

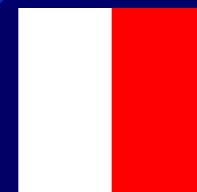


## **NIAG 117**

### **Future Fuze Safety and Arming Technologies and Implications**

# **Fuzing Timelines and Operational Sequencing**

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# NIAG 117 Thrust: Standardization



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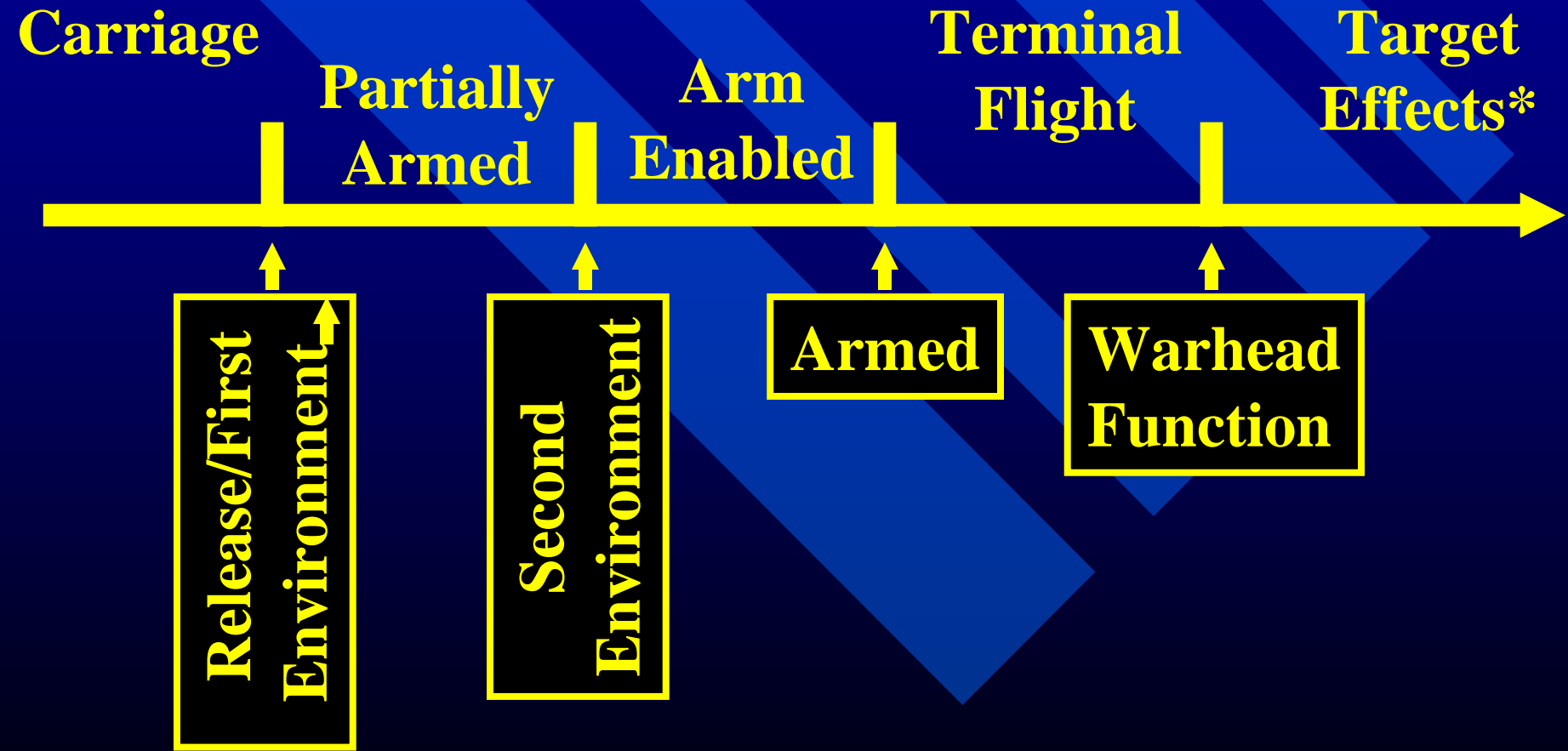
- **Review of current standards – up to post launch separation.**
- **Requirements for new standards – beyond post launch separation.**

