

# Biosecurity and dual-use in practice in Denmark

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# Center for Biosecurity and Biopreparedness (CBB)

- National authority with regulatory powers under the Ministry of Health
- Works with prevention of, and response to, misuse of biological material
- Staff with background in biosciences, engineering, history, political science, operational/military











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## Biosecurity: the goal

Preventing a terror attack involving the use of biological weapons in Denmark



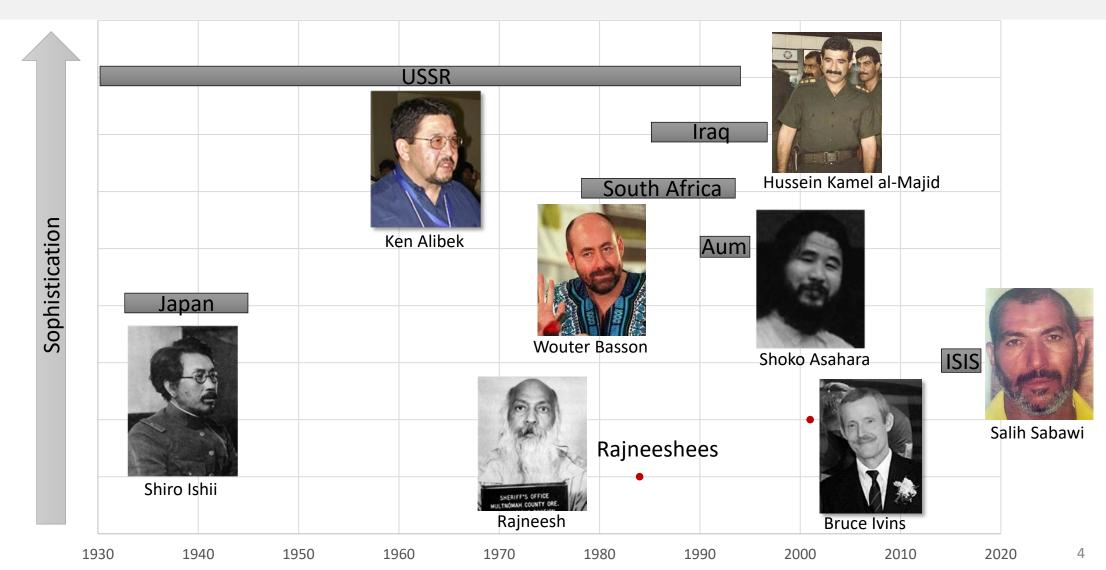








# A very short history of BW



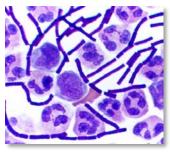


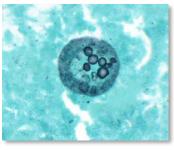
## From agent to weapon...

