

Salinity Science Results from the Gulf of Mexico (GOM)

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Plotting SMAP data in LAS

- Following slides show how to plot SMAP data using one particular tool available from PO.DAAC: *Live Access Server (LAS)*
- LAS can be used to compare SMAP data:
 - RSS 40 km 8-day running mean
 - RSS 70 km 8-day running mean
- It is also capable of generating time series of averaged data (e.g., over an area)



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Tuesday, July 3

Upcoming updates to the real-time OSI SAF and EARS ASCAT will be available on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Deprecation of FTP at PO.DAAC
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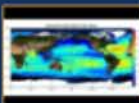
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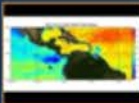
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RSS SMAP Sea Surface Salinity 70km 8-Day Global An...
May 4, 2018

Animation of global sea surface salinity (SSS) over the period 27-03-2015 to 16-04-2018 based on the 8-day running mean version 2.0...

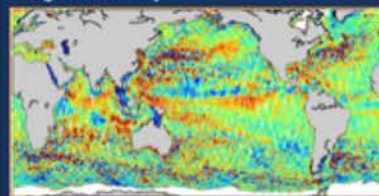


RSS SMAP Sea Surface Salinity 70km 8-Day Animation
May 4, 2018

Animation of sea surface salinity (SSS) over the period 27-03-2015 to 16-04-2018 based on the 8-day running mean version 2.0 SMAP...

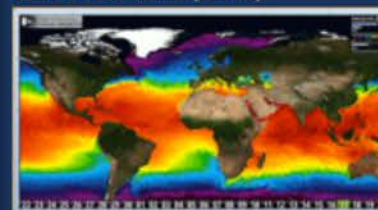
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Image of the Day



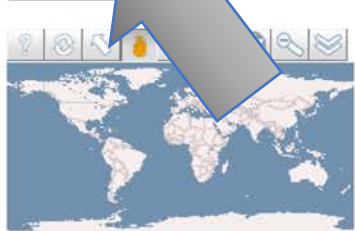
Sea Surface Height Anomaly: SARAL, Jason-2 and Jason-3 Measurements from 01-Jul-2018 to 11-Jul-2018

State Of the Ocean (SOTO)



A suite of tools presented through an interactive, web-based visualization front end.

One Plot
Plot Options



You will prompted
to select a dataset



Compute:
over:

My selections:

Select:

close

- MODIS Terra Level 3 SST Thermal IR Daily 4km Nighttime v2014.0 [?](#)
- MODIS Terra Level 3 SST Thermal IR Daily 9km Daytime v2014.0 [?](#)
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 - Ancillary sea surface temperature (from CMC)
 - Average land fraction (weighted by antenna gain)
 - Average sea ice fraction (weighted by antenna gain)
 - Number of observations for L3 average
 - Reference sea surface salinity from HYCOM
 - SMAP sea surface salinity
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Data Set Update Plot <

One Plot Annotations

Plot Options



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Compute: None

over: Area

Maps
 Latitude-Longitude

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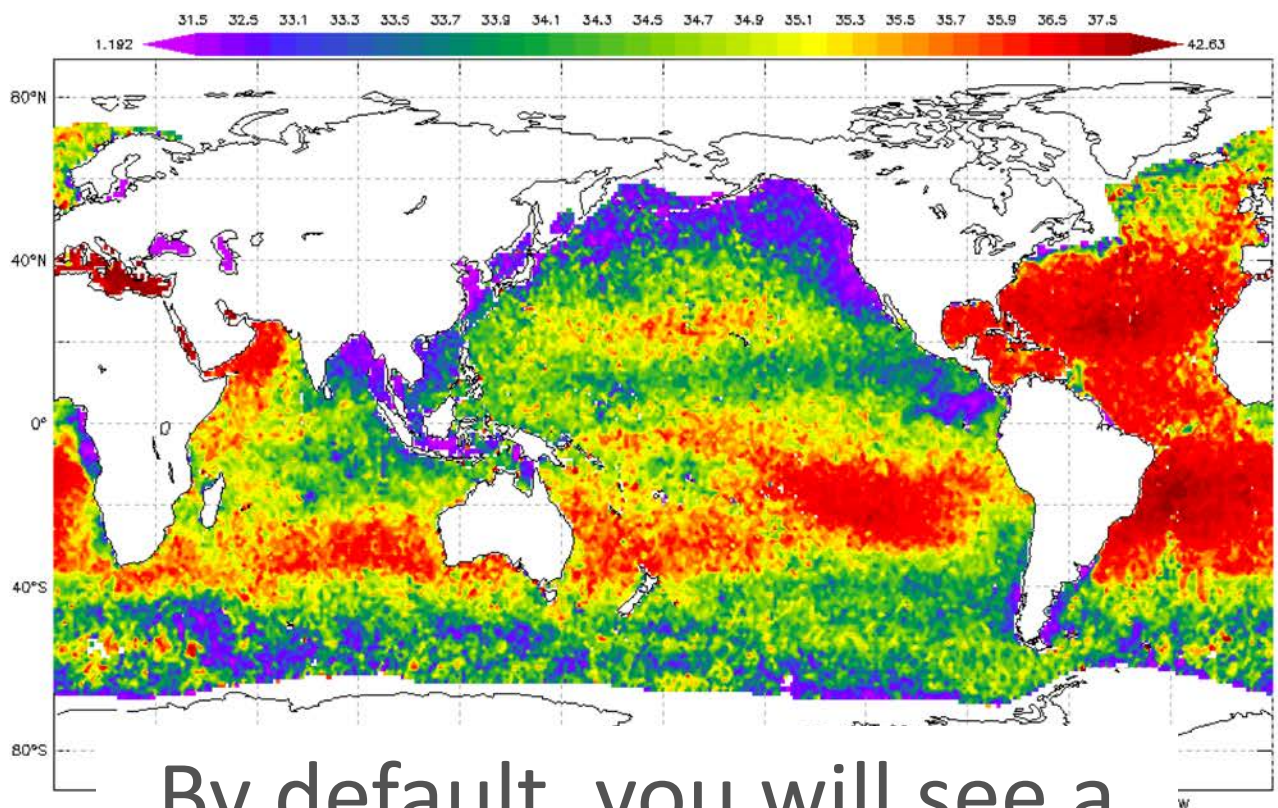
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DATASET: RSS SMAP Level 3 Sea Surface Salinity Standard Mapped Image 8-Day Running Mean V2.0 Validated Dataset
VARIABLE: SMAP sea surface salinity (1e-3)
TIME : 31-MAR-2015 12:00
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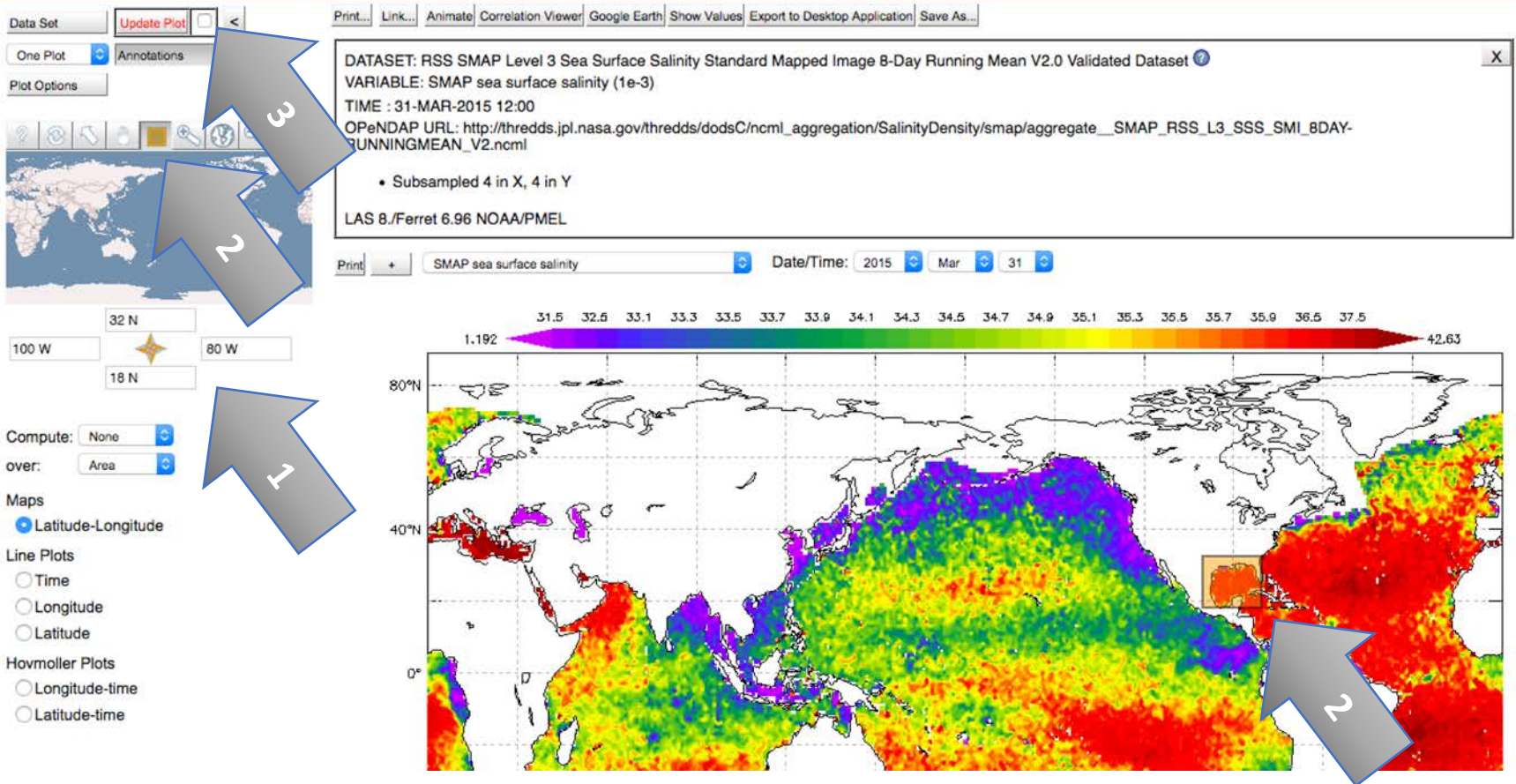
- Subsampled 4 in X, 4 in Y

