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## About the Cover

The cover illustration provides examples of the many different scales at which science has changed our understanding of nature. The development of increasingly sophisticated tools has provided us with new ways to see the world around us. Our front and rear covers illustrate how modern technologies have allowed scientists to create images of the ocean floor, penetrating the veil of the overlying ocean water.

The Möbius strip demonstrates the interconnectedness of all things in the universe. Images depict objects and phenomena that range in scale from sub-atomic particles to galaxies. Living and non-living examples are juxtaposed, as are natural and man-made. The scientific instruments used to study these phenomena and examples of technologies which have resulted from our changing understanding of nature complete the montage.

Most prominently featured are images of the collision of subatomic particles and of a spiral galaxy. The Department of Energy's research programs investigate phenomena at all scales in the universe, from the very, very small to the very large. Images from the Department's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory and Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory serve to represent the breadth of the Department's scientific programs.

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