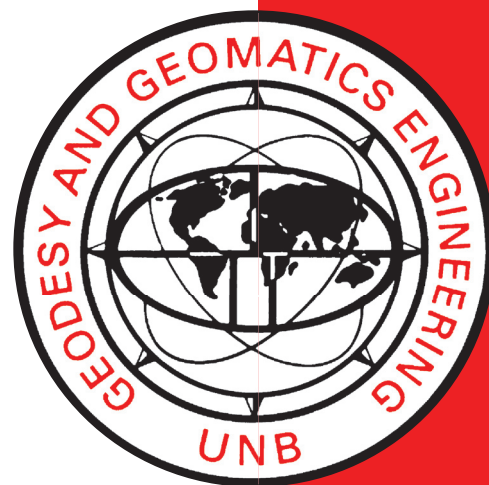


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PREFACE

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ABSTRACT

Because they contain abundant spatial information, high resolution satellite images are widely used in a variety of applications. Aerial triangulation is one of the most important technologies to obtain accurate spatial information from those images. Thus aerial triangulation is always an important research topic in the photogrammetric community and automatic aerial triangulation is a common goal of such PhD research activities. To date, many techniques have been developed to improve the efficiency and accuracy of aerial triangulation. However, for processing high resolution satellite images, automatic aerial triangulation still faces many challenges, including tie point extraction and sensor model refinement. The main purpose of this research is to develop and test new tie point extraction, sensor model refinement and bundle block adjustment methods for improving the automation and accuracy of aerial triangulation.

The accuracy of tie points directly determines the success of aerial triangulation. Generally both the corner point and the gravity center point of a rectangular or circular object can be used as tie points, but the resulting outcomes can vary greatly in aerial triangulation. However, this difference has not drawn much attention from researchers yet. Thus, most of the tie point extraction algorithms only extract various corners. In order to quantify the difference between corner and center tie points for image registration, this research analyzed the error introduced by using corner or center tie points in different cases. Through quantitative analysis and experiments, the author

reached the conclusion that the ‘center’ points, when used as tie points, can improve the accuracy of image registration by at least 40 percent over that for the ‘corner’ points.

Extracting a large number of tie points is the prerequisite of automatic aerial triangulation. Interest point matching can extract tie points automatically. To date numerous interest point matching algorithms have been investigated. Those algorithms can be grouped into two categories: area based and feature based. However, both area based and feature based algorithms share a common limitation: ambiguity in a homogeneous area. Neither of the methods could efficiently extract tie points from the low texture area. In this research, a robust interest point matching algorithm has been developed. This algorithm incorporates spatial information through constructing a control network from ‘super’ interest points. Experiments show that the proposed algorithm almost solved the ambiguity problem in a “poorly textured” area.

Sensor model refinement is the core of aerial triangulation. The challenge is the use of the Rational Polynomial Camera (RPC) model in some high resolution satellites, such as IKONOS and QuickBird. Although some direct methods and indirect methods have been investigated, they either require excessive information concerning the RPC which is unavailable to the public (direct methods), or has rigorous conditions which seriously limits its applications (indirect methods). In this research, a generic method was developed for RPC refinement. The proposed method does not need any information about the RPC itself, and is not restrained by any conditions. Theoretically, the proposed generic method can be used in any kind of camera in which RPC is used as a sensor model.

Based on the proposed generic method for RPC refinement, a robust bundle block adjustment model is developed. This bundle block adjustment algorithm can efficiently process the high resolution satellite images and can reach sub-pixel accuracy in image space and sub-meter accuracy in object space. Experiments were conducted to verify this application.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS, NOMENCLATURE, OR ABBREVIATIONS

BILS – Batch Iterative Least-Squares

GCP – Ground Control Point

CE90 – Circular Error 90%

CHK – Check Point

EP – Exterior Parameters

FOV – Field of View

GPS – Global Positioning System

HRSI – High Resolution Satellite Image

ICP – Iterative Closest Point

IDKF – Incremental Discrete Kalman Filtering

LE90 – Linear Error 90%

PG – Pseudo GCP

M – Meters

RMSE – Root Mean Square Error

MS – Multi-Spectral

PAN – Panchromatic

RES – Resolution

RPC – Rational Polynomial Coefficient

SLSS – Sequential Least Square Solution

SIFT – Scale Invariant Feature Transform

TPS – Thin Plate Spline

Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

This PhD research includes four parts: interest point extraction, interest point matching, geometric sensor model refinement, and bundle block adjustment, which are four important components for aerial triangulation. The dissertation is presented through following papers:

Paper 1 (peer reviewed):

Xiong, Z. and Y. Zhang (2009), Error Analysis of Corner and Center Points for Image, *Journal of Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* (under review).

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Paper 3 (peer reviewed):

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1.1 Dissertation Structure

This research is an articles-based dissertation. Four journal papers (one published, and three submitted for peer review) are incorporated in the work. The dissertation includes six chapters: introduction, four journal papers (each as one chapter), and conclusions. **Figure 1.1** illustrates the organization of this dissertation.

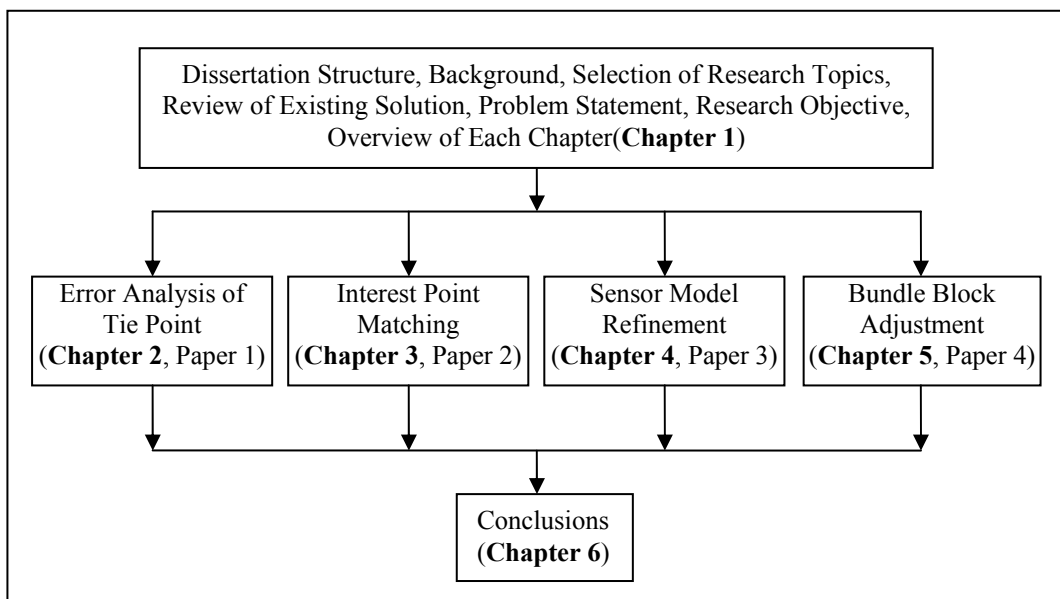


Figure 1.1 Organization of this dissertation

1.2 Background

When Landsat 5 was successfully launched on March 1st, 1984 a new era of earth observation began with 30 m resolution images. With the subsequent technological advancements in computers, electronics, communications and mechanics, the resolution of satellite images has been continuously increasing. To date, at least 64 high resolution satellites (better than 30 m) have been launched by 23 countries (**Table 1.1**). At the same time, High Resolution Satellite Images (HRSI) have

become widely used in various fields, including agriculture, forestry, ecology, environmental protection, land administration, resources management, and mapping. These applications take advantage of the large amount of information contained in HRSIs, especially geospatial information, such as position, elevation, and orientation. However, raw satellite images usually contain various distortions due to camera lens configuration, ground relief variation, the curvature of the earth, and atmospheric refraction, resulting in inaccurate geometric positions which are unsuitable for geospatial analysis and other applications. Therefore, effective technologies are required to remove the geometric distortions and improve the accuracy of geospatial information.

Aerial triangulation (aerotriangulation) is the best way to obtain accurate geospatial information from raw images, and refers to the process of determining the x, y, and z ground coordinates of individual ground points based on photo coordinate measurements on the raw image. Currently, automated aerial triangulation of high resolution satellite imagery still faces some significant technical problems in both tie point selection and bundle adjustment. This is the motivation behind this research.

Table 1.1 High Resolution Satellites¹

Satellite	Country	Launch	PAN RES. M	MS RES. M	Satellite	Country	Launch	PAN RES. M	MS RES. M
Landsat 5	US	03/01/84		30.0	VinSat-1	Vietnam	11/01/06	4.0	32
SPOT-2	France	01/22/90	10.0	20.0	Sumbandilasat	South Africa	12/12/06		6.5
ERS-2	ESA	04/21/95	30.0		RadarSat 2	Canada	12/15/06	3.0	
RadarSat 1	Canada	11/04/95	8.5		<i>RISAT</i>	India	01/30/07	3.0	
IRS 1C	India	12/28/95	6.0	23.0	IRS Cartosat 2	India	03/15/07	1.0	
IRS 1D	India	09/29/97	10.0	20.0	GeoEye-1	US	03/16/07	0.41	1.64
SPOT-4	France	03/24/98	10.0	20	RapidEye-A	Germany	06/01/07		6.5
Landsat 7	US	04/15/99	15.0	30.0	RapidEye-B	Germany	06/01/07		6.5
Ikonos-2	US	09/24/99	1.0	4.0	RapidEye-C	Germany	06/01/07		6.5
ASTER	Japan/US	12/15/99		15, 30, 90	RapidEye-D	Germany	06/01/07		6.5
KOMPSAT-1	Korea	12/20/99	6.6		RapidEye-E	Germany	06/01/07		6.5
EO-1	US	11/21/00	10	30	CBERS-2B	China/Brazil	06/15/07	20	20
EROS A1	Israel	12/05/00	1.8		THOES	Thailand	06/30/07	2.0	15
QuickBird-2	US	10/18/01	0.6	2.05	HJ-1-A	China	07/01/07		30, 100
Proba	ESA	10/22/01	8.0	18, 36	HJ-1-B	China	07/01/07		30, 150, 300
<i>ENVISAT</i>	ESA	03/01/02	30		WorldView-1	US	07/01/07	0.5	
SPOT-5	France	05/04/02	2.5	10	Skymed-1	Italy	11/12/07	1.0	
DMC AISat-1	Algeria	11/28/02		32	HJ-1-C	China	03/01/08		5, 20
OrbView 3	US	06/26/03	1.0	4	EROS C	Israel	03/21/08	0.7	2.5
DMC-1	Nigeria	09/27/03		32	X-sat	Singapore	04/16/08		10
DMC BilSat	Turkey	09/27/03	12.0	26	CBERS-3	China/Brazil	05/01/08	5.0	20
DMC UK	UK	09/27/03		32	Skymed-2	Italy	05/01/08	1.0	
IRS 1	India	10/17/03	6.0	6, 23, 56	WorldView-2	US	07/01/08	0.5	1.8
CBERS-2	China/Brazil	10/21/03	20.0	20.0	Venus	Israel/France	08/01/08		5.3
FormoSat	Taiwan	04/20/04	2.0	8.0	TerraSAR L	Germany	08/15/08	1.0	
ThaiPhat	Thailand	12/01/04		36	Skymed-3	Italy	11/01/08	1.0	
IRS Cartosat 1	India	05/04/05	2.5		Alsat-2A	Algeria	12/01/08	2.5	10
MONITOR-E-1	Russia	08/26/05	8.0	20	IRS -2	India	12/15/08	6.0	6, 23, 56
Beijing-1	China	10/27/05	4.0	32	Pleiades-1	France	03/01/09	0.7	2.8
TopSat	UK	10/27/05	2.5	5	Skymed-4	Italy	05/01/09	1.0	
ALOS	Japan	01/24/06	2.5	10	TanDem-X	Germany	06/30/09	1.0	
<i>ALOS</i>	Japan	01/24/06	10.0		Alsat-2B	Algeria	12/01/09	2.5	10
EROS B1	Israel	04/25/06	0.7		CBERS-4	China/Brazil	07/01/10	5.0	20
Resurs DK-1	Russia	06/15/06	1.0	3	Spain Sat	Spain	07/01/10	2.5	
KOMPSAT-2	Korea	07/28/06	1.0	4	Pleiades-2	France	09/01/10	0.7	2.8
<i>TerraSAR X</i>	Germany	10/31/06	1.0		LDCM	US	07/01/11	10.0	30
RazakSat	Malaysia	11/01/06	2.5	5					

PAN = Panchromatic, MS = Multi-Spectral, RES = Resolution, M = Meters

¹ Stoney, W.E., Mitretek Systems, 2008-2-12, <http://www.asprs.org/news/satellites/>

1.3 Selection of Research Topics

Aerial triangulation is the key technology for image rectification and extraction of geospatial information. Automated aerial triangulation involves four main steps: interest point extraction; interest point matching; sensor model refinement (space resection); and bundle adjustment (space intersection). The first two are used to extract tie points, while the latter two form the basis of aerial triangulation. The PhD thesis research topic covers all these four components. Therefore, it was decided to focus research attention on each of the above four components. The scope and importance of the research with respect to each component is briefly described in Sections from 1.1.1 to 1.1.4 below.

1.3.1 Interest Point Extraction

Bundle block adjustment typically requires a large number of tie points; however manual tie point selection is both time consuming and tedious. In addition it is sometimes very difficult for the human eye to identify a feature point (interest point) in images of homogeneous areas such grassland or forests. Furthermore, interest point extraction is a problem common to many fields, including computer vision systems, pattern recognition, and medical image diagnosis. Methods that allow automated interest point extraction are therefore of great significance, and numerous algorithms for interest point extraction have been developed [Rosenfeld and Johnston, 1973; Rosenfeld and Weszka, 1975; Freeman and Davis, 1977; Moravec, 1977; Beus and Tiu, 1987; Forstner and Gulch, 1987; Harris, 1988; Forstner, 1994]. These algorithms are capable of extracting large numbers of interest points. However, the quantity of points is not the main issue. Instead, attention must be paid

to the type of interest point being selected, because this can have a significant impact on the effectiveness of the resultant bundle block adjustment. In light of the foregoing, this research will not focus on how to extract interest points, but rather on what kind of interest points can provide the most accurate control for bundle block adjustment.

Corners and gravity centers (referred to as centers in this dissertation) are two typical kinds of interest points. Research completed as part of this dissertation revealed that most interest point extraction algorithms are only capable of extracting corner points. This limitation is significant because corners sometimes fail to give satisfactory results for multi-modal or multi-resolution image registration, but gravity center points can provide precise positions for accurate image registration. This portion of the research was therefore directed toward an error analysis of corners and gravity centers, with a view to characterizing their differences for bundle block adjustment.

1.3.2 Interest Point Matching

Interest point matching is widely used for 3D object reconstruction, pattern recognition, and medical image registration [Brown, 1992; Zitova and Flusser, 2003]. Moreover, interest point matching is the core of computer vision systems. For photogrammetry, interest point matching is used for automated tie point extraction. The quality of tie points can determine the degree of success of the bundle block adjustment. Accurate tie points can speed up the convergence of bundle block adjustment, whereas low accuracy of tie points may result in no convergence at all.

To date, many algorithms have been developed for interest point matching [Booksten, 1989; Besl and McKay, 1992; Gold and Rangarajan, 1996; Gold, et al., 1997; Mount, et al., 1997; Cross and Hancock, 1998; Williams and Bennamoun, 2001; Rexilius, et al., 2001; Belongie, et al., 2002; Kybic and Unser, 2003; Chui and Rangarajan, 2003; Kaplan, et al., 2004; Demirci, et al., 2004; Caetano, et al., 2004; Terasawa, et al., 2005; Lepetit, et al., 2005; Auer, et al., 2005; Shokoufandeh, et al., 2006; Yang, et al., 2007; Tu, et al., 2008; Zhao, et al., 2006; Lepetit, et al., 2008; Boffy, et al., 2008]. These algorithms can be grouped into two categories: area based methods and feature based methods. Both groups face the same problem: ambiguity in homogeneous areas (areas without prominent texture) [Zitova and Flusser, 2003]. For most high resolution satellite images, the location of at least some interest points in smooth areas is unavoidable. Therefore, a more robust interest point matching method is necessary to overcome the location ambiguity in smooth areas. The research therefore focuses on finding such a method.

1.3.3 Sensor Model Refinement

The geometric model of satellite sensors (referred to ‘sensor model’ in this thesis) always contains some errors. These are caused by a number of factors, including ephemeris error, satellite attitude error, atmospheric refraction error, etc. The sensor model error can be found from the corresponding location error in the ground or object space. For example, according to our experiments, SPOT 4’s location error is about 500 m, SPOT 5’s is about 300 m, and the location error for the IKONOS’ sensor model is around 20 m. In order to obtain more accurate spatial information from the HRSIs of these sensors, the satellite’s sensor model must be improved.

The sensor model is at the core of satellite photogrammetry, so sensor models have long been a popular research topic within the photogrammetric community. Many methods for sensor model refinement have been developed for the various cameras in use, which include analog frame cameras, optical-mechanical scanning sensors, linear push broom sensors, among others. For many of these, the camera's physical parameters and operational data (position, attitude, etc.) can normally be obtained and can be used for sensor model refinement. However, vendors of some high resolution satellite images, such as IKONOS, do not release details of the sensor's physical parameters. In this case, conventional model refinement methods cannot be applied. Although many new model refinement methods have been developed in response to this issue [Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Gong et al., 2005; Hu et al., 2004; Hu and Tao, 2002; Bang et al., 2003], they all have limitations. For example, the direct methods need the sensor model's information which is unavailable to public, and the indirect methods are only suited for sensors with narrow field of view. A more robust algorithm for sensor model refinement is, therefore, necessary and the development of such a model is one of the goals of this research.

1.3.4 Bundle Block Adjustment

Bundle adjustment is the last step in determining ground coordinates from image coordinates. As previously noted, many sensor model refinement algorithms have been developed for high resolution satellite images [Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Gong et al., 2005; Hu et al., 2004; Hu and Tao, 2002; Bang et al., 2003]. These can be grouped into two categories: direct methods and indirect methods. Only the indirect

methods have been used successfully for bundle block adjustment [Hu et al., 2004; Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Fraser and Hanley, 2003]. Unfortunately, the indirect methods can only be used under very rigorous conditions, such as narrow field of view, and when small positional & attitude errors of camera are present, which limit their utility [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. This research is therefore directed toward the development of a generic bundle block adjustment algorithm that can be used for images that do not meet the above conditions.

1.4 Review of Existing Solution

1.4.1 Interest Point Extraction

Interest points are also referred to as salient image points, key points, or feature points. Corners, junctions, high curvature gradients, gravity centers, and line ends are examples interest points. A wide variety of interest point detectors exist in the literature. They can be grouped into three classes: contour based, intensity based and parametric model based methods [Cordelia, et al., 2000].

- Contour based methods first extract contours and then search for maximal curvature or inflection points along the contour chains, or perform some polygonal approximation and then search for intersection points.
- Intensity based methods compute a measure that indicates the presence of an interest point directly from grey values.
- Parametric model methods fit a parametric intensity model to the signal. They often provide sub-pixel accuracy, but are limited to specific types of interest points, e.g., L-corners (Cordelia, et al., 2000). Parametric Model Based

methods normally use a mathematical model to fit the signal and determine the “L” corner by a least square solution. Rohr (1992), Deriche and Blaszkza (1993), Baker et al (1998), and Parida et al (1998) are typical parametric model based methods. Because they are limited to specific types of interest points, they normally cannot provide dense enough set of interest point for bundle block adjustment.

Contour based methods have a long history. A variety of contour based algorithms have been developed to date, including (Rosenfeld and Johnston (1973); Rosenfeld and Weszka (1975); Freeman and Davis (1977); and Beus and Tiu (1987); Liu et al., 1990). Contour based methods are normally applied to images that contain a large number of linear features. They are not suitable for use in extracting interest points for 3D reconstruction or aerotriangulation.

Intensity based methods are the most common ones used for interest point extraction. There are two different direct corner detection approaches described in the literature. Both are based on differential geometric concepts. The first approach measures isophote curvature, weighted with the gradient magnitude. The second group of detectors measures the Gaussian curvature of the intensity surface (Tobias, et al., 2004). Some methods use the first derivative of the signal to detect the interest point (Moravec, 1977), but most use the second derivative of the signal (Beaudet, 1978; Kitchen and Rosenfeld, 1982; Dreschler and Nagel, 1982; Nagel, 1983; Forstner and Gulch, 1987; Harris and Stephens, 1988; Tomasi and Kanade, 1991; Forstner, 1994; Lowe 2004).

Each of the above methods detects different kinds of “corners”, including geometric ‘L’ corners, or gradient corners. Obviously, a gravity center is neither a geometric corner, nor a gradient corner, so none of the above algorithms can be used to extract gravity centers.

1.4.2 Interest Point Matching

Interest point matching algorithms can be grouped into two main categories: area-based algorithms and feature based algorithms.

Area-based methods are normally stable and reliable, but still have many limitations. They have been widely used in remote sensing for interest point matching. However, photogrammetric scientists are still attempting to improve the stability and reliability of interest point matching techniques [Lu, et al., 1997; Zhang, et al., 2004].

Hierarchical matching and relaxation algorithms are typical examples of such attempts. At the same time, great efforts are also being made to reduce the search area and increase the matching speed. The use of epipolar geometry is one of the most important achievements of such work [Masry, 1972; Helava, et al., 1973; Dowman, 1977; Gupta, 1997; Kim, 2000]. The main limitations of area-based methods can be summarized as follows: 1) The rectangular image window is only suitable for image distortion caused by translation (in theory); 2) These methods cannot process smooth areas (areas without prominent texture); and 3) The methods are sensitive to image intensity changes which are caused by noise, varying illumination and the use of different sensors [Zitova and Flusser, 2003].

Feature-based algorithms can be further categorized into rigid and non-rigid (according to the transformation between images), global and local (according to the image distortions), or corrected and uncorrected (according to the image variations). Feature-based algorithms can also be grouped into three additional categories (Chui and Rangarajan, 2003). They either: solve the correspondence only, solve the transformation only, or solve both the correspondence and the transformation.

Every method must take into account the specific geometric image deformation (Zitova and Flusser, 2003). Some algorithms process global distortions. The ICP (Iterative Closest Point) algorithm is a classical global algorithm (Besl and McKay, 1992; Yang, etc., 2007). Because it requires the assumption that one surface is a subset of the other, this algorithm is only suitable for global distortion image registration (Williams and Bennamoun, 2001). For medical image registration and pattern recognition, many rigid global transformations are used (Besl and McKay, 1992; Mount, etc., 1997; Tu, etc., 2008). The B-Spline and TPS (Thin Plate Spline) deformation models are commonly used for global distortion in medical image registration (Bookstein, 1989, Kybic and Unser, 2003).

Other algorithms deal with the local distortions. For non-rigid local distortions, more complicated transformations are developed. The TPS model was proposed initially for global transformations, but it was improved for smooth local distortions for medical image registration (Gold, etc., 1997; Chui and Rangarajan, 2003; Auer, etc., 2005). Another common local distortion model is the elastic deformation model (Auer, etc., 2005; Rexilius, etc., 2001).

Some algorithms do not need a transformation function. In computer vision systems and pattern recognition, feature descriptors extracted from an image's gray values are usually used (Belongie, etc., 2002; Kaplan, etc., 2004; Terasawa, etc., 2005; Lepetit, etc., 2005; Zhao, etc., 2006). SIFT (Scale Invariant Feature Transform) is one of the best descriptors for interest point matching (Lowe, 2004). In graph matching algorithms, topological relationship is the key feature and is widely used in pattern recognition (Gold and Rangarajan, 1996; Cross and Hancock, 1998; Demirci, etc., 2004; Caetano, etc., 2004; Shokoufandeh, etc., 2006). Another idea is to consider interest point matching as a classification problem. Features from a reference image are used to train the classifier (Lepetit, etc., 2008; Boffy, etc., 2008).

1.4.3 Sensor Model Refinement

Rational Polynomial Coefficients (RPCs) are used as sensor models of high resolution satellite cameras, such as IKONOS and QuickBird. The RPC may be refined directly or indirectly. Direct refining methods modify the original RPCs themselves, while indirect refining methods introduce complementary or concatenated transformations in image or object space, and do not change the original RPCs directly (Hu et al., 2004).

The first direct method is to compute the new rational polynomial coefficients (RPCs) using vendor-provided RPC coefficients as initial values. This method is not stable enough to provide sufficient accuracy in operational environments, unless a large number of densely distributed ground control points (GCPs) (about twice the number of unknowns) are available (Toutin, 2004; Tao and Hu, 2001; Di et al.,

2003). Therefore, this method is not feasible for RPC refinement (Grodecki et al., 2003; Hu et al., 2004). A Batch Iterative Least-Squares (BILS) method and an Incremental Discrete Kalman Filtering (IDKF) method have been proposed to modify RPCs (Hu and Tao, 2002). The covariance matrices for the RPCs and the image measurements (provided by the data vendor who calculated the RPC initially) are needed for these methods. Moreover, significant numbers of new GCPs are also required (Hu and Tao, 2002). Bang et al., proposed three methods to modify RPCs: the Pseudo GCP (PG) method, the Using Parameters Observation Equation (UPOE) method, and the Sequential Least Square Solution (SLSS) method (Bang et al., 2003). For the PG method, the RPCs are imported as initial values. The additional GCPs are assigned a large enough weight (compared with the pseudo GCPs) to modify the original RPC. For the UPOE method, 59 RPC parameter observations are used instead of the pseudo GCPs.

Indirect methods use a polynomial to fit the error either in image space (Fraser and Hanley, 2003; Grodecki and Dial, 2003) or in object space (Grodecki and Dial, 2003). For high resolution satellite images such as IKONOS and QuickBird, such methods normally can provide satisfactory results for sensor model refinement. However, indirect methods can only be used under rigorous conditions: the sensor's attitude error is small and its field of view is narrow.

1.4.4 Bundle Adjustment

To date, four RPC-based block adjustment models defined in both image and object space have been proposed by other researchers:

(1) Image-Space Adjustment Models Defined in the Domain of Image Coordinates (Commonly known as the Image-Space Bias Compensation Adjustment Models). In this model, compensations are added to the rational functions to capture the discrepancies between the nominal and the measured image space coordinates [Fraser and Hanley, 2003; Fraser and Hanley, 2005; Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Fraser et al., 2006].

(2) Image-Space Adjustment Models Defined in the Domain of Object Space Coordinates [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. This type of model accomplishes image-space compensation using a polynomial function that is defined in object space.

(3) Object-Space Adjustment Models Defined in the Domain of Object Space.

(4) Object-Space Adjustment Models Defined in the Domain of Image Space.

In both (3) and (4), the object-space RPC block adjustment model is nonlinear in the adjustment parameters and is unrelated to imaging geometry [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. This model is therefore rarely used.

1.5 Problem Statement

Automatic aerial triangulation includes four major steps: interest point extraction; interest point matching; sensor model refinement; and bundle adjustment. Even though much research has been done for aerial triangulation, in this research, it is

regarded that each step still contains certain limitations and that there is potential for improvement.

Limitations in interest point extraction

Although numerous algorithms have been developed for interest point extraction [Rosenfeld and Johnston, 1973; Rosenfeld and Weszka, 1975; Freeman and Davis, 1977; Moravec, 1977; Beus and Tiu, 1987; Forstner and Gulch, 1987; Harris, 1988; Forstner, 1994], they are all based on gray values and can only extract corners (either geometric ‘L’ corners, or gradient corners). Corners, however, do not always provide accurate control and sometimes are not suitable for image registration and bundle block adjustment; whereas centers can serve as more accurate controls than corners in most situations. Unfortunately, the difference in accuracy between centers and corners for bundle block adjustment is poorly understood, and the situations in which centers can provide more accurate control than corners is not well known yet.

Limitations in interest point matching

After a sufficient number of interest points have been extracted, interest point matching can generate tie points. Although many area-based methods and feature based methods have been developed for interest point matching, they all share the same limitation: ambiguity in smooth areas [Zitova and Flusser, 2003]. For high resolution satellite images containing smooth (low texture) areas such as grassland, forests, snow- or ice-cover, and deserts, neither of the existing types of algorithms can overcome local minimal problems and find correct correspondences.

Limitations in sensor model refinement

Vendors of high resolution images from satellites such as IKONOS and QuickBird use RPCs as sensor models instead of releasing the camera's physical parameters. This poses a new challenge for members of the photogrammetric community seeking to refine the sensor model. Many scientists have been working on this topic for a long time and have developed numerous methods for sensor model refinement, including direct methods and indirect methods. However, these methods either need supporting information that is unavailable to the public (direct methods), or have many rigorous conditions that limit their utility (indirect methods) [Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Gong et al., 2005; Hu et al., 2004; Hu and Tao, 2002; Bang et al., 2003].

Limitations in bundle block adjustment

There are direct and indirect methods for RPC sensor model refinement. Because the former are not based on an explicit mathematical model, only the latter have been successfully applied in bundle block adjustment. Based on the indirect methods, four bundle block adjustment models which are defined in image space and object space have been developed. Among these models, the bias compensation model defined in image space is most accurate, because the image coordinates reflect the satellite's imaging geometry. However, as an indirect refinement method, its utility is affected by the drawbacks (rigorous conditions with its utility) associated with all such methods as noted above.

1.6 Research Objectives

The objectives of this research are fourfold to solve the problems identified in the above four areas or steps.

Interest point extraction

This portion of the research focuses on determining which type of interest point (centers or corners) can provide more accurate control for bundle block adjustment. Quantitative analysis of the errors of corners and centers with respect to image sampling will be performed. Experiments were designed to verify the quantitative analysis of errors for bundle block adjustment. The relative performance of corners and centers for bundle block adjustment has been quantified.

Interest point matching

Area based and feature based methods face a common problem: ambiguity in smooth areas. This research focuses on solving this problem. A robust interest point matching algorithm will be developed that incorporates spatial information to overcome the aforementioned ambiguity.

Sensor model refinement

Direct methods of sensor model refinement require a lot of supplementary information that is unavailable to the public, whereas the indirect methods have rigorous conditions which seriously limit their applications. This research has developed a generic method to overcome all such limitations.

Bundle block adjustment

To date, four bundle block adjustment models which are defined in image space and object space have been developed; however, these models are based on the indirect methods of sensor model refinement, and therefore have the same limitations as all

other indirect methods. Specifically, they can be only used for satellites with narrow field of view and small ephemeris error. This research has developed a robust bundle block adjustment model which can deal with these limitations.

The data and metrics used to evaluate the algorithms developed in this research are summarized in **Table 1.2**.

Table 1.2 Data and Metrics Used for Evaluation

No	Data	Metric Description	Chapter
1	(1) A pair of QuickBird Images acquired on July 26, 2002 near Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. The QuickBird PAN image resolution is 0.61 m and the QuickBird MS image resolution is 2.44 m. (2) A stereo pair of IKONOS images, acquired in February of 2003 in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. The incidence angles are forward 75° and backward 69° respectively.	After image registration by using corners and centers respectively, The standard deviation of check points is used to evaluate the accuracy of image registration.	Chapter 2 [Xiong and Zhang, 2009]
2	(1) A stereo pair of level 1A IKONOS images acquired on June 25, 2004 over Penang, Malaysia. The incidence angles are 30° and 3.5° respectively. (2) A stereo pair of IKONOS images which was acquired on February, 2003 in Hobart, Australia. The incidence angles are forward 75° and backward 69° respectively. (3) Three pairs of QuickBird Images acquired in 2002 near Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.	Visual survey is used to evaluate the result of interest point matching.	Chapter 3 [Xiong and Zhang, 2009]
3	(1) A stereo triplet of IKONOS images which was acquired on February, 2003 in Hobart, Australia. The incidence angles are 69°, 75°, 69° respectively. There are 113 ground control points. (2) A pair of QuickBird Images acquired in July, 2003 in Melbourne, Australia. The incidence angles are forward 65° and backward 65° respectively. There are 81 ground control points.	Standard deviation in image space and object space are used to evaluate the accuracy of bundle block adjustment.	Chapter 4 [Xiong and Zhang, 2009]
4	(1) A stereo triplet of IKONOS images which was acquired on February, 2003 in Hobart, Australia. The incidence angles are 69°, 75°, 69° respectively. There are 113 ground control points. (2) A pair of QuickBird Images acquired in July, 2003 in Melbourne, Australia. The incidence angles are forward 65° and backward 65° respectively. There are 81 ground control points.	Standard deviation in image space is used to evaluate the accuracy of sensor model refinement.	Chapter 5 [Xiong and Zhang, 2009]

The topics selected for this research are important not only for photogrammetry but also for other uses. For example, interest point matching is widely used in computer

vision systems, pattern recognition, and medical image processing. The sensor model refinement is also widely used in a variety of applications, such as change detection, 3D reconstruction, robotics, and security surveillance.

1.7 Overview of Each Chapter

Chapter 1 is the introduction. It includes the topic selection, research background, problem statement, research objectives, and dissertation outline.

Chapters 2 to 5 contain the four journal papers, comprising the main contributions to this PhD research.

- Through quantitative error analysis of corners and centers, and experiments verification, **chapter 2** characterizes the performance of corners and centers in image registration and bundle block adjustment in a quantitative way.
- **Chapter 3** presents a robust interest point matching algorithm which incorporates spatial information and can overcome the limitation of ambiguity in smooth areas.
- **Chapter 4** presents a generic RPC refinement method which can be effectively used for different sensors without any limitations.
- **Chapter 5** presents a robust bundle block adjustment model which is based on the generic RPC refinement method. It can adjust large ephemeris and

attitude errors and can be used in images acquired by sensors with wide fields of view.

Chapter 6 presents the conclusions. It summarizes the achievements of this research and outlines its drawbacks and limitations. It also presents some recommendations for future research.

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Chapter 2 ERROR ANALYSIS OF CORNER AND CENTER POINTS FOR IMAGE REGISTRATION²

ABSTRACT

Image registration is a popular research topic in the fields of remote sensing, photogrammetry, computer vision, pattern recognition, and medical image processing. Both corner and center points are used for image registration, but the differences in performance of image registration depending on which points are used, has not drawn much attention. Such performance differences have the potential to directly affect the success of multi-resolution or multi-modal image registration.

The goal of this paper is to compare the characteristics of corner and center points in image registration and to quantify the differences in their performance. Corners and gravity centers were compared in two cases: 1) registration of images with the same resolution; and 2) registration of images with different resolution. The results showed that gravity centers provide more accurate results for image registration in both cases. Quantitative analysis revealed that the position error of the centers is only about 60% or less of the position error of the corners. Experiments are presented that confirm this finding.

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2.1. Introduction

Image registration normally requires conjugate points. Corners and gravity centers (referred to as "centers" in this paper) are the most typical and common interest points used as tie points for image registration. For example, both corners and centers are used to register images having the same resolution such as stereo pairs of IKONOS and QuickBird images [Fraser et al., 2005]. They are also used for registration of images having different resolutions [Xiong and Zhang, 2008]. When using photogrammetric systems, operators usually collect both corners and centers as tie points for image registration, but for automatic image registration, it is more common to use only corners. For example, corners are used for automatic medical image registration [Gold, etc., 1997; Chui and Rangarajan, 2003; Auer, etc., 2005], for automatic image registration in computer vision systems [Belongie, etc., 2002; Kaplan, etc., 2004; Terasawa, etc., 2005; Lepetit, etc., 2005; Zhao, etc., 2006], and for pattern recognition [Besl, etc., 1992; Lowe, 2004; Lepetit, etc., 2008; Boffy, etc., 2008].

One might ask why centers cannot be used in the foregoing automatic image registration systems. The major reason is that most interest point detection algorithms can only extract 'corners', i.e. the maximum gradient points. There are many examples. Well known algorithms that are based on auto-correlation matrices, such as Moravec [1977], Forstner and Gulch [1987], Harris [1988], and Forstner [1994], can only determine points with local maximum gradients. Similarly, contour based methods that extract maximal curvature or inflection points along the contour chains, or do some polygonal approximation and then search for intersection points, can only extract corners. Examples include Rosenfeld and Johnston [1973],

Rosenfeld and Weszka [1975], Freeman and Davis [1977], Beus and Tiu [1987], and the IPAN99 algorithm [Dmitry and Zsolt, 1999].

To date, centers are mostly excluded from use in image registration except for manually selected tie points that include centers. This is a concern because gravity center points can provide precise image registration. Furthermore, corners sometimes fail to give satisfactory results for multi-modal or multi-resolution image registration.

In this paper we use error analysis and experiments to attempt to quantify the difference in accuracy between corners and centers for image registration. In the first section, we analyze the position error of corners and centers, both in images having the same resolution and in images having different resolutions. In the second section, we present three experiments using these different types of images. Finally, we analyze the results and present our conclusions.

2.2. Position Errors of Corners and Gravity Centers for Image Registration

In this research, the position errors of corners and gravity centers for image registration were studied in two cases: registration of images with different resolutions and registration of images with the same resolution. In **Figure 2.1**, the shaded area represents an object. The dot in **Figure 2.1 (a)** represents a corner and the dot in **Figure 2.1 (b)** represents a gravity center.

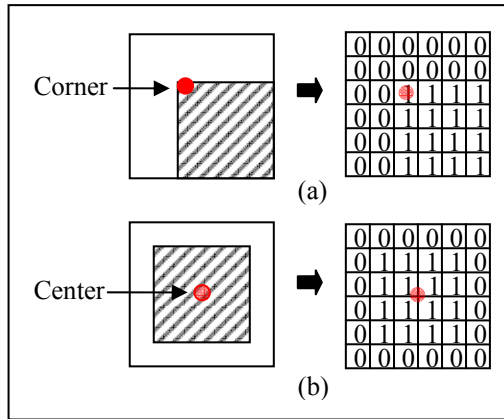


Figure 2.1 Corner (a) and Center (b). The upper figures illustrate an object and a corner in the analog image and digital image (a); the lower figures illustrate an object and a center in the analog image and digital image (b).

In a digital image, an object is represented by discrete pixels. Some pixels are completely filled by an object and some pixels are partially filled. In **Figure 2.2**, there are three pixels which are partially filled by an object. In **Figure 2.2** (1), (2), and (3) the object coverage is 50%, 75%, and 25% respectively. For the purposes of this research we assumed that: a) when the object coverage is 50% (**Figure 2.2** (1)), the probability that such pixel is recognized as an object pixel is 50%; b) when the object coverage is above 50% (**Figure 2.2** (2)), the probability that such pixel is recognized as object pixel is 100%; and c) when the object coverage is below 50%, the probability that such pixel is recognized as object pixel is 0%.

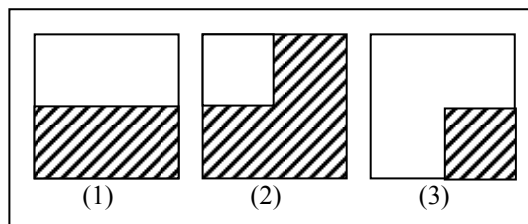


Figure 2.2 Object Coverage in a Pixel. (1) Object covers 50% of a pixel, (2) Object covers 75%, (3) 25%.

2.2.1 Corners and Gravity Centers Used for Registration of Images with Different Resolutions

This is a case study. So the conclusion from this study is only a result of an insufficient statistics. In order to determine the difference in accuracy between corners and gravity centers when they are used for the registration of different resolution images, the position errors of corners and centers were examined. The MS and PAN images were used as samples for this purpose (**Figure 2.3**). Only integer sampling (as opposed to continuous sampling) was considered. One MS image pixel covers the same area as 16 PAN image pixels, so 16 relative positions between the MS and PAN images were studied (**Figures 2.4 and 2.5**). In these sixteen cases, the corners and centers may have different positions on the MS and PAN images respectively. We know, for image registration, the positions of a tie point, no matter corner or center, on both images should be at the same position. Otherwise, any position difference of tie points between the MS and PAN images will result in registration error. From these sixteen cases, from the view of image sampling, the author attempted to perform an insufficient statistics computation and tried to study the position error of corners and centers between the MS and PAN images.

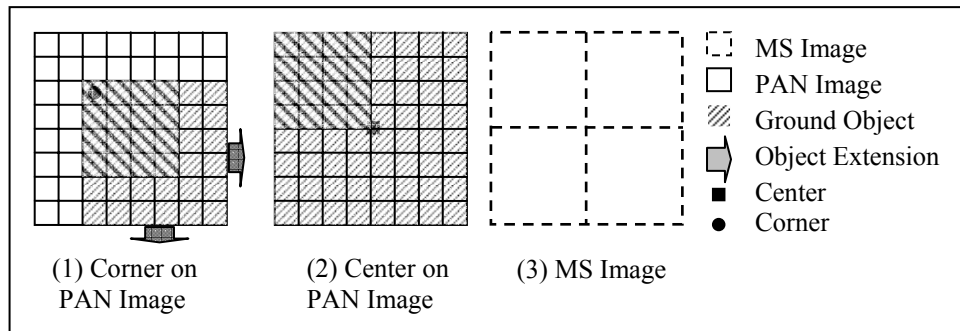


Figure 2.3 Sampling of the Pan and MS Images with a resolution ratio of 1/4. In this case, 16 pixels in the PAN image cover the same area of 1 pixel in the MS image. The shaded area represents an object. (1) An object with its corner. This object extends in east and south. (2) An object with its center. This is a symmetric object with 8 by 8 pixels.

Figure 2.4 shows the corner positions on the MS and PAN images in sixteen cases. In each of these cases, the object corner is on the upper left. The object extends in south and east. Because of the different resolutions, the corner positions on the MS and PAN images may differ. The distances between the corners on the two types of images are summarized in **Table 2.1**.

Figure 2.5 shows the center positions on the MS and PAN images in sixteen cases. In each of these cases, the object is an 8 by 8 pixel square (on the PAN image). In the 16 cases, the center positions on the MS and PAN images may be different because of the different relative positions between the PAN and the MS images. The distances between the centers on each image type are shown in **Table 2.1**.

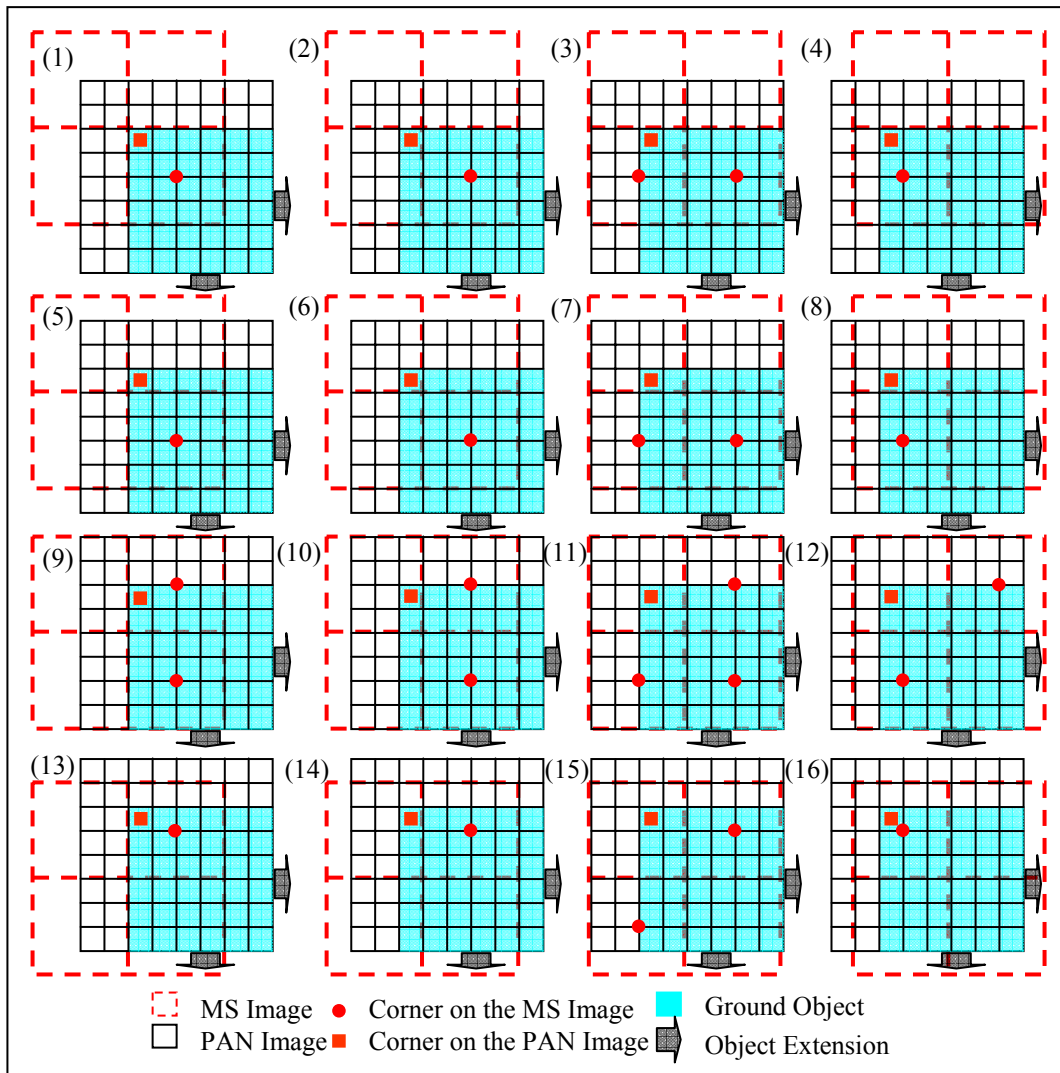


Figure 2.4 Corner Positions of an Object on the PAN and MS Images (Cases 1 – 16). Due to the sampling error, the corner position on the MS image may change case by case. In these cases, the object extends in south and east. Therefore, the corner pixel of such object is in the upper left corner. According to the assumption in Figure 2.2, the MS pixel on the upper left corner which the object coverage equals or greater than 50% could be recognized as the corner pixel of the object on the MS image. So there may be more than one possible corner on the MS image. The PAN pixel on the upper left of the object is directly recognized as the corner pixel of the object on the PAN image.

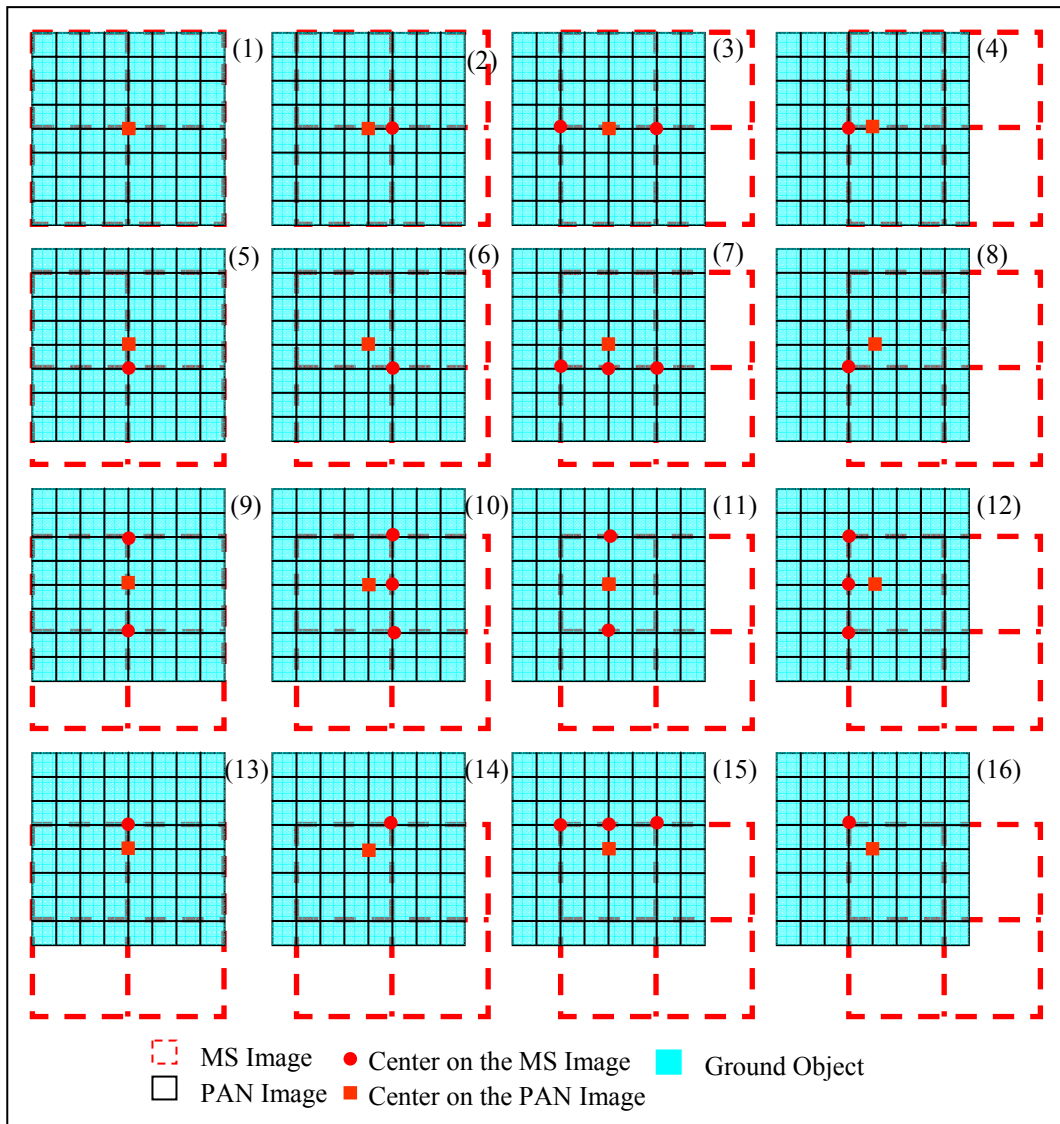


Figure 2.5 Center Positions on the PAN and MS Images (Cases 1 – 16). In cases 1, 3, 9, 11, the center on the PAN image covers the center of the MS image. Due to sampling error, the center position on the MS image may change case by case. In these cases, the symmetric object covers 8 by 8 pixels on the PAN image. According to the assumption in Figure 2.2, the MS pixel which the object coverage equals or greater than 50% could be recognized as object pixel. The center position on the MS image is estimated based on the possible object pixels on the MS image. So there may be more than one possible center on the MS image. The center position on the PAN image is estimated based on 8×8 PAN image pixels.

Table 2.1 Deviation Between Corners/Centers on the PAN and MS Images.

Case	Deviation Between Corners on the PAN and MS Images (PAN pixels)	Average Deviation (PAN pixels)	Deviation Between Centers on the PAN and MS Images (PAN pixels)	Average Deviation (PAN pixels)
1	2.12	2.12	0	0
2	2.91	2.91	1	1
3	1.58; 3.81	2.25	2; 0; 2	1.33
4	1.58	1.58	1	1
5	2.91	2.91	1	1
6	3.53	3.53	1.41	1.41
7	2.55; 4.30	3.43	2.24; 1; 2.24	1.83
8	2.55	2.55	1.41	1.41
9	1.58; 3.81	2.70	2; 0; 2	1.33
10	2.55; 4.30	3.43	2.24; 1; 2.24	1.83
11	3.53; 3.53; 4.95	4.00	2; 0; 2	1.33
12	4.53; 3.53	4.03	2.24; 1; 2.24	1.83
13	1.58	1.58	1	1
14	2.55	2.55	1.41	1.41
15	3.53; 4.53	4.03	2.24; 1; 2.24	1.83
16	0.71	0.71	1.41	1.41
Average Deviation (PAN pixels)		2.77		1.31

Table 2.1 shows that the average deviation of the corners is 2.77 pixels (PAN) and the average deviation of centers is 1.31 pixels (PAN). The position error of the gravity centers is only about 47.3% of the corner errors. For registration of images of different resolutions (e.g. PAN and MS images), use of gravity centers rather than corners therefore has the potential to reduce position error by about 50%.

2.2.2 Corners and Gravity Centers Used for Registration of Images Having the Same Resolution

This is a case study for registration of images with the same resolution. So the conclusion from this study is only a result of an insufficient statistics. In the registration of same resolution images, the position errors of corners and centers were examined for two objects. The first object exactly covers a 6 by 6 square of

image pixels (**Figure 2.6(1), (2), (3)**) and the second object exactly covers a 5.5 by 5.5 square of image pixels (**Figure 2.6(4), (5), (6)**). In order to include as many situations as possible for statistical analysis, all possible object positions on the image should be considered. For the first object, there are two situations which may possibly cause the ambiguity of both corner position and center position (**Table 2.2**). The same situation is applicable to the second object. The possible corner positions and center positions are listed in **Table 2.2**.

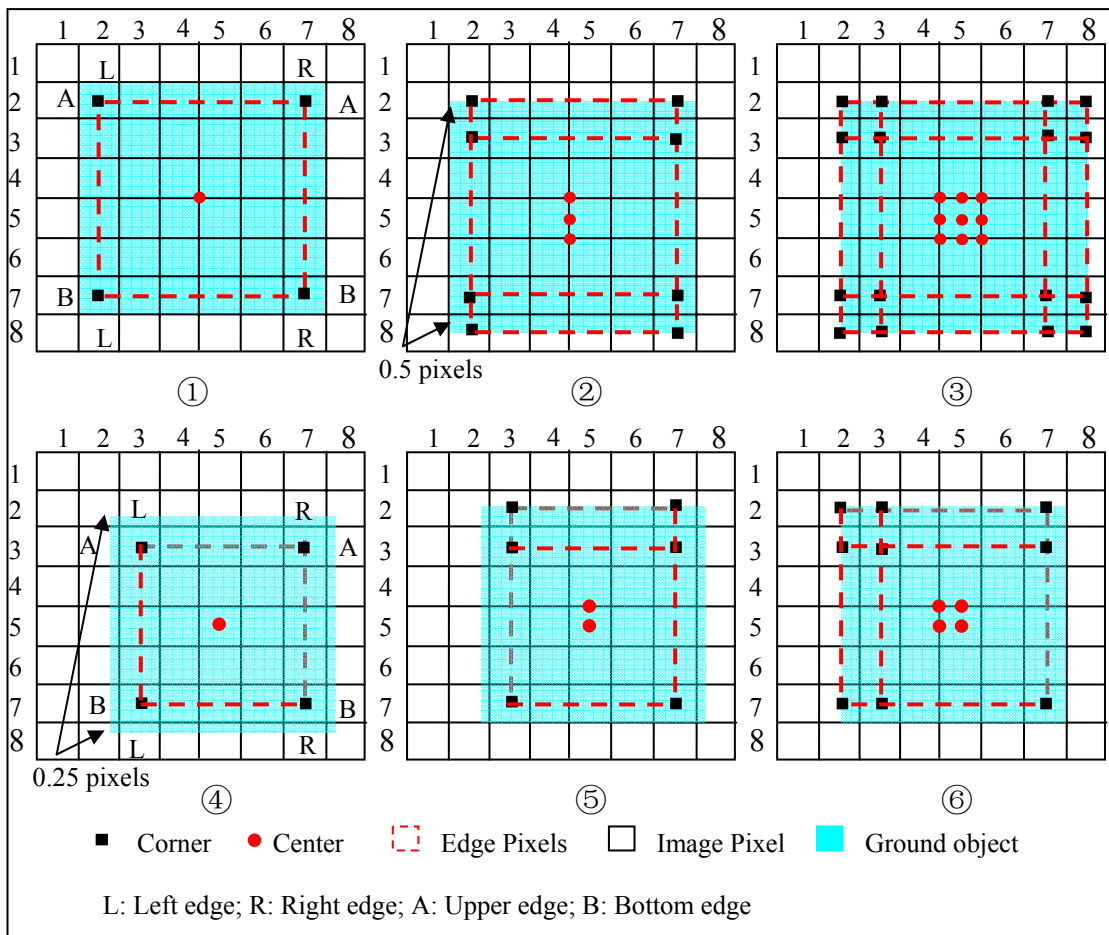


Figure 2.6 Possible Corner Positions and Center Positions on the Square Object. The dot represents a possible center. The solid square represents a possible corner.

According to the assumption in **Figure 2.2**, the pixel in which the object coverage equals or is greater than 50% could be recognized as an object pixel. The corner position is the possible object corner pixel. The center position of the object is estimated using the possible edge pixels.

Table 2.2 Possible Positions of Corners and Centers, and their Corresponding Standard Deviation.

Case	Corner			Center		
	Corner Position	σ_1 column (pixels)	σ_2 row (pixels)	Center Position	σ_1 column (pixels)	σ_2 row (pixels)
2	(2, 2), (2,3);	0	0.71	(4.5, 4.5), (4.5, 5), (4.5, 5.5)	0	0.50
	(7, 2), (7, 3);	0	0.71			
	(7, 7), (7, 8);	0	0.71			
	(2, 7), (2, 8)	0	0.71			
3	(2, 2), (2,3), (3, 2), (3, 3);	0.58	0.58	(4.5, 4.5), (4.5, 5), (4.5, 5.5); (5, 4.5), (5, 5), (5, 5.5); (5.5, 4.5), (5.5, 5), (5.5, 5.5)	0.43	0.43
	(7, 2), (7, 3), (8, 2), (8, 3);	0.58	0.58			
	(7, 7), (7, 8), (8, 7), (8, 8);	0.58	0.58			
	(2, 7), (2, 8), (3, 7), (3, 8);	0.58	0.58			
5	(3, 2), (3, 3);	0	0.71	(5, 4.5), (5, 5);	0	0.35
	(7, 2), (7, 3);	0	0.71			
	(7, 7);	0	0			
	(3, 7);	0	0			
6	(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3);	0.58	0.58	(4.5, 4.5), (5, 4.5), (4.5, 5), (5, 5);	0.29	0.29
	(7, 2), (7, 3);	0	0.71			
	(7, 7);	0	0			
	(2, 7), (3, 7);	0.71	0			
Average σ (pixels)		0.60	0.66		0.36	0.39
σ_s (pixels)		0.89			0.53	

σ : Standard Deviation

In **Table 2.2**, σ_1 refers to the column standard deviation and σ_2 refers to the row standard deviation; σ_s refers to distance standard deviation which can be defined as follows:

$$\sigma_s = \sqrt{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)} \quad (2.1)$$

In **Figure 2.6**, the corner and the center could have several possible positions because of different sampling situations. We can consider these possible positions as a range of observations and we can use the standard deviation to evaluate the quality

of the observations. For example, for a group of observations: $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$, the mean value can be calculated as follows:

$$m = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \quad (2.2)$$

The deviation of each observation could then be expressed as

$$v_i = a_i - m \quad (2.3)$$

Therefore, the standard deviation of this group of observations can be calculated as follows:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{[vv]}{n-1}} \quad (2.4)$$

For example, in case 3, the upper left corner could be (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3). So there are totally 4 different columns 2, 2, 3, 3, and 4 different rows 2, 3, 2, 3. For columns, the mean column could be:

$$(2+2+3+3)/4=2.5$$

The residuals of columns are:

$$0.5, 0.5, -0.5, -0.5$$

So the column standard deviation of the upper left corner could be,

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{[vv]}{n-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.5^2 + 0.5^2 + (-0.5)^2 + (-0.5)^2}{4-1}}$$

$$=0.58$$

Similarly, the row standard deviation of the upper left corner is 0.58 [Table 2.2].

The gravity center is determined based on the edge points and the corner is determined by edge intersections. In this research, we assumed that the center position is determined based on the corners' position. For example, in **Figure 2.6**②, the row of the gravity center can be calculated as follows:

$$Row_{Center} = \frac{Row_{Corner1} + Row_{Corner2} + Row_{corner3} + Row_{corner4}}{4} \quad (2.5)$$

Therefore, once the accuracy of the four corners has been determined, the accuracy of the gravity center can be determined according to the error propagation:

$$\sigma_{Center_Row} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{row_corner1}^2 + \sigma_{row_corner2}^2 + \sigma_{row_corner3}^2 + \sigma_{row_corner4}^2}{4^2}} \quad (2.6)$$

For case 2 in Figure 2.6②, according to the error propagation, the row standard deviation of the center could be:

$$\sigma_{Center_Row} = \sqrt{\frac{0.71^2 + 0.71^2 + 0.71^2 + 0.71^2}{4^2}} = \frac{0.71}{\sqrt{4}} = 0.35$$

From the possible center positions, the row standard deviation of the center is estimated to be 0.50. So the accuracy of center position estimated by error propagation is a little bit different from the accuracy estimated by the distribution of centers.

We do believe that the probability that the position error of corners and centers is zero is extremely small. In order to estimate the position accuracy of corners and centers, and compare the position accuracy of corners and centers, only the cases where the position error is not zero are considered. In **Table 2.2**, the standard deviations of centers and corners are estimated by the distribution of centers and corners. It is obvious that the standard deviation of centers (0.53 pixels) is much smaller than that of the corners (0.89 pixels). In other words, the average standard deviation of centers is only about 60% of the corner deviations. This means that use of the center points may improve the accuracy of image registration by 40% in the registration of images having the same resolution.

To summarize our results, the average deviation of corners and centers (in the registration of different resolution images) and the standard deviation of corners and centers (in registration of same resolution images) are shown in **Table 2.3**.

Table 2.3 Standard Deviation in 2 Cases

	1. Different Resolution (MS/PAN)	2. Same Resolution
Corner σ_s /Average deviation (pixels)	2.77	0.89
Center σ_s /Average deviation (pixels)	1.31	0.53
Center/Corner	47.3%	59.6%

Figure 2.7 shows a comparison of average deviation of corners and centers (in the registration of different resolution images) and the standard deviations of corners and centers (in registration of same resolution images) corresponding to **Table 2.3**.

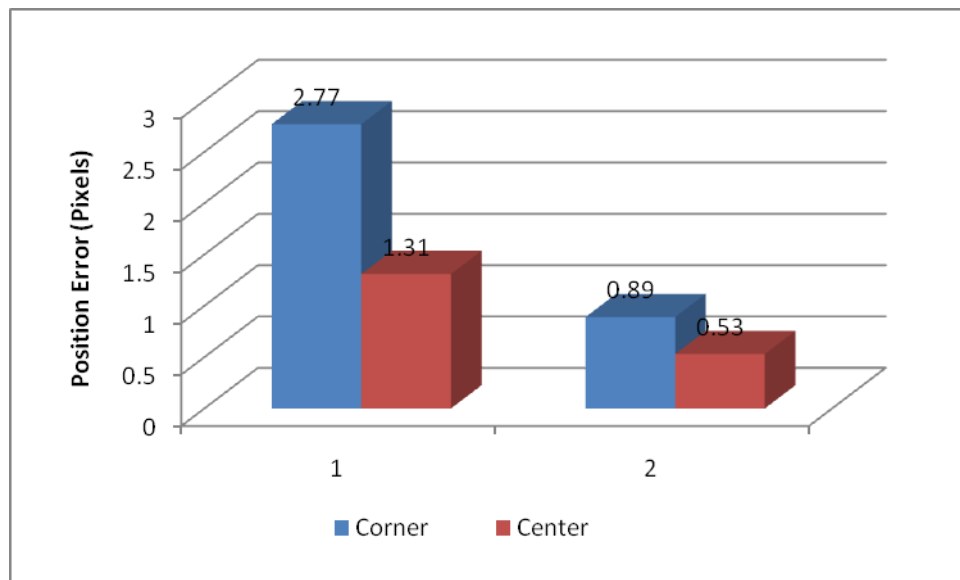


Figure 2.7 Position Error of Corners and Centers in 2 Cases. The position error of centers is much smaller than that of corners in both cases.

In conclusion, for registration of images having different resolutions (e.g. PAN and MS), gravity centers may reduce position error by 55% compared to the corners and for registration of images having the same resolution, the centers may improve the accuracy of image registration by 40%. In both cases the centers yielded better results.

2.3. Experiment

We designed three experiments for this research which correspond to the above analyses. The first experiment uses a pair of QuickBird images which consists of one MS image and one PAN image, having different resolutions. In the second and third experiments, a pair of IKONOS MS images is used to check the accuracy of registration of images having the same resolution.

Experiment 1

In this experiment, a pair of QuickBird images acquired on July 26, 2002 near Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada is used (**Figure 2.8**). The QuickBird PAN image resolution is 0.61 m and the QuickBird MS image resolution is 2.44 m. This image pair covers an area of 35.84 km² with length of 7.8 km and width of 4.8 km.

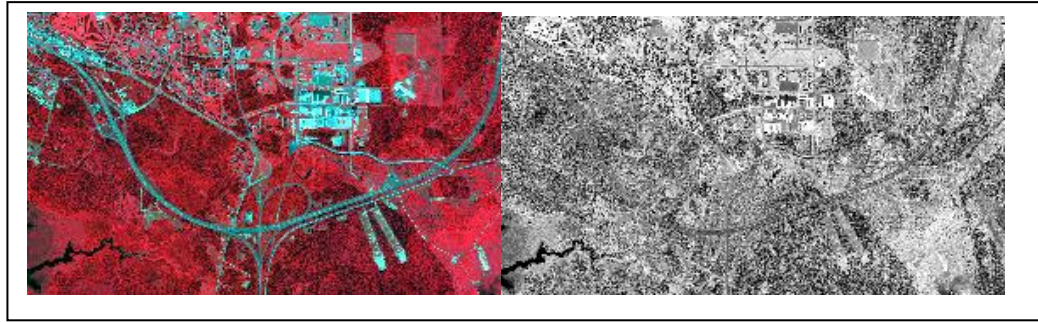


Figure 2.8 QuickBird MS (left) image and PAN image (right).

Tie points were used for image registration. The corner points and center points were measured manually (Figure 2.9). Figure 2.11 shows part of corners and Figure 2.12 illustrates some centers.

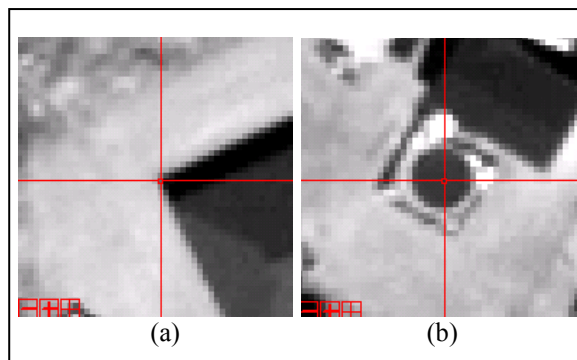


Figure 2.9 Corner (a) and Center (b) were measured manually.

From the two images, 26 corners and 26 centers were selected as tie points. Table 2.4 shows the image coordinates of corners and centers. These tie points were used to register the images. The ground position was calculated from the tie points' image position using the Direct Location Algorithm [Xiong and Zhang, 2008]. From the MS image position and PAN image position, two different sets of ground coordinates were independently obtained. In an ideal case, the two ground positions should be the same for image registration, but actually they are not because of position error caused by sampling. In order to eliminate such error, the weighted average ground

position for each tie point was used to refine the image sensor model. Next, the ground positions of the tie points were calculated again. The deviation of the ground positions was used to evaluate the accuracy of image registration in object space. In order to calculate the ground position from the image position using the Direct Location Model, a DEM is needed (**Figure 2.10**).

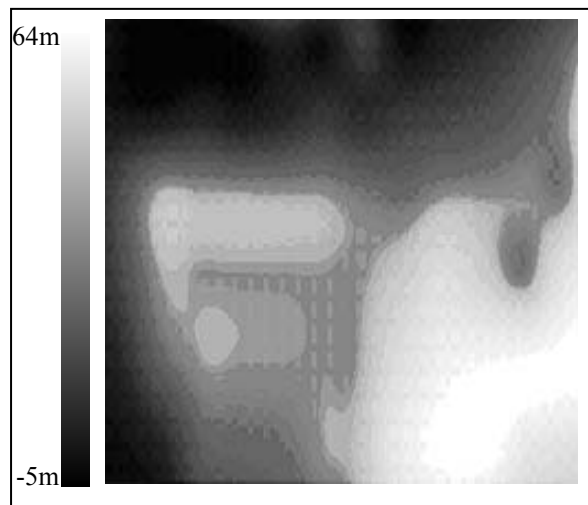


Figure 2.10 Digital Elevation Model in Test Area (the minimum height is -5m and the maximum height is 64m) (from Global DEM)

Table 2.4 Image Coordinates of 34 Gravity Centers and 26 Corners

No	Gravity Center				Corner			
	MS		PAN		MS		PAN	
	Column	Row	Column	Row	Column	Row	Column	Row
1	93	506	655	738	334	612	1616	1162
2	101	503	689	726	2730	570	11186	999
3	106	496	707	696	1887	503	7817	730
4	1704	815	7088	1978	93	506	655	738
5	1639	830	6827	2037	99	509	681	750
6	1673	843	6965	2088	91	497	648	702
7	1819	456	7547	539	96	500	669	714
8	2705	553	11084	930	101	503	689	726
9	2730	570	11186	999	94	493	659	687
10	2752	1243	11272	3691	95	490	665	672
11	2561	1690	10509	5477	101	493	687	685
12	1335	1778	5614	5827	106	496	707	696
13	1134	1771	4812	5800	2741	559	11232	957
14	1130	1799	4797	5911	2739	1144	11222	3297
15	1091	1747	4639	5706	3058	1764	12496	5775
16	106	793	707	1886	1333	1777	5610	5827
17	98	787	676	1859	1216	1223	5143	3609
18	152	776	892	1817	1361	572	5723	1008
19	135	770	822	1796	1475	459	6177	557
20	239	515	1237	772	1717	819	7147	2001
21	651	557	2884	943	1653	841	6890	2088
22	632	553	2807	926	584	876	2620	2222
23	1423	460	5966	555	345	542	1666	886
24	1414	461	5930	562	511	611	2326	1165
25	1397	454	5861	533	245	1675	1268	5418
26	2905	933	11882	2453	1737	829	7223	2038

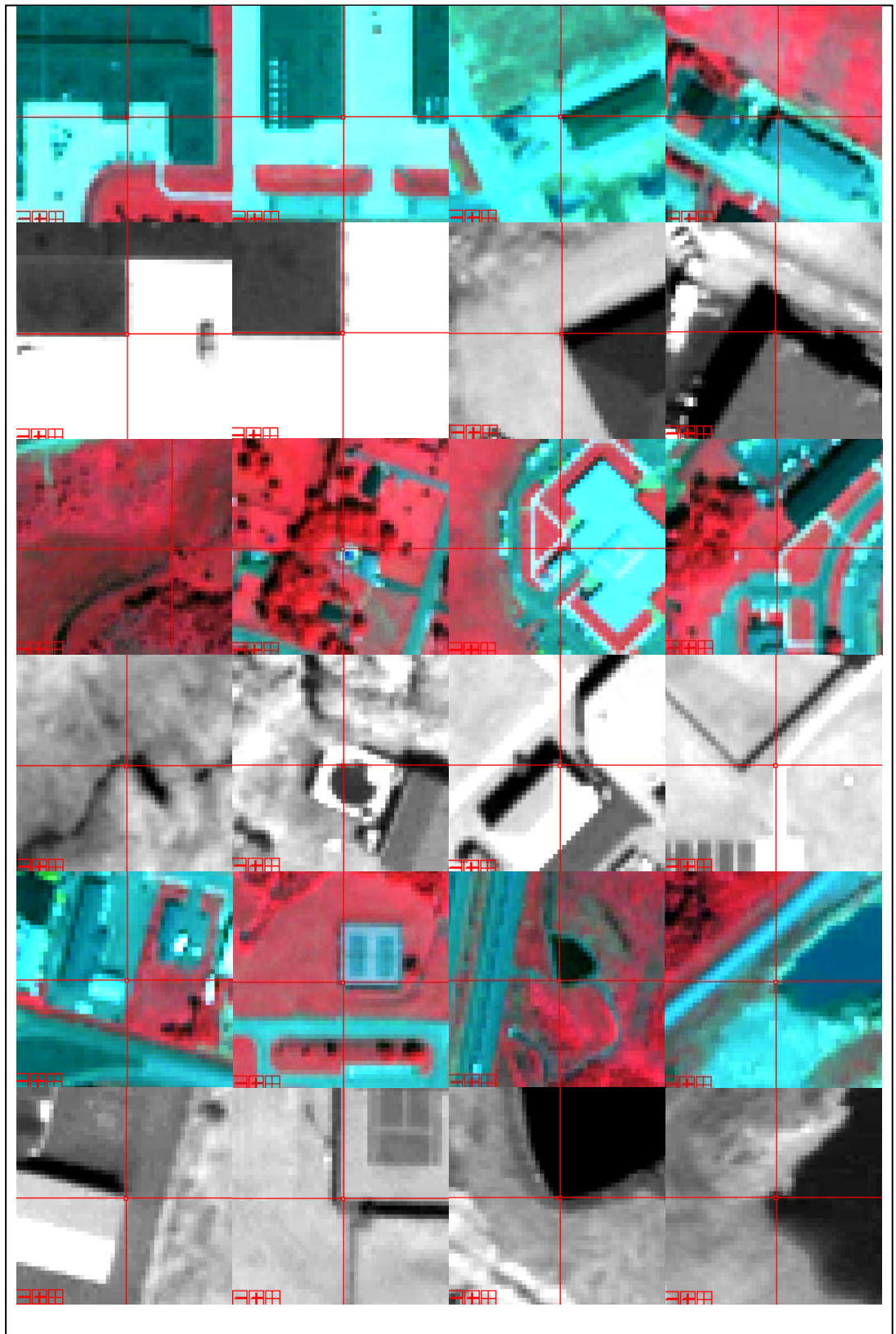


Figure 2.11 Part of Corners.

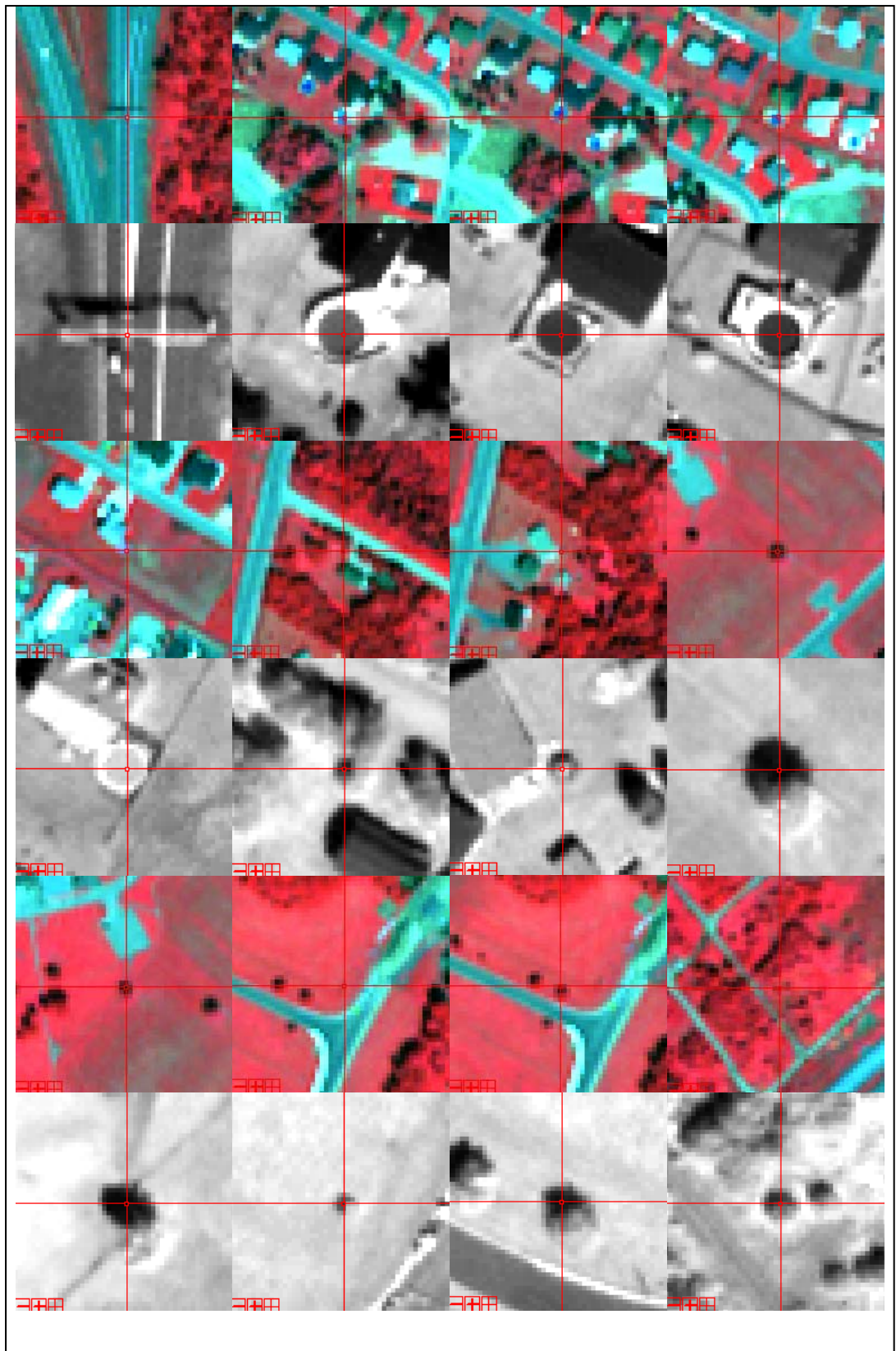


Figure 2.12 Part of Centers.

The residuals of the corner and center points are shown **Figures 2.13, and 2.14** respectively. For corners, the mean absolute residual is 1.83 m in x axis and 2.50 m in y axis. The standard deviation is 2.15 m in x axis and 3.04 m in y axis. The distance error is 3.72 m; For centers, the mean absolute residual is 0.68 m in x axis and 0.78 m in y axis. The standard deviation is 0.82 m in x axis and 0.94 m in y axis. The distance error is 1.25 m.

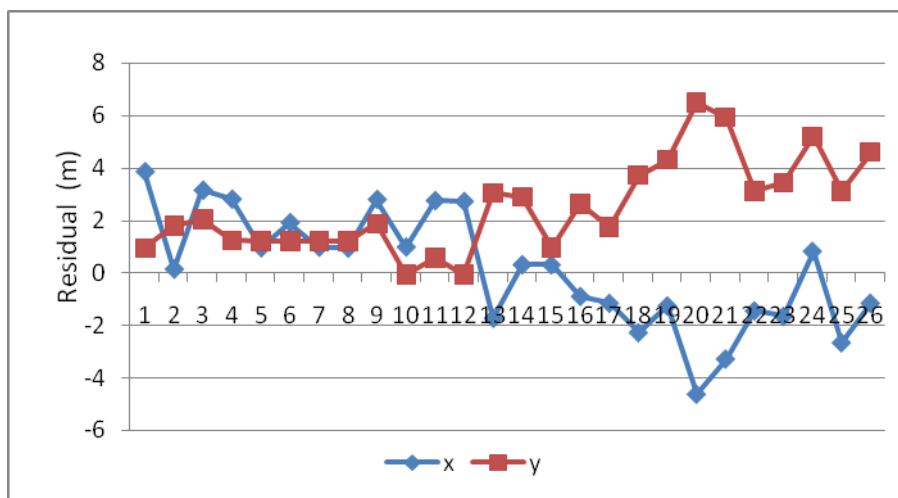


Figure 2.13 Residuals of Corner Points after Image Registration by Using 26 Corner Points.

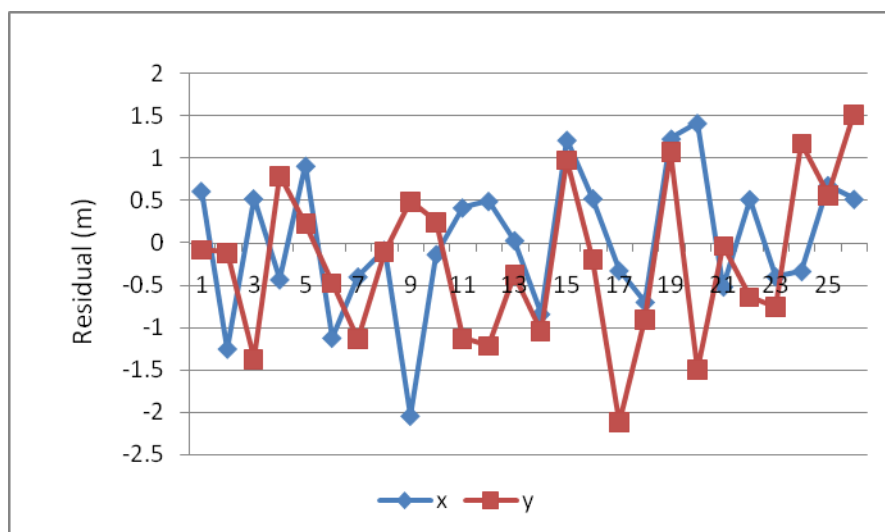


Figure 2.14 Residuals of Center Points after Image Registration by Using 26 Center Points.

Experiment 2

A stereo pair of IKONOS images, acquired in February of 2003 in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia was used for this experiment (**Figure 2.15**) (for detail please see **Appendix IV**). The incidence angles are forward 75° and backward 69° respectively [Fraser and Hanley, 2005]. **Table 2.5** lists the main characteristics of images in Hobart test field.



Figure 2.15 Stereo pair of IKONOS images in Hobart (From the University of Melbourne)

Table 2.5 Characteristics of the IKONOS Imagery in Hobart Test Field (Fraser and Hanley, 2005)

	IKONOS, Hobart
Area	120 km ² (11×11 km)
Elevation Range	Sea level to 1280 m
Image Coverage (elevation angles)	Stereo triplet (69° , 75° , 69°)
Number of GCPs	113
Notable Features	Full scene; mountainous terrain
Base-to-height ratio	0.8
Date of acquirement	February, 2003
GCP measurement on image	Sub-pixel accuracy for roundabout features; pixel accuracy for other features.
Scan model	Reverse model for 69° images; Forward model for 75° image

Thirty corners and 30 gravity centers were selected as tie points (**Appendix V, VI**).

In order to achieve sub-pixel accuracy, each corner was determined by linear intersection and each line was fitted to three or more edge points (**Figure 2.16 (a)**).

Each center of the highway roundabouts was determined by a best-fitting ellipse to

six or more edge points around the circumference of the feature, in both object and image space [Fraser and Hanley, 2005] (**Figure 2.16 (b)**).

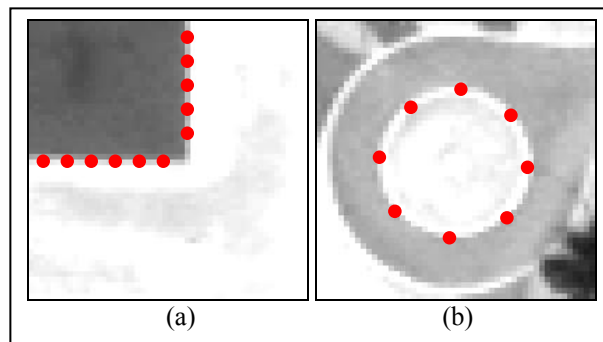


Figure 2.16 Corner is determined by linear intersection (a) and Centre is determined by ellipse fitting (b)

In the Hobart test field, “in order to insure high-accuracy GCPs and image coordinate data, multiple GPS and image measurements were made for each GCP with the centroids of roundabouts being determined by a best-fitting ellipse to six or more edge points around the circumference of the feature, in both object and image space. The estimated accuracy of this procedure is 0.2 pixels (Fraser and Hanley, 2005).” Corners on image were determined by linear fitting to three or more edge points and linear intersection. The coordinates of corners were measured by using GPS.

The image coordinates of corner and center points are listed in **Table 2.6**. The corners and centers were used to register the images independently. All these corners and centers are also ground control points (GCPs), so these GCPs were used to refine the sensor models. After the refinement of the sensor models, the refined sensor models and the image positions of the tie points were used to calculate tie points’ ground coordinates by space intersection. The deviation between the ground coordinates calculated by space intersection and the ground coordinates obtained by GPS survey were used to evaluate the accuracy of image registration. The residuals

of corners and centers are shown in **Figure 2.17, 2.18** respectively. The standard deviation of corners is 1.48 m. The standard deviation of centers is 0.55 m.