LAS 8./Ferret 6.96 NOAA/PMEL

Print + SMAP sea surface salinity Date/Time: 2015 Mar 31



By default, you will see a global data map



Pick a specific area by (1) entering coordinates or (2) drawing a box. Click **Update Plot** (3) to see your results.

Data Set Update PlotOne Plot Annotations

Plot Options

32 N
100 W 80 W
18 N

Compute: None

over: Area

Maps

 Latitude-Longitude

Line Plots

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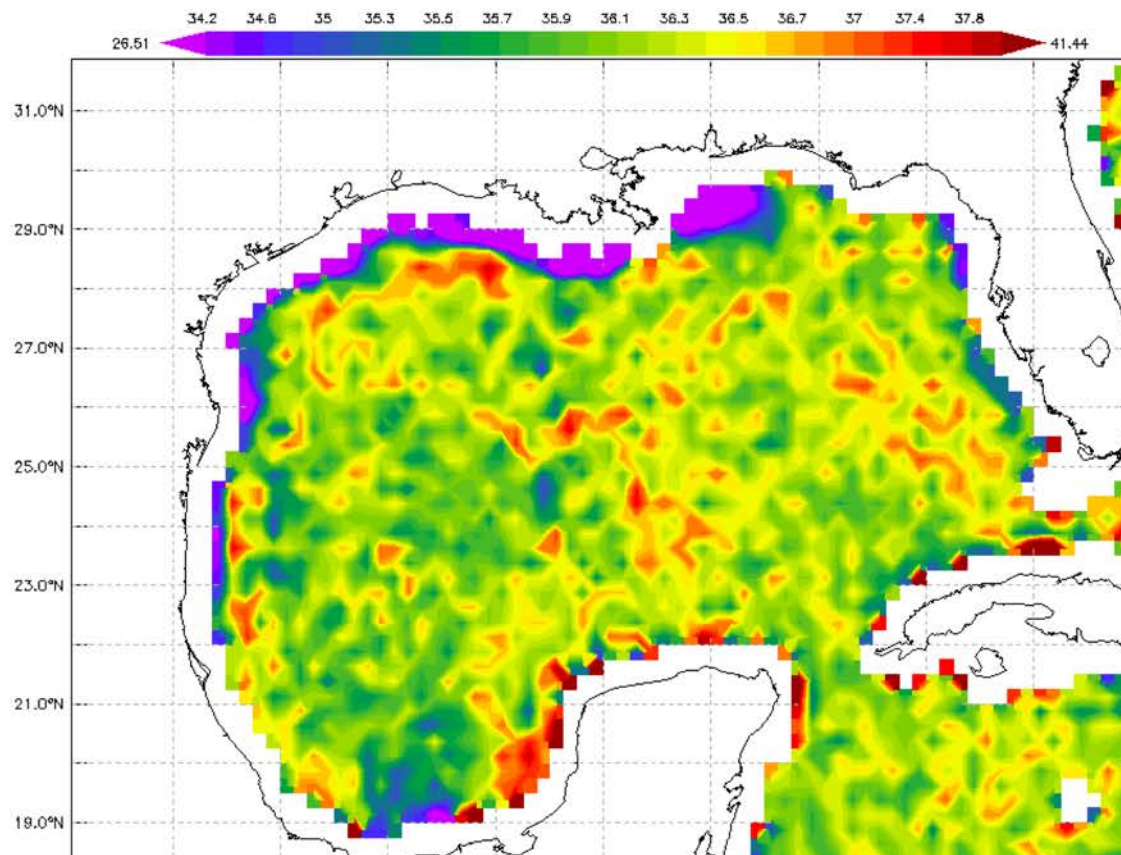
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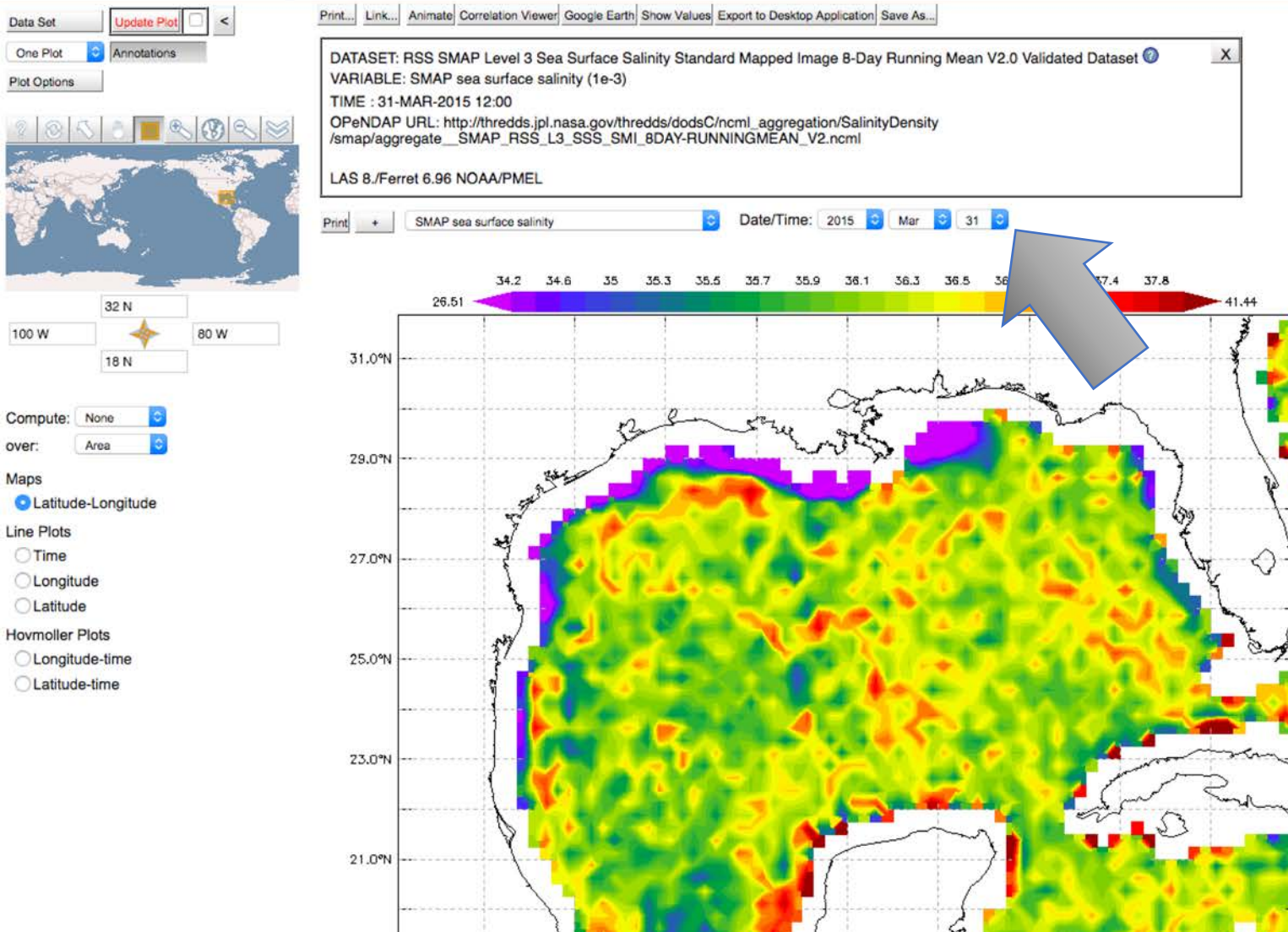
