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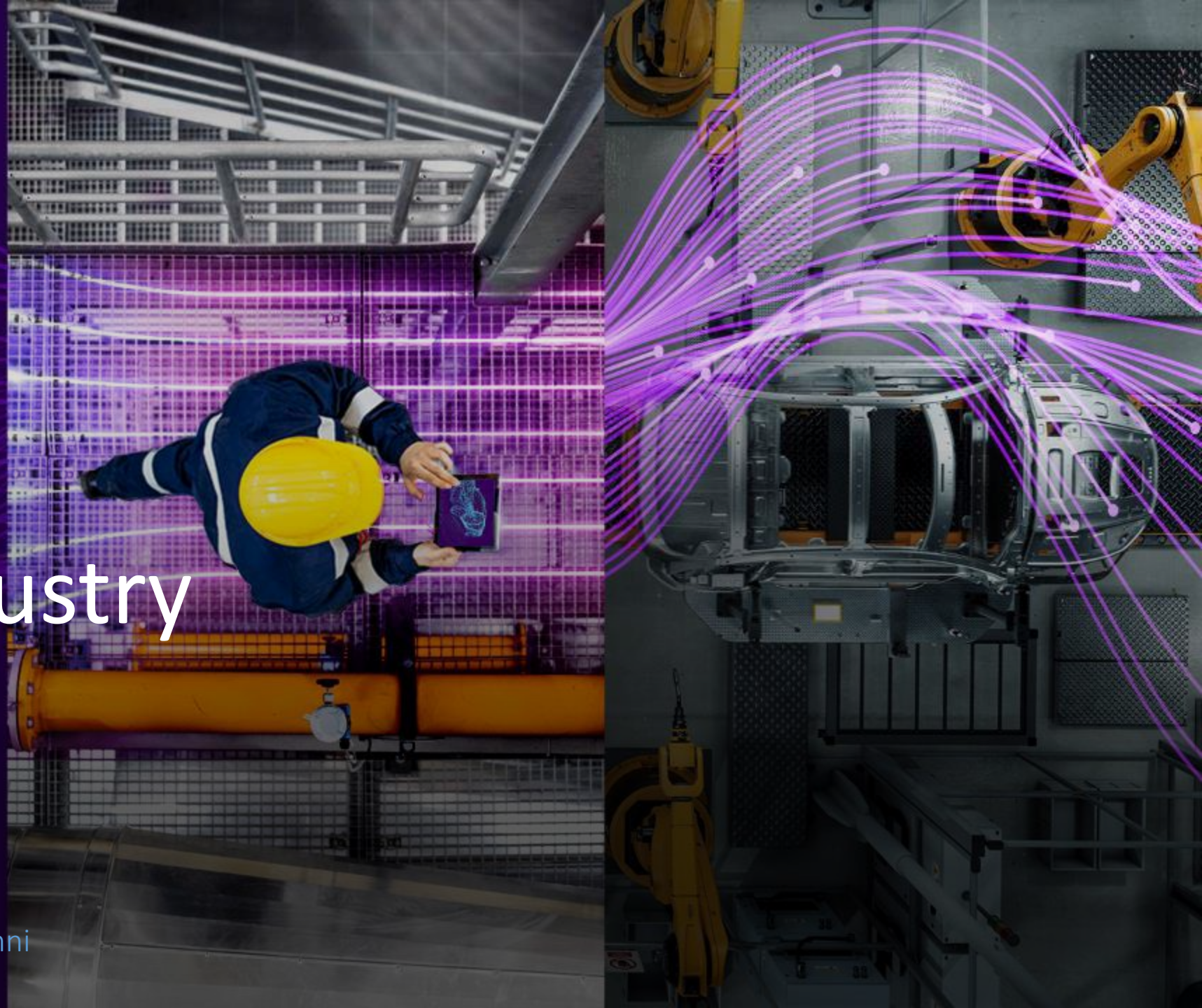




# AI in the Industry

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## Agenda – I wish to address 3 questions

- 1 What is the **impact of AI/GenAI** for the industry tomorrow ?

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- 2 Where does **industrial companies** stand today ?

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- 3 What is the **value** and **enablers** required to scale-up future capabilities?

~1,000 companies surveyed covering 10 industries and 6 geographies

# 1 Vision AI in the industry

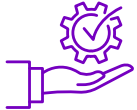
# AI is becoming generative thanks to recent LLMs progress



Diagnostic

Why did this happen?	
Analyze	
Correlate	
Explain	

Ex: Compressor failure  
RCA



Predictive

What might happen in the future?		Which option to consider ?	
Pattern		Simulate	
Forecast		Optimize	
Model		Recommend	

Ex: Gas lift optimization

Ex: planning what if  
scenario



Generative

Which solution / command ?	
Advise	
Create	
Code	
Augment	
Protect	

Ex: Pricing recommendation  
for trading, code generation

2000



2030

# Vision for the industry : moving from automation to autonomous

*Why striving towards full autonomy within SC is more than just siloed automation*

## Automation

### Definition

- Executes pre-defined tasks based on known answers
- Does not think, only does
- Sometimes need human input

### Example

*“Robotic Process Automation (RPA) software automates repetitive data entry tasks for a site manager”*



## Autonomous

### Augmented Decisioning

- Recommends optimal output using dynamic constraints
- Needs human input and validation

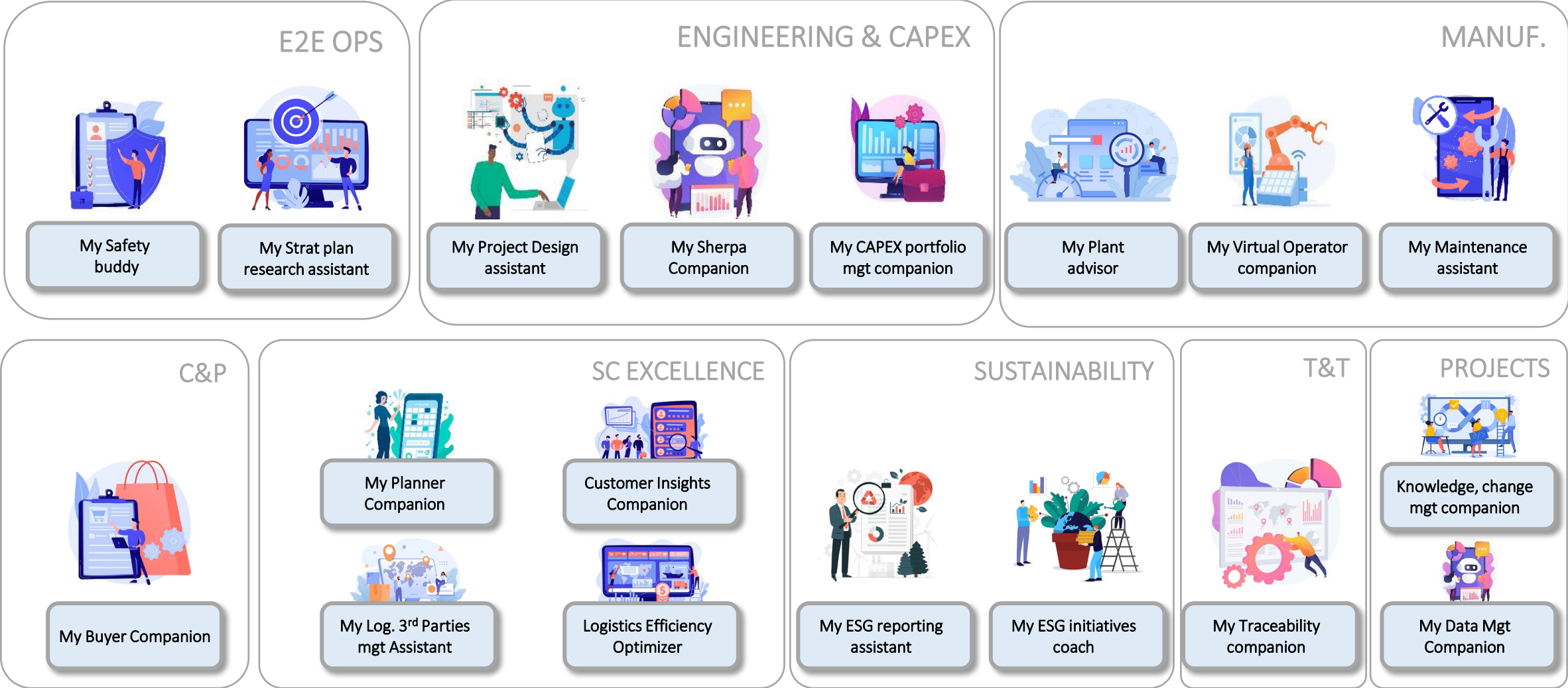
*“Application uses yard management system data to propose the best trailer to use for an outbound load”*

