

**In-operation** subspace-based  
covariance-driven **structural identification**  
**Steelquake** and **Z24 bridge** benchmarks

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## Problem :

### In-operation **modal identification** of structures

- The **excitation** is typically:
  - natural, **not controlled**.
  - **not measured**:
    - \* buildings, bridges, offshore structures,
    - \* rotating machinery,
    - \* cars, trains, aircrafts.
  - **nonstationary** (e.g., turbulent).
- How to **merge** multiple measurements setups e.g. in case of **moving** sensors?

# Identification and merging

- **Output**-only **eigenstructure identification**,
- In the presence of **nonstationary excitation**,
- Handling **moving** sensor pools, with some reference sensors.

Wanted:

- **Avoid merging identification results** from the different pools,
- **Merge the data** instead, and process them globally,
- Use a standard **subspace** algorithm.

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## Modelling

FE model:

$$\begin{cases} M\ddot{\mathbf{Z}}(s) + C\dot{\mathbf{Z}}(s) + K\mathbf{Z}(s) = \nu(s) \\ Y(s) = L\mathbf{Z}(s) \end{cases}$$

$$(M\mu^2 + C\mu + K)\Psi_\mu = 0, \quad \psi_\mu = L\Psi_\mu$$

State space:

$$\begin{cases} X_{k+1} = FX_k + V_k \\ Y_k = HX_k \end{cases}$$

$$F\Phi_\lambda = \lambda \Phi_\lambda, \quad \varphi_\lambda \triangleq H\Phi_\lambda$$

$$\underbrace{e^{\delta\mu} = \lambda}_{\text{modes}}, \quad \underbrace{\psi_\mu = \varphi_\lambda}_{\text{mode shapes}}$$

# Output-only covariance-based subspace identification

$$\underbrace{R_i \triangleq \mathbb{E} \left( Y_k Y_{k-i}^T \right)}_{\text{ok if stationary !}}, \quad \mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} R_0 & R_1 & R_2 & \dots \\ R_1 & R_2 & R_3 & \dots \\ R_2 & R_3 & R_4 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_i = H F^i G, \quad G \triangleq \mathbb{E} \left( X_k Y_k^T \right)$$

$$\mathcal{O} \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} H \\ HF \\ HF^2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{C} \triangleq (G \quad FG \quad F^2G \quad \dots)$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{O} \mathcal{C}, \quad \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O} \longrightarrow (H, F) \longrightarrow (\lambda, \varphi_\lambda)$$

## Implementation

$$\hat{R}_i \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N Y_k Y_{k-i}^T \quad , \quad \hat{\mathcal{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{R}_0 & \hat{R}_1 & \hat{R}_2 & \dots \\ \hat{R}_1 & \hat{R}_2 & \hat{R}_3 & \dots \\ \hat{R}_2 & \hat{R}_3 & \hat{R}_4 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

ok when nonstationary!

$$\text{SVD}(\hat{\mathcal{H}}) + \text{truncation} \longrightarrow \hat{\mathcal{O}} \longrightarrow (\hat{H}, \hat{F}) \longrightarrow (\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\varphi}_\lambda)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = U \Delta W^T = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_0 \end{pmatrix} W^T ; \quad \hat{\mathcal{O}} = U \Delta_1^{1/2}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_p^\uparrow(H, F) = \mathcal{O}_p(H, F) \mathbf{F}$$

$$\det(F - \lambda I) = 0 , \quad F \Phi_\lambda = \lambda \Phi_\lambda , \quad \varphi_\lambda = H \Phi_\lambda$$

## Merging multiple measurements setups

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} Y_k^{(0,1)} \\ Y_k^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Record 1}} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} Y_k^{(0,2)} \\ Y_k^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Record 2}} \quad \cdots \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} Y_k^{(0,J)} \\ Y_k^{(J)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Record J}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_{k+1}^{(j)} = F X_k^{(j)} + V_k^{(j)} \\ Y_k^{(0,j)} = H_0 X_k^{(j)} \quad \text{(the reference)} \\ Y_k^{(j)} = H_j X_k^{(j)} \quad \text{(sensor pool } n^o j) \end{array} \right.$$

$$R_i^{0,j} \triangleq \mathbb{E} Y_k^{(0,j)} Y_{k-i}^{(0,j)T}, \quad R_i^j \triangleq \mathbb{E} Y_k^{(j)} Y_{k-i}^{(0,j)T}$$

$$\mathbb{E} Y_k^{(j)} Y_{k-i}^{(j)T} \text{ not used, } \mathbb{E} Y_k^{(j')} Y_{k-i}^{(j)T} \text{ (} j \neq j') \text{ not available}$$



## Stationary excitation

$$\text{cov} V_k^{(j)} = Q, \quad G \triangleq \mathbb{E} X_k^{(j)} Y_k^{(0,j)T}$$

$$R_i^{0,j} = H_0 F^i G \triangleq R_i^0, \quad R_i^j = H_j F^i G$$

$$R_i^\pi \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} R_i^0 \\ R_i^1 \\ \vdots \\ R_i^J \end{bmatrix} = H F^i G, \quad H \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ H_1 \\ \vdots \\ H_J \end{bmatrix}$$

