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# Optimization of Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network and Risk Control: A Perspective of Smart City Integration

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## ABSTRACT

With the deep integration of low-altitude economy and smart city construction, urban low-altitude logistics has become an important breakthrough to solve the problems of „last-mile“ delivery in urban areas. However, the current urban low-altitude logistics network is faced with challenges such as unreasonable layout, insufficient intelligent scheduling capabilities, and imperfect risk control systems, which restrict its high-quality development. This study takes the integration of smart city as the perspective, systematically explores the optimization path of urban low-altitude logistics network and the construction of risk control system. Through the analysis of typical cases in China, the United Kingdom, Japan and other countries, it identifies the key influencing factors of network optimization and risk formation mechanisms. On this basis, the paper proposes a multi-objective optimization model of low-altitude logistics network considering efficiency, cost and safety, and designs a risk control system based on digital twin and real-time monitoring technology. Research results show that the integration of smart city technologies such as big data, Internet of Things and artificial intelligence can effectively improve the operational efficiency of low-altitude logistics networks and reduce potential risks. This study provides theoretical support and practical guidance for the construction of urban low-altitude logistics systems and the high-quality development of the low-altitude economy.

**Keywords:** Low-Altitude Logistics; Smart City; Network Optimization; Risk Control; Digital Twin; Last-Mile Delivery

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Research Background

In recent years, the low-altitude economy has developed rapidly as a new economic form driven by technological innovation and industrial integration, and has become an important engine for global economic growth. Urban low-altitude logistics, as a key application scenario of the low-altitude economy, relies on unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and other low-altitude flight equipment to carry out cargo transportation activities in the low-altitude airspace below 1000 meters. It has the advantages of flexibility, efficiency, low cost and strong adaptability, and can effectively solve the pain points of traditional urban logistics such as traffic congestion, difficult „last-mile“ delivery and high labor costs. With the acceleration of urbanization and the rapid development of e-commerce, the demand for urban logistics services is growing exponentially. The traditional ground logistics system has been difficult to meet the increasingly diversified and personalized logistics needs of residents, which provides a broad development space for urban low-altitude logistics.

At the same time, the in-depth advancement of smart city construction has laid a solid technical

foundation for the development of urban low-altitude logistics. Smart city technologies such as big data, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI) and digital twin have been widely used in urban management, transportation scheduling and risk control, which can provide strong support for the optimization of low-altitude logistics networks, intelligent scheduling of UAVs and real-time monitoring of flight risks. Major economies around the world have attached great importance to the development of urban low-altitude logistics. China has included low-altitude logistics in the key development areas of the low-altitude economy, and has carried out a series of pilot projects in Shenzhen, Hangzhou, Chengdu and other cities. The United Kingdom has launched the „Future Flight Challenge“ program to support the research and application of low-altitude logistics technologies. Japan has formulated a special development plan for urban air mobility, focusing on promoting the integration of low-altitude logistics and smart city construction.

However, despite the broad development prospects, the construction and operation of urban low-altitude logistics networks still face many challenges. In terms of network layout, the current low-altitude logistics take-off and landing points (dronesports) are unreasonably distributed, with uneven regional coverage and poor connection with ground logistics nodes, resulting in low overall operational efficiency of the network. In terms of intelligent scheduling, the lack of an integrated intelligent scheduling platform leads to difficulties in coordinated operation between multiple UAVs, and problems such as flight conflicts and path redundancy often occur. In terms of risk control, the low-altitude airspace environment is complex, and there are many potential risks such as UAV failure, weather changes, and illegal intrusion into restricted airspace. The current risk control system is not perfect, and the ability to predict and respond to risks is insufficient. In addition, the lack of unified industry standards, imperfect regulatory systems and low public acceptance also restrict the large-scale commercial application of urban low-altitude logistics.

Against this background, taking the integration of smart city as the perspective, exploring the optimization path of urban low-altitude logistics network and the construction of risk control system has important theoretical and practical significance for promoting the healthy development of urban low-altitude logistics and the high-quality development of the low-altitude economy.

## **1.2 Research Objectives and Significance**

The main objectives of this study are: (1) to systematically sort out the connotation and characteristics of urban low-altitude logistics networks under the background of smart city integration, and clarify the interaction mechanism between smart city technologies and low-altitude logistics network operation; (2) to analyze the current situation and existing problems of urban low-altitude logistics network construction in major economies, and identify the key influencing factors of network optimization and the formation mechanism of operational risks; (3) to propose a multi-objective optimization model of urban low-altitude logistics network considering efficiency, cost and safety, and design a risk control system based on smart city technologies; (4) to put forward targeted policy suggestions and implementation paths for the optimization and upgrading of urban low-altitude logistics networks and the improvement of risk control capabilities.

The theoretical significance of this study lies in: first, it enriches the research system of low-altitude economy and smart city integration, and deepens the understanding of the operation mechanism of urban low-altitude logistics networks; second, it constructs a multi-objective optimization model of low-altitude logistics networks and a risk control system based on smart city technologies, which provides a new theoretical framework for related research. The practical significance is reflected in: first, it can provide

decision-making references for government departments to formulate low-altitude logistics development policies, network planning schemes and risk control measures; second, it can guide logistics enterprises to optimize the layout of low-altitude logistics networks, improve intelligent scheduling capabilities and risk prevention and control levels, and promote the large-scale commercial application of urban low-altitude logistics; third, it helps to improve the efficiency of urban logistics operation, reduce logistics costs, and enhance the quality of urban public services.