Table 2.6 Image Coordinates of 30 Gravity Centers and 30 Corners

No	Gravity Center				Corner			
	Column	Row	Column	Row	Column	Row	Column	Row
1	3205.466	943.8452	3197.449	979.1123	131.1875	3881.802	136.8521	3855.142
2	2502.918	1117.83	2496.794	1144.931	3641.771	3262.286	3635.192	3288.175
3	5584.96	3845.874	5573.826	3891.996	917.6471	2384	923.7692	2354
4	5364.74	3333.832	5353.107	3382.78	8917.969	4086.271	8906.66	4131.909
5	4739.003	494.9105	4725.09	553.1594	11719.09	3545.31	11706.81	3600.65
6	7204.019	2524.417	7191.331	2579.148	12078.96	3582.764	12067.18	3636.468
7	6165.197	3297.199	6153.118	3349.02	12099.97	3579.298	12088.27	3632.32
8	7610.432	2576.011	7597.346	2632.208	5702.124	5044.487	5693.726	5076.962
9	10978.97	662.6056	10966.09	718.6864	9305.566	5373.866	9292.694	5426.79
10	8468.87	2927.04	8456.052	2981.898	9358.286	5381.928	9345.25	5435.037
11	9824.563	3245.225	9812.341	3297.39	9364.627	5338.448	9352.758	5391.224
12	11862.83	1466.89	11855.89	1499.25	9373.231	5294.246	9360.765	5347.106
13	3980.57	5177.107	3973.27	5205.688	9319.986	5285.286	9308.06	5338.904
14	7972.115	4341.714	7961.058	4392.152	9312.84	5329.762	9301.186	5382.867
15	7541.144	6338.449	7532.149	6378.38	9258.985	5292.607	9247.493	5346.666
16	7481.07	4529.91	7470.039	4579.2	9268.51	5239.991	9256.383	5293.991
17	7950.089	7562.403	7947.32	7574.377	9223.371	5233.149	9211.716	5286.729
18	6311.047	6208.249	6305.646	6230.287	9180.008	5226.156	9167.326	5279.719
19	6802.807	5269.853	6798.322	5288.811	9170.458	5278.377	9159.319	5331.765
20	8115.413	5815.098	8104.034	5861.54	9214.97	5285.509	9203.091	5339.332
21	8847.632	5952.455	8837.676	5993.797	10153.44	6912.51	10145.12	6946.547
22	8498.563	7248.658	8492.345	7273.738	3968.108	12343.59	3987.47	12253.39
23	9657.294	7010.835	9646.662	7056.817	3080.614	10428.1	3126.509	10217.84
24	11992.17	4870.161	11979.96	4924.785	3093.875	10257.56	3140.22	10046.99
25	9292.591	7713.623	9283.154	7753.984	3174	10338.71	3221.635	10127.37
26	11020.64	7979.273	11009.61	8027.79	3091.429	10415.93	3138.587	10205.41
27	7409.837	11754.13	7409.996	11751.96	4850.947	13054.84	4859.053	13017.82
28	7500.968	12224.78	7502.635	12215.12	11983.3	12369	11977.39	12398
29	10153.35	10314.73	10142.87	10360.56	10764.35	9832.306	10753.19	9882.394
30	9443.028	10288.03	9433.505	10326.64	9184.28	11867.95	9184.727	11864.96

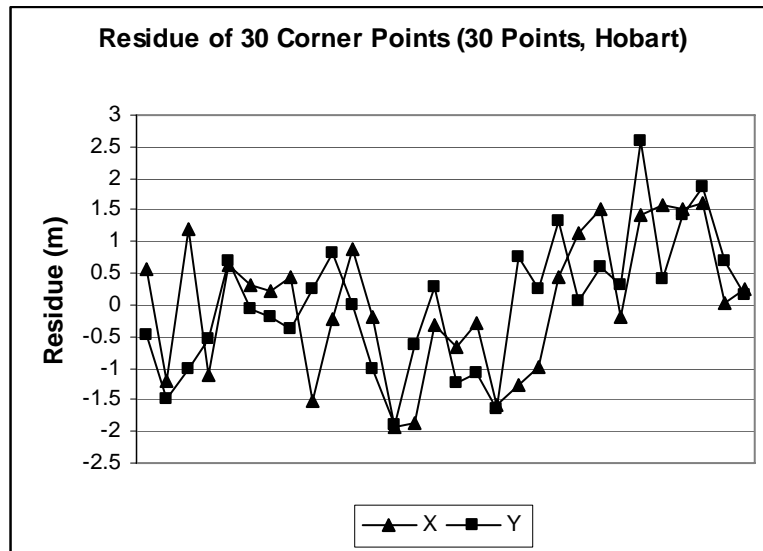


Figure 2.17 Residuals of Corner Points after Image Registration by Using 30 Corner Points.

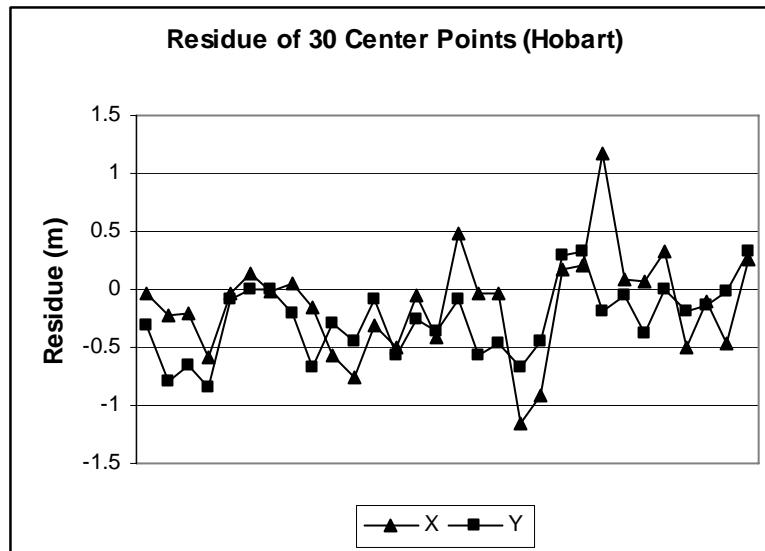


Figure 2.18 Residuals of Center Points after Image Registration by Using 30 Center Points.

Experiment 3

In this experiment, the 30 center points and 30 corner points from the Hobart imagery were used together for image registration. The accuracies of center points and corner points respectively were then checked. The residuals of the corner points are shown in **Figure 2.19** and the residuals of center points are shown in **Figure**

2.20. The standard deviation of center points is 0.64 m and the standard deviation of corner points is 1.51 m.

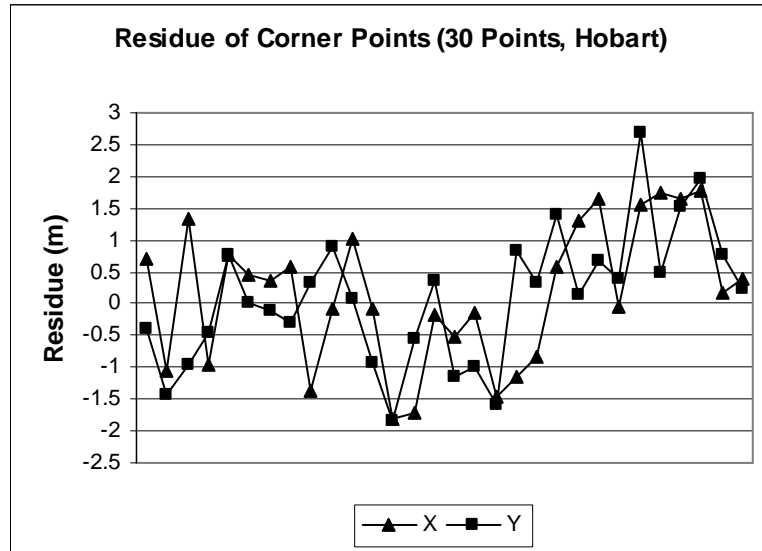


Figure 2.19 Residuals of Corner Points after Image Registration by Using 30 Corner Points and 30 Center Points.

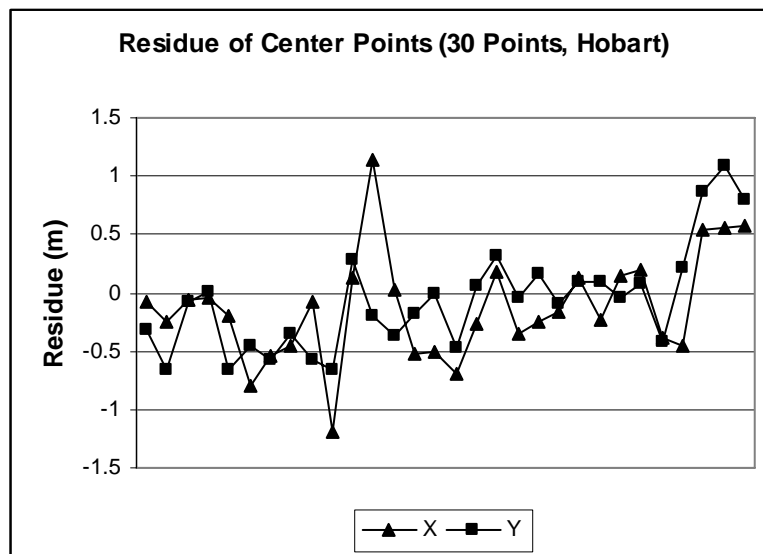


Figure 2.20 Residuals of Center Points after Image Registration by Using 30 Corner Points and 30 Center Points.

Summary of Experiments

In summary, the above experiments have tested the performance of corners and centers in three cases. The standard deviations resulting from the above three experiments are listed in **Table 2.7** and summarized in **Figure 2.21**. Obviously, the standard deviation of the centers is much smaller than that of the corners. For the registration images of different resolutions, the standard deviation of centers is only 33.6% of the deviation of corners. For registration of images having the same resolution, the standard deviation of centers is about 40% of that of the corners.

Table 2.7 Average Distance Error of Centers and Corners.

	Different Resolution	Same Resolution	
	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3
Corner Error (m)	3.72	1.48	1.51
Center Error (m)	1.25	0.55	0.64
Center Error / Corner Error	33.6%	37.2%	42.4%

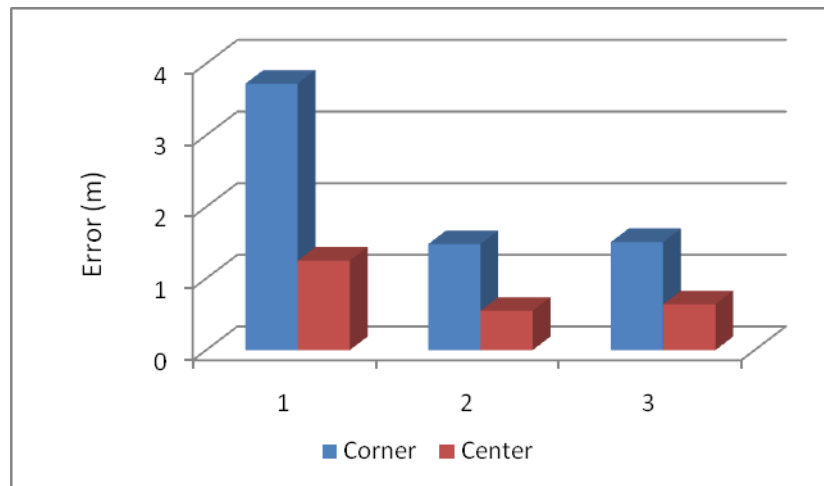


Figure 2.21 Standard Deviation of Corners and Centers in 3 Cases. The SD of centers is much smaller than that of corners in all 3 cases.

By comparing **Tables 2.3** and **2.7**, and **Figures 2.7** and **2.21**, it can be seen that for the registration of images having different resolutions, use of center points can improve registration accuracy by at least 60%. For registration of images having the

same resolution, quantitative analysis shows that the center points can improve accuracy by at most 40% (**Table 2.3**). This is contrary to the results of our experiments which show that center points can improve accuracy by about 60% (**Table 2.7**). The reasons for the discrepancy may be:

1) Many corner features in the experiments are blurred (**Figure 2.22**, No. 1 Corner) and small (**Figure 2.22**, No. 3 Corner). Sometimes only three edge points could be selected for edge fitting, thus the accuracy of linear intersection for locating corners was not satisfactory. In contrast to this, most of the round-about features in the experiments were very regular and clear (**Figure 2.22**, No. 1, No. 3 Center), and six or more points could be used to fit the ellipse. The center features therefore had a much higher geometric accuracy than the corner features.

2) Most of the center points are roundabout on the ground, while many corners are on the building roof (**Figure 2.22**, No. 1, No. 3 Corner). The author does not exactly know whether the field surveyor measured the roof corner or the ground corner. On the image, the author always recognized that the roof corner position was the feature position. So the corner position on the image was determined by the intersection of two edges on the roof, although sometimes there wasn't definite intersection.

Therefore, in these experiments, the centers may have higher accuracy than corners.



Figure 2.22 Samples of Corners and Centers. The corner is very blurry, while the center is clear.

2.4. Analysis and Conclusions

The experiments and quantitative error analysis support the same conclusion; i.e. that centers are superior to corners for image registration. Center points can improve the accuracy of image registration by at least 40%. For registration of images having different resolutions, the center points can improve accuracy much more than 40%. The problem is that most of the automatic interest point extraction algorithms can extract corners but not centers and the gravity center sometimes is difficult to find in some places. Our future work will therefore focus on how to extract gravity center points from images of different resolutions or from different modal images.

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Chapter 3 A NOVEL INTEREST POINT MATCHING ALGORITHM FOR HIGH RESOLUTION SATELLITE IMAGES³

ABSTRACT

Interest point matching is a key technique for image registration. It is widely used for 3D shape reconstruction, change detection, medical image processing, computerized visioning systems and pattern recognition. Although numerous algorithms have been developed for different applications, processing local distortion inherent in images that are captured from different viewpoints remains problematic. High resolution satellite images are normally acquired at widely spaced intervals and typically contain local distortion due to ground relief variation. Interest point matching algorithms can be grouped into two broad categories: area-based and feature based. Although each type has its own particular advantages in specific applications, they all face the common problem of dealing with ambiguity in smooth (low texture) areas, such as grass, water, highway surfaces, building roofs, etc. In this paper, a new algorithm for interest point matching of high resolution satellite images is proposed. The conceptual basis of this algorithm is the detection of “super points”; those points which have the greatest interest strength (i.e. which represent the most prominent features) and the subsequent construction of a control network. Sufficient spatial information is then available to reduce the ambiguity and avoid false matches. We commence our paper with a brief review of current research on interest point

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matching. We then introduce the proposed algorithm in detail and describe experiments with three sets of high resolution satellite images. The experiment results show that the proposed algorithm can successfully process local distortion in high resolution satellite images and can avoid ambiguity in matching the smooth areas.

3.1 Introduction

Interest point matching refers to the process of matching two sets of features and finding correspondences between them. Matching interest points (sometimes called feature points or key points) is a key requirement for image registration. Image registration is widely used in photogrammetry, remote sensing, computer vision, pattern recognition and medical image processing [Brown, 1992; Zitova and Flusser, 2003]. Unfortunately, there are still many challenges with interest point matching. The main interest point matching algorithms currently in use are area-based or feature-based. Neither type of algorithm, can avoid the problem of dealing with ambiguity in smooth (low texture) areas. Feature-based algorithms face the additional problem of the effect of outliers (points with no correspondences) on the results [Zitova and Flusser, 2003].

In this paper, we propose a novel interest point matching algorithm, in which “super points”; those points which have the greatest interest strength (i.e. which represent the most prominent features) are extracted first. A control network is then constructed using these super points. Next, each remaining interest point is assigned a unique position with regard to the closest control network point. Finally an iterative

“closest point” algorithm is applied to search for correspondences (conjugate point) based on the position that has been assigned to each interest point. After each iteration, the new correspondences are added to the control network as new leaves. The control network therefore gradually becomes larger and denser. The iterations continue until no more correspondences are found. Because every point is located in a unique position relative to the control network, this method avoids the problem of how to deal with local minimums.

The first section of the paper contains a brief review of previous relevant work by others. In the second section the new algorithm is introduced in detail. Next, we present some experiments using high resolution satellite images. Finally some concluding remarks are provided.

3.2 Literature Review

Interest point matching is problematic and remains the subject of much research within the communities of photogrammetry, remote sensing, computer vision systems, pattern recognition, and medical image processing. Interest point matching algorithms can be grouped into two main categories: area-based algorithms and feature based algorithms. In remote sensing, area-based algorithms are normally suitable for open terrain areas but the feature-based approaches can provide more accurate results in urban areas. No single technique performs well in both circumstances [Hsieh, etc., 1992]. Both algorithms have their own unique strengths and weaknesses.

Our review of previous research in interest point matching revealed that about 90% of the papers are from the fields of computer vision, pattern recognition and medical image processing. Such applications have a number of common characteristics: a) the images they deal with have no baseline or a short baseline; b) the images are normally processed in a short time and; c) feature-based algorithms are widely used.

Because of the large number of feature based algorithms used in interest point matching, there are many classification methods for describing these algorithms. Normally feature-based algorithms can be categorized into rigid and non-rigid (according to the transformation between images), and global and local (according to the image distortions), or corrected and uncorrected (according to the image variations). In addition, most of the feature-based algorithms search for correspondences and also address the refinement of a transformation function. Therefore, feature-based algorithms can also be grouped into three additional categories [Chui and Rangarajan, 2003]. They either: solve the correspondence only, solve the transformation only, or solve both the correspondence and the transformation.

Although numerous feature based algorithms have been developed, there is no general algorithm which is suitable for a variety of different applications. Every method must take into account the specific geometric image deformation [Zitova and Flusser, 2003]. The first category of algorithms processes the global distortions. The ICP (Iterative Closest Point) algorithm is a classical global algorithm [Besl and McKay, 1992; Yang, etc., 2007]. Because this algorithm requires the assumption that one surface is a subset of the other, it is only suitable for global distortion image

registration [Williams and Bennamoun, 2001]. For medical image registration and pattern recognition, many rigid global transformations are used [Besl and McKay, 1992; Mount, etc., 1997; Tu, etc., 2008]. The B-Spline and TPS (Thin Plate Spline) deformation model is a common model for global distortion in medical image registration [Bookstein, 1989, Kybic and Unser, 2003].

The second category of algorithms deals with the local distortions. For non-rigid local distortions, more complicated transformations are developed. TPS was proposed initially for global transformations, but it was improved for smooth local distortions for medical image registration [Gold, etc., 1997; Chui and Rangarajan, 2003; Auer, etc., 2005]. Another common local distortion model is the elastic deformation model [Auer, etc., 2005; Rexilius, etc., 2001].

Some algorithms do not need a transformation function. In computer vision systems and pattern recognition, feature descriptors extracted from an image's gray values are usually used [Belongie, etc., 2002; Kaplan, etc., 2004; Terasawa, etc., 2005; Lepetit, etc., 2005; Zhao, etc., 2006]. SIFT (Scale Invariant Feature Transform) is one of the best descriptors for interest point matching [Lowe, 2004]. In graph matching algorithms, the topological relationship is the key feature and is widely used in pattern recognition [Gold and Rangarajan, 1996; Cross and Hancock, 1998; Demirci, etc., 2004; Caetano, etc., 2004; Shokoufandeh, etc., 2006]. Another idea is to consider interest point matching as a classification problem. The features from the reference image are used to train the classifier [Lepetit, etc., 2008; Boffy, etc., 2008].

Although many of the feature based algorithms described above are useful in solving problems for specific applications, they have four common drawbacks: 1) The features cannot be exactly matched, because of the variations of features between different images; 2) Outliers are difficult to reject [Chui and Rangarajan, 2003]; 3) For local image distortion, high dimensional non-rigid transformations are required, and a large number of correspondences are needed for the refinement of mapping functions [Brown, 1992], but too many features will make the feature matching more difficult; and 4) The feature description should fulfill several conditions, the most important ones being invariance (the descriptions of the corresponding features from the reference and sensed image have to be the same), uniqueness (two different features should have different descriptions), stability (the description of a feature which is slightly deformed in an unknown manner should be close to the description of the original feature), and independence (if the feature description is a vector, its elements should be functionally independent). Usually these conditions cannot be satisfied simultaneously and it is necessary to find an appropriate trade-off [Zitova and Flusser, 2003].

Images in photogrammetry and remote sensing contain local distortions caused by ground relief variations and differing imaging viewpoints. Because of their stability and reliability, area-based methods are usually used in remote sensing for interest point matching. Photogrammetric scientists are always attempting to improve the stability and reliability of interest point matching techniques. Hierarchical matching and relaxation algorithms are typical examples of such attempts. At the same time, great efforts are also being made to reduce the search area and increase the matching speed. The use of epipolar geometry is one of the most important achievements of

such work [Masry, 1972; Helava, et al., 1973; Dowman, 1977; Gupta, 1997; Kim, 2000]. Despite the progress that has been made, area-based methods still have many drawbacks. The main limitations can be summarized as follows: 1) The rectangular image window is only suitable for image distortion caused by translation (in theory); 2) These methods cannot process smooth areas (areas without prominent texture); and 3) The methods are sensitive to image intensity changes which are caused by noise, varying illumination and the use of different sensors [Zitova and Flusser, 2003].

In summary, **Table 3.1** shows the characteristics and limitations of area-based algorithms and feature-based algorithms.

Table 3.1 Limitations of Area-Based Algorithms and Feature-Based Algorithms

	Area-Based	Feature-Based
Typical Algorithms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correlation-like ▪ Sum of squared differences ▪ Hierarchical ▪ Relaxation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICP ▪ SIFT ▪ Rigid ▪ Non-rigid ▪ TPS ▪ B-spline ▪ Classification ▪ Segmentation
Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remote sensing ▪ Photogrammetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computer vision ▪ Pattern recognition ▪ Medical image registration
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slow ▪ Suitable only for images with little distortion ▪ Cannot deal with smooth areas ▪ High computational complexity ▪ Sensitive to image intensity changes which are caused by noise, varying illumination and different sensors [Zitova and Flusser, 2003]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suits only images with short baselines. ▪ The feature description must fulfill several conditions involving invariance, uniqueness, stability, and independence [Zitova and Flusser, 2003]. ▪ Need high dimensional non-rigid mapping [Chui and Rangarajan, 2003] ▪ A large number of correspondences are needed for the refinement of mapping functions. ▪ The features cannot be exactly matched because of noise [Chui and Rangarajan, 2003]. ▪ Affected by the existence of outliers.

3.3 Methodology

The proposed algorithm first detects and extracts super points, which have the greatest interest strength (i.e. those points which represent the most prominent features). A control network can then be constructed based on these super points. This control network, like a sketch, can then control the entire image, and ambiguities in the smooth areas can be avoided. Next, every point in the image is assigned a unique position and angle relative to the closest super point in the control network. Finally, for interest point matching, those points with the smallest position and angle differences are the correspondences. The correspondences are then added to the control network to construct a bigger and stronger control network. The process is continued until no more correspondences are found. The algorithm proposed in this paper includes three parts: 1) super point detection; 2) super point matching; and 3) interest point matching.

3.3.1 Super Point Detection

The Harris detector is a well-known interest point detection algorithm and was used in this research to detect and extract the super points and interest points. The Harris algorithm determines whether or not a point is a corner based on the Harris matrix A at the point $P(x, y)$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \langle I_x^2 \rangle & \langle I_x I_y \rangle \\ \langle I_x I_y \rangle & \langle I_y^2 \rangle \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.1)$$

where I is the image function; I_x , I_y are the partial derivatives in x and y respectively; the angle brackets denote averaging (summation over the image patch around the point $P(x, y)$).

The interest strength is determined based on the magnitudes of the eigenvalues (λ_1 and λ_2) of A . Because the exact computation of the eigenvalues is computationally expensive, the following function M_c was suggested by Harris and Stephens [1988] as the interest strength.

$$M_c = \det(A) - \kappa \text{trace}^2(A) \quad (3.2)$$

The value of κ has to be determined empirically, and in the literature values in the range 0.04 - 0.06 have been reported as feasible [Schmid, etc., 2000]. If $M_c > 0$, it is a corner, otherwise, it is not a corner. Obviously, the corner should be the point with the local maximum value of M_c . By calculating the interest strength M_c over whole image, an image which shows the interest strength can be obtained (**Figure 3.1**).

Two thresholds T_A and T_B can be set, with $T_A > T_B$ for the interest point detection and super point detection. The point with an interest strength greater than the threshold T_B and also representing the local maximum, can be extracted as an interest point. If the interest strength of such point is greater than the threshold T_A and its interest strength is a local maximum, then a super point is detected (**Figure 3.2**). Like most other interest point matching processes, super point matching is an exhaustive search process, so the number of super points should be limited to an acceptable range.

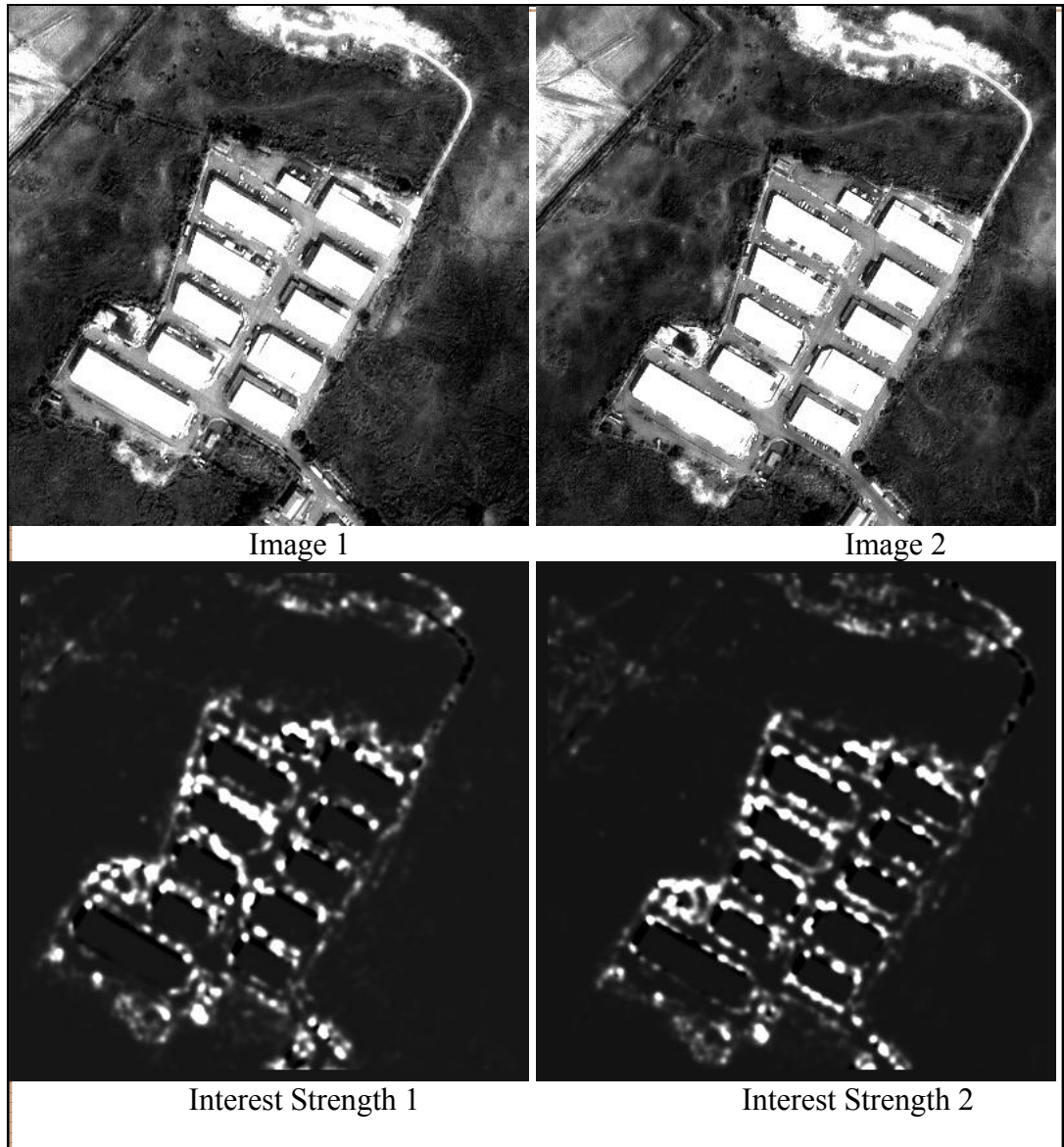


Figure 3.1 Original image (above) and corresponding interest strength (below). The brightness is directly proportional to the interest strength.

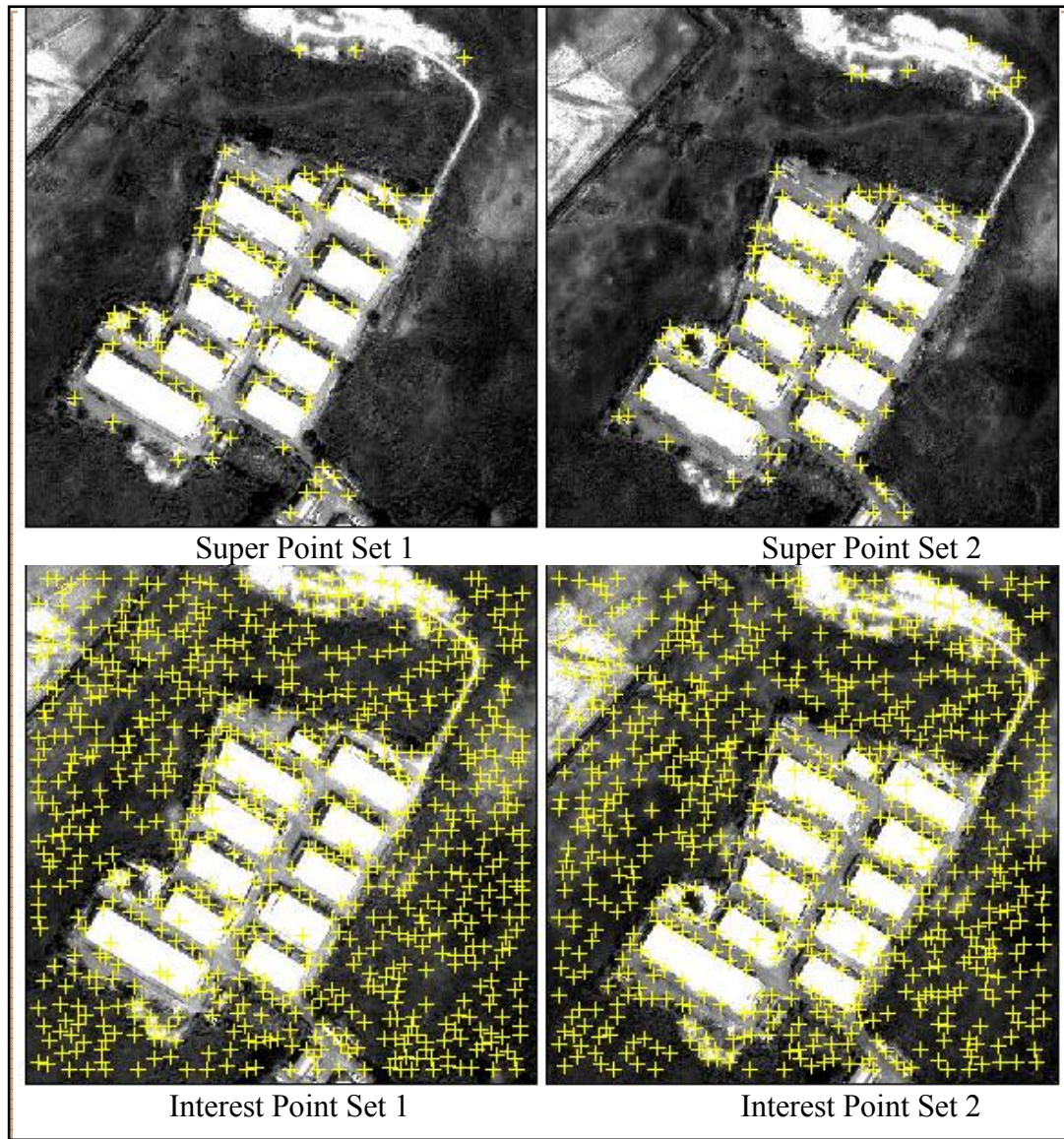


Figure 3.2 Extracted super points (above: 99 super points in super point set 1, 111 super points in super point set 2) and interest points (below: 737 interest points in set 1, 707 interest points in set 2)

3.3.2 Super Point Matching

The goal of the super point matching is to find a root from each super point set and identify the first group of correspondences (tie points). The super point matching consists of three steps (**Figure 3.3**): 1) Control network construction; 2) Assignment of relative positions and angles; and (3) Correspondence searching. A more detailed description of each step follows.

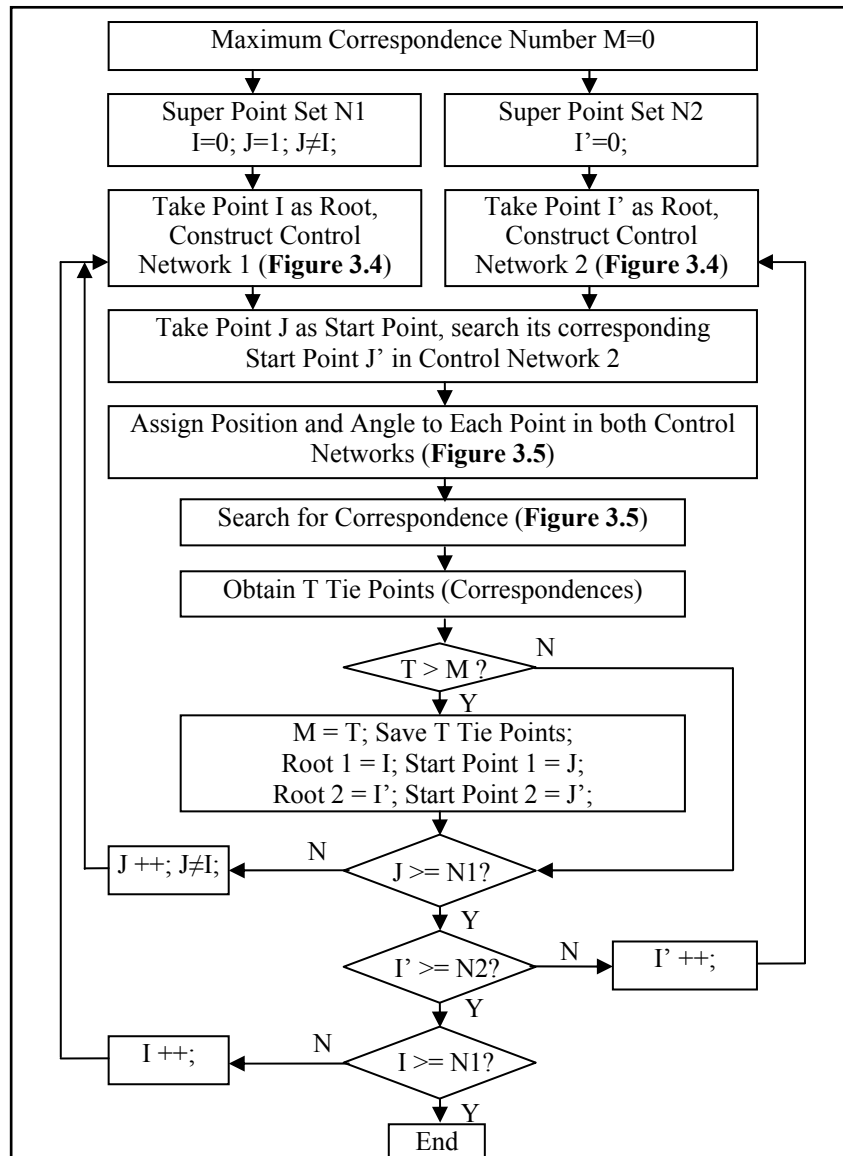


Figure 3.3 Flow Chart of Super Point Matching Procedure

In Step 1 a super point from each super point set is selected as a Root, and a control network is constructed. One control network is constructed for each super point set (Figure 3.4).

In Step 2 includes three stages:

- (1) A leaf from control network 1 is selected randomly as the starting point. The distance between the starting point and the root is denoted as S .

- (2) The corresponding starting point in control network 2 is determined according to the distance between the root and the leaf. The leaf point of control network 2 with the closest distance to **S** is selected as the corresponding starting point in control network 2.
- (3) After the two starting points for both control networks have been determined, the relative positions (distance between root and leaf) and angles (clockwise from the starting point) are assigned to every point in both control networks (**Figure 3.5**).

Correspondence searching commences in Step 3. After each point in both control networks has been assigned a relative distance and angle, a corresponding point in control network 2 may be found for every leaf point in control network 1 according to their positions and angles based on the following function:

$$correspondence = \text{Min} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \text{abs}(P_i - P'_j) \right) \text{Min} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \text{abs}(\theta_{P_i} - \theta_{P'_j}) \right) \quad (3.3)$$

Where, m and n denote the number of leaves in control network 1 and control network 2 respectively; P_i and P'_j are relative distances between root and leaf in the two control networks; and θ_{P_i} and $\theta_{P'_j}$ are relative angles between starting point and leaf in the two control networks.

The closest points with the smallest position differences and smallest angle differences, where both differences are less than their corresponding thresholds, will be selected as tie points (correspondences). Otherwise, if a point does not have a correspondence, it is an outlier (**Figure 3.4**). The outlier will be processed as an interest point in the next iteration.

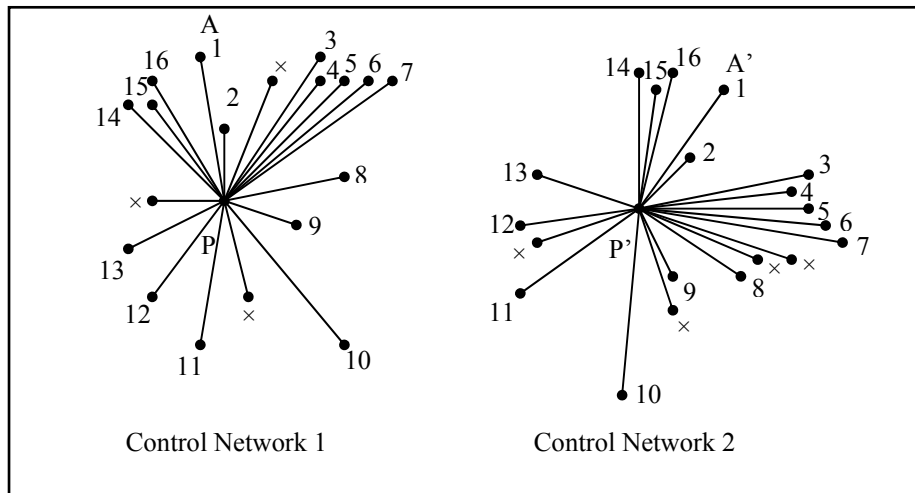


Figure 3.4 Control Network Constructed with Super Points. P and P' are roots, and the others are leaves. A and A' are start points. Sixteen tie points (correspondences) are obtained after super point matching. "x" denotes an outlier.

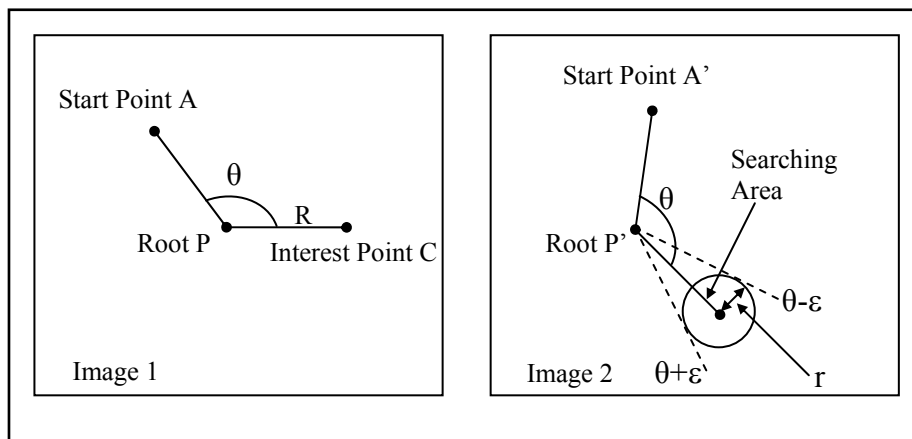


Figure 3.5 Relative Position and Angle Assignment and Correspondence Search. After the root and start points are determined, every point (e.g. C) can be assigned a relative distance (R) and angle (θ) (Image 1). The closest candidate in the searching area is the correspondence (Image 2).

Every super point can be either the root or the starting point. After super point matching, a number of correspondences are obtained. When the maximum possible number of correspondences is obtained, the corresponding root and starting points will be the final root and starting points of the super point control network.

Only image translation, image rotation and scale are considered when interest points are matched by determining the root and the starting point. This is acceptable because for high resolution satellite images with narrow fields of view, affine

transformations can accurately simulate the geometric distortion between two images [Habib and Ai-Ruzouq, 2005].

The process of super point matching is an iterative and exhaustive search process.

Every point can be either a root or a starting point. For example (**Figure 3.4**), there are 20 super points in super point set 1 and 21 super points in super point set 2.

Therefore, there are $C_{20}^1 C_{21}^1$ combinations for root selection, $C_{19}^1 C_{20}^1$ combinations for starting point selection, and $C_{18}^1 C_{19}^1$ combinations for the correspondence search. So

there will be $C_{20}^1 C_{21}^1 C_{19}^1 C_{20}^1 C_{18}^1 C_{19}^1 = 54583200$ combinations in total. Therefore, in

order to avoid combination explosion and reduce the matching time, the number of super points should be limited to an acceptable range.

After super point matching, a control network which consists of all the extracted correspondences is obtained (**Figure 3.6**).

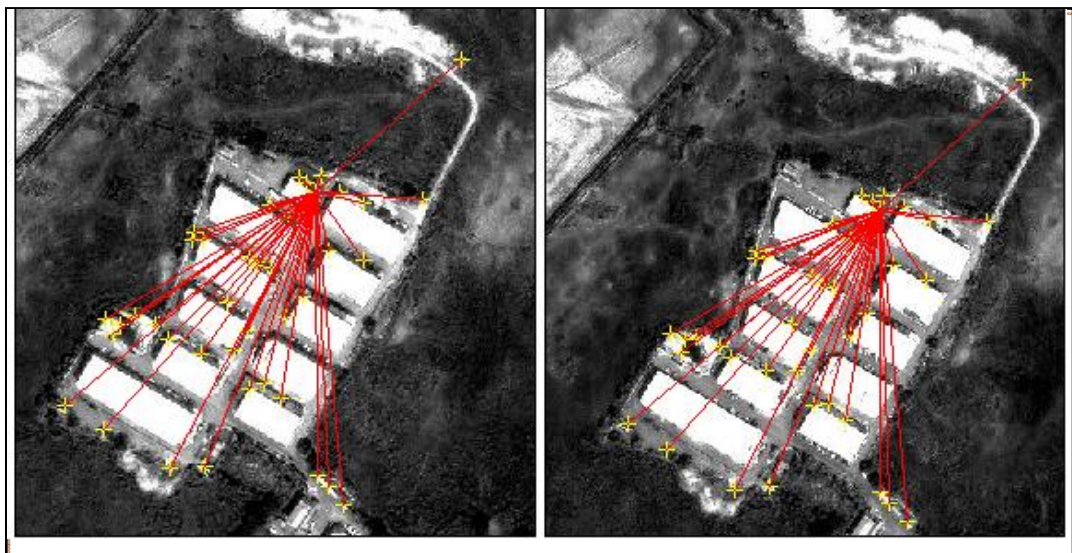


Figure 3.6 The Result of Super Point Matching – Control Networks (41 correspondences)

3.3.3 Interest Point Matching

After the super point matching, two control networks corresponding to the two interest point sets are obtained (**Figure 3.6**). Under the control of the super point network, interest point matching becomes simple. **Figure 3.7** shows a flowchart of the interest point matching process, which includes four steps. First, through a process of K-Means clustering, every interest point can be grouped with the closest node of the control network. For example (**Figure 3.8**), the interest points in the circle are grouped with the closest control point “10”. Then, taking node “10” as the root, together with all the interest points grouped with it (17, 18, 19, 20), a sub-control network is constructed. In this sub-control network, the father node “P” of node “10” is the Starting Point. Next, every point in this sub-control network is assigned a position and angle with respect to node “10” and the starting point “P”. In this way, every interest point is assigned a relative position and angle with respect to its closest control network point. Finally, interest point matching is performed between the two sub-control networks whose root nodes are correspondences. Correspondences are defined as those interest points with the minimum difference in position and angle. The new correspondences are added to the control network to construct a bigger network. This is an iterative process that continues until no new correspondence is added to the control network. The final control network is the result of interest point matching.

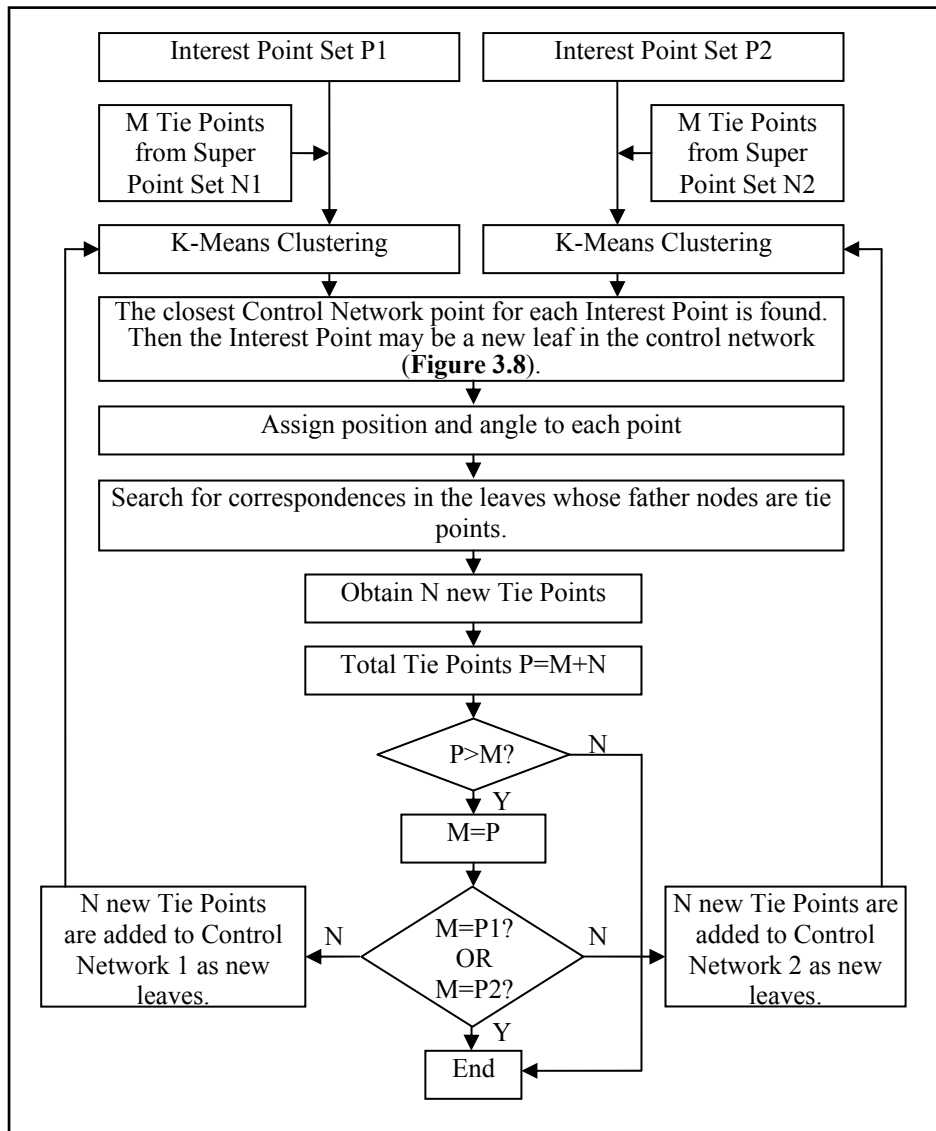


Figure 3.7 Flow Chart of Interest Point Matching Procedure

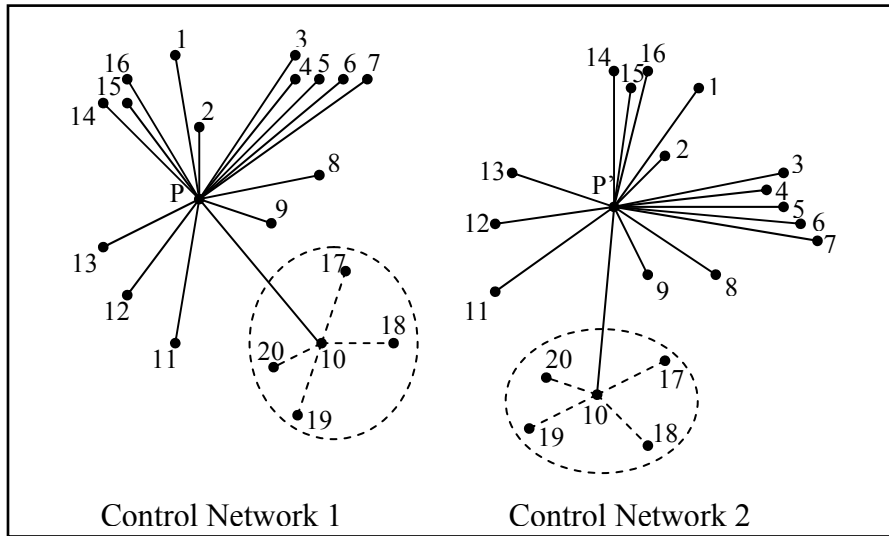


Figure 3.8 Sub-Control Network. Interest points 17, 18, 19, and 20 are grouped with their closest control network point 10. A sub-control network is constructed with interest points 17, 18, 19, 20, 10, and node 10's father node P. The father node P will be the starting point in the sub-control network. Interest point matching is performed between two sub-control networks whose roots are correspondences (Tie Points).

3.3.4 Threshold Selection

In the process of interest point matching, it is crucial to set a suitable threshold for the distance and angle differences. In remote sensing and photogrammetry, the images always contain complicated local distortions because of the long baselines (long distance between images), perspective geometry differences and ground relief variations. In such a situation, the effective ground distance for different sensors will vary with changes in ground relief, incidence angle and sensor position (**Figure 3.9**).

For example, a distance **S** on the ground with a slope β is acquired by two sensors S1 and S2 with incidence angles θ_1 and θ_2 respectively (**Figure 3.9**). In this case, the effective distance for sensor S1 and the effective distance for sensor S2 can be calculated as following.

$$S_e^1 = s \cdot \cos(\theta_1 - \beta) \tag{3.4}$$

$$S_e^2 = s \cdot \cos(\theta_2 + \beta) \quad (3.5)$$

Where S_e^1 and S_e^2 are effective distances for sensor S1 and sensor S2. θ_1 , θ_2 are the incidence angles of sensor S1 and sensor S2 respectively; β is the slope of the ground; and S is the ground distance.

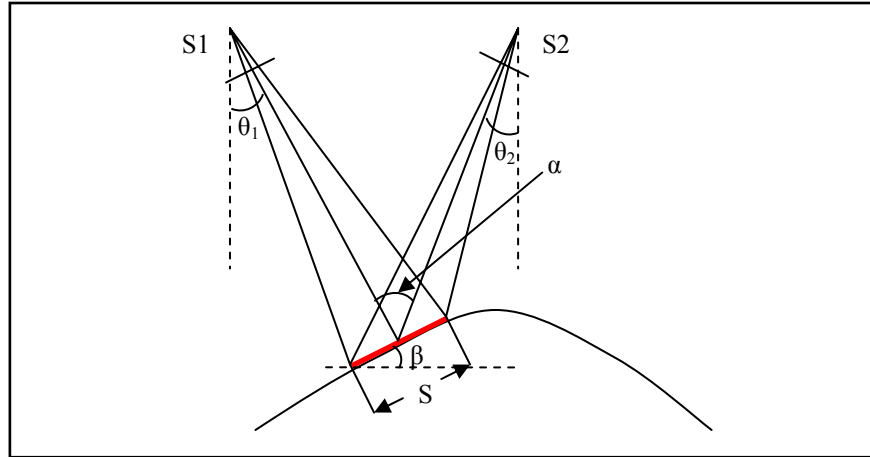


Figure 3.9 Image Distance Difference Caused by Ground Relief Variation.

Therefore, the difference between two effective distances caused by ground relief variation and incidence angle in such a case can be defined as follows:

$$ds = s[\cos(\theta_1 - \beta) - \cos(\theta_2 + \beta)] \quad (3.6)$$

Where ds is the difference between two effective distances caused by the ground relief variation and incidence angle;

Obviously, the difference between two effective distances can vary with ground slope and incidence angle. **Figure 3.10** shows the situation.

Actually, satellite elevation and pixel size can also affect the distance of two effective distances. However, the satellite elevation affects the effective distance in the form of incidence angle. As the same, the pixel size changes with the incidence

angle and slope. Therefore, the effective distance could be affected mainly by incidence angle and slope. That's why we set a threshold for the correspondence search. That's also a tolerance for the difference of effective distance.

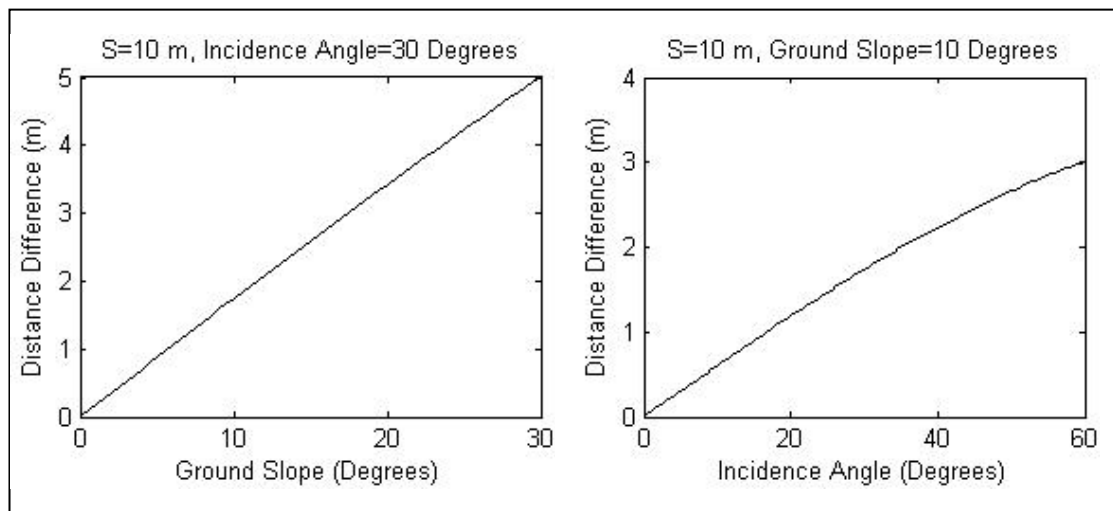


Figure 3.10 Image Distance Difference. The distance difference changes with the incidence angle and ground slope (assuming that the forward incidence angle θ_1 equals the backward incidence angle θ_1).

The difference between two effective distances is proportional to the ground slope and the incidence angle. For an image pair, the incidence angles are constants, so the ground slope is the only variable. In an image, the slope varies with the ground relief variation. Therefore, the only way to limit the distance difference between two images is to limit the ground distance. A small ground distance will lead to a small distance difference and vice-versa. That is why in the proposed interest point matching algorithm, all interest points should be grouped with their closest control network points.

It is important to determine the best way to select the threshold for the distance difference and angle difference. Obviously a large threshold will increase the number of false matches, so in order to reduce false matches, the threshold should be set as

small as possible, but when the distance difference between two images is large, a small threshold may mean that correspondences are over-looked and more iterations may be needed to find matches. Another concern may be that a small threshold may lead to false matches and exclude the correct correspondence. This is possible, but because the interest point is a local maximum, there is only a small probability that in the small search area there is another local maximum and the correct one is farther away from the search area. The threshold can therefore be set by considering the radius of the local maximum. For example, if the local maximum is contained in a 5 by 5 pixel window, a threshold of 2 pixels or less can be considered as a safe threshold.

3.4 Experiments

Four sets of high resolution satellite images were used for our experiments:

(1) Test Data 1:

A stereo pair of level 1A IKONOS images acquired on June 25, 2004 over Penang, Malaysia was used for this experiment (**Figure 3.11**). The incidence angles are 30° and 3.5° respectively.

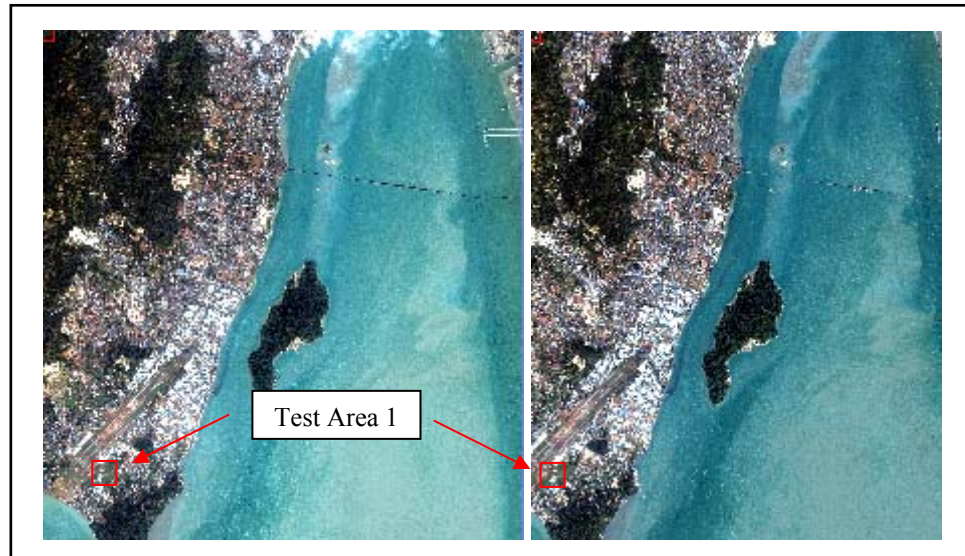


Figure 3.11 Test Data 1 From Stereo Pair of IKONOS Images of Penang, Malaysia (From CRISP, National University of Singapore)

A rectangular area (400 by 400 pixels) was selected as the test area. **Figure 3.12** shows two pairs of images. The pair (a) and (a') were taken directly from the original images. A second pair (b) and (b') is comprised of (b) which was taken from the original left image and (b') which was taken from the right image which has been rotated 45°. In this test area, there is large area of grass which was used to test the algorithm's capability of reducing ambiguity and avoiding false matching in a smooth area.



Figure 3.12 Test Images From the Penang Stereo Pair: (a) and (a') are a pair (400 by 400 pixels) without rotation, while (b) and (b') are a pair (400 by 400 pixels) with (b') rotated 45°.

Figure 3.13 shows the results of interest point matching corresponding to the image pairs from **Figure 3.12** (a), (a') and **Figure 3.12** (b), (b') respectively.

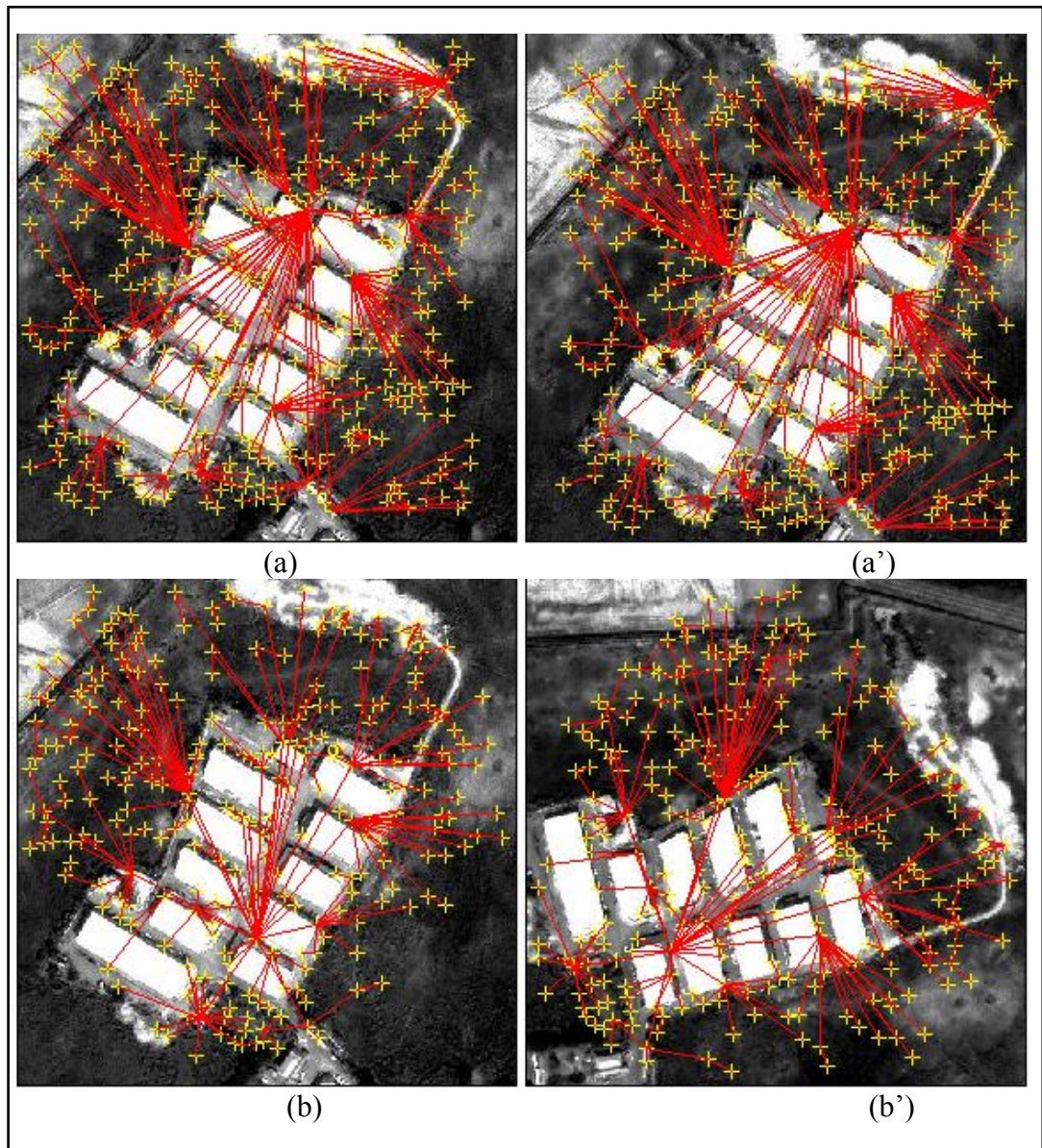


Figure 3.13 Results of Interest Point Matching Corresponding to the Image Pair from Figure 3.12 (a), (a') (410 correspondences) and the Figure 3.12 (b), (b') (264 correspondences).

(2) Test Data 2:

A stereo pair of IKONOS images which was acquired on February, 2003 in Hobart, Australia was used for this experiment (**Figure 3.14**). The incidence angles are forward 75° and backward 69° respectively (Fraser and Hanley, 2005).

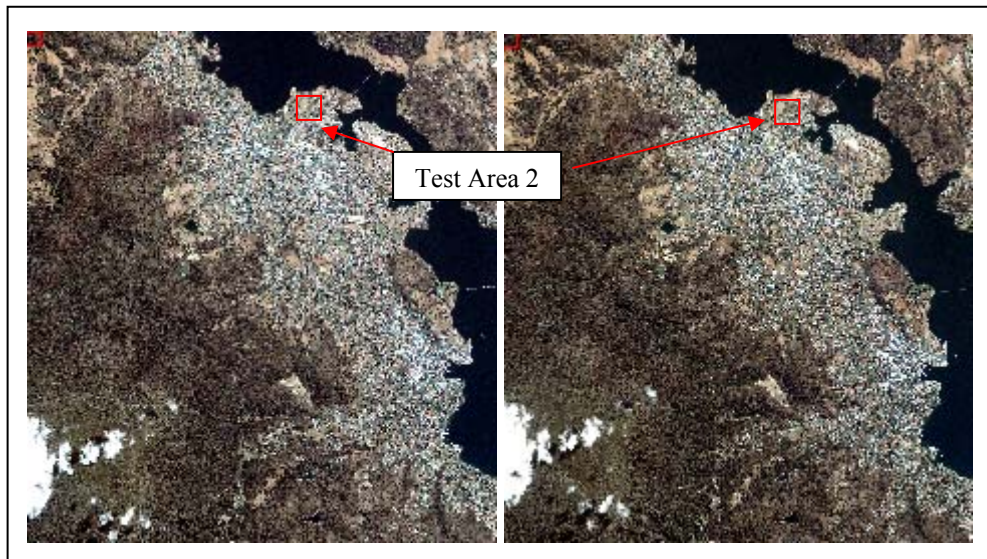


Figure 3.14 Test Area 2 From Stereo Pair of IKONOS Images in Hobart (From the University of Melbourne)

A rectangular area (400 by 400 pixels) was selected as the test area. **Figure 3.15** shows two pairs of images: (c) and (c') is an image pair taken directly from the original images, while (d) and (d') is another image pair where (d) was taken directly from the original left image and (d') was taken from the right image which has been rotated 315° . This is an urban area with a large area of grass where the algorithm's capability of reducing ambiguity and avoiding false matching in smooth areas could be tested.



Figure 3.15 Test Images From the Hobart Stereo Pair: (c) and (c') are a test image pair (400 by 400 pixels) without rotation, and (d) and (d') are a test image pair (400 by 400 pixels) with (d') rotated 315°.

Figure 3.16 shows the results of interest point matching corresponding to the image pairs from **Figure 3.15** (c), (c') and **Figure 3.15** (d), (d') respectively.

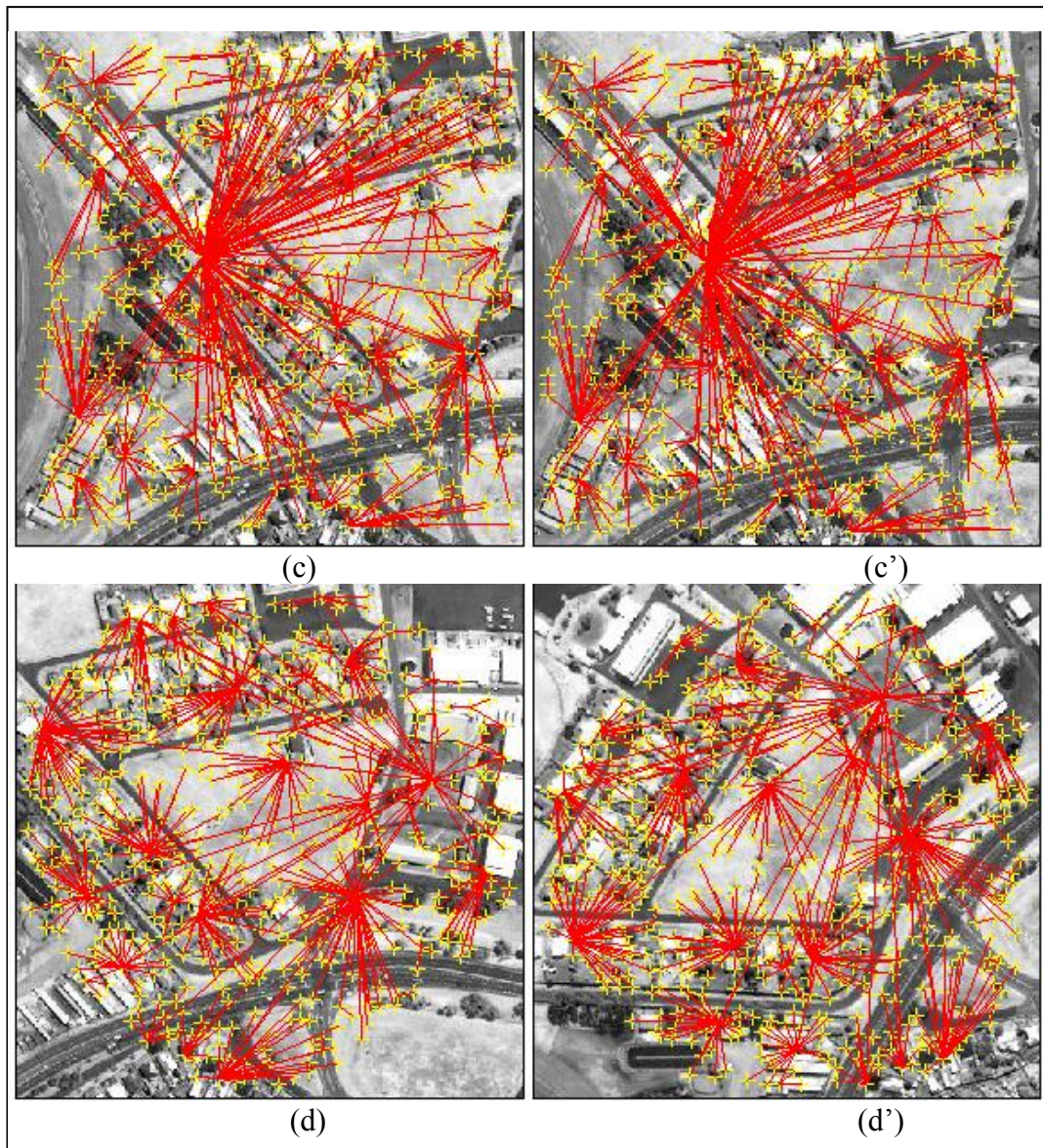


Figure 3.16 Results of Interest Point Matching Corresponding to the Image Pair from Figure 3.15 (c), (c') (641 correspondences) and Figure 3.15 (d), (d') (561 correspondences) respectively.

(3) Test Data 3:

Test area 3 is also from the stereo image pair in Penang. Because the above two test areas are relatively flat and somewhat small, a larger test area from a mountainous area was selected as test area 3 (**Figure 3.17**) in order to test the algorithm under a different set of conditions.

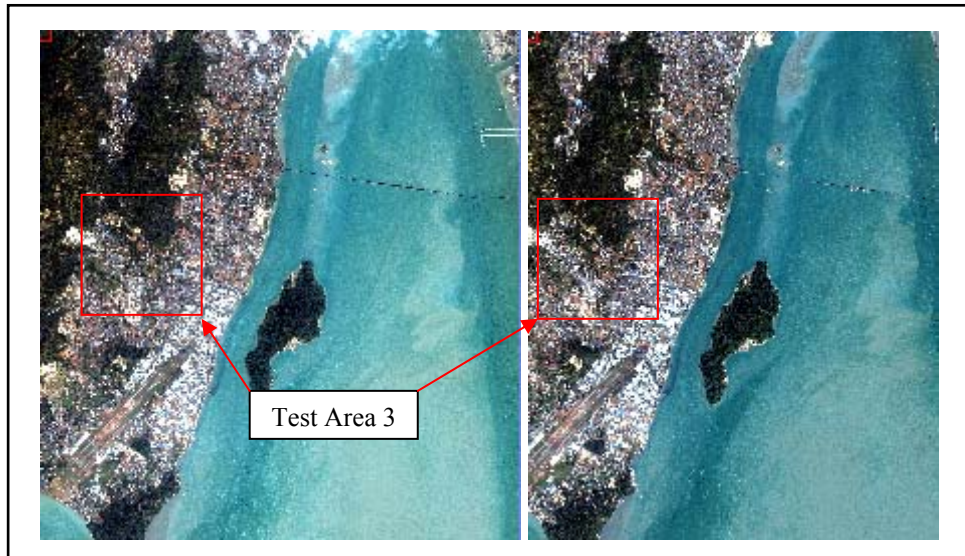


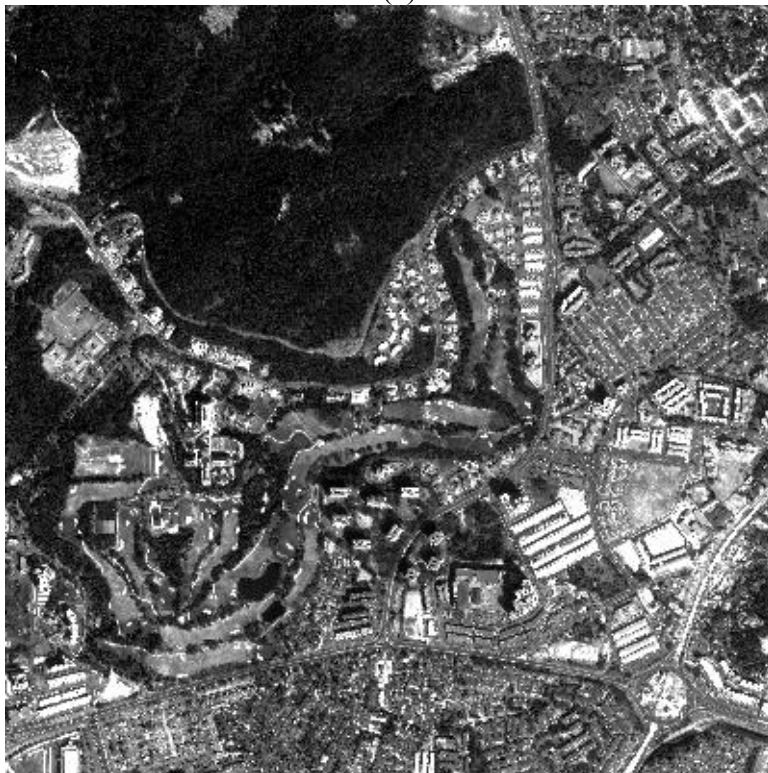
Figure 3.17 Test Data 3 from Stereo Pair of IKONOS Images in Penang, Malaysia (From CRISP, National University of Singapore)

A rectangular area (2000 by 2000 pixels) was selected as test area 3. **Figure 3.18** shows image pair (e) and (e'), taken directly from the original images. This is a mixed area of mountain and urban land cover. In this test area, there is large area of forest which was used to test the algorithm's capability of reducing ambiguity and avoiding false matching in a smooth area. The mountainous area was used to test the algorithm's capability of processing large distortions.

Figure 3.19 shows the results of interest point matching corresponding to the image pair from **Figure 3.18** (e) and (e').



(e)



(e')

Figure 3.18 Test Area 3 in Mountainous Area (2000 by 2000 pixels).

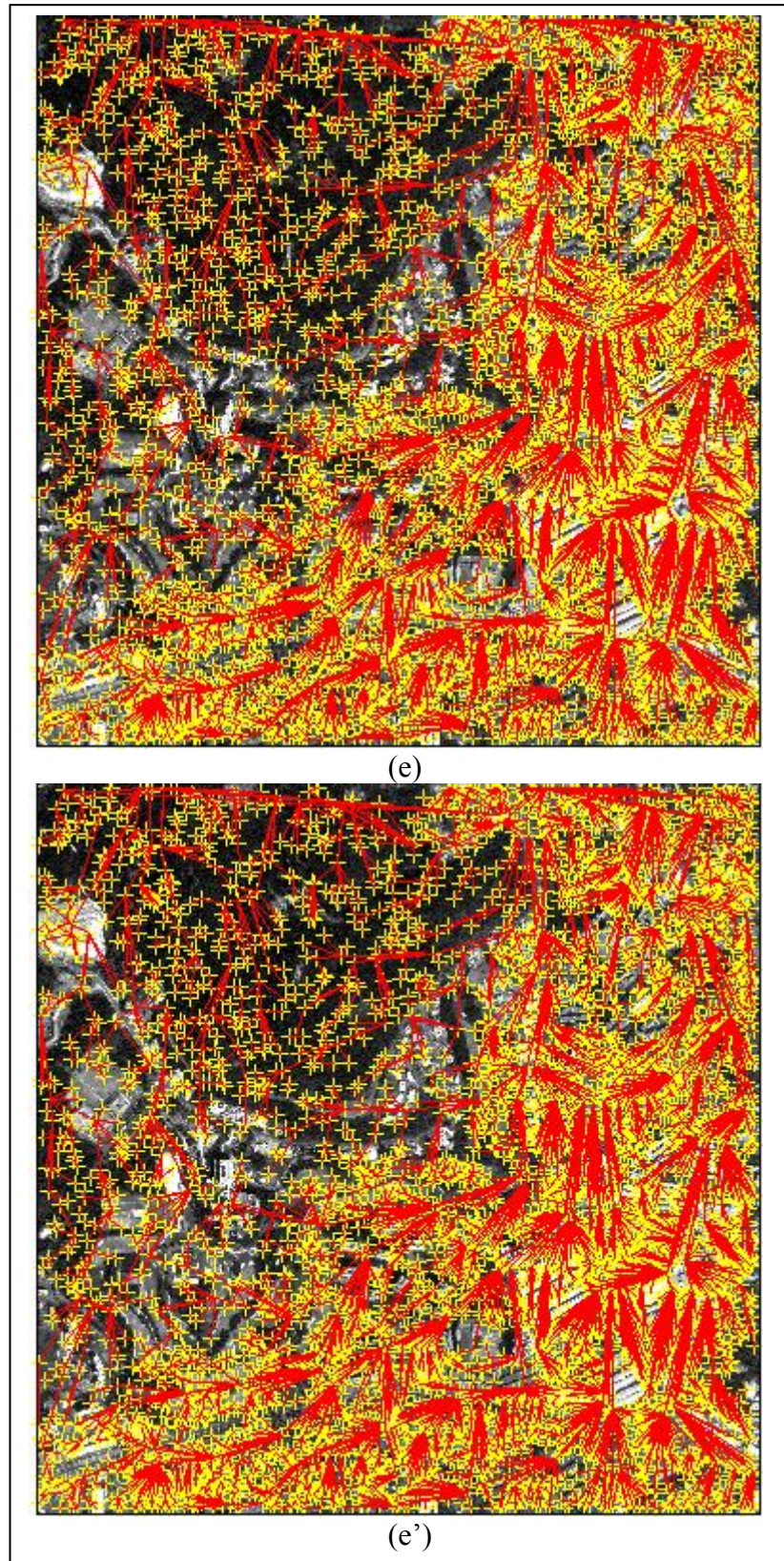


Figure 3.19 Result of Interest Point Matching Corresponding to the Image Pair (e) and (e'). There are 5674 correspondences in total.

(4) Test Data 4:

In order to test the proposed algorithm, five test areas, which are located in the densest forestry region of Fredericton (Figure 3.20), are chosen to challenge the capability of dealing with the ambiguity problem in the homogeneous area. Six scenes of QuickBird images cover the test field. All test image pairs are selected in the overlapping area. The corresponding results of interest point matching are illustrated in Figure 3.21 ~ Figure 3.25 respectively.

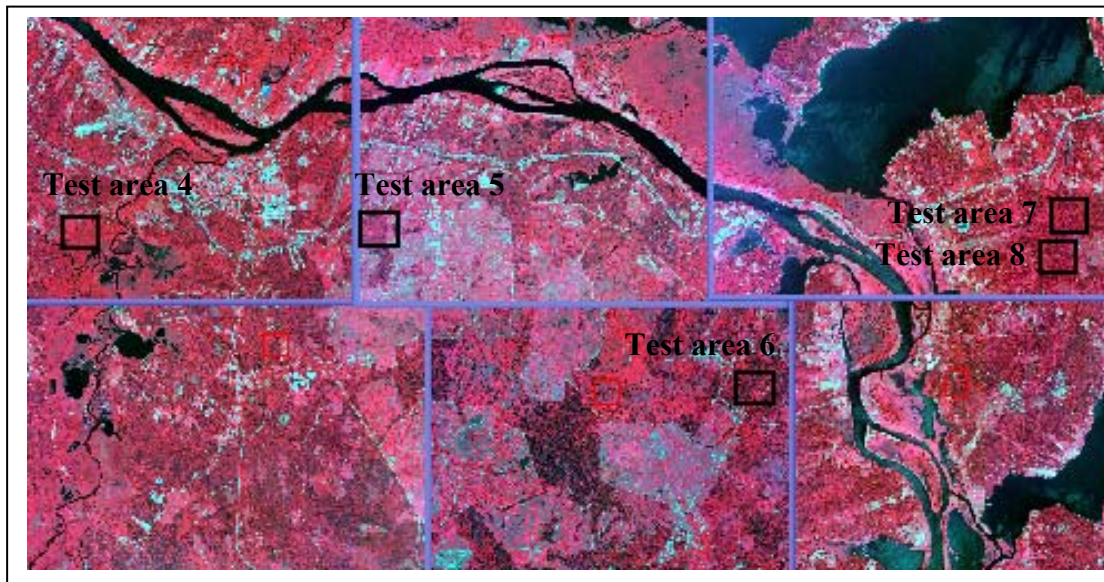


Figure 3.20 Five test areas from QuickBird images in Fredericton.

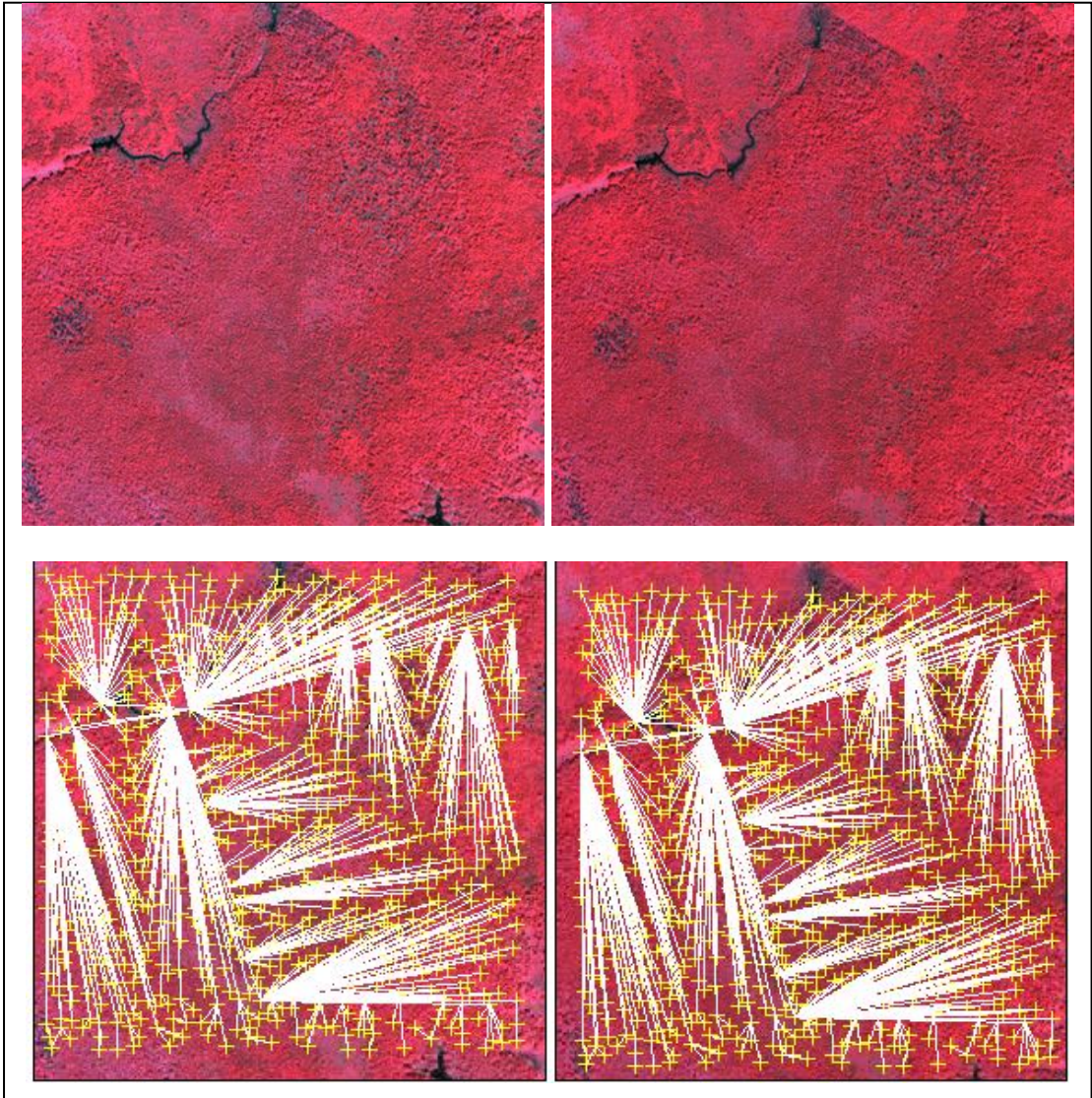


Figure 3.21 Result of Interest Point Matching in Test Area 4 (813 correspondences are obtained).

