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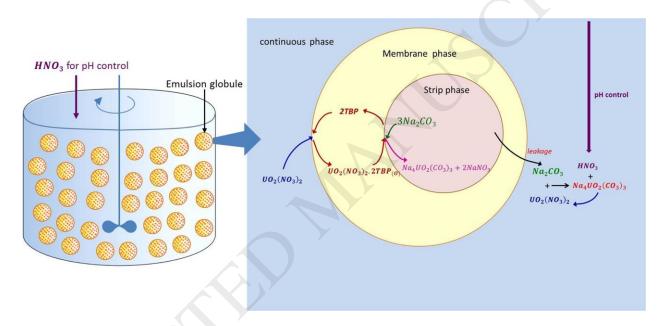


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#### **Graphical abstract**



#### **Highlights:**

- ELM extraction of uranium(VI) from NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution studied using TBP-Paraffin-Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.
- 2. Emulsion stabilized by (Abil WE 09)-(PAm-co-PAA) shows negligible swelling.
- 3. pH control prevents deactivation of uranium(VI) caused by leakage of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.
- 4. Near-quantitative extraction of U(VI) with enrichment greater than 60 is achieved.

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