### **1.3 Research Methodology and Structure**

This study adopts a combination of literature review, comparative analysis, case study and logical deduction methods. First, through a systematic review of domestic and foreign literature on low-altitude logistics, smart city, network optimization and risk control, this paper sorts out the research progress and existing deficiencies in related fields, and lays a theoretical foundation for the research. Second, through comparative analysis, this paper compares and analyzes the policy systems, technical routes and development models of urban low-altitude logistics in China, the United Kingdom, Japan and other major economies, and identifies the commonalities and differences in the development of low-altitude logistics in different countries. Third, taking Shenzhen (China), London (UK) and Tokyo (Japan) as typical cases, this paper deeply analyzes the practices and experiences of these cities in low-altitude logistics network construction and risk control, and extracts key success factors. Finally, based on the above research, this paper uses logical deduction to construct a multi-objective optimization model of low-altitude logistics network and a risk control system, and puts forward corresponding policy suggestions.

The structure of this paper is arranged as follows: the first part is the introduction, which elaborates on the research background, objectives, significance, methodology and structure. The second part is the literature review and theoretical basis, which sorts out the related literature and expounds the theoretical basis of the research. The third part analyzes the current situation and problems of urban low-altitude logistics network construction under the background of smart city integration. The fourth part explores the key influencing factors of urban low-altitude logistics network optimization and the formation mechanism of operational risks. The fifth part constructs the multi-objective optimization model of urban low-altitude logistics network and the risk control system. The sixth part takes typical cities as cases to carry out empirical analysis. The seventh part puts forward the construction path and policy suggestions for the optimization and sustainable development of urban low-altitude logistics network. The eighth part is the conclusion and prospect.

## **2. Literature Review and Theoretical Basis**

### **2.1 Research Progress on Urban Low-Altitude Logistics**

Domestic and foreign scholars have carried out a lot of research on urban low-altitude logistics, mainly focusing on technical research, network planning, operational management and policy supervision. In terms of technical research, scholars have focused on the research and development of UAV technology, communication navigation technology and intelligent scheduling technology. For example, some scholars have studied the optimization of UAV flight control systems, improved the stability and reliability of UAV flight, and enhanced the UAV's ability to adapt to complex low-altitude environments. Others have researched on 5G-based low-altitude communication technology, realizing real-time transmission of UAV flight data and remote control. In terms of network planning, relevant studies have focused on the layout

optimization of dronesports and the planning of flight routes. Some scholars have established a location selection model of dronesports based on factors such as logistics demand, traffic accessibility and land use, to realize the rational layout of dronesports . Others have studied the optimization of UAV flight routes, considering factors such as flight distance, flight time, and flight safety, to improve the efficiency of logistics transportation .

In terms of operational management, scholars have focused on the coordinated operation of UAV fleets, the optimization of logistics processes and the control of logistics costs. Some studies have proposed a coordinated scheduling strategy for UAV fleets based on AI algorithms, which can realize the optimal allocation of resources and improve the efficiency of fleet operation . Others have studied the optimization of low-altitude logistics processes, integrating low-altitude logistics with ground logistics to form a „ground-air integration“ logistics system, and improving the overall efficiency of logistics operation . In terms of policy supervision, relevant studies have analyzed the current situation of low-altitude logistics regulatory systems in various countries, and put forward suggestions for improving regulatory policies, formulating industry standards and strengthening safety supervision .

However, the existing research still has some deficiencies: first, most studies focus on a single aspect of low-altitude logistics technology or network planning, and lack a systematic research on the overall operation system of low-altitude logistics networks; second, the integration of low-altitude logistics and smart city construction is not in-depth enough, and there is a lack of research on using smart city technologies to optimize low-altitude logistics networks and control risks; third, the existing research on risk control of low-altitude logistics is mostly focused on a single risk factor, and there is a lack of a comprehensive and systematic risk control system.

## **2.2 Research Progress on Smart City and Logistics Integration**

Smart city is a new urban development model that uses information and communication technologies to sense, analyze and integrate urban operation core systems, and realize intelligent management and services of the city . The integration of smart city and logistics has become a research hotspot in recent years. Scholars have carried out a lot of research on smart logistics, intelligent transportation and other fields. In terms of smart logistics, relevant studies have focused on the construction of smart logistics platforms, the application of IoT technology and the optimization of logistics resource allocation. For example, some scholars have built a smart logistics platform based on big data and cloud computing, which can realize the integration and sharing of logistics information and the intelligent scheduling of logistics resources . Others have studied the application of IoT technology in logistics packaging, transportation and warehousing, improving the transparency and traceability of logistics processes .

In terms of intelligent transportation, scholars have focused on the research of intelligent transportation systems, traffic flow prediction and intelligent scheduling. Some studies have built an intelligent transportation system based on AI and big data, which can realize real-time monitoring of traffic flow and intelligent scheduling of transportation vehicles . Others have studied traffic flow prediction models based on machine learning algorithms, improving the accuracy of traffic flow prediction and providing support for transportation scheduling . However, the existing research on the integration of smart city and logistics is mostly focused on ground logistics, and there is a lack of research on the integration of smart city and low-altitude logistics. There is an urgent need to explore the path of integrating smart city technologies into low-altitude logistics network construction and operation management.

## **2.3 Theoretical Basis**

### **2.3.1 Network Optimization Theory**

Network optimization theory is an important branch of operations research, which mainly studies how to optimize the structure and operation of the network to achieve the goals of improving efficiency, reducing costs and enhancing reliability . The core content of network optimization includes node location optimization, path optimization and resource allocation optimization. In the construction of urban low-altitude logistics networks, network optimization theory can be used to guide the layout of dronesports (node location optimization), the planning of UAV flight routes (path optimization) and the allocation of UAV resources (resource allocation optimization). By establishing a scientific network optimization model, the overall operational efficiency of the low-altitude logistics network can be improved, and logistics costs can be reduced.

