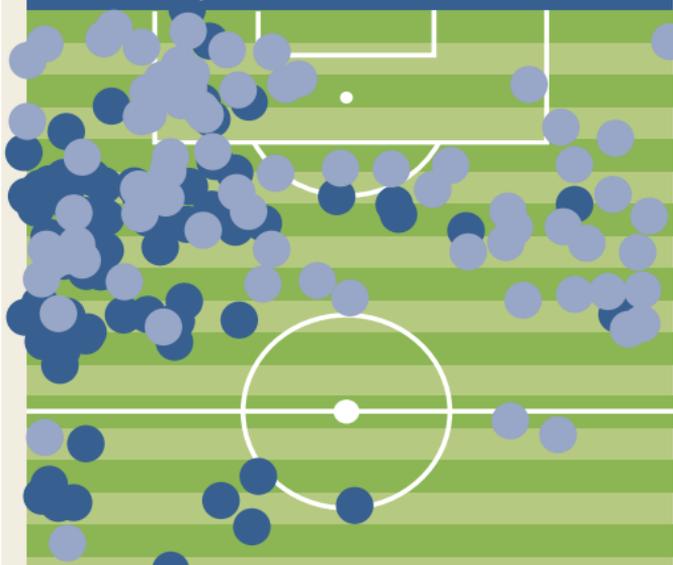


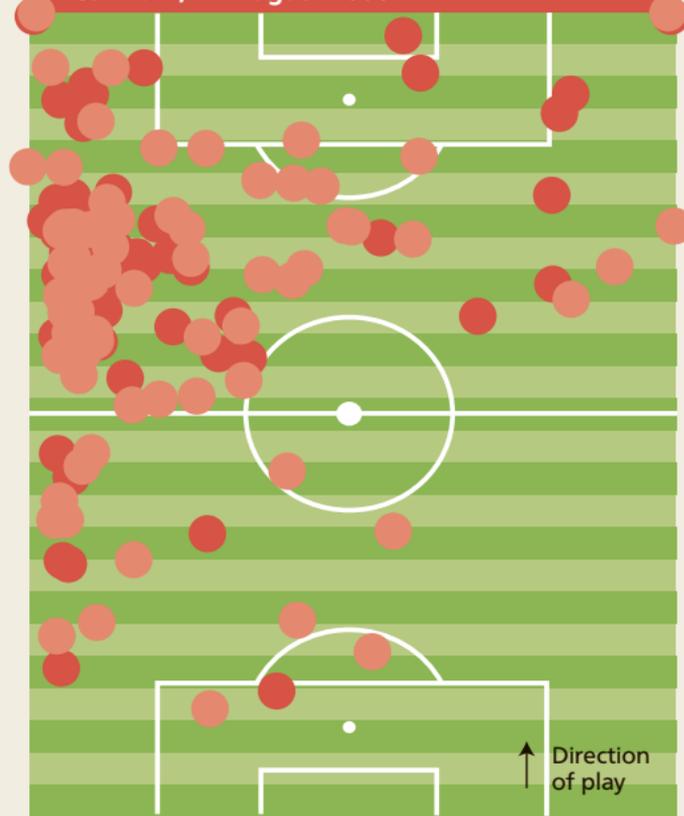
# Two's a crowd: Where Robinho fits in

**Robinho** touches, Werder Bremen v Real Madrid, November 2007



Mark Hughes was overjoyed to sign Robinho, but must now work out how to accommodate the Brazilian and Martin Petrov — two left-wing dribblers — in the same team. Robinho tended to operate on the left of Real Madrid's attack, as shown by his touch graphics in last season's Champions League games against Olympiacos and Werder Bremen, when he scored twice and once respectively

**Petrov** touches, City v West Ham, 24 August 2008



**Petrov** touches, Aston Villa v City, 17 Aug 2008

**Robinho** touches, Real v Olympiacos, October 2007

Petrov plays on the same flank for Manchester City, as illustrated by the touch graphics for his first two league appearances, against Aston Villa and West Ham United this season. Given Petrov's heavy reliance on his left foot, it may be Robinho who has to adjust, particularly with more new signings likely

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## Top dribblers last season

If City fans enjoyed the Brazilian dribbling on show last season, they are in for a treat this term. While Elano was City's top dribbler with 86, Robinho managed 149, which was 51 more than the next most prolific Real Madrid player

Real Madrid (league)		Manchester City (league)	
Attempted dribbles		Attempted dribbles	
<b>Robinho</b>	149	<b>Elano</b>	86
<b>Marcelo</b>	98	<b>Petrov</b>	51
<b>Arjen Robben</b>	85	<b>Darius Vassell</b>	38
<b>Guti</b>	83	<b>Vedran Corluka</b>	36
<b>Sergio Ramos</b>	70	<b>Benjani Mwaruwari</b>	34