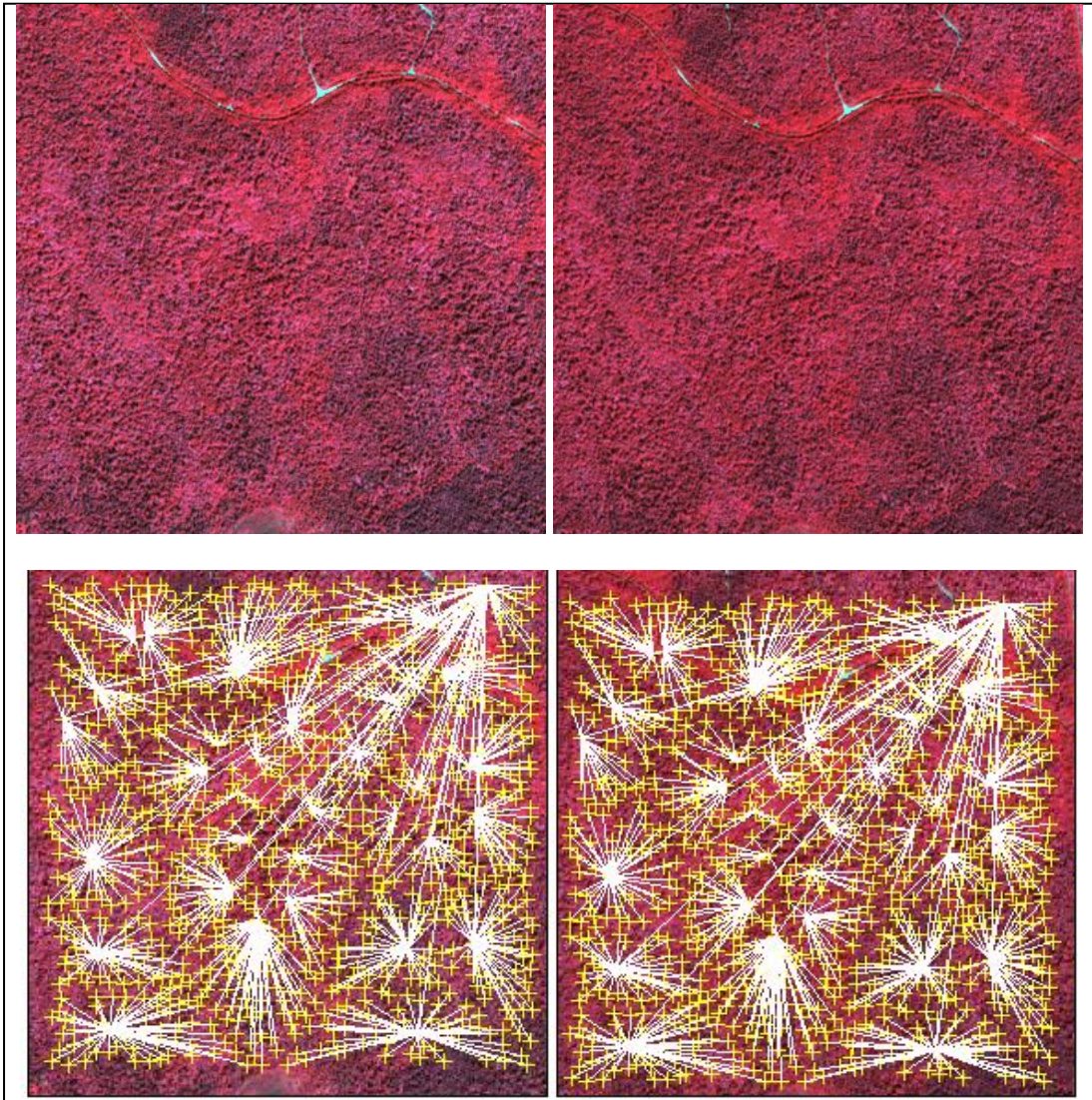


Figure 3.22 Result of Interest Point Matching in Test Area 5 (929 correspondences are obtained).

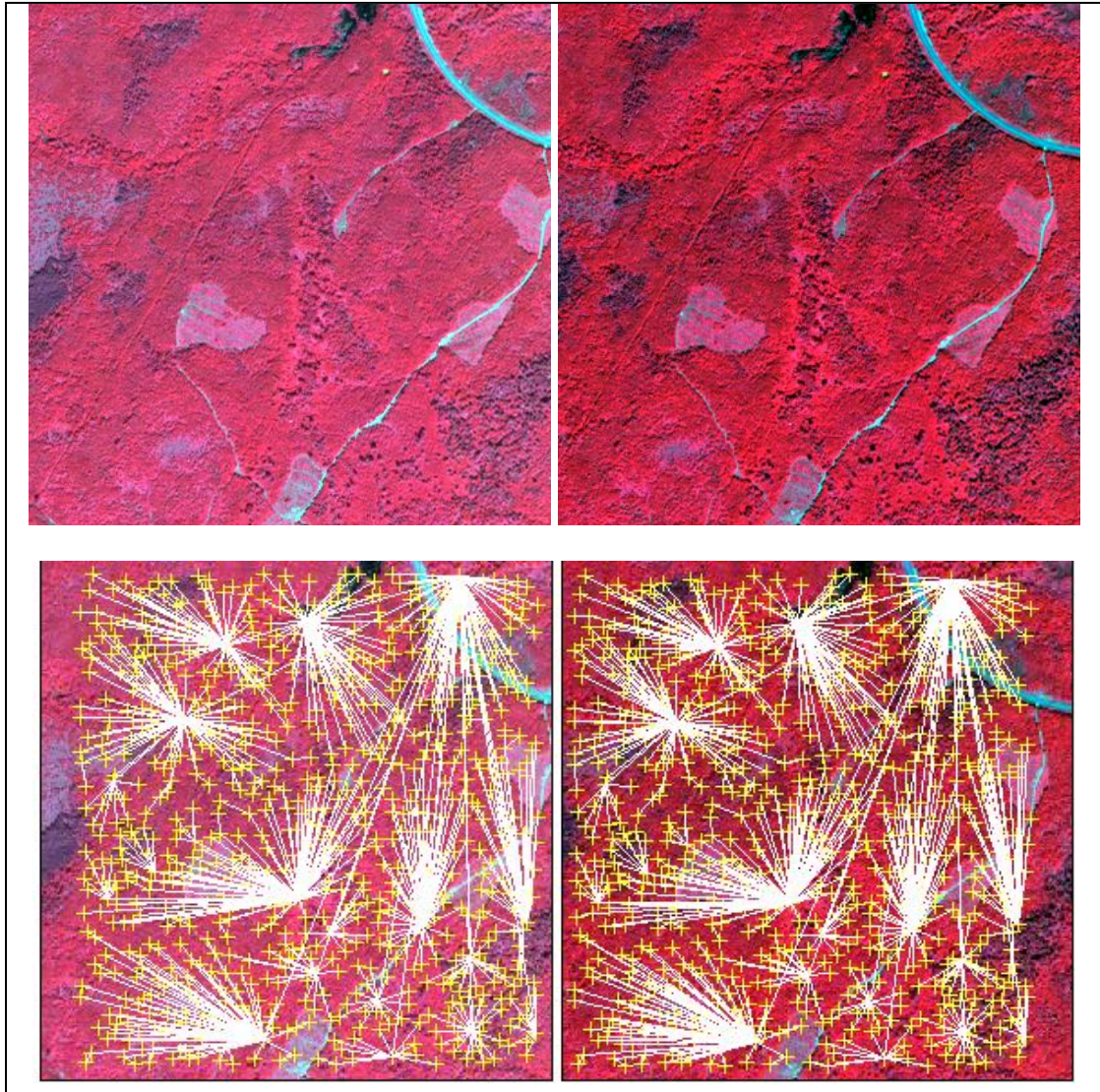


Figure 3.23 Result of Interest Point Matching in Test Area 6 (759 correspondences are obtained).

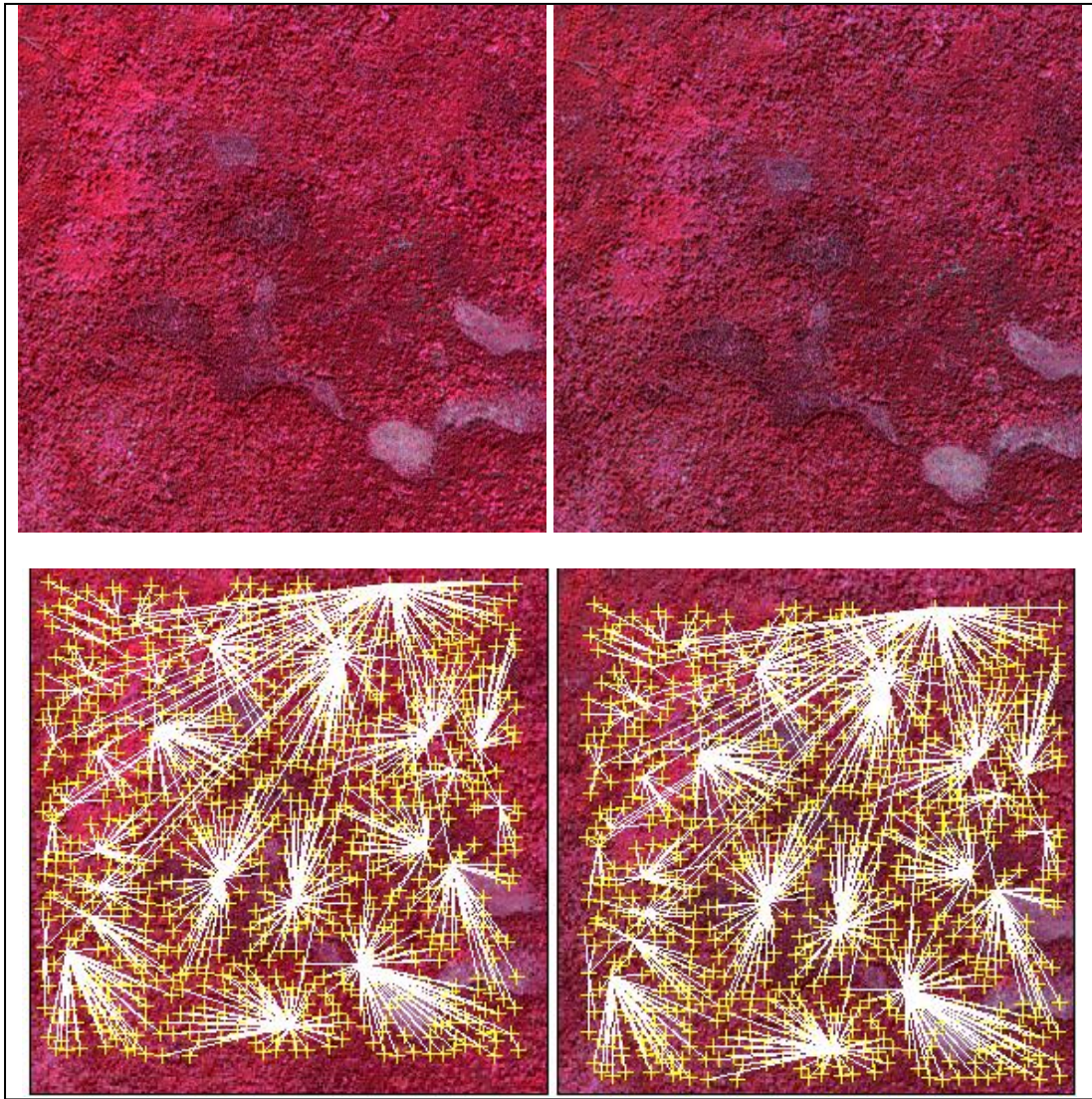


Figure 3.24 Result of Interest Point Matching in Test Area 7 (857 correspondences are obtained).

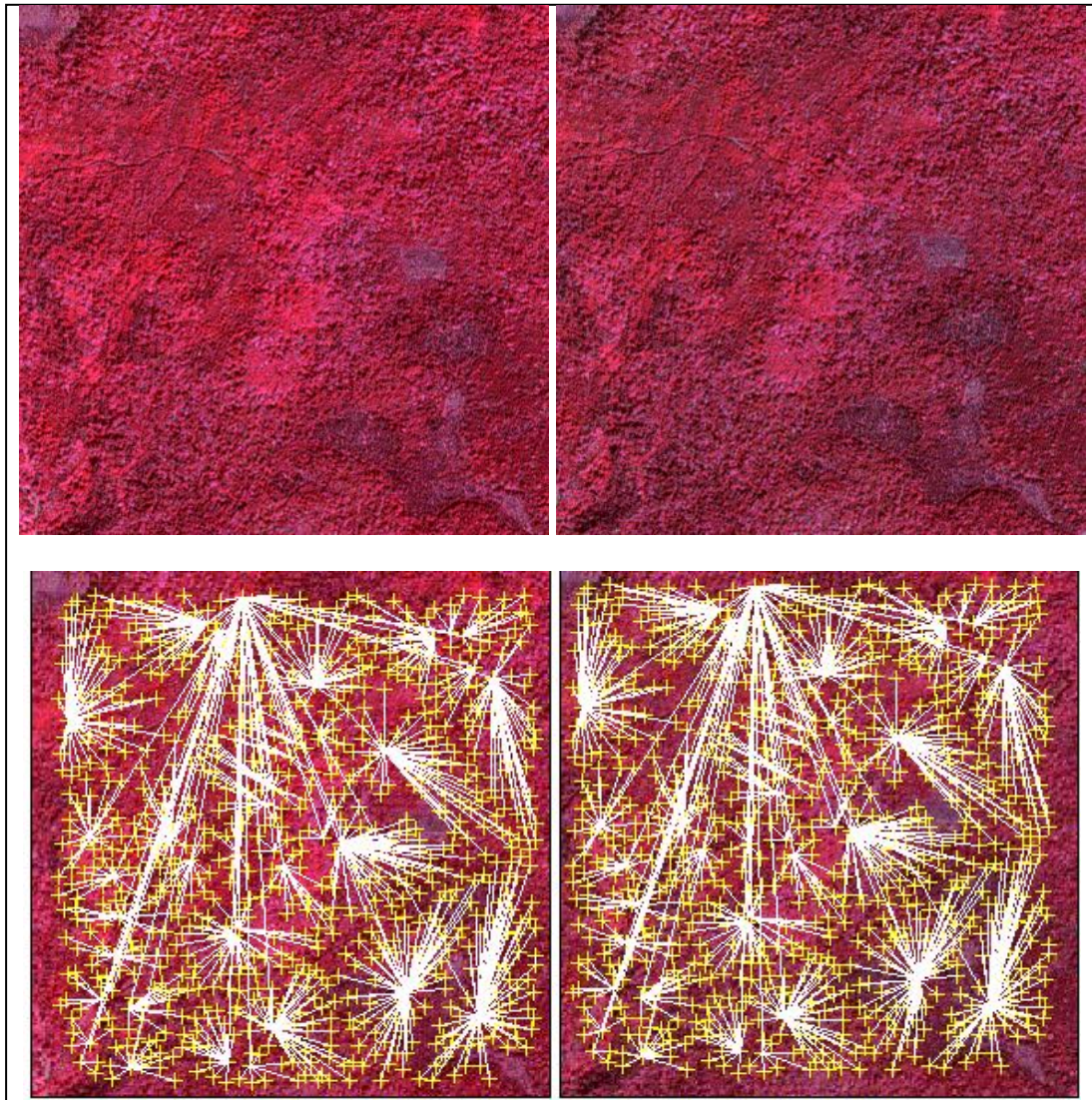


Figure 3.25 Result of Interest Point Matching in Test Area 8 (875 correspondences are obtained).

All the experiments illustrated satisfactory results. We carefully checked every correspondence in each of the test areas, and did not find any false matches. Even in the smooth areas (e.g. a large area of grassland), this algorithm avoided false matches efficiently. In addition, because each interest point is assigned a unique distance and angle with regard to its closest control point, its correspondence is searched only within the corresponding sub-control network, thus the process of interest point

matching is very fast. By using IBM (processor 1.70 GHz, 1.69 GHz, 768 MB of RAM), each experiment took only a few seconds.

The success of this algorithm completely depends on the control network. On one hand, the control network incorporates the spatial information and easily overcomes the problem of ambiguity in the homogeneous area. On the other hand, if the first group of correspondences from the super point matching is wrong, then all the other correspondences extracted based on this control network later on will also be false. This may be the main concern for this algorithm. However, for every different image, the control network of super points is almost always unique, except where there is not any prominent texture in the image and the whole image is homogeneous or filled with man-made texture. Under those circumstances, this algorithm does not work in a complete homogeneous area, such as an area covered by snow, water, or sand. Fortunately, complete homogeneous images are extremely rare.

3.5 Conclusions

We have presented and successfully tested a novel algorithm for interest point matching of high resolution satellite images. This algorithm has the following characteristics:

- 1) It can avoid local minimum problems and can process areas without prominent details, because the proposed algorithm uses spatial information by first constructing a super point control network;
- 2) It can remove outliers easily, because every interest point is assigned a unique position and angle with regard to its closest control point; and

3) Because of the super point control network, the algorithm does not require an exhaustive search during the interest point matching, so it is a relatively simple, fast, and accurate algorithm.

Of course, like other algorithms, the proposed algorithm cannot solve every interest point matching problem. Because only shift and rotation are considered in the algorithm, we think this algorithm can be only used for high resolution satellite images that were captured with a narrow field of view camera, or other images that were captured with a short baseline.

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Chapter 4 A GENERIC METHOD FOR RPC REFINEMENT USING GROUND CONTROL INFORMATION⁴

ABSTRACT

Geometric sensor models are used in image processing to model the relationship between object space and image space and transform image data to conform to a map projection. An RPC (Rational Polynomial Coefficient) is a generic sensor model that can be used to transform images from a variety of different high-resolution satellite and airborne remote sensing systems. To date, numerous researchers have published papers about RPC refinement, aimed at improving the accuracy of the results. So far, the Bias Compensation method is the one that is the most accepted and widely used, but this method has rigorous conditions that limit its use; namely, it can only be used to improve the RPC of images obtained from cameras with a narrow field of view and small attitude errors, such as those used on IKONOS or QuickBird satellites. In many cases, these rigorous conditions may not be satisfied (e.g. cameras with wide fields of view and some satellites with large ephemeris and/or attitude errors). Therefore, a more robust method that can be used to refine the RPC under a wider range of conditions is desirable. In this paper, a generic method for RPC refinement is proposed. The method first restores the sensor's pseudo position and attitude, then adjusts these parameters using ground control points. Finally a new RPC is generated based on the sensor's adjusted position and attitude. We commence our paper with a

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review of the previous ten years' research directed toward RPC refinement, and compare the characteristics of different refinement methods that have been proposed to date. We then present a methodology for a proposed generic method for RPC refinement and describe the results of two sets of experiments that compare the proposed Generic method with the Bias Compensation method. The results confirm that the Bias Compensation method works well only when the aforementioned rigorous conditions are met. The accuracy of the RPC refined by the Bias Compensation method decreased rapidly with the sensor's position error and attitude error. In contrast to this, the Generic method proposed in this paper was found to yield highly accurate results under a variety of different sensor positions and attitudes.

Key Words: RPC, Sensor Model, Refinement, Ground Control

4.1 Introduction

The term RPC typically refers to the Rational Polynomial Coefficient, or Rational Polynomial Camera coefficient [Chen et al., 2006]. It sometimes has been more generically defined as Rapid Positioning Capability [Dowman and Tao, 2002]. RPCs are sometimes also referred to as Rational Function Coefficients (RFCs), or Rational Functional Models (RFM) [Tao and Hu, 2001]. RPCs are recommended by the OGC (Open GIS Consortium) and are widely used in the processing of high-resolution satellite images. A RPC model is a mathematical function that relates object space coordinates (latitude, longitude, and height) to image space coordinates (line and sample). It is expressed in the form of a ratio of two cubic functions of object space

coordinates. Separate rational functions are used to express the object space to line, and the object space to sample, coordinate relationships [Dial and Grodecki, 2002^a].

Because of ephemeris and attitude error, all satellite geometric sensor models, including physical and RPC models, have a definite value of absolute positioning error. For example, the ephemeris and attitude accuracy for IKONOS is about one meter for ephemeris and about one or two arc-seconds for attitude [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. The accuracy for a single stereo pair of IKONOS images, without ground control, is 25.0 m (CE90), and 22.0 m (LE90) [Grodecki, 2001]. If the satellite positioning accuracy does not meet the needs of users, the sensor model should be refined by using Ground Control Points (GCPs) or other auxiliary data. Before the advent of IKONOS, users of satellite imagery typically made use of physical sensor models. Nowadays, instead of physical parameters, sometimes only a rational polynomial function which consists of 80 coefficients is available. This represents a completely new challenge, because the RPC has a high number of coefficients and there is no physical interpretation for the order and terms of these coefficients. Many researchers have attempted to address this challenge. Directly calculating a new RPC based on a large number of GCPs [Di et al., 2003] has been proven unfeasible [Grodecki et al., 2003; Hu et al., 2004]. The Batch Iterative Least-Squares (BILS) method and the Incremental Discrete Kalman Filtering (IDKF) method each requires a significant number of GCPs and also the covariance matrices of the RFCs which are not available to most users [Hu and Tao, 2002]. The Pseudo GCP (PG) method, the Using Parameters Observation Equation (UPOE) method, and the Sequential Least Square Solution (SLSS) method [Bang et al., 2003] all face the

problem of how to define the weightings of the coefficients for different observation equations.

In terms of accuracy and computational stability, the Bias Compensation method [Fraser and Hanley, 2003] so far appears to be the best method and has been widely used [Fraser, 2003, 2005; Hu et al., 2002], but this method is effective only when the camera Field Of View (FOV) is narrow and the position and attitude errors are small [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. Some satellites do meet these rigid conditions. For example as noted above, IKONOS imagery has an accuracy of about one meter for ephemeris and about one or two arc-seconds for attitude, and its FOV is less than one degree [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. But many other satellites including some of those launched from China, India, and other developing countries probably do not satisfy this condition. As a Generic Sensor Model (GSM), an RPC can accommodate an extremely wide range of images without a need for the satellite ephemeris [Samadzadegan et al., 2005]. Therefore, an RPC can be used in a number of different sensors, such as linear push-broom scanners, RADAR, airborne and space borne sensors. In these cases, the issue becomes one of how to effectively refine RPC using as few GCPs as possible.

This paper begins with a review of the latest research on RPC refinement. Next, the newly developed Generic method for RPC refinement is presented. We then present a series of experiments that focus on a comparison between the Bias Compensation method, arguably the best technique for sensor refinement currently in use, and the Generic method proposed in this paper. We conclude with some recommendations for future work.

4.2 Outline of RPC Refinement Methods

On September 24, 1999, IKONOS was launched. Since then, the mapping community has begun to recognize the importance of RPC; a mathematical function which relates the object space and image space (Equation 4.1).

$$x = \frac{P_1(X, Y, Z)}{P_2(X, Y, Z)} \quad (4.1a)$$

$$y = \frac{P_3(X, Y, Z)}{P_4(X, Y, Z)} \quad (4.1b)$$

$$P(X, Y, Z) = \sum_{i=0}^{m_1} \sum_{j=0}^{m_2} \sum_{k=0}^{m_3} a_{ijk} X^i Y^j Z^k \quad (4.1c)$$

$$0 \leq m_1 \leq 3; 0 \leq m_2 \leq 3; 0 \leq m_3 \leq 3; m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \leq 3 \quad (4.1d)$$

Here (x, y) are the image coordinates, (X, Y, Z) are the ground coordinates, and a_{ijk} is the polynomial coefficient. One of the coefficients in the denominator is a constant 1. In some cases (e.g., IKONOS), the two denominators P_2 and P_4 have the same coefficients.

The RPC may be refined directly or indirectly. Direct refining methods modify the original RPCs themselves, while indirect refining methods introduce complementary or concatenated transformations in image or object space, and do not change the original RPCs directly [Hu, Tao, Croitoru, 2004].

4.2.1 Indirect methods

At least 3 different types of indirect methods have been proposed:

(1) The Bias Compensation method proposes a polynomial model defined in image space to correct the RPC (equation 4.2), in which Δp and Δr are added to the rational functions to capture the discrepancies between the nominal and the measured image space coordinates [Fraser and Hanley, 2003; Grodecki and Dial 2003].

$$Line = \Delta p + p(\phi, \lambda, h) \quad (4.2a)$$

$$Sample = \Delta r + r(\phi, \lambda, h) \quad (4.2b)$$

$$\Delta p = a_0 + a_s \cdot Sample + a_L \cdot Line + a_{SL} \cdot Sample \cdot Line + a_{L2} \cdot Line^2 + a_{s2} \cdot Samples + \dots \quad (4.2c)$$

$$\Delta r = b_0 + b_s \cdot Sample + b_L \cdot Line + b_{LS} \cdot Sample \cdot Line + b_{L2} \cdot Line^2 + b_{s2} \cdot Sample^2 + \dots \quad (4.2d)$$

Where: Δp , Δr are the adjustable functions expressing the differences between the measured and the nominal line and sample coordinates of ground control; and (a_i, b_i) are correction coefficients.

For IKONOS, an affine transformation or a translation for the simplest case is often used [Hu, Tao, Croitoru, 2004; Grodecki and Dial 2003; Fraser. and Hanley, 2003].

$$\Delta p = a_0 + a_s \cdot Sample + a_L \cdot Line \quad (4.3a)$$

$$\Delta r = b_0 + b_s \cdot Sample + b_L \cdot Line \quad (4.3b)$$

By using an affine transformation to correct the RPC of IKONOS imagery, sub-pixel accuracy is obtained [Fraser. and. Hanley, 2003; Dial and Grodecki, 2002^b, Grodecki and Lutes, 2005], but the Bias Compensation method is effective only when the

camera Field Of View (FOV) is narrow and the position and attitude errors are small [Grodecki and Dial, 2003].

(2) A polynomial model defined in the domain of object coordinates to correct RPC is also proposed by Grodecki and Dial [2003] as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p = & a_0 + a_p \cdot \phi + a_L \cdot \lambda + a_H \cdot h + a_{p2} \cdot \phi^2 + a_{L2} \cdot \lambda^2 \\ & + a_{H2} \cdot h^2 + a_{PL} \cdot \phi \cdot \lambda + a_{PH} \cdot \phi \cdot h + a_{LH} \cdot \lambda \cdot h + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.4a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta r = & b_0 + b_p \cdot \phi + b_L \cdot \lambda + b_H \cdot h + b_{p2} \cdot \phi^2 + b_{L2} \cdot \lambda^2 \\ & + b_{H2} \cdot h^2 + b_{PL} \cdot \phi \cdot \lambda + b_{PH} \cdot \phi \cdot h + b_{LH} \cdot \lambda \cdot h + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.4b)$$

Where: (ϕ, λ, h) are ground coordinates; and (a_i, b_i) are correction coefficients.

(3) A polynomial model defined in the domain of object coordinates to correct the ground coordinates derived from the vendor-provided RPCs, has been proposed by Di et al. [2003]. In this method, the polynomial correction parameters are determined by the GCPs:

$$X = a_0 + a_1 X_{RF} + a_2 Y_{RF} + a_3 Z_{RF} \quad (4.5a)$$

$$Y = b_0 + b_1 X_{RF} + b_2 Y_{RF} + b_3 Z_{RF} \quad (4.5b)$$

$$Z = c_0 + c_1 X_{RF} + c_2 Y_{RF} + c_3 Z_{RF} \quad (4.5c)$$

Where: (X, Y, Z) are the ground coordinates after correction; (X_{RF}, Y_{RF}, Z_{RF}) are ground coordinates derived from the RPC; and (a_i, b_i, c_i) are correction coefficients.

In object space, the ground coordinates do not reflect the satellite sensor's imaging geometry. Therefore the method (1) is superior to methods (2) and (3) [Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Gong, et al., 2005].

4.2.2 Direct Methods

Sometimes, ground control information may not be available at the time of data processing or cannot be supplied due to some reasons (e.g., politics or confidentiality) [Hu and Tao, 2002]; Sometimes, it is necessary to avoid changing the existing image transfer format. Therefore, in many cases, a modified RPC is the first choice. Methods that modify the original RPCs are referred to as direct refining methods [Hu, Tao, Croitoru, 2004]. Three such methods are described below.

(1) The first method is to compute the new rational polynomial coefficients (RPCs) using the vendor-provided RPC coefficients as initial values. This method is not stable enough to provide a sufficient accuracy in operational environments, unless a large number of densely distributed GCPs (about twice the number of unknowns) are available [Toutin, 2004; Tao and Hu, 2001; Di, Ma, and Li, 2003]. Therefore, this method is not feasible for RPC refinement [Grodecki et al., 2003; Hu, Tao, Croitoru, 2004].

(2) A Batch Iterative Least-Squares (BILS) method and an Incremental Discrete Kalman Filtering (IDKF) method have been proposed to update RPC [Hu and Tao, 2002]. It has been found that the prerequisite for obtaining good results by using these methods is that the covariance matrices for the RFCs and the image measurements (provided by the data vendor who calculated the RPC initially) are available. Moreover, a significant number of new GCPs are also required [Hu and Tao, 2002]. Experiments have shown that these methods can yield good result for aerial photography (see **Table 4.1**, **Table 4.2**), but the accuracy obtained for IKONOS image is not sufficient for many users (see **Table 4.3**) [Hu and Tao, 2002].

Table 4.1 Aerial photo line and sample residuals at 40 checkpoints (unit: pixels), 9 GCPs were used [Hu and Tao, 2002].

GCP	BILS				IDKF			
	Line		Sample		Line		Sample	
	RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX
0	1.134	3.175	0.909	2.700	1.134	3.175	0.909	2.700
9	0.912	3.054	0.824	2.092	1.112	2.827	0.880	2.464

Table 4.2 Aerial photo line and sample residuals at 9 checkpoints (unit: pixels), 40 GCPs were used [Hu and Tao, 2002].

GCP	BILS				IDKF			
	Line		Sample		Line		Sample	
	RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX
0	0.894	1.428	1.151	3.253	0.894	1.428	1.151	3.253
9	0.423	0.788	0.579	1.362	0.609	1.098	0.677	1.668

Table 4.3 IKONOS image line and sample residuals at 8 checkpoints (unit: pixels), 20 GCP were used [Hu and Tao, 2002].

Image	GCP	BILS				IDKF			
		Line		Sample		Line		Sample	
		RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX	RMSE	MAX
Left	0	2.391	4.418	6.387	9.839	2.391	4.418	6.387	9.839
	20	2.283	4.764	3.611	6.856	2.038	4.456	3.204	7.195
Right	0	2.339	5.038	8.140	10.722	2.339	5.038	8.140	10.722
	20	2.761	6.058	4.533	6.543	2.780	6.105	3.389	5.999

(3) Bang et al., proposed 3 methods to modify the RPC [2003]: the Pseudo GCP (PG) Method, the Using Parameters Observation Equation (UPOE) method, and the Sequential Least Square Solution (SLSS) method [Bang, Jeong, Kim, 2003]. For the PG method, the RPC is imported as initial values. The additional GCPs are assigned sufficiently greater weight (compared with the Pseudo GCPs) to modify the original RPC. This method is similar to the method (1) proposed by Di et al. [2003]. For the UPOE method, 59 RPC parameter observations are used instead of the pseudo GCPs. All these three methods involve a question of how to properly assign the weightings for so many different observations, since the order and terms of the RPC coefficients have no physical meaning [Farhad, All, and Ahmad, 2005]. With regard to their accuracy, an experiment comparing these three methods proposed by Bang et al. with the Bias Compensation method showed that the accuracy of SLSS is the best among

these three methods, but is still slightly poorer than that of the Bias Compensation method (see **Table 4.4**) [Bang, Jeong, Kim, 2003].

Table 4.4 Accuracy comparison between the PG method, the UPOE method, the SLSS method, and Bias Compensation method [Bang, Jeong, Kim, 2003].

Method	Num. of GCP	RMSE (Unit: pixels), case 1		RMSE (Unit: pixels), case 2	
		Column	Row	Column	Row
PG	5	1.55	2.29	1.85	3.71
UPOE	5	1.65	2.62	1.99	4.16
SLSS	5	1.54	2.30	1.79	3.66
Bias	5	1.58	1.74	1.72	2.33

4.2.3 Limitation of Traditional Methods

The drawbacks, limitations and relative accuracies of the direct and indirect methods described above are summarized in the **Table 4.5**, along with a comparison of their accuracies with that of the Bias Compensation method.

Table 4.5 Accuracies, Limitations and Drawbacks of Traditional RPC Refinement Methods

Method		Accuracy, Limitations and Drawbacks
Indirect Methods	(1) Bias Compensation method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accuracy appears to be the best so far. ▪ Effective only when the camera Field Of View (FOV) is narrow and the position and attitude errors are small [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]
	(2) Polynomial model defined in object space to correct the image coordinates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accuracy is poorer than Bias Compensation method. ▪ Effective only when the camera Field Of View (FOV) is narrow and the position and attitude errors are small [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]
	(3) Polynomial model defined in object space to correct the object coordinates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accuracy is poorer than Bias Compensation method. ▪ Because the ground coordinates do not reflect the satellite sensor's imaging geometry, this method is not feasible for RPC refinement [Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Gong et al., 2005].
Direct Methods	(1) Directly compute the new RPCs with a large number of GCPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This method is not stable enough and may not provide a sufficient accuracy in operational environments. It is therefore not feasible for RPC refinement [Grodecki et al., 2003; Hu et al., 2004]
	(2) BILS method and IDKF method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accuracy is poorer than Bias Compensation method. ▪ Requires a significant number of GCPs ▪ Requires the covariance matrices of RPC [Hu and Tao, 2002]
	(3) PG Method, UPOE method, and SLSS method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accuracy is poorer than Bias Compensation method [Bang et al., 2003]. ▪ Difficult to assign weightings for the different observation equations.

Table 4.5 illustrates that, in terms of accuracy and computation stability, the Bias Compensation method is undoubtedly the best method in current use. But unfortunately, the Bias Compensation method is effective only when the camera field of view is narrow and the attitude errors are small [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. Under these rigorous conditions, the in-track and cross-track errors are equivalent to pitch and roll attitude errors (see **Fig. 4.1**). Thus, it is only necessary to estimate roll and pitch for RPC correction [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. But with increasing camera field of view, attitude error and off-nadir angle, the in-track and cross-track errors are no longer equivalent to pitch and roll attitude errors, and the difference ($X_1 - X_1'$) at the

edge of field (see **Figure 4.1**) increases according following equations [Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Dial and Grodecki, 2005].

$$d = h * (\tan(c + r) - \tan(c)) \quad (4.6)$$

$$X1 = -h * \tan(c + a) \quad (4.7)$$

$$X1' = d - h * \tan(c + a + r) \quad (4.8)$$

$$difference = X1 - X1' \quad (4.9)$$

h: flying height;

c: off-nadir angle;

r: attitude error; and

a: half-angle of the camera field of view;

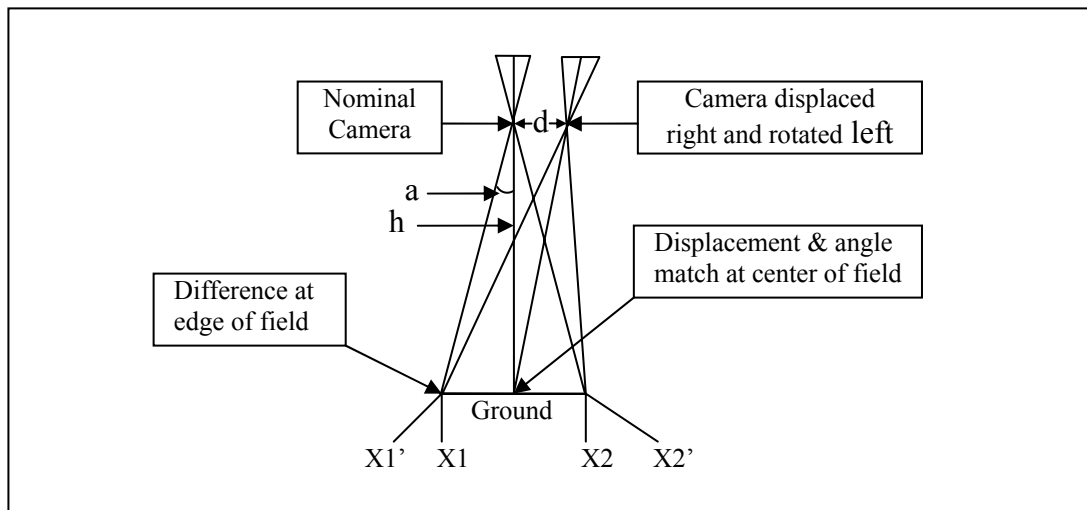


Figure 4.1 Effect of roll and cross-track errors [Grodecki and Dial, 2003].

Figure 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 show how the difference ($X1 - X1'$) at the edge of field changes with the camera field of view (FOV), the off-nadir angle, and the attitude error.

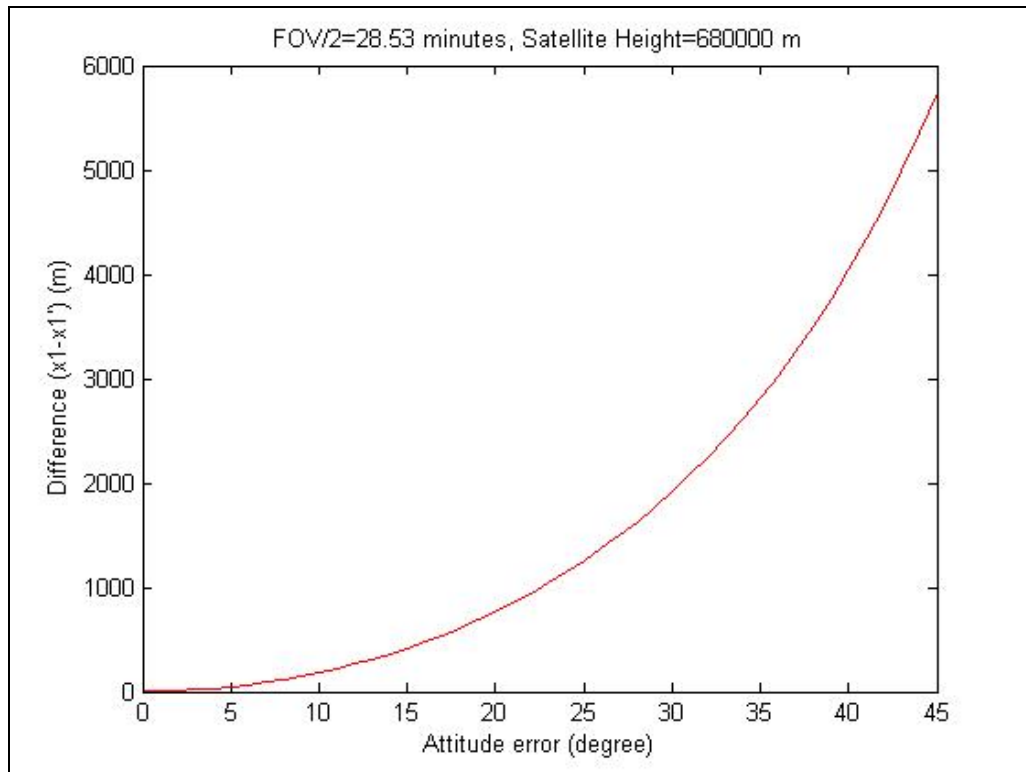


Figure 4.2 The difference at the edge of field changes with the attitude error.

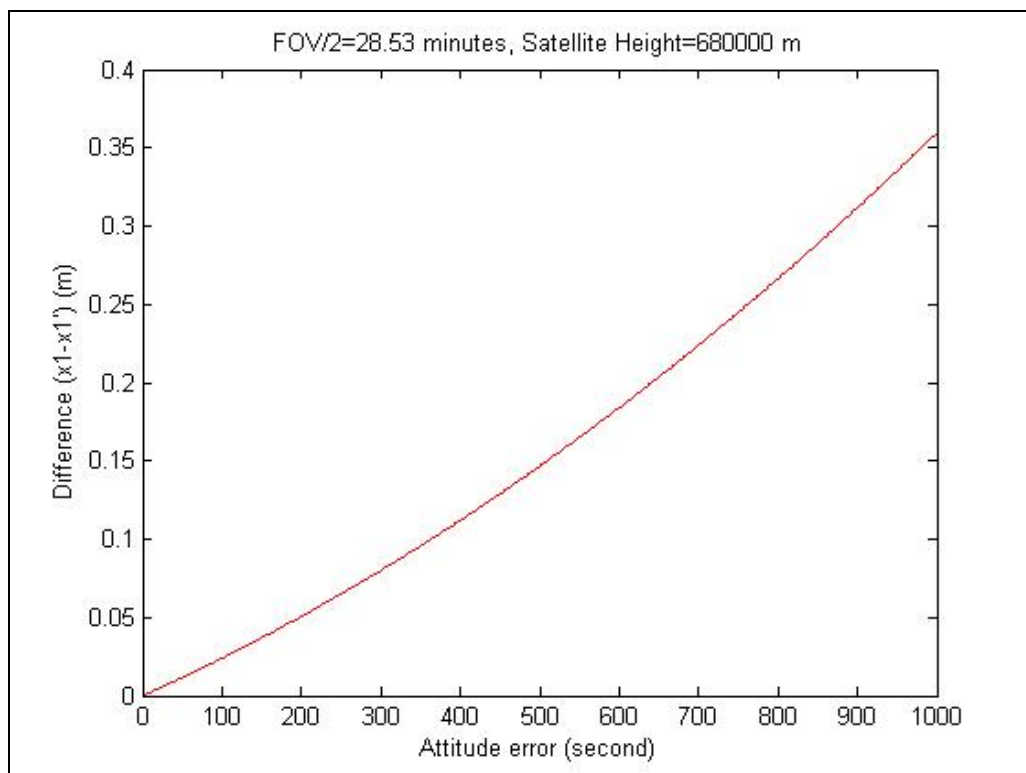


Figure 4.3 The difference at the edge of field changes with the attitude error.

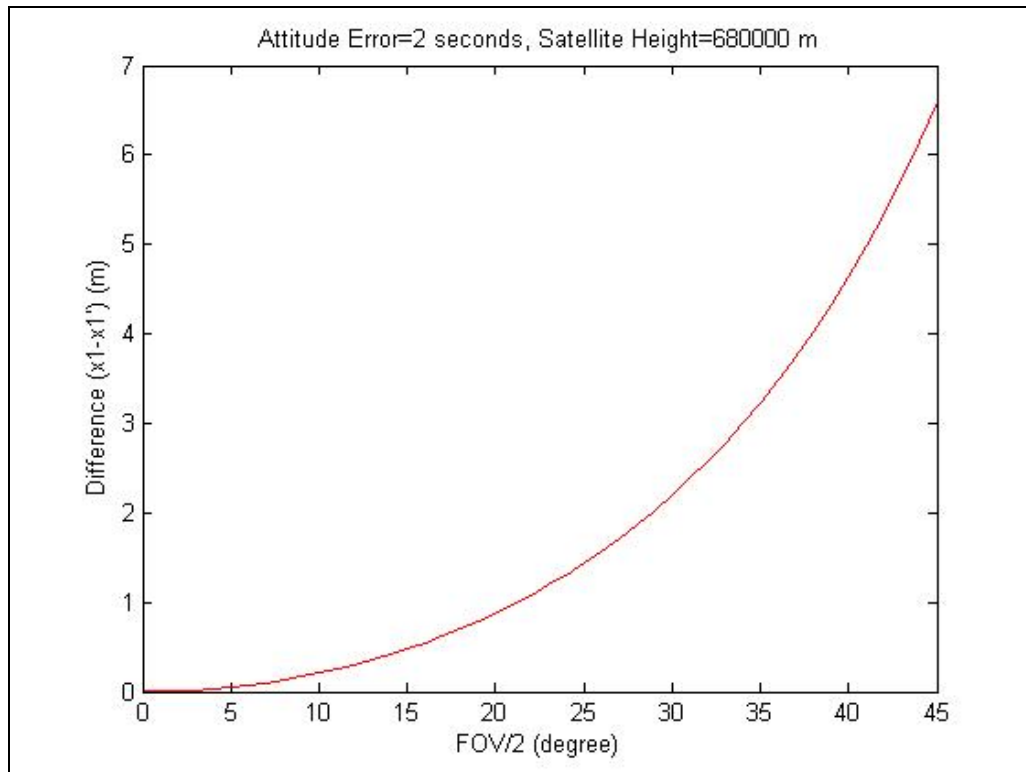


Figure 4.4 The difference at the edge of field changes with FOV.

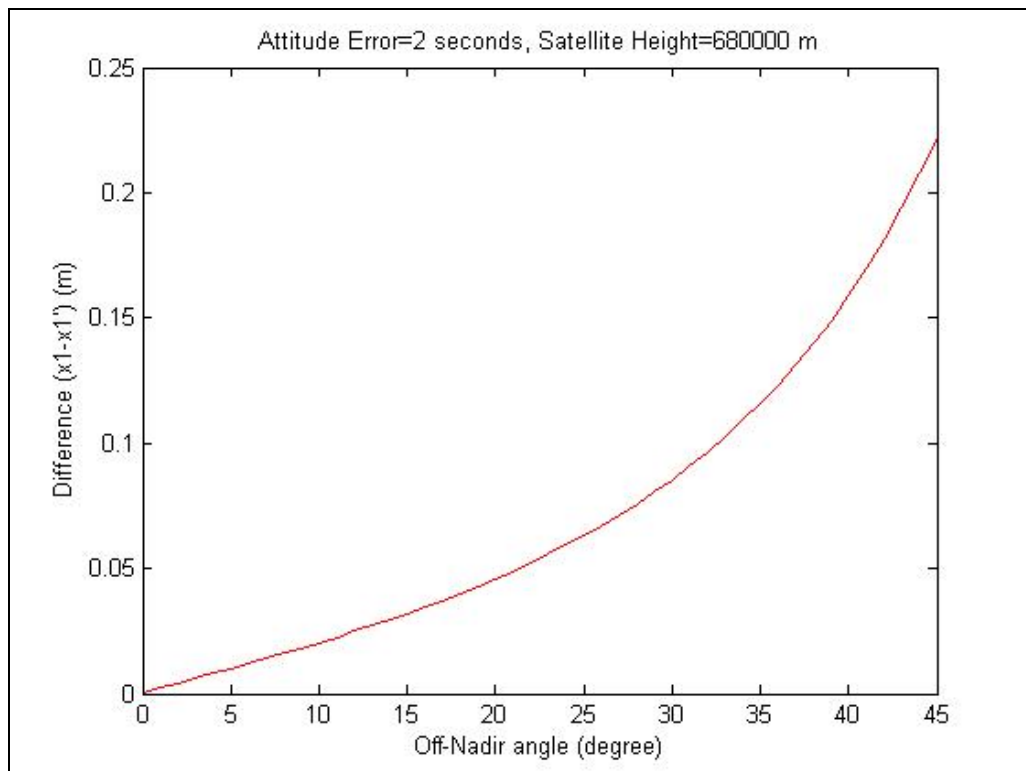


Figure 4.5 The difference at the edge of field changes with the off-nadir angle.

Based on **Figure 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4** and **4.5**, it is evident that the difference ($X_1 - X_1'$) at the edge of field increases as the width of the camera field of view, the sensor's attitude error, and the off-nadir angle increase. The attitude error is the most important factor affecting the difference ($x_1 - x_1'$) at the edge of the field.

For IKONOS imagery, with a roll error of 2-seconds, the difference ($X_1 - X_1'$) is negligible (only 0.000454 m) [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. As a result, only a few parameters are required to effectively model the sensor errors [Grodecki and Dial, 2003]. That is why the Bias Compensation method can achieve success in RPC refinement for IKONOS and QuickBird images. It is the desire to obtain a RPC refinement method that will be effective under a wider variety of image conditions and sensor platforms that led the authors to develop the Generic Method for RPC refinement.

4.3 The Proposed Method

The generic method proposed in this report consists of three components (see **Fig. 4.6**). (1) Reconstruct the sensor's position and attitude. This involves restoring the pseudo light ray that existed when the image was acquired. The sensor's pseudo position and attitude (equivalent to camera Exterior Parameters (EPs)) are obtained. (2) Adjust the sensor's position and attitude. The GCPs are used to refine the EPs. (3) Generate a new RPC. The new RPC is generated using a grid of image points.

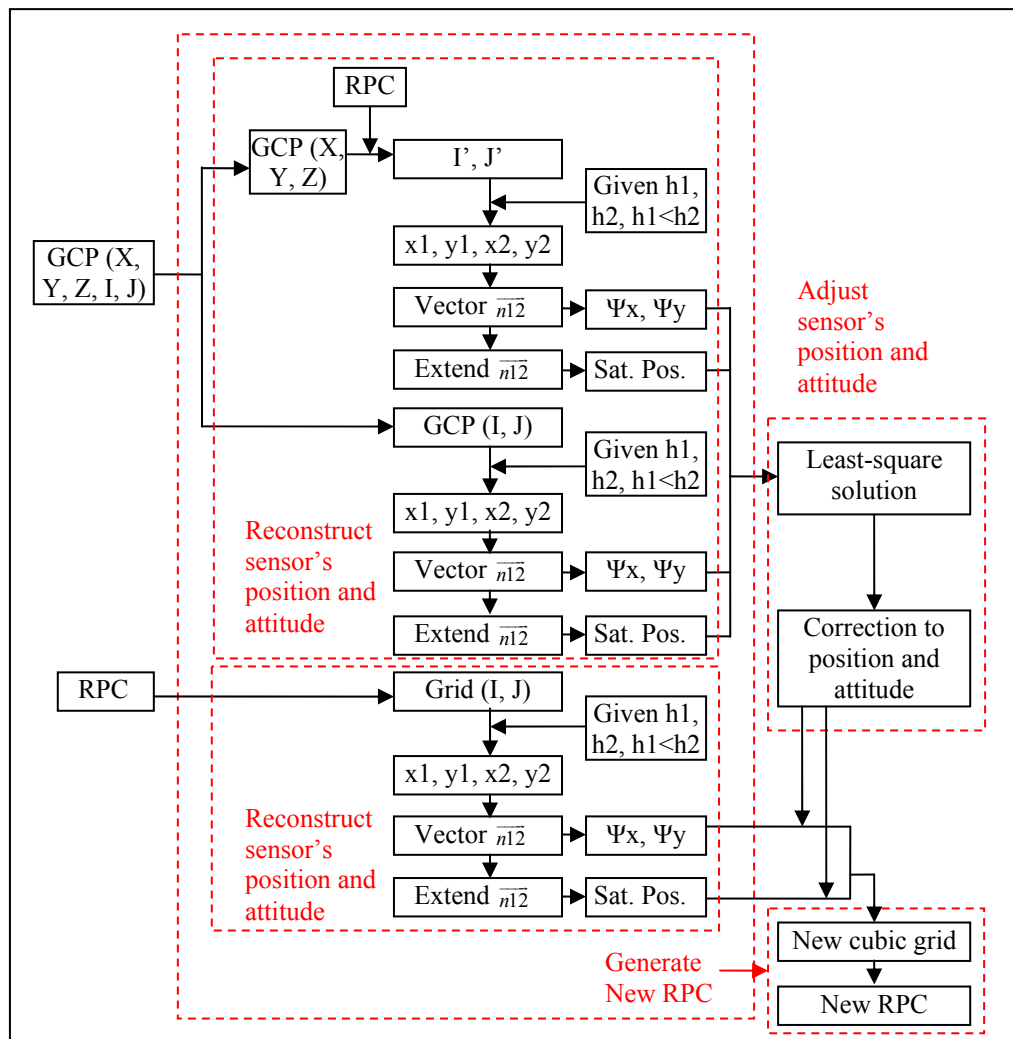


Figure 4.6 Flowchart of RPC refinement.

Reconstructing the Sensor's Position and Attitude

Step 1. From a point on the image $P(I, J)$, given an elevation value (h_1), the corresponding ground position $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ of the point $P(I, J)$ can be obtained by an iterative process (see **Figure 4.7**). For the same image point $P(I, J)$, given another elevation value (h_2), $h_2 > h_1$, another ground point $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ is obtained. Then for the point $P(I, J)$ on the image, two corresponding ground points $P_1(x_1, y_1, h_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, h_2)$ are obtained. A vector $\vec{n_{12}}$ from point $P_1(x_1, y_1, h_1)$ to point $P_2(x_2, y_2, h_2)$ can be calculated (see **Figure 4.8**). If this vector were the light ray of the

sensor in acquiring the image point $P(I, J)$, the sensor position $Ps1(Xs1, Ys1, Hs1)$ can be obtained from the extension of this vector. The sensor height Hs is a fixed value. For a satellite, Hs will be large, e.g., 600km. If the height is low, a small discrepancies with the x and y ($\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y$) will lead to a large correction to the two rotation angles ψ_x and ψ_y . For an airborne remote sensing system, this height may be several thousand meters.

Of course, this vector is not the actual light ray by which the image point $P(I, J)$ was acquired. Instead it is a pseudo light ray and sensor position $Ps1(Xs1, Ys1, Hs1)$ is a pseudo sensor position. Fortunately, it does not matter whether the light ray is the actual one or not. Even a pseudo light ray and pseudo sensor position are effective for the RPC refinement in the proposed Generic method.

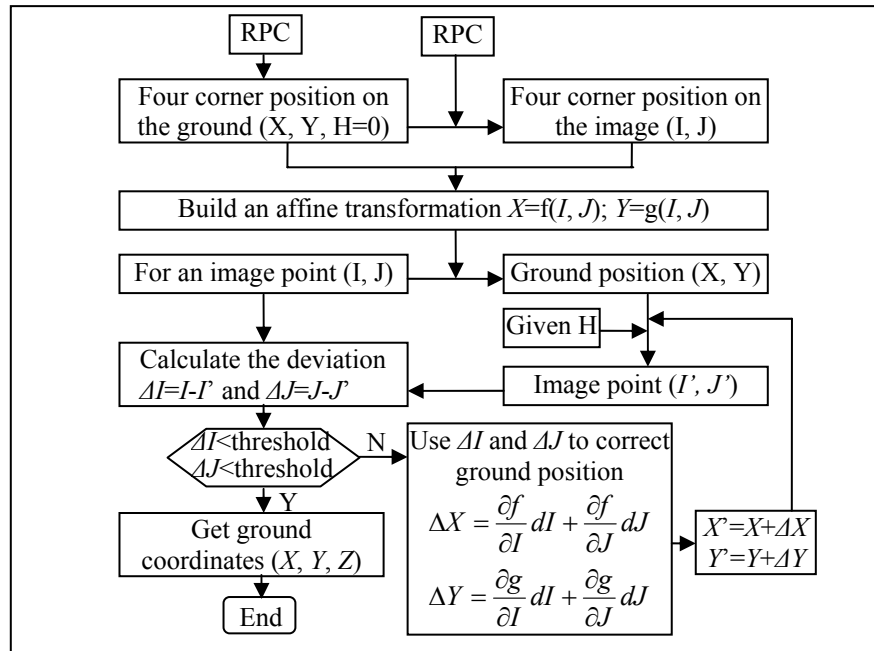


Figure 4.7 Flow chart of ground position (X, Y, H) calculation from image position (i, j) based on RPC.

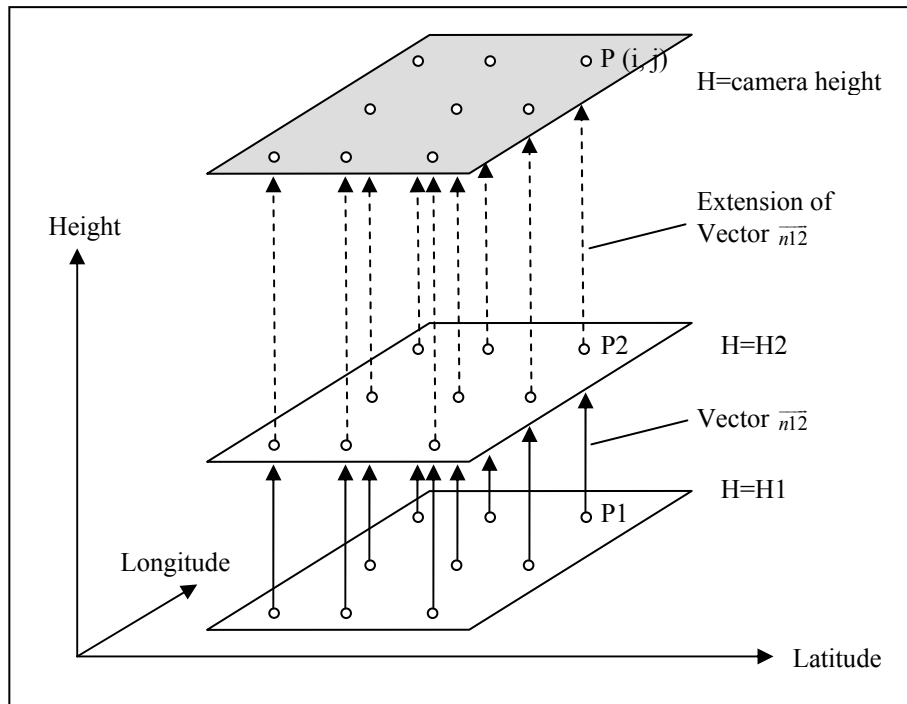


Figure 4.8 Restoration of sensor's attitude and light ray.

From vector $\overline{n12}$, vector $\overline{n21}$ can be obtained. From vector $\overline{n21}$, two tilted angles in x and y directions Ψ_x and Ψ_y can be obtained (see Figure 4.9). For high-resolution satellite images, the azimuth accuracy is very high, so the rotation angle Ψ_z is very small. Therefore its initial value can be set '0'. For an airborne sensor, the azimuth angle should be estimated according to GCPs and other supplemental information.

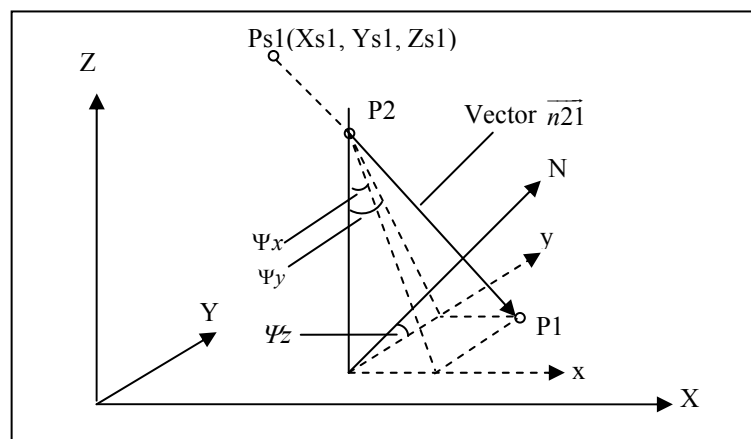


Figure 4.9 Restoration of sensor's position and attitude.

Up to now, for an image point P(I, J), the preceding calculations have provided corresponding pseudo sensor position Ps1(Xs1, Ys1, Hs1) and three rotation angles around the x, y, and z axis Ψ_y , Ψ_x and Ψ_z .

Adjusting the Sensor's Position and Attitude

Step 2. For every GCP, its corresponding pseudo sensor position (X_s , Y_s , H_s) and three rotation angles Ψ_y , Ψ_x and Ψ_z are calculated.

Step 3. The RPC adjustment observation equations for each GCP are constructed as follows.

$$(\hat{X}_s + (\hat{H}_s - h_i) * \tan(\hat{\psi}_x)) * \cos(\hat{\psi}_z) + (\hat{Y}_s + (\hat{H}_s - h_i) * \tan(\hat{\psi}_y)) * \sin(\hat{\psi}_z) - x_i + \varepsilon_{x_i} = 0 \quad (4.10)$$

$$-(\hat{X}_s + (\hat{H}_s - h_i) * \tan(\hat{\psi}_x)) * \sin(\hat{\psi}_z) + (\hat{Y}_s + (\hat{H}_s - h_i) * \tan(\hat{\psi}_y)) * \cos(\hat{\psi}_z) - y_i + \varepsilon_{y_i} = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

$$\hat{X}_s = X_s + \Delta X_s \quad (4.12)$$

$$\hat{Y}_s = Y_s + \Delta Y_s \quad (4.13)$$

$$\hat{H}_s = H_s + \Delta H_s \quad (4.14)$$

$$\hat{\psi}_x = \psi_x + \Delta \psi_x \quad (4.15)$$

$$\hat{\psi}_y = \psi_y + \Delta \psi_y \quad (4.16)$$

$$\hat{\psi}_z = \psi_z + \Delta \psi_z \quad (4.17)$$

X_s , Y_s , H_s are pseudo sensor position;

x_i, y_i, h_i are ground coordinates of i^{th} GCP; and

$\psi_x, \psi_y,$ and ψ_z are rotation angles of the vector corresponding to the i^{th} GCP.

In these observation equations, the satellite position (X_s, Y_s, H_s) and three rotation angles (ψ_x, ψ_y, ψ_z) are adjustable parameters.

Because the sensor's position and attitude changes with time in a pushbroom remote sensing system, we are proposing to use a polynomial model defined in the domain of image coordinates to represent the adjustable function $\Delta X_s, \Delta Y_s, \Delta H_s, \Delta \psi_x, \Delta \psi_y,$ and $\Delta \psi_z$. Although a higher order polynomial may achieve higher internal accuracy, this higher internal accuracy normally may not lead to a more accurate RPC, because the RPC is a mathematical function that is only an approximation of a rigorous physical model. Experiments by the authors have shown that the higher the order of the polynomial model, the greater the amount of the accuracy that will be lost after the approximation of the new RPC generation. Therefore, we are proposing to use a linear polynomial model for RPC refinement:

$$\Delta X_s = a_0 + a_s * \text{Sample} + a_L * \text{Line} \quad (4.18)$$

$$\Delta Y_s = b_0 + b_s * \text{Sample} + b_L * \text{Line} \quad (4.19)$$

$$\Delta H_s = c_0 + c_s * \text{Sample} + c_L * \text{Line} \quad (4.20)$$

$$\Delta \psi_x = d_0 + d_s * \text{Sample} + d_L * \text{Line} \quad (4.21)$$

$$\Delta \psi_y = e_0 + e_s * \text{Sample} + e_L * \text{Line} \quad (4.22)$$

$$\Delta \psi_z = f_0 + f_s * \text{Sample} + f_L * \text{Line} \quad (4.23)$$

For high-resolution images obtained from satellites such as IKONOS and QuickBird, the errors in satellite height and yaw angle are very small [Grodecki and Dial, 2003].

Therefore, $\Delta X_s, \Delta Y_s, \Delta \psi_x,$ and $\Delta \psi_y$ can provide enough information to accurately

correct the satellite's position and attitude. In this research, when fewer than 3 GCPs are used for RPC refinement, only the translations a_0, b_0, d_0, e_0 are considered. When 3 to 9 GCPs are used, a_i, b_i, d_i and e_i are considered. According to our experiments, for IKONOS and QuickBird, all 12 parameters are considered only when: a) the number of GCPs is large enough (50 or more); b) the GCPs are distributed uniformly; and c) the GCP's accuracy is good enough (at least sub-pixel). Otherwise, too many parameters may be generated with a resultant loss of accuracy. We solve these parameters in the following order: (d_i, e_i, f_i) for $\Delta\psi_x, \Delta\psi_y$ and $\Delta\psi_z$; (a_i, b_i, c_i) for $\Delta Xs, \Delta Ys$ and ΔHs .

Generating the New RPC

Step 4. In order to generate a new RPC, a grid of image points is used to calculate corresponding pseudo sensor positions and attitude angles. These are adjusted according to equations (4.18) through (4.23).

Step 5. After the sensor positions and attitude angles corresponding to a grid of image points have been adjusted with equations (4.18~4.23), a set of cubic points is generated with these new vectors. The new RPC is generated using these cubic points.

4.4 Experiment

In order to evaluate the Generic method, we designed two sets of experiments. First, we used SPOT5 and IKONOS image data to test the Generic method and compare

the results with that of the Bias Compensation method under the condition of narrow field view and small ephemeris and attitude errors. We then designed another set of experiments using simulated SPOT5 data generated by adding errors to the ephemeris and the attitude data. We used this simulated data to compare the Generic method and the Bias Compensation method, and to determine the Generic method's capability under a variety of different conditions.

4.4.1 Experiment Set 1

In this set of experiments, SPOT5 and IKONOS image data were used to test the capability of the Generic method under the condition of narrow field of view and small position and attitude errors.

(1) SPOT5 Data

In the SPOT5 image, there are total of 37 GCPs. We used 1, 3, and 7 GCPs to refine the RPC respectively. The other 36, 34, and 30 ground control points were used as check points. **Figure 4.10, 4.11, and 4.12** show the distributions of GCPs and check points on the SPOT5 image in 3 of the test cases.

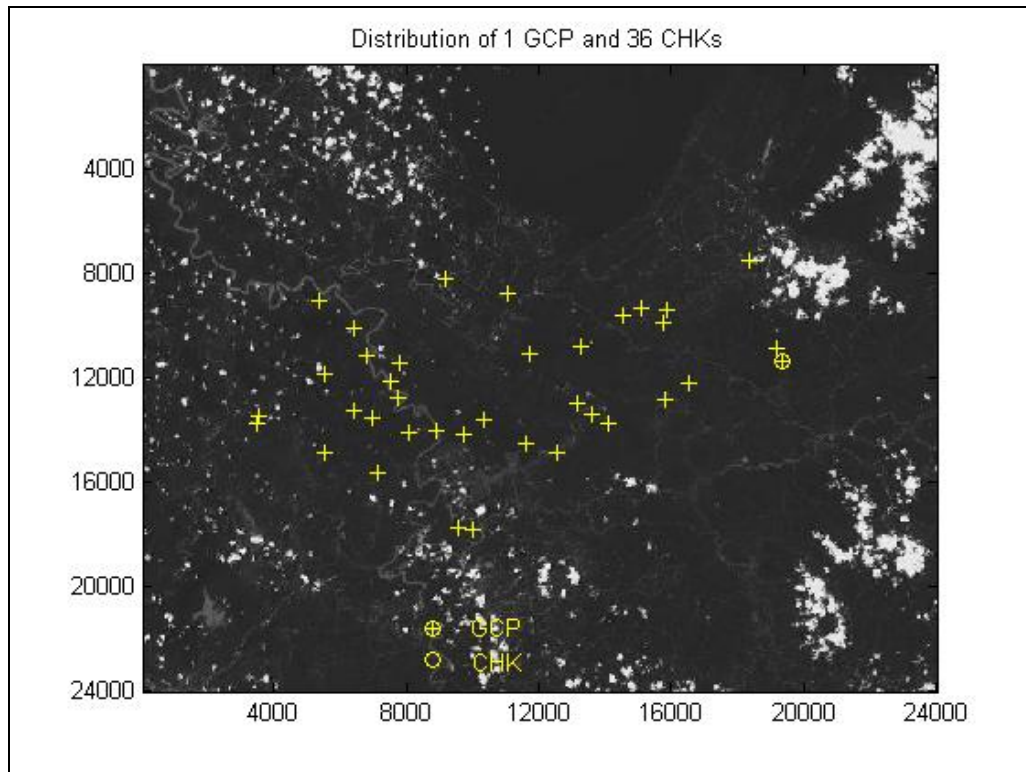


Figure 4.10 Distribution of 1 GCP and 36 CHK points on SPOT5 image.

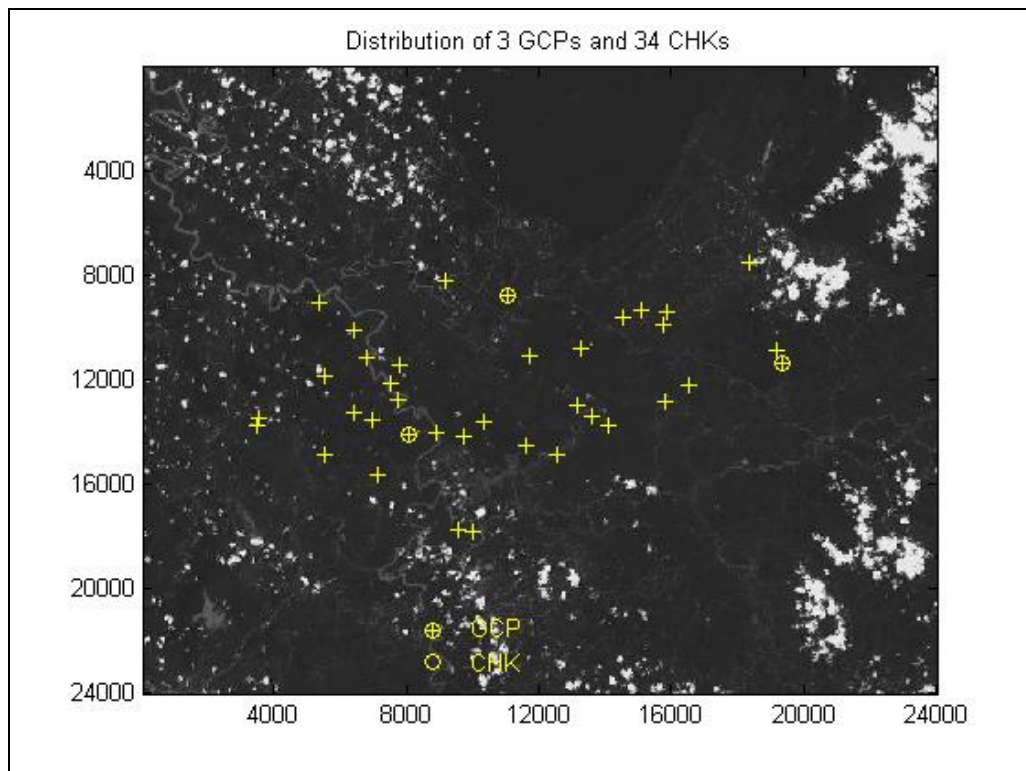


Figure 4.11 Distribution of 3 GCPs and 34 CHK points on SPOT5 image.

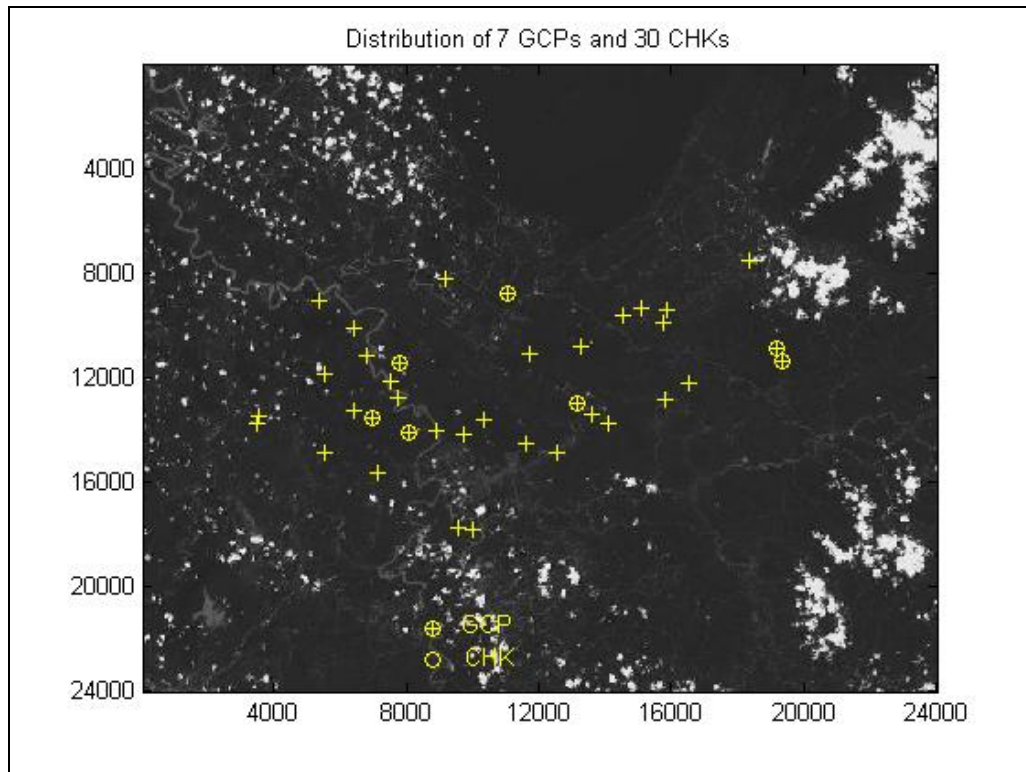


Figure 4.12 Distribution of 7 GCP and 30 CHK points on SPOT5 image.

The coordinates and image coordinate residue of ground control points before RPC Refinement are listed in **Appendix VII-Table 1**.

Appendix VII-Table 2, and **Table 3** list the image coordinate residue of 36, 34, and 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1, 3, and 7 GCPs by the Bias Compensation method and the Generic method respectively.

FIG. 4.13 shows the image coordinate residue of 37 control points before RPC refinement.

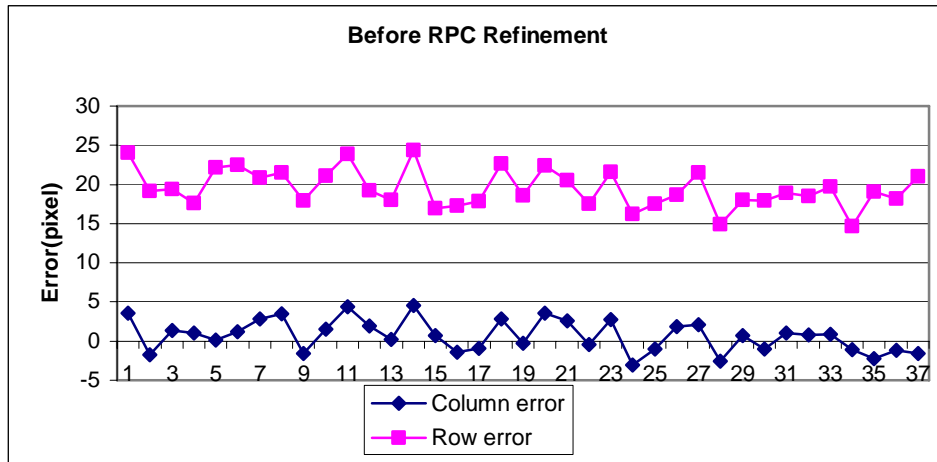


Figure 4.13 Image Coordinate Residuals of 37 control points before RPC refinement.

FIG. 4.14 ~ 4.19 show the image coordinate residue of CHK points after RPC refinement with 1, 3, 7 GCPs by the Bias method and the Generic method respectively.

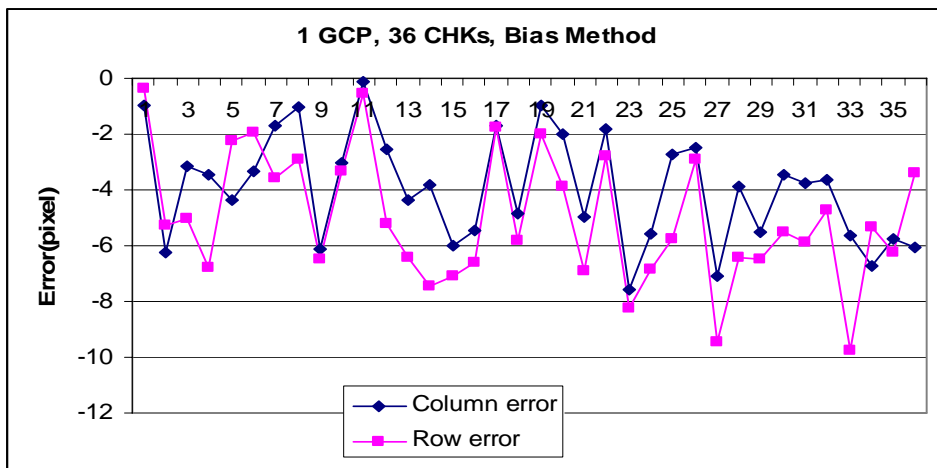


Figure 4.14 Image Coordinate Residuals of 36 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Bias method.

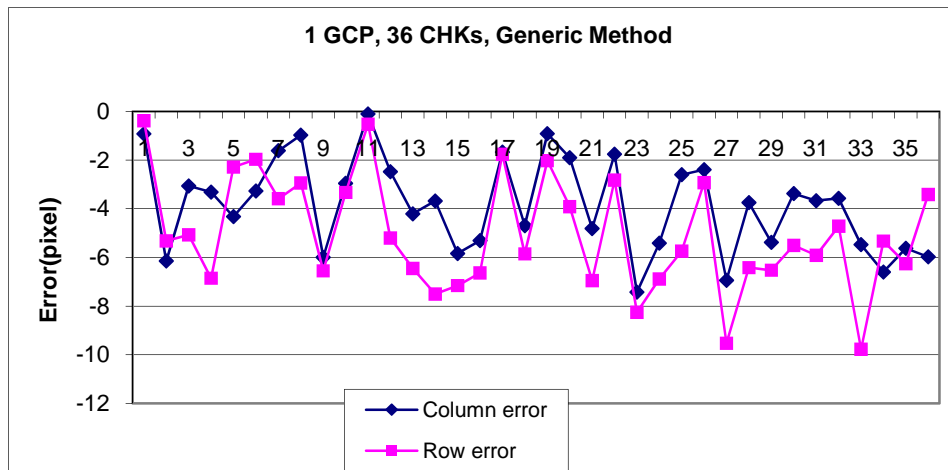


Figure 4.15 Image Coordinate Residuals of 36 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Generic method.

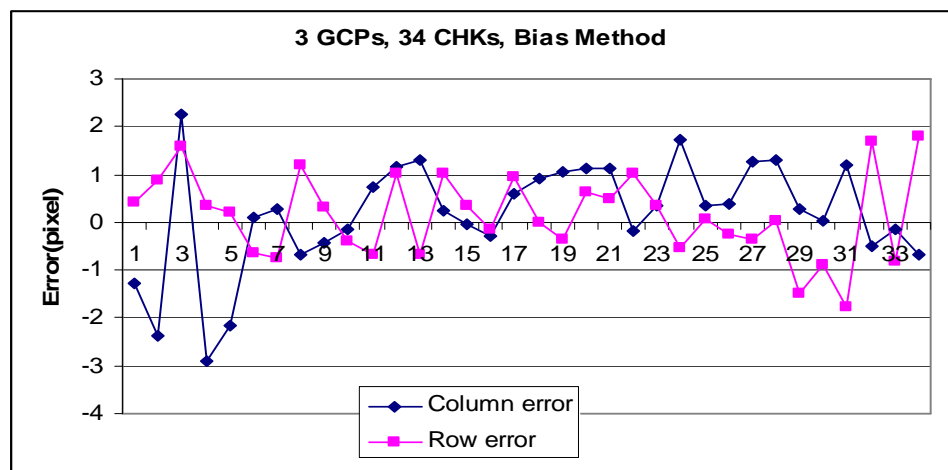


Figure 4.16 Image Coordinate Residuals of 34 CHK points after RPC refinement with 3 GCPs by the Bias method.

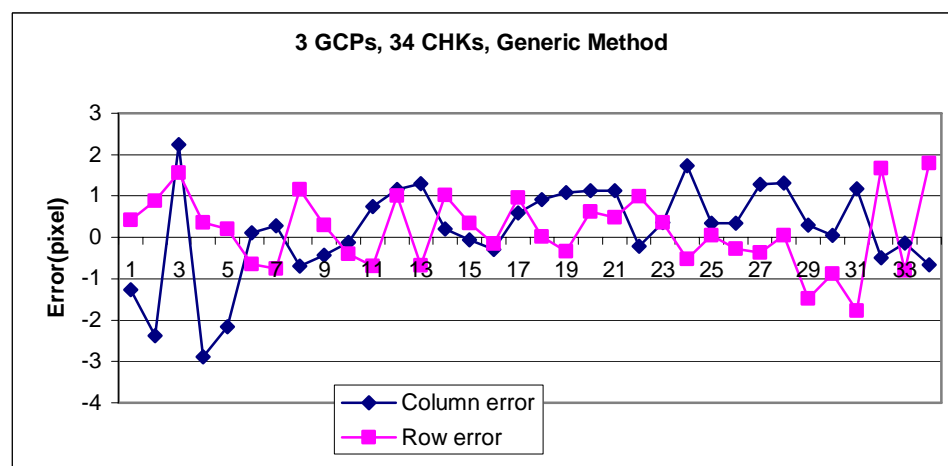


Figure 4.17 Image Coordinate Residuals of 34 CHK points after RPC refinement with 3 GCPs by the Generic method.

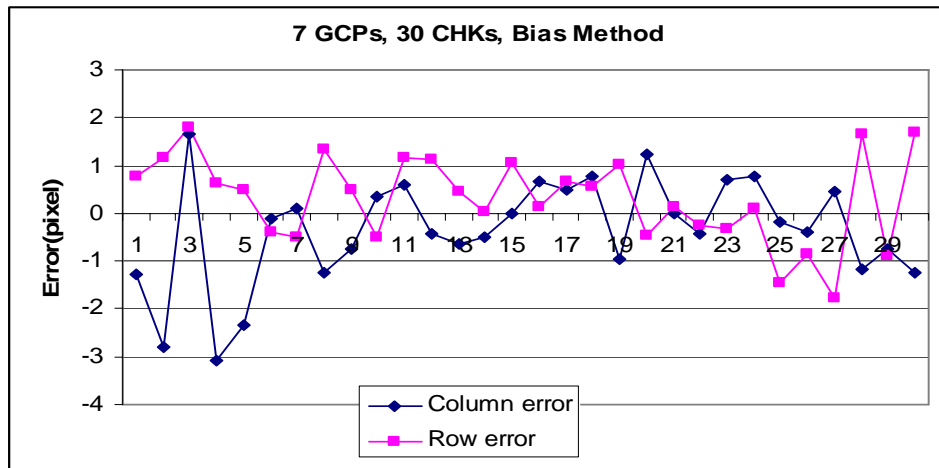


Figure 4.18 Image Coordinate Residuals of 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 7 GCPs by the Bias method.

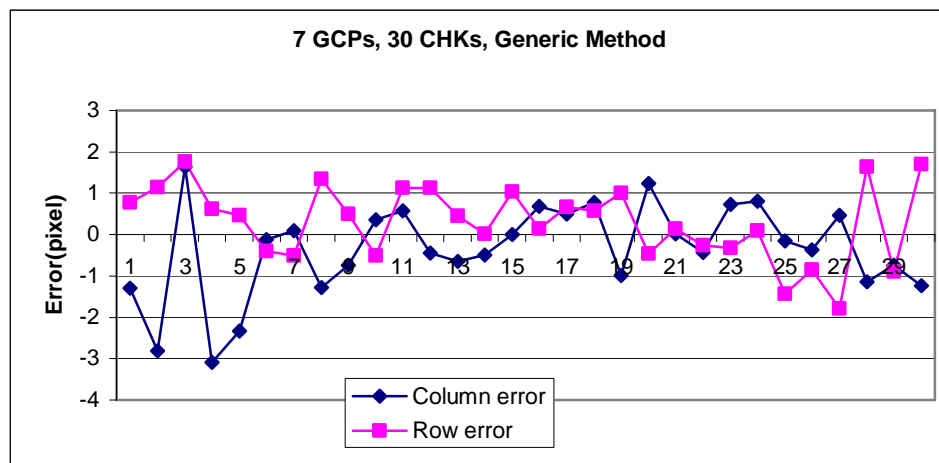


Figure 4.19 Image Coordinate Residuals of 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 7 GCP by the Generic method.

FIG. 4.20 plots the positions of the 37 GCPs within the image and shows their respective horizontal errors before RPC refinement.

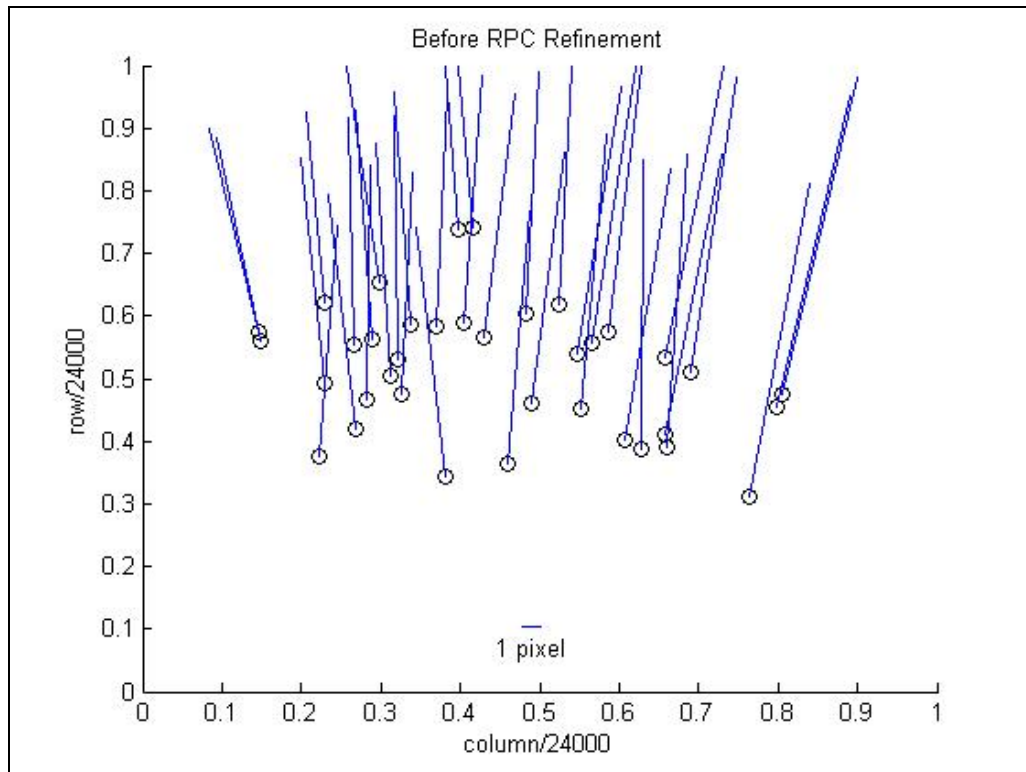


Figure 4.20 Horizontal errors of 37 GCPs before RPC refinement.

FIG. 4.21 ~ 4.26 are also plots of the 37 GCPs within the image and illustrate the horizontal errors of 36, 34, 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1, 3, 7 GCPs by the Bias method and the Generic method respectively.

