

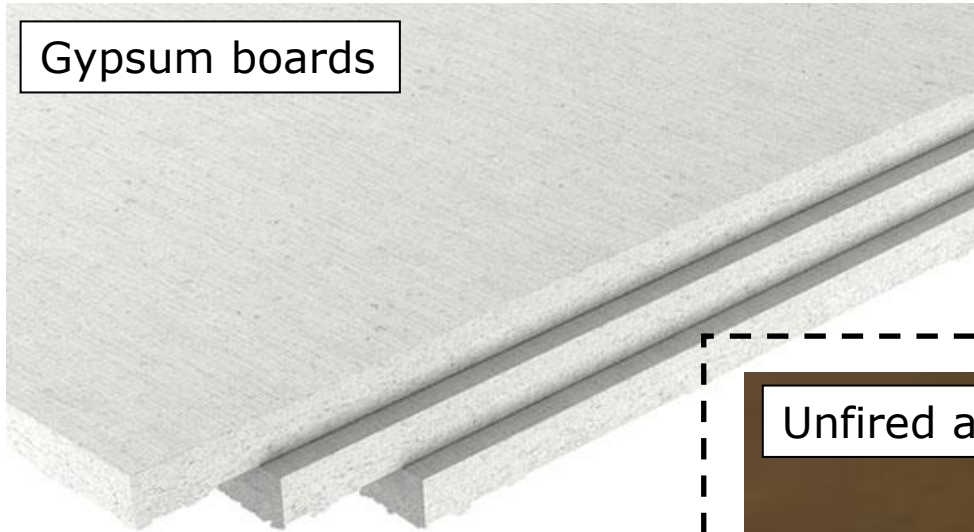
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# Unfired adobe bricks of Greenlandic sediments

## Influence of waste fibres from fishing nets

# Fibre reinforced materials



Gypsum boards

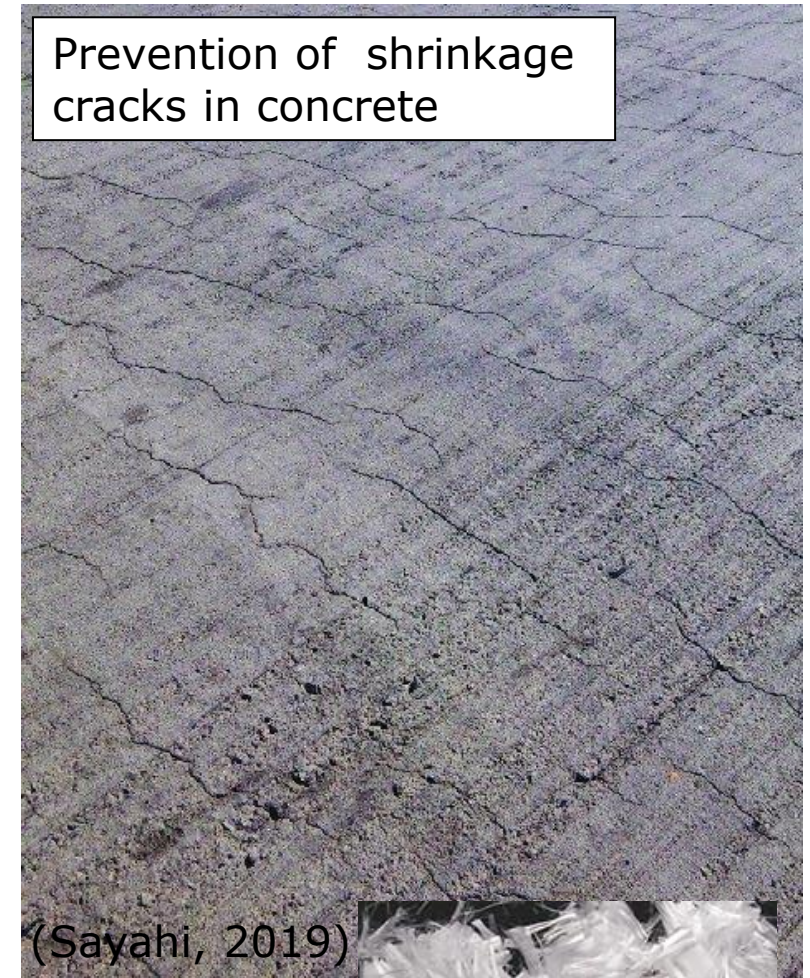
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Unfired adobe bricks



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Prevention of shrinkage cracks in concrete



(Sayahi, 2019)





