



## **Modular Bomb Fuze**

## **FBM 21**



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## Product Description

- Characteristics
- Performances

## Program status







## **Compliant with Joint French Forces\* needs :**

- Single Multirole Fuze : General Purpose, Proximity & Penetration
- Adaptable to <u>all in-service</u> / planned AUR
- Compliant with Insensitive Munitions (IM) Carrier requirements

#### Minimized Logistics

• No limitation of use (long captive carry, no maintenance, ext. service life ...)

## Growth Potential (P<sup>3</sup>I)

- Smart penetration features
- Adaptable to future armaments / Dialogue with A/C

## Affordable

\* Armee de l'Air (Air Force) Aeronavale (Navy)





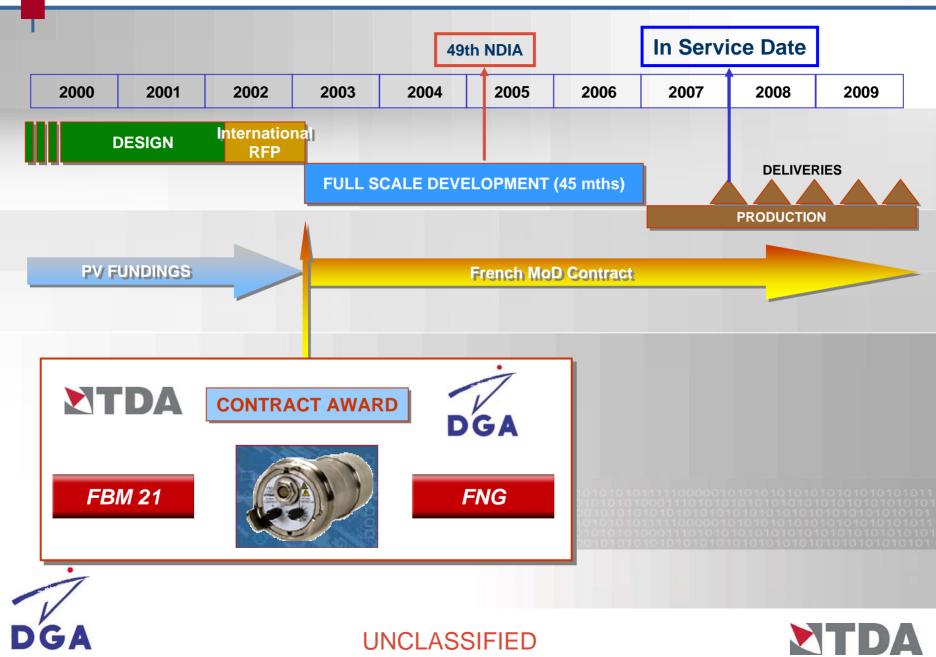
## A Unique and Modular Design using Electronic Safety and Arming Technology