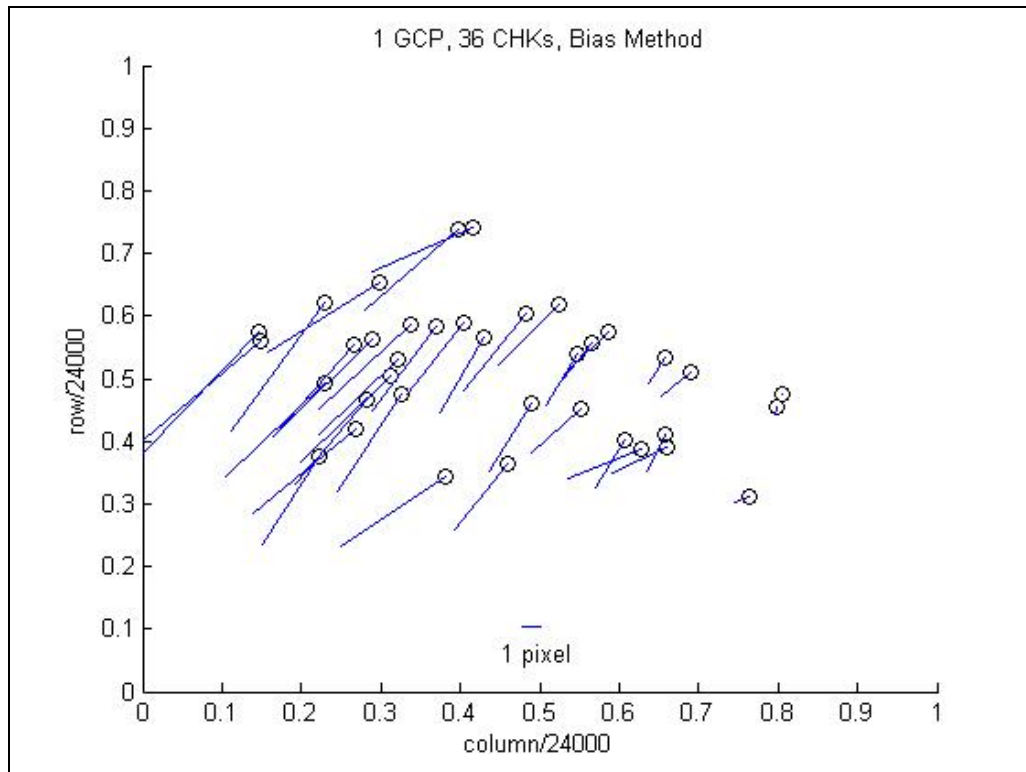


Figure 4.21 Horizontal errors of 36 CHKs after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Bias method.

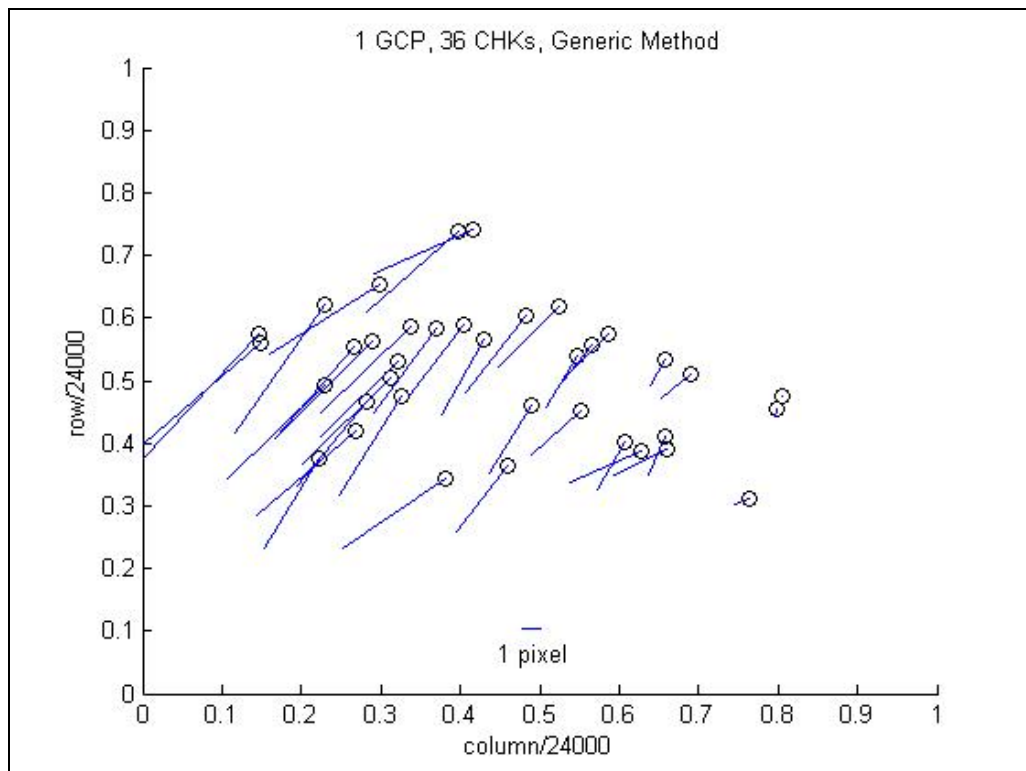


Figure 4.22 Horizontal errors of 36 CHKs after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Generic method.

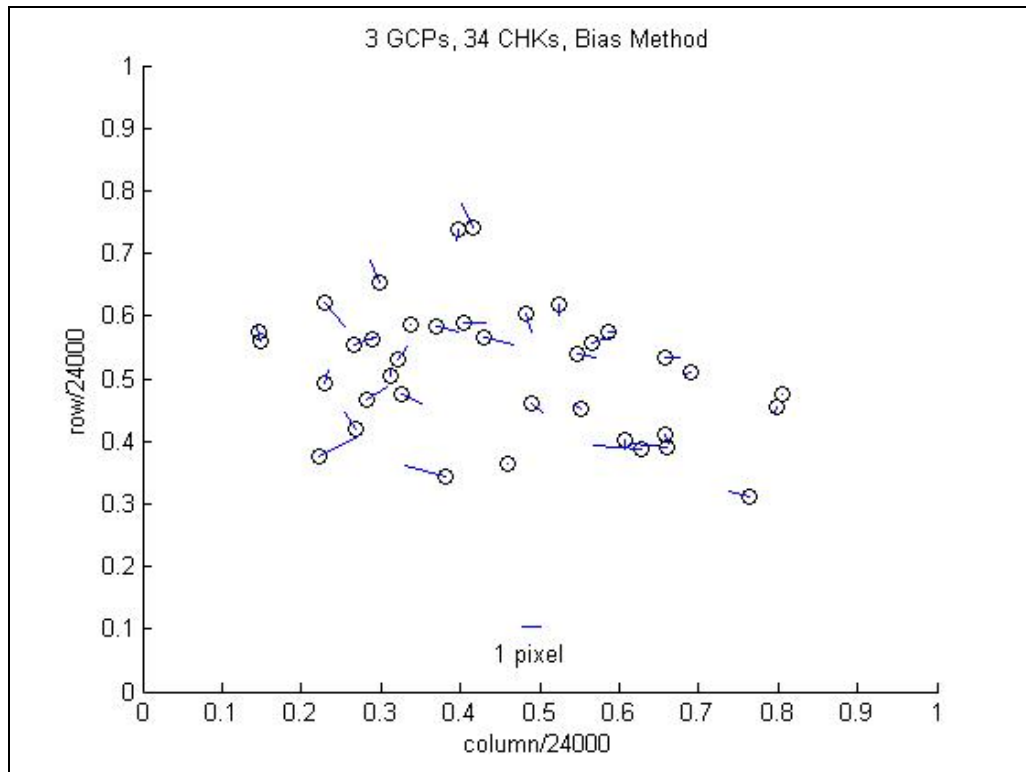


Figure 4.23 Horizontal errors of 34 CHKs after RPC refinement with 3 GCPs by the Bias method.

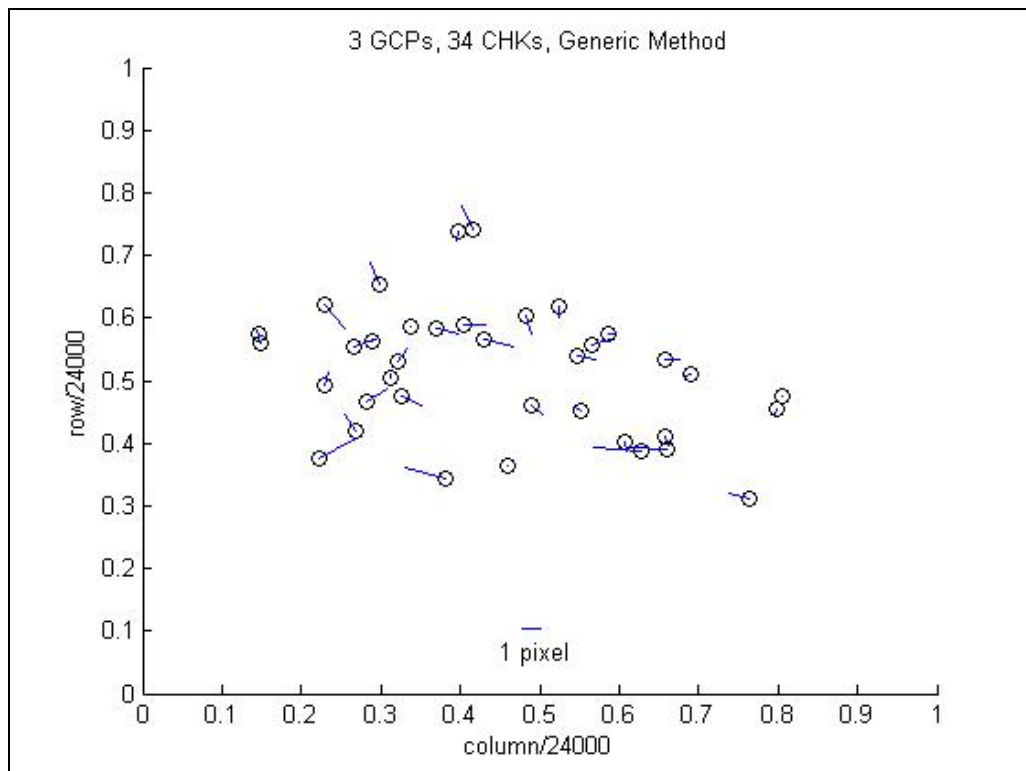


Figure 4.24 Horizontal errors of 34 CHKs after RPC refinement with 3 GCPs by the Generic method.

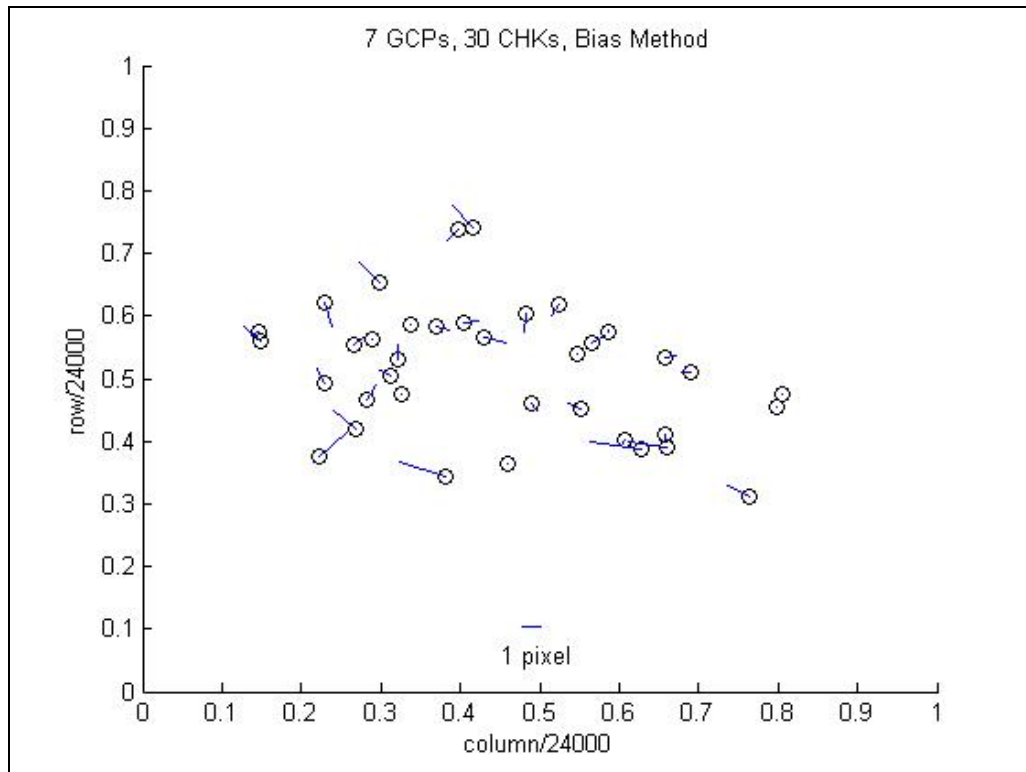


Figure 4.25 Horizontal errors of 30 CHKs after RPC refinement with 7 GCPs by the Bias method.

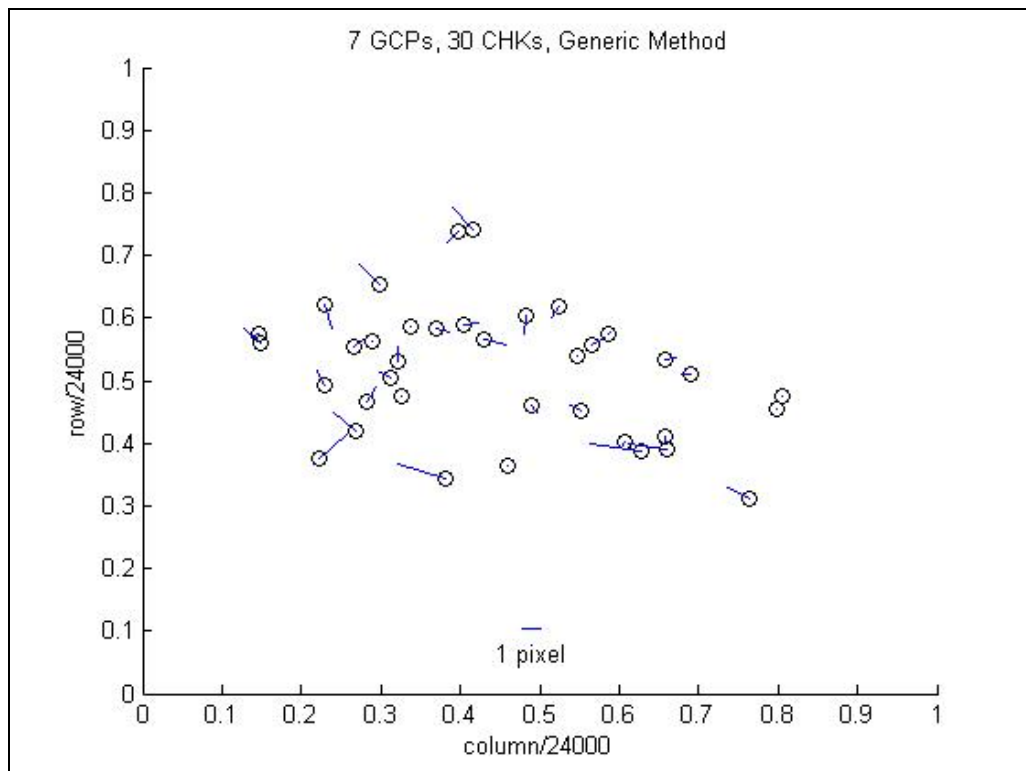


Figure 4.26 Horizontal errors of 30 CHKs after RPC refinement with 7 GCPs by the Generic method.

Table 4.6 lists the accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method using SPOT5 image data in 5 cases. **Figure 4.27** shows the accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method using SPOT5 image data in case 1, 2, 3, and 4

Table 4.6 Accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using SPOT5 image data in 5 cases

Case	No. of GCPs (No. of CHKs)	Generic method		Bias method	
		Col. RMSE (pixel)	Row RMSE (pixel)	Col. RMSE (pixel)	Row RMSE (pixel)
0	0 (37)	2.12	19.65	2.12	19.65
1	1 (36)	4.28	5.57	4.38	5.54
2	3 (34)	1.13	0.86	1.13	0.87
3	7 (30)	1.15	0.95	1.15	0.95
4	37 (0)	0.91	0.70	0.99	0.76

Note: Col. – Column; RMSE – Root Mean Square Error

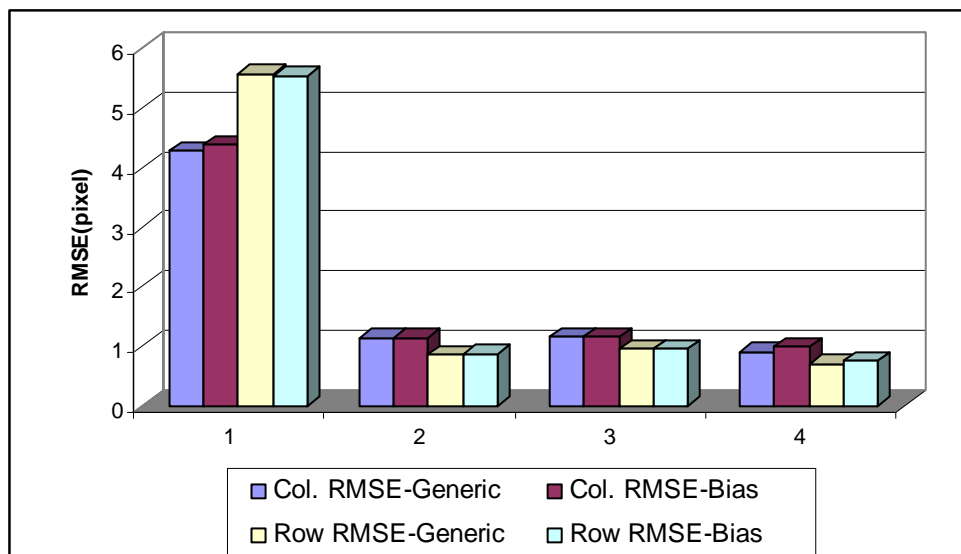


Figure 4.27 Accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using SPOT5 image data in case 1, 2, 3, and 4

Table 4.6 and **Figure 4.27** illustrate that the accuracy of the Generic method and the Bias Compensation method are quite similar when the field of view is narrow and the ephemeris and attitude errors are small. The largest difference between the accuracy of the Generic method and the accuracy of the Bias Compensation method is less than 0.1 pixels.

(2) IKONOS Data

An IKONOS image was also used in this research. There were at total of 113 GCPs in this test field. Initially we used only 1 GCP to refine the RPC. The other 112 ground control points were used as check points. In the second test, 9 GCPs were used to refine RPC, and the other 104 ground control points were used as check points. **Figure 4.28 and 4.29** show the distributions of GCPs and check points on IKONOS image in 2 cases.

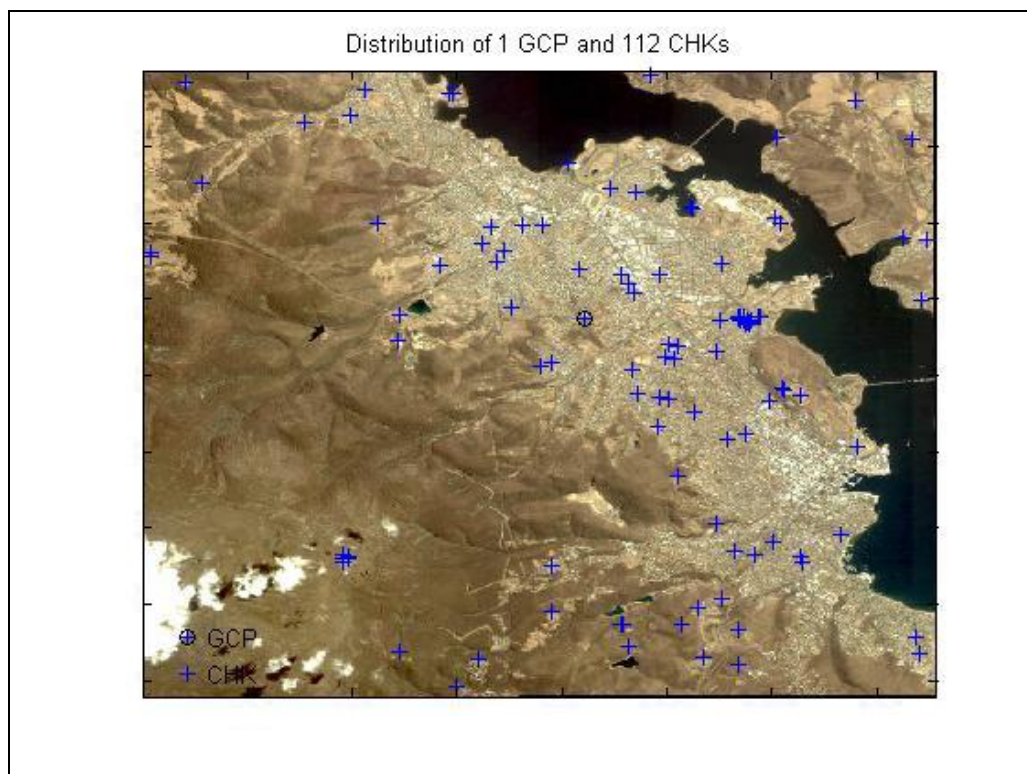


Figure 4.28 Distribution of 1 GCP and 112 CHK points on IKONOS image.

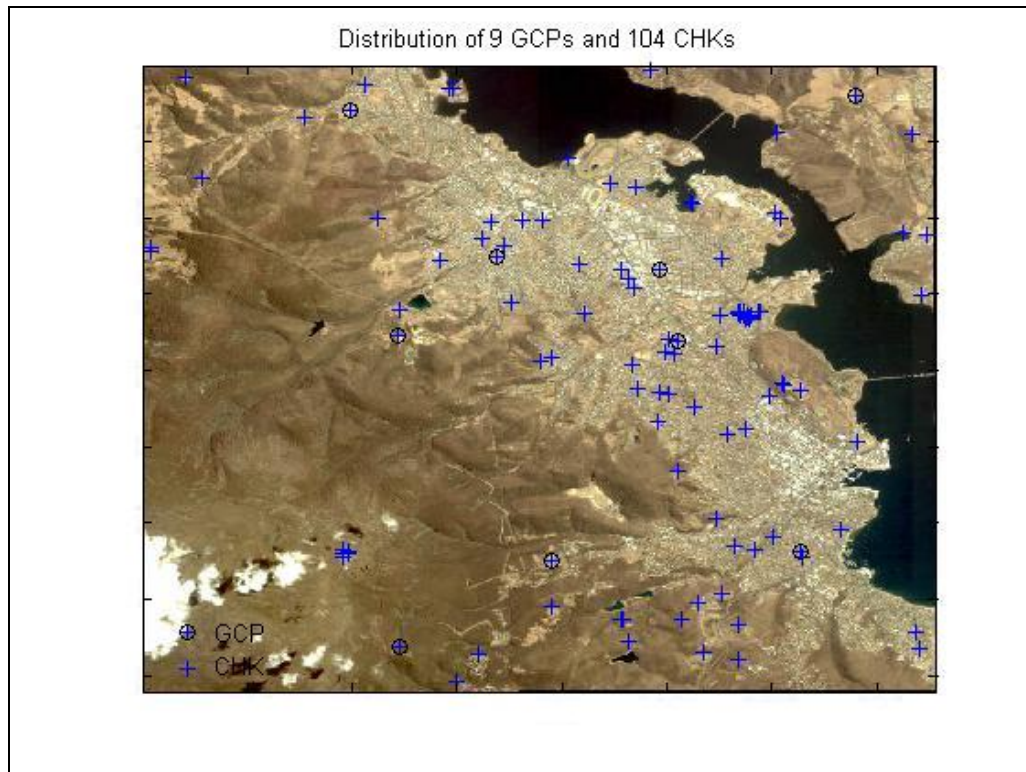


Figure 4.29 Distribution of 9 GCPs and 104 CHK points on IKONOS image.

Appendix VII Table 4 lists the coordinates of 113 Ground Control Points on the IKONOS image.

Appendix VII Table 5 and **Table 6** list the coordinate residue of 112, 104 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 and 9 GCPs by the Bias method and the Generic method respectively.

FIG. 4.30 and **FIG. 4.31** show the image coordinate residuals of 112 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Bias method and the Generic method respectively. **FIG. 4.32** and **FIG. 4.33** illustrate the image coordinate residue of 104 CHK points after RPC refinement with 9 GCPs by the Bias method and the Generic method respectively.

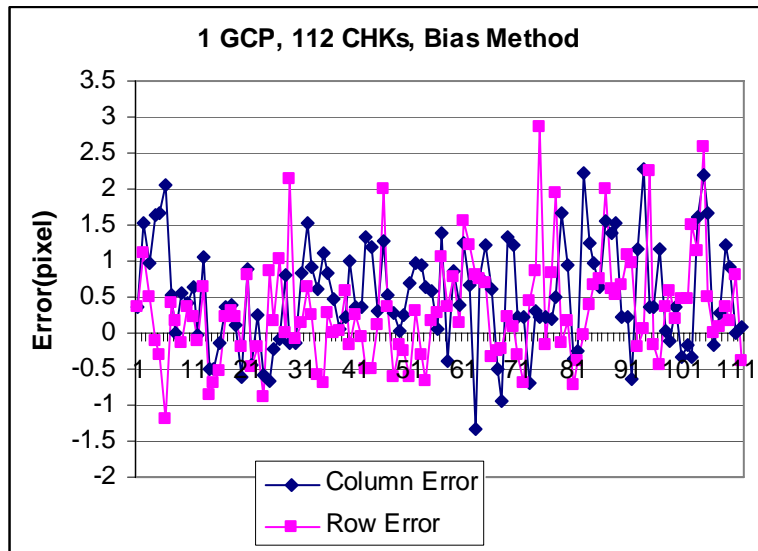


Figure 4.30 Image Coordinate Residuals of 112 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Bias method.

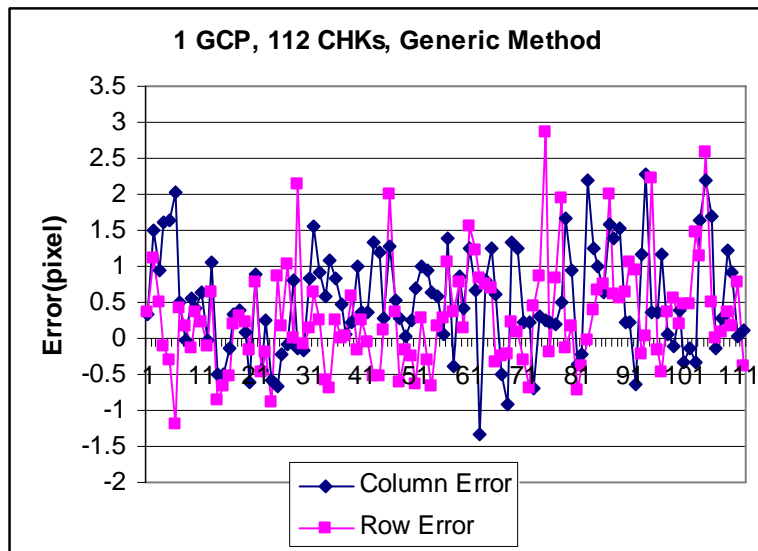


Figure 4.31 Image Coordinate Residuals of 112 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Generic method.

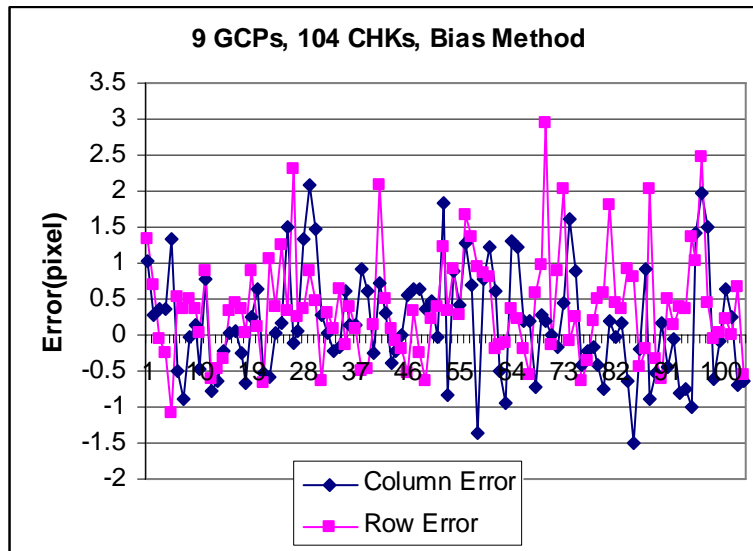


Figure 4.32 Image Coordinate Residuals of 104 CHK points after RPC refinement with 9 GCPs by the Bias method.

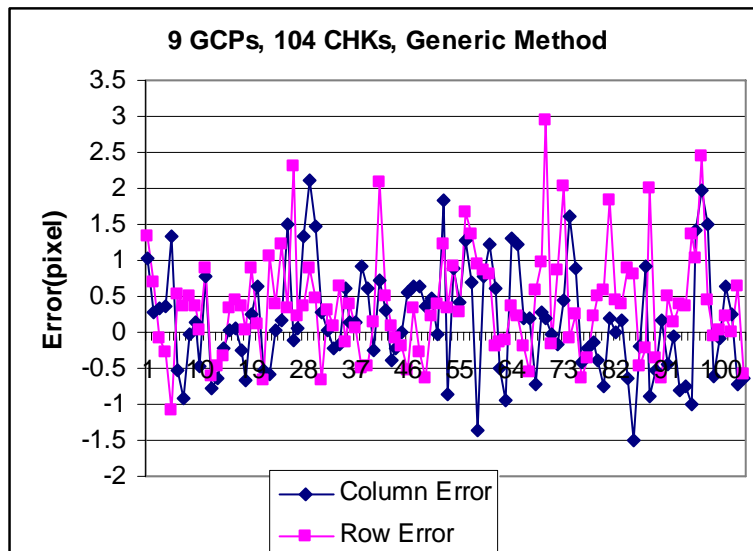


Figure 4.33 Image Coordinate Residuals of 104 CHK points after RPC refinement with 9 GCPs by the Generic method.

FIG. 4.34 and FIG. 4.35 illustrate the horizontal errors of 112 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Bias method and the Generic method respectively.

FIG. 4.36 and FIG. 4.37 show the horizontal errors of 104 CHK points after RPC refinement with 9 GCPs by the Bias method and the Generic method respectively.

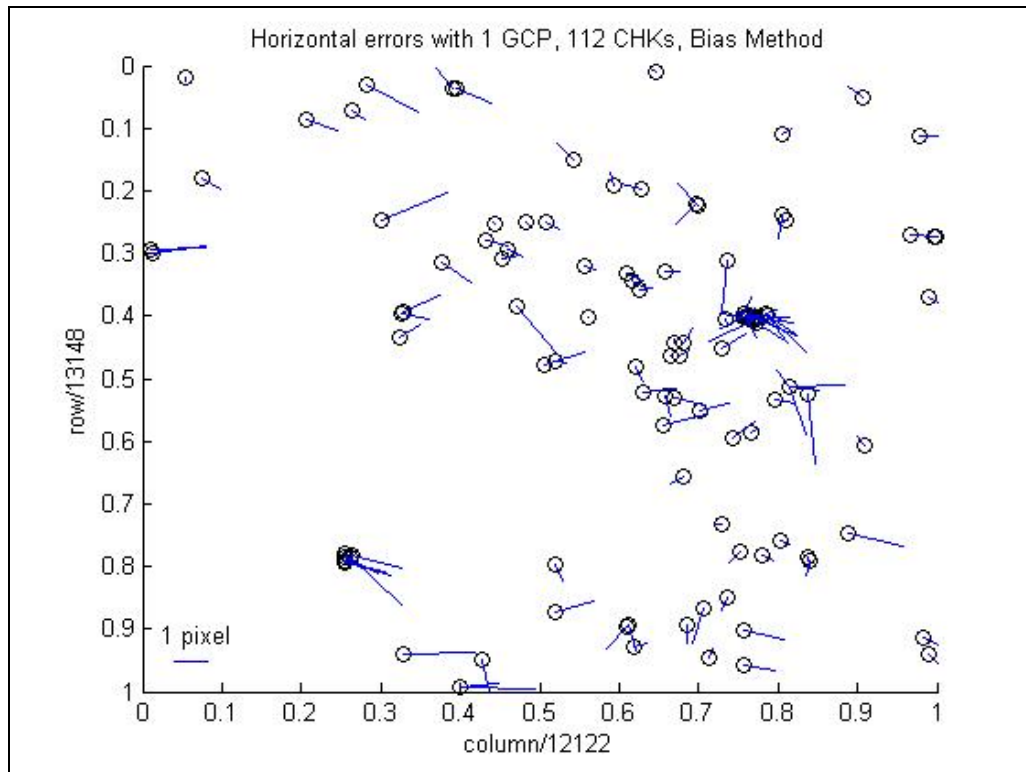


Figure 4.34 Horizontal errors of 112 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Bias method.

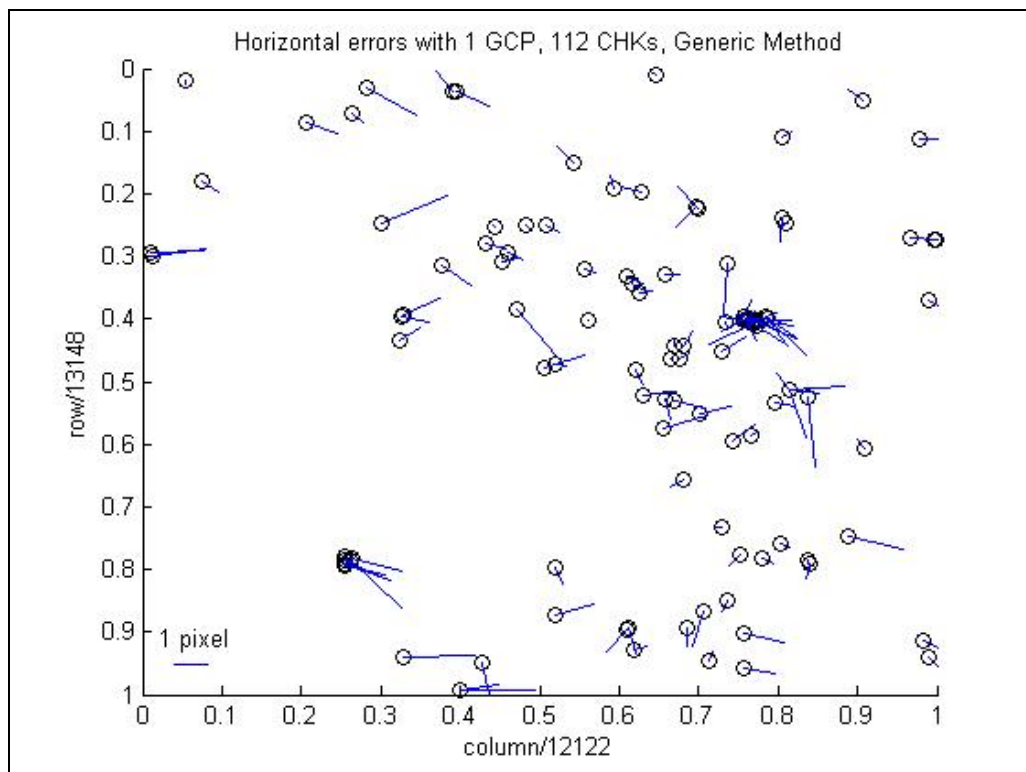


Figure 4.35 Horizontal errors of 112 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP by the Generic method.

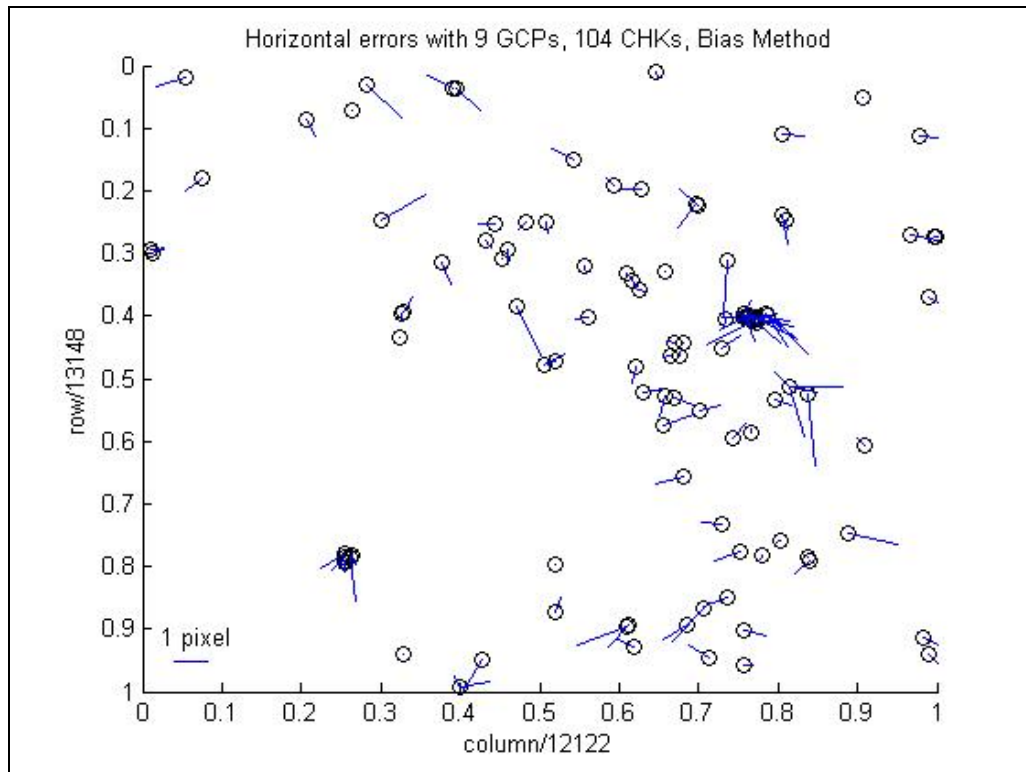


Figure 4.36 Horizontal errors of 104 CHK points after RPC refinement with 9 GCPs by the Bias method.

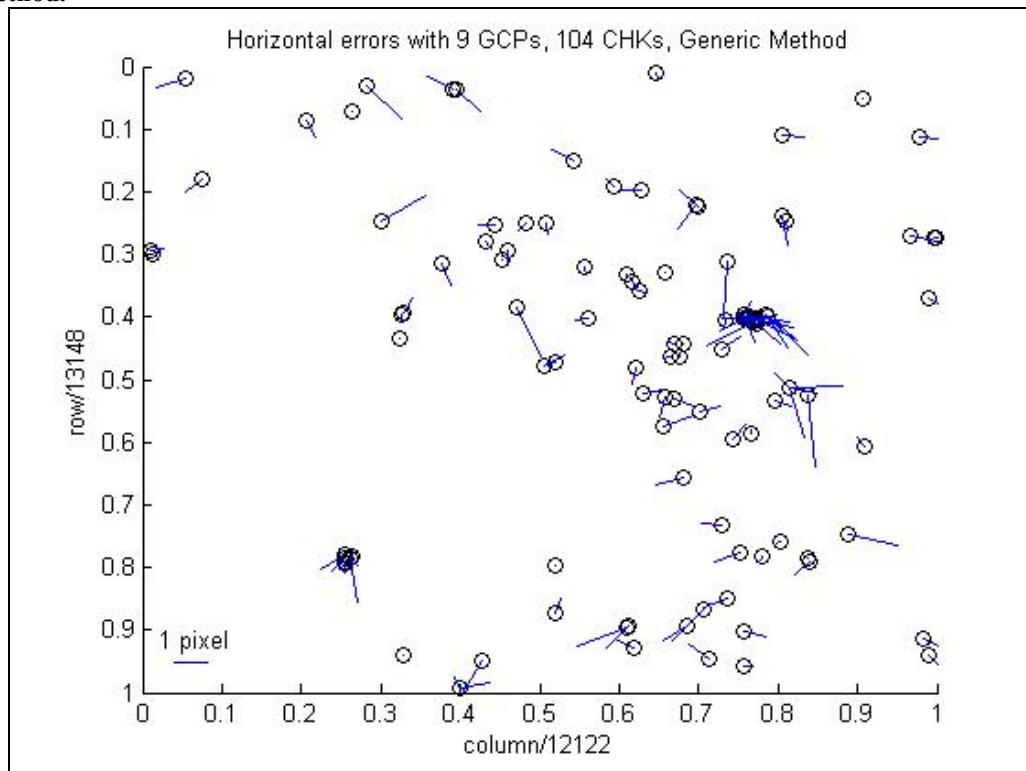


Figure 4.37 Horizontal errors of 104 CHK points after RPC refinement with 9 GCPs by the Generic method.

Table 4.7 lists the accuracy comparison between the Bias method and the Generic method by using IKONOS image data in 3 cases. Figure 4.38 shows the accuracy

comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using IKONOS image data in 3 cases.

Table 4.7 Accuracy comparison between the Bias method and the Generic method by using IKONOS image data in 4 cases

Case	No. of GCPs (No. of CHKs)	Generic method		Bias method	
		Col. RMSE (pixel)	Row RMSE (pixel)	Col. RMSE (pixel)	Row RMSE (pixel)
0	0 (113)	5.09	3.41	5.09	3.41
1	1 (112)	0.90	0.79	0.90	0.79
2	9 (104)	0.76	0.83	0.76	0.83
3	114 (0)	0.62	0.70	0.68	0.71

Note: Col. – column; RMSE – Root Mean Square Error

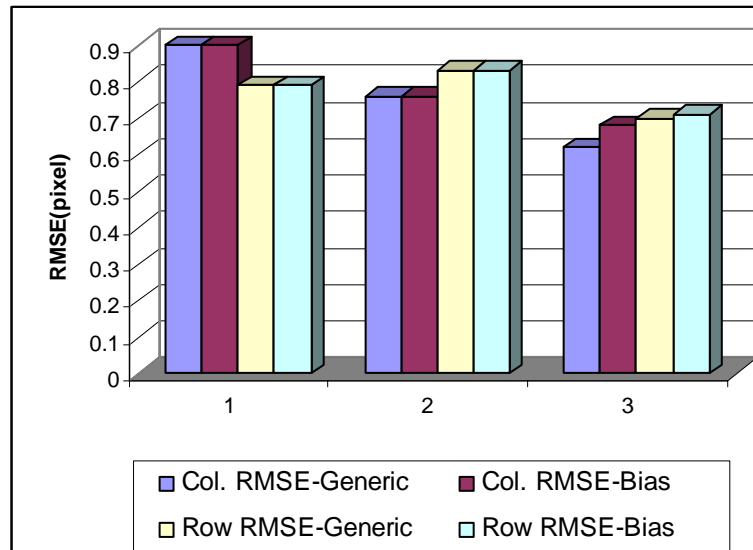


Figure 4.38 Accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using IKONOS image data in 3 cases.

Table 4.7 and **Figure 4.38** show that the accuracy of the Generic method and the accuracy of the Bias Compensation method are again similar. Once again, the largest difference in accuracy between the two methods is less than 0.1 pixels.

This experiment set showed that the Generic method has the same capability as the Bias Compensation method to process images having a narrow field of view and small position and attitude errors.

4.4.2 Experiment Set 2

In this set of experiments, SPOT5 image data was used to produce simulated data in 9 cases (**Table 4.8**) to test the capability of processing images under a variety of different ephemeris and attitude errors.

Table 4.8 9 cases of simulated SPOT5 data by adding different error to satellite position and attitude data

Case	Δx (m)	Δy (m)	Δz (m)	$\Delta\Psi_x$ (rad)	$\Delta\Psi_y$ (rad)	$\Delta\Psi_z$ (rad)
1	1000	1000	1000	0.1	0.1	0.1
2	100	100	100	0.01	0.01	0.01
3	10	10	10	0.001	0.001	0.001
4	1000	1000	1000	0	0	0
5	100	100	100	0	0	0
6	10	10	10	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.1
8	0	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01
9	0	0	0	0.001	0.001	0.001

Appendix VII Tables 7 through **9** list the image coordinate residuals of the control points after the error is added into the ephemeris and attitude data. 1, 3, and 7 GCPs are used to refine the RPC sensor model in 9 cases (**Table 4.8**) by using the Bias method and the Generic method respectively, and 36, 34, 30 GCPs are used to check the accuracy of the refined RPC sensor mode. The corresponding results are presented in tables and figures.

Appendix VII Tables 10 through **14** present the image coordinate residuals of 36 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 1 GCP from case 1 to case 9. **Appendix VII Tables 15** through **19** present the image coordinate residuals of 34 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 3 GCPs from case 1 to case 9. **Appendix VII Tables 20** through

24 present the image coordinate residuals of 30 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 7 GCP from case 1 to case 9.

Figures 4.39 through **4.47** present the image coordinate residuals of 36 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 1 GCP from case 1 to case 9. **Figures 4.48** through **4.56** present the image coordinate residuals of 34 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 3 GCPs from case 1 to case 9. **Figures 4.57** through **4.65** present the image coordinate residuals of 30 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 7 GCP from case 1 to case 9.

Figures 4.66 through **4.83** illustrate the horizontal errors of 36 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 1 GCP from case 1 to case 9. **Figures 4.84** through **4.101** illustrate the horizontal errors of 34 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 3 GCPs from case 1 to case 9. **Figures 4.102** through **4.119** illustrate the horizontal errors of 30 CHKs after RPC refinement by using the Bias method and the Generic method, 7 GCP from case 1 to case 9.

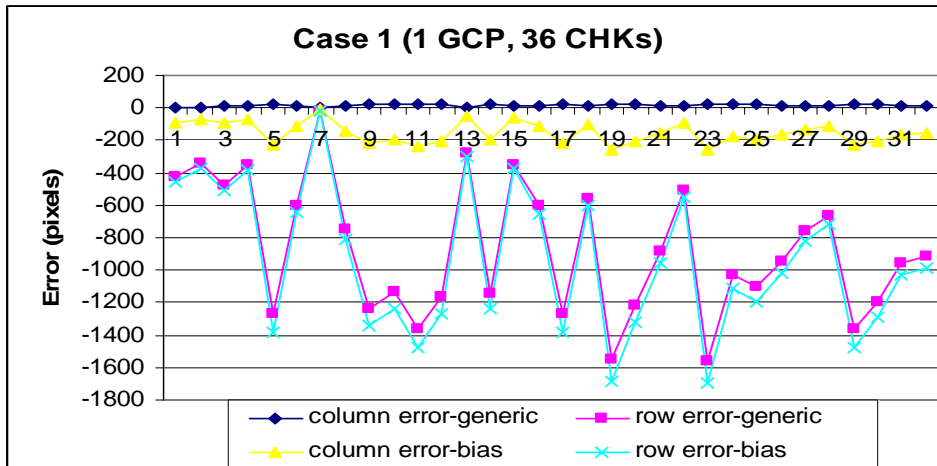


Figure 4.39 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 1 (1 GCP).

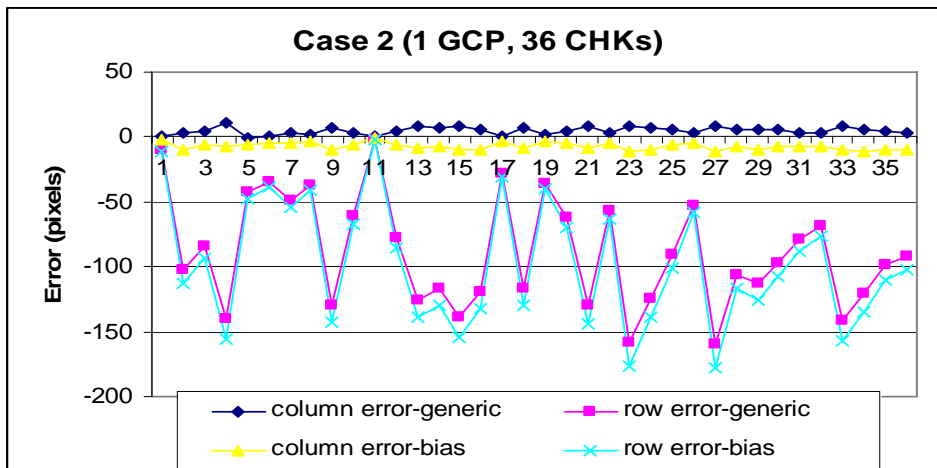


Figure 4.40 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 2 (1 GCP).

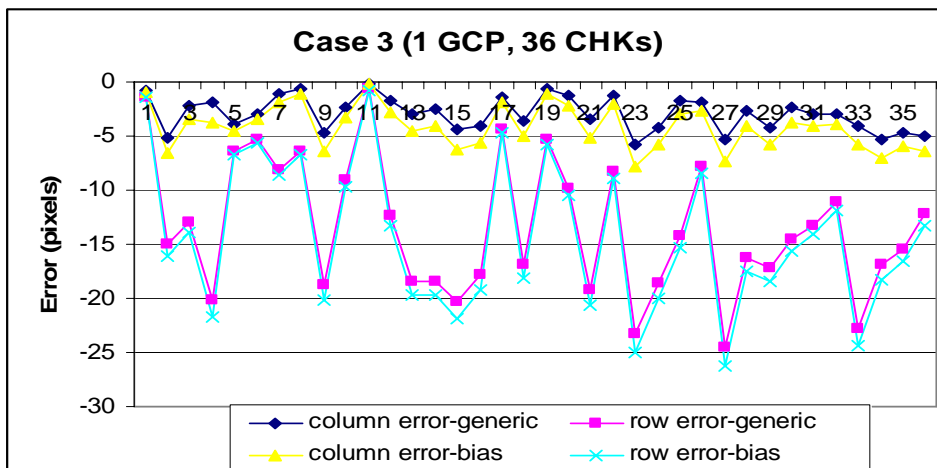


Figure 4.41 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 3 (1 GCP).

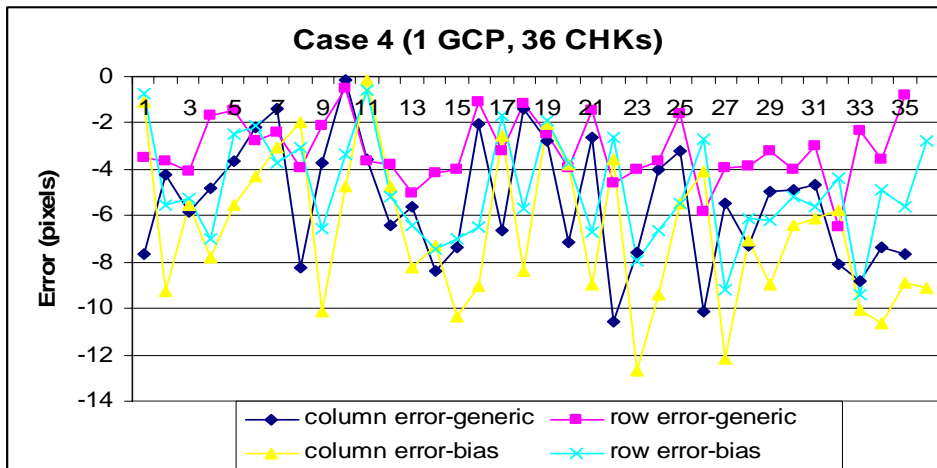


Figure 4.42 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 4 (1 GCP).

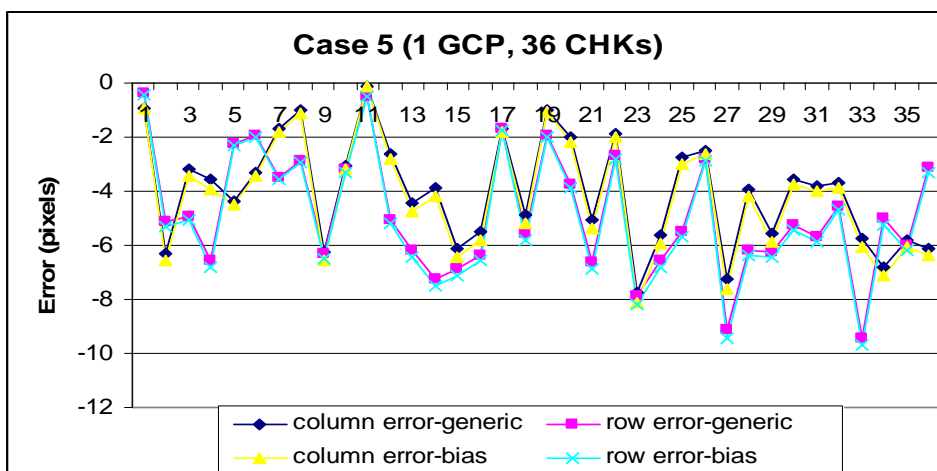


Figure 4.43 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 5 (1 GCP).

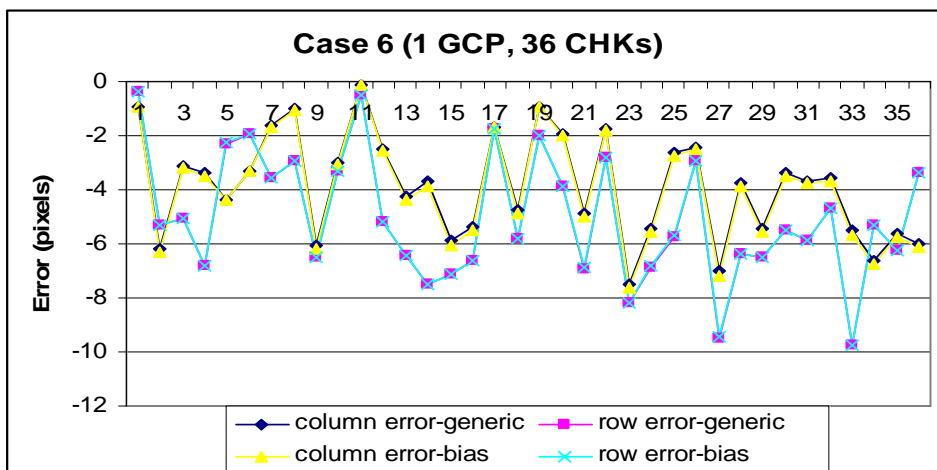


Figure 4.44 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 6 (1 GCP).

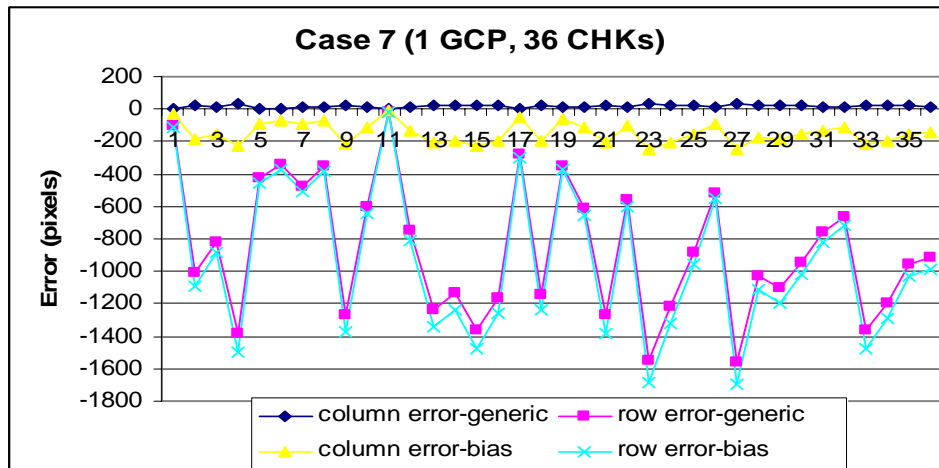


Figure 4.45 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 7 (1 GCP).

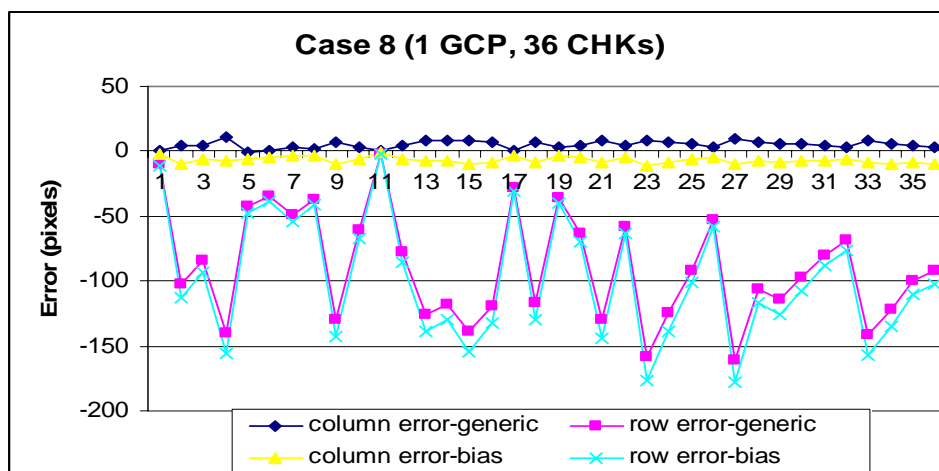


Figure 4.46 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 8 (1 GCP).

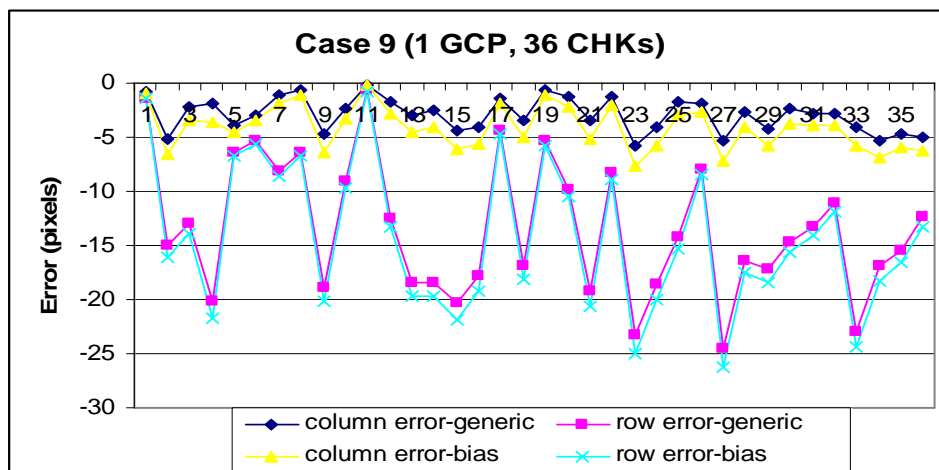


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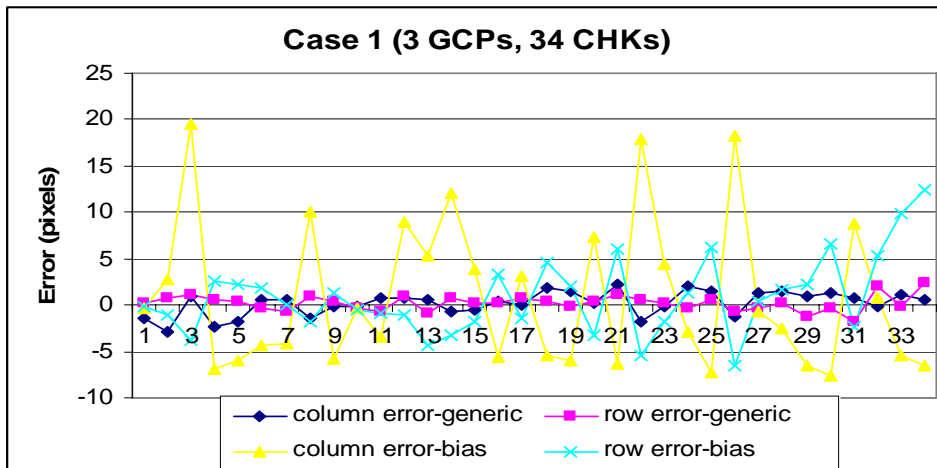


Figure 4.48 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 1 (3 GCP).

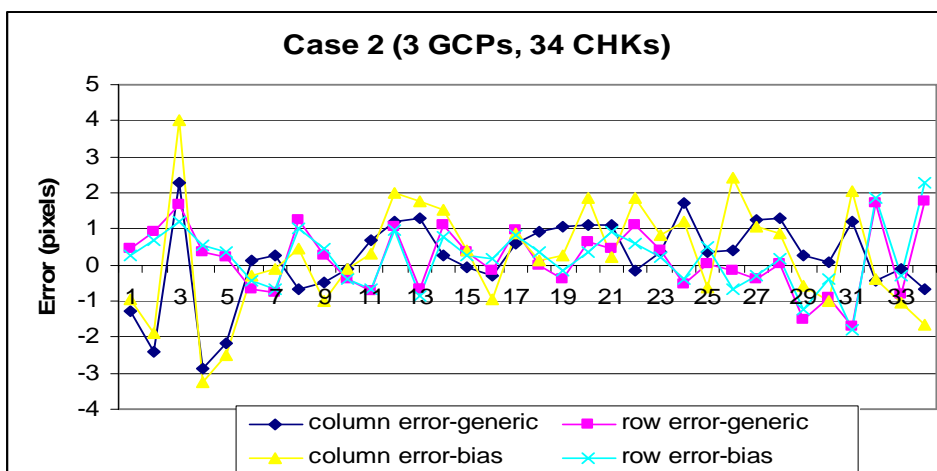


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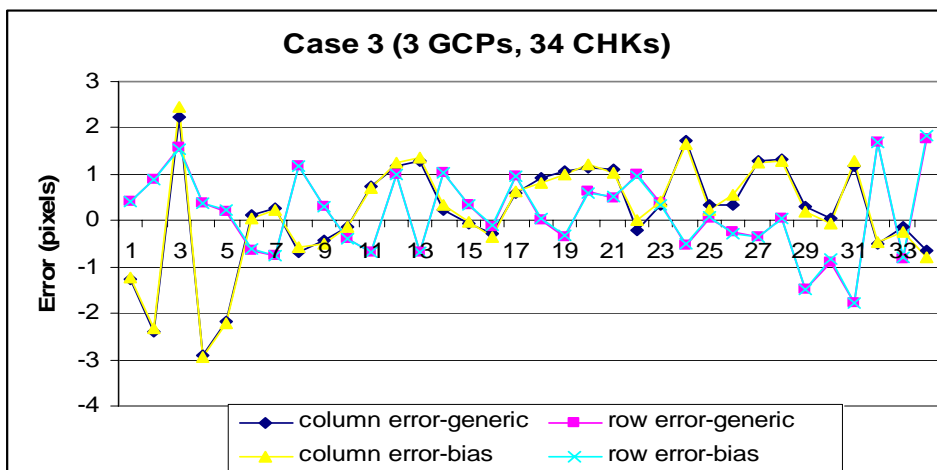


Figure 4.50 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 3 (3 GCP).

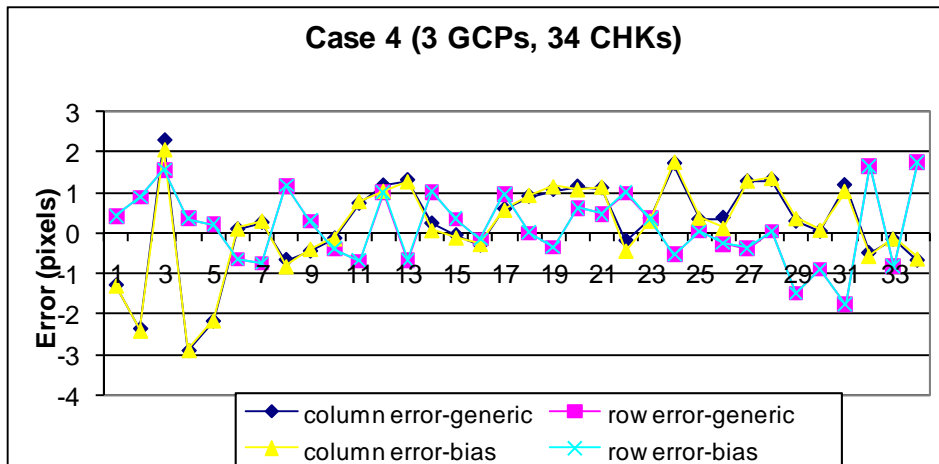


Figure 4.51 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 4 (3 GCP).

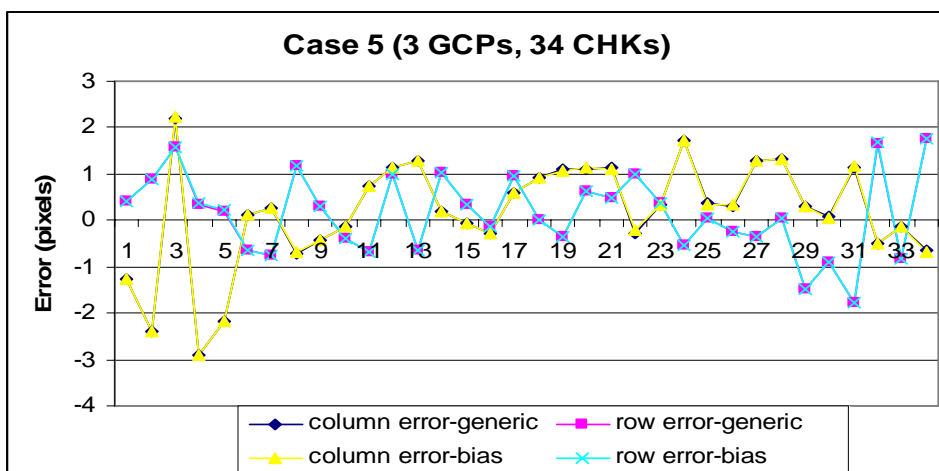


Figure 4.52 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 5 (3 GCP).

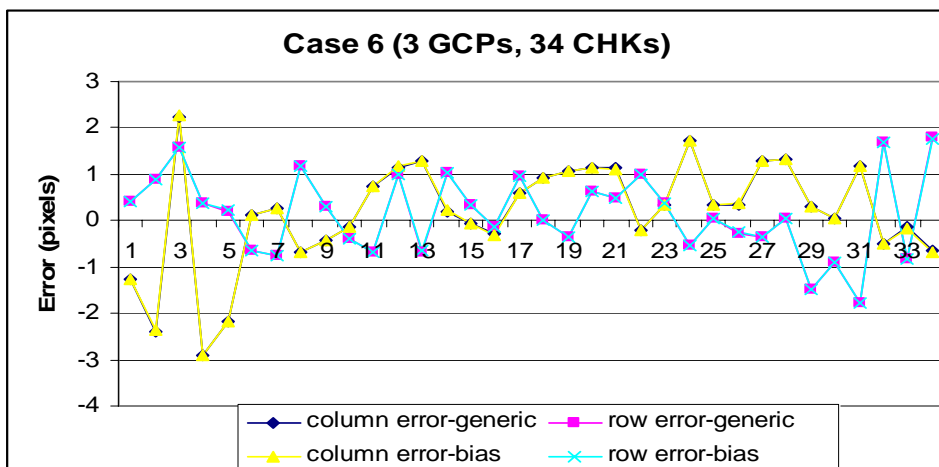


Figure 4.53 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 3 (3 GCP).

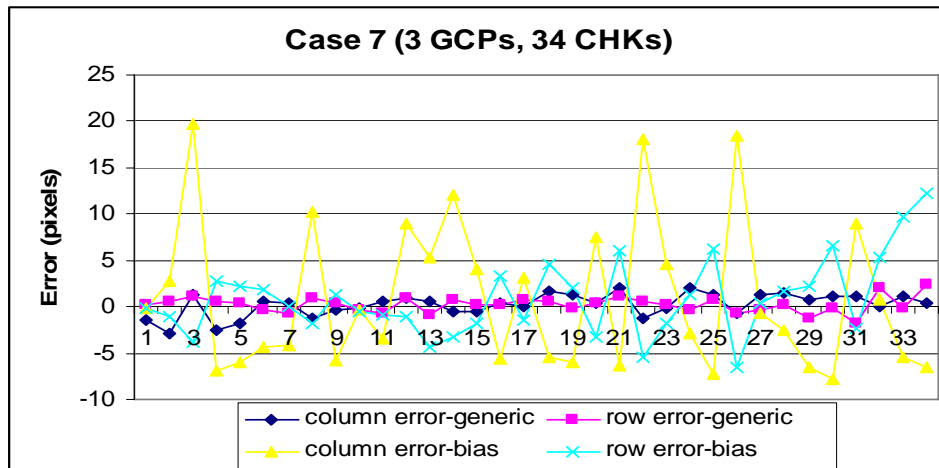


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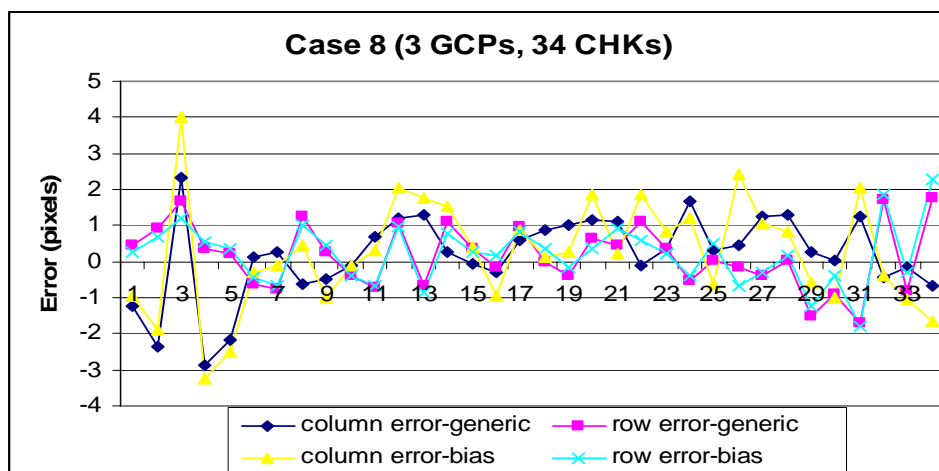


Figure 4.55 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 8 (3 GCP).

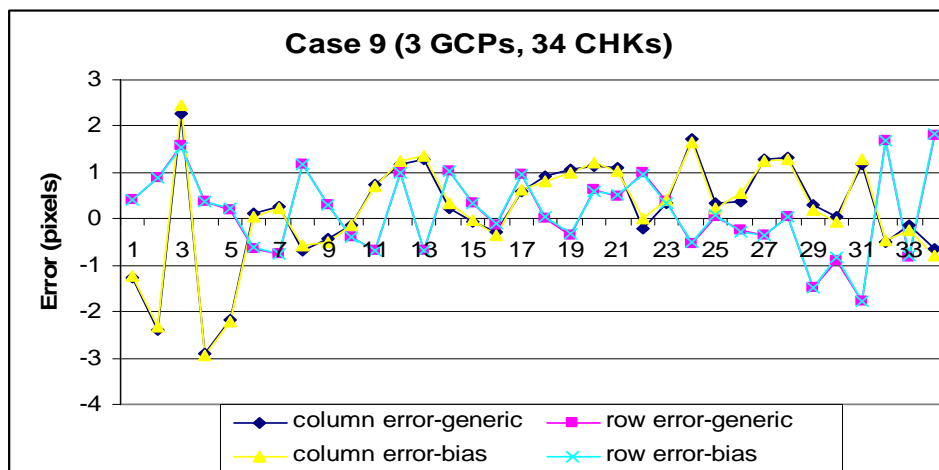


Figure 4.56 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 9 (3 GCP).

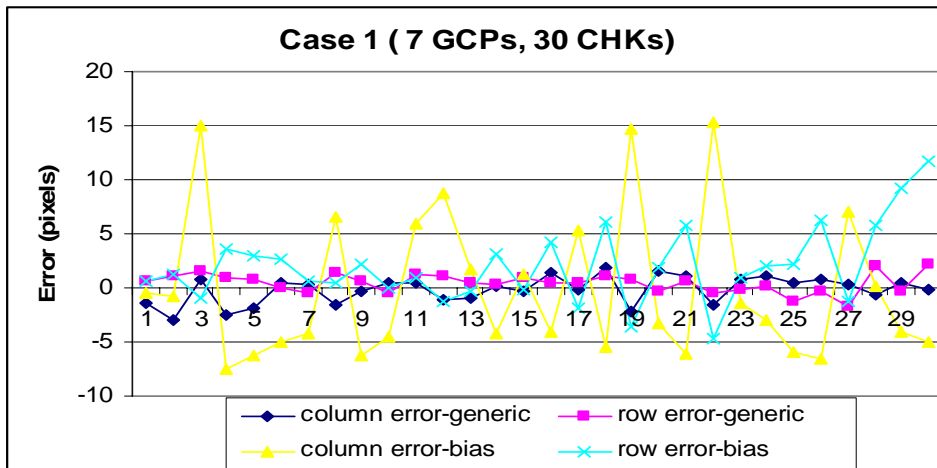


Figure 4.57 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 1 (7 GCP).

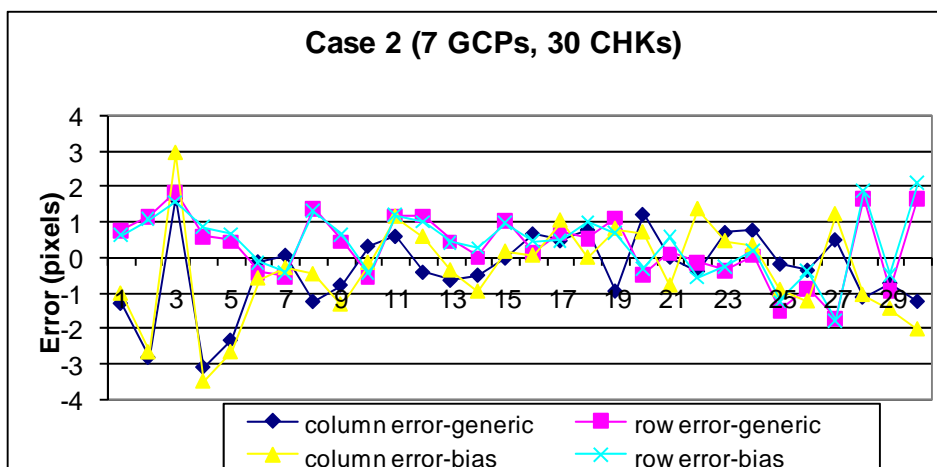


Figure 4.58 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 2 (7 GCP).

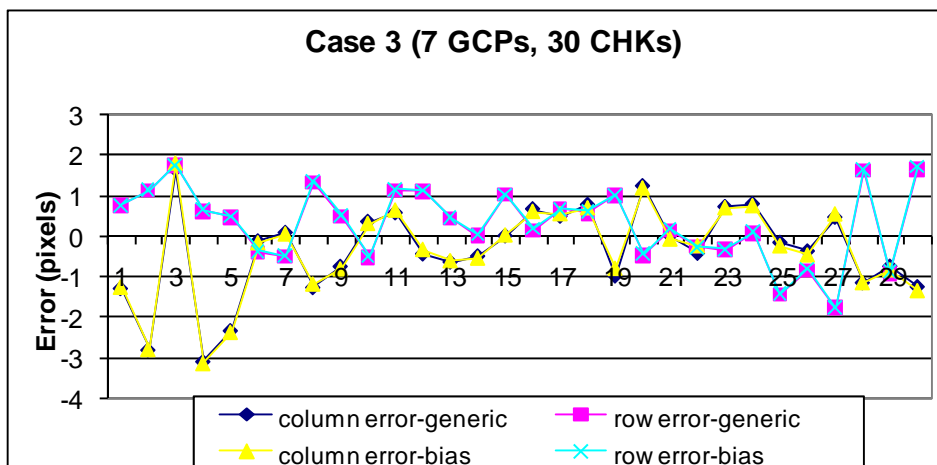


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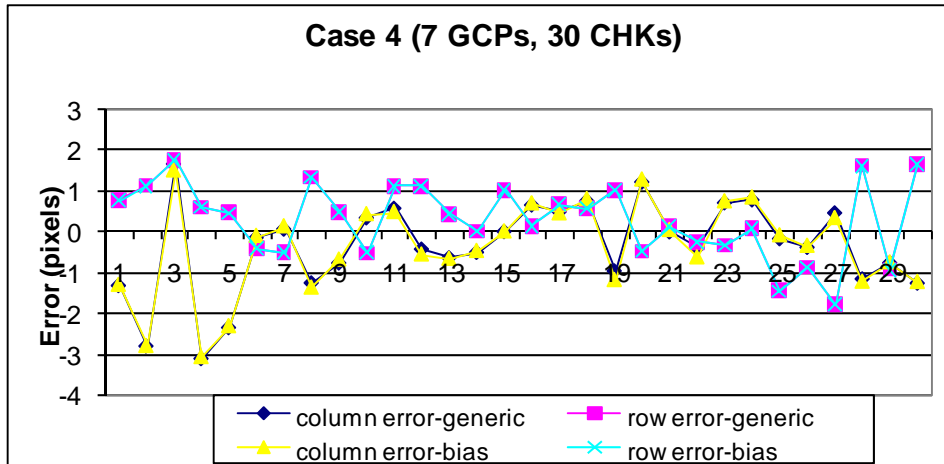


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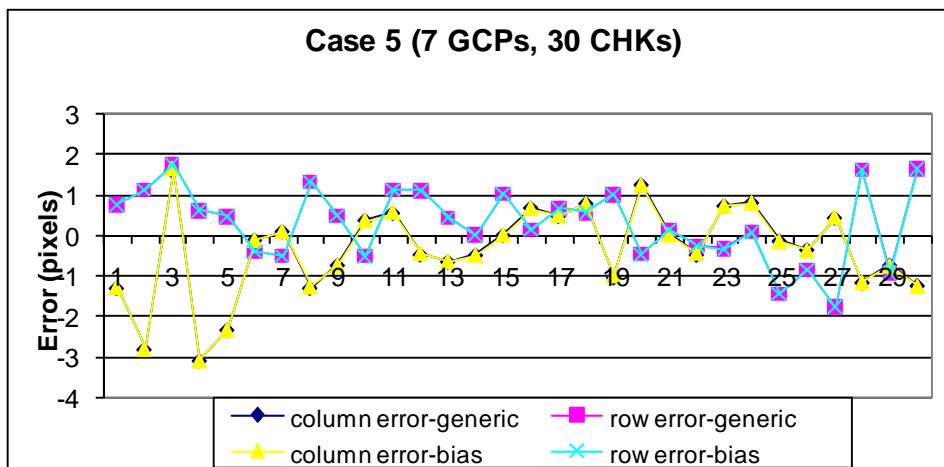


Figure 4.61 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 5 (7 GCP).

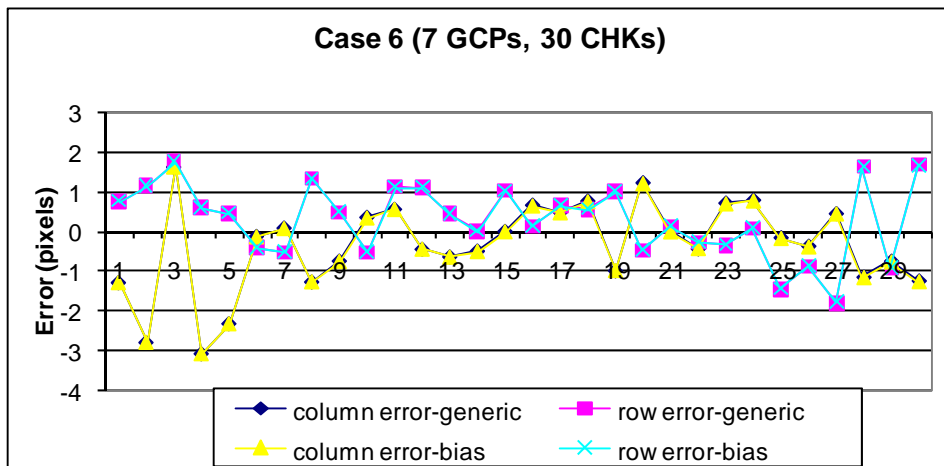


Figure 4.62 Image Coordinate Residuals of Case 6 (7 GCP).

