

# Re: Superconducting Physics Experiments Cursed

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Agent Smith wrote:

Today's Science Times has an article about the cancellation of The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, a astrophysical particle detector made with superconducting magnets, and intended to fly on the Space Station. The sad thing is that the equipment is completely finished and waiting for an opportunity to fly.

This is the third cancelled big science experiment, made with superconducting magnets. First there was MFTF-B, the mirror fusion machine, then there was the Superconducting Super-Collider, and now this.

There seems to be a curse on experiments with charged particles and superconducting magnets.

Actually the problem is lack of commitment to scientific funding.

I was observing that said Lack of Commitment falls disproportionately onto experiments with SC magnets and charged particles. :( I used to be in fusion, you see, and someday I may be again.

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