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Was the AD 1607 coastal flooding Severn Estuary and Bristol Channel a tsunami?

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Abstract

Extensive coastal lowlands known as Levels border the Severn Channel in southwest Britain. The Levels are the result of marine reclamation, apparently initiated during the Roman Period, through sea bank construction. The altitude of the Levels is typically below Datum (OD), an altitude that is below the current Mean High

Severn Estuary. Therefore, the Levels are vulnerable to flood sources, but also from the sea at times when sea banks are breached. A number of significant historic coastal flooding events occurred in the Levels, but the event attributed with causing the greatest devastation was the event of January 1607, and is the subject of this study. This flood event was caused by a storm, alternatively however, we consider that so that the flood may have been the result of a tsunami, and the cause is required. In this note, our intention is to discuss the results from our recent fieldwork in the area will be prepared

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