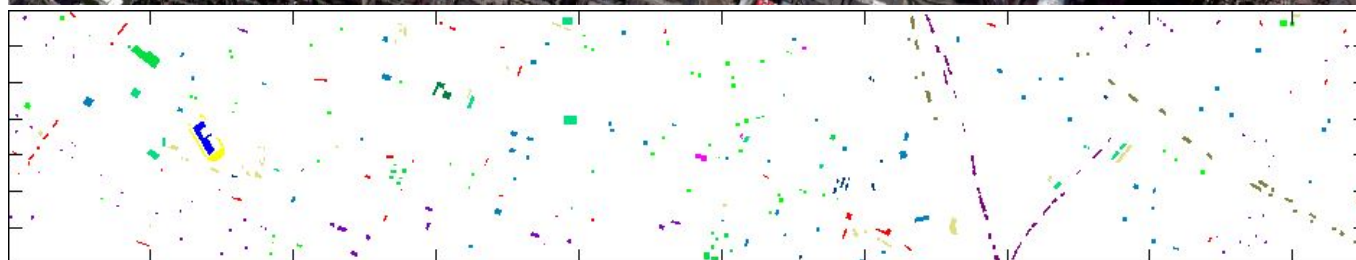
$$p_{LOGP}(y_i = c | (\mathbf{x}_i)_1, \dots, (\mathbf{x}_i)_q, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_q) = \frac{\exp\left(\sum_{m=1}^q \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_m^{(c)T} \phi((\mathbf{x}_i)_m)\right)}{\sum_{c=1}^K \exp\left(\sum_{m=1}^q \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_m^{(c)T} \phi((\mathbf{x}_i)_m)\right)}$$

# University of Houston data

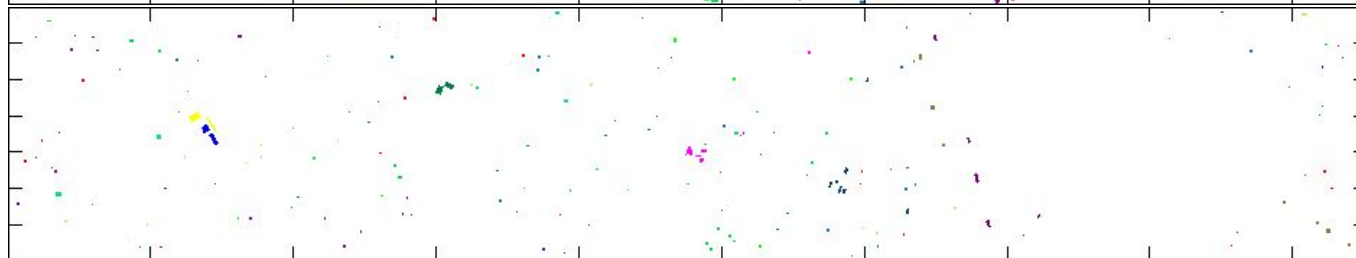
- Comprises 349x1905 pixels and 144 spectral bands between 0.38 and 1.05 microns.
- Spatial resolution of 2.5 meters, with 2832 training samples and 12197 test samples.



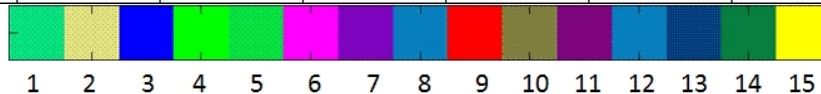
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Reference data



