



Resilient Energy Systems Mission Campaign



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Mission Campaigns: Developing Key Capabilities and Overcoming High-Risk Technical Hurdles

Purpose: Mission Campaigns provide an agile, intentional process to bridge Science, Technology & Engineering (ST&E) R&D to mission application impact.

They are integrated, multi-disciplinary portfolios of LDRD-funded projects focused on addressing current and future national security needs.



The nation's energy and other critical infrastructure are under increasing threat of attack



“DOE is making financing available for projects that improve resilience and expand transmission capacity across the electrical grid, so we can reliably move clean energy from places where it's produced to places where it's needed most. [...] These investments will make our power system **more resilient against threats and more reliable** as we increase our clean energy capacity, creating thousands of jobs in the process.”

– Jennifer Granholm, *Sec. Dept. of Energy*, April 2021

“Connecting forgotten communities, capping wells that are dangerous, **strengthening our power grid to make it more resilient to extreme weather changes**: These are investments — these are investments our country has never fully made. Now we are.”

– Joe Biden

THREATS



EMP/GMD



Cyber-Physical
Attack

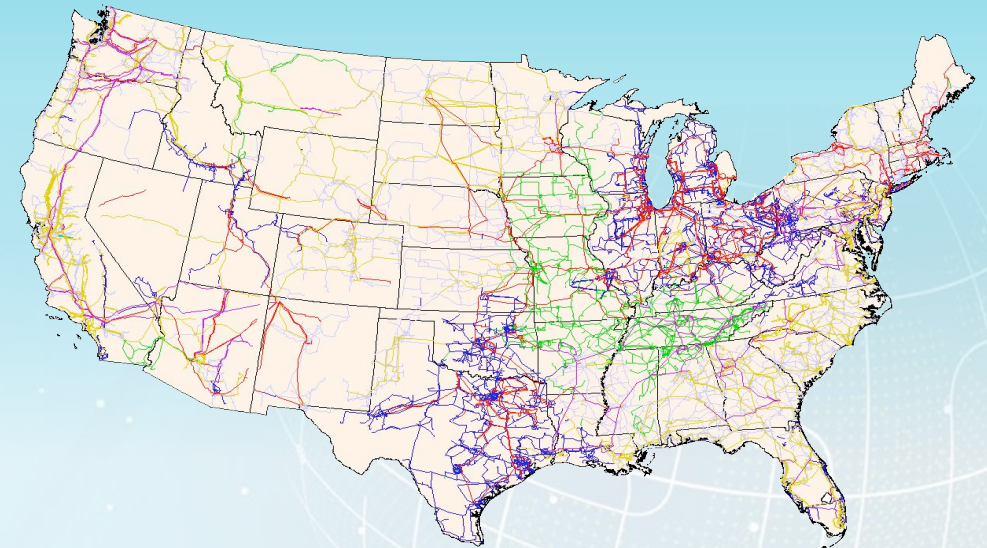


Kinetic
Attack



Climate
Change

US POWER GRID





Resilient Energy Systems (RES) is a LDRD Mission Campaign (\$41M, 7-year investment) focused on science and technology that will enable more resilient U.S. energy and other critical infrastructure systems.

Vision Statement

Deliver new Science and Technology capabilities to dramatically increase the resilience of the nation's electrical energy system and other critical infrastructures against intentional and natural threats. (EMP, Cyber-Physical, Kinetic, & Climate)

Build and strengthen internal and external partnerships for maturing and deploying resulting technologies, both for resilient energy and for other national security missions.

Cross-Cutting Outcomes

Solid State Transformers (SSTs) and Power Substations (SSPs) to extensively replace current grid substation equipment for a system with more resiliency and additional advantages. Progress toward this goal can be made in each of the RES MC thrust areas.

Future Fractal Grid and topologies designed for resilience. Enable resilience to manmade and natural threats through distributed energy and other critical infrastructure network approaches and understand the pros and cons of centralized vs decentralized solutions and how to best manage new vulnerabilities.



1. Science of Vulnerabilities

What are the vulnerabilities and physical failure mechanisms of node electrical hardware and control equipment for intentional and sophisticated kinetic, EMP, GMD, and cyber attacks?

2. Materials, Device, and Cyber Innovation

What novel materials, devices, and cyber advances will most cost-effectively increase resilience?