### Fully Autonomous

- Determines and executes best case action using dynamic constraints using AI
- No human-in-the-loop

*“A webapp connected to both data sources and Dematic automatically calculates and programs AGV’s for optimal unloading of loads”*

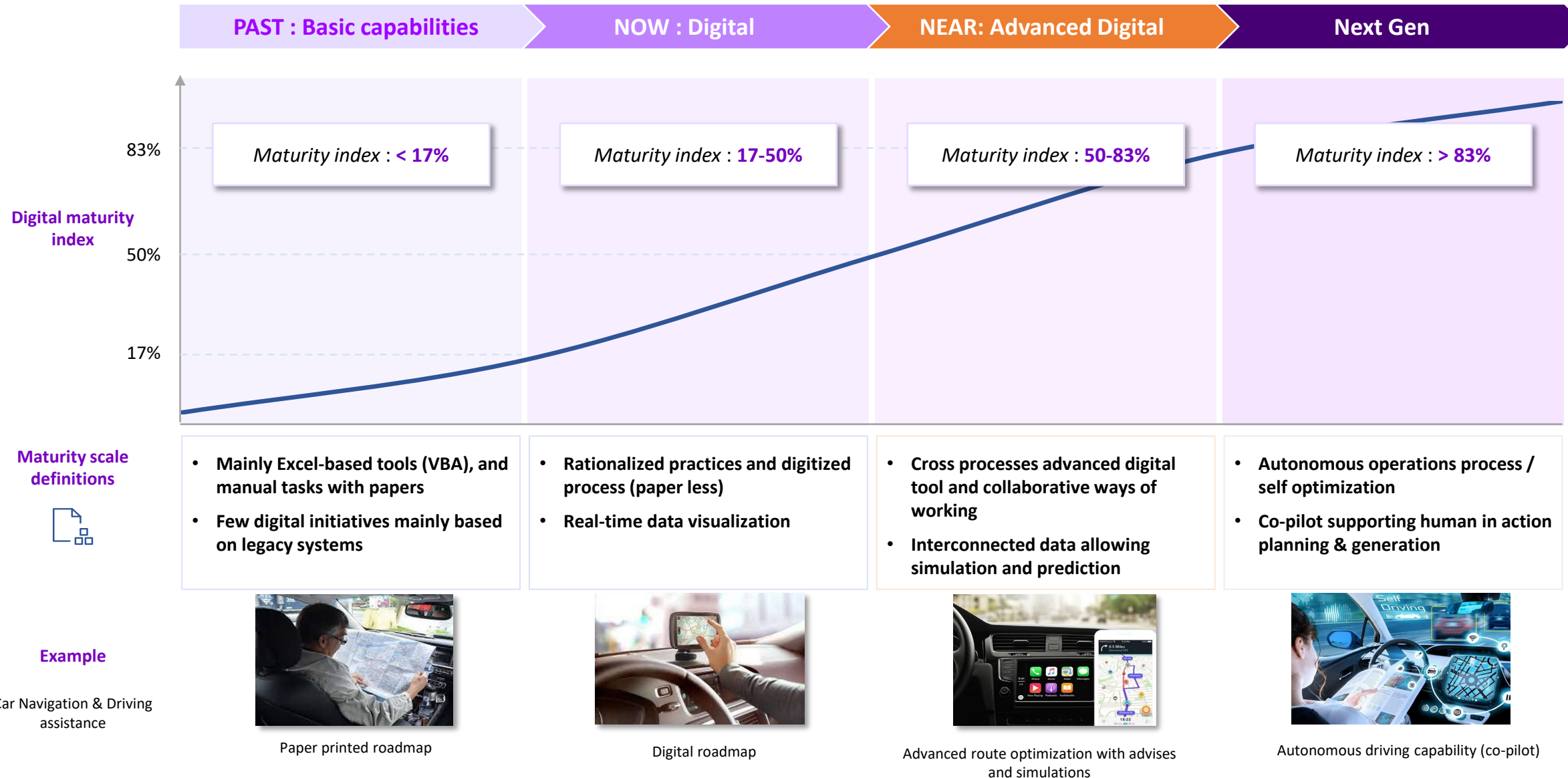
# Example of AI / Gen AI supporting human along end to end supply chain





## 2 Maturity toward the next generation capabilities

# We are scoring the maturity of have defined a 4-level digital maturity scale from basic to next gen



# Our vision for E2E Supply chain & Operations is founded on 7 capabilities that will enable more and more autonomy

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## Integrated supply chain

- Supply chain resilience capability (quick risk and root cause identification and action plan)
- End to end Supply chain control tower including N-Tier suppliers
- Supply chain network simulation capabilities
- Demand and supply planning platform with advanced signals detection and dynamic planning
- Autonomous integrated business planning

