ERES‑QAI Framework for COI-Guided Emergency Management of Critical Infrastructure (EMCI)

Abstract
This paper presents a Communities‑of‑Interest (COI) guide for Emergency Management Critical Infrastructure (EMCI) based on the ERES Institute's integrated architecture—combining Quantum Artificial Intelligence (QAI), Green Solar-Sand Glass (GSSG), the Sociocratic Overlay Metadata Tapestry (SOMT), Hands-Free Voice Navigation (HFVN), and the principle of Graceful Evolution. Framed for practitioners, policymakers, and researchers in artificial intelligence applications, the proposed framework enables COIs to coordinate real‑time emergency response, resource allocation, and infrastructure resilience. Through SOMT's live, ontology-driven data fabric, quantum-accelerated decision engines, and voice-mediated interfaces, EMCI stakeholders can orchestrate rapid, transparent, and equitable interventions during crises. We detail the architecture, COI engagement protocols, and a representative scenario—flood response in a smart city—demonstrating how HFVN and QAI yield sub-minute situational assessments, dynamic Service-Level Agreement (SLA) adjustments, and restorative conflict resolution. The result is a blueprint for EMCI that fosters continuous adaptation ("Graceful Evolution"), ensuring that critical infrastructures remain robust under acute stress and evolving hazards.

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1. Introduction

Effective emergency management of critical infrastructure (EMCI) demands swift situational awareness, transparent coordination among diverse stakeholders, and adaptive decision‑making under uncertainty. Traditional models—often centralized, siloed, and reliant on manual data aggregation—struggle when disasters unfold rapidly and multi‑sector dependencies multiply. This paper introduces an ERES-QAI framework that reframes EMCI through the lens of **New Age Cybernetics**. At its core, the ERES approach unites:

1. **Quantum Artificial Intelligence (QAI)** for near-instantaneous, large-scale optimization of resource allocations and risk forecasts.
2. **Green Solar-Sand Glass (GSSG)** panels as distributed energy generators, sensor nodes, and robust shelters.

3. A **Sociocratic Overlay Metadata Tapestry (SOMT)**—a continuously updating knowledge graph that semantically organizes real-time data from global to local scales.

4. **Hands-Free Voice Navigation (HFVN)** to grant all COI members—first responders, utility operators, public health officials—immediate, natural-language access to SOMT's insights and QAI recommendations.

5. The principle of **Graceful Evolution**, ensuring that policy, infrastructure, and operational protocols continuously adapt with minimal friction.

By empowering **Communities-of-Interest (COIs)**—self-organizing groups of stakeholders focused on domains such as energy, water, transportation, health, and security—the framework decentralizes decision authority while maintaining global coherence via SOMT and QAI. This COI guide details governance protocols, data flows, AI architectures, and HFVN interfaces appropriate for EMCI contexts. Section 2 reviews related work. Section 3 outlines foundational ERES concepts. Section 4 describes COI structures and engagement workflows. Section 5 presents the integrated architecture for EMCI. Section 6 walks through a smart-city flood response scenario. Section 7 discusses challenges and future directions. Section 8 concludes.

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2. Related Work

2.1 Emergency Management & Critical Infrastructure
Recent EMCI research emphasizes **multimodal sensing**, **IoT-driven situational awareness**, and **interagency coordination** (Alexander 2020; Huang et al. 2019). However, many systems remain **data-latched**—updates arrive in minutes or hours—while stakeholder coordination relies on ad hoc protocols (Laufer et al. 2021). **Distributed decision architectures** (e.g., federated incident response) have been proposed (Sun & Gimenez 2022), but they often lack robust real-time adaptation.

