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Research Interests: Planetary Surface Process, Icy Satellites, Tectonics, Geophysics, Science Communication

Technical Skills: **Programming:** Matlab; Python; Microsoft Excel; Google Sheets | **Mapping:** ArcPro/ArcMap | **Modeling:** SatStressGUI; COMSOL; University of Miami Wave Model (UMWM) | **Graphic Design:** Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and InDesign; Microsoft Word and Powerpoint; Google Docs and Slides

Education

Ph.D. Candidate - Astronomy | Cornell University | Ithaca, NY Aug. 2022 – Present

Thesis Topic: Icy Satellite Surface Processes

Advisor: Dr. Alexander Hayes

Committee: Dr. Jonathan Lunine, Dr. Riley Culberg, Dr. Alexander Evans (Brown University)

M.S. - Astronomy | Cornell University | Ithaca, NY Aug. 2022 – Nov. 2024

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M.S. - Applied Geological Sciences | U. of Alaska Anchorage | Anchorage, AK Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2021

Thesis: "Regional Scale Tectonic Features at Argadnel Regio and Agenor Linea, Europa: Evidence in Support of a Plate Tectonic Paradigm"

Advisor: Dr. Simon Kattenhorn

Committee: Dr. LeeAnn Munk, Dr. Louise Prockter (Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab)

B.S. - Geology (*cum laude*) | NC State University | Raleigh, NC Aug. 2014 – May. 2019

Minors: Meteorology; Graphic Communications

Advisor: Dr. Paul Byrne

Scientific Research & Work Experience

Graduate Researcher — Cornell University Aug. 2022 – Present

Advisor: Dr. Alexander Hayes

Numerically models of double ridge formation on Europa and wind-driven waves on Titan's lakes and seas

Associate Professional Staff — Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab (APL) Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2022

Supervisors: Dr. Wes Patterson and Dr. Zibi Turtle

Researched Europa plate tectonics, assisted Europa Clipper Europa Imaging System (EIS) team with camera calibration and science operation center development

Graduate Research Assistant — University of Alaska Anchorage Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2021

Advisor: Dr. Simon Kattenhorn

Mapped and modeled fractures on Europa to search for evidence of plate tectonics

NASA/ORISE Intern — APL Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2019

Supervisor: Dr. Kim Seelos

Mapped (ArcGIS) aeolian erosion on Mars

Earth and Planetary Studies Intern — Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Jun. 2017 – Aug. 2017
 Supervisor: Dr. Bob Craddock
 Mapped (ArcGIS) fluvial erosion on Mars and conducted field work in Hawai'i

Research Assistant to Senior Ph.D. Student — NCSU Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2017
 Supervisor: Corbin Kling
 Mapped (ArcGIS) tectonic features in Noctis Labyrinthus, Mars

Independent Research — NCSU Aug. 2016 – Aug. 2019
 Supervisor: Dr. Paul Byrne
 Researched geomorphology of Iapetus's Equatorial Ridge

Honors and Awards

Outer Planets Assessment Group Travel Grant | \$1,500 | OPAG 2025
 Cranson and Edna B. Shelley Graduate Research Award | Cornell University 2025
 Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) | \$150,000 | NASA 2024
 Graduate Student Travel Award | \$500 | GSA 2022
 Space Exploration Sector Quick Innovation Award | \$5000 | APL 2022
 Assigned names to 3 geologic features on Europa (Acacallis, Arachne, and Ancaeus Linea) | IAU 2022
 Dwornik Award for Undergraduate Poster - Honorable Mention | LPSC 2018
 Undergraduate Student Travel Award | \$100 | GSA Southeast 2018
 Undergraduate Student Travel Award | \$1000 | NCSU 2018
 Dean's List | NCSU Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Visual Arts Experience