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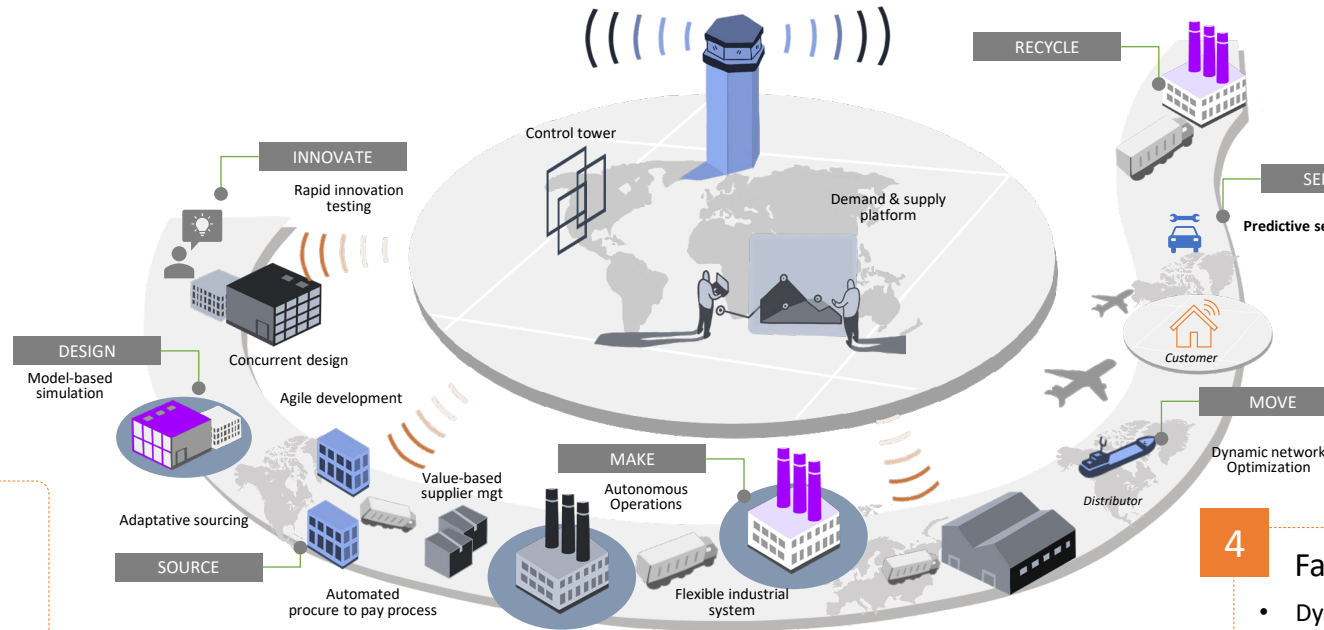
## Sustainability by design

- Built-in sustainability by design in all products covering end to end supply chain along lifecycle
- Holistically managed product / parts return with a very wide range of potential reuse of every component

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## Agile design & industrialization

- User-centricity and wide experience-based design
- Concurrent Design with multiple stakeholders in agile mode
- Rapid and breakthrough innovation



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## Smart procurement

- Automated source-to-contract process
- Spend data analytics
- Adaptative sourcing strategies & dynamic costing / pricing
- Value-based supplier management through N-Tier network
- Integrated requisition to pay

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## Flexible manufacturing and Autonomous operations

- Augmented workforce capability
- Autonomous manufacturing covering numerous basic tasks
- Flexible production network with demand-driven pull model
- Make and buy used as flexibility lever

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## Predictive services

- Built-in predictive services into products
- Remote support capability

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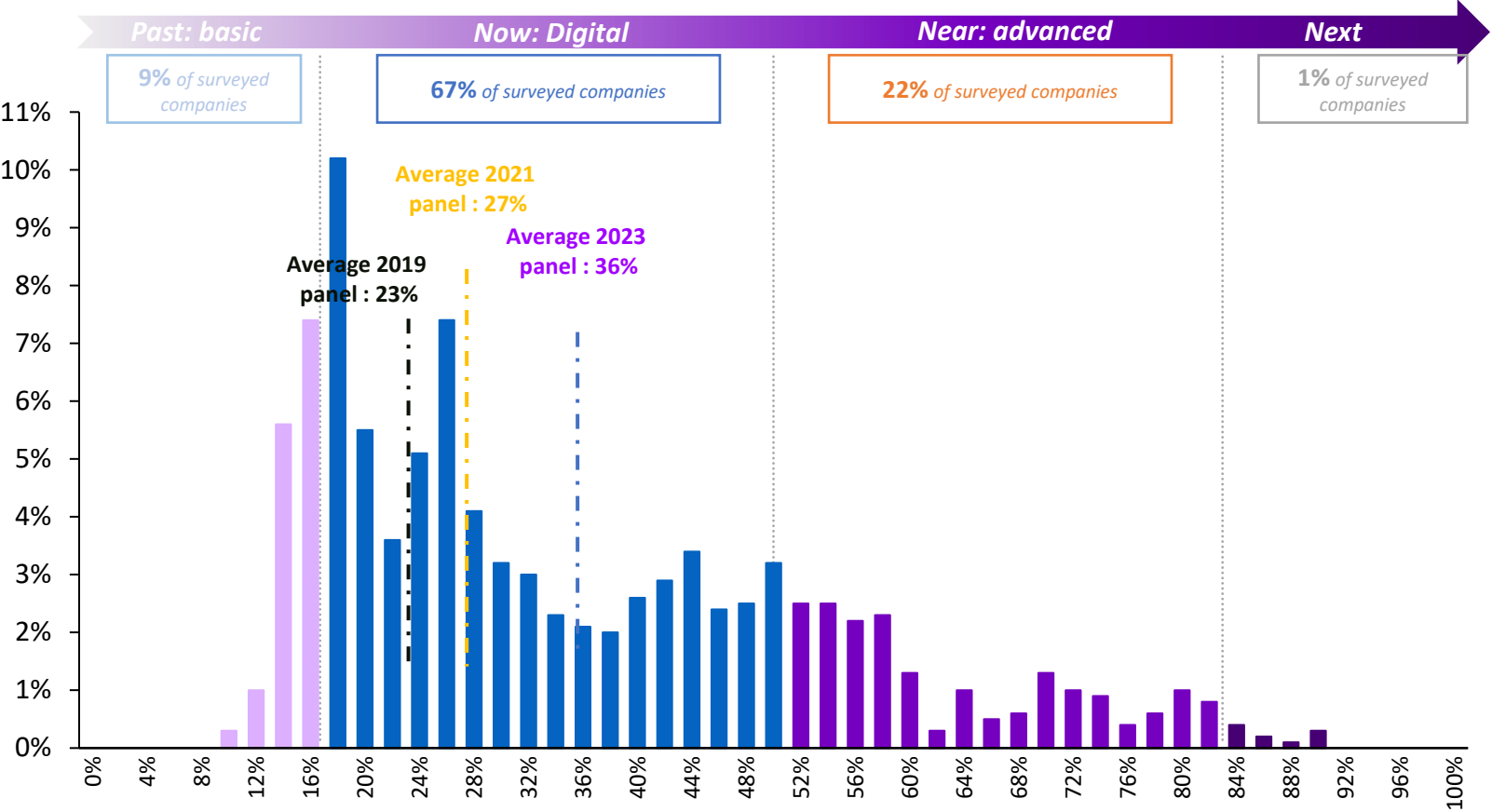
## Fast Logistics

- Dynamic logistic network flexibility and optimization
- Flexible and platform-based warehouse management
- Dynamic order allocation through omnichannel seamlessly
- Real time transport load optimization platform

# The global maturity has progressed quickly over the past years, with an increasing spread between leaders and laggards

## Company Capability Maturity

[ % of company ]



