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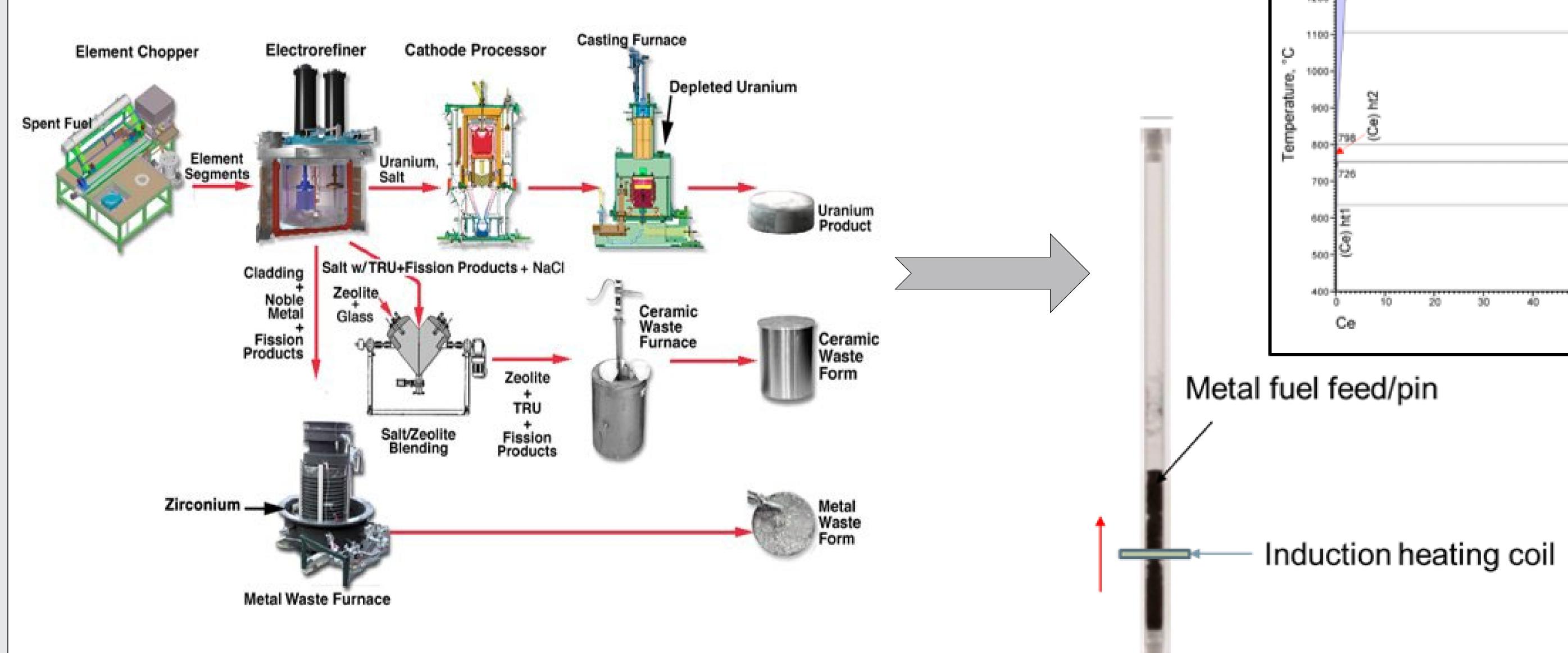
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