# Peter T. Rühr

Curriculum vitae

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## Education

- 2018–present **Ph.D.**, Working title: "Head shape evolution of biting-chewing insects", University of Cologne & University of Bonn, Germany.
  - 2013–2017 **M.Sc.**, "Organismic Biology, Evolutionary Biology and Palaeobiology (OEP-B)", University of Bonn & Zoological Research Museum A. Koenig (ZFMK), Bonn, Germany. Grade: 1.2
    - 2013 **Lab course**, "Research techniques for embryological studies on primary wingless hexapods", Sugadaira Montane Research Center, University of Tsukuba, Japan.
  - 2009–2013 **B.Sc.**, "Biologie", University of Bonn, Germany. Grade: 2.0
    - 2012 **Lab and field course**, "Marine Zoology", HYDRA Institute, Centro Marino, Fetovaia, Elba, Italy.
    - 2012 **ERASMUS Intensive Program**, "Origin, Evolution and Future of the Biosphere", Observatoire Océanologique, Banyuls-sur-Mer, France.

## **Employment History**

- 2018-present **Research assistant (EU funded PhD position)**, University of Cologne & University of Bonn, Germany.
- 2016 2018 **Student assistant**, " $\mu$ CT scanning, reconstruction, data analysis, visualization and maintenance of  $\mu$ CT systems", ZFMK, Bonn, Germany.
  - **Student assistant**, "Scientific analysis of SR-μCT data in the project 'Biomechanics of biting in dragonflies, mayflies and silverfish'", ZFMK, Bonn, Germany.
  - 2015 **Student assistant**, "Screening and sorting of ZFMK in-house publication library", ZFMK, Bonn, Germany.

# Teaching Experience

#### **University Courses**

- 2021 **OEP M.Sc. Thesis**, "The evolution of vision in earwigs (Hexapoda: Dermaptera)", University of Bonn, Germany. Supervisor.
- OEP-Free A IND, "Analysis of vision in a compound eye", University of Bonn, Germany. Organizer and supervisor.

**OEP-Free A IND**, "Image processing, segmentation of SR-μCT sections, and 3D-rendering of the stylet-like mouthparts of Neanura muscorum (Hexapoda: Collembola)", ZFMK, Bonn, Germany.

Organizer and supervisor.

2015–2017 **OEP-Free 1 E**, "Evolution, Diversity and Biology of Arthropods", ZFMK, Bonn, Germany. Yearly lecture on "Modern Morphology".

#### Workshops

- 2016–2018 **Regular workshops**, "µCT scanning, image processing, manual & semiautomatic segmentation, volume rendering and visualization of 3D data", ZFMK, Bonn, Germany. Leader.
  - 2013 Workshop, "Image processing and three-dimensional reconstruction of serial histology sections", Laboratory for the Comparative Arthropod Embryology, Sugadaira Montane Research Center, University of Tsukuba, Japan.
    Leader

# Programming and Software Skills

## Selected Projects

- 2022 forceR: Force Measurement Analyses. R package on CRAN.
- 2022 PiscAnt: Python code to control the scAnt 3D-scanning setup with a Raspberry Pi. Available on *GitHub*.

#### **Programming Languages**

## Working knowledge:

• R, ImageJ macro language, LATEX, (R)markdown

## Software

#### Working knowledge:

- ImageJ/Fiji, Biomedisa, Drishti, ITK-SNAP, VOX-FE2
- Meshroom, MeshLab, Checkpoint, Blender, Fusion 360
- o GIMP, Scribus, MS Office

## Basic knowledge:

o Python, Perl

#### Basic knowledge:

COMSOL

## Languages

German Native

English Fluent (TEOFL iBT 104/120 points - 86.7 %)

## Community Outreach

2020-present **Regular short field trips**, *Collection and identification of arthropods*, Taxonomiewerkstatt, ZFMK, Bonn, Germany.

Workshops, "μCT-scanning and three-dimensional visualization", "Morphological data-banks", and "Comparison of fish shapes through 2-dimensional landmark analysis", Alexander-Koenig-Science-Club (AKSC), ZFMK, Bonn, Germany.

## Field Work

2019 5 weeks field trip to measure bite forces of insects, Queensland and New South Wales, Australia.

2018–2021 Regular field trips to measure bite forces of insects in the Cologne/Bonn area, Germany.

## Honors and Recognitions

- 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> talk prize for 'Measuring and analysing animal closing forces: a mobile setup and new R package' at the SEB Annual Conference 2022, Montpellier, France.
- 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> poster prize for 'Die Biomechanik eines Springschwanzkopfes' at the *60. Phylogenetisches Symposium*, Tübingen, Germany.
- 2016 1<sup>st</sup> poster prize for 'A New ImageJ FIJI Plugin for Counting Objects in Bi-Color Images' at the *World Congress of Malacology*, Penang, Malaysia.

