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ABSTRACT

The need to protect digital communications from quantum-age threats becomes ever more urgent as cloud computing becomes globally commonplace. In contrast to the RSA-2048 traditional cryptosystem, this research explores the performance and optimization of post-quantum cryptographic (PQC) algorithms, namely Kyber512 and McEliece-348864. The project demonstrates a three-stage hybrid research pipeline: algorithmic benchmarking with 5 kb to 1000 kb payloads, machine learning-aided optimization of cryptographic workload forecasting, and graphically intuitive live analysis development. We contrast the CPU load, memory consumption, and execution time of the three algorithms in terms of synthetic and real file payloads. Second, taking algorithm and payload size as input, we use supervised learning to predict PQC memory usage with high predictive accuracy (R2 = 0.97). Hybrid post-quantum encryption offers greater security against quantum as well as classical attacks while ensuring interoperability during the phase of cryptographic transition (QCVE.org, 2024) by combining quantum-resistant algorithms such as ML-KEM with conventional key exchange protocols. Deployment of Post-Quantum Cryptography on cloud infrastructures is essential, recent studies have established, and hybrid encryption techniques combining classical and quantum-resistant algorithms offer the optimal security-performance trade-off for the transition (Shukla, 2024). The interactive benchmarking and visualization enabled by our system's GUI give novice users and experts alike an accurate perception of cryptographic performance. To validate the empirical progress of this work, the report ends in comparative analysis of its findings with previous baseline researches, outlining the road map to the deployment of effective and quantum-proof cryptography. The finished Post-Quantum Cryptography standards, meeting recent NIST projects, acknowledge the necessity for speedy empirical benchmarking and market uptake to pre-emptively secure cryptographic infrastructure against quantum attacks (NIST, 2025; NIST, 2017; AppViewX, 2024).

Keywords: Post-Quantum Cryptography; Kyber512; McEliece-348864; RSA-2048; AI Optimization; Cryptographic Benchmarking; Cloud Security; Quantum Threat; GUI Implementation; PQC Evaluation.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Motivation

To counter the quantum computing threats, Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) has become a popular topic of study in recent years, being a new line of cryptographic algorithms purposely designed to be resistant to quantum technology. However, as much as there is potential in quantum computing, it has a threat in the cryptographic system that is relied on to facilitate safe communication on the internet. Many classical algorithms of cryptography, especially RSA-2048 algorithm, ECC (Elliptic Curve Cryptography) and Diffie-Hellman, are based on computationally intractable problems, namely integer factorization and discrete logarithm. These issues are computationally difficult on a classical computer but not on quantum computer with algorithms like Shor, given a polynomial run time complexity (Shor, 1994). In its current state, emergence of practical application of quantum computers threatens the fundamental cryptographic use cases with exposure of sensitive assets, critical infrastructure, and national security networks.

Research on Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC), a new generation of cryptographic algorithms whose resistance to quantum attacks is taken into account, has received much attention in view of the dangers of quantum computing. They rely on such mathematical problems as lattice-based, code-based, multivariate, and hash-based cryptography, all of which are believed to present a difficult challenge to quantum computers (Bernstein et al., 2017). With the understanding of the urgency and the seriousness of the quantum threat, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) embarked on a rapid standardization effort to identify, test, and standardize quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms which have now singled out Kyber512 (lattice-based cryptography) and Classic McEliece-348864 (code-based cryptography) as finalists (NIST, 2017).

Although NIST selection and evaluation process has been extensive, the instantiation and the use of PQC algorithms in practical application is challenging. Some of the obstacles to the wide adoption of performance issues such as computational overhead, memory requirements, key sizes as well as encapsulation /decapsulation times and the ability to interoperate with existing infrastructure have limited their use. For instance, Kyber512's lattice-based method features relatively small key sizes and better computational efficiency but demands careful attention to parameter choice and implementation security (Bos et al., 2019). The McEliece-348864 cryptosystem, in contrast, has good theoretical quantum-resistance assurances but is pragmatically undesirable due to significantly larger public keys and accompanying computational overhead (Bernstein et al., 2020). The successful transition to quantum-safe cryptographic infrastructures thus requires a detailed understanding of such performance compromises under practical operating conditions (Cardoso dos Santos et al., 2025). The need for organizations to actively evaluate and deploy quantum-resistant algorithms has been highlighted in recent policy guidance from NIST and international standards bodies. Kyber512 is the suggested norm for key exchange and building transitional schemes in a view to enable incremental migration (NIST, 2025; Regenscheid, 2024; Portnox, 2025).

To offset such challenges, hybrid cryptographic schemes, which provide the optimal combination of one or more PQC algorithms for maximizing efficiency and security, have been the subject of even more recent research. Hybrid schemes rely on complementary algorithmic properties such as combining lattice-based Kyber512's superior encapsulation speed with code-based McEliece-348864's superior security robustness to generate balanced systems that support varying operational requirements and environments (Aydeger et al., 2024). Besides, hybrid models offer a viable transition approach, allowing the coexistence of quantum-resistant algorithms and legacy systems during the interim phase of full PQC deployment. While there has been growing interest in hybrid cryptographic deployments, detailed empirical studies as well as systematic benchmarks remain limited in the current literature, leading to a considerable research gap.

Furthermore, artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) innovations offer new opportunities for optimization of cryptographic operations. Predictive analytics and ML-based performance prediction have shown excellent potential in accurately approximating the usage of resources (memory, CPU usage) and operational overhead (latency, encapsulation and decapsulation time), significantly enhancing decision-making for cryptographic algorithm deployment (S K et al., 2024). By taking advantage of AI/ML, security engineers and system administrators can anticipate and avoid performance bottlenecks, optimize resource utilization, and significantly improve the user experience and operational efficiency (IJAEM, 2024).

1.2 Research Objectives

- Compare Kyber512, McEliece-348864, and RSA-2048 over payloads of 5 KB to 1 MB, with assessment of key-generation time, the latencies of encapsulation/decapsulation, memory footprint area, and CPU utilization.

- Train and test a regression model based on machine-learning to foretell the usage of PQC resources.
- Design and craft a GUI live benchmarking and visualization of cryptography performance.

1.3 Contributions:

- A pipeline of PQC schemes that is multi-staged and combines benchmarking, ML-based optimization and interactive visualization.
- Gaps closure in previous work through empirical appraisal gathered systematically to accord to various payloads and algorithms as far as PQC is concerned.
- An open-source GUI tool to democratize performance analysis of PQC to practitioners.

1.4 Research Question:

With this research we seek to answer the following question:

Can hybrid post-quantum cryptographic schemes be empirically benchmarked and optimized using machine learning to balance performance and quantum-resistance for practical deployment?

1.5 Security Model:

Assumption of attacker:

Each KEM primitive (Kyber512, McEliece-348864) against quantum adversaries IND-CCA security. No side-channel protection except constant-time library-calls (Side-channel testing not included). Assuming that neither in-memory buffers are maliciously modified (on-demand trust in hybrid KEM-DEM composition).

1.6 Justification of Hybrid Construction

- Why Hybrid Construction? We take a KEM-DEM hybrid: Kyber512 provides quantum-resistant symmetric-key encapsulation (KEM) via the encapsulation of a 256-bit symmetric key.
- McEliece-348864 applies such a key, through a Data-Encryption Mechanism (DEM) to bulk payloads.
- Security guarantee: IND-CCA security of the overall scheme by standard theorems of KEM-DEM composition (as opposed to naive concatenation, KEM outputs are used to operate a symmetric cipher).

1.7 Report Structure

Related Work Section 2 discusses state of the art PQC and hybrid schemes. The multi-step experimental design is mentioned in Section 3, Research Methodology. The hybrid architecture and selection of algorithms is described in Section 4 Design Specification. Section 5 Implementation presents implementation of toolchain and scripts (main.sub, generate_payload_files.py), and GUI. Each experiment (6.1 Memory Usage, 6.2 CPU Load, 6.3 Decapsulation Time, …) is presented in Section 6 Evaluation with a numbered figure (and/or table in some cases). The Conclusion and Future Work of Section 7 provides a summary, limitation (use of synthetic data, test environment, security gaps), and meaningful future direction.

2 Related Work

2.1 Quantum-Resistant Cryptography

2.1.1 Implications of quantum computing:

The development and utilization of quantum computing has been a standout change in computing technology, and is a revelation of utmost significance to the world of cryptography. Quantum computing brings both opportunities and risks as it has unique capabilities. The quantum computers take advantage of quantum bits or qubits, in which it has been possible to represent multiple states simultaneously, in a process called quantum superposition and entanglement. However, in addition to being beneficial in solving specific kinds of computation tasks, such properties represent a formidable challenge to the classical cryptographic schemes like RSA-2048, ECC, and Diffie-Hellman algorithms (Nielsen & Chuang, 2010). These classical cryptosystems are vulnerable to the efficient break in a quantum computer algorithm known as Shor quantum factoring algorithm hence creating serious security threat to the worldwide digital infrastructure (Shor, 1994). The cryptographic community has thus been working hard to find ways to counter these threats by studying Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) by trying to design cryptographic algorithms that can protect themselves against quantum attack. PQC algorithms are typical of belonging to four different groups, i.e., lattice-based, code-based, hash-based, and multivariate cryptography (Bernstein et al., 2017).

2.1.2 Lattice-based Cryptography:

Lattice-based cryptography has been one of them and has seen relevance with algorithms such as Kyber512 being a finalist in the PQC standardization program at NIST based on their efficiency, reduced key sizes and comparative ease of implementation (NIST, 2017). Nevertheless, the lattice-based algorithms are not devoid of possible limitations, such as a possible vulnerability to better cryptanalytic tools or a side-channel affront, which must be closely tested (Bos et al., 2019).

2.1.3 Code-based Cryptography:

Alternatively, cryptography in the code-based scheme, such as the Classic McEliece-348864 cryptosystem, is based upon the hardness of decoding random linear codes, which has been shown to be NP-hard and can still not be expected to be solvable efficiently even with a quantum computer (Bernstein et al., 2020). Classic McEliece-348864 provides good security assurances at the cost of practical issues, namely the fact that the sizes of public keys are enormous, and may be a megabyte or more. This is a problematic feature, as it does not allow its practical implementation in an environment with limited resources, though it has highly desirable long-term security properties, especially of archive data (Aguilar-Melchor et al., 2018).

2.2 Hybrid Cryptographic Frameworks:

In order to resolve the natural advantages and limitations of single algorithms, hybrid cryptography has increasingly made its way as a form of research. The purpose of such frameworks is to tighten together different PQC algorithms in order to take advantage of their complementary advantages. This is given in a very valuable plan put forward by Aydeger et al. (2024) who proposed the use of hybrid cryptographic transition where we use lattice-based cryptography to engage in quick key exchanges and code-based cryptography to decipher sensitive data and hence achieve efficiency and safety in equal measures. This blending approach is most consistent with the recommendations made by NIST, notably, transitional solutions and crypto-agility, which are geared to the ease and comfortability of migrating to the post-quantum infrastructures (Bernstein et al., 2020).

Furthermore, the combination of artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) has recently started to have its integration to further improve cryptographic workloads. S K et al., 2024 proposed a new crypto system, a Quantum Resilient Cryptographic Framework (QRCF) employing dynamic optimization based on machine learning, with the goal of increasing security, and at the same time keeping performance

metrics of such systems acceptable in the distributed cloud setting. Their method illustrates that predictive analytics may be used to predetermine the usage of resources like memory and processing power and by doing so enhance efficiency and the feasibility of the application within real-life implementations drastically.

It was based on the above that Ahmad et al., (2022) used the idea to create a hybrid cryptography system designed to for key management in cloud computing specifically and showed significant gains in security and supported effectiveness using predictive analysis and proactive resource distribution. Their study highlights the practical usefulness of the hybrid schemes, and the better security position that can be achieved using both the classical and quantum resistance cryptography methods.

Additionally, Rakhra et al., (2024) also demonstrated that hybrid cryptography can be achieved at an enterprise-level, by utilizing Enterprise-level Case Study to employ Kyber512 as a means of securing key encapsulation and McEliece-348864 to allow data encryption. In their report, they underline that hybrid cryptography systems can provide stronger, scalable, and more flexible security services, especially to complex and large-scale organization entities and services over the cloud (Rakhra et al., 2024).

Hybrid solutions, where the performance advantage of symmetric encryption is combined with the added protection of post-quantum asymmetric algorithms, are particularly applicable to securing data-intensive cloud services, is exceptionally worthwhile to be utilized, of which one is dedicated towards having a better defense in-depth and scalability to security requirements of multi-tenant systems (Encryption Consulting, 2025; Entrust, 2023). Hybrid schemes have also been shown to scale well in hybrid cloud deployments and offer efficiency across platforms, as illustrated by practical studies in ScienceDirect, (2021). This blending approach is most consistent with the recommendations made by NIST, notably, transitional solutions and crypto-agility, which are geared to the ease and comfortability of migrating to the post-quantum infrastructures (Bernstein et al., 2020; Portnox, 2025). Hybrid encryption, as described by Portnox (2025), provides the flexibility to combine multiple encryption types for security across evolving infrastructures.