**Examining classic and evolving requirements and life cycle elements to which Fuze Systems are exposed.**

# **NATO Industrial Advisory Group 117**

- **Follows Previous NIAG Study SG 89 Which Examined Future Fuzing Technologies For Air Launched Weapons For Ground Targets**
- **Reviewing Current International, NATO And National Standards Related To Fuze Safety And Arming**
- **Examining Applicable Enabling Architecture Technologies In Relation To Current Standards**
- **Identifying the Impact Of New Technologies On These Standards And Will Make Proposals For Changes to NATO Standards**
- **Liaising With National Safety Approval Authorities.**

# Simplified Timeline for Air Delivered Weapons



\* Including Collateral Damage

# **Fuzing Within the Weapon System**

## **“What Struck Us”**

**Fuzing can not be considered -if it ever truly could- in isolation from the overall weapon system and the overall system operational sequence**

- Arming and Rearming**
- Programmability**
- Guidance Integrated Fuzing**
- Use on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**
- Expanded Safety and Enhanced Reliability Requirements**
- Focus on Unexploded Ordnance and Explosive Remnants of War**

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Increased Expectations  
To Decrease Collateral  
Damage and ERW

# Definition of Fuzing System

## STANAG 4187

- Ensures the safety of the initiation system of the munition payload throughout the logistic phases and operational usage as well as testing and inspection.
- Recognizes or determines the circumstances under which the munition payload is intended to function.
- Enables and initiates the munition's payload.
- Where applicable, recognizes or determines the circumstances under which the munition payload is intended to be de-armed, sterilized, or to self-destruct.”