## Other Skills and Qualifications

- 2013–2019 **Synchrotron-μCT of arthropods**, Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron, Hamburg, Germany; Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe, Germany; Swiss Light Source, Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen, Switzerland; SPring-8, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan.
- 2014 & 2015 **Hexapod embryology**, Laboratory for the Comparative Arthropod Embryology, Sugadaira Montane Research Center, University of Tsukuba, Sugadaira Kogen Ueda, Japan, 2 x 1 month research stay funded by the DAAD.

German driver's license category B.

Certificate "Strahlenschutz Fachkundegruppe R3".

Open Water Diver (OWD) certificate.

Arduino and Raspberry Pi programming and electronics.

3D scanning and printing with self-built devices.

# Media Appearances

- o Iselt, L. (2022): "Wie stark beißen Insekten zu?". Radio interview with *Frührausch*, Köln, Germany.
- Wong, C. (2022): "Australian raspy cricket has the strongest bite of 650 insect species".
   Interview with New Scientist 253 (3374).
- Schlömer, K. (2019): "Glänzende Idee: Gold macht unsichtbare Oberflächen sichtbar".
   TV feature at Lokalzeit Bonn, WDR, Germany.
- Knoll, D. (2016): "Unbekannte Mückenart im Bernstein entdeckt". Radio interview with Logo, NDR Info, Germany.

# Society Memberships

- o Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft (DZG). Since 2017.
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für allgemeine und angewandte Entomologie (DGaaE). Since 2017.
- o International Society for Invertebrate Morphology (ISIM). 2014 2017.

## Academic Service

Manuscript Reviews

Journal of Morphology

# Publications

## Peer-Reviewed

Beurel, S., Bachelier, J. B., Hammel, J.U., Shi, G., Rühr, P.T. & Sadowski, E.-M. (2023): Flower inclusions of *Canarium* (Burseraceae) from Miocene Zhangpu amber (China). *Palaeoworld* in press. doi: 10.1016/j.palwor.2023.02.006.

- **Rühr, P.T.** & Blanke, A. (2022): forceX and forceR: a mobile setup and R package to measure and analyse a wide range of animal closing forces. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* 13(9): 1938-1948. doi: 10.1111/2041-210X.13909.
- Rühr, P.T., van de Kamp, T., Faragó, T., Hammel, J.U., Wilde, F., Borisova, E., Edel, C., Frenzel, M., Baumbach, T. & Blanke, A. (2021): Juvenile ecology drives adult morphology in two insect orders. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* 288 (1953): 20210616. doi: 10.1098/rspb.2021.0616.
- Strauß, J., Moritz, L. & Rühr, P.T. (2021): The subgenual organ complex in stick insects: Functional morphology and mechanical coupling of a complex mechanosensory organ. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution* **9**: 632493. doi: 10.3389/fevo.2021.632493.
- Schucht, P.J., Rühr, P.T., Geier, B., Glaw, F., & Lambertz, M. (2020): Armored with skin and bone: A combined histological and μCT-study of the exceptional integument of the Antsingy leaf chameleon Brookesia perarmata (Angel, 1933). *Journal of Morphology* 281 (7): 754–764. doi: 10.1002/jmor.21135.
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Lambertz, M. (**2019**): Surface contrast enhancement of integumentary structures in X-ray tomography. *Journal of Anatomy* **235** (2): 379-385. doi: 10.1111/joa.13008.
- Stritih Peljhan, N, Rühr, P.T.; Buh, B, & Strauß, J. (2019): Low-frequency vibration transmission and mechanosensory detection in the legs of cave crickets. *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology Part A: Molecular & Integrative Physiology* 233: 89-96. doi: 10.1016/j.cbpa.2019.04.003.
- Mail, M., Klein, A., Bleckmann, H., Schmitz, A., Scherer, T., **Rühr, P.T.**, Lovric, G., Fröhlingsdorf, R., Gorb, S.N. & Barthlott, W. (**2018**): A new bioinspired method for pressure and flow sensing based on the underwater air retaining surfaces of the backswimmer *Notonecta*. *Beilstein Journal of Nanotechnology* **9**: 3039–3047. doi: 10.3762/bjnano.9.282.
- Liu, W., **Rühr, P.T.** & Wesener, T. (2017): A look with μCT technology into a treasure trove of fossils: The first two fossils of the millipede order Siphoniulida discovered in Cretaceous Burmese amber (Myriapoda, Diplopoda). *Cretaceous Research* **74**: 100-108. doi: 10.1016/j.cretres.2017.01.009.
- Stebner, F., Szadziewski, R., **Rühr, P.T.**, Singh, H., Hammel, J.U., Kvifte, G.M. & Rust, J. (**2016**): A fossil biting midge (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) from early Eocene Indian amber with a complex pheromone evaporator. *Scientific Reports* **6**: 34352. doi: 10.1038/srep34352.
- Laetz, E.M.J., **Rühr, P.T.**, Bartolomaeus, T., Preisfeld & Wägele, H. (**2016**): Examining the retention of functional kleptoplasts and digestive activity in sacoglossan sea slugs. *Organisms Diversity & Evolution* **17**: 89-99. doi: 10.1007/s13127-016-0308-0.
- Sato, Y., Rühr, P.T., Schmitz, H., Egas, M. & Blanke, A. (2016): Age-dependent male mating tactics in a spider mite A life-history perspective. *Ecology and Evolution* 6: 7367–7374. doi: 10.1002/ece3.2489.
- Blanke, A., **Rühr, P.T.**, Mokso, R., Stampanoni, M., Wilde, F., Machida, R. & Misof, B. (**2015**): Structural Mouthpart Interaction Evolved Already in the Earliest Lineages of Insects. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* **282** (1812): 20151033. doi: 10.1098/rspb.2015.1033.

