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## Practice Areas

- Wireless Engineering
- Telecommunications
- Electrical Engineering
- Failure Analysis
- Applied Research

## Credentials

- Licensed Electrical Engineer
- Recognized expert by city, state, and federal governments.
- Published in national & international peer-reviewed journals.
- Speaker at national & international technical conferences.
- BS, Electrical Engineering
- MEng, Telecommunications
- MEng, Engineering Management
- Six Sigma Master Black Belt
- Over twenty years of experience



## Work History

Since 2015	<b>Founder &amp; CEO</b> Discovery Engineering, PLLC	Colorado
Since 2002	<b>Electronics Engineer</b> US Department of Commerce Institute for Telecommunication Sciences	Colorado
2000–2001	<b>Software Engineer</b> Motorola Broadband Communications	Pennsylvania
1996–2000	<b>Antenna Engineer</b> Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space	Pennsylvania

## Education

2017	<b>Master of Engineering</b> Engineering Management	University of Colorado
2015	<b>Six Sigma Master Black Belt</b> 24 graduate credit hours (8 semester courses) in applied statistics	University of Colorado
2007	<b>Master of Engineering</b> Telecommunications	University of Colorado
1997–2000	<b>MSEE Coursework</b> Nine trimester courses in microwave & control systems engineering	Drexel University
1996	<b>Bachelor of Science</b> Electrical Engineering	Lehigh University

## Forensic Engineering & Applied Research Expertise

### Wireless and Telecommunications Engineering

I have over 20 years of experience in research, design, analysis, & measurement of LTE, cellular, satellite, Internet, wireless, RF, Wi-Fi, RADAR, SDR, networks, data communications, communications protocols & standards, public safety comm systems, GPS, instrumentation, and control systems.

### Electrical Engineering

I perform electrical, electronics, and communications systems investigations involving design, use, defects, equipment breakdown, and malfunctions for liability, patent, and technology intellectual property matters.

### Failure Analysis

I investigate the causes of electrical system failures involving communication systems, appliances, heavy industry, equipment breakdown, damages, and accidents. These failures occur in industrial, oil & gas, construction, residential, and consumer settings. Electrical systems include communications, power, instrumentation, control, grounding, lightning protection, and automation.

### Applied Research

Understanding *variability* is crucial to improving and controlling processes in any endeavor. I bring scholarship and practical experience in applied research to help clients understand variability and improve outcomes.

Studies show that 35–95% of all published scientific research is not reproducible [NAS, 2018]. The financial and legal consequences of improper scientific research methods are enormous. I can ensure that solid and defensible research methods inform your decisions.



## License and Certifications

2006	Professional Engineer PE-0040278	State of Colorado
2016	Six Sigma Master Black Belt	University of Colorado/ROI Alliance
2016	Competent Communicator	Toastmasters International

## Forensic Investigations

- Mining Accident** Underground mine communication system failure resulting in personal injury
- Automotive** Vehicle anomalies allegedly caused by wireless key fob - insurance claim
- Securities Fraud** Stocks allegedly traded using spoofed computer MAC addresses resulting in illegal stock manipulation - FINRA arbitration

## Training and Continuing Education

2020	Spectrum Analysis Fundamentals
2020	RF Fundamentals Seminar
2020	Signal Integrity Workshop
2019	LTE 5G Boot Camp
2019	Vector Signal Analyzer Training
2018	GPS and the Global Navigation Satellite System
2012-2015	Six Sigma Master Black Belt Courses (24 graduate credit hours)
2015	Radiowave Propagation
2014	LTE Air Interface and Interference Considerations
2007	Regression, Contingency Tables, and Logistic Regression
2003	Ethernet Network Analysis and Troubleshooting
2003	Troubleshooting with the Sniffer Portable Network Analyzer

## Refereed Publications

- R. T. Johnk, M. Powell, J. Griffith, M. McFarland, K. Baker, P. Daithanker, S. Samdian, L. Gopal, and S. Gavva, "In-building LTE testing at the University of Colorado," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NTIA Report TR-15-518, July 2015. Available: <http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/publications/2807.aspx>
- R. Achatz, M. McFarland, R. Dalke, P. McKenna, F. Sanders, and G. Sanders, "Effects of broadband radio service reallocation on S-band marine radars: Front-end overload," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NTIA Report TR-15-515, April 2015. Available: <http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/publications/2798.aspx>
- M. McFarland and R. Johnk, "Characterizing an S-band marine radar receiver in the presence of interference," in *Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), 2012 IEEE International Symposium on*, August 2012, pp. 579-583. Available: <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/articleDetails.jsp?partnum=6350926&searchProductType=IEEE%20Conferences>
- R. Johnk, C. Hammerschmidt, M. McFarland, and J. Lemmon, "A fast-fading mobile channel measurement system," in *Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), 2012 IEEE International Symposium on*, August 2012, pp. 584-589. Available: <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/articleDetails.jsp?partnum=6350925&searchProductType=IEEE%20Conferences>

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## Refereed Publications (continued)