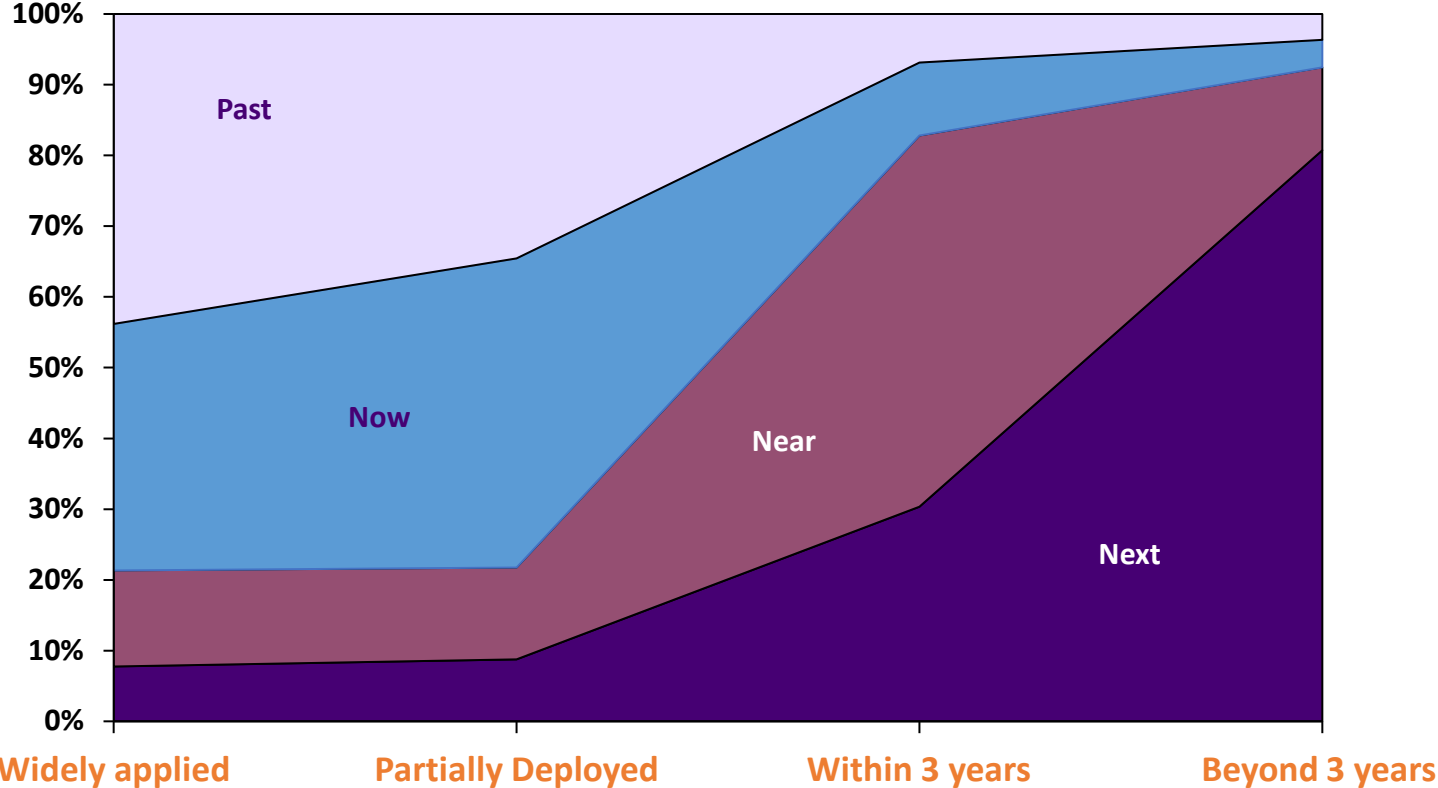
## Key highlights

- Overall, maturity average is around 36% (median is 30%), in the middle of digitization scale-up
- Maturity Index is showing a strong polarization with numerous companies still in the legacy / first digitization stage
- A set of leaders are in the near set of capabilities

# Global pace of transformation is ambitious – Near level to be reached in the next 2 years for 80% capabilities

## Company pace of transformation of capabilities

[ % of types of capabilities]



## Key highlights

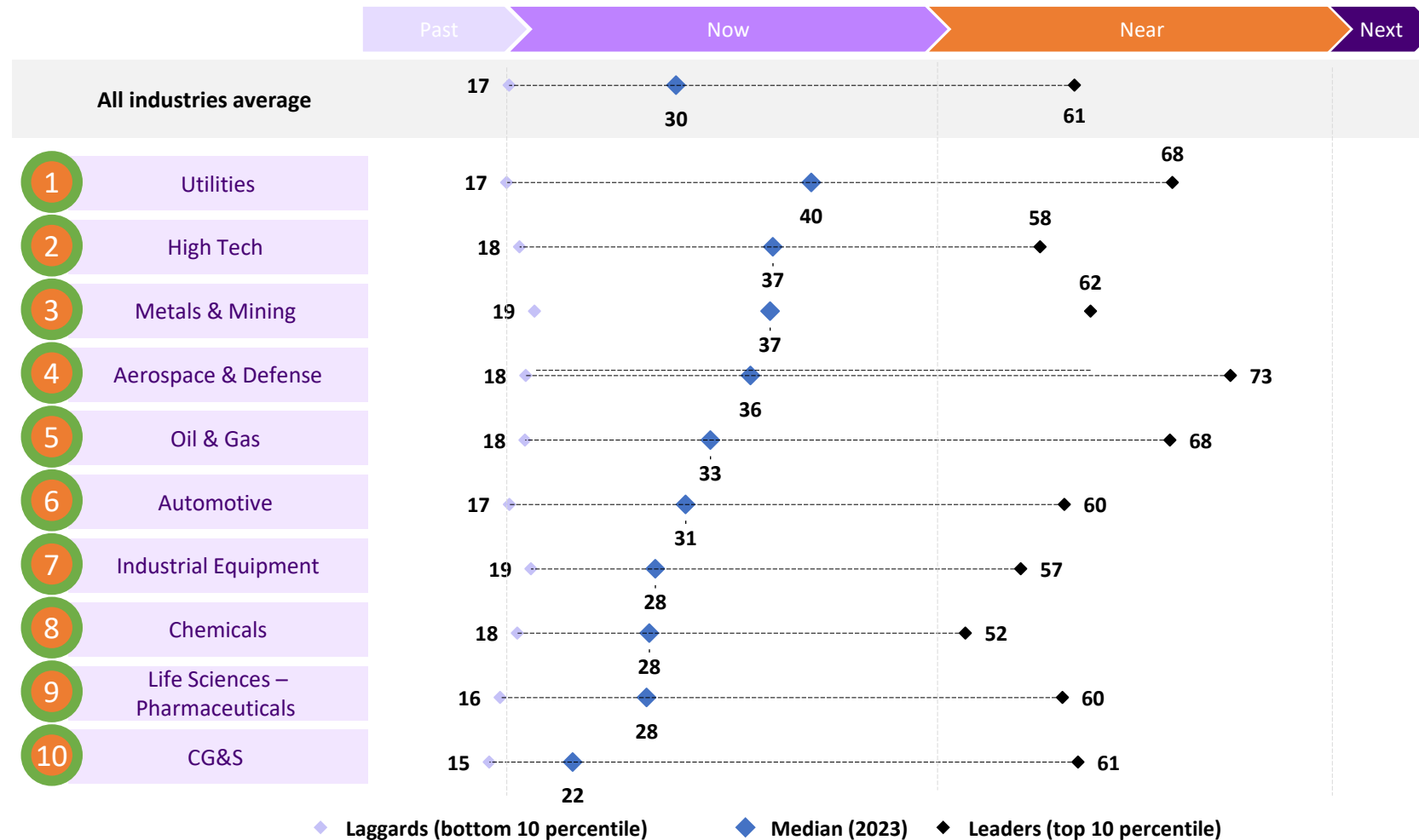
- Still numerous capabilities are in legacy practice today
- Now capabilities are widely deployed or partially deployed
- Near capabilities are planned to be deployed within 2 years with a strong pace.
- Yet, Next generation of capabilities are planned but not significantly deployed > 2 years

