Numerical Modelling of an Ancient Harbour, Phaselis Yasemin Özgen⁽¹⁾, K. Gökhan Türe⁽²⁾ and Atila Uras⁽³⁾

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Abstract

Anatolia, with her thousands of years of recorded history, has resided many important coastal settlements on her coasts. With more than one hundred ancient harbours and coastal cities, it had been the motherland of the first known maritime works in the world. From the 10th century BC onwards, harbour constructions took place in Anatolia.

Among these, Phaselis, with its three harbours, was one of the most important harbour cities of its time. These harbours had helped the city to develop significantly.

In this study, a numerical model for the three harbours of Phaselis was developed. The wave climate of the area and the tranquillity in the harbours were analysed. As the result of the modelling studies, the port operation efficiency of the city due to different direction storm conditions has been determined, the design and the layouts of the harbours were discussed.