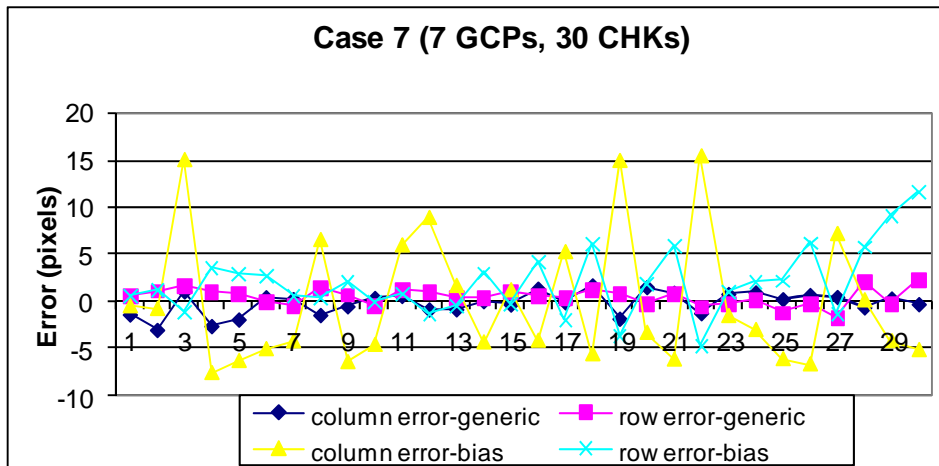


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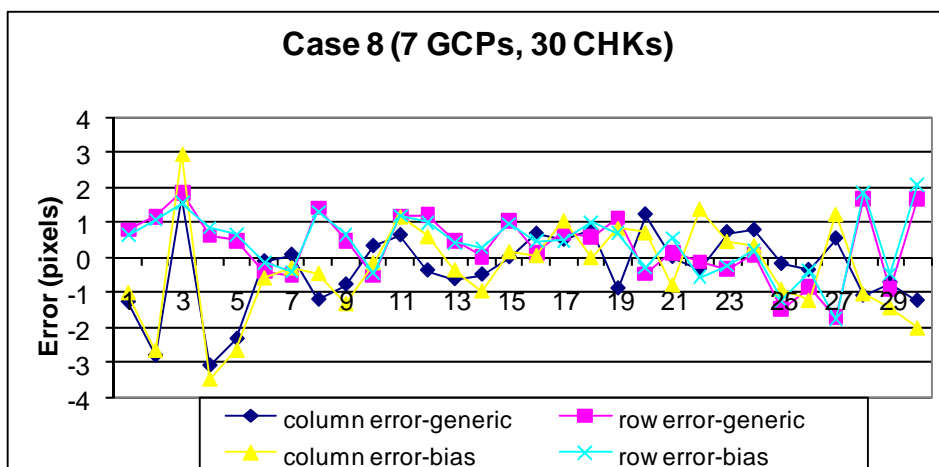


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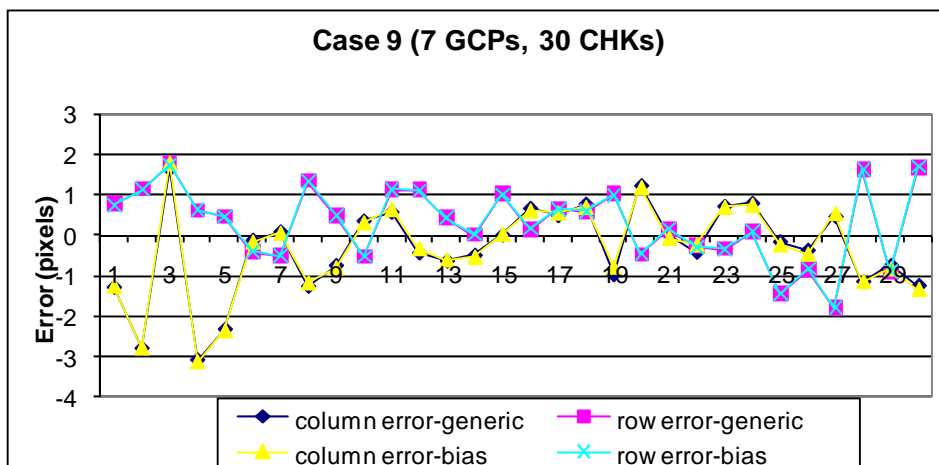


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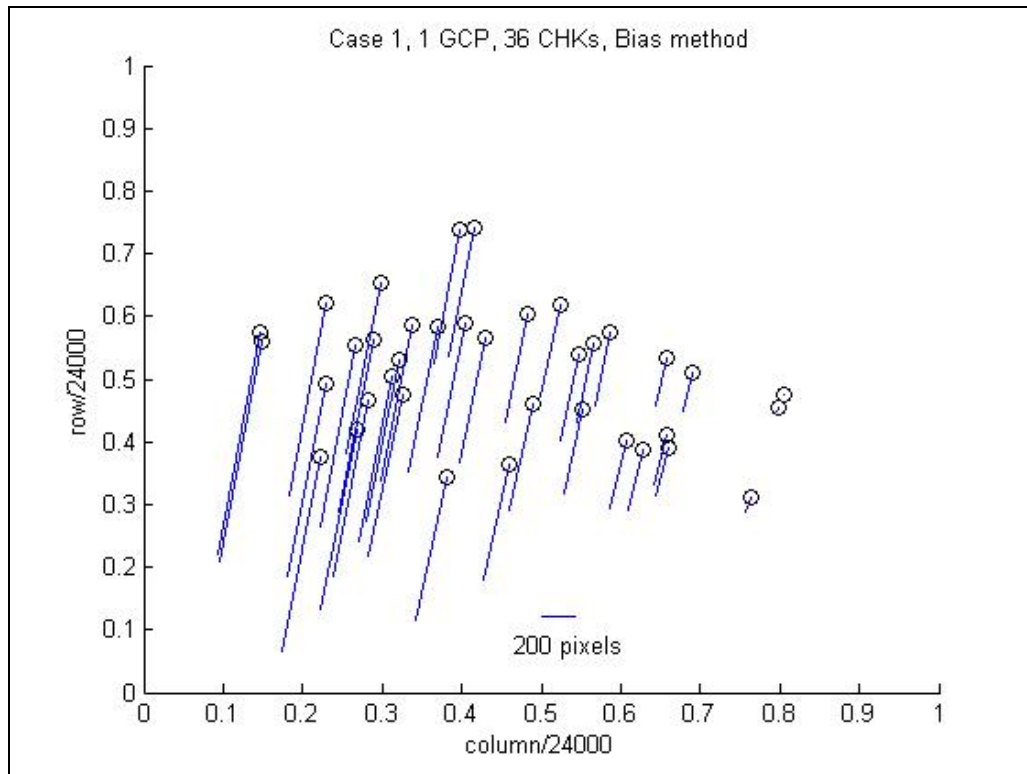


Figure 4.66 Horizontal errors of Case 1 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

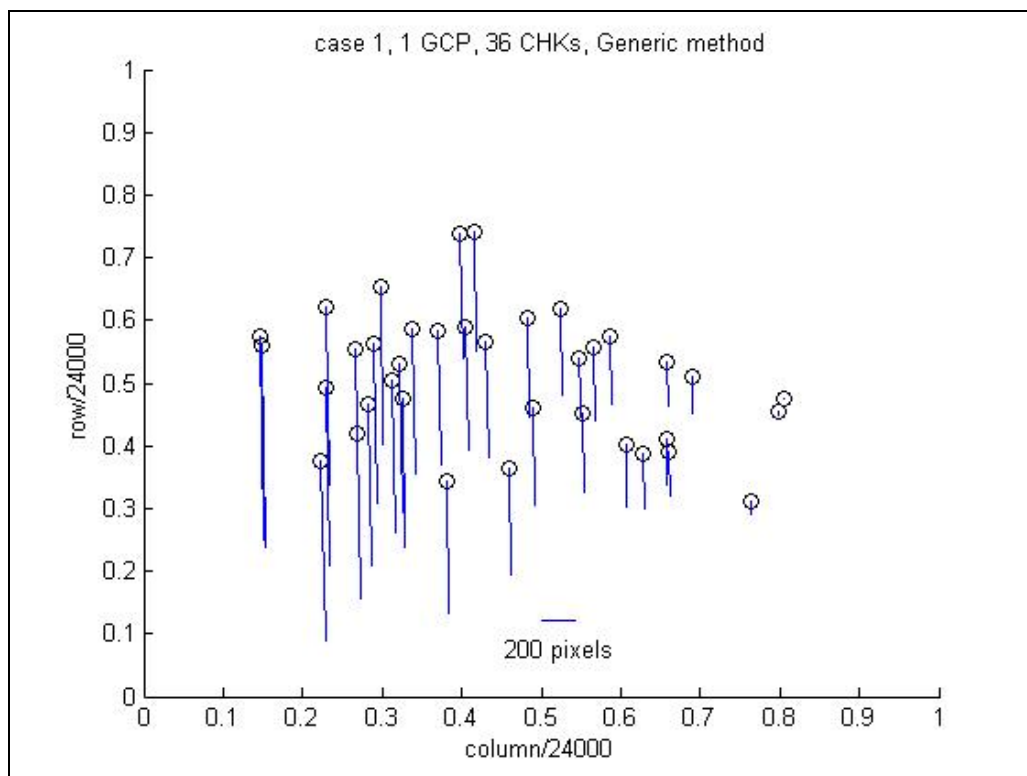


Figure 4.67 Horizontal errors of Case 1 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

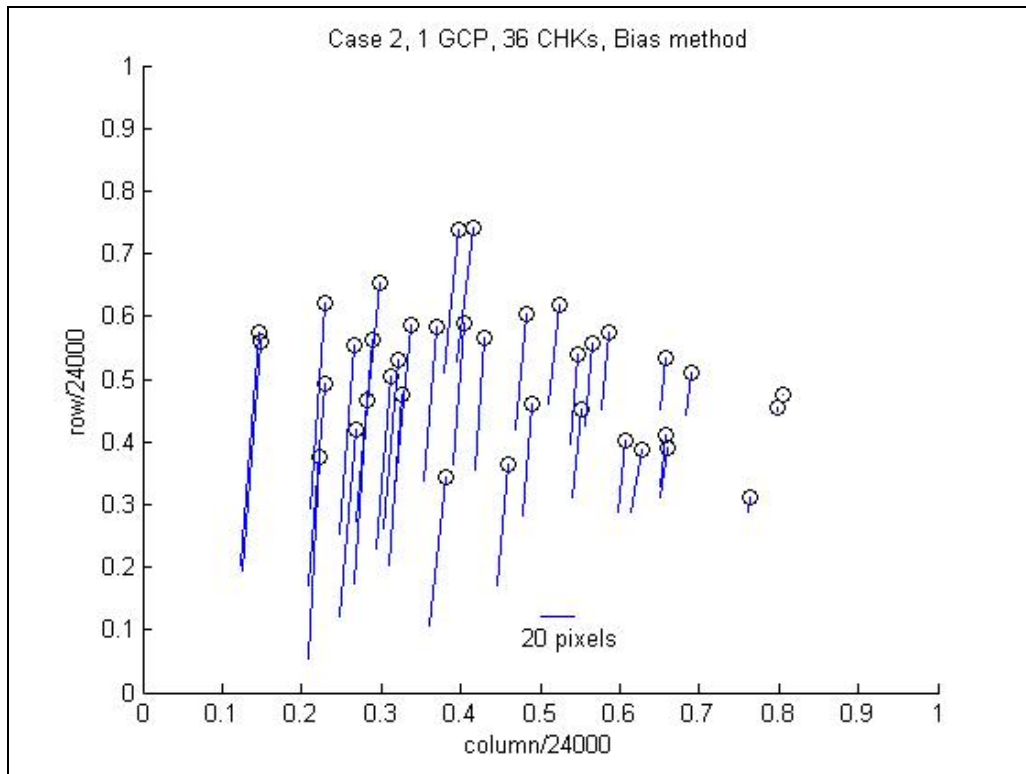


Figure 4.68 Horizontal errors of Case 2 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

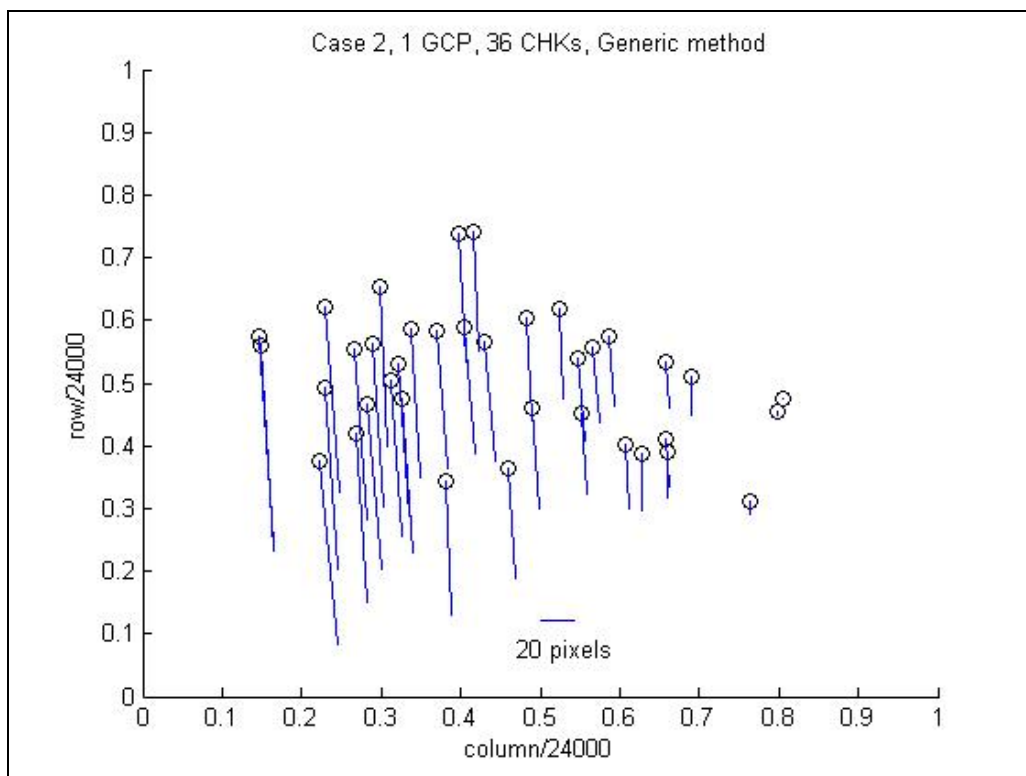


Figure 4.69 Horizontal errors of Case 2 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

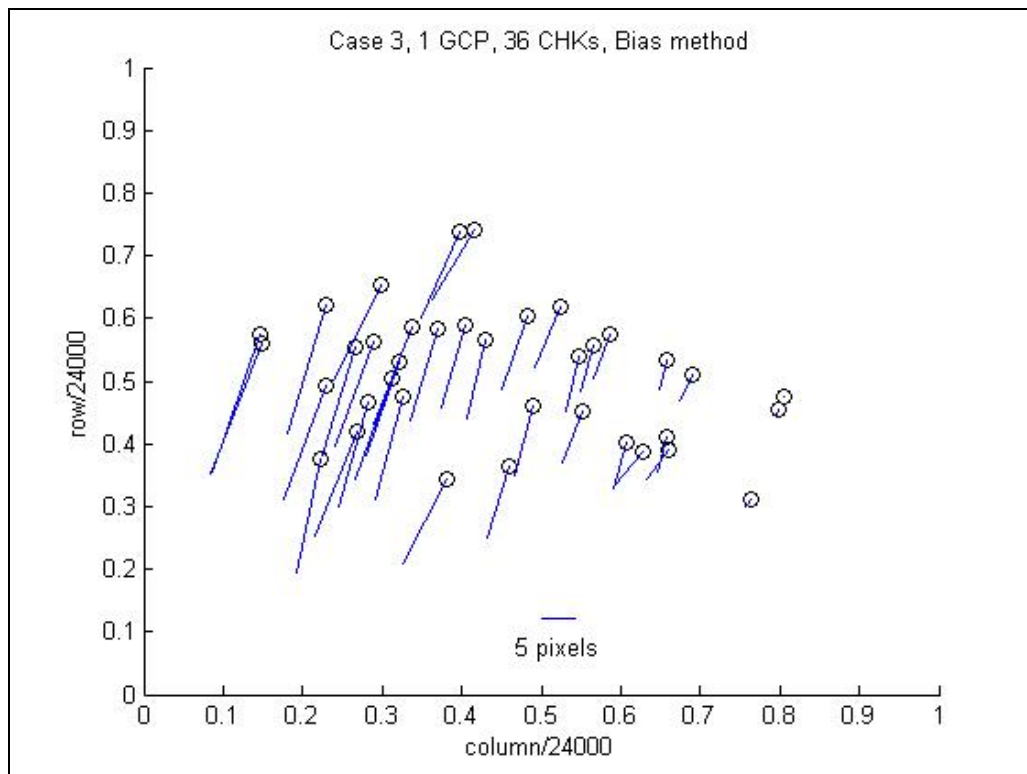


Figure 4.70 Horizontal errors of Case 3 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

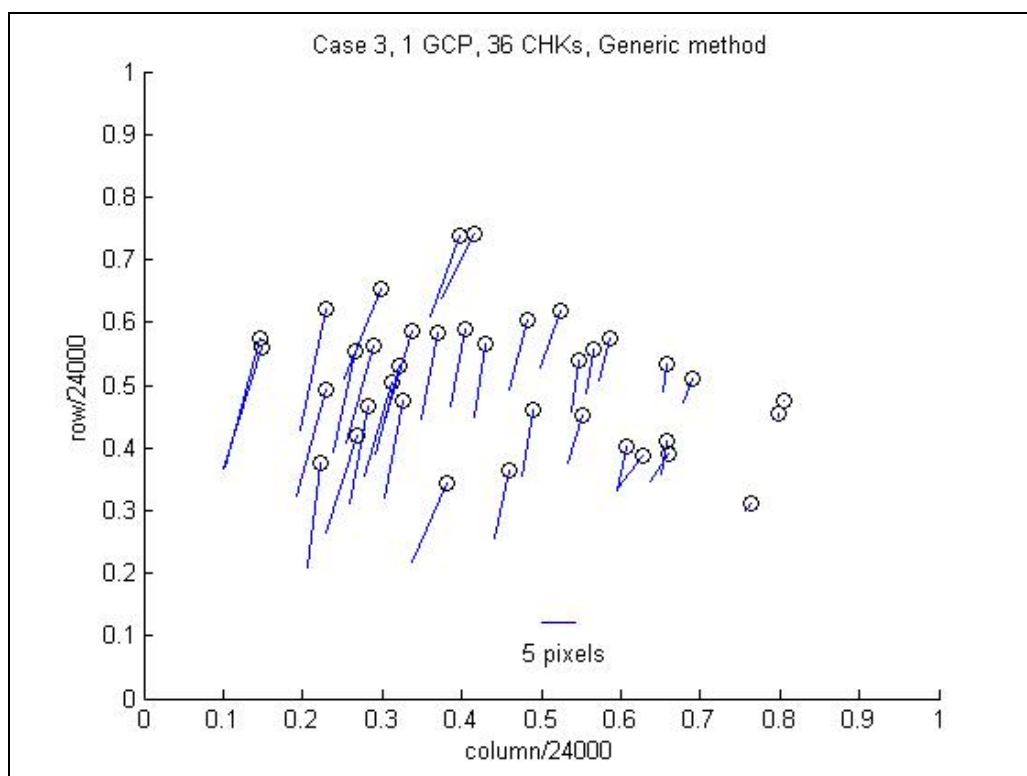


Figure 4.71 Horizontal errors of Case 3 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

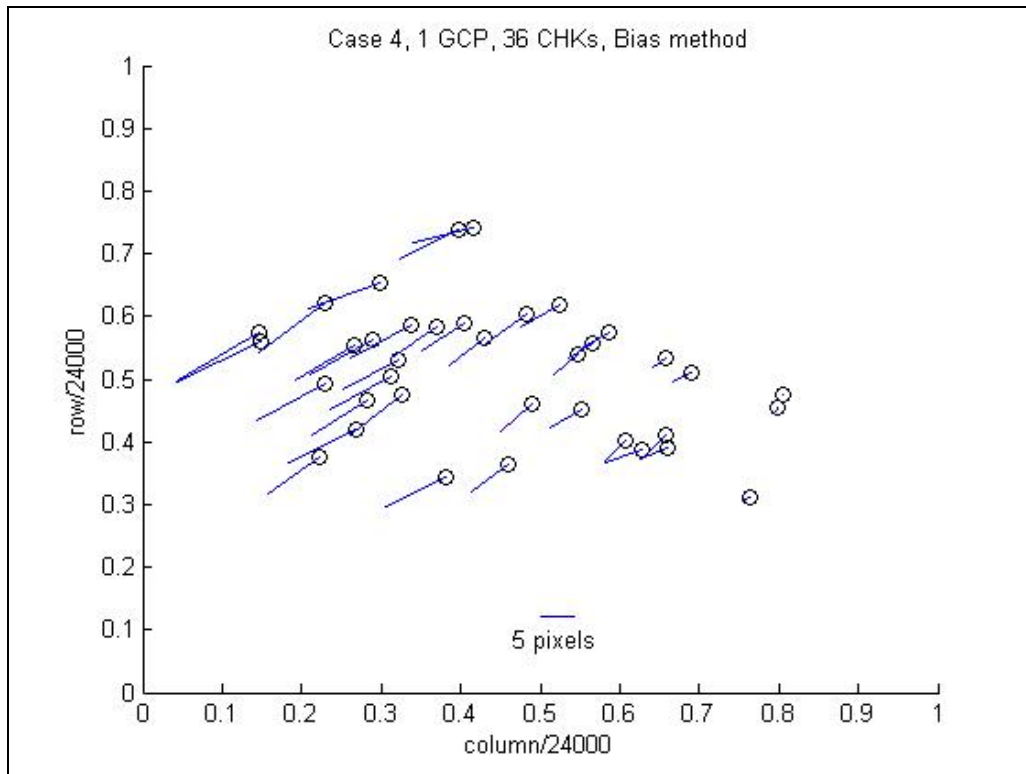


Figure 4.72 Horizontal errors of Case 4 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

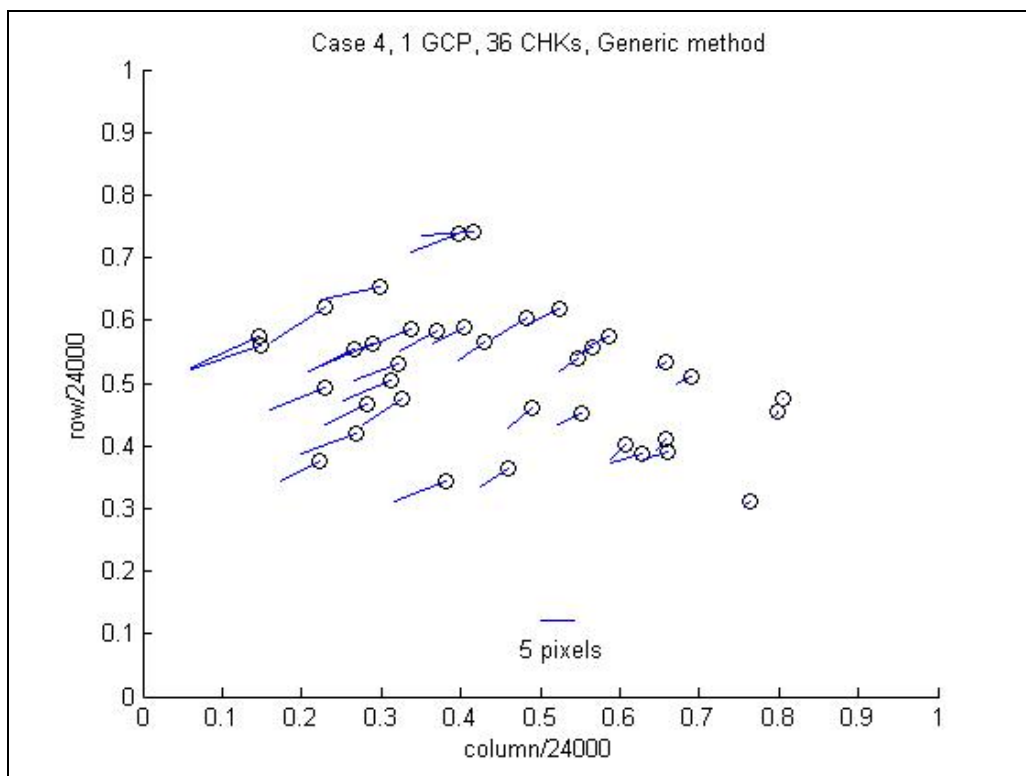


Figure 4.73 Horizontal errors of Case 4 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

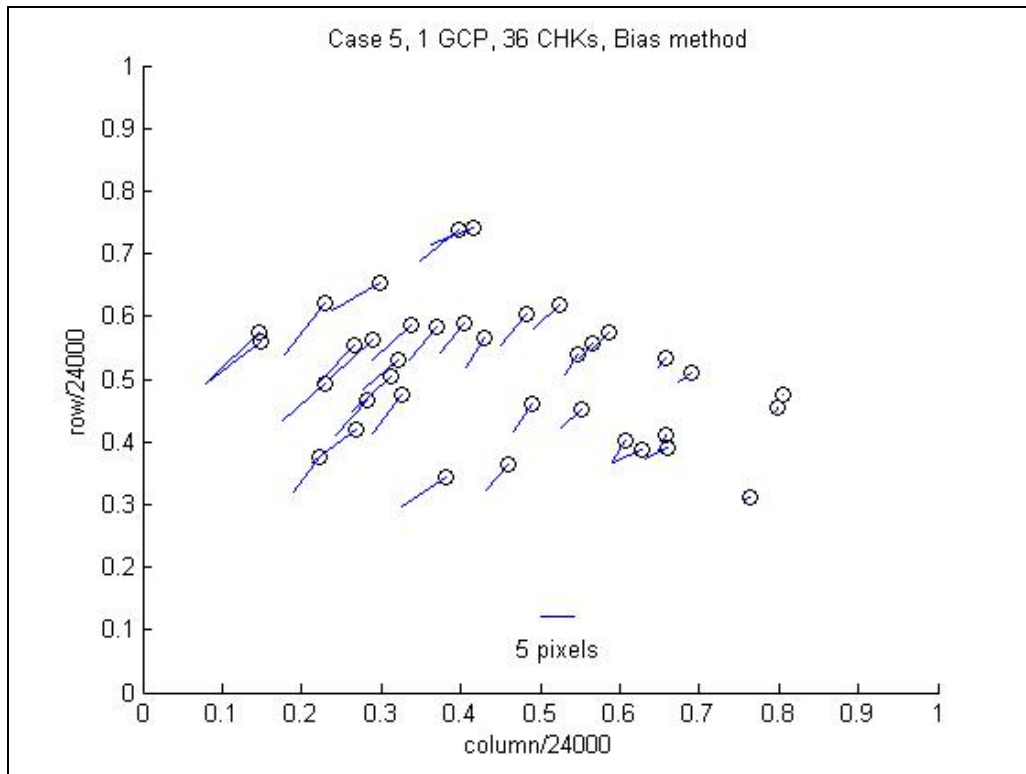


Figure 4.74 Horizontal errors of Case 5 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

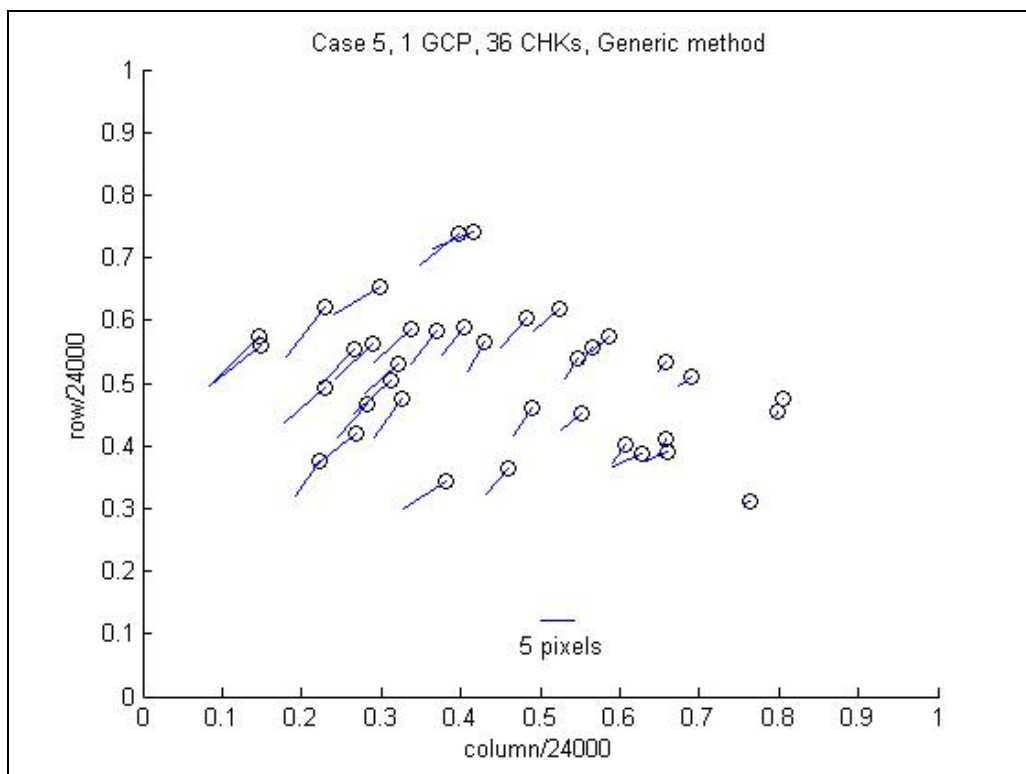


Figure 4.75 Horizontal errors of Case 5 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

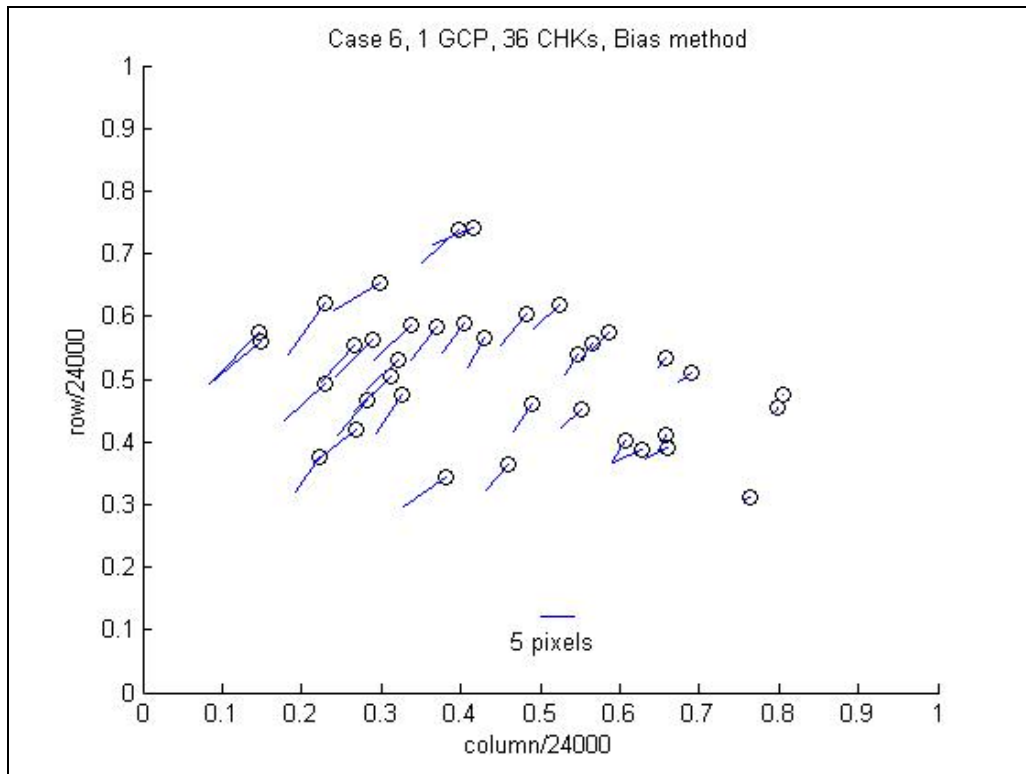


Figure 4.76 Horizontal errors of Case 6 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

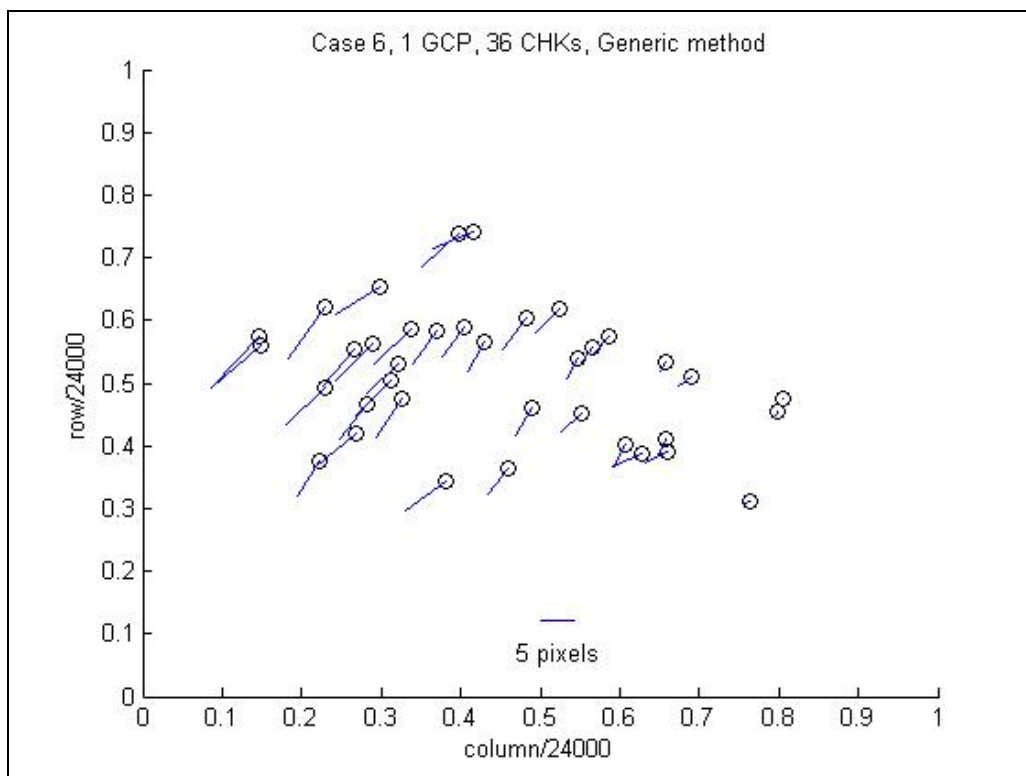


Figure 4.77 Horizontal errors of Case 6 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

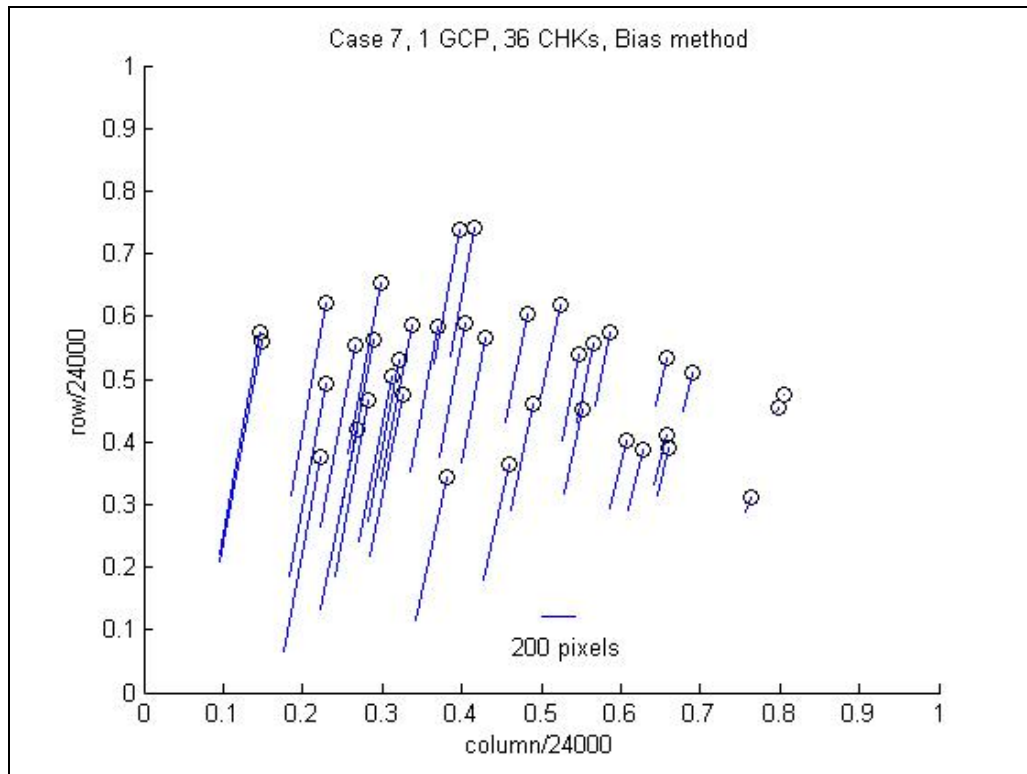


Figure 4.78 Horizontal errors of Case 7 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

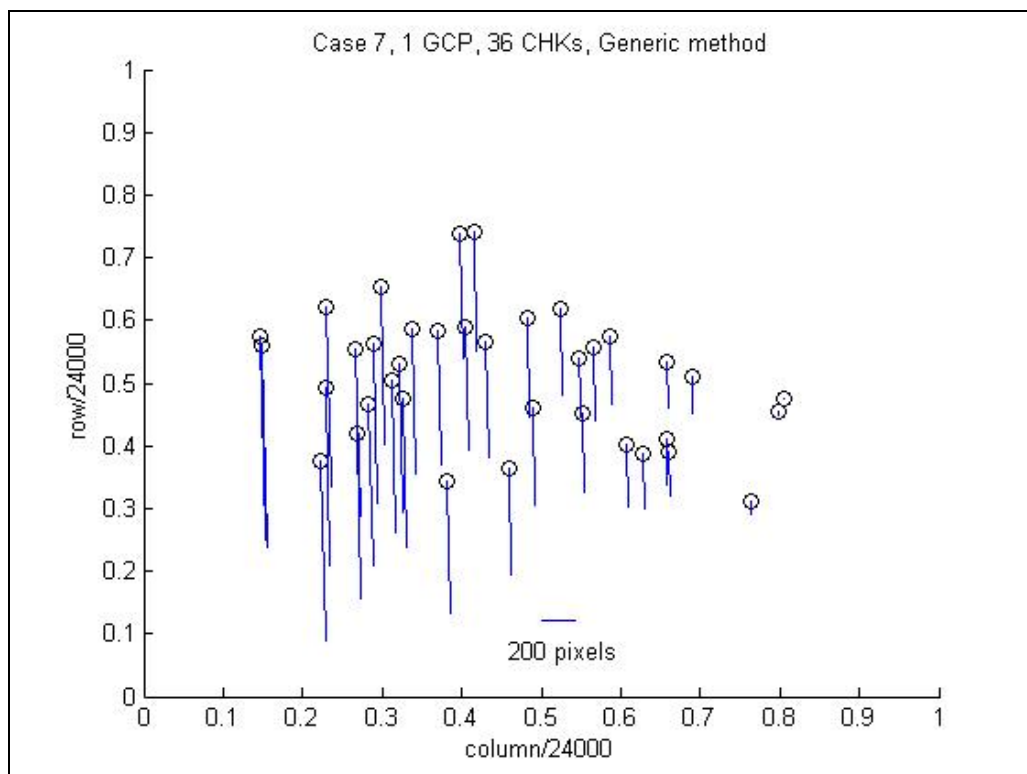


Figure 4.79 Horizontal errors of Case 7 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

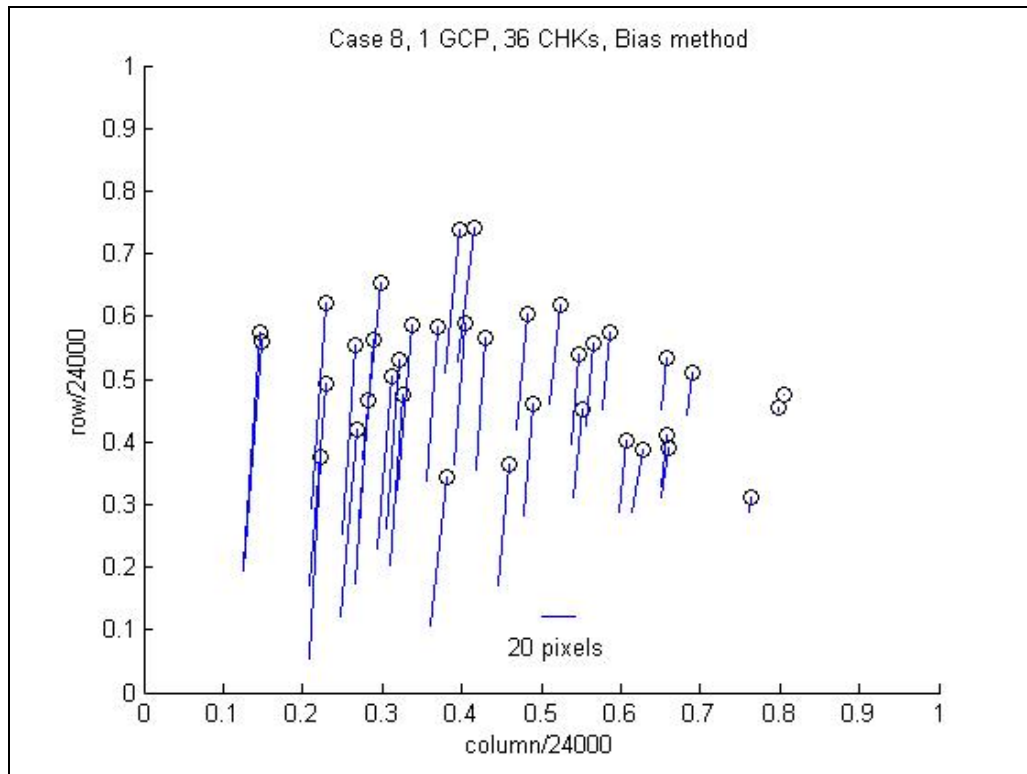


Figure 4.80 Horizontal errors of Case 8 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

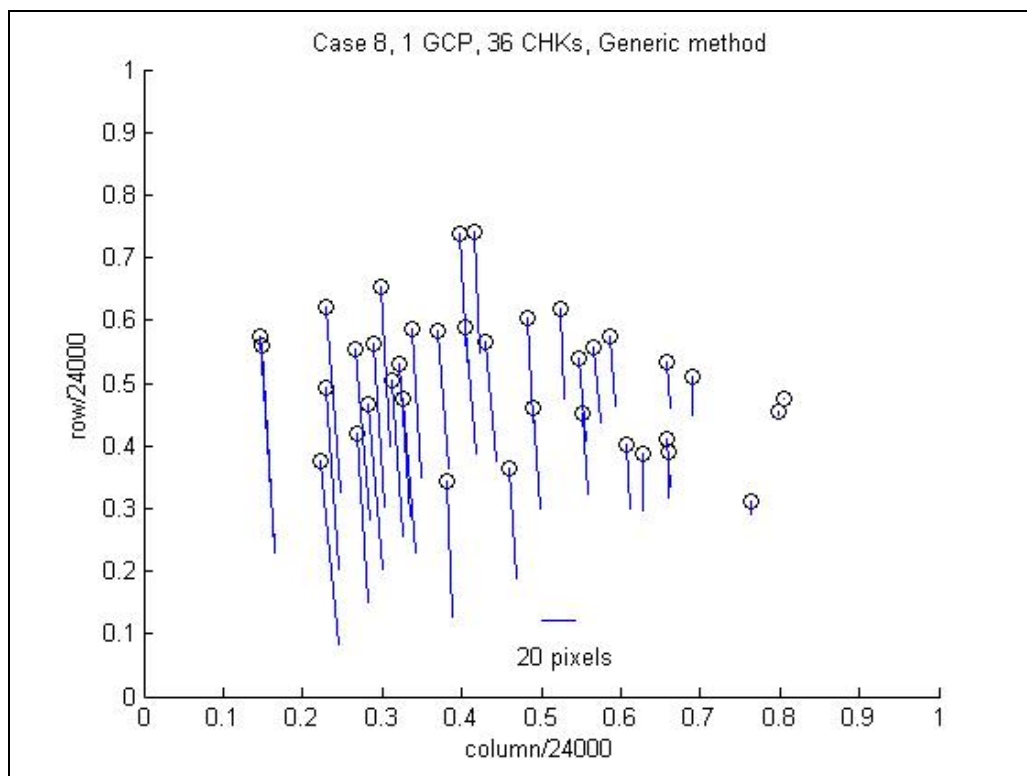


Figure 4.81 Horizontal errors of Case 8 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

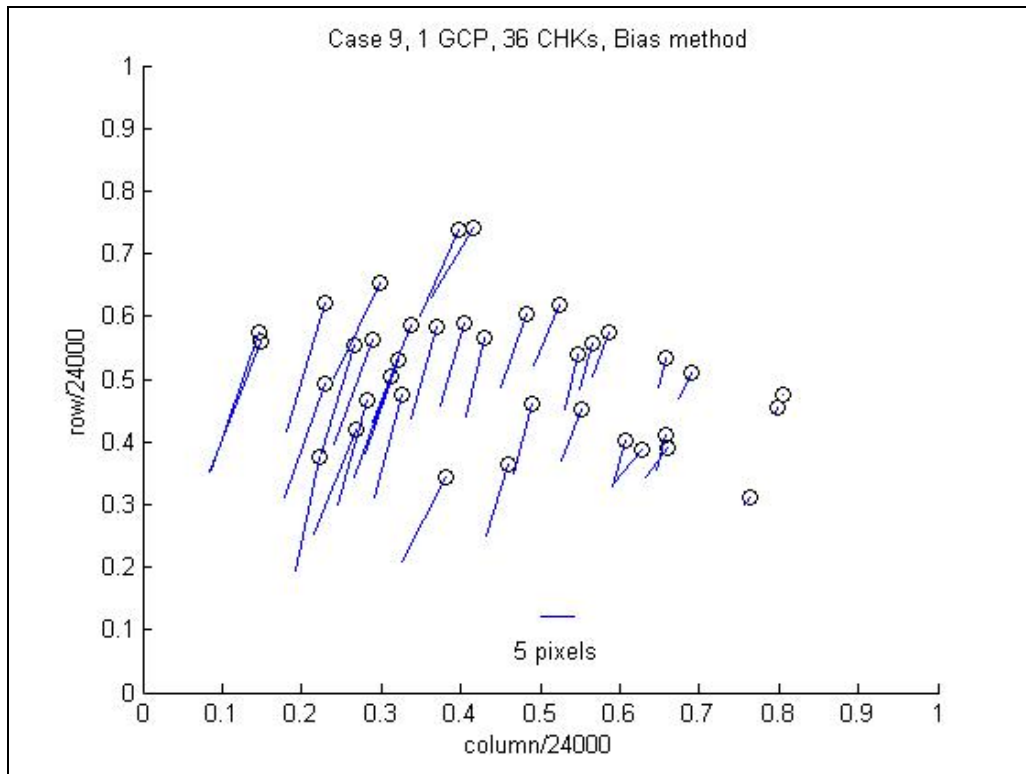


Figure 4.82 Horizontal errors of Case 9 by the Bias method (1 GCP).

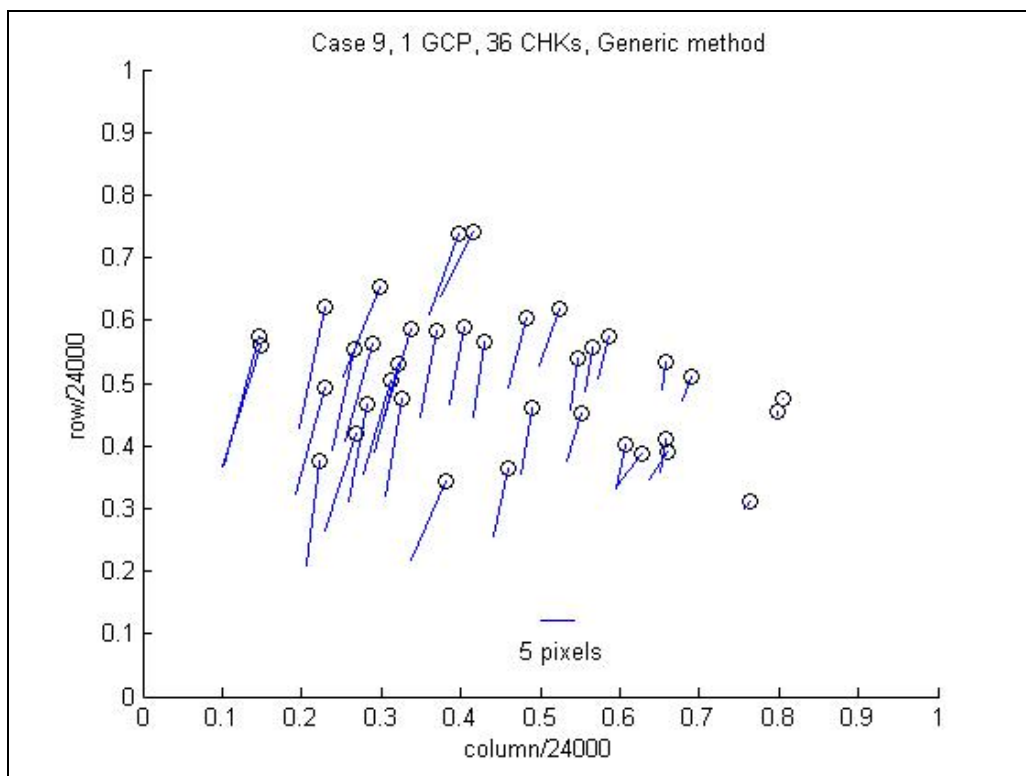


Figure 4.83 Horizontal errors of Case 9 by the Generic method (1 GCP).

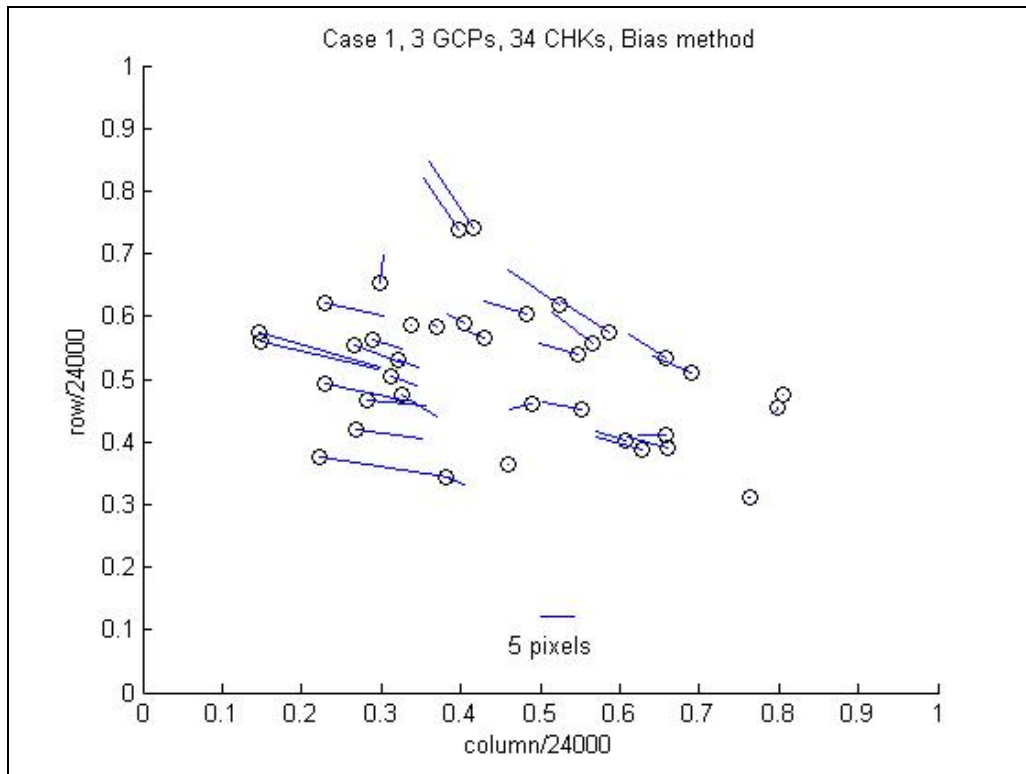


Figure 4.84 Horizontal errors of Case 1 by the Bias method (3 GCP).

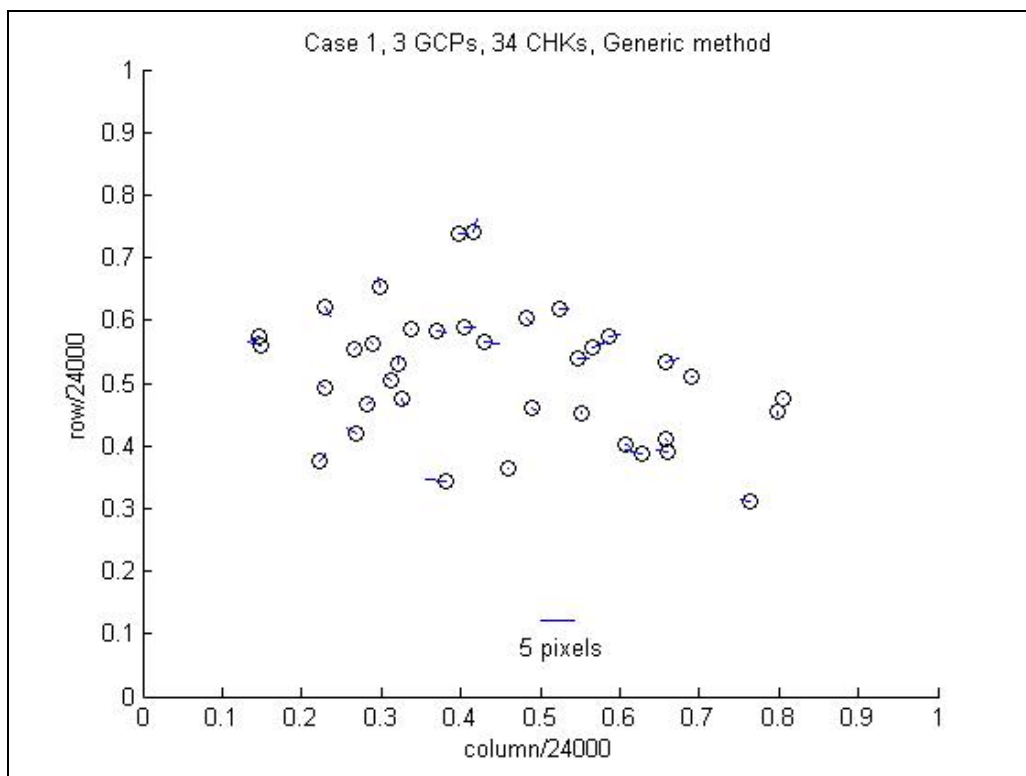


Figure 4.85 Horizontal errors of Case 1 by the Generic method (3 GCP).

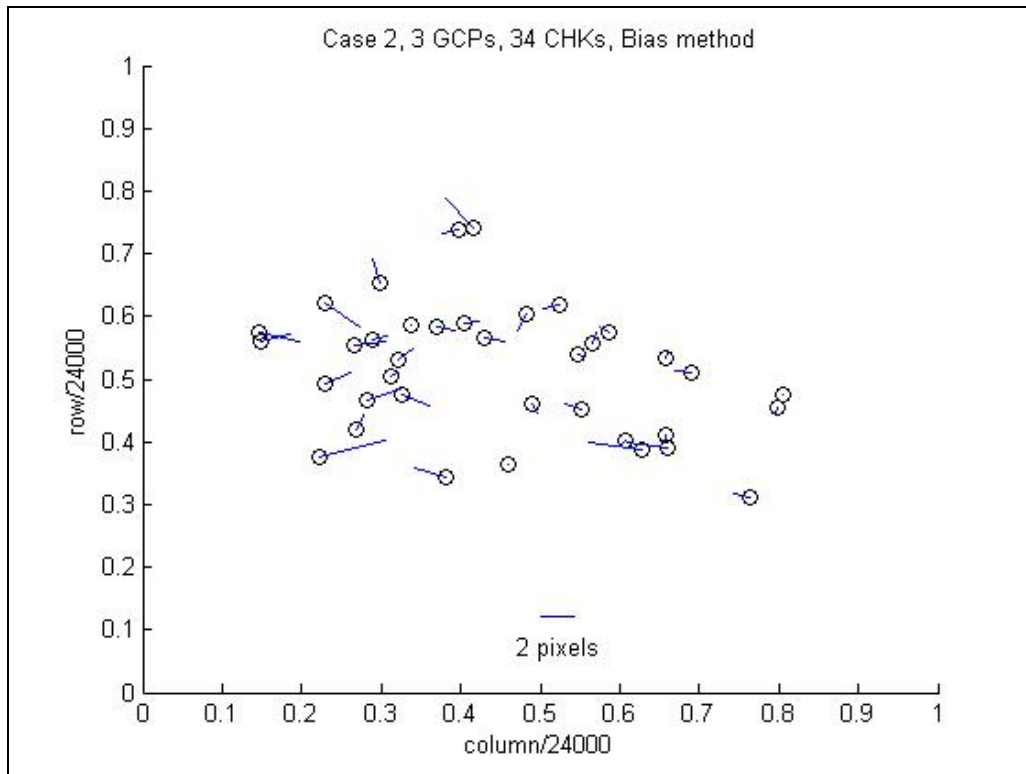


Figure 4.86 Horizontal errors of Case 2 by the Bias method (3 GCP).

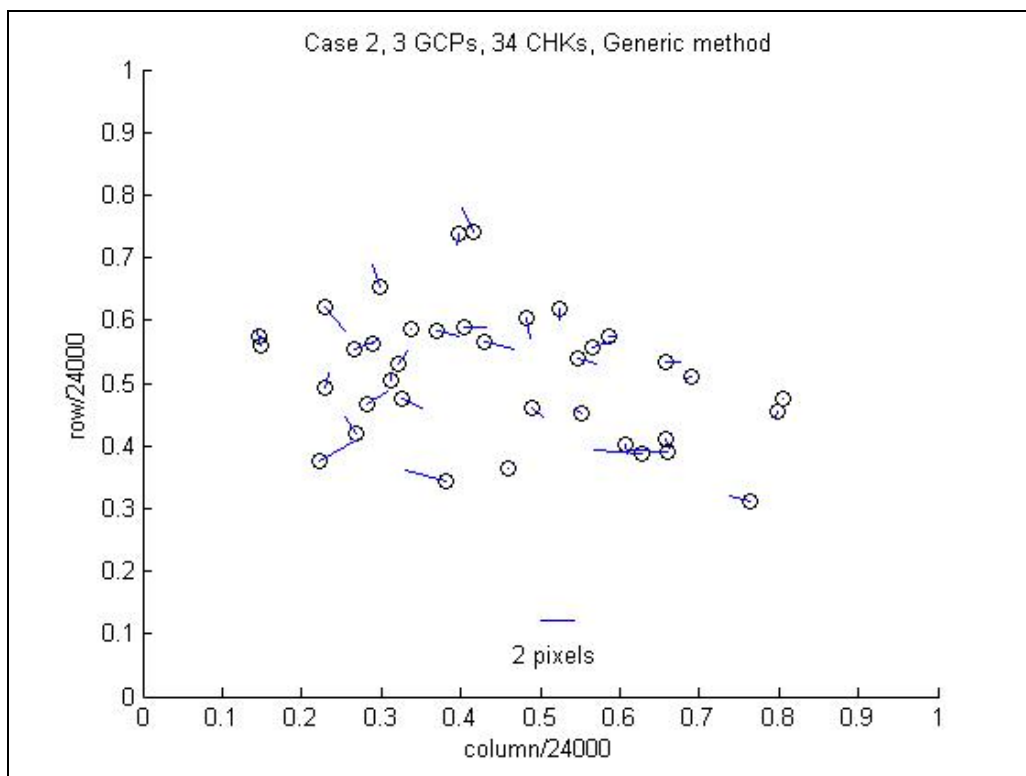


Figure 4.87 Horizontal errors of Case 2 by the Generic method (3 GCP).

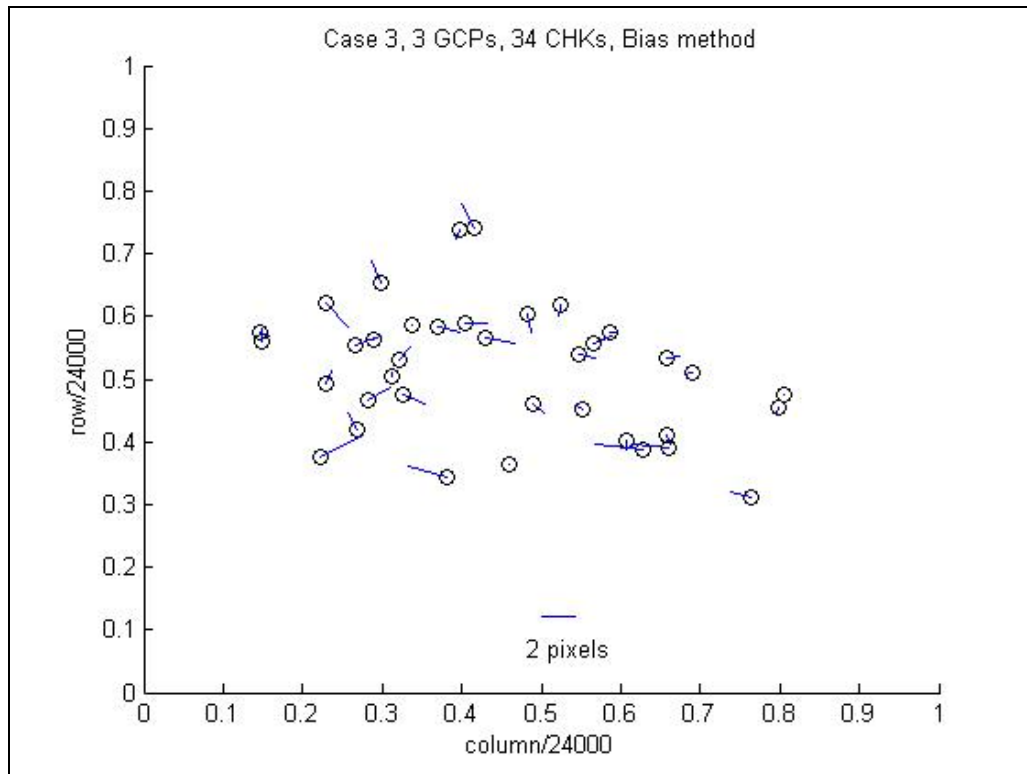


Figure 4.88 Horizontal errors of Case 3 by the Bias method (3 GCP).

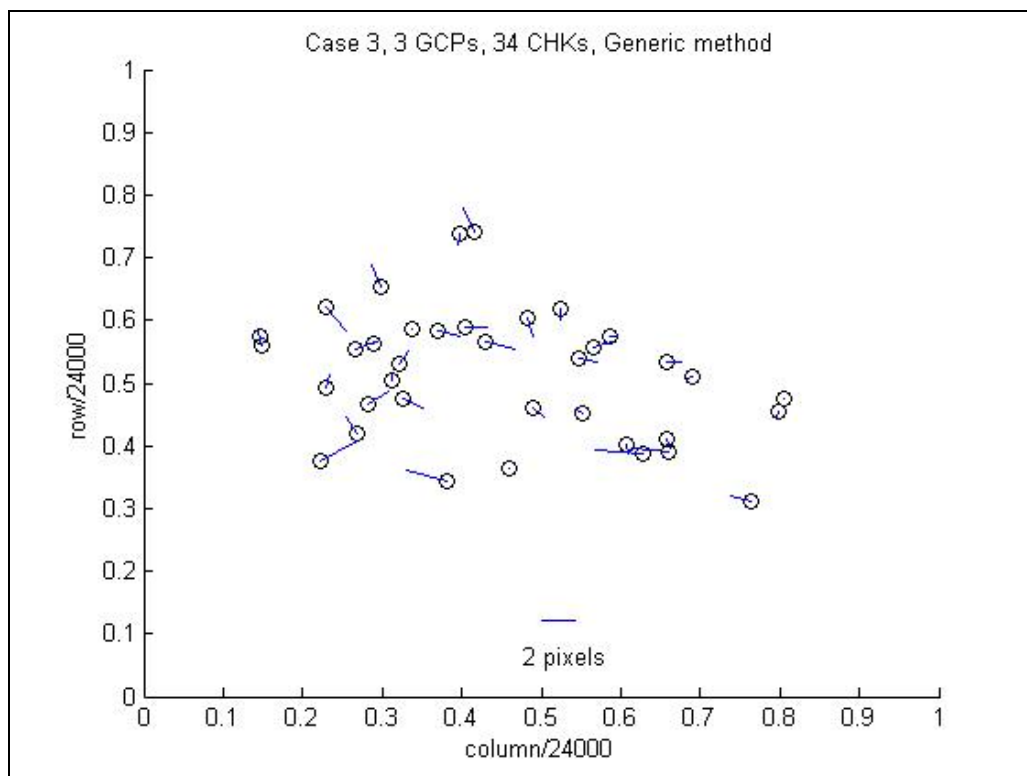


Figure 4.89 Horizontal errors of Case 3 by the Generic method (3 GCP).

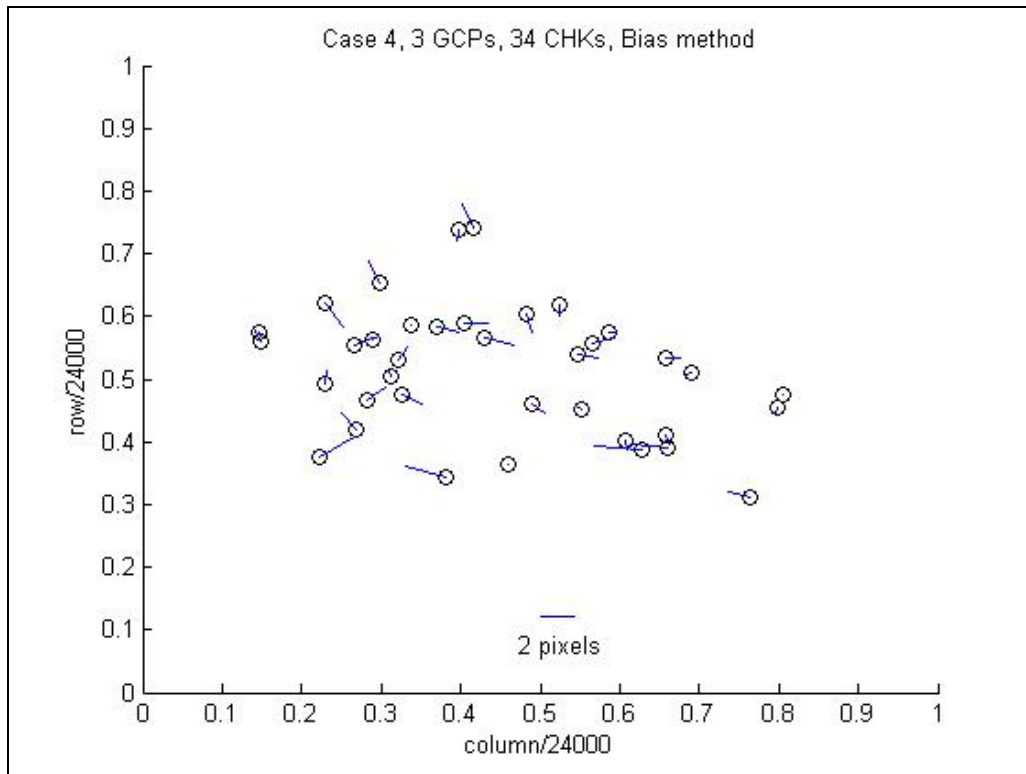


Figure 4.90 Horizontal errors of Case 4 by the Bias method (3 GCP).

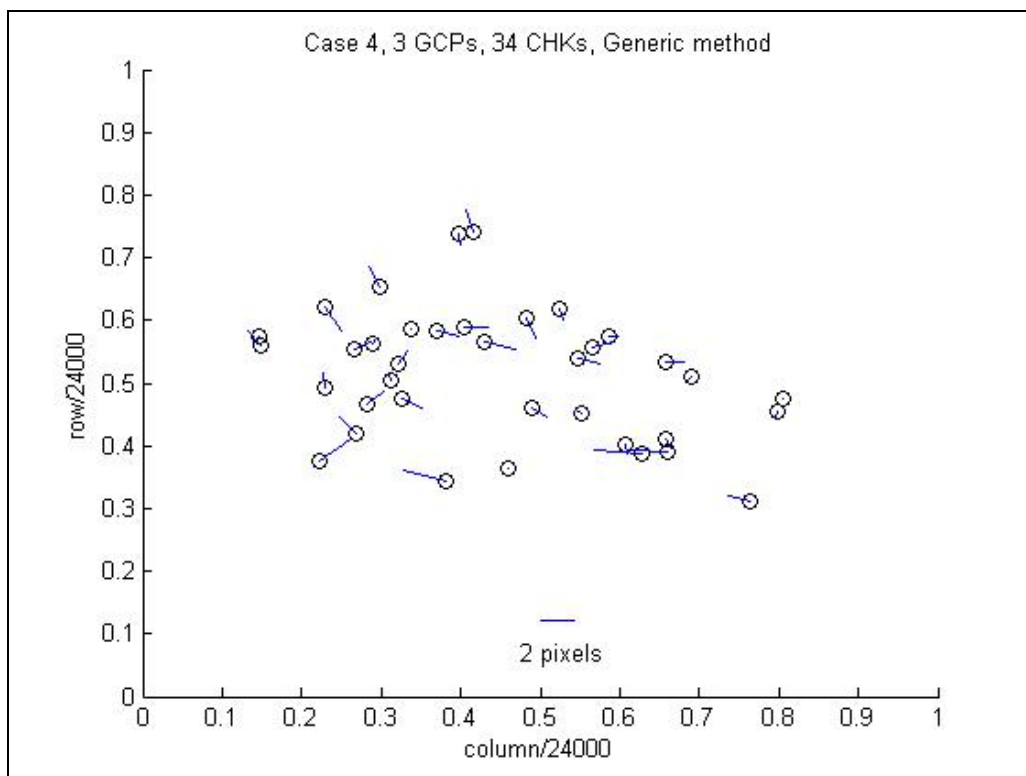


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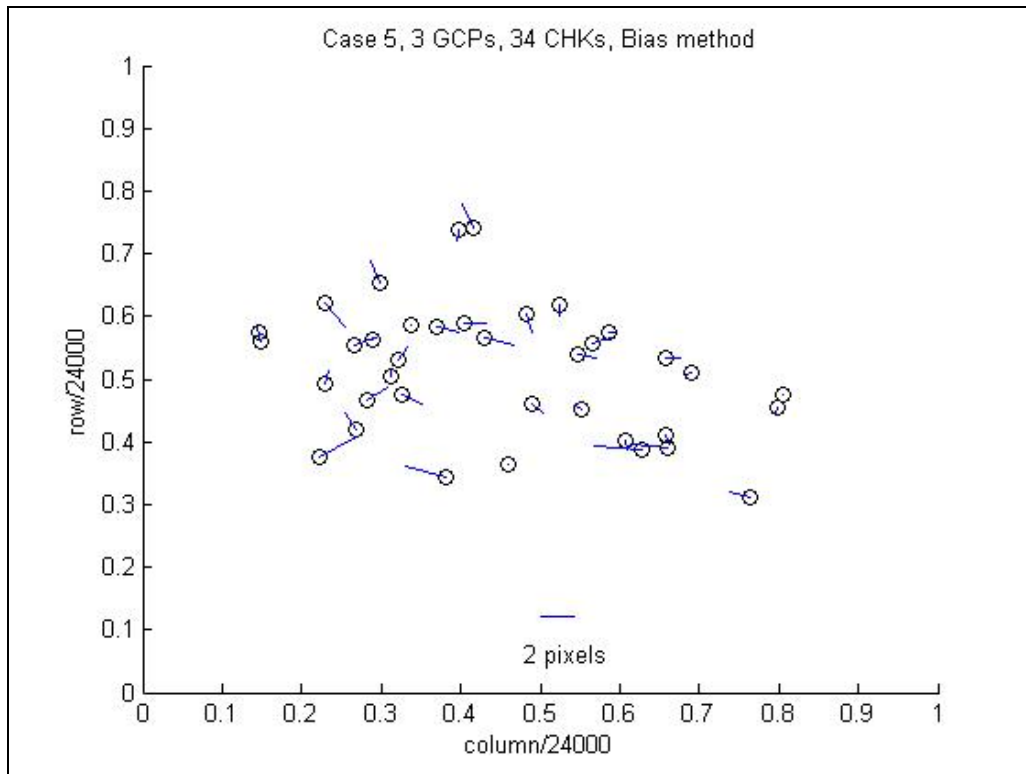


Figure 4.92 Horizontal errors of Case 5 by the Bias method (3 GCP).

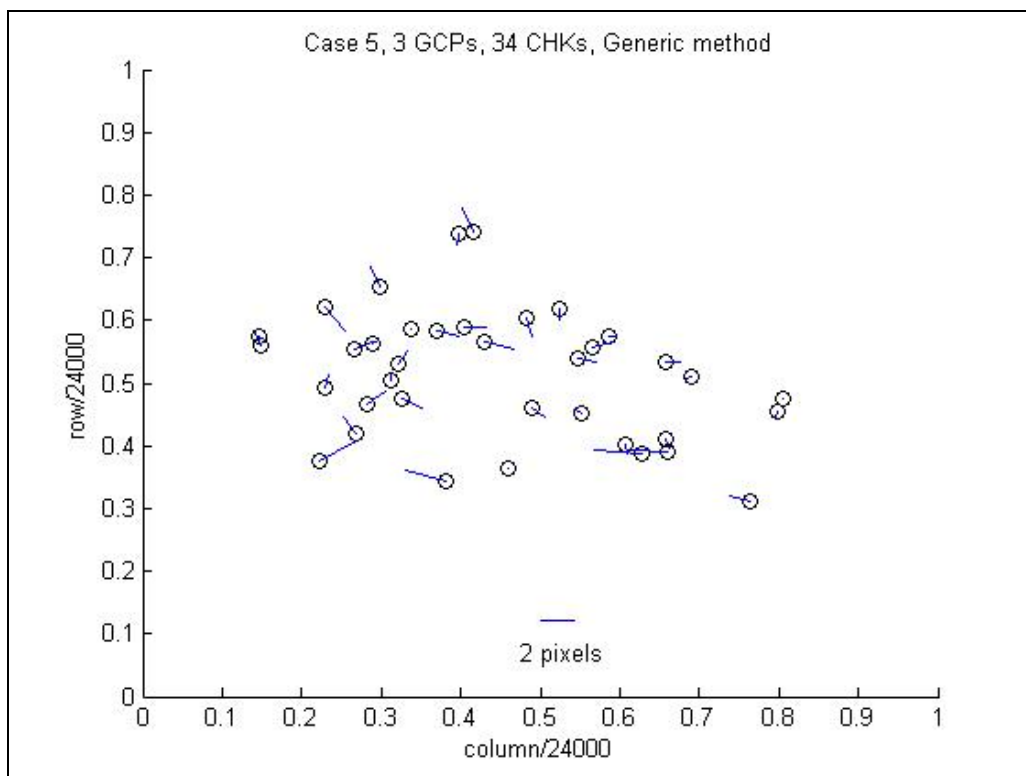


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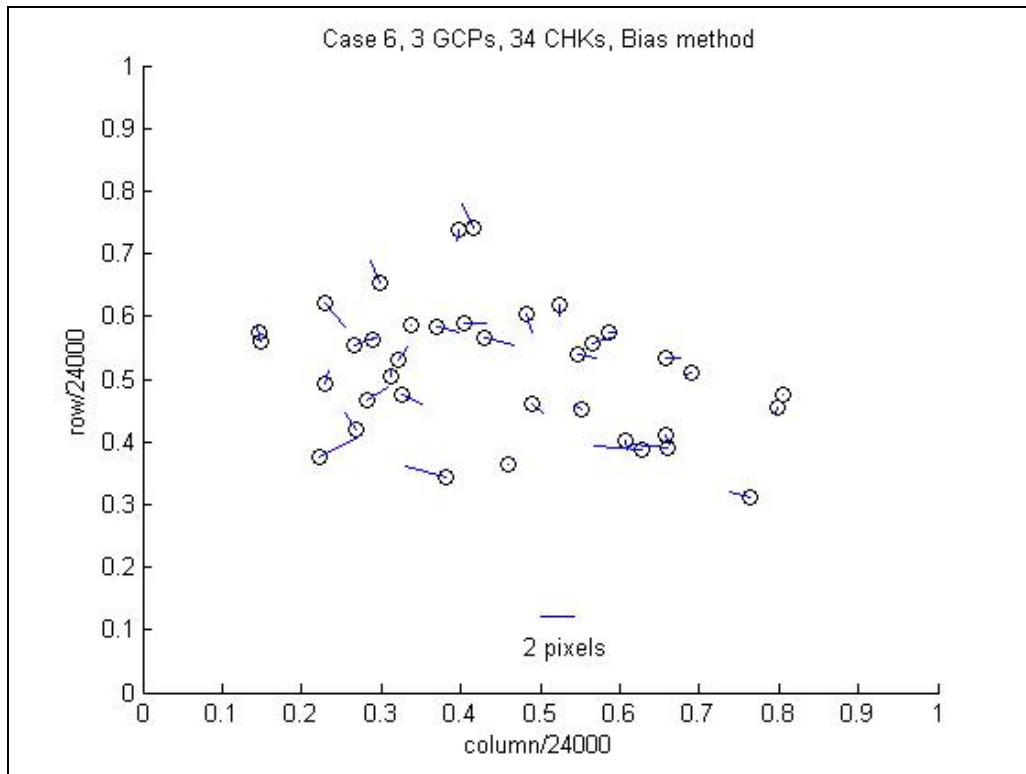


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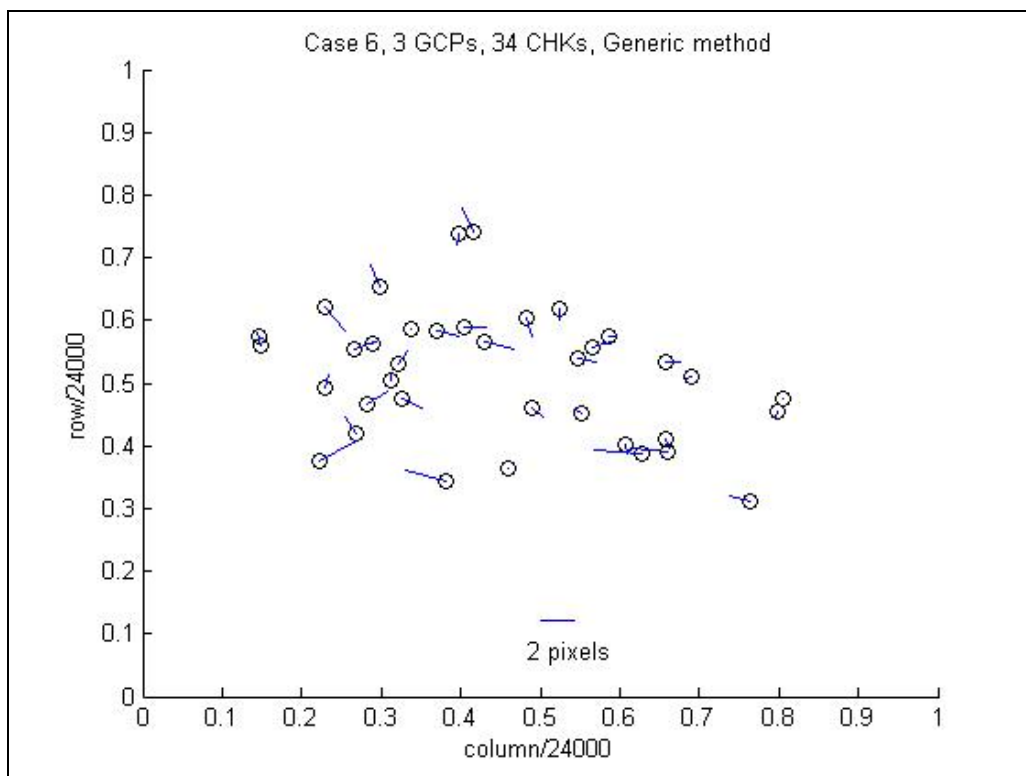


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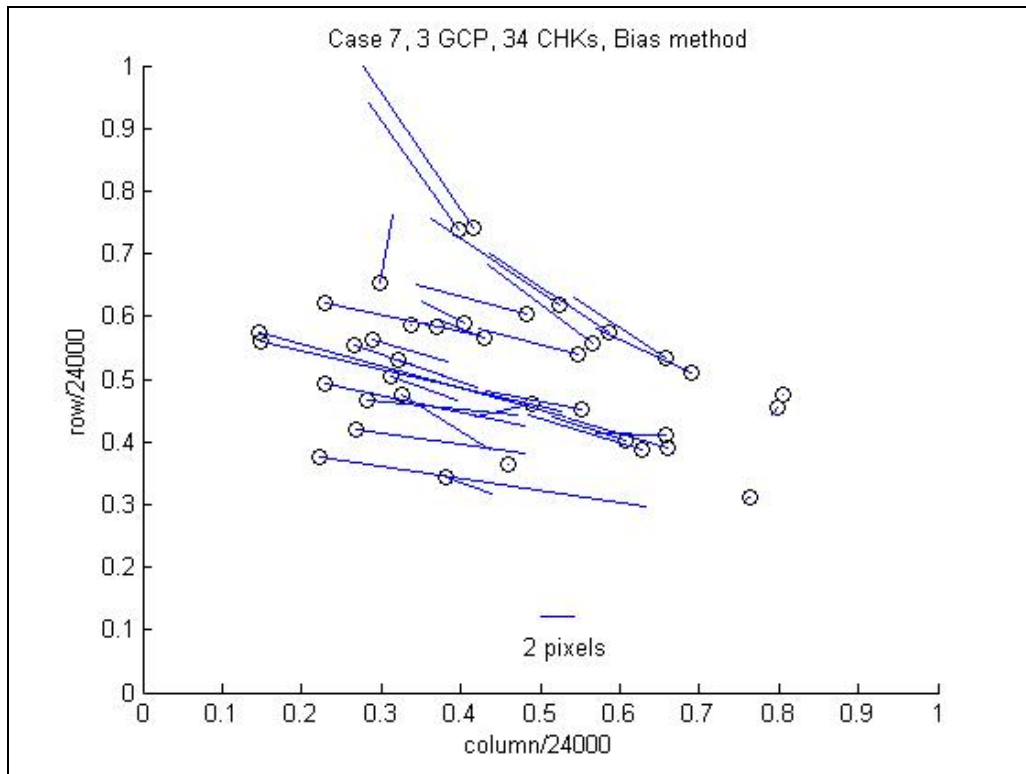


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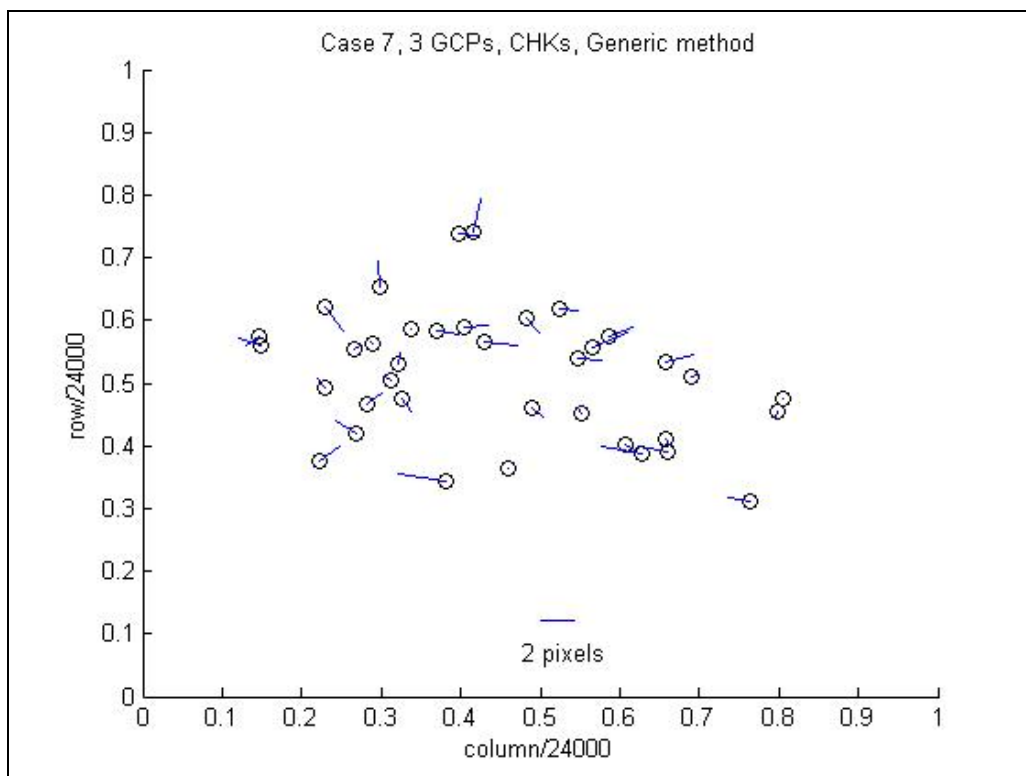


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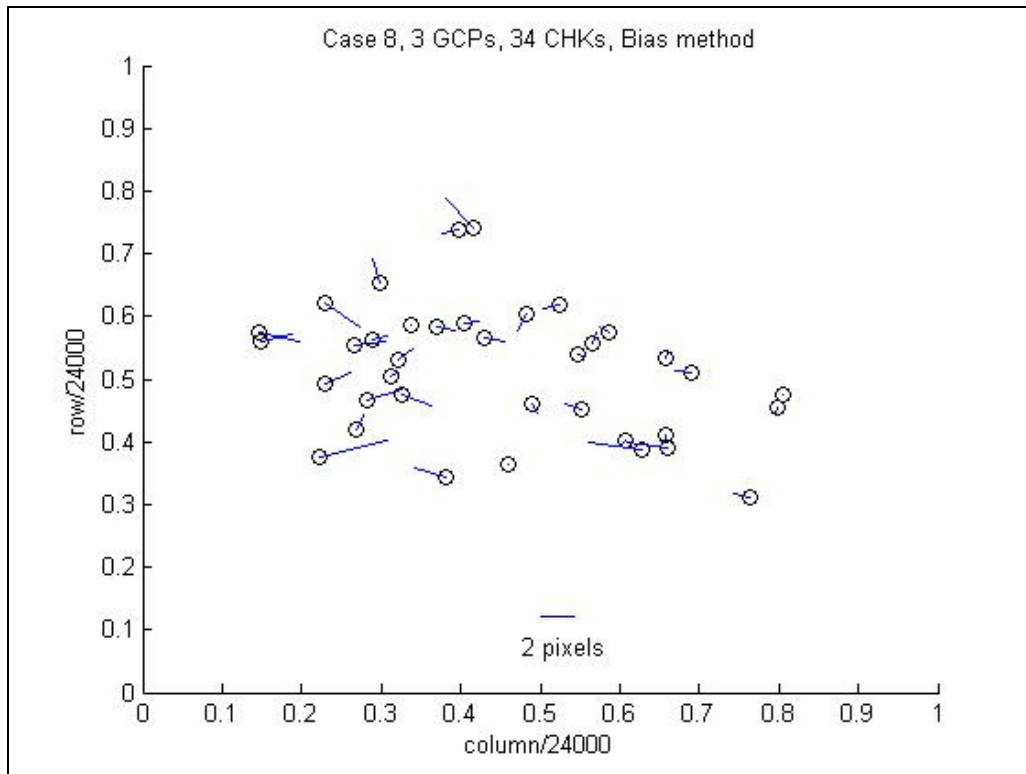


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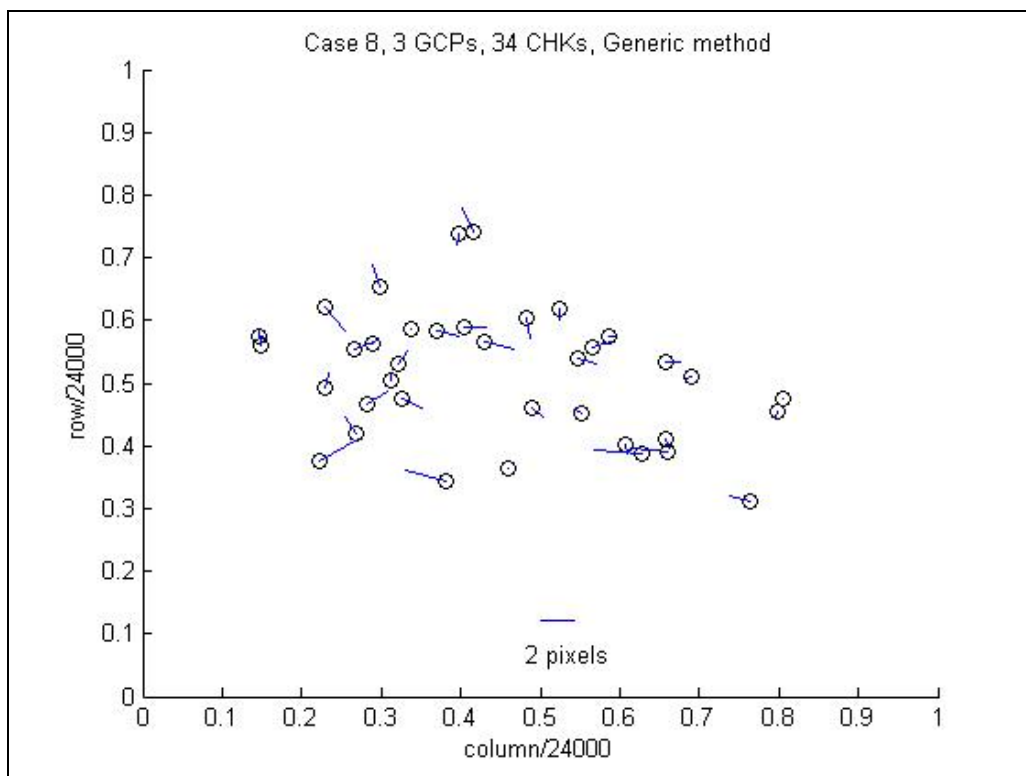


