

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF LISTED MILITARY ENTERPRISES BASED ON MINDS MODEL

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Abstract: *This paper takes 25 listed military enterprises as the research sample. According to the sample enterprise 2011-2015 years of financial data, the comprehensive technical efficiency, pure technical efficiency and scale effect are calculated by using the MinDS model, determine the size of the sample enterprise revenue stage, and in combination with the original data on the level of its real performance evaluation of the industry. The results show that: the overall performance level of the sample enterprise is not high. There are some differences between the performance level of different industries. It is suggested that the sample enterprises through reform and optimize the industrial structure, to achieve innovation driven development.*

Keywords: *MinDS model; military enterprises; performance evaluation*

1. THE ISSUE RAISED

Military enterprises as an important carrier of civil military integration depth development, shoulder the dual mission of improving national defense science and technology strength and promote the development of the national economy, that is the front position of state-owned enterprise reform. In the past, due to its special properties, military enterprises had to face some problems, such as the lack of effective competition in the industry, the administrative power to intervene, and other issues, that affected the power of enterprise reform to a certain extent. With the introduction of "*Guiding Opinions on Promoting The Shareholding System Reform of Military Enterprises*", "*Interim Measures for the Implementation of the Shareholding System Transformation of Military Enterprises*", "*Interim Provisions on the Administration of the Intermediary Institutions Involved in the Reform and Listing of Military Enterprises and Institutions*" and a series of policies, military enterprises began to take the initiative to adapt to the laws of market economic development, and promote enterprise reform and listing and financing, basically established a modern enterprise system. As of 2016, Chinese military asset securitization rate has exceeded 40%, military enterprises gradually become a real market players. Now, facing the new normal development of the national economy, national defense science and industry of listed enterprises are in the development trend? Real performance level of each industry is to achieve the desired standard? This has become a very concerned problem for decision makers.

For the performance evaluation of China's listed military enterprises, many scholars have done related research. Wu Qing (2007) used super efficiency DEA model to analyze the operational efficiency of listed military enterprises from the angle of input and output efficiency. The conclusion was that the operating conditions of listed military enterprises were mainly determined by the enterprise's own technological advantages, as well as the degree of conversion of technological advantages. Zhang Yong et al. (2014) used the DEA model to analyze the problems and causes of human, financial, scientific, technological, information and other resources in the western region, and gave the countermeasures and suggestions to improve the efficiency of civil military integration in the western region. Zhou Bin (2015) based on VRS conditions, used non - angle SE-SBM model to evaluate the economic efficiency of military and civilian integration industry demonstration base. He proposed that we should pay attention to the relationship between the leading industries and the non-leading industries, taking into account the continuous development of traditional industries and strategic emerging industries. Wang Haitao and Gu Chunwei (2016) studied the production efficiency and the influencing factors of China's military listed enterprises from 2005 to 2014 by using the DEA-Tobit two stage analysis method. The result of the study was that the value of pure technical efficiency was not high, the production efficiency difference between enterprises was more and more big, and the scale wasn't economic and so on. Zhang Ming and Zhang Yaya (2016) used DEA-Malmquist index to measure the efficiency of listed military enterprises restructuring. The results showed that before and after the reform of listed military enterprises, the upgrade in the allocation of resources, resource efficiency and other aspects was not obvious. They suggested that the military enterprises should continue to improve the efficiency through scientific and technological innovation and management and other measures in the process of restructuring.

On the basis of previous studies, this paper takes the 25 national defense science and industry listed enterprises as the research sample, and extracts the financial data of the sample enterprise 2011-2015. MinDS model is used to evaluate the performance level of the sample enterprises in order to provide some reference value for the reform of military enterprises.

2. THE INTRODUCTION OF DATA ENVELOPMENT ANALYSIS AND MINDS MODEL

2.1 The introduction of Data Envelopment Analysis

Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) is a non-parametric technique efficiency analysis method which is used to compare the Decision Making Unit (DMU). It was first proposed in 1978 by Charnes, Cooper, and Rhodes in the United States, so the first model of DEA was named CCR model (Charnes A, et al., 1978). Technical efficiency refers to the extent to which the production process of a production unit reaches the technical level of the industry that reflect the level of the technical level of a production unit. Based on the assumption of constant returns to scale (CRS), the technical efficiency derived from the CCR model includes the component of scale efficiency (SE), which is often called comprehensive technical efficiency (TE). In 1984, Banker, Charnes and Cooper proposed a DEA model called BCC model based on Variable Returns to Scale (VRS).