Agent

Virus, bacteria, fungi, toxins









Weaponized Agent







Biological Weapon



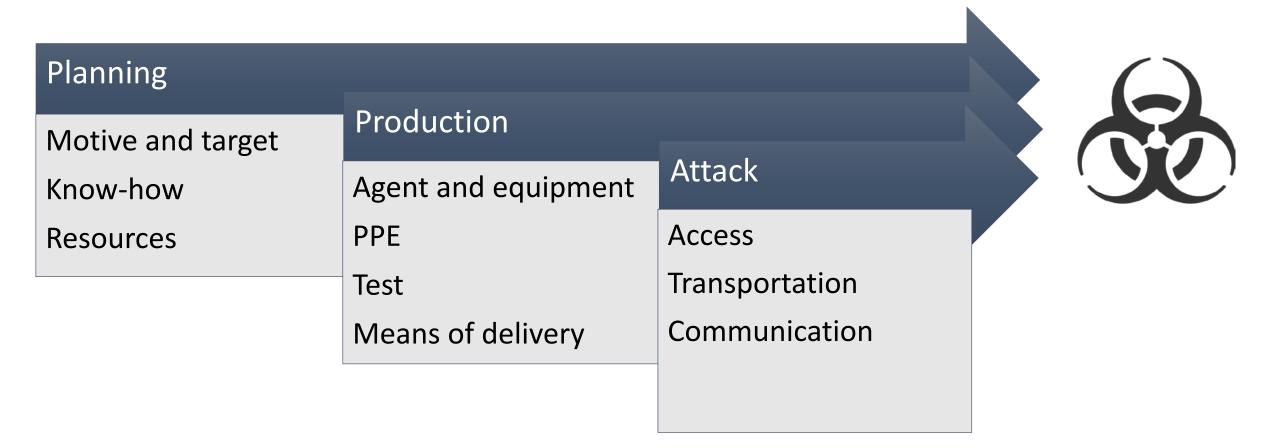








## ... to attack





## A delicate balance



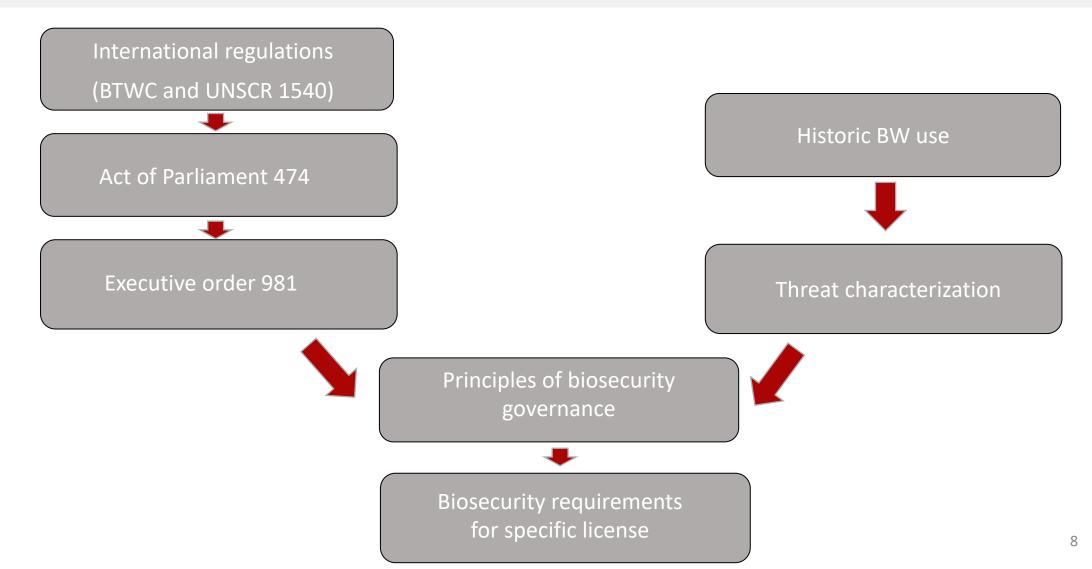
Comply with international obligations

Safeguard dual-use material

Allow technological development



# A risk-based approach





## CBB works with various institutions



Research institutions



Dairy industry



Clinical diagnostic laboratories



Biotech and medical industry



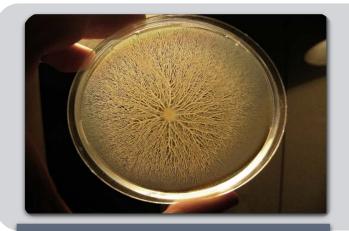


Retailers of biological agents or dual-use equipment



#### Controlled materials

Based on the Australia Group common control lists



