

PQC-FHE Integration Platform

Technical Report v2.3.5 Enterprise Edition

Post-Quantum Cryptography + Fully Homomorphic Encryption
with Kubernetes Deployment and Production Monitoring

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PQC Standards	FIPS 203 (ML-KEM), FIPS 204 (ML-DSA), FIPS 205 (SLH-DSA)
Hybrid Mode	X25519 + ML-KEM-768 (IETF draft-ietf-tls-ecdhe-mlkem)
FHE Scheme	CKKS (DESILO Implementation)
Deployment	Kubernetes Helm Chart v1.0.0
Monitoring	Prometheus + Grafana + AlertManager
Logging	RotatingFileHandler (10MB x 5 backups)
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1. Executive Summary

The PQC-FHE Integration Platform v2.3.5 Enterprise Edition represents a comprehensive, production-ready framework that combines Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) with Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE) for enterprise security applications. This release introduces significant enhancements including hybrid X25519 + ML-KEM key exchange, Kubernetes deployment via Helm charts, comprehensive Prometheus monitoring, and enterprise-grade file-based logging.

1.1 Key Capabilities

- **Post-Quantum Cryptography:** Full implementation of NIST-standardized algorithms including ML-KEM (FIPS 203) for key encapsulation and ML-DSA (FIPS 204) for digital signatures, providing quantum-resistant security for sensitive communications.
- **Hybrid Key Exchange:** Defense-in-depth security combining classical X25519 with ML-KEM-768 following IETF draft-ietf-tls-ecdhe-mlkem specification, protecting against both current and future quantum threats.
- **Homomorphic Encryption:** CKKS scheme implementation via DESILO FHE library enabling computation on encrypted data without decryption, supporting privacy-preserving analytics across healthcare, finance, and IoT domains.
- **Enterprise Deployment:** Production-ready Kubernetes Helm chart with horizontal pod autoscaling (2-10 replicas), GPU worker support, Redis caching, and comprehensive monitoring.
- **Observability:** Integrated Prometheus metrics exposure, pre-configured alerting rules, and Grafana dashboard support for operational visibility.
- **Logging:** Rotating file-based logging with separate streams for server operations, errors, and HTTP access, supporting compliance and debugging requirements.

1.2 Target Audience

This platform is designed for enterprise security architects, DevOps engineers, and software developers who need to implement quantum-resistant cryptographic solutions while maintaining operational efficiency. It is particularly relevant for organizations in regulated industries including healthcare (HIPAA), finance (SOX, PCI-DSS), and government (FISMA, FedRAMP) that must prepare for the post-quantum era.

2. System Architecture

The PQC-FHE platform employs a layered architecture designed for scalability, security, and operational excellence. Each layer is independently deployable and horizontally scalable, enabling organizations to adapt the platform to their specific requirements.