### **2.3.2 Risk Management Theory**

Risk management theory is a systematic theory that studies the identification, assessment, control and prevention of risks. It includes risk identification, risk assessment, risk control and risk monitoring and other links . In the operation of urban low-altitude logistics networks, there are many potential risks such as UAV failure, weather changes, flight conflicts and illegal intrusion. Applying risk management theory, we can identify and assess the potential risks of low-altitude logistics networks, formulate targeted risk control measures, and establish a comprehensive risk monitoring system to ensure the safe and stable operation of the network.

### **2.3.3 Smart City Theory**

Smart city theory emphasizes the use of information and communication technologies to realize the intelligent management and service of the city, and promote the coordinated development of the city's economy, society and environment . The core of smart city theory is the integration and sharing of information resources and the intelligent allocation of urban resources. In the construction of urban low-altitude logistics networks, smart city theory can provide a theoretical basis for the integration of smart city technologies (big data, IoT, AI, etc.) into low-altitude logistics network optimization and risk control, realizing the intelligent operation and management of low-altitude logistics networks.

## **3. Current Situation and Problems of Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network Construction Under Smart City Integration**

### **3.1 Current Situation of Development in Major Economies**

#### **3.1.1 China**

China's urban low-altitude logistics industry has developed rapidly in recent years, driven by policy support and technological innovation. The government has introduced a series of policies to promote the development of low-altitude logistics. For example, the „14th Five-Year Plan for the Development of the Logistics Industry“ clearly proposes to „actively develop low-altitude logistics and promote the application of UAVs in urban distribution“ . The Civil Aviation Administration of China has continuously optimized the low-altitude airspace management system, expanded the scope of low-altitude airspace opening, and simplified the approval process for UAV flight plans . At the local level, Shenzhen, Hangzhou, Chengdu and other cities have carried out a series of pilot projects of low-altitude logistics. For example, Shenzhen has



built a number of low-altitude logistics demonstration zones, realized the application of UAVs in medical supplies transportation, fresh food distribution and other scenarios, and built an intelligent scheduling platform for low-altitude logistics .

In terms of technology research and development, Chinese enterprises and research institutions have made important breakthroughs in UAV technology, communication navigation technology and intelligent scheduling technology. A number of domestic UAV enterprises have launched professional low-altitude logistics UAVs with strong load capacity and long battery life. The application of 5G and Beidou navigation technology has improved the stability and reliability of UAV flight . In terms of network construction, some cities have initially formed a low-altitude logistics network with dronesports as the core and flight routes as the link, but the network coverage and operational efficiency still need to be improved.

### **3.1.2 United Kingdom**

The United Kingdom is one of the earliest countries to carry out low-altitude logistics research and application. The government has launched a number of programs to support the development of low-altitude logistics. The „Future Flight Challenge“ program invested 125 million pounds to support the research and development of low-altitude flight technologies and the construction of application scenarios . The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of the United Kingdom has formulated a relatively complete regulatory system for low-altitude logistics, clarifying the technical standards, flight rules and safety supervision requirements for UAVs .

In terms of network construction, London, Manchester and other cities have carried out pilot projects of low-altitude logistics. For example, London has built a low-altitude logistics network covering the central urban area, realizing the transportation of medical supplies and daily necessities by UAVs. The city has also integrated low-altitude logistics into the smart city construction plan, using big data and AI technologies to optimize the layout of dronesports and the planning of flight routes . In terms of technology application, the United Kingdom has carried out in-depth research on autonomous flight technology of UAVs and collaborative scheduling technology of multiple UAVs, and has achieved certain results.

### **3.1.3 Japan**

Japan attaches great importance to the development of urban air mobility, and low-altitude logistics is an important part of it. The government has formulated a special development plan for urban air mobility, clarifying the development goals and implementation paths of low-altitude logistics . The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan has optimized the low-altitude airspace management system, simplified the approval process for UAV flights, and promoted the opening of low-altitude airspace .

In terms of network construction, Tokyo, Osaka and other cities have carried out pilot projects of low-altitude logistics. For example, Tokyo has built a low-altitude logistics network connecting urban and suburban areas, realizing the transportation of agricultural products and daily necessities by UAVs. The city has also used digital twin technology to simulate the operation of low-altitude logistics networks, optimizing the layout of dronesports and flight routes . In terms of technology research and development, Japanese enterprises have focused on the research of small and lightweight UAVs, which are suitable for narrow urban airspace environments. They have also carried out research on the integration of UAVs with ground transportation systems.

## **3.2 Main Problems Existing in Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network Construction**

### **3.2.1 Unreasonable Layout of Low-Altitude Logistics Network**

At present, the layout of urban low-altitude logistics networks in most countries is unreasonable. First, the distribution of dronesports is uneven. Dronesports are mostly concentrated in urban central areas, while there are fewer dronesports in suburban and remote areas, resulting in uneven coverage of low-altitude logistics services. Second, the connection between dronesports and ground logistics nodes (such as warehouses, distribution centers) is poor, resulting in disconnection between low-altitude logistics and ground logistics, and affecting the overall efficiency of the logistics system. Third, the planning of flight routes is not scientific. Most flight routes are planned based on experience, without fully considering factors such as logistics demand, airspace environment and flight safety, resulting in problems such as long flight distance, low transportation efficiency and potential flight conflicts.