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Print + SMAP sea surface salinity Date/Time: 2015 Mar 31



40 km SMAP data for 31-Mar-15





Change the date using pull-down menus
Click **Update Plot** to see your results.

Data Set Update Plot <

One Plot Annotations

Plot Options



32 N
100 W 80 W
18 N

Compute: None
over: Area

Maps
 Latitude-Longitude
Line Plots
 Time
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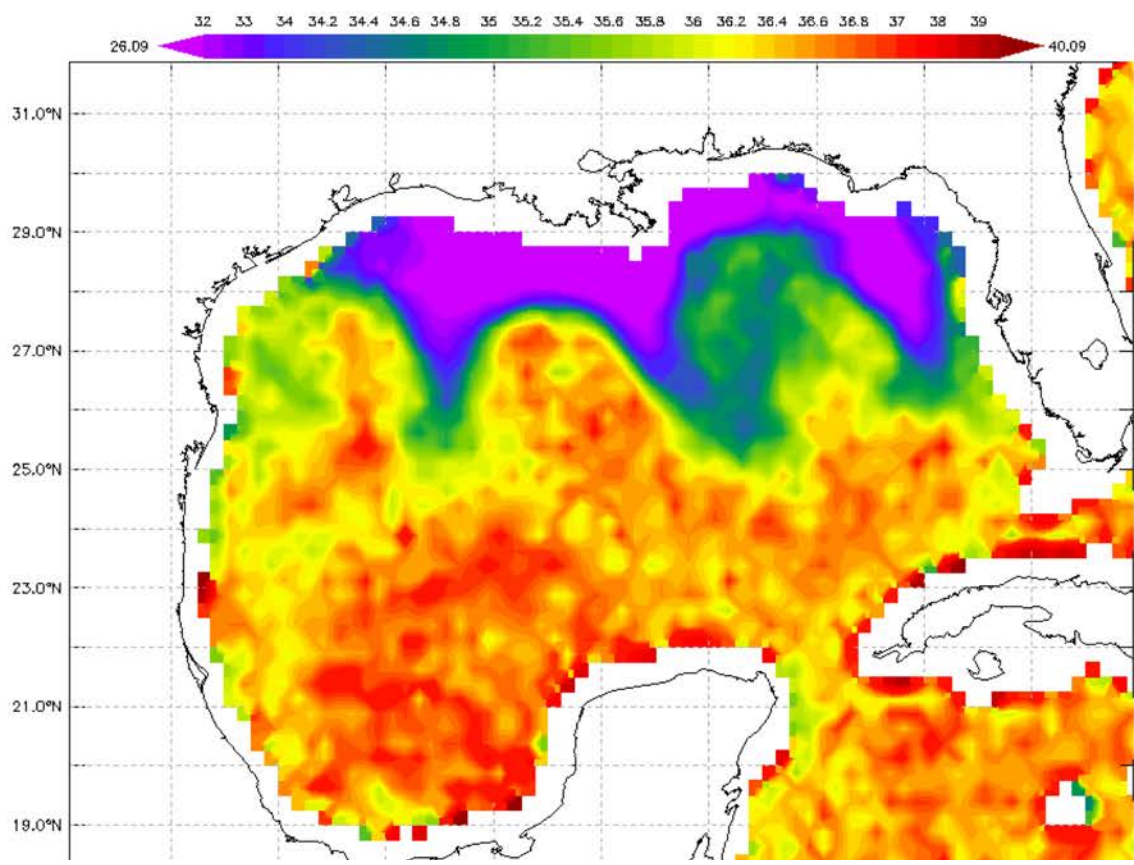
VARIABLE: SMAP sea surface salinity (1e-3)

