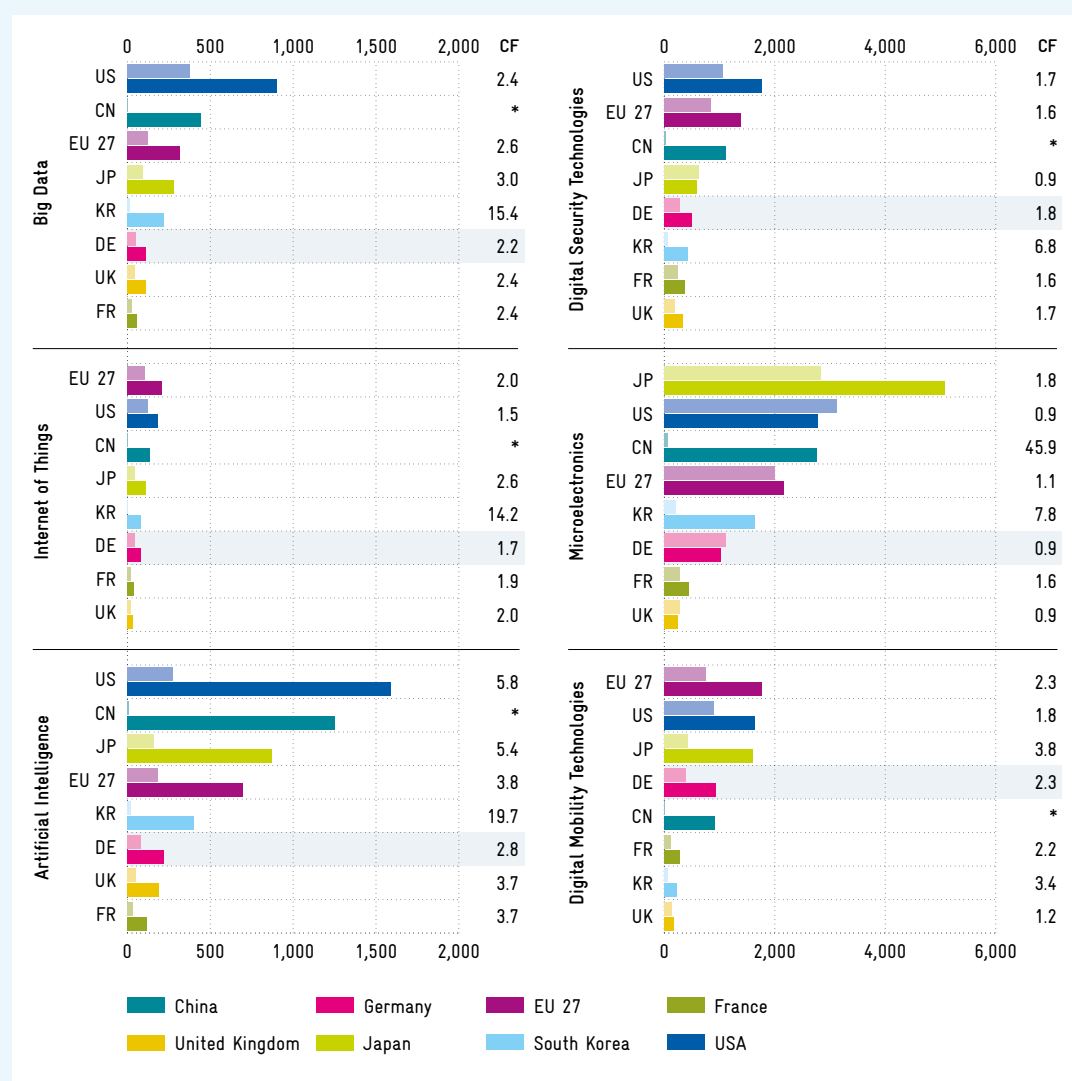


**Fig. B 1-5 Mean value of transnational patent applications in digital technology areas for selected countries and regions 2000–2002 and 2016–2018**



The lighter shade of colour shows the average number of patent applications for the years 2000 to 2002, the darker shade that for the years 2016 to 2018. The sorting and thus the order of the countries within each technology area follows the mean values from 2016 to 2018. A single patent can be assigned to several individual technologies for reasons of content. The change factor (CF) indicates how patent application figures for the last three years relate to patent application figures for the first three years. A change factor smaller than one means a decrease and a change factor larger than one means an increase in patent application numbers in the period under consideration. A change factor of one means that the patent application numbers have not changed between the periods under consideration. \* are used when the change factor takes on extreme values due to a minor initial value.

Source: Own representation based on Kroll et al. (2022).

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