**Appendix**

Table 1: List of all taxa/ specimens used in the Fourier Analysis and their references

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| Species | Reference |
| 1. New HBS specimen | **PIMUZ A/I 5139**; Stored at the Paleontological Institute and Museum in Zürich, Switzerland |
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Table 2: List of all taxa that were used in the morphometric analyses and general information about each.

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| **specimen number** | **Name** | **Locality** | **Age** | **Size** | **Class** | **Order** |
| **1** | *Hangenberg black shale jaw* | Hangenberg shale morocco | latest Devonian | 1.3 cm | ?? | ?? |
| **2** | *Ischnacanthus sp.* | Midland Valley in Tealing, Forfarshire, Scotland | Lochkovian | 4.3 cm | Acanthodii | Ischnacanthiformes |
| **3** | *Climatius reticulatus* | Tillywhandland Quarry, Scotland | Lochkovian | ?? | Acanthodii | Climatiiformes |
| **4** | *Latviacanthus ventspilsensis* | Ventspils, Lettland | late Early Devonian | 2.0 cm | Acanthodii | Climatiiformes |
| **5** | *Ptomacanthus anglicus* | fish lens, Wayne Herbert Quarry, Welsh Border Region | Early Devonian |  2-3 cm | Acanthodii | Climatiiformes |
| **6** | *Acanthodopsis sp.* | Northumberland Coal Measures | Carboniferous | 3.9 cm | Acanthodii | Diplacanthiformes |
| **7** | *Tetanopsyrus lindoei* | MOTH, Canada | Lochkovian | 4.5 mm | Acanthodii | Diplacanthiformes |
| **8** | *Cheiracanthus grandispinus* | Achanarras Quarry, Caithness, Scotland | Middle Devonian | 3.7 cm | Acanthodii | Acanthodiformes |
| **9** | *Cheiracanthus murchisoni* | Tynet Burn, Scotland | Middle Devonian | 2.4 cm | Acanthodii | Acanthodiformes |
| **10** | *Halimacanthodes ahlbergi* | Gogo Formation, Canning Basin, Western Australia. | Frasnian | 1.1 cm | Acanthodii | Acanthodiformes |
| **11** | *Acanthodes bronni* | Lebach, Saar-Nahe basin (southwesternGermany) | Early Permian, Sakmarian–Asselian | 6.1 cm | Acanthodii | Acanthodiformes |
| **12** | *Pucapampella sp.* | Belén Formation (La Paz region, Bolivia) | Emsian | 6.4 cm | Chondrichthyes |  |
| **13** | *Gladbachus adentatus* | Lower Plattenkalk,Unterthal, Bergisch Gladbach (Germany) | Upper Givetian, Upper Middle Devonian | 28.9 cm | Chondrichthyes |  |
| **14** | *Kathemacanthus rosulentus* | MOTH, Canada | Lochkovian | 1.7 cm | Chondrichthyes, (Elasmobranchs?) | incertae sedis |
| **15** | *Gogoselachus lynbeazleyae* | Gogo Formation, Canning Basin, Western Australia. | Frasnian | 5 cm | Chondrichtyhes, (Elasmobranchs?) | incertae sedis |
| **16** | *Squatina sp.* | Puerto Madryn Formation, northeastern Chubut Province, Argentina | Miocene | 9.7 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Squatiniformes |
| **17** | *Squalus acanthias* | East Sound and Upright Head off Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands, Washington, USA. | recent |  | Chondrichtyhes, Elasmobranchs | Squatiniformes |
| **18** | *Palidiplospinax occultidens* | Lyme Regis (England) | Sinemurian, Jurassic | 4.8 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Synechodontiformes |
| **19** | *Synechodus dubrisiensis* |  | Late Cretaceous |  | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Synechodontiformes |
| **20** | *Tribodus limae* | upper Romualdo member,Santana Formation, Chapada do Araripe, Ceara´ Province, northeastern Brazil | Early Cretaceous | 4.5 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Hybodontiformes |