TIME : 30-JUL-2016 12:00

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Print + SMAP sea surface salinity Date/Time: 2016 Jul 31



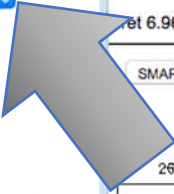
40 km SMAP data for 31-Jul-16

Annotations

Set Plot Options for all Plots.

- help Evaluate expression
- help Interpolate normal to plot Off
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- help Margins Default
- help Degrees/Minutes axis labels Default
- help Palette Default
- help Contour style Raster
- help Color fill levels
- help Contour levels
- help Mark grid points Default
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- help Land fill style Default

OK Cancel



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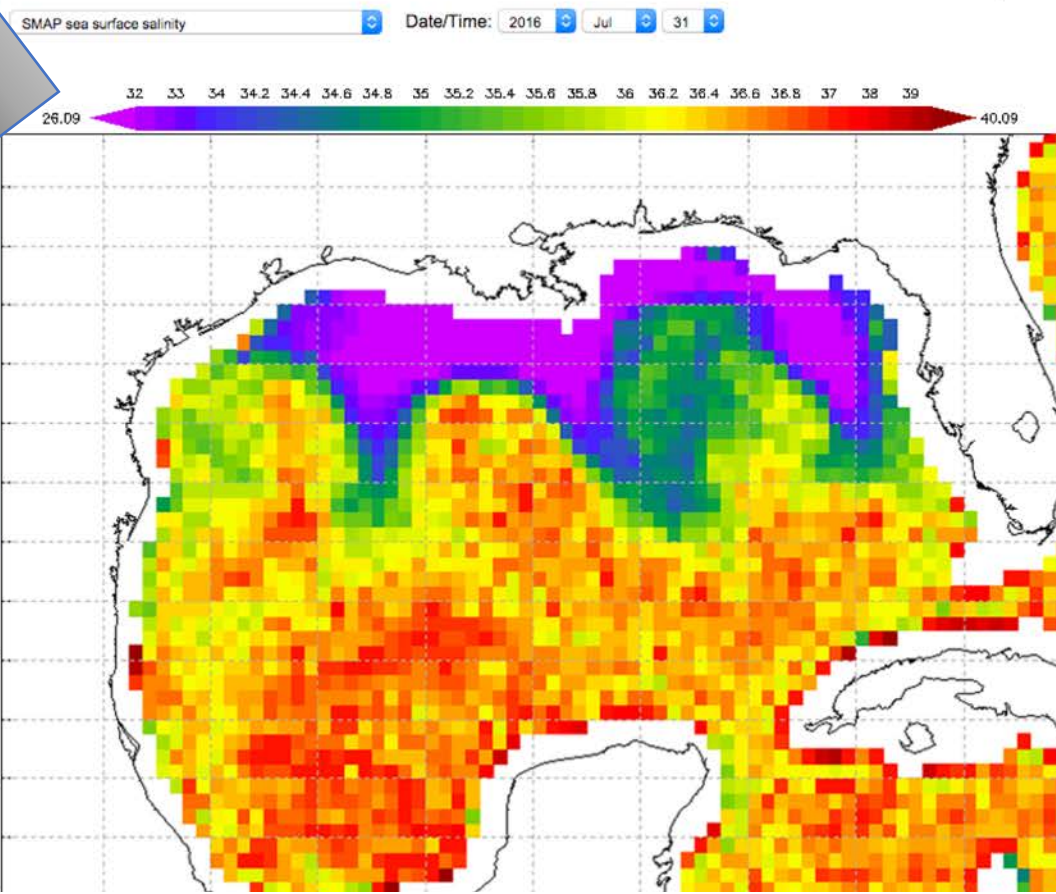
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DATE: 2016 JUL-2016 12:00

