# Baltic sea – Liepaja port – Liepaja lake model 2018-2019

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# Bathimetry at port



# Nested HBM setup

1 nm resolution Baltic proper



Weather forcing: DMI HARMONIE

30 m resolution port and channels



60 m resolution lake

# Observations

Automatic, hourly: water level, run-off, temperature



Manual, daily:

sea surface

salinity

temperature,

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# Flow rate through channel



# Port-lake flow oscillations



Channel between port and lake

> Middle port gate. Observatio ns for the channel.

# Port-lake seiches

Difference of water level

between port and lake

 $Period = 2 * \pi \sqrt{\frac{L_{ch} A_{lake}}{g A_{ch}}} \approx 10 h$ 





Otsmann, Suursaar, Kulla



### Tidal oscillations in Liepaja



Observations from 1961

S1 (24 h) is sea breeze effect



# Wind hodograms



# Water level



# Water level difference between channel and lake



Different sensors are used channel (15 min average) and lake (last hour)



Lake temperature sensor not working for this period

# Interactive coastal visualisations

#### Currently testing in

http://www.modlab.lv/meteo/FimarWeb/LiepajaStraumes/Aprekins\_2017/aprekins\_2017\_07\_09.html but will be under http://www.water.lv





Surface currents and salinity in Liepaja port in September 15, 2017 after the storm

# Conclusions

- Flows in port gates are largely influenced by currents in Baltic sea. Therefore, closed port model may not work.
- Longshore currents are important for coastal areas. Not accounted yet.
- Wetlands have to be accounted in case of high water level in large and shallow lake
- Better thermodynamics is required for shallow locations of the lake with strong seasonal vegetation.
- Both model and observations show that there are port-lake oscillations
- Both single level and two-level flows are characteristic in port gates and the channel connecting port with the lake