The technical efficiency derived from the BCC model excludes the impact of the scale economy, so it is called pure technical efficiency (PTE). The BCC model also provides a method for calculating the SE. By comparing the TE and the PTE, the SE can be separated, i.e. $SE=TE/PTE$.

According to the measurement of technical efficiency, DEA model can also be divided into input-oriented, output-oriented and non-oriented. The input-oriented model is to measure the invalid rate of DMU from the input point of view. It focuses on the extent of the input should be reduced under the circumstance of not reducing the output, to achieve the technique effectiveness. On the contrary, the output-oriented model focuses on the extent of the output should be increased under the circumstance of not increase the input, to achieve the technique effectiveness from the output point of view. The non-oriented model is both concerned about input and output.

2.2 The introduction of MinDS model

Due to the measure of the invalid rate from the CCR and the BCC model contain only the proportional reduction (increase) ratio of all input (output), this type of the DEA model is called the radial DEA model. For the inefficient evaluated DMU, the gap between the current state and the ideal state, not only contain the proportional improvement part, but also includes the slacked improvement part. Since this improvement part is not reflected in the efficiency measurement of the radial model, Tone Kaoru(2001) proposed the non-radial Slack Based Measure model (SBM). But the model also has obvious shortcomings. From the point of view of distance function, the projection point of the evaluated DMU is the farthest point from the evaluated DMU on the production frontier. Thus the input or output inefficiency is maximize, rather than minimize the path to the production frontier. To overcome it, Aparicio(2007) and Tone K.(2010) et al made some improvements. They employed the nearest point on the strong efficient frontier as the projection point, and proposed the Minimum Distance to Strong Efficiency Frontier model (MinDS).

The MinDS-CCR model (1) consists of three parts. The first part is the objective functions and the constraint a. The second part is the constraint b. The third part is the constraint. The common purpose of the constraint b and the constraint c is to make the reference benchmark located in a same hyper plane, where M is a positive number large enough. The MinDS model use to represent the technical efficiency of the evaluated DMU. It measured the invalid rate from the point of view of input and output at the same time, respectively as and . Therefore, it is called the non-oriented model. If , the evaluated DMU is high effective that hasn't the weak effective problem of the radial model, so the input-output efficiency reaches the optimal level. On the basis of the MinDS-CRS model (1), the MinDS-VRS model can be got by adding the constraint and the free variable . It should be pointed out that TE/PTE is the Scale Efficiency Score (SE) when using radial distance model, and TE/PTE is the Scale Effect Score (SE) when using non-radial distance model.

3. SAMPLE, INDEX AND DATA DESCRIPTION

3.1 Sample selection

This paper selects 25 listed national defense science and technology enterprises from Chinese Listed Enterprises Association defense industry sector as the DMU. And we obtain the financial data of the 25 enterprises in 2011-2015 from CSMAR. They are: 4 from electronics industry, 4 from aerospace, 6 from heavy industry, 4 from information technology, 3 from remote navigation and 4 from new materials, see Figure 1.