2.2 AI in Emergency Management
Machine learning models—particularly deep learning—have been used for early hazard detection (Liu et al. 2021) and resource dispatch optimization (Patel & Kim 2022). However, classical AI struggles with **combinatorial explosion** when optimizing across hundreds of interdependent assets (e.g., power, water, communications) under dynamic constraints. **Quantum computing** offers a path forward: QAOA and quantum annealing have shown promise in rapid risk-assessment and resource allocation (Biamonte et al. 2017; Farhi et al. 2014), though integration into real-world EMCI frameworks remains nascent.

2.3 Cloud-Native Data Fabrics and Ontologies
Semantic knowledge graphs (e.g., Knowledge Vault, DBpedia) support real-time queries (Dong et al. 2014). **SOMT** extends these by embedding **sociocratic governance metadata**—rules,

COI roles, ethical constraints—enabling AI agents to justify decisions contextually (Sprute 2025). No prior work has combined live ontology updates with multi-stakeholder sociocratic metadata for EMCI.

2.4 Voice Interfaces in Critical Systems
Hands-Free Voice Navigation has been applied in healthcare (Wang et al. 2018) and industrial control (Lee & Chu 2019). In EMCI, most dashboards remain screen-centric (Kim et al. 2020). HFVN promises to lower the barrier to command issuance, especially for field operators whose hands are occupied.

2.5 Conclusion
To date, no single framework unites **quantum AI**, **semantic governance**, **distributed energy-sensor networks**, and **voice interfaces** for COI-driven EMCI. ERES addresses this gap.

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3. ERES Foundations

3.1 New Age Cybernetics & Graceful Evolution

New Age Cybernetics extends classical feedback loops by embedding normative, ethical, and ecological criteria into decision cycles. **Graceful Evolution** emerges when governance structures—policies, protocols, resource allocations—adapt incrementally, each step informed by real-time data and long-term projections. This stands in contrast to disruptive overhauls, reducing social friction and ensuring continuity of essential services.

3.2 Sociocratic Overlay Metadata Tapestry (SOMT)

SOMT is a **live, distributed knowledge graph** comprising:

- **Ontological Nodes**: Entities such as `CityRegion`, `GSSG_Array`, `Hospital`, `PowerSubstation`, `RoadSegment`, `FloodGauge`, each annotated with attributes (`Capacity`, `Status`, `Coordinates`).
- **Edges**: Semantic relationships like `depends_on`, `monitored_by`, `upstreams_of`.
- **Governance Metadata**: COI roles, ethical rules (CARE, CBGMODD), SLA clauses, BERC (Bio-Ecologic Ratings Codex) scores.
- **Temporal Versions**: Each update is timestamped, preserving provenance for audit and after-action reviews.

SOMT ingests data from global satellite feeds, IoT sensors (including GSSG panels), open governmental portals (census, weather, energy), and crowdsourced inputs (public reports via HFVN). Data undergoes schema harmonization, QA filtering, and consistent geospatial/time indexing before populating SOMT.

3.3 Quantum Artificial Intelligence (QAI)

QAI integrates:

- **Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA)** for combinatorial resource allocations (e.g., allocating generators, water pumps, and responders under constraints).
- **Quantum Annealing** for rapid scenario sampling (e.g., flood-propagation paths).
- **Variational Quantum Circuits** for real-time risk forecasts, embedding multi-dimensional constraints (e.g., power grid load, hospital capacity, evacuation route capacities).

QAI agents operate within a **multi-agent framework** (PlayNAC), negotiating trade-offs among COIs based on reward functions that combine:

- **Short-Term Objectives**: Maintain critical lifeline services, minimize casualties.
- **Long-Term Goals**: Protect infrastructure investment, maximize intergenerational equity via the 1000-Year Future Map.
- **Ethical Weights**: BERC scores, CARE principles.

