Stable Atmospheric Variability and Transport (SAVANT) ASOS 1-Minute Data Set

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2.0 Dataset Overview

This data set contains the 1-minute resolution observations from the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) network of ~860 stations (Fig. 1) in the contiguous United States. These data were collected and archived by the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI; formerly the National Climatic Data Center).

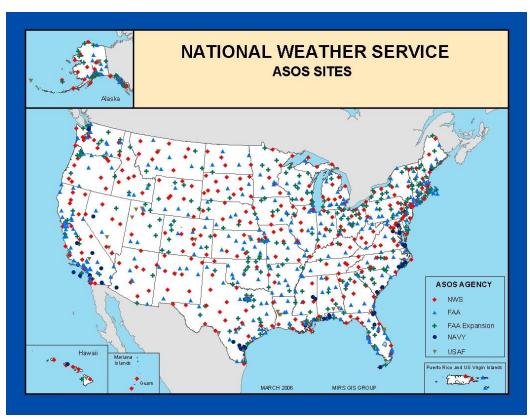


Figure 1. Map of ASOS locations (only those in the contiguous US are included in this data set).

3.0 Project Overview

The **Stable Atmospheric Variability and Transport (SAVANT)** field campaign was aimed at quantifying the effects of converging shallow cold air drainage and background flow on aerosol transport and dispersion. SAVANT was held near Mahomet, Illinois from 15 September to 15 November 2018. Information on SAVANT operations is available from the SAVANT Field Catalog: http://catalog.eol.ucar.edu/savant. Further information on SAVANT is available at the SAVANT web site:

https://www.eol.ucar.edu/field_projects/savant.

4.0 Data Format Description

The ASOS data are in two parts, called "Page 1" and "Page 2". "Page 1" (6405 files) contains visibility and wind data and "Page 2" (6406 files) contains precipitation, pressure, temperature, and dew point data. The tar.gz files follow the naming convention:

ASOS_1min_6405_201909.tar.gz 6405 signifies the "Page" 201909 is the four digit year and two digit month

Each tar file contains a file for every station that follows the naming convention:

64050KWST201909.dat 6405 represents the "Page" KWST is the call sign for the station 201909 is the four digit year and two digit month

The file format for the "Page 1" or 6405 files can be found in the td6405.pdf file that is included with this data set. At the time this readme was created this document was available from NCEI at:

http://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/documentlibrary/tddoc/td6405.pdf

The file format for the "Page 2" or 6406 files can be found in the td6406.pdf file that is included with this data set. At the time this readme was created this document was available from NCEI at:

http://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/documentlibrary/tddoc/td6406.pdf

5.0 Data Quality Control Procedures

These data are provided as is, no quality control procedures were conducted by NCAR/EOL.

Information on the ASOS algorithms and sensor specifications is available in the ASOS_Users_Guide_199803.pdf and ASOS_Users_Guide_Appen.pdf files that are included with this data set. At the time this readme was created these documents were also available from the National Weather Service at: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/asos/pdfs/aum-toc.pdf and

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/asos/pdfs/appen.pdf

6.0 References