



QUANTUM-RESISTANT ENCRYPTION FOR SECURE VIDEO TRANSMISSION

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ABSTRACT –

The rapid advancement in digital technologies and multimedia communication has escalated the urgency to develop robust and future-proof encryption systems. Traditional encryption algorithms such as RSA and AES are facing significant challenges with the rise of quantum computing, which promises the ability to break these cryptographic methods efficiently. In response, this research introduces a comprehensive hybrid encryption model that integrates Generalized Quantum Image Representation (GQIR) with the well-established Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol. The hybrid model ensures dual-layer encryption: at the pixel level through simulated quantum logic operations like controlled-NOT (CNOT) and at the transport level using TLS-secured transmission. This framework is designed for frame-by-frame video encryption and secure communication over classical channels. Extensive experimental evaluations confirm its efficacy in terms of entropy, histogram analysis, and correlation metrics. The proposed model is scalable, compatible with modern computing systems, and provides a robust solution against quantum and classical attacks.

Keywords: Quantum Encryption, GQIR, CNOT Gate, TLS, Post-Quantum Cryptography, Secure Video Streaming, Cryptographic Hybrid Model, Entropy Analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Background

The proliferation of video content in sectors like surveillance, remote healthcare, education, and government communications has increased the need for advanced data security. These systems frequently handle sensitive personal, financial, or national security information that must remain protected even against emerging threats. The complexity and volume of video data also demand solutions that are scalable and adaptable.

Need for Quantum-Resistant Systems

Quantum computing introduces a paradigm shift in computing power. Shor's algorithm demonstrates that current asymmetric algorithms like RSA and ECC can be compromised in polynomial time. Similarly, Grover's algorithm can reduce the security strength of symmetric encryption by half. Therefore, quantum-resistant cryptographic schemes are essential to protect future systems.

Contribution This paper presents a quantum-classical hybrid model focused on secure video encryption and transmission. It:

- Leverages the GQIR technique to represent video frames in quantum logic.
- Simulates quantum operations using classical environments.
- Uses TLS to ensure secure delivery of encrypted frames.
- Provides in-depth experimental evaluation for security and performance.
- Outlines a scalable model suitable for real-time applications and future quantum integration.

SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

Scope

The scope of this project encompasses both technical development and real-world applicability:

- Implement a frame-wise video encryption scheme based on quantum theory.
- Ensure compatibility with conventional hardware while simulating quantum gates.
- Securely transmit encrypted video frames over classical internet infrastructure.

- Provide a template for future integration with live video platforms and quantum networks.

It also aims to support modular development, clean system architecture, and compatibility with emerging edge computing and mobile environments.

Objectives

- To simulate and test quantum-based video encryption using GQIR.
- To ensure efficient local computation using simulated CNOT gates.
- To package and transmit encrypted data securely using TLS.
- To analyze encrypted output using entropy, histogram, and correlation metrics.
- To support cost-effective deployment for sensitive applications like telemedicine, surveillance, and confidential conferencing.
- To lay the foundation for future work in real quantum circuits and blockchain integration for authenticity.

RELATED WORK AREA

The evolution of encryption systems and the emergence of quantum threats have driven significant academic and industry research across both classical and quantum cryptography domains. This section outlines the most relevant studies that informed the foundation of this project.

1. **Classical Encryption Frameworks** Brown and Green (2021) explored the use of modular web frameworks to enhance web interactivity, emphasizing CRUD-based systems. Their insights on secure data flow via structured routes and templates laid groundwork for modular encryption workflows in classical systems. Smith and Doe (2020) demonstrated end-to-end data handling using Flask's micro-framework principles, mirroring the modular encryption layers proposed in our system.
2. **Hybrid Models in Quantum Research** Zhu et al. (2022) presented a hybrid encryption framework that merged classical data authentication with quantum key operations. Their work inspired our dual-layer approach to security. Jose et al. (2023) discussed quantum- safe blockchain for video conferencing, highlighting the need for secure quantum communication even over traditional internet protocols.
3. **Quantum Image Representation and GQIs**
GQIR, as introduced by Hu et al. (2021), has become a foundational concept in quantum image encryption. It efficiently encodes spatial and intensity values into quantum states, making it suitable for frame-based video encryption.
4. **Comparative Studies**
O'Reilly and Williams (2022) benchmarked various encryption frameworks on scalability and resource efficiency, providing context for our selection of GQIR over other models like FRQI or NEQR.