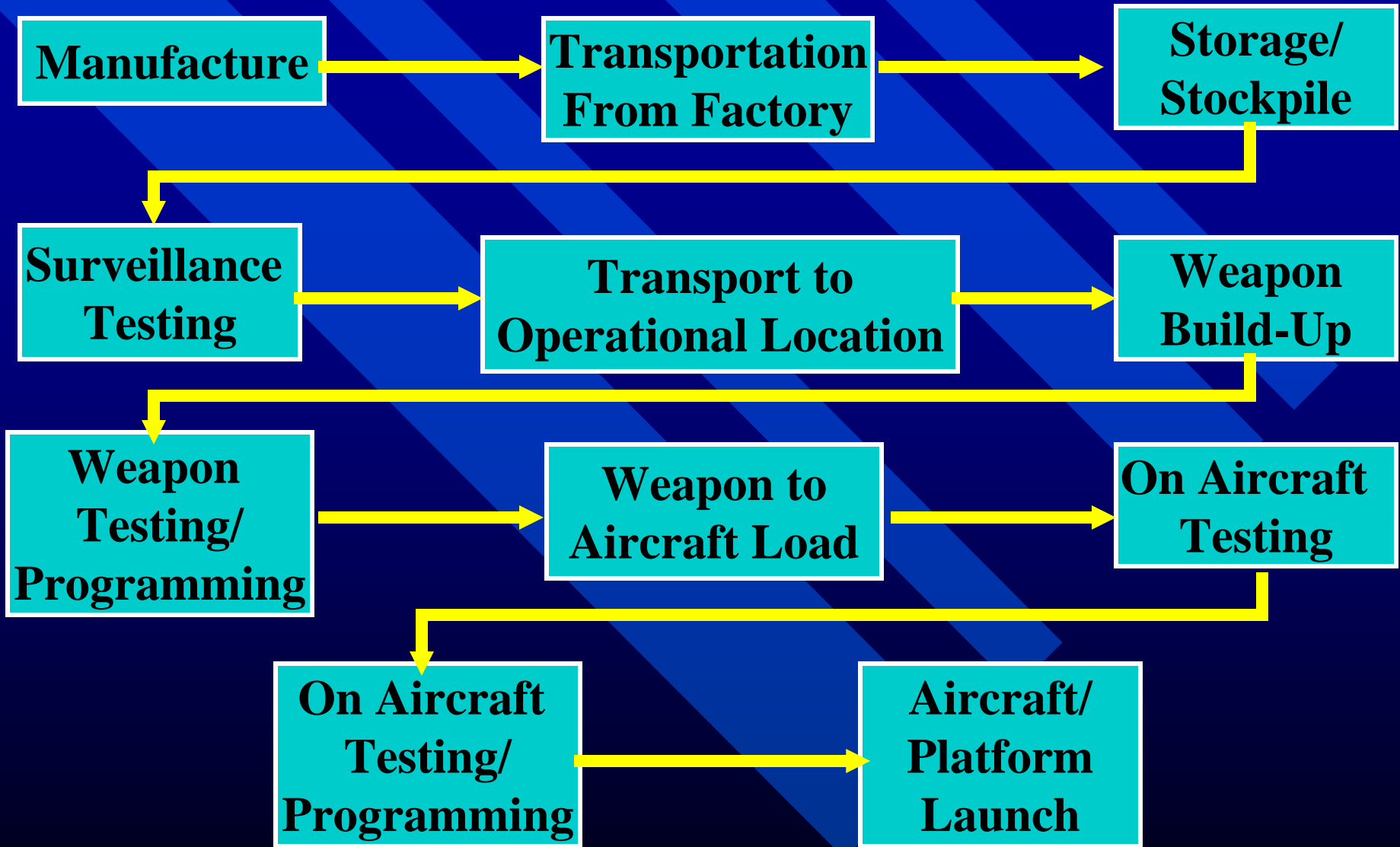


# Fuze System Life Cycle Environments

- Pre-Carriage
- Captive Carriage and Return
- Launch and Free Flight