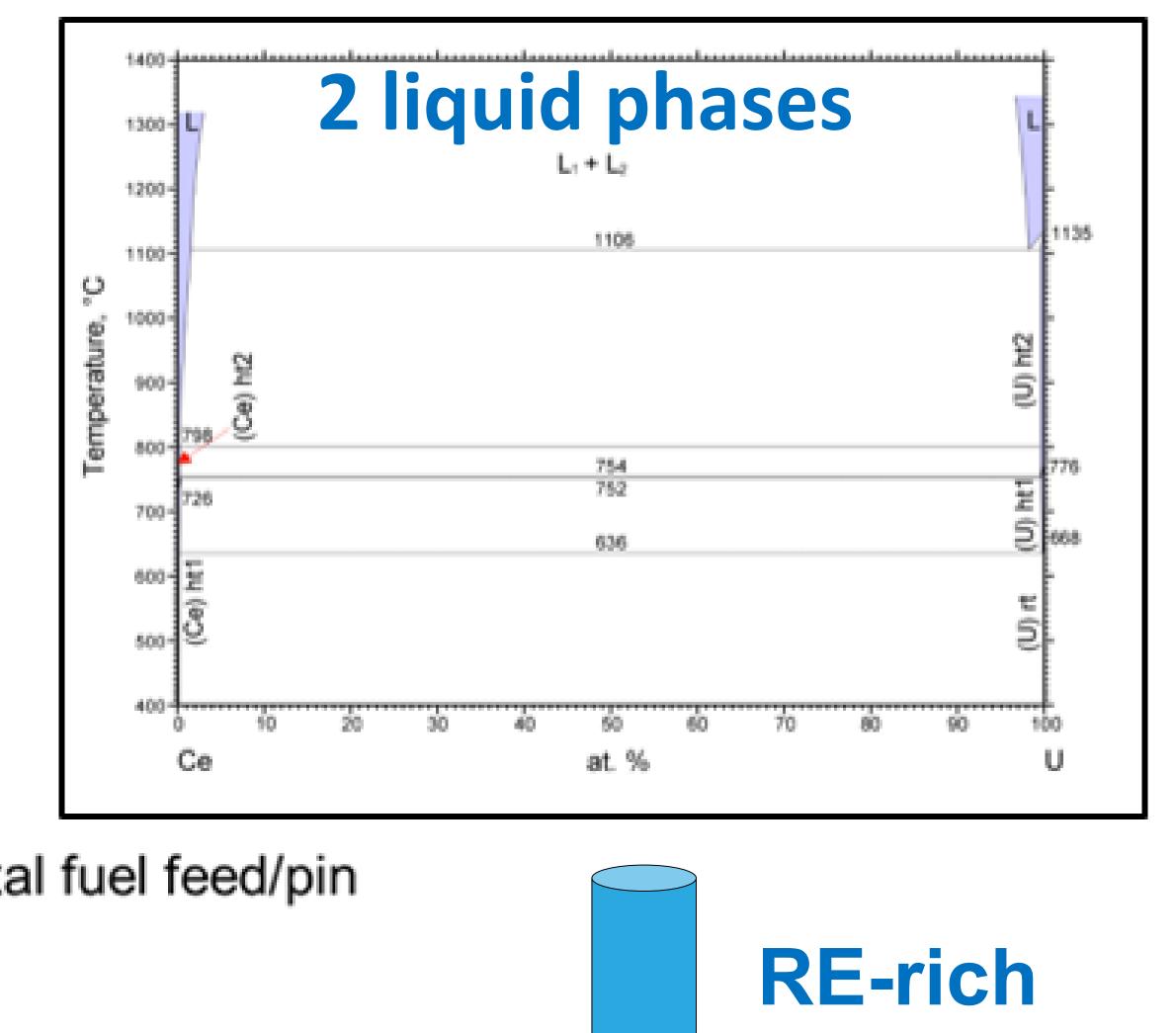
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Envisioning Metal Fuel Cycle Simplification

