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How to successfully scale digital innovation  
to drive growth

**AEROSPACE & DEFENSE**





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**COMMERCIAL  
PASSENGER  
DEMAND**



**GLOBAL  
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**TECHNOLOGY  
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**NEW ENTRANTS/  
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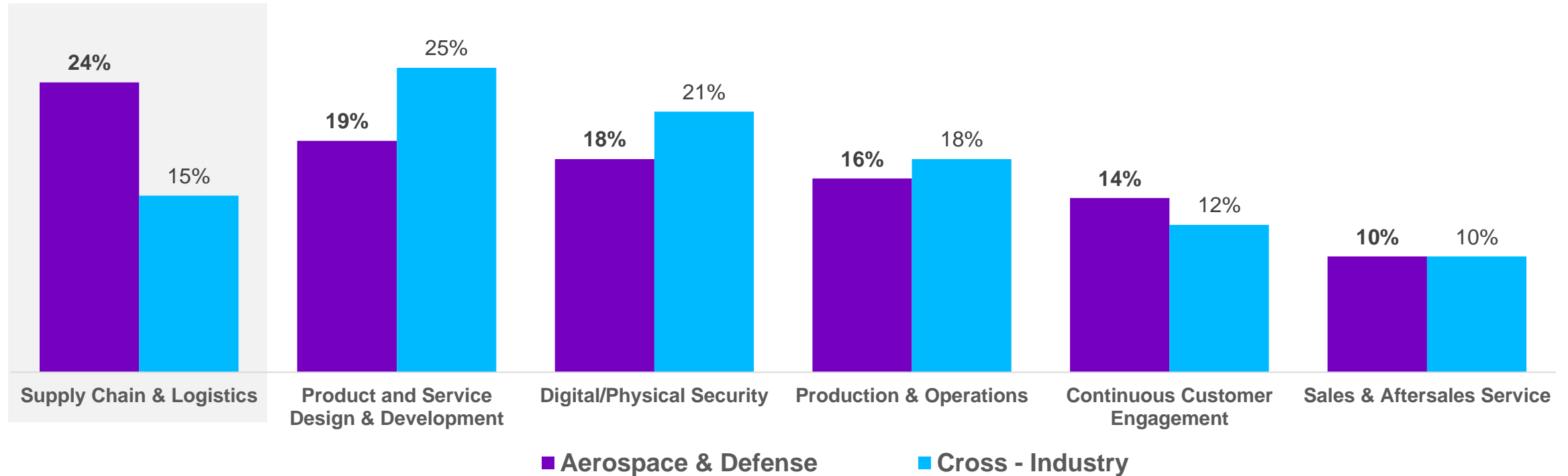
# WE ARE AN INDUSTRY OF INNOVATION, BUT MUCH OF IT IS IN **PILOTS AND PROOFS OF CONCEPT**



of aerospace and defense executives cite the inability to combine the power of humans and machines as their top talent **challenge** for building and scaling digital pilots.

# SUPPLY CHAIN & LOGISTICS EMERGING AS TOP INNOVATION PRIORITY FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENSE COMPANIES

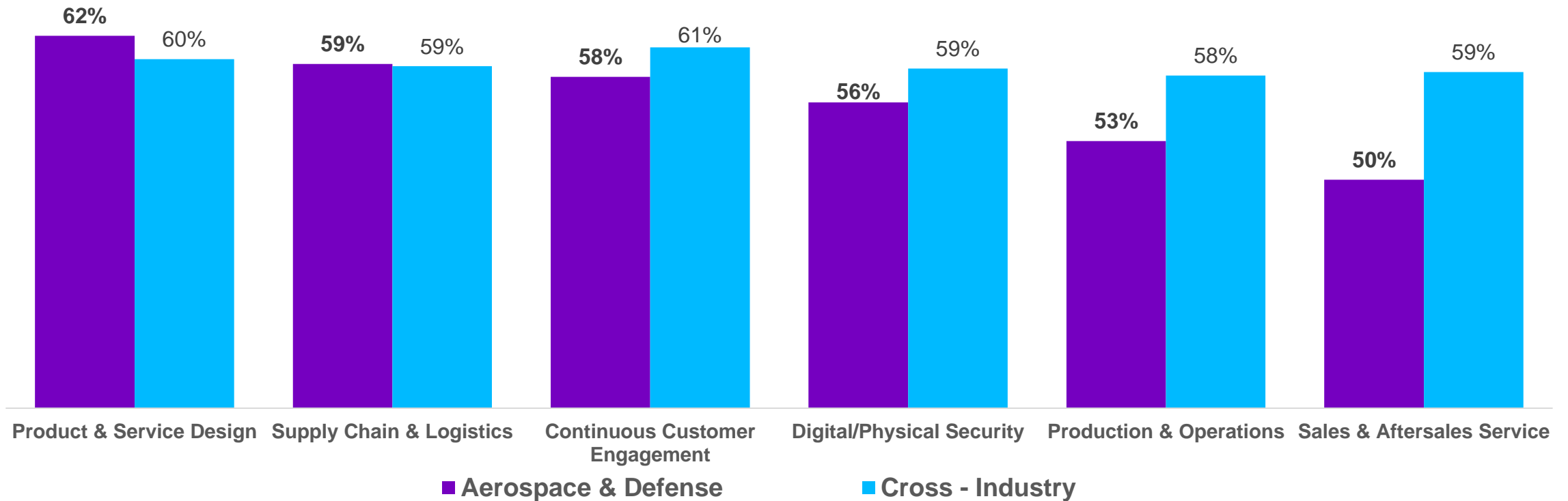
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## CROSS-INDUSTRY

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19%

24,7% RODI expected

32,4% RODI achieved

22,2% RODI expected

25,4% RODI achieved

### CONTENDERS

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71%

8,8% RODI expected

8,1% RODI achieved

7,1% RODI expected

6,4% RODI achieved

### CADETS

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10%

10,2% RODI expected

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9,7% RODI achieved

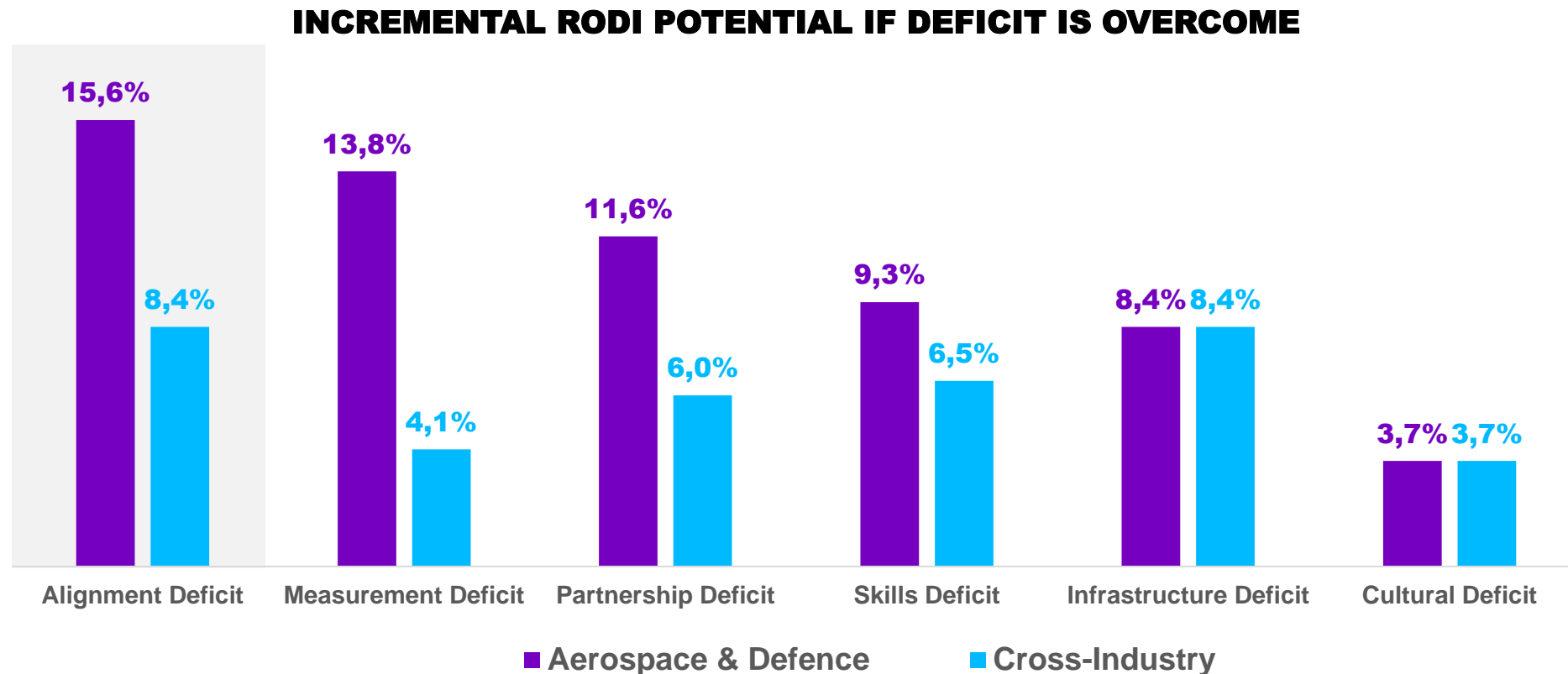
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# FULL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