- Post Impact

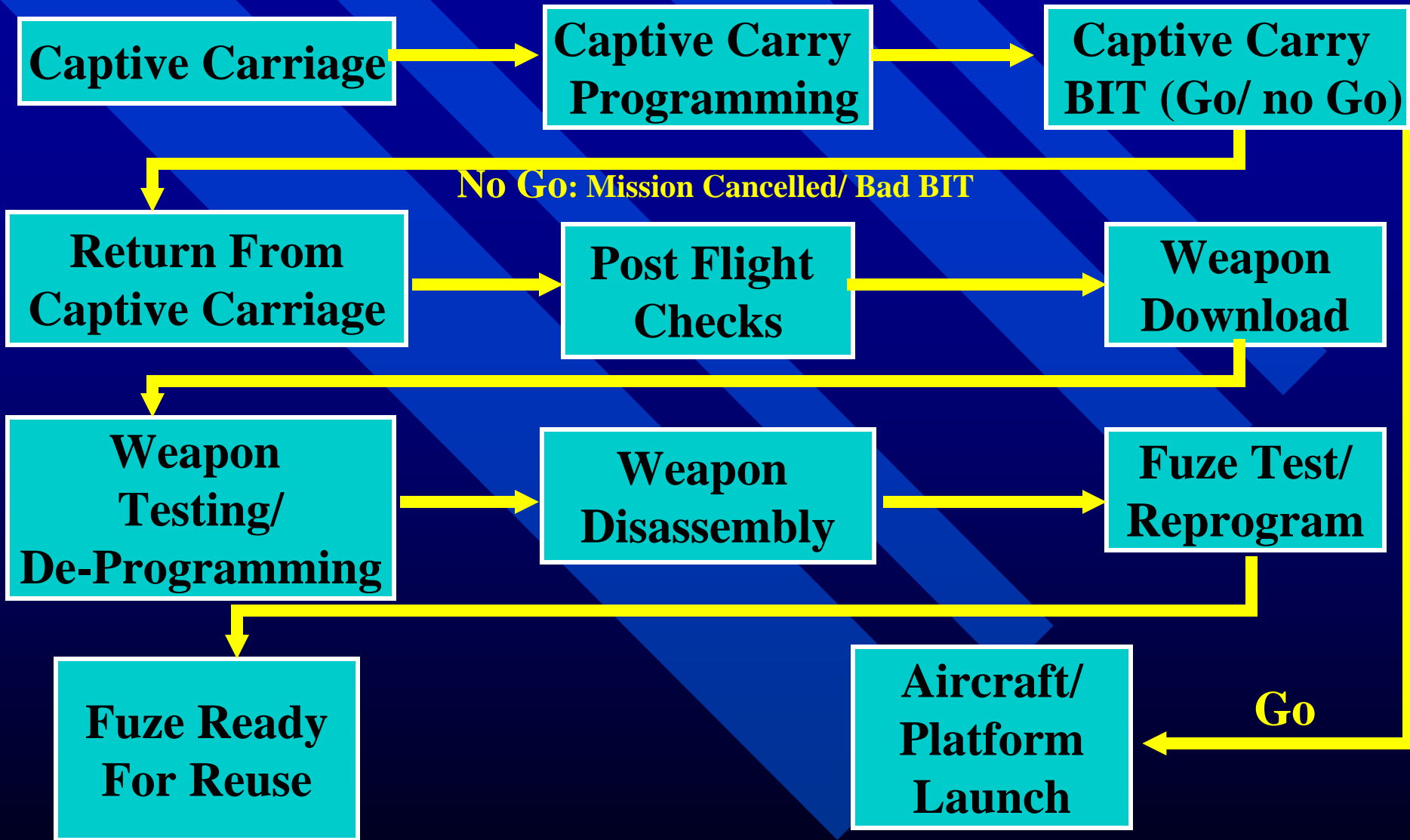
**Safety Is Of Utmost Criticality  
Throughout The Entire Fuze Life Cycle**

