Technological Innovations and Solutions in Aviation Training

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Traditional Aviation Training Overview

Historical context

The traditional training pipeline

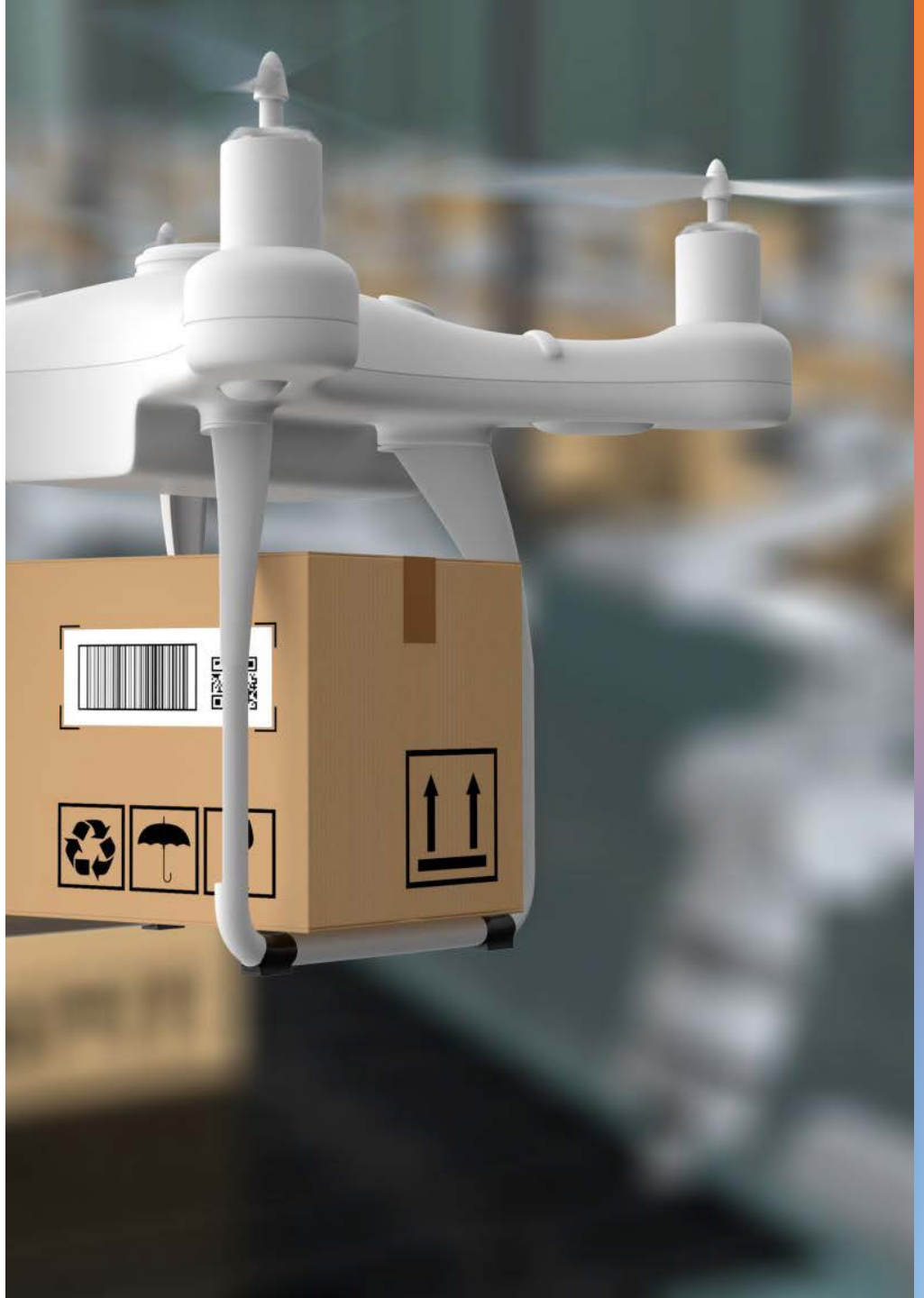
Instructor-led approach with standardized syllabi and checkride evaluations.