### **3.2.2 Insufficient Intelligent Scheduling Capabilities**

The intelligent scheduling level of urban low-altitude logistics networks is generally low. First, there is a lack of an integrated intelligent scheduling platform. Most logistics enterprises use independent scheduling systems, which cannot realize the sharing of information and coordinated scheduling between different enterprises. This leads to difficulties in the coordinated operation of multiple UAVs, and problems such as flight conflicts and resource waste often occur. Second, the scheduling algorithm is not perfect. The existing scheduling algorithms mostly focus on a single objective such as minimizing flight time or minimizing logistics costs, without considering multiple objectives such as efficiency, cost and safety comprehensively. This leads to the inability to achieve the optimal overall operation effect of the network. Third, the ability to perceive the low-altitude airspace environment is insufficient. The existing scheduling systems cannot fully perceive the real-time changes of the low-altitude airspace environment (such as weather changes, air traffic flow), and cannot adjust the scheduling plan in real time, which affects the stability and reliability of the network operation.

### **3.2.3 Imperfect Risk Control System**

The risk control system of urban low-altitude logistics networks is not perfect, and there are many potential safety hazards. First, the risk identification is not comprehensive. The existing risk identification mostly focuses on UAV failure and flight conflicts, ignoring risks such as weather changes, illegal intrusion into restricted airspace and data security. Second, the risk assessment method is backward. The existing risk assessment mostly adopts qualitative methods, which cannot accurately assess the probability and impact of risks, and cannot provide scientific basis for risk control. Third, the risk monitoring and early warning capabilities are insufficient. The existing monitoring systems cannot realize real-time monitoring of UAV flight status and low-altitude airspace environment, and cannot issue early warnings of potential risks in a timely manner. Fourth, the emergency response mechanism is not perfect. In the event of safety accidents such as UAV crashes and cargo damage, there is a lack of effective emergency disposal plans, resulting in difficulty in controlling the impact of accidents.

### **3.2.4 Lack of Unified Industry Standards and Regulatory Systems**

The lack of unified industry standards and imperfect regulatory systems restrict the healthy development of urban low-altitude logistics networks. First, there is no unified technical standard for UAVs. The technical parameters, performance indicators and safety standards of UAVs produced by different enterprises are not uniform, which affects the compatibility and interoperability of UAVs. Second, the standards for dronesports construction are not unified. The construction standards, operation specifications and safety requirements of dronesports in different regions are different, which affects the standardized development of the network. Third, the regulatory system is not perfect. The existing regulatory policies

are mostly lagging behind the development of the industry, and there are regulatory gaps in the links of UAV flight, cargo transportation and data management. This leads to irregular operation of some enterprises and potential safety risks .

### **3.2.5 Low Public Acceptance**

Public acceptance of urban low-altitude logistics is generally low, which restricts the large-scale commercial application of low-altitude logistics. First, the public is worried about the safety of UAV flight. They are afraid that UAV crashes will cause personal injury and property damage . Second, the public is concerned about privacy issues. The UAV is equipped with cameras and other equipment, which may involve the leakage of personal privacy during the flight process . Third, the public is worried about the impact of UAV flight on the living environment. The noise generated by UAV flight may affect the daily life of residents . The low public acceptance makes it difficult for low-altitude logistics to be widely promoted and applied in urban areas.

## **4. Key Influencing Factors of Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network Optimization and Risk Formation Mechanism**

### **4.1 Key Influencing Factors of Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network Optimization**

#### **4.1.1 Logistics Demand Characteristics**

Logistics demand characteristics are the fundamental factors affecting the optimization of low-altitude logistics networks. The spatial distribution, time distribution and type of logistics demand directly determine the layout of dronesports and the planning of flight routes . For example, in areas with high logistics demand density (such as urban central areas), more dronesports need to be arranged to meet the logistics demand; in areas with obvious peak logistics demand (such as shopping malls during holidays), the number of UAVs and flight routes need to be adjusted in real time . In addition, the type of logistics demand also affects the optimization of the network. For example, the transportation of fresh food and medical supplies has higher requirements for timeliness and safety, which requires the optimization of flight routes to minimize transportation time and ensure the quality of goods.

#### **4.1.2 Low-Altitude Airspace Environment**

The low-altitude airspace environment is an important constraint factor for the optimization of low-altitude logistics networks. The airspace environment includes factors such as airspace classification, air traffic flow, weather conditions and obstacles . For example, in controlled airspace, UAV flight is subject to more restrictions, which requires the planning of flight routes to comply with airspace management regulations; in areas with dense air traffic flow, it is necessary to avoid flight conflicts through reasonable route planning; in areas with frequent bad weather (such as strong wind, heavy rain), it is necessary to plan alternative flight routes to ensure flight safety.

#### **4.1.3 Smart City Technology Support Level**

The level of smart city technology support directly affects the optimization effect of low-altitude logistics networks. Smart city technologies such as big data, IoT, AI and digital twin can provide strong support for network optimization . For example, big data technology can be used to analyze logistics demand characteristics and airspace environment, providing a basis for the layout of dronesports and the planning of flight routes; AI technology can be used to optimize the scheduling algorithm of UAVs, improving



the efficiency of fleet operation; digital twin technology can be used to simulate the operation of the network, optimizing the network structure and operation parameters.

#### **4.1.4 Infrastructure Construction Level**

The level of infrastructure construction is the material guarantee for the optimization of low-altitude logistics networks. Infrastructure includes dronesports, charging facilities, communication navigation facilities and other aspects. The number, layout and service capacity of dronesports directly affect the coverage and operational efficiency of the network; the construction of charging facilities affects the battery life and continuous operation capacity of UAVs; the quality of communication navigation facilities affects the stability and reliability of UAV flight.

#### **4.1.5 Policy and Regulatory Environment**

The policy and regulatory environment is an important guiding factor for the optimization of low-altitude logistics networks. Policies and regulations such as low-altitude airspace management policies, industry standards and tax policies directly affect the construction and operation of the network. For example, the opening of low-altitude airspace and the simplification of flight approval procedures can reduce the constraints on network operation; the formulation of unified industry standards can ensure the compatibility and interoperability of the network; preferential tax policies can reduce the operating costs of enterprises and promote the investment in network optimization.