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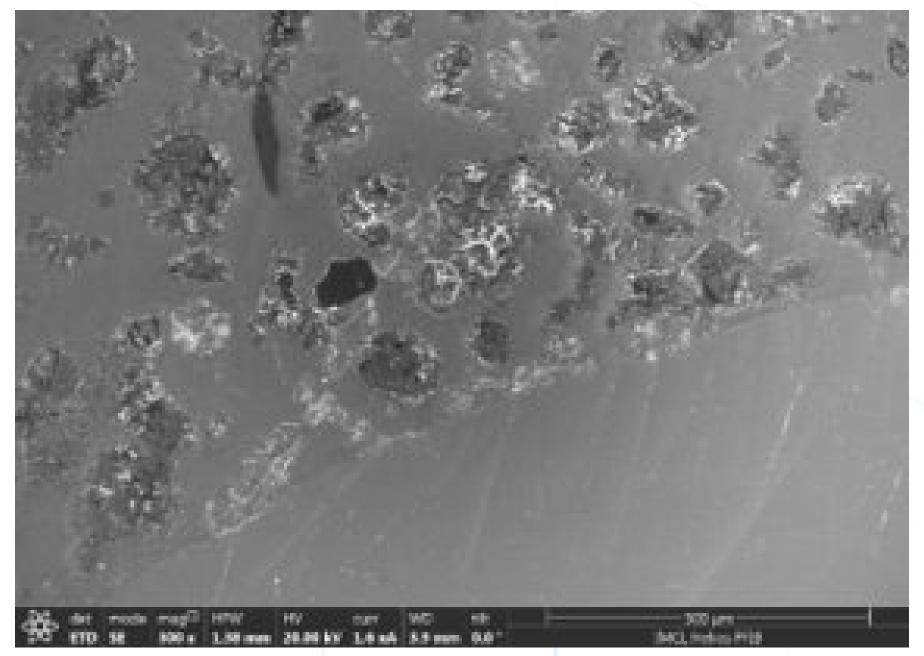
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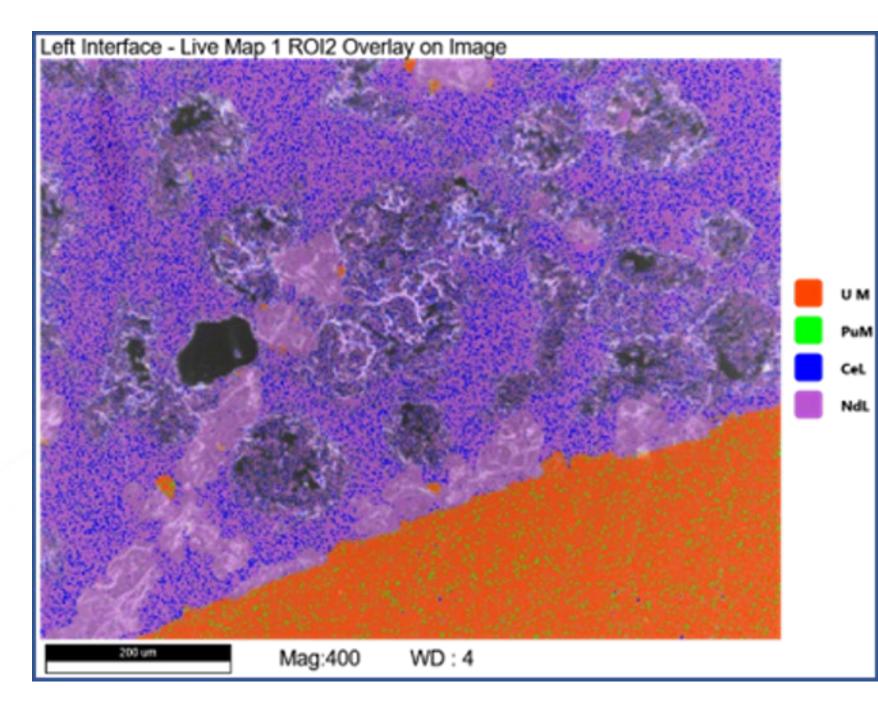
Proof of Concept: Annealing Uranium-Plutonium-Rare Earth Metal Mixture



