## VideoFusion 1.1

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Video frame fusion for easy detection of flying animals



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## Installation (on a windows® PC)

- Copy the videoFusion\_v1p1\_Installer\_web.exe installation file to your computer's hard disk.
- 2) Double-click on **videoFusion\_v1p1\_Installer\_web.exe**. You must have administrator rights on your computer to perform the installation.
- 3) A *videoFusion Installer* window will open. Follow the on-screen instructions and click *Next*.
- 4) Choose an installation folder on your computer hard drive, then click Next.
- 5) The installer indicates that it must also install Matlab Runtime (a free collection of Matlab functions, which videoFusion needs to run). Choose an installation directory and click *Next*.
- 6) Accept the Matlab Runtime licence and click Next.
- 7) Click Install.
- 8) The Matlab Runtime download begins. This will take a few minutes.
- 9) Click Finish.
- 10) videoFusion should appear as a shortcut on the desktop or in the applications menu.

## **Usage**

- 1) Double-click on the videoFusion shortcut to launch the application.
- 2) A console window opens (black background). It is not useful in normal use, and you can hide it if it bothers you (do not close it).
- Another window opens with the videoFusion application. This may take a few minutes.



- 4) Click on *Choisir un dossier* [Choose a folder]. Select the folder containing the videos to be processed
  - a) All the videos in the folder will be processed.
  - b) Video files can be .MP4 or .MOV (or .mp4 or .mov).
  - c) Video files must simply be located at the root of the folder (videos in subfolders will not be processed).
- 5) Choose an *intervalle de fusion* [fusion interval] in seconds.
  - a) By default, the fusion interval is 60s, which means that each minute of video will be merged into one image (if the video is 4 min and 17s long, the last image will merge the last 17s of video).
  - A longer fusion interval allows the video to be summarised into a smaller number of images, which will be quicker to inspect.
  - c) A shorter fusion interval is useful when birds pass through the frame very frequently, to avoid mixing up individual trajectories.
- 6) Click Fusionner.
- 7) The video files found are displayed in the *Messages* frame (green background), and the fusion begins.



N.B. If nothing is displayed in the Messages box, select the video folder again and click *Fusionner* again.

## 8) Fusion takes time.

- a) The speed of progress depends on the resolution of the videos (e.g. 4K vs. 2K), their frame rate (e.g. 60 or 30 fps), and the specifications of your PC.
- b) Placing the raw videos in a folder on your computer's hard drive, or on a fast external SSD hard drive, can speed up the fusion process
- c) To get an idea, the video processing speed can be close to real time (example: 2 hours of fusion for 2 hours of video). For a large batch of videos, we therefore recommend launching videoFusion in the evening and letting the application work overnight.
- d) You can interrupt the fusion process by closing the application, and restart it later. The images already produced will be automatically taken into account.
- 9) The images produced are stored in the same directory as the videos, in a subfolder for each video (named xxx fusions).
- 10) When the fusion is complete, exit the application by closing its window and the associated console window.

