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Summary of My Work during  
BS, MS, PhD (first year)

# Key Words



**Smart Car**



**Unmanned Helicopter**



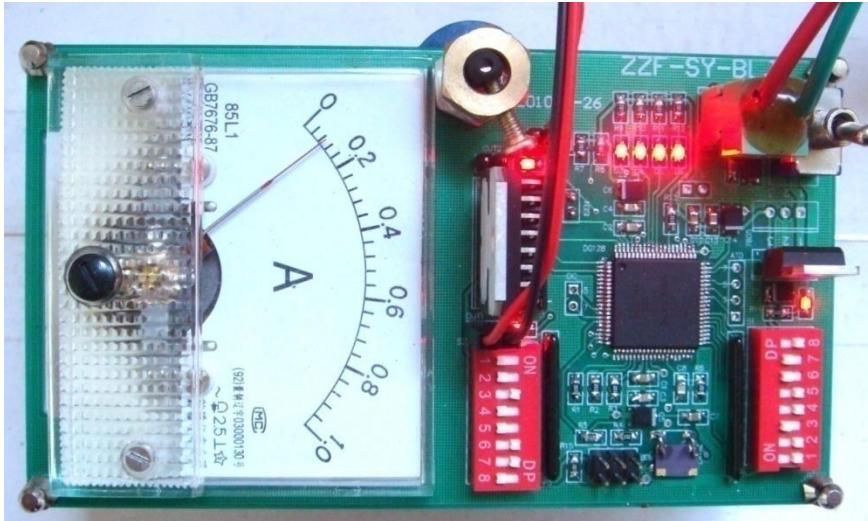
**Robotic hand**

# Smart Car



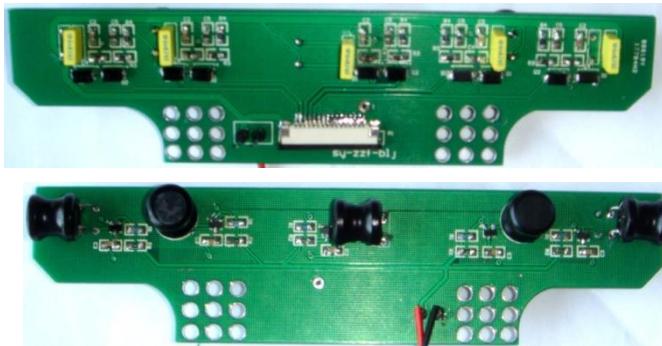
**Task:**

**Design a car which can track a cable with alternative current (around 20KHz).**

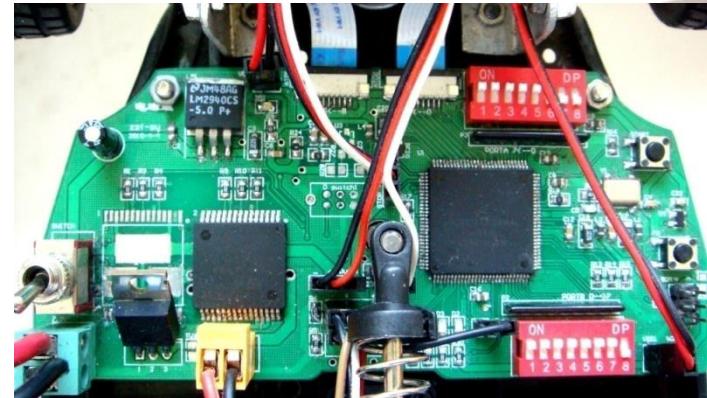


**Signal generator**

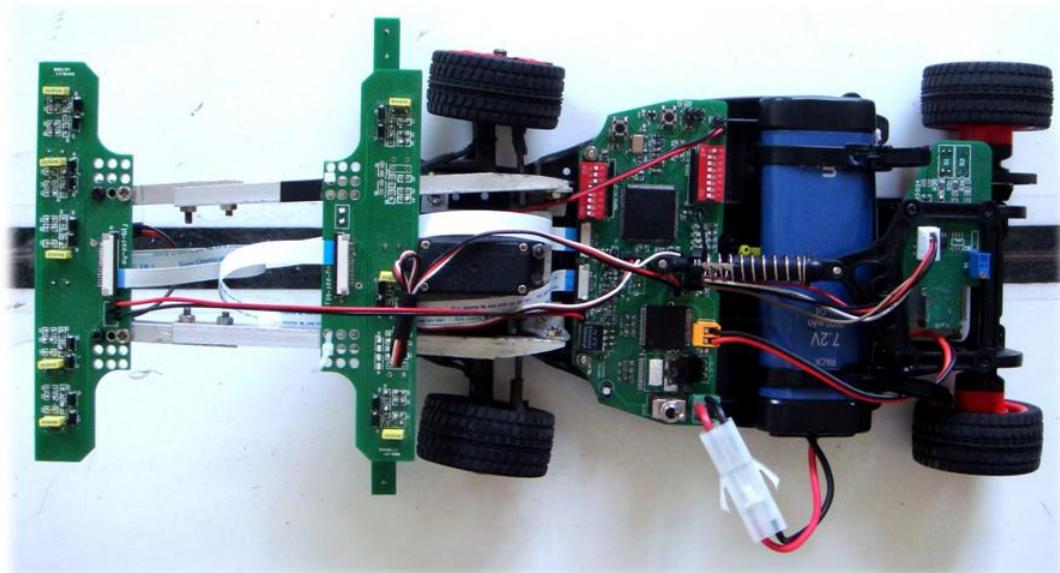
# Smart Car



Magnetic sensor



Mother board



# Smart Car



# Unmanned Helicopter



**Task:**

**Design a visual system for UAV to track  
and position ground target.**

**Camera**

**INS**

**GPS**

**Visual  
System**

# Unmanned Helicopter



Ground station

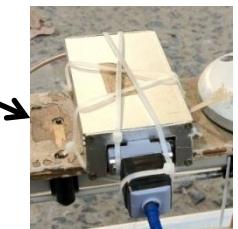


GPS

Fish eye Cam



Visual board



Wireless

INS



Control box



PC104 Control board



SSD

# Unmanned Helicopter



Calibration of fish eye camera:

Zhang algorithm + Brown model



Before



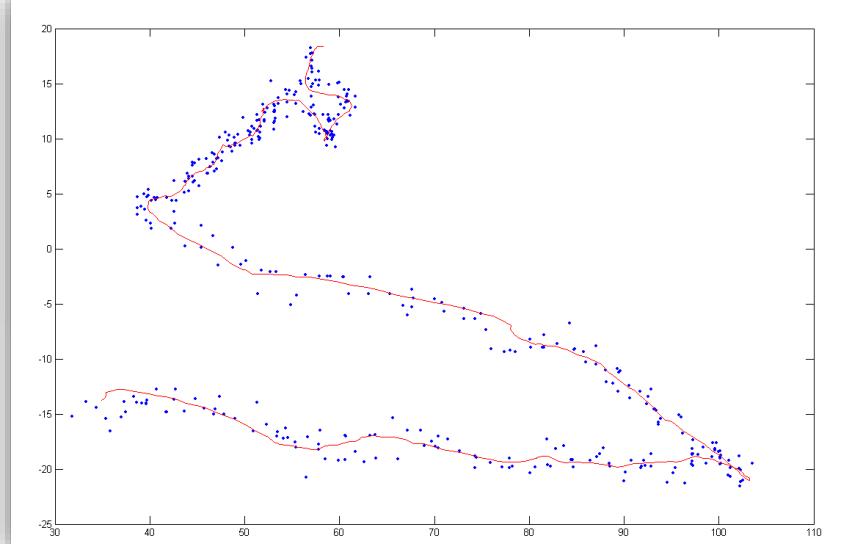
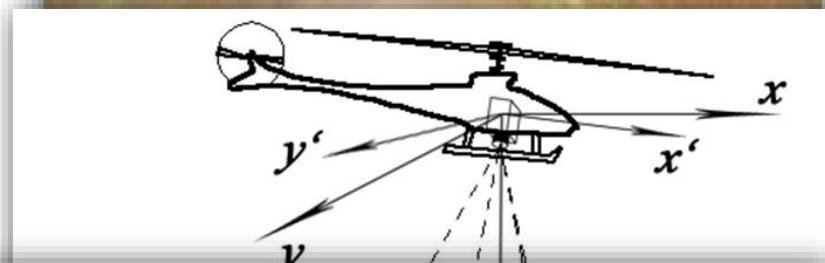
After

