

THE COMPOUND EYE OF THE LONGICORN BEETLES
(COLEOPTERA: CERAMBYCIDAE) WITH
ESTIMATION OF THE ACTIVITIES
BY ITS STRUCTURE

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INTRODUCTION

A number of investigations have hitherto been carried out on the morphology of compound eye in the Coleopterous insects since EXNER's work (EXNER, 1891; KIRCHHOFFER, 1908, 1910; GÜNTHER, 1912; JAHN and WOLFF, 1943; KAHMANN, 1947; YAGI, 1952, 1954; KOYAMA, 1956; YAGI and KOYAMA, 1963; YAGI and GOKAN, 1964; GOKAN and MURAKAMI, 1966; GOKAN, 1968, 1969; HORRIDGE, 1968, 1969; BUTLER *et al.*, 1970; HORRIDGE and GIDDINGS, 1971; WOLKEN, 1971; MEYER-ROCHOW, 1971, 1972, 1975, etc.). No review of the Cerambycid compound eyes, however, is available with exception of KAHMANN's report (1947).

Previously the third author (MATSUI, 1971) made a brief note on the longicorn beetle eyes. Henceforth the study was extended successively by the first and the second authors.

In the present paper the structure of the Cerambycid beetle eyes is dealt with in 30 Japanese species belonging to 6 subfamilies.

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MATERIAL AND METHOD

Thirty Japanese species of 6 subfamilies in Cerambycidae, Coleoptera, were used for the materials. They are shown in the following. Each scientific name is due to the Colored Illustrations of the Insects of Japan; Coleoptera (1955).

| Subfamily | Species |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Prioninae | <i>Megopis sinica</i> WHITE |
| | <i>Prionus insularis</i> MOTSCHULSKY |
| Spondyliinae | <i>Spondylis buprestoides</i> LINNE |
| Disteniinae | <i>Distenia gracilis</i> BLESSIG |
| Lepturinae | <i>Toxitinus reinii</i> HEYDEN |
| | <i>Omphalodera puziloe</i> SOLSKY |
| | <i>Pidonia mutata</i> BATES |
| | <i>P. debilis</i> KRAATZ |
| | <i>Anoplodermorpha excavata</i> BATES |
| | <i>Mortha lepture scotodes</i> BATES |
| | <i>Strangalomorpha tenuis</i> SOLSKY |
| | <i>Parastrangalis nymphula</i> BATES |
| | <i>Leptura ochraceofasciata</i> MOTSCHULSKY |
| | <i>L. arcuata</i> PANZER |
| <i>L. aethiops</i> PODA | |
| Cerambycinae | <i>Stenygrinus quadrinotatum</i> BATES |
| | <i>Cyrtoclytus caproides</i> BATES |
| | <i>Chlorophorus annularis</i> FABRICIUS |
| | <i>C. japonicus</i> FABRICIUS |
| | <i>Purpuricenus temminckii</i> GUÉRIN-MÉNEVILLE |
| <i>Mallambyx raddei</i> BLESSIG | |
| <i>Pyrestes haematicus</i> PASCOE | |

- Lamiinae *Anoplophora malasiaca* THOMSON
 Uraeca bimaculata THOMSON
 Palimna liturata BATES
 Asaperda agapanthina BATES
 Menesia sulphurata GEBLER
 Glenea relicata PASCOE
 Pterolophia rigida BATES
 P. jugosa BATES

In addition to the above species the compound eyes of 7 species were used for measurement of the facet size.

The compound eyes of the material insects were sectioned by a general paraffin method (melting point, 58–60°C) with 5–20 μ thickness after fixed by Carnoy's solution for 24–48 hours. The pigments contained in the retinal part were observed under an unstained state. Observation of the forms of cells and nuclei was pursued by the YAGI and KOYAMA's method (1963), in which a special bleaching solution was provided for the sectioned tissues. Some sections were stained with Heidenhein