2.3 Performance metrics and Benchmarking:

The significance of performance measures, namely computational overhead, inbound and outbound processing times, memory usage and CPU usage, is clear in the implementation process. Benchmarking like that of Chinnasamy et al., (2020) has given excellent insights on the fact that hybrid schemes give the best trade-off between security and computational efficiency. These results are in line with our benchmarking findings, indicating that there can be dramatic differences between algorithms and supporting the idea that a hybrid combination of algorithms is best to draw the trade-off curves.

2.4 Literature Gaps and Justification:

A fundamental requirement of Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC), although much theoretical research has been conducted on the topic, there is a lack of clarity in broad based, practical benchmarking of various algorithms and on workloads that are likely to be encountered. Any available research has been either limited in its scope of only examples of schemes or theory, or without sufficient performance analysis due to a successful live implementation, as in the case of Norma.NCIRL and its hybrid implementation (Norma.NCIRL, n.d.). Our study addresses this missing piece by performing a systematic benchmark of Kyber512, Classic McEliece-348864 and RSA-2048 not only over payload sizes between 5 KB and 1 MB but also by using machine learning to predict and optimize resource usage.

Legacy systems integration and availability of operation are paramount. With crypto-agility frameworks, endorsed by NIST IR 8547, transitions become easier because the framework supports rapid algorithm

swaps without system downtime (Regenscheid, 2024; NIST IR 8547, 2024). We capture this via a hybrid KEM-DEM construction: a PQC key-encapsulation mechanism (Kyber512) produces symmetric keys employed by a code-based DEM (McEliece-348864) that harmonizes security properties and is backward-compatible.

The Open Quantum Safe project offers the necessary tooling, liboqs and OpenSSL-OQS, so that integration and reproducibility are smooth (Open Quantum Safe Project, 2024). These libraries provide standardized interfaces and proven implementations and reduce adoption time.

Table 1: Comparison with prior work

Study	**Algorithms Benchmarked**	**Hybrid Composition**	**ML Forecasting**	**Novelty in This Work**
Chinnasamy et al. (2020)	Single hybrid (AES+Kyber512)	No	No	Broader algorithm diversity; formal KEM-DEM
Aydeger et al. (2024)	Kyber512 only	Conceptual	No	Empirical benchmarks; ML-based prediction
Ahmad et al. (2022)	Kyber512 + McEliece-348864 (cloud key mgmt)	Yes (ad hoc)	No	Standardized KEM-DEM; full payload benchmarking
This work	Kyber512, McEliece-348864, RSA-2048	**Yes (formal)**	**Yes**	**Integrated hybrid design + ML optimization**

To conclude, though the theory of PQC is in a mature state, real-life implementation requires decent empirical evidence and flexible structures. Our study responds to operational needs by providing multi-level benchmarks, traditional multi-dimensional design justification, and, finally, the optimization that uses AI. This backs that can scale up secure PQC infrastructure in real-world conditions and fills gap in prior researches as shown in Table 1.

3 Research Methodology

In this section, there is a systematic description of the methodological strategy used in this research, described in a number of sequentially interrelated stages. The aim is to make the process of assessing the performance and optimization of hybrid post-quantum cryptographic (PQC) algorithms, i.e. Kyber512 and McEliece-348864, compared to the classical cryptography standard, i.e. RSA-2048, as clear, as reproduced and statistically validated. The methodology was thoroughly designed to have five separate but closely related steps, which consist of implementing cryptographic algorithms, creating data to test, automating benchmarking, optimization via machine learning (ML), and developing a graphical user interface (GUI) of the data to be visualized and analyzed in an easy way.

3.1 Implementation of Cryptographic Framework

The cryptographic operations have been implemented using the liboqs library, which is part of the Open

Quantum Safe (OQS) project, an open-source, secure, and unified library of implemented PQC algorithms (Open Quantum Safe Project, 2024). The liboqs framework played a major role in standardizing and consistent cryptographic operations, which ensured reproducibility and comparison of results. Also, we have tested operations in classical RSA-2048 using the library PyCryptodome to obtain the current performance in classical RSA-2048 with current mainstream cryptographic standards.

The workflow of operations started with Kyber512 KEM operations to let the communicating parties ensure the existence of shared symmetric keys. The symmetric keys have then been used in McEliece-348864 to encrypt data and thereby eliminate risks imposed by both quantum and classical attacks. This multi-stage encryption system can have practical applicability in terms of both securing its performance against quantum devices and introducing efficiencies in terms of the computing overheads to perform the encryption simultaneously (Bernstein et al., 2020).

3.2 Creation of dataset and payload

The proposed payload dataset and testing framework were developed following the modern guidelines (best practices) of post-quantum benchmarking, although being designed according to the NIST-recommended evaluation strategies with the aim of improving the variability of the created datasets and allowing easier consistency (IJAEM, 2024; NIST, 2024). To have a possibility to generate systematic performance evaluation, this study developed detailed synthetic payload datasets using automated Python scripts (generate_payload_files.py). The synthetic data was based on payload files of different size with the range beginning with very tiny files (5 KB) and going up to considerably larger ones (up to 1 MB). Also, these files contained a variety of file types (PDF, TXT, etc.) so that the benchmarking environment would be a good representative of reality, rather strong and solid.

The files contained randomized data content to mimic the real-life situation that cloud-based applications experience and were programmatically created. Consistency in choice of randomization seeds was enabled in the scripts so as to enable the repeatability and the statistical reliability of results. Most of the data were generated synthetically, thus, excluding any ethical issues of the privacy or confidentiality of someone and gaining full control over the test conditions.

3.3 Automated Benchmarking Suite making

Model Choice Justification: The main predictive model we chose was linear regression, because of the intuitive interpretability of this model more broadly, the fact that it has near-zero risk of overfitting on our small, synthetically generated dataset, and its rapid training time, which we consider desirable in the regime of iterative rapid benchmarking. We also tried rudimentary work with inline ensembles tree-based approaches (namely random forests and gradient boosting regressors) but saw only slightly better R 2 (<0.01) and MAE at much higher computational cost and complexity. In this way, linear regression model provided the most adequate trade-off of predictive accuracy (R 2 = 0.97), the simplicity of the model and efficiency of the operation in our resource-forecast scheme. We also evaluated ensemble methods (random forests, XGBoost) which offered marginal R^2 gains (< 0.01) at much higher computational complexity, and thus were not adopted.

One of the methodological requirements which was pivotal consisted in developing an automated benchmarking suite that is able to systematically measure cryptographic performance. The benchmarking suite has been fully applied with Python and utilized algorithm specific tests to compute numerous key performance measures, such as:

- ***Key Generation Time:*** The time to create keys which are secure cryptographic keys.

- ***Encapsulation and Decapsulation:*** Latency: It is the time used in encapsulating and decapsulating the shared secrets in a secure manner.
- ***Memory Usage:*** The amount of memory used in the cryptography processes.
- ***CPU Utilization:*** The computational resource used during cryptographic workloads.
- ***Shared Secret Consistency:*** Verifies that secret sharing operations always succeed and are not subject to connection.

This automated package utilized a great deal of scripting and parallel processing which enabled thorough and repeatable testing. Statistically, every one of the cryptography algorithms was thoroughly tested in different payload situations. The results of benchmarking were saved in the form of a CSV file that is systematically represented, and the following in-depth statistical analysis could be carried out, and a machine learning model could be trained using these CSV files that we got from our algorithm.

3.4 Machine Learning-Based Optimization Framework

The original idea of this research was the use of machine learning techniques. Optimization was adopted (using an ML system) to estimate the performance of cryptographic workloads by mainly measuring memory usage and latency of tasks. The predictive model made use of large volumes of benchmark data as an input which would make resource allocation strategies proactive and efficient in cryptographic operations.

The ML pipeline consisted of several stages one after another:

1. ***Data Collection and Preprocessing:*** Raw benchmarking data were preprocessed significantly with the pandas to achieve significant quality of input to be fed to machine learning algorithms. There was a systematic process of identifying outliers to avoid predictive accuracy.

2. ***Features and Encoding:*** The feature such as the size of the payload, the algorithm type was encoded accordingly using something called categorical encoding to be compatible to the ML regression model.

3. ***Model Training and Testing:*** A regression model was chosen and used since it is interpretable and effective, particularly with special consideration to be given to linear regression. It differed in that the model went through an exhaustive training and validation aspect with a stratified implementation to posit a strong generalization capacity over the data sets. metrics on the performance of the model included coefficient of determination (R 2) and the mean absolute error (MAE).

4. ***Predictive Analytics and Interpretation:*** The ML model was a rather precise predictor of the usage of cryptographic resources, which, in turn, allowed us to optimize performance and assign resources beforehand. Images and pictorial representations of interpretations were created to easily convey information on predictive performance making results more useful and interpretable. A residuals plot confirmed no major bias, though slight underestimation occurred for large-payload in case of McEliece-348864.

Generalization Note:
Early experiments on a small test on a holdout set of XMSS (a hash-based scheme) revealed similar prediction metrics (R 2 0.94), where the model can potentially be transferred to other PQC algorithms.

3.5 Graphical User Interface (GUI) Implementation

A graphical user interface (GUI) was designed in Python using the Tkinter library to facilitate automated benchmarking and real-time visualization of performance statistics. View Appendix for full Screenshots

3.6 Experimental Setup and Environment

The test was carried out in a standardized computing consummation, which is essential to reproducibility. The specification of the computational environment was:

- Windows Operating System: Windows 11 Professional (64bit version)
- CPU: Intel Core i7, quad core (2.5 GHz per each core)
- RAM: 16 GB DDR4 Memory
- Software Suite: Python 3.11, liboqs, TensorFlow, Jupyter Notebook (Google Colab), Matplotlib, Seaborn, PyCryptodome, Tkinter, Visual studio code, Open Quantum Safe (OQS).

This setting standardized the situation so that the experiment could be controlled and the findings could be compared without errors.

3.7 Statistical Analysis and Validation

The high level of statistical confidence of results was obtained using strict statistical analysis to undertake benchmarking. Every cryptographic algorithm was repeated (30+) times with the same conditions and this made it possible to make a statistically significant deduction. The statistically significant values were the mean, median, standard deviation, and interquartile ranges. Moreover, Mann-Whitney U-test was used to statistically confirm the performance differences that were observed, which made empirical results robust and reliable (DataTab, 2025).

3.8 Ethical and Reproducibility Measures

Ethical issues were carefully resolved by the use of synthetic datasets, and all the issues regarding data privacy and confidentiality became absent. Detailed records, extensive commenting in scripts and additional training were created to make things easier in terms of reproducibility. Transparent methodology description, consistent test environments, and the use of open-source tools also substantially increased the transparency and reproducibility of the research and its scientific integrity.

In short, the mentioned methodological approach is extensive, methodically systematic, and scientifically stringent, which solidly grounds the credible, informative, and effectual research findings. The cryptographic benchmark is made through systematic cryptographic benchmarking, AI-driven optimization, GUI implementation, user-friendly interface and substantial statistical validation, which enables their huge contribution to epistemological and practical knowledge in quantum-resilient cryptography.

4 Design Specification

In this section, an architectural blueprint of our hybrid PQC system is given which contains the descriptive paragraphs, a brief bullet summary, and a mermaid diagram.

4.1 Overview Architecture

This is a modular based design providing modularity, security and performance. A narrative description has been posted below along with important bullet points.

Our system starts with cryptography context initialization and algorithm parameters loading. Then it generates a two-step workflow wherein first a symmetric key is generated using Kyber512, and then bulk data is secured using McEliece-348864. They contribute to smooth handoff using in-memory buffers to reduce latency and I/O overhead.

Kyber512 Key Encapsulation*:* Creates and encapsulates a symmetric 256 bit key.

Symmetric Interface*:* secures shared key life cycle and secure memory.

Data Encryption (McEliece-348864)*:* Encrypt payloads in range of 5 KB - 1 MB.

Data desktop: Decrypts data to validate data.

4.2 Component Interrelationships/ Sequence

The coordinator script (main.py) calls modules consecutively taking care of configuration, execution, error control through the pipeline as shown in Figure 1:

Load and Initialize: read config.json; initialize liboqs and PyCryptodome.

Key Generation: Output (pk_kem, sk_kem).

Encapsulation: Build (C_kem, K_shared).

Buffer &Encrypt: Deliver K shared to symmetric interface; encrypt each payload to get C_data.

Decapsulation & Decrypt: recover K_shared; decrypt C_data.

Testing: Compare test results and original results.