# Unmanned Helicopter



## Problems:

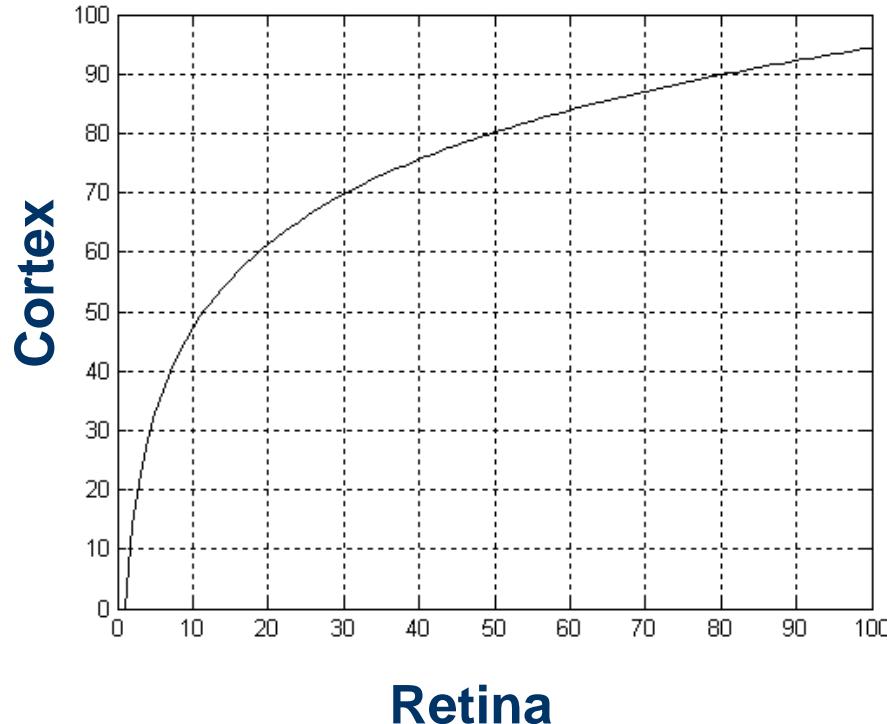
- Exhaust effect
- Unstable platform
- Oscillation (engine)



# Unmanned Helicopter



## Retinex color enhancement



- Retina – Cortex
- Nonlinear mapping

# Unmanned Helicopter



Color restoration:



Original

Histogram  
equalization

Multi-scale  
Retinex

# Unmanned Helicopter



## Brightness enhancement:



Original

Histogram  
equalization

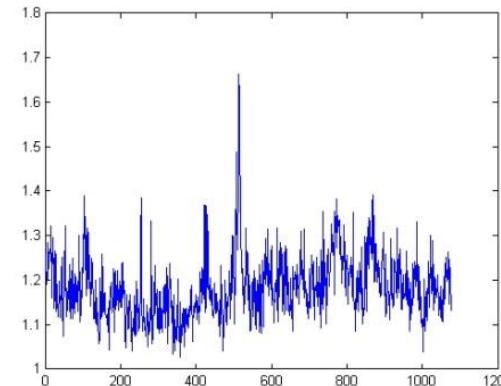
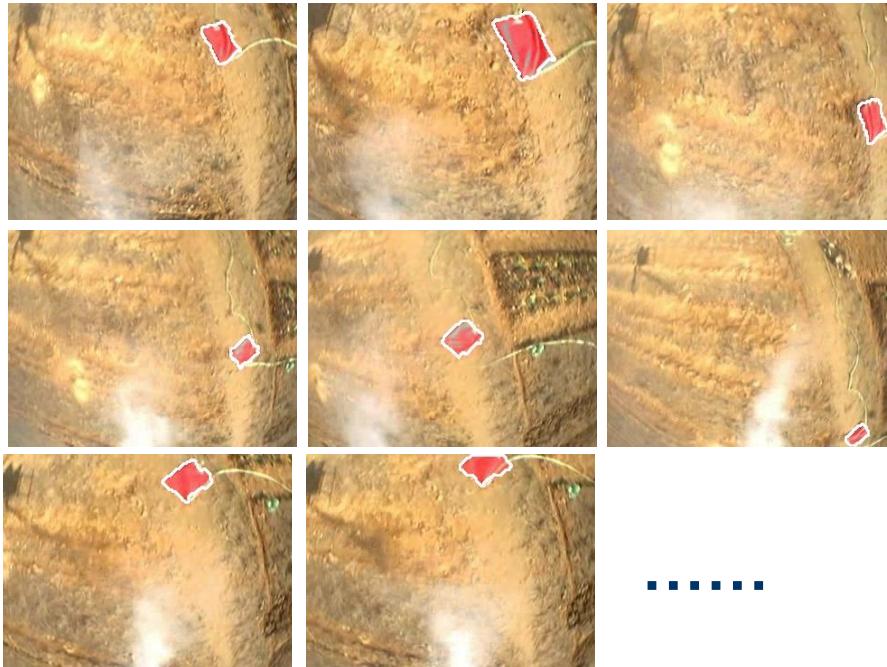
Multi-scale  
Retinex

# Unmanned Helicopter



Target recognition -- Moment invariants:

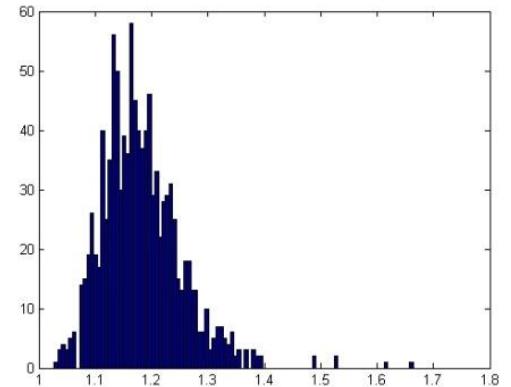
Training images



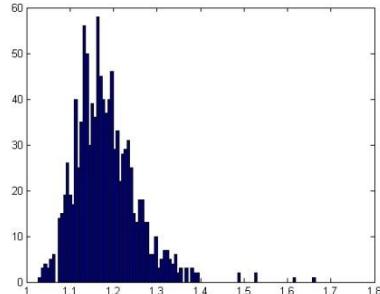
Moment  
invariants

Histogram

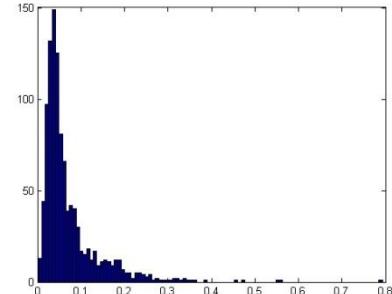
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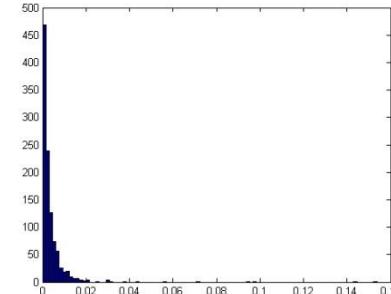
# Unmanned Helicopter



