## KEVIN SUN

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### **EDUCATION**

# The University of Michigan College of Engineering

BS in Data Science & Computer Science

Ann Arbor, MI

September 2025 - May 2029 (anticipated)

# The Independent Schools Foundation Academy

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Hong Kong, HK SAR August 2021 – June 2025

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## ISFA Shuyuan Research Program

Hong Kong, HK SAR June 2023 – May 2025

First Author (Published)

- Conducted research "Evaluating the Feasibility of Using Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL) Aircraft to Replace Helicopters for Rescue Missions"
- Constructed a VTOL prototype with vertical takeoff, horizontal flight, and stable hover; designed a modular airframe with dual rotating
  exhaust nozzles using Fusion 360; integrated control systems using an ESP32 microcontroller, gyroscope, and servo motors.
- Found that although the VTOL prototype may function as well as a helicopter in short missions, limitations in operation and range, as well as production costs, render it impractical; stated that future innovations may change this.
- Paper published in a physical journal (no link): Bauhinia Journal, Volume X, Issue 2, Pages 9 to 21 (ISSN 2409-4064)

### ISFA Shuyuan Research Program

Hong Kong, HK SAR

First Author (Published)

April 2023 - December 2024

- Researched the "Development and Evaluation of a Low-Cost Open Source Power Monitoring and Recording System for Solar Panel Efficiency Analysis."
- Used an ESP32 microcontroller, INA219 sensor, and microSD to construct a customizable power monitoring system; conducted a 15-day test at the ISF weather station, comparing results to those of a commercial system.
- Analyzed data using PowerBI, accounting for solar panel size and efficiency; found a strong R^2 correlation despite minor discrepancies
  due to environmental shadows, suggesting high reliability.
- Paper published in IEEE-YE 2023: <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/386508879">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/386508879</a> Development and Evaluation of a Low-Cost Open Source Power Monitoring and Recording System for Solar Panel Efficiency Analysis

### ISFA Shuyuan Research Program

Hong Kong, HK SAR December 2021 – April 2022

First Author (Published)

- Researched "The Potential of Tracking Solar Panels in Hong Kong Compared to Fixed Panels."
- Used PowerBI to analyze 3 years of solar panel output data from the ISF Center for Renewable Energy Education; visualized power
  generation patterns across times of day and seasons using line plots and matrix tables.
- Found that due to shadow interference from Hong Kong skyrises, tracking solar panels only generated 29% more energy than fixed panels; because tracking panels cost 25% more, concluded that fixed arrays offer better ROI.
- Condensed poster presentation of data published by AGU: <a href="https://agu2022fallmeeting-agu.ipostersessions.com/Default.aspx?s=13-4E-8F-0E-A8-42-2E-71-74-37-18-20-F4-AF-E1-CE">https://agu2022fallmeeting-agu.ipostersessions.com/Default.aspx?s=13-4E-8F-0E-A8-42-2E-71-74-37-18-20-F4-AF-E1-CE</a>

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# Crostwick Industrial

Hong Kong, HK SAR

Contractor

January 2024 – May 2024

- Contracted to design and build 1 unit of an office door lock that opens automatically when a recognized phone connects to the office Wi-Fi, and locks automatically when no device is connected; the design parameters were that the lock should be made with commercially available parts for easy maintenance, require no manual operation, and be made at a per unit cost of 1,500 HKD or less.
- Used an ESP-32 chip and Wi-Fi module to control a solenoid lock within the parameters; provided a blueprint for design of the lock.

Look4Kol

Hong Kong, HK SAR

Web Developer

June 2023 – August 2023

- Look4Kol is a platform that connects small companies with influencers for advertising purposes.
- Designed a new user dashboard for partner influencers; introduced a popularity panel that permits influencers to generate a scatter graph to visualize views and clicks on their profile over a set period of time; added a panel that lists all the advertisements the influencer is featured in, alongside income from those ads and a record of commissions from different companies.

En-Trak

Hong Kong, HK SAR March 2023 – October 2023

Software Developer

- Developed an API to fetch data for En-Trak TEP, an application that tracks and displays power usage and sustainability data for organizations that own commercial real estate, including private companies, conference centers, and schools.
- Used Go to develop the API with object-relational mapping to access Firebase databases maintained by En-Trak; deployed the API on the En-Trak TEP application in 2023.

Qirui Pay

Hong Kong, HK SAR

Founder & Developer

March 2022 - November 2024

- Programmed and developed Qirui Pay, an app permitting organizations to issue their own unique currencies pegged to local fiat; the use cases for Qirui Pay are schools and organizations that issue points, tickets, or currencies that can be redeemed for real money or items.
- Presented a paper examining the technology, security, and use cases for Qirui Pay during its trial period from 2022 2023, during which time it recorded around 52,000 USD in transactions, at the 49th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva; received a Silver Medal.
- Publication: <a href="https://catalog-admin.palexpo.ch/media/invention\_invention\_documentation/0c01584c-dd02-41e8-9ac5-7852d0346e95.pdf">https://catalog-admin.palexpo.ch/media/invention\_invention\_documentation/0c01584c-dd02-41e8-9ac5-7852d0346e95.pdf</a>