

CURRICULUM VITA

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Education

Ph.D.	Aerospace Engineering, the University of Michigan	1988
M.S.E.	Aerospace Engineering, the University of Michigan	1984
B. S.	Beijing Institute of Aeronautics (now Beihang University)	1982

Academic Experience

Distinguished Professor and Chair, Aerospace Engineering	2025-present
Professor and Department Chair, Aerospace Engineering, San Diego State University	2016-2025
Professor, Aerospace Engineering, Iowa State University	2003-2016
Associate Professor, Aero. Engr. & Engr. Mech., Iowa State University	1995-2003
Assistant Professor, Aero. Engr. & Engr. Mech., Iowa State University	1990-1995
Post-doctoral Associate, Aerospace Engineering, University of Michigan	1988-1989

Honors and Awards

Albert W. Johnson Research Lectureship, San Diego State University	2025
The AWJ Lecture is SDSU's highest recognition of research and scholarly achievement awarded annually to one SDSU senior faculty member. The recipient is named a Distinguished Professor (a life-time title).	
Outstanding Contribution to AIAA at the National Level	2018
AIAA San Diego Section	
Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)	2016
<i>"For outstanding contributions in theory, methodology and algorithms for advanced guidance, particularly in entry and ascent flight of space transportation systems"</i>	
Less than 30 AIAA Fellows are elected worldwide each year.	
NASA Johnson Space Center Director's Innovation Group Achievement Award	2016
<i>"For exceptional work in pioneering the development of a fully-numeric predictor-corrector entry guidance algorithm for the atmospheric entry of space vehicles".</i>	
The guidance algorithm cited was developed by Prof. Ping Lu	
Mechanics and Control of Flight (MCF) Award (AIAA)	2008
<i>"For contributions in advanced guidance algorithms for entry and ascent flight"</i>	
The AIAA MCF Award is a prestigious award in aerospace guidance, control, and flight mechanics community, with a long and rich history since 1967. The MFC Award is presented for an outstanding recent technical or scientific contribution by an individual in the mechanics, guidance, or control of flight in space or the atmosphere.	

AIAA Sustained Service Award	2006
<i>“For exceptional sustained service to the AIAA through contributions at the publication, sector and technical service levels</i>	
Young Engineering Faculty Research Award, Iowa State University	1997

LEADERSHIP EXPERINCE

Editor-in-Chief Position

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* (JGCD) 2013-present
 The JGCD is the premier international journal in aerospace guidance, control, and flight dynamics, and one of the top ranked research journals in the category of Aerospace Engineering by all major citation indices. Under Prof. Lu’s leadership, JGCD has become the highest ranked journal by the AIAA, the 2nd largest AIAA journal in terms of paper submissions and circulation. As the EIC, Prof. Lu oversees 2 Deputy Editors and 36 Associate Editors and is responsible for quality and operation of JGCD.

Department Chair

Department of Aerospace Engineering, San Diego State University 2016-present
 Under Prof. Lu’s leadership, the Aerospace Engineering Department at SDSU has transformed from a Traditional aeronautical engineering program to a vibrant modern aerospace engineering department. We have built from ground up a respectable Space program that is now an integral part of education and research enterprises. Despite several faculty retirements since 2016, the department has doubled the tenured/tenure-track faculty and tripled the research funding and PhD students. Aerospace Engineering degree program has grown to be the second largest degree program in the College of Engineering at SDSU.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Professor Lu is the leading researcher on Advanced Aerospace Guidance of space transportation systems, particularly in Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL). He is the developer of the state-of-the-art planetary entry guidance algorithm FNPEG and the first optimal aerocapture guidance algorithm FNPAG, both widely used by NASA and industry; the propellant-optimal powered descent guidance algorithm G-POLAR, recently developed by Prof. Lu, will be flight tested in 2025 onboard a rocket-powered lander in a NASA project.