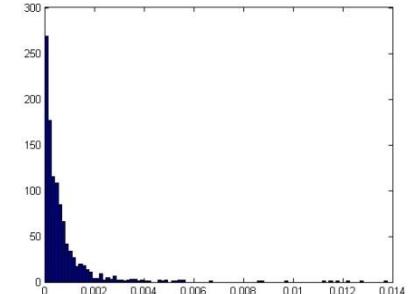
$Hu_1$



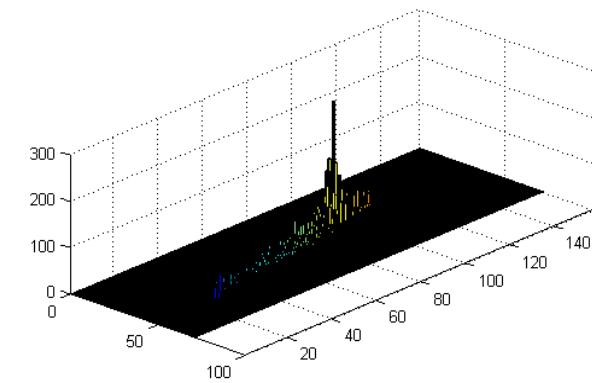
$Hu_2$



$Hu_3$



$Hu_4$



$$P(Hu_1, Hu_2, Hu_3, Hu_4, Hist) =$$

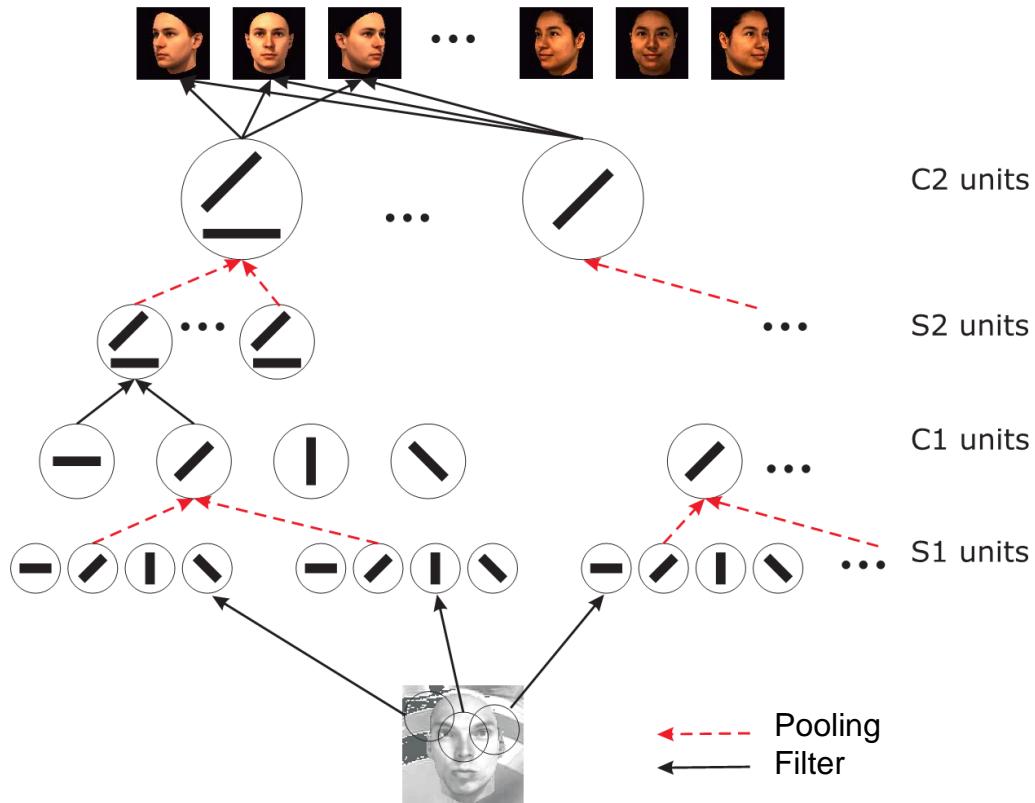
$$w_1 \chi^2_6(Hu_1) + w_2 \chi^2_3(Hu_2) + w_3 \chi^2_1(Hu_3) + w_4 \chi^2_1(Hu_4) + w_5 h(Hist)$$

**2D color histogram**

# Unmanned Helicopter



## HMAX model – Cortex:



**Statistic analysis**

**Bag of word**

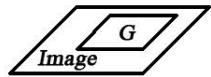
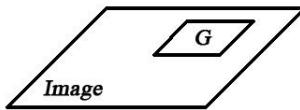
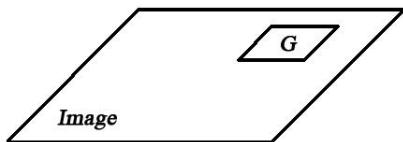
**Max pooling**

**Gabor filter**

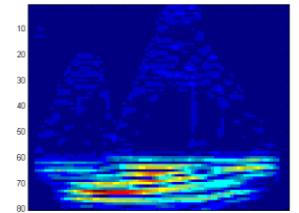
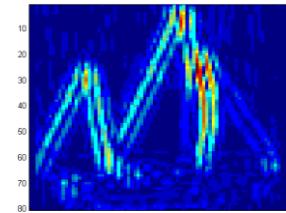
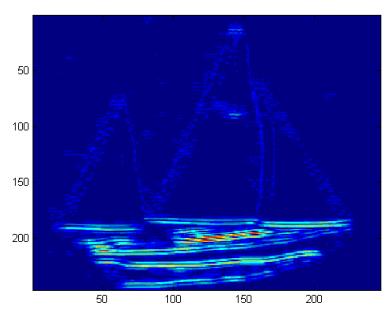
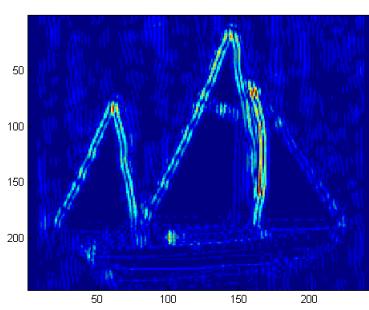
# Unmanned Helicopter



## S1 – Gabor filter:



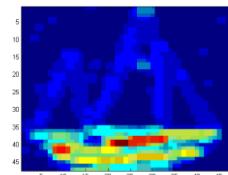
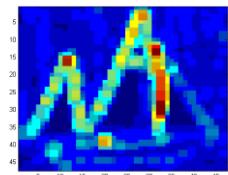
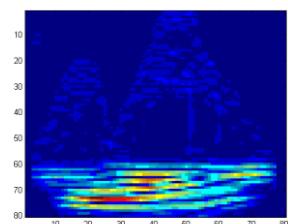
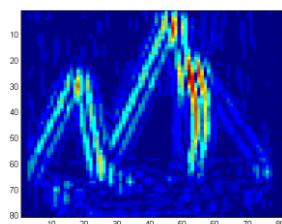
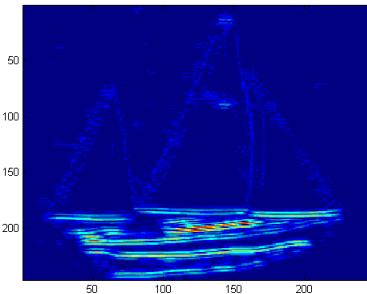
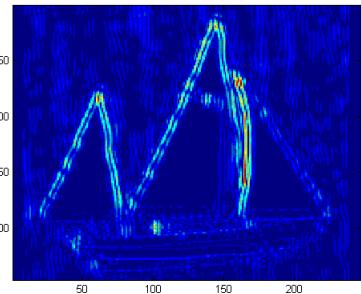
$$G(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta)^2 + \gamma^2(y \cos \theta - x \sin \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \times \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta)}{\lambda}\right)$$



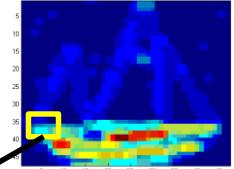
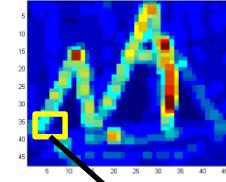
# Unmanned Helicopter