3.4 Green Solar-Sand Glass (GSSG)

GSSG panels serve triple functions in EMCI:

1. **Distributed Renewable Energy Generation**—each panel yields ≥ 25 percent PV efficiency; bifacial design captures reflected irradiance; nanocoatings minimize soiling.
2. **Embedded Sensor & Communication Node—**actors carry MEMS sensors (irradiance, temperature, particulate matter, structural strain) and Li-Fi transmitters, feeding SOMT with sub-minute environmental updates.
3. **Resilient Shelter Infrastructure**—laminated nano-fiber meshes confer seismic flex-resilience (magnitude 7.0), hail resistance, and UV attenuation, enabling shelters that power themselves.

3.5 Hands-Free Voice Navigation (HFVN)

HFVN offers natural-language access to EMCI functions:

- **Querying SOMT**: “ERES, report current flood gauge readings in District 4 and projected power substation load.”
- **Commanding AI Agents**: “Deploy two GSSG mobile shelters to High-Risk Zone Alpha.”
- **Reviewing Audit Trails**: “Why was the water SLA in Sector B adjusted last night?”
- **Authentication via BEST** (Biometric Array: Fingerprint, Aura signature, Voiceprint, Odor, Retina, Signature).

HFVN processes commands locally using edge-AI for wake-word detection, then relays semantic payloads to the QAI core. Responses are spoken aloud or optionally displayed.

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4. COI Structure and Engagement Workflows

4.1 Defining Communities-of-Interest (COIs)

A COI is a self-organizing stakeholder group united by a shared domain:

- **COI_EnergyResilience**: Utilities, microgrid operators, GSSG installers, energy policy regulators.
- **COI_WaterSecurity**: Water utilities, agricultural cooperatives, environmental NGOs, hydrologists.
- **COI_PublicHealth**: Hospitals, emergency medical services, public health agencies, NGOs.
- **COI_Transportation**: Traffic management centers, public transit authorities, logistics firms, AI mobility platform operators.
- **COI_CulturalHeritage**: Indigenous councils, historical preservation offices, community leaders.
- **COI_DisasterResponse**: First responders, fire services, police, civil defense, humanitarian agencies.

Each COI maintains a **sub-ontology view** within SOMT—displaying only nodes, edges, and attributes relevant to its domain. For example, COI_WaterSecurity sees `AquiferDepth`, `RiverflowRate`, `DesalPlantCapacity`, `IrrigationDemand`, and associated SLA metadata.

4.2 COI Roles and Responsibilities

- **COI Representatives**: Selected by local governance structures, responsible for speaking on behalf of their COI in PlayNAC sessions.
- **Data Curators**: Members tasked with validating and enriching incoming data—e.g., verifying GSSG output against on-site inspections, labeling events (e.g., levee breach).
- **AI Liaisons**: Technically trained members who interface with QAI engineers to tune reward function parameters, ontology adjustments, and HFVN integration.
- **Conflict Mediation Facilitators**: Specialists in restorative practices, ensuring COI decisions honor BERC and CARE principles.

4.3 COI Engagement Workflow via HFVN

1. **Situation Discovery**
    - HFVN announces detection of an event (e.g., rapid river-level rise):

        "ERES alert: River Gauge C2 in Sector 3 has exceeded the 75th percentile threshold. Potential flood risk in 45 minutes. Would COI_WaterSecurity like to convene?"

    - A designated COI_WaterSecurity representative responds:

        "Yes—initiate a PlayNAC negotiation among COI_WaterSecurity, COI_EnergyResilience, and COI_Transportation."

2. **PlayNAC Session**
    - QAI instantiates multi-agent simulation using current SOMT snapshots (including GSSG sensor data, grid status, traffic flows). Agents negotiate water releases,

power rerouting, and evacuation routes.

- HFVN periodically reports interim summaries:

  "After 1,000 quantum iterations, proposed water release schedule: 20 percent reduction for Agriculture Zone A from 14:00–16:00, 10 percent increase in supply to Emergency Pumps in District 4. Agree?"

