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1 EDUCATION

2019/03 **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** in "Geology"

Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany

• Thesis: "Paleogeographic and Structural Control on the Arcuate Variscan Belt"

 Supervisors: Dr Uwe Kroner (Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg) and Prof Dr Rolf L. Romer (Geoforschungszentrum Potsdam)

2013/09 Master of Science (MSc) in "Geosciences" (major: Tectonics and Geochronology)

Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany

• Thesis: "Variscan Tectonics of the Schwarzburg unit (Central European Variscides): From a transform plate boundary zone to an orogenic wedge"

• Supervisor: Dr Uwe Kroner (Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg)

2010/09 **Bachelor of Science (BSc)** in "Geology and Mineralogy"

Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany

• Thesis: "Structural geology and sedimentology of the Tanne Greywacke Zone, Harz Mts., Germany"

• Supervisor: Dr Uwe Kroner (Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg)

2 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 2023/04 Postdoctoral associate

Lakehead University, Department of Geology, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada

Project: "Structure, petrology, geochemistry, and geochronology of the Moss Lake Au deposit,

Northern Ontario, Canada" — NSERC Alliance Grant Advisors: Dr Noah J. Phillips, Dr Peter Hollings

since 2024/09 Lecturer

Lakehead University, Department of Geology, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada

2020/12–2022/11 Postdoctoral associate (DFG Research Fellow)

University of Calgary, Geo- and Thermochronology Research Group, Department of Geoscience,

Calgary, AB, Canada

Project: "Developing a statistical approach to analyze large paired geo-thermochronological

datasets with an application to the Canadian Cordilleras" — DFG Research Fellowship

Advisor: Dr Eva Enkelmann

2020/03-2020/11 Postdoctoral associate

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Geozentrum Nordbayern, Erlangen, Germany

Project: "Integrated geophysical-structural-kinematic analysis of the fault patterns in Northern

Bavaria" — LfU Bayern & ERDF

Advisors: Dr Daniel Koehn, Dr Harald Stollhofen

2019/09-2019/12 Research assistant

Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Institute for Computer Sciences, Freiberg, Germany

2014–2018 Research assistant

Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Institute for Geology

Projects: "Developing a method for three dimensional forecasting of covered mineral deposits on the example of the Erzgebirge" — BMBF ZIM and "Granite related mineralization of strategic metals (GEM) – conditions of mineralization and search criteria for hidden ore bodies" —

BMBF r4

2014/01-2014/06 Geologist

Beak Consultants GmbH (Germany / Tanzania)

Field work in Tanzania, compilation for metallogenic database of Tanzania, GIS training to the

staff of the Geological Survey of Tanzania, Dodoma, Tanzania

2009–2013 Lab assistant

Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Institute for Geology

Rock processing and mineral separation for geochronological and thermochronological analyses

(Ar–Ar, fission track, U–Pb)

2011/07–2011/09 Teaching and research assistant (IAESTE student exchange)

Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Ulaanbaator, Mongolia

Field work in ophiolitic sequences of Western Mongolia focusing on local and regional scale

structures

2007/05–2007/06 **Student internship**

GFZ German Research Center for Geosciences Potsdam, Department for Geomagnetism, Potsdam,

Germany

Contribution to the IGRF Declination Calculator, an online software for estimating the magnetic

field declination, inclination, and intensity for any location on Earth and times since 1990

3 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

3.1 Previous taught courses

2025/01–2025/04 Geology Case Studies

Lakehead University, Department of Geology, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada

Course level: undergraduate | lecture hours per week: 3

2024/09–2024/12 Structural Geology & Tectonics

Lakehead University, Department of Geology, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada

Course level: undergraduate | lecture hours per week: 3

2023/10 Short course: "Plate motion and deformation of the lithosphere" (1 week)

Department of Geology, Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany Course level:

postgraduate-graduate | number of students: 20 | lecture hours per week: 20

2022/09 Short course "Programming with R — A Beginners' Guide for Geoscientists" (1 week)