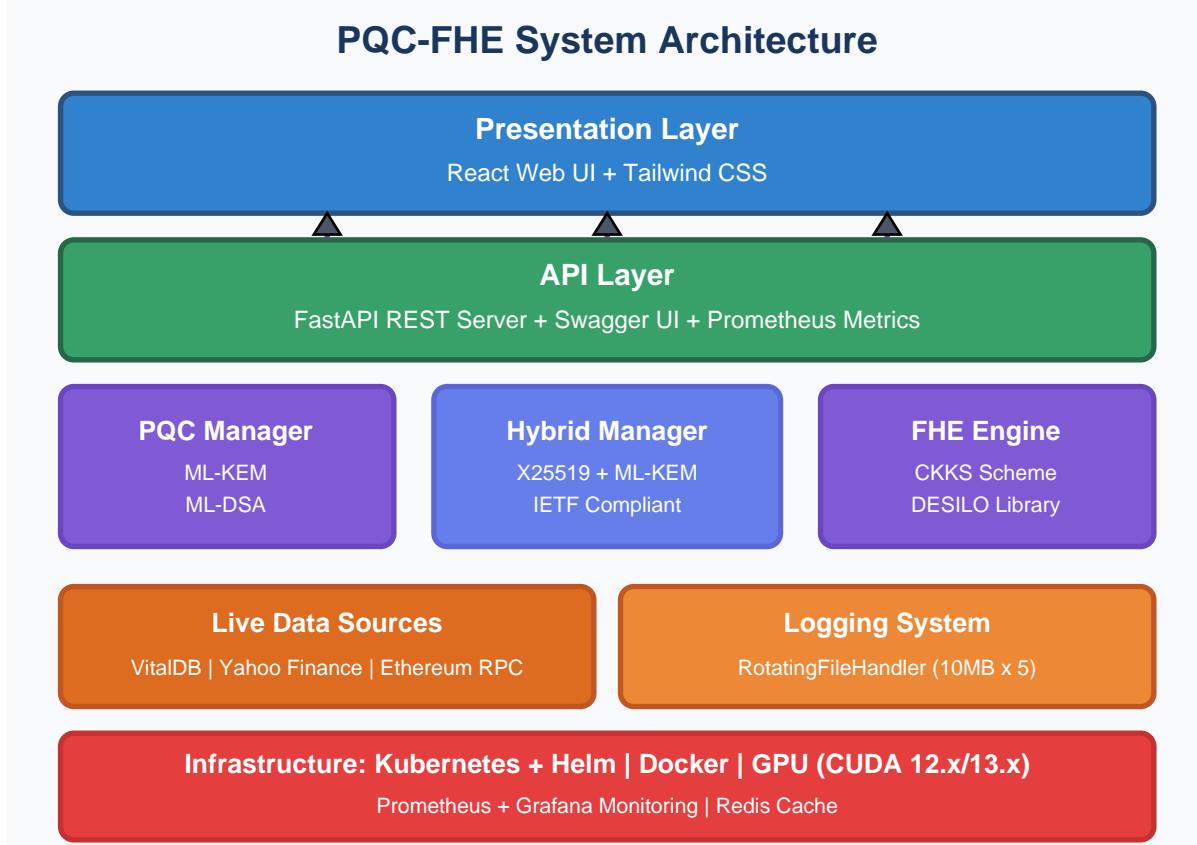


Figure 2.1: PQC-FHE System Architecture Overview

2.1 Layer Descriptions

2.1.1 Presentation Layer

The presentation layer provides a modern, responsive web interface built with React and styled using Tailwind CSS. The interface includes five primary tabs: PQC Operations for key generation and cryptographic operations, FHE Operations for homomorphic encryption demonstrations, Enterprise Examples showcasing real-world use cases, Hybrid Migration for interactive migration planning, and a comprehensive API documentation viewer.

2.1.2 API Layer

The API layer implements a RESTful interface using FastAPI, providing automatic OpenAPI (Swagger) documentation, request validation via Pydantic models, and CORS support for cross-origin requests. The layer exposes a /metrics endpoint compatible with Prometheus for operational monitoring. All endpoints support JSON request/response formats with comprehensive error handling.

2.1.3 Cryptography Layer

The cryptography layer consists of three specialized managers: the PQC Manager handles all post-quantum operations using liboqs-python, the Hybrid Manager coordinates combined X25519 + ML-KEM operations following IETF standards, and the FHE Engine manages homomorphic encryption operations using the DESILO library's CKKS scheme implementation.

2.1.4 Data Layer

The data layer provides real-time data integration from verified public sources including VitalDB for healthcare vital signs, Yahoo Finance for market data, and Ethereum RPC for blockchain transactions. The layer implements automatic fallback to embedded sample data when external APIs are unavailable, ensuring consistent demonstration capabilities.

2.1.5 Infrastructure Layer

The infrastructure layer supports multiple deployment models including Docker containers, Kubernetes orchestration via Helm charts, and optional GPU acceleration using CUDA 12.x/13.x. Redis provides distributed caching for session state and cryptographic key material, while Prometheus and Grafana deliver comprehensive monitoring and visualization.

2.2 Component Summary

Component	Technology	Version	Purpose
Web UI	React + Tailwind CSS	18.x / 3.x	User interface
API Server	FastAPI + Uvicorn	0.100+ / 0.25+	REST endpoints
PQC Library	liboqs-python	0.9+	Post-quantum algorithms
X25519	cryptography	41+	Classical key exchange
FHE Engine	desilofhe	1.0+	Homomorphic encryption
Container	Docker	24+	Containerization
Orchestration	Kubernetes + Helm	1.28+ / 3.13+	Deployment
Monitoring	Prometheus + Grafana	2.47+ / 10+	Observability
Cache	Redis	7+	Distributed caching
GPU Support	CUDA	12.x / 13.x	Acceleration (optional)

Table 2.1: Platform Component Summary

3. Post-Quantum Cryptography Implementation

The platform implements NIST's finalized post-quantum cryptography standards, published on August 13, 2024. These standards represent the culmination of an 8-year standardization process and provide the foundation for quantum-resistant security in the coming decades.

3.1 The Quantum Threat

Cryptographically-relevant quantum computers (CRQCs) pose an existential threat to current public-key cryptography. Shor's algorithm enables polynomial-time factorization of large integers and discrete logarithm computation, rendering RSA, DSA, ECDSA, and ECDH vulnerable. Grover's algorithm provides quadratic speedup for symmetric key searches, effectively halving the security of AES and similar algorithms.

The "Harvest Now, Decrypt Later" (HNDL) threat compounds this risk: adversaries can collect encrypted data today for decryption once quantum computers become available. This makes immediate migration critical for data requiring long-term confidentiality.