3. **Decision Ratification and SLA Update**
   - Once COI representatives voice-approve, HFVN codifies new SLA clauses—e.g., temporarily elevated water pressure targets for evacuation pumps, prioritized GSSG microgrid routing to flood shelters.
   - HFVN confirms:

     "SLAs updated. Sector 4 evacuation pumps will receive 300 kW from GSSG microgrids until the flood gauge recedes below the 60th percentile. Alerts sent to field units."

4. **Implementation Monitoring**
   - SOMT's "FloodStatus" nodes update in real time. HFVN notifies COIs of threshold crossings:

     "River Gauge C2 has peaked and is receding. Shall I begin ramp-down of emergency water flows and reallocate GSSG power back to grid stabilization?"

5. **After-Action Review**
   - Post-event, HFVN prompts COI leads:

     "Would you like to review the flood response debrief? I can read key performance metrics from SOMT's audit logs or email the full transcript."

By streamlining each step through voice, COIs maintain situational awareness, negotiate seamlessly, and adjust operations without delay or friction.

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5. Integrated EMCI Architecture

Figure 1 (omitted) illustrates the ERES-QAI EMCI architecture. Key layers:

1. **Physical Layer**
   - **GSSG Sensor-Energy Units**: Embedded on rooftops, roadways, shelters, and strategic infrastructure points (water plants, substations). Provide PV output, environmental sensing (temperature, particulate, structural strain), and Li-Fi transceivers.
2. **Edge-AI Layer**
   - Each GSSG unit houses an **Edge-AI microcontroller** performing:
     - Anomaly detection (e.g., sudden GSSG output drop).
     - Localized data aggregation (e.g., averaging panel metrics).
     - HFVN wake-word processing (for nearby voice commands).
     - Initial encryption of sensitive telemetry before uplink.
3. **Communication Layer**
   - **Li-Fi Mesh Network**: High bandwidth, low latency links among GSSG units.
   - **Long-Range RF Backup**: LoRaWAN or LTE-M for areas where Li-Fi is obstructed.
   - **Quantum-Secured Blockchain**: All SLA transactions and provenance records hashed and stored on a post-quantum blockchain—ensuring immutability.
4. **Core AI Layer (SOMT + QAI)**
   - **SOMT Graph Database**: Houses live, semantically tagged data from all sensors, external feeds, and user inputs.

- ○ **Quantum QAOA & Annealing Engines**: Perform large-scale optimizations (e.g., resource allocation, SLA parameter tuning) within sub-minute cycles.
- ○ **PlayNAC Multi-Agent Framework**: Coordinates COI agents, each with a QAI-augmented policy network trained on domain-specific reward functions (blending short-term EMCI needs with long-term future-map criteria).

5. **Application & HFVN Layer**
   - **HFVN Servers**: Distributed voice-recognition clusters that convert spoken commands into semantically tagged requests for QAI.
   - **COI Dashboards & Audio Interfaces**: Provide summaries, alerts, and audit logs upon request—either spoken over HFVN or displayed on mobile/desktop dashboards.
6. **SLA & Governance Layer**
   - **Dynamic SLA Smart Contracts**: Codify performance metrics, penalty-reward structures, COI roles, and renegotiation triggers.
   - **BERC & Ethical Metadata**: Embedded in SOMT, guiding QAI's reward functions to prioritize intergenerational equity and ecological sustainability.

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6. Scenario: Smart-City Flood Response

6.1 Context and Stakeholders

A mid-sized coastal city (Population: 1.2 M) equipped with:

- **GSSG Arrays** on municipal buildings, shelters, and key infrastructure, totaling 50 MW capacity.
- **Li-Fi Mesh** across downtown corridors, linking sensors and HFVN terminals.
- **IoT-Enabled Water Gauges** on rivers and storm drains.
- **COIs**:
  - **COI_WaterSecurity** (WS) – water utility, hydrologists, environmental NGOs.