## Nonstationary excitation

$$\text{cov} V_k^{(j)} = Q_j, \quad G_j \triangleq \mathbb{E} X_k^{(j)} Y_k^{(0,j)T}$$

$$R_i^{0,j} = H_0 F^i G_j, \quad R_i^j = H_j F^i G_j$$

**Hint:** right **renormalization** of the covariances.

# Robustness to nonstationary excitation

Time-varying excitation within each record

$$\text{cov} V_k^{(j)} = Q_k$$

Approximate factorization of covariances

$$\hat{R}_i \approx H F^i \hat{G}$$

**Consistency** :  $T^{-1} \hat{F} T \rightarrow F, \quad \hat{H} \rightarrow H$

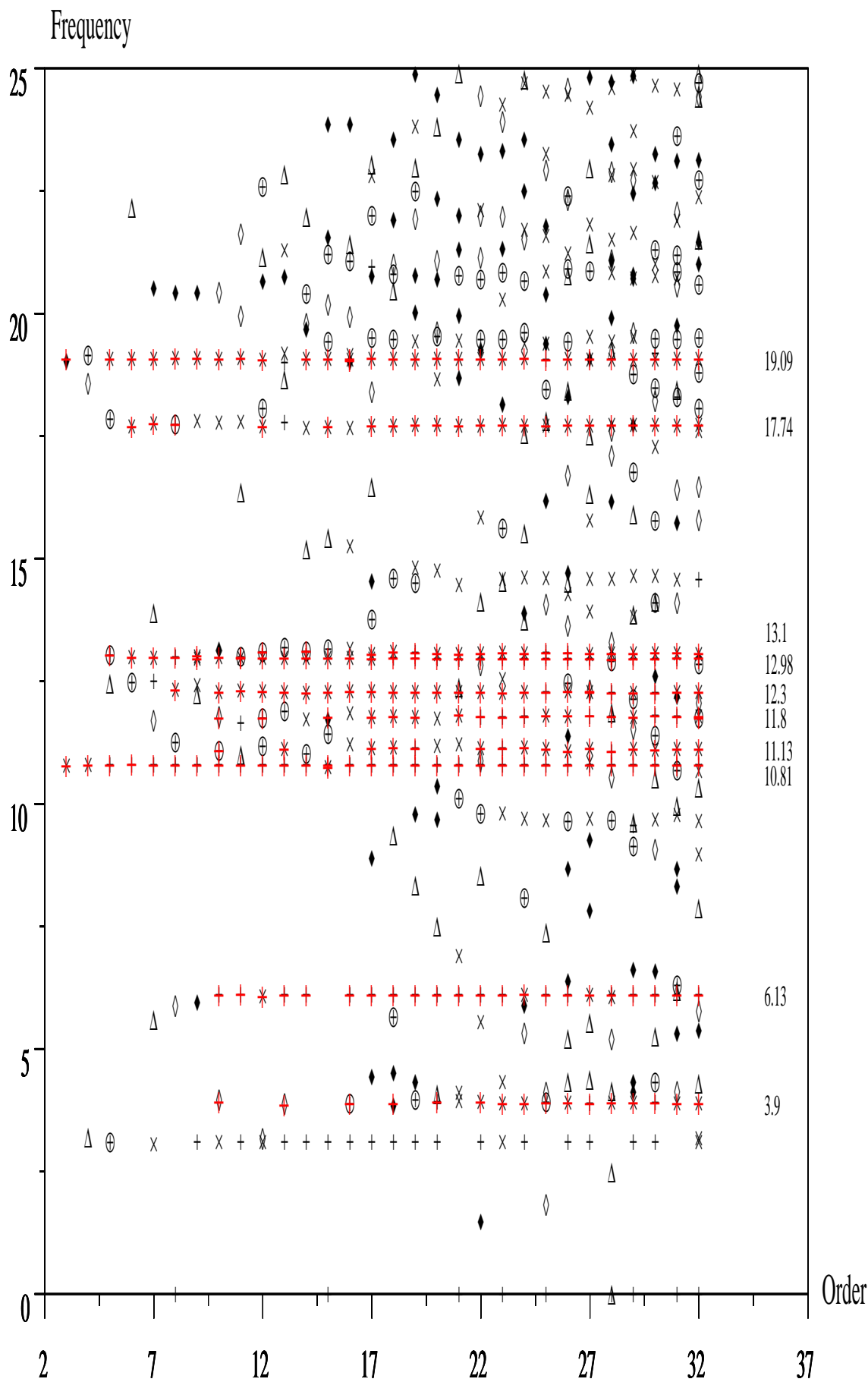
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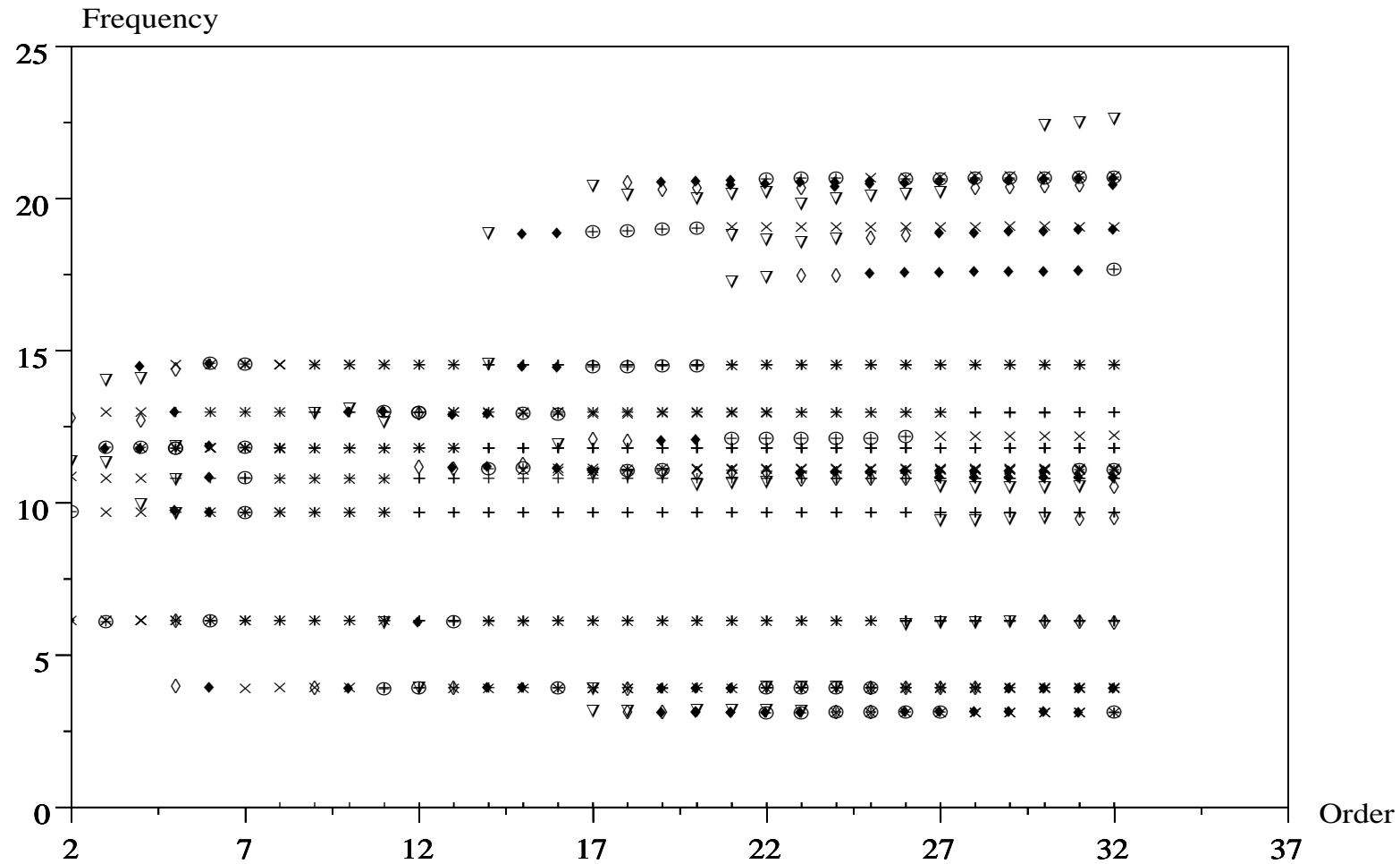
- the key **factorization** property of the covariances,
  - the **averaging** operation underlying covariance computation,
- allows to cancel out nonstationarities in the excitation.