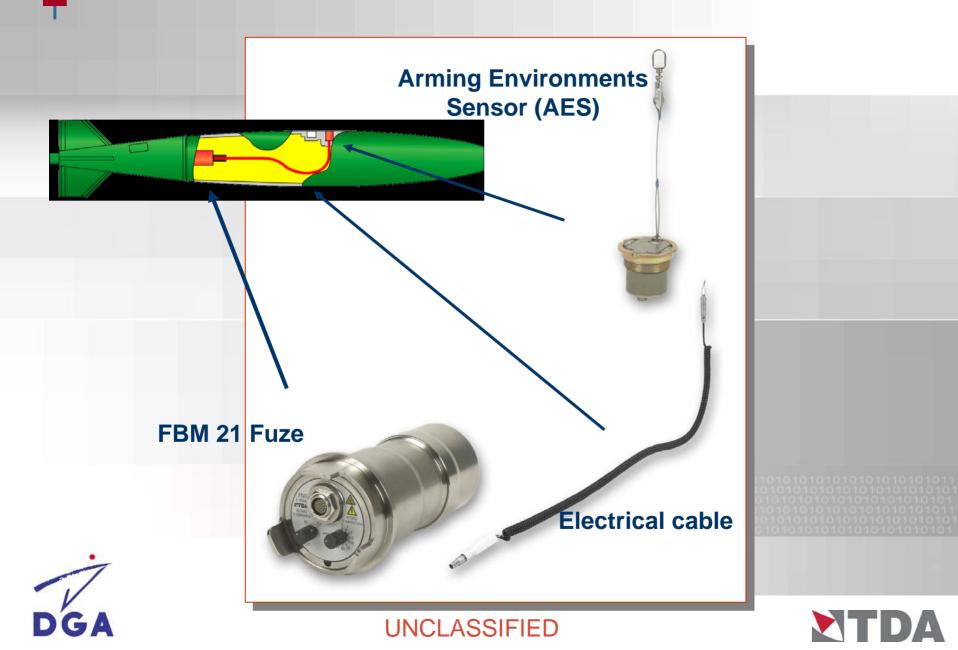




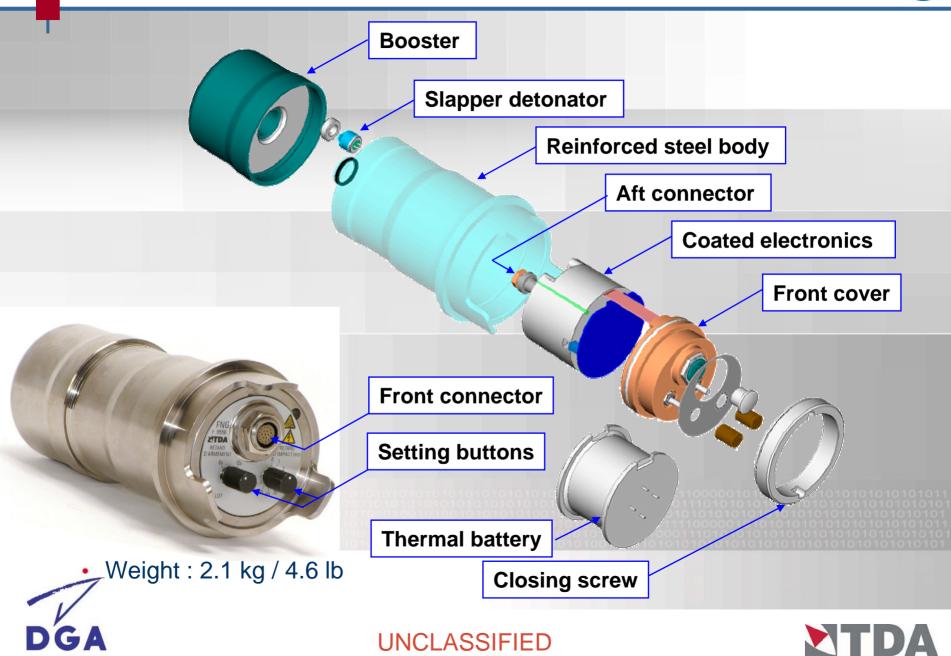
## **Program Timelines (G)**



## Fuze System Components 🚱



Fuze layout 🚱



## Fuze systems packaging G

Contribute to IM performances **Electric cable Documents Fuze Thermal** insulating foam **Closure ring** Weight: 30 kg / 66 lb Aluminium case Arming envir. sensor





#### **MK 83**

## For use on 3" fuze pocket bodies :

General Purpose (Mk80 series, ...)



AASM

**BLU 109** 



Penetration bombs (BLU109, CBEMS\*,...)

Compatible with guidance kits : AASM\*\*, Paveway II & III, EPw II & III, JDAM .....



#### GBU24 B/B



(\*) CBEMS : Corps de Bombe à Effets Multiples Sécurisé (\*\*) AASM : Armement Air-Sol Modulaire UNCLASSIFIED





# Accept external target detecting devices Analog firing signal (ie: DSU 33 prox , ...)

Digital firing signal (increased immunity ...)

Compatible with Insensitive Bomb Filling :
PBXN-109, ORA86B, ...