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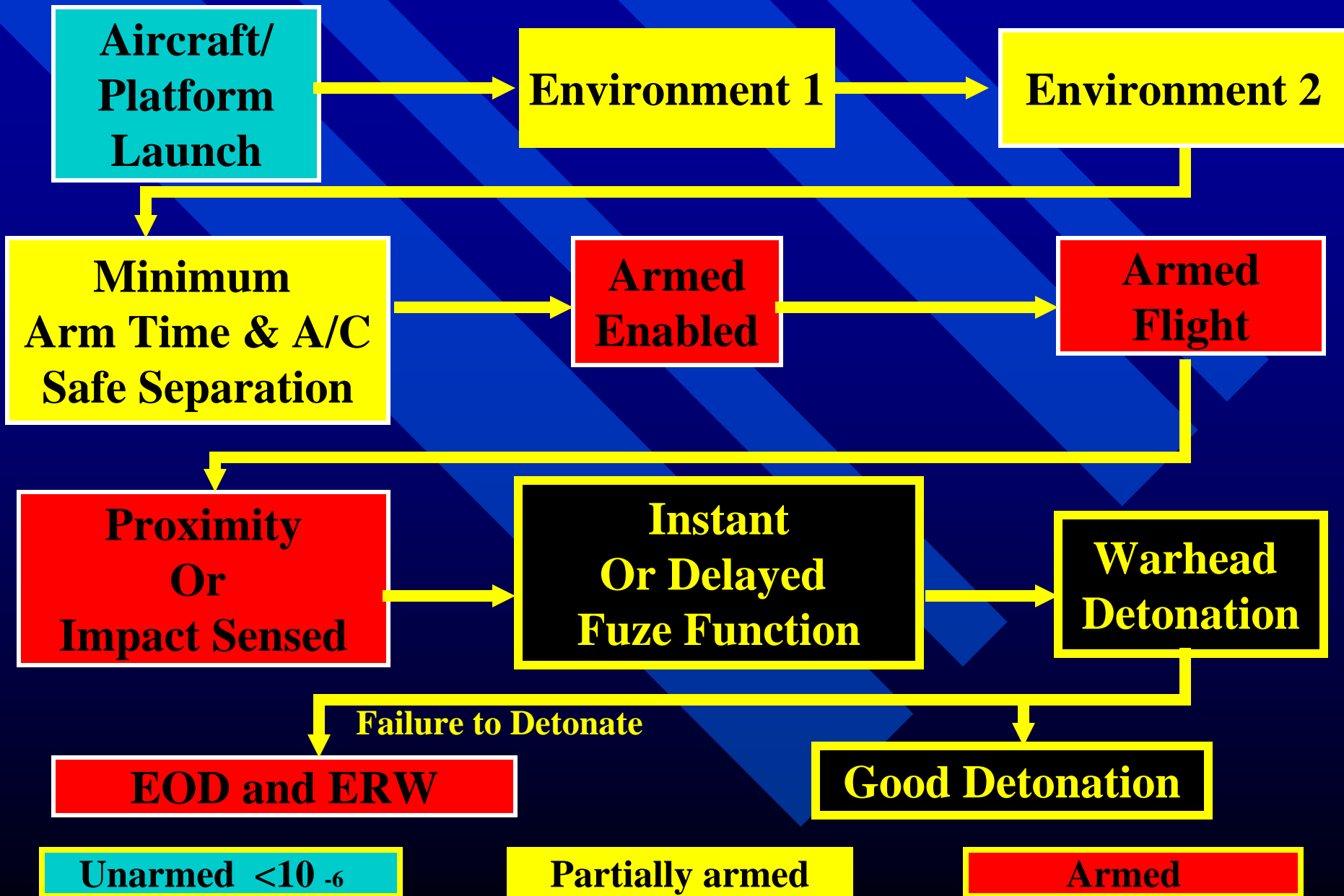
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# Captive Carriage and Release

