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Professional Profile

Dr. Murphy applies his expertise in electrical engineering to lead investigations into the performance, design, and condition of electrical and electronic systems and devices. He has experience with range of technologies found in consumer electronics and appliances, medical devices, and electric power systems.

Dr. Murphy has inspected and tested smart home products and smart building installations, and has published and presented on issues in networked building controls and the safety and security of Internet-of-Things products. He has investigated a number of property losses related to fires and water damage in electrical and electronic equipment including losses related to extreme weather events. Dr. Murphy is a licensed electrical engineer and has over 10 years of experience preparing technical reports to inform clients engaged in risk analysis, regulatory matters, and dispute resolution proceedings.

Dr. Murphy has experience in design and manufacture of semiconductor devices and optoelectronic technologies for lighting, displays, and sensing at the component level and as part of systems for professional audio, automated building management, and consumer electronics and appliances. As part of technical investigations, Dr. Murphy has instrumented and measured per relevant standards electrical power quality, utility-frequency and radio-frequency electromagnetic fields, and optical and acoustic energy.

Dr. Murphy has experience analyzing failures and damage to equipment, cables, insulators, and systems for electric power distribution, rail transportation systems, and solar energy. As part of this work he has measured power quality and electrical equipment performance in the field, examined and tested electrical cables, insulators, and equipment in the laboratory, and reviewed system designs for compliance with industry standards.

Dr. Murphy's research experience focused on semiconductor integrated circuit fabrication technologies including nanoimprint, optical lithography and pulsed laser processing, as well as design, fabrication, and characterization of optical filters, waveguides, photodetectors, nanowires and solar cells. Dr. Murphy has university-level experience teaching topics in electrical and computer engineering, applied physics, semiconductor devices, and optics.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, 2009

M.A., Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, 2004

B.S., Electrical Engineering, Boston University, 2002

Richard Ralston Hough Award for Distinguished Teaching, Princeton University Department of Electrical Engineering

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni

Commendation for Outstanding Teaching, Princeton University School of Engineering and Applied Science

McGraw Graduate Fellow, Princeton University

Licenses and Certifications

Professional Engineer Electrical, California, #20317

Professional Engineer, New York, #104358

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI)

Prior Experience

Research Assistant, Nanostructures Laboratory, Princeton University, 2003-2009

Research Assistant, Optical Characterization and Nanophotonics Laboratory, Boston University, 2001-2002

Research Assistant, Spire Corporation, 1999-2001

Professional Affiliations

Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers (IEEE, Senior Member)

National Association of Fire Investigators

Publications

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Xia Q, Murphy PF, Gao H, Chou SY. Ultrafast and selective reduction of sidewall roughness in silicon waveguides using self-perfection by liquefaction. Nanotechnology 2009; 20:345302.

Chang ASP, Morton KJ, Tan H, Murphy PF, Wu W, Chou SY. Tunable liquid crystal-resonant grating filter fabricated by nanoimprint lithography. IEEE Photonics Technology Letters 2007; 19:1457.

Murphy PF, Morton KJ, Fu Z, Chou SY. Nanoimprint mold fabrication and replication by room-temperature conformal chemical vapor deposition. Applied Physics Letters 2007; 90:203115.

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Chen C, Lennox K, Murphy PF. Hacking into your Home... and Heart? Security of IoT Devices in the Era of "Smart" Buildings and Pacemakers. Webinar. December 8, 2020.

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