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 mazimize 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 m s⁻² Total ΔV Required 0.0 m s⁻¹

2.2 Stage Parameters

Table 2: Stage Parameters and Assumptions

Stage	ISP (s)	Mass Fraction (ϵ)
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

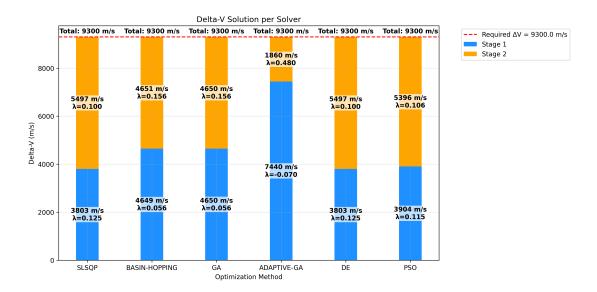


Figure 1: ΔV Distribution Across Stages

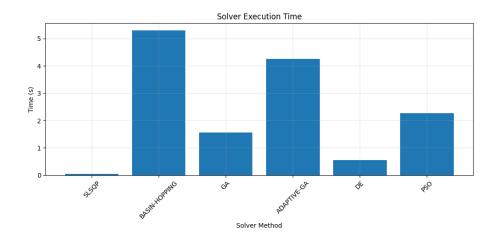


Figure 2: Solver Execution Time Comparison

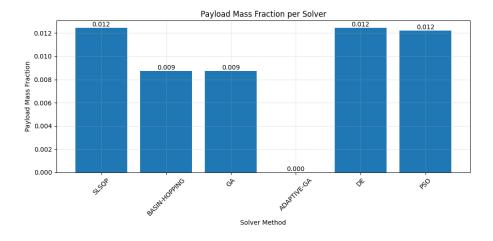


Figure 3: Payload Fraction Comparison

5 Final Results Summary

Table 3: Optimization Results Summary

Method	Payload Fraction	Error	Time (s)
DE	0.0124	0.0000	0.56
SLSQP	0.0124	0.0000	0.04
PSO	0.0122	0.0000	2.26
BASIN-HOPPING	0.0087	0.0000	5.30
GA	0.0087	0.0000	1.56
ADAPTIVE-GA	0.0000	0.0000	4.26

5.1 Stage-by-Stage Analysis

Table 4: Stage 1 Comparison Across Methods

Method	$\Delta V \; (\mathrm{ms^{-1}})$	Mass Ratio (λ)	Contribution (%)
DE	3802.6	0.1247	40.9
SLSQP	3802.6	0.1247	40.9
PSO	3904.0	0.1154	42.0
BASIN-HOPPING	4648.6	0.0561	50.0
GA	4650.0	0.0560	50.0
ADAPTIVE-GA	7440.0	-0.0702	80.0

Table 5: Stage 2 Comparison Across Methods

Method	$\Delta V \; (\mathrm{ms^{-1}})$	Mass Ratio (λ)	Contribution (%)
DE	5497.4	0.0998	59.1
SLSQP	5497.4	0.0998	59.1
PSO	5396.0	0.1058	58.0
BASIN-HOPPING	4651.4	0.1560	50.0
GA	4650.0	0.1561	50.0
ADAPTIVE-GA	1860.0	0.4799	20.0

Table 6: Stage Distribution Summary

Method	Stage 1 (%)	Stage 2 (%)	Total λ
DE	40.9	59.1	0.0124
SLSQP	40.9	59.1	0.0124
PSO	42.0	58.0	0.0122
BASIN-HOPPING	50.0	50.0	0.0087
GA	50.0	50.0	0.0087
ADAPTIVE-GA	80.0	20.0	0.0000

Key Observations:

- • Methods with even ΔV distribution (* 50.0/50.0): BASIN-HOPPING, GA
- \bullet Methods with uneven distribution: SLSQP, ADAPTIVE-GA, DE, PSO
- Best Stage 1 mass ratio: DE
- Best Stage 2 mass ratio: ADAPTIVE-GA