# THE IDEA: FIND INDUSTRY X.0 BEST PRACTICES!

## OUR PREMISE AND RESEARCH QUESTION

When it comes to digital transformation, scaling innovation pilots is critical.

Yet many clients tell us that they are struggling with this very step – and feel that they might get stuck with “piecemeal projects” that don’t deliver significant value.

**Can we find key best practices that could help them overcome their challenges, and drive real change, for real new growth?**

# THE RESULT: IT'S ALL A MATTER OF MANAGEMENT!

## OUR KEY FINDINGS

**Companies are scaling over 55 percent of all digital PoCs**, but only about two out of ten companies are doing it successfully.

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### A SURPRISE!

(we didn't expect to find that many companies trying to scale!)

What's the difference?  
**The leading 19 percent manage their scaling efforts differently.**

Following the **four best practices** of these “Champions” is a recipe to **succeed at innovating for digital transformation.**

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### THE REASON TO READ!

(these best practices are what readers will come for)

**Q:**

**WHAT'S THE CURRENT  
STATUS IN SCALING  
DIGITAL INNOVATION?**

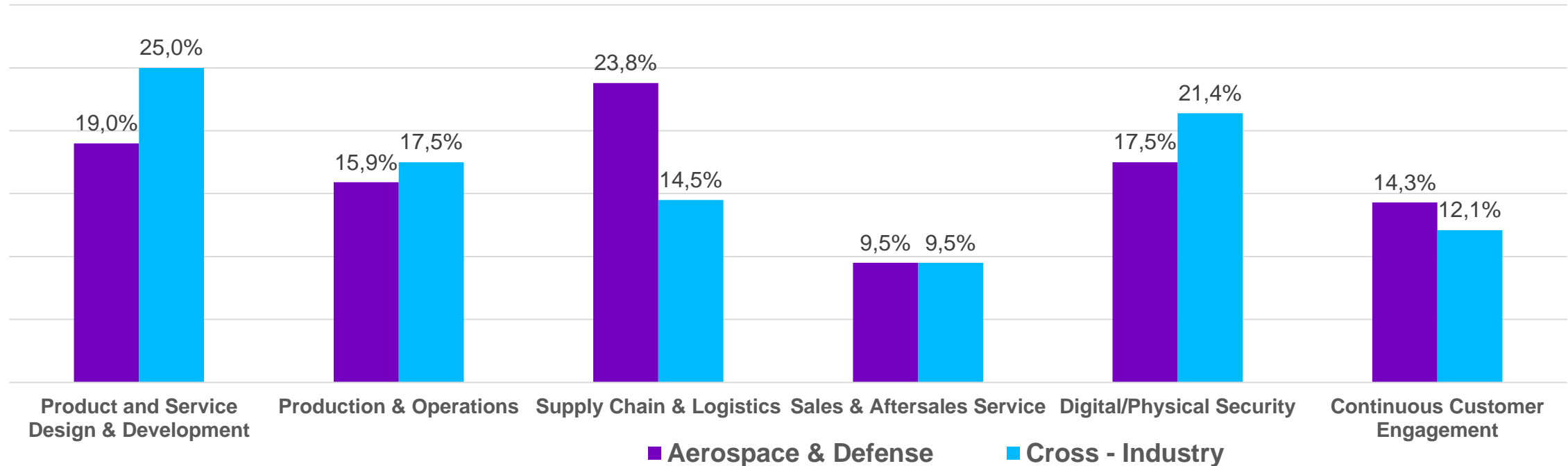
**A:**

**Things are speeding up – in  
surprising ways.**



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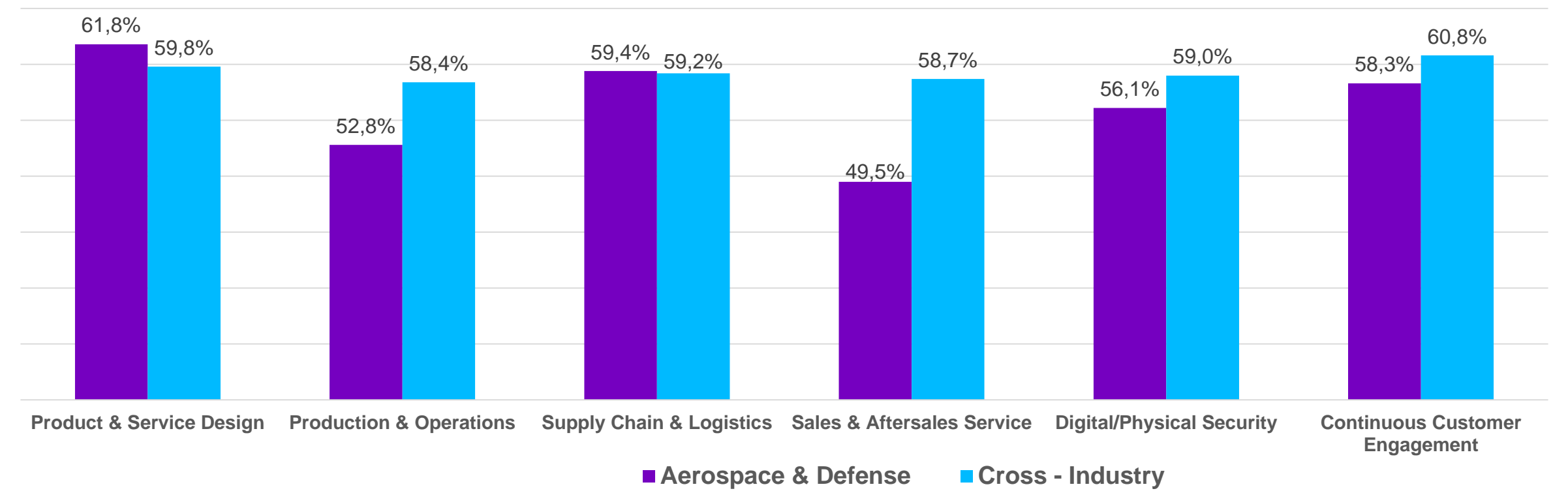
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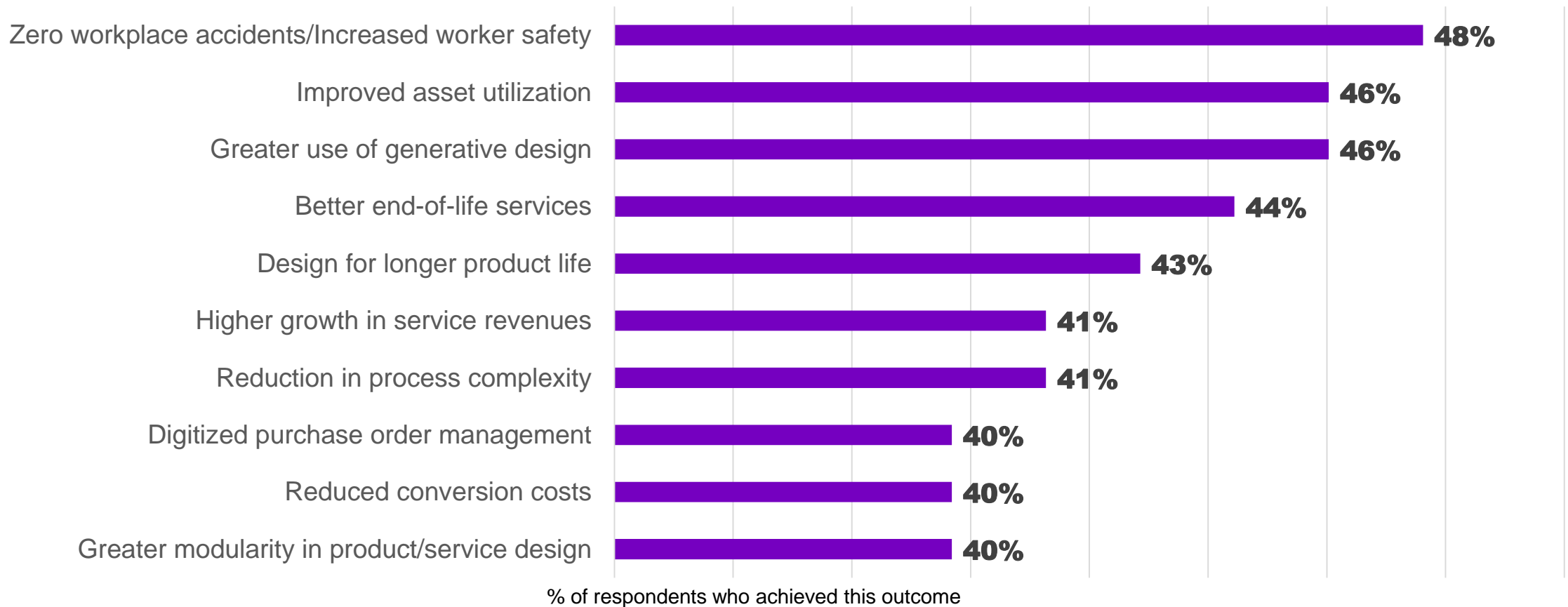
# AEROSPACE & DEFENSE COMPANIES RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR INNOVATING AT SCALE TO BUILD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES CAPABLE OF:

