

# Rocket Stage Optimization Results

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## 1 Introduction

This report presents the results of optimizing a multi-stage rocket using various optimization methods. The objective was to maximize the payload mass fraction while satisfying the total delta-V requirement.

## 2 Input Assumptions

### 2.1 Global Parameters

| Table 1: Global Parameters           |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Parameter                            | Value                   |
| Gravitational Acceleration ( $G_0$ ) | $9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ |
| Total $\Delta V$ Required            | $0.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  |

### 2.2 Stage Parameters

Table 2: Stage Parameters and Assumptions

| Stage | ISP (s) | Mass Fraction ( $\epsilon$ ) |
|-------|---------|------------------------------|
| 1     | 300     | 0.150                        |
| 2     | 348     | 0.100                        |

## 3 Optimization Methods

The following optimization methods were evaluated:

- SLSQP
- BASIN-HOPPING

- GA
- ADAPTIVE-GA
- DE
- PSO

## 4 Optimization Results

### 4.1 Performance Visualization

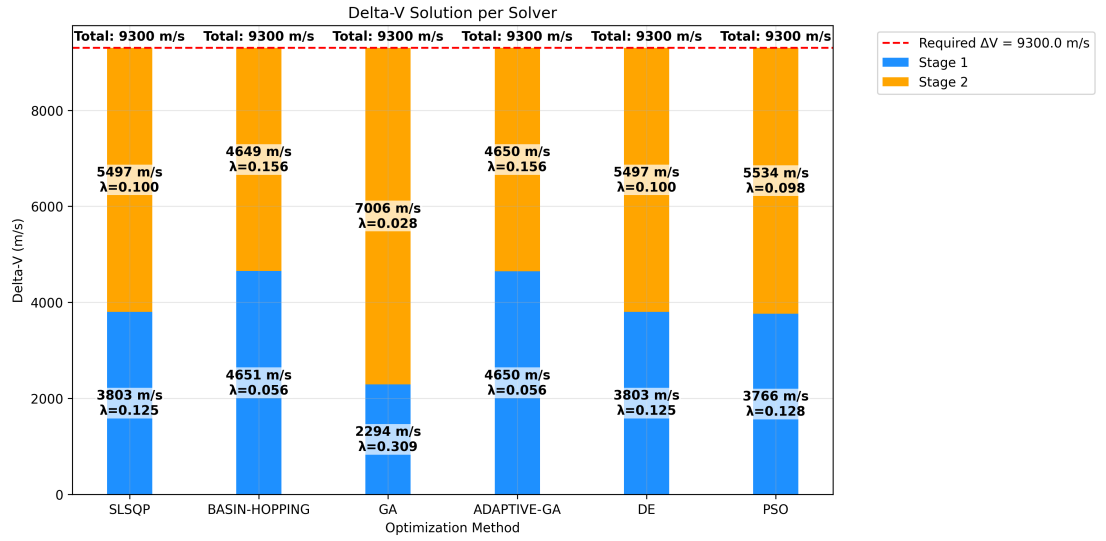


Figure 1:  $\Delta V$  Distribution Across Stages

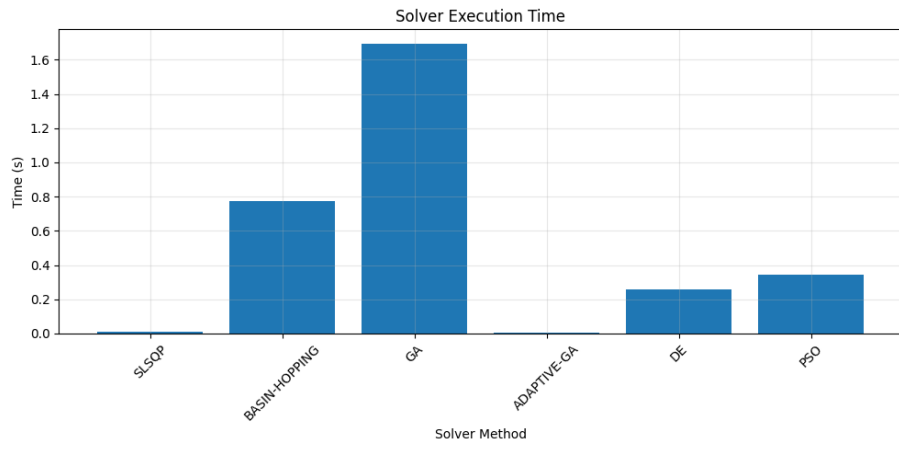


Figure 2: Solver Execution Time Comparison

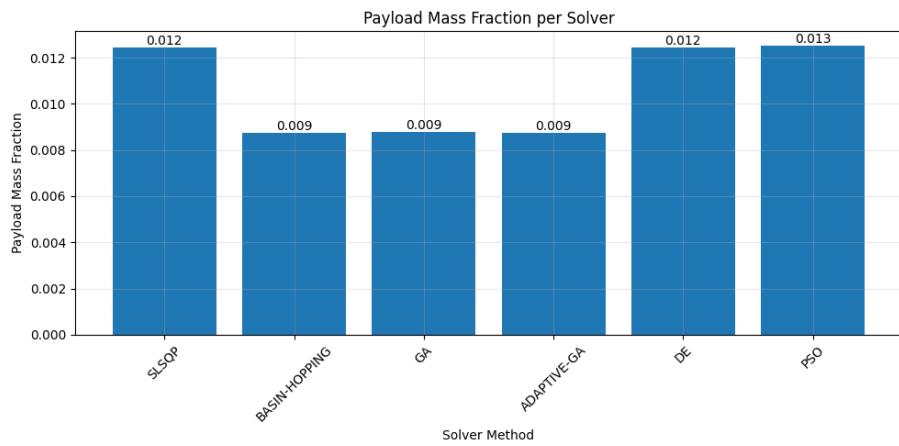


Figure 3: Payload Fraction Comparison

## 5 Final Results Summary

Table 3: Optimization Results Summary

| Method        | Payload Fraction | Error  | Time (s) |
|---------------|------------------|--------|----------|
| PSO           | 0.0125           | 0.0000 | 0.34     |
| SLSQP         | 0.0124           | 0.0000 | 0.01     |
| DE            | 0.0124           | 0.0000 | 0.26     |
| GA            | 0.0088           | 0.0000 | 1.69     |
| ADAPTIVE-GA   | 0.0087           | 0.0000 | 0.01     |
| BASIN-HOPPING | 0.0087           | 0.0000 | 0.78     |

### 5.1 Stage-by-Stage Analysis

Table 4: Stage 1 Comparison Across Methods