#### Non Peer-Reviewed

- Edel, C., Rühr, P.T., Frenzel, M., van de Kamp, T., Faragó, T., Hammel, J.U., Wilde, F., & Blanke, A. (2023): Bite force transmission and mandible shape in grasshoppers, crickets, and allies is largely dependent on phylogeny, not diet. *bioRxiv*. doi: 10.1101/2023.03.28.534586.
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Edel, C., Frenzel, M., & Blanke, A. (2022): A bite force database of 654 insect species. *bioRxiv*. doi: 10.1101/2022.01.21.477193.
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Blanke, & Lambertz, M. (2020): How gold plasma can make hidden structures visible. Article for *q&more / chemeurope.com*.

## Conference Presentations

#### Talks

**Rühr, P.T.**, Chesters, D., Edel, C., Frenzel, M. & Blanke, A. (2022): Macroevolutionary patterns of bite performance in insects. *114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the DZG*, Bonn, Germany.

- **Rühr, P.T.** & Blanke, A.(2022): The evolution of bite force in insects. *26<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Entomology (ICE)*, Helsinki, Finland.
- Strauß, J. & Rühr, P.T. (2022): Evolution and function of an elaborate mechanosensory organ: the subgenual organ complex in the tibia of stick insects. 26<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Entomology (ICE), Helsinki, Finland.
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Blanke, A.(2022): Measuring and analysing animal closing forces: a mobile setup and new R package. *SEB Annual Conference 2022*, Montpellier, France.
- **Rühr, P.T.**, & Blanke, A. (2022): The evolution of bite force in insects. 27<sup>th</sup> Annual DZG Graduate Meeting in Evolutionary Biology, Bielefeld, Germany.
- Pande, A., Blanke, A., & Rühr, P.T. (2022): Allometry in Earwig Vision. 27<sup>th</sup> Annual DZG Graduate Meeting in Evolutionary Biology, Bielefeld, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Blanke, A.(2021): Juvenile ecology drives adult head shape evolution in earwigs and stoneflies.  $113^{th}$  Annual Meeting of the DZG, organized by the University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Blanke, A.(2020): Complex life cycles do not necessarily result in adaptive decoupling. 6<sup>th</sup> Graduate Meeting Evolutionary Biology of the DZG, organized by the Institute of Population Genetics, Vetmeduni, Vienna, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Blanke, A. (2019): Nymphal life history influences adult head shape variation in Dermaptera and Plecoptera. 1<sup>st</sup> combined conference of the Australian Entomological Society (AES), the Society of Australian Systematic Biologists (SASB) and the Australasian Arachnological Society (AAS), Brisbane, Australia.
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Blanke, A. (**2018**: The evolution of biting-chewing effectivity in non-holometabolan insects. 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the DZG, Greifswald, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Fagan, M.J., Misof, B. & Blanke, A. (2017): Die Biomechanik eines Springschwanzkopfes. *30<sup>th</sup> Westdeutscher Entomologentag*, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Fagan, M.J., Misof, B. & Blanke, A. (2017): Head Biomechanics of a Springtail. 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the DZG, Bielefeld, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Koch, M, Blanke, A., Shigekazu, T., Fukui, M., Machida, R. & Misof, B. (**2016**): CT is not enough: Understanding the collembolan endoskeleton. *9<sup>th</sup> Graduate Meeting Morphology of the DZG*, Laboratorium für Applikationen der Synchrotronstrahlung, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsuhe, Germany.
- Rühr, P.T., Blanke, A. & Misof, B. (2014): Synchrotron-μCT-scans allow an unprecedented insight into insect morphology and evolution. *Science 3D Workshop*, Deutsches Elektrononen Synchrotron (DESY), Hamburg, Germany
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Blanke, A. & Misof, B. (**2014**): Die cephale Morphologie von *Pogonognathellus flavescens* (Hexapoda: Collembola): Eine 3D-Rekonstruktion. 6<sup>th</sup> Graduate Meeting Morphology of the DZG, Universität Ulm, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Blanke, A. & Misof, B. (**2013**): The cephalic structure of *Tomocerus flavescens* (Hexapoda: Collembola): A 3D-reconstruction. *49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Arthropodan Embryological Society of Japan (AES)*, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan.