University of Calgary, Department of Geoscience, Calgary, AB, Canada

Course level: graduate | number of students: 8 | lecture hours per week: 12

2022/01 Guest lecture: "Structural geology"

University of Calgary, Department of Geoscience, Calgary, AB, Canada

Course level: undergraduate | number of students: 23 | lecture hours per week: 1

2019/09–2019/12 3D Modeling in Earth Sciences

Institute for Computer Sciences, Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany Course level: undergraduate | number of students: 20 | lecture hours per week: 4

2017/10–2018/03 Specific Topics of Applied Geomodelling

Department of Geophysics and Geoinformatics, Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg,

Germany

Course level: undergraduate | number of students: 20 | lecture hours per week: 2

2015–2018 Teaching assistant for field course "Strucutral Geology"

Department of Geology, Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany

2014/01–2014/05 Digital maps and GIS courses

Geological Survey of Tanzania, Dodoma, Tanzania

2011/07–2011/09 Teaching and field work assistant during geological mapping courses in Khangai Mnts., Mongolia

Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Ulaanbaator, Mongolia

Course level: undergraduate | number of students: 40

3.2 Student Mentorship

Graduate level:

Tiitto, H. "The Quetico Fault System: Insights into crustal-scale structures within the brittle-ductile regime"

Degree: Master of Science. Started: 2024/06, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay

Perez, A. "Petrology and Geochemistry of the western Shebandowan Greenstone Belt (Superior

Province, Northern Ontario, Canada)"

Degree: Master of Science. Started: 2023/04, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Canada

2 Nwakanma, M. "Alteration and mineral paragenesis of the Moss Lake gold deposit (She-

bandowan Greenstone Belt, Superior Province, Northern Ontario, Canada)"

Degree: Master of Science. Started: 2023/04, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Canada

1 Müller, F. "Tectonic 3D model of the Berga Antiform, Saxothuringian Zone, Germany"

Degree: Master of Science. Completed: 2018/04/30, Technische Universität Bergakademie

Freiberg, Germany

Undergraduate level:

7 Tiitto, H. "Anatomy of an Archean terrane boundary: Structural analysis of the boundary

between the Quetico and Wawa Subprovinces (Superior Province)"

Degree: Bachelof of Honours. Started: 2023/08, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Canada

6 Lippke, H. "Geology of Cornwall"

Degree: Bachelor of Science. Completed: 2018/03/12, Technische Universität Bergakademie

Freiberg, Germany

5 Trilsch, F. "3D model of the Eibenstock Granite"

Degree: Bachelor of Science. Completed: 2018, Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg,

Germany

4 Hartmann, C. "Variscan tectonics of Devonian synorogenic sediments in Northwestern Corn-

wall / UK"

Degree: Bachelor of Science. Completed: 2017/12/19, Technische Universität Bergakademie

Freiberg, Germany

3 Miebach, I. "Geology of the Ollo de Sapo formation of Iberia — A compilation of tectonic,

geochronological, and geochemical data"

Degree: Bachelor of Science. Completed: 2017/07/20, Technische Universität Bergakademie

Freiberg, Germany

2 Unger, A. "Tectonics of low-grade metasedimentary rocks of the Vogtland near Klingenthal"

Degree: Bachelor of Science. Completed: 2016/11/21, Technische Universität Bergakademie

Freiberg, Germany

1 Roethe, R. "Structural geology and petrography of the Eibenstock granite"

Degree: Bachelor of Science. Completed: 2014/09/25, Technische Universität Bergakademie

Freiberg, Germany

3.3 Additional Training

Organization of the weekly Structural Geology Seminar at Lakehead University since 2024 2021-2022 Organization of the weekly Thermochronology Seminar at the University of Calgary Organization and field trip co-leader, Variscan tectonics of Cornwall, SE Britain 2018 2016 Organization of the international workshop Late Paleozoic tectonic and magmatic evolution of the Erzgebirge Complex, Germany, assistant and field trip co-leader