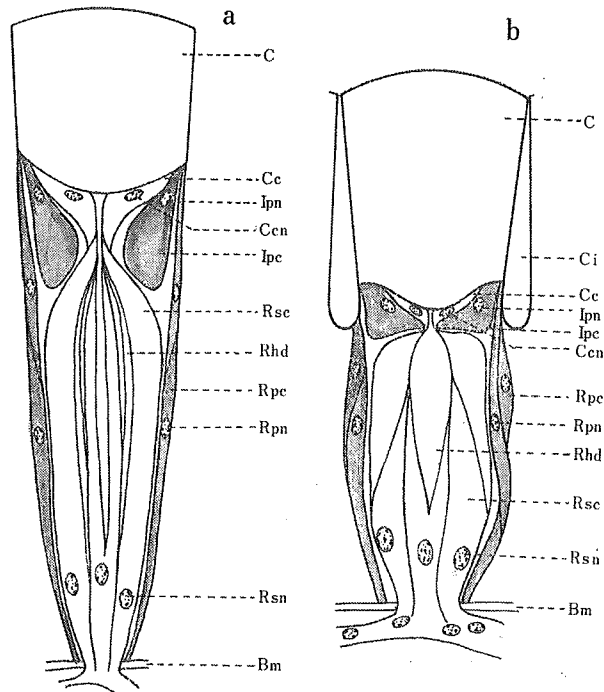


Fig. 1 Semischematic drawing of ommatidium (a: general type, b: type having corneal insertion). Bm: Basement membrane, C: Cornea, Cc: Crystalline cone cell, Ccn: Nucleus of crystalline cone cell, Ci: Corneal insertion, Ipc: Iris pigment cell, Ipn: Nucleus of iris pigment cell, Rhd: Rhabdome, Rpc: Retinular pigment cell, Rpn: Nucleus of retinular pigment cell, Rsc: Retinular sense cell, Rsn: Nucleus of retinular sense cell.

iron haematoxylin, and the others with Delafield haematoxylin and eosin overlappedly.

STRUCTURE OF OMMATIDIUM

1. General description

The compound eye takes a kidney shape and brownish purple coloration without pseudopupil. Neither interfacetal hair nor corneal nipple (BERNHARD and MILLER, 1962) is seen on the outer surface of the facet.

The ommatidium is generally composed of 6 parts such as cornea, crystalline cone cell, iris pigment cell, rhabdome, retinular sense cell and retinular pigment cell (Fig. 1ab).

Because of absence of the crystalline cone the compound eye belongs to "Accone type", though the cornea may serve the crystalline cone.

The pigment and nuclear migrations caused by light and dark are hardly seen. So the adaptability to light stimulation seems to be improbable in the Cerambycid eyes.

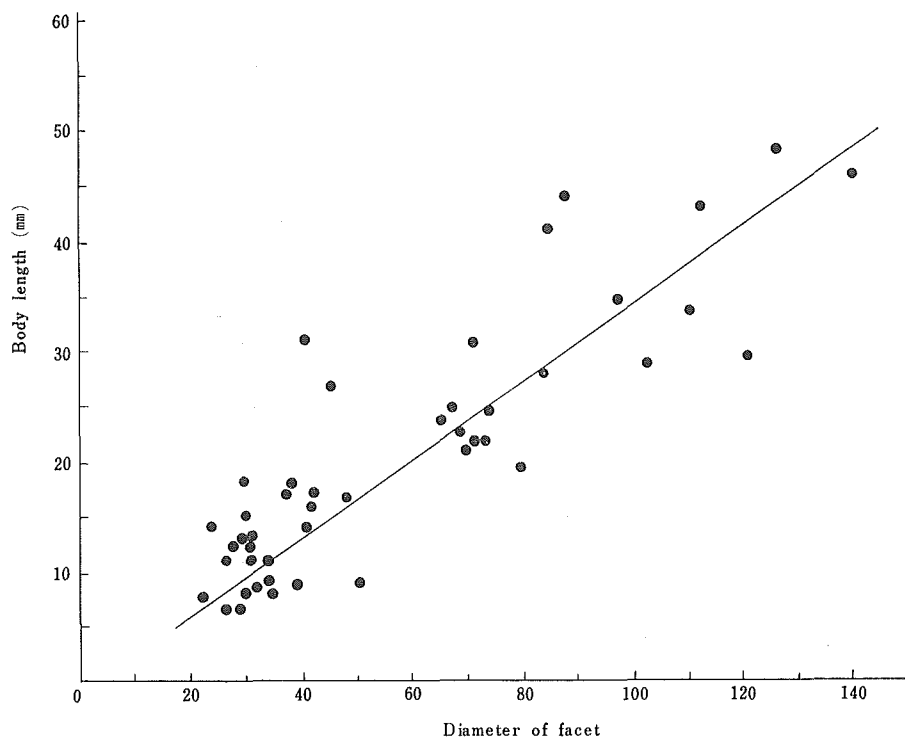


Fig. 2 Relation between body length and facet diameter.

2. Facet

The facet takes uniformly a hexagonal shape. The size varies according to species and sex as reported by KAHMANN (1947).