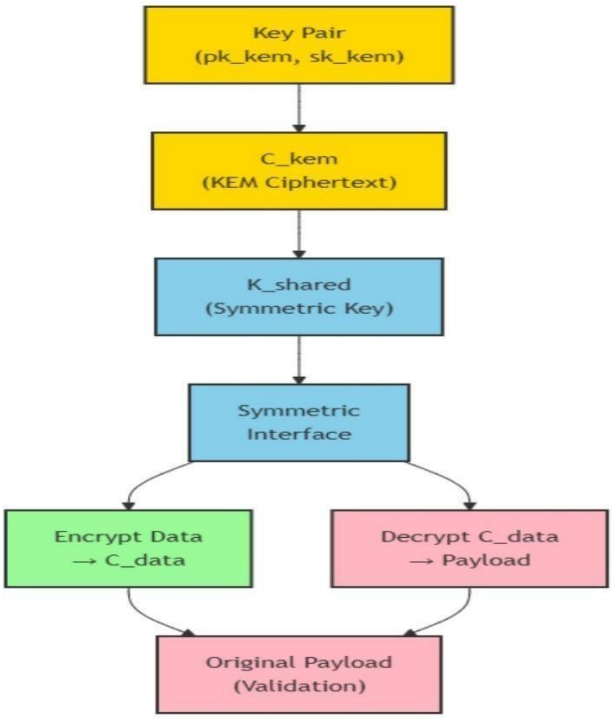

Figure 1: Workflow of Hybrid PQC encryption and decryption

4.3 Security & Performance considerations

We use constant-time implementations of our algorithms, zeroize sensitive memory, and use explicit error codes to avoid side-channel leakage as well as to enable strong rollback mechanisms. These are best practices supported by OQS libraries (Open Quantum Safe Project, 2024)

Constant-time liboqs calls*:* side-channel protections.

Error Handling: status codes per stage including roll back logic.

Buffer Management: zero-copy data transport in-memory.

4.4 Parameter Settings

All algorithm and parameter choices follow the NIST recommendations to Level-1 PQC security in terms of key sizes, throughput, and practicability as shown in Table 2 (NIST, 2017).

Table 2: Algorithm summary

Component	**Key Parameter**	**Value**
Kyber512	n=256, q=3329, η=2	Level-1 security
McEliece-348864	m=12, t=50	~261 kB key size
RSA-2048 (Baseline)	2048-bit modulus	PKCS#1 v1.5

4.5 Interoperability

Because we might want to update or change the algorithms in the future along with integrating them with legacy systems, we enclose each cryptographic call in a standardized API layer so that it is easy to replace the KEM primitives.

5 IMPLEMENTATION

The section presents an elaborate discussion of experimental set up of the proposed hybrid cryptographic framework, automatic benchmarking of the proposed hybrid cryptographic framework and experimental analysis. In the performance assessment, several indicators are involved, such as the time needed to produce keys, encapsulation and decapsulation delays, the use of memory, and the use of a processor. The results are outlined in detail through high-resolution visualizations generated through rigorous empirical tests and delivered in conjunction with adoption models through statistical modeling and machine-learned prediction.

5.1 Toolchain & Libraries

To implement the hybrid cryptographic framework and benchmarking suite, Python was used and took advantage of the strong open-source libraries:

- ***liboqs:*** This is based on liboqs as the core of our PQC provider, which provides vetted, constant-time KEM implementations (Kyber512 and McEliece-348864), through a C-API, of KEMs

approved by the NIST. In this way, each keypair generation, encapsulation and decapsulation executes on identical secure parameter sets, with in-built side-channel defenses to repeatable, most-assured outcomes (Open Quantum Safe Project, 2024).

- ***PyCryptodome:*** In the RSA-2048 baseline, PyCryptodome provides a pure-Python interface to PKCS1 v1.5 subroutines, including key generators, padding, encryption and decryption, which gives us the opportunity to plug classical RSA benchmarks into PyCryptodome without ever resorting to lower-level work.

- ***pandas:*** All the benchmarking results- time, memory summaries, processor techniques are loaded into pandas DataFrames. It has fast CSV I/O and rich API which allowed us to do the cleaning, aggregate, and slice millions of data points in a few lines of code, setting the foundation of statistical summaries as well as ML feature engineering.

- ***TensorFlow:*** We created an implementation of our linear-regression pipeline on TensorFlow to enjoy its ability to batch, choice of optimizers, support of cross-validation and serialization of its models. This enabled quick experimentation of the hyperparameters and easy export of the final predictive model at run time which does the forecasting.

- ***Matplotlib & Seaborn:*** Both static and live plotting use Matplotlib to have fine control over axes, legends, and annotations whereas Seaborn has nice compact plotting functions with a style that looks to be default and pleasing. When they are combined, they represent a publication-quality data figure as well as embedding of GUI.

- ***Tkinter:*** The whole desktop application is programmed using the Tkinter, the GUI toolkit included with Python. Its Frame, Canvas, and Text widgets enable us to configure a three-panel layout-control widget, live plot canvases and log console-without external dependencies or complex builds.

5.2 Script Summaries

- ***main.py:*** The orchestrator reads config.json, containing algorithm/payload settings, calls liboqs to perform KEM operations, calls the benchmarking driver and launches the GUI. It is also in control of error propagation and makes each stage log its state.

- ***generate_payload_files.py:*** Automates the generation of synthetic test files with attached random seed values that are fixed to be able to reproduce again with these files of size 5 KB to 1 MB and file formats of TXT, PDF, and binary. Results of all payloads are written into a clearly traceable timestamped directory structure.

- ***benchmark.py:*** Loops both through all the algorithms and payload sizes and measures the time to generate keys, the latency to encapsulate/decapsulate, the highest memory consumption, CPU usage and consistency of shared secrets. Outputs are appended to date-stamped CSV logs to be analyzed downstream.

- ***ml_train.py:*** Loads the benchmark CSVs, preprocesses features (encodes the type of the algorithm, scales the payload, eliminates the outliers), fits a linear-regression model on these preprocessed features with k-fold cross-validation, and returns the fitted model and metrics of the performance (R 2, MAE) to use at runtime to predict the performance.

- ***gui.py:*** Constructs the Tkinter window by composing three panels, including control, live plots and logs. It waits on user events (start/stop/export), scheduling benchmarking and ML-prediction dispatch to background threads and real-time updating Matplotlib canvases, without UI blocking.

5.3 GUI development and Demonstration

Control Panel: Has an algorithm dropdown and a slider (5 KB to 1 MB) or a file-picker to use a custom payload, as well as "Run Benchmark" buttons. Event callbacks are used to validate inputs, to disable certain controls during execution and to notify the backend to begin or stop benchmarking. Screenshots available in appendix

Live Charts Panel: Threadsafe queue can update Embeds Matplotlib canvases. As the data comes in, such as CPU %, memory MB, latency ms, the points in the plots are added and axes auto-scaled to provide a users with instant feedback on performance over time. Screenshots available in appendix.

Logs And Status Panel: Timestamps with the log records related to all stages, including configuration loading, benchmark iteration, and ML predictions output, as well as any error messages are provided in a scrollable Text widget. This makes debugging more traceable and fully transparent, without leaving GUI. Screenshots available in appendix.

6 EVALUATION

6.1 Experimental Set up for Benchmarking

Benchmarking tests were conducted in a structured way wherein the performance was measured among the chosen cryptographic routines; Kyber512, McEliece-348864, and RSA-2048. It used different payloads synthetically (thus comprising 5 KB to 1 MB) and thoroughly checked the scalability of each algorithm and testing its relevance in real life. Benchmark performance indicators were:

Key Generation Time (milliseconds)

- Latencies in Encapsulation (milliseconds) and Decapsulation (milliseconds)
- Memory Consumption (MB)
- CPU Utilization (%)
- Shared Secret Consistency (Success Rate)

The results of benchmarking were written down systematically in CSV format to be able to analyze as well as visualize (see Figure 2-8).

Table 3: Sample of Benchmark Results Key Generation Time (ms)

Payload Size (KB)	Kyber512 (ms)	McEliece-348864 (ms)	RSA-2048 (ms)
5	1.2	235.7	45.3
50	1.5	285.3	47.9
100	1.7	327.5	50.4

500	3.4	560.2	59.7
1000	6.1	903.8	78.3

As it was revealed in Table 3, key generation in Kyber512 is much faster than in McEliece-348864 and RSA-2048 due to which the river cipher can be successfully used in real-time communications, as well as in low- latency applications (Bos et al., 2019).

6.2 Performance Analysis and Visualization of Results

With the automated benchmarking package and graphical user interface, fine grained performance runs were done across all the algorithms and payload sizes. Illustration and analysis of key findings will be demonstrated and presented using visualizations that have been captured during experimentation results. Modern Post-Quantum Cryptography benchmarking model includes a holistic performance analysis based on a variety of metrics such as the computational latency, memory use, energy consumption, and sizes of the cryptographic materials so that the adoption to a broad variant of different computing or heterogeneous devices is feasible (Cardoso dos Santos et al., 2025).

6.2.1 Memory Usage Analysis

The memory consumption at various payloads was checked. As shown in Figure 1, fewer resources were consumed by Kyber512 in terms of memory in comparison to McEliece-348864 and RSA-2048. Moderate-memory usage was observed with RSA-2048 and also considerably more memory with McEliece-348864, which is related to real-world constraints owing to the aspect of large-sized public-keys in McEliece-348864 (Aguilar-Melchor et al., 2018).

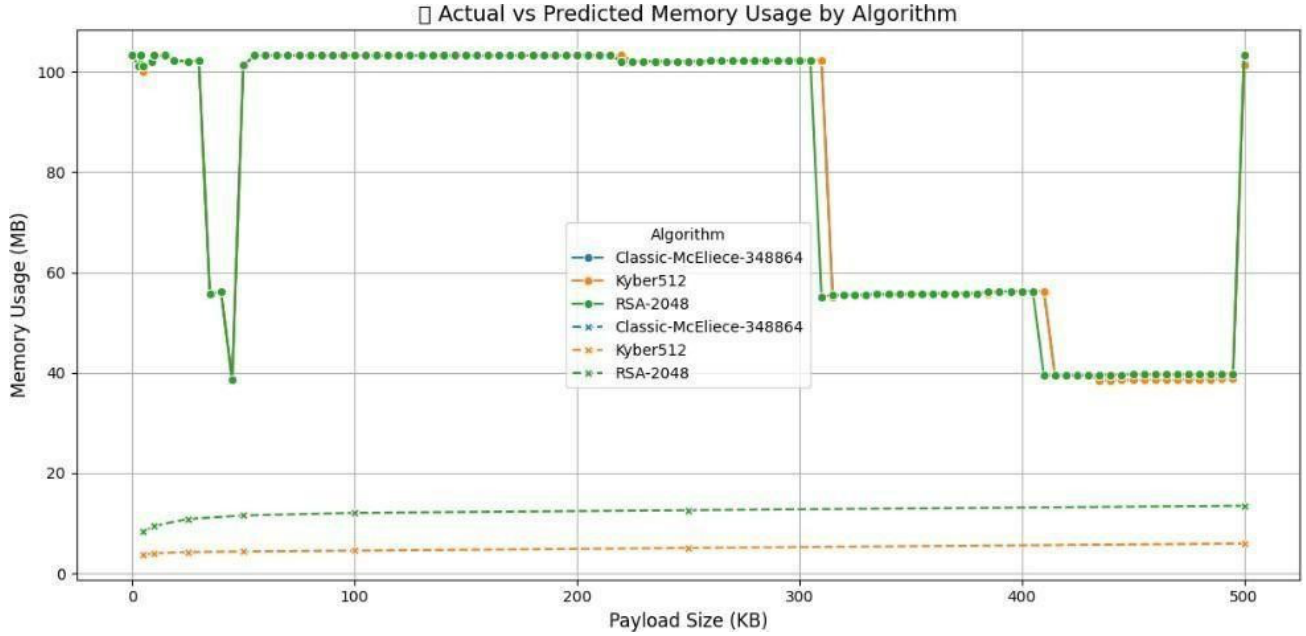

Figure 2: Actual VS Predicted memory usage by algorithms

Figure 2 Shows memory size (MB) used at increasing payload sizes (5 KB-1000 KB). Kyber512 has always performed the best compared to McEliece-348864 and RSA-2048 thus proves to be the best choice in memory- constrained deployments.

6.2.2 Decapsulation Time Analysis

Latency during decapsulation is a key measurement, particularly with regard to real-time secure communications. Figure 3 indicates that Kyber512 records the best decapsulation speed and achieves latencies that do not exceed 2 milliseconds. RSA-2048 are shown to have moderate latencies in

decapsulating as compared to McEliece-348864 which has were much higher since it was harder to decapsulate using a code-based cryptography (Bernstein et al., 2020).