## **Posters**

Schucht, P.J., **Rühr, P.T.**, Moritz, L., Ludwig, J. & Lambertz, M. (**2019**): Functional Morphology and Ontogeny of the Swim Bladder–Vertebrae Association in *Pantodon buchholzi* Peters, 1876. *114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the DZG*, Bonn, Germany.

- Pande, A., Blanke, A. & **Rühr, P.T.** (2021): Visual Ecology of Earwigs. 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the DZG, organized by the University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany.
- Strauß, J., Moritz, L. & **Rühr, P.T.** (2021): Neuroanatomy and postembryonic development of the subgenual organ complex in stick insects. *14<sup>th</sup> Göttingen Meeting of the German Neuroscience Society (NWG)*.
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Lambertz, M. (**2019**): Unveiling the invisible: surface contrast enhancement in X-ray tomography with a thin layer of gold. *1<sup>st</sup> combined conference of the Australian Entomological Society (AES), the Society of Australian Systematic Biologists (SASB) and the Australasian Arachnological Society (AAS), Brisbane, Australia.*
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Lambertz, M. (2019): Unveiling the invisible: a new approach for the selective contrast enhancement of integumentary structures in X-ray tomography. 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Schucht, P.J., **Rühr, P.T.**, Geier, B., Glaw, F. & Lambertz, M. (2019): Armored with Skin and Bone: The Integumentary Morphology of the Antsingy Leaf Chameleon *Brookesia perarmata* (Iguania: Chamaeleonidae). 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology, Prague, Czech Republic.
- **Rühr, P.T.** & Lambertz, M. (2018): Das Tiefste, was uns interessiert, ist manchmal schon die Oberfläche Computertomographische Erfassung kontrastarmer Integumentstrukturen. 60. Phylogenetisches Symposium, Tübingen, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.**; Fagan, M.J.; Misof, B. & Blanke, A. (2018): Die Biomechanik eines Springschwanzkopfes. 60. *Phylogenetisches Symposium*, Tübingen, Germany.
- Lambertz, M., Zuber, M., van de Kamp, T., Baumbach, T. & **Rühr, P.T.** (2018): High-resolution x-ray tomography of large chelonians: A case study on *Rafetus swinhoei* (Gray, 1873). 6<sup>th</sup> Turtle Evolution Symposiums, Tokyo, Japan.
- Mail, M.; Scherer, T.; **Rühr, P.T.**; Moosmann, M.; Walheim, S.; Bleckmann, H. & Barthlott, W. (2018): The air retaining surface of the backswimmer *Notonecta* A new sensory system for pressure and flow measurement. *Karlsruhe Nano Micro Facility User Meeting*, Karlsruhe, Germany.
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Liu, W. & Wesener, T. (2017): First Fossils of the Order Siphoniulida (Myriapoda, Diploppoda). *7<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Myriapodology*, Krabi, Thailand.
- **Rühr, P.T.**; Fagan, M.J.; Misof, B. & Blanke, A. (2017): Head biomechanics of a springtail. *Entomology Congress of the DGaaE*, Freising, Germany.
- Sato, Y., **Rühr, P.T.**, Schmitz, H., Egas, M. & Blanke, A. (**2017**): Coexistence of late-hawk strategy and hawk strategy for male competition in the two-spotted spider mite. *23<sup>st</sup> Congress of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology*, Groningen, Netherlands.
- Rühr, P.T., Laetz, E.M.J. & Wägele, H. (2016): A New ImageJ FIJI Plugin for Counting Objects in Bi-Color Images. *World Congress of Malacology*, Penang, Malaysia
- **Rühr, P.T.**, Blanke, A. & Misof, B. (2015): Collembolan head musculature revisited: How 3D-reconstructions of synchrotron-μCT-scans can reveal muscle homologies. *3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Invertebrate Morphology*, Berlin, Germany.