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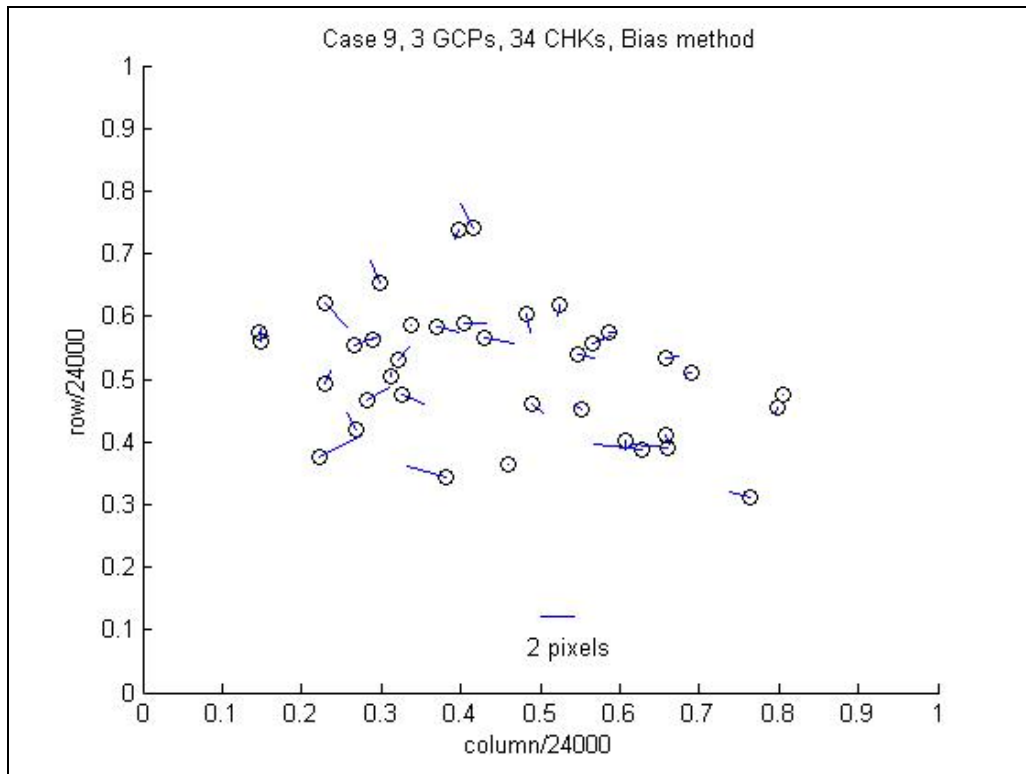


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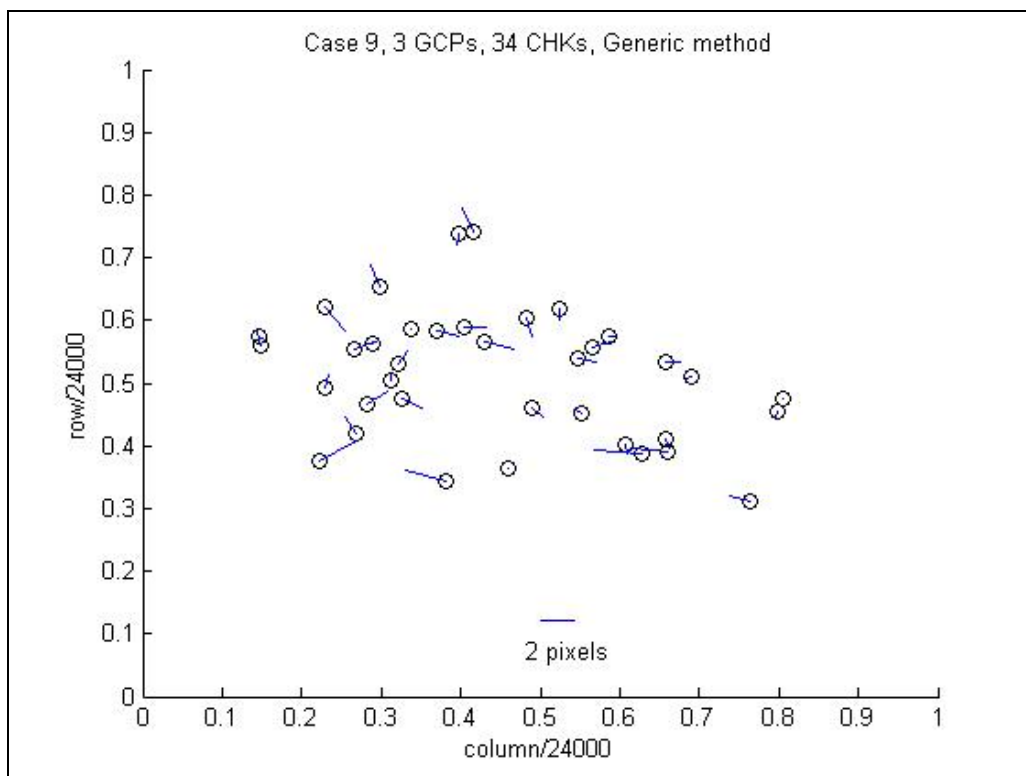


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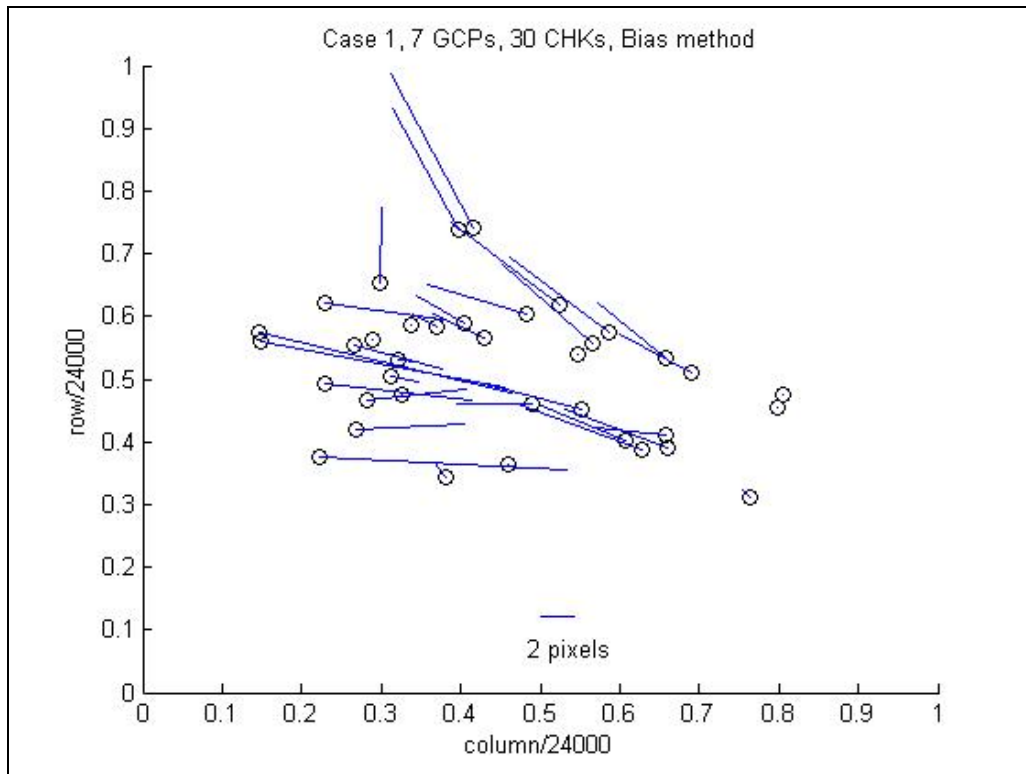


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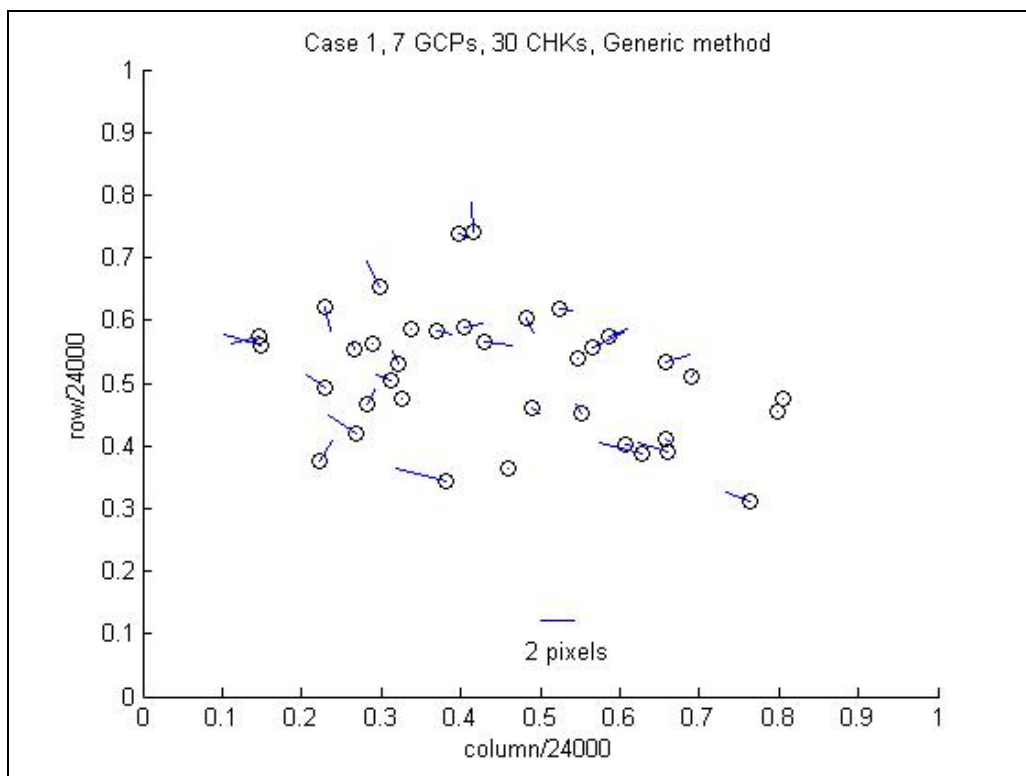


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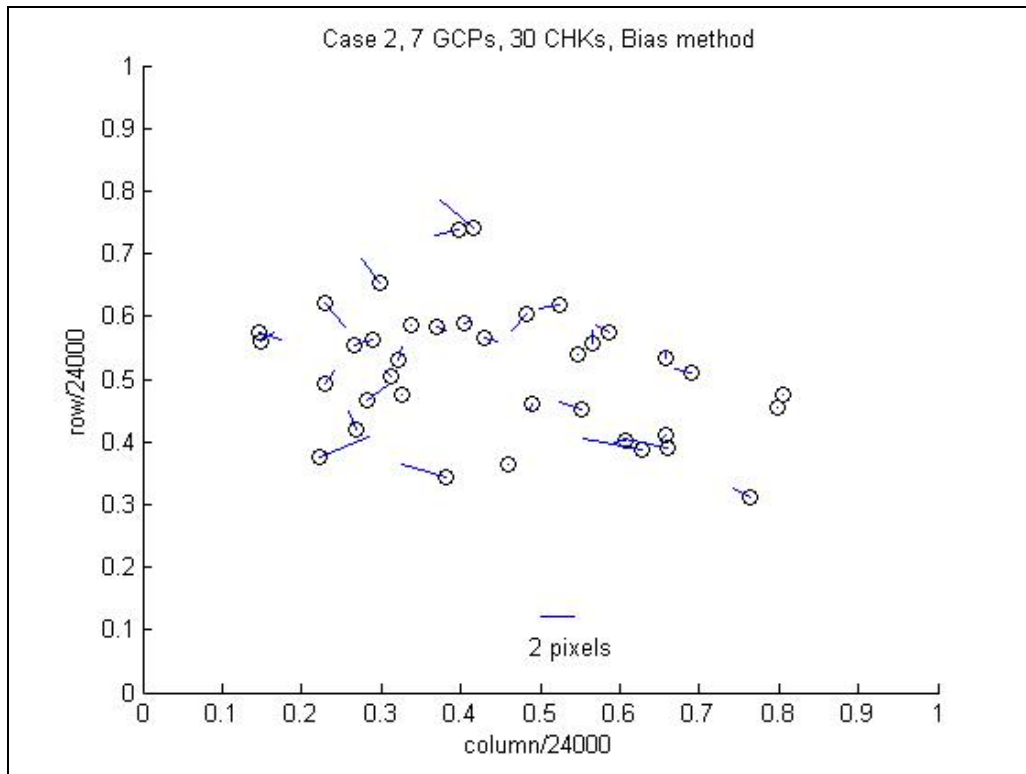


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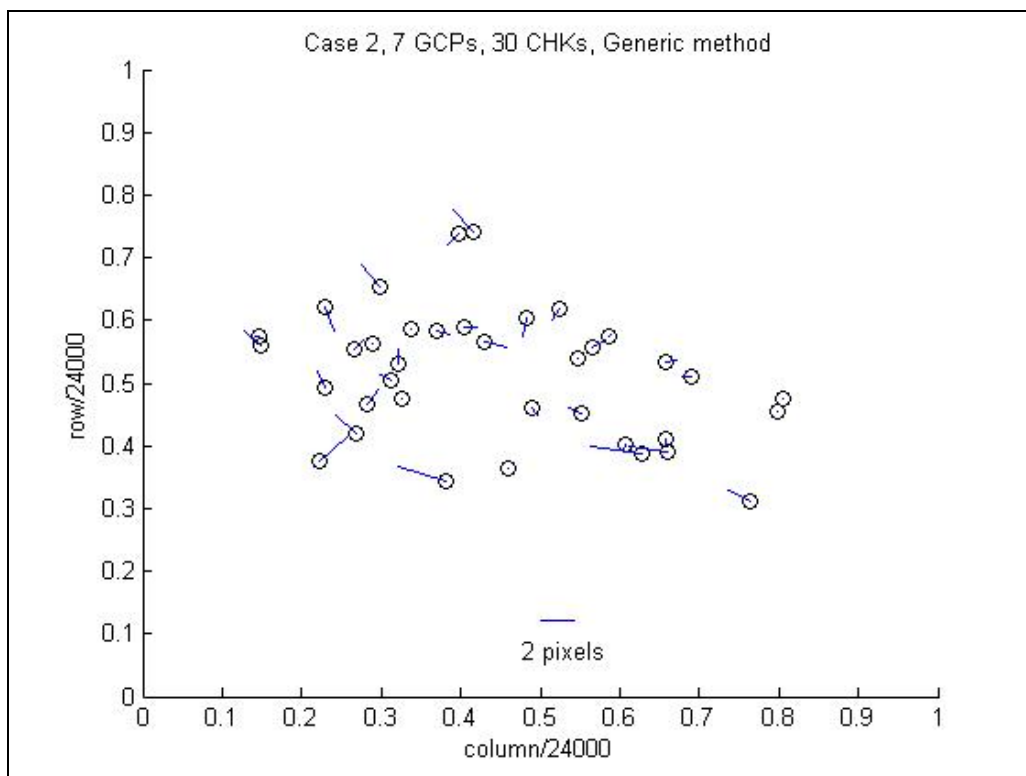


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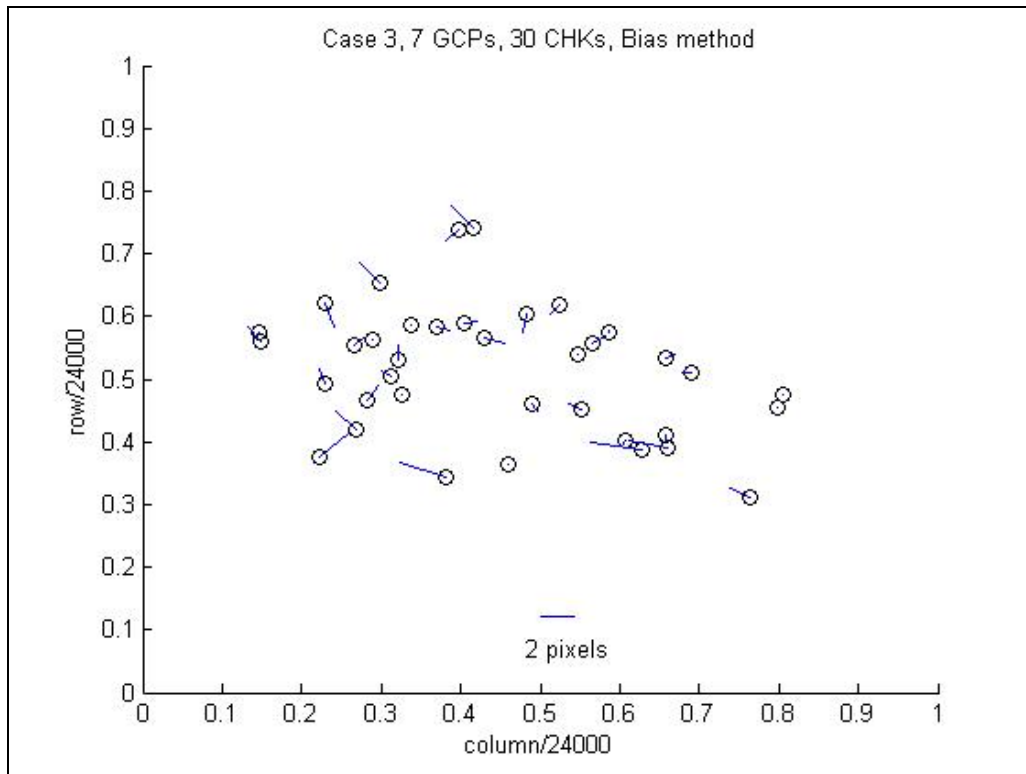


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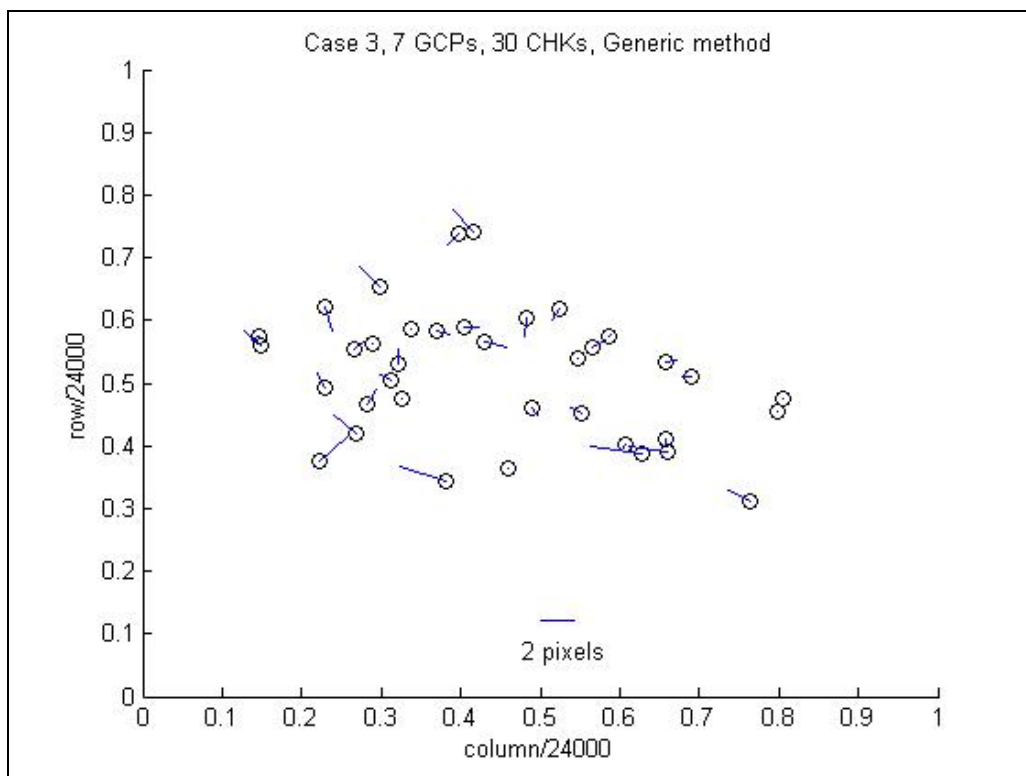


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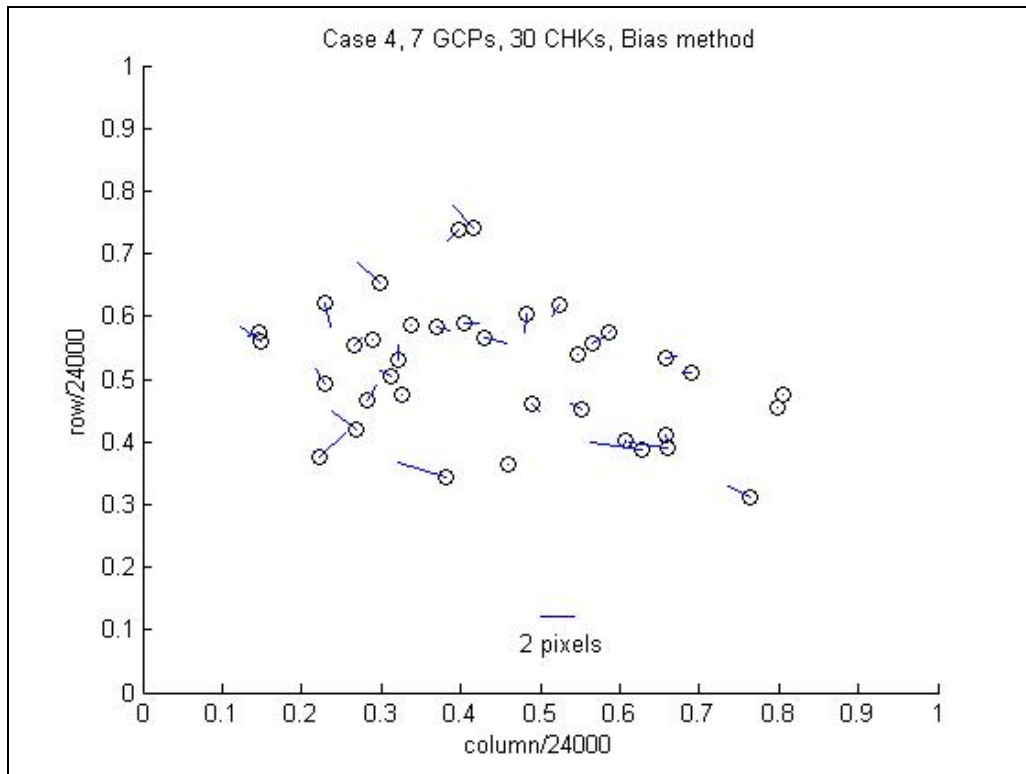


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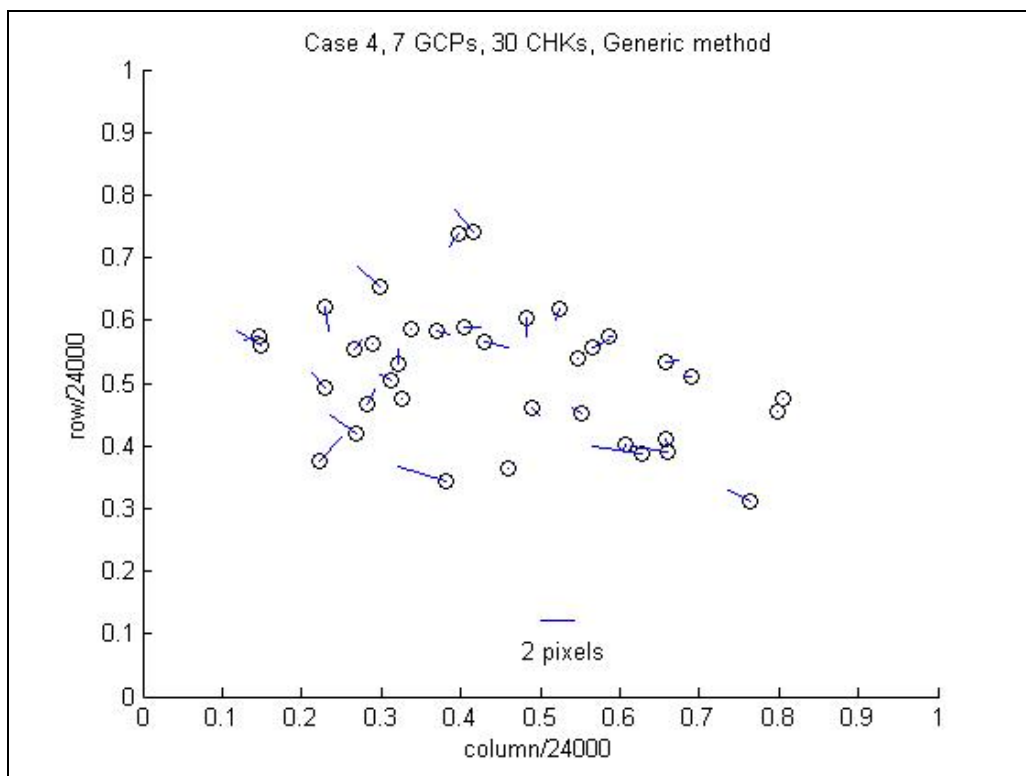


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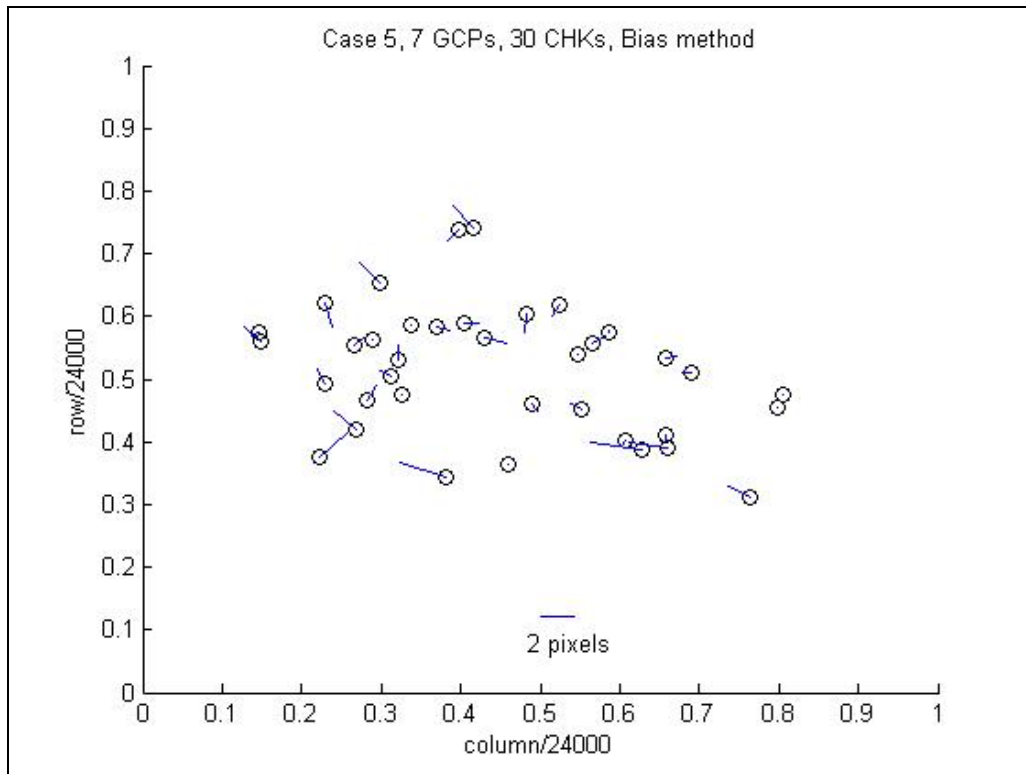


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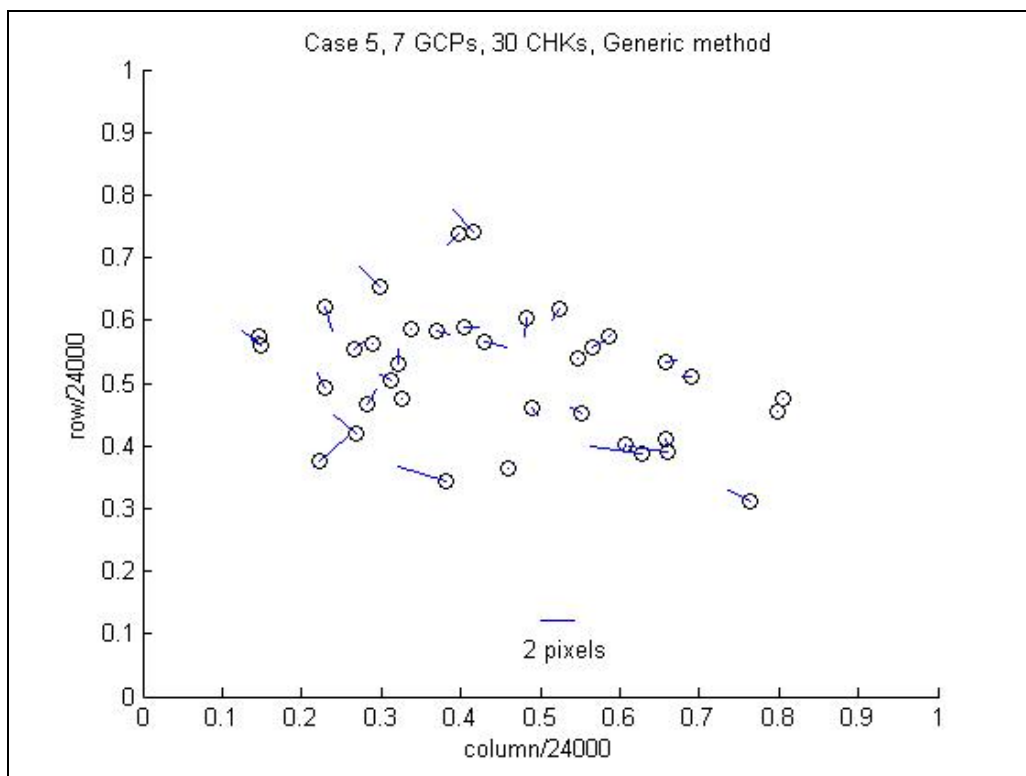


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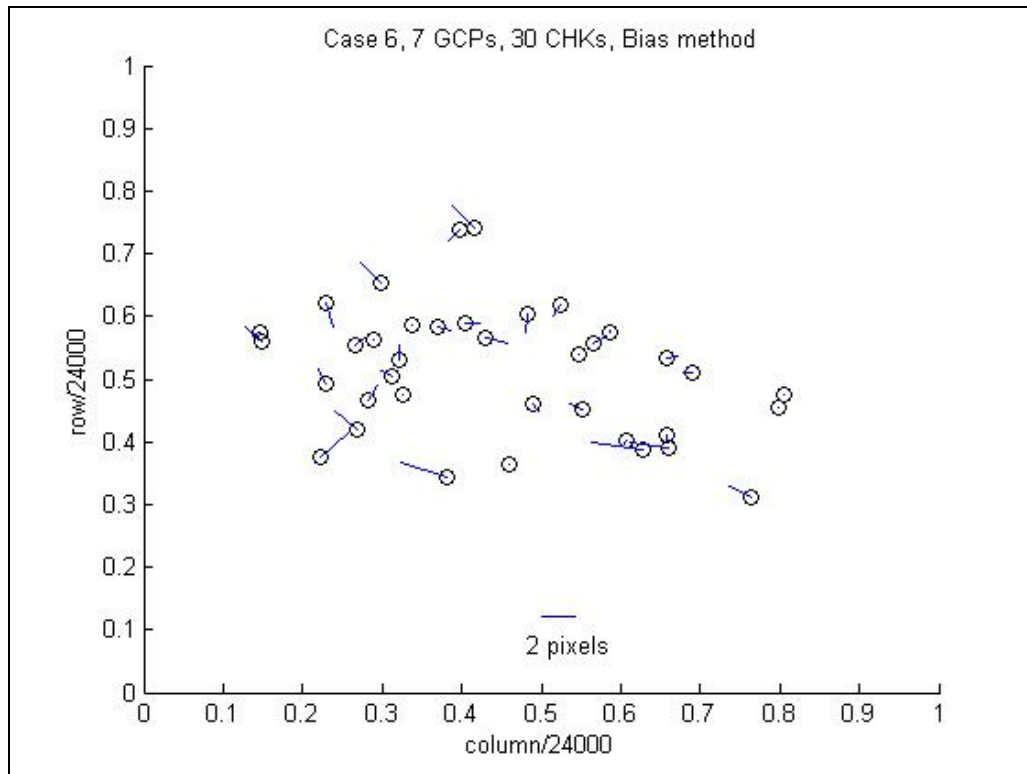


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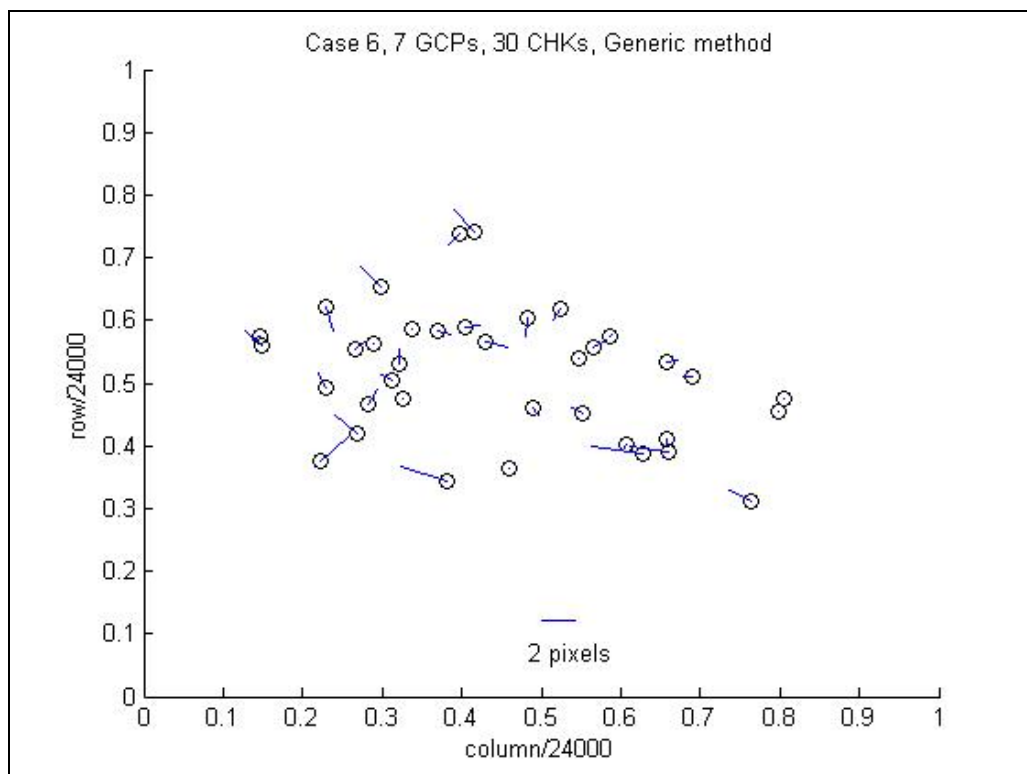


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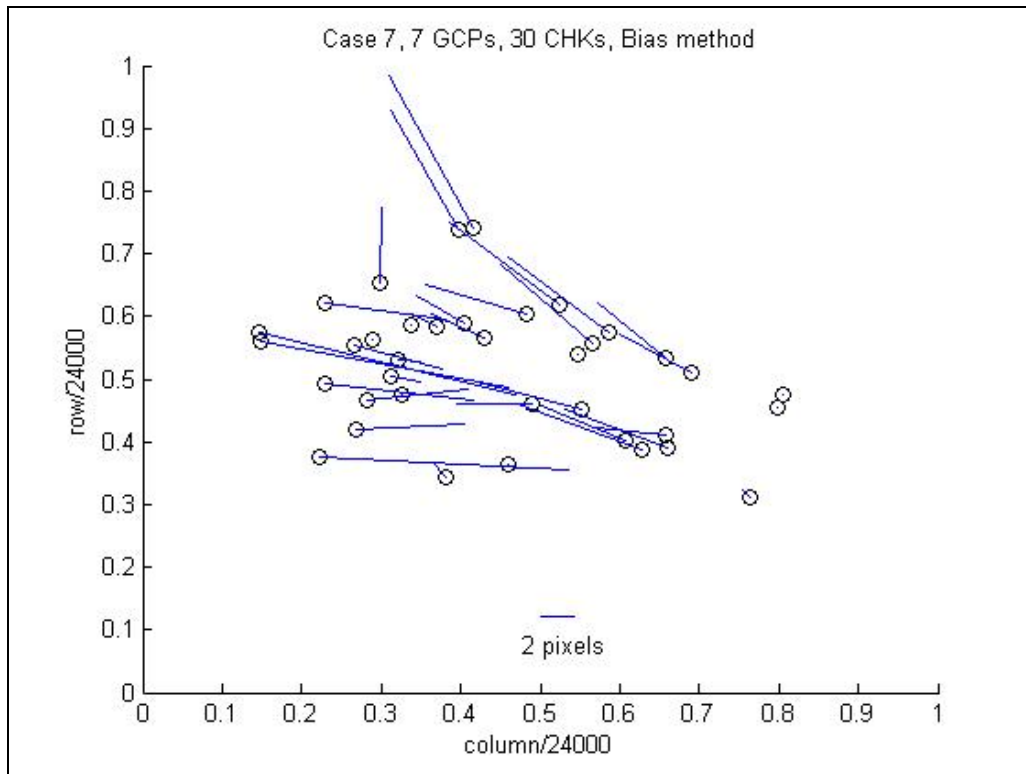


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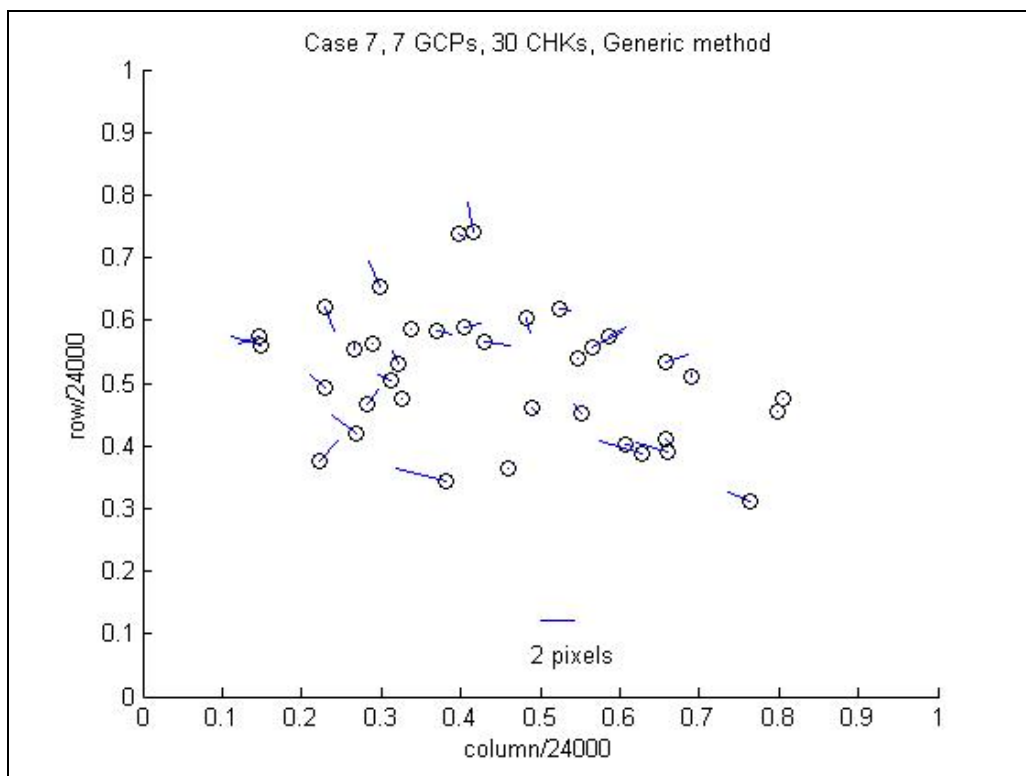


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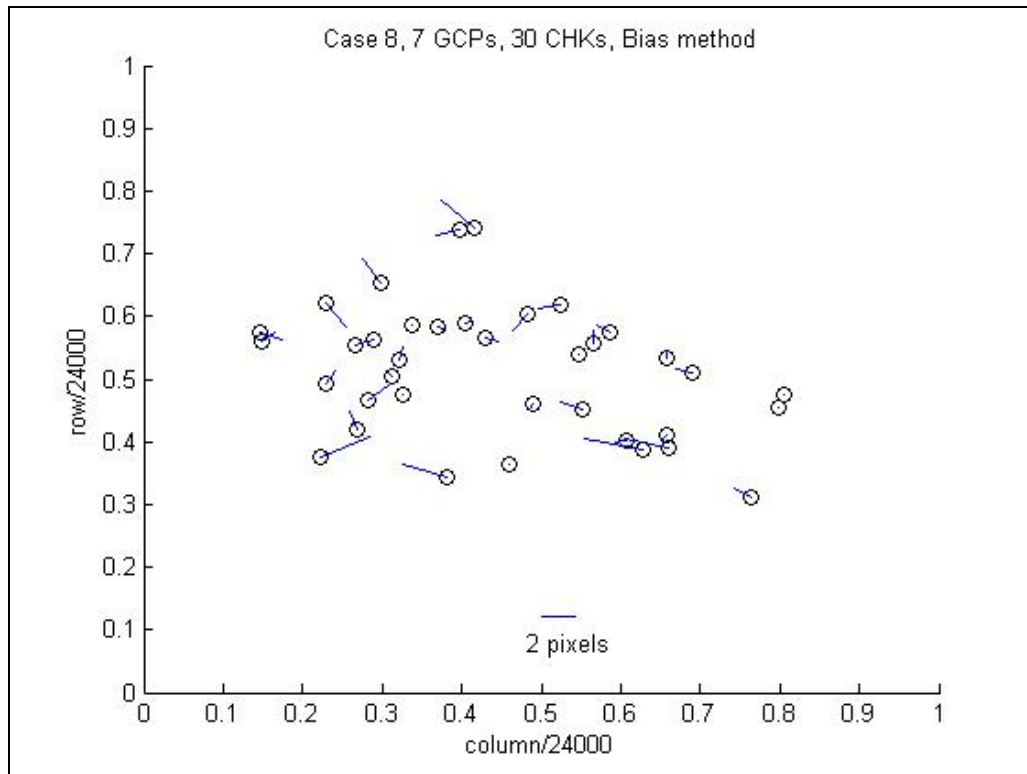


Figure 4.116 Horizontal errors of Case 8 by the Bias method (7 GCP).

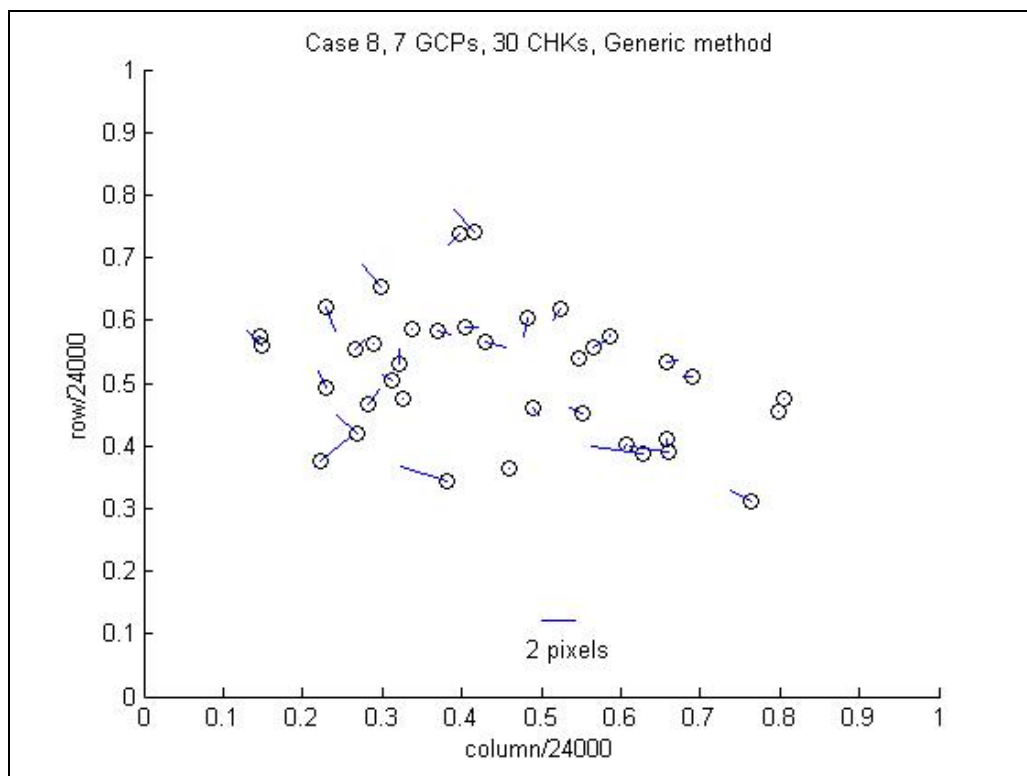


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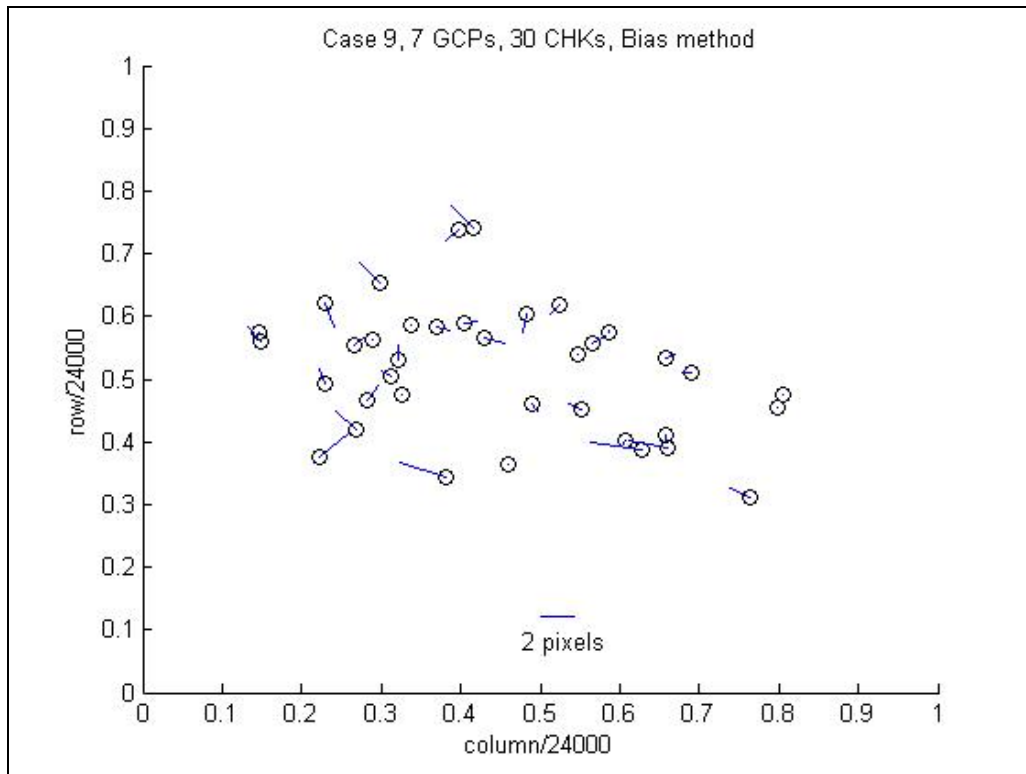


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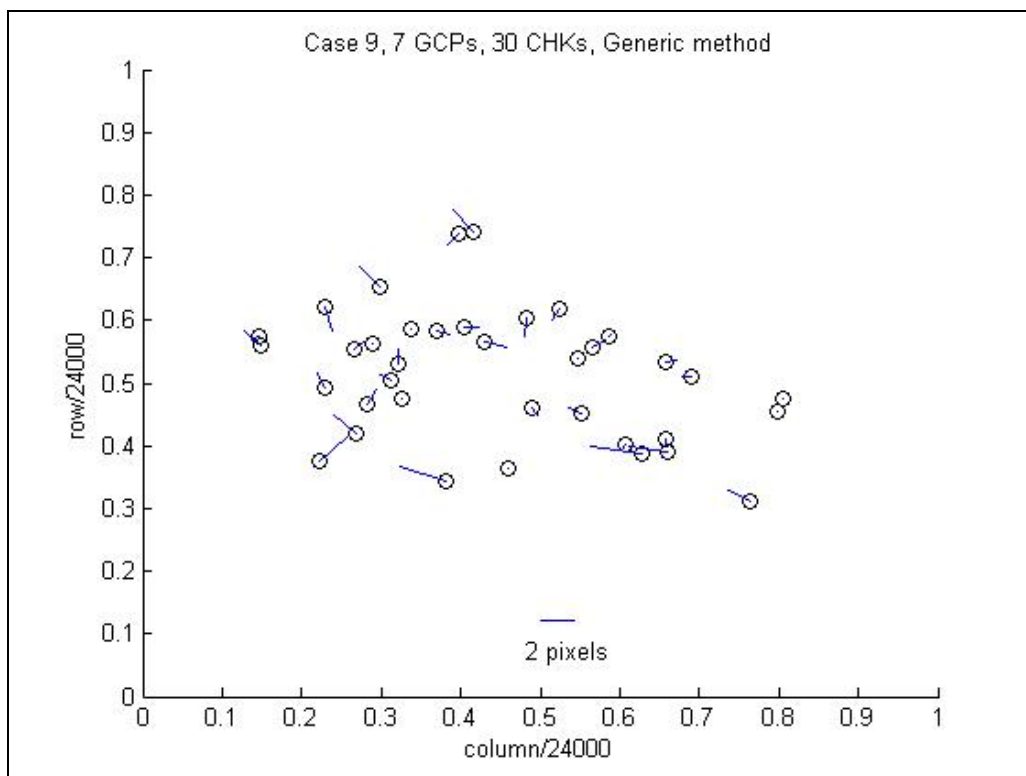


Figure 4.119 Horizontal errors of Case 9 by the Generic method (7 GCP).

Table 4.9 lists the accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using 1 GCP and 36 CHK points in 9 cases. **Table 4.10** lists the accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using 3 GCP and 34 CHK points in 9 cases. **Table 4.11** lists the accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using 7 GCP and 30 CHK points in 9 cases.

Table 4.9 Accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using 1 GCP and 36 CHK points in 9 cases.

No. of case	1 GCP, 36 CHKs			
	Bias method		Generic method	
	Column Std. Dev. (pixel)	Row Std. Dev. (pixel)	Column Std. Dev. (pixel)	Row Std. Dev. (pixel)
1	1040.90	166.77	959.91	17.22
2	109.06	7.59	98.33	5.45
3	15.86	4.58	14.79	3.32
4	5.40	7.36	3.41	5.94
5	5.52	4.68	5.34	4.45
6	5.53	4.42	5.54	4.30
7	1040.75	160.96	961.33	19.70
8	109.07	7.27	98.55	5.62
9	15.86	4.55	14.81	3.31

Table 4.10 Accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using 3 GCP and 34 CHK points in 9 cases.

No. of case	3 GCP, 34 CHKs			
	Bias method		Generic method	
	Column Std. Dev. (pixel)	Row Std. Dev. (pixel)	Column Std. Dev. (pixel)	Row Std. Dev. (pixel)
1	4.22	7.88	0.86	1.29
2	0.85	1.50	0.88	1.13
3	0.86	1.15	0.87	1.13
4	0.87	1.13	0.87	1.14
5	0.87	1.13	0.87	1.13
6	0.87	1.137	0.86	1.13
7	4.20	7.97	0.86	1.21
8	0.85	1.51	0.88	1.13
9	0.86	1.15	0.87	1.13

Table 4.11 Accuracy comparison between the Bias method and Generic method by using 7 GCP and 30 CHK points in 9 cases.

No. of case	7 GCP, 30 CHKs			
	Bias method		Generic method	
	Column Std. Dev. (pixel)	Row Std. Dev. (pixel)	Column Std. Dev. (pixel)	Row Std. Dev. (pixel)
1	4.02	6.71	0.97	1.25
2	0.95	1.39	0.97	1.15
3	0.95	1.15	0.95	1.15
4	0.95	1.16	0.95	1.15
5	0.95	1.15	0.95	1.15
6	0.95	1.15	0.95	1.15
7	3.99	6.79	0.98	1.18
8	0.95	1.39	0.97	1.15
9	0.95	1.15	0.95	1.15

FIG. 4.120 ~ 4.122 illustrate the RMSE of 36 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP in 9 cases. **FIG. 4.123 ~ 4.125** show the RMSE of 34 CHK points after RPC refinement with 3 GCPs in 9 cases. **FIG. 4.126 ~ 4.128** illustrate the RMSE of 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 7 GCPs in 9 cases.

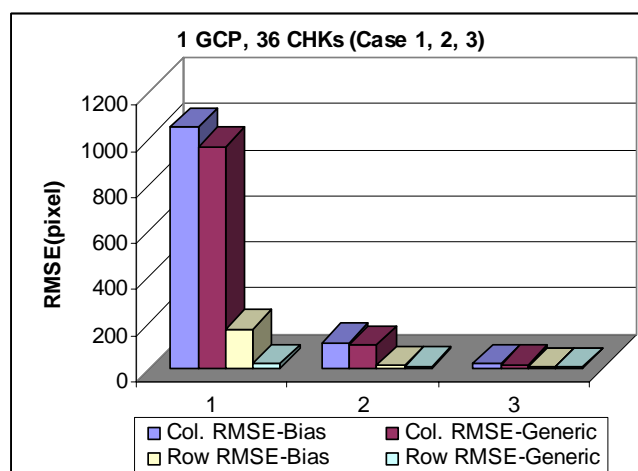


Figure 4.120 RMSE of 36 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP in case 1, 2, 3.

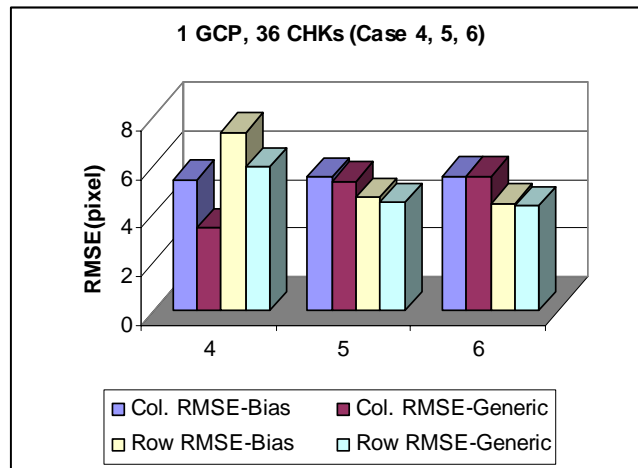


Figure 4.121 RMSE of 36 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP in case 4, 5, 6.

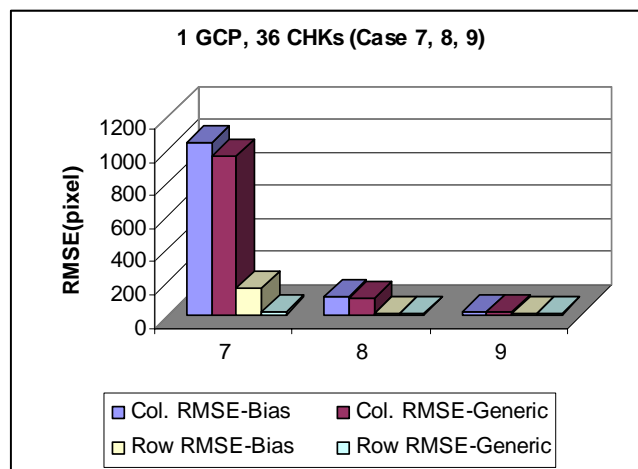


Figure 4.122 RMSE of 36 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP in case 7, 8, 9.

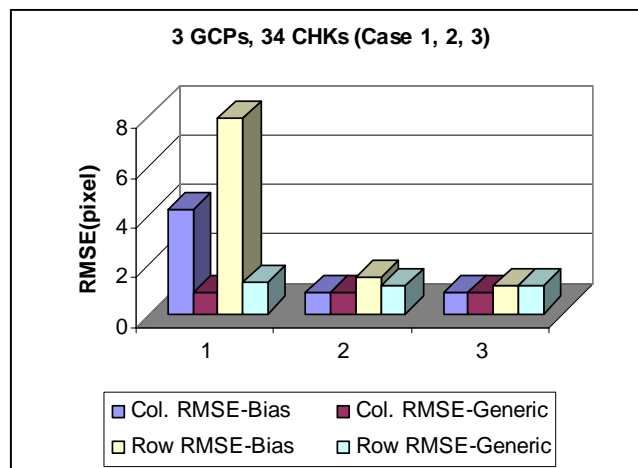


Figure 4.123 RMSE of 34 CHK points after RPC refinement with 3 GCPs in case 1, 2, 3.

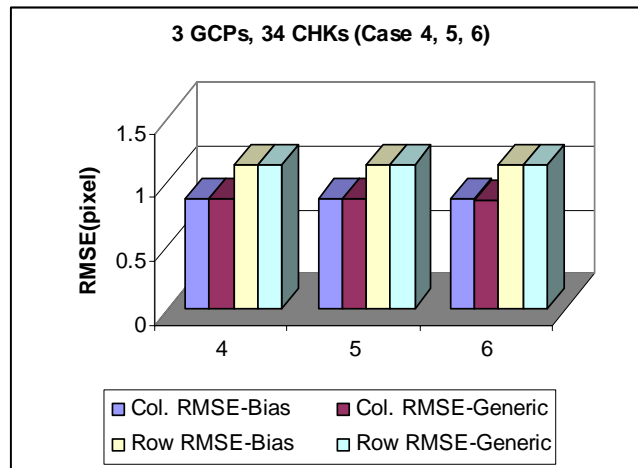


Figure 4.124 RMSE of 34 CHK points after RPC refinement with 3 GCPs in case 4, 5, 6.

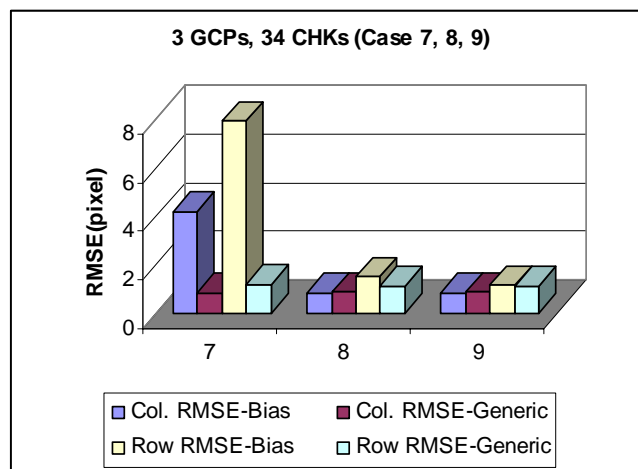


Figure 4.125 RMSE of 34 CHK points after RPC refinement with 3 GCPs in case 7, 8, 9.

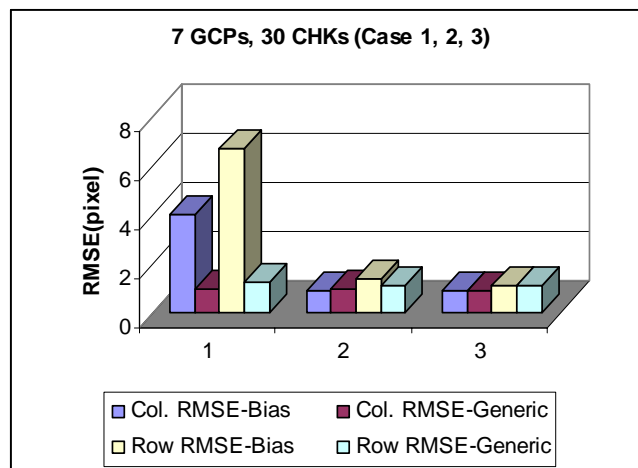


Figure 4.126 RMSE of 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 7 GCPs in case 1, 2, 3.

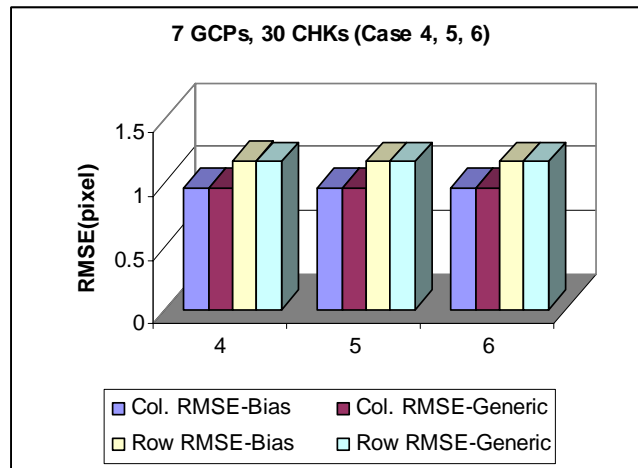


Figure 4.127 RMSE of 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 7 GCPs in case 4, 5, 6.

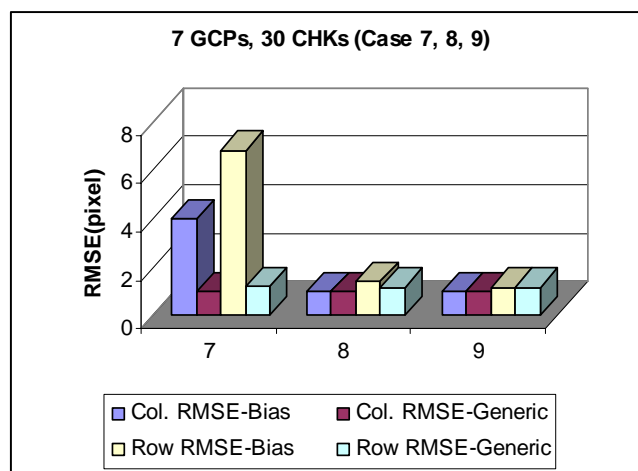


Figure 4.128 RMSE of 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 7 GCPs in case 7, 8, 9.

From **Table 4.9~4.11** and **Figure 4.120~4.128**, it is evident that the Bias Compensation method is very good at detecting ephemeris data error and can work well under a variety of different ephemeris error, but with increasing attitude error, use of the Bias Compensation method becomes progressively less feasible. This is particularly obvious in case 1 and case 7 when the attitude error is greater than 0.01 radians (**Table 4.10, 4.11** and **Figure 4.123, 4.125, 4.126, 4.128**) where the RMSE of column and row for the Bias Compensation method ranges from about 4 to 7 pixels. In contrast to this, the Generic method is very stable in that the RMSE remains about 1 pixel under a variety of different cases.

From the experiments, we can at least recognize that,

- 1) The main geometric error with the high resolution satellite sensors is verified again to be a drift error (Grodeki and Gene, 2003). The experiment results (**Figures 4.66 through 4.83**) when only 1 GCP was used obviously illustrated this point. That is the reason why the Bias method works well with IKONOS and QuickBird images.
- 2) With the increasing of the sensor's position error and attitude error (from case 3 to case 1, case 9 to case 7), especially the attitude error, the Bias method gradually becomes less effective (case 1 and 7, **Figure 4.84, 4.85, 4.96, 4.97, 4.102, 4.103, 4.114, 4.115**). The error of the sensor model refined by the Bias method rapidly increases with the error of the sensor's attitude. On the other hand, Bias method can handle the sensor's position error perfectly. The reason is that the Bias method simulates the error in the image space with a linear function.
- 3) The experiments clearly illustrate the robust of the proposed Generic method. No matter what kind of combination of the sensor's position and attitude errors, the Generic can always adjust the sensor model to pixel level accuracy.

4.5 Conclusion

Unlike the Bias Compensation method which is defined in image space, the proposed Generic method is defined in object space. It directly modifies the RPC coefficients, but it does not require any supplemental information about RPC, such as the covariance matrices, like other direct methods.

The Generic method simulates the sensor's imaging geometry and can be used to adjust the camera's position and attitude. Therefore, it can effectively refine the RPC under a variety of different conditions. As position and attitude errors increase, the Bias Compensation method becomes less effective. Especially when the attitude error is greater than 0.01 radians, the RMSE of column and row error for the Bias Compensation method ranges from about 4 to 7 pixels. In contrast to this, the Generic method described in this paper is very stable under a variety of different conditions. Even when the attitude error is greater than 0.01 radians, the RMSE always remains about 1 pixel. In fact, it appears that the Generic method completely overcomes the drawbacks and limitations of the Bias Compensation method. It can be used regardless of the sensor's field of view, attitude error or position error.

We hope this Generic method can be used to refine not only the RPCs of high-resolution satellite images, but also other generic sensor models. In future, we plan to test this method under a wider variety of different conditions and sensors, such as airborne wide-angle cameras, large off-nadir angles, and different satellite data.

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Chapter 5 BUNDLE ADJUSTMENT WITH RATIONAL POLYNOMIAL CAMERA MODEL BASED ON GENERIC METHOD⁵

ABSTRACT

A Rational Polynomial Camera (RPC) model is a kind of generic sensor model that can be used in different remote sensing systems to model the relationship between object space and image space and transform image data to conform to a map projection. Unlike traditional physical camera models, a RPC model has many coefficients (a total of 80) and these coefficients do not have a physical interpretation. This represents a difficult challenge for the mapping community. For RPC refinement, many solutions, including direct and indirect methods, have been developed. One of them, the recently developed Generic Method has been shown to be a robust method. Because the Generic Method can simulate the camera's exterior parameters, it can be used in any geometric situation. Even so, the performance of bundle adjustment with the Generic Method is still unknown. In this paper, through experiments with a stereo pair and a stereo triplet, the capability of high accuracy geopositioning based on the Generic Method is demonstrated. We first give a brief review of previous bundle adjustment methods based on RPC. Then the bundle adjustment algorithm based on the Generic Method is introduced in detail. We finally present the experiments with the IKONOS and QuickBird imagery. Experiments

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show that the bundle adjustment based on the Generic Method can reach sub-pixel accuracy in the image space and sub-meter accuracy in the object space.

Key Words: Bundle Adjustment, Rational Polynomial Model, Generic Method

5.1 Introduction

A Rational Polynomial Camera (RPC) model (sometimes referred to as a Rational Polynomial Coefficient, or a Rational Polynomial Camera Coefficient [Chen et al., 2006]) is a kind of generic sensor model that is widely used in the processing of high resolution satellite images. It is a mathematical function that relates object space coordinates (latitude, longitude, and height) to image space coordinates (line and sample), and is expressed in the form of a ratio of two cubic functions of object space coordinates. Separate rational functions are used to express the coordinate relationships for the object space to line, and the object space to sample [Dial and Grodecki, 2002^a].

With the application of RPC in the photogrammetric industry, numerous researchers have attempted to conduct sensor orientation and block adjustments based on the RPC model. Toutin [2003] reported a block bundle adjustment result for IKONOS in-track images. He achieved a planimetric accuracy of ± 5 to ± 7 m. Rose and Fradkin [2005] published block adjustment results obtained using IKONOS and QuickBird images. For IKONOS, they achieved an accuracy of 0.6 meters in latitude, 1.9 meters in longitude, and 3.9 meters in height. For QuickBird, they obtained an accuracy of 7.8 meters in latitude, 15 meters in longitude, and 6.3 meters in height.

Perhaps the most critical advance in block adjustment of high resolution satellite images described with a RPC was made by Fraser and Hanley in 2003. They proposed an Image-Space Bias Compensation model for sensor orientation [Fraser et al., 2006]. Grodecki and Dial [2003] analysed the characteristics of IKONOS and proposed several block adjustment models including the Bias Compensation model [Dial and Grodecki, 2002^a]. Their analysis and experiments confirmed that the Image-Space Bias Compensation model is the most accurate block adjustment model; however, this model only approximates the photogrammetric errors in image space, so it can yield an accurate compensation only under a limited set of conditions, over a very small range of error. Research shows that success with the Bias Compensation model depends on three factors: (1) narrow field-of-view (FOV) of the satellite line scanner [Fraser and Hanley, 2005]; (2) absence of higher-order error sources such as perturbations in scan velocity [Fraser and Hanley, 2005]; and (3) small satellite position and attitude errors [Grodecki and Dial, 2003].

The recently-developed Generic Method can simulate the camera's exterior parameters and therefore can overcome the limitations of the Bias Compensation method [Xiong and Zhang, 2008]. But what is the performance when it is used for aerotriangulation? What accuracy can be achieved when it is used for geopositioning? These questions are addressed in this paper.

In this paper, a Generic Method based block adjustment model is introduced. We begin our paper with a brief review of the latest research on RPC based block adjustment models. We then present our newly developed Generic method based

bundle block adjustment algorithm in detail. In the experiment section, we test the new algorithm by using IKONOS and QuickBird images. Finally, some concluding remarks and recommendations for the future work are presented.

5.2 Review of RPC Based Block Adjustment Models

An RPC is a mathematical function that relates object space to image space (Equation 5.1).

$$p = \frac{P_1(\phi, \lambda, h)}{P_2(\phi, \lambda, h)} \quad (5.1a)$$

$$r = \frac{P_3(\phi, \lambda, h)}{P_4(\phi, \lambda, h)} \quad (5.1b)$$

$$P(\phi, \lambda, h) = \sum_{i=0}^{m_1} \sum_{j=0}^{m_2} \sum_{k=0}^{m_3} a_{ijk} \phi^i \lambda^j h^k \quad (5.1c)$$

$$0 \leq m_1 \leq 3; 0 \leq m_2 \leq 3; 0 \leq m_3 \leq 3; m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \leq 3 \quad (5.1d)$$

Here (p, r) are the image coordinates, (ϕ, λ, h) are the ground coordinates, and a_{ijk} is the polynomial coefficient.

To date, several RPC-based block adjustment models defined in both image and object space have been proposed:

(1) Image-Space Adjustment Models Defined in the Domain of Image Coordinates.

An example of this type of model is presented as Equation 5.2. It is well known as the Image-Space Bias Compensation Adjustment Model. In this model, Δp and Δr are added to the rational functions to capture the discrepancies between the nominal and the measured image space coordinates [Fraser and Hanley, 2003; Fraser and Hanley, 2005; Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Fraser et al., 2006].

$$Line_i^{(j)} = \Delta p^{(j)} + p^{(j)}(\phi_k, \lambda_k, h_k) + \varepsilon_{Li} \quad (5.2a)$$

$$Sample_i^{(j)} = \Delta r^{(j)} + r^{(j)}(\phi_k, \lambda_k, h_k) + \varepsilon_{Si} \quad (5.2b)$$

Where $Line_i^{(j)}$ and $Sample_i^{(j)}$ are the measured line and sample coordinates on image j of i^{th} image point, corresponding to the k^{th} ground control or tie point with object space coordinates (ϕ_k, λ_k, h_k) ; $\Delta p^{(j)}$, $\Delta r^{(j)}$ are the adjustable functions expressing the differences between the measured and the nominal line and sample coordinates of ground control and /or tie points, for image j ;

ε_{Li} and ε_{Si} are random unobservable errors;

$p^{(j)}$ and $r^{(j)}$ are the given line and sample; and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p^{(j)} = & \\ & a_0^{(j)} + a_S^{(j)} \cdot Sample_i + a_L^{(j)} \cdot Line_i + a_{SL}^{(j)} \cdot Sample_i \cdot Line_i + a_{L2}^{(j)} \cdot Line_i^2 + a_{S2}^{(j)} \cdot Sample_i^2 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (5.3a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta r^{(j)} = & \\ & b_0^{(j)} + b_S^{(j)} \cdot Sample_i + b_L^{(j)} \cdot Line_i + b_{SL}^{(j)} \cdot Sample_i \cdot Line_i + b_{L2}^{(j)} \cdot Line_i^2 + b_{S2}^{(j)} \cdot Sample_i^2 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (5.3b)$$

Where $a_i^{(j)}$, $b_i^{(j)}$ are correction coefficients for the j^{th} image.

For IKONOS imagery, the affine transformation or a translation for the simplest case is often used [Hu et al., 2004; Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Fraser and Hanley, 2003]:

$$\Delta p^{(j)} = a_0^{(j)} + a_S^{(j)} \cdot Sample_i + a_L^{(j)} \cdot Line_i \quad (5.4a)$$

$$\Delta r^{(j)} = b_0^{(j)} + b_S^{(j)} \cdot Sample_i + b_L^{(j)} \cdot Line_i \quad (5.4b)$$

(2) Image-Space Adjustment Models Defined in the Domain of Object Space Coordinates. This type of model presented by Grodecki and Dial [2003]

accomplishes image-space compensation using a polynomial function that is defined in object space. It is represented by Equation 5.5:

$$\Delta p^{(j)} = a_i^{(j)} + a_P^{(j)} \cdot \phi_k + a_L^{(j)} \cdot \lambda_k + a_H^{(j)} \cdot h_k + a_{P2}^{(j)} \cdot \phi_k^2 + a_{L2}^{(j)} \cdot \lambda_k^2 + a_{H2}^{(j)} \cdot h_k^2 + a_{PL}^{(j)} \cdot \phi_k \cdot \lambda_k + a_{PH}^{(j)} \cdot \phi_k \cdot h_k + a_{LH}^{(j)} \cdot \lambda_k \cdot h_k + \dots \quad (5.5a)$$

$$\Delta r^{(j)} = b_0^{(j)} + b_P^{(j)} \cdot \phi_k + b_L^{(j)} \cdot \lambda_k + b_H^{(j)} \cdot h_k + b_{P2}^{(j)} \cdot \phi_k^2 + b_{L2}^{(j)} \cdot \lambda_k^2 + b_{H2}^{(j)} \cdot h_k^2 + b_{PL}^{(j)} \cdot \phi_k \cdot \lambda_k + b_{PH}^{(j)} \cdot \phi_k \cdot h_k + b_{LH}^{(j)} \cdot \lambda_k \cdot h_k + \dots \quad (5.5b)$$

Where (ϕ_k, λ_k, h_k) are ground coordinates, and $(a_i^{(j)}, b_i^{(j)})$ are correction coefficients for the j^{th} image.

It has been noted that sensor adjustment models defined in the domain of object coordinates are in general less accurate than models defined in the domain of image-space coordinates [Grodecki and Dial, 2003].

(3) Object-Space Adjustment Models. The object-space RPC block adjustment model, for the k^{th} ground control or tie point being the i^{th} image point on the j^{th} image, is defined as follows:

$$Line_i^{(j)} = p^{(j)}(\phi_k + \Delta\phi^{(j)}, \lambda_k + \Delta\lambda^{(j)}, h_k + \Delta h^{(j)}) + \varepsilon_{Li} \quad (5.6a)$$

$$Sample_i^{(j)} = r^{(j)}(\phi_k + \Delta\phi^{(j)}, \lambda_k + \Delta\lambda^{(j)}, h_k + \Delta h^{(j)}) + \varepsilon_{Si} \quad (5.6b)$$

Where $\Delta\phi^{(j)}$, $\Delta\lambda^{(j)}$, and $\Delta h^{(j)}$ are adjustable functions expressing the differences between the measured and the nominal object-space coordinates of a ground control or tie point, for the j^{th} image.

As is the case for the image space adjustment models, the object-space adjustment model can be represented by a polynomial model defined in either image space or object space coordinates. In both cases, the object-space RPC block adjustment

model is nonlinear in the adjustment parameters and is unrelated to imaging geometry [Grodecki and Dial, 2003], therefore this model is rarely used.

In summary, the use of image space models is preferable to the use of object-space models. It is also apparent that among the image-space adjustment models, the model defined in the image space (i.e. the Image-Space Bias Compensation Adjustment Model) is more accurate than the model defined in the object space. But as previously noted this model is effective only when the camera Field Of View (FOV) is narrow and the position and attitude errors of the camera are small [Grodecki and Dial, 2003].

5.3 Generic Method Based Bundle Block Adjustment

The Generic Method based Bundle Block Adjustment Model proposed in this paper (**Figure. 5.1**) is defined in the domain of object coordinates. It can simulate the camera's six exterior parameters by restoring the camera's position and attitude from the rational polynomial camera model. This model can therefore be used regardless of the camera field of view, position error and attitude error [Xiong and Zhang, 2008]. The model is comprised of three steps. The first step is to reconstruct the pseudo light ray that existed when the image was acquired and obtain the sensor's pseudo position and attitude (equivalent to camera Exterior Parameters (EPs)). The second step is to use Ground Control Points (GCPs) and tie points to build observation equations. The third step is to conduct the block adjustment and export the image and object coordinates of the GCPs and tie points, the corrected

parameters for the sensor model and new RPCs. Each of these steps is described in more detail below.

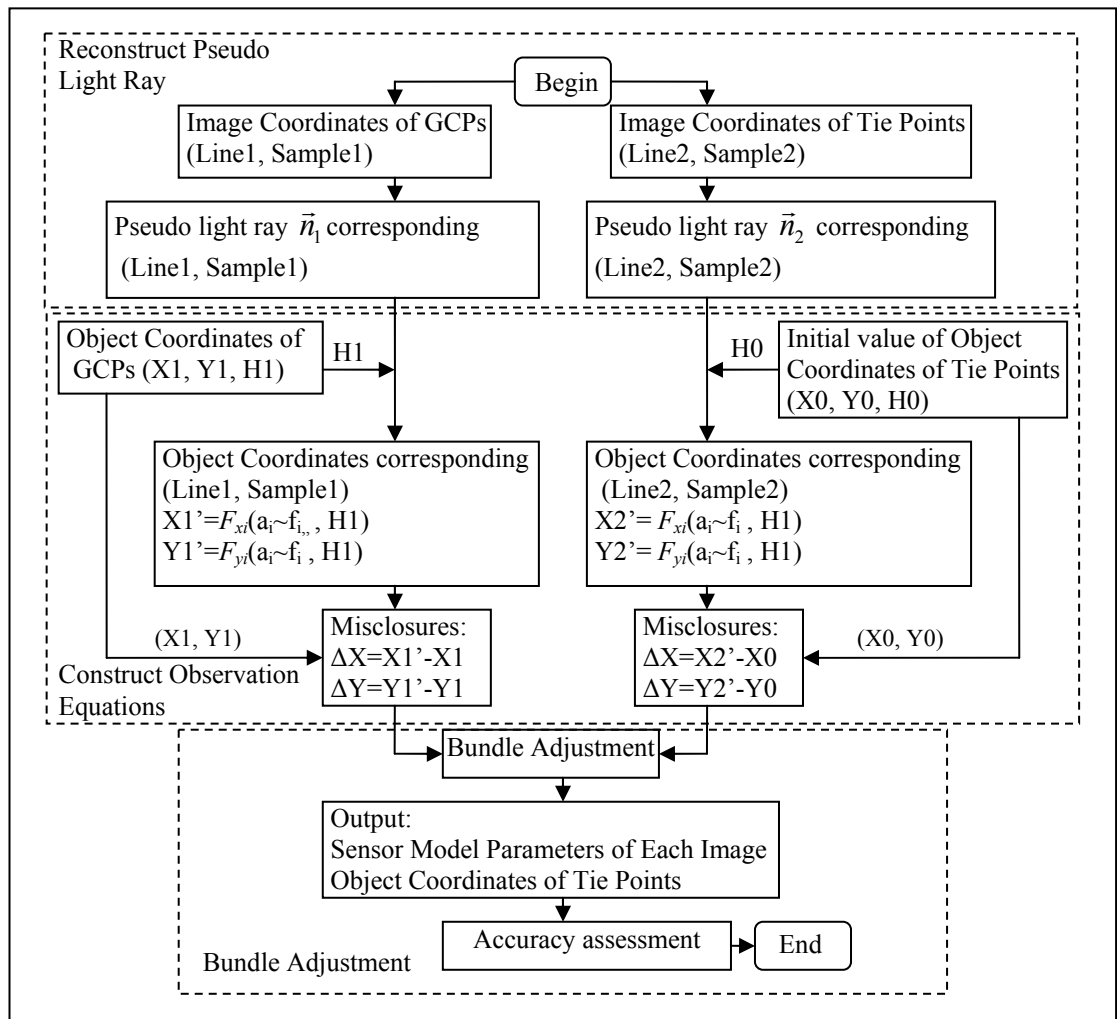


Figure 5.1 Flowchart of Generic Method Based Bundle Adjustment

Reconstructing the Pseudo Light Ray

From a point on the image $P(I, J)$, a pseudo light ray can be restored and the corresponding sensor position $Ps1(Xs1, Ys1, Hs1)$ and pseudo attitude (Ψ_y, Ψ_x and Ψ_z) can be obtained [Xiong and Zhang, 2008] (Figure 5.2, 5.3).

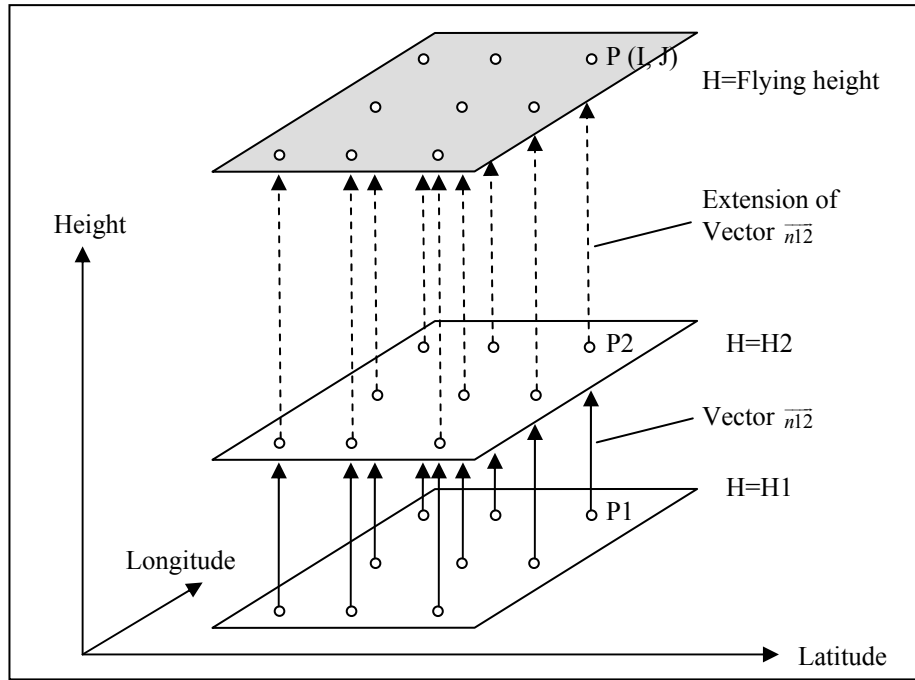


Figure 5.2 Reconstructing Pseudo Light Ray [Xiong and Zhang, 2008].

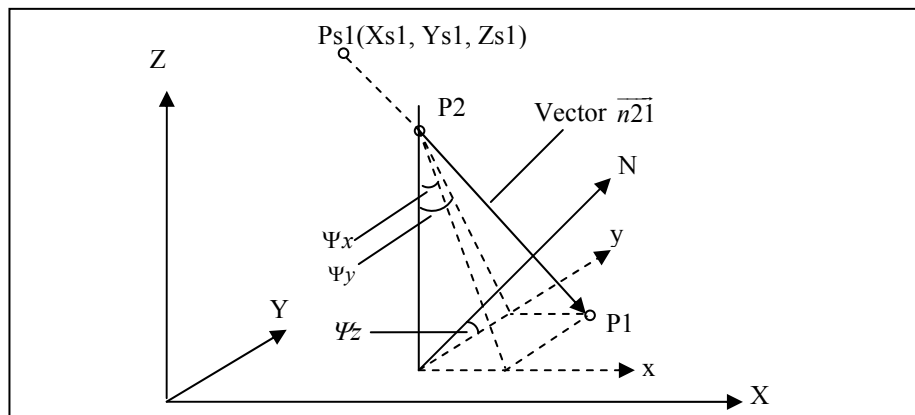


Figure 5.3 Reconstructing the Sensor's Attitude [Xiong and Zhang, 2008].