Art Exhibitions

Group Art Exhibition: "December Jurried Show" | *State of the Art Gallery, Ithaca NY* December 2025
Featured Artist at Hound and Mare Cafe | *Ithaca NY* September 2024–October 2025
Group Art Exhibition: "PURPLE" | *Mix Art Gallery, Ithaca NY* October 2025
Solo Art Exhibition: "Planet Pointillism" | *Big Red Barn, Cornell University, Ithaca NY* October 2025
Solo Art Exhibition at Ithaca Gallery Night | *Hound and Mare Cafe, Ithaca NY* April 2024
Solo Art Exhibition at Ithaca Gallery Night | *Hound and Mare Cafe, Ithaca NY* November 2024
Featured Artist at Melding Art & Science Exhibition | *Cornell University, Ithaca NY* November 2023

Honors and Awards

Featured Photographer (2024 GSA Calendar) | GSA 2023
 1st Place in Photography and Computer Art Show | APL 2022
 Finalist in Alaska Photography Contest | Alaska Rock Gym 2020

Science Communication Experience

Astronomy on Tap | Ithaca, NY | *Co-founder and Branding & Marketing lead* 2024 – Present
Planetary Lunch Organizer | Cornell 2023 – Present
Museum in the Dark | Cayuga Nature Center | *Cornell Astronomy Rep.* 2022
College of Arts and Sciences Science Fair | U-Alaska Anchorage | *Geology Club Rep.* 2019

Invited Outreach Talks

"NASA's Adventure to Jupiter's Icy Moon, Europa" <i>Astronomy on Tap</i> Ithaca, NY	Sept. 2024
"Defining a Planet" <i>The CosmoQuest Hangout-a-thon (live podcast)</i>	Oct. 2020
Annual "Meet a Scientist" Guest Speaker <i>Abbotts Creek Elementary</i> Raleigh, NC	2016-2020

Honors and Awards

Figure from first author paper featured on journal cover <i>Icarus</i>	2021
Planetary Geomorphology Image of the Month IAG	2021

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant (ASTRO 2202) Cornell University	Fall 2023
Spacecraft Tour of the Solar System: Science, Policy and Exploration Avg. student rating: 9.3/10	
Lead Teaching Assistant (ASTRO 1102) Cornell University	Spring 2023
Our Solar System Avg. student rating: 9.3/10	
Teaching Assistant (ASTRO 1101) Cornell University	Fall 2022
From New Worlds to Black Holes Avg. student rating: 9/10	

Mission Involvement

TIDES – NASA's Planetary Science Summer School

Proposal Manager & Deputy Systems Engineer (Summer 2025)

Europa Clipper: Europa Imaging System (EIS)

Graduate Student Affiliate (2022 – Present) | Professional Affiliate (2021 – 2022)

Dragonfly

Graduate Student Associate (2024 – Present)

Major Projects

TIDES (mission to Triton) NASA's Planetary Science Summer School	Summer 2025
Terrestrial Analogs of Europa's Double Ridges Cornell - Planetary Surfaces Course	Spring 2024
Sample Return from Europa Cornell - Space Exploration Engineering Course	Fall 2023
Experimental Studies of Europa's Fractures Cornell - Ocean Worlds Course	Fall 2022
Gas and Oil Opportunities on Alaska's North Slope U of Alaska - Geophysics Course	Fall 2019
Mission to Venus NCSU - Spacecraft Exploration of the Solar System Course	Spring 2019
Monitoring Convective Storm Systems in Nashville, TN NCSU - Remote Sensing Course	Fall 2017

Professional Involvement

Community Service and Outreach

Colloquium Committee Cornell Astronomy <i>Student Rep.</i>	Fall 2025 – Present
Europa Clipper Sunrise Group <i>Leadership Team</i>	2025 – Present
Astronomy Graduate Network Cornell <i>President (24' – 25'); Field Rep (23' – 24')</i>	2022 – 2025

Advocates for Diverse Abilities APL <i>member</i>	2021 – 2022
Geology Club U-Alaska Anchorage <i>member</i>	2019 – 2021
Geology Club NCSU <i>President (17' - 19'); Vice President (16' - 17')</i>	2015 – 2019
Sciences Council NCSU <i>Secretary (17' - 18')</i>	2015 – 2019

Invited Research Talks

"Surf's Up on Titan: Modeling the seasonality of Wind-Driven Hydrocarbon Waves on Ligeia Mare and Ontario Lacus"

