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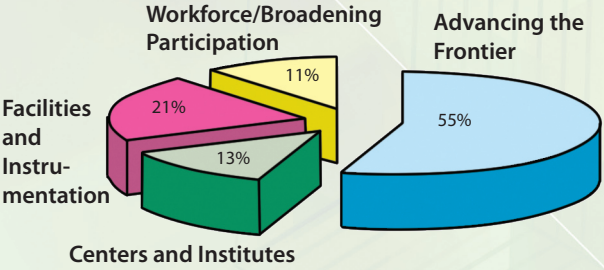

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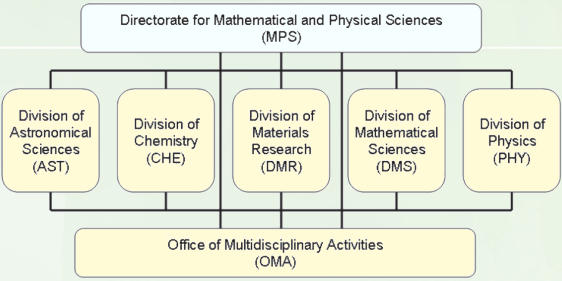

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- Understanding how microscopic processes enable and shape the complex behavior of the living world
- Discovering mathematical structures and promoting new connections between mathematics and the sciences
- Conducting basic research that provides the foundation for our national health, prosperity and security