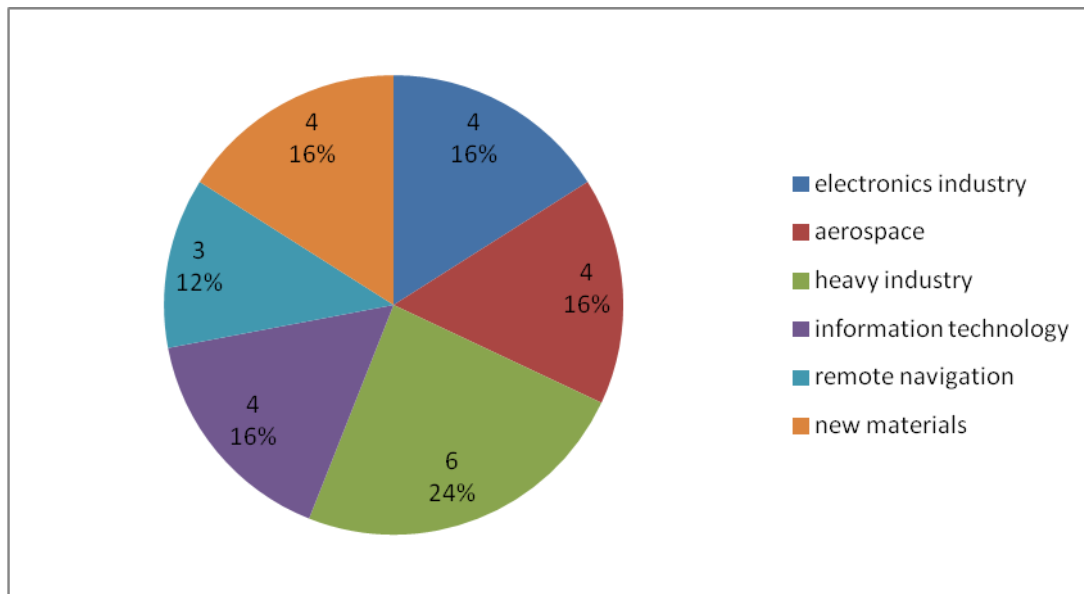


FIG.1 Type and quantity of listed national defense science and technology enterprises

2.2 Evaluation index selection

The input index of this paper is research investment, number of employees, operating costs, other inputs and cash paid for the purchase of fixed assets, intangible assets and other long-term assets. The output index of this paper is gross operating income and total profit. The research investment reflects the enterprises investment in scientific research projects, the number of employees reflects the enterprise investment in human resources, cash paid for the purchase of fixed assets, intangible assets and other long-term assets reflects the enterprise's capital investment, operating costs include the cost of selling goods or services as well as the purchase of raw materials, auxiliary materials fuel and other expenses, other inputs includes financial expenses, selling expenses and administrative expenses. The gross operating income reflects the growth of the enterprises, the total profit reflects the current production and operation efficiency of enterprises, see Table 1.

Table 1 Input index and output index

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|--------------|---|
| Input index | research investment (RI) |
| | number of employees (NE) |
| | cash paid for the purchase of fixed assets, intangible assets and other long-term assets (CPPFIO) |
| | operating costs (OC) |
| | other inputs (OI) |
| Output index | gross operating income (GOI) |
| | total profit (TP) |

3.3 Data description

As can be seen in the input index from Table 2, the average RI, NE, OC and OI of the sample enterprises were increased year by year. In particular, the average RI was the largest, with an average increase of 36.41%, while the average CPPFIO was decreased with an average decline of 10.47%.

In the output index, the average GOI of the sample enterprises was raising steadily, with an average increase of 2.25%. The average TP was significantly decreased with an average decline of 32.06%.

In detail, except for a slight change in individual indicators in individual years, the situation of electronics industry and remote navigation were relatively steady, with an increase of almost the input and output index year by year. In addition to CPPFIO in the annual reduction, the other indexes of information technology were increased. The operation of the aerospace showed a little volatility that NE, OC, CPPFIO and GOI have a decline in 2015, though the others kept increasing. The volatility of new material was the most obvious. Except for NE and OI, the others all had a different degree of decreased in 2015 after a period of growth, such as CPPFIO had a largest decline of 52.46% in the input index, TP had a largest decline of 203.59% in the output index. The situation of heavy industry was relatively unsatisfactory. Its GOI and TP respectively had an average decline of 4.78% and 66.96%, as well as the input index except for RI were all decreased or stagnant. More details are shown in Table 3.

Table 2 Overall financial data (average value)

| year | RI | NE | CPPFIO | OC | OI | GOI | TP |
|------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2011 | 43678544.0 4 | 5818. 73 | 725690413. 17 | 5086545153.9 3 | 760613425.78 | 6582009127.0 4 | 798853435. 02 |
| 2012 | 75011046.3 6 | 6512. 46 | 601263826. 95 | 5156956140.5 5 | 871989635.45 | 6518645255.4 2 | 591500429. 85 |
| 2013 | 88252239.0 5 | 6231. 31 | 540963988. 93 | 5675848017.8 2 | 948656621.11 | 7015851623.1 3 | 479583232. 94 |
| 2014 | 107962677. 20 | 7499. 85 | 509335315. 58 | 5934596685.5 3 | 1017132293.5 6 | 7264270784.3 1 | 370060246. 36 |
| 2015 | 144589376. 14 | 7511.8 5 | 464129787. 89 | 5984013576.6 5 | 1111276494.5 5 | 7176322907.5 7 | 146148967. 24 |

