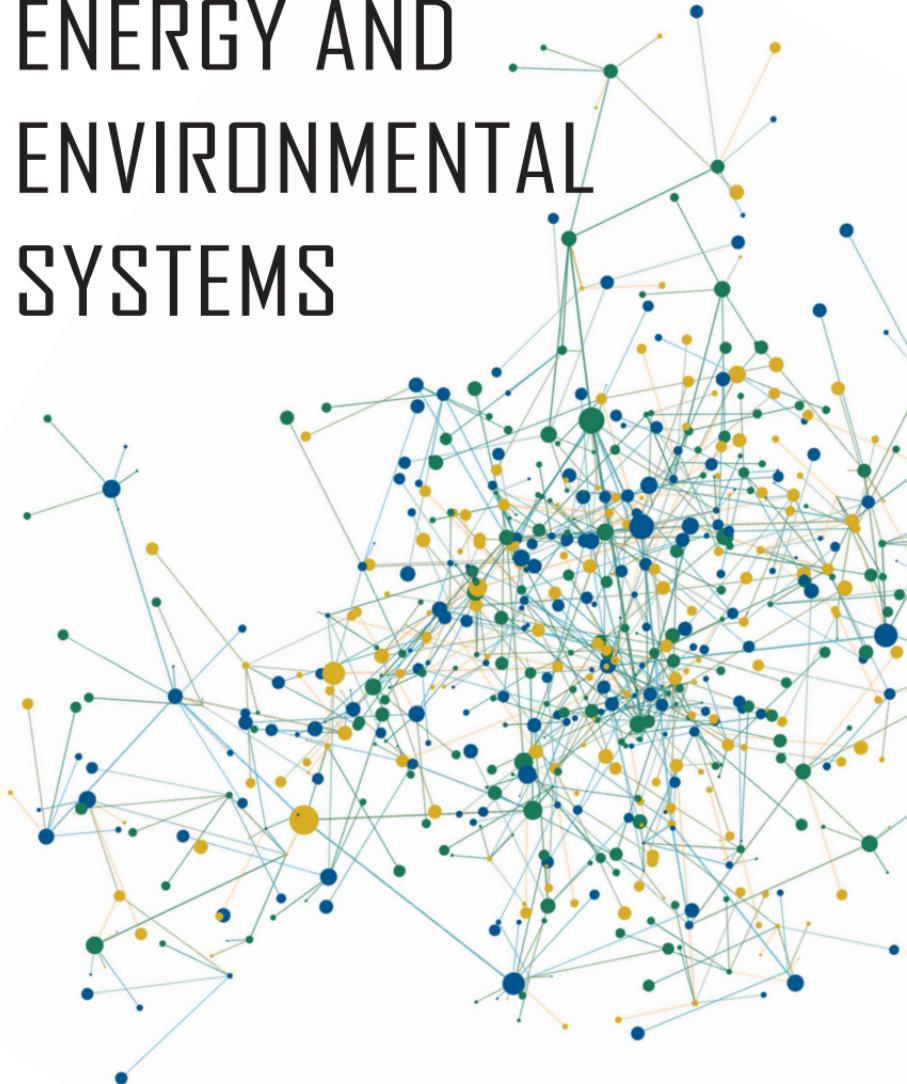


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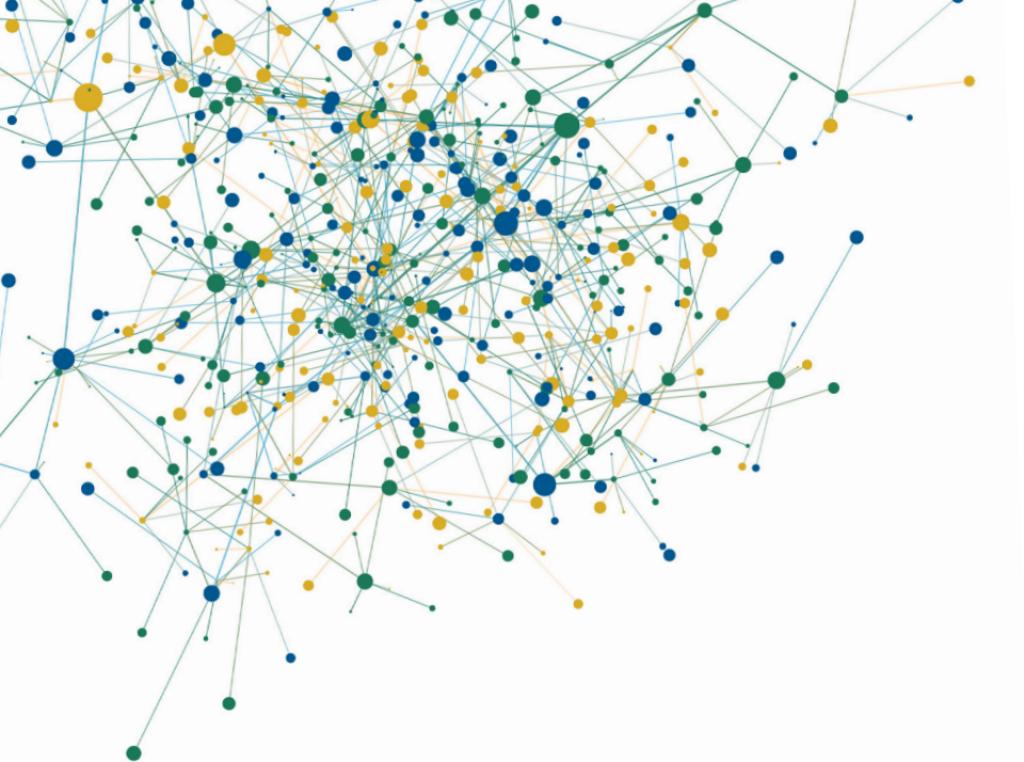
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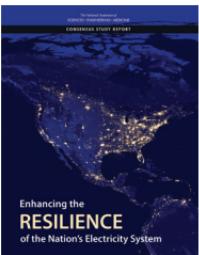
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Medium- and heavy-duty vehicles such as local delivery trucks and freight trucks comprise only 7% of all the vehicles in the US fleet, but consume more than 25% of petroleum in the transportation sector. As part of an effort to reduce the environmental impact of these vehicles and save fuel, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) asked BEES to convene a committee of experts to analyze current and future vehicle technologies and their potential impact on emissions and fuel consumption, review available methods to measure and regulate emissions and fuel use, and estimate the costs associated with new regulations. The resulting BEES report was instrumental in helping develop the first U.S. greenhouse gas and fuel consumption standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. Our network of experts and rigorous review process will continue to serve as a key resource for future regulatory programs targeting vehicles of all sizes. Download the full report at [nap.edu/18736](http://nap.edu/18736).