| **21** | *Onychoselache traquairi* | Mumbie Quarry, Glencartholm Wood, Scotland | Vise´an (Holkerian) | 1.9 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Hybodontiformes |
| **22** | *Egertonodus basanus* | ?? | ?? | 16.8 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Hybodontiformes |
| **23** | *Palaeobates polaris* | ‘fish horizon’ of Spitsbergen(Svalbard archipelago, Arctic Norway) | Smithian | 11 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Hybodontiformes |
| **24** | *Tristychius arcuatus* | Wardie Beach locality of Edinburgh, Scotland | Middle Mississipian, Viséan (Asbian) | 3.2 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Hybodontiformes |
| **25** | *Phoebodus sp.* | Morocco | Devonian | ?? | Chondrichtyhes, Elasmobranchs | Phoebodontiformes |
| **26** | *Orthacanthus sp.* | ?? | Perm | ?? | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Xenacanthiformes |
| **27** | *Diplodoselache woodi* | Oil Shale Groups, Edinburgh | Lower Carboniferous, Visean | 15.4 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Xenacanthiformes |
| **28** | *Triodus aeduorum* | Muse OSB, Autun Basin (Saône-et-Loire), France | lower Asselian (lowermost Permian) | 8.3 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Xenacanthiformes |
| **29** | *Acronemus tuberculatus* | Monte San Giorgio, Kt. Tessin, Switzerland, | Middle Triassic | 6 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Ctenacanthiformes |
| **30** | *Heslerodus divergens* | ?? | ?? | 10.4 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Ctenacanthiformes |
| **31** | *Ctenacanthus concinnus* | Cleveland shale, Ohio, U.S.A. | Upper Devonian (Fammenian) | 31 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Ctenacanthiformes |
| **32** | *Ctenacanthus sp.* | Morocco | Devonian | ?? | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Ctenacanthiformes |
| **33** | *Dracopristis hoffmanorum* | Kinney Brick Quarry Lagerstätte in the Manzanita Mountains east of Albuquerque New Mexico | Late Pennsylvanian (Missiourian) | 31.1 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Ctenacanthiformes |
| **34** | *Cladodoides wildungensis* | ?? | ?? | ?? | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Ctenacanthiformes |
| **35** | *Cladodus elegans* | Lugton, Ayrshire, Scotland. | Lower Carboniferous Upper Vise´an, Brigantian Stage | 39 cm | Chondrichthyes, Elasmobranchs | Ctenacanthiformes |
| **36** | *Ozarcus mapesae* | Arkansas,United States | LowerCarboniferous | 6.8 cm | Chondrichthyes, Holocephalans | Symmoriiformes |
| **37** | *Akmonistion zangerli* | Manse Burn Formation, Bearsden, Scotland | Serpukhovian, Lower Carboniferous | 11.3 cm | Chondrichthyes, Holocephalans | Symmoriiformes |
| **38** | *Cobelodus aculeatus* | central basin complex of north america | Pennsylvanian | 13.5 cm | Chondrichthyes, Holocephalans | Symmoriiformes |
| **39** | *Ferromirum oukherbouchi* | Anti-Atlas, Morocco | Late Devonian | 3.9 cm | Chondrichthyes, Holocephalans | Symmoriiformes |
| **40** | *Chondrenchelys problematica* | Mumbie Quarry, Scotland | early Carboniferous, Vise´an (Holkerian) | 1.7 cm | Chondrichthyes, Holocephalans | Chondrenchelyformes |
| **41** | *Cladoselache sp.* | Anti-Atlas, Morocco | Late Devonian, Famennian | ?? | Chondrichthyes, Holocephalans | Cladoselachiformes |
| **42** | *Maghriboselache sp.* | Anti-Atlas, Morocco | Late Devonian, Famennian | ?? | Chondrichthyes, Holocephalans | Cladoselachiformes |