Note: Calculated in constant 2011 RMB

Table 3 Industry financial data (average value)

| Ind. | year | RI | NE | CPPFIO | OC | OI | GOI | TP |
|----------------------|------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Electronics industry | 2011 | 204031 63.41 | 769.50 | 1565927 37.66 | 331402965 .77 | 83729543. 24 | 498529208 .74 | 87317022. 51 |
| | 2012 | 731177 28.29 | 1239.5 0 | 1413758 53.06 | 397315108 .93 | 117116530 .29 | 594760093 .78 | 99171083. 59 |
| | 2013 | 433535 47.61 | 1309.5 0 | 1245673 74.15 | 499289902 .14 | 149056557 .35 | 730776362 .95 | 122175105 .23 |
| | 2014 | 647886 06.15 | 1420.7 5 | 1367612 04.44 | 590604698 .80 | 187831068 .80 | 904317775 .11 | 154946439 .31 |
| | 2015 | 975019 90.04 | 1825.7 5 | 1639367 39.29 | 780551165 .30 | 251353193 .48 | 121742553 7.65 | 215776098 .56 |
| Aerospace | 2011 | 134154 76.97 | 6601.7 5 | 1552313 54.02 | 289905299 4.84 | 320121054 .22 | 340468151 1.35 | 193821633 .79 |
| | 2012 | 208992 49.64 | 6555.7 5 | 2425324 46.74 | 329323550 2.08 | 355009590 .52 | 385057396 2.73 | 218347424 .84 |
| | 2013 | 2708987 6.25 | 6264.25 | 73783561 8.11 | 7673623829 .03 | 949649249. 26 | 8934898715 .02 | 417048824. 17 |
| | 2014 | 4938568 3.22 | 13723.2 5 | 95726728 0.28 | 8004708202 .60 | 1028824895 .76 | 9347297175 .33 | 465712389. 16 |
| | 2015 | 8852386 5.74 | 13566.0 0 | 86032783 3.36 | 7256872544 .01 | 1075953379 .26 | 8702246204 .50 | 513974893. 83 |

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|------------------------|------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| New materials | 2011 | 1193972 1.95 | 1007.50 | 23434956 8.24 | 397017752. 56 | 73765514.7 0 | 595074602. 49 | 129534492. 93 |
| | 2012 | 1816057 0.07 | 1011.00 | 38999354 7.95 | 442738435. 12 | 80709562.4 6 | 590647217. 62 | 82211448.3 6 |
| | 2013 | 1252639 4.48 | 1210.50 | 28422540 9.05 | 580536056. 52 | 134011178. 92 | 734665252. 99 | 23659484.4 6 |
| | 2014 | 1524861 8.29 | 1258.75 | 21610727 4.30 | 603529530. 28 | 152138374. 35 | 826369395. 43 | 92286075.8 4 |
| | 2015 | 1188358 2.31 | 1287.00 | 10273505 7.88 | 545235658. 20 | 190157101. 15 | 698465491. 86 | - 95597948.5 7 |
| Information technology | 2011 | 9937385 7.04 | 1034.5 | 63374640 0.2 | 4564637325 | 785654045. 1 | 5487675729 | 299905552. 8 |
| | 2012 | 1690600 03.5 | 4591 | 50071752 2.5 | 5072859510 | 1023668793 | 6228514865 | 329609320. 8 |
| | 2013 | 1893667 40.3 | 5371.75 | 40496426 4.6 | 4916322128 | 1187554393 | 6208388975 | 394224628. 4 |
| | 2014 | 2247310 30.7 | 6151 | 31161718 3.9 | 5587319634 | 1399114249 | 7174674600 | 437162606. 9 |
| | 2015 | 2777516 47.3 | 6151 | 38954104 0.6 | 6278108781 | 1667192426 | 8079356489 | 739028105. 2 |
| Remote navigation | 2011 | 1025313 51.53 | 1991.33 | 19766418 9.23 | 544269223. 80 | 193459206. 27 | 809443438. 34 | 76872469.2 7 |
| | 2012 | 1060762 49.95 | 1830.00 | 20434046 3.78 | 518156587. 18 | 244236726. 52 | 825578646. 17 | 115048967. 19 |
| | 2013 | 1205441 57.05 | 2054.33 | 19489709 6.23 | 730364597. 36 | 326001009. 29 | 1175263096 .57 | 165975300. 50 |
| | 2014 | 1103976 58.54 | 2103.33 | 27323270 3.62 | 895297751. 00 | 433719369. 00 | 1484616676 .87 | 213976219. 05 |
| | 2015 | 1425426 92.75 | 2745.33 | 37565764 4.56 | 1181926632 .27 | 539801384. 06 | 1887370620 .84 | 225111181. 17 |
| Heavy industry | 2011 | 3938146 7.31 | 17777.1 7 | 22424561 24.40 | 1628796425 0.01 | 2348637206 .22 | 2140888371 9.08 | 2929459312 .74 |
| | 2012 | 7701310 3.38 | 18175.1 7 | 16233956 94.85 | 1592861356 5.66 | 2594454325 .26 | 2027393935 6.48 | 2008534772 .95 |
| | 2013 | 1236956 71.62 | 16293.0 0 | 11686110 17.38 | 1508858903 7.23 | 2311372832 .48 | 1868090623 3.84 | 1347079281 .25 |
| | 2014 | 1607525 67.20 | 16155.5 0 | 96187157 5.06 | 1537506846 7.92 | 2318443780 .30 | 1849961882 6.34 | 716746699. 21 |
| | 2015 | 2129516 11.55 | 15583.3 3 | 78917470 2.92 | 1537286409 6.16 | 2385422106 .55 | 1757938487 9.19 | - 406286003. 79 |

