Adam Seewald, Curriculum Vitae

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- I am currently a postdoc at ETH Zürich and a visiting scientist at WSL, Switzerland.
- My research focuses on robotics and computer science and involves autonomous robots in different environmental use cases.
- My fields of research interest are aerial robotics, energy and environment-aware automation, field robots, and motion and path planning, among others.

Education

2018-2022 **Ph.D., Engineering Science** — **University of Southern Denmark**, Odense, Denmark

Thesis Energy-aware coverage planning and scheduling for autonomous aerial robots,

Advisor Prof. Ulrik Pagh Schultz

2016-2018 **Master, Computer Science and Engineering** — **University of Verona**, Italy

Thesis Evaluation of optimal trajectories for quadrotors with indirect methods in the presence of intermediate constraints

Advisor Prof. Paolo Fiorini

2013-2016 **Bachelor, Computer Science** — **University of Verona**, Italy

Experience

2024- **Postdoc. Research Fellow**, Environmental Robotics Lab, Dept. of Environmental Syst. Sci. —
Visiting Scientist, Swiss Federal Institute for Forest Snow and Landscape Research WSL —
ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Project Robot-assisted collection of eDNA for pest detection in precision agriculture, (PI: Stefano Mintchev)

Funding World Food System Center and Fenaco's research program on smart sustainable farming

- Develop robots for pest detection in precision agriculture (RGB-D perception, controls, planning, etc.)
- Coordinate research across organizations (World Food System Center, Agroscope, and AXA Climate)
- Serve as a teaching assistant for a course on robotics in precision agriculture

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2022-2024 **Postdoc. Associate**, GRAB & Intelligent Autonomy Labs, Dept. of Mech. Eng. and Materials Sci. —
Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

Project Mobile ground-based and aerial robots for biodiversity surveying, (PI: Aaron M. Dollar)

Funding Yale University's discretionary research fund

- Develop robot autonomy for surveying [c6, c7] (navigation, controls, planning, communication, etc.)
- Manage undergraduate and graduate projects at the GRAB & Intelligent Autonomy Labs (Yale U.)
- Assist NSF grant proposal focused on certifiable control
- Serve as a teaching assistant for course on sustainable technologies

2018-2022 **Ph.D. Researcher**, Unmanned Aerial Systems Center —

University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

Project TeamPlay – Time, Energy, and security Analysis for Multi/Many-core heterogeneous PLAtforms, (PI: Ulrik Pagh Schultz)

Funding European Union's Horizon2020 program under grant agreement number 779882

- Develop aerial robotics use case [c4] (fixed-wing aerial robot for precision agriculture)
- Develop C++/ROS modeling/planning library [j1] (utilized by U. of Amsterdam, U. of Bristol, INRIA, etc.)
- Manage EU project TeamPlay , coordinate industry collaboration (Sky-Watch, Irida Labs, etc.)
- Serve as a teaching assistant for courses on robotic numerical optimization

Research

Peer-reviewed journal published (1) and under review (3) publications:

[j4] • Vatsal Patel, Adam Seewald, and Aaron M. Dollar, "**Re-envisioning force-torque sensing: Simple six-axis sensor with a single camera and fiducial markers**," 2025, under review. p. 28.

[j3] • Adam Seewald, Ian Abraham, and Stefano Mintchev, "**Ergodic control for robotic exploration with an adaptive gaussian mixture model**," 2025, under review. p. 8.

[j2] • Seonghoon Noh, Yeongsik Seo, Jehyeok Kim, Adam Seewald, Aaron M. Dollar, "**Passive adaptability to rough terrain via mechanically intelligent legged design**," 2024, under review. p. 31.

[j1] • Adam Seewald, Ulrik Pagh Schultz, Emad Ebeid, and Henrik Skov Midtiby, "**Coarse-grained computation-oriented energy modeling for heterogeneous parallel embedded systems**," in International Journal of Parallel Programming. 2021; vol. 49, no. 2, pp. 136–157. 10.1007/s10766-019-00645-y,

Peer-reviewed conference in proceedings (7) and under review (1) publications:

[c7] • Adam Seewald, Cameron J. Lerch, Marvin Chancán, Aaron M. Dollar, and Ian Abraham, "**Energy-aware ergodic search: Continuous exploration for multi-agent systems with battery constraints**," in IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA'24), pp. 7048–7054. 10.1109/ICRA57147.2024.10609871,

[c6] • Adam Seewald, Marvin Chancán, Connor M. McCann, Seonghoon Noh, Omeed Fallahi, Hector Castillo, Ian Abraham, and Aaron M. Dollar, "**RB5 Low-cost explorer: Implementing autonomous long-term exploration on low-cost robotic hardware**," in IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA'24), pp. 5977–5983. 10.1109/ICRA57147.2024.10610399,

[c5] • Benjamin Rouxel, Christopher Brown, Emad Ebeid, Heiko Falk, Clemens Grelck, Jesper Holst, Shashank Jadhav, Yoann Marquer, Marcos Martinez Alejandro, Kris Nikov, Ali Sahafi, Ulrik Pagh Schultz, Adam Seewald, Vangelis Vassalos, Simon Wegener, and Olivier Zendra, "**The TeamPlay project: Analysing and optimising time, energy, and security for cyber-physical systems**," in Design, Automation and Test in Europe Conference (DATE'23), pp. 1–6. 10.23919/DATE56975.2023.10137198,

