

DAG-1 Infrasound Predictions

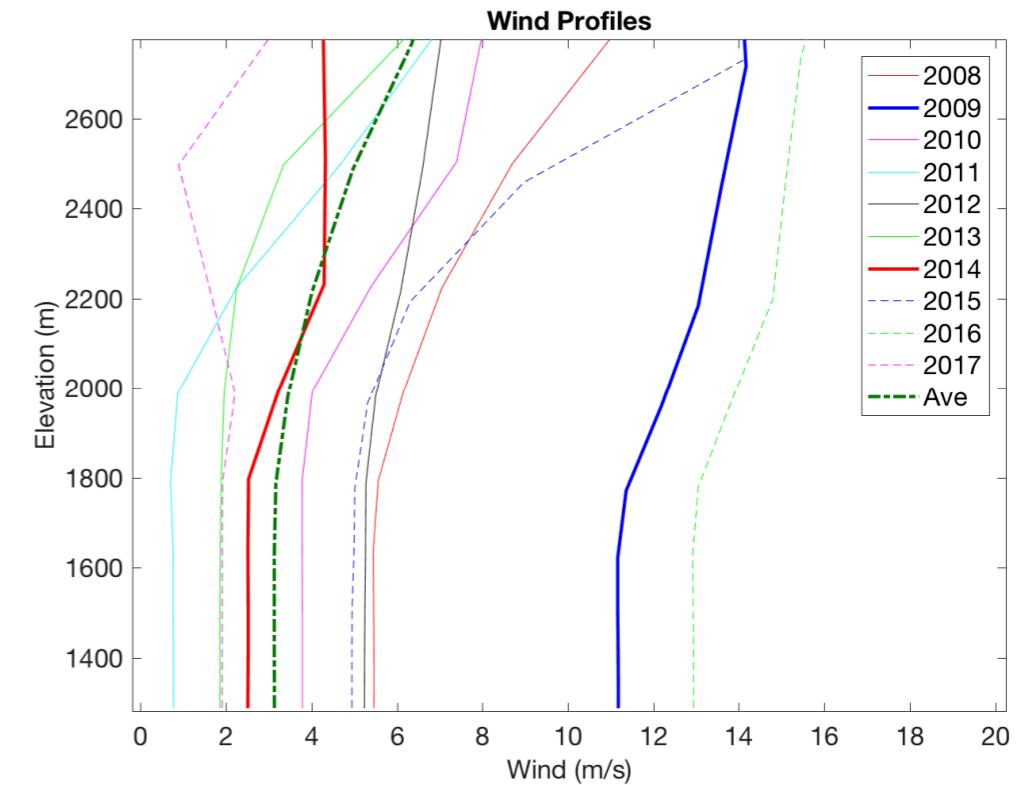
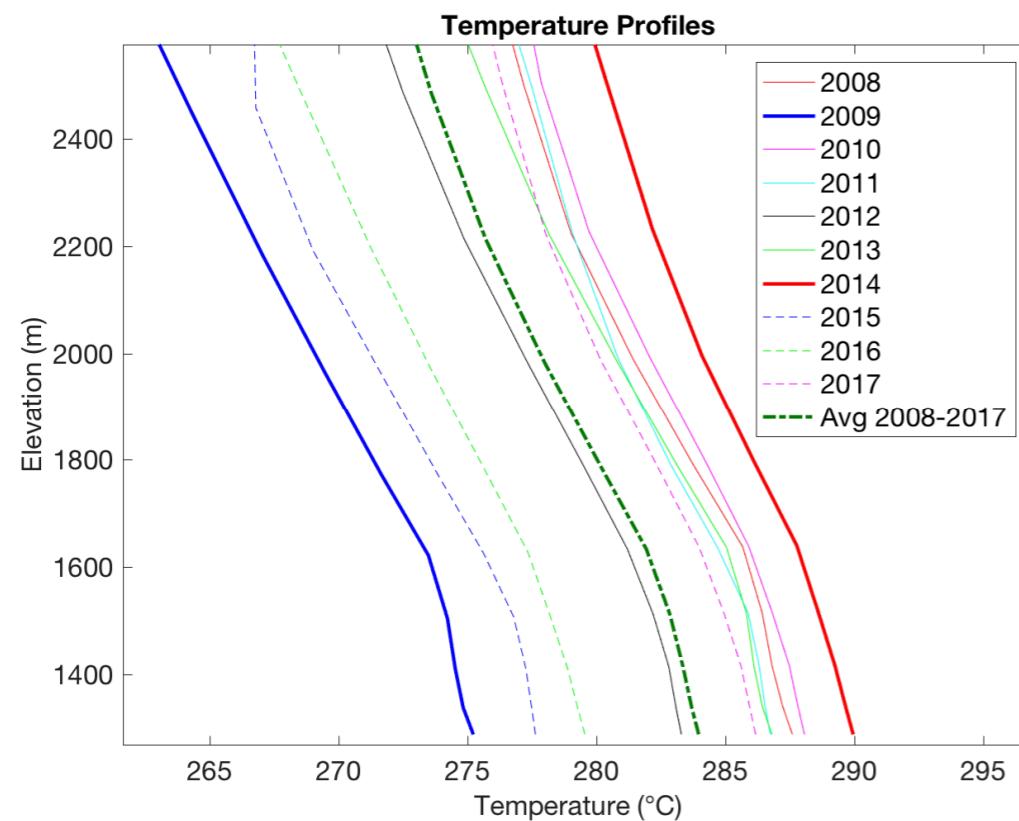
Leiph Preston and Kale Aur
Geophysics Department