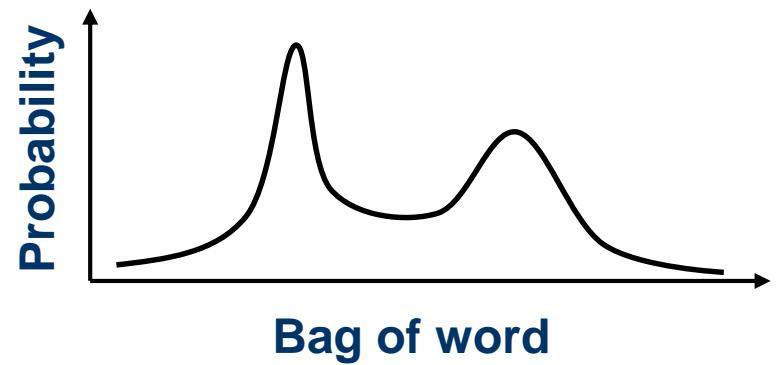
## C1 – Max pooling



## S2 – Bag of word



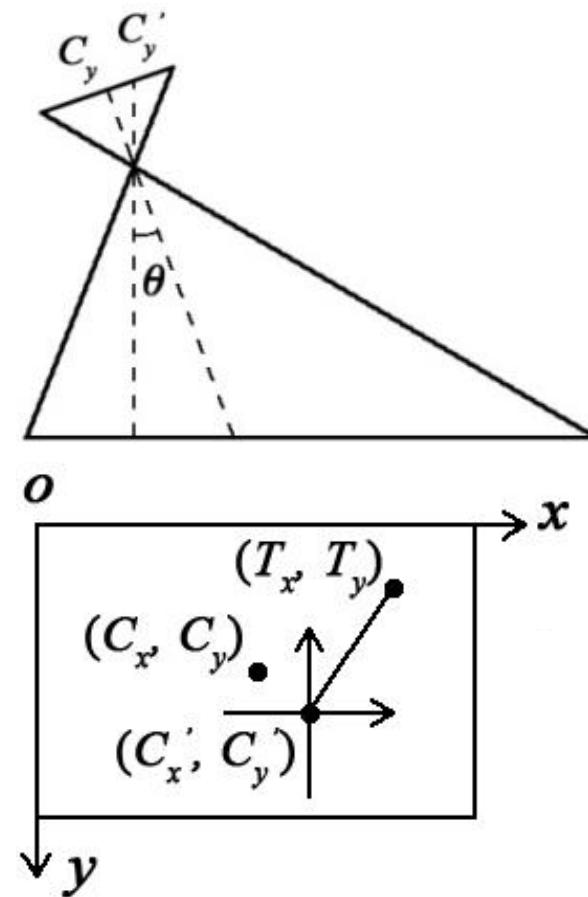
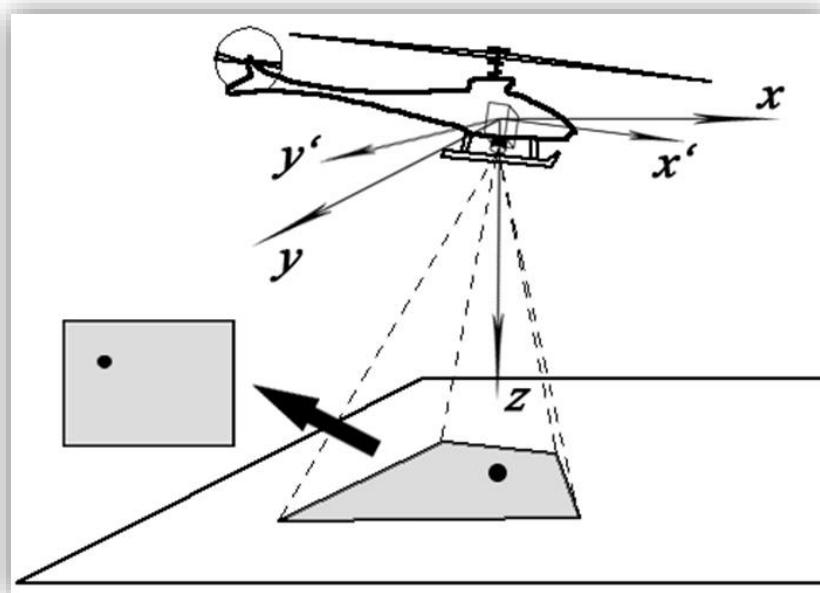
## C2 – Statistic analysis



# Unmanned Helicopter



Positioning in world coordinate system:





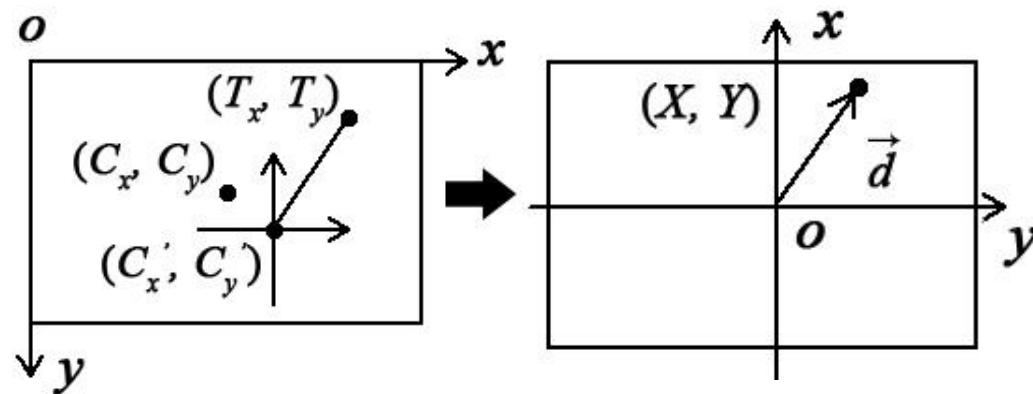
# Unmanned Helicopter

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_2 & 0 \\ 0 & P_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\tan\left(\arctan\frac{T_y - C_y}{P_2} - \theta\right) \\ \tan\left(\arctan\frac{T_x - C_x}{P_1} - \phi\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_1 = \frac{P_w}{2 \tan \theta_{x \max}}$$

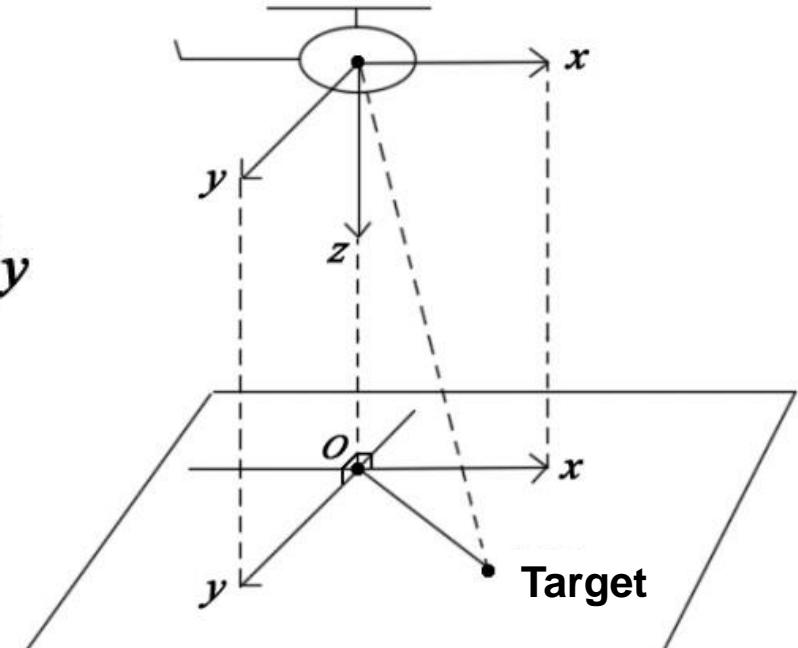
$$P_2 = \frac{P_h}{2 \tan \theta_{y \max}}$$

$$\vec{d} = h\left(\frac{X}{P_2}, \frac{Y}{P_1}\right) = h\left(-\tan(\arctan\frac{T_y - C_y}{P_2} - \theta), \tan(\arctan\frac{T_x - C_x}{P_1} - \phi)\right)$$



