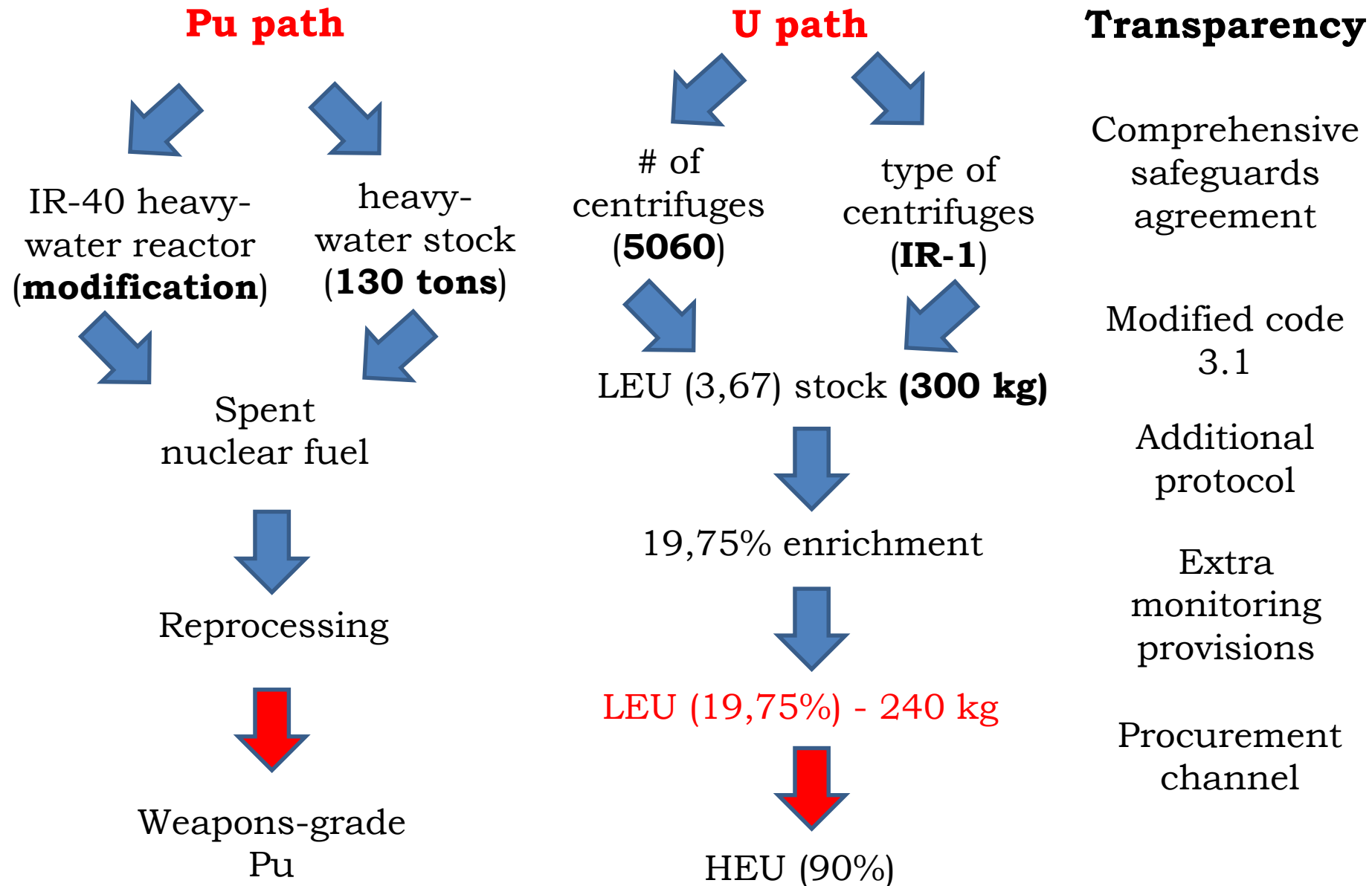




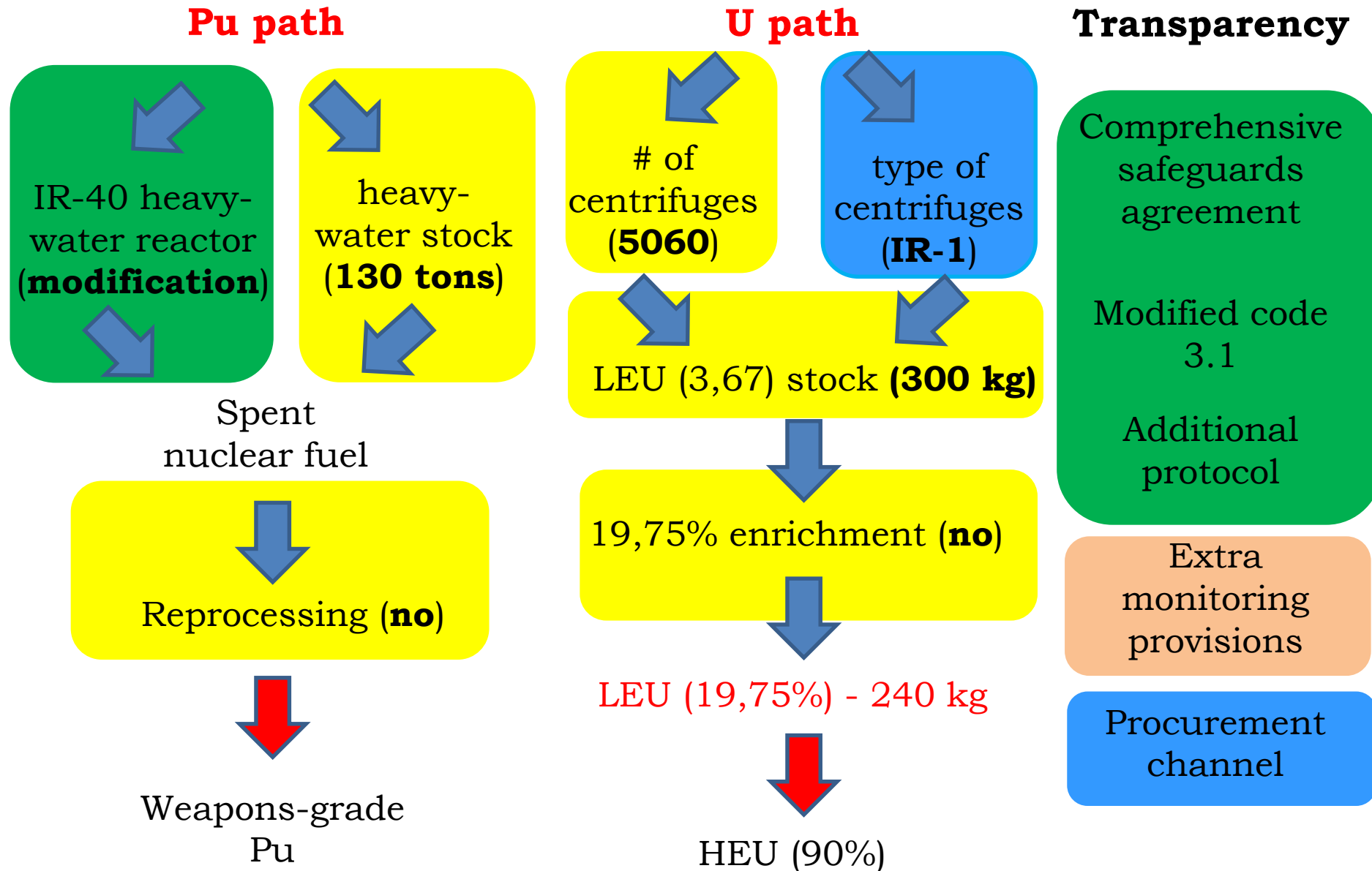
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Current trends regarding Iran

- ✓ Iran is not rushing to the bomb;
- ✓ Tehran (for now) seems to prefer to stick to the JCPOA (even if some parts will be suspended);
- ✓ It's critical that Europe comes up with some economic benefits by July 8 (China restarted oil purchases, Russian Rosatom continues building Bushehr-2);
- ✓ There is an urgent need to avoid war between US and Iran, which neither leadership seems to want;
- ✓ Need to start planning for 2021.