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4 PUBLICATIONS	
4.1 Peer-reviewed articles	
16	Stephan, T., Phillips, N., Tiitto, H., Perez, A., Nwakanma, M., and Hollings, P. "Going with the flow — Changes of Vorticity Controls Gold Enrichment in Archean Shear Zones (Shebandowan Greenstone Belt, Superior Province, Canada)". accepted in <i>Journal of Structural Geology</i> in August 2025.
15	<u>Stephan, T.</u> , and Enkelmann, E. "All Aligned on the Western Front of North America? Analyzing the Stress Field in the Northern Cordillera". accepted in <i>Tectonics</i> in August 2025.
14	Padgett, J., Enkelmann, E., Kellett, D., Moynihan, D., and <u>Stephan, T.</u> (2025): "Cenozoic faulting in the Upper Hyland River Valley, Southeastern Yukon: A thermochronological perspective". <i>Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences</i> 621(5): 1002–1022. doi: 10.1139/cjes-2024-0147.
13	Schaeben, H., Kroner, U., and <u>Stephan, T.</u> (2024): "Mathematical Fundamentals of Spherical Kinematics of Plate Tectonics in Terms of Quaternions". <i>Mathematical Models and Methods in Applied Sciences</i> 47(6): 4469–4496. doi: 10.1002/mma.9823
12	Stephan, T., Enkelmann, E., and Kroner, U. (2023): "Analyzing the horizontal orientation of the crustal stress adjacent to plate boundaries". <i>Scientific Reports</i> 13:15590. doi: 10.1038/s41598-023-42433-2.
11	Járóka, T., Pfänder, J. A., Seifert, T., Hauff, F., Sperner, B., Staude, S., <u>Stephan, T.</u> , and Schulz, B. (2023): "Age and petrogenesis of Ni-Cu-(PGE) sulfide-bearing gabbroic intrusions in the Lausitz Block, northern Bohemian Massif (Germany/Czech Republic)". <i>Lithos</i> 444–445:107090. doi: 10.1016/j.lithos.2023.107090
10	Kroner, U., Romer, R. L., and <u>Stephan, T.</u> (2023): "Die Rekonstruktion von relativen Plattenbewegungen aus dem paläozoischen Deformationsmuster der kontinentalen Kruste". <i>Zeitschrift der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Geowissenschaften (J. Appl. Reg. Geol.)</i> 174 (3): 491–519. doi: 10.1127/zdgg/2023/0365
9	Köhler, S., Duschl, F., Fazlikhani, H., Koehn, D., <u>Stephan, T.</u> , and Stollhofen, H. (2022): "Reconstruction of cyclic Mesozoic-Cenozoic stress development in SE Germany using fault-slip and stylolite inversion". <i>Geological Magazine</i> 159 (11–12): 2323–2345. doi: 10.1017/S0016756822000656
8	Kroner, U., <u>Stephan, T.</u> , and Romer, R. L. (2022): "Paleozoic orogenies and relative plate motions at the sutures of the Iapetus-Rheic Ocean". In Y. D. Kuiper, J. B. Murphy, R. D. Nance, R. A. Strachan, and M. D. Thompson (Eds.), <i>New Developments in the Appalachian-Caledonian-Variscan Orogen</i> . Geological Society of America. doi: 10.1130/2021.2554(01)
7	Schaeben, H., Kroner, U., and <u>Stephan, T.</u> (2021): "Euler Poles of Tectonic Plates". In B. S. Daza Sagar, Q. Cheng, J. McKinley, and F. Agterberg (Eds.), <i>Encyclopedia of Mathematical Geosciences. Encyclopedia of Earth Sciences Series. Springer Nature</i> Switzerland AG 2021. doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-26050-7_435-1