Current Research

- Advanced Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL) guidance for space transportation systems
In close collaboration with NASA’s human space flight programs, development and maturation of advanced EDL guidance algorithms for fully autonomous, end-to-end optimal entry and landing of crewed missions on the Moon and Mars
- Computational Guidance and Control for autonomous aerospace systems
Development of theory, methodology, algorithms, and software for real-time on-board applications, model- and data-based computational methods for autonomous and fault-tolerant operations of aerospace systems; autonomous trajectory optimization and planning; theoretically and physically informed algorithmic designs for computational efficiency and assured convergence; applications in highly constrained missions and on-board environments; Applications to space transportation systems from launch ascent, on-orbit maneuvers, rendezvous and proximity operations, orbital transfers, aerocapture, and planetary EDL operations
- Hypersonic guidance and flight mechanics

Guidance of hypersonic gliding flight; Optimal hypersonic powered (booster) flight; Hypersonic flight mechanics; integration of advanced guidance and control in multidisciplinary hypersonic systems

Research Impact

The standardized citation metrics (c-score) developed by a Stanford Team has been accepted as a more accurate measure of author impact and their annual top 2% author list in 176 scientific subfields is considered a prestigious recognition. (<https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.3000384>). The following table summarizes the ranking of Prof. Lu in the subfield of Aerospace-Aeronautics by the Stanford c-score (self-citations excluded) in the last 3 years. The single-year impact measures the currency of the research impact in the immediate previous year, and the career-long list measures the impact of a researcher over their entire career.

During 2022-2024, Professor Lu ranked 7th - 9th in the single-year top 2% author lists, and 23rd - 24th in the career-long lists, out of more than 50,000 authors worldwide in Aerospace-Aeronautics

Year	Single-year impact ranking (Prof. Lu)	Career-long impact ranking (Prof. Lu)	Total # of authors indexed in Aerospace-Aeronautics subfield
2024	No. 7	No. 24	58,309
2023	No. 9	No. 24	55,422
2022	No. 9	No. 23	49,631

Journal Articles

Influential Editorials

- E1. P. Lu, "Introducing Computational Guidance and Control", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 40, No. 2, 2017
- E2. P. Lu, "What is Guidance?", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 44, No. 7, 2021.
- E3. P. Lu, "Deeper Learning Needed from Machine Learning", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 47, No. 1, 2024.

Research Articles

- J1. P. Lu and C. Davami, "Model Predictive Guidance: A Fixed-Point Algorithm", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 48, No. 4, 2025
- J2. M. Sagliano, P. Lu, D. Seelbinder, and S. Theil, "Analytical Treatise on Endo-Atmospheric Fuel-Optimal Rocket Landing," *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 48, No. 3, 2025
- J3. P. Lu and C. Davami, "Rethinking Propellant-Optimal Powered Descent Guidance", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 47, No. 10, 2024.
- J4. S. Sandoval, J. Hwang, and P. Lu, "Abort Guidance During Lunar Powered Descent", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 47, No. 3, 2024.
- J5. P. Lu, S. Sandoval, and C. Davami, "Fast and Robust Optimization of Full Trajectory From Entry Through Powered Descent", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 47, No. 2, 2024
- J6. M. Sagliano, D. Seelbinder, S. Theil, and P. Lu, "Six-Degree-of-Freedom Rocket Landing Optimization via Augmented Convex-Concave Decomposition", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 47, No. 1, pp. 20-35, 2024
- J7. B. Pan, Y. Ni, Y. Ma, and P. Lu, "Smoothing Homotopy Methods for Solving Nonlinear Optimal Control Problems", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 46, No. 8, pp. 1470-1484, 2023
- J8. P. Lu and R. Callan, "Propellant-Optimal Powered Descent Guidance Revisited", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 46, No. 2, pp. 215-230, 2023
- J9. P. Lu, A. Lewis, R. Adams, M. DeVore, and C. Petersen, "Finite-Thrust Natural Motion Circumnavigation Injection by Convex Optimization", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 45, No. 3, 2022, pp. 453-467