"Past" capabilities  
 "Now" capabilities  
 "Near" capabilities  
 "Next" capabilities

# Supply chain maturity across industries

## Supply chain capability maturity by industry

[Scope: Global]



## Key highlights

- CG&S industry is relatively lower ranked in overall supply chain capability maturity
- Most industries median are in the digital scale-up phase
- High spread is seen within each industrial sector revealing a two-fold transformation pace
- Leaders in the industry have started implementing near capabilities

# 3 Value at stake and Enablers

# Most mature companies are seeing higher value in the upcoming years

## Top performance targets from our panel (average and leaders, target horizon in 2-3 years)

### Business Agility & Responsiveness

**28%**  
(Avg. 16%)

Reduction of **product development lead time**

**6%**  
(Avg. 4%)

Improvement in **On Time Delivery**

**x4**

Level of responsiveness to a supply chain crisis

### Resources & asset effectiveness

**29%**  
(Avg. 21%)

Improvement of **engineering resource efficiency**

**31%**  
(Avg. 21%)

Improvement in **manuf. labor efficiency**

**18pts**  
(Avg. 14pts)

Improvement of **Overall Equipment Effectiveness**

### Environmental efficiency

**49%**  
(Avg. 34%)

Product development projects **including eco-design**

**35%**  
(Avg. 31%)

Reduction of **overall CO2 emissions**

**23%**  
(Avg. 15%)

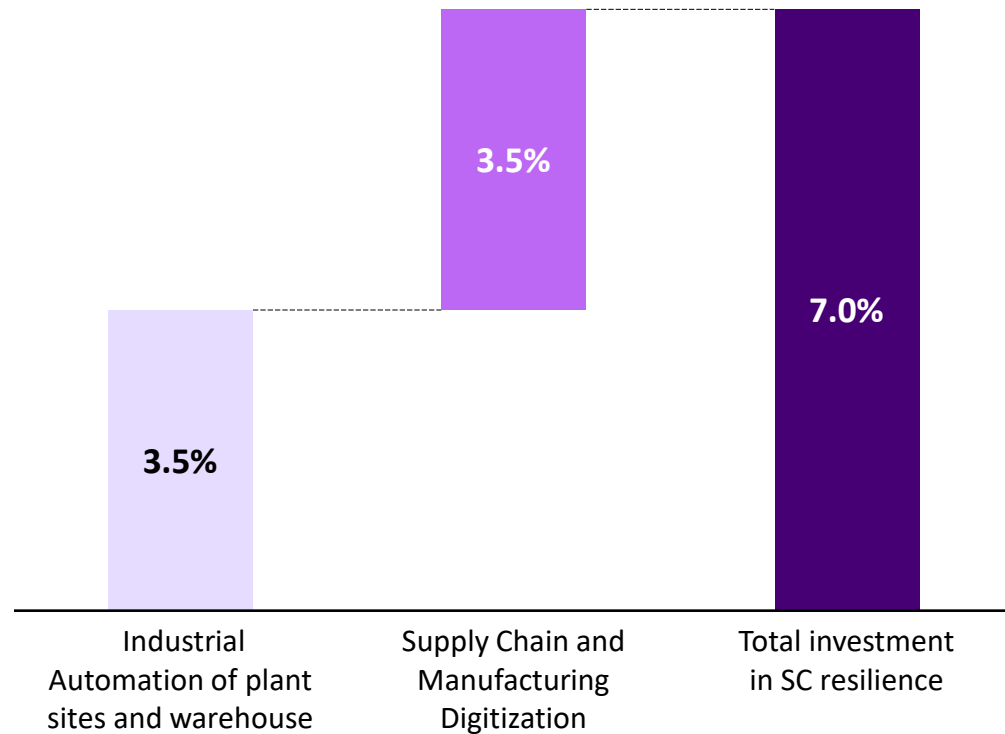
Reduction of **scope 3 emission**



# Companies are enhancing the resilience of their supply chains by increasing investments in automation and digitalization

## Investment in supply chain resilience over the next 2-3 years

[% company revenues]



## Enablers

[as % of revenues]

Data quality and smart data platform

IT landscape modernization with digital continuity

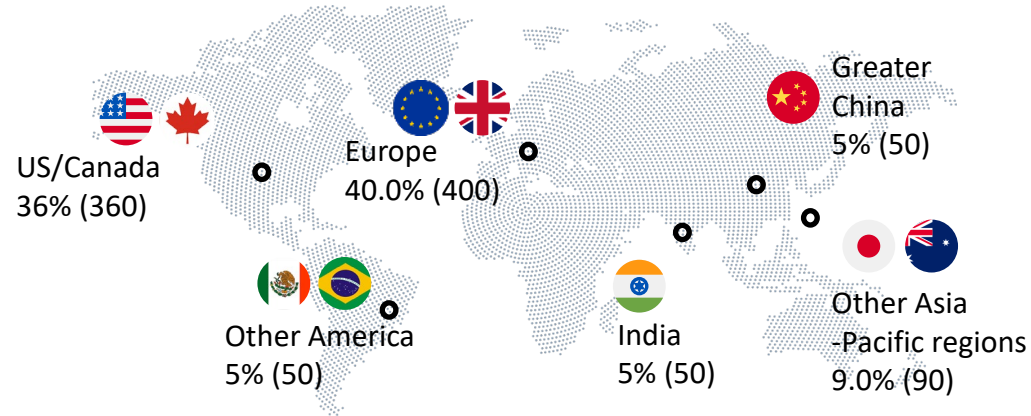
Skills development along news ways of working

# Appendix

# We surveyed a global panel of 3,000+ respondents covering 1,000 companies spanning North America, Europe, and Asia Pacific, across 10 industry sectors

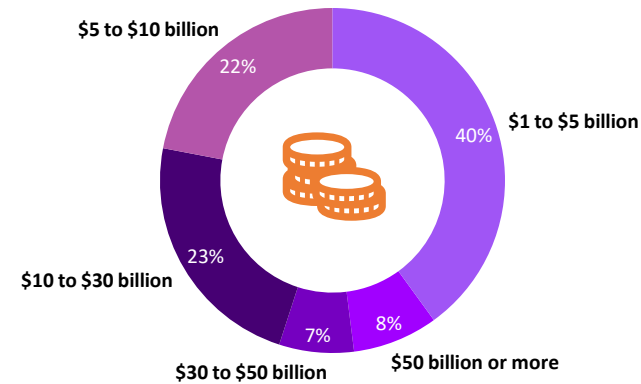
## Company operational headquarter location

[% and number of companies]



