Dr. Alexander Sehlke Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITION

Research Scientist at NASA Ames Research Center, contracting through the Bay Area Environmental Research Institute, Moffett Field, CA 94035 Office Phone: (650) 604-3651, Email: alexander.sehlke@nasa.gov

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Planetary Geology, Volcanism, Terrestrial Analogs, Thermoluminescence, New Technology and Instrument Development, Space Resources, Robotic and Human Space Exploration

EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D. in Geological Science with Minor in College Teaching University of Missouri. Columbia MO

Thesis Title: "The Rheological Evolution of Planetary Basalts During Cooling and Crystallization". Thesis Advisor: Dr. A.G. Whittington

2011 Diploma in Geosciences

Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany

Undergraduate Thesis Title: H_2O Diffusion in natural Beryl and Cordierite by micro-Raman Spectroscopy. Thesis Advisor: Dr. H. Behrens

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Since Research Scientist NASA Ames Research Center/ BAER Institute, Moffett Field CA NASA Technical Monitor: Dr. J.L. Heldmann

2019 NASA Post-doctoral Fellow

-2016 NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field CA Supervisors: Drs. J.L. Heldmann and D.S.S. Lim

B PUBLICATIONS

- 30 Peer-reviewed journal publications, 682 Citations, h-index: 14, Google Scholar, Student Interns*
- **Sehlke, A.**, Sears, D. W. G., & the ANGSA Science Team. (2024). Cold Trap Prospecting on the Moon: Theory and Insights from Low Temperature Thermoluminescence of Lunar Regolith. *Icarus*. In review.
 - Sears, D. W. G., **Sehlke, A.**, Schmitt, H. H., & the ANGSA Science Team. (2024). Thermoluminescence and Apollo 17 ANGSA lunar samples: NASA's fifty-year experiment and prospecting for cold traps. *Authorea Preprints*. https://doi.org/10.22541/AU.170967885.52170034/V1
 - Morlok, A., **Sehlke, A.**, Stojic, A. N., Whittington, A., Weber, I., Reitze, M. P., Hiesinger, H., & Helbert, J. (2024). Synthetic analogs for lava flows on the surface of Mercury: A mid-infrared study. *Icarus*, *415*, 116078. https://doi.org/10.1016/J.ICARUS.2024.116078
 - **Sehlke, A.**, Sears, D. W. G., & the ANGSA Science Team. (2024). The Apollo 17 Regolith: Induced Thermoluminescence Evidence for Formation by a Single Event ~100 Million Years Ago and Possibly the Presence of Tycho Material. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets*, 129(4), e2023JE008083. https://doi.org/10.1029/2023JE008083
- Sears, D. W. G., **Sehlke, A.**, Hughes S., Kobs-Nawotniak S. E. (2022) Ejecta blocks around the Kings Bowl phreatomagmatic crater in Idaho: An indication of subsurface water amounts with implications for Mars. *Planetary and Space Science* 222. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2022.105564
 - Rader, E., Ackiss S., **Sehlke, A.**, Bishop, J., Orrill B., Odegaard, K., Meier, M., Doloughan, A. (2022) Average VNIR reflectance: A rapid, sample-free method to estimate glass content and crystallinity of fresh basaltic lava. *Icarus Volume* 383. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.icarus.2022.115084
- Whittington, A. G. & **Sehlke, A.** (2021) Spontaneous Reheating of Crystallizing Lava: An Experimental Study. Geology, Volume 49, Issue 12. https://doi.org/10.1130/G49148.1
 - Jenniskens, P., Gabadirwe, M., Yun, Q. Z., with **Sehlke, A.** among 61 (2021) The impact and recovery of asteroid 2018 LA. *Meteoritics & Planetary Science 1-50*. https://doi.org/10.1111/maps.13653
 - Sears, D. W. G., **Sehlke, A.**, & Hughes, S. S. (2021). Induced thermoluminescence as a method for dating recent volcanism: The Blue Dragon flow, Idaho, USA and the factors affecting induced thermoluminescence. *Planetary and Space Science*, *195*, 105129. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2020.105129