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- J12. P. Lu, "Augmented Apollo Powered Descent Guidance", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 42, No. 3, 2019, pp. 447-457.
- J13. C. Wan, D. Dai, and P. Lu, "An Alternating Minimization Algorithm for Polynomial Optimal Control Problems", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 42, No. 4, 2019, pp. 723-736
- J14. B. Pan, X. Pan, and P. Lu, "Finding Best Solution in Low-Thrust Trajectory Optimization by Two-Phase Homotopy", *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, Vol. 56, No. 1, 2019, pp.283-291
- J15. P. Lu, "Propellant-Optimal Powered Descent Guidance", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 41, No. 4, 2018, pp. 813-826.
- J16. R. Pinson and P. Lu, "Trajectory Design Employing Convex Optimization for Landing on Irregularly Shaped Asteroids", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 41, No. 6, 2018, pp. 1243-1256.
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- J24. P. Lu, Cerimele, C., Tigges, M., and Matz, D., "Optimal Aerocapture Guidance", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 38, No. 4, 2015, pp. 553-565
- J25. X. Liu, Z. Shen, and P. Lu, "Solving the Maximum-Crossrange Problem via Successive Second-Order Cone Programming with Line Search", *Aerospace Science and Technology*, Vol. 47, Dec. 2015, pp. 10-20.
- J26. P. Lu, "Entry Guidance: A Unified Method", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 37, No. 3, 2014, pp. 713—728.
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- J42. L. Zhang and P. Lu, "Fixed-Point Algorithms for Optimal Trajectories of Launch Vehicles", *Engineering Optimization*, Vol. 40, No. 4, 2008, pp. 361-381
- J43. P. Lu, "Asymptotic Analysis of Quasi-Equilibrium Glide in Lifting Entry Flight", *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Vol. 29, No. 3, 2006, pp. 662-670.
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- J52. L. Tian, P. Lu, and J. Burken, "Nonlinear Engine-Only Flight Control", *Nonlinear Problems in Aviation and Aerospace*, edited by S. Sivasundaram, Gordon and Breach Science Publishers, London, U. K., 1999.
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- J54. P. Lu and J. Burken, "Controlling Aircraft with Engine Thrust Only: Nonlinear Challenges", *Nonlinear Analysis*, Vol. 35, 1999, pp. 21-35.
- J55. P. Lu, "Approximate Nonlinear Receding-Horizon Control Laws in Closed Form", *International Journal of Control (IJC)*, Vol. 71, No. 1, 1998, pp. 19-34.
- J56. P. Lu, and J. Hanson, "Entry Guidance for the X-33 Vehicle", *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, Vol. 35, No. 3, 1998, pp.342-349.
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Conference and Proceedings Papers

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- C2. C. Davami, P. Lu, and A. Rosengren, "Model Predictive Tracking Guidance Applied to Planetary Entry and Powered Descent", AIAA Paper 2025-2599, Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, January 2025