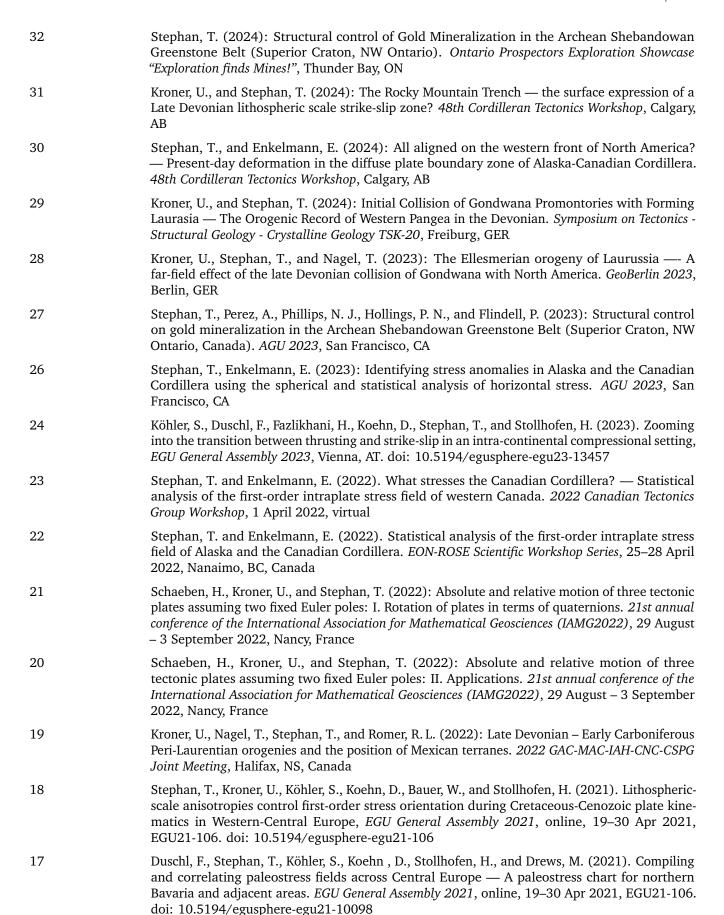
Caracciolo, L., Ravidà, D. C. G., Chew, D., Janßen, M., Lünsdorf, N. K., Heins, W. A., Stephan, T., and Stollhofen, H. (2021): "Reconstructing environmental signals across the Permian-Triassic

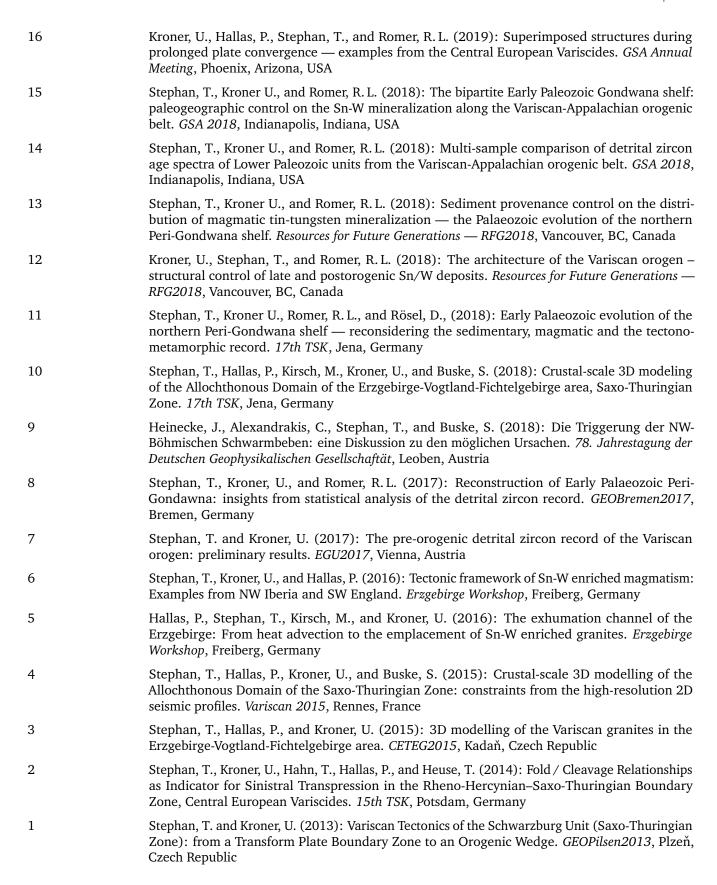
boundary in the SE Germanic Basin: A Quantitative Provenance Analysis (QPA) approach". *Global and Planetary Change*, 206:103631. doi: 10.1016/j.gloplacha.2021.103631

