

Stable Atmospheric Variability and Transport (SAVANT) ASOS 5-Minute Data Set

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2.0 Dataset Overview

This data set contains the 5-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).

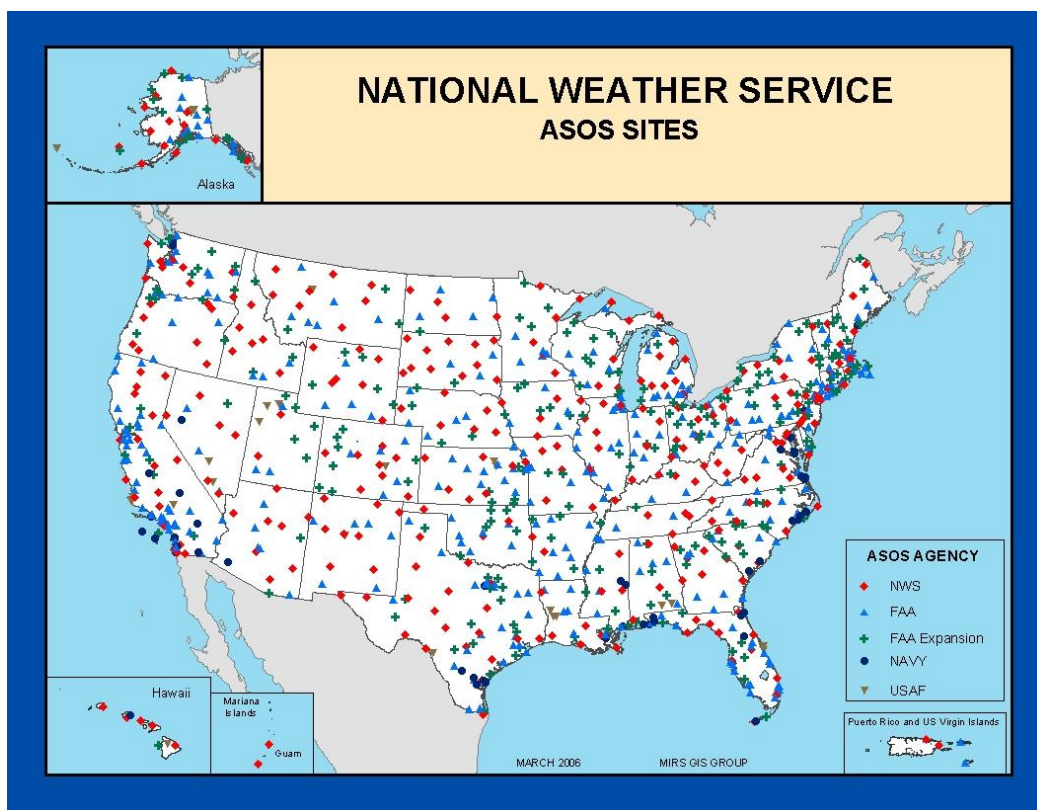


Figure 1. Map of ASOS locations (only those in the contiguous US are included in this data set).

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 5-minute ASOS data are in monthly tar.gz files follow the naming convention:

ASOS_5min_6401_201909.tar.gz

6401 signifies 5-minute data

201909 is the four digit year and two digit month

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

64010KWST201909.dat

6401 signifies 5-minute data

KWST is the call sign for the station

201909 is the four digit year and two digit month

The file format for the 5-minute ASOS data can be found in the td6401b.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/td6401b.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