Brady, A. L., Gibbons, E., **Sehlke, A.**, *Renner, C. J*.*, Kobs Nawotniak, S. E., Lim, D. S. S., & Slater, G. F. (2020). Microbial community distribution in variously altered basalts: Insights into astrobiology sample site selection. *Planetary and Space Science*, 194, 105107. https://doi.org/10.1016/J.PSS.2020.105107

Hughes, S. S., Garry, W. B., **Sehlke, A.**, Christiansen, E. H., Kobs Nawotniak, S. E., Sears, D. W. G., Elphic, R. C., Lim, D. S. S., & Heldmann, J. L. (2020). Basaltic fissure types on Earth: Suitable analogs to evaluate the origins of volcanic terrains on the Moon and Mars? *Planetary and Space Science*, 193, 105091. https://doi.org/10.1016/J.PSS.2020.105091

Sehlke, A., Hofmeister, A. M., & Whittington, A. G. (2020). Thermal properties of glassy and molten planetary candidate lavas. *Planetary and Space Science*, 193, 105089. https://doi.org/10.1016/J.PSS.2020.105089

Sehlke, A., & Whittington, A. G. (2020). Rheology of a KREEP Analog Magma: Experimental Results Applied to Dike Ascent through the Lunar Crust. *Planetary and Space Science*, 187.

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Morrison, A. A., Whittington, A., Smets, B., Kervyn, M. and **Sehlke, A.** (2020) The Rheology of Crystallizing basaltic lavas from Nyiragongo and Nyamuragira volcanoes, D.R.C. *Volcanica*, 3(1), pp. 1-28. https://doi.org/10.30909/vol.03.01.0128

Sehlke, A., Mirmalek, Z., <u>Burtt, D.</u>*, Haberle, C. W., Santiago-Materese, D., Kobs Nawotniak, S. E., Hughes, S. S., Garry, W. B., Bramall, N., Brown, A. J., Heldmann, J. L., & Lim, D. S. S. (2019). Requirements for Portable Instrument Suites during Human Scientific Exploration of Mars. *Astrobiology*, 19(3), 401–425. https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1841

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Kobs Nawotniak, S. E., Miller, M. J., Stevens, A. H., Marquez, J. J., Payler, S. J., Brady, A. L., Hughes, S. S., Haberle, C. W., **Sehlke, A.**, Beaton, K. H., Chappell, S. P., Elphic, R. C., & Lim, D. S. S. (2019). Opportunities and Challenges of Promoting Scientific Dialog throughout Execution of Future Science-Driven Extravehicular Activity. *Astrobiology*, *19*(3), 426–439. https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1901

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Lim, D. S. S., Abercromby, A. F. J., Kobs Nawotniak, S. E., Lees, D. S., Miller, M. J., Brady, A. L., Miller, M. J., Mirmalek, Z., **Sehlke, A.**, Payler, S. J., Stevens, A. H., Haberle, C. W., Beaton, K. H., Chappell, S. P., Hughes, S. S., Cockell, C. S., Elphic, R. C., Downs, M. T., & Heldmann, J. L. (2019). The BASALT Research Program: Designing and Developing Mission Elements in Support of Human Scientific Exploration of Mars. *Astrobiology*, *19*(3), 245–259. https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1869

Sears, D. W. G., **Sehlke, A.**, Friedrich, J. M., Rivers, M. L., & Ebel, D. S. (2018). X-ray computed tomography of extraterrestrial rocks eradicates their natural radiation record and the information it contains. *Meteoritics and Planetary Science*, *53*(12), 2624–2631 https://doi.org/10.1111/maps.13183

Sears, D. W. G., Sears, H., **Sehlke, A.**, & Hughes, S. S. (2018). Induced thermoluminescence as a method for dating recent volcanism: Hawaii County, Hawaii, USA. *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*, 349. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvolgeores.2017.09.022

- Sears, D. W. G., Sears, H., **Sehlke, A.**, & Hughes, S. S. (2017). Induced thermoluminescence as a method for dating recent volcanism: Eastern Snake River Plain, Idaho, USA. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, 122(2). https://doi.org/10.1002/2016JB013596
- 2016 Hofmeister, A. M., Sehlke, A., Avard, G., Bollasina, A. J., Robert, G., & Whittington, A. G. (2016). Transport properties of glassy and molten lavas as a function of temperature and composition. *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*, 327. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvolgeores.2016.08.015

