

Fundamental Physics Program and the NASA Mission

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Physical Sciences Research (PSR) and the NASA Mission

 To understand and protect our home planet



PSR Fundamental and Applied Research



To explore the universe and search for life



PSR Fundamental Research PSR Strategic Research



 To inspire the next generation of explorers



PSR Fundamental Research
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... as only NASA can



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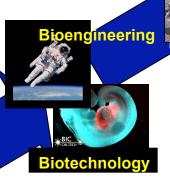
Research for Science and **Exploration**



"The common ideas of physics have been applied over distances ranging from the realm of string theory to the furthest reaches of the universe. The results have allowed an understanding of a staggering variety of phenomena and lay the foundation for further

research as we probe new frontiers at

all distances." (NRC/BPA report)

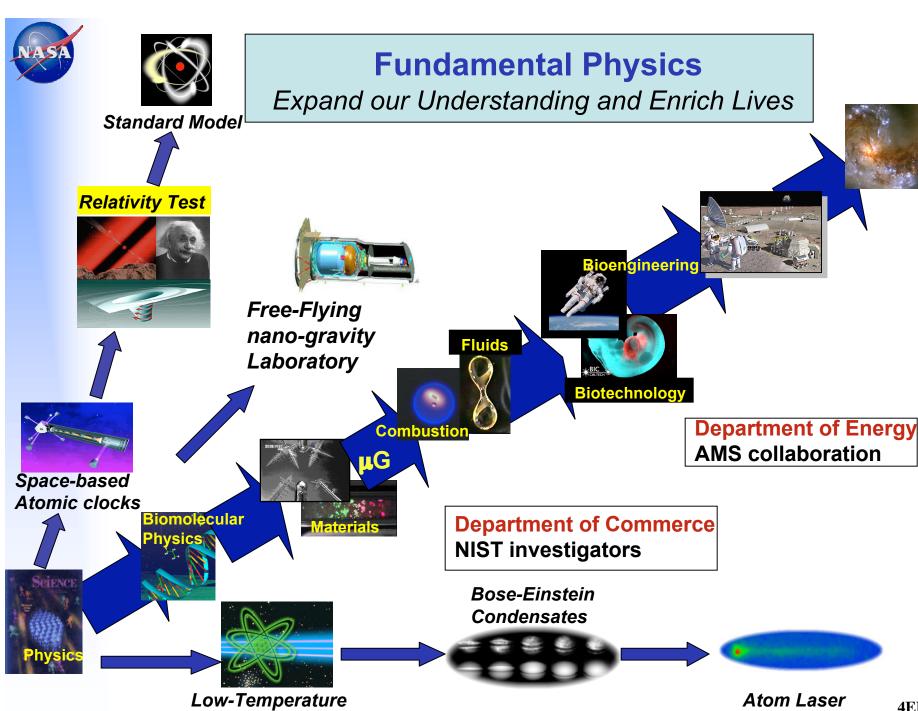


Biomolecular

OBPR Physical Sciences Research Discipline Elements

Fluids

Combustion



Research

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Physics



Physics in a New Era: An Overview 2001 National Research Council Report

Physics Survey Overview Committee Board on Physics and Astronomy (BPA)

"The accomplishments of Physics, the increasing power of its instruments, and its expanding reach into other sciences have generated an unprecedented set of scientific opportunities". The committee has identified six such "Grand Challenges" listed below in no particular order:

- Developing quantum technologies *
- Creating new materials *
- Understanding complex systems *
- Unifying the forces of Nature *
- Exploring the universe
- Applying Physics to Biology *



^{*} OBPR Physical Sciences research content relevant