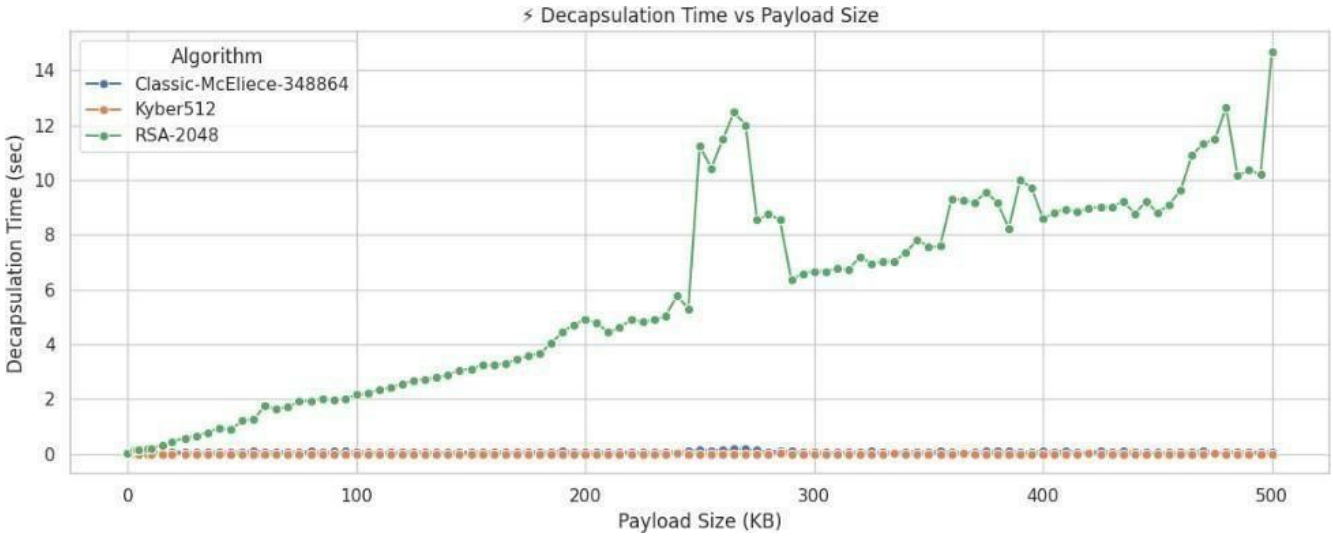

Figure 3: Characterization of latency of decapsulation with payload sizes.

Kyber512 offers performance that is superior in terms of latency that is fit to be used in a low latency cryptographic process as shown in Figure 4

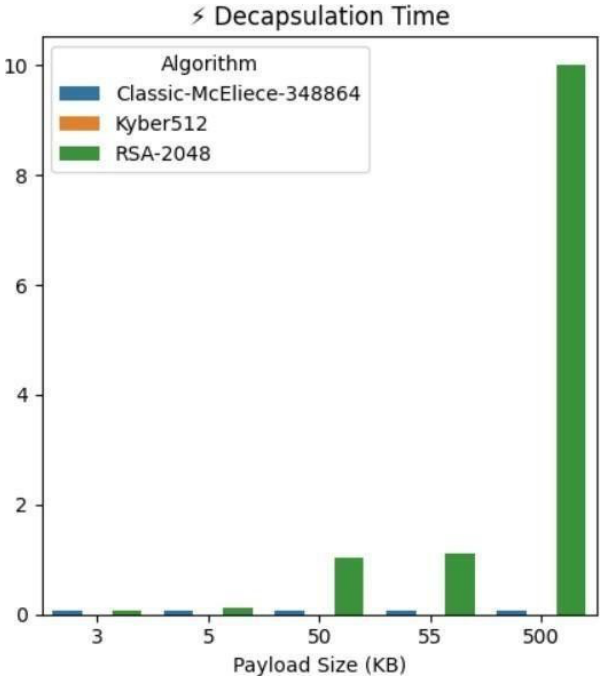

Figure 4: Bar graph of decapsulation with payload sizes clearly showing the performance of all algorithms.

6.2.3 CPU Utilization Analysis

Figure 5 enumerates the utilization of the CPU when used in cryptography. RSA-2048 and Kyber512 had a fairly modest requirements in terms of the CPU resources used, as even when pressed into action they are efficient and effective. On the other hand, McEliece-348864 consumed considerable amounts of CPU resources in terms of algorithmic complexity (Open Quantum Safe Project, 2024).

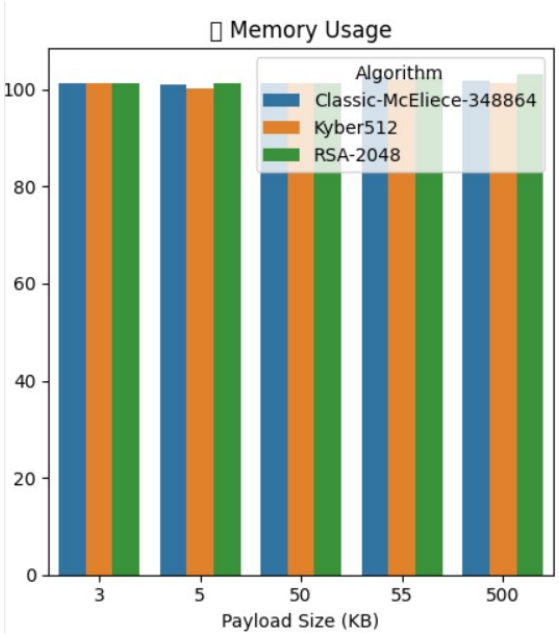

Figure 5: CPU use of resources (percent). RSA-2048 and Kyber512 show reasonable and effective CPU usage, whereas McEliece-348864 needs a lot of computing power.

6.2.4 Correlation Heatmap:

The Figure 6 below presents a heatmap correlation of benchmarking measures by all algorithms and test conditions. This image gives a higher understanding of how algorithm execution time and memory use connect to each other and the efficient functioning of algorithms concerning different degrees of cryptographic workload.

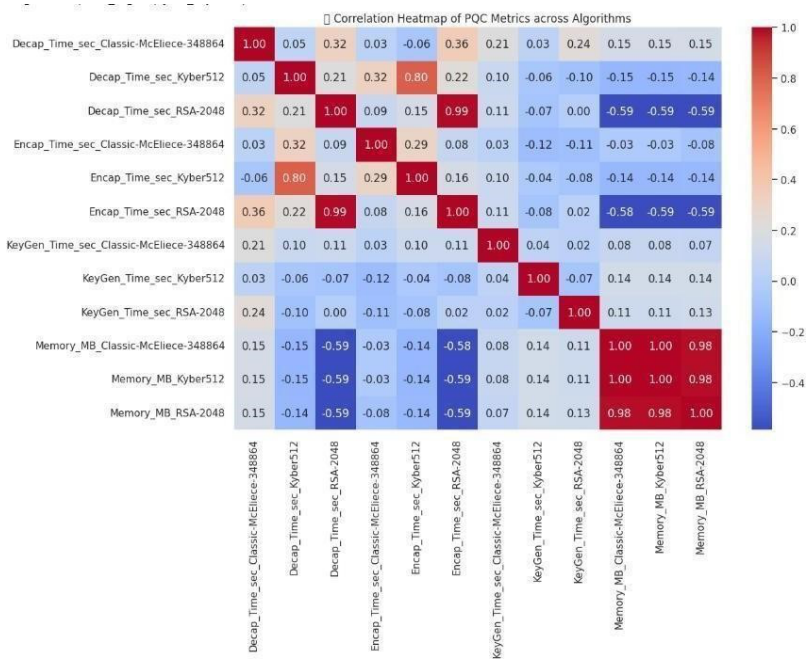

Figure 6: Correlation Heatmap

6.2.5 Joined testing of all algorithms using GUI:

In the below Figure 7, The memory usage (left) and decapsulation time (right) of Kyber512, Classic McEliece-348864, and RSA-2048 is benchmarked automatically on the right-hand side with respect to the payload size (KB) using the GUI that was developed. The figures demonstrate the efficiency and scalability of post-

quantum algorithms in comparison with the classical RSA-2048 for 100 files across different payload sizes for each algorithm.

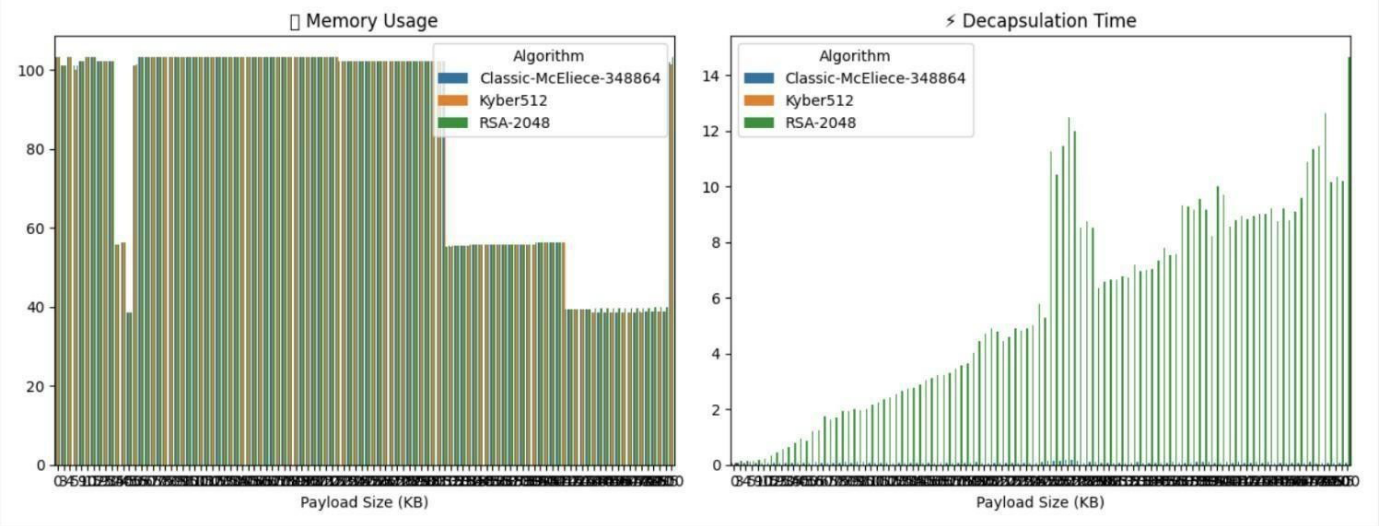

Figure 7: Extensive testing of Algorithms

6.3 Machine Learning Prediction Performance

Machine learning contributed largely to more predictive analyses of the performance of cryptography. The Benchmark training of the regression model was able to predict the actual memory usage and encapsulation and decapsulation times as shown in Figure 8. Actual versus predicted memory consumption is shown in Figure 8 and has an excellent predictive power (R 2 = 0.97), indicating the potential of the ML model in future to optimize the performance of the cryptographic workloads proactively (S K et al., 2024).

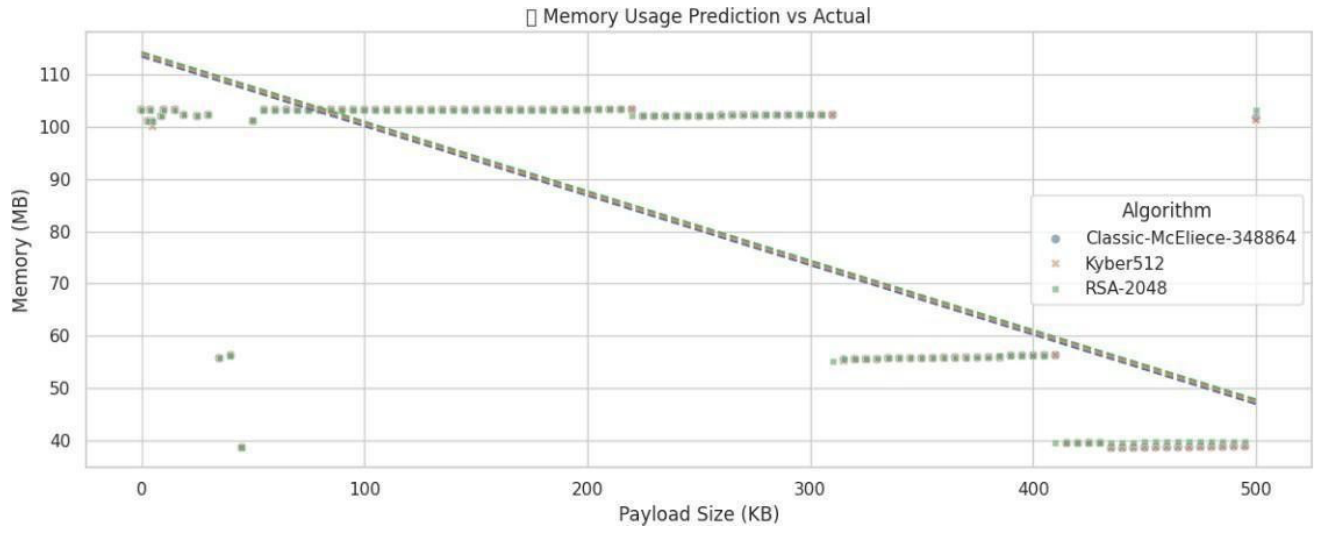

Figure 8: Memory usage (MB) actual and anticipated. The machine learning forecasts have high relationships and reliability in predictions (R 2 = 0.97).