## Keep and Relocate the Arming Environment Sensor

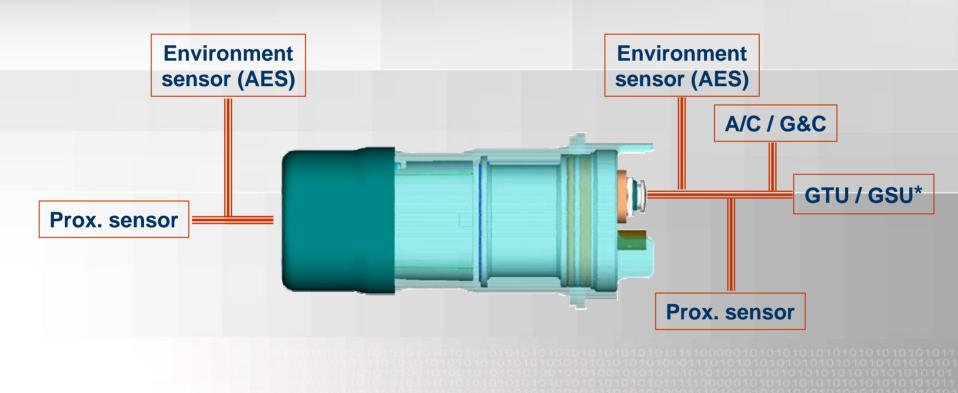








## Interface with peripheral equipment through front and/or rear fuze connectors





(\*) Ground Testing Unit / Ground Setting Unit





- **Full Autonomous fuze system:** 
  - AES senses the First and Second safety environment
  - Embedded energy (thermal battery): over 5 min of flight
- May take advantage of the Carrier capabilities :
  - First safety environment given by the carrier (Weapon or A/C)
  - External energy : unlimited flight duration
  - Receive Mission Data
  - Receive other commands (late arming, sterilization, ..)
- Flexible use:
  - Manual <u>and / or</u> electrical setting
  - Operated through front <u>and / or rear connector</u>
  - Supply energy to any peripheral (ie. Prox sensor)







#### Functional modes (not limited to ...)

- Instantaneous : accurate impact threshold (+/- 20 g) / superquick detonation (< 100 µs)</li>
- Penetration : post-impact delays from 1 to 250 ms (step 1 ms)
- Proximity : prime a prox sensor receive external firing order
- External firing order only : sterilize impact sensor

#### Use conditions :

- Temperature : -54°C / + 71°C (-65°F / +160°F)
- release conditions :
  - up to 600 KCAS 0,95 Mach / HALA\* conditions
  - exceed 40 000 ft
- Insensitive to free flight perturbated airflow / guidance maneuvers
- Carriage : more than 200 hours
- Service life : 20 years

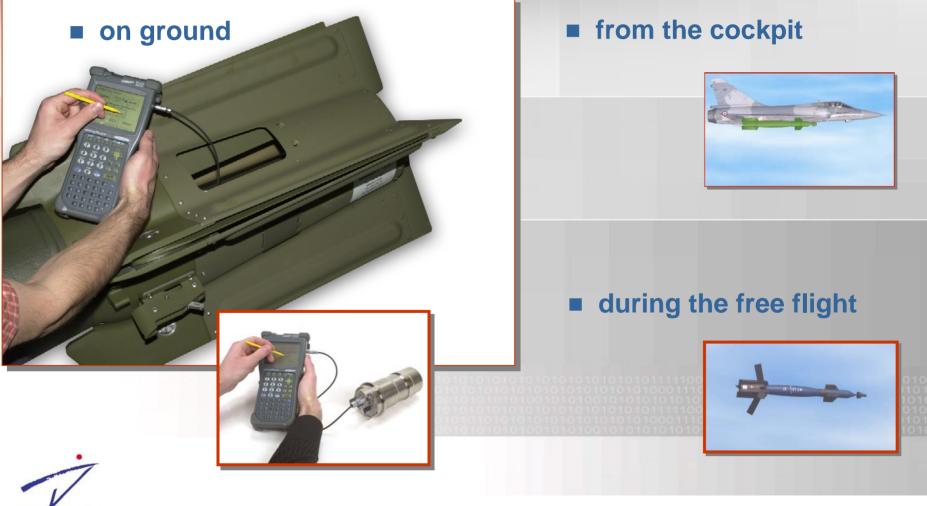


(\*) High Altitude, Low Airspeed





#### Mission data could be downloaded via a serial link :







## Full functional test permitted

anytime from factory to depot \*







(\*) only need to unscrew the booster and remove the detonator



## Peculiar Safety Functions (

Accept late arm order : give safe over-flight

- Pre / post arming sterilization in case of System failure : reduce collateral damage risks
- Accept re-arming order