Weather

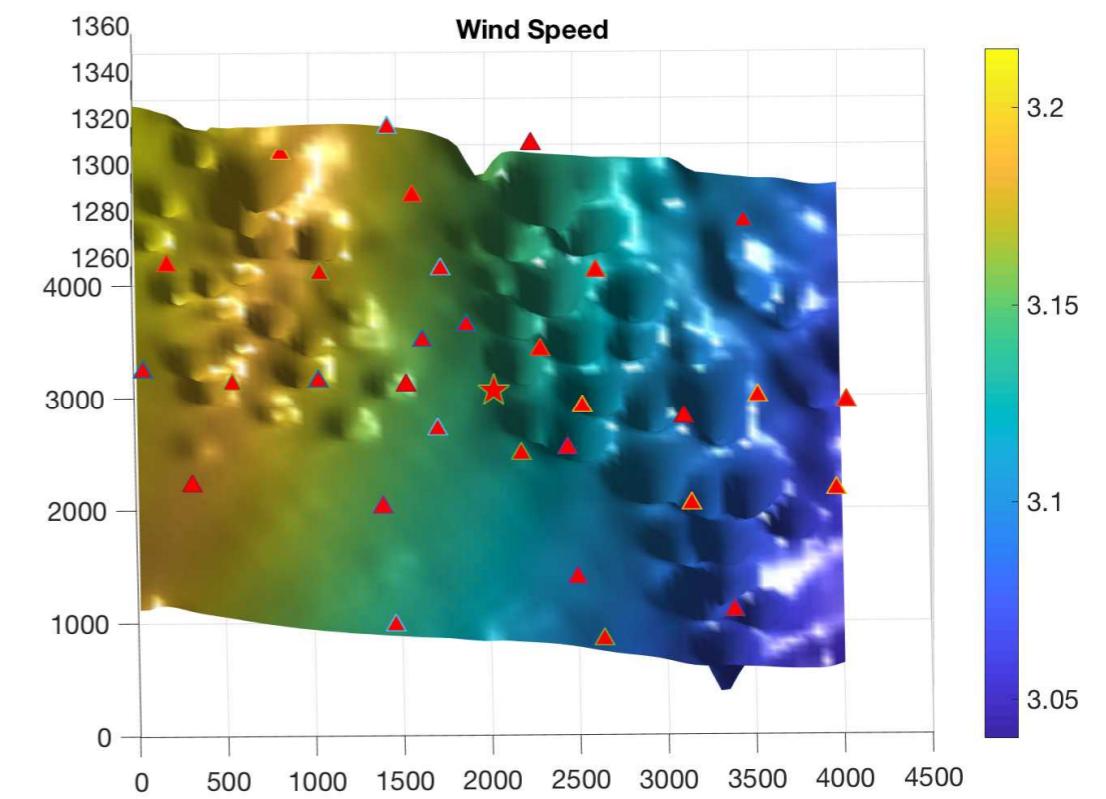


- Collected NARR (North American Regional Reanalysis) data from the National Center for Atmospheric Research data repository
- Chose mid April data from 2008-2017
- Ran WRF (Weather Research and Forecasting) suite for each year and for an average model over the 10 year period
- Selected outlier years and average to simulate DAG-1 shot

Weather Variations



- Mean 1-D profiles of temperature and horizontal winds provide an idea of weather variations
- 2009:** Coolest and windy, **2014:** Warmest

