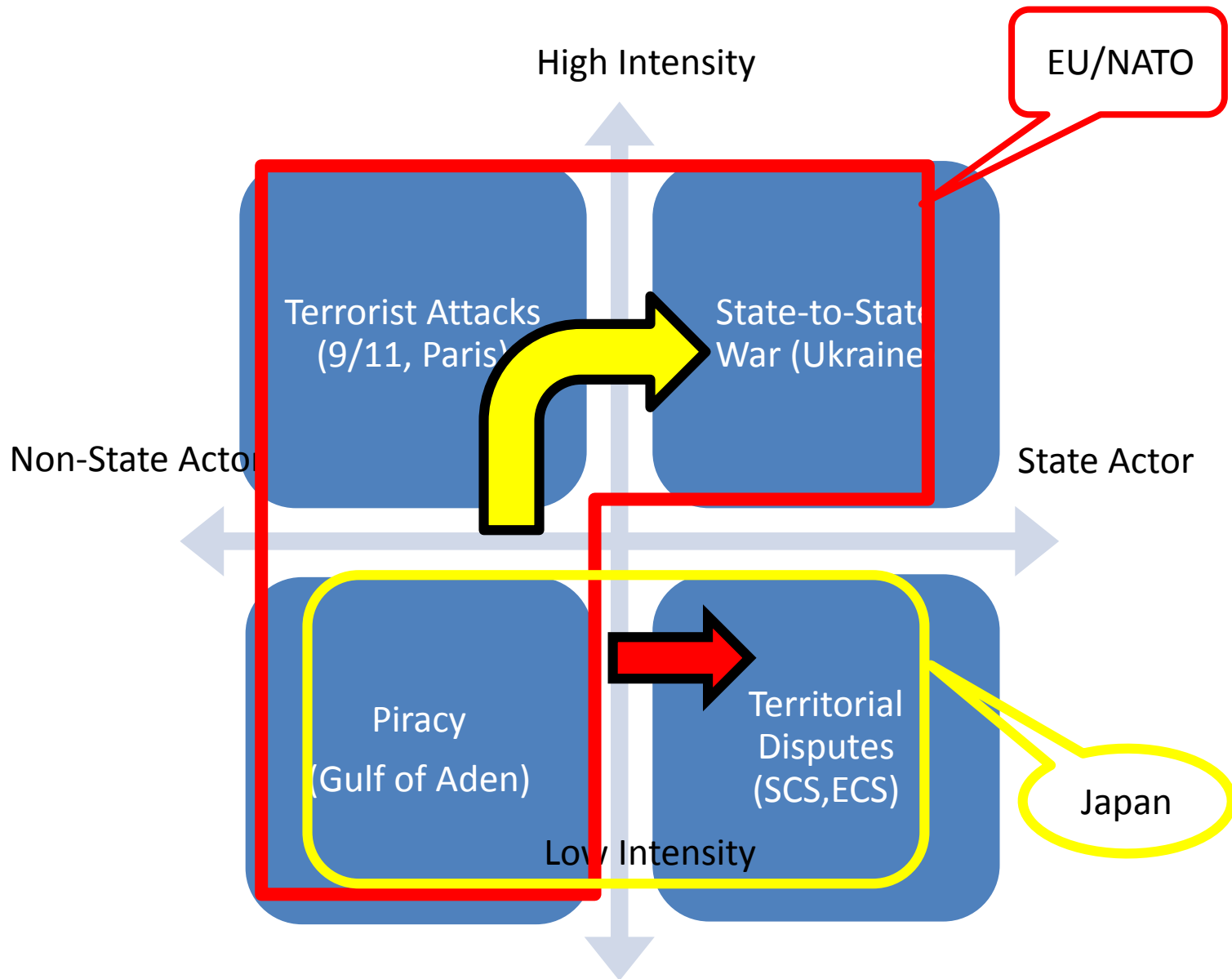


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--Prospects for Expansion?--

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Actions against	Russia (Ukraine)	ISIS (Syria)	Piracy (Gulf of Aden)	China (South China Sea)
EU/NATO Intention	○	○	○	×
EU/NATO Capabilities	○	○	○	○
Japan Intention	△	△	○	○
Japan Capabilities	×	×	○	○

# Conclusions

- The only domain, where the current security-related actions of Japan and EU/NATO overlap, is “low-intensity/non-state actor” (against piracy in Gulf of Aden).
- Logically, the possibilities for J-EU/NATO expansions are;
  - (1) Japan expands its activities to “high-intensity/non-state actor” (e.g. against ISIS in Syria) domain and/or even “high-intensity/state actor” domain (e.g. against Russia in Ukraine).
  - (2) EU/NATO expands its activities to “low-intensity/state actor” domain (e.g. against China in the South China Sea).
- Realistically, neither is likely to happen anytime soon.
- But (2) seems more feasible, because such expansion does not require immediate use of force as “low-intensity” description indicates.

Thank you