#### Biological agents

Virus

Bacteria

Fungi

Toxins

Genetic elements



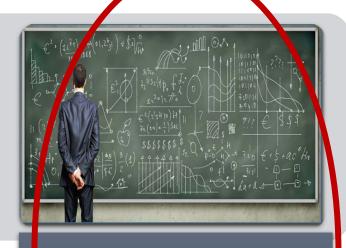
#### Equipment

Fermenters

Freeze/spray dryers

Filtration equipment

Delivery systems



#### Technology

Data, software, knowledge, or skills



## Problems...

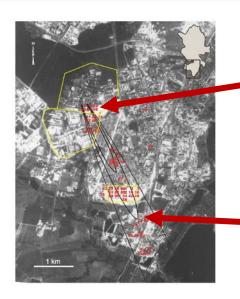
No purification or weaponization

Nonpathogenic strain



Ineffective delivery method





Difficult to contain

Can contaminate own population

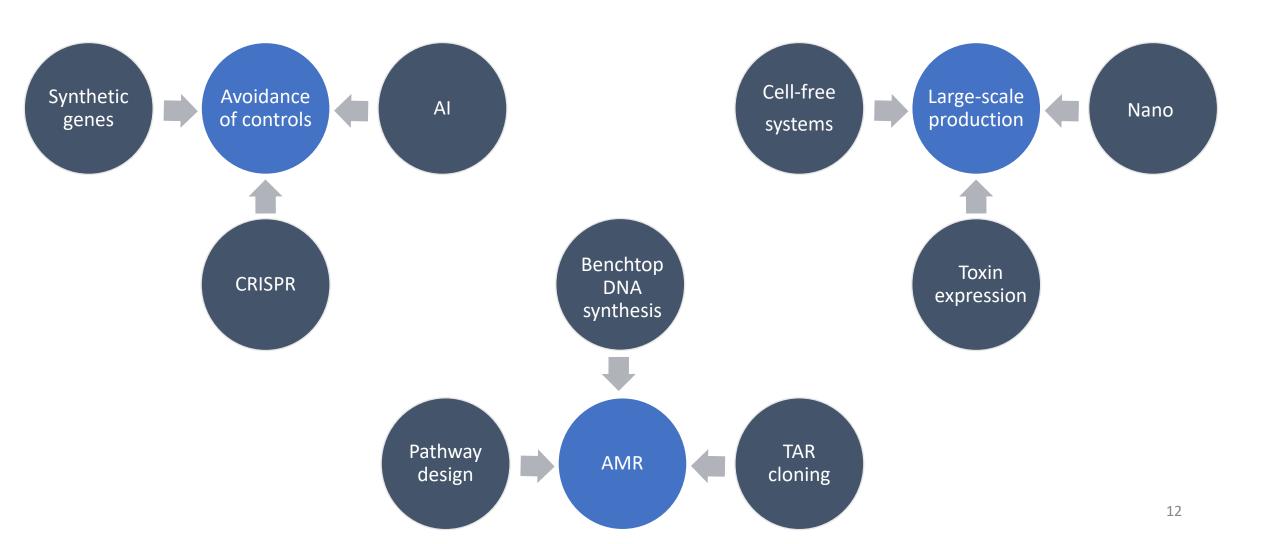


Small-scale production

Primitive extraction methods

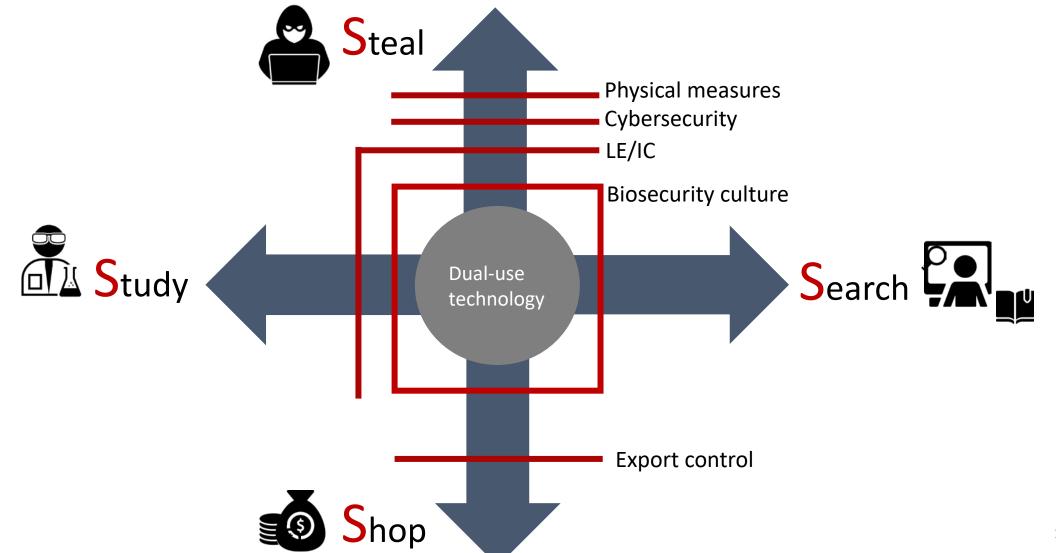


## ...and solutions





# Technology leakages





## Next steps