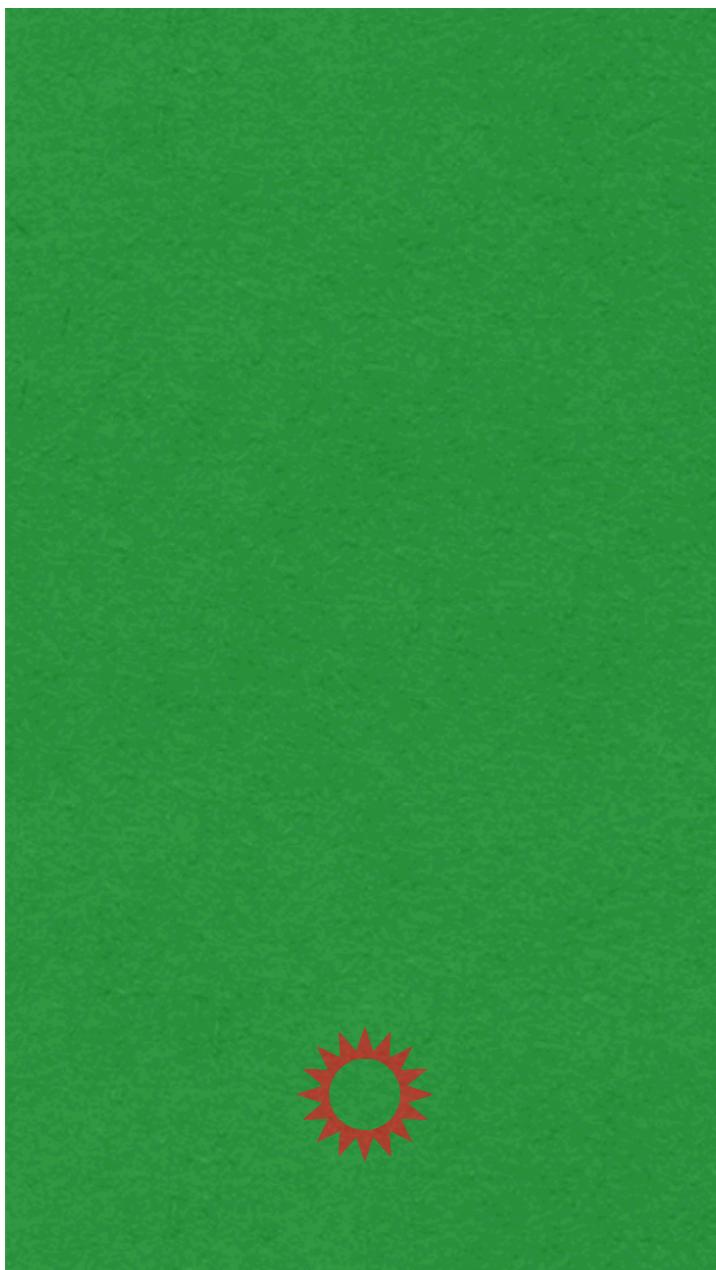


Modeling

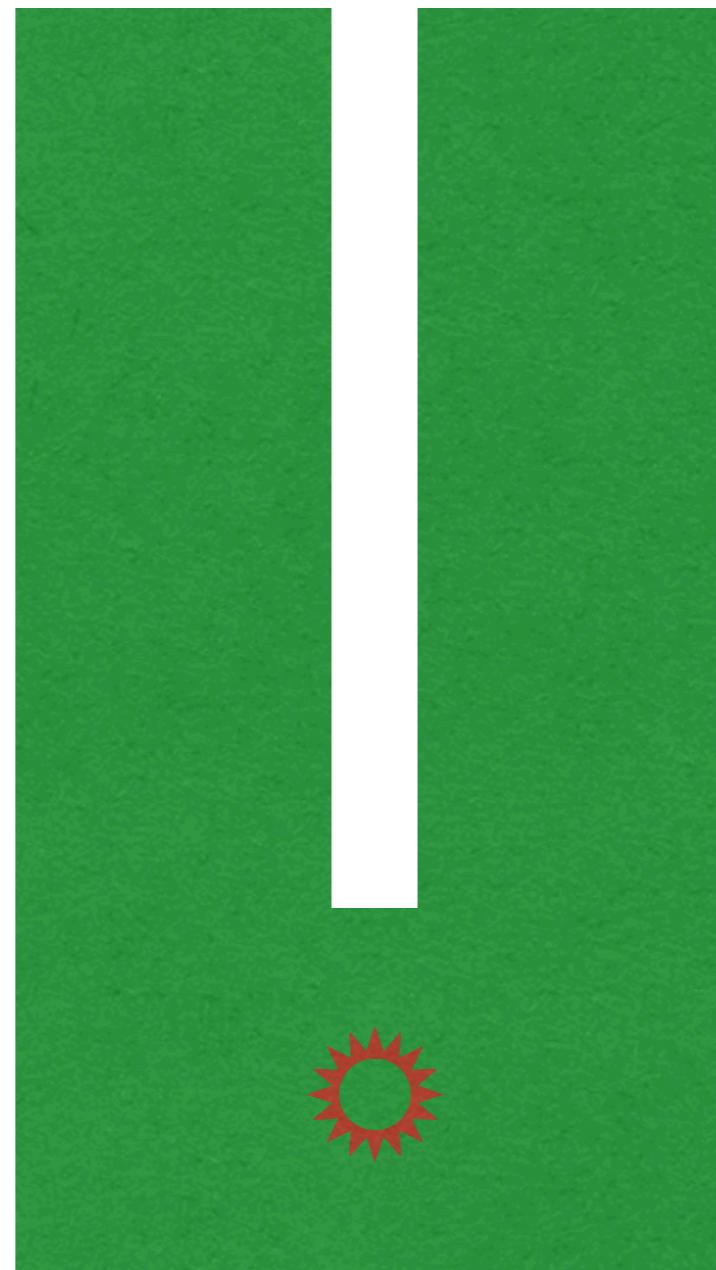
- Used explosive source time functions derived from SPE-4' scaled for DAG-1. Does not account for shift in corner frequency from SPE-4' to DAG-1.
- Used TDAAPS (Time Domain Atmospheric Acoustic Propagation Suite) to obtain synthetic pressure traces at all SPE infrasound receivers
- Accounts for 3-D variations in atmospheric medium parameters, wind, and topography
- Earth model is homogeneous but has topography with 3 variations: no shaft, open shaft, and covered shaft