Note: Calculated in constant 2011 RMB

4. EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS

This paper regards the annual observations of each sample enterprise as a DMU. By using MinDS-CRS and MinDS-VRS model, TE and PTE can be calculated, and then SE can be calculated by TE/PTE. In the calculation results, TE represents the overall production efficiency of the sample enterprises, PTE represents the production technology and management level of the enterprises, and SE reflects the influence of scale economy [2]. Figure 2 shows the trend of the annual average of TE, PTE and SE of the sample enterprises in 2011-2015. Table 4 shows the industry average of TE, PTE and SE of the sample enterprises. Table 5 shows the returns to scale stage of the enterprises in the industry. For limited space, this paper does not list all the annual results of the sample companies.

4.1 The overview

On the whole, the average TE of the sample enterprises is 0.867, with a median of \$0.901 from 2011 to 2015. From the result that the median is greater than the average, it can be concluded that the overall production efficiency of most sample enterprises is above the average level, which reflects that the overall production efficiency of the 25 sample enterprises is ideal.

As we can see from Figure 2, in the meantime, the maximum of TE of the sample enterprises is 0.9049 in 2015, followed by 0.9045 in 2012 and the minimum is 0.756 in 2013. The overall trend of TE is roughly "M" font, same as the trend of SE, while the trend of PTE is a weak "Z" font. Specific speaking, from 2011 to 2012, PTE and SE of the sample enterprises are both in growth, and PTE is lower than SE. In 2013, the PTE and SE both drop to the minimum in five years, but the PTE's decline is smaller so that PTE exceeds SE. In 2014, the PTE and SE rise again. The SE achieves the maximum in five years over the PTE again. In 2015, the SE has a decline, but the PTE keeps increasing to maximum in five years over the SE.

The phenomenon shows that the overall production efficiency of the sample enterprises is greatly influenced by the SE. In general, each industry has not been able to completely get rid of the previous development mode that investment driven. However, by observing the trend line (Figure 2) we can find that the overall production efficiency of the sample enterprises is more influence by PTE since 2013. The trend of technical progress and management improvement gradually appears. The reasons for this phenomenon may be the Communist Party of China announced a series of important policies in the third Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee in 2013. A comprehensive reform of the economy and society, including the reform of the market economy, the reform of state-owned enterprises, etc. has begun. Especially the promulgation of "The Guiding Opinions on Promoting the Shareholding System Reform of Military Enterprises (hereinafter referred to as the *Guiding Opinions*)" has a fundamental influence on the organization structure and production management of the listed military enterprises. It promotes the listed military enterprises to actively adjust the development direction, optimize the industrial structure, and actively adapt to the needs of the army and the new national economic development.

