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2026
Acrylics on fiberglass-polyester resin laminate
81.7 × 81.7 × 11.2 cm



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2026
Acrylics on fiberglass-polyester resin laminate
67.2 × 67.2 × 7.2 cm



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2026
Acrylics on fiberglass-polyester resin laminate
56.2 × 84.2 × 10.7 cm



Side views



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2026
Oil on canvas
140 × 240 cm



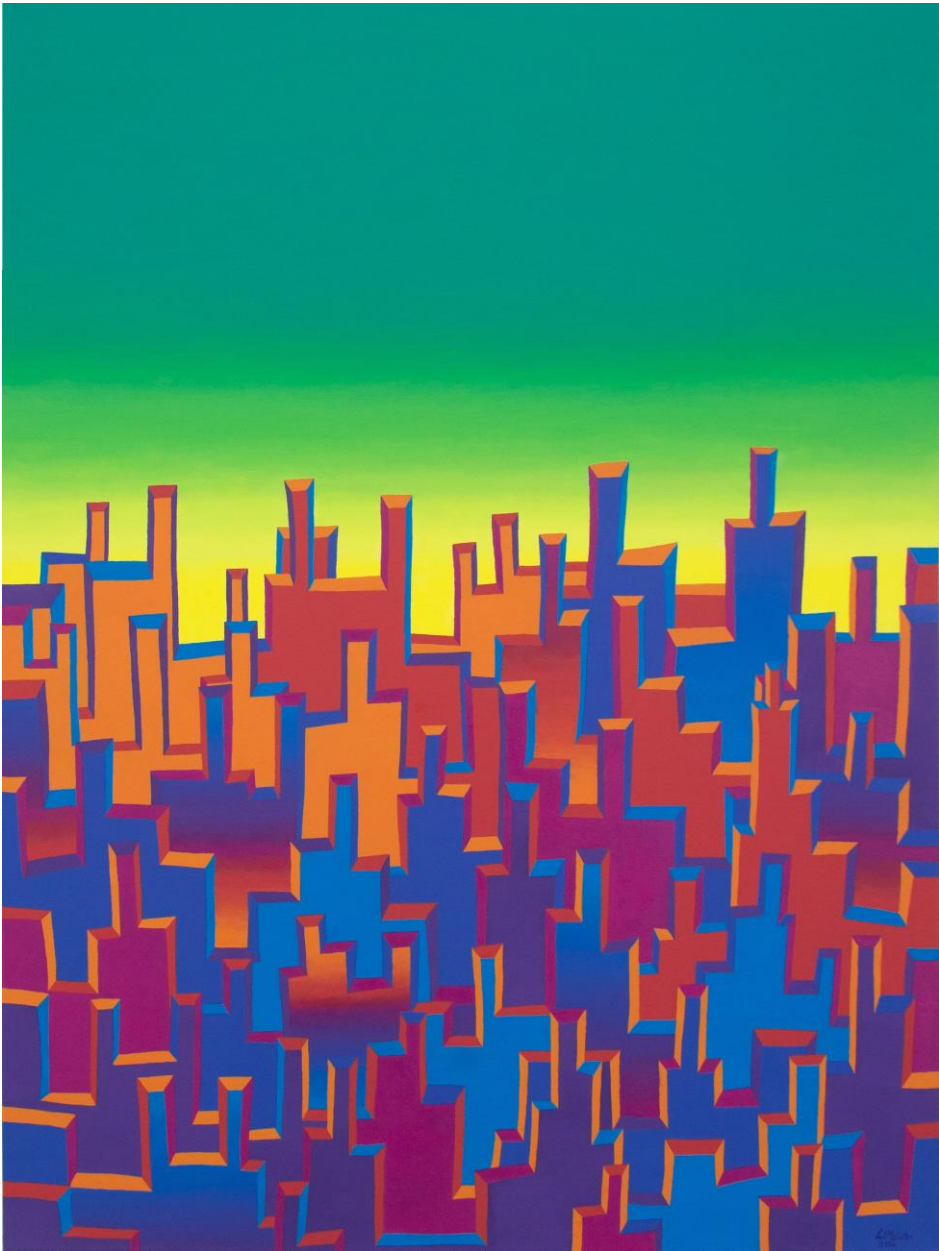
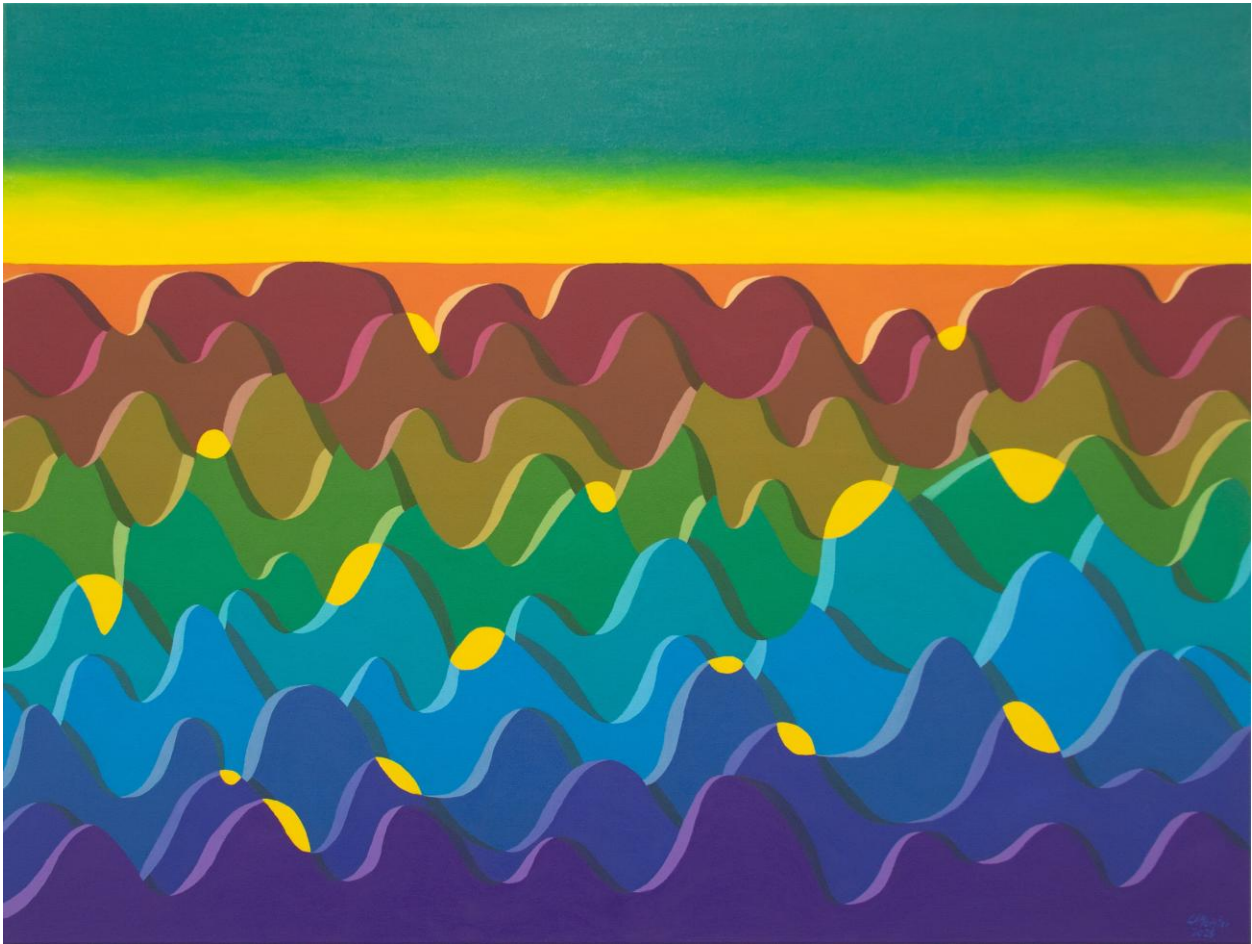
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2026
Oil on canvas
95 × 140 cm