**Image  
coordinate  
system**

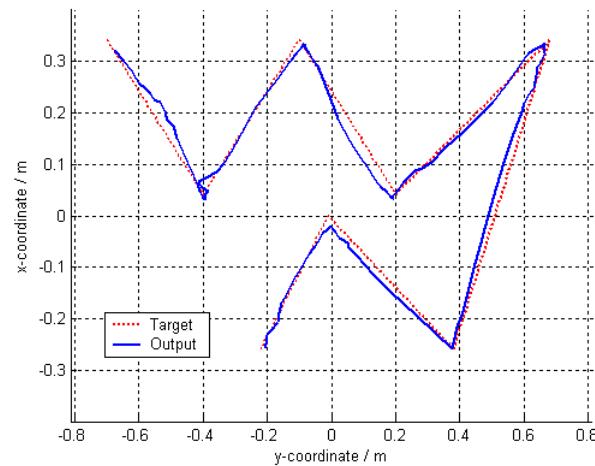
**Body  
coordinate  
system**



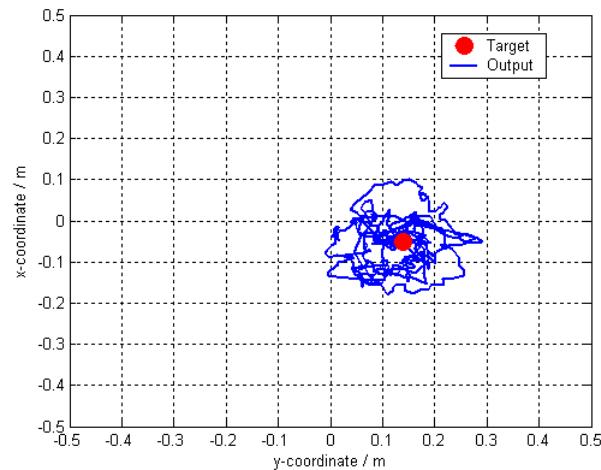


# Unmanned Helicopter

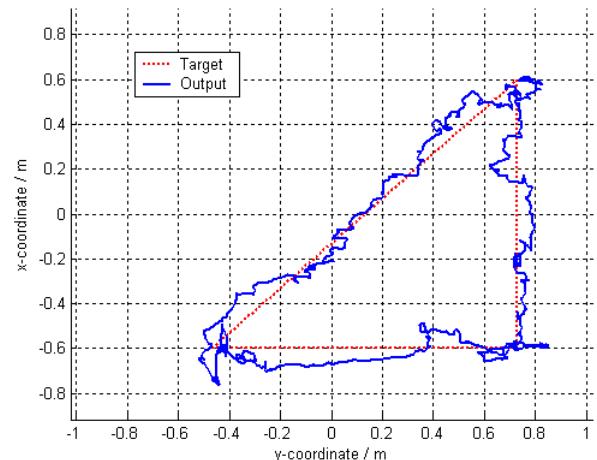
## Simulated positioning test:



Normal  
state



Abnormal  
state

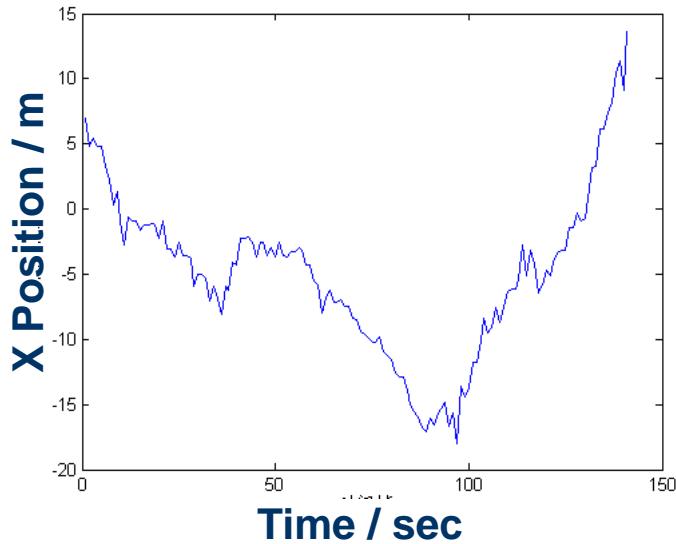


Abnormal  
state

# Unmanned Helicopter



## Filter oscillation caused by engine:



$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}_{k+1/k} = \mathbf{F}\hat{x}_{k/k} + \mathbf{Q}_k \\ y_k = \mathbf{H}x_k + \mathbf{R}_k \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{pmatrix} x, y, v_x, v_y \end{pmatrix}_k^T \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & dt & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & dt \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Q}?$$

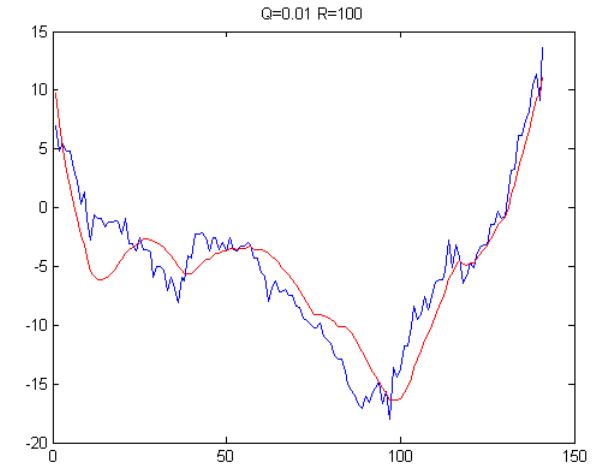
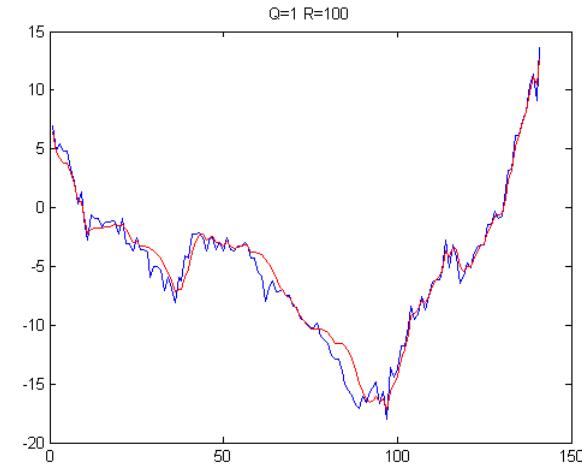
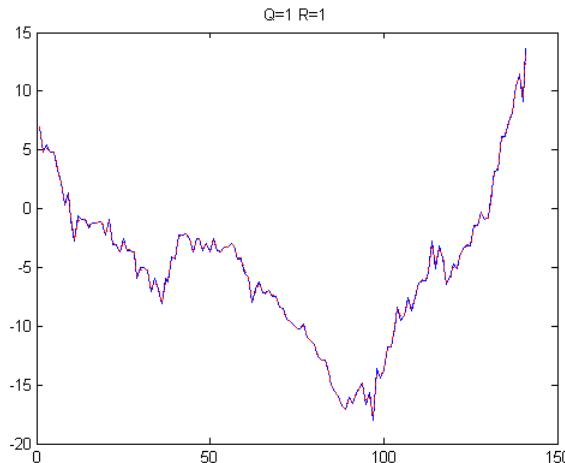
$$\mathbf{y}_k = \begin{pmatrix} y_x, y_y \end{pmatrix}_k^T \quad \mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{R}?$$

# Unmanned Helicopter



## Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF)