## Numerical results - **Steelquake**

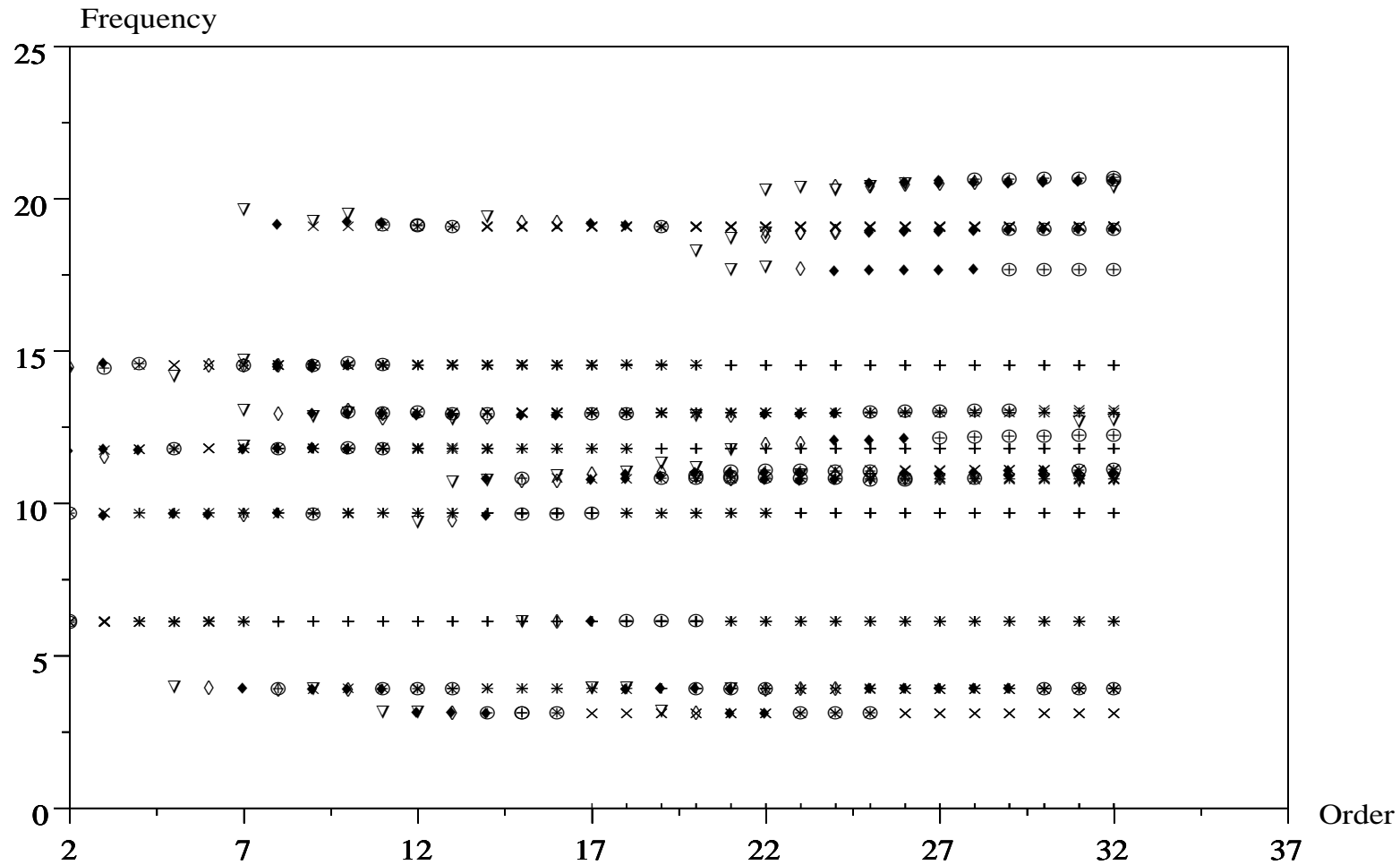
### Estimated modes - Classical subspace identification

Mode	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Freq.(Hz)	3.1	3.92	6.1	9.68	10.8	12.27	13.0	17.7
Dir.	X	Y	Y	Y	X	Z	Z	Z