3. System-Level Threat-Informed Computational Science

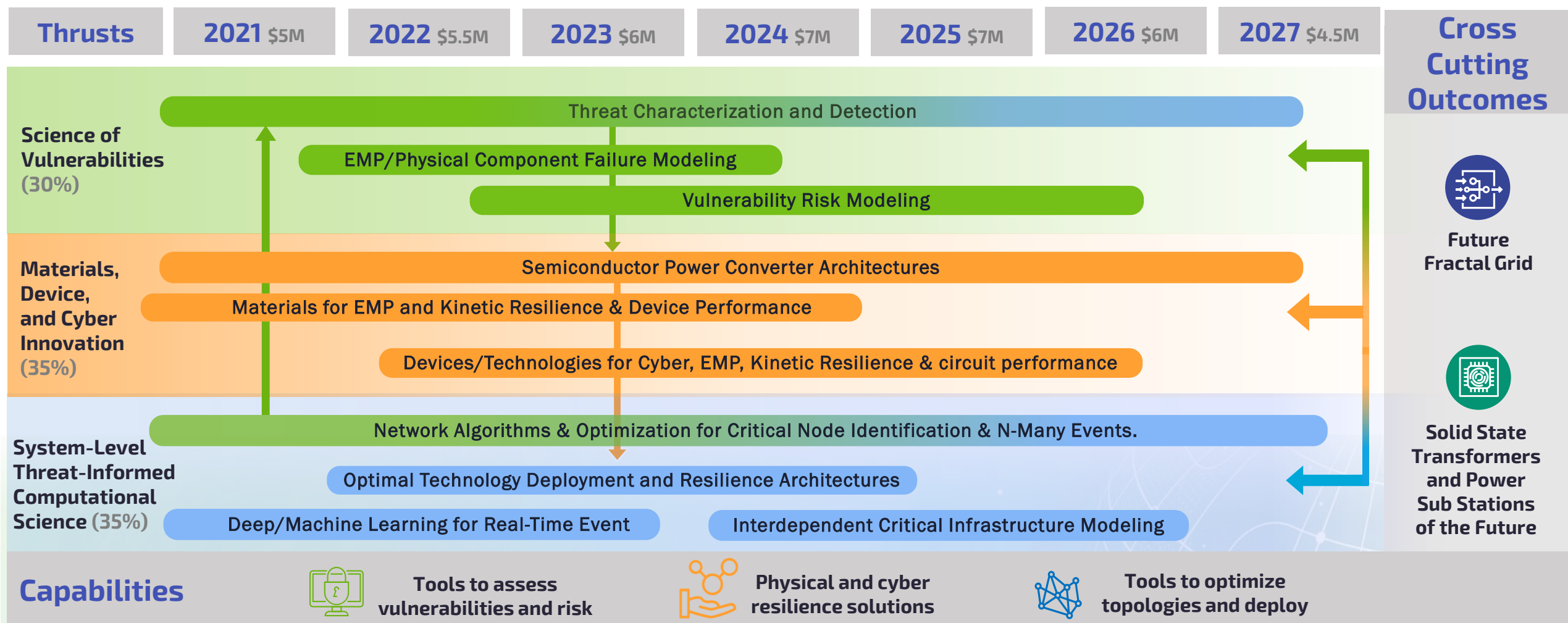
What are the critical elements of the electrical energy system, mechanisms of cascading failures, and potential approaches for a more resilient/secure architecture?

Future Resilient Energy System

RESEARCH OUTCOMES:

- 1. New tools to assess vulnerabilities and risk in the energy and critical infrastructure systems*
- 2. Physical and cyber solutions to reduce those risks*
- 3. Tools to analyze and assess how to optimize and deploy solutions for maximum benefit (economics, security, resilience)*

LEGACY: An integrated portfolio of research across three thrusts that will result in capabilities that can be harvested to address this threat and others



RES MC FY23 Project Portfolio

- Project Ended
- Continuing Project
- New-Start Project



Thrust 1: Science of Vulnerabilities

ADROC: Advancing Resilience of Control Systems - Jamie Thorpe ●

Dynamic Monitoring to Analyze Grid Vulnerability to Fire - Holly Eagleston ●

Low-Cost HEMP Testing - Tyler Bowman ●

Hallucinating Canaries - Abe Clements ●

griDNA: Shamina Hossain-McKenzie ●

Risk to Electric Power System Infrastructure from E2 - Ross Guttromson ●

OT GRITY: Moses Ike ●

RHAPSODI: Adam Williams ●

Thrust 2: Materials, Devices and Cyber Innovation

LMI3 SST Technology - Jeff Koplow ●

HARMONIE SPS - Shamina Hossain McKenzie ●

Signal-Based Fast-Tripping Protection Scheme - Matt Reno ●

Nano Structural Granular Metals - Laura Biedermann ●

Discovery of New Materials by AI - Dale Huber ●

AC to AC SST - Jack Flicker ●

SST Architecture & Control Compensation - Lee Rashkin ●

STAHRS - Ryan Elliot ●

Thrust 3: System-Level Threat-Informed Computational Science

Dynamics-Informed Optimization for Resilience - Bryan Arguello ●

Power-System Modeling for Grid Restoration - Kevin Stamber ●

REDLY - Mike Eydenberg ●

Critical Node Identification - Bryan Arguello ●

SHAZAM - Mike Ropp ●

Power System Vulnerability Identification & Defense through DRL - Drew Levin ●

DRE: Designing for Resilience through Emulation - Jamie Thorpe ●

Dynamic & Uncertainty Aware Infrastructure Modeling - Kate Klise ●

Resilient Energy Systems Legacy



To make the R&D impactful we need to do more than just excellent research.