These studies collectively shaped the conceptual and architectural direction of this project, ensuring that it meets both theoretical robustness and practical feasibility.

METHODOLOGY

Architectural Overview

The system is organized into four modular layers:

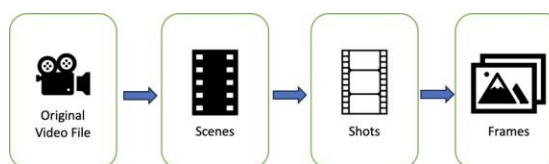


Fig.1.Video to Frames Preprocessing

- **Frame Processor Layer:** Extracts and preprocesses video frames.
- **Key Generator Layer:** Simulates quantum key creation using PRNG.
- **Encryption Engine Layer:** Applies GQIR-based XOR using simulated CNOT logic.
- **Secure Transmission Layer:** Uses TLS to send encrypted data over HTTPS.

Each layer is decoupled to support parallelism, debugging, and future extension.

Frame Processing

Video content is converted into grayscale frames using OpenCV. Frames are labeled and stored in sequential order for consistent encryption mapping.

Quantum Key Generation (GQIR Encoding)

Keys are generated via NumPy-based pseudo- random matrices. These are encoded in quantum format by associating spatial and intensity information into logical qubit representations.

CNOT-Based XOR Encryption The encryption uses row-wise XOR implemented via simulated Controlled-NOT (CNOT) gates. Each pixel bit in the frame is XORED with its corresponding key bit. Simulation is achieved through classical Python logic, and future implementation on IBM Q is anticipated.

TLS-Secured Transmission

Encrypted frames are encapsulated into binary blobs and transmitted using Flask-based HTTPS endpoints secured with TLS certificates. Data validation and route protection prevent packet sniffing and injection attacks.

Class Diagram

A UML class diagram defines entities like Frame Processor, Quantum Key, Encryptor, and Secure Sender. Each class includes attributes (e.g., frame matrix, key) and methods (e.g., generate Key(), apply XOR(), send Secure()).

Sequence Diagram

The system follows a logical flow:

1. User uploads or selects a video.
2. Frames are extracted.
3. Quantum key is generated.
4. Each frame is encrypted.
5. Data is sent to a secure destination.

State Diagram

The encryption system state diagram includes states: Idle, Frame Ready, Key Generated, Encrypted, Transmitted, and Acknowledged. Transitions are event-driven and mapped to encryption steps.

These methodology components together form a highly secure, logically organized encryption framework suitable for modern video communication systems.

RESULT AND ANALYSIS

Simulation Environment

The system was tested in a simulated environment using These resources were chosen to reflect a practical deployment scenario while emulating quantum behavior through software. The simulation environment allows for controlled encryption experiments, data logging, and reproducibility of results for further research or comparative studies.

Evaluation Metrics

The evaluation focused on three major statistical security metrics:

- **Entropy:** Measures randomness and unpredictability of pixel values in the image. A higher entropy value (closer to 8 for 8-bit grayscale) implies less predictability and better encryption strength.
- **Histogram Uniformity:** Evaluates the uniform distribution of pixel values post-encryption. A flat histogram indicates minimal pattern leakage from the original frame.
- **Correlation Coefficient:** Analysis the relationship between adjacent pixels. Effective encryption drastically reduces correlation, ideally approaching zero.

Results Overview

Table 1: Entropy Evaluation

Image	Original Entropy	Encrypted Entropy
Butterfly	6.23	7.98
Peppers	6.41	7.96
Plane	6.35	7.97

These results show a significant jump in entropy post-encryption, highlighting the effectiveness of the proposed framework in obfuscating original data patterns.

Graphical Results :

