

COUNTERING TERRORISM

... FROM A BIOMETRIC - TECHNOLOGICAL VIEWPOINT

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CLASSICAL DRIVERS

- Drivers: *fraud, terrorism, speed, convenience, hygienic issues*
- Largest application fields: *smartphone industry, border control*
- Increasing fields:



BORDER CONTROL



CHECKS FOR SECURITY GUARDS



REFUGEE IDENTIFICATION



HYGIENIC SENSITIVE AREAS



ACCESS CONTROL TERMINAL



MOBILE SERVICES (e.g. PAYMENT)

3 BASIC-FACTORS OF AUTHENTICATION

Knowledge
(What you know)



Password
Passphrase
PIN
Pattern

Hardware Token
(What you have)



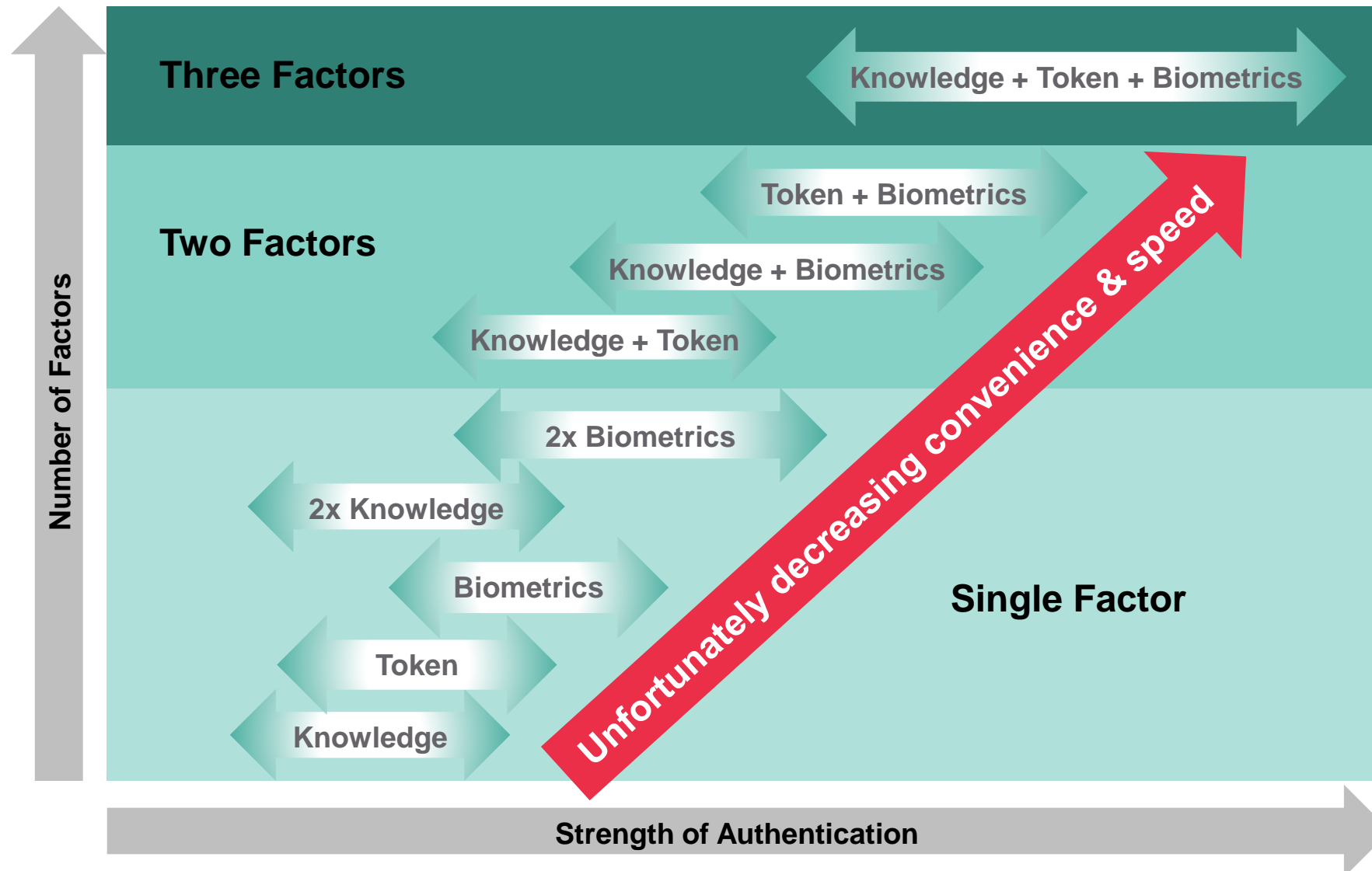
Key
USB Stick
Smart Card

Biometrics
(What you are)