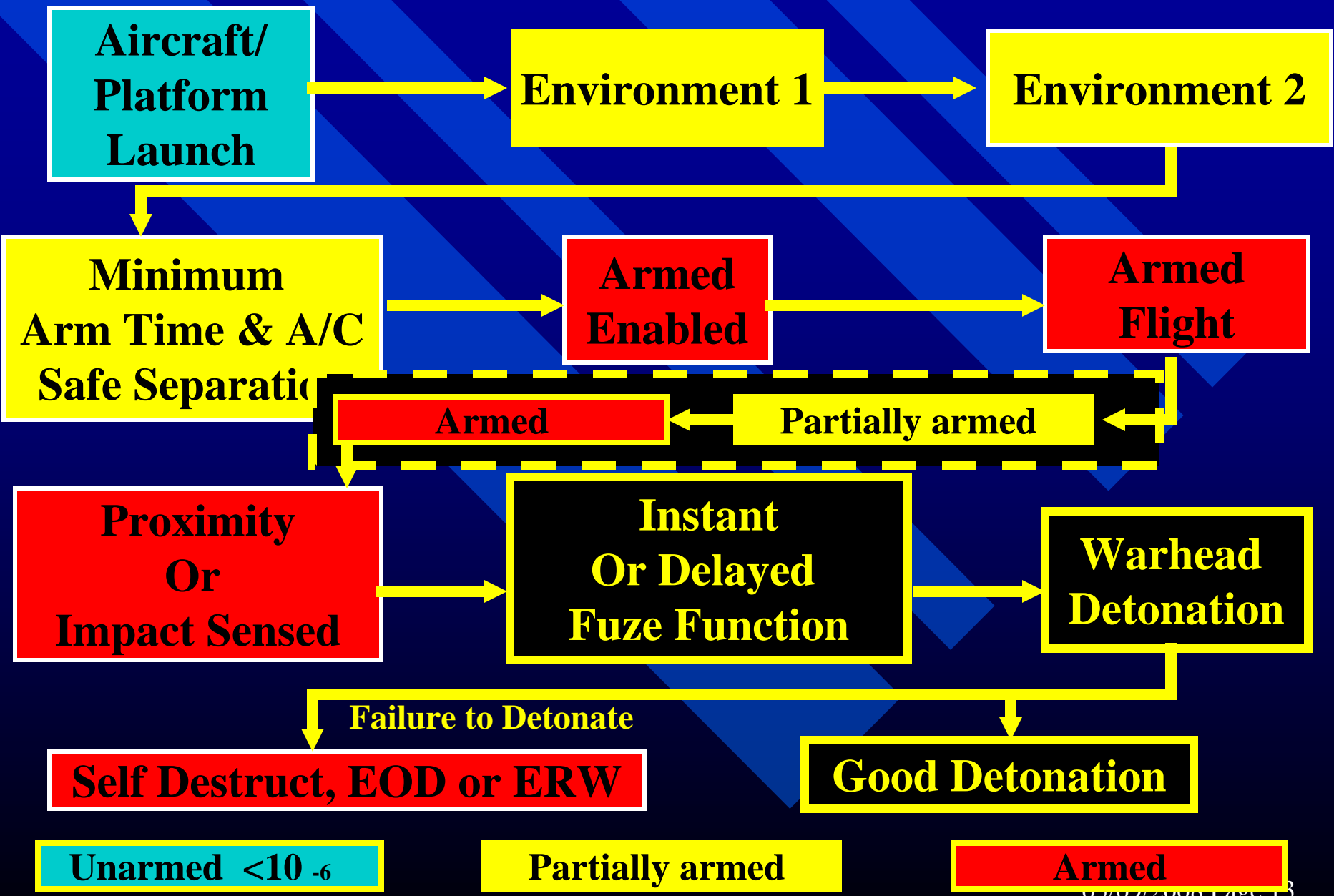


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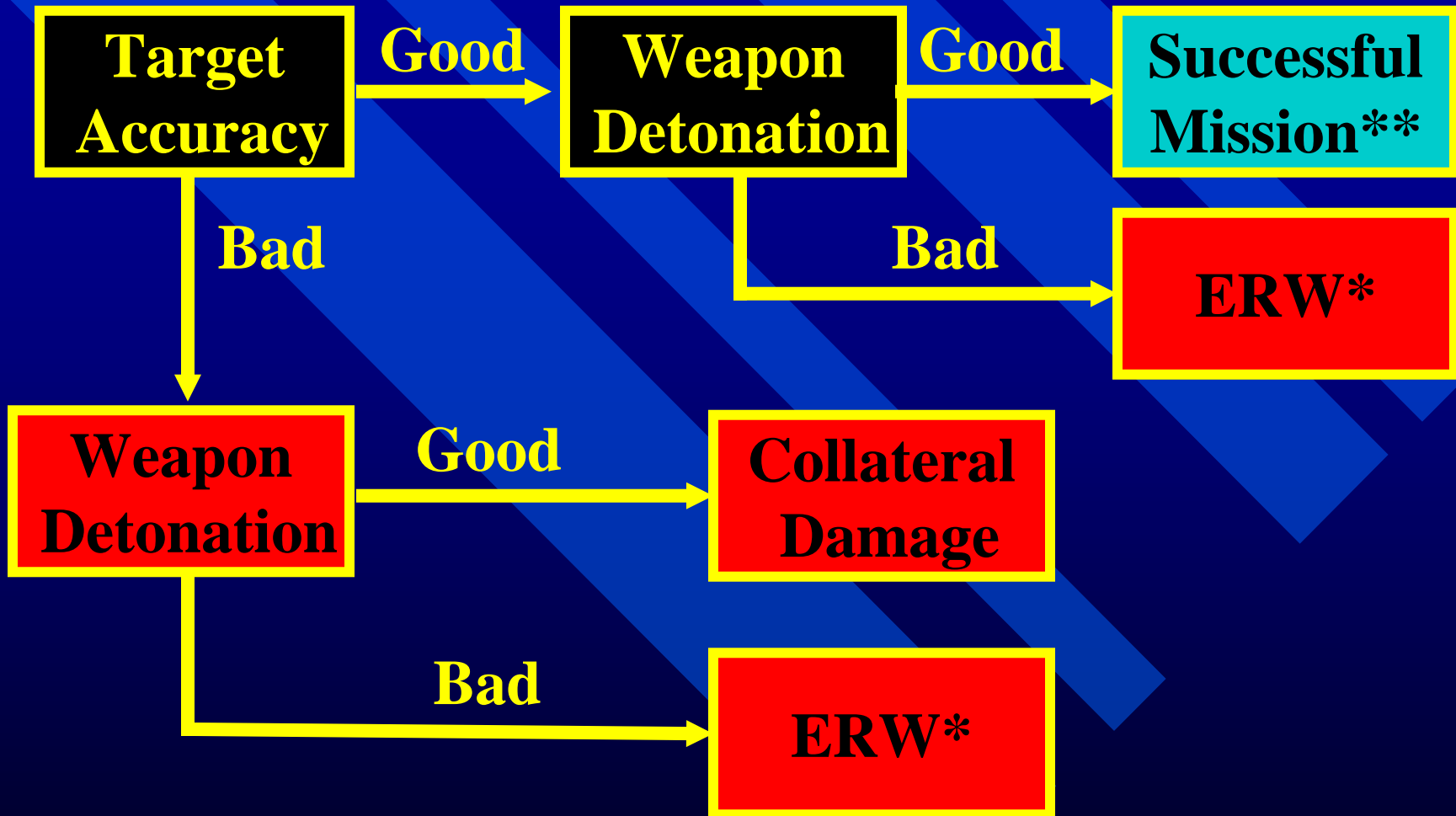
# Launch and Free Flight- Typical