Training data



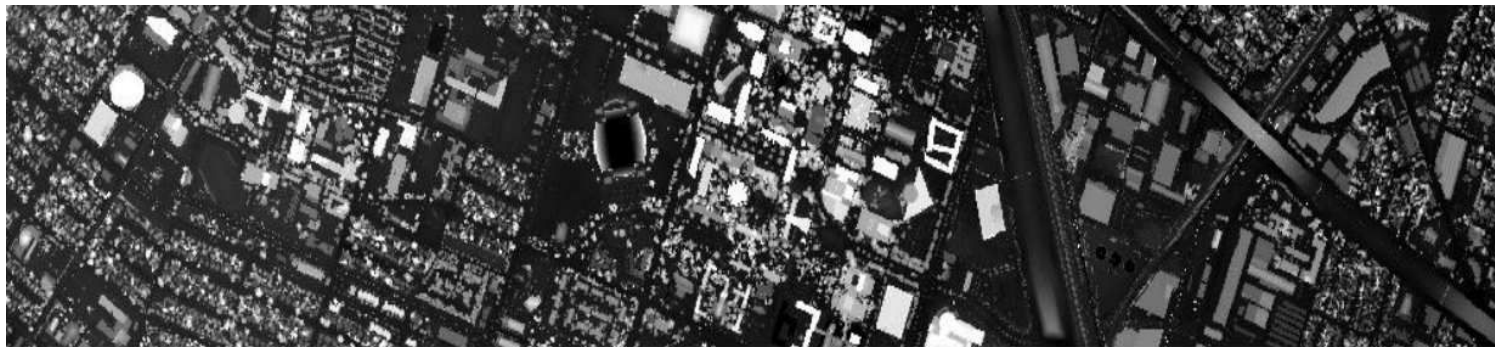
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# University of Houston data

- University of Houston data set consists of a hyperspectral image and a LiDAR derived DSM, both at the same spatial resolution (2.5m).

