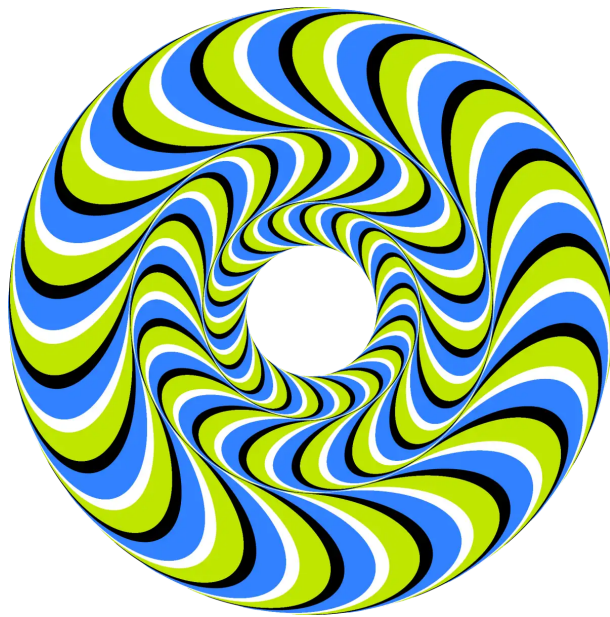


Stream

Akiyoshi Kitaoka

Is the colourful circle really spinning?



Look at the colourful circle with a little distance. In which direction is it spinning?

Look at the circle up close. Is it still spinning?

The circle is not really spinning - the movement is an optical illusion. Our perception of images consists not only of what our eye sees, but very essentially of what our brain makes out of it. By cleverly combining colours and shapes, Japanese psychologist Akiyoshi Kitaoka fools our brain. The impression of movement that is created is so real that sensitive people become dizzy when looking at his pictures.