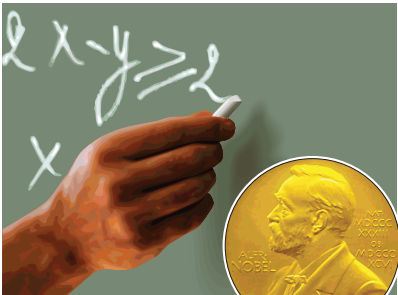


Nobel Prize in Physics



● **2009: Charles Kao**, *CHN/UK*, for breakthroughs involving transmission of light in fibre optics. **Willard Boyle, George Smith**, *U.S.*, for invention of imaging semiconductor circuit

● **2008: Yoichiro Nambu**, *U.S.*, **Makoto Kobayashi, Toshihide Maskawa**, *JPN*, for work on “spontaneous broken symmetry” in subatomic physics

● **2007: Albert Fert**, *FRA*, **Peter Gruenberg**, *GER*, for discovery of giant magnetoresistance – allowing radical miniaturisation of hard disks

● **2006: John Mather, George Smoot**, *U.S.* Discoveries cementing “Big Bang” theory of origin of universe

● **2005: John Hall, Roy Glauber**, *U.S.*, **Theodor Haensch**, *GER*. Work on precision of optic technology