



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers write about an Israeli-Palestinian state, West Bank cell service, and cold fusion.

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### [RESPECT LOW-ENERGY NUCLEAR REACTION RESEARCH](#)

In response to the April 16 article, "Ultracapacitors: The future of electric cars or the 'cold fusion' of autovation?": The headline implies and perpetuates the myth that "cold fusion" research is a fantasy and a fraud.

I have spent the last eight years investigating "cold fusion" research, now known as low-energy nuclear reaction research. I have had the honor to meet and converse with its discoverers, Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons. These scientists, and several hundred more in a dozen countries, cannot fully explain the phenomena they have observed over the last 19 years. But they have shown, with rigor and precision, evidence of new nuclear phenomena that appears environmentally benign.

They have held international scientific conferences nearly every year, and the next one will take place in Washington, D.C., in August. Their papers have been published in peer-reviewed journals, and their work has been funded by government agencies such as the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

This field has its share of promoters eager to shortcut the scientific process, but the bulk of the activity is scientific and should be recognized as such. The pejorative reference to this field is neither relevant nor justified.

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