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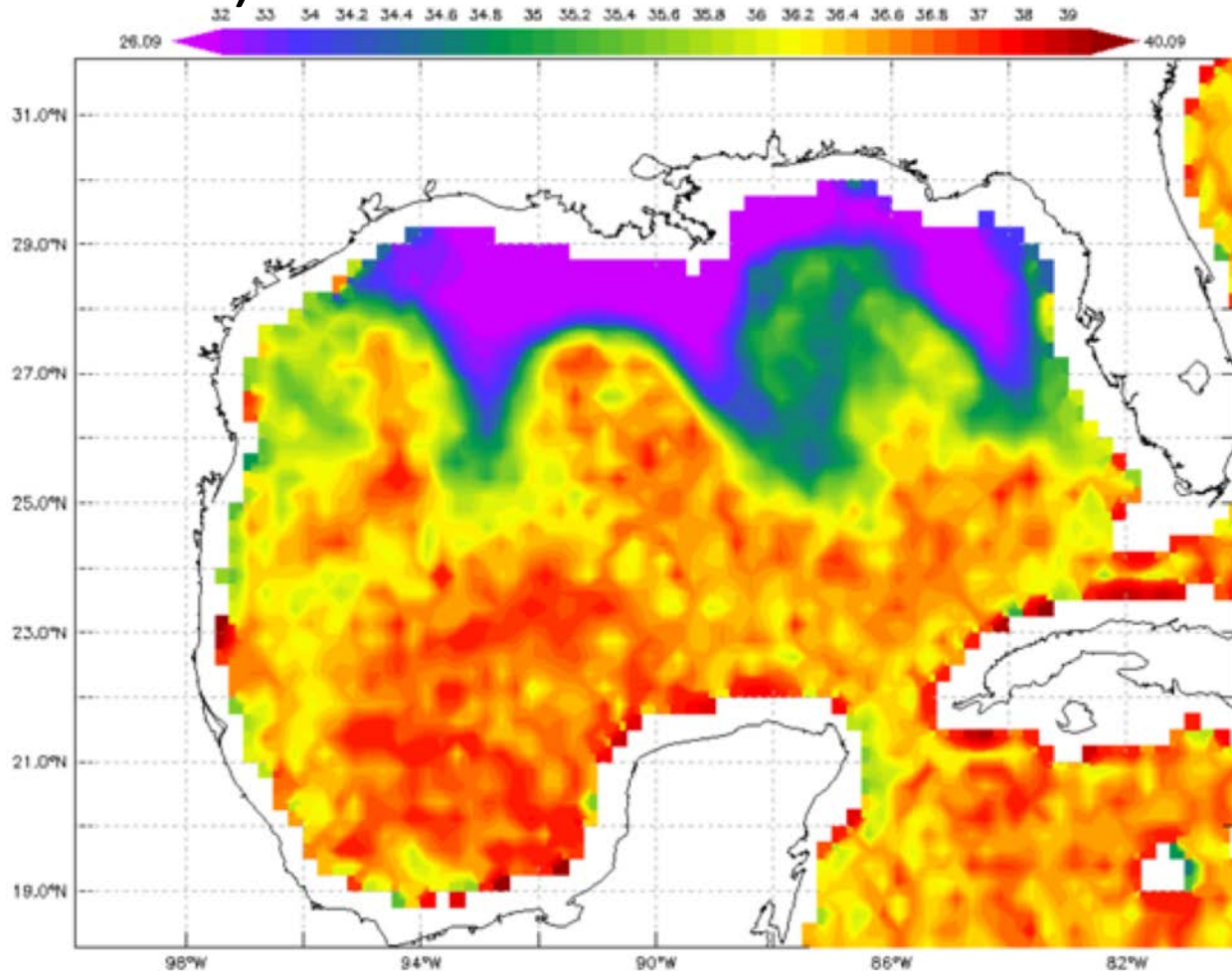
Project: 6.96 NOAA/PMEL



Note: You can click “Plot Options” and choose “Off” to view non-interpolated data

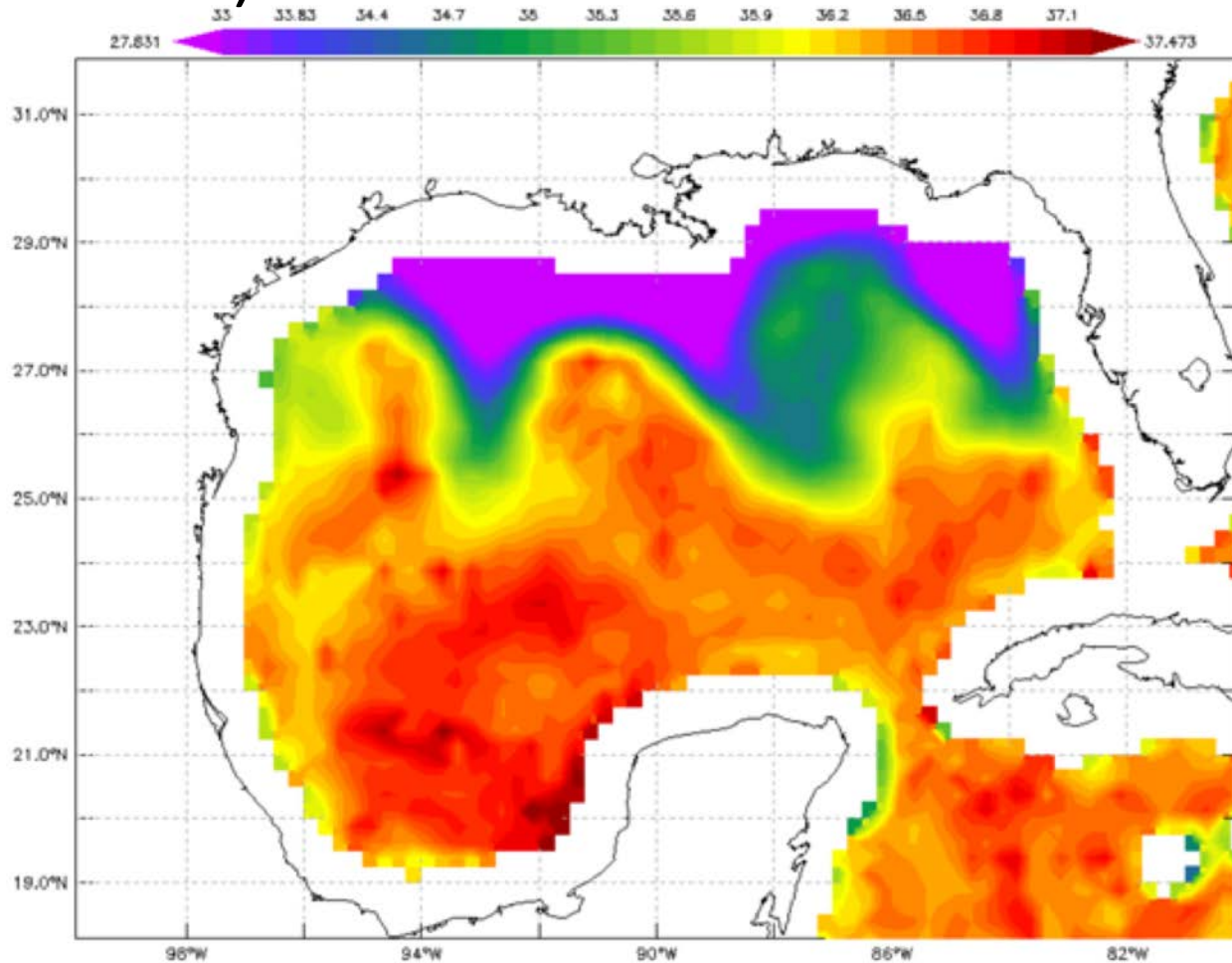
GOM – 40 km RSS Data (interpolated)

Data are
close to
the coast
but noisy



GOM – 70 km RSS Data (interpolated)