Earth Models

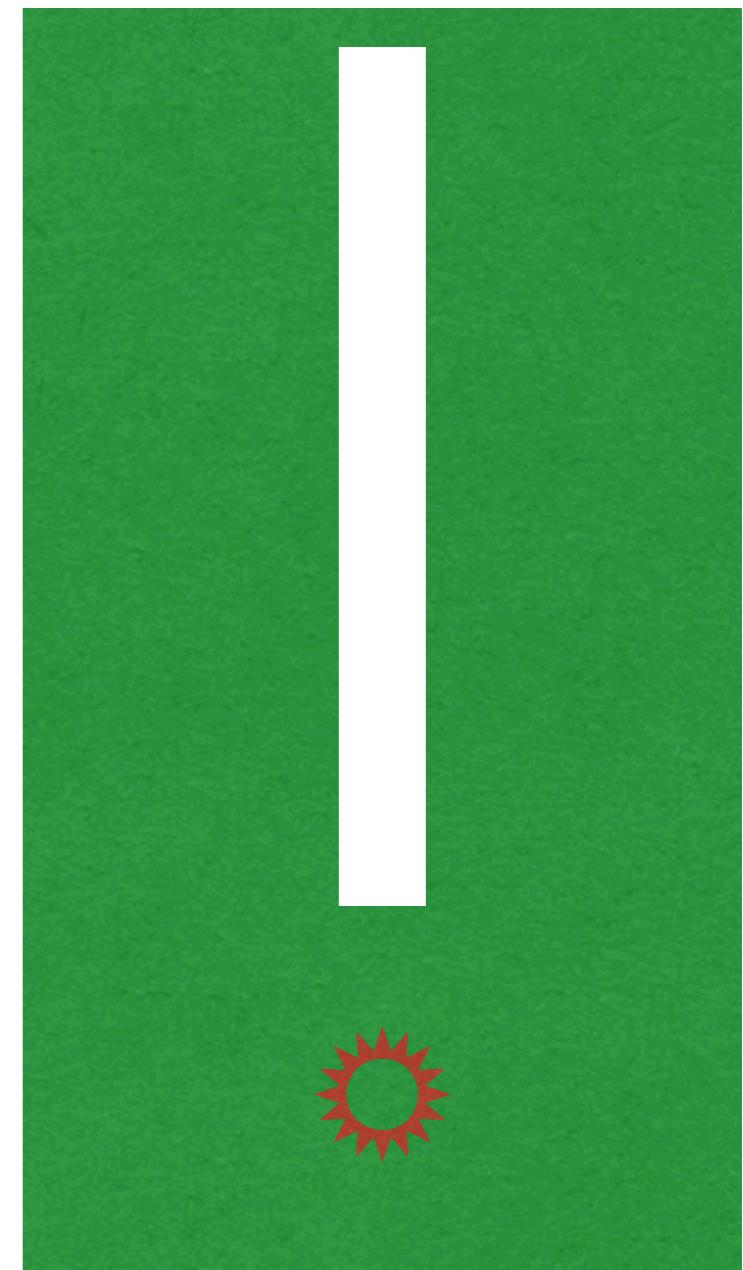
No Shaft



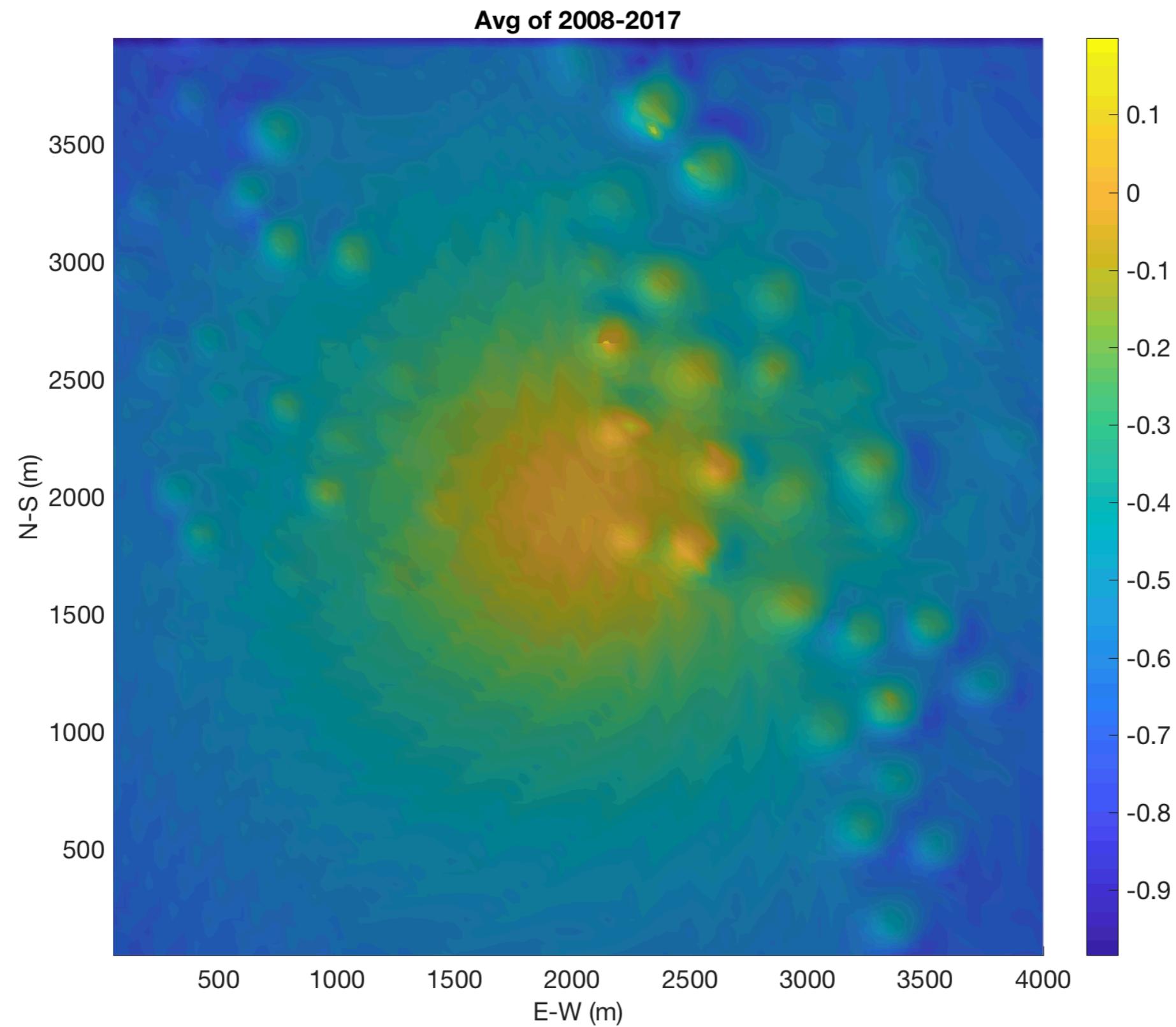
Open Shaft



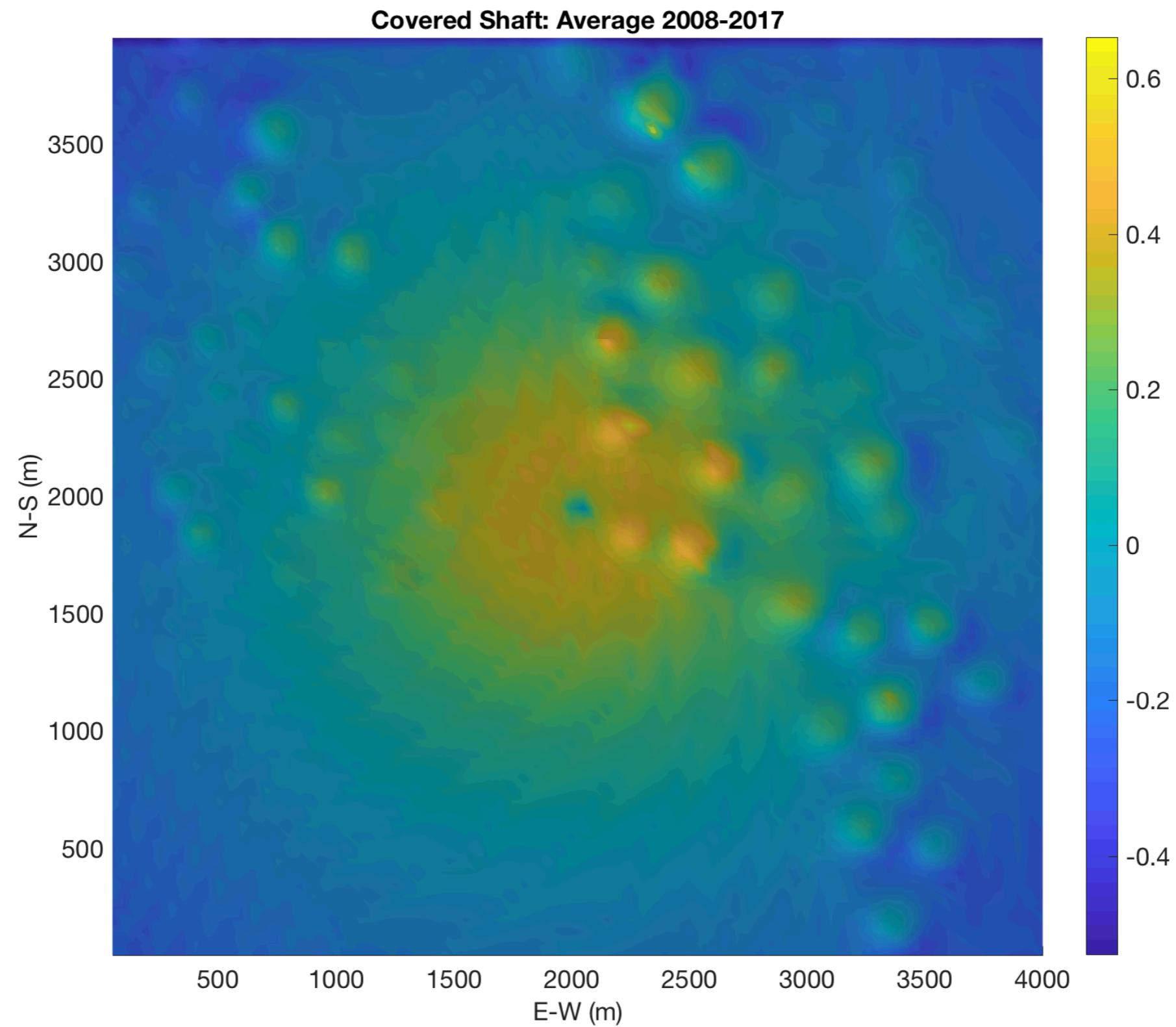
Covered Shaft



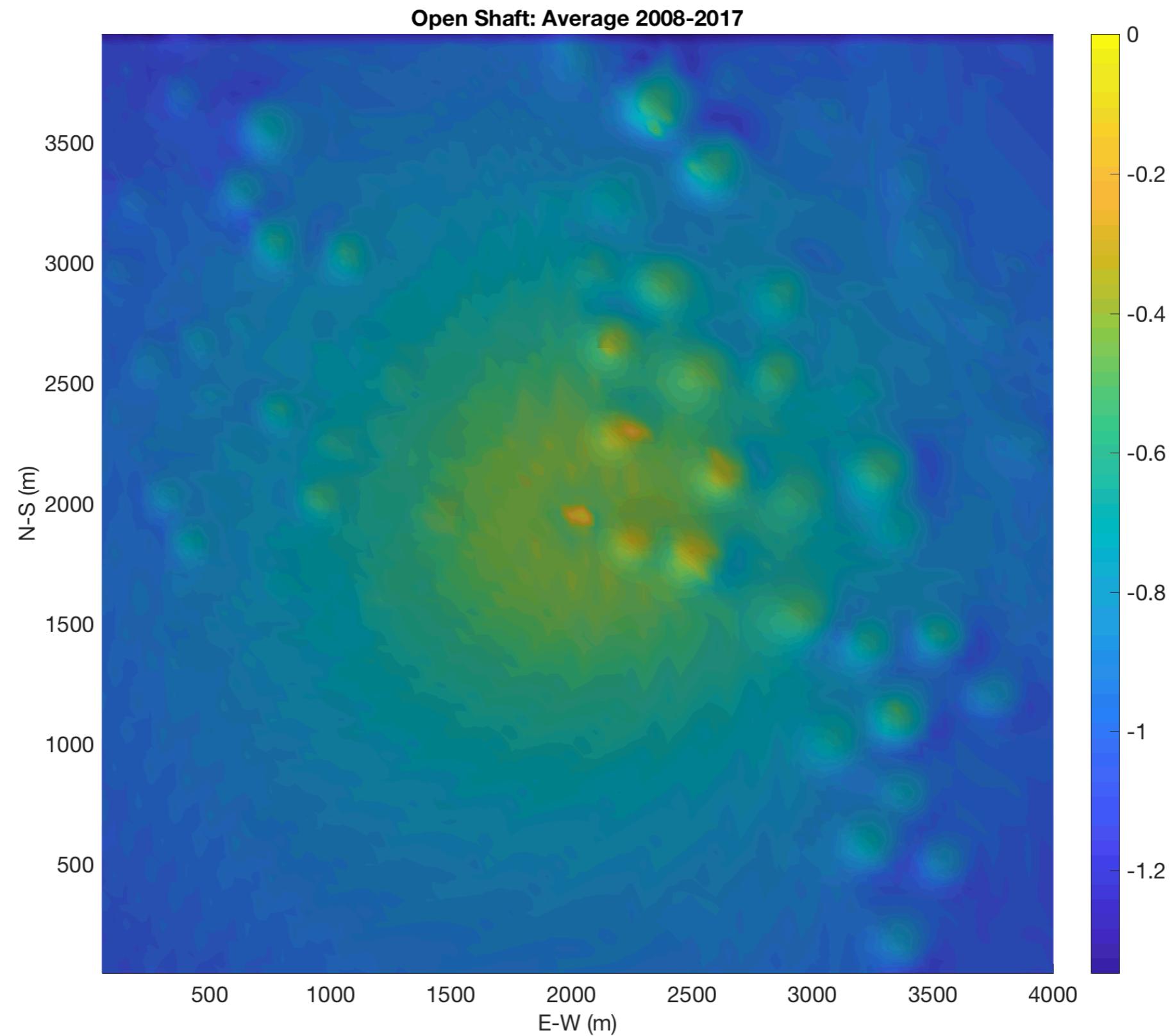
Model without Shaft