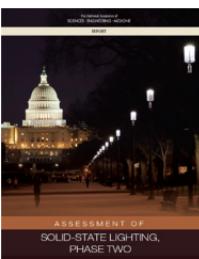
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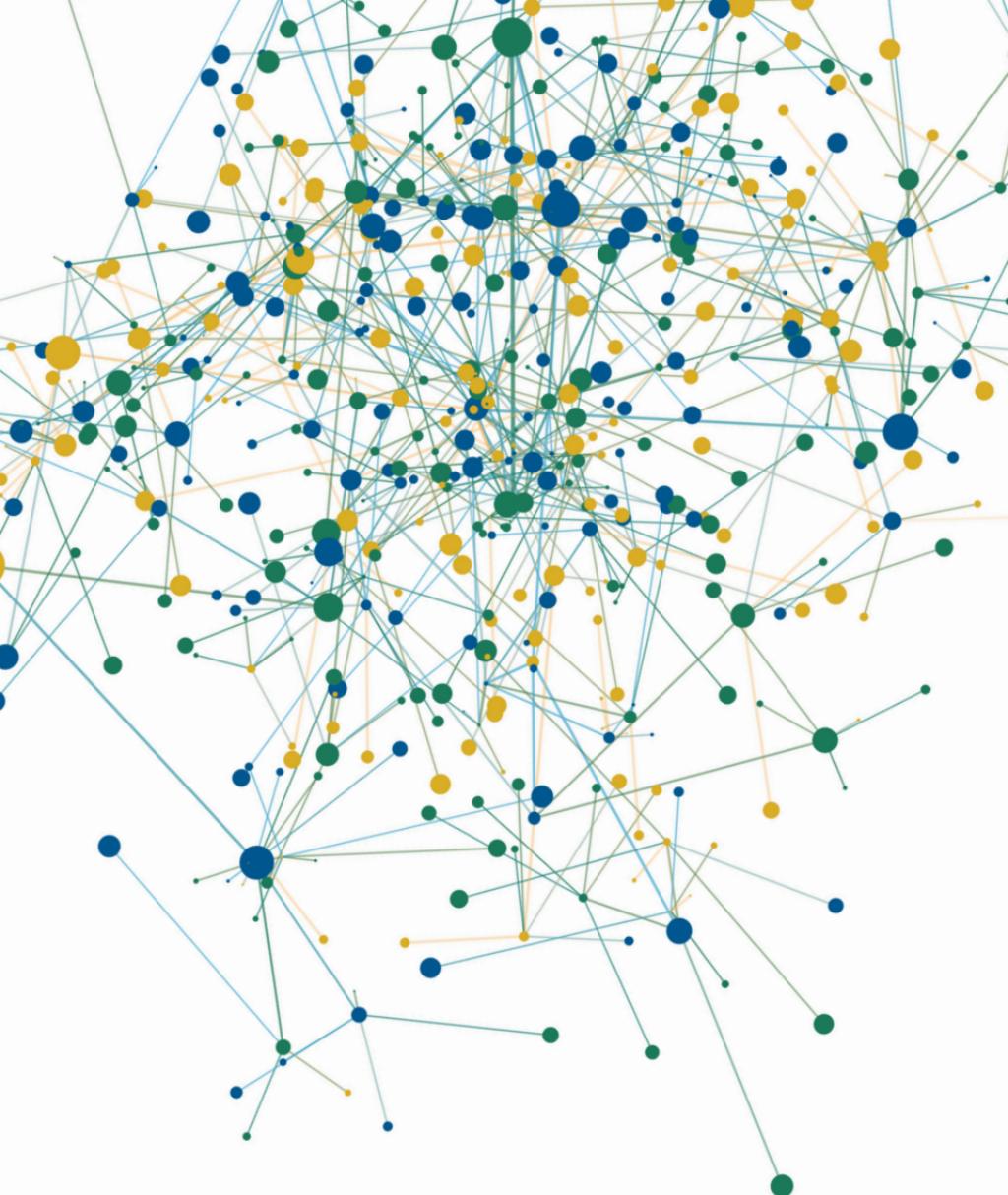
**Enhancing the Resilience of the Nation's Electricity System** identifies technologies and policies that should be implemented on the federal, state, and local levels to improve the how the U.S. electric grid prepares for and recovers from large-scale long-duration outages. Download the full report and watch the webinar at [nap.edu/24836](http://nap.edu/24836).



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