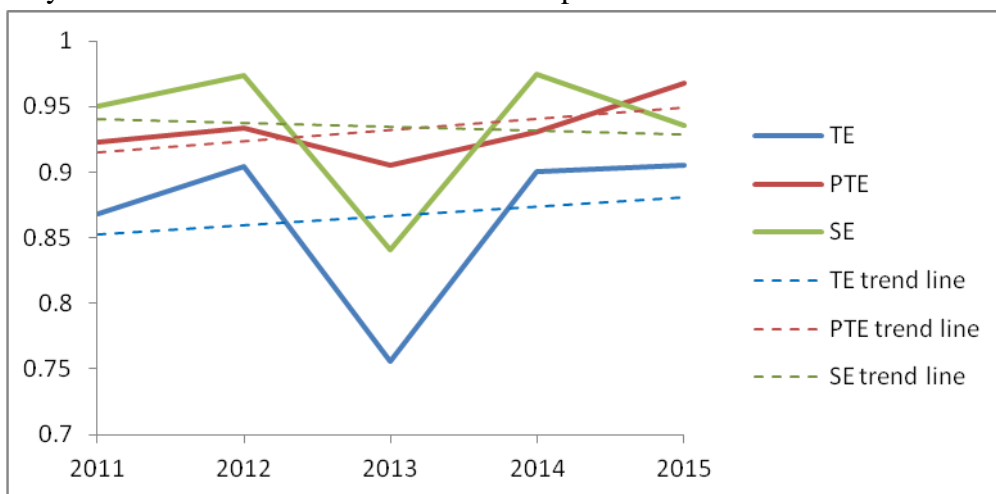


FIG. 2 Overall TE, PTE and SE (average value)

4.2 The industry situation

From the type of industry, the average TE, PTE and SE of the sample enterprises have different degrees of difference in different types.

The average industry TE ranking first is heavy industry. Although its TE only ranks first in 2013 (also the minimum), the rest of the years rank in the top which are never less than 0.85 with a relatively stable trend. Besides, its average SE also ranks first with an industry average of more than 1. On the contrary, its average PTE only ranks fourth in the lower-middle level. This shows that the overall production efficiency of heavy industry is obviously affected by the scale of economic factors, and heavy industry is a typical investment driven industry. It is worth noting that after a period of stagnant growth, its average PTE rises by 11.4% in 2015 and exceeded the average SE. This reflects the industry's emphasis on technological progress and management improvement. The industry has emerged in the transformation of the development trend.

The average industry TE ranking second is aerospace. The situation of production efficiency of aerospace is similar to heavy industry. Its average SE ranks second in the upper level but average PTE ranks fifth in the downstream level. However after a period of decline, its PTE has begun to increase since 2014, and exceeds the average SE in 2015. This shows that although the industry is a typical investment driven industries and the overall production efficiency is obviously influenced by the scale of economic factors, it has the trend of innovation driven development.

The average industry TE ranking third is electronics industry. The trend of its average TE has a strong volatility that presents "V" with a minimum of 0.721 in 2013 and a maximum of 1 in 2015. Its average PTE ranks second in the upper level but average SE ranks fourth in the lower-middle level. It can be seen that the overall production efficiency of electronic industry is greatly influenced by the production technology and management level. In 2015, the average TE, PTE and SE are all 1, indicating that the overall production efficiency of the industry has reached the optimal level, and all kinds of influencing factors have played a positive role.

The average industry TE ranking fourth is information technology. Its average PTE ranks first that has equal to 1 four years. In the opposite, its average SE only ranks fifth in the downstream level. This reflects that information technology is a typical industry of technological progress, the production technology and management level has a significant impact on the overall production efficiency.

The average industry TE ranking fifth is new materials. The general performance of new material is not so good. Its average PTE ranks third in the middle level, and its average SE ranks sixth that is the lowest in all industries. This reflects that the industry needs to continue to improve the production technology and management level, but also need to enlarge the overall investment, and develop the scale economy effect.

The average industry TE ranking sixth is remote navigation. The overall performance of remote navigation is not ideal. Its average PTE ranks sixth that is the lowest rank, and its average SE ranks third in the middle level. This shows that the industry needs to continue to increase investment and enlarge industrial scale on the one hand. On the other hand, it is urgent to improve the level of management so as to walk into innovation driven development way.

Table 4 Industry TE, PTE and SE (average value)