- | Delivering **exceptional customer experiences** with robust and efficient supply chain operations, and,
- | Delivering services that help **unlock new operational efficiencies**



# WORPLACE SAFETY IS THE TOP OUTCOME FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENSE COMPANIES...

## Top 10 outcomes targeted by A&D companies through scaling of digital PoCs



# ... AND THEY ARE CHOOSING BIG DATA, CLOUD AND AI TO DRIVE THESE OUTCOMES

## Top 3 technologies leveraged to facilitate scaling, by function

	PRODUCT & SERVICE DESIGN	PRODUCTION & OPERATIONS	SUPPLY CHAIN & LOGISTICS	SALES & AFTERSALES SERVICE	DIGITAL/ PHYSICAL SECURITY	CONTINUOUS CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT
AI/Al-powered Automation	RANK 2	RANK 1				RANK 2
AI Assistants		RANK 3				
3D printing				RANK 3		RANK 3
Mobility			RANK 1			
IIOT Sensors & Transmitters						
Immersive Experience						
Industrial Robotics	RANK 3					
Big Data Analytics	RANK 1					RANK 1
Digital Twin			RANK 3		RANK 2	
Cloud			RANK 2	RANK 2		
Blockchain				RANK 1		
Autonomous Vehicles					RANK 1	
Machine Learning/Deep Learning		RANK 2				
Quantum Computing					RANK 3	
Cyber Security Protocols						

**Q:**

**WHAT ABOUT SCALING  
SUCCESS – DOES EVERYONE  
SEE IT?**

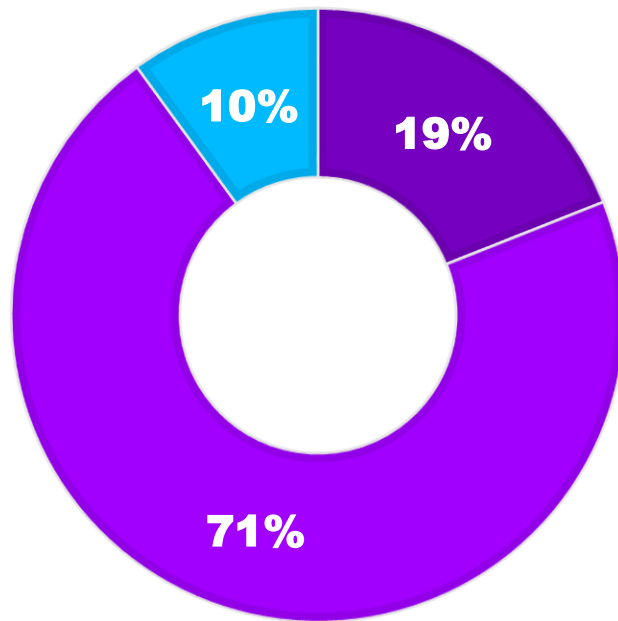
**A:**

**No. Some companies race  
ahead, others struggle.**

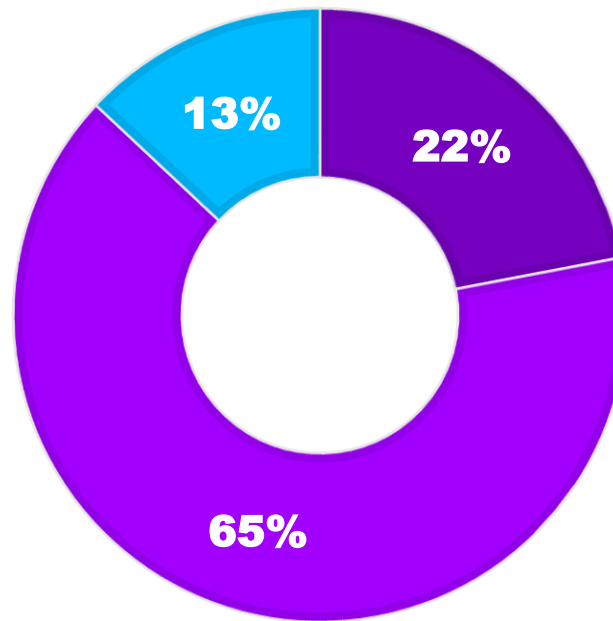
# SO, WHO'S SCALING THE BEST?