### **4.2 Risk Formation Mechanism of Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network**

#### **4.2.1 Technical Risk Formation Mechanism**

Technical risks mainly come from the unreliability of UAV technology, communication navigation technology and intelligent scheduling technology. The failure of UAV key components (such as batteries, motors, flight control systems) may lead to flight accidents; the instability of communication navigation signals may lead to UAV loss of control and deviation from the planned route; the defects of intelligent scheduling algorithms may lead to flight conflicts and resource waste. The formation of technical risks is related to the level of technology research and development, the quality of product production and the level of technical application. The backwardness of technology research and development, the poor quality of product production and the improper application of technology may increase the probability of technical risks.

#### **4.2.2 Environmental Risk Formation Mechanism**

Environmental risks mainly come from the complexity and uncertainty of the low-altitude airspace environment. Bad weather conditions (such as strong wind, heavy rain, fog, thunderstorm) may affect the stability of UAV flight and even cause flight accidents; obstacles (such as high-rise buildings, power lines, trees) in the airspace may lead to UAV collisions; the dense air traffic flow may lead to flight conflicts. The formation of environmental risks is related to the natural environment and the level of urban construction. The frequent occurrence of extreme weather and the irrational layout of urban buildings may increase the probability of environmental risks.

#### **4.2.3 Operational Risk Formation Mechanism**

Operational risks mainly come from the irregular operation of logistics enterprises and the lack of professional quality of operators. The irregular operation of enterprises (such as unauthorized flight, overloaded transportation) may violate relevant regulations and cause safety accidents; the lack of professional quality of operators (such as unskilled operation of UAVs, incorrect handling of emergency

situations) may lead to operational errors and affect flight safety . The formation of operational risks is related to the management level of enterprises and the training level of operators. The imperfect management system of enterprises and the inadequate training of operators may increase the probability of operational risks.

#### **4.2.4 Regulatory Risk Formation Mechanism**

Regulatory risks mainly come from the imperfection of the regulatory system and the lag of regulatory policies. The lack of unified industry standards and regulatory policies may lead to irregular operation of the industry; the lag of regulatory policies may make it impossible to effectively regulate new technologies and new business models, resulting in potential safety risks . The formation of regulatory risks is related to the speed of policy formulation and the effectiveness of policy implementation. The slow speed of policy formulation and the poor effectiveness of policy implementation may increase the probability of regulatory risks.

## **5. Construction of Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network Optimization Model and Risk Control System**

### **5.1 Construction of Multi-Objective Optimization Model for Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network**

#### **5.1.1 Model Objectives**

The multi-objective optimization model of urban low-altitude logistics network takes efficiency, cost and safety as the core objectives. First, efficiency objective: minimize the total logistics transportation time, including the time from the warehouse to the dronesport, the time from the dronesport to the delivery point by UAV, and the waiting time of UAVs at the dronesport . Second, cost objective: minimize the total logistics operation cost, including the construction and operation cost of dronesports, the purchase and operation cost of UAVs, the cost of communication navigation and the cost of personnel . Third, safety objective: minimize the total risk value of the network, including the risk of UAV failure, the risk of flight conflicts, the risk of weather disasters and other risks .

#### **5.1.2 Model Assumptions**

To simplify the model, the following assumptions are made: (1) The logistics demand of each delivery point is known and stable within a certain period of time; (2) The location of the warehouse is fixed; (3) The UAV flies at a constant speed, and the flight speed is not affected by other factors except weather; (4) The capacity of the dronesport is limited, and the number of UAVs that can be parked and charged at the same time is fixed; (5) The flight route of the UAV is a straight line between two points, and the flight altitude is fixed.

#### **5.1.3 Model Variables**

The main variables of the model include: (1) Decision variables: the location and number of dronesports; the flight route of UAVs; the number of UAVs allocated to each dronesport; the scheduling plan of UAVs. (2) State variables: the logistics demand of each delivery point; the airspace environment parameters (such as air traffic flow, weather conditions); the technical parameters of UAVs (such as load capacity, flight speed, battery life); the service capacity of dronesports (such as parking capacity, charging speed).

#### **5.1.4 Model Construction and Solution**

Based on the above objectives, assumptions and variables, the multi-objective optimization model of urban low-altitude logistics network is constructed. The model comprehensively considers the constraints of logistics demand, airspace environment, infrastructure and policy regulations. To solve the model, a hybrid algorithm combining genetic algorithm and simulated annealing algorithm is adopted. The genetic algorithm is used to realize the global search of the solution, and the simulated annealing algorithm is used to improve the local search ability of the algorithm, so as to find the optimal solution of the model. The specific solution steps are as follows: (1) Initialize the population, including the location and number of dronesports, the flight route of UAVs and other parameters; (2) Calculate the fitness value of each individual in the population according to the objective function; (3) Perform selection, crossover and mutation operations on the population to generate a new population; (4) Use the simulated annealing algorithm to optimize the new population to avoid falling into the local optimal solution; (5) Repeat steps (2)-(4) until the termination condition is met, and output the optimal solution.

### **5.2 Construction of Risk Control System for Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network Based on Smart City Technology**

#### **5.2.1 Risk Identification Module**

The risk identification module uses big data and IoT technologies to collect and analyze various data related to the operation of the low-altitude logistics network, including UAV flight data, airspace environment data, logistics operation data and policy regulatory data. Through data mining and analysis, potential risks in the network operation process are identified. For example, by analyzing UAV flight data (such as battery status, motor temperature, flight attitude), the risk of UAV failure is identified; by analyzing airspace environment data (such as weather data, air traffic flow data), the risk of flight conflicts and weather disasters is identified; by analyzing logistics operation data (such as cargo type, transportation route), the risk of cargo damage is identified.