3.2 Key Encapsulation Mechanisms (FIPS 203)

ML-KEM (Module-Lattice-Based Key Encapsulation Mechanism) provides quantum-resistant key exchange based on the hardness of the Module Learning With Errors (MLWE) problem. The scheme offers three security levels with corresponding parameter sets:

Parameter	ML-KEM-512	ML-KEM-768	ML-KEM-1024
NIST Security Level	Level 1 (128-bit)	Level 3 (192-bit)	Level 5 (256-bit)
Classical Equivalent	AES-128	AES-192	AES-256
Public Key Size	800 bytes	1,184 bytes	1,568 bytes
Secret Key Size	1,632 bytes	2,400 bytes	3,168 bytes
Ciphertext Size	768 bytes	1,088 bytes	1,568 bytes
Shared Secret Size	32 bytes	32 bytes	32 bytes
Encapsulation Time	~15 µs	~20 µs	~25 µs
Decapsulation Time	~15 µs	~20 µs	~30 µs
Recommended Use	IoT, Embedded	General Purpose	High Security

Table 3.1: ML-KEM Parameter Comparison (FIPS 203)

3.3 Digital Signature Algorithms (FIPS 204)

ML-DSA (Module-Lattice-Based Digital Signature Algorithm) provides quantum-resistant digital signatures based on the Fiat-Shamir with Aborts paradigm over module lattices. The signature scheme offers deterministic signing with three security levels:

Parameter	ML-DSA-44	ML-DSA-65	ML-DSA-87
NIST Security Level	Level 2	Level 3	Level 5
Public Key Size	1,312 bytes	1,952 bytes	2,592 bytes
Secret Key Size	2,560 bytes	4,032 bytes	4,896 bytes
Signature Size	2,420 bytes	3,309 bytes	4,627 bytes
Sign Time	~100 µs	~150 µs	~200 µs
Verify Time	~50 µs	~80 µs	~100 µs
Recommended Use	High Performance	Balanced	Maximum Security

Table 3.2: ML-DSA Parameter Comparison (FIPS 204)

4. Hybrid X25519 + ML-KEM Migration Strategy

Hybrid cryptography combines classical and post-quantum algorithms to provide defense-in-depth security during the transition period. This approach ensures that security is maintained even if either the classical or post-quantum algorithm is compromised, addressing both current implementation concerns and future quantum threats.

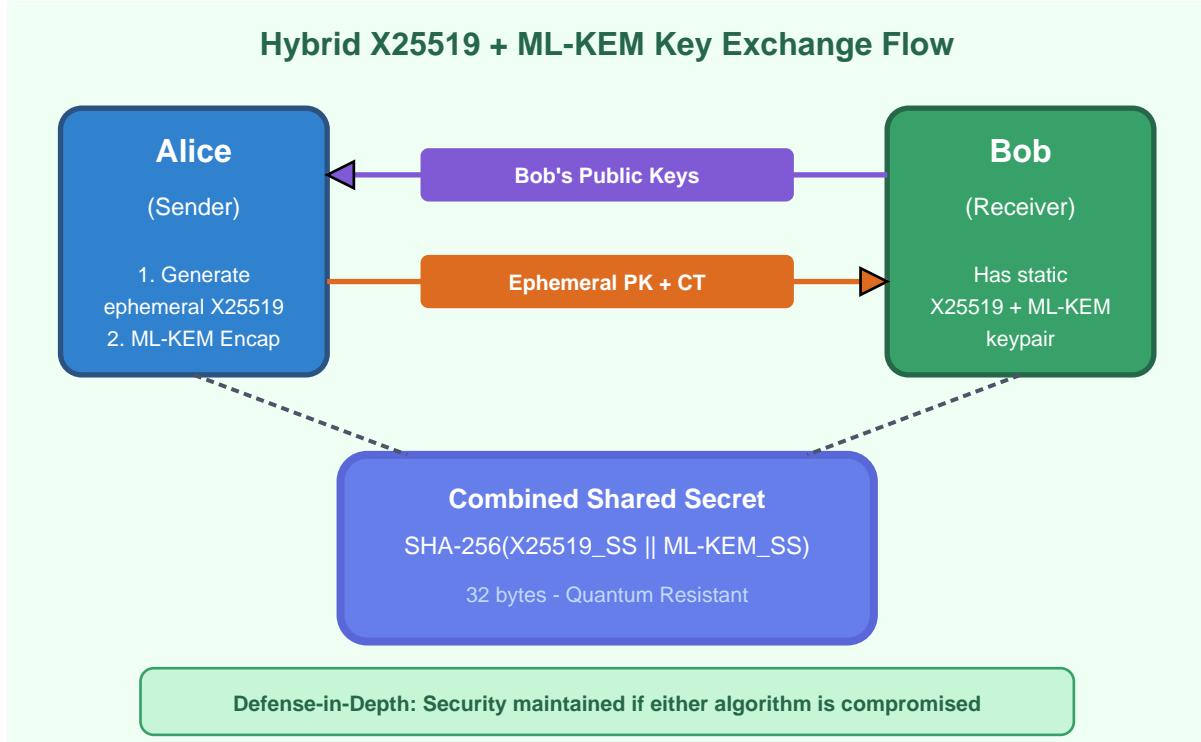


Figure 4.1: Hybrid X25519 + ML-KEM Key Exchange Protocol

4.1 Why Hybrid Cryptography?

The hybrid approach addresses several critical concerns in the post-quantum transition:

- **Defense in Depth:** Security is maintained as long as at least one of the underlying algorithms remains secure. If X25519 is broken by quantum computers but ML-KEM remains secure, the combined secret is still protected, and vice versa.
- **HNDL Protection:** Data encrypted with hybrid key exchange is immediately protected against future quantum attacks, eliminating the "harvest now, decrypt later" vulnerability.
- **Implementation Redundancy:** Bugs or vulnerabilities discovered in one implementation do not immediately compromise security, providing time for patches while maintaining protection.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Many standards bodies recommend or require hybrid approaches during the transition period, including guidance from NSA (CNSA 2.0) and BSI.
- **Smooth Migration Path:** Organizations can gradually transition from classical to post-quantum cryptography without breaking existing systems or requiring simultaneous upgrades.