[c4] • Adam Seewald, Héctor García de Marina, Henrik Skov Midtiby, and Ulrik Pagh Schultz, "**Energy-aware planning-scheduling for autonomous aerial robots**," in IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS'22), pp. 2946–2953. 10.1109/IROS47612.2022.9981285,

[c3] • Georgios Zamanakos, Adam Seewald, Henrik Skov Midtiby, and Ulrik Pagh Schultz, "**Energy-aware design of vision-based autonomous tracking and landing of a UAV**," in IEEE International Conference on Robotic Computing (IRC'20), pp. 294–297. 10.1109/IRC.2020.00054,

[c2] • Adam Seewald, Héctor García de Marina, Henrik Skov Midtiby, and Ulrik Pagh Schultz, "**Mechanical and computational energy estimation of a fixed-wing drone**," in IEEE International Conference on Robotic Computing (IRC'20), pp. 135–142. 10.1109/IRC.2020.00028,

[c1] • Adam Seewald, Ulrik Pagh Schultz, Julius Roeder, Benjamin Rouxel, and Clemens Grelck, "**Component-based computation-energy modeling for embedded systems**," in ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Systems, Programming, Languages, and Applications: Software for Humanity (SPLASH'19), pp. 5–6. 10.1145/3359061.3362775,

Peer-reviewed workshop publications (2):

[w2] • Adam Seewald, "**Beyond traditional energy planning: The weight of computations in planetary exploration**," in IROS Workshop on Planetary Exploration Robots: Challenges and Opportunities (PlanRobo'20), p. 3. ETH Zürich. 10.3929/ethz-b-000450120,

[w1] • Adam Seewald, Emad Ebeid, and Ulrik Pagh Schultz, "**Dynamic energy modelling for SoC boards: Initial experiments**," in Workshop on High-Level Programming for Heterogeneous and Hierarchical Parallel Systems (HLP-GPU'19), p. 4.

Others (2):

[o2] • Adam Seewald, "**Energy-aware coverage planning and scheduling for autonomous aerial robots**," Ph.D. thesis, p. 184. Syddansk Universitet. Det Tekniske Fakultet, 2021. 10.21996/7ka6-r457,

[o1] • Adam Seewald, Ulrik Pagh Schultz, Emad Ebeid, and Henrik Skov Midtiby, "`powprofiler` **computations energy modeling tool**," v. 1.0.2, 2021. 10.5281/zenodo.5562457,

Invited lectures

- **Innovations in robotics for sustainable crop production**. Invited Talk at the Innovations for Sustainable Local Food Systems day, ETH Zürich World Food System Center. June 14, 2024.
- **Ergodic control applications: Energy optimal control**. Invited Speaker at the ICRA Tutorial on Ergodic Control, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation. May 13, 2024.
- **Energy-aware dynamic planning: Merging path planning and computations scheduling for the drone use-case**. Invited Talk at the TeamPlay Final Workshop, (Virtual Event). May 27, 2021.
- **Energy estimation and modeling for the drone use-case**. Invited Talk at the TeamPlay Workshop, European Network on High-Performance Embedded Architecture and Compilation Conference. January 22, 2020.

Teaching and advising

Teaching at graduate and undergraduate levels (3):

Fall 2024 **Introduction to Agricultural Robotics**, ETH Zürich

Role Teaching assistant (PI: Stefano Mintchev)

- Elective introductory course on robotics techniques in precision agriculture for master's students from different backgrounds

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Fall 2022 **You, Your Planet, and a Sustainable Future**, Yale University

Role Teaching assistant (PI: Aaron M. Dollar)

- Survey course on sustainable technologies for undergraduate students in engineering and environmental science

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Spring 2019, '20 **Optimization and Control**, University of Southern Denmark

Role Teaching assistant (PI: Agus Hasan)

- Elective course on numerical optimization, methods and solvers, for master's students in robot systems

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Advising of graduate and undergraduate students (2):

- **Mattia Mangili**, master's student in robotics, systems and control, ETH Zürich, 2024–
- **Omeed Fallahi**, undergraduate student in computer science, Yale University, 2022–2023
- **Magnus O. C. Liisberg**, master's student in robot systems, University of Southern Denmark, 2018–2019

Professional and outreach activities

- **Member**, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), 2019–
- **Member**, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), 2019–
- **Organizer**, Time, Energy, and Security Analysis for Multi/Many-core Heterogeneous Platforms Final Workshop (TeamPlay'21)
- **Program Committee member**, IEEE International Conference on Robotic Computing (IRC'23, '22, '21),
- **Reviewer**, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS'25),
- **Reviewer**, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA'25, '24),
- **Reviewer**, IEEE Transactions on Robotics (T-RO),
- **Reviewer**, IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L),
- **Reviewer**, International Symposium on Distributed Autonomous Robotic Systems (DARS'24),
- **Reviewer**, IEEE International Conference on Soft Robotics (RoboSoft'24),
- **Reviewer**, IEEE International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE'23),
- **Reviewer**, IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (Ro-man'22)
- **Reviewer**, IEEE International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS'22, '21),
- **Reviewer**, International Workshop on Robotics Software Engineering (RoSE'22),
- **Reviewer**, IEEE International Conference on Control, Automation, Robotics and Vision (ICARCV'20)

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