The facet size is largest in *Mallambyx* (δ 140 μ , φ 110 μ) and next in *Megopsis* (δ 113 μ , φ 106 μ) and *Prionus* (δ 121 μ , φ 103 μ) belonging to Prioninae. These sizes seem extraordinarily large among the Coleopterous eyes (KAHMANN, 1947). It is smallest in *Acmaeops* (δ 26 μ , φ 22 μ) and *Chlorophorus* (δ 26 μ , φ 24 μ). Generally the facet size in insect eyes is said to be larger in male than in female. Such a tendency, however, is out of case in some Cerambycid beetles (ex. *Chloridolum*, *Anoplophora*, *Pterolophia rigida*, *Apriona*, etc.), of which the facet size is remarkably larger in female than in male. The relation between the body length and the facet diameter is denoted in Fig. 2. As seen in Fig. 2 the both lengths are almost related positively with each other, suggesting that the bigger the body length the larger the

Table 1 Diameter of facet

| Species | Diameter of facet (μ) | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| | δ | φ |
| <i>Megopsis sinica</i> | 108~117 | 100~111 |
| <i>Prionus insularis</i> | 117~125 | 97~108 |
| <i>Distenia gracilis</i> | 64~ 70 | 67~ 72 |
| <i>Acmaeops minuta</i> | 25~ 28 | 19~ 25 |
| <i>Toxotinus reini</i> | 28~ 33 | 29~ 33 |
| <i>Pidonia debilis</i> | 26~ 29 | 28~ 31 |
| <i>Parastrangalis nymphula</i> | 31~ 36 | 29~ 32 |
| <i>Leptura ochraceofasciata</i> | 36~ 39 | 36~ 38 |
| <i>L. aethiops</i> | 28~ 31 | 28~ 31 |
| <i>Chlorophorus japonicus</i> | 25~ 28 | 22~ 25 |
| <i>Cyrtoclytus caproides</i> | 26~ 29 | 28~ 31 |
| <i>Mallambyx raddei</i> | 133~147 | 106~114 |
| <i>Pyrestes haematicus</i> | 39~ 42 | 39~ 45 |
| <i>Chloridolum japonicum</i> | 39~ 42 | 42~ 47 |
| <i>Anoplophora malasiaca</i> | 61~ 70 | 67~ 75 |
| <i>Monochamus grandis</i> | 83~ 92 | 81~ 89 |
| <i>Cypriola fraudatrix</i> | 64~ 72 | 70~ 78 |
| <i>Pterolophia rigida</i> | 31~ 33 | 45~ 56 |
| <i>P. jugosa</i> | 36~ 42 | 33~ 36 |
| <i>Glenea relictata</i> | 31~ 36 | 28~ 33 |
| <i>Spondylis buprestoides</i> | 70~ 75 | 67~ 75 |
| <i>Arhopalus rusticus</i> | 75~ 83 | 78~ 89 |
| <i>Asemum amurense</i> | 45~ 50 | 39~ 45 |
| <i>Apriona germari japonica</i> | 83~111 | 111~142 |

facet size. This fact is also detected by MEYER-ROCHOW (1972).

3. Cornea

The cornea is transparent and forms a cylindrical bi-convex lens, the shape

Table 2. Structural

| Subfamily | Species | Cornea | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | | Color of interv. line | Width (a) |
| Prioninae | <i>Megopsis sinica</i> | pale yellow | 109 μ |
| | <i>Prionus insularis</i> | " | 112 |
| Spondyliinae | <i>Spondylis buprestoides</i> | brown | 78 |
| Disteniinae | <i>Distenia gracilis</i> | pale yellow | 61 |
| Lepturinae | <i>Toxitinus reinii</i> | pale yellow | 26 |
| | <i>Omphalodera puziloe</i> | yellow | 26 |
| | <i>Pidonia mutata</i> | pale yellow | 26 |
| | <i>P. debilis</i> | " | 21 |
| | <i>Anoplodermomorpha excavata</i> | blackish brown | 24 |
| | <i>Mortha lepture scotodes</i> | " | 26 |
| | <i>Strangalomorpha tenuis</i> | " | 21 |
| | <i>Parastrangalis nymphula</i> | " | 28 |
| | <i>Leptura ochraceofasciata</i> | yellow | 29 |
| | <i>L. arcuata</i> | pale yellow | 29 |
| <i>L. aethiops</i> | yellow | 25 | |
| Cerambycidae | <i>Stenygrinus quadrinotatum</i> | colorless | 58 |
| | <i>Cyrtoclytus caproides</i> | yellow | 26 |
| | <i>Chlorophorus annularis</i> | brown | 24 |
| | <i>C. japonicus</i> | " | 19 |
| | <i>Purpuricenus temminckii</i> | " | 40 |
| | <i>Mallambyx raddei</i> | " | 132 |
| | <i>Pyrestes haematicus</i> | blackish brown | 42 |
| Lamiinae | <i>Anoplophora malasiaca</i> | brown | 70 |
| | <i>Uraeca bimaculata</i> | " | 58 |
| | <i>Palimna liturata</i> | " | 40 |
| | <i>Asaperda agapanthina</i> | " | 34 |
| | <i>Menesia sulphurata</i> | blackish brown | 36 |
| | <i>Glenea relicata</i> | " | 31 |
| | <i>Pterolophia rigida</i> | brown | 33 |
| | <i>P. jugosa</i> | " | 33 |