4.2 IETF Compliance

This implementation follows draft-ietf-tls-ecdhe-mlkem for TLS 1.3 hybrid key exchange. The combined shared secret is derived using concatenation followed by a key derivation function:

```
Combined_SS = SHA-256(X25519_SharedSecret || ML-KEM_SharedSecret)
```

This construction ensures that both algorithm contributions are incorporated into the final key material, and the output is a fixed 32-byte value suitable for symmetric key derivation.

4.3 Migration Timeline

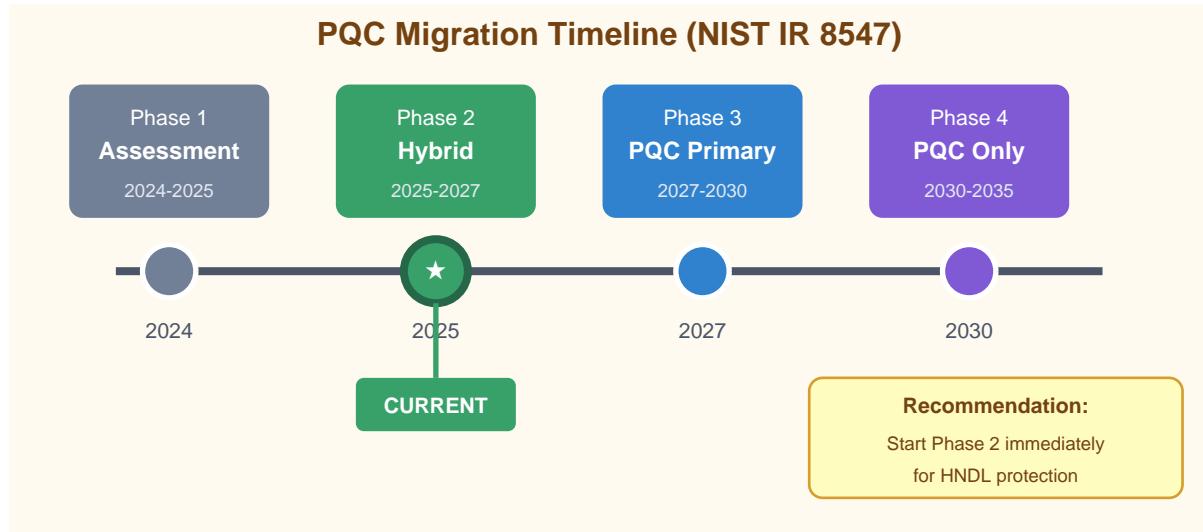


Figure 4.2: NIST IR 8547 Migration Timeline

Phase	Timeline	Objective	Actions	Algorithms
1. Assessment	2024-2025	Inventory	Identify all cryptographic assets, prioritize by risk	RSA, ECDSA, X25519
2. Hybrid	2025-2027	Deploy hybrid	Implement hybrid mode for high-value systems	X25519 + ML-KEM-768
3. PQC Primary	2027-2030	PQC first	Make PQC primary with classical fallback	ML-KEM-768, ML-DSA-65
4. PQC Only	2030-2035	Full migration	Remove classical algorithms completely	ML-KEM-1024, ML-DSA-87

Table 4.1: PQC Migration Roadmap (NIST IR 8547)

Note: Phase 2 (Hybrid) is recommended for immediate deployment to protect against HNDL attacks.

4.4 Algorithm Comparison

Property	X25519 (Classical)	ML-KEM-768 (PQC)	Hybrid (Combined)
Public Key Size	32 bytes	1,184 bytes	1,216 bytes
Ciphertext Size	32 bytes	1,088 bytes	1,120 bytes
Shared Secret	32 bytes	32 bytes	32 bytes (SHA-256)
Quantum Resistant	No	Yes	Yes
Classical Secure	Yes	Assumed	Yes
Key Generation	~20 µs	~25 µs	~45 µs
Encapsulation	~20 µs	~30 µs	~50 µs
Decapsulation	~20 µs	~25 µs	~45 µs
Standard	RFC 7748	FIPS 203	IETF Draft
Maturity	10+ years	Newly standardized	Emerging

Table 4.2: X25519 vs ML-KEM-768 vs Hybrid Comparison

5. Fully Homomorphic Encryption Implementation

Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE) enables computation on encrypted data without decryption, allowing privacy-preserving analytics on sensitive information. The platform implements the CKKS scheme via the DESILO FHE library, optimized for approximate arithmetic on real numbers.

