

doppelstuhl innen

video performance

February 1997 — Y's studio, Zurich, CH — Duration: 40 min.

Setting — A large factory hall with a red Novilon floor and overhead lighting.

Materials and Preparation — A board sawed into three pieces of equal size. The boards are given rounded corners and joined with hinges so that the whole can be folded like an accordion. Leather straps for the feet, thighs, pelvis, and chest are affixed in opposite orientations to both sides of the foldable board. Knee and elbow protections made out of bubble wrap. Brown packing tape. A camera mounted on the ceiling.

Procedure — Knee and elbow protections made out of bubble wrap are applied with brown packing tape. The board in three parts is folded into a chair-like object. X and Y strap themselves in, head to foot, on both sides of the double chair. Only with great difficulty are X and Y able to move forwards or to come to rest. Alternately, either X or Y is forced to assume a very uncomfortable position. X and Y try out possible positions and sequences, moving through the field of the camera.