70-km
data are
smoother
but further
from the
coast



Data Set Update Plot

One Plot Annotations

Plot Options



32 N
100 W 80 W
18 N

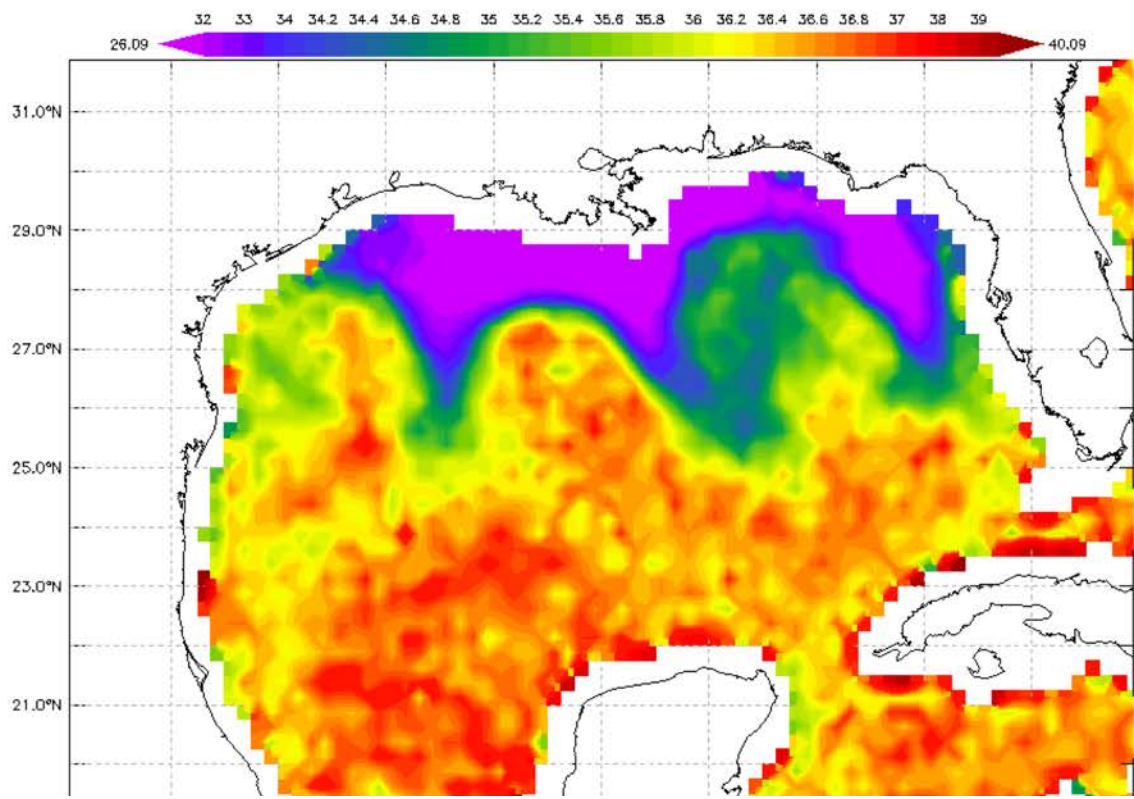
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LAS 8./Ferret 6.96 NOAA/PMEL

Print + SMAP sea surface salinity Date/Time: 2016 Jul 31



To generate time-series average data, use the “Compute” pull-down menu...

Data Set <

One Plot

Plot Options



32 N
100 W 80 W
18 N

Start date/time: 2016 Jan
End date/time: 2016 Dec

Compute: Average
over: Area

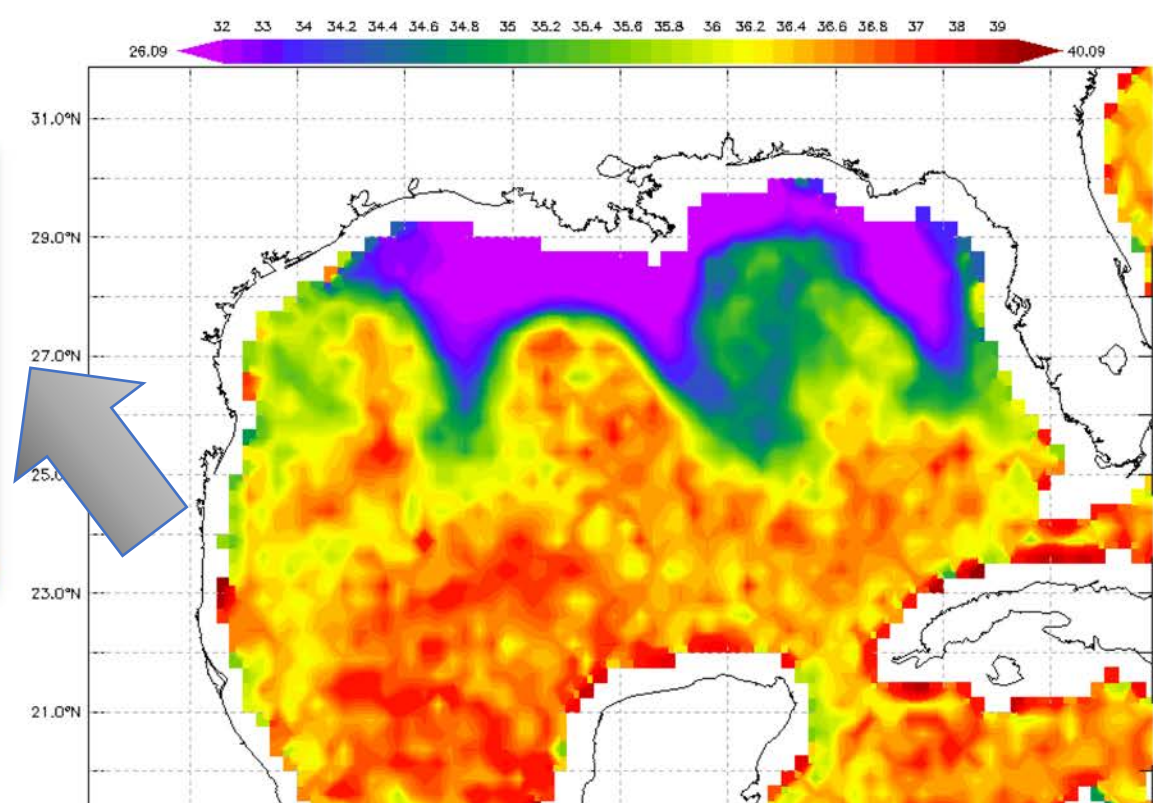
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Print + SMAP sea surface salinity

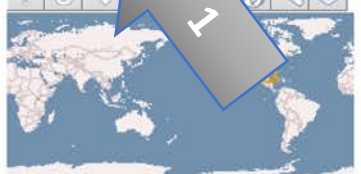


...and set "Start date/time" & "End date/time."
Click **Update Plot** to see your results.