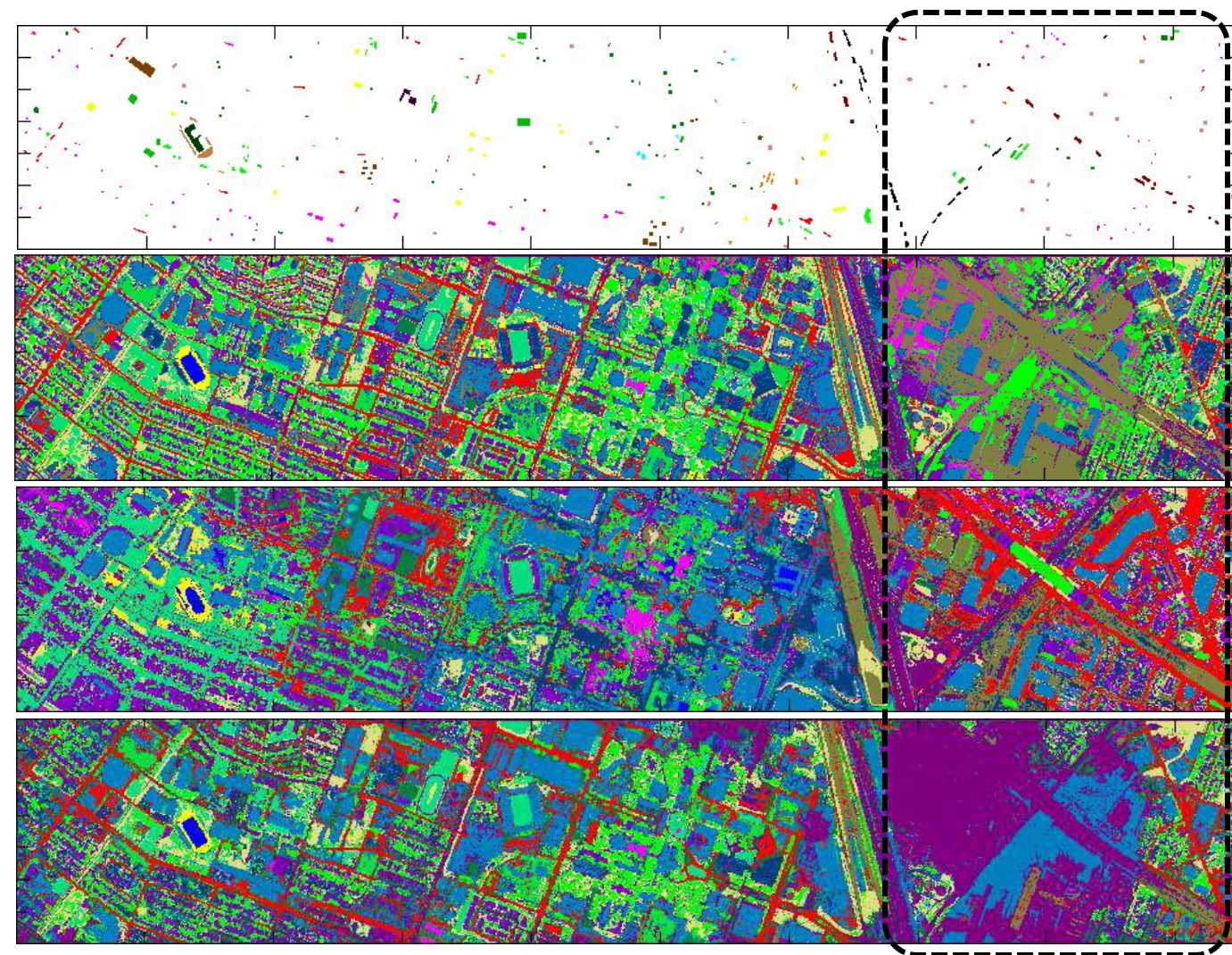


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LiDAR derived DSM

# Classification results



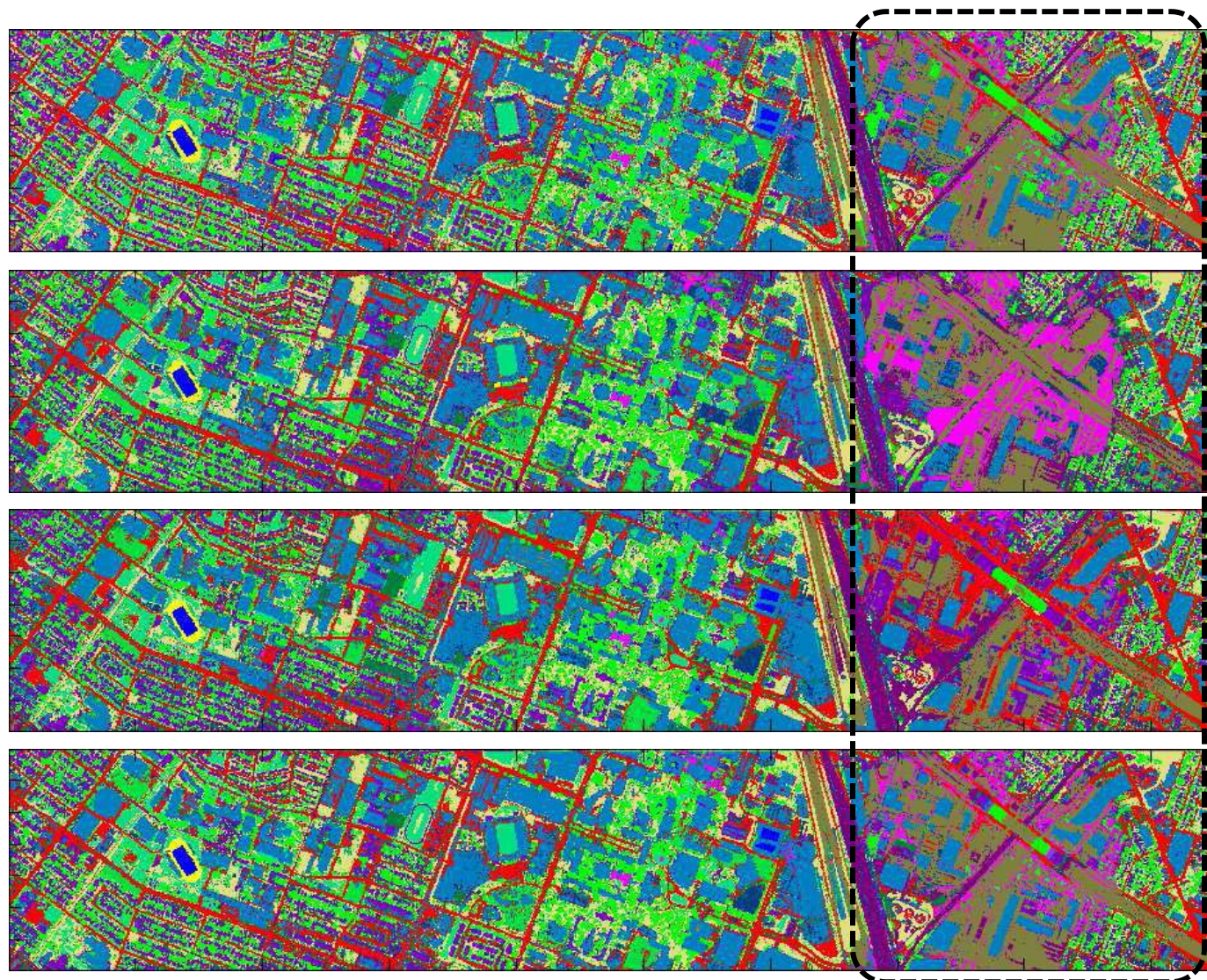
Ground Truth

MLRsub using  
 $X_h$   
(79.60%)