- C3. M. Sagliano, D. Seelbinder, S. Theil, and P. Lu, “Six-Degree-of-Freedom Entry to Powered Descent Optimization for High-Mass Mars Landings”, AIAA Paper 2025-2596, Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, January 2025
- C4. C. Davami, P. Lu, B. Johnson, and A. Rosengren, “Optimizing End-to-End EDL Trajectories for High-Mass Mars Missions”, AAS Paper 24-043, AAS Guidance and Control Conference, February, 2024
- C5. M. Sagliano, D. Seelbinder, S. Theil, B. Johnson, and P. Lu, “Six-Degrees-of-Freedom Aero-Propulsive Entry Trajectory Optimization”, AIAA Paper 2024-1171, AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, January 2024
- C6. M. Sagliano, P. Lu, D. Seelbinder, and Stephan Theil, “Six-Degrees-of-Freedom Rocket Landing Optimization by Augmented Convex-Concave Decomposition”, AIAA Paper 2023-2005, AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, January 2023
- C7. P. Lu and R. Callan, , “Propellant-Optimal Powered Descent Guidance Revisited”, AIAA Paper 2023-2006, AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, January 2023.
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- C11. M. Devore, R. Adams, A. Reed, A. Lewis, and P. Lu “Closed-Loop Optimal Control for Spacecraft Rendezvous and Proximity Operations Using Second Order Cone Program”, AAS 21-355, 31st AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting, Feb. 1-3, 2021
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- C13. B. Johnson, R. Sostaric, and P. Lu, “Mid Lift-to-Drag Rigid Vehicle 6-DoF Performance for Human Mars Entry, Descent, and Landing: A Fractional Polynomial Powered Descent Guidance Approach”, AIAA 2020-1513, AIAA Atmospheric Flight Mechanics Conference, Jan. 6-10, 2020, Orlando, FL
- C14. B. Johnson, P. Lu, B. Nikaido, Z. Hays, and S. D'Souza, “Pterodactyl: Development and Performance of Guidance Algorithms for a Mechanically Deployed Entry Vehicle”, AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, Jan. 6-10, 2020, Orlando, FL
- C15. S. You, C. Wan, R. Dai, P. Lu, and J. Rea, “Learning-based Optimal Control for Planetary Entry, Powered Descent, and Landing Guidance”, AIAA 2020-0849, AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, Jan. 6-10, 2020, Orlando, FL
- C16. P. Lu, “The Theory of Fractional-Polynomial Powered Decent Guidance”, AIAA 2020-0845, AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, Jan. 6-10, 2020, Orlando, FL
- C17. J. Breanna, P. Lu, and Cerimele, C, “Mid-Lift-to-Drag Ratio Rigid Vehicle 6-DoF EDL Performance Using Tunable Apollo Powered Descent Guidance,” AAS Paper 19–619, AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference, August 2019, Portland, ME
- C18. C. Sun, D. Ran, and P. Lu, “Multi-Phase Spacecraft Mission Optimization by Quadratically Constrained Quadratic Programming”, AIAA Paper 2019-1677, AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, January 2019, San Diego, CA,
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- C43. O. Murillo and P. Lu, "Fast Ascent Trajectory Optimization for Hypersonic Air-Breathing Vehicles", AIAA Paper 2010-8173, Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, August 2-5, 2010, Toronto, Canada
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- C49. F. Chavez and P. Lu, "Rapid Ascent Trajectory Planning and Closed-Loop Guidance for Responsive Launch", AIAA-RS-2009-1004, the 7th Responsive Space Conference, April 27-30, 2009
- C50. P. Lu, "Entry Trajectory Optimization with Analytical Feedback Angle Law", AIAA Paper 2008-7268, Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, August 18-21, 2008, Honolulu, Hawaii.
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- C52. O. Murillo and P. Lu, "Comparison of Autonomous Aerial Refueling Controllers Using Reduced Order Models", AIAA Paper 2008-6790, Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference, August 18-21, 2008, Honolulu, Hawaii.
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- C92. T. Cheng and P. Lu, "A Comparison of Nonlinear Flight Control Laws," *Proceedings of Society of Computer Simulation Multi-Conference*, Washington, DC, March 29-April 2, 1993.
- C93. P. Lu, "An Inverse Dynamics Approach to Trajectory Optimization and Guidance for an Aerospace Plane," *Proceedings of AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference*, Hilton Head, SC, August 10-12, 1992.
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- C96. P. Lu, "Trajectory Optimization and Guidance for an Advanced Launch System," AIAA paper 92-0732, The 30th Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV, Jan. 6-9, 1992.