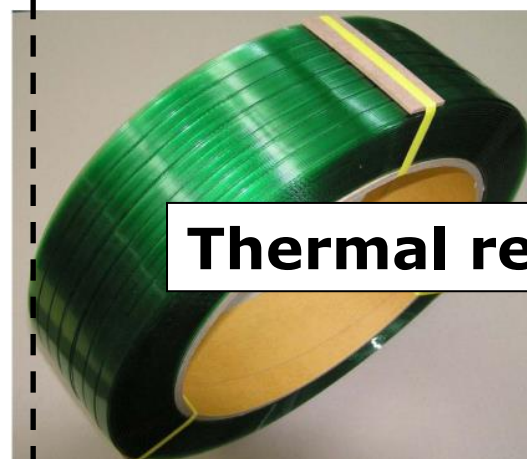
# Plastic waste fibres in building materials



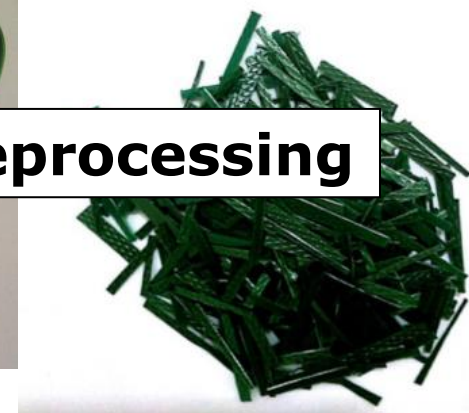
**Mechanical cutting or shredding**



**Discarded fishing nets**



**Thermal reprocessing**

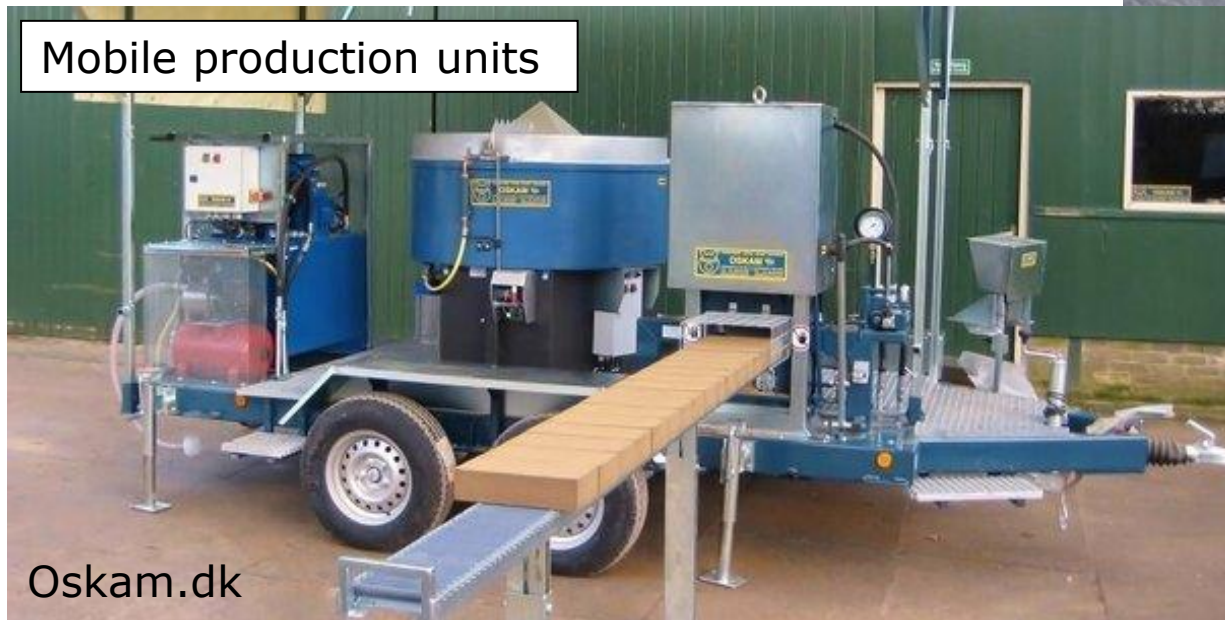
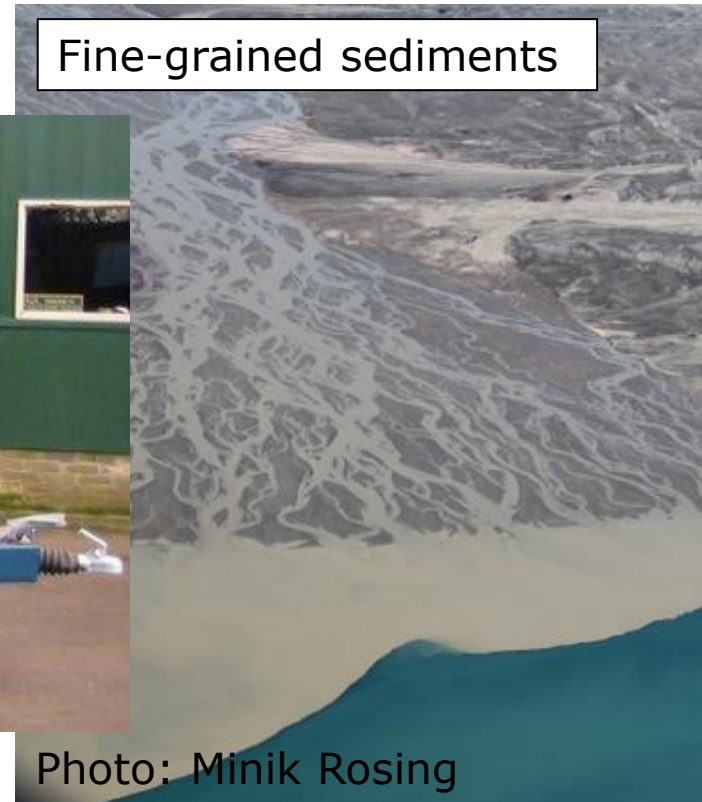