Allow inert release even in case of accidental in-flight lanyard pull : prevent bird strike issue

Automatic back to a Safe position in less than 5 seconds after a sterilization order, or after power supply withdraw





## Full electronic ESAF\* using EFI\*\* technology

- Compactness / Shock resistance (No moving components)
- Safer :
  - No primary HE
  - Automatic return to a Safe position
- Increased insensitivity & reliability in hostile environment
  - Hard impact
  - Electromagnetic / Electrostatic / Lightning environments
  - Other IM performances (ie. Thermal)
- Greater flexibility of use via external programmation
- Allow full functional test up to detonator / booster
- STANAG 4187 ed 4 Safety Design Compliant







## Dialogue with host equipment : adaptation to weapon specific protocols



Target penetration processing : void sensing, layer counting ...

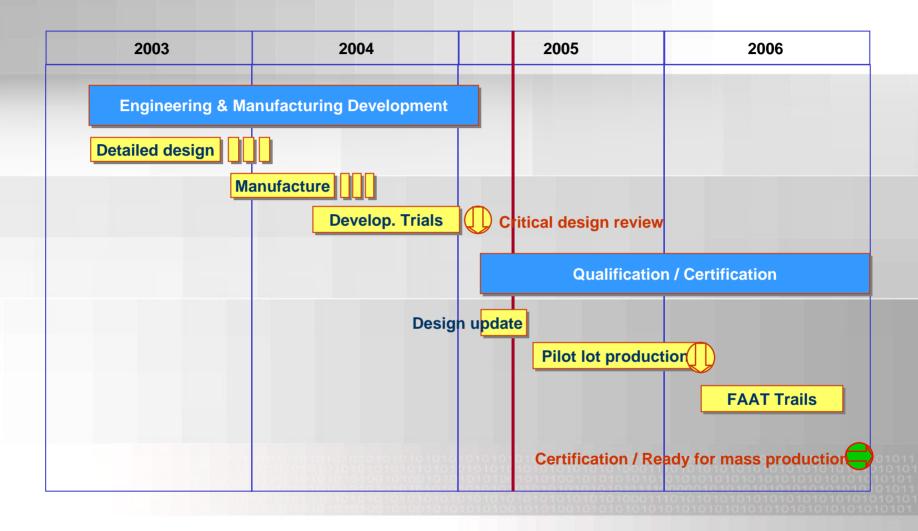
## Growth to MIL STD 1760 compatibility







## **Development Status** (G)









- **Ergonomics / Interface with all FR "in service"AUR**
- IM filling initiation in all conditions
- 200 Hours Captive Carry Endurance\*
- Electromagnetic environments :
  - HERO / EMI EMC / ESD
- High altitude operating
- Operation under High G levels (gun / cannon):

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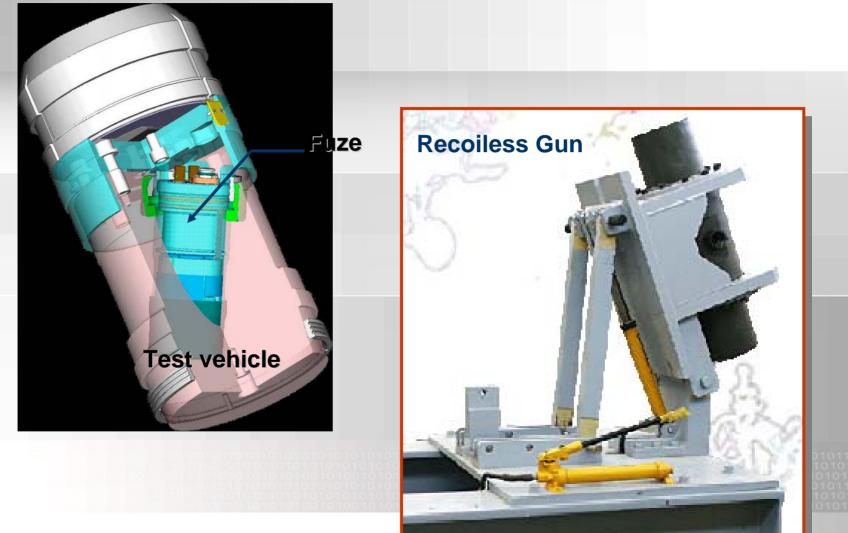
10 trials / 10 success in EMD phase