# Launch and Free Flight- With Data Link



# Post Impact Considerations



\* With or Without Self Destruct

\*\* Future Post Impact Information

**Safety/Hazard Levels Must Be Maintained  
at  $<10^{-6}$  Until Safe Distance from Manned Aircraft**

**Fuze Manufacture,  
Shipment, Storage,  
Weapon Assembly,  
Weapon Load**

**Weapon Captive Carriage**

**Weapon Release  
and Free-flight**

**Weapon Target Detection,  
Payload Function,  
End of Mission Life**

**Safe Separation  
Distance**

# Safety/Hazard Levels Defined in STANAG 4187, Required Safety Hazard Levels vs Specified Reliability

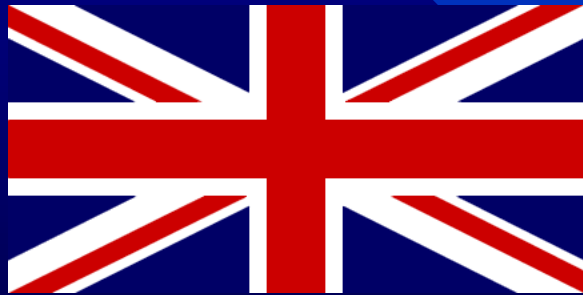
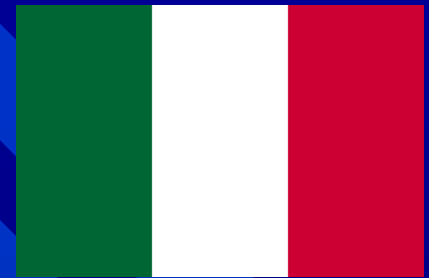
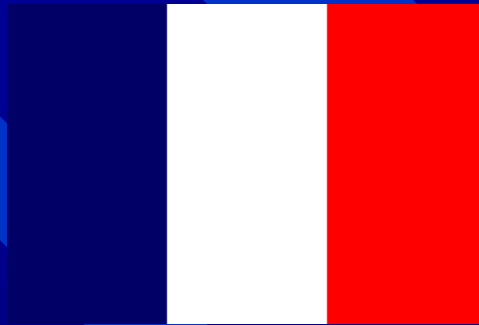




# Summary

- **NIAG 117 Very Active In Reviewing Existing STANAGs For Evolving Fuzing Requirements**
  - Recommendations Forthcoming In The Near Future
- **Fuzing Must Be Considered From A Total Weapon System Perspective**
  - Future Fuzing To Face A Continuum Of System Complexities And Very Diverse Release Platforms
- **Current Fuze System Safety Requirements Focus On System Safety Up Through Release Platform Safe Separation Distance**
- **Growing Expectations To Consider Unexploded Ordnance And Explosive Remnants Of War**

# Questions?



# Backups