

Curriculum Vitae

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POSITION TITLE

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INSTITUTION AND LOCATION

DEGREE

YEAR(s)

FIELD OF STUDY

University of Erlangen, Germany

1992-93

Electrical Engineering

University of Erlangen, Germany (BS)

1994-96

Biology

University of Erlangen, Germany Diploma (MS)

1996-99

Zoology

University of Cologne, Germany

Doctorate

1999-03

Neurophysiology

University of Ohio

Postdoctoral

2003-05

Neurophysiology

Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

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2005-10

Neurophysiology

Employment

1999 - 2003

University of Cologne, Zoological Institute

Laboratory of Dr. A. Büschges

Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant for Animal Physiology

2003 - 2005

University of Ohio, Department of Biological Sciences

Laboratory of Dr. R.A. DiCaprio

Postdoctoral Researcher

2005 - 2010

Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Department of Neurobiology

Laboratories of Dr. E.C. Cropper and Dr. K.R. Weiss

Postdoctoral Researcher

2010 – present

Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Department of Neurobiology

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Publications (peer-reviewed articles)

- Friedman A. K., Zhurov Y., Ludwar B. Ch., Weiss K. R. (2009) Motor outputs in a multitasking network: relative contributions of inputs and experience-dependent network states. *J Neurophysiol* 102 (6): 3711-27.
- Ludwar B. Ch., Evans C. G., Jing J., Cropper E. C. (2009) Two distinct mechanisms mediate potentiating effects of depolarization on synaptic transmission. *J Neurophysiol* 102 (3): 1976-83.
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- Akay T., Ludwar B. Ch., Göritz M. L., Schmitz J. and Büschges A. (2007)

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- Ludwar B. Ch., Westmark S., Büschges A., and Schmidt J. (2005) Modulation of membrane potential in mesothoracic moto- and interneurons during stick insect front leg walking. *J Neurophysiol* 94: 2772-2784.
- Brandt L. S. E., Ludwar B. Ch., and Greenfield M. D. (2005) Co-Occurrence of Preference Functions and Acceptance Thresholds in Female Choice: Mate Discrimination in the Lesser Wax Moth. *Ethology* 111: 609-625.
- Ludwar B. Ch., Göritz M. L., Schmidt J. (2005) Intersegmental coordination of walking movements in stick insects. *J. Neurophysiol.* 93(3): 1255-65.
- Büschges A., Ludwar B. Ch., Bucher D., Schmidt J., DiCaprio R. A. (2004) Synaptic drive contributing to rhythmic activation of motoneurons in the deafferented stick insect walking system. *Eur J. Neurosci.* 19(7): 1856-62.

Publications (thesis)

- Ludwar B. (2003) Neural mechanisms for intersegmental coordination of walking movements in the stick insect. Online: <http://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/volltexte/2003/923/> (Ph.D. Dissertation)
- Ludwar B. (1999) Behavioral studies on the sexual preferences in the lesser waxmoth (*Achroia grisella*). Online: <http://www.opus.ub.uni-erlangen.de/opus/volltexte/2006/372/pdf/Ludwar99.pdf> (Diploma Dissertation)

Publications (conference abstracts and posters)

- B. C. Ludwar (2009) Two Distinct Mechanisms That Regulate Stimulus Detection in a Model Organism. Invited talk at the "Microelectrode and Multielectrode Recording Techniques" Satellite Event at the Society for Neuroscience 39th Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- B. C. Ludwar, C. G. Evans, E. C. Cropper (2009) Single spike induced alterations of intracellular calcium in a sensory neuron. Society for Neuroscience 39th Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- C. G. Evans, B. C. Ludwar, T. Kang, E. C. Cropper (2009) Characteristics of peripherally applied stimuli determine spike propagation in the Aplysia mechanoafferent B21. Society for Neuroscience 39th Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- B.Ch. Ludwar, C.G. Evans, J. Jing, E.C. Cropper (2009) Simulated motorprogram

induced depolarizations increase the intracellular calcium concentration of *Aplysia* mechano afferent B21. Molluscan Neuroscience Meeting, San Juan, PR.