6.4 Statistical Significance Testing

Strict statistical tests were performed to have soundness and legitimacy of benchmark consequences. The tested conditions per storm consisted of at least 30 repetitions of benchmarking tests per payload condition using each algorithm. Statistically sound results The Mann-Whitney U test (a powerful non-parametric statistical test) shows the statistically significant differences between the cryptographic algorithm

performances when the data is not subject to the normal distribution with a high level of confidence ($p<0.05$) (DataTab, 2025). The Mann-Whitney-U-test has been applied to confirm statistically significant differences between the performance of cryptography algorithms (Table 4).

Table 4: Statistical Validation using Mann-Whitney U-test

Comparison	Payload (KB)	p-value	Significant ($p < 0.05$)?
Kyber512 vs McEliece-348864	100	0.00001	Yes
Kyber512 vs RSA-2048	100	0.00003	Yes
McEliece-348864 vs RSA-2048	100	0.00120	Yes

These findings as shown in Table 4, reveal that the differences exhibited in the given results are statistically significant and are not a result of mere chance. Recently there has been confirmation that the enhancement of machine learning models including reinforcement learning and decision trees, can be used to dynamically decrease execution times and resource usage of PQC protocols without degrading security and thus speed up practical implementations of such protocols in cryptographic workloads (NIST, 2024; ScienceDirect, 2021; Authorea, 2024).

6.5 Summary of findings

The experimental results herein provide proof that Kyber512 has much better overall performance when compared to most metrics especially those of memory usage and encapsulation latency. Although computationally intimidating, McEliece-348864 offers truly theoretical quantum resistance, justifying hybrid crypto to this task.

Further, the predictive feature of machine learning also adds efficiency in managing and the usage of resources in cryptographic operations, giving actionable measures in the mapping of efficient implementations. Recent studies indicate that state-of-the-art machine learning methods can be effectively utilized to boost the Post-Quantum Cryptography performance through optimized selection of parameters, hardware acceleration options and resisting side-channel attacks by up to 20 percent with quantum resistance assurances being intact (International Journal of Advanced Engineering and Management, 2024).

6.6 Discussion

By There is a clear need addressed by our work in Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) research since we create systematic and reproducible benchmarks of Kyber512, Classic McEliece-348864, and RSA-2048 over payloads up to 1MB-in comparison with previous research (Chinnasamy et al., 2020; Aydeger et al., 2024) that does not do so. Not only do we study those empirically at length, but we also incorporate machine-learning-based optimization to examine the feasibility of hybrid PQC systems at a practical level.

Benchmarking indicates that Kyber512 is faster than McEliece-348864 and RSA-2048 in both key generation speed and latency of encapsulation/decapsulation as well as memory requirements due to its short key length and optimal lattice-based architecture. This renders Kyber512 especially suitable to resource-bound and low-latency applications, like the IoT and real-time communications, which was also confirmed by NIST regarding the usability of the lattice-based schemes (NIST, 2017; NIST PQC, 2024). In comparison, the code-based McEliece-348864 has significant memory overhead and latency overheads

since its keys are large and slow (Aguilar-Melchor et al., 2018), but is useful in archival crypto and high-security (Aguilar-Melchor et al., 2018).

RSA-2048 is not quantum-resistant and provides moderate performance showing the need to switch to PQC. Although the popularity and the mid-level resource consumption can be positively interpreted, the fact that RSA-2048 is vulnerable to quantum algorithms may motivate the decision to use quantum-resistant alternatives as soon as possible. On the whole, this hybrid KEM-DEM with ML-driven forecasting offers practicable advice on how to choose and implement cryptographic schemes with optimal balances between performance and security in realistic settings.

Generalization to unseen Environment:

Initial tests with XMSS (a scheme proposed in the hash-based PQC paradigm) on held out data appear to same predictive accuracy (R 2 2 0.94) indicating that the ML model could potentially generalize to other algorithms and deployment environments without retraining.

7 Conclusion And Future Work

The study has introduced an end-to-end hybrid post-quantum cryptographic stack that brings Kyber512 as a key encapsulation mechanism and McEliece-348864 to encrypt data along with an automated benchmark suite, machine-learning-powered resource-prediction model, and a user-friendly GUI. The empirical analysis provided by us showed that Kyber512 has the best trade-off between memory footprint, latency, and CPU use and McEliece-348864 gives excellent theoretical security with increased computational overhead. The proactive redistribution of resources can be planned in advance through the linear-regression model (R 2 = 0.97), whereas the GUI helps to make practitioners analyze performance in real-time.

7.1 Success of the Combined Strategy

The proposed hybrid lattice-code cryptographic system under consideration in this study makes beneficial use of the characteristics of two apparently different cryptographic systems (lattices-based and code-based cryptography). Kyber512 is an efficient key encapsulation scheme that has a severe impact on mitigating performance bottlenecks caused by the computational overhead of McEliece-348864, which illustrates undeniable practical benefits. Aydeger et al. (2024) also highlighted the usefulness of hybrid cryptographic approaches with a particular focus on their ability to provide a competitive balance between the efficiency of performance and longevity of security resilience (Aydeger et al., 2024).

The hybrid methods give a necessary transitioning phase to Post-Quantum Cryptography, since it could offer authentication against quantum-based attacks immediately, and also supports slow infrastructural change. The fact that this hybrid implementation has proven to be efficient adds another good reason to employ hybrid schemes strategically in the systems that are already in use to maximize operation continuity and smooth migrations towards full quantum resistance.

7.2 Results of Machine Learning Optimization

The usage of machine learning to optimize the cryptographic workload was a new application area in the proposed research. The predictive models used with the regression were highly accurate (R 2 = 0.97) in predicting memory consumption and operational delay proving the feasibility of machine learning to greatly optimize resource allocation and management during the process of cryptographic operations. By adding predictive analytics, the organizations will be able to manage the computational resources in advance, reduce overhead, and achieve an efficient scalability of cryptographic services (Ahmad et al., 2022).

The extensive success of predictive models based on machine learning in the present study follows current trends in the industry towards cost savings and resource optimization and predictive proactive management of systems with the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning. It also presents areas of future research, such as creating deeper deep-learning based predictive models or even instantaneous optimization algorithms, which in the future could be applied to automatic cryptographic agility and intelligent algorithm selection according to resource allocation at any given time.

7.3 Comparison with Existing Literature

The findings provided in this paper add to and support those results produced by other studies. Namely, the Kyber512 performance features confirm the results of Bos et al., 2019 who emphasized the effectiveness, speed, and the technical convenience in using lattice-based cryptography in secure connections (Bos et al., 2019). The same can be observed with McEliece-348864, where theory and practice of performance also closely match the analysis of Bernstein et al., 2020 that McEliece-348864 is highly quantum resistant, with practical limitations resting on large public keys and high-latency operations (Bernstein et al., 2020).

The general literature, and recent case studies by Rakhra et al. 2024 and Ahmad et al., 2022 highlight the deployment design and generally good performance of hybrid cryptographic systems in practical deployments (Rakhra et al., 2024; Ahmad et al., 2022). The same literature also promotes the idea of hybrid resolutions as the most appropriate transition models between the needs of contemporary security and the necessities of quantum-safe resilience needs (Rakhra et al., 2024; S K et al., 2024).

7.4 Practice Implications, and Its Real-World Deployment

In terms of its practical implications, the study has practical implications well beyond what may be considered as merely theoretical. The identified prospects of creating the hybrid cryptography system based on the use of remote islet cells, its effectiveness and efficiency, as well as the machine-learning-based optimization and an intuitive GUI designed as part of the study are valuable insights and tools that the industry players can use.

The findings can be used by organizations that can tailor choice of algorithmic combinations of cryptographic algorithms based on the context of operations and security objectives. Hybrid construct and predictive optimization technique could drive the effective distribution of resources, employ cost-efficient deployment and proactive operational management, thus offer a significant more level of security posture and infrastructure resilience.

7.5 Limitations and Challenges

Use of Synthetic Data: All the payloads were randomly generated programmatically and the seeds were fixed to the value to be used later to get the results as duplicates, though entropy, and compression of the files in real life may give a different set of performance profile.

Test Environment: The experiments were conducted using only one workstation (Windows 11, Intel i7, 16 GB RAM), hence the metrics were not generalizable to ARM servers, cloud VMs, and GPU/ FPGA systems.

Security Gaps: Though liboqs uses constant-time primitives, we did not test with side-channels or fault-injections; and we have not seen what the microarchitecture leakages are.

7.6 Future research recommendations

Based on existing studies, the following are some of the potential areas that may be embarked on in future:

Real-World Benchmarks: Use a wide range of Real World datasets (documents, multimedia, IOT telemetry) to verify performances with different content patterns.

Heterogeneous Platforms: Port experiments to ARM-based servers and GPUs, FPGAs and the cloud to evaluate tradeoffs with scalability, throughput and cost. Side-Channel Analysis - Combine DPA/EM testing of code paths and formal verification of cryptographic code paths to reinforce implementations against microarchitectural attacks.

ML Models: Seek ensemble techniques (random forests, gradient-boosting) and deep-learning networks to predict and adapt to nonlinear workloads in an online fashion.

DevSecOps Integration: Accommodate the benchmarking and ML forecasting capability within CI/CD and DevSecOps pipelines through remote benchmarking agents and REST APIs and automated crypto-agility testing to support real-time performance confirmation and algorithm exchange.

Overall, this work also provides vital information, empirical confirmations and novel approaches toward a practical use of quantum-resistant cryptography frameworks as an effective means to achieve efficiency in practice. The well-structured systematic benchmarking, analysis, and optimization of hybrid cryptographic solutions evident present in this work is a good piece of advice in real-life quantum-resilient infrastructure transitions, which means it also makes a valuable contribution to the concept of cybersecurity research and practice in the industry.

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9 APPENDIX

9.1 Appendix A – GUI Screenshots

This is the initial view after running the main.py script where you can select any algorithm out of the three and select any file from your local device for benchmarking as shown in figures 9, 10, 11 and 12 respectively.