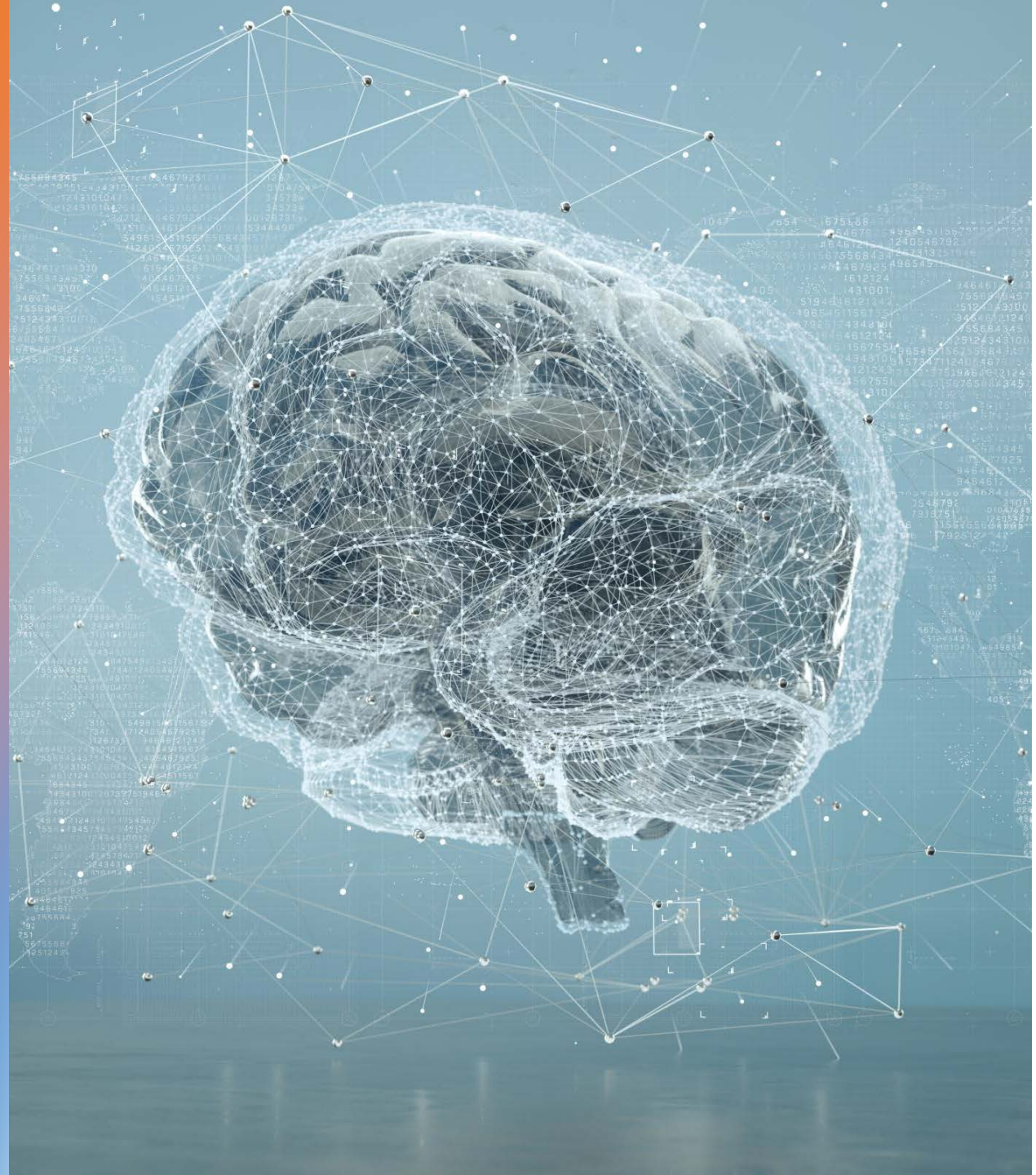
Driving Forces Behind Technological Transformation

- Safety Enhancement
- Cost Reduction
- Training Standardization
- Addressing Manpower Shortage
- Environmental Considerations

Aviation Training and New Technologies

- **Virtual Reality in Aviation Training**
  - Specific Applications
    - Pre-flight Procedures
    - Emergency Scenarios
    - Spatial Awareness Training
    - Airport Familiarization
  - Benefits
- **Augmented Reality**
  - Specific Applications
    - Maintenance Training
    - Ground Operations Training
    - In-flight Reference
  - Benefits