**The Aerospace & Defense has a lower percentage of Champions compared to the global average.**

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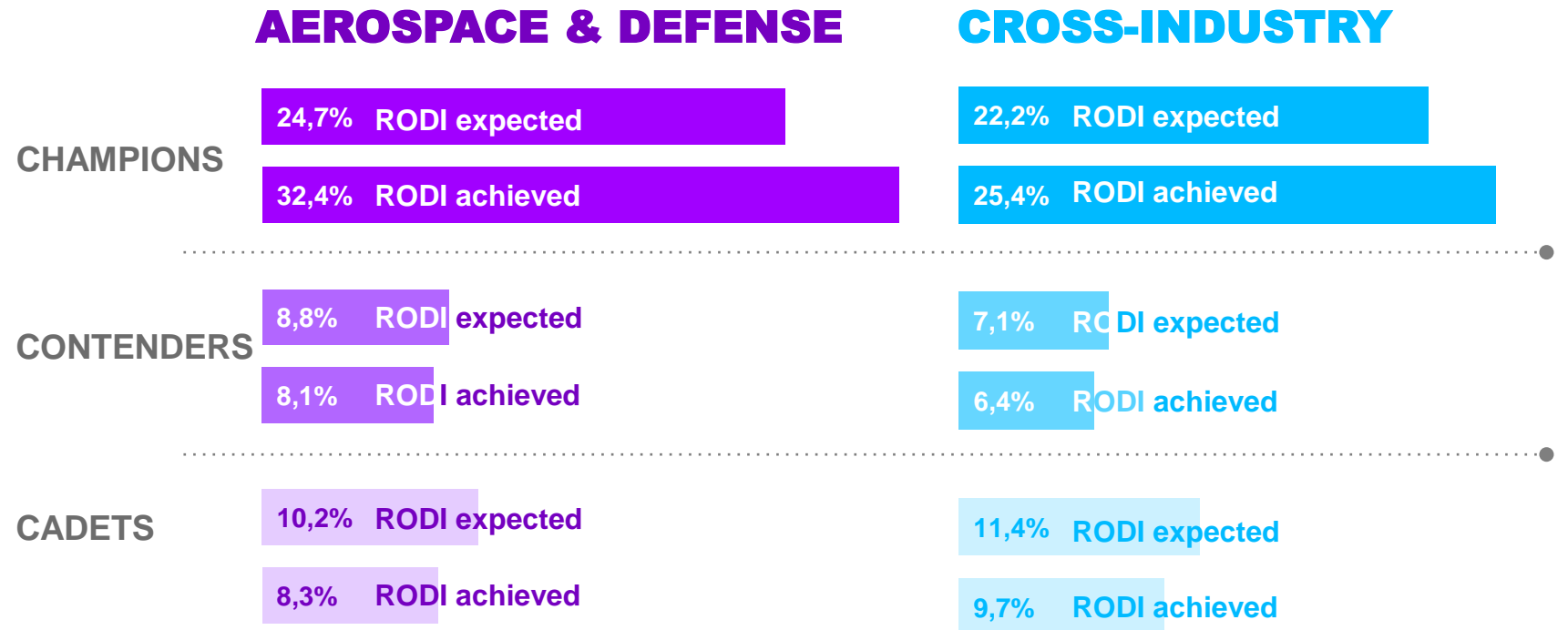
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## Returns on Digital Investment (RODI)

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We asked executives about the average RODI they expected before scaling digital PoCs, and the RODI they finally achieved.



**Q:**

**IN ADDITION TO RODI, HOW IS  
BUSINESS PERFORMANCE  
IMPACTED BY SCALING OF  
DIGITAL POCS?**

**A:**

**Champions OUTPERFORM THE REST  
OF THE PACK ACROSS MOST KEY  
performance metrics.**

# AEROSPACE & DEFENSE CHAMPIONS ACHIEVE REDUCED CHANGEOVER TIMES AND BETTER EQUIPMENT EFFICIENCY

**Change in key performance metrics for Champions vs. Others as a result of digital deployment in the Aerospace & Defense industry**

		UNITS	CHAMPIONS	OTHERS	Comments
PRODUCT & SERVICE DESIGN	Engineering change order cycle time	Days	15.1%	-9.9%	
	Design update cost	Currency	33.3%	-5.2%	
	New product development cycle lead time	Months	21.1%	4.8%	
	Number of prototype iterations	Number	85.3%	14.0%	
	Design review cycle time	Days	5.6%	14.5%	
PRODUCTION & OPERATIONS	Percentage downtime/non-productive time	Ratio	8.6%	2.9%	
	Percent of unplanned downtime	Ratio	7.1%	2.8%	
	Average changeover cost or time	Days	-28.2%	12.4%	
	Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE)	-	16.0%	5.8%	
	Conversion cost	Number	10.4%	17.7%	



# PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE EFFECTIVENESS IS A KEY OUTCOME FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENSE CHAMPIONS

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SUPPLY CHAIN & LOGISTICS	Customer fill rate	Ratio	5.8%	3.9%	
	Carrying cost of inventory	Currency	35.7%	18.6%	
	Freight cost per unit	Currency	15.6%	7.8%	
	Inventory days of cover by SKU	Days/Weeks	57.1%	41.3%	
	Supplier lead time for inventory replenishment	Weeks/Months	122.9%	37.6%	
SALES, AFTER SALES SERVICE	Timely delivery rate	Ratio	6.6%	3.4%	
	Predictive Maintenance Effectiveness	Number	56.8%	42.4%	
	Dead product sale ratio	Ratio	0.3%	1.4%	
	On-time shipping rate	Ratio	-4.0%	2.0%	
	Order fulfilment lead time	Weeks/Months	58.3%	3.3%	



# CHAMPIONS HAVE DRAMATICALLY LOWERED TIME LOST DUE TO INJURIES WITH DIGITAL

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		UNITS	CHAMPIONS	OTHERS	Comments
DIGITAL, PHYSICAL SECURITY	Health and Safety Incidents	Number	-76.3%	18.4%	
	Near Misses	Number	11.4%	43.8%	
	Safety Audit & Inspection Scores	Score	3.2%	3.4%	
	Employee Safety Training	Number	-63.7%	44.1%	
	Lost Time Injury Frequency	Days	-66.7%	21.3%	
CONTINUOUS CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT	Customer rejects/returns	Ratio	-5.6%	2.2%	
	On-time delivery to commit	Ratio	22.0%	4.7%	
	Perfect order rate	Ratio	1.4%	2.0%	
	Percentage sourcing (value) through eProcurement	Ratio	10.1%	3.2%	
	Service revenue as % of Total Revenue	Ratio	11.7%	4.2%	

**Q:**



**WHAT'S STOPPING  
CONTENDERS AND CADETS  
FROM BECOMING CHAMPIONS?**

**A:**

**Like Champions, Contenders and  
Cadets TOO face alignment AND  
PROCESSES DEFICITS. WHILE  
Champions overcome these, others  
CONTINUE TO GRAPPLE with them.**

# INSUFFICIENT METRICS TO TRACK DIGITAL INVESTMENTS ARE OF PRIMARY CONCERN

## Aerospace & Defense executives' top picks\* for “biggest challenges to scaling digital PoCs”

 Biggest challenge  
 Second biggest

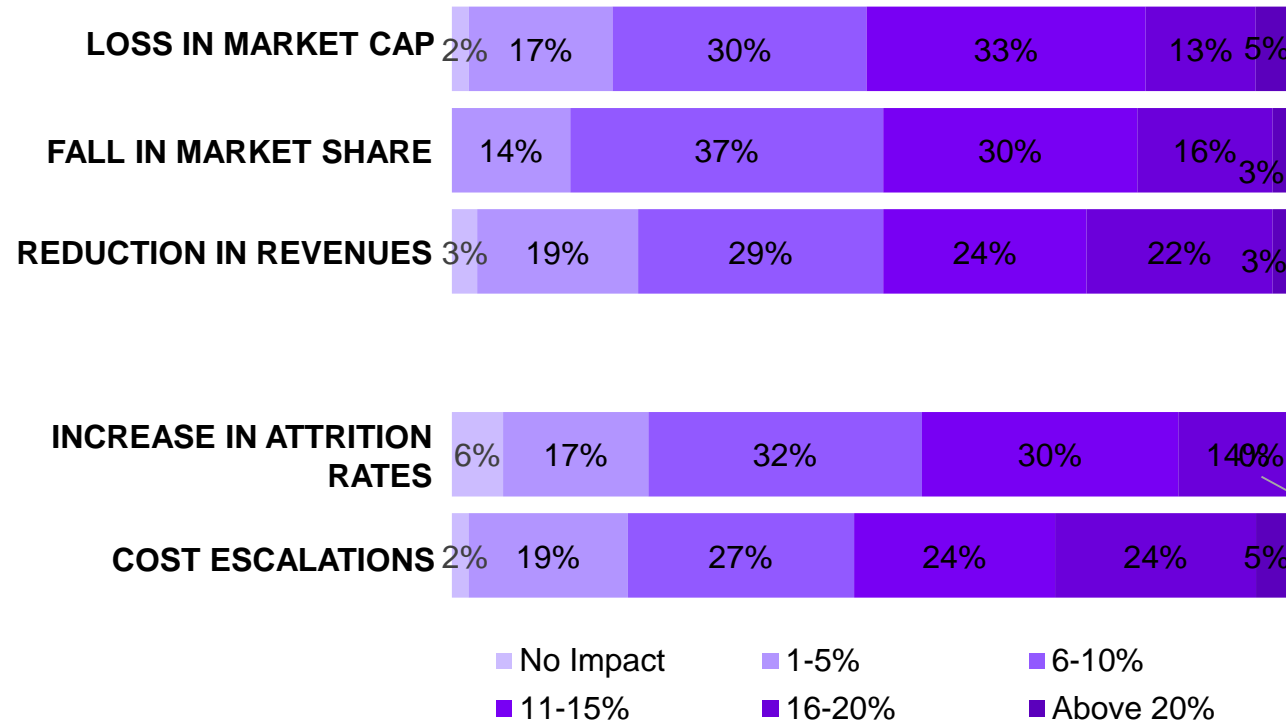
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Inability to align legacy IT to digital talent and asset pools																		
Inability to align top and middle management to innovate customer value																		
Inability to align top management view on 'digital value'																		
Inability to align in-house innovation with agile digital ecosystems																		
Insufficient processes and metrics to systematically track digital investments																		
Lack of skills to understand value chain disruption																		

