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Where is the mas matrix, is the stiffness matrix and and are the natural frequency and mode shapes, respectively, corresponding to the “” mode of the structure. When citing formula numbers in the text, they should be put in round brackets, e.g. Eq. (1).

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Applied Load

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**Figure 2.** Toughness of steel and polypropylene FRC under impact loading.

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**Table 1.** Mortar composition

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Samples | Variables | |
| w/c ratio | Polymer  [%] |
| CS | 0.5 | 10 |
| CS + FL | 0.4 | 20 |

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