Sehlke, A., & Whittington, A. G. (2016). The viscosity of planetary tholeiitic melts: A configurational entropy model. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta, 191.* https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2016.07.027

Soldati, A., **Sehlke, A.**, Chigna, G., & Whittington, A. G. (2016). Field and experimental constraints on the rheology of arc basaltic lavas: the January 2014 Eruption of Pacaya (Guatemala). *Bulletin of Volcanology*, 78(6).https://doi.org/10.1007/s00445-016-1031-6

- **Sehlke, A.,** & Whittington, A. G. (2015). Rheology of lava flows on Mercury: An analog experimental study. *Journal of Geophysical Research E: Planets, 120*(11). https://doi.org/10.1002/2015JE004792
- Hofmeister, A. M., **Sehlke, A.**, & Whittington, A. G. (2014). Thermal diffusivity of Fe-rich pyroxene glasses and their melts. *Chemical Geology*, 384. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemgeo.2014.06.018

Sehlke, A., Whittington, A. G., Robert, B., Harris, A., Gurioli, L., Médard, E., & Sehlke, A. (2014). Pāhoehoe to `a`ā transition of Hawaiian lavas: An experimental study. *Bulletin of Volcanology*, 76(11). https://doi.org/10.1007/s00445-014-0876-9

Robert, B., Harris, A., Gurioli, L., Médard, E., **Sehlke, A.**, & Whittington, A. G. (2014). Textural and rheological evolution of basalt flowing down a lava channel. *Bulletin of Volcanology*, 76(6), 1-21. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00445-014-0824-8

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2020 NASA Ames Honor Award Contractor Employee
- 2020 NASA Ames Honor Award Partnership with RESOURCE
- 2020 NASA Ames Honor Award Team/Group with BASALT
- 2018 NASA Ames Honor Award Team/Group with FINESSE

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 1-Year Funded Extension, Thermoluminescence Studies on Frozen Apollo
 17 Samples: Temperature Estimates of Shaded and Illuminated Lunar
 Surfaces. NASA ROSES Science Mission Directorate Single-Source By
 invitation only (2022). Pl: Alexander Sehlke, Co-I: Derek Sears.
- 1-Year Funded Extension, Thermoluminescence Studies on Frozen Apollo
 17 Samples: Temperature Estimates of Shaded and Illuminated Lunar Surfaces. NASA ROSES Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis (ANGSA)
 PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-I: Derek Sears.
- **THEIA Thermal History Exploration Instrument for Artemis.** NASA Ames Center Innovation Funds. Pl: Jennifer L. Heldmann, Co-I Alexander Sehlke, Co-I Derek Sears.

- **SSERVI RESOURCE (Resources for Exploration & Science of OUR Cosmic Environment).** NASA SSERVI CAN-3. PI: Jennifer L. Heldmann, Deputy PIs: Alexander Sehlke* & Matt Deans. Co-Is: 16 in Academia, Federal Agencies and Private Sector.
- Thermoluminescence Studies on Frozen Apollo 17 Samples: Temperature Estimates of Shaded and Illuminated Lunar Surfaces. NASA ROSES Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis (ANGSA) PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-I: Derek Sears.
- **2019** Fast and/or Furious? Nature and Emplacement History of Lavas Erupted on Mars. NASA ROSES Solar System Workings (SSW) PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-I: Alan Whittington.
- 2018 IceCrystal: Portable instrument protocol to delineate ancient ice and water on Mars using microcrystallinity of volcanic products. NASA ROSES PSTAR (Planetary Science and Technology from Analog Research). PI: Erika Rader, Co-I: Alexander Sehlke, Janice Bishop.
- **2018** NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship 3rd-year extension at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- **2017 Orbit to Core Research Grant** for Collaboration between NASA/USGS Menlo Park, CA. Funds from NASA Ames Research Center.
- **2016** NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- **Travel Awards** for Chapman Conference on Hawaiian volcanoes in August 2012. Funds by American Geophysical Union, Graduate Student Association of the University of Missouri Columbia. Graduate Professional Council (GPC) at the University of Missouri Columbia.

ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2022 Requirements for Handheld VNIR and XRF Instruments during Human Exploration Missions. Lunar Petrology and Landed Instrument Interchange Workshop, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena CA
- 2021 Exploration of our Solar System: Earth-based Science Investigations in Preparation for NASA's 'Moon to Mars' Campaign. Graduate Student

Seminar. Dept. of Geological Science, University of Texas at San Antonio, TX (virtual)

- 2020 Rheological and Thermal Evolution of Magmatic Systems: Insights into the Volcanic Past of our Solar System. University of California Santa Cruz CA
- 2019 Rheological and Thermal Evolution of Magmatic Systems: Insights into the Volcanic Past in our Solar System. GeoMünster Conference, Münster, Germany Keynote
- Anatomy of the Blue Dragon: Changes in Lava Flow Morphology and Physical Properties Observed in an Open Channel Lava Flow as a Planetary Analogue. Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Seattle WA
- **2017** Designing Future Human Spaceflight. Sensors Expo 2017 San Jose CA Keynote
- 2017 Straight outta morphologies: Understanding the magmatic history of lava terrains on Earth and other rocky worlds in our Solar System. San Jose State University, CA
- The morphological transition from pāhoehoe to 'a'ā of basaltic lavas: Combining field studies and experimental work to interpret the volcanic past on Earth and other planets and moons. USGS Menlo Park, CA

Recent First-Author Conference Abstracts (Past 5 Years)

- **Sehlke, A.**, Sears, D.W.G. and the ANGSA Science Team (2023) Lunar Regolith Thermoluminescence Glow Curve Fitting to Extract Its Most Important Kinetic Parameters. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract #1870. *Oral Presentation*
 - **Sehlke, A.** and Whittington, A. G. (2023) New Model to Calculate Lava Viscosity During Disequilibrium Crystallization for a Wide Range in Cooling and Strain Rates. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract #2677. *Poster Presentation*
- **Sehlke, A.** and Sears, D.W.G. (2022) Thermal Histories of Lunar Cold Traps: Prospecting for Volatiles by Thermoluminescence. Lunar Polar Volatiles Conference, Abstract #5024. *Poster Presentation*
 - Sehlke, A., Sears, D.W.G. and the ANGSA Science Team (2022) A Fifty-Year Experiment, the Natural TL Kinetics of Apollo 17 Regolith, and

Prospecting for Water and Other Volatiles on the Moon. Apollo 17 ANGSA Workshop, Abstract #2030. *Oral Presentation*

Sehlke, A., Sears, D.W.G., and Heldmann J. L. (2022) THEIA — A Thermal History Exploration Instrument for Artemis. Annual Meeting of the Lunar Exploration Analysis Group, Abstract #5005. *Poster Presentation*

Sehlke, A., Sears, D.W.G., and Heldmann J. L. (2022) In-Situ Thermoluminescence Measurements on the Moon Using THEIA - Thermal History Exploration Instrument for Artemis. NASA SSERVI Exploration Science Forum. *Poster Presentation*

Sehlke, A., Sears, D.W.G. and the ANGSA Science Team (2022) Five Decades of Thermoluminescence Studies on Lunar Samples: First Results of NASA's Unique 46-Year Experiment and Implications for Resource Prospecting on the Moon. 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract #1267. *Oral Presentation*

Sehlke, A. and Whittington, A. G. (2022) High-Temperature Rheology Measurements on Planetary Analog Magmas and Lavas. 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract #1171. *Poster Presentation*

Sehlke, A., Leija J., Kobs Nawotniak, S. E. et al. (2021) Lava Surface Roughness and Morphologies: A New Remote-Sensing Method To Estimate Physical Properties of Lava Flows on Earth, the Moon and Mars. Workshop on Terrestrial Analogs for Planetary Exploration, Virtual. *Oral Presentation*

Sehlke, A., Sears, D.W.G. and the ANGSA Science Team (2021) **Natural** Thermoluminescence of Lunar Samples: Review and Update. 52nd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LPI Contrib. No. 2548. Virtual Conference. *Oral Presentation*

Sehlke, A. and Sears, D.W.G. (2020) A luminescence-based Instrument to Explore the History and Nature of the Lunar Surface. American Geophysical Union 2020 Fall Meeting. Abstract #V013-0006. Virtual Conference. *Oral Presentation*