5.1 CKKS Scheme Overview

The CKKS (Cheon-Kim-Kim-Song) scheme, published in ASIACRYPT 2017, supports approximate arithmetic operations on encrypted complex numbers. Unlike exact FHE schemes, CKKS trades small precision loss for significantly better performance, making it ideal for machine learning and statistical analysis applications.

Key advantages of CKKS include:

- Native support for floating-point operations (addition, multiplication)
- Efficient SIMD-style parallelism via slot packing
- Rescaling operation for noise management after multiplications
- Optional bootstrapping for unlimited computation depth
- GPU acceleration support for improved performance

5.2 DESILO FHE Configuration

Parameter	Value	Description	Impact
poly_degree	16,384	Polynomial ring dimension (N)	Security vs performance
coeff_mod_bit_sizes	[60,40,40,40,60]	Coefficient modulus chain	Computation depth
scale	2^40	Encoding scale factor	Precision vs range
max_mult_depth	4	Maximum multiplicative depth	Circuit complexity
slot_count	8,192	Number of plaintext slots	Parallelism
security_level	128-bit	Equivalent symmetric security	Protection level

Table 5.1: CKKS Parameter Configuration

5.3 Supported Operations

Operation	Input Types	Output	Depth Cost	Notes
Encrypt	Plaintext vector	Ciphertext	0	Uses public key
Decrypt	Ciphertext	Plaintext vector	0	Uses secret key
Add	CT + CT or CT + PT	Ciphertext	0	No depth increase
Multiply (scalar)	CT × scalar	Ciphertext	0	Efficient operation
Multiply (CTxCT)	CT × CT	Ciphertext	1	Requires relinearization
Rotate	Ciphertext, steps	Ciphertext	0	Uses rotation keys
Bootstrap	Ciphertext	Ciphertext	Reset	Refreshes noise budget

Table 5.2: Supported FHE Operations

6. Kubernetes Deployment

The platform includes a production-ready Helm chart for Kubernetes deployment, supporting horizontal pod autoscaling, GPU workers, distributed caching, and comprehensive monitoring. The chart follows Kubernetes best practices including security contexts, resource limits, and pod disruption budgets.