- Kroner, U., <u>Stephan, T.</u>, Romer, R. L., and Roscher, M. (2020): "Paleozoic plate kinematics during the Pannotia–Pangaea supercontinent cycle". *Geological Society, London, Special Publications* 503, SP503-2020-15. doi: 10.1144/SP503-2020-15
- 4 <u>Stephan, T.</u>, Kroner, U., Romer, R. L., and Rösel, D. (2019): "From a bipartite Gondwana shelf to the arcuate Variscan belt: The Early Paleozoic evolution of northern Peri-Gondwana". *Earth-Science Reviews* 192: 491–512. doi: 10.1016/j.earscirev.2019.03.012
- Heinicke, J., <u>Stephan, T.</u>, Alexandrakis, C., Buske, S., and Gaupp, R. (2019): "Alteration as possible cause for transition from brittle failure to aseismic slip: the case of the NW-Bohemia/ Vogtland earthquake swarm region". *Journal of Geodynamics* 124: 79–92. doi: 10.1016/j.jog.2019.01.010
- 2 <u>Stephan, T.</u>, Kroner, U., and Romer, R. L. (2018): "The pre-orogenic detrital zircon record of the Peri-Gondwanan crust". *Geological Magazine* 156(2): 281–307. doi: 10.1017/s0016756818000031. **Journal's most cited article since 2017**
- Stephan, T., Kroner, U., Hahn, T., Hallas, P., and Heuse, T. (2016): "Fold/cleavage relationships as indicator for late Variscan sinistral transpression at the Rheno-Hercynian–Saxo-Thuringian boundary zone, Central European Variscides". *Tectonophysics* 681: 250–262. doi: 10.1016/j.tecto.2016.03.005

4.2 Conference proceedings

- Stephan, T., Tiitto, H., Nwakanma, M., Perez, A., Phillips, N. J., Hollings, P. N., and Flindell, P. (2025): Going with the flow Changes of Vorticity Control Gold Enrichment in Archean Shear Zones of the Shebandowan Greenstone Belt (Superior Province, Canada). *GAC-MAC* 2025, Ottawa, ON
- 41 Enkelmann, E. and Stephan, T. (2025): What drives Cenozoic to ongoing deformation in the Northern Cordillera? *GAC-MAC 2025*, Ottawa, ON
- Stephan, T. (2025): Does plate boundary obliquity predict interplate deformation? *GAC-MAC* 2025, Ottawa, ON
- Tiitto, H., Phillips, N., and Stephan, T. (2024): The Quetico Fault System: Insights into crustal-scale structures within the brittle-ductile regime. *CTG Fall Field Trip*, Antigonish, Nova Scotia
- Kroner, U. and Stephan, T. (2024): Kossmat's zonation of the Central European basement in the light of the current knowledge. *GeoSaxonia2024*, Dresden, GER
- 37 Stephan, T. (2024): Testing the link between plate boundary obliquity and interplate deformation. *GSA 2024*, Anaheim, CA, USA
- Enkelmann, E. and Stephan, T. (2024): Unveiling the Northern Cordilleran Puzzle: From the St. Elias to the Mackenzie Mountains. *GSA 2024*, Anaheim, CA, USA
- Kroner, U. and Stephan, T. (2024): Kossmat's zonation of the Central European basement in the light of the current knowledge. *GeoSaxonia 2024*, Dresden, Germany
- Tiitto, H., Stephan, T., and Phillips, N. J. (2024): Anatomy of an Archean terrane boundary: Structural analysis of the boundary between the Quetico and Wawa Subprovinces (Superior Province). *GAC-MAC-PEG 2024*, Brandon, MN
- Stephan, T., Perez, A., Nwakanma, M., Phillips, N. J., Hollings, P. N., and Flindell, P. (2024): Chemical and structural constraints of shear-zone hosted gold mineralization from the Archean Shebandowan Greenstone Belt (Superior Craton, NW Ontario). *GAC-MAC-PEG 2024*, Brandon, MN