Construct Observation Equation

For a GCP, its coordinates (X, Y, H) are known. For a tie point, its initial coordinates (X0, Y0, H0) need to be estimated. Then for GCP i on image j, two observation equations can be constructed.

$$F_{xi} = (\hat{X}_{si}^j + (\hat{H}_{si}^j - h_i) * \tan(\hat{\psi}_{xi}^j)) * \cos(\hat{\psi}_{zi}^j) + (\hat{Y}_{si}^j + (\hat{H}_{si}^j - h_i) * \tan(\hat{\psi}_{yi}^j)) * \sin(\hat{\psi}_{zi}^j) - x_i + \varepsilon_{xi} \quad (5.7)$$

$$F_{yi} = -(\hat{X}_{si}^j + (\hat{H}_{si}^j - h_i) * \tan(\hat{\psi}_{xi}^j)) * \sin(\hat{\psi}_{zi}^j) + (\hat{Y}_{si}^j + (\hat{H}_{si}^j - h_i) * \tan(\hat{\psi}_{yi}^j)) * \cos(\hat{\psi}_{zi}^j) - y_i + \varepsilon_{yi} \quad (5.8)$$

$\hat{X}_{si}^j, \hat{Y}_{si}^j, \hat{H}_{si}^j; \hat{\psi}_{xi}^j, \hat{\psi}_{yi}^j, \hat{\psi}_{zi}^j$ are the sensor position and attitude corresponding to the i^{th} GCP or tie point on j^{th} image; and x_i, y_i, h_i are ground coordinates of i^{th} GCP or tie point.

In these observation equations, the satellite position ($\hat{X}_{si}^j, \hat{Y}_{si}^j, \hat{H}_{si}^j$) and three rotation angles ($\hat{\psi}_{xi}^j, \hat{\psi}_{yi}^j, \hat{\psi}_{zi}^j$) are adjustable parameters.

$$\hat{X}_{si}^j = X_{si0}^j + \Delta X_{si}^j \quad (5.9)$$

$$\hat{Y}_{si}^j = Y_{si0}^j + \Delta Y_{si}^j \quad (5.10)$$

$$\hat{H}_{si}^j = H_{si0}^j + \Delta H_{si}^j \quad (5.11)$$

$$\hat{\psi}_{xi}^j = \psi_{xi0}^j + \Delta \psi_{xi}^j \quad (5.12)$$

$$\hat{\psi}_{yi}^j = \psi_{yi0}^j + \Delta \psi_{yi}^j \quad (5.13)$$

$$\hat{\psi}_{zi}^j = \psi_{zi0}^j + \Delta \psi_{zi}^j \quad (5.14)$$

$X_{si0}^j, Y_{si0}^j, H_{si0}^j; \psi_{xi0}^j, \psi_{yi0}^j, \psi_{zi0}^j$ are the initial values of the sensor position and attitude corresponding to the i^{th} GCP or tie point on j^{th} image; $\Delta X_{si}^j, \Delta Y_{si}^j, \Delta H_{si}^j, \Delta \psi_{xi}^j, \Delta \psi_{yi}^j, \Delta \psi_{zi}^j$ are unknowns and need to be estimated. Because the position and attitude of the sensor change over time in a pushbroom remote sensing system, a polynomial model defined in the domain of image coordinates is proposed to represent the adjustable functions $\Delta X_{si}^j, \Delta Y_{si}^j, \Delta H_{si}^j, \Delta \psi_{xi}^j, \Delta \psi_{yi}^j, \Delta \psi_{zi}^j$, also a linear polynomial model for block adjustment [Xiong and Zhang, 2008] is proposed.

$$\Delta X_{si}^j = a_0^j + a_s^j \cdot Sample_i + a_L^j \cdot Line_i \quad (5.15)$$

$$\Delta Y_{si}^j = b_0^j + b_S^j \cdot Sample_i + b_L^j \cdot Line_i \quad (5.16)$$

$$\Delta H_{si}^j = c_0^j + c_S^j \cdot Sample_i + c_L^j \cdot Line_i \quad (5.17)$$

$$\Delta \psi_{xi}^j = d_0^j + d_S^j \cdot Sample_i + d_L^j \cdot Line_i \quad (5.18)$$

$$\Delta \psi_{yi}^j = e_0^j + e_S^j \cdot Sample_i + e_L^j \cdot Line_i \quad (5.19)$$

$$\Delta \psi_{zi}^j = f_0^j + f_S^j \cdot Sample_i + f_L^j \cdot Line_i \quad (5.20)$$

Where, a, b, c, d, e, f are polynomial coefficients; $Sample, Line$ are image coordinates.

Generic Method Based Bundle Adjustment Algorithm

After linearization of the above observation equations 5.7 and 5.8, using a Taylor series expansion, the following linearized model can be obtained:

$$F_i = F_{i_0} + dF_i + \varepsilon = 0 \quad (5.21)$$

Where

$$F_{i_0} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{xi_0} \\ F_{yi_0} \end{bmatrix} = W_{Pi} \quad (5.22)$$

$$dF_i = \begin{bmatrix} dF_{xi} \\ dF_{yi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial X^T} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial X^T} \end{bmatrix} dX = \begin{bmatrix} \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial X_A^T} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial X_G^T} \right|_{X_0} \\ \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial X_A^T} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial X_G^T} \right|_{X_0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dX_A \\ dX_G \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{Ai} & B_{Gi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dX_A \\ dX_G \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.23)$$

$dX = X - X_0$ is the vector of unknown corrections to the approximate model parameters, X_0 ,

$$dX = \begin{bmatrix} dX_A \\ dX_G \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.24)$$

dX_A is the sub-vector of the corrections to the approximate adjustment parameters for n images,

$$dX_A = [da_0^{(1)} \quad da_S^{(1)} \quad da_L^{(1)} \quad \cdots \quad df_0^{(1)} \quad df_S^{(1)} \quad df_L^{(1)} \\ \cdots \quad da_0^{(n)} \quad da_S^{(n)} \quad da_L^{(n)} \quad \cdots \quad df_0^{(n)} \quad df_S^{(n)} \quad df_L^{(n)}]^T \quad (5.25)$$

dX_G is the sub-vector of the corrections to the approximate object space coordinates for m ground control and p tie points,

$$dX_G = [dx_1 \quad dy_1 \quad dh_1 \quad \cdots \quad dx_{m+p} \quad dy_{m+p} \quad dh_{m+p}]^T \quad (5.26)$$

X_0 is the vector of the approximate model parameters,

$$X_0 = \begin{bmatrix} X_{A0} \\ X_{G0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.27)$$

and ε is the vector of unobservable random errors.

For the k^{th} ground control or tie point, being the i^{th} image point on the j^{th} image, we can obtain:

$$B_{Gi} dX_G = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial X_G^T} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial X_G^T} \end{bmatrix} dX_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial x_k} \Big|_{X_0} & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial y_k} \Big|_{X_0} & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial h_k} \Big|_{X_0} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial x_k} \Big|_{X_0} & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial y_k} \Big|_{X_0} & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial h_k} \Big|_{X_0} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ dx_k \\ dy_k \\ dh_k \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.28)$$

Where

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial x_k} & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial y_k} & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial h_k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -(tg(\psi_{xi0}^j) \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) + tg(\psi_{yi0}^j) \cdot \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j)) \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.29)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial x_k} & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial y_k} & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial h_k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & (tg(\psi_{xi0}^j) \cdot \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) + tg(\psi_{yi0}^j) \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j)) \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.30)$$

Likewise,

$$\begin{aligned}
B_{Ai} dX_A &= \begin{bmatrix} \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial X_A^T} \right|_{X_0} \\ \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial X_A^T} \right|_{X_0} \end{bmatrix} dX_A \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial a_0^j} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial a_s^j} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial a_L^j} \right|_{X_0} & \dots & \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial f_0^j} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial f_s^j} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial f_L^j} \right|_{X_0} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial a_0^j} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial a_s^j} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial a_L^j} \right|_{X_0} & \dots & \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial f_0^j} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial f_s^j} \right|_{X_0} & \left. \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial f_L^j} \right|_{X_0} & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
&\cdot \left[\dots \quad da_0^j \quad da_s^j \quad da_L^j \quad \dots \quad df_0^j \quad df_s^j \quad df_L^j \quad \dots \right]^T
\end{aligned} \tag{5.31}$$

Where

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial a_0^j} & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial a_s^j} & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial a_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) & \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot Sample_i & \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.32}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial b_0^j} & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial b_s^j} & \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial b_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) & \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot Sample_i & \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.33}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial c_0^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial c_s^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial c_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j) + \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j) \\ (\cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j) + \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \cdot Sample_i \\ (\cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j) + \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.34}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial d_0^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial d_s^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial d_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{xi0}^j)) \\ (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{xi0}^j)) \cdot Sample_i \\ (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{xi0}^j)) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.35}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial e_0^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial e_S^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial e_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \\ (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \cdot Sample_i \\ (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.36)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial f_0^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial f_S^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{xi}}{\partial f_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [X_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j)] \cdot (-\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j)) \\ + [Y_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j)] \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \\ \{ [X_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j)] \cdot (-\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j)) \\ + [Y_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j)] \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \} \cdot Sample_i \\ \{ [X_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j)] \cdot (-\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j)) \\ + [Y_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j)] \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \} \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.37)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial a_0^j} & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial a_S^j} & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial a_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) & -\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot Sample_i & -\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.38)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial b_0^j} & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial b_S^j} & \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial b_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) & \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot Sample_i & \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.39)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial c_0^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial c_S^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial c_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j) + \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j) \\ (-\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j) + \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \cdot Sample_i \\ (-\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{xi0}^j) + \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot tg(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.40)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial d_0^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial d_S^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial d_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{xi0}^j)) \\ -(H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{xi0}^j)) \cdot Sample_i \\ -(H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \sin(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + tg^2(\psi_{xi0}^j)) \cdot Line_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.41)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial e_0^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial e_S^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial e_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + \text{tg}^2(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \\ (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + \text{tg}^2(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \cdot \text{Sample}_i \\ (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \cdot (1 + \text{tg}^2(\psi_{yi0}^j)) \cdot \text{Line}_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.42)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial f_0^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial f_S^j} \\ \frac{\partial F_{yi}}{\partial f_L^j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -[X_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{xi0}^j)] \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \\ + [Y_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{yi0}^j)] \cdot (-\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j)) \\ \{-[X_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{xi0}^j)] \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \\ + [Y_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{yi0}^j)] \cdot (-\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j))\} \cdot \text{Sample}_i \\ \{-[X_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{xi0}^j)] \cdot \cos(\psi_{zi0}^j) \\ + [Y_{si0}^j + (H_{si0}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{yi0}^j)] \cdot (-\sin(\psi_{zi0}^j))\} \cdot \text{Line}_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.43)$$

Then, the RPC block adjustment model in matrix form can be expressed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_A & B_G \\ I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dX_A \\ dX_G \end{bmatrix} + \varepsilon = \begin{bmatrix} W_P \\ W_A \\ W_G \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.44)$$

or

$$BdX + \varepsilon = W \quad (5.45)$$

with *a priori* covariance matrix of the vector of misclosures, W ,

$$C_W = \begin{bmatrix} C_P & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_G \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.46)$$

Where B_A is the first-order design matrix for the adjustment parameters, and B_G is the first-order design matrix for the object-space coordinates. W_P is the vector of misclosures of the observation equations in object space,

$$W_P = \begin{bmatrix} W_{Pi} \\ \vdots \\ W_{Pi} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.47)$$

W_{Pi} is the sub-vector of misclosures in the object-space coordinates for the i^{th} GCP or tie point on the j^{th} image.

$$W_{Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} [X_{s10}^j + (H_{s10}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{x10}^j)] \cdot \cos(\psi_{z10}^j) + [Y_{s10}^j + (H_{s10}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{y10}^j)] \cdot \sin(\psi_{z10}^j) - x_i \\ -[X_{s10}^j + (H_{s10}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{x10}^j)] \cdot \sin(\psi_{z10}^j) + [Y_{s10}^j + (H_{s10}^j - h_i) \cdot \text{tg}(\psi_{y10}^j)] \cdot \cos(\psi_{z10}^j) - y_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.48)$$

$W_A = 0$ is the vector of misclosures for the adjustment parameters.

$W_G = 0$ is the vector of misclosures for the object-space coordinates.

C_p is the *a priori* covariance matrix* of image-space coordinates.

C_A is the *a priori* covariance matrix* of the adjustment parameters.

C_G is the *a priori* covariance matrix* of the object-space coordinates.

For a tie point, without any prior knowledge, C_G can be made large enough;

e.g. 100,0000 m², so that the object coordinates of tie points will be solved as other unknowns in the least squares solutions.

Next, the estimated corrections to the adjustment parameters and the approximate values of the object coordinates can be obtained by least squares solutions:

$$d\hat{X} = -(B^T C_W^{-1} B)^{-1} (B^T C_W^{-1} W) \quad (5.49)$$

Unlike the rational polynomial functions (Equation 5.1), the observation equations (Equation 5.7, 5.8) are linear, so the least squares solutions converge quickly.

* If the *a priori* covariance is not available, a unit matrix can be used here.

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a-posteriori variance factor can be calculated as following.

$$\sigma_0 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{[pvv]}{n-t}} \quad (5.50)$$

n: observation number

t: unknown number

$$[pvv] = V^T PV = (B\delta X + l)^T PV = \delta X^T B^T PV + l^T PV \quad (5.51)$$

Because,

$$B^T PV = 0 \quad (5.52)$$

So,

$$[pvv] = l^T PV = l^T P(B\delta X + l) = l^T Pl + (B^T Pl)^T \delta X \quad (5.53)$$

Therefore, the covariance of the object coordinates can be calculated as follows:

$$C_{xx} = Q_{xx} \cdot \sigma_0^2 \quad (5.54)$$

$$Q_{xx} = N^{-1} = (B^T PB)^{-1} \quad (5.55)$$

5.4 Experiment

We used two sets of high-resolution satellite images (HRSIs) to test the Generic Method based bundle adjustment algorithm. One is a stereo triplet of IKONOS Geo-imagery, whereas the other is a QuickBird Basic stereo pair. These HRSIs were previously used by Fraser and Hanley [2005] in their Bias-compensated RPC research. **Table 5.1** shows the essential characteristics of the two HRSI data sets.

Table 5.1 Characteristics of the Two HRSI Imagery Test Fields [Fraser and Hanley, 2005]

	IKONOS, Hobart	QuickBird, Melbourne
Area	120 km ² (11×11 km)	300 km ² (17.5×17.5 km)
Elevation Range	Sea level to 1280 m	Sea level to 50 m
Image Coverage (elevation angles)	Stereo triplet (69°, 75°, 69°)	Stereo pair (approx. 63° each)
Number of GCPs	113	81
Notable Features	Full scene; mountainous terrain	Full scene, low relief area
Base-to-height ratio	0.8	1.0
Date of acquisition	February, 2003	July, 2003
GCP measurement on image	Sub-pixel accuracy for roundabout features (traffic circles); pixel accuracy for other features.	Sub-pixel accuracy for all features.
Scan model	Reverse model for 69° images; Forward model for 75° image	N/A

For the Hobart test field, “in order to insure high-accuracy GCPs and image coordinate data, multiple GPS and image measurements were made for each GCP with the centroids of roundabouts being determined by a best-fitting ellipse to six or more edge points around the circumference of the feature, in both object and image space. The estimated accuracy of this procedure is 0.2 pixels” [Fraser and Hanley, 2005]. The corner points were measured manually. Therefore, the corner GCPs have lower accuracy than the roundabout GCPs. In the Hobart test field, there are 65 roundabout GCPs and 48 corner GCPs.

For the Melbourne test field, “the majority of the 81 GCPs used were also road roundabouts, with the remaining points being corners and other distinct features conducive to high precision measurement in both the imagery and on the ground. Roundabouts were measured as described above, and in the case of corners, the

feature point was defined in image space by the intersection of best-fitting lines to edge points” [Fraser and Hanley, 2005].

Figure 5.4 shows the distribution of GCPs in the Hobart test field and the Melbourne test field respectively.

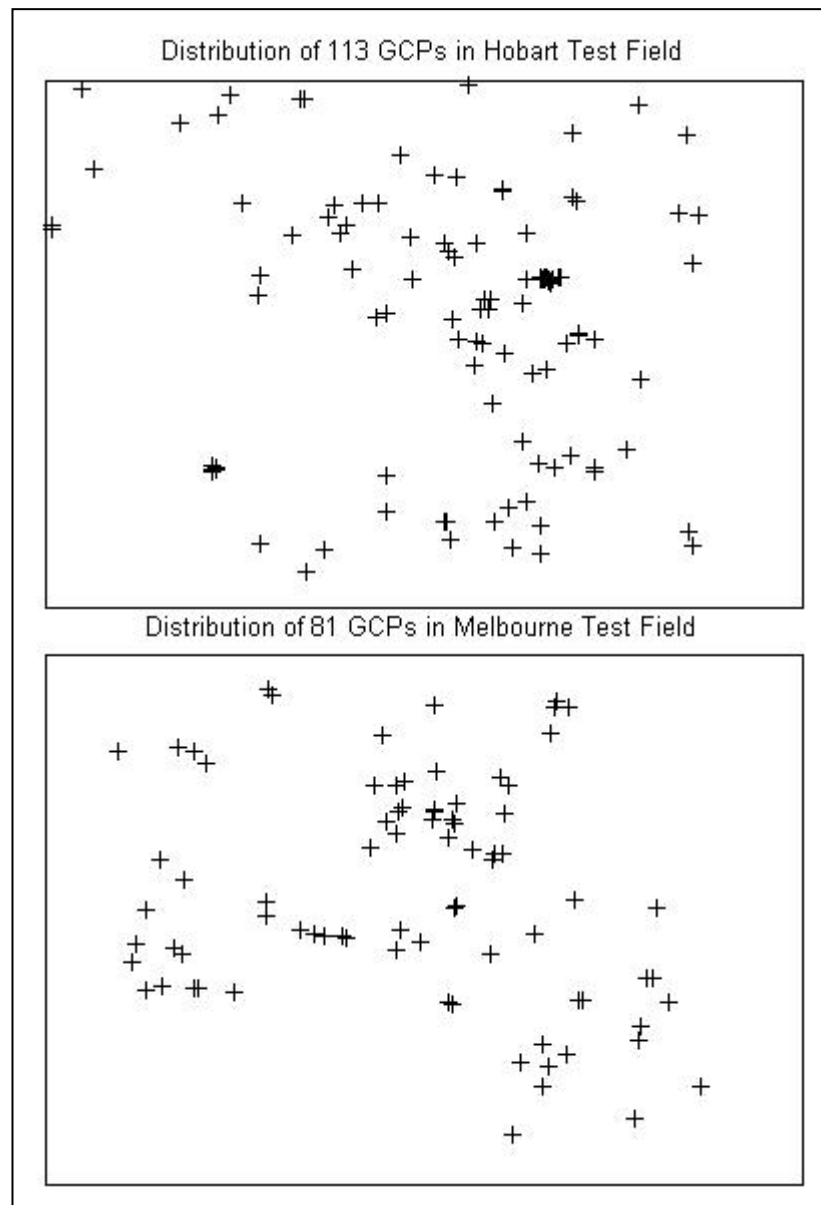


Figure 5.4 Distribution of GCPs in Hobart and Melbourne Test Fields.

For IKONOS and QuickBird images, yaw and radial errors are negligible [Grodecki and Dial, 2003; Dial and Grodecki, 2005], so in our experiments, we only considered

$\Delta X_{si}^j, \Delta Y_{si}^j, \Delta \psi_{xi}^j, \Delta \psi_{yi}^j$ (Equation 5.15, 5.16, 5.18, 5.19). The Shift model and Affine Model were both used to test the bundle adjustment algorithm. In the Shift model, only the terms a_0, b_0, d_0, e_0 are adjustable parameters; in the Affine model, the terms $a_0, a_L, a_S, b_0, b_L, b_S, d_0, d_L, d_S, e_0, e_L, e_S$ are adjustable parameters.

We designed 10 cases for both sets of test data. Each of these cases has 1 to 10 GCPs respectively. **Table 5.2** and **Table 5.3** show the accuracy estimation for ground coordinates for two test fields in case 10 (10 GCPs were used).

Table 5.2 Accuracy Estimation for 103 points (IKONOS data, Hobart Test Field, 10 GCPs)

NO	σ_x (m)	σ_y (m)	σ_h (m)	NO	σ_x (m)	σ_y (m)	σ_h (m)
1	0.341321	0.242218	1.023640	53	0.346373	0.244625	1.014724
2	0.340272	0.242432	1.023657	54	0.348070	0.243588	1.017357
3	0.337543	0.243280	1.022822	55	0.348073	0.243588	1.017357
4	0.337553	0.243298	1.022768	56	0.348051	0.243583	1.017382
5	0.341500	0.243061	1.021660	57	0.348050	0.243583	1.017381
6	0.338483	0.242814	1.023604	58	0.347811	0.243630	1.017345
7	0.338240	0.242175	1.025105	59	0.347871	0.243632	1.017314
8	0.343668	0.243217	1.020305	60	0.347882	0.243618	1.017349
9	0.343285	0.243166	1.020604	61	0.347893	0.243605	1.017385
10	0.343440	0.243066	1.020798	62	0.347834	0.243603	1.017416
11	0.342843	0.242226	1.022975	63	0.347822	0.243617	1.017382
12	0.342798	0.242229	1.022988	64	0.347764	0.243606	1.017436
13	0.344855	0.242647	1.021224	65	0.347777	0.243590	1.017478
14	0.345560	0.242801	1.020562	66	0.347727	0.243589	1.017506
15	0.344969	0.243309	1.019501	67	0.347677	0.243587	1.017530
16	0.344349	0.243046	1.020464	68	0.347664	0.243603	1.017488
17	0.344006	0.243041	1.020621	69	0.347714	0.243605	1.017461
18	0.346020	0.242811	1.020340	70	0.348669	0.244081	1.015570
19	0.342520	0.243318	1.020532	71	0.347612	0.244341	1.015141
20	0.348527	0.242443	1.020141	72	0.346180	0.244119	1.016531
21	0.346987	0.242904	1.019702	73	0.348374	0.244040	1.015832
22	0.346980	0.242894	1.019731	74	0.348376	0.244039	1.015834
23	0.348525	0.242980	1.018857	75	0.348352	0.244034	1.015860
24	0.348457	0.242948	1.018972	76	0.348350	0.244035	1.015859
25	0.350933	0.242419	1.019207	77	0.349552	0.244398	1.014083
26	0.347450	0.243244	1.018621	78	0.340435	0.245211	1.015390
27	0.346343	0.242077	1.021820	79	0.340454	0.245183	1.015494
28	0.350680	0.243045	1.017768	80	0.340469	0.245158	1.015584
29	0.351093	0.243050	1.017579	81	0.340549	0.245182	1.015453
30	0.351117	0.243049	1.017575	82	0.340448	0.245208	1.015400
31	0.341787	0.243639	1.019935	83	0.340567	0.245169	1.015495
32	0.341767	0.243646	1.019924	84	0.345031	0.245613	1.011449
33	0.346351	0.243860	1.017278	85	0.344998	0.245616	1.011449
34	0.345738	0.243946	1.017274	86	0.341984	0.246055	1.010949
35	0.345811	0.244106	1.016735	87	0.341978	0.246053	1.010960
36	0.345787	0.243399	1.018893	88	0.342438	0.245864	1.011586
37	0.345889	0.243450	1.018705	89	0.345072	0.245756	1.010828
38	0.346114	0.244308	1.015945	90	0.343818	0.245545	1.012285
39	0.344163	0.243944	1.017987	91	0.347502	0.245133	1.012251
40	0.344359	0.243920	1.017976	92	0.347150	0.245110	1.012509
41	0.343742	0.243576	1.019280	93	0.346811	0.245410	1.011487
42	0.345679	0.243345	1.019092	94	0.346397	0.245479	1.011403
43	0.344985	0.243625	1.018614	95	0.350089	0.245626	1.009057
44	0.346426	0.243780	1.017493	96	0.350112	0.245733	1.008596
45	0.346515	0.243867	1.017185	97	0.349053	0.244973	1.012172
46	0.347253	0.243810	1.017049	98	0.346897	0.244937	1.013282
47	0.346329	0.244131	1.016424	99	0.347863	0.245036	1.012467
48	0.346758	0.244207	1.015992	100	0.347024	0.245617	1.010532
49	0.347280	0.244378	1.015165	101	0.346914	0.245848	1.009590
50	0.348088	0.244122	1.015673	102	0.346065	0.245585	1.011128
51	0.347342	0.243618	1.017585	103	0.346343	0.245804	1.010035
52	0.350918	0.243439	1.016572				

Table 5.3 Accuracy Estimation for 71 points (QuickBird data, Melbourne Test Field, 10 GCPs)

NO	σ_x (m)	σ_y (m)	σ_h (m)	NO	σ_x (m)	σ_y (m)	σ_h (m)
1	0.162342	0.152985	0.267337	37	0.162787	0.153149	0.267244
2	0.162462	0.152986	0.267261	38	0.163546	0.152856	0.266401
3	0.161709	0.153023	0.267791	39	0.160989	0.153041	0.268293
4	0.161709	0.153023	0.267791	40	0.164222	0.152813	0.265910
5	0.162068	0.153095	0.267639	41	0.162674	0.153086	0.267234
6	0.161796	0.153016	0.267727	42	0.160753	0.153076	0.268495
7	0.162410	0.153071	0.267388	43	0.161005	0.153014	0.268250
8	0.161477	0.153041	0.267965	44	0.163637	0.152872	0.266380
9	0.161992	0.153088	0.267676	45	0.161053	0.153034	0.268243
10	0.162279	0.153078	0.267483	46	0.161786	0.153164	0.267916
11	0.162600	0.153042	0.267234	47	0.162202	0.153116	0.267577
12	0.162717	0.153064	0.267180	48	0.162017	0.153117	0.267701
13	0.162737	0.153035	0.267138	49	0.161214	0.153004	0.268099
14	0.162088	0.153075	0.267603	50	0.162794	0.153143	0.267232
15	0.162270	0.153085	0.267497	51	0.160263	0.153222	0.269032
16	0.162054	0.153093	0.267645	52	0.163549	0.152868	0.266423
17	0.162425	0.153069	0.267376	53	0.160919	0.153015	0.268309
18	0.162395	0.153084	0.267411	54	0.163468	0.152884	0.266501
19	0.162273	0.153084	0.267494	55	0.162781	0.152934	0.266996
20	0.162743	0.153030	0.267130	56	0.162807	0.152932	0.266977
21	0.162940	0.152960	0.266929	57	0.161442	0.152993	0.267933
22	0.163364	0.152877	0.266549	58	0.164000	0.152907	0.266214
23	0.160912	0.153091	0.268403	59	0.161038	0.153234	0.268524
24	0.164086	0.152866	0.266103	60	0.160999	0.153242	0.268564
25	0.162035	0.153179	0.267774	61	0.163355	0.152980	0.266688
26	0.163453	0.152829	0.266396	62	0.161187	0.153006	0.268118
27	0.160726	0.153115	0.268558	63	0.160794	0.153186	0.268611
28	0.162617	0.153095	0.267281	64	0.161977	0.153116	0.267725
29	0.164198	0.152885	0.266065	65	0.162611	0.153003	0.267187
30	0.162876	0.153141	0.267174	66	0.162615	0.153003	0.267184
31	0.161847	0.153121	0.267816	67	0.162788	0.153032	0.267102
32	0.160696	0.153201	0.268701	68	0.161977	0.153008	0.267598
33	0.164043	0.152905	0.266185	69	0.161869	0.153012	0.267674
34	0.160780	0.153040	0.268433	70	0.161437	0.153053	0.268005
35	0.163914	0.152954	0.266319	71	0.162314	0.152999	0.267371
36	0.164596	0.152820	0.265714				

Tables 5.4, 5.5 show the accuracies of ground coordinates for both test fields by comparing the ground coordinates calculated by bundle block adjustment and the ground coordinates surveyed by GPS. **Figure 5.5** and **Figure 5.6** show the same situation corresponding with **Table 5.4** and **Table 5.5**.

Table 5.4 RMSE of CHKs in Object Space (Hobart Test Field)

GCP/ CHK	Shift			Affine		
	X (m)	Y (m)	Z (m)	X (m)	Y (m)	Z (m)
1/112	0.564	0.643	0.943	0.564	0.643	0.943
2/111	0.570	0.668	0.928	0.573	0.658	1.152
3/110	0.761	0.556	0.938	0.837	0.628	1.002
4/109	0.601	0.510	0.934	0.908	0.512	1.052
5/108	0.558	0.510	0.958	0.896	0.511	0.958
6/107	0.551	0.501	0.936	0.861	0.514	0.984
7/106	0.562	0.500	0.929	0.591	0.512	0.963
8/105	0.558	0.502	0.940	0.599	0.512	1.016
9/104	0.564	0.504	0.951	0.584	0.500	0.989
10/103	0.566	0.507	0.943	0.588	0.503	0.994

Table 5.5 RMSE of CHKs in Object Space (Melbourne Test Field)

GCP/ CHK	Shift			Affine		
	X (m)	Y (m)	Z (m)	X (m)	Y (m)	Z (m)
1/80	0.578	0.473	0.468	0.578	0.473	0.468
2/79	0.588	0.473	0.441	0.592	0.466	0.440
3/78	0.587	0.486	0.410	0.639	0.552	0.370
4/77	0.599	0.485	0.434	0.660	0.545	0.407
5/76	0.617	0.511	0.440	0.699	0.602	0.423
6/75	0.615	0.509	0.444	0.672	0.573	0.421
7/74	0.589	0.491	0.449	0.587	0.492	0.419
8/73	0.592	0.490	0.440	0.596	0.506	0.408
9/72	0.598	0.485	0.418	0.624	0.530	0.394
10/71	0.611	0.481	0.424	0.617	0.457	0.407

Notes: RMSE – Root Mean Square Error; CHK – Check Point; GCP – Ground Control Point

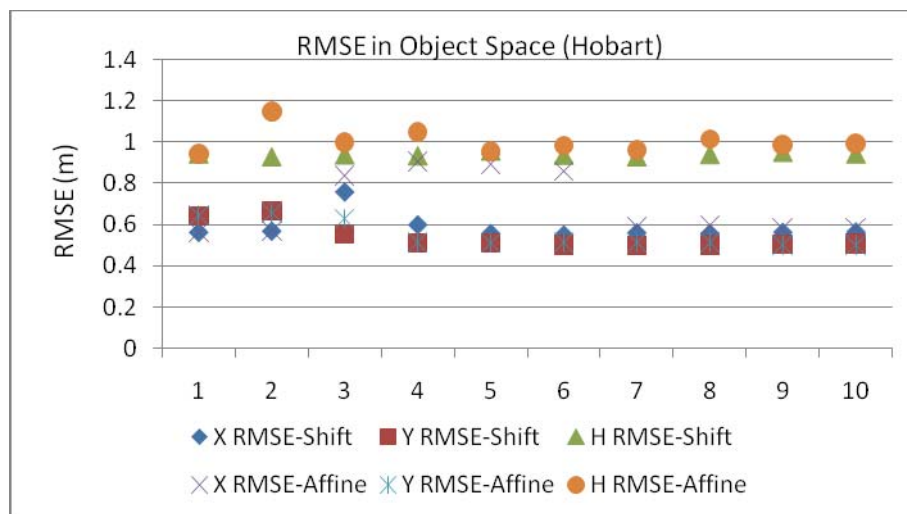


Figure 5.5 RMSE of CHKs in Object Space in Hobart Test Field.

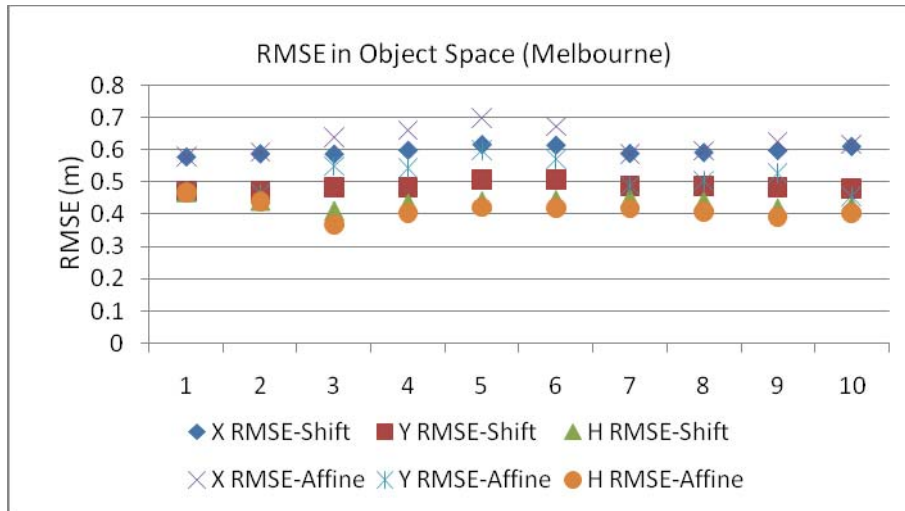


Figure 5.6 RMSE of CHKs in Object Space in Melbourne Test Field.

By comparison of **Table 5.2**, **Table 5.3** and **Table 5.4** (Case 10, the red row) and **Table 5.5** (Case 10, the red row), we can find that the estimated accuracy is a little bit better than the real accuracy. The reason is that we did not consider the GCPs' error during the error estimation.

Tables 5.4, **5.5** and **Figures 5.5**, **5.6** illustrate that the planimetric and height accuracies are all less than one meter in both test fields except the height accuracy in the Hobart field (about 1 meter).

The experiment results also show that there are no obvious differences between the Shift model and Affine model. In terms of accuracy, sometimes the Shift model is slightly better, and sometimes the Affine model is slightly better. But the Shift model is always more stable than the Affine model. The reason is that we used a small number (1 to 10) of GCPs in the experiments, so the Affine model may become over-parameterized.

With the increasing of GCPs, the Affine model shows better accuracy than the Shift model. We compared the case of 10 GCPs and found that, in terms of accuracy in object space, the Affine model is a little bit better in Melbourne test field (**Table 5.5, Figure 5.6**), but the Shift model is a little bit better in the Hobart test field (**Table 5.4, Figure 5.5**). This seems unreasonable. In fact, this is caused by low accuracy GCPs. In Hobart test field, we used 48 low accuracy GCPs (corner points only with pixel accuracy whose image coordinates were measured once manually) (**Table 5.1**). Because the Affine model has more parameters than the Shift model, the Affine model is more sensitive to the low accuracy GCPs, especially when a small number of GCPs was used.

5.5 Conclusion

This paper has proposed a Generic Method based bundle adjustment algorithm with RPC. We compared the Affine Model and Shift Model for 10 cases. The following conclusions are drawn:

- (1) Experiments using IKONOS and QuickBird imagery show that this algorithm is effective and can readily achieve sub-meter accuracy in the object space.
- (2) When using a small number of GCPs, the accuracy of the Shift model is quite similar to the accuracy of the Affine model, but the Shift model is more stable.
- (3) With the increasing of GCPs, the Affine model can achieve better results than the Shift model.
- (4) Because there are not high-order error sources from IKONOS and QuickBird, the Shift model is good enough (in terms of accuracy) to process those kind of imagery.

(5) In this paper, only the affine model and shift model are proposed and compared. Because the RPC model is a generic sensor model and can be used in a wide variety of different remote sensing systems, therefore, for different sensors, using different models should be considered.

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Chapter 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This chapter summarizes the research conducted for this dissertation. It begins with the outline of the research drawn from Chapters 2 to 5. The contributions of this research are then presented. Finally, some suggestions for future work are provided.

6.1 Summary of Research

Aerial triangulation is at the technical core of photogrammetry. Automated aerial triangulation has, therefore, been the subject of extensive research. Any improvement to the process may offer huge commercial potential. This research has touched on the main components of aerial triangulation and has attempted to solve existing problems inherent in the four major steps of aerial triangulation: interest point extraction, interest point matching, sensor model refinement, and bundle block adjustment.

For interest point extraction, two typical feature points: corners and centers were studied to characterize their utility for image registration. Using quantitative analysis, the research was able to identify which of the two types of points is most suitable for use as tie points and which type provides more accurate control for bundle block adjustment.

For interest point matching, the most recent area-based and feature-based methods were examined. In order to overcome the problem of ambiguity in smooth areas, a new algorithm was developed and investigated.

With respect to the topic of sensor model refinement, various RPC refinement methods were studied. The research indicated that direct refinement methods require a lot of supplementary information which is unavailable to public, while indirect methods are subject to prerequisites that seriously influence their applicability. A generic method for sensor model refinement was developed that avoids the above noted issues.

Various RPC-based bundle block adjustment methods were studied. Because the current methods are based on indirect sensor model refinement methods, they share the same limitations as the indirect methods, e.g. the feasibility is limited by rigorous conditions. A more robust bundle block adjustment method based on a generic method of sensor model refinement was developed and investigated.

6.2 Achievements of This Research

Interest point extraction

Two typical interest point types: corners and centers were studied. The research clearly shows that when used as tie points, centers can provide more accurate control than corners. Center points can improve the accuracy of image registration by at least 40%. For registration of images having different resolutions, center points can

improve accuracy much more than 40%. This finding will have an important impact on the accuracy improvement of aerial triangulation.

Interest point matching

A novel algorithm for interest point matching of high resolution satellite images was developed. This algorithm has following characteristics:

- 1) It can avoid local minimum problems and can process areas without prominent details;
- 2) It can remove outliers easily; and
- 3) It does not require an exhaustive search during the interest point matching.

This new development has demonstrated the potential to improve the robustness of automatic image matching for a variety of remote sensing images.

Sensor model refinement

A Generic method which is defined in object space was developed. It directly modifies the RPC coefficients, but unlike other direct methods, it does not require any supplementary, proprietary information about RPC, such as the covariance matrices. The Generic method simulates the sensor's imaging geometry and can be used to adjust the camera's position and attitude. It can be used to effectively refine the RPC regardless of the sensor's field of view, attitude error or position error. This development widens the suitability of RPCs to a wide range of remote sensing sensors.

Bundle block adjustment

A bundle adjustment algorithm with RPC based on the Generic Method has been developed. This algorithm is effective and can readily achieve sub-meter accuracy in object space for IKONOS and QuickBird images. This algorithm can successfully process IKONOS and QuickBird images, regardless of the number of GCPs that are used.

6.3 Suggestions for Future Work

Based on this research, the following suggestions for further research are presented.

Most of the existing automatic interest point extraction algorithms can only extract corners; however this research has shown that centers are more suitable for use as tie points for bundle block adjustment and image registration. Methods of extracting gravity center points from images of different resolutions or from different modal images are therefore of great significance and should be the focus of further research.

The interest point matching algorithm proposed in this research has been shown to be effective in processing high resolution images including images with large almost homogeneous areas. Further tests should be conducted using other types of images, including aerial images and other images captured with wide field of view cameras.

The proposed generic sensor model should be tested under a wider variety of conditions and sensors, such as airborne wide angle cameras, large off-nadir angles, and different satellite data.

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APPENDIX IV Hobart GCPs (from University of Melbourne)



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Allunga Rd/ Berriedale Rd

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Boondar ST/ Allunga Rd

Coordinates:

UTM		
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Turnaround Point

Location:
Greenvale Ct

Coordinates:

UTM		
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98	10	79
WGS84 geographic		
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Feature:
Corner of a Fence

Location:
45 Church Rd

Coordinates:

UTM		
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Shelter

Location:
45 Church Rd

Coordinates:

UTM		
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Street Corner

Location:
Nelson Dr/ Beneve Ct

Coordinates:

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Feature:
Corner of building

Location:
Collinsvale Rd

Coordinates:

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Feature:
Water Tank

Location:
Furlleners Rd

Coordinates:

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WGS84 geographic		
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Barossa Rd/ Tolosa Rd - Glenorchy

Coordinates:

UTM		
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WGS84 geographic		
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Vieste Dr/ Tolosa Rd - Glenorchy

Coordinates:

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WGS84 geographic		
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Brent St/ Chapel St - Glenorchy

Coordinates:

UTM		
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WGS84 geographic		
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Pitcarin St/ Chapel St - Glenorchi

Coordinates:

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Feature:
Sewage Basin

Location:
Sewage Treatment off Main Rd -
Cameron

Coordinates:

UTM		
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Sewage Basin

Location:
Sewage Treatment off Main Rd -
Cameron

Coordinates:

UTM		
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WGS84 geographic		
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Derwent Entertainment Center Loyd
La - Glenorchi

Coordinates:

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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Acton Cr/ Renfrew Cir -Glenorchi

Coordinates:

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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Springfield Av/ Forth Av - Glenorchi

Coordinates:

UTM		
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Barry ST/ Eady St - Glenorchy

Coordinates:

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Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Bowden St/ Tolosa St - Glenorchy

Coordinates:

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Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Howard Rd/ Gepp Prd -Glenorchy

Coordinates:

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Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Turnaround point

Location:
Dimboola PI/ Illawarra PI

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
521030.8770	5256557.8932	82.4803
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.84326597	147.25736787	82.4803



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
East Derwent HYW/ Grasstree Hill Rd

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
527445.4790	5260012.6563	8.9504
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.81195176	147.33569777	8.9504



Feature:
Tank

Location:
Sandersons Rd/ East Derwent Rd

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526240.7649	5259239.4720	9.0741
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.81895672	147.32099862	9.0741



Feature:
Sewage Basin

Location:
Sewage Treatment plant Derwent Park Rd - Lutana

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524934.1553	5257747.3290	6.2341
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.83243751	147.30508139	6.2341



Feature:
Sewage Basin

Location:
Sewage Treatment plant Derwent
Park Rd - Lutana

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524927.0803	5257782.5930	6.2267
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.83212018	147.30499327	6.2267



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
End of Risdon Rd - Lutana

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526289.6107	5257431.6615	13.5590
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.83523477	147.32168054	13.559



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
End of Risdon Rd - Lutana

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526224.2370	5257545.2777	21.0215
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.83421388	147.32087534	21.0215



Feature:
Tank

Location:

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
528311.9161	5259239.8820	104.9297
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.81887920	147.34633419	104.9297



Feature:
Street Corner

Location:

Lime Rd/ Anear Ct - New Town

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525376.5568	5256599.6491	43.5848
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.84275806	147.31054606	43.5848



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:

Lagoon Rd - Otago

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524301.3349	5260570.4091	51.6418
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.80703532	147.29721685	51.6418



Feature:
Corner of pier

Location:
Penenju Rd Otago

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
523539.9911	5260765.5712	-2.1197
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.80530162	147.28789722	-2.1197



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
De Bomfort La -Geilston Bay

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
528188.5573	5257126.4120	-2.3928
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.83791597	147.34493100	-2.3928



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Higschool De Bomfort La - Geilston Bay

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
528546.8730	5257092.0440	10.2284
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.83821217	147.34931722	10.2284



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Higschool De Bomfort La - Geilston Bay

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
528567.1831	5257096.5720	10.5894
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.83817063	147.34956551	10.5894

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Feature:

Tank

Location:

NW of Limeklin Gully Reservoir

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
520370.4584	5255001.2574	167.4864
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85730173	147.24934237	167.4864

B4_02



Feature:

Shelter

Location:

Tolosa Park

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
520425.2441	5255532.4433	112.9719
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85251681	147.24999367	112.9719

B4_03



Feature:

Shelter

Location:

Tolosa

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
520408.7392	5255510.8926	114.2219
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85271132	147.24979244	114.2219



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Hopkins St/ Gormanston Rd -
Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524435.5264	5256336.9994	19.8141
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.84515393	147.29904175	19.8141



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Carlton St/ Pedder St - New Town

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524524.0475	5254609.1743	41.5025
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86071051	147.30020040	41.5025



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Wellwood St/Pickard St - Lenah
Valley

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
523996.6945	5254353.3171	58.7682
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86303129	147.29375605	58.7682



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Giblin St/ Doyle Av - Mt Stuart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524088.4528	5253833.0172	95.0857
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86771380	147.29490160	95.0857



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Hopkins St/Charles St - West Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
523943.2595	5256150.4757	25.0198
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.84684919	147.29302541	25.0198



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Albert Rd/ Charles St - West Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524040.4751	5255977.1916	29.3035
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.84840660	147.29422255	29.3035



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Mt Stuart Rd/ Dale Cr - Mt Stuart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524381.5024	5253170.5181	183.7533
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.87367042	147.29851794	183.7533



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Kalang Av/ Lumeah Av - Lenah Valley

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
522577.1765	5254438.9760	157.7802
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86230318	147.27637575	157.7802



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Kalang Av/ Alcides Av - Lenah Valley

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
522751.1700	5254509.7654	137.7189
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86166055	147.27850278	137.7189



Feature:
Street Corner

Location:
Loftus St - West Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
522150.8433	5255659.3960	96.8164
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85132552	147.27110882	96.8164



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Amy St/ Charles St - West Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
523839.7101	5256333.7687	23.2047
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.84520184	147.29175038	23.2047



Feature:
Tank

Location:

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
523239.5673	5255453.5440	155.0340
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85314693	147.28444230	155.034



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Valentine St/Montagu St - New Town

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524721.5468	5254838.3610	24.9900
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85864027	147.30260789	24.99



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Valentine St/Carlton St - New Town

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524576.4623	5254867.2196	28.9348
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85838508	147.30083073	28.9348



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Montagu St/ Pedder St - New Town

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524671.2421	5254578.8350	36.5935
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86097898	147.30200353	36.5935



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Side road off Bay Rd/ Pirie St - New Town

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525304.6625	5254737.5752	52.9904
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85952878	147.30975005	52.9904



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Doyle Av/ Montagu St - North Hobart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524552.7865	5253726.1477	93.8594
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86866140	147.30059077	93.8594



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Toorak Av/ Elphinstone Rd - Mt Stuart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524942.0197	5253464.4495	123.4042
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.87100543	147.30536756	123.4042



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Arthur St/ Lochner St - North Hobart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525460.7668	5252874.0144	78.3815
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.87630527	147.31174530	78.3815



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Federal St/ Letitia St - North Hobart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526119.5120	5253671.0913	29.5483
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86910523	147.31977390	29.5483



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Bell St/ Bay Rd - New Town

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525354.7392	5255359.6527	13.5233
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85392520	147.31033497	13.5233



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Talune St/ Natone St - Lindisfarne

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
528461.5954	5255801.7806	1.3629
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.84983439	147.34833900	1.3629



Feature:
Tank

Location:
Fielding Dr - West Hobart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524687.0220	5252131.3134	228.3833
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.88301881	147.30230424	228.3833



Feature:
Cricket pitch

Location:
Brooker Av/ Cornelian Bay, Sports ground - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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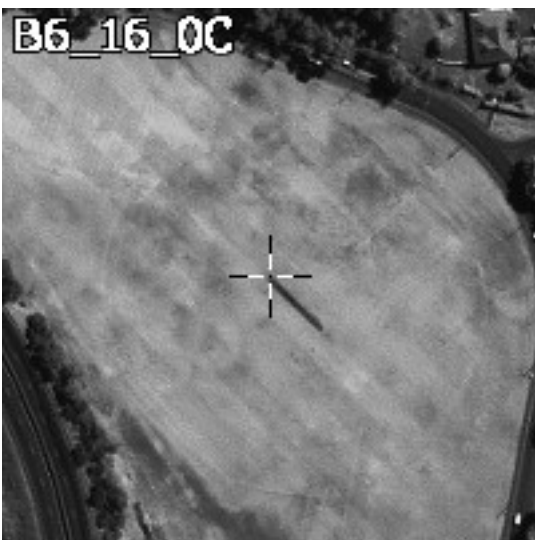


Feature:
Cricket pitch

Location:
Brooker Av/ Cornelian Bay, Sports ground - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
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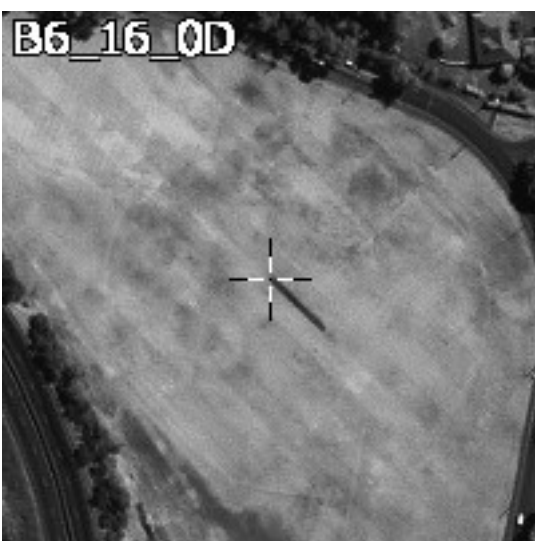


Feature:
Cricket pitch

Location:
Brooker Av/ Cornelian Bay, Sports ground - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85312758	147.31793280	-0.0126



Feature:
Cricket pitch

Location:
Brooker Av/ Cornelian Bay, Sports ground - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525974.2441	5255444.2290	-0.0035
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85314277	147.31791352	-0.0035



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525771.1967	5255299.2950	4.9848
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85445480	147.31543498	4.9848



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525782.0572	5255297.4890	4.9737
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85447070	147.31556799	4.9737



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525814.4605	5255292.1530	4.9910
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85451766	147.31596484	4.9910



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525825.3478	5255290.3550	4.9406
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85453348	147.31609818	4.9406



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525832.7879	5255335.4070	4.9516
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85412753	147.31618718	4.9516



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525840.1708	5255380.4310	4.9526
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85372183	147.31627547	4.9526



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525829.2958	5255382.2400	4.9694
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85370591	147.31614228	4.9694



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525796.9123	5255387.5720	4.9734
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85365898	147.31574568	4.9734



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525786.0395	5255389.3510	4.9230
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85364333	147.31561252	4.9230



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525778.6079	5255344.3260	4.9383
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85404904	147.31552363	4.9383



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525727.1947	5255379.2970	3.2137
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85373585	147.31489275	3.2137



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525728.9922	5255390.1920	3.2378
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85363768	147.31491425	3.2378



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525734.3181	5255422.5670	3.2269
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85334596	147.31497796	3.2269



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525736.0904	5255433.4370	3.2066
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85324801	147.31499915	3.2066



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525691.0545	5255440.8310	3.1983
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85318294	147.31444760	3.1983



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525646.0415	5255448.2150	3.2057
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85311796	147.31389633	3.2057



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525644.2173	5255437.3630	3.2005
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525638.9095	5255404.9600	3.2227
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85350772	147.31381102	3.2227



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Location:

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525637.1335	5255394.0810	3.2117
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85360575	147.31378977	3.2117



Feature:
Hockeyfield

Location:
Bell St/ Cornelia Bay - Moonah

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525682.1462	5255386.6800	3.2223
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.85367088	147.31434104	3.2223



Feature:
Corner at Sportsground

Location:
Athletic Centre at Domain - Glebe

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526605.5934	5253786.0660	83.3369
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86805309	147.32571932	83.3369



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Burnett ST/ Murray St - North Hobart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525750.5145	5252976.0444	52.5855
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.87537676	147.31528829	52.5855



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Doyle Av/ Waverley Av - Mt Stuart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524415.2052	5253773.5635	102.8670
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86823882	147.29890438	102.8670



Feature:
Corner of Cricket Pitch

Location:

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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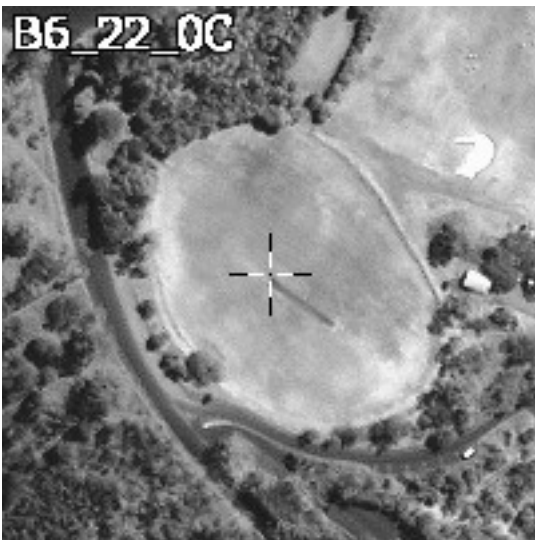


Feature:
Corner of Cricket Pitch

Location:

Coordinates:

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X	Y	Z
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Corner of Cricket Pitch

Location:

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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Feature:
Corner of Cricket Pitch

Location:

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526311.6155	5253951.1450	84.8301
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.86657671	147.32211262	84.8301



Feature:
Round featured lawn

Location:
War memorial - Hobart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
527486.2915	5252698.2747	19.2781
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.87781762	147.33655432	19.2781



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Pinnacle Rd - The Springs

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
520303.0523	5248555.7440	689.8207
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91534657	147.24875041	689.8207



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
519309.5615	5250656.0970	1256.7574
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89645835	147.23650607	1256.7574



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
519316.5863	5250748.1190	1260.6792
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89562949	147.23658894	1260.6792



Feature:
Corner of building

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
519393.1104	5250715.8130	1261.7064
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89591848	147.23752732	1261.7064



Feature:
Corner of building

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
519397.4131	5250712.0090	1261.6884
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89595262	147.23758015	1261.6884



Feature:
Corner of building

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
519394.0340	5250708.7230	1262.5262
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89598230	147.23753887	1262.5262



Feature:
Corner of building

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
519390.1514	5250712.2040	1262.6425
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89595105	147.23749120	1262.6425



Feature:
Corner of building

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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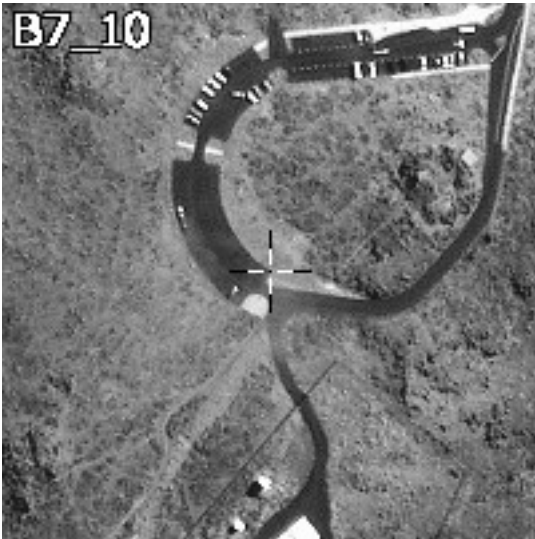


Feature:
Corner of foot path with street

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
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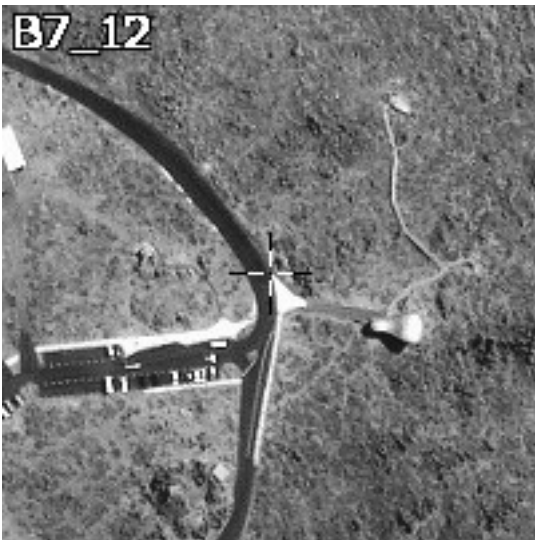


Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
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WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89634135	147.23664066	1257.3182



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Mt Wellington

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
519413.7240	5250786.0160	1256.8439
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89528576	147.23777736	1256.8439



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Saunder Cr/ Moree Cl - Cascades

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
522733.0340	5250245.5237	190.2642
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.90006132	147.27845341	190.2642



Feature:
Tank

Location:
In Ridgeway park, South of Upper Reservoir - Ridgeway

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
523828.0043	5249000.3219	251.9132
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91124111	147.29191826	251.9132



Feature:
Tank

Location:
In Ridgeway park, South of Upper Reservoir - Ridgeway

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
523800.1500	5248990.4192	251.8862
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91133115	147.29157744	251.8862



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Stephenson Pl - Fern Tree

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
521230.9450	5247763.4150	423.2605
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.92245632	147.26014873	423.2605



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Stephenson Pl - Fern Tree

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
521236.8777	5247756.5860	423.0093
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.92251765	147.26022168	423.0093



Feature:
Corner of Street

Location:
Bracken La - Fern Tree

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
521561.9281	5248345.7113	433.8235
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91720339	147.26418191	433.8235



Feature:
Shelter

Location:
Bridgeway Rd/ Bridgeway Reservoir
- Ridgeway

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
523912.6526	5248541.3177	284.7487
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91537184	147.29297486	284.7487



Feature:
Round feature

Location:
Property in Turnip Field Rd - Turnip
Fields

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
522712.1234	5249281.3582	287.0207
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.90874438	147.27823632	287.0207



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Grosvener St/ Lord St -Dyynyrne

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526619.1199	5250362.5848	16.1257
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89888150	147.32604722	16.1257



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Grosvener St/ York St - Dyynyrne

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526644.5885	5250260.4015	13.1207
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89980079	147.32636402	13.1207



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Princes St/ Proctors Rd - Dynnyrne

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525901.4316	5250400.8987	50.0069
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89856118	147.31725490	50.0069



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Davey St/ Lynton Av - Dynnyrne

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525572.0960	5250498.3862	82.7498
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89769440	147.31321663	82.7498



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Woodcutters Rd

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525340.9723	5249563.0495	224.8773
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.90612492	147.31042804	224.8773



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Woodcutters Rd

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524985.1346	5249369.9588	273.4112
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.90787546	147.30607767	273.4112



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
Plaster Ct/ Lipscomp Av - Sandy Bay

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
528381.2208	5248675.1035	56.5304
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91401389	147.34771552	56.5304



Feature:
Street corner

Location:
Lipscomp Av/ Churchil Av - Sandy Bay

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
528435.6921	5248332.7390	96.3145
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91709488	147.34840024	96.3145



Feature:
Corner of car park

Location:
Marieville Esplanade - Sandy Bay

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
527233.6784	5250839.3120	-2.4923
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89456684	147.33355144	-2.4923



Feature:
Centre of Hockeyfield

Location:
Anglesea St - South Hobart

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525299.2432	5251065.1480	47.1107
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89259974	147.30984912	47.1107



Feature:
Roundabout

Location:
King St/ Parliament St - Dynnyrne

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
526190.8319	5250696.9773	37.7947
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.89588508	147.32078576	37.7947



Feature:
Corner of building

Location:
Sports ground off Olinda Grove -
Mt Nelson

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525602.4682	5248887.8400	254.3795
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91219652	147.31366215	254.3795



Feature:
Centre of tennis court

Location:
Matric College - Mt Nelson

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525598.7020	5248150.7630	256.6078
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91883409	147.31364967	256.6078



Feature:
Tank

Location:
Tolmans Hill - West of Mt Nelson

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
524709.9635	5249055.3151	351.6752
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91071783	147.30272063	351.6752



Feature:

Centre of tennis court

Location:

Coordinates:

UTM		
X	Y	Z
525078.7652	5248317.3220	232.1978
WGS84 geographic		
Lat	Long	Height
-42.91735149	147.30727175	232.1978

APPENDIX V Measurements on Images for Corners in Hobart Test Field

edge 1: 131 3882; 130 3888; 128 3896; 126 3905;
edge 2: 131 3882; 129 3881; 124 3880; 122 3879; 118 3878; 113 3877;
edge 1: 137 3855; 136 3859; 135 3863; 134 3866; 133 3870; 133 3873; 132 3877;
edge 2: 137 3855; 134 3855; 133 3854; 129 3853; 126 3852; 124 3852; 120 3851;
edge 1: 3637 3258; 3635 3256; 3632 3253; 3629 3250; 3625 3247; 3621 3243; 3618 3240;
edge 2: 3637 3268; 3634 3271; 3630 3275; 3627 3279; 3623 3284; 3620 3287; 3618 3289;
edge 1: 3632 3285; 3629 3282; 3625 3279; 3624 3277; 3622 3274; 3620 3273; 3617 3271; 3614 3267;
edge 2: 3632 3291; 3629 3295; 3626 3299; 3623 3302; 3619 3305; 3616 3308; 3614 3311; 3612 3314;
edge 1: 918 2383; 918 2381; 919 2379; 919 2376; 919 2374;
edge 2: 919 2384; 920 2384; 922 2384; 925 2384;
edge 1: 924 2354; 924 2351; 925 2349; 925 2347; 925 2345; 925 2343;
edge 2: 924 2354; 926 2354; 927 2354; 929 2354;
edge 1: 8914 4085; 8911 4085; 8907 4084; 8903 4083; 8899 4082; 8895 4081;
edge 2: 8924 4060; 8923 4064; 8922 4069; 8921 4073; 8920 4077; 8919 4082;
edge 1: 8882 4126; 8887 4126; 8891 4128; 8895 4129; 8899 4130;
edge 2: 8908 4128; 8909 4123; 8911 4119; 8911 4115; 8913 4111; 8914 4107; 8915 4103;
edge 1: 11718 3543; 11716 3539; 11715 3536; 11713 3532; 11711 3528;
edge 2: 11721 3544; 11723 3542; 11725 3541; 11727 3539; 11730 3537;
edge 1: 11706 3599; 11704 3595; 11702 3591; 11700 3588; 11699 3585; 11697 3581;
edge 2: 11707 3600; 11710 3599; 11712 3597; 11714 3595; 11717 3593;
edge 1: 12079 3583; 12078 3579; 12077 3576; 12076 3572;
edge 2: 12079 3583; 12083 3582; 12088 3581; 12093 3581; 12097 3580;
edge 1: 12067 3636; 12066 3632; 12065 3628; 12064 3625;
edge 2: 12068 3636; 12072 3636; 12076 3635; 12079 3634;
edge 1: 12100 3579; 12099 3576; 12099 3574; 12099 3570; 12098 3566;
edge 2: 12097 3580; 12092 3580; 12089 3582; 12084 3582;
edge 1: 12088 3631; 12087 3628; 12086 3625; 12086 3622;
edge 2: 12087 3633; 12082 3633; 12077 3635; 12072 3636;
edge 1: 5700 5038; 5699 5035; 5698 5032; 5697 5028; 5696 5024; 5694 5020;
edge 2: 5697 5046; 5692 5047; 5687 5048; 5681 5050; 5677 5051;
edge 1: 5692 5071; 5691 5068; 5690 5064; 5689 5062; 5688 5058; 5687 5054;
edge 2: 5690 5078; 5685 5079; 5682 5080; 5679 5081; 5675 5082; 5670 5083;
edge 1: 9306 5372; 9307 5367; 9307 5365; 9308 5361; 9309 5356;
edge 2: 9307 5374; 9311 5375; 9315 5375; 9320 5376; 9326 5377;
edge 1: 9293 5425; 9294 5420; 9295 5416; 9296 5411; 9297 5406; 9298 5400;
edge 2: 9296 5427; 9300 5428; 9305 5429; 9310 5429; 9315 5430;
edge 1: 9359 5381; 9359 5378; 9359 5374; 9360 5370; 9361 5364; 9362 5359;
edge 2: 9357 5382; 9351 5381; 9346 5380; 9340 5379; 9335 5379; 9328 5378;
edge 1: 9346 5434; 9346 5429; 9347 5425; 9348 5421; 9349 5416;
edge 2: 9345 5435; 9339 5434; 9333 5433; 9327 5433; 9321 5431;
edge 1: 9364 5338; 9360 5338; 9355 5337; 9351 5336; 9345 5335;
edge 2: 9363 5348; 9364 5342; 9365 5338; 9365 5334; 9366 5331;
edge 1: 9351 5391; 9347 5390; 9342 5390; 9337 5389; 9333 5388;
edge 2: 9351 5401; 9352 5396; 9353 5391; 9353 5387; 9355 5380;
edge 1: 9371 5294; 9367 5293; 9362 5292; 9355 5291; 9350 5290;
edge 2: 9373 5296; 9372 5300; 9371 5305; 9370 5310; 9369 5316;
edge 1: 9360 5347; 9355 5346; 9350 5345; 9345 5344; 9339 5343;
edge 2: 9360 5350; 9359 5354; 9359 5359; 9357 5364; 9356 5371;
edge 1: 9320 5287; 9319 5290; 9318 5296; 9317 5302; 9316 5311;
edge 2: 9323 5286; 9327 5286; 9332 5287; 9334 5288; 9338 5288;
edge 1: 9308 5341; 9306 5346; 9306 5352; 9305 5357; 9304 5364;
edge 2: 9310 5339; 9314 5340; 9320 5341; 9324 5341; 9328 5342;

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edge 2: 9315 5330; 9319 5331; 9324 5332; 9329 5333; 9336 5334;
edge 1: 9304 5369; 9302 5373; 9302 5378; 9301 5385; 9300 5390; 9299 5397;
edge 2: 9302 5383; 9307 5384; 9311 5384; 9316 5385; 9321 5386;
edge 1: 9260 5291; 9260 5285; 9262 5281; 9262 5274; 9264 5269;
edge 2: 9256 5292; 9251 5291; 9245 5291; 9238 5289; 9232 5288;
edge 1: 9248 5345; 9248 5340; 9249 5335; 9249 5330; 9250 5325;
edge 2: 9243 5346; 9239 5345; 9235 5345; 9229 5344; 9226 5343;
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edge 2: 9268 5243; 9267 5249; 9266 5255; 9265 5260; 9264 5267;
edge 1: 9254 5294; 9250 5293; 9245 5292; 9241 5291; 9236 5291; 9229 5290;
edge 2: 9256 5296; 9255 5300; 9254 5304; 9254 5308; 9252 5313; 9251 5321;
edge 1: 9206 5230; 9212 5231; 9217 5232; 9226 5234; 9235 5235;
edge 2: 9223 5234; 9222 5241; 9222 5249; 9221 5254; 9219 5267;
edge 1: 9193 5284; 9201 5285; 9209 5286; 9219 5288; 9226 5289;
edge 2: 9211 5289; 9210 5299; 9209 5304; 9208 5310; 9206 5320; 9205 5328;
edge 1: 9180 5227; 9179 5233; 9177 5238; 9177 5245; 9176 5251; 9174 5262;
edge 2: 9182 5227; 9188 5227; 9195 5228; 9203 5230; 9210 5231;
edge 1: 9167 5281; 9166 5288; 9165 5295; 9164 5303; 9162 5311; 9161 5321;
edge 2: 9169 5280; 9174 5281; 9182 5282; 9188 5283; 9196 5284; 9204 5286;
edge 1: 9177 5246; 9176 5250; 9174 5259; 9173 5265; 9172 5270; 9171 5277;
edge 2: 9173 5279; 9178 5279; 9183 5281; 9191 5282; 9200 5283; 9209 5285;
edge 1: 9165 5295; 9164 5302; 9163 5309; 9162 5315; 9161 5321; 9160 5327;
edge 2: 9161 5332; 9167 5333; 9174 5334; 9184 5336; 9192 5337; 9199 5338;
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edge 2: 9215 5286; 9216 5278; 9218 5269; 9219 5262; 9221 5250;
edge 1: 9183 5336; 9192 5338; 9201 5339; 9208 5340; 9216 5341; 9225 5343;
edge 2: 9203 5338; 9205 5330; 9206 5323; 9207 5317; 9208 5309; 9210 5298;
edge 1: 10138 6895; 10141 6898; 10145 6902; 10147 6905; 10150 6909;
edge 2: 10156 6910; 10158 6908; 10163 6905; 10166 6902; 10170 6897;
edge 1: 10144 6945; 10140 6941; 10137 6936; 10133 6932;
edge 2: 10147 6945; 10151 6942; 10155 6938; 10160 6935; 10164 6931;
edge 1: 3959 12332; 3962 12335; 3964 12338; 3965 12340;
edge 2: 3957 12351; 3960 12349; 3963 12347; 3966 12345;
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edge 1: 3127 10217; 3132 10213; 3135 10209; 3138 10206;
edge 2: 3126 10217; 3122 10215; 3119 10211; 3116 10209;
edge 1: 3093 10258; 3091 10259; 3089 10260; 3087 10261;
edge 2: 3094 10258; 3093 10255; 3091 10252; 3090 10248;
edge 1: 3140 10047; 3139 10043; 3137 10038; 3135 10033;
edge 2: 3140 10047; 3138 10048; 3135 10049; 3136 10049;
edge 1: 3174 10339; 3170 10339; 3163 10340; 3156 10340; 3149 10342;
edge 2: 3174 10340; 3174 10347; 3174 10352; 3174 10359;
edge 1: 3220 10128; 3213 10128; 3207 10129; 3199 10130; 3195 10131;
edge 2: 3221 10128; 3221 10136; 3221 10141; 3220 10147;
edge 1: 3091 10416; 3089 10419; 3084 10424; 3081 10427;
edge 2: 3091 10416; 3089 10413; 3086 10410; 3084 10409;
edge 1: 3139 10205; 3136 10208; 3131 10213; 3127 10217;
edge 2: 3138 10205; 3135 10202; 3133 10201; 3130 10198;
edge 1: 4851 13055; 4848 13055; 4845 13056;
edge 2: 4851 13055; 4852 13058; 4853 13061;
edge 1: 4859 13018; 4856 13018; 4853 13019;
edge 2: 4859 13018; 4860 13020; 4861 13024;

edge 1: 11983 12369; 11983 12362; 11982 12354;
edge 2: 11984 12369; 11986 12369; 11991 12369;
edge 1: 11977 12398; 11981 12398; 11984 12398;
edge 2: 11977 12397; 11977 12390; 11976 12382;
edge 1: 10748 9831; 10752 9831; 10758 9832; 10762 9832;
edge 2: 10763 9835; 10761 9839; 10757 9847; 10751 9859;
edge 1: 10737 9880; 10741 9881; 10745 9881; 10750 9882;
edge 2: 10752 9884; 10747 9894; 10743 9899; 10740 9905;
edge 1: 9184 11868; 9181 11872; 9178 11875; 9176 11877;
edge 2: 9185 11869; 9187 11870; 9189 11873;
edge 1: 9185 11865; 9187 11867; 9189 11868;
edge 2: 9185 11865; 9181 11868; 9179 11871; 9177 11873;

APPENDIX VI Measurements on Images for Roundabout Features in Hobart Test Field

Point 1: 3204 936; 3199 938; 3198 942; 3198 946; 3200 950; 3205 952; 3209 951; 3213 948; 3213 943; 3211 938;

Point 2: 3185 1012; 3182 1012; 3179 1015; 3178 1018; 3178 1023; 3181 1025; 3185 1027; 3189 1026; 3192 1022; 3194 1018; 3191 1014;

Point 3: 3198 971; 3193 973; 3191 975; 3190 978; 3190 982; 3192 985; 3196 987; 3200 987; 3203 984; 3205 980; 3204 975; 3202 972;

Point 4: 3429 412; 3425 414; 3423 416; 3422 419; 3424 425; 3429 428; 3437 426; 3439 419; 3437 414; 3432 411;

Point 5: 3411 509; 3406 506; 3402 507; 3398 512; 3398 515; 3400 520; 3405 522; 3410 521; 3414 517; 3414 514;

Point 6: 3421 456; 3416 457; 3413 460; 3412 464; 3413 468; 3416 471; 3421 473; 3426 470; 3429 465; 3429 461; 3425 457;

Point 7: 2505 1110; 2509 1113; 2511 1118; 2509 1123; 2506 1125; 2503 1126; 2498 1124; 2495 1119; 2496 1114;

Point 8: 2480 1172; 2481 1176; 2482 1179; 2485 1181; 2489 1181; 2493 1179; 2495 1174; 2494 1169; 2489 1166; 2485 1165;

Point 9: 2490 1141; 2488 1146; 2490 1149; 2493 1152; 2497 1153; 2501 1152; 2504 1149; 2505 1145; 2504 1141; 2499 1137;

Point 10: 5477 4057; 5473 4059; 5472 4062; 5471 4065; 5472 4068; 5477 4071; 5481 4069; 5483 4066; 5483 4063; 5481 4059;

Point 11: 5452 4160; 5449 4161; 5446 4163; 5446 4166; 5446 4169; 5449 4172; 5452 4172; 5456 4171; 5457 4168; 5457 4165; 5456 4162; 5454 4161;

Point 12: 5466 4103; 5463 4104; 5461 4107; 5460 4110; 5460 4114; 5465 4115; 5468 4115; 5472 4112; 5472 4109; 5472 4106; 5470 4104;

Point 13: 5584 3839; 5579 3843; 5579 3845; 5579 3849; 5582 3852; 5585 3852; 5590 3851; 5591 3847; 5591 3844; 5588 3840;

Point 14: 5559 3945; 5555 3946; 5553 3948; 5552 3951; 5553 3954; 5555 3956; 5559 3957; 5563 3955; 5565 3951; 5564 3947; 5561 3945;

Point 15: 5573 3885; 5569 3887; 5568 3890; 5568 3894; 5570 3898; 5574 3899; 5578 3897; 5580 3894; 5580 3890; 5578 3887;

Point 16: 5236 3657; 5233 3660; 5233 3662; 5234 3666; 5238 3668; 5243 3667; 5246 3663; 5244 3658; 5240 3656;

Point 17: 5213 3761; 5209 3761; 5208 3764; 5207 3767; 5207 3771; 5211 3773; 5215 3773; 5219 3770; 5219 3767; 5218 3764; 5215 3762;

Point 18: 5228 3702; 5224 3703; 5222 3706; 5222 3709; 5224 3713; 5227 3714; 5231 3714; 5234 3711; 5234 3707; 5233 3704; 5230 3702;

Point 19: 5364 3326; 5360 3329; 5358 3333; 5359 3338; 5363 3340; 5367 3341; 5370 3338; 5372 3334; 5370 3330; 5367 3328;

Point 20: 5337 3438; 5334 3439; 5331 3441; 5330 3446; 5331 3449; 5335 3452; 5338 3451; 5342 3449; 5343 3445; 5342 3442; 5340 3439;

Point 21: 5352 3376; 5349 3377; 5347 3380; 5346 3382; 5347 3385; 5349 3388; 5353 3390; 5357 3388; 5360 3385; 5360 3382; 5358 3379; 5355 3376;

Point 22: 4778 477; 4772 480; 4769 486; 4771 494; 4778 497; 4782 496; 4787 492; 4788 487; 4787 481; 4782 477;

Point 23: 4746 602; 4742 604; 4739 608; 4738 612; 4738 617; 4741 621; 4745 623; 4751 622; 4756 618; 4757 612; 4754 606; 4751 603;

Point 24: 4764 535; 4758 538; 4756 541; 4756 544; 4756 548; 4758 552; 4764 554; 4768 554; 4774 550; 4775 545; 4774 541; 4774 537; 4766 535;

Point 25: 4740 487; 4733 488; 4730 494; 4731 499; 4735 502; 4740 503; 4747 500; 4748 495; 4745 489;

Point 26: 4709 612; 4703 613; 4698 618; 4698 622; 4699 627; 4704 630; 4710 630; 4714 627; 4716 622; 4715 617; 4712 613;

Point 27: 4726 544; 4721 546; 4716 550; 4716 554; 4718 559; 4722 561; 4727 562; 4731 560; 4734 554; 4734 550; 4730 546;

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Point 29: 6540 2097; 6535 2099; 6532 2102; 6531 2106; 6533 2110; 6536 2113; 6540 2113; 6545 2111; 6548 2107; 6547 2101; 6544 2098;

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Point 31: 7204 2520; 7202 2522; 7200 2524; 7201 2526; 7203 2528; 7205 2528; 7208 2526; 7207 2524; 7206 2522;

Point 32: 7174 2643; 7171 2644; 7170 2646; 7170 2648; 7172 2650; 7175 2650; 7177 2647; 7177 2645; 7175 2644;

Point 33: 7192 2575; 7189 2576; 7188 2578; 7188 2581; 7191 2583; 7194 2582; 7195 2580; 7194 2577;

Point 34: 6745 4193; 6741 4195; 6739 4198; 6738 4201; 6739 4204; 6743 4208; 6745 4208; 6750 4206; 6752 4201; 6750 4196; 6746 4194;

Point 35: 6719 4298; 6715 4299; 6713 4302; 6713 4305; 6714 4310; 6718 4311; 6723 4310; 6726 4307; 6726 4303; 6725 4300; 6722 4298;

Point 36: 6735 4239; 6731 4241; 6728 4243; 6727 4245; 6728 4250; 6731 4253; 6735 4253; 6739 4251; 6742 4248; 6742 4245; 6740 4241;

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Point 38: 6135 3407; 6131 3409; 6129 3412; 6129 3415; 6130 3418; 6132 3420; 6136 3421; 6140 3419; 6142 3417; 6142 3410; 6141 3410; 6138 3408;

Point 39: 6153 3342; 6149 3344; 6146 3347; 6146 3351; 6148 3354; 6153 3356; 6158 3354; 6160 3350; 6160 3346; 6157 3343;

Point 40: 5860 3264; 5856 3266; 5855 3270; 5855 3273; 5856 3275; 5857 3277; 5860 3278; 5862 3279; 5866 3277; 5869 3273; 5869 3270; 5867 3267; 5865 3265;

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Point 183: 8916 11179; 8911 11180; 8909 11184; 8909 11188; 8911 11191; 8915 11194; 8921 11191; 8923 11187; 8923 11182; 8920 11179;
Point 184: 8571 11385; 8567 11387; 8565 11389; 8564 11392; 8567 11398; 8572 11400; 8576 11398; 8578 11394; 8577 11391; 8577 11389; 8576 11387;
Point 185: 8575 11364; 8570 11365; 8568 11369; 8568 11372; 8570 11378; 8573 11378; 8578 11376; 8580 11372; 8580 11368; 8577 11365;
Point 186: 8572 11378; 8567 11381; 8566 11385; 8567 11390; 8571 11391; 8577 11391; 8579 11387; 8579 11383; 8577 11380;
Point 187: 11921 12012; 11919 12013; 11919 12015; 11919 12017; 11920 12019; 11922 12019; 11925 12018; 11925 12016; 11925 12015; 11924 12013;
Point 188: 11899 12109; 11896 12110; 11896 12111; 11895 12113; 11897 12115; 11900 12115; 11901 12114; 11902 12111; 11901 12109;
Point 189: 11914 12049; 11911 12050; 11911 12052; 11912 12054; 11914 12056; 11916 12055; 11917 12052; 11916 12050;
Point 190: 9730 9984; 9728 9985; 9726 9986; 9726 9988; 9728 9991; 9730 9991; 9732 9991; 9733 9989; 9733 9987; 9732 9985;
Point 191: 9704 10091; 9702 10091; 9700 10092; 9700 10095; 9701 10097; 9703 10098; 9707 10097; 9707 10094; 9706 10092; 9705 10091;
Point 192: 9720 10026; 9718 10027; 9716 10029; 9717 10031; 9718 10033; 9722 10033; 9723 10031; 9723 10028; 9722 10026;
Point 193: 8312 11722; 8306 11724; 8302 11727; 8301 11731; 8302 11735; 8304 11740; 8308 11742; 8315 11743; 8319 11740; 8321 11736; 8321 11732; 8321 11728; 8319 11724; 8315 11721;
Point 194: 8323 11658; 8318 11660; 8315 11663; 8314 11668; 8314 11671; 8317 11676; 8321 11678; 8327 11678; 8331 11676; 8333 11672;
Point 195: 8316 11699; 8310 11702; 8306 11706; 8305 11711; 8307 11715; 8311 11719; 8316 11721; 8321 11719; 8325 11714; 8326 11709; 8325 11704; 8322 11701;

APPENDIX VII: Data and Results of Chapter 4

Table 1 Coordinates of Ground Control Points and Image Coordinate Residue before RPC Refinement

No	X (m)	Y (m)	H (m)	Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)
1	392036.6277	155877.5606	3.5041	3.595864	24.03925
2	366967.8819	159509.6738	58.8329	-1.72234	19.11356
3	371764.358	157086.8601	47.763	1.379613	19.36164
4	356139.6847	159783.5595	5.6422	1.077857	17.59935
5	382326.7206	153376.2986	2.852	0.15996	22.13981
6	384377.4289	152709.9586	2.753	1.220399	22.45898
7	380746.9801	152862.0239	5.3869	2.86517	20.84356
8	383878.6158	151486.1033	43.272	3.51649	21.47576
9	358524.9995	156528.1055	4.1755	-1.59599	17.89804
10	376641.673	150672.406	64.089	1.508824	21.09634
11	392344.1561	147087.2497	4.1697	4.422933	23.89347
12	372448.3874	151041.2767	93.226	1.97344	19.22113
13	358914.527	153698.255	7.7727	0.195417	17.99683
14	392560.0307	145779.1242	4.1686	4.535597	24.41091
15	361579.578	152522.034	96.711	0.731811	16.93213
16	355030.59	152852.15	19.6852	-1.44726	17.29342
17	360370.1	150966.47	61.7264	-0.90008	17.80824
18	384642.509	145338.739	2.4403	2.82828	22.65799
19	360615.8612	149246.3082	91.31	-0.28365	18.58585
20	382288.196	144291.54	2.895	3.580121	22.39936
21	375217.8526	145543.8963	77.585	2.563183	20.50194
22	356750.252	148781.729	88.598	-0.41518	17.4938
23	376128.104	144301.694	1.9293	2.715756	21.59622
24	348791.57	150028.1484	4.8572	-3.05707	16.19862
25	358060.4458	147898.8017	71.439	-1.01157	17.55684
26	367261.889	145645.561	75.072	1.83767	18.68183
27	377255.4163	142995.1709	2.8321	2.080628	21.49094
28	348488.342	149315.701	3.984	-2.57301	14.92662
29	363118.302	145512.918	83.64	0.674627	18.0105
30	360901.288	145835.575	78.217	-0.96903	17.90765
31	365305.802	144691.909	87.062	1.055944	18.92246
32	370120.6596	142684.4332	78.841	0.777252	18.50515
33	372521.923	141194.164	3.1089	0.887035	19.69875
34	353398.1688	145389.3206	6.8632	-1.08737	14.66035
35	357396.9564	142514.9403	4.6579	-2.19854	19.10547
36	362849.4785	135985.1405	12.644	-1.19665	18.15925
37	363935.9508	135562.4915	28.7268	-1.5459	21.00786

Table 2 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP and 3 GCPs by the Bias Compensation method and the Generic method

No	1 GCP, 36 CHKs				No	3 GCPs, 34 CHKs			
	Bias-Compensation		Generic method			Bias-Compensation		Generic method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-0.93973	-0.37166	-0.92631	-0.38105	1	-1.26633	0.424825	-1.26612	0.414457
2	-6.25793	-5.29735	-6.15294	-5.33117	2	-2.37558	0.891606	-2.38025	0.885944
3	-3.15598	-5.04927	-3.06886	-5.07842	3	2.267838	1.580485	2.245135	1.564904
4	-3.45774	-6.81156	-3.31952	-6.86278	4	-2.90035	0.36075	-2.89345	0.353001
5	-4.37564	-2.2711	-4.32859	-2.29129	5	-2.16984	0.212412	-2.16305	0.203894
6	-3.3152	-1.95193	-3.27599	-1.97036	6	0.101664	-0.64528	0.108929	-0.65245
7	-1.67043	-3.56735	-1.61825	-3.58884	7	0.266499	-0.74814	0.274671	-0.75513
8	-1.01911	-2.93515	-0.97845	-2.95264	8	-0.67606	1.180962	-0.69186	1.167177
9	-6.13159	-6.51287	-6.00378	-6.56019	9	-0.446	0.306193	-0.43737	0.302463
10	-3.02677	-3.31458	-2.96133	-3.33681	10	-0.12889	-0.38344	-0.12526	-0.39485
11	-0.11266	-0.51744	-0.10699	-0.52857	11	0.731973	-0.68406	0.738905	-0.68711
12	-2.56216	-5.18978	-2.48166	-5.21513	12	1.168738	1.012149	1.156651	0.999886
13	-4.34018	-6.41408	-4.21535	-6.4589	13	1.302751	-0.6633	1.297456	-0.67108
14	-3.80379	-7.47879	-3.68649	-7.51672	14	0.227532	1.036171	0.210811	1.021428
15	-5.98285	-7.11749	-5.8454	-7.16606	15	-0.05767	0.350666	-0.0634	0.342796
16	-5.43567	-6.60267	-5.31584	-6.64126	16	-0.30136	-0.14348	-0.29303	-0.14657
17	-1.70732	-1.75292	-1.67691	-1.76606	17	0.591019	0.965573	0.588249	0.960344
18	-4.81924	-5.82506	-4.7004	-5.86027	18	0.905322	0.012473	0.914484	0.012365
19	-0.95548	-2.01155	-0.91804	-2.02449	19	1.071046	-0.34194	1.081724	-0.33931
20	-1.97241	-3.90897	-1.90685	-3.92601	20	1.142051	0.623322	1.135051	0.615764
21	-4.95077	-6.91711	-4.81886	-6.95612	21	1.11331	0.476337	1.123154	0.47868
22	-1.81984	-2.8147	-1.76029	-2.83147	22	-0.19857	1.005054	-0.22026	0.986306
23	-7.59267	-8.21229	-7.43398	-8.26546	23	0.357513	0.36149	0.353144	0.355728
24	-5.54716	-6.85407	-5.42031	-6.89074	24	1.718758	-0.53043	1.725855	-0.52842
25	-2.69793	-5.72908	-2.60417	-5.75288	25	0.336853	0.051459	0.347029	0.055506
26	-2.45497	-2.91997	-2.40099	-2.93399	26	0.367425	-0.25368	0.34667	-0.27193
27	-7.10861	-9.4843	-6.94873	-9.53674	27	1.276209	-0.36784	1.280411	-0.36708
28	-3.86097	-6.40042	-3.75247	-6.42777	28	1.315403	0.044935	1.322248	0.047859
29	-5.50462	-6.50327	-5.38821	-6.53355	29	0.288764	-1.48905	0.299549	-1.4822
30	-3.47965	-5.48845	-3.37931	-5.51232	30	0.040787	-0.89227	0.051441	-0.88489
31	-3.75835	-5.90576	-3.67708	-5.92251	31	1.182589	-1.76755	1.175522	-1.77548
32	-3.64856	-4.71216	-3.57907	-4.7269	32	-0.49164	1.678732	-0.48996	1.677736
33	-5.62297	-9.75056	-5.48084	-9.79066	33	-0.15116	-0.80966	-0.13837	-0.80069
34	-6.73414	-5.30544	-6.60714	-5.33688	34	-0.66906	1.790866	-0.65536	1.801244
35	-5.73225	-6.25166	-5.62902	-6.27009					
36	-6.0815	-3.40305	-5.98264	-3.41948					

Table 3 Image Coordinate Residuals of 30 CHK points after RPC refinement with 7 GCPs by the Bias Compensation method and the Generic method.