- other options which weren't picked and often included: “Inadequate infrastructure to manage complex integration of services channels and products to drive experiences in the 'new'”, “Inadequate infrastructure to promote collaborative innovation between the business and the enterprise”, “Lack of culture to design, develop and deliver digital business models”, “Lack of skills to identify and articulate business case for digital”, “Absence of culture to drive on-time innovation of monetizable customer-relevant experiences”, “Lack of partnerships to bridge digital talent shortfalls”.

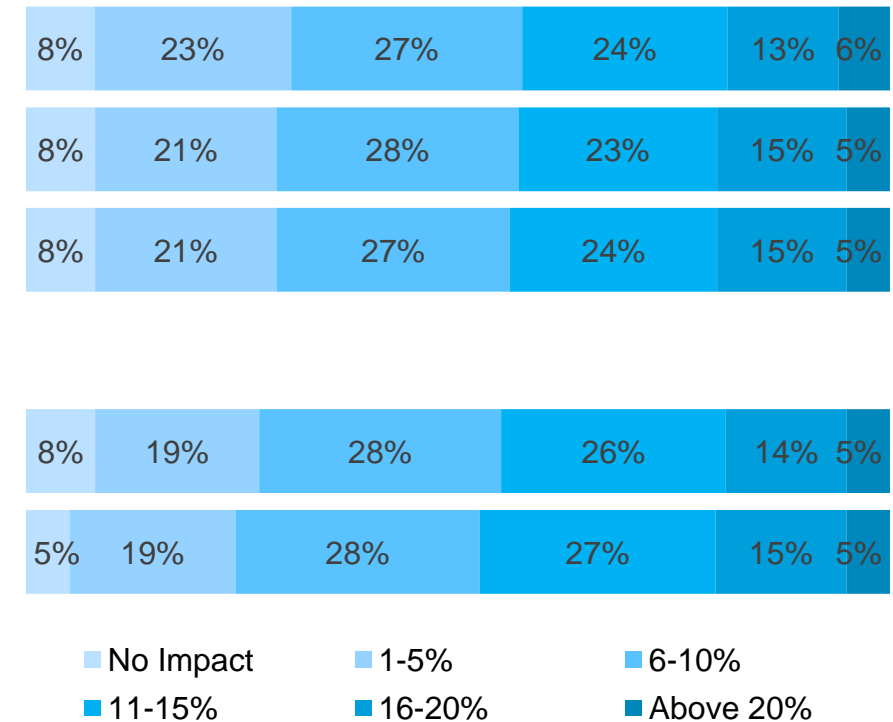
# WHAT DO COMPANIES STAND TO LOSE IF THEY FAIL TO ORGANIZE FOR DIGITAL REINVENTION?

**Over 80% of A&D leaders fear substantial escalations in cost (>5%) alongside losing significant market share (>5%), if they fail to overcome organizational challenges**

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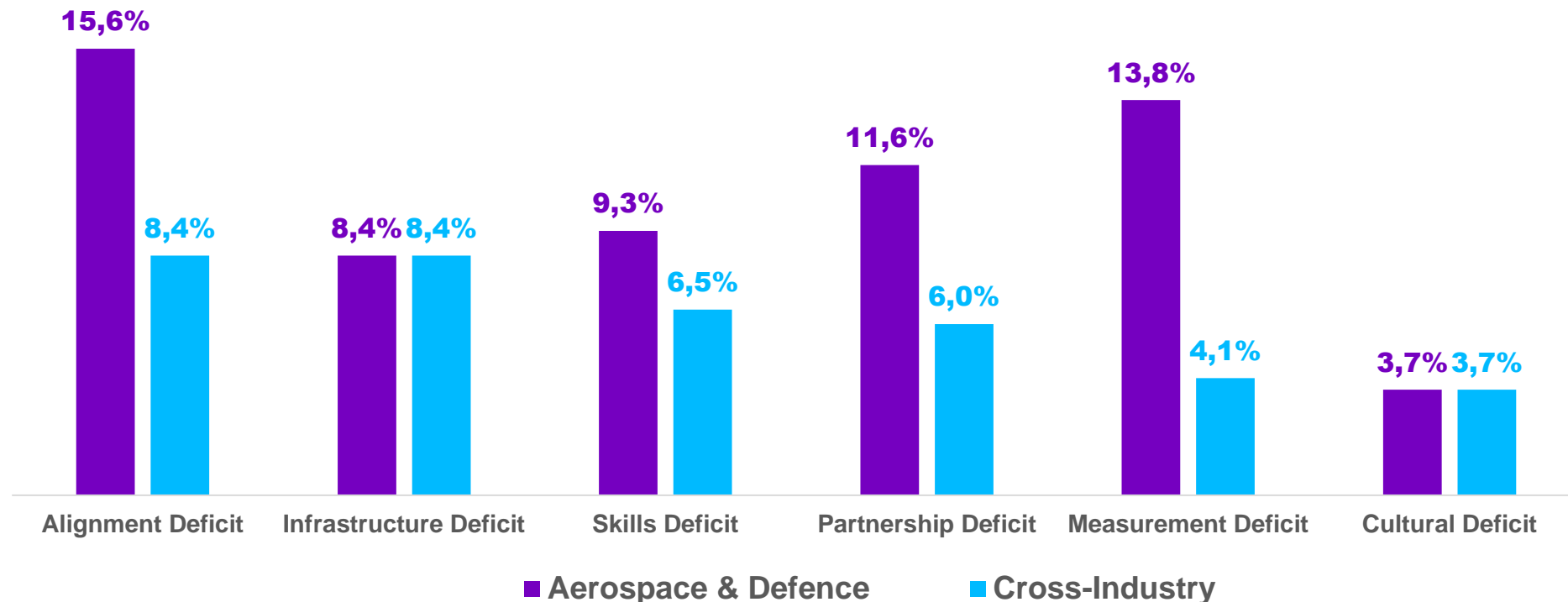
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**A:**

**With 4 Specific  
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**IS THERE A **ROADMAP** TO  
MATURE AS AN ORGANIZATION  
TOWARDS SUCCESSFULLY  
SCALING DIGITAL INNOVATION?**

