# SurfZoneFun v1.0 User Guide 14/04/2021 Tom Shand & Pete Quilter

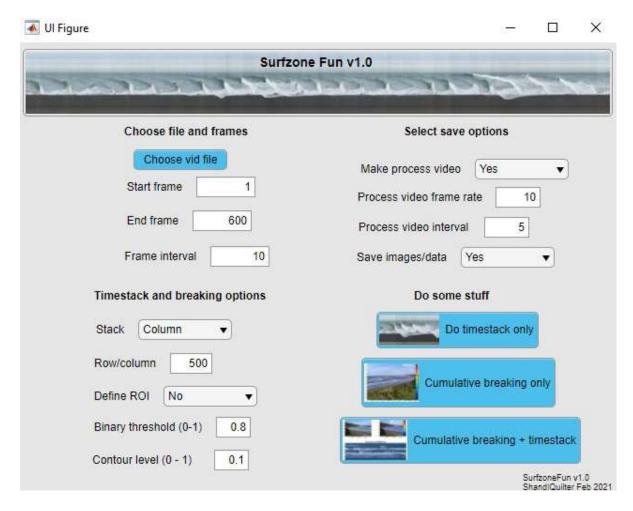
SurfzoneFun processes videos to illustrate surf zone processes. The main functions of the package include:

- 1. Progressively average video frames
- 2. Create a timestack of a single profile of pixels
- 3. Identify breaking portion of an image using a threshold and sum over time to give precent exceedance

The intent of this package is to provide outputs that will be useful for future analysis but also to visually illustrate the averaging, stacking and breaking processing.

There are a number of different ways of running SurfZoneFun:

- 1. Install the matlab app *SurfZoneFunGUlv1.0.mlappinstall*. The GUI can be run straight from the apps tab in your matlab
- 2. Run *SurfZoneFunGUI.m* which will open the GUI
- 3. Open *SurfZoneFun.m* and specify your location, file and values and hit run
- 4. Run the examples with pre-specified versions of SurfZoneFun, i.e. *run\_Example1.m*
- 5. Call the individual processing engines (*BinaryEngine.m*, *TimestackEngine.m*)— if you want to batch run multiple videos you can do it this way.



Variable	Description				
File and frames					
File	Video file for processing				
Start frame	First frame of the video to use				
End frame	Last frame of the video to use – use 9999 to use last frame				
Frame interval	Frame interval relative to video frame rate (i.e. using 3 on a 30fps				
	video will result in 10 fps)				
Timestack and breaking options					
Stack	Select column, row, user defined (image will open and user selects				
	path will be used and saved as stackxy.mat) or pre-defined where				
	stackxy.mat is loaded from same directory as the selected video file				
Row/column	Row or column to be stacked (from top/left)				
Define ROI	No, Yes (where image will open and user selects ROI for breaking				
	analysis to be done within and saved as mask.mat), pre-defined				
	where mask.mat is loaded from same directory as the selected				
	video file				
Binary threshold	0 – 1 threshold value for breaking analysis. Default = 0.8				
Contour level	0-1 exceedance contour for breaking waves (default = $0.1 = 10%$				
	exceedance)				
Save options					
Make process video	Do you want to save a video of the progressive processing				
Process video frame rate	What frame rate should the process video be played at (default 10).				
	This will be a function of the raw video frame rate and frame				
	interval				
Process video interval	Save every x frames in video – useful where you have >~2000				
	frames and you can run out of memory saving every one				
Save images/data	Do you want to saves images and data (see outputs below)				
Do some stuff					
Timestack only	Do image average and timestack only				
Cumulative breaking only	Do image average and cumulative breaking only				
Cumulative breaking +	Do image average, timestack and cumulative breaking				
timestack					

Output	Description	Output		
		Timestack only	Cumulative breaking	Cum break + stack
filename_average.jpg	Time-averaged image	Х	х	х
filename _stack.jpg	Timestack image (raw)	x		х
filename _stack.mat	Timestack data	х		х
filename _timestack.jpg	Timestack image with axes	х		х
filename _binarysum.jpg	Sum of the frame-by-frame binary threshold figure		x	x
filename _binarysum.mat	Binary sum data		х	х
filename _10-contour.mat	10% exceedance contour data		x	x
filename _breakingexceedance.jpg	Binary sum with contour overlaid		х	Х
filename _processfigure.jpg	Figure showing the process video on the last frame	х	x	х
filename _processvideo.avi	Process video	х	Х	Х

# **Software requirements:**

Matlab (tested on R2018b), Image processing toolbox

### **Known bugs:**

- Can run out of memory if you are trying to process too many frames (or more often save a process video with too many frames)
- If you stack a row it will pull out the profile left to right so if you're looking north it can give a back-to-front stack
- Threshold still needs a bit of trial and error and isn't great with varying exposure during the video, shadowing, etc.

#### To-dos for future versions

- 1. Add a variable or dynamic threshold for breaking waves
- 2. Add an option to rectify output images (at the moment you can do separately using g\_rect or similar)
- 3. Add an option to register video to remove movement between frames
- 4. Incorporate wmeasure to assess breaking wave height (from Shand et al 2012)

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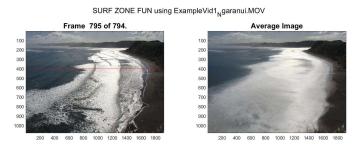
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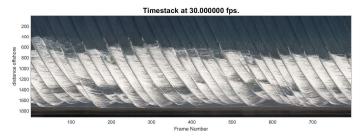
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# **Examples**

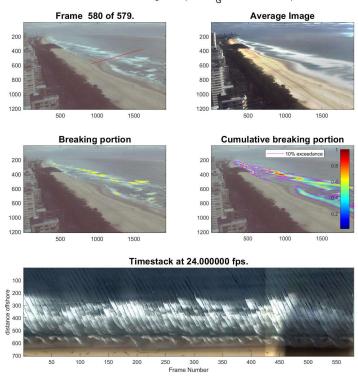
ExampleVid1\_Ngaranui.MOV
Timelapse video of Ngaranui Beach by Tom Shand (2020)
Run from GUI or *run\_Example1.m* 





# ExampleVid2\_GoldCoast-WRL.mp4 Timelapse video of Palm Beach by the Water Research Laboratory (2020) Run from GUI or *run\_Example2.m*

SURF ZONE FUN using ExampleVid2  $_{\hbox{\scriptsize G}}$ oldCoast-WRL.mp4



ExampleVid3\_MangamaunuRect.avi
Rectified timelapse video of Mangamaunu Point, see Shand et al., (2020)
Run from GUI or *run\_Example3.m* 

 ${\tt SURF\ ZONE\ FUN\ using\ ExampleVid3}_{M} {\tt angamaunuRect.avi}$ 