Established multiple new areas of significant, impactful research:

1. Solid State Transformer (SST) R&D enabling a transformation to a new resilient energy system
2. Electromagnetic Pulse Protection (EMP) Device R&D
3. Cybersecurity for the grid

Secure Adaptable Grid Experimentation (SAGE) Facility - A unique large-scale medium voltage experimentation capability required to develop the next generation of grid/energy system components

Critical Internal and External partnerships

RES LDRD projects captures direct projected **follow-on funding totaling \$100M**

Key Programs:

Transformer Resilience & Advanced Components (TRAC)
 Cybersecurity, Energy Security, Emergency Response (CESER)
 Advanced Research Program Agency - Energy (ARPA-E)
 DOE Office of Electricity Energy Storage Program

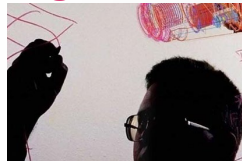
RES Mission Campaign Internal Partnerships



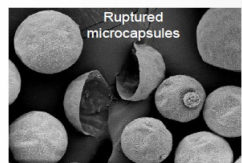
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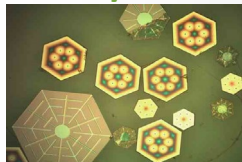
Engineer. Sci.



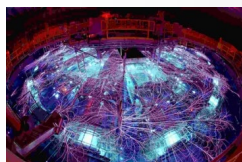
Material Sci.



Nano/Micro



REHEDS



SCIENCE OF VULNERABILITIES

Cyber Threat Characterization

Information Operations (5600)

Computation For National Security (8700)

EMP/Physical Component Failure Modeling

Radiation & Electrical Sciences (1300)

Weapons & Force Protection (6500)

Risk-based Methods for Vulnerabilities

Computing Research (1400)

Nuclear Fuel Cycle & Grid Modernization (8800)

MATERIALS, DEVICE, AND CYBER INNOVATION

Materials for Cyber, EMP & Kinetic Resilience

Materials, Physical, & Chemical Sciences (1800)

Chemical, Combustion & Materials Sciences (8300)

Device Technol. for Cyber, EMP & Kinetic Resilience

Radiation & Electrical Sciences (1300)

Microsystem Engineering & Science Applications (5200)

Semiconductor Power Conversion Architectures

Materials, Physical, & Chemical Sciences (1800)

Nuclear Fuel Cycle & Grid Modernization (8800)

SYSTEM-LEVEL THREAT-INFORMED COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE

Algorithms & Optimiz. For Critical Node Identification

Nuclear Fuel Cycle & Grid Modernization (8800)

Computation For National Security (8700)

Resilience Architectures

Computing Research (1400)

Decision Support Systems (6300)

Deep/Machine Learning for Real-Time Events

Applied Information Sciences (5500)

Computing Research (1400)

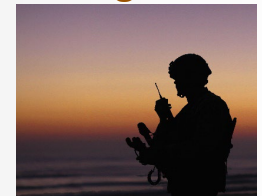
Energy and Homeland Security



Global Security



National Security Programs



Nuclear Deterrence





An innovative program focused on providing undergrad and graduate students with exciting and challenging opportunities to progress their science and engineering foundation. Students will support the Resilient Energy Systems Mission Campaign – a 7-year multimillion dollar investment involving brilliant minds across the labs to develop a more resilient U.S. electric grid to threats and attacks.

15 Student
hires

8 Year-round
conversions

2 staff
hires

RESII
Mission
Statement

Hiring pipeline of students motivated to make an impact in National Security and Energy Resilience research.

Student
Exposure

State-of-the-art:

- Facilities
- Laboratories
- Capabilities
- Research projects
- Research teams

RESII Core
Disciplines

- Energy Resiliency
- Cyber Security
- Data Analytics
- Computer Science
- Materials Science
- AI/ML

Desired
Qualifications

- Undergrad & Graduate Students
- Experience with Labview, Matlab, Python, etc.
- Systems Engineering
- Cyber Security
- STEM Degree: Engineering - ME, EE, NE, CE, etc. or Mathematics