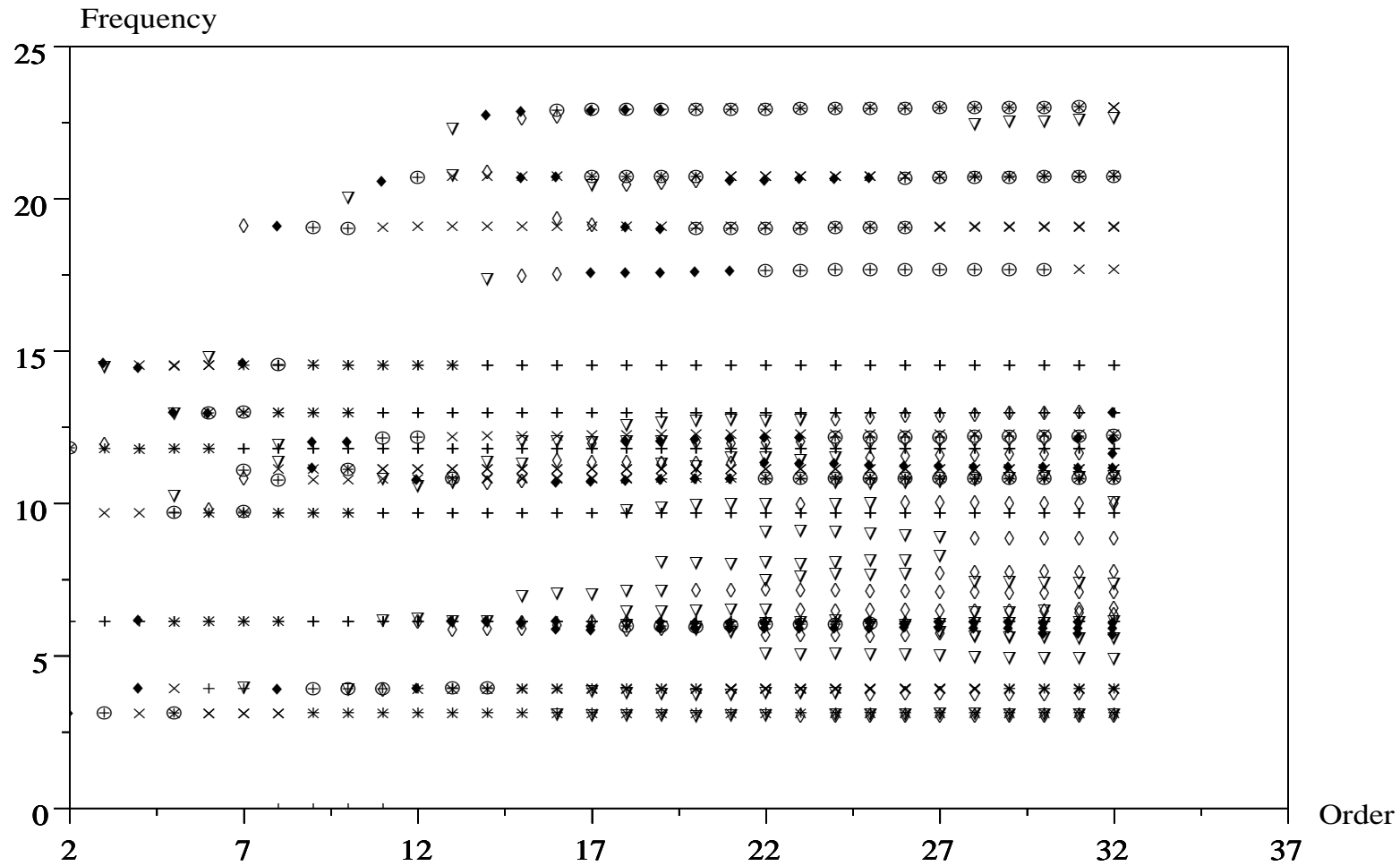




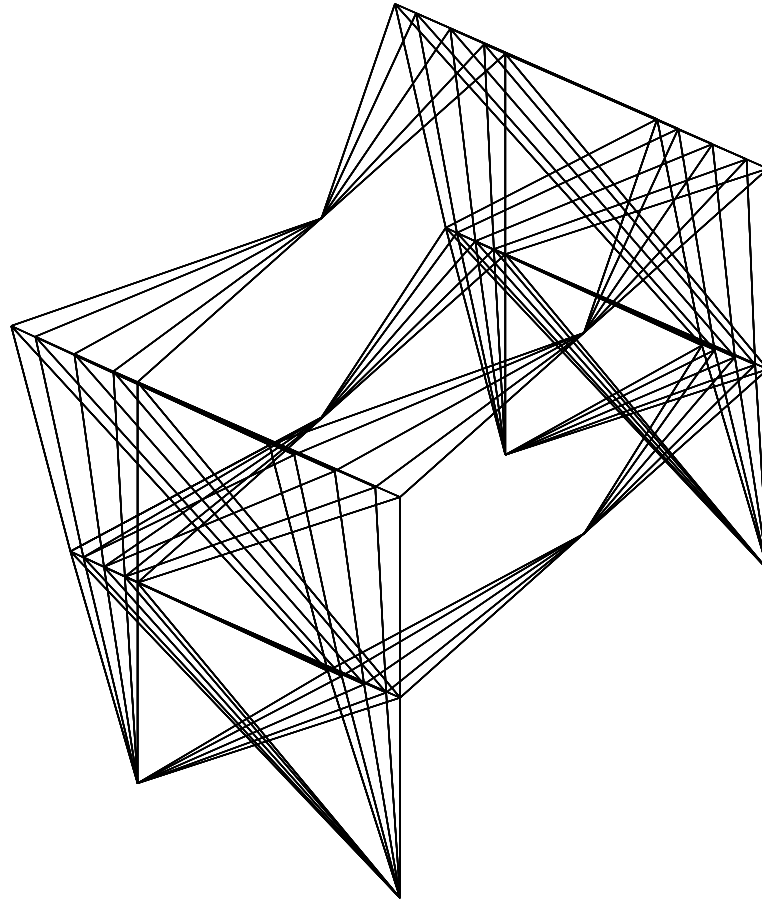
**Reference sensors: 6/8; moving sensors: 11/14 ( $Q_{09} - 1$ ), 9/15 ( $Q_{10} - 2$ ), 1/4 ( $Q_{10} - 3$ ), 2/13 ( $Q_{09} - 4$ ), 5/12 ( $Q_{10} - 5$ ).**



**Reference sensors: 1/6/7; moving sensors: 4/5 ( $Q_{09} - 1$ ), 8/13 ( $Q_{10} - 2$ ), 12/15 ( $Q_{10} - 3$ ), 11/14 ( $Q_{09} - 4$ ), 2/10 ( $Q_{09} - 5$ ).**