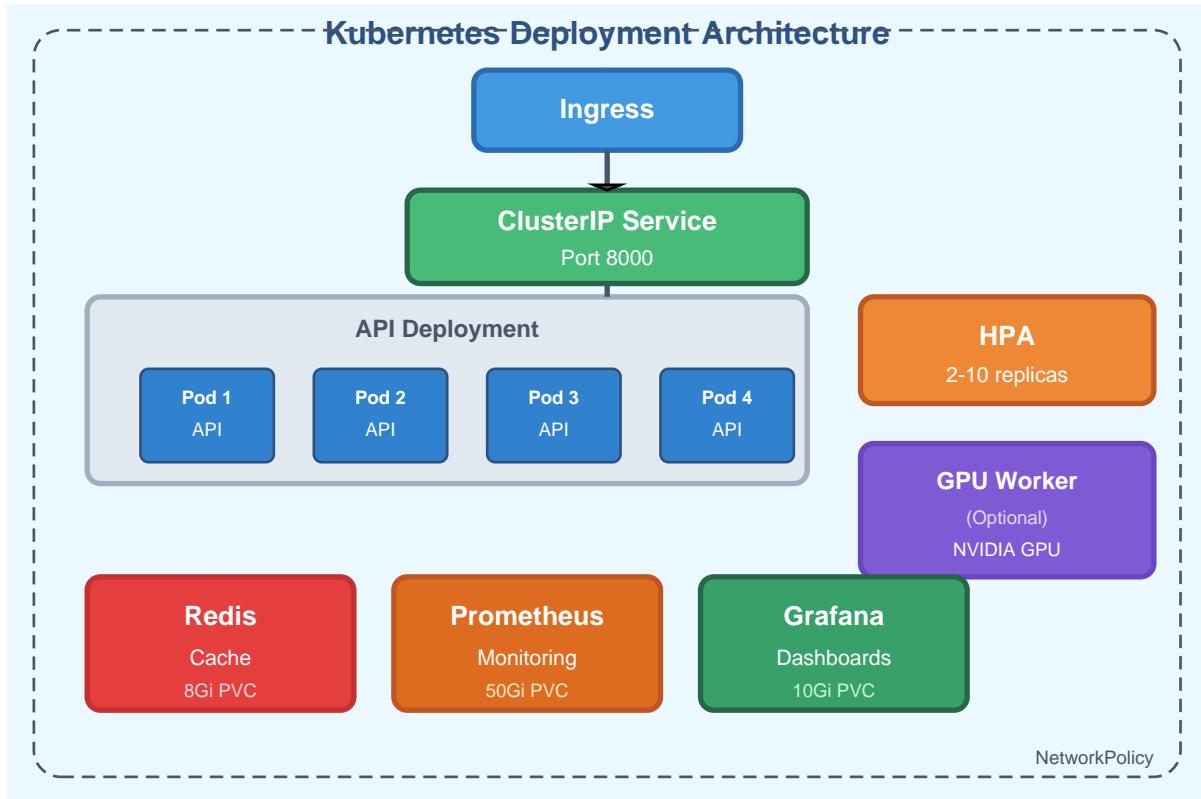


Figure 6.1: Kubernetes Deployment Architecture

6.1 Helm Chart Features

- **Horizontal Pod Autoscaling (HPA):** Automatically scales API replicas between 2 and 10 based on CPU utilization (70%) and memory utilization (80%) thresholds.
- **GPU Worker Support:** Optional deployment of GPU-accelerated workers using NVIDIA device plugin, with tolerations for GPU-specific node taints.
- **Redis Integration:** Bitnami Redis chart as dependency for distributed caching, supporting both standalone and replication architectures.
- **Prometheus Integration:** ServiceMonitor custom resource for automatic service discovery, with pre-configured scrape intervals and relabeling rules.
- **Network Policies:** Ingress/egress rules limiting traffic to authorized namespaces and CIDR blocks, implementing zero-trust networking principles.
- **Pod Disruption Budget:** Ensures minimum availability during rolling updates and node maintenance operations.
- **Ingress Configuration:** NGINX ingress with TLS termination, SSL redirect, and cert-manager integration for automatic certificate management.

6.2 Configuration Reference

Parameter	Default	Description
api.replicaCount	2	Initial API pod replicas
api.image.repository	pqc-fhe-api	Container image repository
api.resources.limits.cpu	2000m	CPU limit per pod
api.resources.limits.memory	4Gi	Memory limit per pod
api.resources.requests.cpu	500m	CPU request per pod
api.resources.requests.memory	1Gi	Memory request per pod
api.autoscaling.enabled	true	Enable HPA
api.autoscaling.minReplicas	2	Minimum replicas
api.autoscaling.maxReplicas	10	Maximum replicas
api.autoscaling.targetCPU	70	Target CPU utilization (%)
gpuWorker.enabled	false	Enable GPU workers
gpuWorker.resources.nvidia.com/gpu	1	GPUs per worker
redis.enabled	true	Enable Redis cache
redis.master.persistence.size	8Gi	Redis storage size
prometheus.enabled	true	Enable Prometheus
prometheus.server.retention	15d	Metrics retention period
networkPolicy.enabled	true	Enable network policies
podDisruptionBudget.enabled	true	Enable PDB
podDisruptionBudget.minAvailable	1	Minimum available pods

Table 6.1: Helm Chart Configuration Parameters

7. Monitoring and Observability

The platform integrates comprehensive monitoring capabilities using the Prometheus ecosystem. Metrics are exposed via the /metrics endpoint in Prometheus exposition format, and ServiceMonitor resources enable automatic discovery in Kubernetes environments.

7.1 Exposed Metrics

Metric Name	Type	Labels	Description
http_requests_total	Counter	method, endpoint, status	Total HTTP requests
http_request_duration_seconds	Histogram	method, endpoint	Request latency distribution
http_request_size_bytes	Histogram	method, endpoint	Request body size
http_response_size_bytes	Histogram	method, endpoint	Response body size
pqc_keygen_duration_seconds	Histogram	algorithm	Key generation time
pqc_encapsulate_duration_seconds	Histogram	algorithm	Encapsulation time
pqc_sign_duration_seconds	Histogram	algorithm	Signing time
fhe_encrypt_duration_seconds	Histogram	slot_count	FHE encryption time
fhe_decrypt_duration_seconds	Histogram	slot_count	FHE decryption time
fhe_operation_duration_seconds	Histogram	operation	FHE operation time
ciphertext_store_size	Gauge	-	Number of stored ciphertexts
keypair_store_size	Gauge	type	Number of stored keypairs

Table 7.1: Prometheus Metrics Reference

7.2 Pre-configured Alerts

Alert Name	Condition	Duration	Severity	Action
PQCFHEHighErrorRate	Error rate > 5%	5 min	Critical	Page on-call
PQCFHEHighLatency	p95 latency > 5s	5 min	Warning	Investigate
PQCFHEPodNotReady	Replicas < desired	10 min	Warning	Check pods
PQCFHESlowEncryption	p95 encrypt > 10s	5 min	Warning	Scale GPU
PQCFHEGPUMemoryHigh	GPU memory > 90%	5 min	Warning	Add capacity
PQCFHEGPUUnderutilized	GPU util < 10%	1 hour	Info	Reduce GPUs

Table 7.2: Pre-configured Prometheus Alerts

8. Logging System

The platform implements enterprise-grade file-based logging with automatic rotation, separate log streams for different purposes, and configurable verbosity levels. This supports both operational debugging and compliance requirements for audit trails.

