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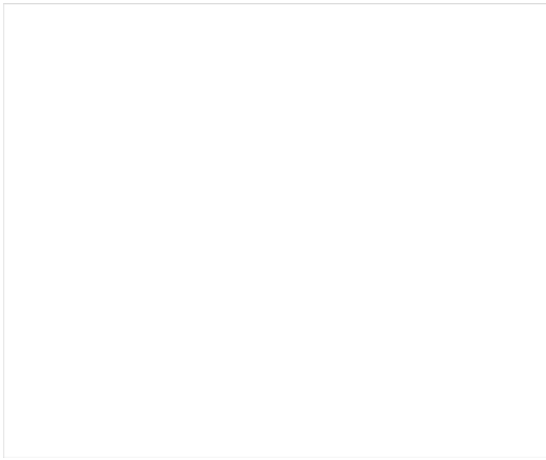
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 A screenshot of a web application for an optical illusion. The main area is dark green with a spinning disk at the top left and a blue fixation point at the top right. Below the main area is a control panel with three sliders: "Orientation" set to 0, "Spatial Frequency" set to 50, and "Speed" set to -12. The copyright notice "© Arthur Shapiro" is at the bottom right of the interface.

1. Look directly at the spinning disk. It will appear to fall vertically.
2. Look at the blue fixation point. The disk will appear to fall at about a 20-degree angle.
3. Shift your gaze during the disk's descent. The flight of the oval will abruptly shift direction. The abrupt shift is analogous to the "break" of the curveball.

The controls allow you to adjust the parameters of the effect.



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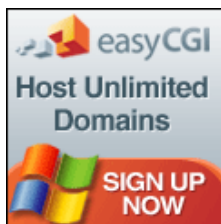
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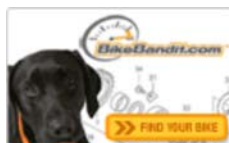
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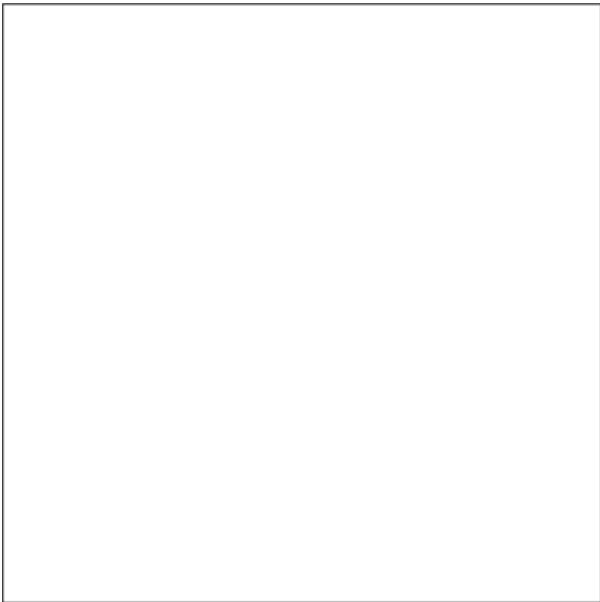
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