

# Reuse of waste fishing nets in construction materials

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- ARTEK is DTU education centre in Arctic technology.
- The centre is situated in Sisimiut, West Greenland and educates Greenlandic and Danish engineering



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#### Motivation



- Reuse of local waste materials from the fishing industry and find a proper application for waste fish nets in the construction industry
- Replace virgin materials with waste materials to create more eco-friendly materials
- Engage engineering students and local developers in projects



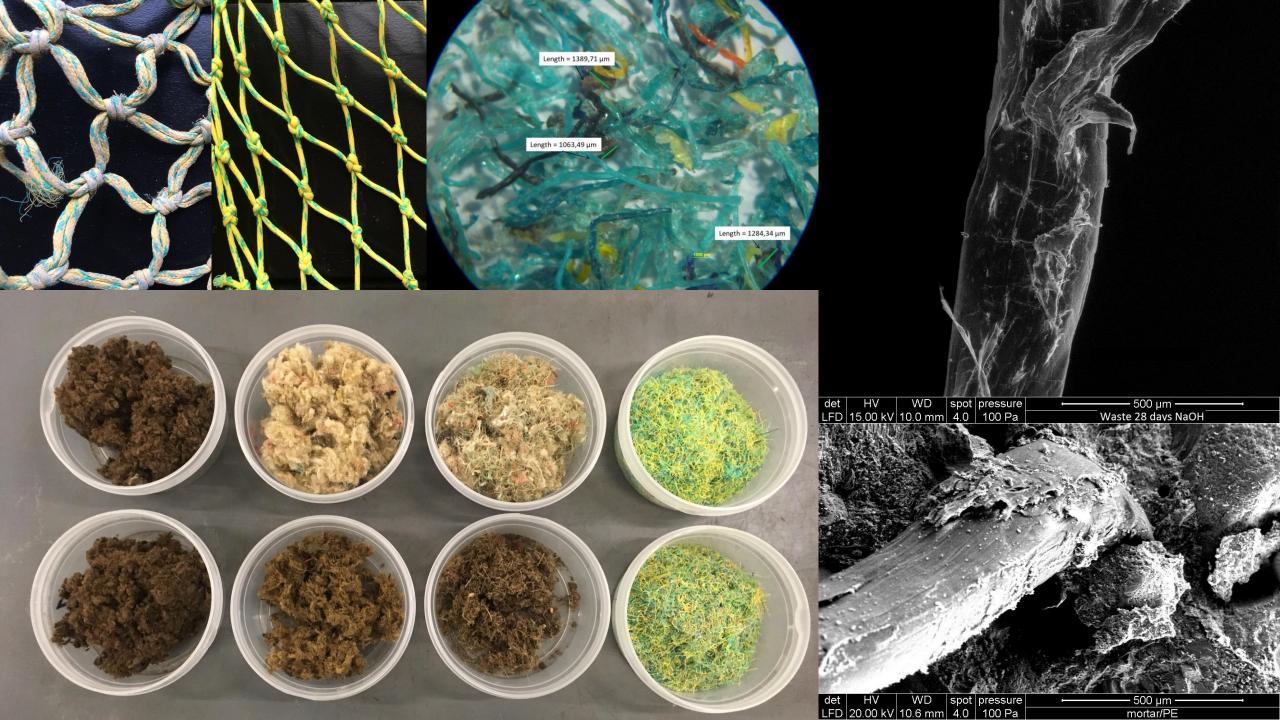
# Major research tasks



Characterization of waste fish nets – engineering properties

Reuse of waste fish nets in construction materials

Thorough testing and evaluation of fibre reinforced concrete

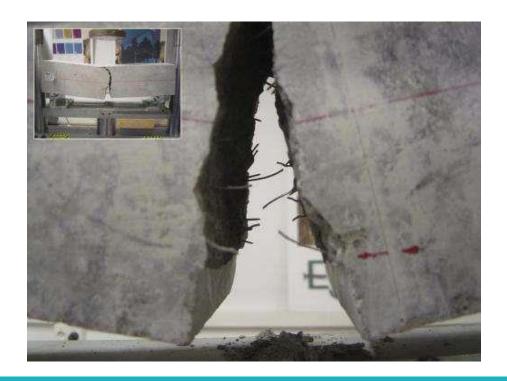




# Why use fibre reinforcement?



- The addition of fibres is an effective way to improve the performance of concrete
- For **structural** purposes improvement of mechanical properties, e.g. ductility
- For **durability** purposes control of shrinkage cracking