# Adobe bricks

Simple and sustainable production technique (only formed and dried)

Mobile production units

Large amounts of suitable raw materials





# Discarded fishing nets in adobe bricks

R-PE fibres added to adobe bricks

Materials *can* be reused!





# Challenges

Poor mechanical strength of adobe bricks

Low durability in harsh environments → Mainly for indoor use

Strong traditions for constructing with wood and concrete in GL → Alternative building material



## Aim of experimental study

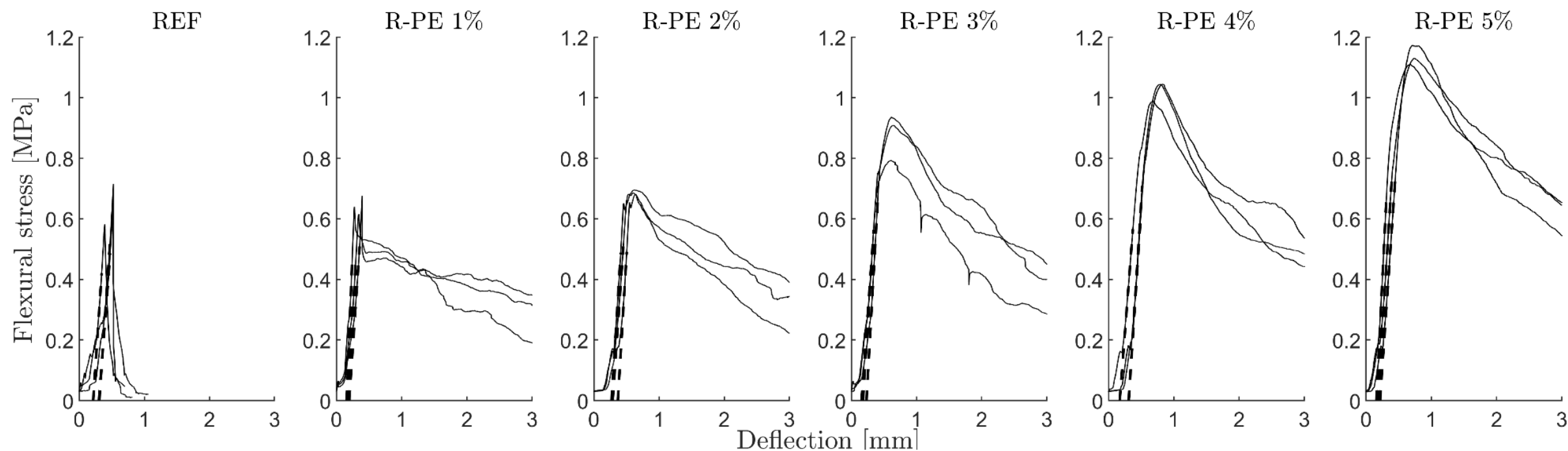
- 1) Mechanical performance and drying shrinkage  
cracking of adobe materials
- 2) Influence of waste polyethylene (R-PE) fibres  
from discarded fish nets

# Mechanical performance of adobes

Mechanical strength increases with the addition of fishing nets  
(flexural and compressive)