**A:**

**Yes there is...**

# ... WE HAVE BUILT ONE LEVERAGING FIVE KEY ORGANIZATIONAL LEVERS



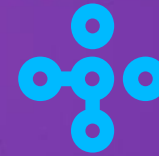
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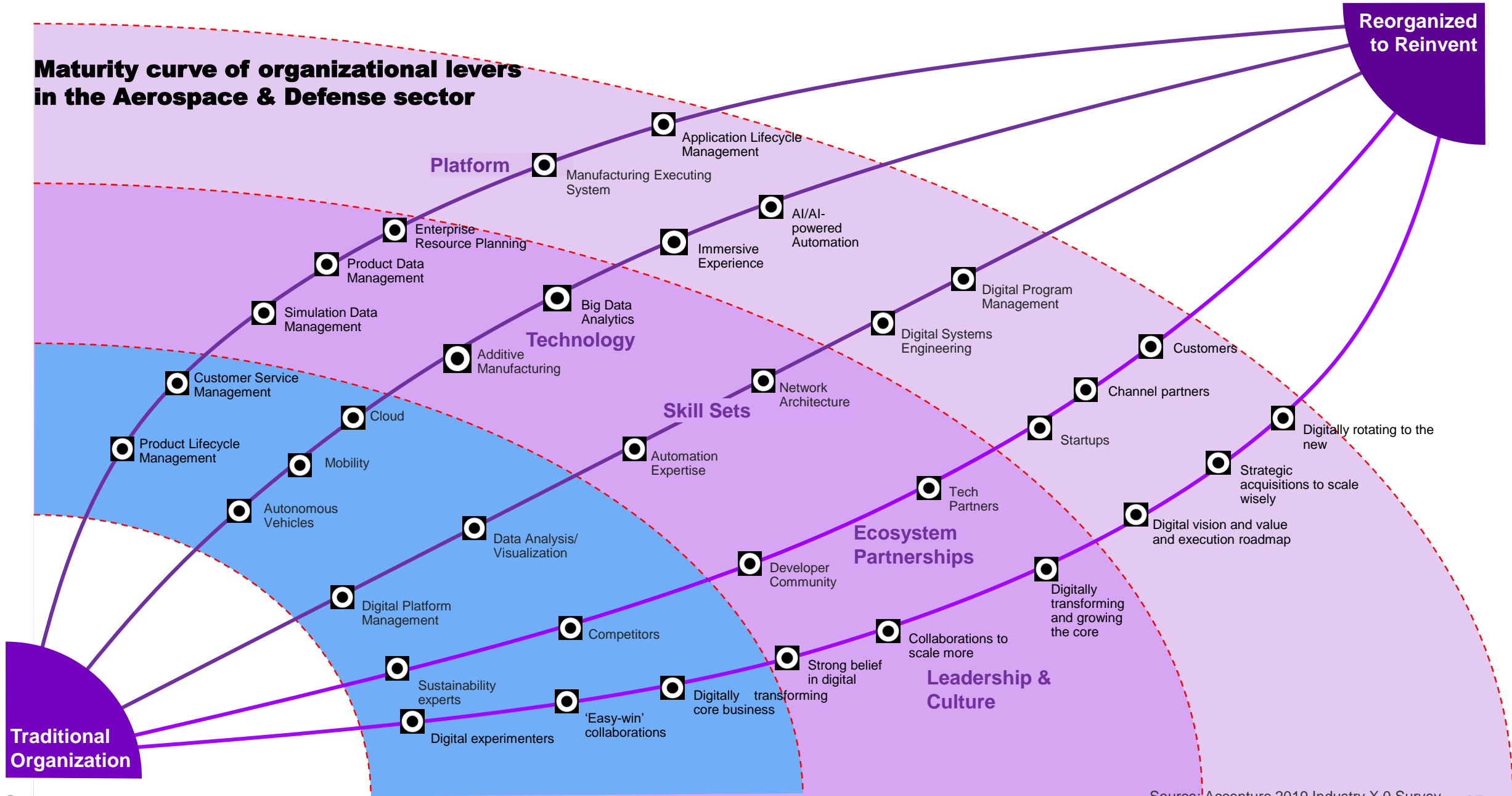
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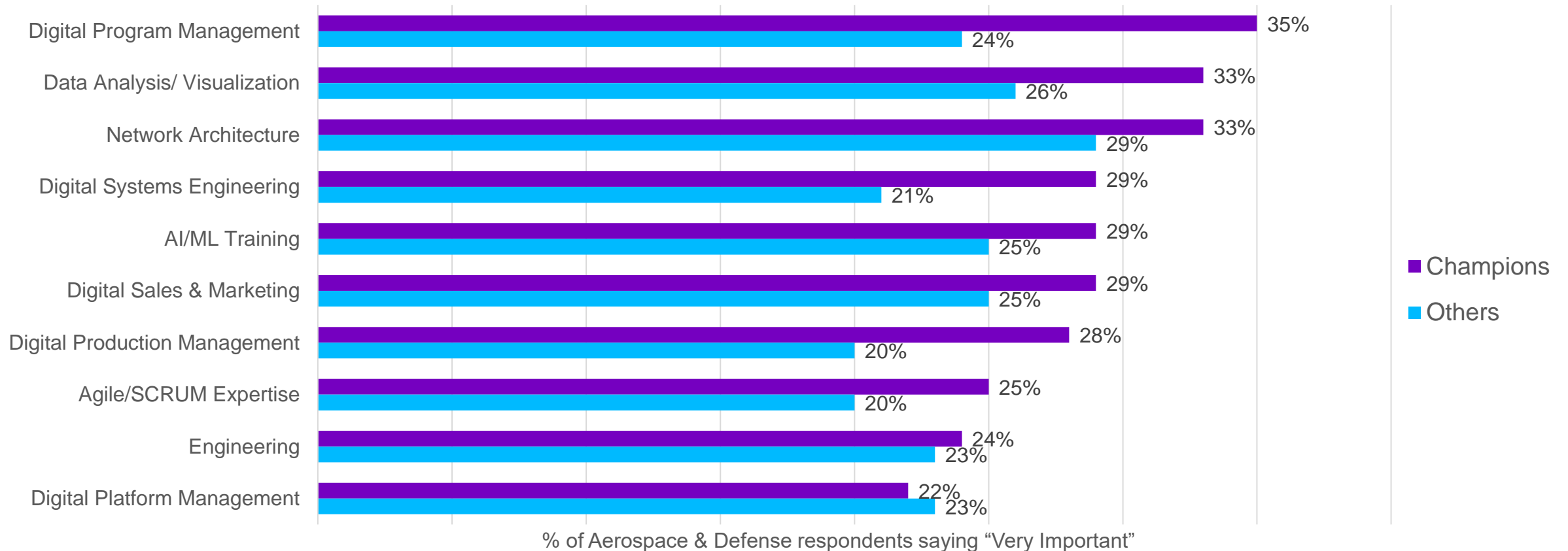
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## Maturity curve of organizational levers in the Aerospace & Defense sector



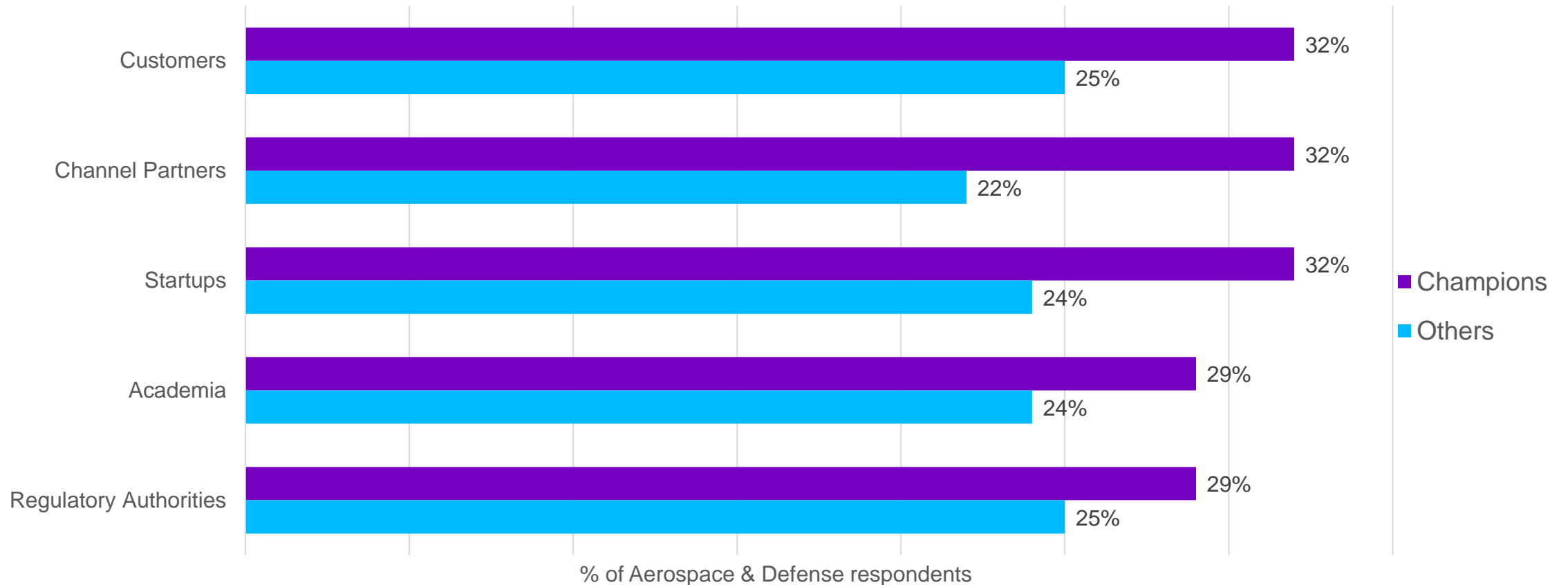
# TOP 10 SKILL SETS FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENSE CHAMPIONS