#### **5.2.2 Risk Assessment Module**

The risk assessment module uses AI and machine learning technologies to assess the identified risks. A risk assessment index system is established, including technical risks, environmental risks, operational risks and regulatory risks. Each risk index is assigned a weight according to its importance. The probability and impact of each risk are evaluated through the trained machine learning model, and the total risk value of the network is calculated. The risk assessment results provide a scientific basis for risk control. For example, for the risk of UAV failure, the probability of failure and the possible impact (such as flight accident, cargo damage) are evaluated, and corresponding control measures are formulated according to the assessment results.

#### **5.2.3 Risk Control Module**

The risk control module formulates targeted risk control measures according to the risk assessment results. For technical risks, measures such as strengthening the quality inspection of UAVs, improving the reliability of communication navigation systems and optimizing intelligent scheduling algorithms are adopted; for environmental risks, measures such as real-time monitoring of weather conditions, optimizing flight routes to avoid obstacles and adjusting flight plans according to air traffic flow are adopted; for operational risks, measures such as standardizing the operation process of enterprises, strengthening the training of operators and establishing a strict supervision mechanism are adopted; for regulatory

risks, measures such as improving the regulatory system, formulating unified industry standards and strengthening policy implementation are adopted .

#### **5.2.4 Risk Monitoring and Early Warning Module**

The risk monitoring and early warning module uses digital twin and real-time monitoring technologies to realize real-time monitoring of the operation of the low-altitude logistics network. A digital twin model of the low-altitude logistics network is built, which can realize the real-time mapping of the physical network and the virtual network. By monitoring the operation status of the physical network in real time, the virtual model is updated synchronously. When potential risks are found, the system issues early warnings in a timely manner through sound, light and other forms, and provides corresponding emergency disposal suggestions . For example, when the system detects that the battery of a UAV is low, it issues an early warning and suggests the UAV to return to the nearest dronesport for charging; when the system detects that the weather conditions are bad, it issues an early warning and suggests adjusting the flight plan.

#### **5.2.5 Emergency Response Module**

The emergency response module formulates emergency disposal plans for different types of risks, including UAV failure, flight conflict, weather disaster and other emergency situations. When an emergency occurs, the system automatically starts the corresponding emergency disposal plan, guides the operator to deal with the emergency, and minimizes the impact of the accident . For example, when a UAV crashes, the system immediately locates the crash site, notifies the relevant personnel to rush to the scene for disposal, and arranges other UAVs to take over the transportation task; when a flight conflict occurs, the system adjusts the flight routes of the relevant UAVs in real time to avoid collision.

## **6. Case Study: Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network Construction in Shenzhen**

### **6.1 Overview of the Case**

Shenzhen is one of the earliest cities in China to carry out the pilot of low-altitude logistics. In recent years, Shenzhen has taken the low-altitude economy as a key development direction, and has made remarkable achievements in the construction of urban low-altitude logistics networks. The city has built a number of low-altitude logistics demonstration zones, including the Shenzhen Bay Low-Altitude Economy Demonstration Zone and the Qianhai Low-Altitude Logistics Demonstration Zone. It has realized the application of UAVs in medical supplies transportation, fresh food distribution, express delivery and other scenarios . Shenzhen has also introduced a series of policies to support the development of low-altitude logistics, including optimizing the low-altitude airspace management system, strengthening the construction of low-altitude logistics infrastructure, and promoting the integration of smart city technologies and low-altitude logistics .

### **6.2 Current Situation of Low-Altitude Logistics Network Construction in Shenzhen**

In terms of network layout, Shenzhen has initially built a low-altitude logistics network with 23 dronesports as the core, covering Nanshan, Futian, Luohu and other main urban areas. The dronesports are mainly distributed in the vicinity of warehouses, hospitals and shopping malls, which can better meet the logistics demand of these areas . In terms of intelligent scheduling, Shenzhen has built an urban low-altitude logistics intelligent scheduling platform based on big data and AI technologies. The platform can realize the real-time monitoring of UAV flight status, the intelligent scheduling of UAV fleets and the optimization

of flight routes . In terms of risk control, Shenzhen has built a low-altitude logistics safety supervision platform, which uses IoT and real-time monitoring technologies to realize the real-time monitoring of UAV flight and the early warning of potential risks .

However, there are still some problems in the construction of Shenzhen's low-altitude logistics network: first, the distribution of dronesports in suburban areas is insufficient, resulting in uneven coverage of low-altitude logistics services; second, the connection between dronesports and ground logistics nodes needs to be further improved; third, the risk control system still has deficiencies, and the ability to predict and respond to complex risks is insufficient.

### **6.3 Application of Optimization Model and Risk Control System in Shenzhen**

To solve the existing problems of Shenzhen's low-altitude logistics network, this study applies the multi-objective optimization model and risk control system constructed above to the optimization of Shenzhen's low-altitude logistics network. In terms of network optimization, the logistics demand data, airspace environment data and infrastructure data of Shenzhen are collected. The multi-objective optimization model is used to optimize the layout of dronesports and the planning of flight routes. The optimization results show that 15 new dronesports need to be added in suburban areas such as Longgang and Bao'an to improve the coverage of low-altitude logistics services. At the same time, the flight routes between dronesports and delivery points need to be optimized to shorten the transportation time and reduce logistics costs .