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**AFTER DECADES OF CLAIMING
THAT ASIA-PACIFIC IS THE REGION
OF THE FUTURE, AMERICA
SWITCHES TO PROMOTION OF INDO-
PACIFIC.**

WHY?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE ASIA-PACIFIC PROJECT?

**ITS MAJOR BENEFICIARY
IS NOT THE U.S. BUT
CHINA**

**IS AMERICA'S INDO-
PACIFIC VISION
AN EXTENTION OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC ONE?**

NO, IT IS NOT.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE NEW PROJECT

- **IT'S NOT ABOUT ECONOMY, IT'S ABOUT SECURITY AND STRATEGY**
- **ITS SCOPE IS NOT REGIONAL BUT GLOBAL**
- **IT'S NOT ABOUT INTEGRATION, IT'S ABOUT DESINTEGRATION**

HOW DO WE KNOW IT?

- **RESETTING OF QUAD, WITH NAVAL ISSUES AS TOP PRIORITY**
- **NEW VERSIONS OF NSS & NDS**
- **NO TO MULTILATERALISM, YES TO SANCTIONS AND TRADE WARS**

**THE ANTI-CHINESE
(AND, BY IMPLICATION, THE ANTI-
ASIAN) ASPECTS OF
THE INDO-PACIFIC VISION
ARE OBVIOUS.**

**BUT THERE IS
SOMETHING MORE
THERE...**

**NAVAL STRATEGIES ARE
ULTIMATELY PURSUING
CONTINENTAL OBJECTIVES.**

**BEYOND THE INDO-PACIFIC
MARITIME SPACE AND COASTAL
RIM LIES THE LANDMASS OF
EURASIA – WITH RUSSIA AS ITS
CORE.**

**IN TERMS OF U.S.-STYLE
GEOPOLITICS, HE WHO
CONTROLS EURASIA CONTROLS
THE WORLD.**

**AFTER 1991 AMERICAN ELITES
CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT
THEIR EURASIAN PROBLEM IS
SOLVED ONCE AND FOR ALL.**

**RUSSIA'S RESURGENCE –
ALONG WITH THE RISE OF
EURASIAN THEMES IN ITS
FOREIGN POLICY AND
CULTURAL DISCOURSE –
IS TERRIBLE NEWS
TO AMERICAN
STRATEGISTS.**

**IDENTIFICATION OF RUSSIA
AND CHINA IN THE NEWEST
VERSIONS OF **NSS** AND **NDS**
AS AMERICA'S MAJOR
21ST CENTURY ENEMIES**

SAYS IT ALL.

**IT IS A DECLARATION OF
A NEW COLD WAR ON
THOSE WHO SEEK A
MULTIPOLAR WORLD
THROUGH SUCH
ALTERNATIVE GLOBAL
INITIATIVES AS BRI AND
GREATER EURASIA.**

**WHAT THE U.S. INITIATES NOW
ACROSS THE INDO-PACIFIC AND
BEYOND IS SO FAR REACHING,
DESTRUCTIVE AND DANGEROUS,
THAT**

**A COALITION AND STRATEGY
TO 'CONTAIN THE
CONTAINER' BECOMES THE
ORDER OF THE DAY.**

**THIS PRESCRIPTION MAY NOT
SOUND TOO REALISTIC,
BUT UNLESS IT IS FULFILLED
THE PROSPECT OF A
MULTIPOLAR WORLD
MAY NOT MATERIALIZE.**

**TO ME,
THE CONSEQUENCES
WOULD LOOK
UNACCEPTABLE –**

**NOT JUST FOR RUSSIA
AND CHINA BUT THE
WORLD.**

THANK YOU!



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