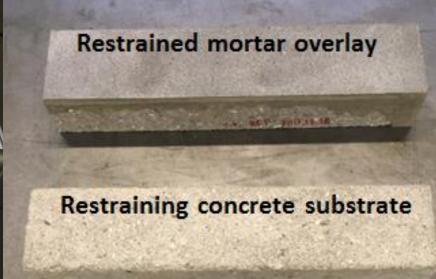


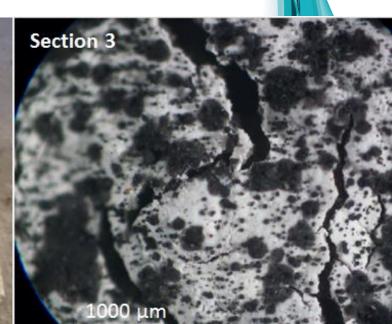
# Cracking in concrete



- Testing cement-based mortar specimens vulnerable to shrinkage cracking
- Method: Simulate realistic severe conditions with respect to environment and conditions for concrete casting
- Compare influence of recycled fibres with virgin fibres
- Using image analysis to analyse surface crack development





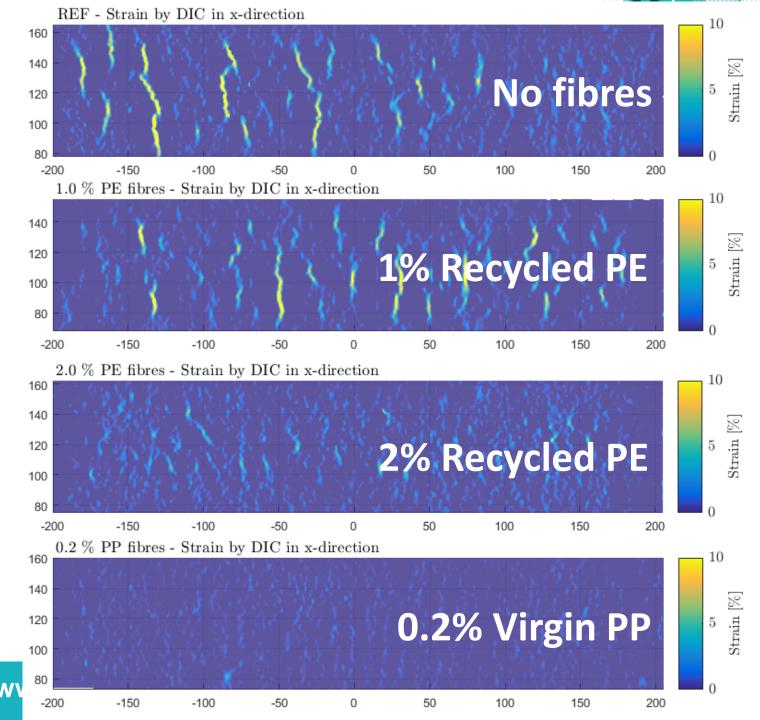


# Concrete cracking

Comparison of recycled PE fibres with unreinforced specimens and commercially available PP fibres

2vol% of recycled PE fibres perform good in controlling cracking in concrete!

85% less surface cracking compared to the reference



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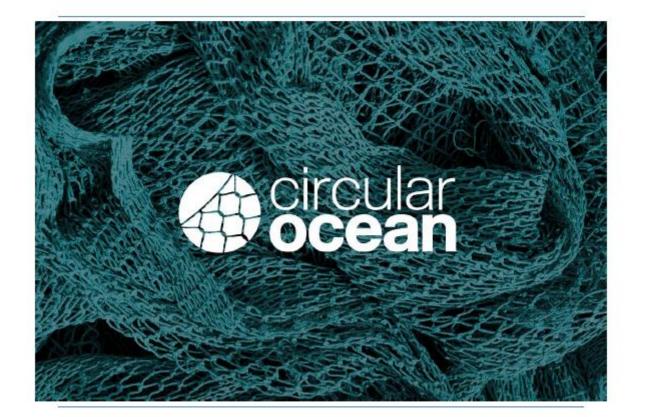
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