of which varies according to species as shown in Fig. 3. MEYER-ROCHOW (1975) divided the corneal shape into 4 types, among which b type is corresponded to that of the Cerambycidae.

characters of ommatidium

| Cornea | | | Length of retinular part (c) | Ratio between retin. length and corneal thich. (c/b) |
|---------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| Thickness (b) | Index of curvature | Ratio between thickness and width (b/a) | | |
| 114 μ | 26 | 1.05 | 97 μ | 0.85 |
| 102 | 26 | 0.91 | 164 | 1.61 |
| 113 | 19 | 1.45 | 96 | 0.85 |
| 66 | 20 | 1.08 | 64 | 0.97 |
| 37 | 12 | 1.42 | 66 | 1.78 |
| 26 | 19 | 1.00 | 43 | 1.65 |
| 26 | 13 | 1.00 | 49 | 1.88 |
| 28 | 15 | 1.33 | 60 | 2.14 |
| 49 | 10 | 2.04 | 96 | 1.96 |
| 49 | 11 | 1.88 | 108 | 2.20 |
| 49 | 9 | 2.33 | 81 | 1.65 |
| 61 | 12 | 2.18 | 114 | 1.87 |
| 56 | 12 | 1.93 | 149 | 2.66 |
| 43 | 12 | 1.48 | 103 | 2.40 |
| 35 | 13 | 1.40 | 72 | 2.06 |
| 60 | 36 | 1.03 | 87 | 1.45 |
| 67 | 14 | 2.58 | 136 | 2.03 |
| 37 | 11 | 1.54 | 108 | 2.92 |
| 55 | 12 | 2.89 | 85 | 1.55 |
| 75 | 14 | 1.88 | 66 | 0.88 |
| 213 | 23 | 1.61 | 103 | 0.48 |
| 108 | 12 | 2.57 | 67 | 0.62 |
| 93 | 15 | 1.33 | 125 | 1.34 |
| 78 | 23 | 1.34 | 72 | 0.92 |
| 66 | 19 | 1.65 | 120 | 1.82 |
| 35 | 22 | 1.03 | 64 | 1.83 |
| 49 | 19 | 1.36 | 87 | 1.78 |
| 54 | 18 | 1.74 | 86 | 1.59 |
| 44 | 19 | 1.33 | 82 | 1.86 |
| 47 | 19 | 1.42 | 93 | 1.98 |

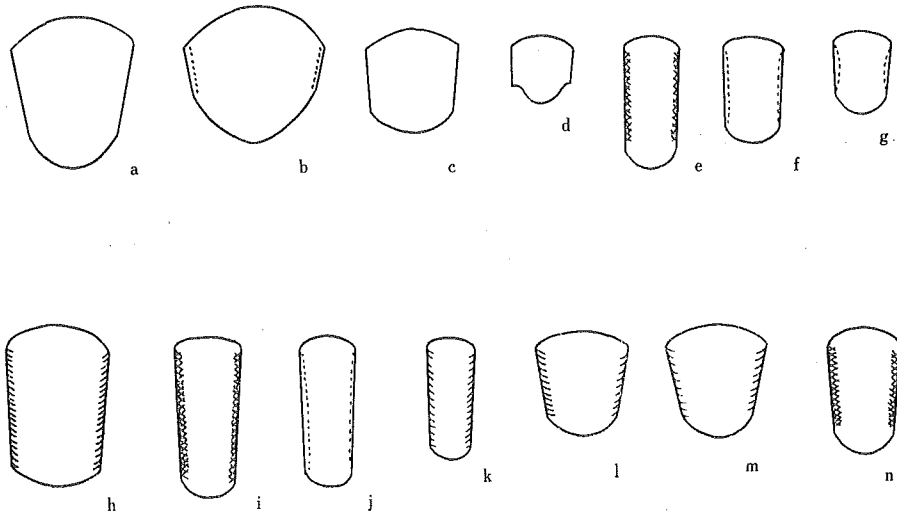


Fig. 3 Shapes of cornea.