Aviation Training and New Technologies

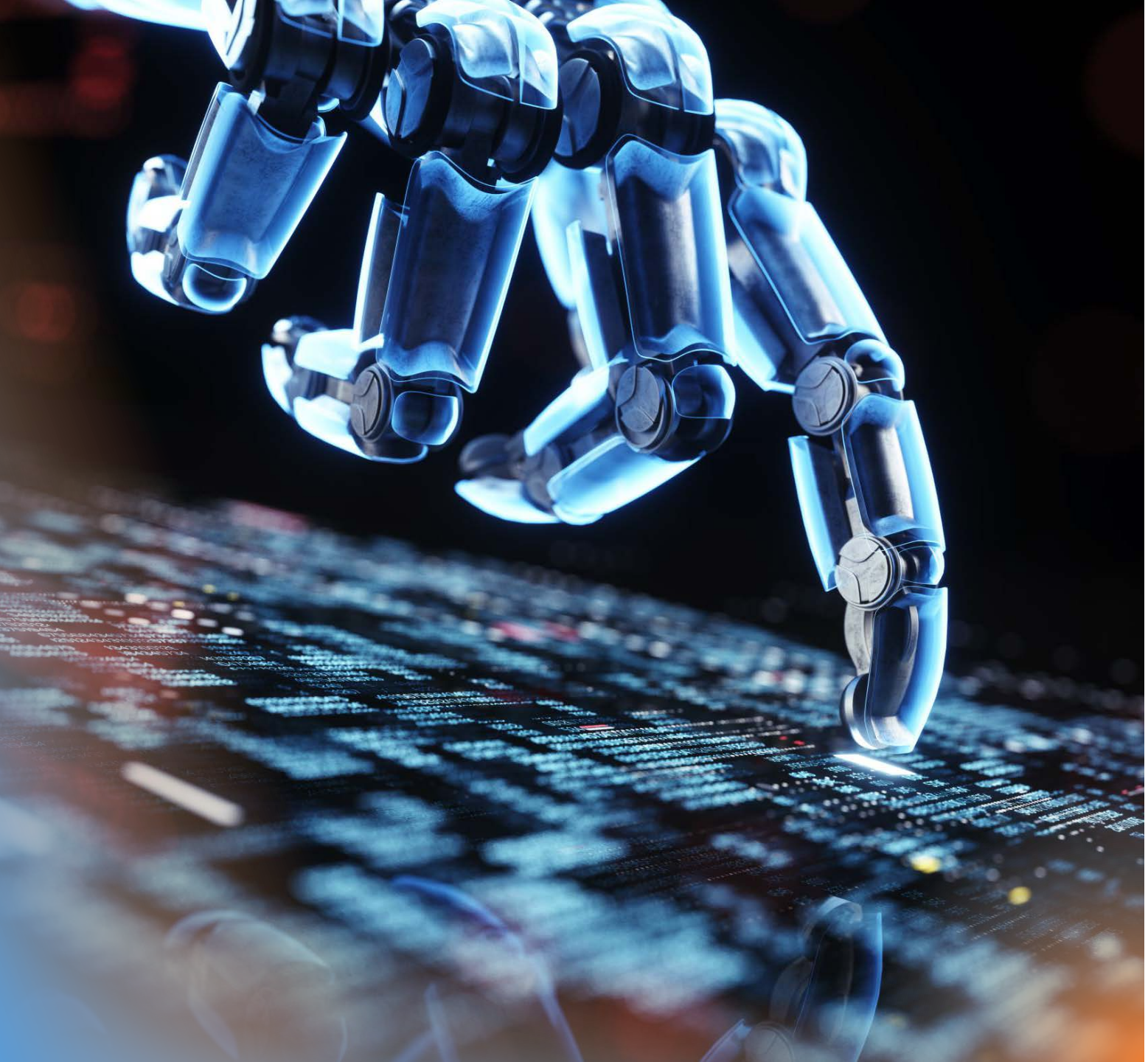
- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**
  - Applications in Training
    - Performance Analysis
    - Predictive Training Needs
    - Automated Debriefing
    - Virtual Instructors
  - Benefits
- **Digital Twins and Advanced Simulation**
  - Application
  - Benefits

EU Regulatory Framework - Aviation

- **Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 (Aircrew Regulation):**
- **Commission Regulation (EU) No 290/2012 (Training Organizations):**
- **EASA Part-FCL (Flight Crew Licensing**
- **EASA CS-FSTD (Certification Specifications):**
- **Classification System Challenges:**
- **Technical Requirements:**