  - **COI_EnergyResilience** (ER) – utilities, GSSG operators, microgrid engineers.
  - **COI_Transportation** (TR) – traffic authority, public transit, logistics.
  - **COI_PublicHealth** (PH) – hospitals, EMS, health agencies.
  - **COI_DisasterResponse** (DR) – fire, police, civil defense.

A forecasted 100-year storm surge threatens to overflow levees and inundate low-lying districts.

6.2 HFVN-Led Alert and COI Mobilization

At 02:15 local time:

- **Edge GSSG Sensor** at beachfront hotel detects 1.2 m surge. HFVN speaker at City Hall announces:

  "ERES alert: water level at Gauge B7 is at 1.2 m—15 cm above evacuation trigger. COI_WaterSecurity, convene PlayNAC session."

- COI_WS Chair responds:

  "Initiate flood negotiation with COI_ER, COI_TR, COI_PH, and COI_DR."

6.3 PlayNAC QAI Simulation

QAI agents ingest SOMT snapshot (river gauges, GSSG output forecasts, traffic flows, hospital capacities). Agents negotiate:

1. **COI_WS** proposes controlled sluice releases to protect upstream neighborhoods.
2. **COI_ER** recommends allocating 5 MW of GSSG to pump stations, 10 MW to flood-wall reinforcement robots.
3. **COI_TR** requests rerouting of emergency vehicles—requires dynamic traffic signal adjustments.
4. **COI_PH** demands 2 MW to field hospitals in District 4.

5. **COI_DR** prioritizes evacuation transport corridors—needs power for water-resistant gates.

Over 5,000 quantum GOQA iterations, QAI identifies an allocation that:

- Provides 5 MW to pumping, 8 MW to reinforcement robots, 2 MW to field hospitals, and reserves 5 MW for emergency comms.
- Recommends phased sluice schedules minimizing upstream flooding risk.
- Optimizes traffic-signal timings to ensure no evacuation corridor bottlenecks exceed 20 percent of capacity.

6.4 HFVN-Mediated Decision Ratification

HFVN conveys:

> "Quantum optimization complete. Proposed plan:
> • Pump station power: 5 MW from GSSG microgrids (14:30–20:00)
> • Reinforcement robots: 8 MW allocation (15:00–22:00)
> • Field hospitals (District 4): 2 MW continuous
> • Emergency comms reserve: 5 MW standby
> • Sluice release schedule: 12 m^3/s at 15:00, 18:00, 21:00
> Traffic signal adjustments maintain evacuation corridors at ≤ 20 percent saturation.
> Approve and formalize SLA updates?"

COI Chairs reply by voice: "Approve." HFVN auto-records the decision, updates SLAs, and notifies field controllers.

6.5 Implementation and Monitoring

- **SOMT nodes** update in real time:
  - `GSSG_Output_District4` → 48 MW (peak) at 14:45, feeding microgrids.
  - `PumpStationStatus` ↑ to "Active" at 14:50.
  - `FloodWallRobotActivity` begins at 15:00.
  - `TrafficFlow_CorridorA` stabilized at 75 cars/min (20 percent capacity).

- **HFVN** broadcasts updates to citizens:

> "Residents of District 4, evacuation bus routes A and B are operational. Follow green signage. GSSG microgrids powering shelters at City Hall and Community Center."

6.6 Post-Event Review and Graceful Evolution

Once floodwaters recede, HFVN invites COIs to debrief:

> "Would COI Chairs like a summary of response performance? I can read key metrics or email detailed logs."

Key metrics:

- **Flooded area**: limited to 0.2 km² versus 0.8 km² projected without intervention.
- **Response time**: Flood mitigation plan activated within 30 minutes of threshold breach.
- **Critical infrastructure uptime**: 95 percent for hospitals, 90 percent for water pumps.
- **SLA compliance**: GSSG allocations met or exceeded targets 98 percent of the time.