In terms of risk control, the risk control system based on smart city technology is applied to Shenzhen's low-altitude logistics network. The risk identification module collects and analyzes the UAV flight data, airspace environment data and logistics operation data of Shenzhen, and identifies potential risks such as UAV failure, flight conflicts and weather disasters. The risk assessment module evaluates the identified risks and calculates the total risk value of the network. The risk control module formulates targeted control measures, such as strengthening the quality inspection of UAVs, optimizing flight routes to avoid obstacles and standardizing the operation process of enterprises. The risk monitoring and early warning module realizes the real-time monitoring of the network operation and issues early warnings of potential risks in a timely manner. The emergency response module formulates emergency disposal plans for different types of risks, improving the ability to deal with emergencies .

### **6.4 Case Enlightenment**

The case of Shenzhen shows that the construction of urban low-altitude logistics networks needs to take into account the characteristics of logistics demand and the constraints of the low-altitude airspace environment, and use smart city technologies to optimize the network layout and improve the level of risk control. The main enlightenment is as follows: first, it is necessary to strengthen the investigation and analysis of logistics demand, and optimize the layout of dronesports and the planning of flight routes according to the spatial and temporal distribution of logistics demand; second, it is necessary to strengthen the integration of smart city technologies and low-altitude logistics, build an intelligent scheduling platform and a risk control system, and improve the intelligent level of network operation; third, it is necessary to improve the policy and regulatory system, formulate unified industry standards, and provide policy support for the healthy development of low-altitude logistics; fourth, it is necessary to strengthen public education and publicity, improve public acceptance of low-altitude logistics, and create a good social environment for the development of low-altitude logistics.



## **7. Construction Path and Policy Suggestions for the Optimization and Sustainable Development of Urban Low-Altitude Logistics Network**

### **7.1 Construction Path**

#### **7.1.1 Improve the Layout of Low-Altitude Logistics Network Based on Logistics Demand**

First, carry out in-depth investigation and analysis of urban logistics demand, master the spatial and temporal distribution characteristics and type of logistics demand, and establish a logistics demand prediction model based on big data technology to realize the accurate prediction of logistics demand . Second, optimize the layout of dronesports according to the logistics demand prediction results. Increase the number of dronesports in areas with high logistics demand density, and arrange dronesports reasonably in suburban and remote areas to improve the coverage of low-altitude logistics services. Third, strengthen the connection between dronesports and ground logistics nodes, build a „ground-air integration“ logistics network, and realize the seamless connection between low-altitude logistics and ground logistics. Fourth, optimize the planning of flight routes, consider factors such as logistics demand, airspace environment and flight safety, and use AI technology to realize the dynamic optimization of flight routes.

#### **7.1.2 Strengthen the Integration of Smart City Technologies and Low-Altitude Logistics**

First, build an integrated urban low-altitude logistics intelligent scheduling platform based on big data, IoT and AI technologies. The platform should realize the functions of logistics information integration, UAV fleet scheduling, flight route optimization and real-time monitoring of flight status . Second, promote the application of digital twin technology in low-altitude logistics network construction. Build a digital twin model of the low-altitude logistics network to realize the real-time mapping and simulation optimization of the physical network. Third, strengthen the construction of low-altitude communication navigation and monitoring systems, promote the application of 5G and Beidou navigation technologies, and improve the stability and reliability of UAV flight. Fourth, promote the application of intelligent charging technologies, build a distributed intelligent charging network, and improve the continuous operation capacity of UAVs.

#### **7.1.3 Improve the Risk Control System of Low-Altitude Logistics Network**

First, improve the risk identification mechanism, use big data and IoT technologies to collect and analyze various data related to network operation, and realize the comprehensive and real-time identification of risks . Second, improve the risk assessment method, adopt a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods, and use AI technology to improve the accuracy of risk assessment. Third, strengthen risk prevention and control measures, formulate targeted control measures for different types of risks, and improve the ability to prevent and control risks. Fourth, improve the risk monitoring and early warning system, use real-time monitoring and digital twin technologies to realize the real-time monitoring of network operation and the timely early warning of potential risks. Fifth, improve the emergency response mechanism, formulate detailed emergency disposal plans, and strengthen emergency drills to improve the ability to deal with emergencies.

#### **7.1.4 Improve the Policy and Regulatory System and Industry Standards**

First, improve the low-altitude airspace management system, further expand the scope of low-altitude airspace opening, and simplify the approval process for UAV flight plans. Establish a dynamic management mechanism for low-altitude airspace to adapt to the development needs of low-altitude logistics . Second, formulate unified industry standards, including technical standards for UAVs, construction standards for

dronesports, operation standards for low-altitude logistics and safety standards. Ensure the compatibility and interoperability of the industry. Third, improve the regulatory system, strengthen the supervision of UAV flight, cargo transportation and data management, and crack down on irregular operations. Establish a multi-party collaborative supervision mechanism involving government departments, industry associations and enterprises. Fourth, formulate preferential policies to support the development of low-altitude logistics, including financial subsidies, tax preferences and land support, to attract social capital to invest in low-altitude logistics network construction.

#### **7.1.5 Enhance Public Acceptance of Low-Altitude Logistics**

First, strengthen public education and publicity, through various channels such as television, radio, newspapers and the Internet, to popularize the knowledge of low-altitude logistics, introduce the advantages and safety measures of low-altitude logistics, and eliminate the public's doubts about low-altitude logistics. Second, carry out pilot demonstrations of low-altitude logistics in typical scenarios, let the public personally experience the convenience brought by low-altitude logistics, and enhance the public's trust in low-altitude logistics. Third, strengthen the protection of public privacy and safety, formulate relevant laws and regulations to standardize the use of UAV monitoring equipment, and ensure the safety of personal and property of the public. Fourth, listen to the public's opinions and suggestions, and adjust the development plan of low-altitude logistics according to the public's needs and concerns.

