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'Geometrical Optics' is new interactive SPIE iPhone app

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BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA -- A best-selling guide to geometrical optics published by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, is now available as an interactive application for the iPhone.

The SPIE Field Guide series provides key definitions, equations, illustrations, application examples, design considerations, methods, and tips for use in the lab and in the field in several topics, in accessibly written spiral-bound books.



The *SPIE Field Guide to Geometrical Optics* is the first of the series to be converted from print to mobile, and offers:

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Early reviews give the new, complete version high ratings, calling it "excellent" and "a great application for anyone in optics."

The book was authored by SPIE Fellow <u>John Greivenkamp</u>, professor at the College of Optical Sciences, University of Arizona. Content was derived from the treatment of geometrical optics in the college's undergraduate and graduate programs.

Like the original print version, the iPhone app covers Gaussian imagery, paraxial optics, first-order optical system design, system examples, illumination, chromatic effects, and an introduction to aberrations. Appendices provide supplemental material on radiometry and photometry, the human eye, and several other topics.

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