| Method        | $\Delta V$ (ms <sup>-1</sup> ) | Mass Ratio ( $\lambda$ ) | Contribution (%) |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| PSO           | 3765.8                         | 0.1282                   | 40.5             |
| SLSQP         | 3802.6                         | 0.1247                   | 40.9             |
| DE            | 3802.6                         | 0.1247                   | 40.9             |
| GA            | 2293.8                         | 0.3087                   | 24.7             |
| ADAPTIVE-GA   | 4650.0                         | 0.0560                   | 50.0             |
| BASIN-HOPPING | 4651.0                         | 0.0559                   | 50.0             |

Table 5: Stage 2 Comparison Across Methods

| Method        | $\Delta V$ (ms <sup>-1</sup> ) | Mass Ratio ( $\lambda$ ) | Contribution (%) |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| PSO           | 5534.2                         | 0.0977                   | 59.5             |
| SLSQP         | 5497.4                         | 0.0998                   | 59.1             |
| DE            | 5497.4                         | 0.0998                   | 59.1             |
| GA            | 7006.2                         | 0.0284                   | 75.3             |
| ADAPTIVE-GA   | 4650.0                         | 0.1561                   | 50.0             |
| BASIN-HOPPING | 4649.0                         | 0.1562                   | 50.0             |

Table 6: Stage Distribution Summary

| Method        | Stage 1 (%) | Stage 2 (%) | Total $\lambda$ |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| PSO           | 40.5        | 59.5        | 0.0125          |
| SLSQP         | 40.9        | 59.1        | 0.0124          |
| DE            | 40.9        | 59.1        | 0.0124          |
| GA            | 24.7        | 75.3        | 0.0088          |
| ADAPTIVE-GA   | 50.0        | 50.0        | 0.0087          |
| BASIN-HOPPING | 50.0        | 50.0        | 0.0087          |

**Key Observations:**

- Methods with even  $\Delta V$  distribution ( $\approx 50.0/50.0$ ): BASIN-HOPPING, ADAPTIVE-GA
- Methods with uneven distribution: SLSQP, GA, DE, PSO
- Best Stage 1 mass ratio: GA
- Best Stage 2 mass ratio: BASIN-HOPPING