## **CLAIMS**

- **1.** A method to obtain energy by nuclear reactions between hydrogen (31) and a transition metal-(19), said method including the steps of:
  - prearranging (110) a primary material (19) comprising a predetermined amount of cluster nanostructures (21) having a number of atoms (38) of said transition metal—(19) lower than a predetermined number of atoms:
  - keeping said hydrogen (31) in contact with said clusters (21);
  - heating (130) said primary material (19) at an initial process temperature (T<sub>1</sub>) higher than a predetermined critical temperature;
  - dissociation of H<sub>2</sub> molecules of said hydrogen (31) and formation of
    H- ions (35) as a consequence of said step of heating;
  - impulsively acting (140) on said primary material (19);
  - orbital capture (150) of said H- ions (35) by said cluster nanostructures (21) as a consequence of said step (140) of impulsively acting;
  - capture (151) of said H- ions (35) by said atoms (38) of said clusters (21), generating a thermal power as a primary reaction heat (Q<sub>1</sub>); removing (160) said thermal power, maintaining the temperature of the primary material (19) above said critical temperature,

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it provides a step (115) of prearranging an amount of a secondary material (28) that faces said primary material (19) and within a predetermined maximum distance (L) from said primary material (19), said secondary material (28) arranged to interact with protons (35") emitted from said primary material (19) by energy-releasing proton-dependent nuclear reactions that occur with a release of further thermal power in the form of a secondary reaction heat  $(Q_2)$ , such that said step of removing (160) comprises said generated thermal power as said primary reaction heat  $(Q_1)$  and said secondary reaction heat  $(Q_2)$ .

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said secondary material (28) comprises Lithium, in particular said Lithium comprising predetermined fractions of <sup>6</sup>Li and <sup>7</sup>Li isotopes.