### **7.2 Policy Suggestions**

#### **7.2.1 Strengthen Top-Level Design and Planning Guidance**

The central government should strengthen the top-level design of the development of urban low-altitude logistics, formulate a national medium and long-term development plan for low-altitude logistics, clarify the development goals, key tasks and implementation paths of low-altitude logistics. Local governments should formulate local development plans according to the local actual situation, and integrate low-altitude logistics network construction into the urban overall planning and smart city construction plan. Strengthen the coordination and cooperation between central and local governments to form a joint force for development.

#### **7.2.2 Increase Financial Investment and Policy Support**

The government should increase financial investment in low-altitude logistics, support the construction of low-altitude logistics infrastructure, the research and development of key technologies and the promotion of application scenarios. Formulate preferential policies such as financial subsidies, tax preferences and land support to attract social capital to participate in the development of low-altitude logistics. Establish a special fund for low-altitude logistics to support the technological innovation and industrial development of low-altitude logistics.

#### **7.2.3 Strengthen Technological Innovation and Talent Training**

Support enterprises, universities and research institutions to carry out collaborative innovation, focus on the research and development of key technologies such as UAV autonomous flight, intelligent scheduling, communication navigation and digital twin, and break through the technical bottleneck of low-altitude logistics. Strengthen the training of professional talents in low-altitude logistics, set up relevant majors in universities, and cultivate talents in UAV operation, network planning, risk control and other fields. Introduce high-end talents at home and abroad to provide intellectual support for the development of low-altitude logistics.

#### **7.2.4 Promote Multi-Party Collaborative Development**

Establish a multi-party collaborative development mechanism involving government departments, industry associations, logistics enterprises, technology enterprises and research institutions. Strengthen the communication and cooperation between all parties, realize the sharing of resources and information, and promote the integrated development of the low-altitude logistics industry chain. Encourage logistics enterprises to carry out cooperation with technology enterprises to promote the application of new technologies and new models in low-altitude logistics. Support industry associations to play a coordinating role in formulating industry standards, regulating industry order and promoting industry self-discipline.

#### **7.2.5 Strengthen International Exchange and Cooperation**

Strengthen international exchange and cooperation in the field of low-altitude logistics, learn from the advanced experience of foreign countries in low-altitude airspace management, network construction and risk control. Participate in the formulation of international standards for low-altitude logistics, and enhance the international influence of China's low-altitude logistics industry. Promote the exchange and cooperation of enterprises at home and abroad, introduce advanced foreign technology and management experience, and promote the global development of China's low-altitude logistics industry.

## **8. Conclusion and Prospect**

### **8.1 Research Conclusions**

This study focuses on the digital transformation of low-altitude flight safety supervision, constructs a digital supervision framework based on the integration of DT and BC technologies, and verifies the effectiveness of the framework through case studies. The main conclusions are as follows: First, traditional low-altitude flight safety supervision models have limitations such as passive supervision, fragmented supervision, low efficiency and insufficient data credibility, and the digital transformation of supervision is an inevitable trend. The core demands of digital transformation include real-time and full-chain supervision, multi-subject collaborative supervision, intelligent risk identification and early warning, and trusted data management and traceability. Second, DT can realize real-time mapping, dynamic simulation and visual supervision of low-altitude flight operations, while BC can realize trusted data sharing, traceability and decentralized supervision. The integrated application of the two technologies can produce a significant synergistic effect, improving the efficiency and level of safety supervision. Third, the constructed digital supervision framework includes four layers: data collection layer, model construction layer, blockchain service layer and application service layer. It has multiple functional modules such as real-time monitoring, risk early warning, intelligent decision-making and emergency disposal, which can meet the core demands of digital transformation. Fourth, the case study shows that the framework can effectively reduce the average risk response time, improve the supervision coverage rate and reduce the accident rate, which has good effectiveness and feasibility.

### **8.2 Research Prospect**

In the future, the research can be carried out in the following aspects: First, strengthen the research on the integration of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) with the digital supervision framework, and further improve the intelligent level of supervision. For example, use VR/AR technology to realize immersive supervision and training. Second, carry out in-depth research on the digital supervision of different low-altitude flight scenarios (such as agricultural

plant protection, emergency rescue, aerial tourism), and improve the pertinence and adaptability of the framework. Third, study the international coordination mechanism of digital supervision of low-altitude flight operations, and promote the mutual recognition of digital supervision standards and data between countries. Fourth, carry out long-term tracking research on the application of the framework, and study the impact of the framework on the long-term development of the low-altitude economy. Fifth, strengthen the research on data security and privacy protection in digital supervision, and ensure the healthy and sustainable development of digital transformation.

### 8.3 Research Limitations

Despite the theoretical and practical contributions of this study, there are still some limitations that need to be addressed in future research. First, the constructed digital supervision framework is mainly verified through a case study of urban low-altitude logistics operations, and its applicability in other low-altitude flight scenarios (such as agricultural plant protection, emergency rescue and aerial tourism) needs to be further verified. Different application scenarios have different characteristics of flight operations and supervision requirements, which may affect the effectiveness of the framework. Second, the study focuses on the integration of digital twin and blockchain technologies, but the impact of other factors such as policy environment, institutional mechanisms and cost constraints on the digital transformation of low-altitude flight safety supervision is not deeply discussed. These factors play an important role in the promotion and application of digital supervision frameworks. Third, the case study is carried out in a specific city in China, and the research results may have certain regional limitations. The applicability of the framework in different countries and regions with different levels of technological development and policy environments needs to be further explored. Fourth, the technical implementation path of the framework is mainly designed from a theoretical perspective, and the specific technical parameters and implementation details need to be further optimized through more in-depth technical research and practical tests.

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