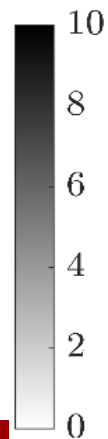
Improved post-crack performance

Reduced linear shrinkage and surface cracking



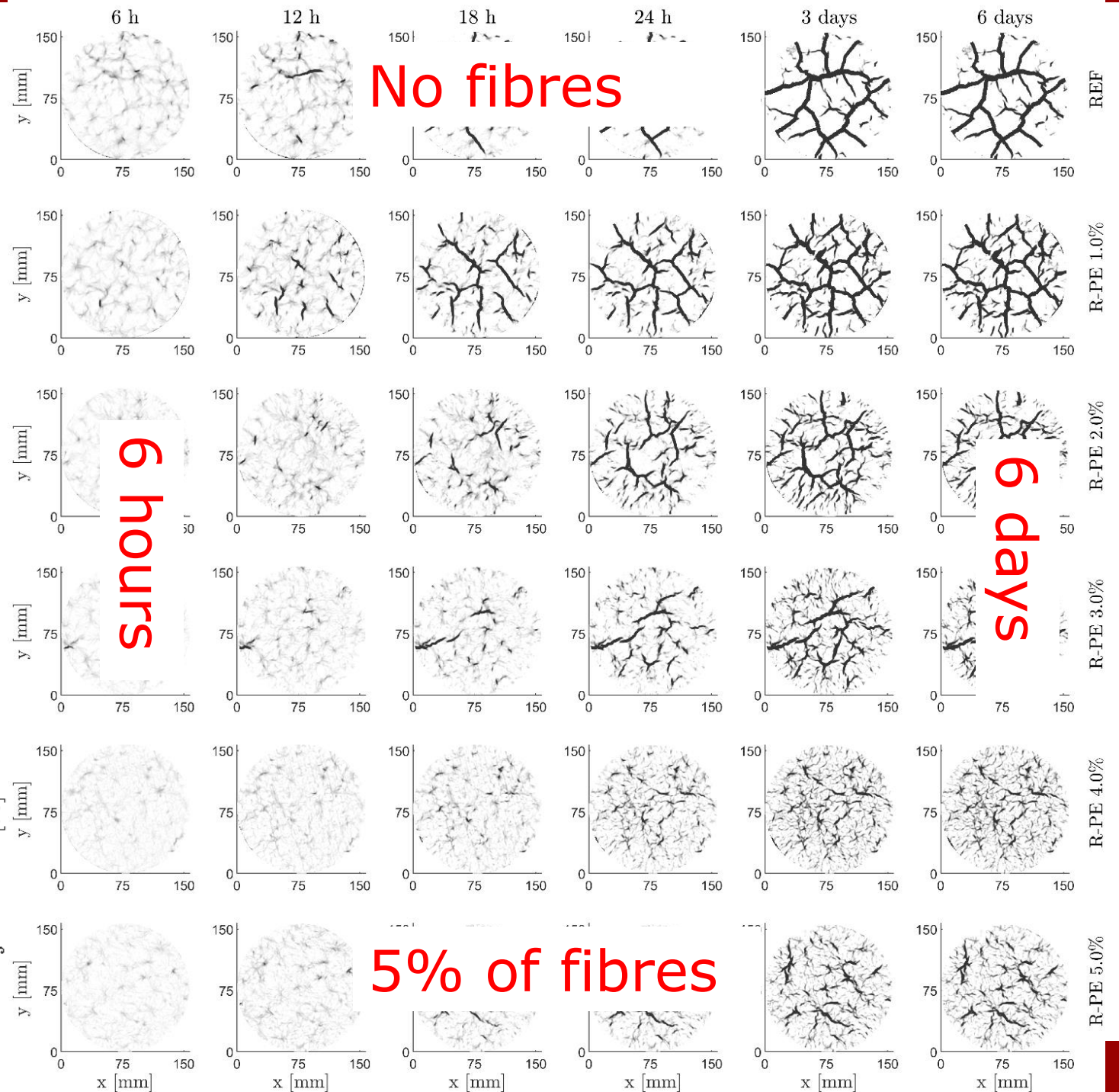


# Shrinkage cracks

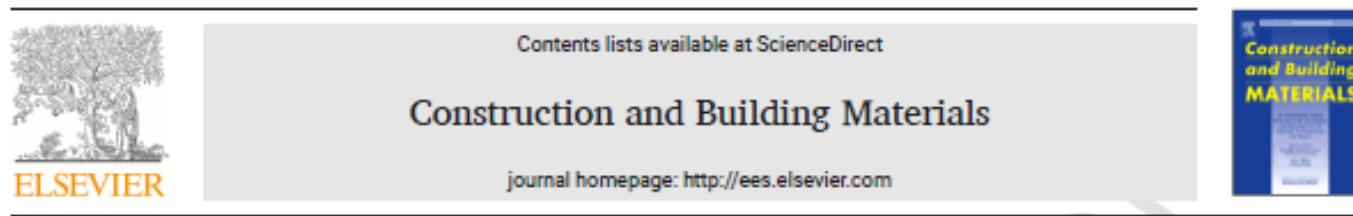


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# Thank you for your attention!



Influence of synthetic waste fibres on drying shrinkage cracking and mechanical properties of adobe materials

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