Model with Covered Shaft

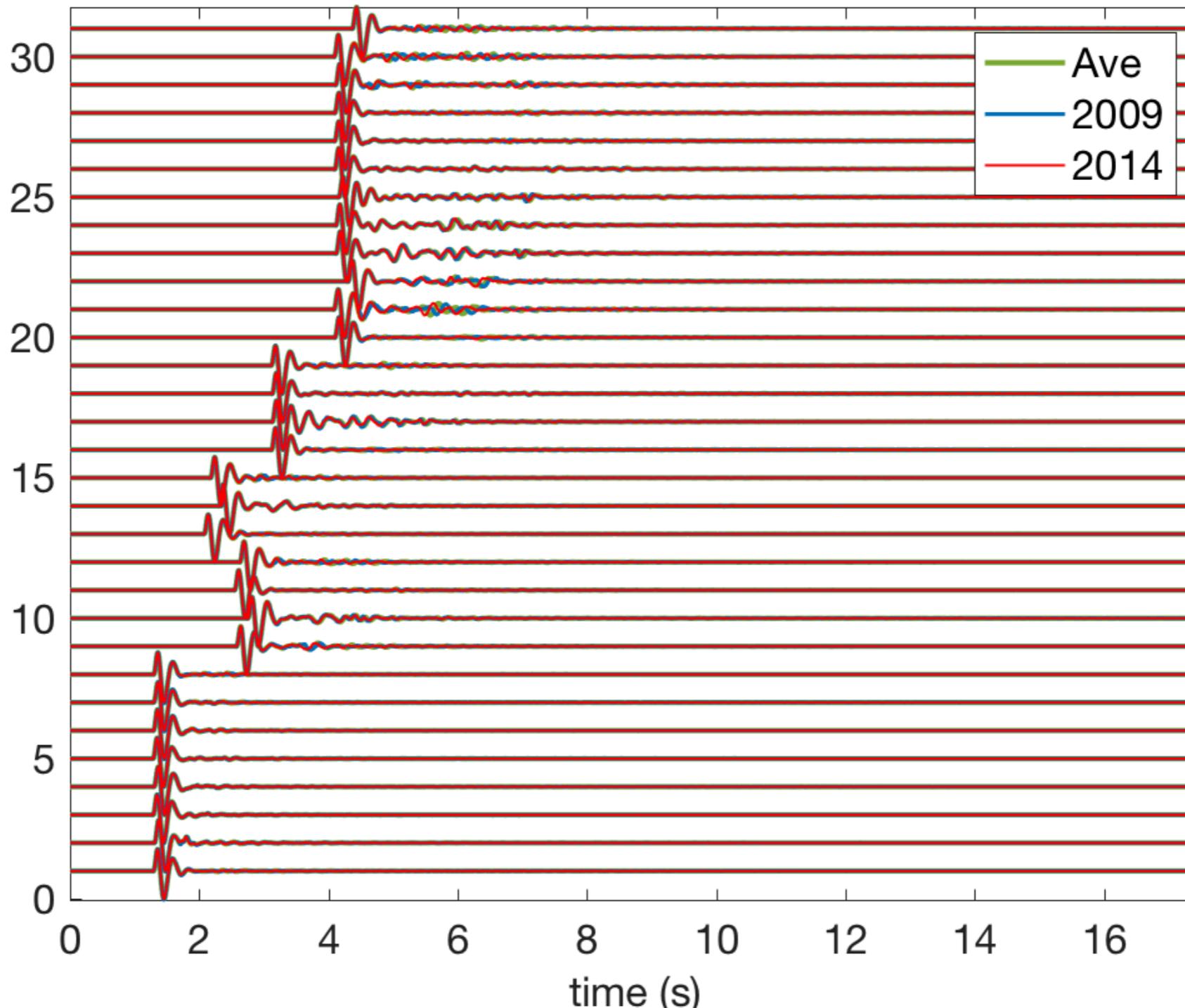


Model with Open Shaft

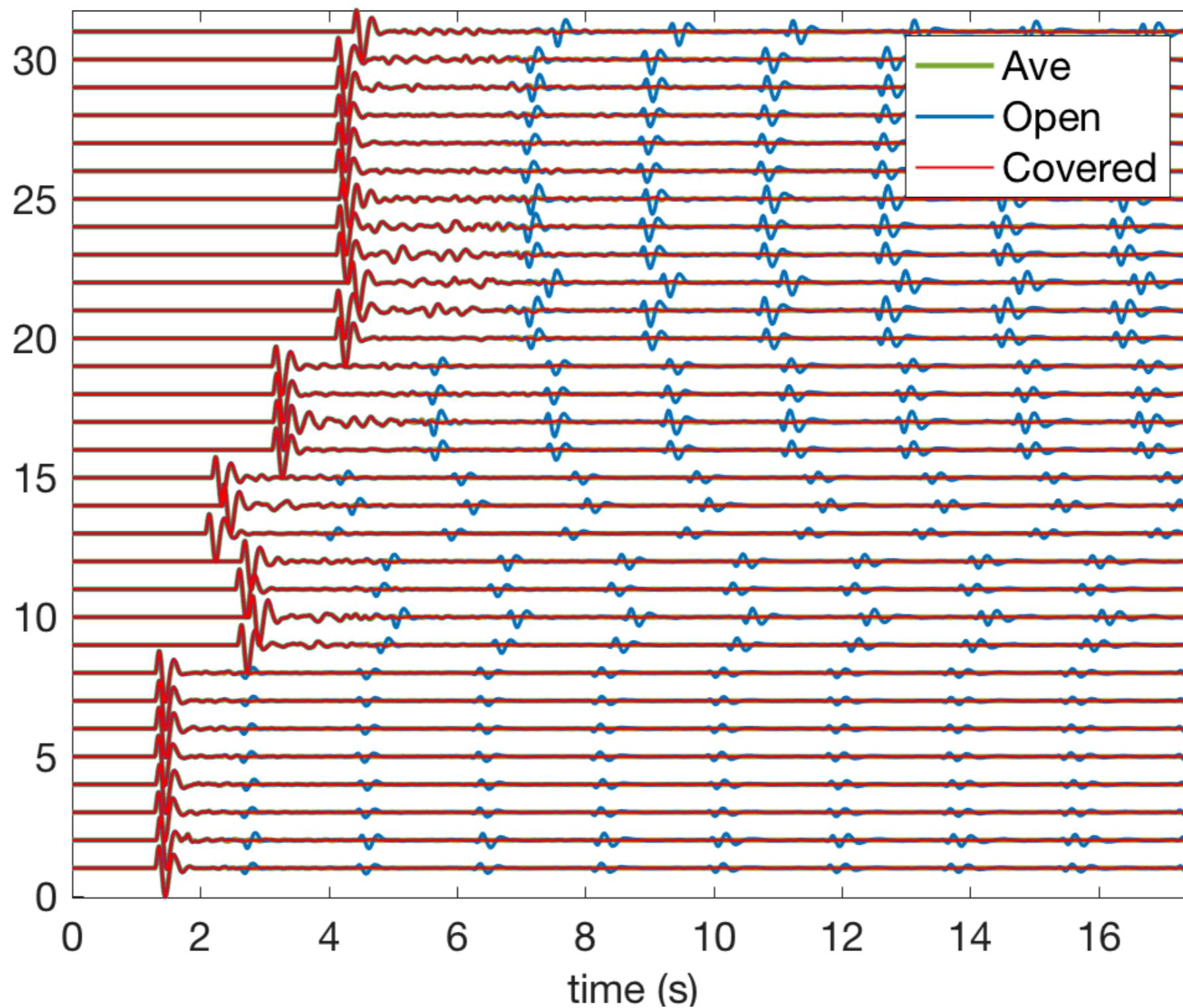


Results Without Shaft

Variations due to weather

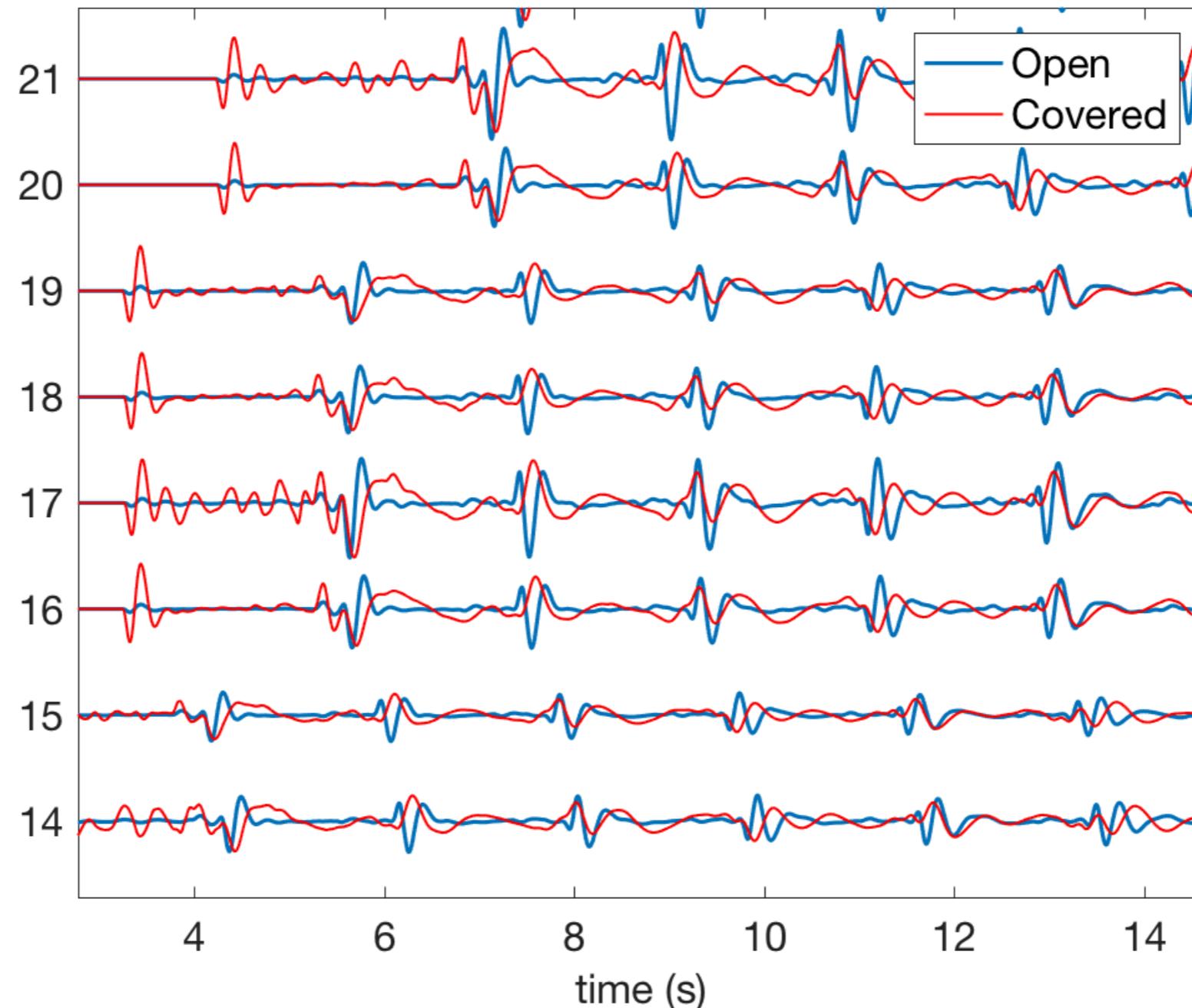


Effect of Shaft Models