Artist Statement

In my work, simple shapes like lines and circles represent entities of our universe. Through repetition and arrangement according to specific patterns, I trace the processes of our lives, as well as the interactions and relationships of its actors. Contradictory principles are united, and their tension is resolved anew in each constellation.

My work is based on my own observations, but also on comparisons with religious and scientific concepts. The resulting works can be interpreted as maps or cross-sectional drawings, allowing viewers to locate themselves and take a position.

My most recent paintings are landscapes inspired by Orthodox icon painting, composed of the aforementioned entities and their processes. As in icon painting, the choice of colour, shading, and layering of forms follow their own logic, questioning the relationship between inside and outside, near and far, and one's own and another's perspective. The result is a topology of life in which hierarchical spatial orders are dissolved. New interpretations of the differently coloured surfaces as figures emerge, and the question arises as to what this means for our modern world and our understanding of relationships, order, and perspective.



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2026
Oil on canvas
90 × 120 cm

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Oil on canvas
120 × 90 cm

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Oil on canvas
90 × 120 cm



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2024
Oil on MDF
50 × 70 cm

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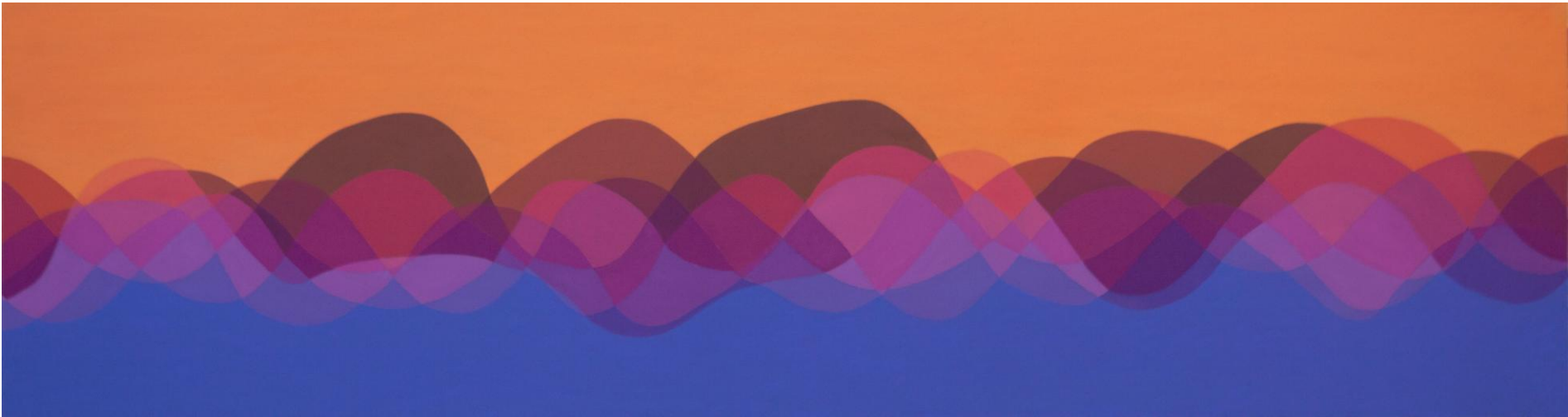
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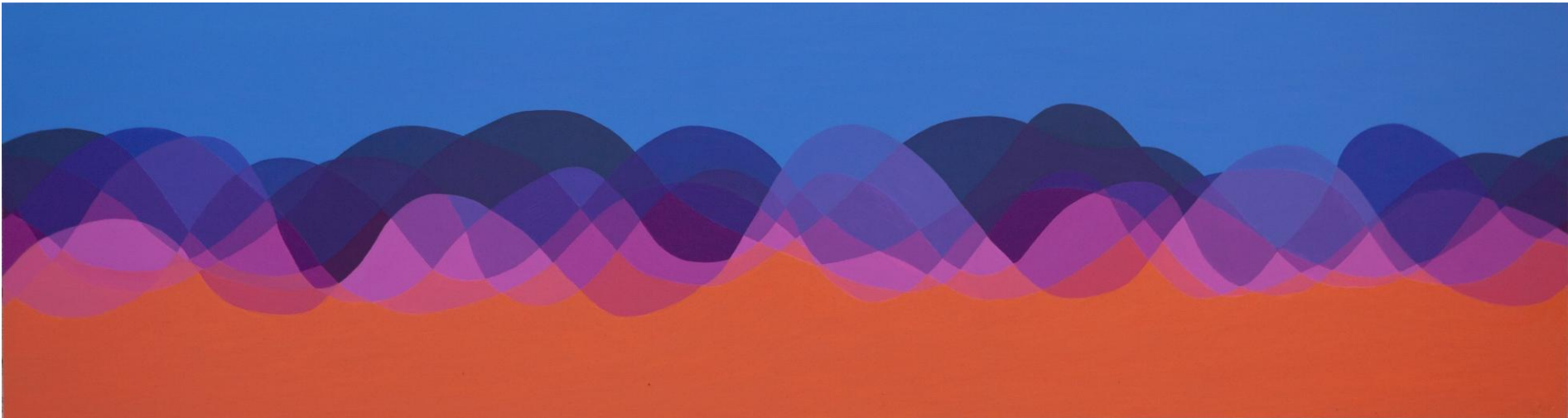


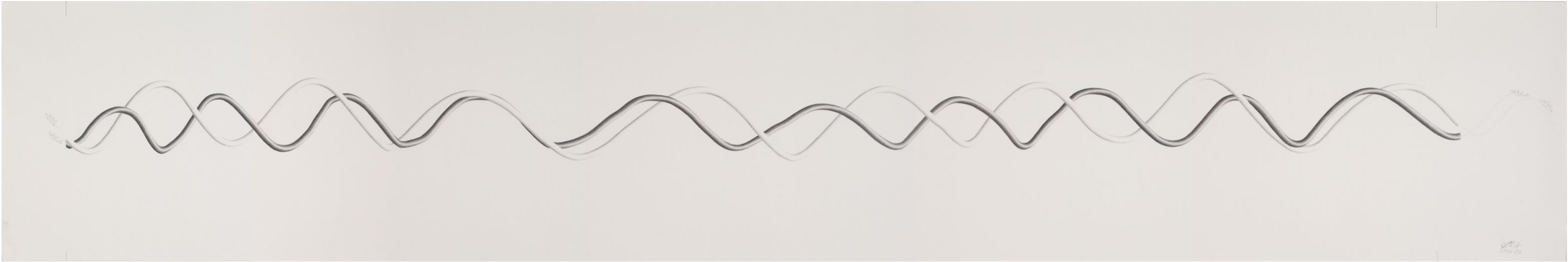
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2025
Oil on canvas
60 × 180 cm