5. M. McFarland, M. Pinson, C. Ford, A. Webster, W. Ingram, S. Hanes, and K. Anderson, "Relating audio and video quality, using CIF video," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NTIA Technical Memorandum 10-472, September 2010. Available: <http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/publications/2547.aspx>
6. R. Johnk, J. Ewan, N. DeMinco, R. Carey, P. McKenna, C. Behm, T. Riley, S. Carroll, M. McFarland, and J. Leslie, "High-resolution propagation measurements using biconical antennas and signal processing," in *Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), 2010 IEEE International Symposium on*, July 2010, pp. 85-90. Available: <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/articleDetails.jsp?reload=true&arnumber=5711252&contentType=Conference+Publications>
7. DHS Public Safety Communications, "Task-based tactical and surveillance video quality tests," Statement of Requirements, US Department of Homeland Security, DHS Technical Report DHS-TR-PSC-10-07, July 2010. Available: <https://www.hSDL.org/?abstract&did=16117>
8. C. Ford, M. McFarland, A. Webster, S. Hanes, M. Pinson, A. Webster, and K. Anderson, "Multimedia synchronization study," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NTIA Technical Memorandum 10-464, February 2010. Available: <http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/publications/2501.aspx>
9. F. Sanders, R. Johnk, M. McFarland, and R. Hoffman, "Emission measurement results for a cellular and PCS signal-jamming transmitter," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NTIA Technical Report 10-465, February 2010. Available: <http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/publications/2503.aspx>
10. M. McFarland, "A subjective video quality test method for the assessment of recorded surveillance video," in *Proceedings of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences*, vol. 15, February 2009, p. 158. Available: <http://www.aafs.org/sites/default/files/pdf/ProceedingsDenver2009.pdf>
11. C. Ford, M. McFarland, and I. Stange, "Subjective video quality assessment methods for recognition tasks," in *Proceedings of the SPIE*, vol. 7240, February 2009. Available: <http://proceedings.spiedigitallibrary.org/proceeding.aspx?articleid=811708>
12. ITU-T, *Subjective Video Quality Assessment Methods for Recognition Tasks*, International Telecommunications Union- Telecommunication Standardization Sector Recommendation P.912, August 2008. Available: <https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-P.912-200808-S/en>
13. M. McFarland, M. Pinson, and S. Wolf, "Batch video quality metric (BVQM) user's manual," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NTIA Handbook 06-441a, December 2006. Available: <http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/publications/2476.aspx>

## Non-Refereed Reports

1. M. McFarland, "Cell Tower Report," Discovery Engineering, Report to Leyden Rock Metropolitan District, December 2019.
2. M. McFarland, "Potential health hazards of radio frequency radiation," Discovery Engineering, Report to Broomfield City Council, March 2016.
3. M. McFarland, "Faraday cages for electromagnetic shielding," Discovery Engineering, Report to Broomfield City Council, March 2016.
4. M. McFarland, "Electromagnetic interference and the Permobil power wheelchair," Discovery Engineering, Report to Broomfield City Council, March 2016.

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5. M. McFarland, "A critique of the competitive value model for agricultural tractors," University of Colorado, Whitepaper, September 2014, EMEN 5040: Quality, Strategy, and Value Creation.
6. M. McFarland, "An empirical study of the repeatability of the DSA testbed measurements," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Whitepaper, August 2010.
7. M. McFarland, "Stability, precision, and accuracy in VSA measurements," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Internal Report, August 2014.
8. C. Ford and M. McFarland, "New advances in the quality assessment of task-based video systems," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Technical Report, March 2009, unpublished.
9. M. McFarland, "A subjective video quality test methodology for the assessment of recorded surveillance video," Master of Engineering Thesis, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, December 2007.

## Presentations and Talks

1. *Public Exposure to RF Energy and the Verizon Wireless Lease Agreement*, Leyden Rock Metropolitan District Special Meeting. December 2019, Arvada, CO.
2. *Screening Experiments in Mobile Channel Measurements*, International Symposium on Advanced Radio Technologies (ISART). July 2018, Broomfield, CO.
3. *Using Public Safety Android Devices to Measure In-Building LTE Coverage Quality*, US Department of Defense. May 2018, Huntsville, AL. (Presented by B Johnk)
4. *Six Sigma Techniques to Validate and Generalize In-Building Path Loss Models*, International Union of Radio Science (URSI). January 2018, Boulder, CO.
5. *Statistical Learning to Classify Six In-Building Propagation Environments*, International Union of Radio Science (URSI). January 2018, Boulder, CO.
6. *Cell Towers: Their Present, Their Future*, Broomfield City Council meeting. March 2016, Broomfield, CO.
7. *In-Building Path Loss Model Analysis: Testing Assumptions and Identifying Outliers in Propagation Models*, International Union of Radio Science (URSI). January 2016, Boulder, CO. (session co-chair)
8. *In-Building Path Loss Modeling: An Application of Simple Linear Regression Analysis*, University of Colorado Boulder, Guest lecturer for graduate course in applied statistics. March 2015, Boulder, CO. (invited talk)
9. *A Fast-Fading Mobile Channel Measurement System*, IEEE Antenna Measurement Techniques Association. April 2013, San Diego, CA. (Presented by B Johnk)
10. *Characterizing an S-band Marine Radar Receiver in the Presence of Interference*, IEEE International Symposium in Electromagnetic Compatibility. August 2012, Pittsburgh, PA.
11. *Engineering Licensure: from Point A to P.E.*, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Tau Alpha Pi National Honor Society 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Awards Program. April 2012, Denver, CO. (invited talk)
12. *Engineering Licensure: from Point A to P.E.*, University of Colorado Boulder, Undergraduate Professional Seminar. November 2011, Boulder, CO. (invited talk)
13. *Assessing the Quality of Recorded Surveillance Video*, US Department of Homeland Security. February 2009, Boulder, CO. (invited talk)

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14. *A Subjective Video Quality Test Method for the Assessment of Recorded Surveillance Video*, American Academy of Forensic Sciences. February 2009, Denver, CO
15. *Assessing the Quality of Recorded Surveillance Video*, Scientific Working Group on Imaging Technology. January 2007, Orlando, FL. (invited talk)

## Professional Affiliations


- Since 2008 **National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) - Colorado**  
President, Vice President, Director, Secretary
- Since 2018 **NSPE-Colorado Education Foundation**  
Trustee





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