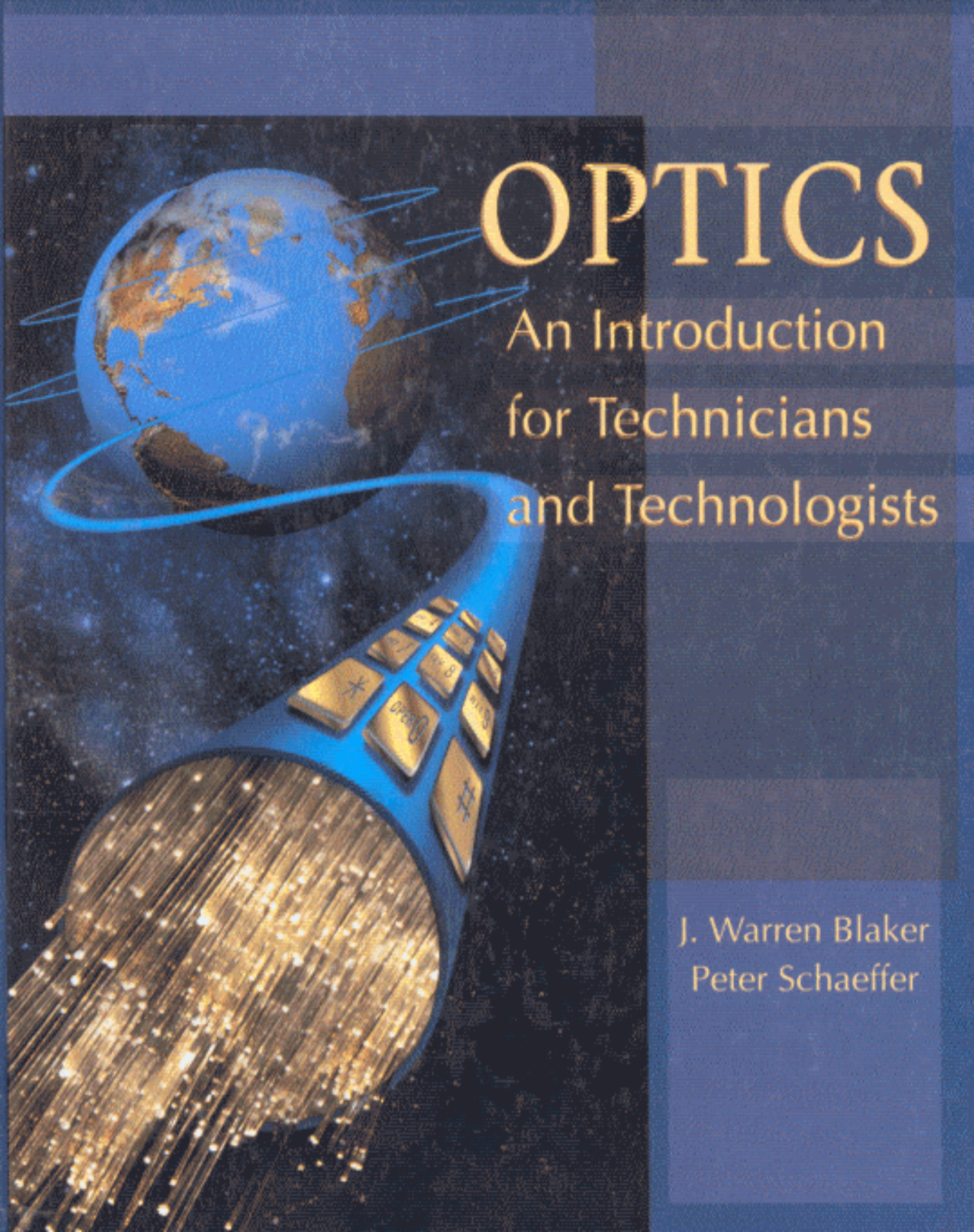


The background of the cover is a dark, starry space. In the upper left, a blue and white Earth is shown with several thin, light-blue lines representing orbital paths. In the lower left, a large, blue, conical object resembling a fiber optic cable or a futuristic telescope dominates the foreground. It has a series of gold-colored buttons with various symbols (asterisk, hash, at, etc.) on its side. From the wide, open end of this cone, a massive, brilliant stream of golden light rays or fiber optic strands erupts, fanning out towards the bottom left corner.

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