Update Plot <

One Plot
Compare 2
Compare 4

Annotations



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100 W 80 W
18 N

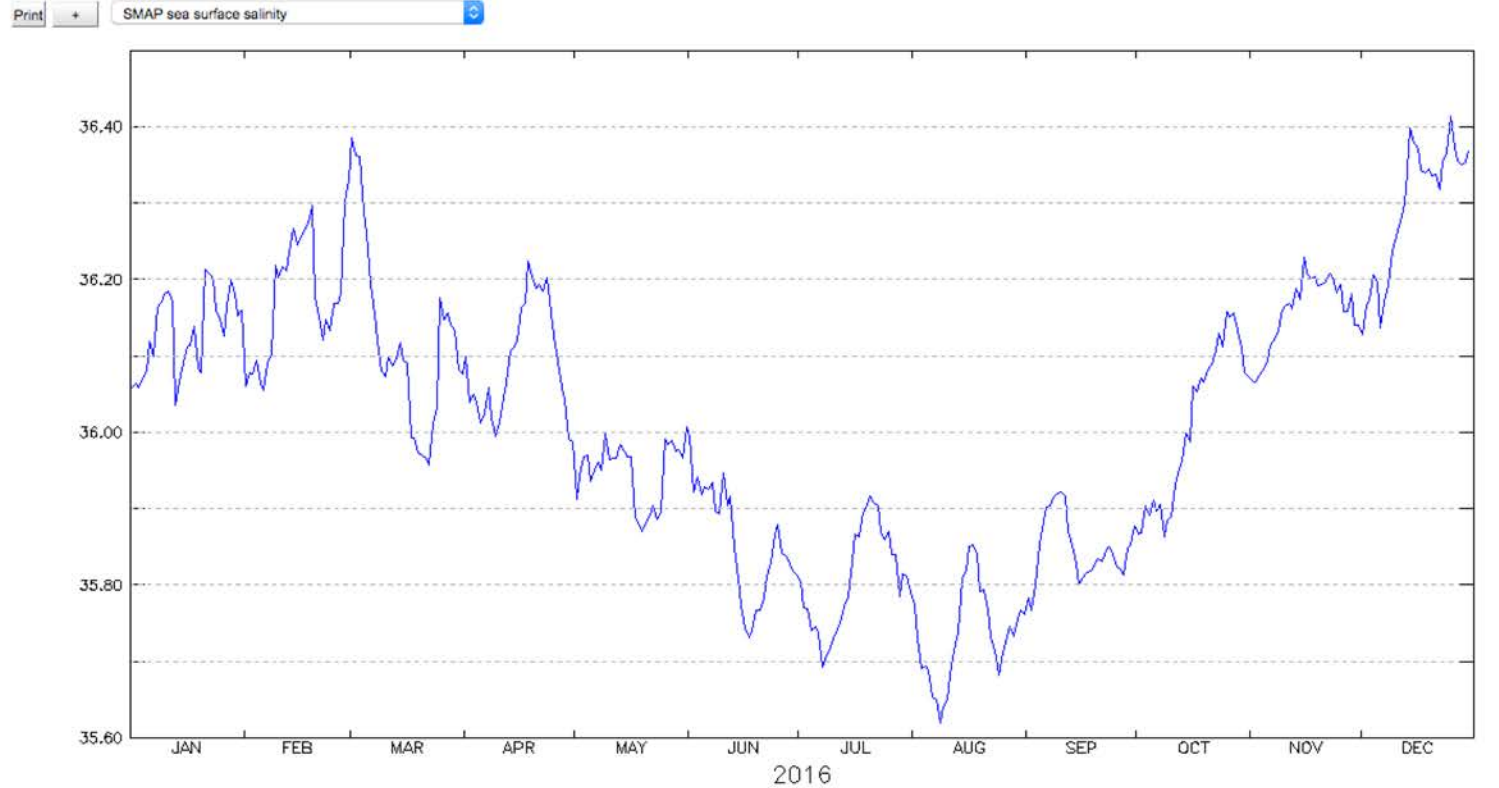
Start date/time: 2016 Jan 01
End date/time: 2016 Dec 31

Compute: Average
over: Area

Line Plots
Time

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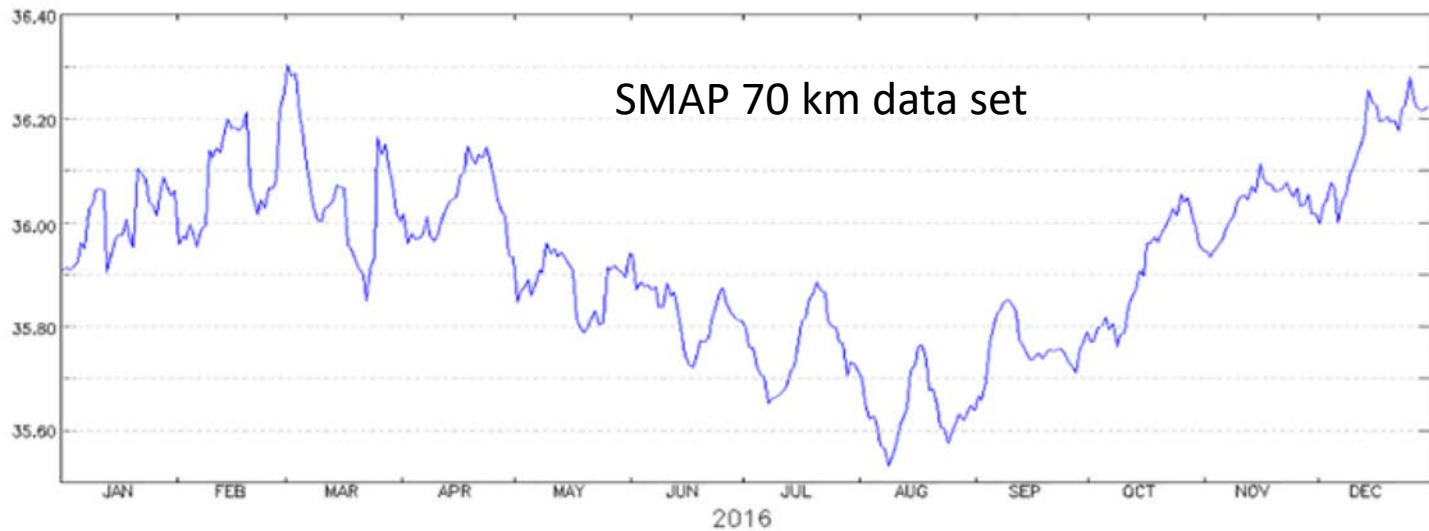
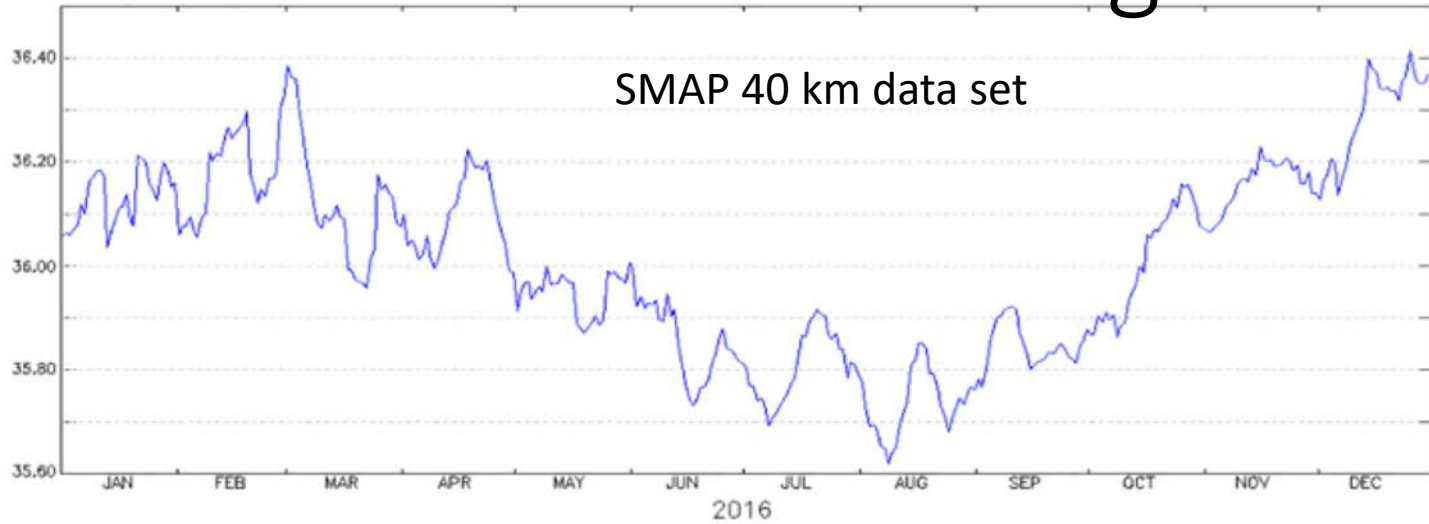
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Average GOM salinity Jan – Dec 2016.