## Revenues

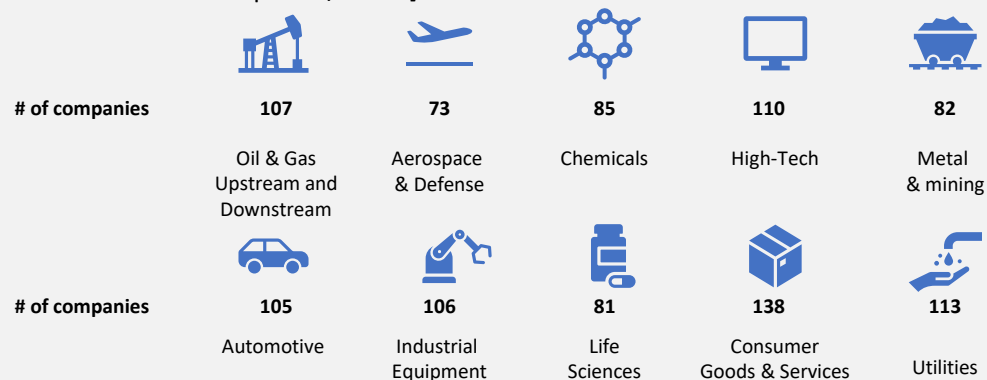
[Yearly revenue 2022 in USD]



- Company revenue is between 1 billion to 50+ billion USD
- 60% are above 5 billion USD revenue

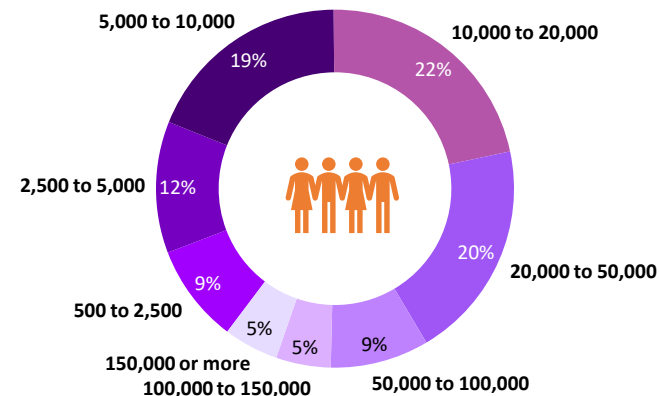
## Sectors

[Panel: At least 70 companies/sector]



## Employees

[Company size in number of employees]



- Company panel is between 500 to 150k+ employees
- 79% of the company panel are above 5000 employees

# The maturity of ~30 SC&O capabilities have been assessed through our panel

	Past	Now	Near	Next
 Agile design	<p>Design performed following V-cycle approach</p> <p>Innovation approach performed internally with techno experts</p> <p>“Best of breed” approach for design solutions</p>	<p>Concurrent design</p> <p>Open innovation</p> <p>Requirements based design</p>	<p>Concurrent design to optimize performances</p> <p>Agile usage-based innovation</p> <p>Experience based Design</p>	<p>Lifecycle concurrent design to optimize performances</p> <p>Agile rupture innovation</p> <p>Generative-based Design</p>
 Smart Procurement	<p>Heavy procurement processes consistently used</p> <p>Spend data collected through internal tools and dash boarded</p> <p>Supplier relation focused on product, price &amp; functionality</p> <p>Centralized R2P process policies. Digitization in dev.</p> <p>RM, goods &amp; services sourced from lowest landed price</p> <p>Manual estimation of good / service cost</p> <p>Minimal use of indexes ok price risk management strategies/tools</p>	<p>Standard Source to Contract</p> <p>Spend Data &amp; Insights</p> <p>Supplier Management</p> <p>Integrated Requisition to Pay in development (R2P)</p> <p>Supply bases closer to demand markets</p> <p>Standardized method and tools for costs estimation</p> <p>Indexed linked contracts</p>	<p>Self-Service Source to Contract</p> <p>Internal data &amp; insights</p> <p>Supplier 360°</p> <p>Networked R2P</p> <p>Supplier prioritization models</p> <p>Should Cost Modelling</p> <p>Commodity Price Risk Management</p>	<p>Autonomous Source to Contract</p> <p>Internal and external data</p> <p>Nth Tier Visibility</p> <p>Touchless R2P</p> <p>Automatic adapting sourcing strategy</p> <p>Predictive Cost Modelling</p> <p>Suite of commodity price risk management tools</p>
 Flexible manufacturing & Autonomous operations	<p>Digital dashboard in place to provide info. to workforce</p> <p>Lean manufacturing in place</p> <p>Pushed and batch production system</p> <p>Assets with fixed capacity and availability</p>	<p>Connected Machine + Worker</p> <p>Digital and Lean Manufacturing</p> <p>Pushed production system</p> <p>Fixed Assets</p>	<p>Augmented workforce with digital cockpit &amp; tools</p> <p>Remote Manufacturing</p> <p>Pulled and decoupled production system</p> <p>Flexible Assets</p>	<p>AI-enabled workforce</p> <p>Autonomous manufacturing</p> <p>Full pulled and flexible production system</p> <p>Seamless make or buy</p>
 Fast Logistic	<p>Network is set-up and optimized during new product introduction</p> <p>Warehouse operations are manually managed or rely on basic tools</p> <p>Rely on manual order allocation processes</p> <p>Widespread manual planning and transportation scheduling tasks performed locally</p>	<p>Network Optimization : Cost reduction</p> <p>Warehouse Management and Automation Simulation</p> <p>Dynamic Order Allocation</p> <p>Transport management system</p>	<p>Network optimization : Service revenue</p> <p>Dynamic Warehousing</p> <p>Multi-Channel Fulfillment</p> <p>Automated modern tools</p>	<p>Dynamic network optimization</p> <p>Cross-company logistics services</p> <p>Omni-Channel Fulfillment</p> <p>Unified shared platform beyond enterprise</p>
 Predictive Services	<p>Products are sold with service contracts which fulfill additional revenue potential</p> <p>Aftermarket service field force in place to treat product failure or spare parts</p> <p>Industrial plants rely on a traditional field force for service operations</p>	<p>Service as product add-on incl. service contracts</p> <p>Aftermarket services through connected devices</p> <p>Field force supported by remote diagnostics</p>	<p>Value-added services</p> <p>Proactive &amp; predictive service (connected products)</p> <p>VR-enabled field force and remote-control center</p>	<p>Output-based business model: selling uptime</p> <p>Products designed for serviceability</p> <p>Self-service with remote help/control center</p>
 Sustainability by Design	<p>Emission reduction action plan mainly focuses on Scope 1 and 2 reduction</p> <p>Product and parts returns are only for quality or other customer service issues</p>	<p>Reactive Sustainability on legacy footprint</p> <p>Circularity for cost – repair if cost effective</p>	<p>Model based sustainability by design</p> <p>Circularity for margins – repair if resaleable</p>	<p>Model based sustainability by lifecycle</p> <p>Circularity for purpose – reuse every component</p>
 Integrated Supply Chain	<p>Manual alert system of any disruption by email</p> <p>E2E visibility by manually aggregating various sources</p> <p>Excel based and ad hoc simulation</p> <p>Demand forecasting based on sales history &amp; market survey</p> <p>Supply Planning: Done Locally</p> <p>S&amp;OP aligning Demand and Supply</p>	<p>Disruptions alerts on Tier Nth supplier</p> <p>E2E SC visibility</p> <p>Use-case driven digital twin</p> <p>Demand Planning: Statistical forecasting w/ platforms</p> <p>Supply Planning enabled by platforms</p> <p>Sales &amp; Operations Planning</p>	<p>Disruptions analysis on Tier Nth supplier</p> <p>End-to-end SC visibility with recommendations</p> <p>Functional Digital twin</p> <p>Demand Sensing to optimize short term corrections</p> <p>Interconnected software platform for supply planning</p> <p>Integrated Business Planning</p>	<p>Disruption solution to minimize impact</p> <p>Network end-to-end SC visibility with recommendation</p> <p>Lifecycle Digital Thread / Data continuity</p> <p>The “Near” + Predictive tools allowing demand shaping</p> <p>Fully integrated platform for supply planning</p> <p>Insight-driven IBP supported by orchestration layer</p>

