|U| > 0.2 m/s**Monthly SSTA** and SMAP SSSA on the **NW Atlantic** 44N shelf, winter Gulf of 42N Maine 2017-2018 40N - Buoy M01 lies 44N inside the Gulf of Maine, 2003-2018 42N **Gulf stream** 40N meander - Vectors are OSCAR currents 70W 60W 1.5 C) In situ salinity 50m anomalies 100m 150m at Buoy M01 inside 0.5 **SMAP Gulf of Maine with SMAP SSSA data** -0.5 (symbols) Jul17 Oct17 Jan18 Apr18

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- SMAP ocean surface salinity data track advection of unusually warm salty surface water into the Gulf of Maine in winter 2017-2018
- SMAP results confirmed by buoy measurements inside the Gulf as well as glider data on shelf
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- New SMAP results demonstrate an all-new monitoring capability along the US East coast