4.3 Other academic articles

Book Legler, C., Barth, A., Knobloch, A., Mruma, A. H., Myumbilwa Y., Magigita, M., Msechu, M.,

Ngole, T., Stanek, K. P., Boniface, N., Kagya, M., Manya, S., Berndt, T., Stahl, M., Gebremichael, M., Dickmayer, E., Repper, C., Falk, D., and Stephan, T. (2015): "Explanatory Notes for the Minerogenic Map of Tanzania 1:1,5 M.", *Geological Survey of Tanzania*. ISBN: 978-9987-477-94-

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5 INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2022/10/18 Lakehead University, Geology Seminar Series
 2022/05/11 Geological Survey Canada, McConnell Club Talks

6 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENTS

tectonicr Free and open-source R package for modeling and analyzing the direction of the maximum

horizontal stress using relative plate motion (doi: 10.32614/CRAN.package.tectonicr).

Package website: https://tobiste.github.io/tectonicr/ Download: https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=tectonicr

structr Free and open-source R package for analyzing and visualizing orientation data for structural

geology. https://github.com/tobiste/structr

geoprofiler Creates Swath profiles and Distance vs X plots by measuring the accurate distances parallel and

perpendicular to user-defined lines.

https://tobiste.github.io/geoprofiler/

ptrotR Free and open-source R package for plate motion reconstruction. https://github.com/

tobiste/ptrotR

laftr Free and open-source R package to calculate the ages from LA-ICP-MS based fission track dating

using the zeta approach. https://github.com/tobiste/laftr

euler Free and open-source R package for describing plate motion in terms of quaternions.

https://github.com/tobiste/euler

euler.reco Free and open-source R package. Provides algorithms to find and evaluate the Euler pole

solution describing the orientation of geological structures.

https://github.com/tobiste/euler.reco

7 FUNDING, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Grants 2020–2022 DFG Research Fellowship (85 000€) — German Research Foundation (DFG)

2016 Travel grant (750€) — Centre of Advanced Study and Research Freiberg
2013 Travel grant (500€) — TU Bergakademie Freiberg Association of Friends

2009 IAESTE Internship stipend — International Association for the Exchange of Students for

Technical Experience (IAESTE)

Awards Poster award at CETEG2015, Kadaň, Czech Republic, 2014

8 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships The Geological Association of Canada (GAC), Canadian Tectonics Group (CTG)

Reviewer for journals Geology, Gondwana Research, Terra Nova, Geological Society of America, Scientific Reports,
Proceedings of the Geologists' Association, Basin Research, Lithosphere, Discover Geoscience,
Tectonics

Reviewer for grant proposals National Science Center, Poland

Session Chair *GAC-MAC-PEG 2024* (Brandon, MN, Canada): "It's our fault! Geological and geophysical insights into fault and shear zone processes"

9 OUTREACH, VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Talaria Summer Institute (TSI) — a free summer STEM research mentorship program for female and genderqueer students (July 2022)

"MINT-Camp Future Skills" — Outreach program to high school students: I taught and demonstrated 3D modelling, visualization and applications in geosciences.

International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE), local committee Freiberg: I mentored international student during their stay as an intern/exchange student (2010–2013)

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