The intervening line is colored with blackish brown in *Anoplodermorpha*, *Parastrangalis*, *Pyrestes*, *Glenea* etc., with brown in *Spondylis*, *Chlorophorus*, *Mallambyx*, *Anoplophora*, *Pterolophia* etc., and with yellow or pale yellow in *Megopis*, *Distemia*, *Toxitinus*, *Pidonia*, *Leptura*, *Cyrtoclytus* etc. (Table 2, Fig. 3).

The index of corneal surface curvature measured by the YAGI and GOKAN's method (1964) ranges 9~36 (Table 2), indicating *Strangalomorpha* (9) and *Anoplodermorpha* (10) have the most flattened corneal surface, and *Stenygrinus* (36) has the most swollen one. It seems small in Lepturinae except for *Omphalodera* (19).

The cornea is very thick; the relative thickness to the width (b/a in Fig. 4, Table 2) exceeds the value of 1.00 in all species except only in *Prionus* (0.91).

In some Cerambycid beetles the cornea is characterized by the most interesting and curious structure, of which the peripheral part inserts proximally into the interommatidial space (Fig. 1b). The part—we call it “Corneal insertion”—on which no description has been given in any books on the visual organ of insects (SNODGRASS, 1935; MAZOKHIN-PORSHNYAKOV, 1956; DUKE-ELDER, 1958; YAGI and KOYAMA, 1963; WIGGLESWORTH, 1972; GOLDSMITH and BERNARD, 1974; HORRIDGE, 1975), is seen in the eyes of *Megopis* (Fig. 6), *Prionus* (Fig. 7),

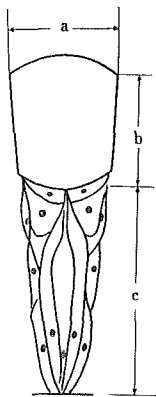


Fig. 4 Explanation of parts measured.

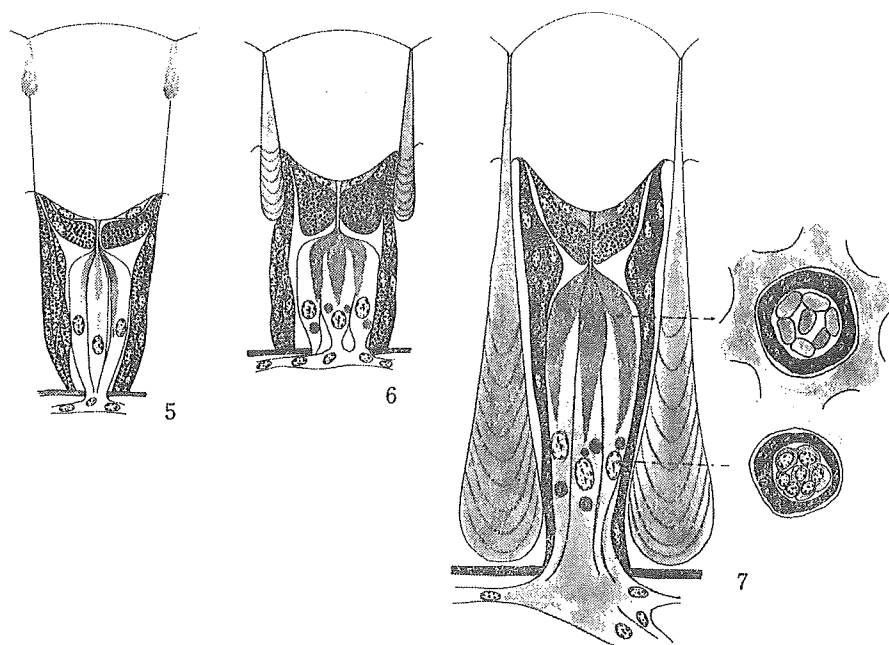


Fig.5~7 Structure of ommatidium.

5. *Spondylis buprestoides*, Spondyliinae.

6. *Megopsis sinica*, Prioninae.

7. *Prionus insularis*, Prioninae (right:cross section).

Purpuricenus, *Anoplophora* and *Uraeca* (Fig.12). It is lamellated in the internal portion taking brownish coloration. The developmental grade of the corneal insertion differs according to species. The *Prionus* compound eye has the most developed one, which proximally extends near to the basement membrane (Fig.7). Each ommatidium, therefore, is completely separated by this chitinous barrier in the species.