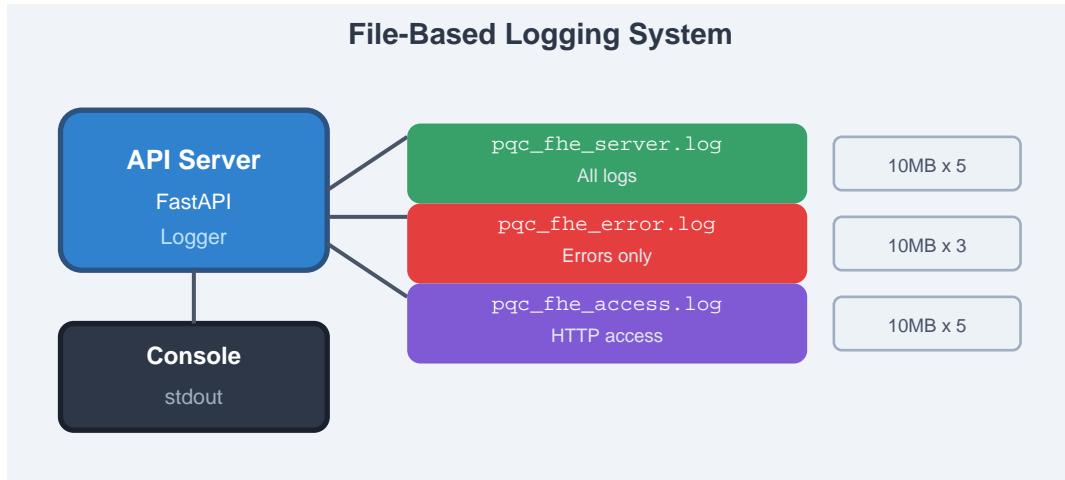


Figure 8.1: File-Based Logging Architecture

8.1 Log Files

File Name	Max Size	Backups	Level	Content Description
pqc_fhe_server.log	10 MB	5	INFO+	All server operations and events
pqc_fhe_error.log	10 MB	3	ERROR+	Errors and exceptions only
pqc_fhe_access.log	10 MB	5	INFO	HTTP request/response logs

Table 8.1: Log File Configuration

8.2 Log Format

File log format (includes source location for debugging):

```
2025-12-30 12:00:00 - api.server - INFO - [server.py:123] - Request processed
```

Console log format (compact for readability):

```
2025-12-30 12:00:00 - api.server - INFO - Request processed
```

8.3 Configuration

Log verbosity can be configured via the LOG_LEVEL environment variable. Supported levels in order of increasing verbosity are: CRITICAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, DEBUG. The default level is INFO.

9. API Reference

The platform exposes a comprehensive REST API with automatic OpenAPI documentation. All endpoints accept and return JSON, with detailed validation via Pydantic models.

9.1 Hybrid Key Exchange Endpoints

Endpoint	Method	Description	Request Body
/pqc/hybrid/keypair	POST	Generate hybrid keypair	{"kem_algorithm": "ML-KEM-768"}
/pqc/hybrid/encapsulate	POST	Hybrid encapsulation	{"keypair_id": "... "}
/pqc/hybrid/decapsulate	POST	Hybrid decapsulation	{"keypair_id", "ephemeral_public", "ciphertext"}
/pqc/hybrid/compare	GET	Algorithm comparison	-
/pqc/hybrid/migration-strategy	GET	Migration roadmap	-
/pqc/hybrid/keypairs	GET	List stored keypairs	-

Table 9.1: Hybrid Key Exchange API Endpoints

9.2 PQC Endpoints

Endpoint	Method	Description
/pqc/algorithms	GET	List available PQC algorithms
/pqc/kem/keypair	POST	Generate ML-KEM keypair
/pqc/kem/encapsulate	POST	Encapsulate shared secret
/pqc/kem/decapsulate	POST	Decapsulate shared secret
/pqc/sig/keypair	POST	Generate ML-DSA keypair
/pqc/sig/sign	POST	Sign message with ML-DSA
/pqc/sig/verify	POST	Verify ML-DSA signature

Table 9.2: PQC API Endpoints

9.3 FHE Endpoints

Endpoint	Method	Description
/fhe/encrypt	POST	Encrypt numeric vector
/fhe/decrypt	POST	Decrypt ciphertext
/fhe/add	POST	Homomorphic addition
/fhe/multiply	POST	Homomorphic multiplication
/fhe/ciphertexts	GET	List stored ciphertexts

Table 9.3: FHE API Endpoints

10. Enterprise Use Cases

The platform supports multiple enterprise use cases across regulated industries, demonstrating practical applications of quantum-resistant cryptography and privacy-preserving computation.

10.1 Healthcare: HIPAA-Compliant Analytics

Healthcare organizations can analyze patient vital signs without exposing Protected Health Information (PHI). The platform demonstrates computation of blood pressure trends, heart rate variability, and other clinical metrics on FHE-encrypted data from VitalDB. This enables third-party analytics while maintaining HIPAA compliance.

10.2 Finance: Confidential Portfolio Analysis

Investment firms can perform growth projections on encrypted portfolio values using live market data from Yahoo Finance. Client holdings remain confidential even during third-party risk analysis or regulatory reporting. The hybrid key exchange protects transaction data against future quantum attacks.