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}_{k+1/k} = \mathbf{F}x_{k/k} + Q \cdot \mathbf{I} \\ y_k = \mathbf{H}x_k + R \cdot \mathbf{I} \end{cases}$$

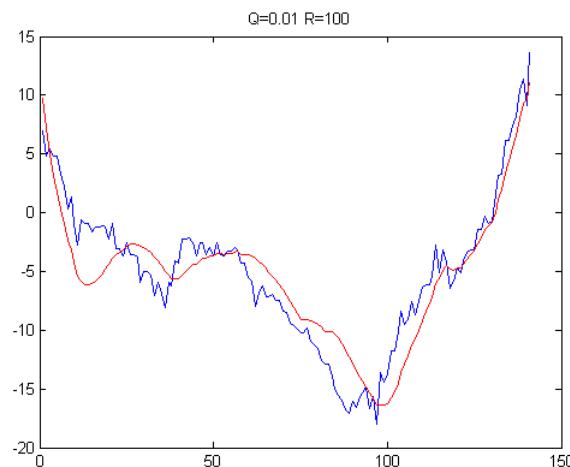




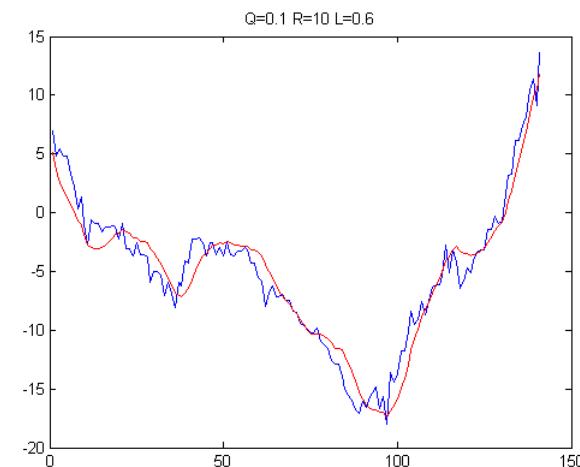
# Unmanned Helicopter

**UKF + DLF (Digital Low-pass Filter) = LUKF**

$$\hat{x}_{k+1/k+1} = \hat{x}_{k+1/k} + K_{k+1} \left( (1-L)y_{k+1} + L \cdot \mathbf{H}x_k - \hat{y}_{k+1/k} \right)$$

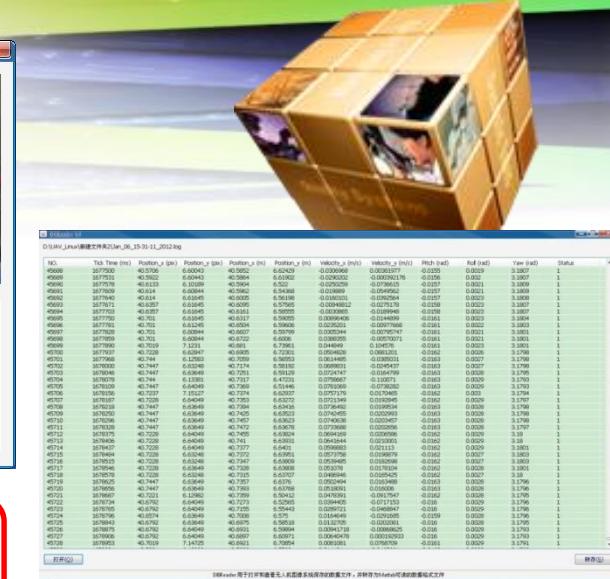
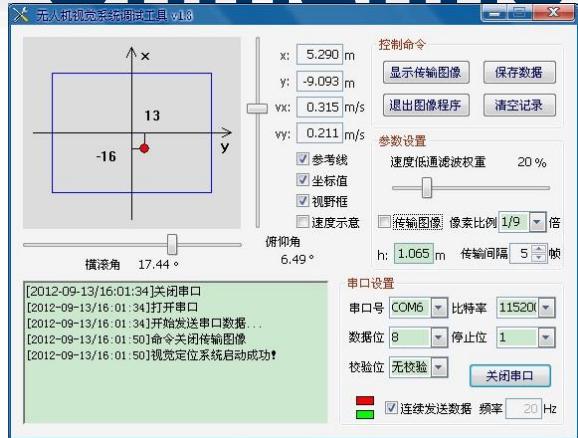


**UKF**



**LUKF**

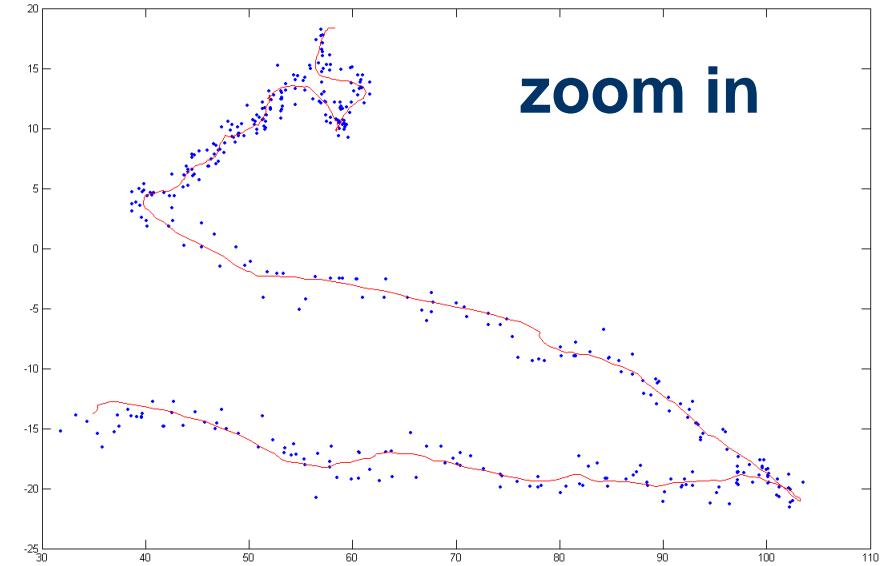
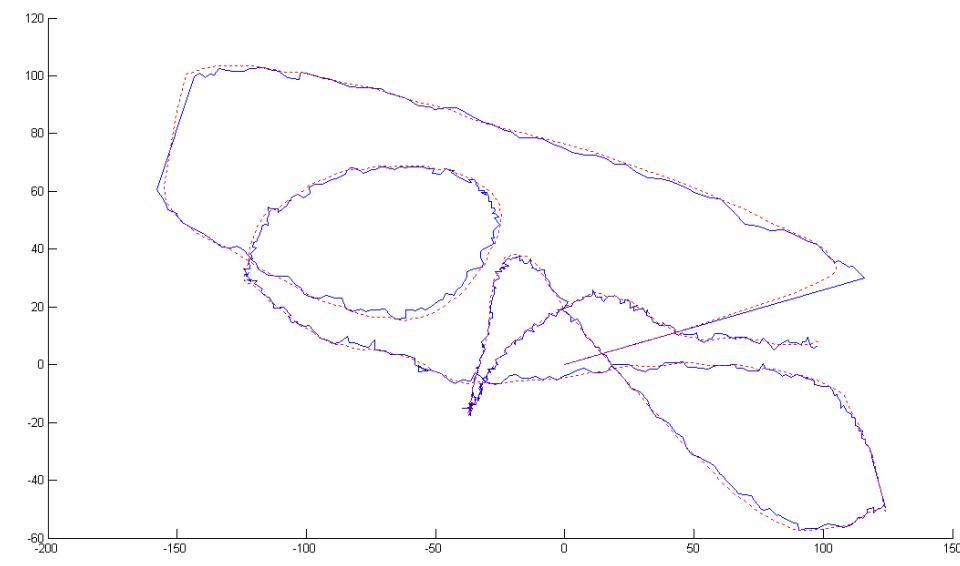
# Unmanned



# Unmanned Helicopter



[Video](#)



