

Mark Opfell

Exposure & Skills

RF Standards	FCC, ITU, DVB-S2
Programming Languages	Python, VBA
HW Tools	Vector Network Analyzer, Antenna Hats,
SW Tools	Excel (Wizard), Pycharm, Git*, Bash, Vi
Scientific Python Stack	NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, Pandas
Significant Ascents	Mount Rainier, Mount Adams (solo)

Work Experience

Job Title	Lead Communication Systems Engineer	
Employer	Albedo	Remote
Period	October 2021 – Present	
	TBD	

Job Title	Senior RF Systems Engineer	
Employer	LeoStella	Tukwilla, WA
Period	April 2019 – October 2021	

Created technology roadmaps, architecture diagrams, link budgets, test plans, and ran hands-on troubleshooting. Collaborated with suppliers and customers to design, manufacture, test, and operate X, S, GPS, and UHF-band space+ground software defined communication systems while managing cost, schedule, risk, and SWaP. Low-Earth orbit small satellite constellations: BlackSky, Loft Orbital, and NorthStar Earth & Space.

Designed, simulated, purchased, laid out, and validated: parts, mixed signal PCB, connectors, cabling, and enclosure for a GPS RF system self-compatibility filter. Successful in-orbit operation.

Awarded for saving \$0.5 million in recurring cost for flatsat test benches with a deep dive into the technical specifications of the ground and space hardware, and concurrence with vendors.

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Job Title	RF Systems Engineer	
Employer	Kymeta	Redmond, WA
Period	February 2018 – March 2019	
<p>Wrote phased array antenna cross-polarization optimization algorithm in Python and integrated it with production level test codebase along with documentation, theoretical and actual response data.</p> <p>Developed and executed over-the-air combined OSI application, transport, network, and physical layer level test cases for a mobile MIMO Ku-band terminal with software defined phased array flat panel antennas and a DVB-S2 satellite modem</p>		
Job Title	RF Systems Software Engineer	
Employer	Space Systems/Loral	Mountain View, CA
Period	October 2016 – January 2018	
<p>Award winning role leading, developing, and managing a production Python client and services to exchange data between a PostgreSQL database storing 1 TB of antenna data and an RF downlink capacity tool.</p>		
Job Title	Senior RF Systems Engineer	
Employer	Space Systems/Loral	Mountain View, CA
Period	March 2015 – October 2016	
<p>Lead successful Forward downlink payload re-design, deployment, launch, in-orbit test, and handover of geostationary communication satellite Echostar 21 operating the receive at Ka-band and transmit at S-band.</p>		
Job Title	RF Systems Engineer	
Employer	Space Systems/Loral	Mountain View, CA
Period	September 2013 – March 2015	
Job Title	Associate RF Systems Engineer	
Employer	Space Systems/Loral	Mountain View, CA
Period	June 2012 – September 2013	

Education

Degree	Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
University	University of California, Davis
Period	June 2009 – June 2012

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