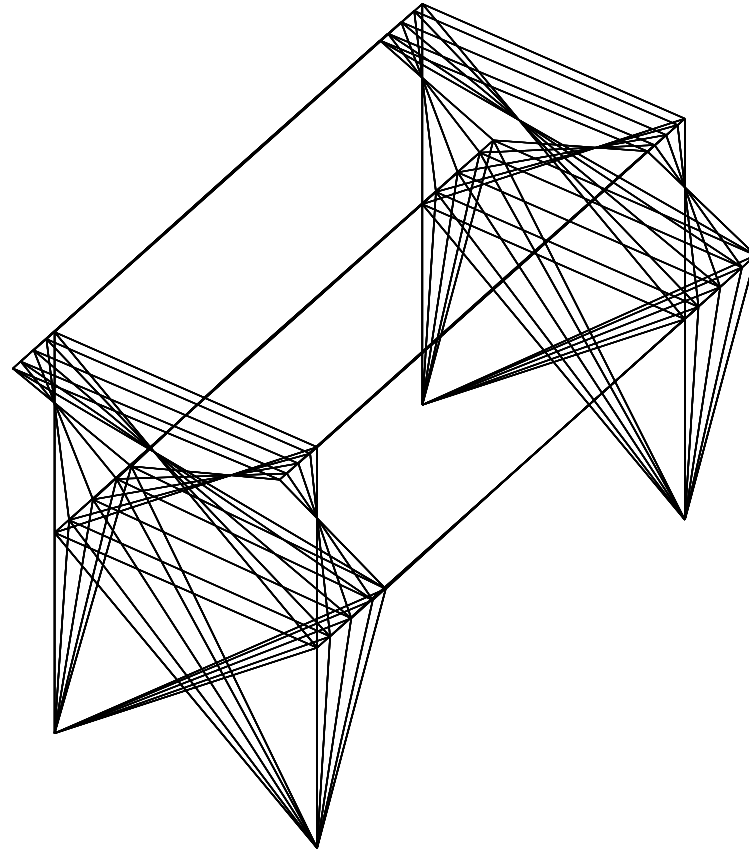


**Reference sensors: 4/5/12; moving sensors: 1/9/15 ( $Q_{10} - 1$ ), 2/6/8/10/13 ( $Q_{10} - 2$ ), 3/7/11/14 ( $Q_{10} - 3$ ).**