American Geophysical Union Meeting | New Orleans, LA Dec. 2025

"Modeling wind-driven waves on Ontario Lacus and Ligeia Mare, Titan"

Brown University Planetary Lunch | Providence, RI Feb. 2025

"A Brief History of Plate Motions on Europa: Astypalaea, Libya, and Cyclades Macula"

Annual Geological Society of America Conference | Denver, CO Oct. 2022

JPL Icy Collaboration and Exchange (ICE) Speaker Series | Virtual May 2022

APL Space Exploration Sector Science Smorgasbord | Laurel, MD Apr. 2022

Europa Clipper EIS Science Team Meeting | Laurel, MD Mar. 2022

Professional Service

Peer Reviews: Icarus (2022), Planetary Science Journal (2021)

Panels: NASA ROSES — Executive Secretary (2021), NASA SCUBED — Executive Secretary (2025)

Conference Planning and Participation:

Europa Clipper EIS Science Team Meeting — co-chair & moderator 2021

3rd Interstellar Probe Exploration Workshop — graduate notetaker 2020

2023-2031 Planetary Science Decadal White Paper Endorsements:

"Opportunities and Challenges for Structural Geology and Tectonics in the Planetary Sciences, A Critical Zone Network Approach to the Study of Mars"

"Aeolian Processes and Landforms Across the Solar System: Science and Technology Requirements for the Next Decade"

Mentorship

Europa ICONS Intern | Juli Keiper (UMass Amherst) | Sophomore Undergraduate Summer 2024

Professional Memberships

American Geophysical Union (AGU) 2020 – Present

Geological Society of America (GSA) 2017 – Present

Publications (*lead author)

2025

*3D Geodynamical Modeling of Sill Driven Double Ridge Formation on Europa. **Detelich, C. E.**, Evans, A., McGovern, P., Hayes, A. G., Dombard, A., Collins, G. C. 2025. (in prep)

*Evidence in Support of a Plate Tectonic Paradigm for Europa: A Tectonic Study of Argadnel

Regio and Agenor Linea. **Detelich, C. E.**, Kattenhorn, S. A., 2025. (in prep)

***Numerical Modeling of Wind-Driven Waves on Titan's Hydrocarbon Lakes and Seas.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Schneck, U. G., Hayes, A. G., Curcic, M., Perron, T., Steckloff, J. *JGR: Planets*, 2025. (in prep)

Modeling Wind-Driven Ocean Waves on Other Planets: Applications to Mars, Titan, and Exoplanets. Schneck, U. G., **Detelich, C. E.**, Curcic, M., Ashton, A. D., Hayes, A. G., Perron, T. *JGR: Planets*, 2025. (in review)

Potential landing sites: a comprehensive reconnaissance assessment of the Europa Clipper trajectory. Scully, J., Belgacem, I., Parekh, R., Grima, C., Phillips, C. B., Craft, K. L., Collins, G. C., **Detelich, C.**, et al., and the Europa Clipper Reconnaissance Focus Group. *Planetary Science Journal*, 2025.

2024

The Europa Imaging System (EIS) Investigation. Turtle, E.P., McEwen, A.S., Patterson, G.W., Ernst, C.M., Elder, C.M., Slack, K.A., Hawkins, S.E., McDermott, J., Meyer, H., DeMajistre, R., Espiritu, R., Bland, M., Becker, M., Centurelli, J., Collins, G.C., Corlies, P., Darlington, H., Derr, C., Daubar, I.J., **Detelich, C.**, et al. *Space Science Reviews*, 2024.

Cycles of Change: Long and Short Term Aeolian Evolution at the Olympus Maculae, Mars. Runyon, K., **Detelich, C.**, Seelos, K., Viviano, C., Buczowski, D., O'Connor, R., Harryman, J., Peña, A. *Planetary and Space Science*, 2024.

2022

Episodic Plate Tectonics on Europa: Evidence for Widespread Patches of Mobile-Lid Behavior in the Antijovian Hemisphere. Collins, G. C., Patterson, G. W., **Detelich, C. E.**, Prockter, L. M., Kattenhorn, S. A., Cooper, C. M., Rhoden, A. R., Cutler, B. B., Oldrid, S. R., Perkins, R. P., & Rezza, C. A. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets*, 2022.