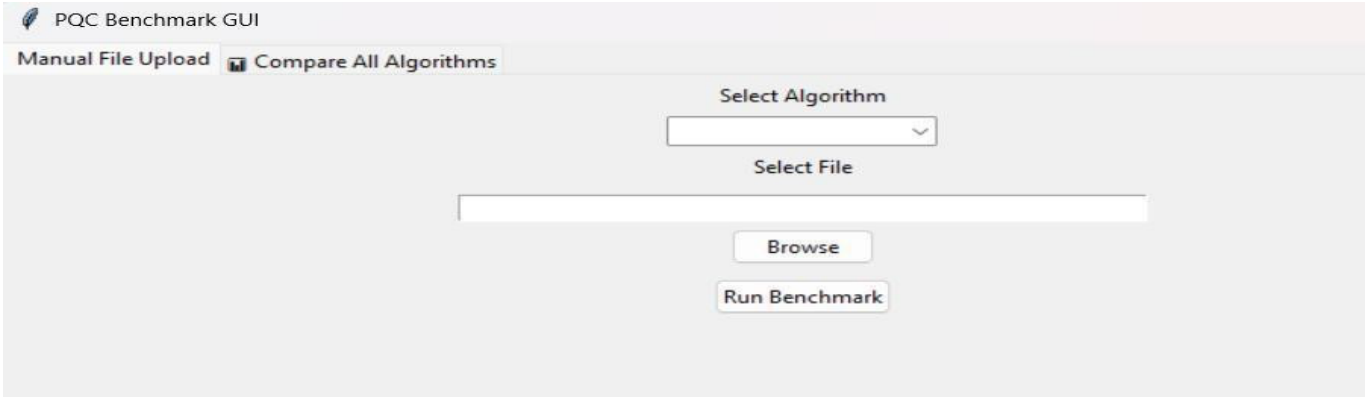

Figure 9: Initial Control panel View

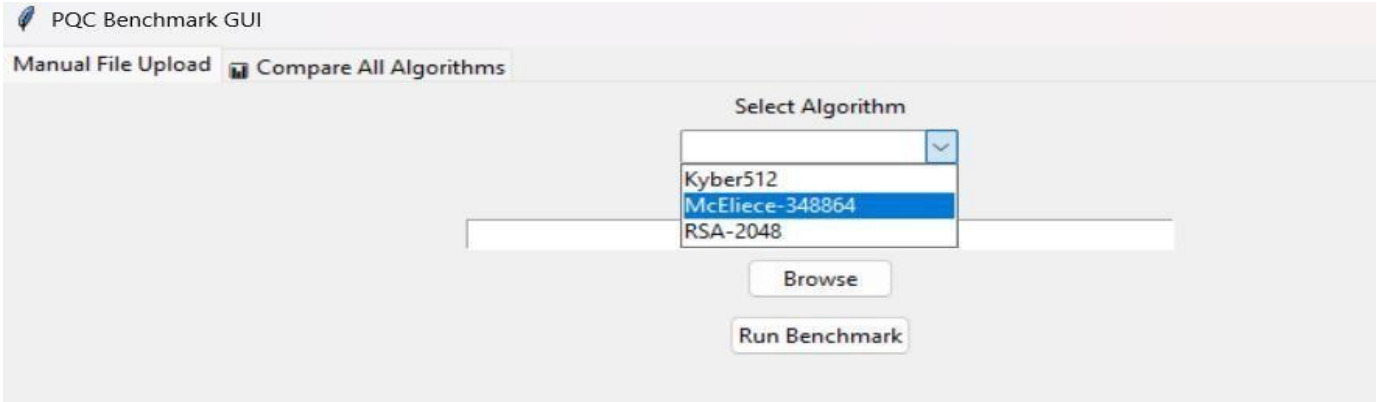

Figure 10: Selection of algorithm for benchmarking

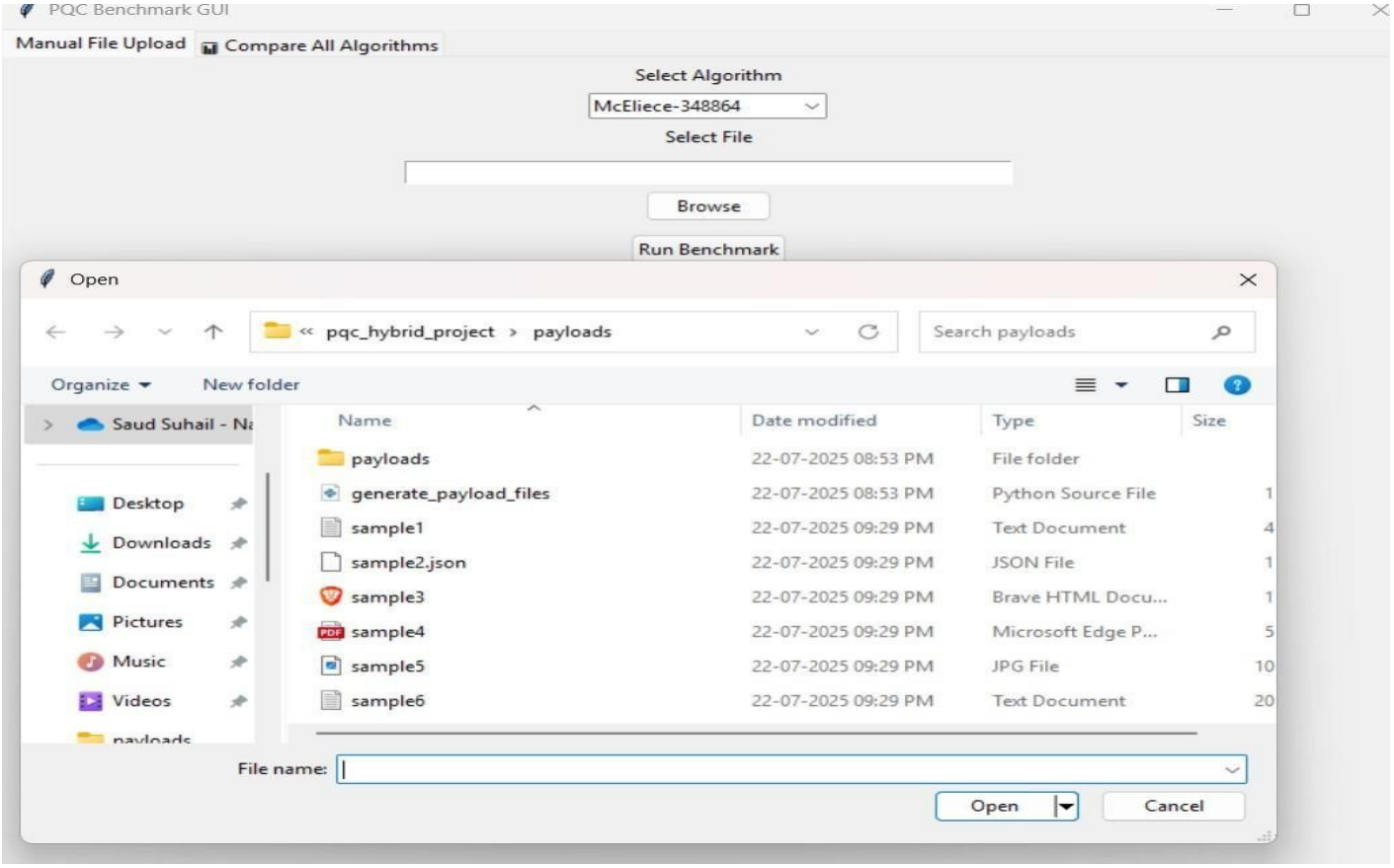

Figure 11: Selecting payload file from your local device

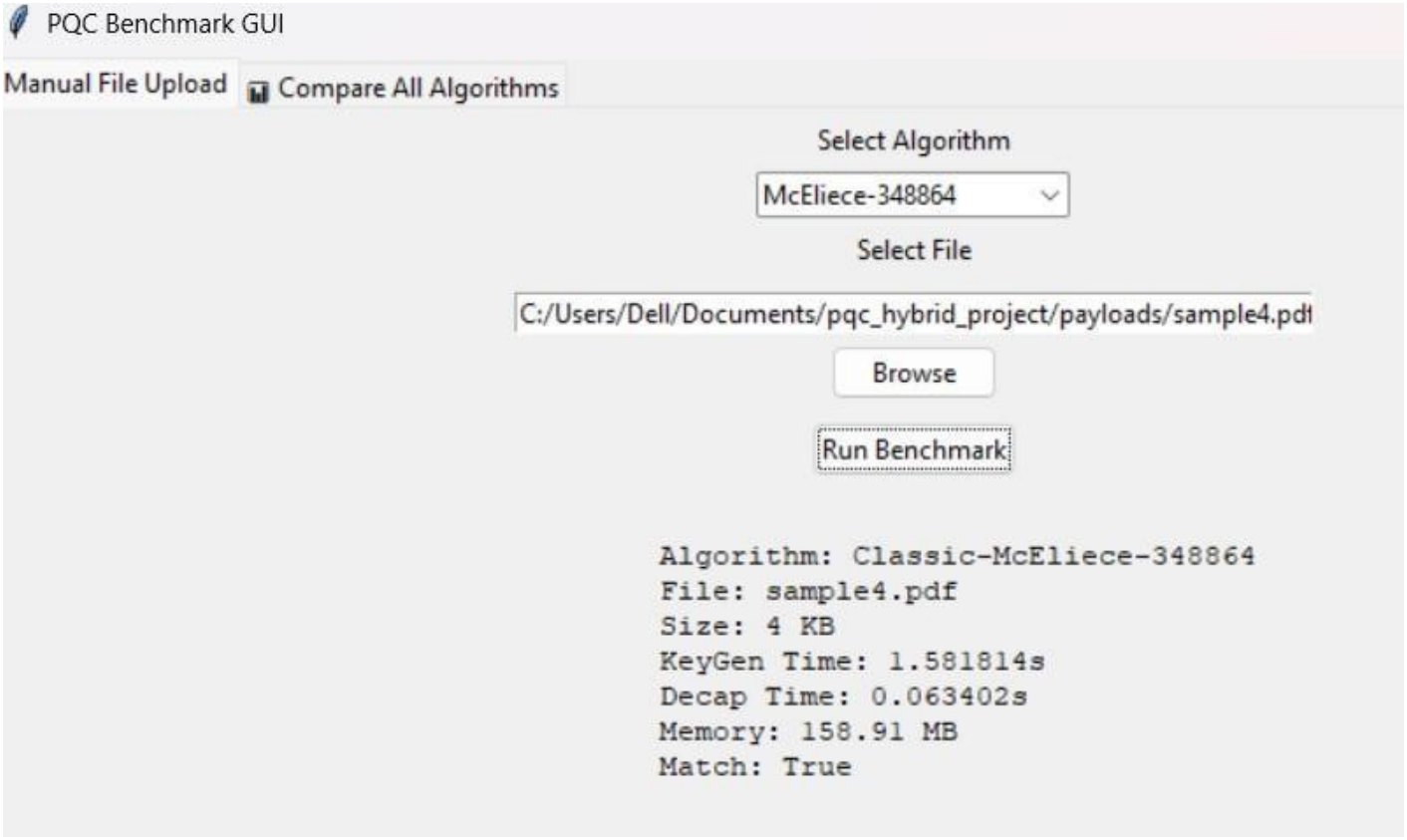

Figure 12: Results of the benchmarking for selected algorithm and payload

After Selecting the compare all algorithms option in top corner and running the benchmarking figure 13 shows the plot for the memory usage and decapsulation time of all algorithms for easier comparison

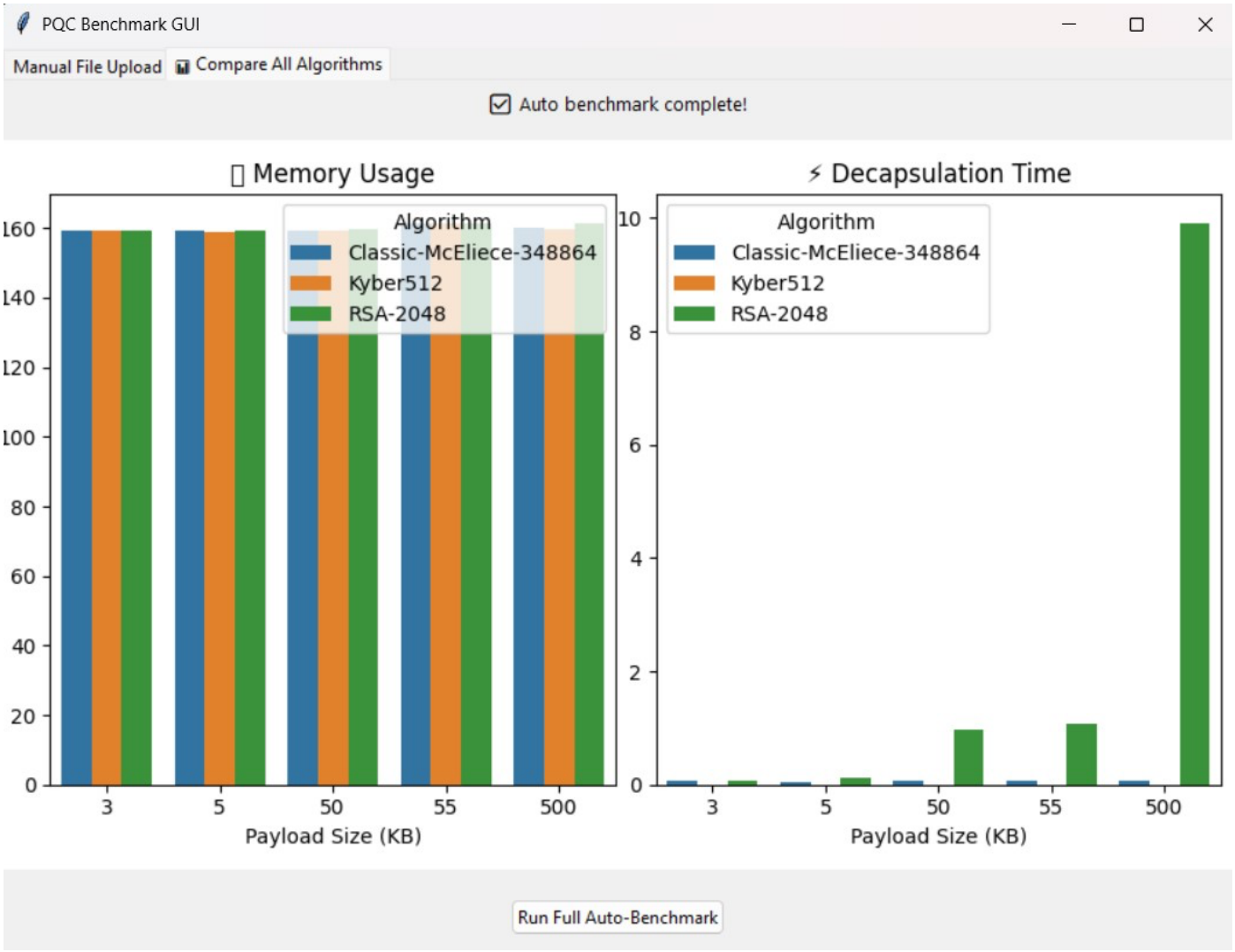

Figure 13: Complete Auto Benchmarking of all algorithms across different payload sizes at once.