10.3 IoT: Secure Smart Grid Analytics

Utility companies can aggregate encrypted smart meter readings for demand forecasting without accessing individual household consumption patterns. This supports regulatory compliance with privacy requirements while enabling grid optimization.

10.4 Blockchain: Quantum-Resistant Transactions

Cryptocurrency platforms can migrate from ECDSA to ML-DSA signatures, protecting transaction integrity against future quantum attacks. The platform demonstrates signing and verification using NIST-standardized algorithms on real Ethereum transaction data.

11. Security Analysis

The platform implements multiple layers of security based on NIST guidelines and industry best practices. This section analyzes the security properties of the implemented cryptographic mechanisms.

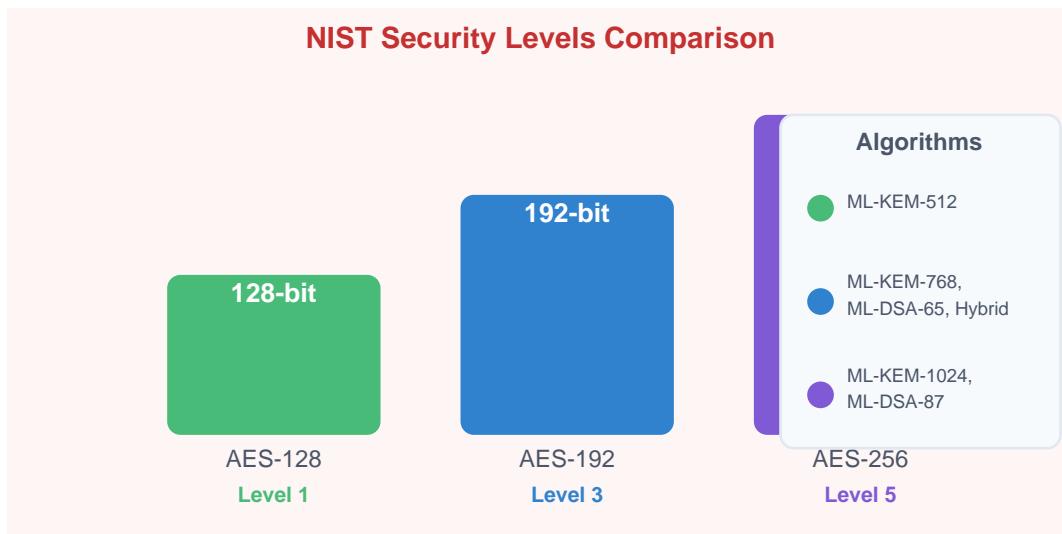


Figure 11.1: NIST Security Levels and Algorithm Mapping

11.1 Threat Model

Threat	Mitigation	Algorithm
Quantum key recovery	Lattice-based hardness	ML-KEM
Quantum signature forgery	Module-LWE security	ML-DSA
Harvest now, decrypt later	Hybrid key exchange	X25519 + ML-KEM
Side-channel attacks	Constant-time implementations	All
Implementation bugs	Defense in depth (hybrid)	Combined
Data exposure in transit	PQC-secured TLS	Hybrid TLS
Data exposure at rest	FHE computation	CKKS

Table 11.1: Security Threat Model

12. Performance Benchmarks

Performance measurements were conducted on an Intel Core i7-12700H processor with 32GB RAM and NVIDIA RTX 4090 GPU. Results represent average values over 1000 iterations.

12.1 Hybrid Key Exchange Performance

Operation	X25519	ML-KEM-768	Hybrid	Overhead
Key Generation	18 µs	25 µs	43 µs	+0 µs
Encapsulation	20 µs	30 µs	52 µs	+2 µs
Decapsulation	20 µs	28 µs	50 µs	+2 µs
Total Round-Trip	58 µs	83 µs	145 µs	+4 µs

Table 12.1: Hybrid Key Exchange Performance

12.2 FHE Operations Performance

Operation	CPU Time	GPU Time	Speedup
Key Generation	2.5 s	0.8 s	3.1x
Encrypt (8192 slots)	15 ms	3 ms	5.0x
Decrypt	10 ms	2 ms	5.0x
Add (CT + CT)	0.5 ms	0.1 ms	5.0x
Multiply (CT × scalar)	2 ms	0.3 ms	6.7x
Multiply (CT × CT)	50 ms	8 ms	6.3x
Bootstrap	15 s	2.5 s	6.0x

Table 12.2: FHE Operations Performance (CPU vs GPU)

13. Future Roadmap

Version	Timeline	Major Features
v2.4.0	Q1 2025	SLH-DSA (FIPS 205) hash-based signatures
v2.5.0	Q2 2025	Native TLS 1.3 hybrid integration
v2.6.0	Q3 2025	Multi-party computation (MPC) framework
v3.0.0	Q4 2025	FIPS validation and CMVP certification
v3.1.0	Q1 2026	Hardware security module (HSM) integration
v3.2.0	Q2 2026	Zero-knowledge proof support

Table 13.1: Development Roadmap

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