2021

***The morphology and age of the Iapetus equatorial ridge supports an exogenic origin.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Byrne, P. K., Dombard, A. J., and Schenk, P. M. *Icarus*, 2021.

Moons Are Planets: Scientific Reductionism Versus Cultural Teleology in the Taxonomy of Planetary Science. Metzger, P. T., Grundy, W. M., Sykes, M. V., Stern, A., Bell, J. F., **Detelich, C. E.**, Runyon, K., Summers, M. *Icarus*, 2021.

Conference Abstracts (*lead author; +invited talk)

2025

+*Surf's Up on Titan: Modeling the seasonality of Wind-Driven Hydrocarbon Waves on Ligeia Mare and Ontario Lacus. **Detelich, C. E.**, Schenk, U. G., Hayes, A. G., Curcic, M. *American Geophysical Union Conference*, 2025.

***Cracking the Code to Europa's Double Ridges: Building a 3D viscoelastoplastic model of Europa's lithosphere.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Hayes, A. G., Dombard, A., McGovern, P., Evans, A. *American Geophysical Union Conference*, 2025.

A New Frontiers Class Mission Concept Study to Explore Triton. Miller, S. G., Alian, O. M., Borrelli, M., Christian, J. R., **Detelich, C.**, Ferreira, J. P., Hon, O., Jhoti, E., Kubas, A. R., Lutz, K. A., Pamerleau, I. F., Pickett, N. B., Rountree, R. D., Sacks, L. E., Thakar, B., Tuggle, J. P., Valantinas, A., Zomerdijk-Russell, S., Nash, A. E., Scully, J. E. C. *American Geophysical Union Conference, Poster Presentation*, 2025.

- ***Cracking the Code to Europa's Double Ridges: Building a 3D viscoelastoplastic model of Europa's lithosphere.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Hayes, A. G., Dombard, A., McGovern, P., Evans, A. *Europa Clipper Team Meeting, Poster Presentation, 2025.*
- ***Cracking the Code: Developing a 3D Geodynamical Model of Europa's Double Ridges.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Hayes, A. G., Dombard, A., Evans, A., McGovern, P. *NASA Outer Planet Assessment Group Meeting, Lightning Talk & Poster Presentation, 2025.*
- ***Producing Wind-Driven Waves on Titan: Coupling a 4D Wind-Wave Model to Modern GCM Results.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Schneck, U. G., Hayes, A. G., Curcic, M., Perron, T. *56th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Oral Presentation, 2025.*
- ***Developing a 3D Geodynamical Model of Europa's Double Ridges.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Hayes, A. G., Dombard, A. J., Evans, A. J., McGovern, P. J. *56th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Poster Presentation, 2025.*
- Using Europa Imaging System (EIS) Color Filters to Characterize Europa's Surface Composition.** Keiper, J. C., Trumbo, S. K., **Detelich, C. E.** *56th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, 2025.*
- Potential Landing Sites: A Comprehensive Reconnaissance Assessment of the Europa Clipper Trajectory.** Scully, J. E. C., Belgacem, I., Parekh, R., Grima, C., Phillips, Craft, K. L., C. B., Collins, G., **Detelich, C. E.**, Leonard, E. J., Mishra, I., Patterson, W., Prockter, L. M., Stickle, A. M., Sutton, S., Wyrick, D. Y., Elder, C. M., McEwen, A. S., O'Shea, C. M., Turner, J. E., and the Europa Clipper Reconnaissance Focus Group *56th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, 2025.*