(\*) to be extended next phase





## **Recoiless Gun Trials**









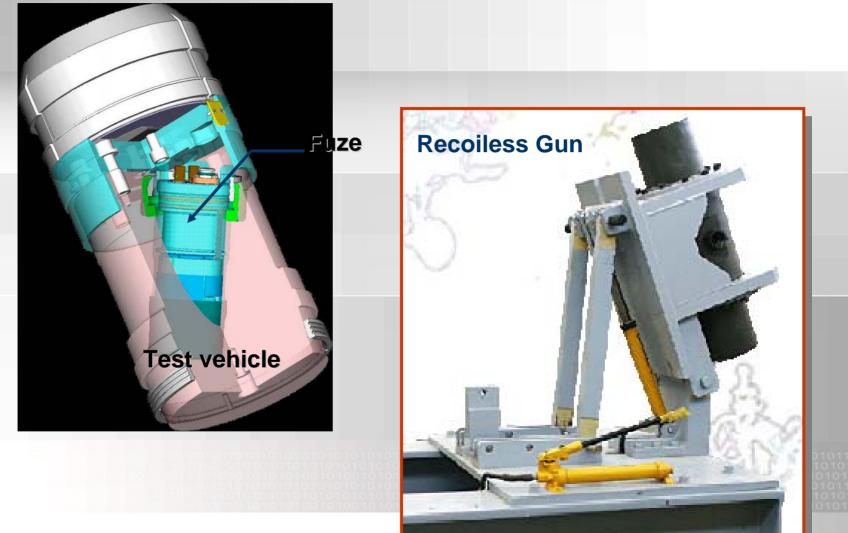








## **Recoiless Gun Trials**







Summary : Key Elements 🚱

## Functional

- Evolutive multirole fuze
- Ground and in-flight programming
- Compatibility : High Altitude Perturbated airflow

## Safety

- Hardened to : High Gs / EM / Hostile acts and hazards (IM)
- Sterilization command, late arming
- Automatic back to Safe position

## Logistics

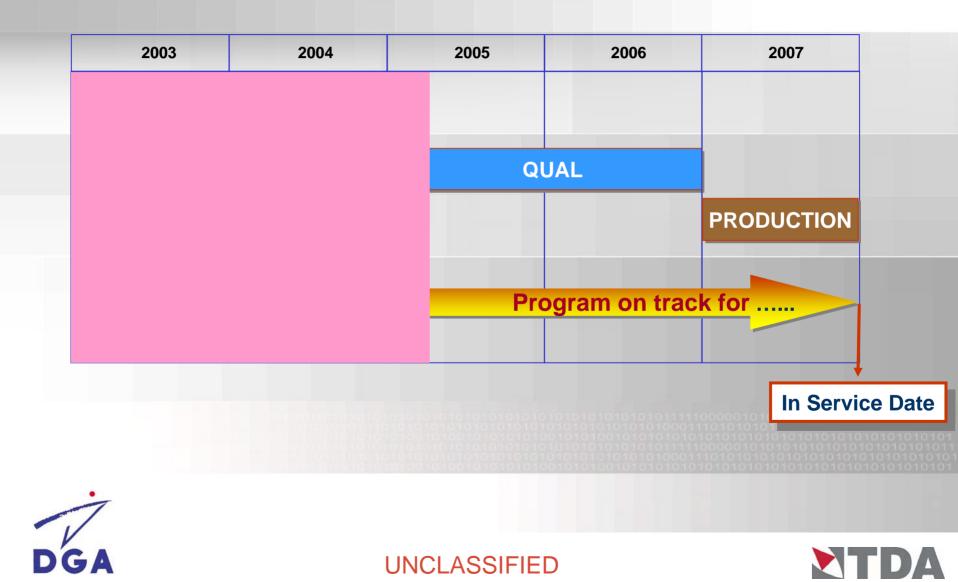
- No maintenance
- 20 years service life
- Carriage endurance : more than 200 hours













## Thanks for your attention.

## Any questions ?



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