

Engineered micro-nano-hetero-structures susceptible of revolutionizing nuclear energy

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Statement of the Problem: The actual nuclear power production relies on replacing a chemical burner, using coal, oil, methane gas with a nuclear heat source, mainly based on a “hot-rod” technology, developed by 1950s, that has many issues making it less attractive as a power production method. Novel 2D and 3D engineered nano materials have embedded heterogeneity by design, and they are able to bring in harmony constructive materials with the nuclear process taking place inside them, rendering exceptional properties. It is well-known from Damascus swords that the materials ultimate determine the properties of the devices made with them and these 6 families of nano-nuclear materials are prone to produce a revolution in nuclear energy, known as one of the most conservative guild. Prof. Harari once famously said “the electric light does not come from continuous enhancements in candles’ technology”, which it seems to be true for nuclear power too, that now is in accelerated decay, and people of the guild are talking about its renaissance ignoring that have to solve its problems first. The development of these materials started 40 years ago, having a spiral evolution from nuclear reactions, in fm scale realm, to nano-scale, mezzo-scale and applications now being in TRL=3.. They micro-hetero-structures for self-separation and partitioning of fission products, nano-hetero structures resembling a super-capacitor charged by nuclear energy and directly discharged as electricity, nano-beaded structures for advanced separation of nuclear-transmutation products using nano-clusters special properties, micro-fractal materials with radiation damage self-repairing capabilities, nano-structures for radiation guiding with electronic path-control, for super-light radiation shielding and nuclear reactor control, and advanced structures for generating active nuclear quantum environments to control the nuclear reaction intrinsic parameters and advanced research in quantum entanglement and teleportation. The development of these materials will make possible the commissioning of advanced generations of nuclear related devices.

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