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Selected Keynote Presentation and Invited Lectures in Last Five Years

- "Planetary Powered Descent Guidance in Sixty Years", MAE Seminar, Samuli Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, UCLA, to be given on May 30, 2025
- Workshop on Advanced Guidance, NASA Engineering and Safety Center GN&C Technical Discipline Team annual meeting, March 25, 2025
- "The Emerging Trends in GN&C", NASA Engineering and Safety Center GN&C Technical Discipline Team annual meeting, March 27, 2025
- Keynote Speech, European Guidance and Control Conference 2024, Bristol, UK, June 11, 2024
- Department Seminar, Ann and H. J. Smead Department of Aerospace Engineering Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder, January 26, 2024
- Special Lecture at 33rd Workshop on JAXA Astrodynamics and Flight Mechanics, July 24, 2023
- "Convex Optimization in Aerospace Guidance and Control", Keynote Speech, International Conference on Aerospace System Science and Engineering (ICASSE) 2023 July 7, 2023
- "The Peril of Linearization", Keynote Speech, International Conference on Aerospace System Science and Engineering (ICASSE) 2021, July 15, 2021
- "A Curiosity in Engineering Mathematics", Keynote Speech, 2020 International Conference on Aerospace Sciences and Technology, July 13, 2020
- "From Apollo to Artemis: Computation and Aerospace Guidance in 50 Years", GALCIT Colloquium, California Institute of Technology, November 1, 2019
- "Integrating Entry and Powered Descent Guidance", Jet Propulsion Laboratory, August 12, 2019
- "Aerospace Guidance in 50 Years", Institute of Aerospace Studies, University of Toronto, April 5, 2019

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught

At San Diego State (Taught 2 courses a year, as the Department Chair)

AE546	Aerospace Guidance and Navigation	(senior elective/graduate; course developer)
AE670	Optimal Control	(graduate; course developer)

At Iowa State (Nominally taught 4 courses a year, as a research-active faculty)

Flight Control Systems I	(undergraduate)
Astrodynamics I	(undergraduate)
Flight Dynamics and Stability	(undergraduate)
Flight Control Systems II	(undergraduate)
Automatic Control for Flight Vehicles	(graduate)
Space Flight Mechanics	(graduate)
Entry Dynamics	(graduate; course developer)
Guidance and Navigation of Aerospace Vehicles	(graduate; course developer)
Optimal Control	(graduate)
Special Topics in Optimization	(graduate)

Graduate Students Supervision (as the dissertation/thesis adviser)

Ph.D. Students (who have graduated)

Professor Lu has served as the advisor for 13 PhD students who have graduated, at both Iowa State and San Diego State University

Master's Students (who have graduated):

Professor Lu has served as the advisor for 30 master's students who have graduated, at both Iowa State and San Diego State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Editorial Positions

Editor-in-Chief, <i>AIAA Journal of Guidance, Control and Dynamics</i>	2013- present
Associate Editor, <i>AIAA Journal of Guidance, Control and Dynamics</i>	1996-2013
Member of Editorial Board <i>Optimal Control Applications and Methods</i>	2009-present
Subject Editor (Aerospace and Mechanical Systems), <i>Optimal Control Applications and Methods</i>	2004-2008

NASA Engineering & Safety Center (NESC)

2022-present

Prof. Lu is a member of the Technical Discipline Team (TDT) in Guidance, Navigation, and Control, NASA Engineering & Safety Center (NESC). The NESC is a NASA agency-wide organization, created after the Space Shuttle Challenger accident. It provides a forum for reporting technical issues and contributing alternative viewpoints to resolve NASA's highest-risk challenges. Only about 3% of the NESC members are from academia.

Professional Reviews

1. Reviewer for proposals submitted to NSF, AFOSR, NASA, Canadian Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, and CASIS (The Center for the Advancement of Science in Space, the organization that manages research activities at the International Space Station)
2. Reviewer for: Journal of Guidance, Control and Dynamics, Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets, Acta Astronautica, Automatica, IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control; International Journal of Control; ASME Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement and Control, ASME Journal of Engineering for Industry; Optimal Control: Applications and Methods; Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications, Journal of Aerospace Engineering; Journal of Vibration and Control, the Journal of Astronautical Sciences.
3. Reviewer for: American Control Conference, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control; IEEE Conference on Control Applications; AIAA Guidance, Navigation and Control Conference; AIAA Atmospheric Flight Mechanics Conference; World Congress of the International Federation of Automatic Control; ASME Design Automation Conference, European Control Conference