Sehlke, A. and Sears, D.W.G. (2020) Looking Backwards to Look Forward: A Fifty-Year Experiment in the Kinetics of Thermoluminescence of Lunar Samples and the Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis Program (ANGSA). LPI Contrib. No. 1147. *Oral Presentation* (Conference Cancelled)

2019 Sehlke A, Hofmeister AM, and Whittington AG (2019). Thermal Properties of Glassy and Molten Planetary Candidate Lavas. American Geophysical Union Annual Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA. *Poster Presentation*

Sehlke A, Mirmalek Z, Burtt D, Haberle CW, Santiago-Materese D, Kobs Nawotniak SE, Hughes SS, Bramall N, Garry WB, Brown A, Heldmann JL, Lim DSS. (2018) Requirements for portable instrument suites during human scientific exploration of Mars. NASA Exploration Science Forum, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field CA. *Oral Presentation*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

	University of Missouri - Columbia, MO
2015	Course Instructor – The Moon. Undergraduate
2015	Teaching Assistant - Regional Geology Field Course. Undergraduate
	Teaching Assistant/Lab Experiments – Igneous Petrology. Graduate
2013	Teaching Assistant – Mineralogy. Undergraduate
2012	Teaching Assistant – Mineralogy. Undergraduate

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Since | Full-time Research Scientist

2019 NASA Ames Research Center/ BAER Institute, Moffett Field CA

- ANGSA (Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis) Consortium
- SSSERVI RESOURCE (Resources for Exploration & Science of OUR Cosmic Environment)
- THEIA Thermal History Exploration Instrument for Artemis
- NASA VIPER Mission
- Handheld Spectrometers for Human Exploration Missions
- Rheology of Planetary Lavas

2011 Teaching Assistant – Mineralogy. Undergraduate

2018 Post-doctoral Researcher

- -2016 NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field CA
 - SSERVI FINESSE (Field Investigations to Enable Solar System Science and Exploration)
 - BASALT (Biologic Analog Science Associated with Lava Terrains)

2015 Graduate Student Research Assistant

- -2011 University of Missouri, Columbia MO
- **2010** Undergraduate Student Research Assistant
- -2006 Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany

Field Work Leadership

United States: Cascade Volcanic Arc, Eastern Snake River Plains, Hawaii Central America: Guatemala, Costa Rica

Europe: Iceland

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

since NASA Internship at NASA Ames Research Center

- 2017
- Summer 2023, Adriana Ariza Pardo, Graduate at UT San Antonio
- Spring 2021, Iyare Oseghae. Undergraduate at UT San Antonio
- Fall 2020, Brianna Orrill, Undergraduate at Arizona State University
- Fall 2020, Javier Leija, Undergraduate at Sam Houston University
- Summer 2018, Caleb Renner, Undergraduate at Idaho State University
- Spring 2017, David Burtt, Undergraduate at Whitman College

2015 University of Missouri, Columbia MO

-2012

 Laboratory Supervisor for Undergraduate and Graduate Students, Visiting Researchers

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Peer-Review

since | Manuscript Review (anonymous)

2015 AGU, JVGR, Icarus – once/twice per year

since NASA Review Panels

2016

FINESST student research proposals in NASA's Planetary and Earth Science Division, ~twice per year; Solar System Workings and Planetary Data Archiving, Restoration, and Tools - once per year

Public Outreach Events

Current | ExMASS (Exploration of the Moon and Asteroids by Secondary Students)

- 2022

Advisor

Logos Charter School, Medford OR – virtual

2019

Silicon Valley Comic Con, San Jose, CA

Panel Discussion: The Artemis Generation: NASA's Journey Forward to the Moon.

2017

Fremont Peak Observatory, San Juan Bautista, CA

Public lecture titled "Volcanism Across the Solar System"

2017

NASA Total Solar Eclipse Event, Arco ID

Science demonstration related to volcanism

2015

Rockbridge High School, Columbia MO

-2012

Volunteering at the STEM expo. Engaging elementary school students in activities related to volcanology, including rock and mineral samples, microscopy and lava flow rheology with food analogs.