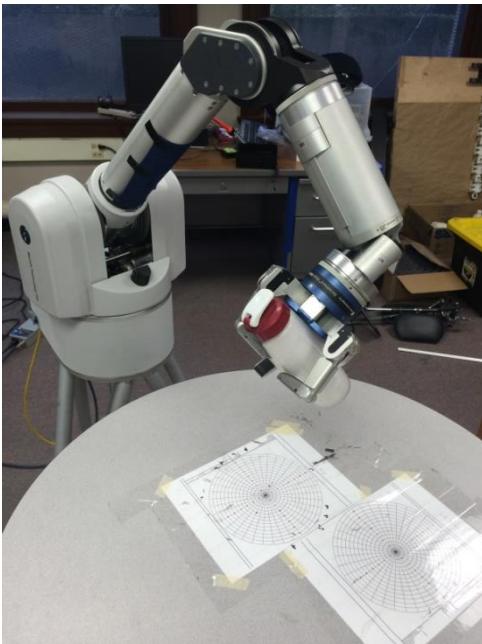
**zoom in**

# Robotic hand

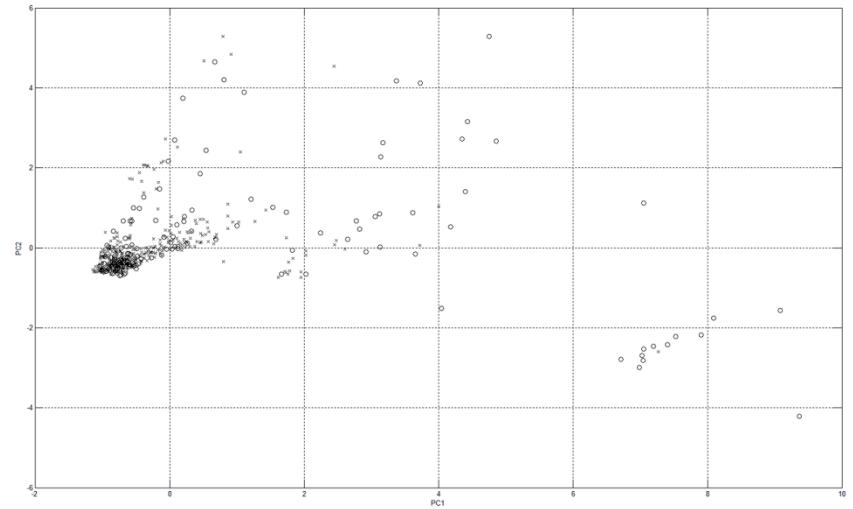


Task:

Predict performance of robotic grasp to improve grasp quality of robotic hand.



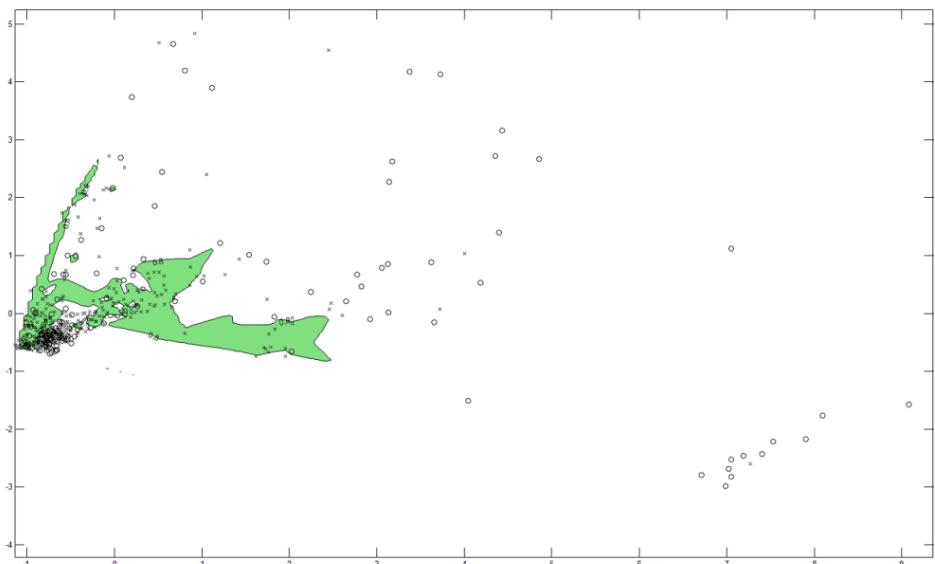
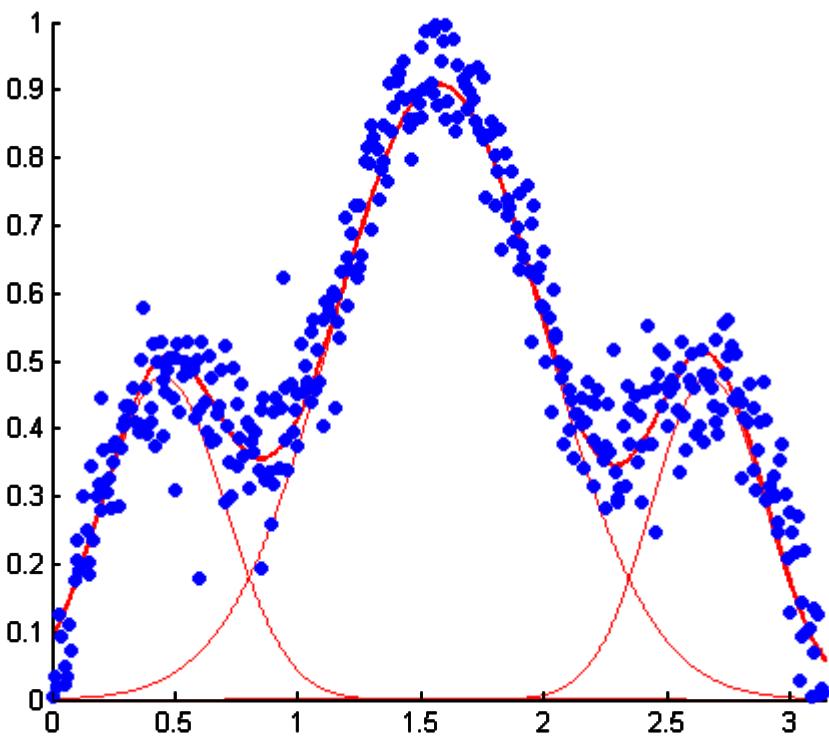
PCA + Info-Gain / T-test / Chi-squared





# Robotic hand

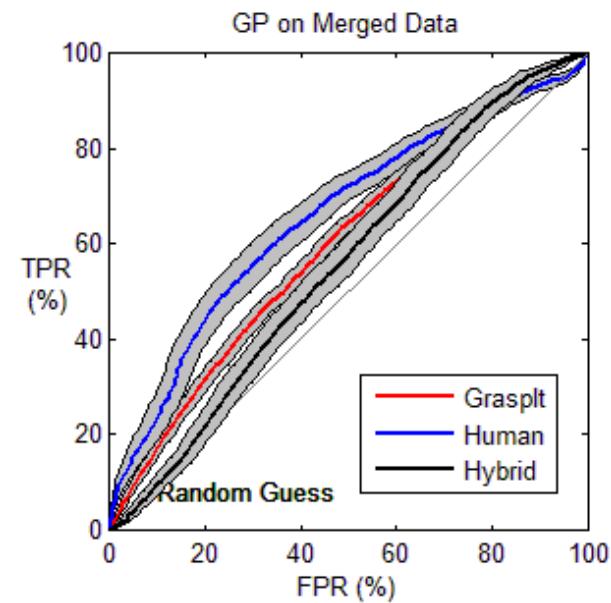
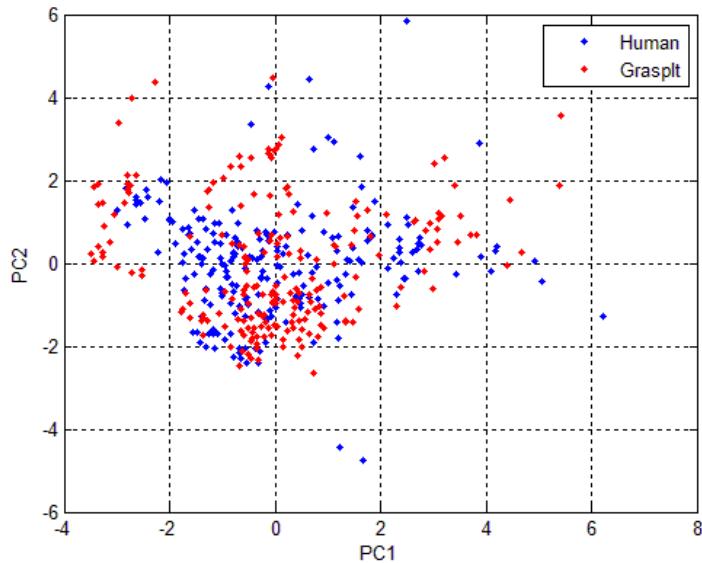
## Gaussian processing