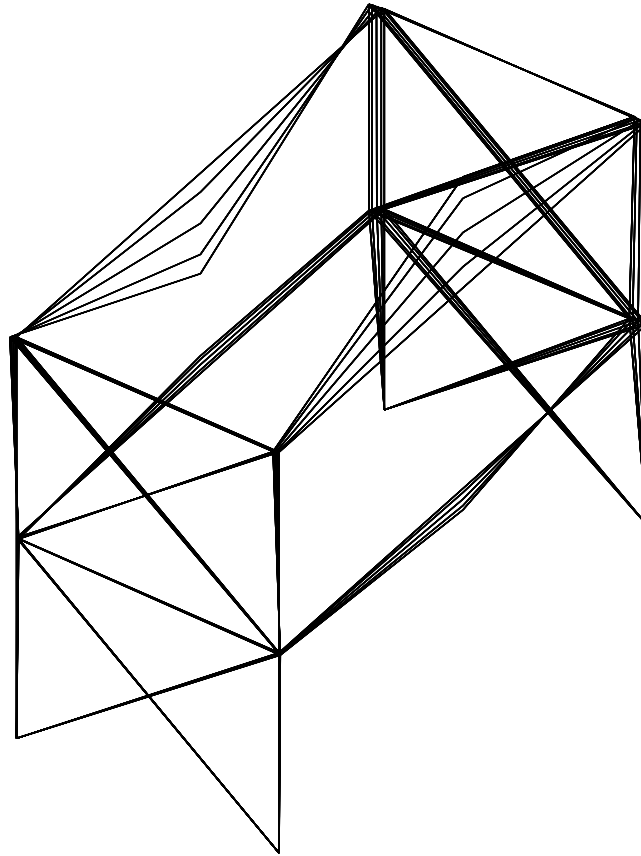


**Bending mode in  $Y$  direction at frequency 3.92 Hz.**





**Bending mode in  $X$  direction at frequency 10.8 Hz.**

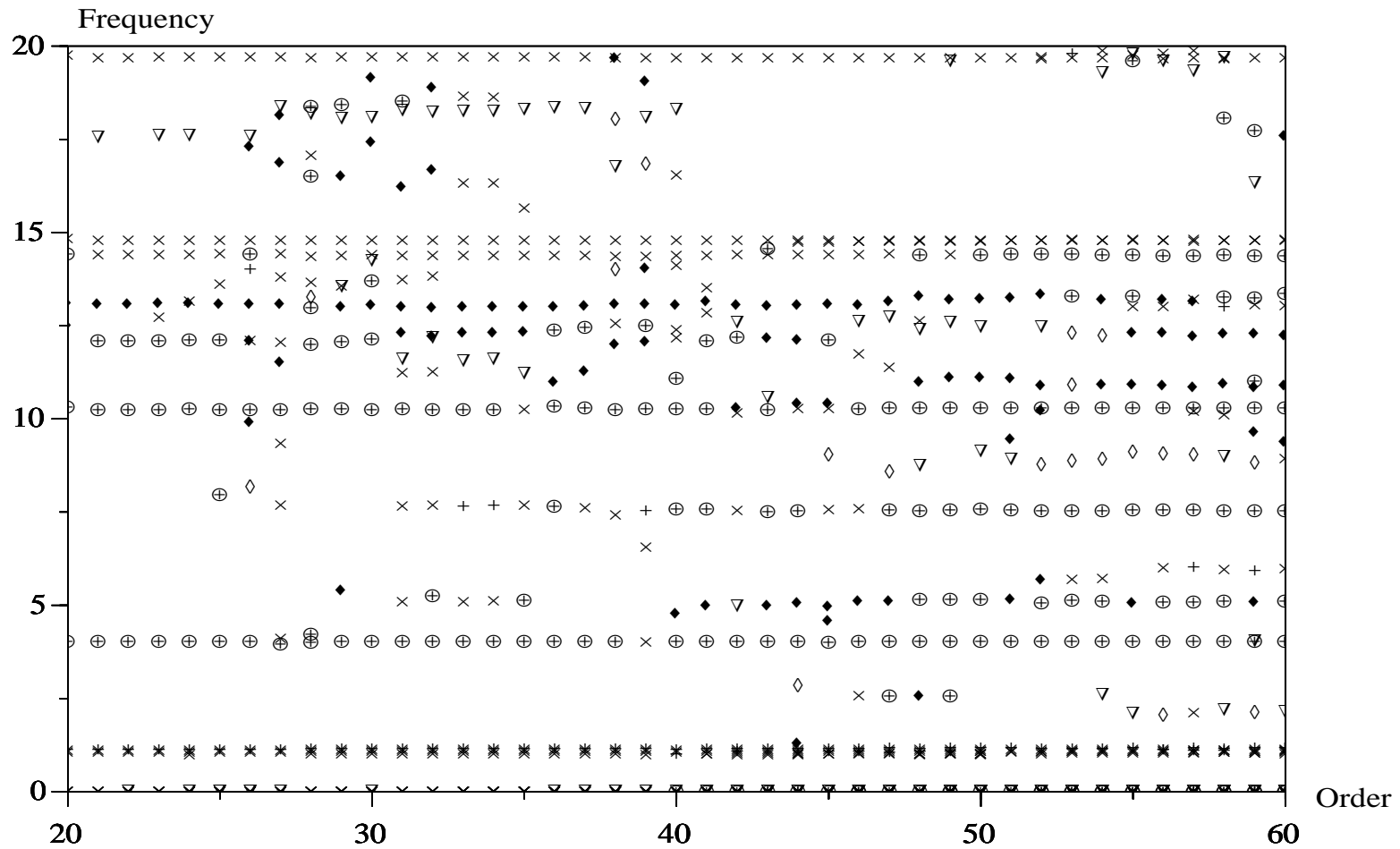