Face
Fingerprint
Iris
Voice
Signature
Gait
DNA

MIXTURE OF FACTORS

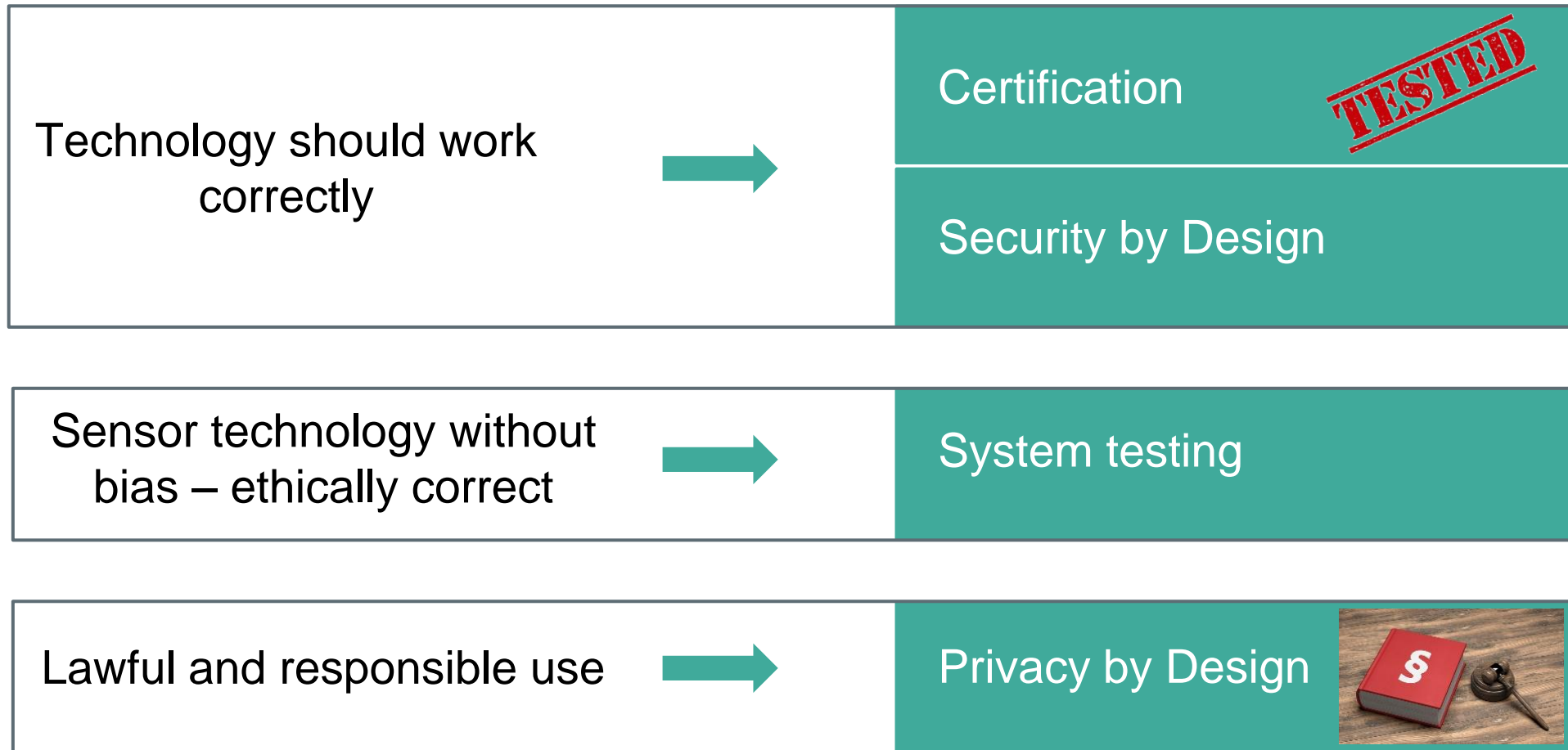


BIOMETRICS IS *SOMEHOW* A SOLUTION, BUT:

- Biometrics would work perfect with perfect images
 - ... unfortunately we don't have those images, we are working with probabilities
- Proof your identity just with what you ARE
 - ... unfortunately the capturing mechanisms lack in terms of speed, convenience and security
- Data privacy issues
 - ... unfortunately there are hacked servers, presentation attacks, etc.
- For fingerprints: hygienic concerns since COVID
 - ... like to put your fingers on a device where 1000s of people have put on their fingers before ?
- Interoperability issues, biometric bias
 - ... it is a complex, technical challenging scenario: proprietary solutions are raising

RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

ETHICAL USE OF TECHNOLOGY



DEMAND

- Faster and contactless solutions
- Liveness detection
- Privacy preserving
- New Standards



Image source: bioID



- **No silver bullet - but multifactor authentication is the way to go**
- **Privacy preserving encryption & matching technologies**
- **Biometrics will enter the mainstream consumer mind**
- **Convenience rules !**



THANK YOU!

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