MLRsub using  
AP(XL)  
(58.08%)

MLRsub using  
EMAP( $X_h$ )  
(74.53%)

# Classification results



MLRsub using  
 $X_h + AP(X_L)$   
 (87.91%)

MLRsub using  
 $X_h + EMAP(X_h)$   
 (84.40%)

MLRsub using  
 $AP(X_L) + EMAP(X_h)$   
 (86.86%)

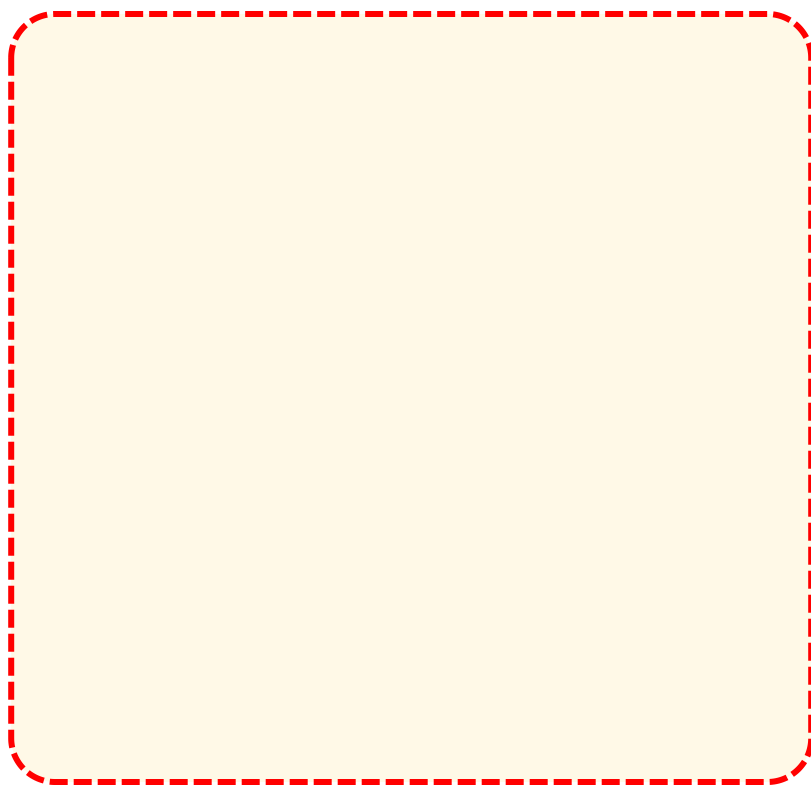
MLRsub using  
 $X_h + AP(X_L) + EMAP(X_h)$   
 (90.65%)



# Outline

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# Conclusions

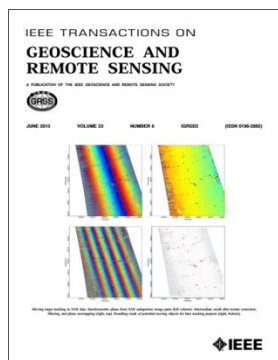


Subspace Concept

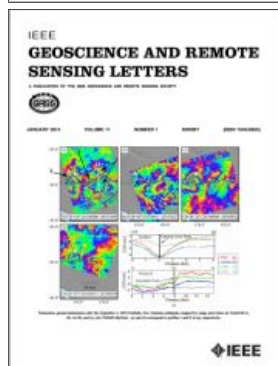
# Future research lines

- The integration of techniques for spectral unmixing and classification.
- Developing an unified framework based on union of subspaces.
- Computationally efficient implementations of the new techniques developed in this thesis.

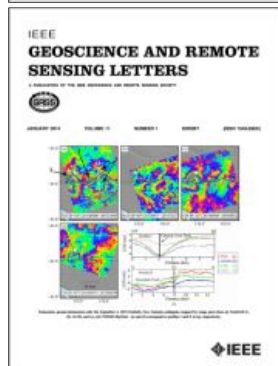
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