4. Retinular sense cell and rhabdome

The number of the retinular sense cells is 7*, among which one exists at the center surrounded by 6 sense cells. The rhabdome runs along each axis of the retinular sense cells, and the central one reaches the basal part, while not the peripheral ones (Fig. 7, 9, 14).

The relative length of this part to the corneal thickness (c/b in Fig. 4, Table 2) varies according to species. The smallest ratio is seen in *Mallambyx* (0.48) and next in *Pyrestes* (0.62); it means that the retinular length is as short as about a half of the corneal thickness. The c/b ratio is largest in *Chlorophorus annularis*

* The number was counted under an optical microscope, but the junior author (GOKAN, N.) has recently ascertained that it is 8 under an electron microscope.

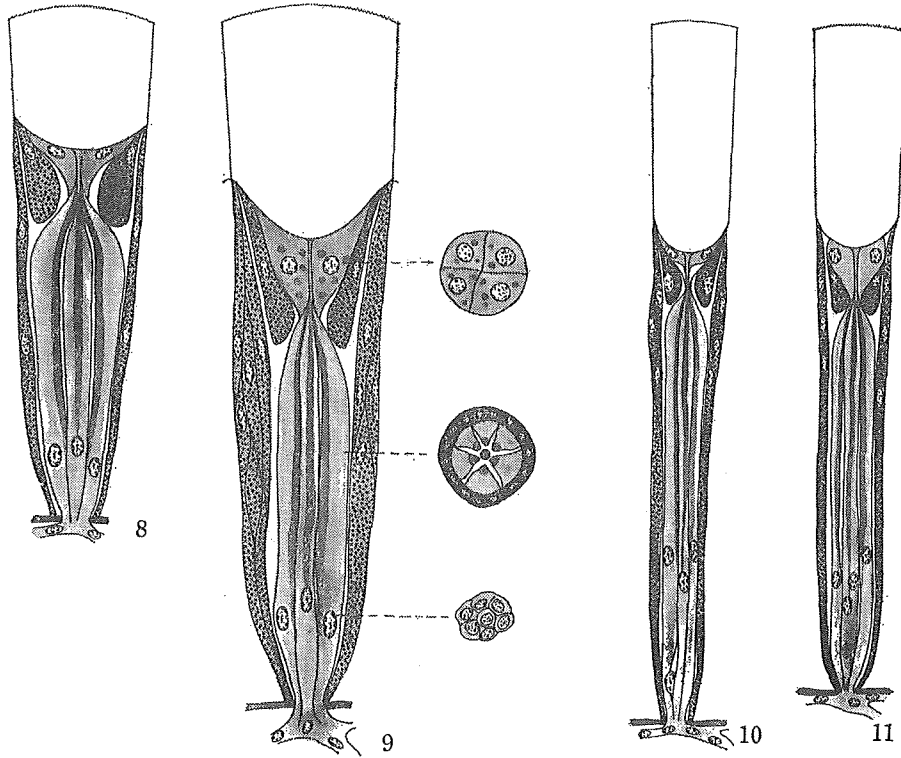


Fig. 8~11 Structure of ommatidium.

8. *Pidonia mutata*, Lepturinae. 9. *Toxitinus reini*, Lepturinae (right: cross section). 10. *Cyrtoclytus caproides*, Cerambycinae. 11. *Chlorophorus annularis*, Cerambycinae.

(2. 92, Fig. 11) and next in *Leptura ochraceofasciata* (2. 66). In general the ratio is large (1. 65~2. 66) in Lepturinae.

5. Crystalline cone cell

Attaching to the inner part of the cornea exists the crystalline cone cell (Semper's cell), which is 4 in number (Fig. 9). As above-mentioned the cell does not secrete the crystalline corn. It is comparatively large in *Toxitinus* (Fig. 9) and *Chlorophorus* (Fig. 11), while small and flattened in the other species.

6. Iris pigment cell

The cell lies between the crystalline cone cell and the reticular sense cell (Fig. 1ab). It contains densely brownish purple pigments. The number of the cells is 2.