No.	Bias-Compensation		Generic method	
	Column	Row	Column	Row
1	-1.286026	0.776871	-1.29503	0.768402
2	-2.803578	1.15122	-2.812543	1.148228
3	1.660251	1.782666	1.636296	1.770831
4	-3.097172	0.622585	-3.095424	0.615621
5	-2.334874	0.476697	-2.333441	0.468856
6	-0.124389	-0.399604	-0.121534	-0.406158
7	0.08709	-0.503735	0.090735	-0.510394
8	-1.259181	1.351378	-1.274891	1.340142
9	-0.752162	0.498008	-0.745456	0.494269
10	0.35647	-0.511016	0.362539	-0.513923
11	0.57879	1.145433	0.568434	1.134879
12	-0.431305	1.135719	-0.444556	1.122874
13	-0.636415	0.454166	-0.639182	0.447097
14	-0.496041	0.019971	-0.488995	0.015667
15	0.008141	1.046528	0.009312	1.041599
16	0.665696	0.147932	0.67486	0.146252
17	0.492346	0.675943	0.490816	0.668932
18	0.769131	0.576808	0.780886	0.577473
19	-0.974459	1.030139	-0.988924	1.013336
20	1.230699	-0.461791	1.241768	-0.460916
21	0.005705	0.140208	0.018182	0.142241
22	-0.416864	-0.240209	-0.429844	-0.256675
23	0.717818	-0.324567	0.727424	-0.324731
24	0.789902	0.089203	0.801926	0.090842
25	-0.164958	-1.44531	-0.149386	-1.440488
26	-0.378909	-0.855494	-0.363389	-0.850588
27	0.461433	-1.780943	0.463044	-1.788901
28	-1.159539	1.648013	-1.148727	1.645742
29	-0.758303	-0.900212	-0.734317	-0.894743
30	-1.259999	1.700593	-1.235235	1.707296

Table 4 Coordinates of 113 Ground Control Points on the IKONOS image

No	X	Y	H	Column	Row	No	X	Y	H	Column	Row
1	519653.6	5259759	94.4649	3206	944	58	528461.6	5255802	1.3629	11992	4870
2	519885.4	5260272	59.0294	3430	419	59	524687	5252131	228.3833	8265	8616
3	518944.5	5259597	129.6879	2503	1118	60	525993.5	5255426	-0.0184	9525	5246
4	516531.6	5256908	356.3429	131	3882	61	525995	5255427	-0.0231	9527	5245
5	516542.1	5256847	359.2805	142	3944	62	525975.8	5255446	-0.0126	9507	5225
6	520082.3	5257453	132.5842	3640	3264	63	525974.2	5255444	-0.0035	9506	5227
7	517316.4	5258410	367.125	919	2383	64	525771.2	5255299	4.9848	9306	5374
8	517048.9	5260566	450.2904	667	255	65	525825.3	5255290	4.9406	9358	5383
9	521934.8	5256623	45.5947	5477	4065	66	525832.8	5255335	4.9516	9365	5338
10	522043.8	5256839	39.6236	5585	3846	67	525840.2	5255380	4.9526	9373	5294
11	521698	5257023	39.263	5239	3662	68	525786	5255389	4.923	9320	5285
12	521825.6	5257348	27.5097	5365	3334	69	525778.6	5255344	4.9383	9313	5330
13	521244.3	5260186	0.7069	4778	486	70	525727.2	5255379	3.2137	9259	5294
14	521204.7	5260177	0.6069	4740	496	71	525736.1	5255433	3.2066	9268	5240
15	523037.6	5258693	0.1624	6572	1980	72	525691.1	5255441	3.1983	9224	5233
16	523668.9	5258150	7.379	7204	2525	73	525646	5255448	3.2057	9179	5226
17	523203.8	5256485	41.6249	6745	4201	74	525637.1	5255394	3.2117	9171	5279
18	522628.2	5257381	17.3837	6165	3297	75	525682.1	5255387	3.2223	9215	5286
19	522324	5257408	21.3512	5862	3271	76	526605.6	5253786	83.3369	10154	6911
20	524077	5258097	-0.0502	7611	2576	77	525750.5	5252976	52.5855	9293	7714
21	521030.9	5256558	82.4803	4580	4141	78	524415.2	5253774	102.867	7968	6932
22	527445.5	5260013	8.9504	10980	663	79	526335.4	5253935	85.0177	9884	6764
23	526240.8	5259239	9.0741	9775	1436	80	526337.6	5253938	85.0253	9885	6763
24	524934.2	5257747	6.2341	8469	2928	81	526313.9	5253954	84.7857	9862	6746
25	524927.1	5257783	6.2267	8462	2891	82	526311.6	5253951	84.8301	9861	6750
26	526289.6	5257432	13.559	9825	3245	83	527486.3	5252698	19.2781	11022	7981
27	526224.2	5257545	21.0215	9761	3133	84	520303.1	5248556	689.8207	3967	12343
28	528311.9	5259240	104.9297	11864	1467	85	519309.6	5250656	1256.757	3081	10428
29	525376.6	5256600	43.5848	8918	4085	86	519316.6	5250748	1260.679	3089	10337
30	524301.3	5260570	51.6418	7845	119	87	519321.6	5250827	1259.022	3094	10258
31	528188.6	5257126	-2.3928	11719	3545	88	519402.5	5250745	1258.22	3174	10338
32	528546.9	5257092	10.2284	12079	3583	89	519320.6	5250669	1257.318	3092	10415
33	528567.2	5257097	10.5894	12100	3579	90	519413.7	5250786	1256.844	3185	10298
34	520370.5	5255001	167.4864	3936	5727	91	522733	5250246	190.2642	6303	10489
35	520425.2	5255532	112.9719	3980	5178	92	523828	5249000	251.9132	7410	11754
36	520408.7	5255511	114.2219	3964	5199	93	523800.2	5248990	251.8862	7383	11764
37	524435.5	5256337	19.8141	7972	4342	94	521236.9	5247757	423.0093	4851	13055
38	524524	5254609	41.5025	8065	6077	95	521230.9	5247763	423.2605	4844	13048
39	523996.7	5254353	58.7682	7541	6338	96	521561.9	5248346	433.8235	5179	12467
40	524088.5	5253833	95.0857	7639	6871	97	523912.7	5248541	284.7487	7501	12225
41	523943.3	5256150	25.0198	7481	4530	98	522712.1	5249281	287.0207	6300	11486
42	524040.5	5255977	29.3035	7579	4705	99	526619.1	5250363	16.1257	10154	10315
43	524381.5	5253171	183.7533	7949	7563	100	526644.6	5250260	13.1207	10179	10416
44	522577.2	5254439	157.7802	6140	6286	101	525901.4	5250401	50.0069	9443	10288
45	522751.2	5254510	137.7189	6311	6208	102	525572.1	5250498	82.7498	9121	10201
46	522150.8	5255659	96.8164	5702	5043	103	525341	5249563	224.8773	8918	11183
47	523839.7	5256334	23.2047	7377	4346	104	524985.1	5249370	273.4112	8572	11391
48	523239.6	5255454	155.034	6803	5270	105	528381.2	5248675	56.5304	11922	12015
49	524721.5	5254838	24.99	8259	5843	106	528435.7	5248333	96.3145	11984	12369
50	524576.5	5254867	28.9348	8115	5815	107	527233.7	5250839	-2.4923	10763	9832
51	524671.2	5254579	36.5935	8211	6106	108	525299.2	5251065	47.1107	8841	9623
52	525304.7	5254738	52.9904	8847	5953	109	526190.8	5250697	37.7947	9730	9988
53	524552.8	5253726	93.8594	8103	6977	110	525602.5	5248888	254.3795	9184	11868
54	524942	5253464	123.4042	8498	7249	111	525598.7	5248151	256.6078	9181	12606
55	525460.8	5252874	78.3815	9008	7825	112	524710	5249055	351.6752	8312	11732
56	526119.5	5253671	29.5483	9657	7011	113	525078.8	5248317	232.1978	8657	12432
57	525354.7	5255360	13.5233	8890	5317						

Table 5 Residue of 112 CHK points after RPC refinement with 1 GCP.

No	Generic (112 CHKs, 1 GCP)		Bias (112 CHKs, 1 GCP)		No	Generic (112 CHKs, 1 GCP)		Bias (112 CHKs, 1 GCP)	
	Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)	Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)		Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)	Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)
1	0.329788	0.348275	0.347896	0.351736	57	1.40152	1.046512	1.384934	1.044002
2	1.511749	1.104575	1.52875	1.105962	58	-0.388	0.353816	-0.39021	0.364439
3	0.939715	0.508268	0.960616	0.513649	59	0.871773	0.779768	0.863226	0.777951
4	1.612974	-0.11567	1.641792	-0.10117	60	0.407125	0.149108	0.398575	0.14729
5	1.63539	-0.3104	1.664141	-0.29582	61	1.251867	1.548325	1.243398	1.546506
6	2.028573	-1.20603	2.044237	-1.20004	62	0.672296	1.232437	0.663831	1.23062
7	0.499236	0.411361	0.526872	0.425294	63	-1.32854	0.820554	-1.33631	0.819145
8	-0.03776	0.165516	-0.00749	0.179886	64	0.793142	0.744866	0.785185	0.743443
9	0.550926	-0.14688	0.55808	-0.14544	65	1.236929	0.694425	1.228987	0.692983
10	0.414426	0.371429	0.421257	0.372438	66	0.62156	-0.33131	0.613633	-0.33277
11	0.634417	0.225875	0.642516	0.226889	67	-0.4949	-0.25992	-0.50264	-0.26137
12	-0.0401	-0.12271	-0.03244	-0.12251	68	-0.925	-0.22782	-0.93275	-0.22925
13	1.047569	0.64238	1.058703	0.640146	69	1.343758	0.23338	1.336162	0.231846
14	-0.50672	-0.85004	-0.49546	-0.85226	70	1.239909	0.088546	1.23233	0.086989
15	-0.49988	-0.67913	-0.49579	-0.68134	71	0.219707	-0.30723	0.212286	-0.30878
16	-0.13645	-0.53399	-0.13468	-0.53573	72	0.225491	-0.68784	0.218229	-0.68938
17	0.346165	0.208082	0.348955	0.209021	73	-0.68317	0.450633	-0.69045	0.449118
18	0.375507	0.296518	0.380311	0.29591	74	0.314291	0.854168	0.306854	0.852644
19	0.096831	0.222757	0.102756	0.222451	75	0.238161	2.87053	0.22826	2.873812
20	-0.62151	-0.18028	-0.62133	-0.18256	76	0.217044	-0.18082	0.208578	-0.1786
21	0.881553	0.791166	0.892439	0.794826	77	0.205709	0.834394	0.203603	0.839227
22	-0.43075	-0.47042	-0.43995	-0.47373	78	0.49951	1.945467	0.490695	1.948845
23	0.242065	-0.18212	0.236271	-0.18484	79	1.668093	-0.14916	1.659273	-0.14578
24	-0.58901	-0.87919	-0.5918	-0.8812	80	0.944545	0.163988	0.935815	0.167352
25	-0.65957	0.853125	-0.66231	0.851103	81	-0.36136	-0.71628	-0.37009	-0.71291
26	-0.21197	0.17806	-0.21936	0.176233	82	-0.23227	-0.39758	-0.2478	-0.39756
27	-0.08089	1.019504	-0.08776	1.018089	83	2.204674	-0.04017	2.213014	-0.02294
28	0.80231	0.006145	0.791923	0.008067	84	1.243444	0.398114	1.237081	0.387626
29	-0.12728	2.139037	-0.13154	2.139461	85	0.986686	0.678371	0.98017	0.66753
30	-0.15518	-0.07334	-0.15233	-0.07362	86	0.639563	0.756742	0.633183	0.745998
31	0.838945	0.128946	0.824389	0.125792	87	1.571968	2.002901	1.565291	1.992234
32	1.552965	0.651837	1.537514	0.649364	88	1.387816	0.624625	1.381398	0.614084
33	0.928787	0.242209	0.913281	0.239751	89	1.536987	0.545193	1.53038	0.534614
34	0.59429	-0.59357	0.607664	-0.58524	90	0.216636	0.646811	0.21876	0.657306
35	1.090727	-0.69946	1.103362	-0.69376	91	0.231564	1.063951	0.229888	1.076779
36	0.824046	0.262009	0.836742	0.267782	92	-0.6287	0.958016	-0.63029	0.970854
37	0.477435	-0.00632	0.47546	-0.00689	93	1.160908	-0.21178	1.167737	-0.19407
38	0.060008	0.017328	0.05681	0.018618	94	2.27456	0.041516	2.281414	0.059237
39	0.215677	0.573356	0.214448	0.575828	95	0.359593	2.231636	0.365862	2.249224
40	1.005275	-0.17277	1.004138	-0.16826	96	0.366759	-0.17077	0.36478	-0.15682
41	0.373447	0.250377	0.373083	0.250306	97	1.173359	-0.46699	1.175974	-0.45292
42	0.374183	-0.05172	0.373461	-0.05151	98	0.055267	0.36978	0.040599	0.37079
43	1.342784	-0.52035	1.341811	-0.51171	99	-0.0976	0.569204	-0.11253	0.570071
44	1.185889	-0.51494	1.191493	-0.50738	100	0.383017	0.198529	0.371751	0.201616
45	0.287896	0.099209	0.292623	0.105816	101	-0.33038	0.466381	-0.33964	0.471233
46	1.265098	2.005305	1.271924	2.009716	102	-0.15187	0.469273	-0.15848	0.480608
47	0.522526	0.355683	0.522615	0.355468	103	-0.3382	1.482677	-0.34318	1.495733
48	0.281641	-0.61512	0.27755	-0.6149	104	1.641923	1.137911	1.62085	1.141341
49	0.020016	-0.17363	0.01654	-0.17316	105	2.208233	2.573475	2.187668	2.579049
50	0.244937	-0.26097	0.241094	-0.25998	106	1.690564	0.490038	1.673649	0.489597
51	0.706169	-0.62637	0.700761	-0.62471	107	-0.1519	-0.01011	-0.16062	-0.00728
52	0.988543	0.287697	0.98574	0.292072	108	0.278721	0.093115	0.266398	0.095338
53	0.93574	-0.30047	0.932041	-0.29468	109	1.234376	0.358158	1.226706	0.370644
54	0.651285	-0.66069	0.64434	-0.65699	110	0.919759	0.163409	0.911527	0.176203
55	0.583767	0.162702	0.574059	0.163269	111	0.014263	0.790403	0.010559	0.805607
56	0.051599	0.282398	0.045528	0.281581	112	0.099009	-0.39968	0.092354	-0.3876

Table 6 Residue of 104 CHK points after RPC refinement with 9 GCPs.

No	Generic (104 CHKs, 9 GCPs)		Bias (104 CHKs, 9 GCPs)		No	Generic (104 CHKs, 9 GCPs)		Bias (104 CHKs, 9 GCPs)	
	Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)	Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)		Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)	Column (pixel)	Row (pixel)
1	1.038921	1.330294	1.041529	1.33377	57	0.688975	1.361301	0.68865	1.361593
2	0.267473	0.692008	0.271625	0.698697	58	-1.35483	0.940448	-1.35495	0.941027
3	0.34558	-0.07799	0.352612	-0.06472	59	0.774175	0.865249	0.774025	0.865825
4	0.364271	-0.275	0.371311	-0.26168	60	1.223005	0.816718	1.22285	0.817293
5	1.339836	-1.0899	1.343882	-1.08309	61	0.612667	-0.2071	0.612507	-0.20653
6	-0.51946	0.521021	-0.51298	0.534414	62	-0.51111	-0.1362	-0.51125	-0.13563
7	-0.90825	0.35633	-0.90225	0.370494	63	-0.94624	-0.10601	-0.94638	-0.10544
8	-0.03479	0.494255	-0.03295	0.496758	64	1.317864	0.355782	1.317705	0.356263
9	0.149504	0.350635	0.15144	0.353125	65	1.220068	0.213243	1.219902	0.213721
10	-0.47769	0.017025	-0.47607	0.018899	66	0.193778	-0.18294	0.193628	-0.18246
11	0.770356	0.886229	0.771328	0.886643	67	0.193477	-0.56396	0.193342	-0.56348
12	-0.79059	-0.60715	-0.78961	-0.60674	68	-0.72124	0.572217	-0.72137	0.572701
13	-0.63895	-0.46674	-0.63848	-0.46638	69	0.282306	0.97616	0.282163	0.976643
14	-0.22838	-0.3334	-0.22792	-0.33266	70	0.205191	2.942754	0.206447	2.947338
15	0.039614	0.334896	0.041098	0.337475	71	-0.01467	-0.15404	-0.01361	-0.15086
16	0.06084	0.450164	0.061955	0.451481	72	-0.15576	0.8718	-0.15336	0.877338
17	-0.26093	0.372725	-0.25962	0.374261	73	0.43912	2.019374	0.440491	2.024038
18	-0.65714	0.024577	-0.65699	0.024895	74	1.608297	-0.07509	1.609668	-0.07043
19	0.256459	0.886735	0.259486	0.891355	75	0.882656	0.238345	0.884029	0.242997
20	0.629763	0.101981	0.629252	0.10273	76	-0.42387	-0.64208	-0.42249	-0.63743
21	-0.52688	-0.67489	-0.52686	-0.67425	77	-0.22903	-0.35455	-0.22929	-0.35313
22	-0.59542	1.058718	-0.5954	1.059356	78	-0.14906	0.224935	-0.16689	0.207868
23	0.025349	0.390913	0.025075	0.391907	79	-0.39671	0.508942	-0.41479	0.491539
24	0.156627	1.235818	0.156525	1.237216	80	-0.73625	0.590522	-0.75426	0.573252
25	1.500515	0.322082	1.501006	0.327508	81	0.201192	1.834707	0.18319	1.817507
26	-0.09883	2.304329	-0.0981	2.306937	82	-0.0019	0.452131	-0.01977	0.435016
27	0.058894	0.233237	0.05975	0.236247	83	0.171473	0.378815	0.153529	0.361726
28	1.33334	0.359398	1.332067	0.359459	84	-0.63326	0.901273	-0.62823	0.912338
29	2.098019	0.886448	2.096901	0.887201	85	-1.49855	0.794509	-1.49352	0.805574
30	1.477274	0.477315	1.476157	0.478087	86	-0.19939	-0.46543	-0.19279	-0.45127
31	0.285702	-0.65435	0.289564	-0.64833	87	0.913973	-0.21195	0.920571	-0.19779
32	0.014677	0.305994	0.018568	0.312067	88	-0.90056	2.006461	-0.89423	2.02073
33	-0.2127	0.090058	-0.21154	0.092642	89	-0.52525	-0.35059	-0.51997	-0.33869
34	-0.1581	0.627567	-0.15639	0.631041	90	0.166273	-0.63611	0.171901	-0.62412
35	0.600072	-0.13806	0.602455	-0.13286	91	-0.43292	0.502037	-0.43277	0.503287
36	0.148224	0.37551	0.14913	0.377211	92	-0.05085	0.125144	-0.04963	0.128329
37	0.148414	0.068009	0.149388	0.069935	93	-0.80474	0.391551	-0.80278	0.396314
38	0.924209	-0.50794	0.927802	-0.49918	94	-0.74142	0.352786	-0.73728	0.363026
39	0.60783	-0.48005	0.611643	-0.47223	95	-0.9975	1.352669	-0.99283	1.364268
40	-0.25807	0.139751	-0.2546	0.146774	96	1.428097	1.034503	1.428792	1.037961
41	0.729334	2.08249	0.732283	2.087756	97	1.972991	2.457065	1.97449	2.462383
42	0.297793	0.486509	0.298683	0.488113	98	1.493671	0.455212	1.493168	0.455561
43	-0.39469	0.078776	-0.39127	0.086435	99	-0.61785	-0.06643	-0.61654	-0.0634
44	-0.22243	-0.08973	-0.22157	-0.08781	100	-0.08614	0.036108	-0.08532	0.038653
45	-0.00844	-0.18712	-0.00743	-0.18479	101	0.625217	0.218704	0.629612	0.229789
46	0.56148	-0.5364	0.562569	-0.53327	102	0.245725	-0.00547	0.250274	0.005659
47	0.643459	0.325415	0.645659	0.330549	103	-0.71315	0.643126	-0.70806	0.656355
48	0.626243	-0.26726	0.6288	-0.26085	104	-0.63842	-0.5699	-0.63391	-0.55945
49	0.36753	-0.64263	0.3692	-0.63819	57	0.688975	1.361301	0.68865	1.361593
50	0.467686	0.223059	0.46808	0.225014	58	-1.35483	0.940448	-1.35495	0.941027
51	-0.03162	0.398143	-0.03141	0.399202	59	0.774175	0.865249	0.774025	0.865825
52	1.821164	1.22846	1.819956	1.228743	60	1.223005	0.816718	1.22285	0.817293

Table 7 Image Coordinate Residuals of 37 control points after the error is added into the ephemeris and attitude data in case 1, case 2, case 3, and case 4.

No	Case 1		Case 2		No	Case 3		Case 4	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	33682.57	27779.47	3349.419	2483.732	1	338.2855	266.9507	539.3641	268.1397
2	33524.56	26798.64	3340.916	2381.335	2	332.7604	252.2784	531.2433	263.3146
3	33556.81	27000.22	3344.31	2401.65	3	335.8709	254.5348	534.9265	263.6085
4	33476.5	26392.03	3343.658	2339.287	4	335.5999	246.7129	532.7105	261.8934
5	33623.39	27434.11	3344.333	2447.408	5	334.7292	261.6128	534.9114	266.4263
6	33638.52	27517.35	3345.732	2455.997	6	335.8143	262.7594	536.2046	266.7513
7	33617.76	27377.84	3346.826	2440.591	7	337.4203	259.7657	537.4506	265.1645
8	33640.51	27506.33	3347.986	2453.974	8	338.1085	261.6745	538.4895	265.8191
9	33489.61	26509.84	3340.915	2351.23	9	332.909	248.1799	530.3704	262.292
10	33597.14	27240.27	3345.007	2426.971	10	336.0358	258.6363	535.7051	265.5387
11	33707.6	27868.06	3350.695	2492.109	11	339.1565	267.6683	540.3294	268.3222
12	33573.2	27076.36	3345.046	2408.906	12	336.4763	255.1431	535.7102	263.6894
13	33498.01	26549.09	3342.689	2355.118	13	334.6979	248.6618	532.2515	262.4931
14	33712.77	27888.39	3350.919	2494.528	14	339.2786	268.378	540.4798	268.8865
15	33513.12	26653.64	3343.245	2364.605	15	335.2254	248.6539	533.1839	261.4475
16	33480.26	26410.01	3341.097	2340.517	16	333.0775	246.5711	530.16	261.8576
17	33508.63	26624.78	3341.593	2362.395	17	333.5973	249.2238	531.406	262.3924
18	33659.9	27592.95	3347.634	2463.328	18	337.4486	263.6833	537.9308	267.2238
19	33513.65	26648.59	3342.211	2365.378	19	334.2136	250.2244	532.0964	263.2311
20	33648.54	27513.68	3348.028	2455.075	20	338.1746	262.6273	538.4392	267.0257
21	33601.8	27231.39	3346.012	2425.214	21	337.0908	257.9339	536.6743	265.1479
22	33496.21	26507.25	3342.068	2350.199	22	334.0984	247.725	531.5066	262.1916
23	33610.38	27281.65	3346.297	2431.102	23	337.2519	259.5083	536.8924	266.2789
24	33456.79	26201.74	3339.709	2318.474	24	331.5202	243.3864	527.8172	260.9241
25	33503.39	26565.08	3341.459	2355.976	25	333.4953	248.3599	531.0687	262.2746
26	33556.82	26930.63	3344.596	2393.444	26	336.3323	253.12	535.0371	263.3971
27	33619.67	27335.68	3345.837	2436.309	27	336.6282	259.9356	536.4001	266.2108
28	33457.21	26195.58	3340.197	2316.658	28	332.0066	242.0607	528.2739	259.6807
29	33534.52	26775.64	3343.234	2377.298	29	335.1683	250.9019	533.3978	262.7683
30	33521.17	26689.95	3341.527	2368.641	30	333.5283	249.9436	531.484	262.6739
31	33547.87	26865.7	3343.714	2387.076	31	335.5495	252.7009	534.049	263.6899
32	33578.03	27064.31	3343.782	2406.424	32	335.2828	254.2612	534.3476	263.3011
33	33595.4	27172.95	3344.14	2418.212	33	335.4051	256.5144	534.6977	264.5259
34	33486.79	26413.96	3341.414	2337.979	34	333.4449	243.955	530.4218	259.51
35	33509.95	26594.25	3340.241	2359.776	35	332.3095	250.1355	529.8327	264.0203
36	33553.28	26857.9	3341.408	2384.616	36	333.2974	251.7635	531.573	263.2504
37	33559.72	26904.58	3341.122	2391.816	37	332.9487	255.0472	531.3672	266.1041

Table 8 Image Coordinate Residuals of 37 control points after the error is added into the ephemeris and attitude data in case 5, case 6, case 7, and case 8.

No	Case 5		Case 6		No	Case 7		Case 8	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	57.18682	48.43465	8.952097	26.46434	1	33137.09	27452.94	3295.803	2458.525
2	51.58138	43.52222	3.599472	21.54313	2	32984.48	26472.33	3287.606	2356.121
3	54.74511	43.77494	6.710986	21.79173	3	33015.57	26673.78	3290.937	2376.431
4	54.24285	42.02027	6.380902	20.03307	4	32938.77	26065.74	3290.491	2314.066
5	53.65191	46.55664	5.50944	24.56983	5	33079.72	27107.46	3290.828	2422.185
6	54.73653	46.87637	6.573098	24.88905	6	33094.38	27190.65	3292.201	2430.772
7	56.3408	45.26483	8.213379	23.27502	7	33074.37	27051.15	3293.34	2415.365
8	57.03265	45.89977	8.870354	23.908	8	33096.36	27179.57	3294.458	2428.746
9	51.60601	42.33117	3.714247	20.33519	9	32951.16	26183.37	3287.713	2325.999
10	54.94691	45.53399	6.854839	23.53366	10	33054.42	26913.46	3291.563	2401.734
11	58.03745	48.32809	9.791216	26.32885	11	33161.39	27541.04	3297.064	2466.871
12	55.36415	43.66272	7.31351	21.66019	12	33031.36	26749.57	3291.652	2383.667
13	53.40994	42.44323	5.51043	20.43835	13	32959.29	26222.45	3289.478	2329.878
14	58.15484	48.85176	9.90529	26.84846	14	33166.41	27561.29	3297.283	2469.286
15	53.98854	41.38106	6.053512	19.37453	15	32973.68	26326.95	3289.991	2339.362
16	51.72226	41.74918	3.863314	19.73844	16	32942.31	26083.33	3287.934	2315.271
17	52.34382	42.26623	4.422164	20.25371	17	32969.37	26297.99	3288.355	2337.146
18	56.36251	47.11136	8.189023	25.10027	18	33115.14	27265.81	3294.091	2438.079
19	52.97024	43.05181	5.042164	21.03399	19	32974.19	26321.69	3288.965	2340.124
20	57.09041	46.86093	8.938996	24.8446	20	33104.18	27186.48	3294.511	2429.82
21	55.99733	44.96677	7.913443	22.94879	21	33058.97	26904.26	3292.578	2399.958
22	52.79268	41.96677	4.906021	19.94438	22	32957.54	26180.32	3288.872	2324.94
23	56.15751	46.06542	8.067783	24.04422	23	33067.31	26954.44	3292.855	2405.842
24	50.04289	40.67572	2.25059	18.65096	24	32919.99	25874.88	3286.626	2293.213
25	52.21381	42.03207	4.31298	20.00792	25	32964.39	26238.1	3288.246	2330.715
26	55.17962	43.15593	7.178086	21.13194	26	33015.68	26603.5	3291.261	2368.182
27	55.53751	45.96475	7.434964	23.94029	27	33076.26	27008.38	3292.379	2411.046
28	50.5255	39.40724	2.735802	17.37998	28	32920.43	25868.68	3287.116	2291.394
29	53.96853	42.49007	6.010017	20.46236	29	32994.25	26448.5	3289.951	2352.032
30	52.29712	42.3884	4.362959	20.35996	30	32981.4	26362.84	3288.273	2343.375
31	54.37809	43.403	6.395301	21.37442	31	33007.06	26538.51	3290.401	2361.809
32	54.15935	42.98862	6.124592	20.9575	32	33036.04	26736.99	3290.406	2381.154
33	54.29414	44.18535	6.237739	22.15143	33	33052.83	26845.53	3290.737	2392.939
34	52.08423	39.15109	4.235369	17.1153	34	32948.65	26086.81	3288.261	2312.706
35	51.02937	43.60214	3.133735	21.56043	35	32970.73	26266.9	3287.032	2334.495
36	52.10868	42.66859	4.14669	20.61055	36	33012.33	26530.08	3288.118	2359.317
37	51.77367	45.51745	3.798706	23.45892	37	33018.49	26576.73	3287.817	2366.516

Table 9 Image Coordinate Residuals of 37 control points after the error is added into the ephemeris and attitude data in case 9.

No	Case 9	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	332.9255	264.5016
2	327.4286	249.8284
3	330.5334	252.0843
4	330.2816	244.262
5	329.3796	259.1619
6	330.4623	260.3084
7	332.0723	257.3144
8	332.7566	259.223
9	327.5873	245.728
10	330.6918	256.1838
11	333.7952	265.2159
12	331.1369	252.6904
13	329.3753	246.2089
14	333.917	265.9251
15	329.8988	246.2008
16	327.7595	244.1175
17	328.2723	246.77
18	332.0954	261.2296
19	328.8879	247.7701
20	332.8239	260.173
21	331.7477	255.4795
22	328.7773	245.2701
23	331.9081	257.0535
24	326.2096	240.9313
25	328.1726	245.9049
26	330.9984	250.665
27	331.283	257.4804
28	326.6963	239.6054
29	329.8391	248.4464
30	328.2019	247.4881
31	330.2176	250.2454
32	329.9451	251.8053
33	330.065	254.0582
34	328.128	241.4987
35	326.9874	247.6785
36	327.9678	249.3046
37	327.6177	252.5882

Table 10 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 1 GCP in Case 1 and Case 2.

No	Case 1 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)				No	Case 2 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	1.858994	-100.139	-30.1998	-108.921	1	0.025416	-10.104	-1.49921	-10.7962
2	16.64064	-1003.71	-188.205	-1089.74	2	3.704729	-102.457	-10.003	-113.193
3	15.8582	-818.792	-155.953	-888.164	3	4.907959	-84.256	-6.60824	-92.8783
4	27.1682	-1377.69	-236.265	-1496.36	4	10.45396	-140.16	-7.26102	-155.241
5	5.966169	-420.028	-89.3769	-454.276	5	-0.2849	-42.9592	-6.58604	-47.1199
6	5.217178	-343.093	-74.2484	-371.041	6	0.015451	-35.1827	-5.18718	-38.5313
7	9.817793	-472.077	-95.0129	-510.553	7	2.924906	-49.1931	-4.09256	-53.9368
8	7.423445	-352.228	-72.2567	-382.057	8	2.368675	-36.954	-2.93233	-40.5535
9	22.36345	-1270.04	-223.159	-1378.55	9	6.641599	-129.431	-10.0038	-143.298
10	10.90329	-597.499	-115.624	-648.116	10	2.796336	-61.1578	-5.91207	-67.5571
11	0.437872	-18.6307	-5.16832	-20.3328	11	0.062003	-2.28749	-0.22357	-2.41925
12	14.48186	-747.782	-139.566	-812.026	12	4.749241	-77.4644	-5.87304	-85.6217
13	23.37016	-1234.23	-214.757	-1339.3	13	8.055605	-125.858	-8.2293	-139.41
14	21.33926	-1136.02	-199.651	-1234.74	14	7.496355	-117.268	-7.67385	-129.923
15	24.07391	-1361.27	-232.505	-1478.38	15	7.746621	-138.828	-9.82152	-154.011
16	20.47089	-1163.72	-204.139	-1263.61	16	6.186725	-119.169	-9.32574	-132.133
17	5.024767	-274.408	-52.8662	-295.443	17	0.94685	-28.3044	-3.28425	-31.1994
18	20.42988	-1141.32	-199.114	-1239.8	18	6.56079	-116.284	-8.70768	-129.15
19	7.49404	-348.154	-64.2267	-374.705	19	2.423677	-35.7137	-2.8908	-39.4528
20	11.94738	-606.541	-110.97	-656.999	20	3.9293	-62.5626	-4.90637	-69.314
21	22.84908	-1271.1	-216.562	-1381.14	21	7.788666	-129.877	-8.8505	-144.329
22	11.58415	-562.788	-102.39	-606.736	22	3.695804	-57.323	-4.62128	-63.4264
23	26.0391	-1552.59	-255.979	-1686.65	23	8.190696	-158.388	-11.2093	-176.054
24	21.32572	-1218.92	-209.377	-1323.31	24	6.652587	-124.751	-9.45952	-138.552
25	17.26531	-883.868	-155.944	-957.759	25	6.017706	-91.1734	-6.32311	-101.084
26	9.78557	-513.375	-93.0945	-552.711	26	2.562199	-52.6085	-5.0815	-58.2186
27	26.60113	-1558.55	-255.561	-1692.81	27	8.727404	-160.113	-10.7215	-177.87
28	19.01061	-1026.18	-178.251	-1112.75	28	6.31811	-105.611	-7.68453	-117.23
29	19.01418	-1104.9	-191.598	-1198.43	29	5.498648	-113.354	-9.39153	-125.887
30	17.6542	-943.566	-164.899	-1022.69	30	5.849322	-96.7565	-7.2048	-107.452
31	13.48867	-761.89	-134.739	-824.08	31	3.702307	-79.4688	-7.13692	-88.1041
32	11.92699	-664.633	-117.366	-715.435	32	2.877555	-68.9375	-6.77897	-76.3159
33	24.30985	-1360.38	-225.977	-1474.42	33	8.089576	-141.109	-9.5051	-156.549
34	20.05393	-1196.33	-202.815	-1294.14	34	5.290994	-121.158	-10.6777	-134.752
35	16.00119	-958.333	-159.491	-1030.48	35	3.790393	-98.8834	-9.51065	-109.912
36	14.68685	-914.988	-153.044	-983.804	36	3.011523	-92.0968	-9.79656	-102.712

Table 11 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 1 GCP in Case 3 and Case 4.

No	Case 3 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)				No	Case 4 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-0.83874	-1.35555	-0.99312	-1.42728	1	-0.93468	-0.59175	-1.11571	-0.74683
2	-5.1282	-15.0221	-6.51826	-16.0995	2	-7.68021	-3.51389	-9.23654	-5.57196
3	-2.24119	-12.9778	-3.40768	-13.8432	3	-4.22659	-3.62371	-5.55327	-5.27798
4	-1.88024	-20.1578	-3.67871	-21.6651	4	-5.82089	-4.09859	-7.76932	-6.99312
5	-3.91277	-6.34813	-4.54941	-6.76515	5	-4.82237	-1.65103	-5.56844	-2.46017
6	-2.93885	-5.28323	-3.46431	-5.6186	6	-3.65648	-1.48213	-4.27521	-2.13524
7	-1.14925	-8.13714	-1.85833	-8.61229	7	-2.20062	-2.8041	-3.02922	-3.72202
8	-0.63414	-6.34268	-1.1701	-6.70347	8	-1.35998	-2.37985	-1.99027	-3.0674
9	-4.68163	-18.8126	-6.36967	-20.1981	9	-8.25965	-3.93756	-10.1094	-6.59447
10	-2.36178	-9.1004	-3.24281	-9.74168	10	-3.75415	-2.13602	-4.7747	-3.34777
11	-0.09348	-0.6998	-0.12215	-0.70968	11	-0.11626	-0.53875	-0.15043	-0.56428
12	-1.72674	-12.4171	-2.80231	-13.2349	12	-3.53794	-3.65812	-4.76961	-5.1971
13	-2.93002	-18.3626	-4.58075	-19.7162	13	-6.41185	-3.80479	-8.22834	-6.39345
14	-2.51485	-18.4577	-4.05328	-19.7241	14	-5.58981	-5.04507	-7.29594	-7.43902
15	-4.41898	-20.2911	-6.2011	-21.8069	15	-8.38238	-4.13728	-10.3198	-7.02894
16	-4.10873	-17.8579	-5.68133	-19.1542	16	-7.33216	-4.03741	-9.07376	-6.4941
17	-1.40303	-4.40702	-1.83003	-4.69473	17	-2.04041	-1.11628	-2.54896	-1.66269
18	-3.51686	-16.8663	-5.06501	-18.1536	18	-6.66553	-3.22962	-8.38339	-5.6554
19	-0.56749	-5.37806	-1.10403	-5.75069	19	-1.40428	-1.15717	-2.04062	-1.86083
20	-1.29374	-9.76758	-2.18781	-10.4441	20	-2.76793	-2.47799	-3.8055	-3.73859
21	-3.49217	-19.2079	-5.18024	-20.653	21	-7.12201	-3.96971	-8.9732	-6.69487
22	-1.18647	-8.25963	-2.02676	-8.86968	22	-2.60624	-1.45492	-3.58734	-2.60765
23	-5.78919	-23.2292	-7.75842	-24.9916	23	-10.5616	-4.60585	-12.6626	-7.9624
24	-4.14942	-18.6379	-5.78335	-20.0181	24	-7.60934	-4.00811	-9.41105	-6.6119
25	-1.69649	-14.2653	-2.9463	-15.258	25	-4.02271	-3.62907	-5.4427	-5.48944
26	-1.87814	-7.88156	-2.65038	-8.44238	26	-3.17401	-1.6205	-4.0797	-2.67572
27	-5.29783	-24.5457	-7.27199	-26.3172	27	-10.1004	-5.83398	-12.2059	-9.20585
28	-2.69126	-16.3125	-4.11036	-17.4761	28	-5.48903	-3.93687	-7.08201	-6.11824
29	-4.24089	-17.1798	-5.75034	-18.4343	29	-7.3131	-3.85607	-8.99579	-6.21259
30	-2.40648	-14.6054	-3.72914	-15.677	30	-4.93541	-3.19322	-6.43082	-5.19659
31	-2.89829	-13.2509	-3.99587	-14.1168	31	-4.87149	-3.97591	-6.13217	-5.58545
32	-2.89706	-11.1247	-3.8735	-11.8636	32	-4.64912	-2.97482	-5.78211	-4.36057
33	-4.04938	-22.8801	-5.83374	-24.423	33	-8.11319	-6.45369	-10.0579	-9.37651
34	-5.35053	-16.8822	-6.96912	-18.2425	34	-8.85408	-2.29944	-10.6471	-4.86616
35	-4.63269	-15.5065	-5.98124	-16.6145	35	-7.37819	-3.57245	-8.90681	-5.6361
36	-5.03116	-12.2636	-6.32994	-13.3308	36	-7.63551	-0.802	-9.1126	-2.78241

Table 12 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 1 GCP in Case 5 and Case 6.

No	Case 5 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)				No	Case 6 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-0.93962	-0.40618	-0.96802	-0.41711	1	-0.94018	-0.38774	-0.95319	-0.38412
2	-6.32376	-5.15029	-6.57346	-5.32953	2	-6.18573	-5.31428	-6.30582	-5.30533
3	-3.20031	-4.93277	-3.40974	-5.07682	3	-3.09579	-5.06398	-3.19431	-5.05673
4	-3.58893	-6.58303	-3.91199	-6.83149	4	-3.36234	-6.83192	-3.52439	-6.81539
5	-4.38893	-2.2264	-4.50294	-2.29512	5	-4.34476	-2.28413	-4.39585	-2.27862
6	-3.32415	-1.92053	-3.41831	-1.97539	6	-3.2903	-1.96453	-3.33219	-1.95941
7	-1.68712	-3.5085	-1.81404	-3.58693	7	-1.63481	-3.57914	-1.69191	-3.57343
8	-1.0256	-2.89284	-1.12219	-2.95199	8	-0.99151	-2.9443	-1.03494	-2.94046
9	-6.24591	-6.29213	-6.54884	-6.52059	9	-6.04141	-6.528	-6.19104	-6.51327
10	-3.04948	-3.21143	-3.20794	-3.31777	10	-2.97769	-3.31919	-3.05045	-3.3148
11	-0.112	-0.52505	-0.11739	-0.52367	11	-0.11182	-0.52374	-0.11408	-0.51961
12	-2.59693	-5.05316	-2.79069	-5.18904	12	-2.5011	-5.19293	-2.59178	-5.18827
13	-4.44863	-6.18532	-4.74491	-6.40853	13	-4.24927	-6.42376	-4.39486	-6.4101
14	-3.88895	-7.26111	-4.16631	-7.4707	14	-3.71609	-7.48307	-3.85178	-7.47393
15	-6.11211	-6.85312	-6.43258	-7.10258	15	-5.88169	-7.12512	-6.04198	-7.11002
16	-5.52796	-6.37122	-5.81102	-6.58553	16	-5.34468	-6.60496	-5.48313	-6.59474
17	-1.71618	-1.69407	-1.79233	-1.74039	17	-1.68329	-1.75197	-1.71627	-1.74818
18	-4.90548	-5.58679	-5.18461	-5.79994	18	-4.72667	-5.82286	-4.86313	-5.81447
19	-0.96881	-1.92997	-1.06443	-1.99083	19	-0.92459	-2.00738	-0.9663	-2.00386
20	-1.99671	-3.77257	-2.15751	-3.88499	20	-1.91821	-3.90223	-1.99185	-3.89967
21	-5.05761	-6.64609	-5.36216	-6.88499	21	-4.848	-6.91411	-4.99927	-6.90408
22	-1.84742	-2.68527	-1.99733	-2.78634	22	-1.77027	-2.80849	-1.83751	-2.80424
23	-7.75757	-7.88674	-8.11195	-8.17604	23	-7.47325	-8.21528	-7.6547	-8.1975
24	-5.64659	-6.59132	-5.94104	-6.81969	24	-5.44728	-6.85	-5.59231	-6.84054
25	-2.75036	-5.53072	-2.97522	-5.69583	25	-2.62099	-5.72115	-2.72721	-5.71652
26	-2.47966	-2.79408	-2.61733	-2.88701	26	-2.40909	-2.91161	-2.47033	-2.90816
27	-7.2741	-9.1536	-7.62935	-9.44452	27	-6.98754	-9.486	-7.16949	-9.46848
28	-3.93065	-6.16831	-4.18631	-6.36169	28	-3.77229	-6.39176	-3.89527	-6.38609
29	-5.58573	-6.25512	-5.85772	-6.46336	29	-5.41027	-6.49535	-5.54233	-6.4885
30	-3.53852	-5.27039	-3.77676	-5.44876	30	-3.39653	-5.47838	-3.50999	-5.47403
31	-3.79809	-5.71862	-3.99549	-5.86314	31	-3.68894	-5.89312	-3.7807	-5.89096
32	-3.68641	-4.54321	-3.8607	-4.66641	32	-3.58858	-4.70025	-3.66755	-4.69703
33	-5.74979	-9.44566	-6.07061	-9.70067	33	-5.51003	-9.74524	-5.66992	-9.73316
34	-6.83472	-5.02367	-7.12547	-5.24962	34	-6.62978	-5.29643	-6.77156	-5.28803
35	-5.80412	-5.99712	-6.04616	-6.18316	35	-5.64433	-6.23984	-5.7586	-6.2379
36	-6.14793	-3.15488	-6.38117	-3.33431	36	-5.9969	-3.3904	-6.10659	-3.38953

Table 13 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 1 GCP in Case 7 and Case 8.

No	Case 7 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)				No	Case 8 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	1.880203	-99.9007	-29.321	-108.346	1	0.025263	-10.0834	-1.47978	-10.7607
2	18.93418	-1004.78	-181.927	-1088.96	2	3.864816	-102.632	-9.67731	-113.164
3	17.62814	-819.642	-150.836	-887.512	3	5.02954	-84.396	-6.3456	-92.8543
4	30.78795	-1379.38	-227.636	-1495.55	4	10.71531	-140.427	-6.79159	-155.219
5	6.749784	-420.368	-86.6879	-453.831	5	-0.23306	-43.0205	-6.45493	-47.101
6	5.826861	-343.34	-72.0311	-370.634	6	0.055311	-35.2294	-5.08155	-38.5131
7	10.73593	-472.517	-92.036	-510.137	7	2.986171	-49.2684	-3.94328	-53.9209
8	8.046782	-352.549	-70.054	-381.72	8	2.408891	-37.0088	-2.8252	-40.54
9	25.65231	-1271.66	-215.249	-1377.92	9	6.877685	-129.684	-9.57032	-143.286
10	12.15087	-598.243	-111.993	-647.826	10	2.880205	-61.2732	-5.71992	-67.552
11	0.444431	-18.6076	-5.01812	-20.2528	11	0.062472	-2.2861	-0.2193	-2.41484
12	16.12028	-748.763	-135.048	-811.713	12	4.860872	-77.6143	-5.63065	-85.6185
13	26.58187	-1235.9	-207.124	-1338.83	13	8.285821	-126.114	-7.80531	-139.408
14	24.16844	-1137.59	-192.727	-1234.34	14	7.696394	-117.507	-7.29211	-129.923
15	27.75211	-1363.2	-224.104	-1477.96	15	8.012349	-139.12	-9.34892	-154.015
16	23.45009	-1165.39	-197.044	-1263.3	16	6.398628	-119.419	-8.92832	-132.139
17	5.602553	-274.831	-51.2724	-295.476	17	0.985461	-28.3668	-3.1919	-31.2069
18	23.34687	-1143.03	-192.216	-1239.59	18	6.767627	-116.538	-8.31799	-129.162
19	8.261689	-348.729	-62.23	-374.807	19	2.475428	-35.797	-2.77187	-39.4657
20	13.29981	-607.499	-107.443	-657.025	20	4.020879	-62.7022	-4.705	-69.328
21	26.22889	-1273.06	-208.866	-1380.97	21	8.030718	-130.165	-8.41118	-144.346
22	12.89361	-563.697	-99.1043	-606.843	22	3.785643	-57.4556	-4.42767	-63.444
23	30.51139	-1554.97	-246.415	-1686.41	23	8.517935	-158.741	-10.6573	-176.073
24	24.54736	-1220.8	-202.017	-1323.19	24	6.88283	-125.029	-9.03742	-138.571
25	19.41954	-885.271	-150.725	-957.785	25	6.167808	-91.3782	-6.0224	-101.104
26	10.98668	-514.255	-90.1527	-552.904	26	2.64443	-52.7351	-4.90363	-58.2399
27	31.10619	-1560.96	-245.981	-1692.61	27	9.057198	-160.471	-10.1664	-177.891
28	21.61304	-1027.83	-172.164	-1112.78	28	6.501484	-105.851	-7.33201	-117.253
29	21.87631	-1106.67	-185.008	-1198.45	29	5.701616	-113.612	-9.00972	-125.91
30	20.00562	-945.11	-159.346	-1022.78	30	6.013929	-96.9803	-6.8816	-107.476
31	15.32554	-763.206	-130.366	-824.301	31	3.829167	-79.6567	-6.87674	-88.1319
32	13.5648	-665.821	-113.576	-715.757	32	2.99121	-69.1068	-6.54567	-76.347
33	28.1235	-1362.59	-217.755	-1474.48	33	8.365952	-141.431	-9.02143	-156.58
34	23.34549	-1198.36	-195.681	-1294.39	34	5.527558	-121.451	-10.2506	-134.79
35	18.60511	-960.205	-154.084	-1031.21	35	3.975243	-99.1452	-9.16457	-109.969
36	17.15911	-916.814	-147.919	-984.559	36	3.186354	-92.351	-9.46609	-102.77

Table 14 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 1 GCP in Case 9.

No	Case 9 (1 GCP, 36 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error	Row error	Column error	Row error
1	-0.83839	-1.35324	-0.99144	-1.42358
2	-5.1125	-15.0399	-6.48835	-16.0967
3	-2.2292	-12.992	-3.3836	-13.8409
4	-1.85472	-20.185	-3.63542	-21.6631
5	-3.90747	-6.35426	-4.53744	-6.76326
6	-2.93469	-5.28785	-3.45468	-5.61678
7	-1.14306	-8.14471	-1.84467	-8.61073
8	-0.62996	-6.34814	-1.16034	-6.70215
9	-4.65857	-18.8384	-6.3297	-20.1971
10	-2.35343	-9.11209	-3.22522	-9.74129
11	-0.09306	-0.69945	-0.12178	-0.70923
12	-1.71573	-12.4324	-2.78009	-13.2347
13	-2.90753	-18.3887	-4.54166	-19.7163
14	-2.4953	-18.482	-4.01815	-19.7243
15	-4.39305	-20.321	-6.15748	-21.8076
16	-4.08803	-17.8836	-5.64472	-19.1551
17	-1.39899	-4.41323	-1.82154	-4.69557
18	-3.49666	-16.8922	-5.02912	-18.1551
19	-0.5622	-5.38644	-1.09308	-5.75212
20	-1.28466	-9.78173	-2.16931	-10.4457
21	-3.46855	-19.2373	-5.13973	-20.655
22	-1.17754	-8.27307	-2.00892	-8.87163
23	-5.75728	-23.2653	-7.70737	-24.9938
24	-4.12695	-18.6663	-5.74441	-20.0203
25	-1.68177	-14.2861	-2.91861	-15.2602
26	-1.86994	-7.89438	-2.63398	-8.4447
27	-5.26568	-24.5823	-7.22065	-26.3198
28	-2.67333	-16.337	-4.07787	-17.4787
29	-4.22107	-17.2062	-5.71514	-18.4371
30	-2.39037	-14.6282	-3.69936	-15.6798
31	-2.88581	-13.27	-3.9719	-14.1199
32	-2.88584	-11.1419	-3.85195	-11.8669
33	-4.02242	-22.913	-5.78902	-24.4265
34	-5.32744	-16.9122	-6.92963	-18.2467
35	-4.61461	-15.5333	-5.94917	-16.6205
36	-5.01406	-12.2895	-6.29932	-13.3369

Table 15 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 3 GCPs in Case 1 and Case 2.

No	Case 1 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)				No	Case 2 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-1.43679	0.29226	-0.31039	-0.13474	1	-1.26272	0.435184	-0.96116	0.26526
2	-2.96953	0.685485	2.773123	-1.12844	2	-2.38365	0.909666	-1.89507	0.704529
3	0.858407	1.176612	19.55323	-3.85995	3	2.286206	1.67264	4.014252	1.19511
4	-2.39188	0.609109	-6.93251	2.668204	4	-2.89076	0.357011	-3.24509	0.557004
5	-1.71291	0.428727	-6.00341	2.219808	5	-2.16233	0.207973	-2.48116	0.381707
6	0.662725	-0.36732	-4.34039	1.854045	6	0.111265	-0.65054	-0.30117	-0.41882
7	0.503944	-0.65843	-4.10911	0.023428	7	0.251697	-0.76879	-0.1195	-0.6742
8	-1.43532	1.01831	10.13231	-1.87915	8	-0.65295	1.248299	0.459901	1.025153
9	-0.14315	0.442937	-5.74505	1.36603	9	-0.46492	0.279952	-0.97872	0.432476
10	-0.07514	-0.39881	-0.38136	-0.52044	10	-0.12843	-0.38659	-0.10934	-0.3895
11	0.752617	-0.6768	-3.40103	-0.93855	11	0.70153	-0.71326	0.316363	-0.65834
12	0.691499	0.957939	8.900665	-1.02294	12	1.19283	1.068032	2.019357	0.953683
13	0.5304	-0.93254	5.346594	-4.28054	13	1.27742	-0.65446	1.76317	-0.87918
14	-0.76171	0.799266	11.968	-3.22645	14	0.244798	1.108815	1.529669	0.801806
15	-0.54529	0.235165	3.920714	-1.87632	15	-0.06106	0.373329	0.405005	0.252652
16	0.451589	0.217649	-5.64571	3.370238	16	-0.29766	-0.15679	-0.93278	0.152328
17	0.051828	0.800805	3.085421	-1.45246	17	0.572801	0.972433	0.89217	0.827848
18	1.829861	0.460621	-5.44604	4.548286	18	0.910576	-0.00326	0.123045	0.377808
19	1.573389	-0.12108	-5.91711	1.999576	19	1.045663	-0.37926	0.260337	-0.15115
20	0.241046	0.342163	7.358087	-3.20084	20	1.127066	0.649864	1.861093	0.366333
21	2.238702	1.029715	-6.26551	6.109161	21	1.12809	0.46231	0.222327	0.931078
22	-1.77609	0.616084	17.90276	-5.43287	22	-0.1725	1.119139	1.850613	0.572965
23	-0.17466	0.231934	4.444864	-1.72667	23	0.353437	0.384035	0.836217	0.234779
24	2.067576	-0.34946	-2.81222	1.359232	24	1.706494	-0.55168	1.194827	-0.37471
25	1.506129	0.621009	-7.21556	6.147837	25	0.348604	0.034175	-0.62039	0.514969
26	-1.17854	-0.62741	18.25967	-6.4472	26	0.395326	-0.13945	2.400885	-0.67845
27	1.32342	-0.30432	-0.68672	0.329682	27	1.264291	-0.37905	1.046394	-0.31759
28	1.54363	0.170499	-2.5282	1.6417	28	1.299474	0.022819	0.854587	0.149881
29	0.912865	-1.20662	-6.49114	2.245715	29	0.27049	-1.52541	-0.56921	-1.25584
30	1.355689	-0.25572	-7.6459	6.583039	30	0.059945	-0.90977	-0.98285	-0.37747
31	0.810428	-1.7478	8.772001	-2.27744	31	1.220183	-1.70478	2.052258	-1.81739
32	-0.08943	1.97382	0.788269	5.298132	32	-0.45038	1.708601	-0.38945	1.881072
33	1.167793	-0.1911	-5.37139	9.832916	33	-0.12062	-0.83271	-1.05493	-0.319
34	0.615772	2.37814	-6.48886	12.42552	34	-0.64997	1.757469	-1.67375	2.259509

Table 16 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 3 GCPs in Case 3 and Case 4.

No	Case 3 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)				No	Case 4 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-1.26747	0.423103	-1.23511	0.410016	1	-1.28819	0.42678	-1.2952	0.420846
2	-2.37976	0.893152	-2.32819	0.874074	2	-2.36664	0.89244	-2.41185	0.891646
3	2.252055	1.582075	2.43894	1.54422	3	2.291004	1.578985	2.075355	1.583957
4	-2.89494	0.358361	-2.93367	0.379155	4	-2.90841	0.359001	-2.89119	0.359868
5	-2.16487	0.20947	-2.19975	0.228128	5	-2.17876	0.210346	-2.16042	0.211441
6	0.107409	-0.64744	0.062405	-0.62381	6	0.09523	-0.64714	0.114971	-0.64553
7	0.270405	-0.75133	0.228974	-0.74161	7	0.259354	-0.75039	0.31085	-0.74828
8	-0.68672	1.181135	-0.5659	1.166943	8	-0.66304	1.179057	-0.81971	1.185119
9	-0.44171	0.304627	-0.49884	0.31863	9	-0.44863	0.304761	-0.38588	0.307846
10	-0.1282	-0.38818	-0.12625	-0.38431	10	-0.13144	-0.38753	-0.13106	-0.38357
11	0.734043	-0.68536	0.690399	-0.68107	11	0.731322	-0.68506	0.797633	-0.68158
12	1.161198	1.011886	1.251055	1.007912	12	1.177321	1.010367	1.049553	1.016712
13	1.296005	-0.66453	1.346846	-0.68303	13	1.30878	-0.66443	1.283744	-0.65894
14	0.215973	1.03532	0.354966	1.015143	14	0.238161	1.034056	0.074166	1.041307
15	-0.06242	0.349891	-0.01297	0.342634	15	-0.05234	0.349545	-0.10521	0.354777
16	-0.29612	-0.1443	-0.36561	-0.1141	16	-0.30159	-0.1456	-0.26679	-0.14295
17	0.58746	0.964516	0.620209	0.953516	17	0.595146	0.964715	0.577697	0.968941
18	0.911408	0.012831	0.825249	0.048784	18	0.905871	0.010961	0.948077	0.012709
19	1.076379	-0.34164	0.989156	-0.32256	19	1.070949	-0.34247	1.159574	-0.34087
20	1.135701	0.62156	1.213239	0.599499	20	1.147544	0.621951	1.086418	0.626313
21	1.121507	0.477574	1.022755	0.521281	21	1.113438	0.475479	1.153852	0.476308
22	-0.21273	1.002832	0.006074	0.96453	22	-0.18735	1.002014	-0.43444	1.008862
23	0.354312	0.360088	0.404994	0.350075	23	0.361636	0.360164	0.310356	0.36362
24	1.723299	-0.53044	1.665954	-0.51474	24	1.719576	-0.53103	1.769338	-0.52982
25	0.344615	0.0529	0.238695	0.096921	25	0.337535	0.050437	0.384801	0.050404
26	0.354212	-0.2562	0.57109	-0.29382	26	0.377701	-0.25685	0.131096	-0.25065
27	1.278838	-0.36877	1.253078	-0.3629	27	1.277652	-0.36895	1.302314	-0.3679
28	1.319517	0.04426	1.268951	0.054927	28	1.316266	0.043863	1.365918	0.044172
29	0.29495	-1.4891	0.201346	-1.46729	29	0.289074	-1.49038	0.372419	-1.49165
30	0.049628	-0.89154	-0.06461	-0.84384	30	0.040994	-0.89438	0.085668	-0.89681
31	1.18125	-1.77073	1.270767	-1.77389	31	1.185337	-1.77116	1.046827	-1.76991
32	-0.48625	1.674507	-0.48077	1.693977	32	-0.49232	1.673581	-0.56248	1.671413
33	-0.14271	-0.82212	-0.24759	-0.77881	33	-0.15791	-0.82483	-0.13108	-0.83356
34	-0.66146	1.778153	-0.77656	1.819039	34	-0.67566	1.775335	-0.62714	1.766319

Table 17 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 3 GCPs in Case 5 and Case 6.

No	Case 5 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)				No	Case 6 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-1.27553	0.42328	-1.26963	0.426882	1	-1.26929	0.421704	-1.26708	0.4275
2	-2.39066	0.893778	-2.37982	0.892448	2	-2.38133	0.891245	-2.37661	0.89253
3	2.203099	1.577947	2.244102	1.581205	3	2.241695	1.57137	2.260996	1.580921
4	-2.88936	0.356661	-2.89849	0.359971	4	-2.89472	0.358606	-2.89922	0.359982
5	-2.15962	0.20806	-2.16797	0.211619	5	-2.16456	0.209733	-2.16873	0.211638
6	0.114303	-0.64923	0.103907	-0.64608	6	0.107835	-0.64698	0.102794	-0.64613
7	0.282219	-0.75015	0.271836	-0.74879	7	0.27352	-0.74915	0.267924	-0.74884
8	-0.72148	1.176939	-0.69485	1.181366	8	-0.69502	1.173224	-0.68235	1.18098
9	-0.42568	0.306106	-0.43941	0.306118	9	-0.43762	0.307676	-0.44477	0.305941
10	-0.12896	-0.38793	-0.12871	-0.38371	10	-0.12856	-0.38828	-0.12848	-0.38372
11	0.749665	-0.68244	0.738593	-0.68376	11	0.738853	-0.68192	0.732678	-0.68399
12	1.133371	1.007744	1.153053	1.012817	12	1.154089	1.005299	1.163406	1.012416
13	1.288624	-0.66256	1.298197	-0.66236	13	1.296225	-0.66562	1.299636	-0.66271
14	0.178166	1.031364	0.207902	1.037241	14	0.20769	1.026688	0.221279	1.036823
15	-0.07453	0.349286	-0.06474	0.351711	15	-0.06462	0.347217	-0.0607	0.351395
16	-0.28289	-0.14587	-0.2982	-0.14311	16	-0.2943	-0.14269	-0.30134	-0.14313
17	0.582631	0.965775	0.588199	0.966693	17	0.587707	0.963702	0.589244	0.966461
18	0.927769	0.010844	0.908955	0.013037	18	0.913618	0.014878	0.905046	0.013071
19	1.1003	-0.33968	1.080056	-0.34112	19	1.082255	-0.33703	1.0721	-0.34115
20	1.119725	0.622085	1.134786	0.624343	20	1.133821	0.61833	1.139621	0.624139
21	1.138545	0.474558	1.117195	0.476773	21	1.123144	0.479522	1.113533	0.476821
22	-0.27127	0.996643	-0.22482	1.006102	22	-0.22492	0.989147	-0.20385	1.005817
23	0.342096	0.359603	0.351713	0.362216	23	0.352292	0.357372	0.355847	0.362071
24	1.73764	-0.52966	1.724026	-0.52993	24	1.726526	-0.52778	1.719492	-0.52994
25	0.363762	0.050064	0.340874	0.051704	25	0.346789	0.055266	0.336489	0.051837
26	0.295734	-0.26255	0.341729	-0.25289	26	0.341954	-0.26993	0.3628	-0.25312
27	1.285974	-0.36794	1.27897	-0.36775	27	1.280808	-0.36741	1.276635	-0.36774
28	1.333161	0.045539	1.320767	0.044836	28	1.322916	0.04695	1.316252	0.044904
29	0.318565	-1.48786	0.297056	-1.4897	29	0.300204	-1.48464	0.289524	-1.4895
30	0.068917	-0.8951	0.044373	-0.89384	30	0.051241	-0.88924	0.040258	-0.89353
31	1.150475	-1.77633	1.169278	-1.76917	31	1.1731	-1.77844	1.181533	-1.7691
32	-0.49857	1.669168	-0.49773	1.674375	32	-0.49149	1.670582	-0.49124	1.674683
33	-0.12868	-0.82655	-0.15181	-0.8256	33	-0.14295	-0.82072	-0.15384	-0.82476
34	-0.64261	1.774925	-0.66819	1.774529	34	-0.66006	1.780759	-0.67225	1.775392

Table 18 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 3 GCPs in Case 7 and Case 8.

No	Case 7 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)				No	Case 8 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-1.37951	0.27874	-0.23959	-0.1619	1	-1.25564	0.43376	-0.95821	0.265592
2	-2.87673	0.662798	2.781986	-1.13692	2	-2.37329	0.907245	-1.89167	0.704566
3	1.244826	1.118308	19.68611	-3.86484	3	2.328679	1.66583	4.032694	1.194778
4	-2.44583	0.631964	-6.91333	2.669661	4	-2.89644	0.359478	-3.24575	0.556993
5	-1.76338	0.448711	-5.98208	2.22118	5	-2.16753	0.210133	-2.48185	0.381699
6	0.598217	-0.34144	-4.32755	1.859153	6	0.104365	-0.64774	-0.30225	-0.41886
7	0.413921	-0.64706	-4.12506	0.03192	7	0.242331	-0.76741	-0.12368	-0.67421
8	-1.16867	0.987951	10.24956	-1.87078	8	-0.62378	1.244615	0.473678	1.024797
9	-0.26385	0.459843	-5.78563	1.382764	9	-0.47788	0.281977	-0.98452	0.432427
10	-0.07604	-0.39924	-0.3674	-0.51887	10	-0.12774	-0.3867	-0.10902	-0.38952
11	0.642761	-0.67133	-3.45092	-0.918	11	0.689772	-0.71239	0.309934	-0.6584
12	0.901235	0.939921	9.010687	-1.00848	12	1.215693	1.065729	2.030861	0.953347
13	0.60515	-0.96142	5.365575	-4.25856	13	1.285836	-0.65749	1.764826	-0.87938
14	-0.46525	0.759146	12.11014	-3.21162	14	0.277303	1.104058	1.544507	0.801437
15	-0.44551	0.218	3.970448	-1.8582	15	-0.05009	0.371396	0.40956	0.252444
16	0.33672	0.253294	-5.68518	3.372459	16	-0.30997	-0.153	-0.93626	0.152359
17	0.102191	0.782131	3.103304	-1.43576	17	0.578446	0.970472	0.893395	0.827725
18	1.688658	0.505037	-5.50288	4.546499	18	0.895247	0.001465	0.118661	0.377878
19	1.391885	-0.09355	-6.00771	2.007758	19	1.025985	-0.37606	0.25153	-0.15107
20	0.381297	0.307481	7.415833	-3.18868	20	1.142599	0.646061	1.86649	0.366185
21	2.087443	1.083945	-6.31789	6.105622	21	1.111369	0.468078	0.21823	0.931148
22	-1.31244	0.549765	18.13218	-5.42978	22	-0.12155	1.11129	1.873837	0.572591
23	-0.07212	0.21304	4.494897	-1.71856	23	0.364707	0.38191	0.840837	0.234666
24	1.957326	-0.32871	-2.86369	1.363558	24	1.694402	-0.54931	1.189814	-0.37466
25	1.338845	0.677582	-7.28766	6.136918	25	0.330162	0.040196	-0.62537	0.51509
26	-0.71603	-0.69247	18.49162	-6.44762	26	0.446139	-0.14717	2.42422	-0.6788
27	1.272549	-0.29694	-0.71399	0.330314	27	1.258708	-0.37817	1.043801	-0.31755
28	1.441824	0.186223	-2.58397	1.639341	28	1.288321	0.024661	0.849549	0.149965
29	0.729859	-1.17281	-6.5963	2.232527	29	0.250448	-1.52159	-0.57769	-1.25567
30	1.183057	-0.19208	-7.72923	6.553523	30	0.040716	-0.90303	-0.98764	-0.37729
31	1.04001	-1.76164	8.906624	-2.29588	31	1.245122	-1.70674	2.065798	-1.81751
32	-0.01368	1.994604	0.845212	5.259677	32	-0.4425	1.710497	-0.38241	1.881081
33	1.031239	-0.12711	-5.47929	9.717762	33	-0.13615	-0.82601	-1.05786	-0.31891
34	0.446541	2.441377	-6.62716	12.30721	34	-0.669	1.764172	-1.67898	2.259622

Table 19 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 3 GCPs in Case 9.

No	Case 9 (3 GCP, 34 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error	Row error	Column error	Row error
1	-1.26718	0.423236	-1.23483	0.410082
2	-2.37901	0.893131	-2.32783	0.874082
3	2.256108	1.581593	2.440815	1.544189
4	-2.89588	0.358887	-2.93375	0.379156
5	-2.16578	0.209971	-2.19983	0.22813
6	0.106349	-0.64688	0.062283	-0.62382
7	0.269084	-0.7509	0.228541	-0.74161
8	-0.68402	1.180991	-0.56451	1.166901
9	-0.44335	0.30512	-0.49943	0.318612
10	-0.12855	-0.38786	-0.12623	-0.38431
11	0.732542	-0.68499	0.689743	-0.6811
12	1.163258	1.011898	1.252206	1.007869
13	1.296597	-0.66458	1.347007	-0.68307
14	0.21903	1.035084	0.356453	1.015098
15	-0.06156	0.34996	-0.01252	0.342601
16	-0.29774	-0.14359	-0.36596	-0.1141
17	0.58778	0.964594	0.620326	0.953492
18	0.909496	0.013637	0.824814	0.048788
19	1.074067	-0.341	0.988271	-0.32256
20	1.137041	0.62145	1.213777	0.599477
21	1.119486	0.478476	1.022347	0.521287
22	-0.20778	1.002292	0.008405	0.964498
23	0.355214	0.360153	0.405454	0.350059
24	1.721795	-0.5299	1.66545	-0.51474
25	0.342416	0.053837	0.238206	0.096936
26	0.359157	-0.25672	0.573432	-0.29385
27	1.278013	-0.36838	1.252818	-0.3629
28	1.31812	0.044754	1.268449	0.054935
29	0.29263	-1.48839	0.200508	-1.46727
30	0.047375	-0.89053	-0.06507	-0.84381
31	1.183557	-1.77065	1.272129	-1.77388
32	-0.48569	1.675004	-0.48005	1.694008
33	-0.14454	-0.82109	-0.24782	-0.77872
34	-0.66364	1.779186	-0.77702	1.819127

Table 20 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 7 GCPs in Case 1 and Case 2.

No	Case 1 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)				No	Case 2 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-1.40789	0.684927	-0.50467	0.617247	1	-1.28441	0.788451	-1.01782	0.643595
2	-3.00581	1.111612	-0.70535	1.216068	2	-2.81084	1.158817	-2.67417	1.096761
3	0.766523	1.5827	14.97074	-1.01374	3	1.681594	1.861539	2.955786	1.563932
4	-2.50544	0.919562	-7.54366	3.521266	4	-3.08693	0.618445	-3.50078	0.853164
5	-1.83079	0.727057	-6.26336	2.893043	5	-2.32678	0.473178	-2.66978	0.668437
6	0.523031	-0.0729	-4.99486	2.708904	6	-0.11362	-0.40539	-0.58682	-0.13844
7	0.347306	-0.39133	-4.15081	0.557442	7	0.073484	-0.52263	-0.2956	-0.41624
8	-1.61218	1.351609	6.496198	0.432951	8	-1.23196	1.408627	-0.47015	1.32749
9	-0.37547	0.674768	-6.32583	2.113317	9	-0.76812	0.471643	-1.32455	0.652707
10	0.501778	-0.44494	-4.47809	0.043272	10	0.329691	-0.54202	-0.14516	-0.44115
11	0.431545	1.223628	5.925217	0.897124	11	0.608311	1.193646	1.15844	1.193629
12	-1.07088	1.035207	8.803953	-1.25134	12	-0.40728	1.200525	0.588303	1.012182
13	-0.87832	0.438044	1.684399	-0.37968	13	-0.63337	0.471746	-0.36234	0.435349
14	0.124978	0.334255	-4.24926	3.050719	14	-0.48865	0.01395	-0.95899	0.274426
15	-0.33119	0.962493	1.25017	-0.19378	15	-0.00286	1.049783	0.166829	0.972664
16	1.455262	0.546691	-4.05264	4.194321	16	0.675558	0.139491	0.057955	0.470092
17	-0.1807	0.483723	5.251781	-1.83724	17	0.485746	0.698354	1.047686	0.49019
18	1.817964	1.103718	-5.48533	6.029685	18	0.789824	0.567883	-0.00192	1.006997
19	-2.20865	0.768859	14.76388	-3.56641	19	-0.93867	1.137488	0.811679	0.70293
20	1.622314	-0.2609	-3.20516	1.850291	20	1.225776	-0.48187	0.714335	-0.29258
21	1.056064	0.665106	-6.03505	5.844682	21	0.023695	0.129515	-0.78809	0.564628
22	-1.63475	-0.49252	15.24876	-4.66236	22	-0.37879	-0.13219	1.369262	-0.56529
23	0.845705	-0.22792	-1.455	0.983791	23	0.714309	-0.33565	0.463034	-0.24969
24	1.056622	0.231594	-2.90239	2.091697	24	0.782233	0.068501	0.344122	0.20532
25	0.40103	-1.18454	-5.95022	2.218085	25	-0.17521	-1.47717	-0.91439	-1.23237
26	0.818062	-0.26541	-6.53456	6.24906	26	-0.35163	-0.86647	-1.23435	-0.38097
27	0.264898	-1.69615	7.096174	-1.22314	27	0.509959	-1.72022	1.226217	-1.77881
28	-0.69527	1.964707	0.131966	5.798692	28	-1.10696	1.679088	-1.05422	1.866121
29	0.406242	-0.34784	-4.05684	9.229276	29	-0.7148	-0.91524	-1.4443	-0.46551
30	-0.15022	2.213261	-4.97595	11.71887	30	-1.22805	1.675873	-2.02672	2.10648

Table 21 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 7 GCPs in Case 3 and Case 4.

No	Case 3 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)				No	Case 4 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-1.29105	0.775889	-1.25858	0.764789	1	-1.31475	0.7803	-1.31552	0.772745
2	-2.80737	1.152777	-2.79055	1.146133	2	-2.80416	1.152784	-2.81604	1.149394
3	1.647128	1.784979	1.787337	1.761878	3	1.67905	1.781416	1.499204	1.78359
4	-3.09362	0.620116	-3.1362	0.644219	4	-3.11201	0.621608	-3.08734	0.621037
5	-2.33209	0.473772	-2.36704	0.494535	5	-2.34986	0.475425	-2.32757	0.475215
6	-0.12013	-0.40194	-0.1694	-0.37491	6	-0.13727	-0.40082	-0.11044	-0.4006
7	0.089044	-0.507	0.049986	-0.49597	7	0.074779	-0.50535	0.127098	-0.50437
8	-1.26704	1.35186	-1.18278	1.34949	8	-1.24933	1.349481	-1.37978	1.353259
9	-0.74819	0.49601	-0.80867	0.512925	9	-0.75937	0.496797	-0.69323	0.498741
10	0.3591	-0.5128	0.306718	-0.50412	10	0.351544	-0.51195	0.424514	-0.50973
11	0.574515	1.145272	0.634881	1.150855	11	0.586246	1.143369	0.476447	1.147854
12	-0.43851	1.13523	-0.33116	1.124647	12	-0.41873	1.133044	-0.56708	1.138505
13	-0.63774	0.453228	-0.6098	0.453133	13	-0.63087	0.452535	-0.67378	0.456328
14	-0.49225	0.018939	-0.5435	0.045206	14	-0.4965	0.017862	-0.4793	0.020293
15	0.008263	1.045194	0.023822	1.039969	15	0.01371	1.044986	0.001225	1.048029
16	0.670951	0.147889	0.603071	0.179851	16	0.666615	0.146218	0.690006	0.147852
17	0.490735	0.674138	0.548005	0.658231	17	0.501867	0.673654	0.444663	0.676845
18	0.777937	0.577353	0.690749	0.61901	18	0.769764	0.575466	0.795384	0.576074
19	-0.98213	1.028758	-0.79503	0.998807	19	-0.95434	1.025932	-1.19465	1.031321
20	1.237855	-0.46251	1.179122	-0.44537	20	1.232933	-0.46315	1.275736	-0.4625
21	0.013961	0.140946	-0.07599	0.181532	21	0.007808	0.138615	0.035858	0.13857
22	-0.42336	-0.2419	-0.23685	-0.27168	22	-0.39686	-0.24464	-0.63881	-0.2398
23	0.724142	-0.3261	0.69278	-0.31792	23	0.722435	-0.32664	0.740835	-0.3262
24	0.79728	0.087814	0.745464	0.099647	24	0.793648	0.087182	0.834163	0.08704
25	-0.15645	-1.44623	-0.24119	-1.42605	25	-0.16179	-1.44757	-0.09497	-1.44893
26	-0.36817	-0.85567	-0.46726	-0.81146	26	-0.37521	-0.85858	-0.35246	-0.86084
27	0.466369	-1.7841	0.539992	-1.78316	27	0.473204	-1.78599	0.328636	-1.78547
28	-1.1484	1.643324	-1.14765	1.663934	28	-1.15158	1.641308	-1.23606	1.638888
29	-0.74457	-0.91374	-0.83255	-0.87558	29	-0.75428	-0.91736	-0.76121	-0.92532
30	-1.24736	1.686763	-1.34333	1.721911	30	-1.256	1.683096	-1.24266	1.674914

Table 22 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 7 GCPs in Case 5 and Case 6.

No	Case 5 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)				No	Case 6 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-1.29845	0.775307	-1.28931	0.779111	1	-1.29258	0.774599	-1.28669	0.779763
2	-2.81023	1.152485	-2.80419	1.151762	2	-2.80739	1.152295	-2.80299	1.152004
3	1.608523	1.779843	1.641344	1.78286	3	1.638676	1.77611	1.655581	1.782785
4	-3.08699	0.61759	-3.0949	0.621746	4	-3.0931	0.62054	-3.09567	0.621819
5	-2.32663	0.471547	-2.333	0.475878	5	-2.33162	0.474065	-2.33355	0.475947
6	-0.11219	-0.40456	-0.12171	-0.4005	6	-0.11941	-0.40131	-0.12285	-0.40048
7	0.1004	-0.50664	0.092166	-0.50444	7	0.092187	-0.50491	0.088665	-0.50445
8	-1.29398	1.346675	-1.27424	1.351261	8	-1.2739	1.345333	-1.26367	1.351056
9	-0.73167	0.49662	-0.74527	0.497715	9	-0.74395	0.499137	-0.75048	0.49761
10	0.3763	-0.51078	0.363931	-0.51102	10	0.36425	-0.5091	0.357864	-0.51115
11	0.552639	1.140143	0.566055	1.145549	11	0.56849	1.139736	0.57502	1.145312
12	-0.47013	1.130256	-0.4478	1.136145	12	-0.44569	1.12769	-0.43587	1.135902
13	-0.64591	0.451645	-0.6414	0.454652	13	-0.63923	0.451246	-0.63816	0.454479
14	-0.48355	0.016525	-0.49483	0.020213	14	-0.49118	0.01973	-0.49638	0.020205
15	0.006238	1.045474	0.006933	1.04707	15	0.009004	1.044868	0.007502	1.046971
16	0.682606	0.145043	0.667349	0.148311	16	0.67236	0.149084	0.665088	0.148357
17	0.478033	0.673655	0.486975	0.676298	17	0.489412	0.671479	0.491206	0.676242
18	0.791526	0.573446	0.771697	0.576927	18	0.778973	0.578674	0.769334	0.577015
19	-1.03505	1.021501	-0.99768	1.030372	19	-0.99338	1.016061	-0.97797	1.030274
20	1.251392	-0.46268	1.23594	-0.46178	20	1.240929	-0.46001	1.23196	-0.46171
21	0.028601	0.137221	0.007943	0.140142	21	0.015338	0.142496	0.005161	0.140304
22	-0.47661	-0.24933	-0.43968	-0.24025	22	-0.43474	-0.25471	-0.41976	-0.2403
23	0.731219	-0.32624	0.720953	-0.32506	23	0.726074	-0.32477	0.718966	-0.32494
24	0.809908	0.08814	0.795195	0.088562	24	0.800472	0.090312	0.791301	0.088718
25	-0.13609	-1.44592	-0.15777	-1.44643	25	-0.1518	-1.44236	-0.16404	-1.44617
26	-0.35357	-0.86014	-0.37708	-0.8575	26	-0.36742	-0.85421	-0.37952	-0.85715
27	0.43737	-1.79073	0.44947	-1.78335	27	0.458465	-1.7915	0.461566	-1.78313
28	-1.16155	1.636979	-1.16545	1.642917	28	-1.15387	1.639238	-1.15837	1.643336
29	-0.73659	-0.91915	-0.76105	-0.91686	29	-0.74599	-0.91344	-0.76099	-0.91597
30	-1.23505	1.682555	-1.26145	1.68356	30	-1.24724	1.688189	-1.26328	1.684467

Table 23 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 7 GCPs in Case 5 and Case 6.

No	Case 7 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)				No	Case 8 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method			Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)		Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)	Column error (pixel)	Row error (pixel)
1	-1.35458	0.674191	-0.43761	0.587934	1	-1.278	0.787511	-1.01483	0.643951
2	-2.97837	1.106637	-0.72102	1.19859	2	-2.80768	1.158456	-2.67304	1.096908
3	1.067841	1.547182	15.07306	-1.03035	3	1.714829	1.857318	2.971255	1.563739
4	-2.56731	0.946464	-7.52816	3.518544	4	-3.09362	0.621525	-3.5015	0.853191
5	-1.8823	0.749465	-6.24324	2.890859	5	-2.33225	0.475779	-2.67025	0.668457
6	0.450506	-0.04289	-4.98547	2.709522	6	-0.12152	-0.40198	-0.58795	-0.13845
7	0.261559	-0.37872	-4.16571	0.562455	7	0.064445	-0.52094	-0.29935	-0.41623
8	-1.40997	1.339166	6.59088	0.430716	8	-1.20979	1.407015	-0.45854	1.327249
9	-0.50012	0.69505	-6.36747	2.124894	9	-0.7816	0.474205	-1.33022	0.652696
10	0.378941	-0.43389	-4.53202	0.057564	10	0.316464	-0.54038	-0.15178	-0.44116
11	0.591932	1.220047	6.018774	0.901526	11	0.625838	1.193045	1.168382	1.193392
12	-0.82603	1.010223	8.929425	-1.24738	12	-0.38031	1.19754	0.601515	1.011918
13	-0.81156	0.431515	1.724063	-0.37081	13	-0.62595	0.471111	-0.35871	0.435222
14	0.0469	0.363849	-4.27441	3.050671	14	-0.49703	0.017271	-0.96073	0.274444
15	-0.3047	0.952355	1.261671	-0.18599	15	0.000238	1.048896	0.167501	0.972612
16	1.352149	0.584842	-4.09422	4.189849	16	0.66432	0.143728	0.055376	0.47015
17	-0.06846	0.458687	5.302154	-1.83487	17	0.498318	0.695741	1.05239	0.49012
18	1.694284	1.154239	-5.52572	6.021916	18	0.776086	0.573428	-0.0046	1.007072
19	-1.79267	0.717057	14.9794	-3.57527	19	-0.89275	1.131339	0.83348	0.702662
20	1.517749	-0.2386	-3.25209	1.847954	20	1.214332	-0.47917	0.709911	-0.2925
21	0.9249	0.716014	-6.09185	5.830035	21	0.009171	0.135106	-0.79132	0.564743
22	-1.21678	-0.54377	15.46814	-4.67469	22	-0.33267	-0.13829	1.391301	-0.56553
23	0.794199	-0.21741	-1.4796	0.976753	23	0.708717	-0.33426	0.460804	-0.24961
24	0.96204	0.248588	-2.95267	2.082348	24	0.771917	0.070645	0.339749	0.205439
25	0.243583	-1.15378	-6.0432	2.199441	25	-0.19243	-1.4735	-0.9215	-1.23219
26	0.682683	-0.20755	-6.60131	6.214937	26	-0.36677	-0.86016	-1.23731	-0.3808
27	0.478216	-1.7029	7.228855	-1.25162	27	0.533267	-1.72127	1.239557	-1.77887
28	-0.61442	1.987531	0.194964	5.751653	28	-1.0984	1.681362	-1.04655	1.866173
29	0.317134	-0.29164	-4.14235	9.107997	29	-0.72502	-0.9092	-1.44493	-0.46543
30	-0.26805	2.267787	-5.09043	11.59477	30	-1.24134	1.681811	-2.0295	2.106582

Table 24 Image Coordinate Residuals of CHK points after RPC refinement by using 7 GCPs in Case 9.

No	Case 9 (7 GCP, 30 CHKs)			
	Generic method		Bias method	
	Column error	Row error	Column error	Row error
1	-1.29013	0.775958	-1.25828	0.764858
2	-2.80701	1.152986	-2.79041	1.146158
3	1.650427	1.784821	1.788916	1.761869
4	-3.09412	0.620592	-3.13629	0.644227
5	-2.33245	0.474192	-2.3671	0.494542
6	-0.12077	-0.40143	-0.16952	-0.37491
7	0.088318	-0.50668	0.049598	-0.49597
8	-1.26484	1.351937	-1.1816	1.349467
9	-0.74944	0.496429	-0.80925	0.512915
10	0.357844	-0.51246	0.306045	-0.50414
11	0.57624	1.14543	0.635878	1.150829
12	-0.43586	1.13515	-0.32983	1.12462
13	-0.63702	0.453362	-0.60944	0.453114
14	-0.49292	0.019376	-0.54367	0.045206
15	0.008544	1.04529	0.023885	1.039958
16	0.669974	0.148416	0.602819	0.179857
17	0.491937	0.674064	0.548475	0.658224
18	0.776647	0.578025	0.690485	0.61902
19	-0.97763	1.02835	-0.79284	0.998794
20	1.23672	-0.4621	1.178679	-0.44536
21	0.0126	0.141611	-0.0763	0.181549
22	-0.41884	-0.24231	-0.23463	-0.27168
23	0.723561	-0.32581	0.692559	-0.31791
24	0.79624	0.088173	0.74503	0.099664
25	-0.15815	-1.44574	-0.24189	-1.42603
26	-0.36964	-0.85494	-0.46753	-0.81142
27	0.468616	-1.78403	0.541336	-1.78314
28	-1.14762	1.643693	-1.14687	1.663977
29	-0.74564	-0.91305	-0.83255	-0.87549
30	-1.24873	1.687438	-1.34355	1.722003

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