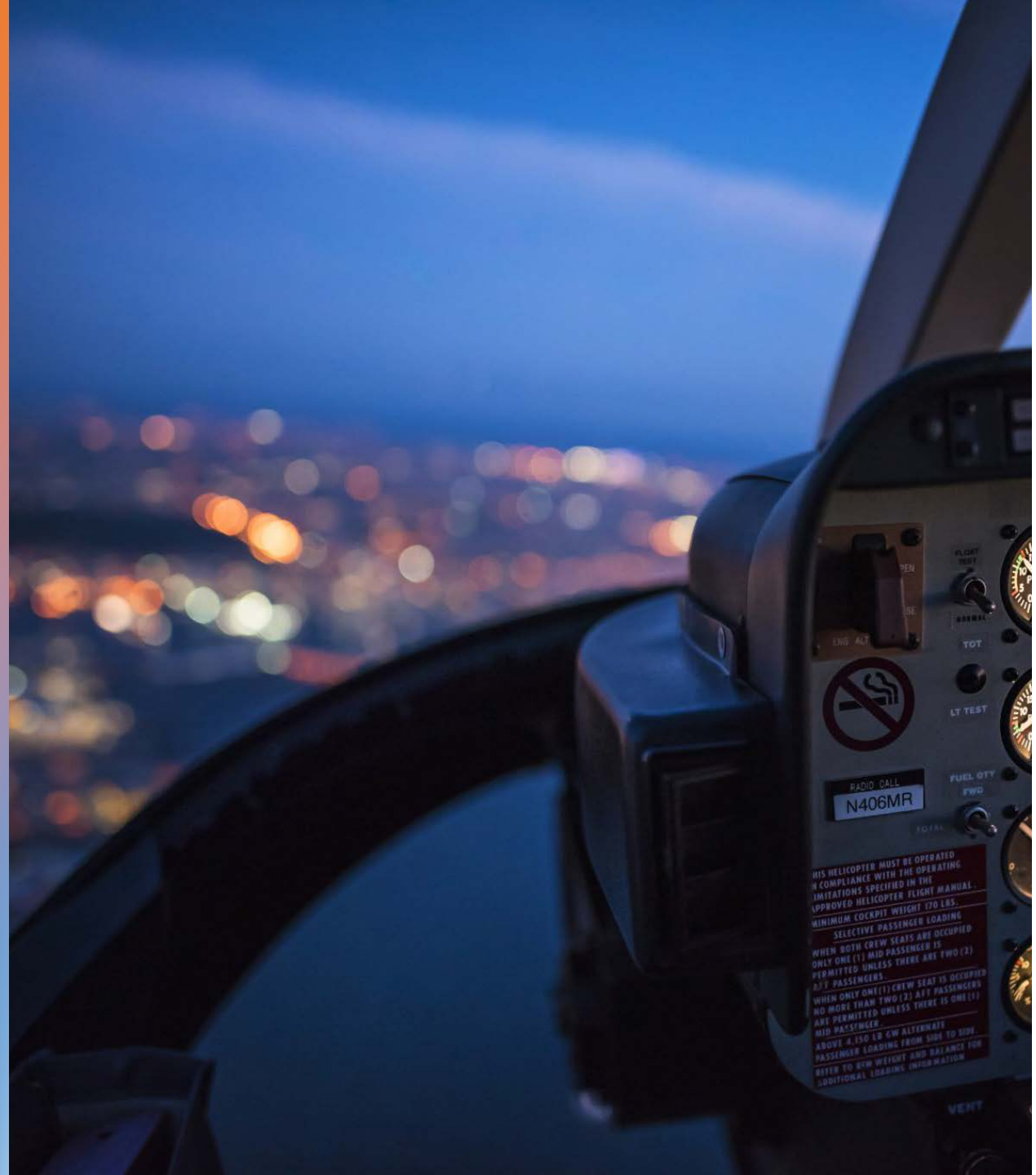
EU Regulatory Framework – External to Aviation

- **Data Protection Considerations**
  - Training Data
  - Cross-border transfer
  - Anonymization
- **EU AI Act Impact**
  Risk Classification
  Technical Requirements
  Human Oversight Provisions
- **European Implementation**
- **Cross Border Recognition**



Challenges

- Human Factor
- Integration
- Technology Neutrality



Conclusion

- Reshaping the aviation training landscape
- Evolution of regulatory pathways (critical relevance, especially with “external” rules and regulations)
- Benefits in training efficiency, cost, and effectiveness
- Blended approach
- Technology as a competitive necessity (?)
- Need for industry-academia-regulator collaboration on implementation
- Shift from hours-based to competency-based training approaches (?)