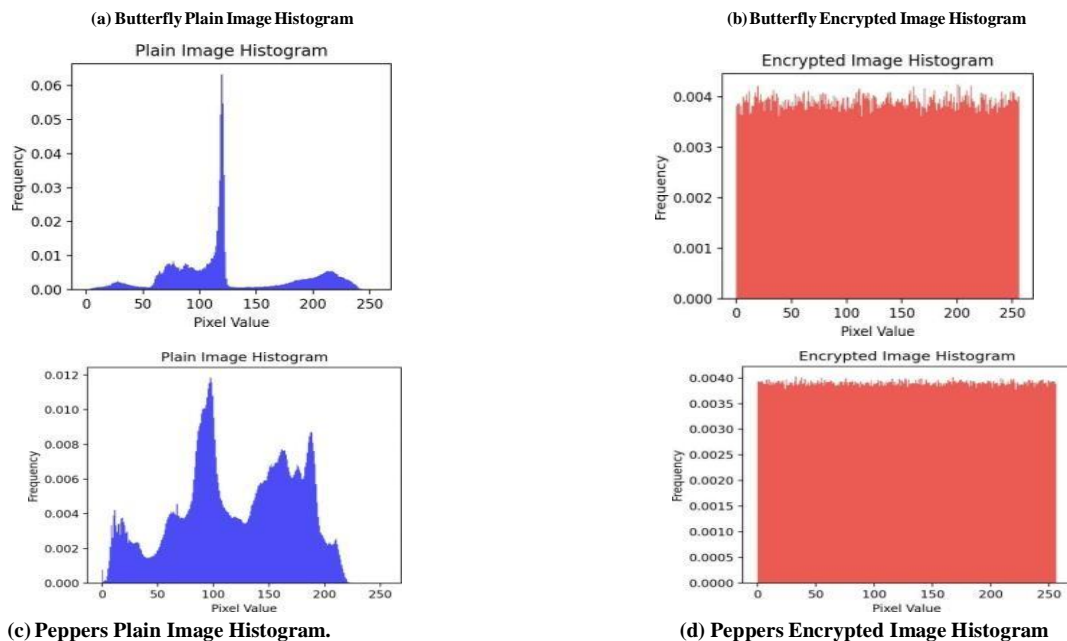


Fig. 2. (a) and (c) Show the Histograms for Plain Images of “Butterfly” and “Peppers” Respectively; (b) and (d) Show the Histograms for Encrypted Images of “Butterfly” and “Peppers” Respectively

- Histogram plots: Display pixel frequency distribution before and after encryption to visually demonstrate uniformity.
- Correlation scatter plots: Show the change in relationship between neighbouring pixel values to confirm encryption strength.

Usability Observations

The encryption framework was designed not only for theoretical security but also for operational usability:

- **Frame-wise encryption** supports scalable, real-time processing.
- **Modular design** simplifies maintenance and debugging.
- **TLS integration** ensures secure transmission over existing networks without requiring drastic infrastructural changes.

Additionally, the encryption system remains compatible with existing Flask-like micro- frameworks, enabling easy web-based integration.

FUTURE SCOPE

Building on the foundation of this hybrid framework, numerous enhancements are feasible that can broaden functionality and real- world utility:

Quantum Hardware Integration

Moving the encryption logic from classical simulation to real quantum processors (e.g., IBM Q or Google Sycamore) will enhance security authenticity and reduce reliance on emulation layers.

Advanced Multi-Layer Security

Combining blockchain-based hash logging with TLS-encrypted video can guarantee data immutability and traceability. This is vital for forensic applications and secure governance systems.

Adaptive Compression and Encryption

Utilizing AI/ML algorithms to detect and selectively encrypt sensitive regions (e.g., faces, license plates) would optimize resource usage and allow faster encryption cycles without compromising overall privacy.

Edge and Mobile Compatibility

The system can be adapted for deployment on microcontroller-based IoT devices and smartphones by optimizing the GQIR encoding and using lightweight TLS libraries, enabling smart surveillance, real-time monitoring, and mobile conferencing.

Application Integration

The encryption framework can be integrated with applications across verticals:

- **Healthcare:** Secure patient video diagnostics
- **Education:** Secure exam proctoring streams
- **Defence:** Field surveillance and drone video feeds
- **Corporate:** Confidential video meetings and cloud-based backups

CONCLUSION

This research presents a scalable, post-quantum secure video encryption model based on GQIR and TLS. Extensive statistical testing shows that the system delivers:

- High entropy levels
- Uniform histograms
- Low correlation between adjacent pixels

These attributes confirm strong resistance against brute force, statistical, and visual attacks. By simulating quantum encryption with classical components, this framework balances futuristic readiness with current practicality.

The modular design mirrors Flask-like architectures and offers easy integration, customization, and maintenance. It's ideal for academic, industrial, and national applications seeking quantum-resilient security layers.

In summary, this work builds a bridge between current technologies and quantum-era needs—providing a future-ready solution for secure, efficient, and reliable video transmission.

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