Quantum-generated insights identify improvement opportunities:

- A 5 percent microgrid efficiency loss due to dust—prompting accelerated GSSG cleaning protocols.
- Minor congestion in Corridor C—requiring updated PlayNAC traffic weightings.

All adjustments feed into **Graceful Evolution**: HFVN proposes incremental policy upgrades—e.g., add two mobile GSSG cleaning drones, revise COI_TR traffic weights—and automates their rollout during normal operations.

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7. Discussion

7.1 Benefits of the ERES-QAI EMCI Framework

1. **Sub-Minute Coordination**: HFVN and QAI compress multi-stakeholder negotiations into minutes rather than hours.

2. **Transparent Decision Chains**: SOMT's audit logs and HFVN voice transcripts create a fully auditable EMCI record—vital for after-action reviews, liability adjudication, and public trust.

3. **Robust Resilience**: GSSG's combined energy, sensing, and protective functions ensure that critical services remain powered and monitored even if grid or communications infrastructure falters.

4. **Inclusive Participation**: HFVN removes technical barriers, enabling COI members with diverse literacy or mobility levels to participate fully.

5. **Intergenerational Equity**: The 1000-Year Future Map ensures that EMCI decisions reflect long-term societal and ecological imperatives.

7.2 Challenges and Limitations

1. **Quantum Resource Accessibility**: While QAI prototypes exist, widespread access to fault-tolerant quantum hardware remains limited. Hybrid classical-quantum approximations may be necessary until quantum infrastructure matures.

2. **Data Privacy and Security**: HFVN's voice capture and GSSG's sensor data raise privacy concerns. Robust encryption, differential privacy, and explicit COI consent protocols must be maintained.

3. **Interoperability and Standardization**: Diverse GSSG manufacturers and IoT vendors necessitate open data schemas and interoperability standards to ensure SOMT's coherence.

4. **Sociocultural Adaptation**: COIs in different legal and cultural contexts may resist centralized ontology changes—necessitating localized governance modifiers and conflict resolution adjustments.

5. **Resilience to HFVN Failures**: In high-noise environments (e.g., sirens, crowds), HFVN's speech recognition may degrade. Fail-safe interfaces (e.g., touch kiosks with simplified menus) should be available.

7.3 Future Work

1. **Federated Ontology Evolution**: Develop automated tools enabling COIs to propose, vet, and ratify ontology updates collaboratively, preserving local autonomy while maintaining global coherence.

2. **Advanced QAI Algorithms**: Explore **Quantum Deep Reinforcement Learning** for multi-stage EMCI planning, and **Quantum-Enhanced Bayesian Models** for risk quantification under deep uncertainty.

3. **Ethical Impact Simulations**: Extend PlayNAC simulations to incorporate explicit **social justice predictors**—modeling how dynamic SLAs affect vulnerable populations.

4. **Edge-AI and GSSG Co-Design**: Investigate neuromorphic processors embedded within GSSG panels for ultra-low-power anomaly detection, reducing reliance on centralized cloud backhaul.

5. **Field Trials and Human Factors**: Conduct pilot deployments in diverse urban and rural contexts, paired with ethnographic studies on HFVN usability, trust dynamics, and COI governance behaviors.

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8. Conclusion

This paper has presented a COI-centric, HFVN-enabled framework for Emergency Management of Critical Infrastructure (EMCI) under the ERES paradigm. By weaving together **Quantum AI**, **SOMT's live ontologies**, **GSSG's distributed energy-sensor arrays**, and **natural-language interfaces**, the architecture achieves **Graceful Evolution**: continuous, incremental adaptation that aligns real-time needs with long-term sustainability. Finalizing decisions, launching coordinated responses, and conducting after-action reviews—all occur by voice, blurring lines between human intent and quantum-precise computation. As quantum hardware scales and GSSG manufacturing matures, EMCI stakeholders—including utilities, public health officials, first responders, and community representatives—will gain a robust toolset for safeguarding critical infrastructure against evolving hazards.

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