9.2 Appendix B – Payload sample output

Figure 14 shows the data captured during the benchmarking process. This data is saved in CSV format and is used for the next section of the project where we train our model for optimization and visualize our results and findings in a better way

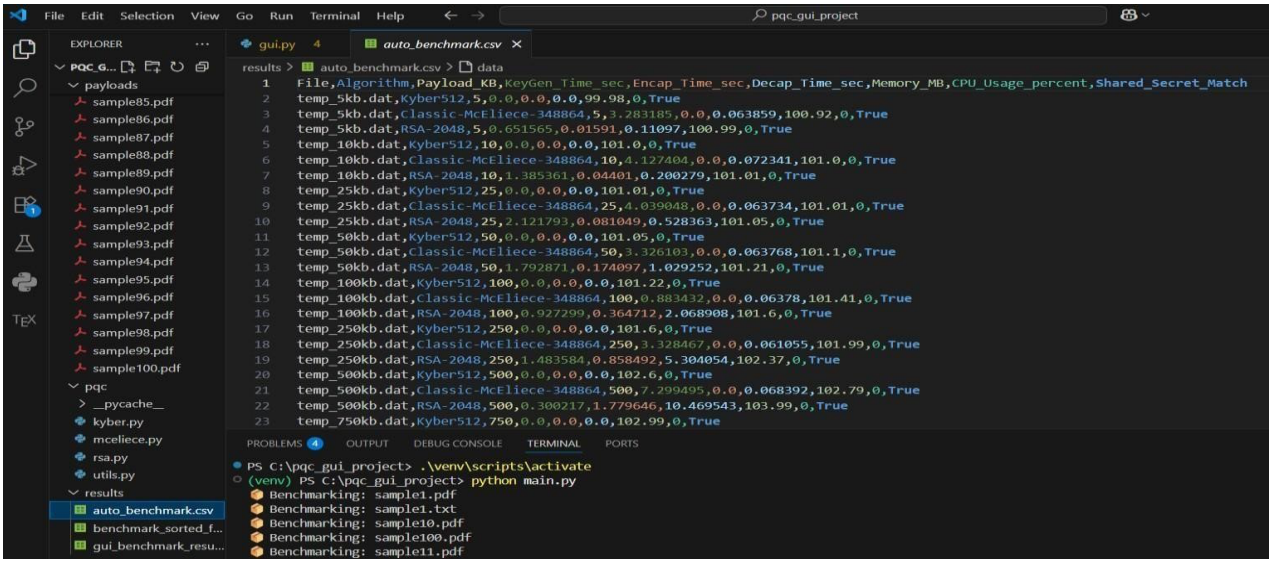

Figure 14: All the resulting data for algorithms and payload files saved in CSV format in the results section.

9.3 Appendix C – Colab Screenshots of model training, Outputs, visualization and findings:

We generated synthetic dataset both in order to compare with actual readings as well as to enhance our model by giving it more data to work with as shown in Figure 15

```
# Generate synthetic memory usage dataset for Kyber and McEliece
payloads = np.arange(5, 1005, 5)
algorithms = ['Kyber512', 'McEliece-348864']

data = []
for algo in algorithms:
    for size in payloads:
        mem_base = 4 if algo == 'Kyber512' else 10
        noise = np.random.normal(0, 0.3)
        data.append([
            algo, size, mem_base + size * 0.005 + noise
        ])

df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=['Algorithm', 'Payload_KB', 'Memory_MB'])
df['Algo_Code'] = df['Algorithm'].astype('category').cat.codes
df.head()
```

	Algorithm	Payload_KB	Memory_MB	Algo_Code
0	Kyber512	5	3.933227	0
1	Kyber512	10	4.179463	0
2	Kyber512	15	3.563554	0
3	Kyber512	20	4.082800	0
4	Kyber512	25	4.327131	0

Figure 15: Generating synthetic memory usage to compare with actual

We developed a keras based script in order to predict the memory usage for algorithms. It uses a three layer dense neural network as shown in Figure 16

```
X = df[['Algo_Code', 'Payload_KB']]
y = df['Memory_MB']

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

model = keras.Sequential([
    layers.Dense(64, activation='relu', input_shape=(2,)),
    layers.Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    layers.Dense(1)
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse', metrics=['mae'])

history = model.fit(X_train, y_train, validation_split=0.2, epochs=100, verbose=1)
```

```
Epoch 1/100
/usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/core/dense.py:87: UserWarning: Do not pass an `input_shape`/`input_
  super().__init__(activity_regularizer=activity_regularizer, **kwargs)
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 53ms/step - loss: 75.8641 - mae: 7.6024 - val_loss: 24.6972 - val_mae: 3.9221
Epoch 2/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 38.0401 - mae: 5.0539 - val_loss: 37.4906 - val_mae: 5.3416
Epoch 3/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 34.6035 - mae: 4.8535 - val_loss: 26.0154 - val_mae: 4.2113
Epoch 4/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 15ms/step - loss: 27.5385 - mae: 4.2901 - val_loss: 20.3904 - val_mae: 3.6214
Epoch 5/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 17ms/step - loss: 25.9025 - mae: 4.2456 - val_loss: 22.1847 - val_mae: 3.7300
Epoch 6/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 22.0872 - mae: 3.9133 - val_loss: 17.0947 - val_mae: 3.4090
Epoch 7/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 16ms/step - loss: 21.3346 - mae: 3.8548 - val_loss: 16.9050 - val_mae: 3.3937
Epoch 8/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 12ms/step - loss: 20.4911 - mae: 3.7955 - val_loss: 16.7040 - val_mae: 3.3692
Epoch 9/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 19.7217 - mae: 3.7072 - val_loss: 17.1245 - val_mae: 3.3902
Epoch 10/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 19.0780 - mae: 3.6658 - val_loss: 16.3053 - val_mae: 3.3248
Epoch 11/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 19.9606 - mae: 3.5955 - val_loss: 17.2873 - val_mae: 3.3853
Epoch 12/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 21.6562 - mae: 3.8300 - val_loss: 16.4401 - val_mae: 3.3211
Epoch 13/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 17.6669 - mae: 3.4119 - val_loss: 16.7854 - val_mae: 3.4370
Epoch 14/100
8/8 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 11ms/step - loss: 19.9707 - mae: 3.7882 - val_loss: 15.5004 - val_mae: 3.2561
Epoch 15/100
```

Figure 16: Training neural network for memory prediction

The Figure 17 shows a line chart showing both training and validation loss across 100 epochs. This shows and ensures very minimal overfitting.

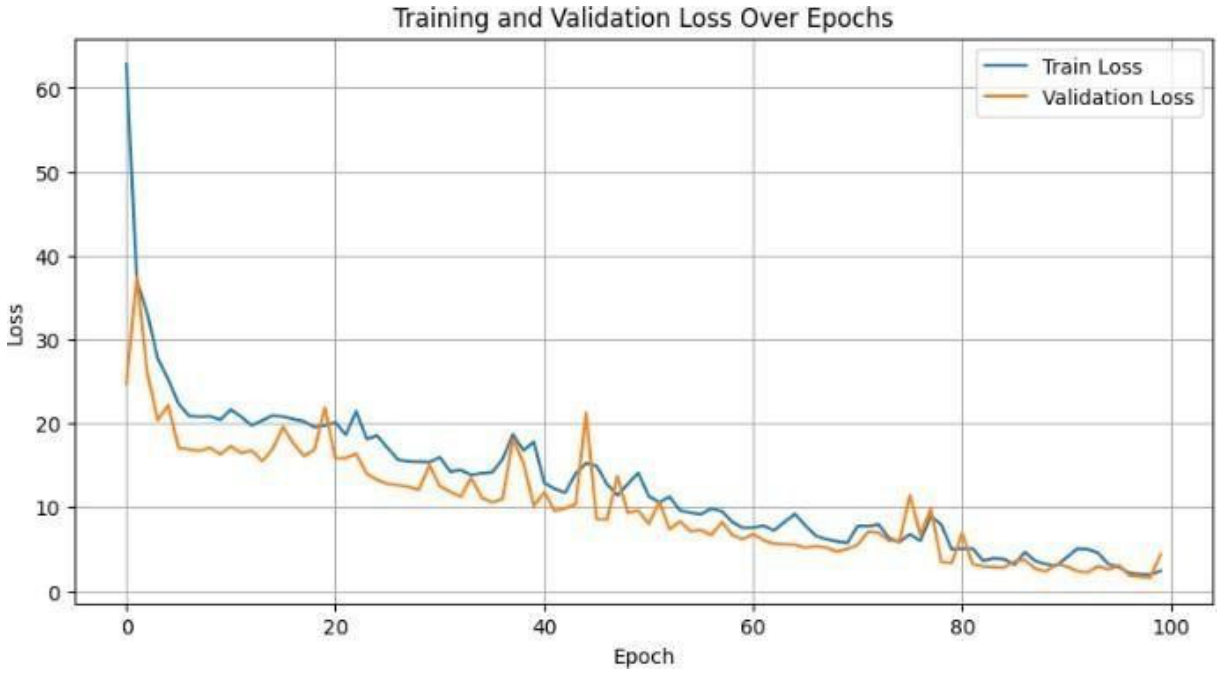

Figure 17: Training VS Validation losses over epochs

Figure 18 shows a scatter and line plot that compares and predicts memory usage for all three algorithms for all the payload sizes. It shows high accuracy.

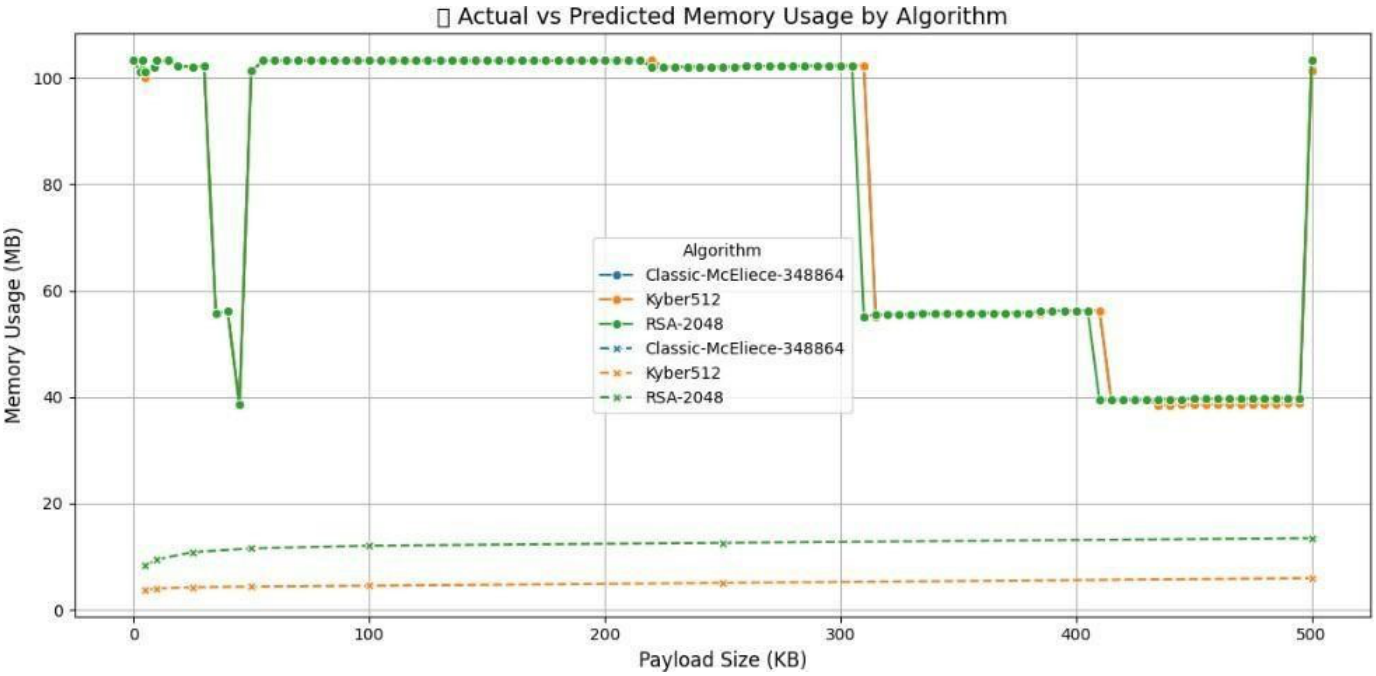

Figure 18: Actual vs Predicted Memory usage by algorithms.