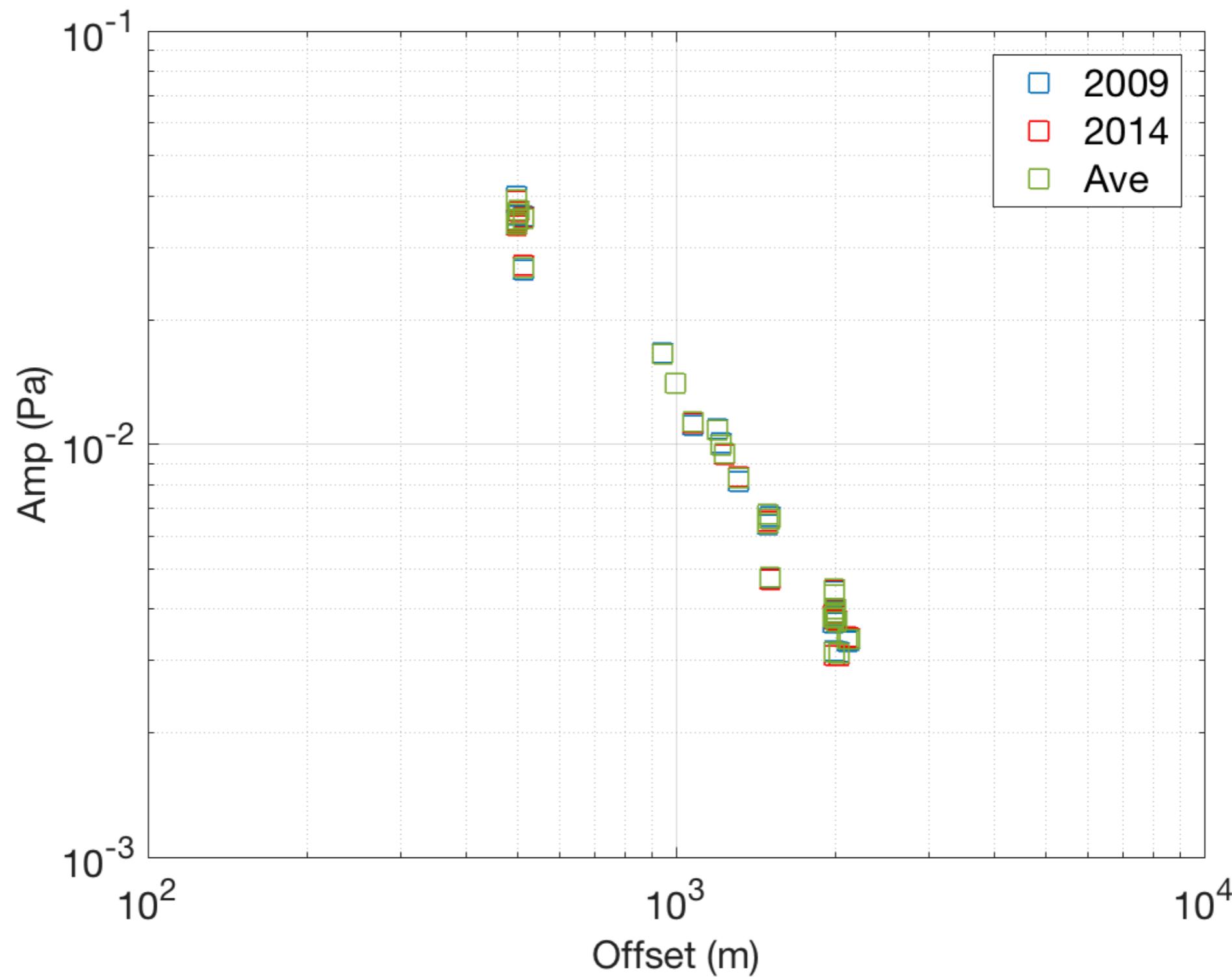


Covered vs. Open Shaft

Differences with Model without Shaft. Covered shaft traces are multiplied by 10



Amplitude Estimates



Summary

- Predicted peak amplitudes nearest the source are in the few hundredths of a Pascal range due to excitation of seismo-acoustic wave from the direct P-arrival
- Weather variations are small over the ~2 km range of the receivers causing amplitude variations of up to ~10% of peak
- Clear variations in acoustic coda among the models without a shaft, with a covered shaft, and with an open shaft, especially in the open shaft model
- The larger source size of DAG-1 compared to SPE-4' will shift the corner frequency and change the source time function