| Ind. | year | TE | PTE | SE | Ind. | year | TE | PTE | SE |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Electronics industry | 2011 | 0.911338 75 | 1 | 0.911338 75 | Information technology | 2011 | 0.8354422 5 | 1 | 0.835442 25 |
| | 2012 | 0.871005 5 | 0.928369 5 | 0.947199 5 | | 2012 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | 2013 | 0.721367 5 | 0.953601 75 | 0.758415 | | 2013 | 0.728127 | 0.9447882 5 | 0.787725 |
| | 2014 | 0.947257 25 | 0.948184 75 | 0.99883 | | 2014 | 0.855133 | 1 | 0.855133 |
| | 2015 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2015 | 0.8835485 | 1 | 0.883548 5 |
| Industry average | | 0.890194 (3) | 0.966031 (2) | 0.923156 (4) | Industry average | | 0.860450 (4) | 0.988958 (1) | 0.872370 (5) |
| Aerospace | 2011 | 0.955871 75 | 0.920569 | 1.051742 5 | Remote navigation | 2011 | 0.6531503 33 | 0.678866 | 1.000924 |
| | 2012 | 0.858200 5 | 0.871168 75 | 0.973676 75 | | 2012 | 0.8163883 33 | 0.8533113 33 | 0.964453 67 |
| | 2013 | 0.819374 25 | 0.834751 75 | 0.987987 5 | | 2013 | 0.7988546 67 | 0.9253143 33 | 0.862901 |
| | 2014 | 0.952571 5 | 0.94109 | 1.015021 25 | | 2014 | 0.8721246 67 | 0.862661 | 1.012214 67 |
| | 2015 | 0.920666 25 | 0.986277 5 | 0.934125 25 | | 2015 | 0.8622113 33 | 0.8704346 67 | 0.989720 67 |
| Industry average | | 0.901337 (2) | 0.910771 (5) | 0.992511 (2) | Industry average | | 0.800546 (6) | 0.838117 (6) | 0.966043 (3) |
| New materials | 2011 | 0.869082 5 | 0.952699 75 | 0.906827 | Heavy industry | 2011 | 0.8869383 33 | 0.912473 | 0.980957 5 |
| | 2012 | 0.872524 | 1 | 0.872524 | | 2012 | 0.9436685 | 0.92028 | 1.039766 33 |
| | 2013 | 0.610647 5 | 0.868708 | 0.699764 5 | | 2013 | 0.8692903 33 | 0.891716 | 0.967992 |
| | 2014 | 0.896649 75 | 1 | 0.896649 75 | | 2014 | 0.928039 | 0.8907545 | 1.059346 67 |
| | 2015 | 0.818336 5 | 0.991962 | 0.826033 5 | | 2015 | 0.974675 | 0.9922506 67 | 0.982094 67 |
| Industry average | | 0.813448 (5) | 0.962674 (3) | 0.840360 (6) | Industry average | | 0.920522 (1) | 0.92149 (4) | 1.006 (1) |

Note: Because the data in the table is the average, rather than the value of a single enterprise (DMU), so it is only approximate to meet the TE=PTE*SE. The number of brackets for the industry's overall ranking. Ranking are shown in parentheses.

Data resources: Based on the empirical results of MinDS-CRS model and MinDS-VRS model.

4.3 The returns to scale stage

As we can see from Table 5, the enterprises of electronics industry are almost in the stage of constant returns to scale. Although the enterprise 300101 and 002190 have been in the stage of increasing returns to scale over a period of time, they all entered the constant returns to scale in 2015. The enterprise of aerospace are in the stage of constant or increasing returns to scale, where enterprise 000901 and 600316 are in the stage of increasing returns to scale at a long time. The situation of new materials is similar to remote navigation. They are basically in the stage of increasing returns to the scale. The enterprises of information technology are almost in the stage of constant returns to scale. Only enterprise 002253 is in the stage of increasing returns to scale at a long time.

The enterprises of heavy industry are also basically in the stage of constant returns to scale, where enterprise 600590 has been in the stage of increasing returns to scale after the situation of decreasing returns to scale since 2011. However enterprise 300185's situation is relatively complex and has certain volatility, even emerges the situation of decreasing returns to scale in 2015.

Table 5 The returns to scale stage of the enterprises in the industry

| Industry | Enterprises (Stock code) | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Electronics industry | 300101 | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Constant | Constant |
| | 002339 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| | 002190 | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Constant |
| | 002049 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| Aerospace | 000901 | Constant | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing |
| | 600316 | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Constant | Increasing |
| | 600118 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| | 600893 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| New materials | 002167 | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Constant | Constant |
| | 002297 | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing |
| | 601208 | Constant | Constant | Increasing | Constant | Increasing |
| | 002428 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Increasing |
| Remote navigation | 600435 | Increasing | Decreasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing |
| | 002151 | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing |
| | 002230 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| Information technology | 002446 | Increasing | Constant | Increasing | Increasing | Constant |
| | 002439 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| | 002253 | Increasing | Constant | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing |
| | 600100 | Constant | Constant | Decreasing | Constant | Constant |
| Heavy industry | 002037 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| | 600031 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| | 600590 | Decreasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing | Increasing |
| | 300185 | Increasing | Decreasing | Increasing | Increasing | Decreasing |
| | 600416 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |
| | 601989 | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant | Constant |

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the evaluation of the performance of 25 listed military enterprises, the following conclusions can be drawn.

