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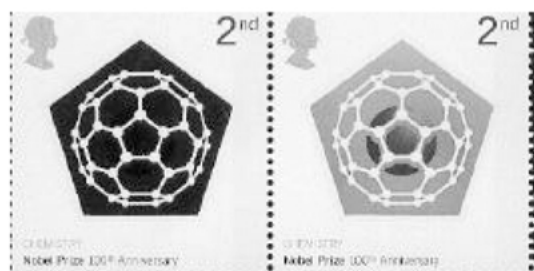
Encapsulation on a Stamp

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The British Post Office recently released a set of 6 stamps celebrating the centenary of the establishment of the Nobel Prizes, one stamp for each of the disciplines of Chemistry, Economics, Literature, Medicine, Peace and Physics.

The Chemistry stamp will be of particular interest to the readers of this Journal. It depicts the C_{60} molecule superimposed on a black background contained within a pentagon (Figure, left). The black background is however composed of thermochromic ink and the application of heat, in the form of a thumbprint on the stamp, reveals an ion encapsulated within the fullerene (Figure, right).

The Physics stamp is also of a novel design consisting of a hologram depicting the electrons in a boron atom.



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