7. Reticular pigment cell

The whole retinal part is enclosed by the reticular pigment cells, which contain richly brownish purple pigments (Fig. 1ab). The number of the cells is more than

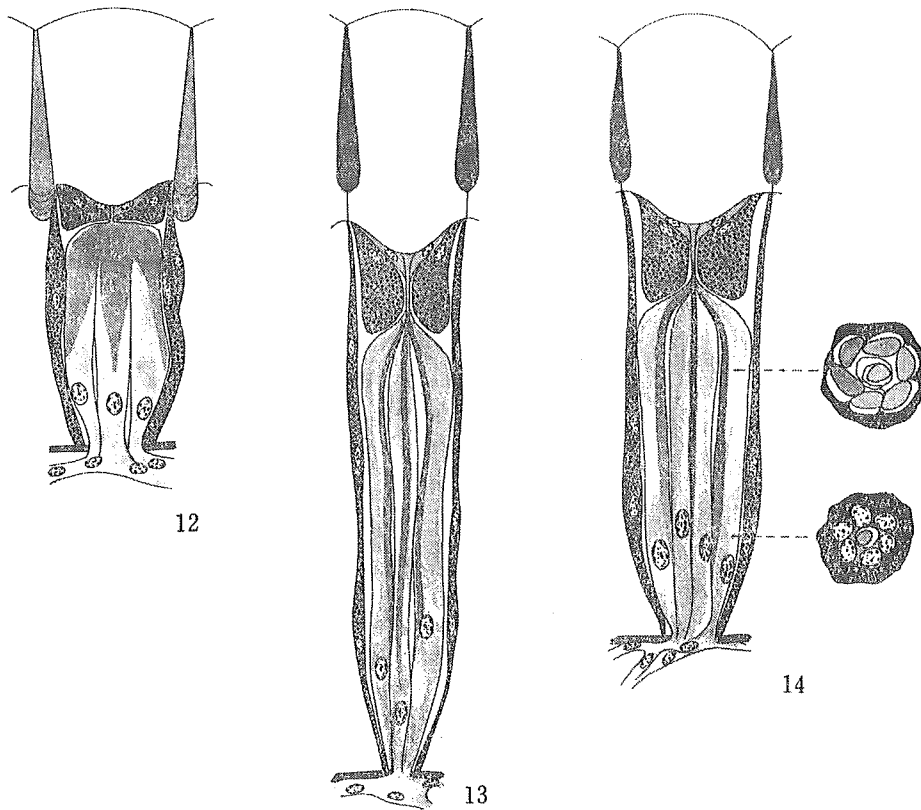


Fig. 12~14 Structure of ommatidium.
 12. *Uraeca bimaculata*, Lamiinae.
 13. *Glenea relicata*, Lamiinae.
 14. *Menesia sulphurata*, Lamiinae (right:cross section).

14 per an ommatidium (Fig. 7, 9, 14). The nucleus is distributed at the distal part of each cell.

ESTIMATION OF ACTIVITY BY STRUCTURE OF OMMATIDIUM

It was previously reported by YAGI and GOKAN (1964) that the corneal curvature in May beetles has a close relation to their activities. The method, however, is not enough to estimate the activities, because only one character was taken as an indicator. The authors, therefore, took 4 characters viz. coloration of corneal intervening line, index of corneal curvature, ratio between thickness and length of cornea, and ratio between reticular length and corneal thickness as indicators of activity, applying the YAGI and KOYAMA's method (1963ab, 1964), adopted to the Lepidopterous com-

pound eyes. Topics and their values estimated are as follows.

A. Coloration of intervening line of cornea

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Colorless | 0 |
| Pale yellow | 1 |
| Yellow | 2 |
| Brown..... | 3 |
| Blackish brown | 4 |
| Black | 5 |

B. Index of corneal curvature

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| Index grade | 30 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | |
| Estim. value | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

C. Ratio between thickness and length of cornea

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Index grade | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.0 | |
| Estim. value | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

D. Ratio between reticular length and corneal thickness

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Index grade | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.5 | |
| Estim. value | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Table 3 shows the estimations on the material beetles. The total sum expresses the activity of the species in light and dark, and the value of 7 is considered to be the limit indicator between diurnal and nocturnal activities as in the case of Lepidoptera (YAGI and KOYAMA, 1963 ab; KOYAMA, 1964). The species belonging to Prioninae, Disteniinae and *Stenygrinus* are 4~5 in the total value, which suggests that they are nocturnally active. On the other hand, the species having a higher value than 7 are diurnally active. The Lepturid beetles, in which the value ranges 8~15, fit exactly the case. The species such as *Mallambyx* and *Uraeca*, which have a value around 7, are estimated as diuro-nocturnally or nocto-diurnally active beetles.

So far as this estimation is concerned, *Anoplodermorpha*, *Mortha*, *Strangalomorpha*, *Parastrangalis* (Lepturinae), *Cyrtoclytus* and *Chlorophorus* (Cerambycinae), in which the total value is 14~15, are the representative species among diurnally active beetles; *Megopis* and *Stenygrinus* (total value, 3~4) seems to be the most active at night.