1. The overall production efficiency of sample enterprises is ideal. Their TE is in a high level and keeps growing momentum as a whole. However, the overall economic benefits of the sample enterprises are declining year by year, and even a large area of loss of business situation happened in individual industries in 2015. This shows that good production efficiency does not bring good economic benefits.

2. The situation of production and management has certain differences in diverse industries. (1) Electronic industry and aerospace are basically in the stage of constant returns to scale. Their TE is in an upper level, and their PTE and SE is balance for comparison. In addition, their GOI and TP are both increasing year by year that is description of the industry is in a golden age of growth and development. (2) Information technology and remote navigation both has the characteristics of better economic efficiency and relatively high production efficiency.

But their overall performance level is not good. They are basically in the stage of constant or increasing returns to scale with a low level of TE. The difference is that the former belongs to the typical technological progress industry with the higher PTE, but the latter basically belongs to the investment driven industry with the higher SE. These two industries' GOI and TP are also in a sustained growth trend, especially the growth rate of TP was high, which reflected a huge potential for development contained in the enterprises in the industries. (3) The production efficiency of heavy industry is good, but the economic efficiency is not ideal, so its overall performance level is low. Heavy industry is in the stage of constant returns to scale, which belongs to the typical investment driven industry, and its TE and the SE of the industry are very high. Besides, the GOI and TP of heavy industry are decreasing year by year. This shows that the industry has encountered some resistance to the development and enterprises in the industry need to upgrade. (4) The production efficiency and economic benefit of the new material are not satisfactory, which leads to the low level of overall performance. The situation of new material is complex. On the one hand, its TE, PTE and SE are not high. On the other hand, its GOI and TP present the obvious volatility. Although it is almost in the stage of increasing returns to scale, the development prospects of the industry is difficult to accurately grasp. Countries and governments need to be supported and guided.

Based on the above conclusions, this paper puts forward some suggestions for the development of sample enterprises.

1. Control the scale and take the technological progress route. The results of this paper show that the size of the input of the sample enterprises is growing, but the GOI and TP are getting lower and lower, the SE trend line (Figure 2) is also in decline. As a result, the sample enterprises have already appeared the situation of diseconomies of scale in general, and have some negative effects on the whole production and operation efficiency. Therefore, it is an important measure to control the scale of investment, to improve the utilization of resources, to improve the management of enterprises and to implement the strategy of innovation driven development.

2. Timely adjust the direction of development. On the basis of the subjective and objective conditions, such as industrial base, industrial structure and policy environment, each industry need to make targeted changes. For the industry of good production efficiency and economic performance, such as electronic industry and aerospace, the recommendation is to maintain their current momentum of development, both taking into account "quality" and "quantity". For the industry of good economic performance but medium production efficiency, such as information technology and remote navigation, the suggestion is that the former appropriately promotes investment, and the latter need to improve innovation capacity on the basis of continuing to expand the scale of production. For the industry like heavy industry of good production efficiency and bad economic performance, the recommendation is to appropriate control scale, improve resource utilization, and accelerate the transformation and upgrading of the industry so as to break the bottleneck of the development of the industry. For the industry like new material of bad production efficiency and economic performance, it needs the support and guidance of the country and the government.

At the same time, the enterprises in the industry should improve the production technology, improve the level of management and broaden the market through their own efforts.

3. Facing the market and promoting the reform of military enterprise shareholding system. *Guiding Opinions* has indicated that promoting the joint-stock reform of military enterprises is a profound change in the field of national defense science and technology industry. It is conducive to break the industry, military and civilian and military enterprise ownership boundaries, broaden the financing channels, as well as establish a standardized corporate governance structure for military enterprises, transform the management mechanism and strengthen the internal vitality and the ability of independent development of military enterprises. It is an effective measure to solve the deep-seated contradictions and problems in the reform and development of military enterprises. However, due to the development of military enterprises greatly affected by the policy, such as in 2013(the *Guiding Opinions* issued), the overall productivity of the sample companies has declined significantly (Figure 2), the majority of military enterprises groups have chosen to take a cautious attitude to the military assets of joint-stock reform. Therefore, the enterprises must emancipate the mind and fully understand the importance and urgency of deepening reform of military enterprises. Only in this way can the military enterprises have a rational view of the “throes” of the reform process, face and adapt to the capital market through shareholding system reform and become a real market subject.

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