- B. C. Ludwar, C. G. Evans, J. Jing, E.C. Cropper (2008) Simulated motor program induced depolarizations increase the intracellular calcium concentration of an afferent neuron. Society for Neuroscience 38th Annual Meeting, Washington DC
- M. R. Due, B. C. Ludwar, E. C. Cropper, K. R. Weiss (2008) Synaptic depression and the loss of the program-generating ability of interneuron B65 in *Aplysia*. Society for Neuroscience 38th Annual Meeting, Washington DC
- B. Ch. Ludwar, C. G. Evans, E. C. Cropper (2008) 'All or none' and graded mechanisms regulate sensorimotor transmission in the same afferent neuron. Talk at the 34th East Coast Nerve Net Meeting, Woodshole, Massachusetts.
- C. G. Evans, B. C. Ludwar, T. Kang, E. C. Cropper (2007) Effect of variable spike propagation on peripheral encoding in an experimentally advantageous invertebrate mechanoafferent. Society for Neuroscience 37th Annual Meeting, San Diego
- B. C. Ludwar, C. G. Evans, E. C. Cropper (2007) 'All or none' and graded mechanisms regulate sensory signals in the same afferent neuron. Society for Neuroscience 37th Annual Meeting, San Diego
- A. Friedman, Y. Zhurov, B. Ludwar, K. R. Weiss (2007) Peptidergic contributions to the state dependant outputs of the *Aplysia* feeding CPG. Society for Neuroscience 37th Annual Meeting, San Diego
- T. Akay, B. C. Ludwar, M. Goeritz, A. Bueschges, J. Schmitz (2006) Segment specificity of load signal processing depends on walking direction in the stick insect leg muscle control system. Society for Neuroscience 36th Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- B. C. Ludwar, C. G. Evans, E. C. Cropper (2006) Regulation of spike propagation in a sensory neuron with an inexcitable somatic region: Somatic depolarization promotes conduction without disrupting the peripheral encoding of afferent information. Society for Neuroscience 36th Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- C. G. Evans, T. S. Kang, B. C. Ludwar, E. C. Cropper (2006) Coactivation of electrically coupled sensory neurons alters the active propagation of peripherally generated spikes. Society for Neuroscience 36th Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- B. Ch. Ludwar & R.A. DiCaprio (2005) Influences of Adaptation on Information Transfer by Sensory Afferents. Poster at the East Coast Nerve Net Meeting, Woodshole, Massachusetts
- B. C. Ludwar & R. A. DiCaprio (2004) Adaptation and information transfer rate in proprioceptive afferents. Society for Neuroscience 34th Annual Meeting, San Diego
- B. Ch. Ludwar & R.A. DiCaprio (2004) Transfer Functions and Information Rates of Elastic Strand Receptors. Poster at the East Coast Nerve Net Meeting, Woodshole, Massachusetts

- S. Westmark, B. C. Ludwar, J. Gabriel, J. Schmidt (2004) Tonic input to leg motoneurons during walking in stick insects. Society for Neuroscience 34th Annual Meeting, San Diego
- B. Ch. Ludwar & A. Büschges (2003) Intersegmental Influences on Middle Leg Premotor Interneuron and Motoneuron Activity during Walking of the Front Leg in an Insect. Society for Neuroscience 33rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- B. C. Ludwar and A. Büschges (2003) Intersegmental influences on motoneurons and interneurons for the coordination of walking movements. Proceedings of the 28th Göttingen Neurobiology Conference
- A. Büschges, B. Ludwar, R. A. DiCaprio, D. Bucher and J. Schmidt (2003) Generation of alternating motoneuron activity in the deafferented stick insect walking system. Proceedings of the 28th Göttingen Neurobiology Conference
- Ludwar B. C. & Schmidt J. (2002) Mechanisms for Intersegmental Leg Coordination in Walking Stick Insects. 3rd Forum of European Neuroscience, Paris
- Akay T., Haehn S., Ludwar B. C., Schmitz J., & Büschges A. (2002) Role of cuticular strain signals from campaniform sensilla in patterning thoraco-coxal joint motoneuron activity during active leg movements in the stick insect. 3rd Forum of European Neuroscience, Paris
- Ludwar, B. C.; Göritz, M. L.; Schmidt, J. (2002) Intersegmental coordination in walking stick insects. Zoology 105, Supplement V (05.1), Abstracts of the 95th Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft Halle (Saale)
- Haehn, S.; Akay, T.; Ludwar, B. C.; Schmitz, J.; Schmidt, J.; Büschges, A. (2002) Cuticular strain signals from campaniform sensilla contribute to patterning of activity in thoraco-coxal joint motoneurons during active movements of stick insects. Zoology 105, Supplement V (05.1), Abstracts of the 95th Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft Halle (Saale)
- Akay, T., Ludwar, B., Büschges, A. (2001) The role of campaniform sensilla in patterning leg motoneuron activity. Proceedings of the 28th Göttingen Neurobiology Conference
- Ludwar B., Akay, T., Schmitz J., Büschges, A. (2001) Cuticular strain signals reset centrally generated rhythmic activity in coxal leg motoneurons. Proceedings of the International Congress of Neuroethology, Bonn 2001