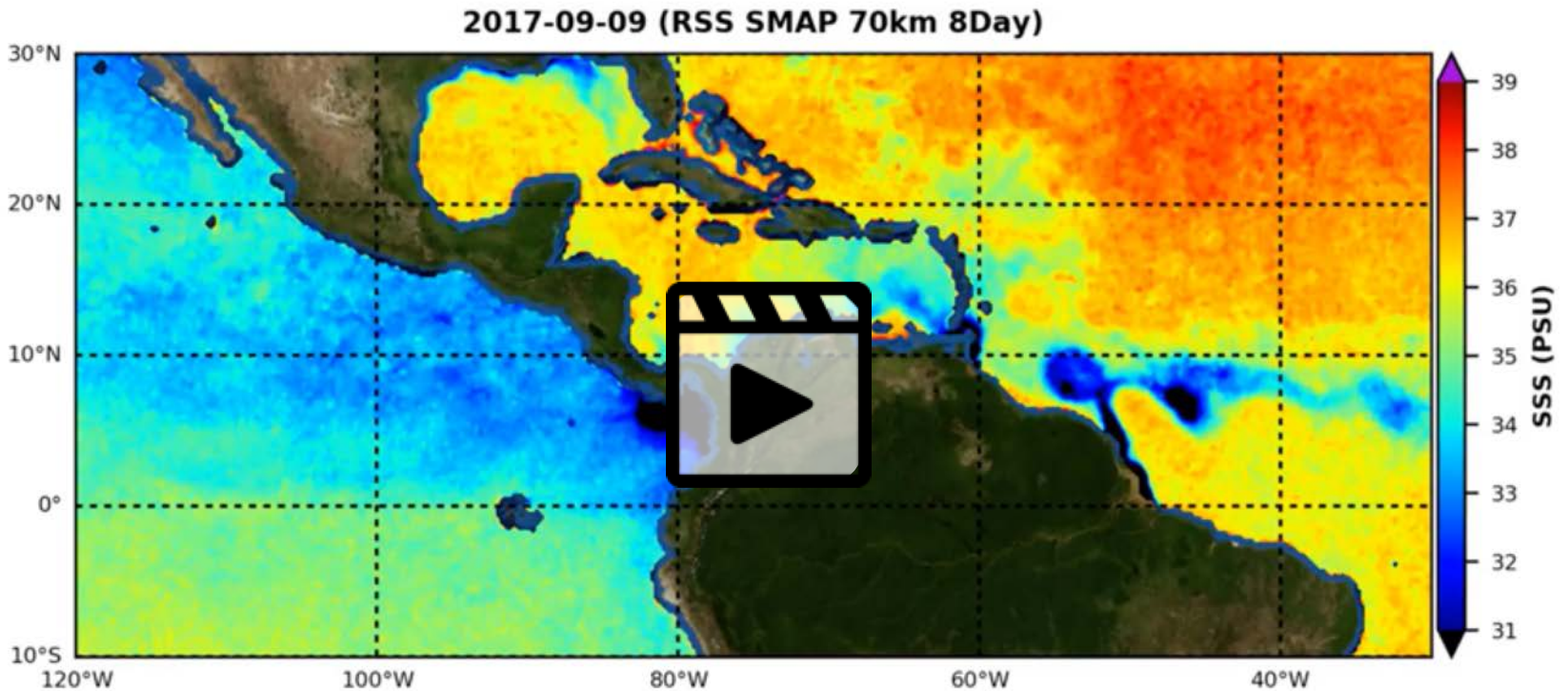
(1) You can also compare with other data using the “Compare 2” option.

Time Series – GOM Average



SMAP 70 km Data – Amazon

- SMAP data have also been used to create a time-series visualization of the Amazon Plume



Recap of LAS Instructions

- <http://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov> => Go to to drop-down menu under "Data Access". Click on "LAS (L3 subsetting)"
- Go to "Data Set" (RSS 40-km & 70-km and JPL 60-km SMAP Salinity data sets available at 8-day running mean and monthly resolutions)
- Click on the desired data set
- To subset, put in coordinates to define desired box
 - Underneath the map on the left hand side of LAS interface
- Select time range
- Select desired output (lat-lon map; time series; Hovmoller diagrams)
- At the top right corner, clicking on "Save As..." gives you option to save output as: NetCDF; ASCII; CSV; arcGrid.
- Other tools include Animate, Correlation Viewer, etc.



Thank you!



Don't pass the salt!

<https://salinity.oceansciences.org>

<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/SeaSurfaceSalinity>

<http://www.remss.com/missions/smap/salinity/>