**Slab torsion in  $Z$  direction at frequency 17.7 Hz.**

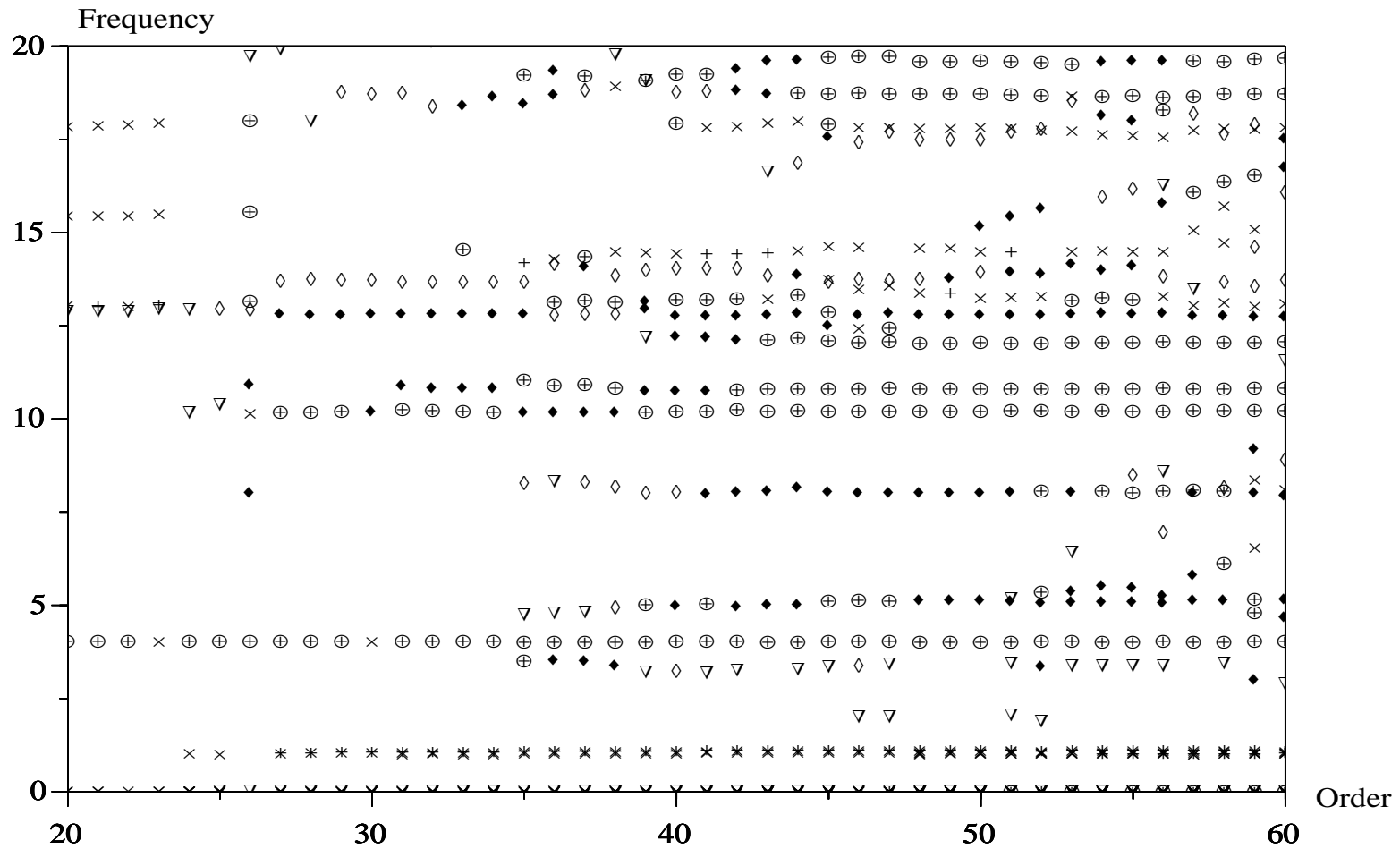
## Numerical results - Z24 bridge

Estimated modes - Classical subspace identification

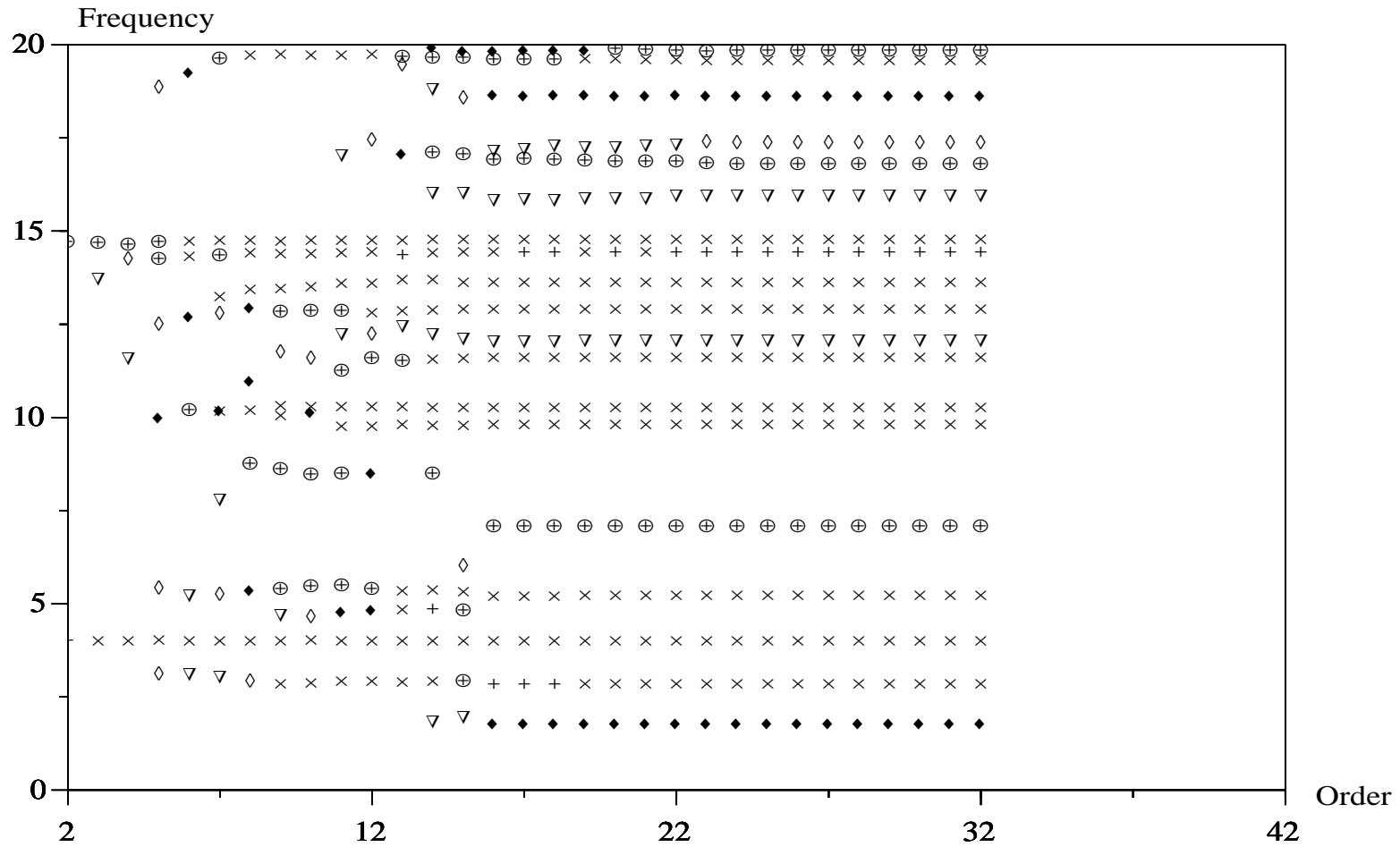
Mode	1	2	3	4	5
Frequency (Hz)	4	5.3	9.8	10.3	12



**Classical subspace identification: first record (3 sensors).**



**Classical subspace identification: second record (2 sensors).**



**Polyreference subspace identification with the two records.**