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US Navy researchers 'confirm cold fusion'

Other scientists missed it 'because their instruments were not sensitive enough'

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US Navy researchers claim to have achieved cold fusion, with its promise of safe and easy generation of electricity from seawater, according to a **US report**.

The fusion of hydrogen atoms to form helium, with a release of energy, occurs in the sub at a temperature of millions of degrees.

US researchers Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons caused a sensation in 1989 when they claimed to have achieved cold fusion but no-one could replicate their results and the idea came to be regarded as a nuclear-age version of the perpetual motion machine.

But Pamela Mosier-Boss, a scientist with the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in San Diego, is reported to have told the American Chemical Society's annual meeting: "We have compelling evidence that fusion reactions are occurring" at room temperature".

The researchers say scientists failed to back up the original cold-fusion work because the effect with too subtle for their instruments to detect.

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