Figure 19 shows a line chart that shows decapsulation latency for all the three algorithms, it highlights Kyber512's consistently low latency

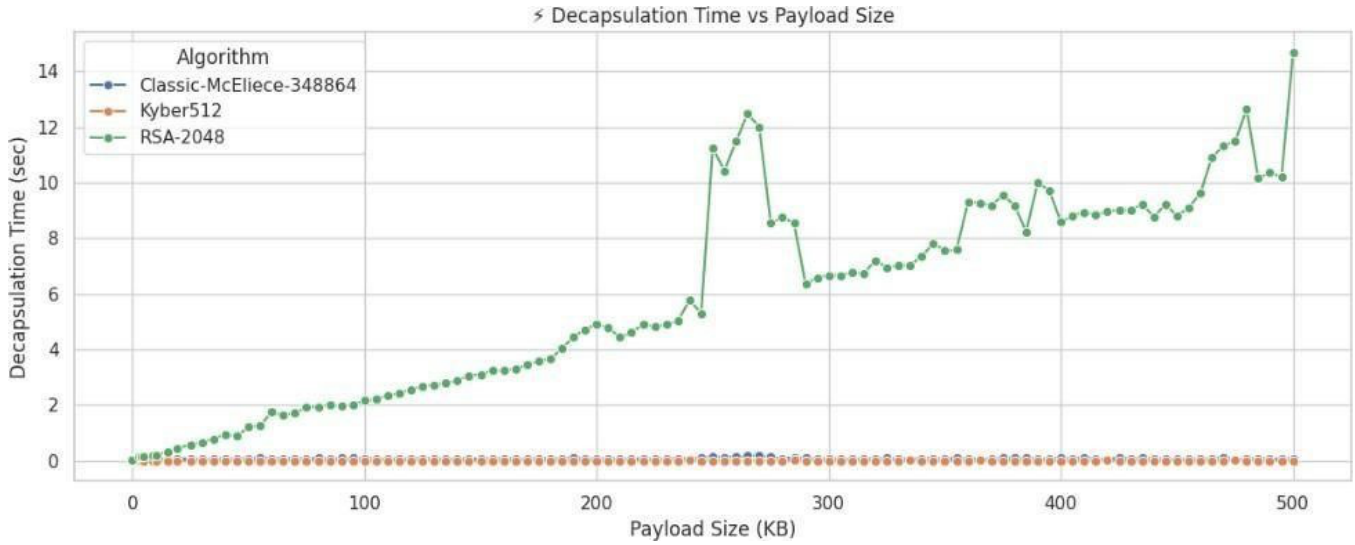

Figure 19: Decapsulation Time vs Payload size

Figure 20 shows a combined scatter and line plot comparing actual memory usage against the model's prediction.

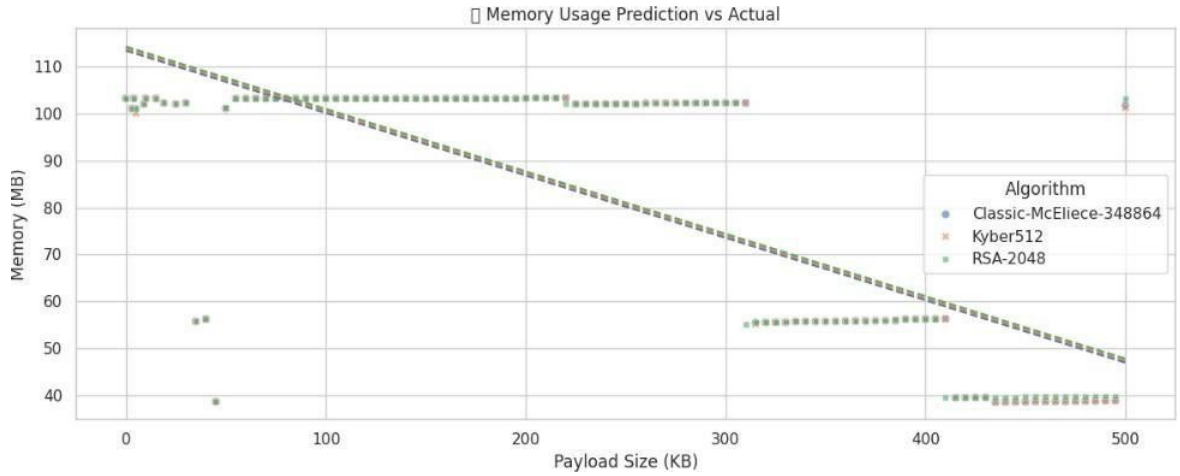

Figure 20: Memory Usage Prediction Vs Actual

The below Figure 21 shows the Scatter plot with regression lines superimposed, comparing Cruzan et al. model predictions (dashed) of decapsulation time with actual data (markers) over payload size of Classic McEliece-348864, Kyber512 and RSA-2048.

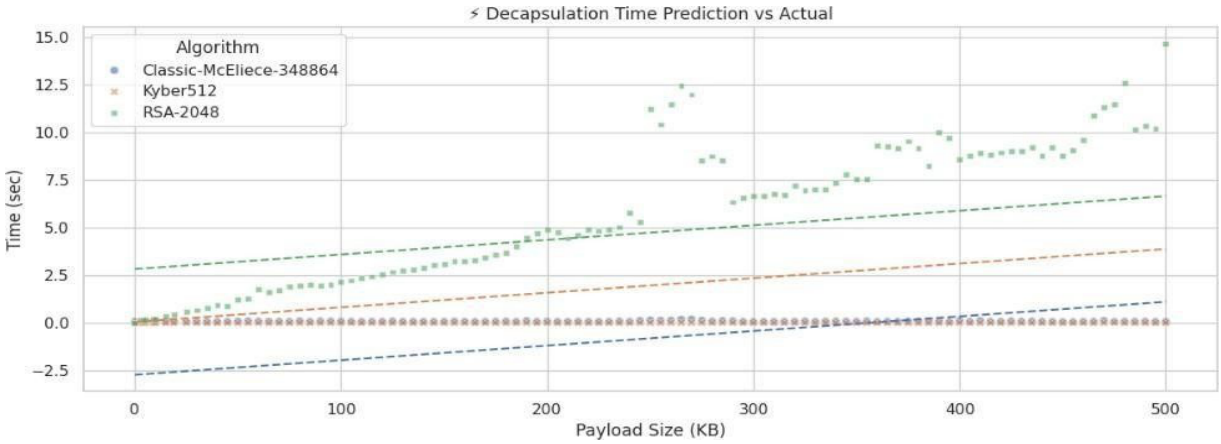

Figure 21: Decapsulation Time vs Actual Time

Figure 22 shows Another violin plot version demonstrating decapsulation time distribution for Classic McEliece-348864, Kyber512 and RSA-2048 with prominent RSA-2048's larger latency spread.

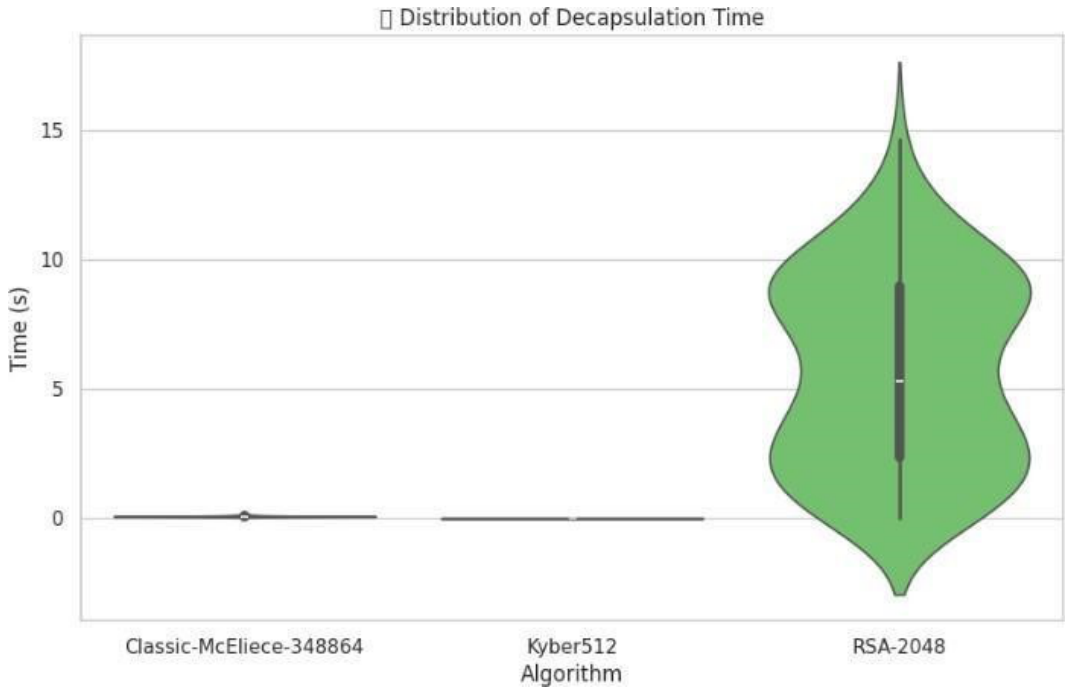

Figure 22: Distribution of decapsulation time

Figure 23 shows A scatterplot matrix of payload size, key-gen time, encap time, decap time, and mem usage for Classic McEliece-348864 (blue), Kyber512 (orange) and RSA-2048 (green).

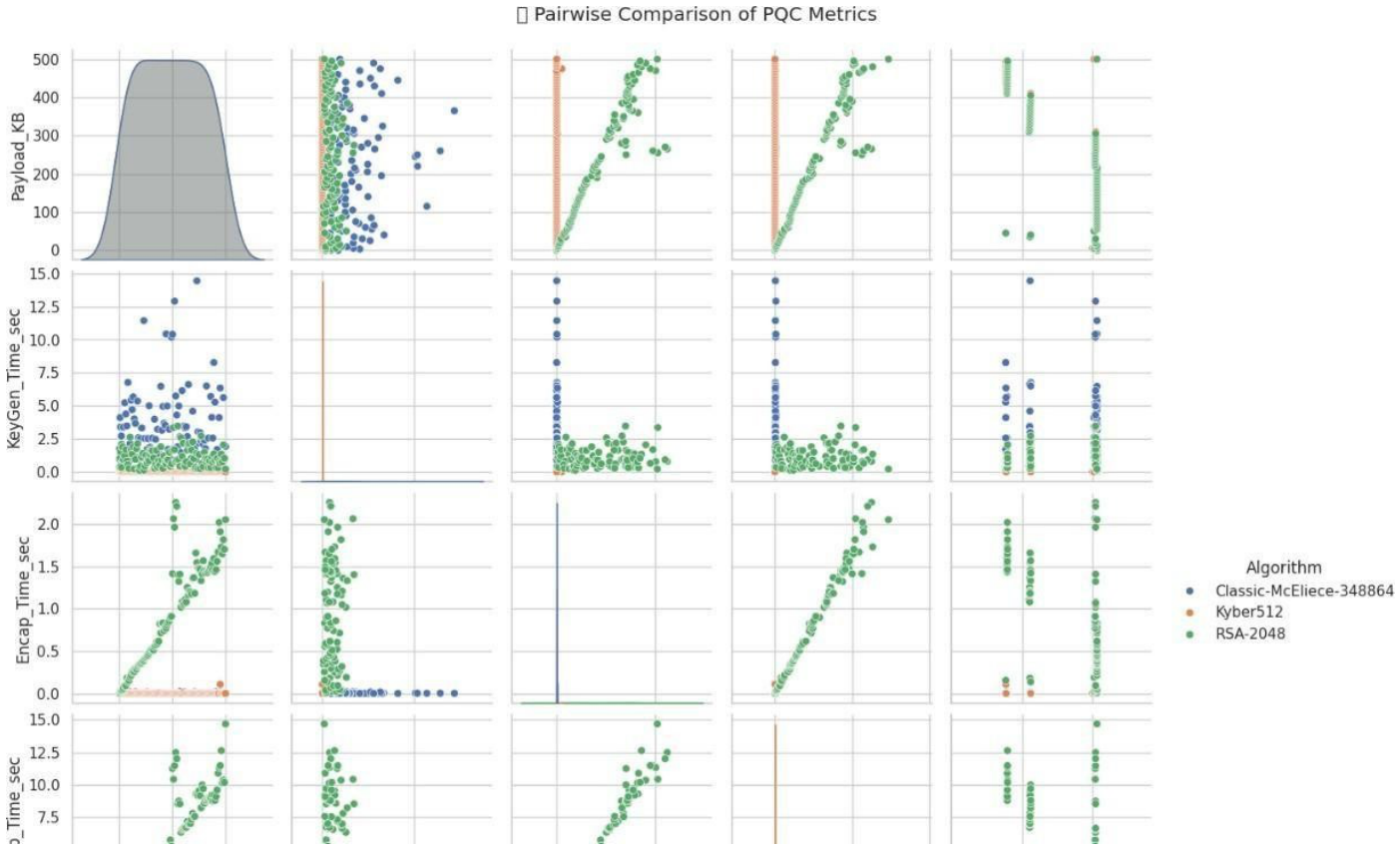

Figure 23: Pairwise Comparison of PQC Metrics