**Digital Program Management along with Data analysis/visualization and Network Architecture are critical skills to build and scale digital PoCs**



# TOP 5 PARTNERSHIPS FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENSE CHAMPIONS

**Customers and Channel Partners are critical partnerships to build and scale digital PoCs**



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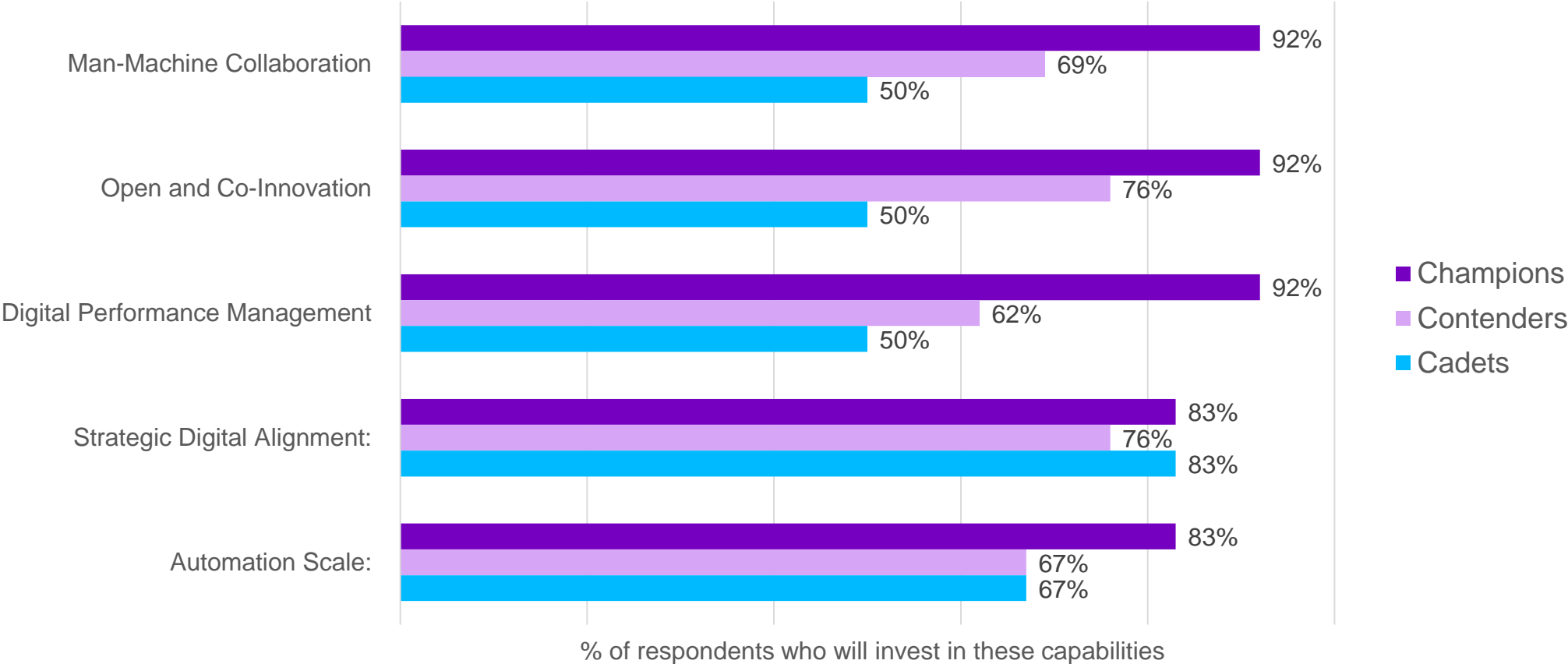
**WHAT CAPABILITIES DO  
AEROSPACE & DEFENSE  
COMPANIES NEED TO BUILD AS  
THEY NAVIGATE ALONG THIS  
ROADMAP?**

**A:**

**CHAMPIONS PRIORITIZE  
CERTAIN CAPABILITIES, AND  
INVEST HEAVILY IN THEM**

# CHAMPIONS INVEST IN MAN-MACHINE COLLABORATION AND OPEN INNOVATION

## Top 5 capabilities leveraged by Aerospace & Defense companies





# Striving to scale your own innovations?

## Get in touch!

Whether you are seeking to start new initiatives the right way, help with scaling those you already have—we are ready to help you improve your outcomes by putting our knowledge to work! Please reach out to **raghav.narsalay@accenture.com** or **aaroхи.sen@accenture.com** at Accenture Research, or visit **accenture.com/scaling-innovation**