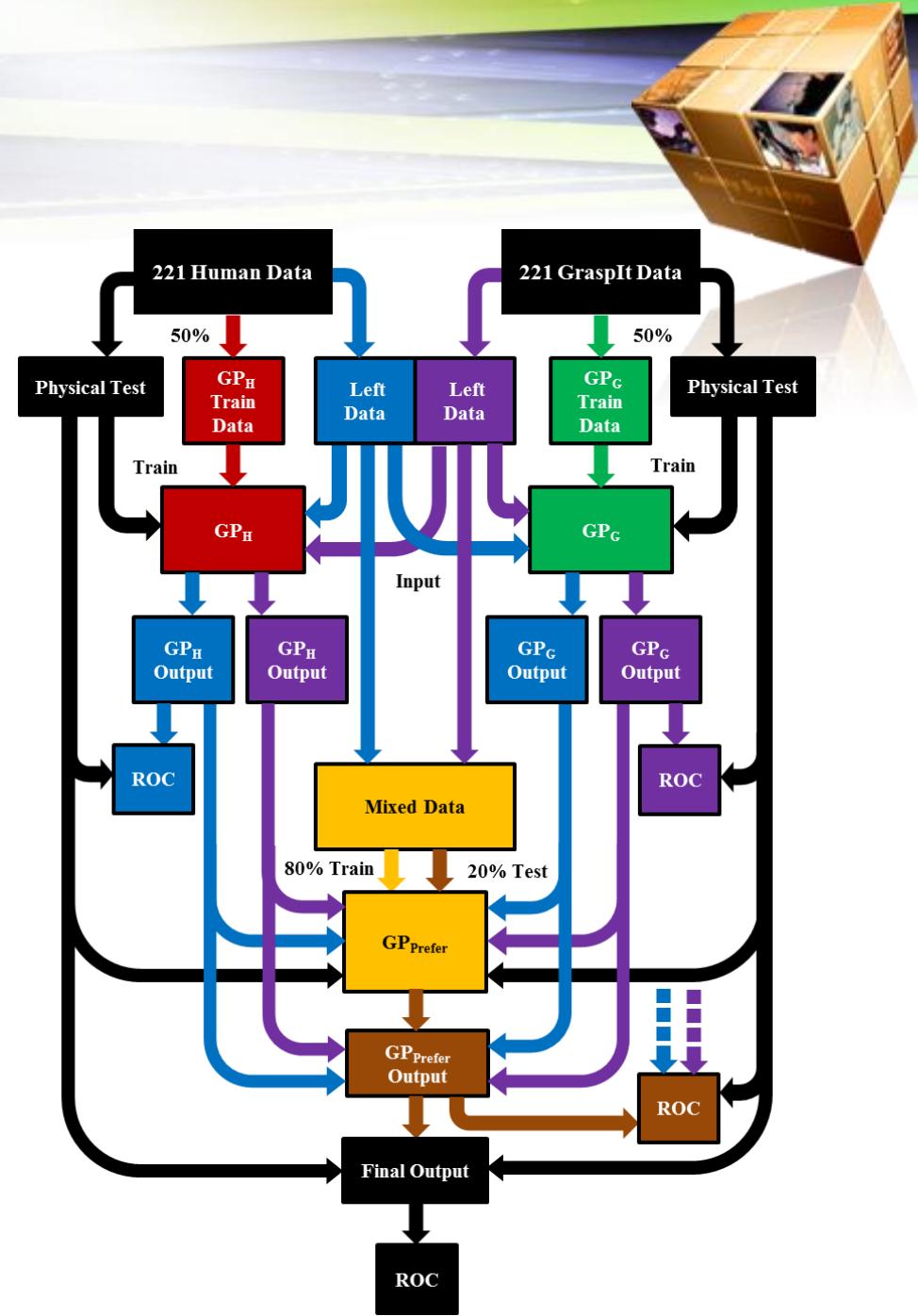
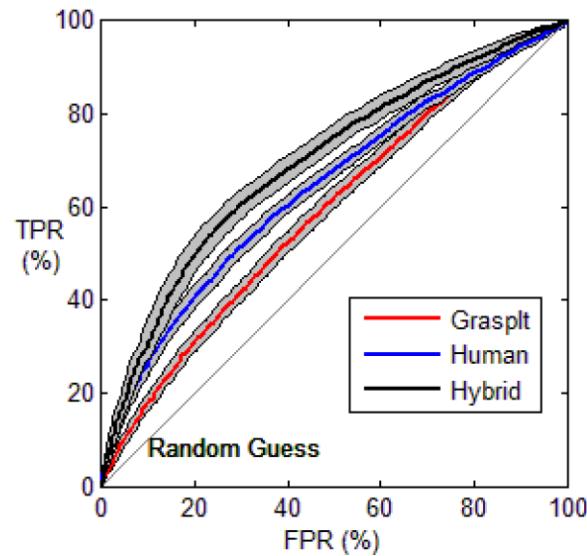
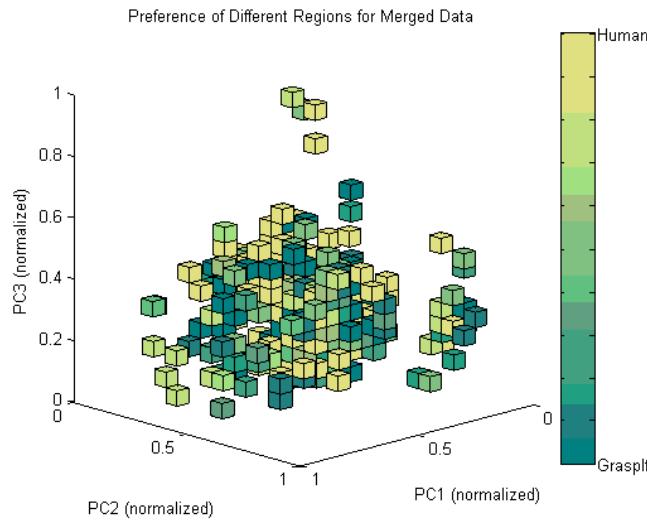
# Robotic hand



## Hybrid Gaussian



# Robotic hand



# Robotic hand



## DARPA Robotics Challenge

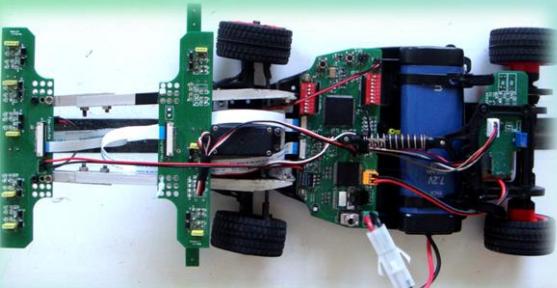


Atlas with iRobot hand



Connect a fire hose to a standpipe  
and tighten it up

2009



2010



2013



*Thank you*