# Next Gen capabilities will heavily rely on AI/ Gen AI technology to provide autonomous operations in all fields

## 1 Agile design

1. Concurrent design is collaboratively done involving a wider base of stakeholders like clients, users, recycling partners, etc. that are involved throughout the product lifecycle.
2. Agile innovation methodology is implemented to develop breakthrough innovation creating a rupture in the market.
3. Design process leverages GenAI technology and uses large datasets of client feedback, surveys, trends, etc., to propose highly optimized alternatives.

## 2 Smart procurement

4. Business users/buyers can conduct source-to-contract transactions without the need for involvement from the procurement team.
5. Both internal and external data and insights (provided by trusted 3rd parties) are available, purchased as-a-service.
6. Visibility and management of not just tier-1 suppliers, but their suppliers, and the extended supplier network to the nth tier. Maximum use of external data and partnerships.
7. Purchases that self-execute when predetermined condition(s) is/are met. Decision automation using technology to replace manual tasks or human intuition (i.e., touchless), for improved outcomes.
8. Technology is leveraged to anticipate supply chain disruptions across all risk dimensions and the evolution of markets; with the sourcing strategy adapting automatically based on the risks.
9. Analytics and statistical analysis of data done by computers and software with input from operators/users is used to estimate and forecast cost of good / service. Possible future cost scenarios for products, goods, and services can be generated.
10. A full suite of commodity price risk management tools is leveraged to protect margins for the company.

## 3 Flexible manufacturing and Autonomous operations

11. Workforce is augmented with a AI-enabled co-pilot with a seamless interactive mode to execute, improve, solve issues, etc.
12. Manufacturing plants can perform tasks autonomously such as planning & scheduling reconfiguration, product change, adapting to change, etc. and the plant is supervised by a remote control center doing steering, coaching and best practices implementation.
13. Production uses a fully demand-driven system with limited output levelling and has very short changeover times. High machine utilization rates are ensured by a high level of automation.
14. Ability to seamlessly balance products / components or semi-finished from one plant to another or from internal make to external buy across the network .

## 4 Fast logistics

15. The logistic network is dynamically optimized, using AI or GenAI technologies to continuously optimize and rebalance network resources and planning decisions in a dynamic and evolving environment, making real-time adjustments to optimize the allocation of resources, such as inventory, vehicles, and production capacity.
16. A centralized digital platform that connects multiple companies or stakeholders involved in the logistics and supply chain ecosystem is employed, which facilitates collaboration, information sharing, and coordination among different entities.
17. Orders are dynamically allocated through a seamless omni-channel fulfilment system, which considers a large range of variables, supporting the ability to deliver to the customers through any channel of their choice.
18. The end to end transportation management system is a unified shared platform with high automation level serving all entities, and possibly external partners or suppliers.

## 5 Predictive services

19. Product and services are sold in an output-based business model ability to sell and support service subscription model with full focus on uptime / output with minimal or no product sale; revenue through services.
20. Products have been designed for serviceability, allowing advanced functionalities such as predictive maintenance, over-the-air product or service upgrade, ability to reduce/minimize need for service events e.g., through feedback loop from service to R&D for next generation products.
21. Customer enabled to execute self-service without the need of field technician on-site – supported by a central remote center with product experts for live instructions.

## 6 Sustainability by design

23. Holistically managed product / parts return with a very wide range of potential reuse of every component.
24. Sustainability is fully embedded in the product design, supply chain & network, recycling, and end of life, utilizing advanced modeling capabilities and platform technologies.