Visual 2 phase separation!



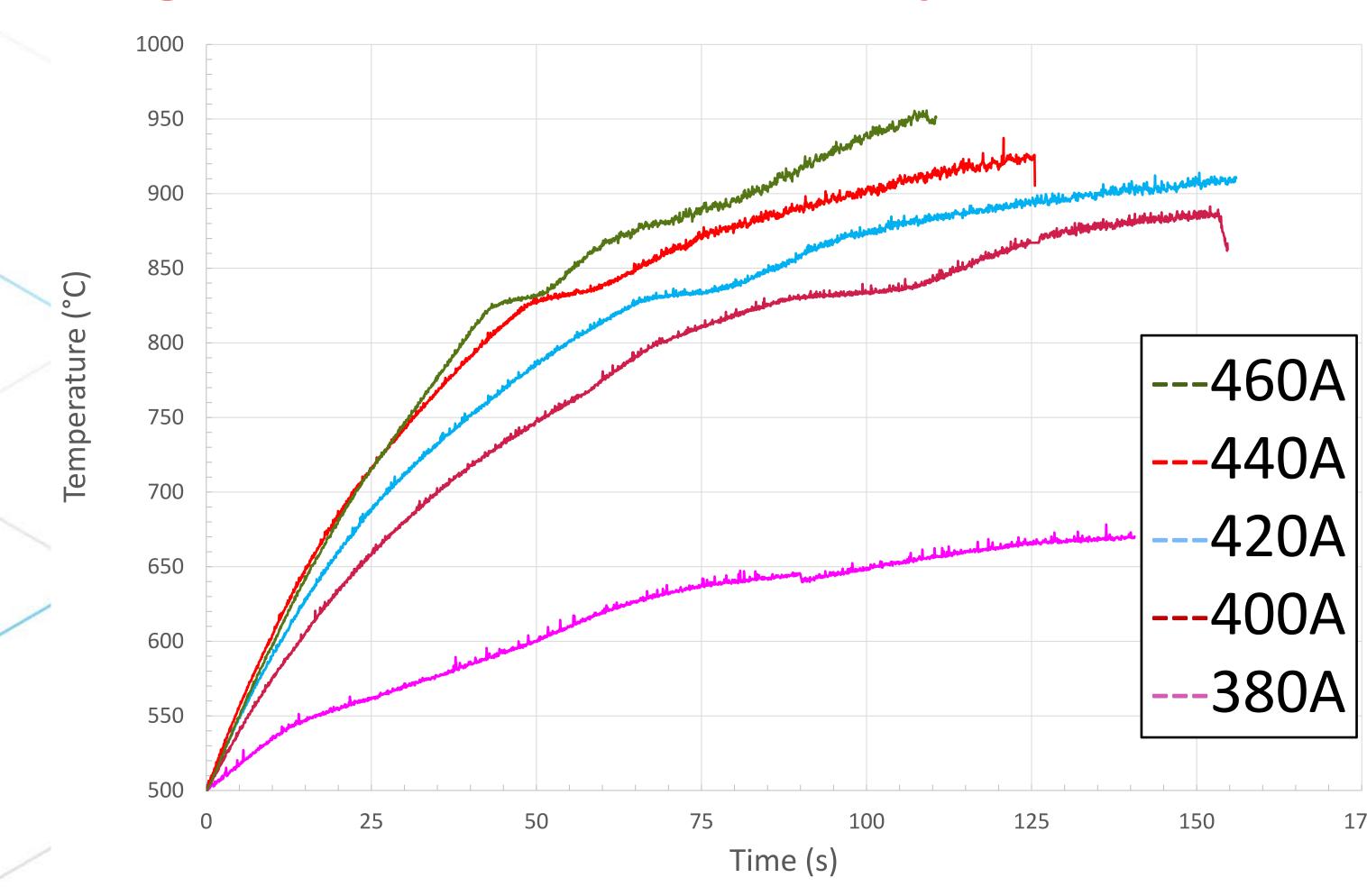
Morphology Difference



SEM analysis

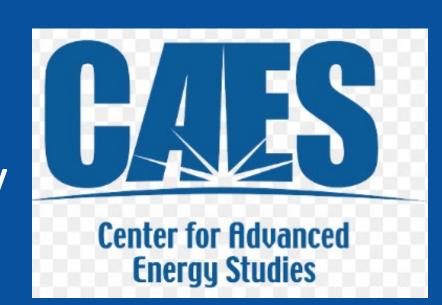
Proof of Process Feasibility: Zone Refining DU/Rare Earths/Group II Metals





Measured thermographic data with induction heating

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