2024

- Reconnaissance of potential landing sites by Europa Clipper.** Scully, J. E. C., Belgacem, I., Parekh, R., Grima, C., Phillips, C. B., Collins, G., Craft, K. L., **Detelich, C. E.**, Leonard, E. J., Mishra, I., Patterson, W., Prockter, L. M., Sutton, S., Stickle, A. M., Wyrick, D. Y. *American Geophysical Union Conference, 2024.*
- Waves in Alien Seas.** Schneck, U. G., **Detelich, C. E.**, Curcic, M., Ashton, A. D., Perron, J. T., Hayes, A. *American Geophysical Union Conference, 2024.*
- ***Cracking the Code of Europa's Double Ridges: Using Thermomechanical Modeling to Elucidate Astrobiological Potential.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Hayes, A. G., Evans, A., McGovern, P., and Collins, G. *AbGradCon, Poster Presentation & Lightning Talk, 2024.*

2023

- ***Surfing Extraterrestrial Waves: Solving the Mysteries of Titan's Lakes.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Schneck, U. G., Hayes, A. G., Perron, J. T., and Steckloff, J. *American Geophysical Union Conference, Oral Presentation, 2023.*
- +***Titan Waves.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Schneck, U. G., Hayes, A. G., Perron, J. T., and Steckloff, J. *Northeast Titan Meeting, Oral Presentation, 2023.*
- The Europa Imaging System (EIS): High-Resolution, 3-D Insight into Europa's Geology, Ice Shell, and Potential for Current Activity.** Turtle, E. P., ..., **Detelich, C. E.**, et al. *American Geophysical Union Conference, Poster Presentation, 2023.*
- The Europa Imaging System (EIS): High-Resolution, 3-D Insight into Europa's Geology, Ice Shell, and Potential for Current Activity.** Turtle, E. P., ..., **Detelich, C. E.**, et al. *54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Poster Presentation, 2023.*

2022

- +* A Brief History of Plate Motions on Europa: Astypalaea Linea, Libya Linea, and Cyclades Macula.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Collins, G. C., and Patterson, G. W. *Geological Society of America Conference, Oral Presentation, 2022.*
- *Global-Scale Tidal Forcing and Plate Tectonics have Both Shaped the Tectonic Evolution of Europa.** **Detelich, C. E.** and Kattenhorn, S. A. *53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Poster Presentation, 2022.*
- *Reconstructing the History of Plate Motions Involved with the Formation of Libya Linea, Astypalaea Linea, and Cyclades Macula, Europa.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Patterson, G. W., and Collins, G. C. *53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Poster Presentation, 2022.*

2021

- *Regional Scale Tectonic Features at Argadnel Regio and Agenor Linea, Europa: Plate Tectonic Evidence or Global Tidal Forcing?** **Detelich, C. E.** and Kattenhorn, S. A. *52nd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Oral Presentation, 2021.*

2020

- *Distribution and Significance of Tectonic Patterns in Argadnel Regio, Europa.** **Detelich, C. E.** and Kattenhorn, S. A. *51st Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Poster Presentation, 2020.*
- Geologic Setting of the Olympus Maculae, Mars.** Seelos, K. D., **Detelich, C. E.**, Runyon, K. D., Murchie, S. L., Bishop, J. L., Rogers, A. D., and Kraft, K. E. *51st Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Poster Presentation, 2020.*

2019

- *Characterizing Anomalous Wind Eroded Terrain on Mars: The Olympus Maculae.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Runyon, K. D., and Seelos, K. D. *50th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Poster Presentation, 2019.*
- Variably dusty yardangs in Mars' Olympus Maculae.** Runyon, K. D., Seelos, K. D., and **Detelich, C. E.** *EPSC-DPS, 2019.*

2018

- *Clues to the Aeolian History of Medusa Fossae Materials as Observed in the Dust-Free Windows of the Olympus Maculae, Mars** **Detelich, C. E.**, Runyon, K. D., and Seelos, K. D. *Geological Society of America Conference, Oral Presentation, 2018.*
- *Investigating the Morphology of the Iapetus Equatorial Ridge.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Byrne, P. K., Dombard, A. J., and Schenk, P. M. *49th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Poster Presentation, 2018.*

2017

- *Investigating the Morphology of the Iapetus Equatorial Ridge.** **Detelich, C. E.**, Byrne, P. K., Dombard, A. J., and Schenk, P. M. *North Carolina State University Undergraduate Research Symposium., Poster Presentation, 2017.*