Table 3 Estimation of activity by ommatidial structure

| Subfamily | Species | Topics estimated | | | | Total |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|-------|
| | | A | B | C | D | |
| Prioninae | | | | | | |
| | <i>Megopsis sinica</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | <i>Prionus insularis</i> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Spondyliinae | | | | | | |
| | <i>Spondylis buprestoides</i> | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Disteniinae | | | | | | |
| | <i>Distenia gracilis</i> | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Lepturinae | | | | | | |
| | <i>Toxitinus reinii</i> | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| | <i>Omphalodera puziloe</i> | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| | <i>Pidonia mutata</i> | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| | <i>P. debilis</i> | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| | <i>Anoplodermomorpha excavata</i> | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| | <i>Mortha lepture scotodes</i> | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 14 |
| | <i>Strangalomorpha tenuis</i> | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| | <i>Parastrangalis nymphula</i> | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| | <i>Leptura ochraceofasciata</i> | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 13 |
| | <i>L. arcuata</i> | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| | <i>L. aethiops</i> | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Cerambycidae | | | | | | |
| | <i>Stenygrinus quadrinotatum</i> | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | <i>Cyrtoclytus caproides</i> | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| | <i>Chlorophorus annularis</i> | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 14 |
| | <i>C. japonicus</i> | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 14 |
| | <i>Purpuricenus temminckii</i> | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| | <i>Mallambyx raddei</i> | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| | <i>Pyrestes haematicus</i> | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| Lamiinae | | | | | | |
| | <i>Anoplophora malasiaca</i> | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| | <i>Uraeca bimaculata</i> | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| | <i>Palimna liturata</i> | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 |
| | <i>Asaperda agapanthina</i> | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| | <i>Menesia sulphurata</i> | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| | <i>Glenea relicata</i> | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| | <i>Pterolophia rigida</i> | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| | <i>P. jugosa</i> | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 |

SUMMARY

In this paper morphological studies are given on the compound eye of the longicorn beetles (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) with an estimation of their activities by the ommatidial structure.

1. The ommatidium is generally composed of 6 parts such as cornea, crystalline cone cell, iris pigment cell, rhabdome, reticular sense cell, and reticular pigment cell (Fig. 1a).

2. The compound eye belongs to the acone type because of absence of the crystalline cone.

3. The pigment and nuclear migrations caused by light and dark are hardly seen.

4. The facet diameter varies $22\sim 140\mu$ in different species (Table 1). The largest facet is found in *Mallambyx* ($\delta 140\mu$, $\text{♀} 110\mu$) and the other Prioninid species ($103\sim 121\mu$). The facet size is positively related to the body length (Fig. 2).

5. The shape of cornea varies according to species taking a bi-convex lense (Fig. 3). The intervening line of cornea bears a brownish coloration in some species, e. g. *Anoplodermorpha*, *Parastrangalis*, *Pyrestes*, *Glenea*, etc.

6. The index of corneal surface curvature ranges $9\sim 36$, viz. most convexed in *Stenygrinus* (36) and most flattened in *Strangalomorpha* (9).

7. The cornea is very thick in all species; the ratio between thickness and width exceeds 1.0 with exception of *Prionus* (9).

8. In some species the cornea is characterized by the most curious structure, on which no description has been found. This is the peripheral part of cornea inserting proximally into the interommatidial space. We call it "Corneal insertion" (Fig. 1b). The most developed form is seen in the *Prionus* eye (Fig. 6).

9. The reticular sense cell is 7 in number under an optical microscope (but 8 under an electron microscope) surrounding the rhabdome. The relative length of this part to the corneal thickness is generally short.

10. The crystalline cone cell is 4 in number. It does not secrete the crystalline cone.

11. The iris pigment cell contains densely brownish purple pigments, of which the number is 2.

12. The reticular pigment cell encloses the whole retinal part, containing richly brownish purple pigments. The number is more than 14 per ommatidium.

13. According to an estimation of the activities by the ommatidial structure, the total value of 7 is considered to be the limit indicator between diurnal and nocturnal activities (Table 3). For example the species belonging to Prioninae, Dis-

teniinae are 4~5 in the total value, which suggests that they are nocturnally active, the Lepturid beetles, in which the value ranges 8~15, are diurnally active, and the species such as *Mallambyx* and *Uraeca* are estimated as diuro-nocturnally or nocto-diurnally active because the value is around 7.

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