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Education	King Fahd University for Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM) <i>M.Sc. in Aerospace Engineering (Cum Laude)</i> <i>Thesis</i> ¹ : “Data-driven Approaches for Flight Dynamics Modeling and Control – On Linear and Nonlinear Techniques for Dynamics Identification and Control” University of Science and Technology at Zewail City (UST-ZC) <i>B.S. in Aerospace Engineering</i> <i>Thesis</i> : “Development of the software package for the attitude determination and control algorithm of a cube satellite”	<i>Dhahran, Saudi Arabia</i> <i>Giza, Egypt</i>
Interests	Data-driven modeling and control of dynamical systems and system identification – Nonlinear and optimal control theory for flight dynamics – Event-triggered control	
Refereed publications	Journal Papers [1] Novel Airfoil for Improved Supersonic Performance with Convex Optimization Approach Zeyad M. Manaa , Naef A. A. Qassem <i>The International Journal of Numerical Methods for Heat and Fluid Flow</i> , 2024 Conference Proceedings [2] Data-driven Discovery of The Quadrotor Equations of Motion Via Sparse Identification of Nonlinear Dynamics Zeyad M. Manaa , Mohamed R. Elbalshy, Ayman M. Abdallah <i>AIAA SCITECH 2024 Forum, AIAA (p. 1308)</i> [3] Koopman-LQR for Quadrotor UAVs from Data Zeyad M. Manaa , Ayman M. Abdallah, Mohamed A. Abido, Syed S. A. Ali <i>IEEE SM 2024</i> [4] Optimum Configuration for Hovering N-Quadrotors Carrying a Slung Payload Mohssen M., Pansy Elkhodary, Meral Badr, Mohammed Sayegh, Zeyad M. Manaa , Ayman M. Abdallah <i>Accepted at AIAA SCITECH 2025 Forum</i> [5] Dynamic Stability Performance Analysis of The BWB Skywalker X-8 Taha Najam, Anafi Sheriffdeen Olayinka, Abdul Motayib, Moses James Kehinde, Zeyad M. Manaa , Syed S. A. Ali, Ayman M. Abdallah <i>Accepted at AIAA SCITECH 2025 Forum</i> [6] Design and Analysis of the Effect of Trimmable Vertical Stabilizers for Enhanced Aircraft Maneuverability and Directional Stability Shaik Zaidan, Najwa Z. B. Taufik, Eman Mahmoud, Zeyad M. Manaa , Ayman M. Abdallah, Ghulam Abro, Mohd Taib <i>Accepted at the IEEE Conference on Systems, Process, and Control (ICSPC) 2024</i>	
Preprints	[7] Evaluation of Deep Learning-based Quadrotor UAV Detection and Tracking Methods Mohssen E. Elshaar*, Zeyad M. Manaa *, Mohammed R. Elbalshy*, and Abdul Jabbar Siddiqui	
Patents	[8] Efficient Airfoil for Improved Supersonic Performance for Fighters Naef A. A. Qassem, Zeyad M. Manaa	

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Research experience	<p>KFUPM, Space and Aviation Electronics Lab Jan 2023 – Present; Dhahran, Saudi Arabia <i>Research Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researching Koopman operator to globally linearize nonlinear dynamics• Exploring novel techniques for adaptive and model predictive control using new data-driven techniques• Developing data-driven event-triggered control frameworks <p>NUST, Aerial Robotics Lab Jun 2022 – Aug 2022; Islamabad, Pakistan <i>Research Intern</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed an autonomous control system for a quadrotor UAV using Tello and COEX Clover devices with ROS <p>Egyptian Space Agency, ADCS Lab Aug 2021 – Jul 2022; Cairo, Egypt <i>Research Intern</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted the bachelor's thesis research under co-supervision of the Egyptian Space Agency and University of Science and Technology at Zewail City on spacecraft attitude determination and control subsystem• Developed the software of the attitude determination and control algorithm of a cube satellite which decreased the detumbling time of the cube satellite• Studied and implemented the space environment as a means of Earth's Magnetic Field (IGRF Model), Earth's gravitational field (using Spherical Harmonics) as well as modeling the space disturbances
Internships	<p>EgyptAir Maintenance and Engineering Jun. 2022 – Aug. 2022; Cairo, Egypt <i>Aircraft Maintenance Intern</i></p> <p>Cairo University Aug. 2021 – Jul. 2022; Cairo, Egypt <i>Undergraduate Visiting Student – Space Systems Technology Laboratory</i></p>
Teaching	<p>Courses Taught</p> <p>[1] AE 426; Fall 2023: Introduction to Flight Mechanics (Undergraduate Course)</p> <p>[2] AE 315; Fall 2023: Systems and Control (Undergraduate Lab); overall evaluation: 9.56/10.0</p> <p>Teaching Assistantships</p> <p>[3] AE 540; Spring 2024: Flight Dynamics and Control I (Graduate Course)</p> <p>Teaching-related Activities</p> <p>[4] AE 350 – CIE 350; Summer 2023: Monitored undergraduate students' cooperative work in Aerospace Engineering and Control & Instrumentation Engineering Departments</p> <p>[5] AE 399 – CIE 399; Summer 2023: Oversaw undergraduate students' summer internships workflow in Aerospace Engineering and Control & Instrumentation Engineering Departments</p>
Talks	<p>Koopman Meets LQR for Quadcopters using Data Sep. 2024; Ontario, Canada Host: IEEE @ OntarioTech.</p> <p>Data-driven Modeling and Control in Aerospace Applications Mar. 2024; Dhahran, KSA Host: KIKX @ KFUPM. (Approximately 50 attendees).</p> <p>Data-driven Discovery of Quadrotors Equations of Motion Via SINDy Jan. 2024; FL, USA Host: AIAA</p> <p>On POD and DMD for aerodynamics application May 2023; Dhahran, KSA Host: Aerospace Department, KFUPM.</p> <p>Convex optimization for thin airfoil design using linear flow theory Mar. 2023; Dhahran, KSA Host: Aerospace Department, KFUPM.</p>

Awards	Mohammad Al-Aqeel Grant for Graduate Students	<i>KFUPM, 2023</i>
	Graduate Intl. Research Assistance Scholarship	<i>KFUPM, 2023</i>
	Research Intern Scholarship for Intl. Students	<i>NUST, 2022</i>
	Future Work is Digital Scholarship	<i>Ministry of Comm. and Info. Tech., 2022</i>
	Smart City Hackathon: 1st Place Award in global finals	<i>DAN & Global Project Partners, 2019</i>
	Undergraduate Fellowship	<i>UST-ZC, 2017</i>
Skills	Programming: Python (3 yrs.), MATLAB (4 yrs.), C++ (1.5 yrs.), Julia (basic)	
	Hardware: Quanser 3DOF hover system, CUAV autopilots, Raspberry Pi, Pixhawk	
	Frameworks: Pytorch, OpenCV, Sci-Kit, CVX/PYCVX, ArduPilot (Multi-copter), ROS	
	Other skills: GIT, SolidWorks, ANSYS, Mathematica, bash-scripting, \LaTeX	
	Languages: Arabic (Native), English (C1, IELTS: 7)	
Services	Conference Reviewer: IEEE SMILE 2024, IEEE eSmarTA, 2024, AIAA SCITECH, 2023 – 2024	
Leadership experience	Media Committee Head, Euroavia Zewail City	<i>Egypt, 2020</i>
	Managed a team of 10 people for the Euroavia Egypt student branch	
	Media Committee Head, Zewail City Science Festival	<i>Egypt, 2019</i>
	Managed a team of 15 people for the Zewail City Science Festival mega event	