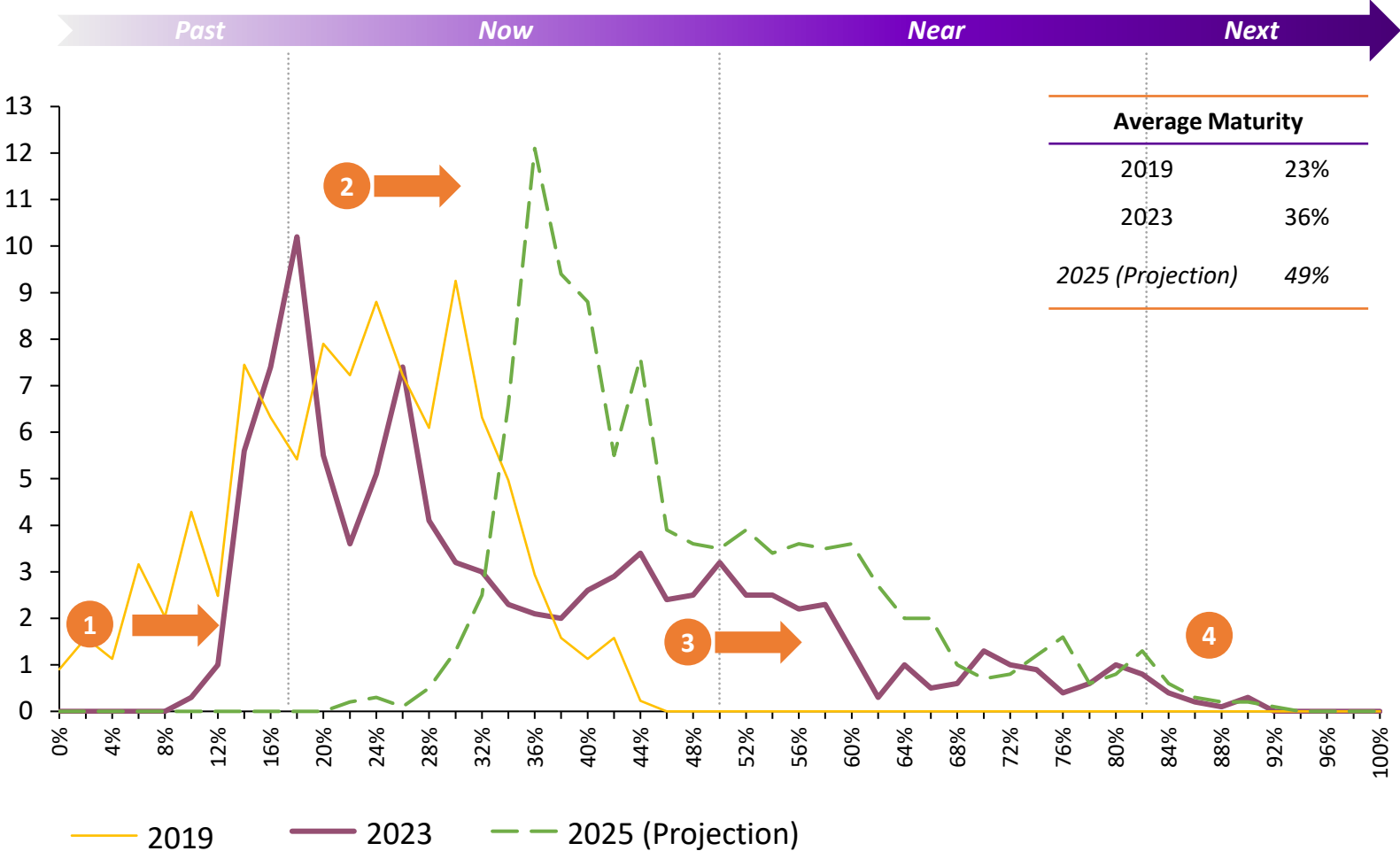
## 7 Integrated Supply Chain

24. Current system allows to quickly understand the impact of disruption and propose a set of actions to be implemented to minimize impact.
25. Operates as a cross-network control tower, providing visibility across different tiers of the supply chain network, and generate prescriptive recommendations or directly launch an action without human intervention.
26. Digital twin system uses interconnected data across all functions and are used for comprehensive design and operational purposes throughout the entire product lifecycle.
27. Demand forecast is generated by a AI-based tools leveraging 360° information on markets, financial, environmental, and societal value across the product lifecycle. Demand forecast is adapted / fine-tuned by channels and product micro-segments and is refreshed in a continuous mode.
28. Fully integrated platform combining planning, production scheduling, execution / MES, inventory, procurement planning with N-tier suppliers. Real time platform with zero latency, 24/7 autonomous follow up/corrections integrated with IoT/MES system.
29. Insight-driven IBP supported by orchestration layer: Autonomous IBP based on a customer/Product-centric micro-segmented planning approach. Vertically and horizontally integrated (from financial plan to production schedule and from supplier to customer). Leverages a cross-functional orchestration layer based on company-wide KPI's with up-skilled planners leveraging the human + machine to the maximum. It is supported by 24/7 self-driving S&OE / Control tower.

Compared to previous years, the maturity is globally increasing quickly in average, but the spread is increasing significantly

**Company Capability Maturity**

[ % of company ]



**Key highlights**

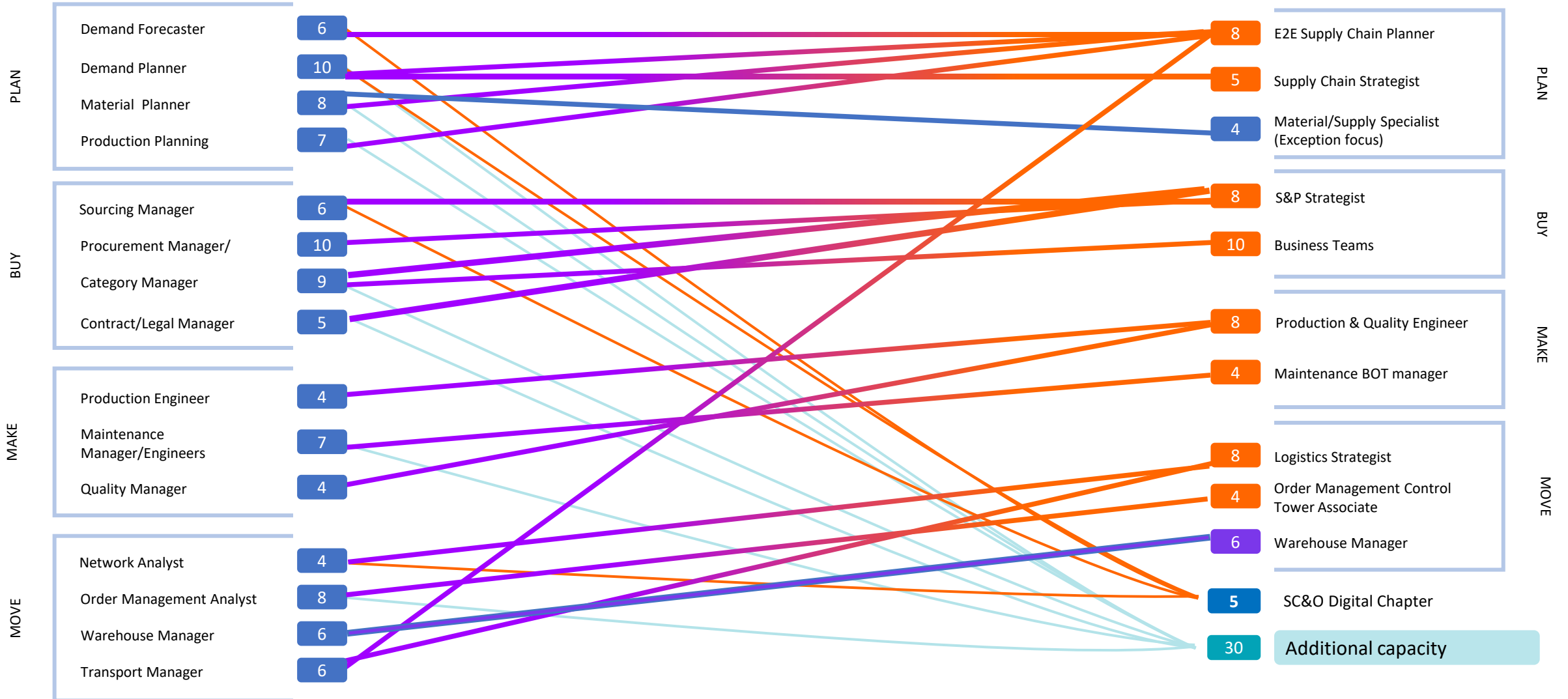
- 1** Progressive reduction of “past” capabilities replaced by “now / digital” capabilities from before to after COVID
- 2** Stagnating laggards stuck in the deployment of simple digital capabilities with slow evolution
- 3** Acceleration of leaders to move from now to more advanced digital capabilities
- 4** Few leapfrog players moving quickly to NextGen capabilities

Source: Accenture Supply Chain & Operations capabilities global survey, 2023. Base: All Respondents (n=1000).

# Talent and New Ways of Working

Today's Work & Roles: 100

Future Work & Roles: 70



\*Field (factory, transportation, warehouse, etc) workers & Leadership not included

● Today's Role    ● Future Role    ● Additional Capacity

# A strong Digital Core with a Reference Architecture is crucial

Cross-domain investment areas that frames the required architecture

Autonomy integrates and creates liquidity of all forms of cognitive infrastructure

Strong Mesh integrates enterprise and 3rd party sources with synthetic elements to augment data scope and enrich accuracy of insights created through AI

Agents & Custom Apps to drive outcomes, while unified user experience end-to-end

Cloud, AI and Twin Management capabilities, ensuring security and responsible use to extract full potential of key supply chain data

Pivotal role in enabling seamless, efficient, and scalable operations across the entire supply chain serving as the foundations