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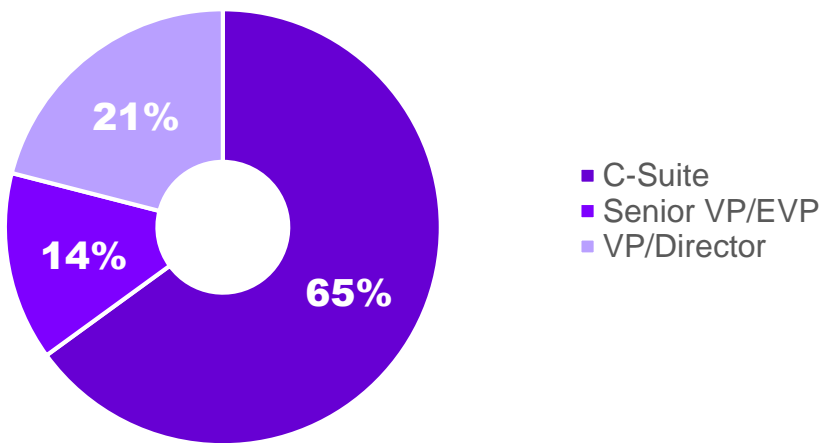
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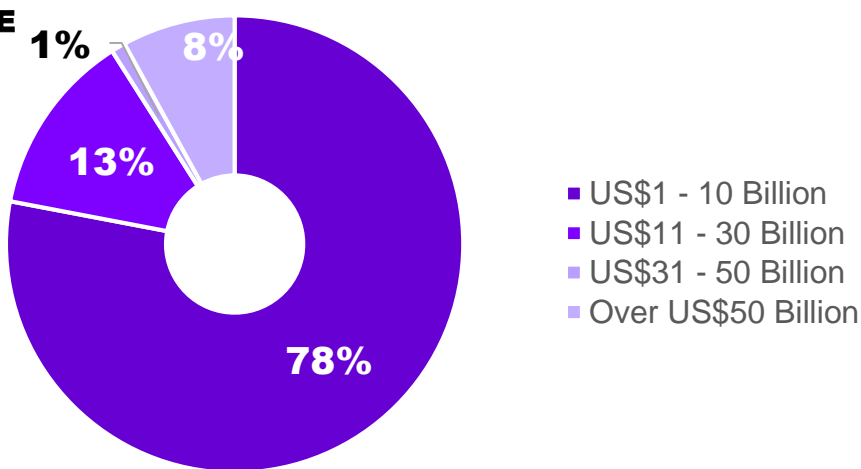
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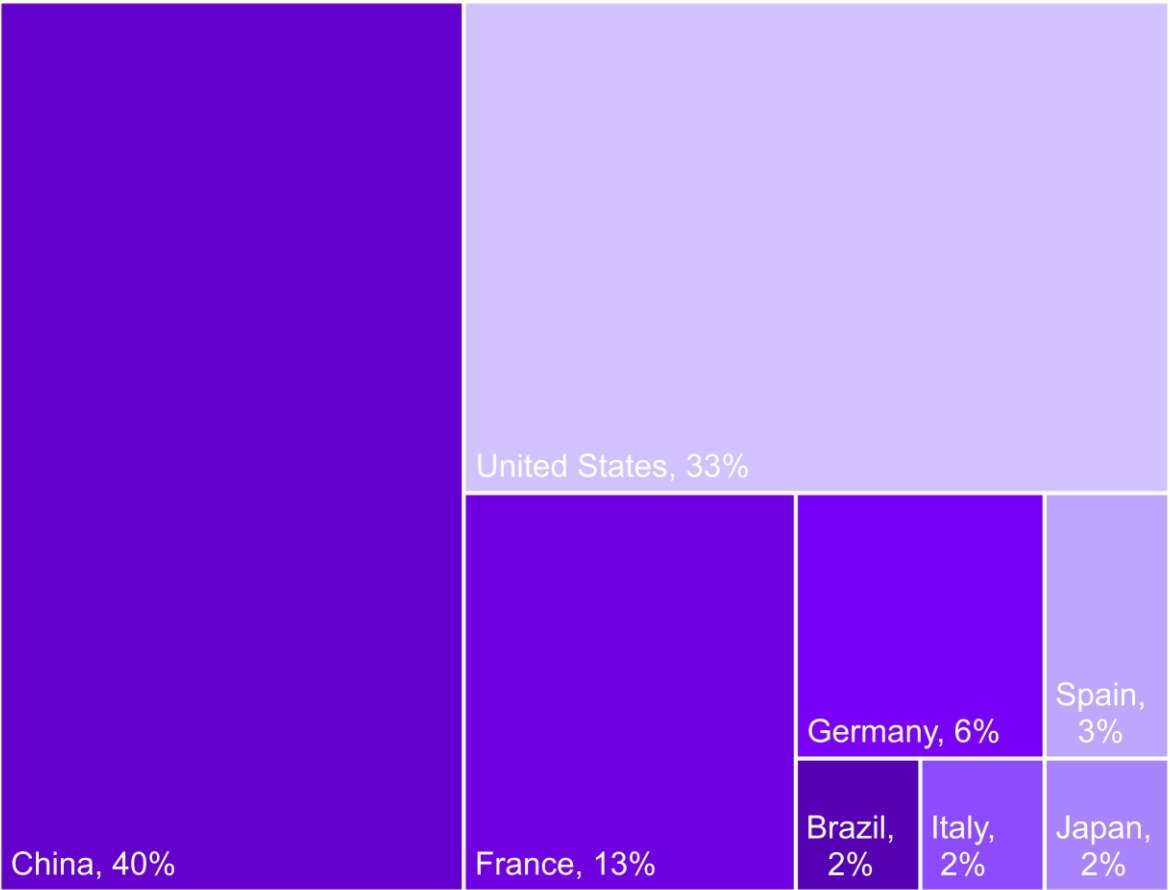
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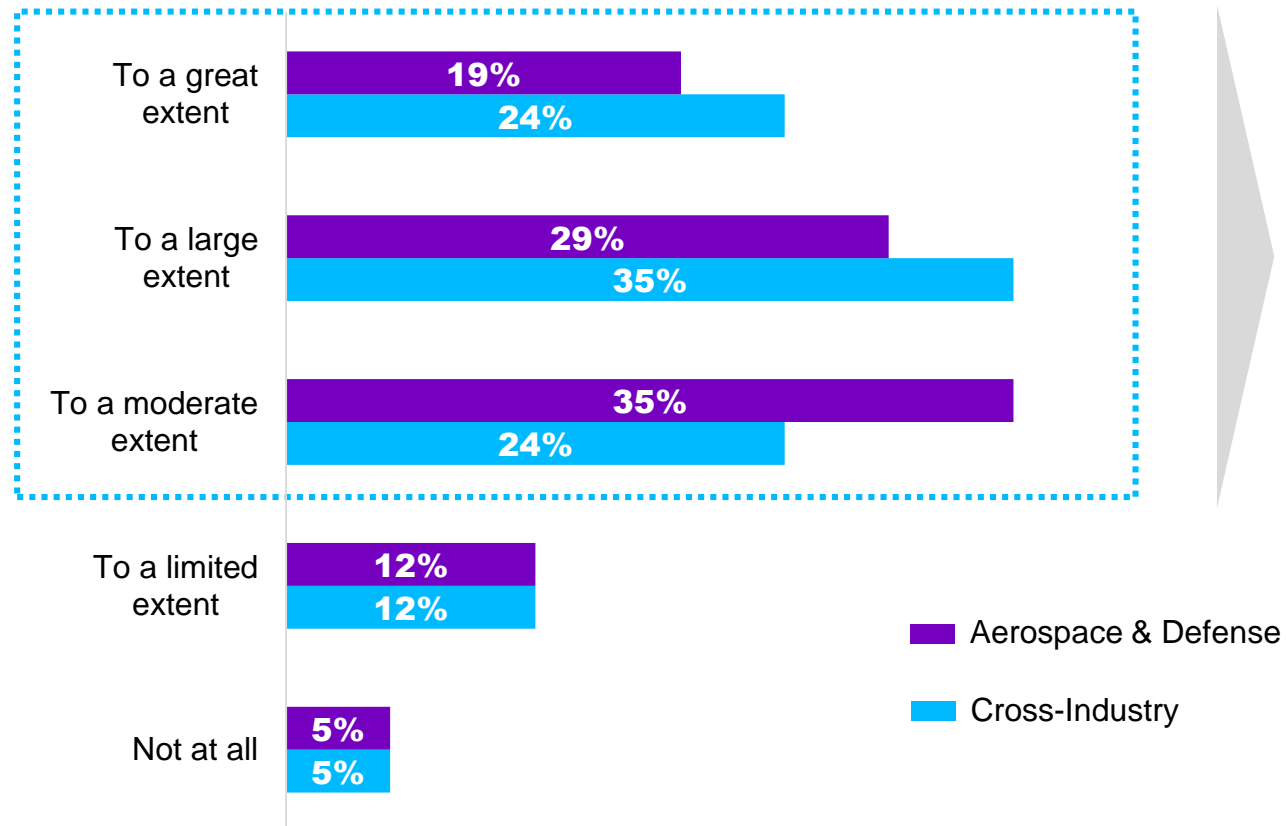


GEO-SPREAD



# SECURING FUNDING FOR DIGITAL REINVENTION PROJECTS FROM THE BOARD IS STILL NOT EASY

## Extent to which securing funding from the board for digital reinvention is a challenge





RANK	KEY REASONS WHY BOARDS OF AEROSPACE & DEFENSE COMPANIES REFUSE TO FUND DIGITAL REINVENTION
1.	Failure to scale digital proofs of concept (PoCs) in the past; Inadequate ROI from digital investments
2.	Poor understanding of digital reinvention within Top Management
3.	Shortage of and difficult access to digital skills
4.	Foreseen immaturity of technology
5.	Lack of a clear digital roadmap
6.	Shortage of budget for capital investments

# CHAMPIONS THOUGH ARE MASTERS AT MATCHING ENABLERS TO THE FUNCTIONS THAT NEED IT MOST

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Engage ecosystems to co-innovate customer-relevant offerings																		
Orchestration of software applications and hardware																		
Digital platforms to support opensource development																		
System engineers & UX designers build smart products/services																		
New models of functional collaboration and co-innovation																		
'As-a-service' operations and offering model																		
Flexible engineering/design teams to build software-led hardware																		
Intelligent new measurement techniques																		
Design Thinking' driven vision and digital roadmap																		
Digitized processes for new savings to drive new growth																		
Pervasive and preemptive security architecture																		

\*Cadets have not selected any of the top three choices of enablers for Continuous Customer Engagement function

 Enabler for Champions
  Enabler for Others



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