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2025
Oil on MDF
40 × 150 cm

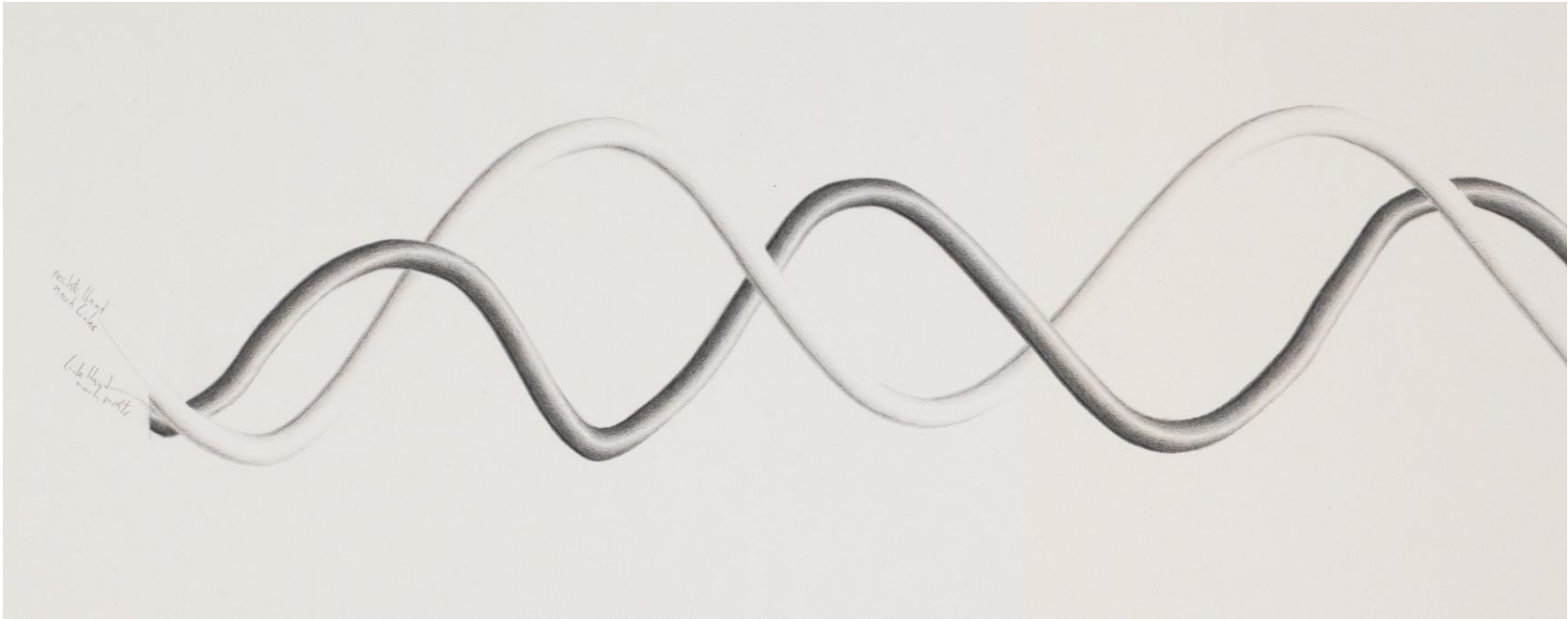


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2025
Oil on MDF
40 × 150 cm





Full view



Details

untitled

2024
Graphite pencil on paper, framed
40 × 240 cm (framed 49 × 249 × 4 cm)

As a sketch, one curved line is drawn with the left hand from left to right over a long piece of paper, the other is drawn with the right hand from right to left. Then both the dark and the light strand are formed along both lines, as a process of caring for the lines.





Views from opposite directions

untitled
2024
Chalk on the ground (paving stones)
ca. 20 × 12 m

As part of a pop-up exhibition, fourteen chalk lines are drawn on the square as an optical experiment. The lines run at a certain angle to each other, so that from one of the two directions before crossing the square, the distances between the lines seem to be the same in the front and in the back.

Work process

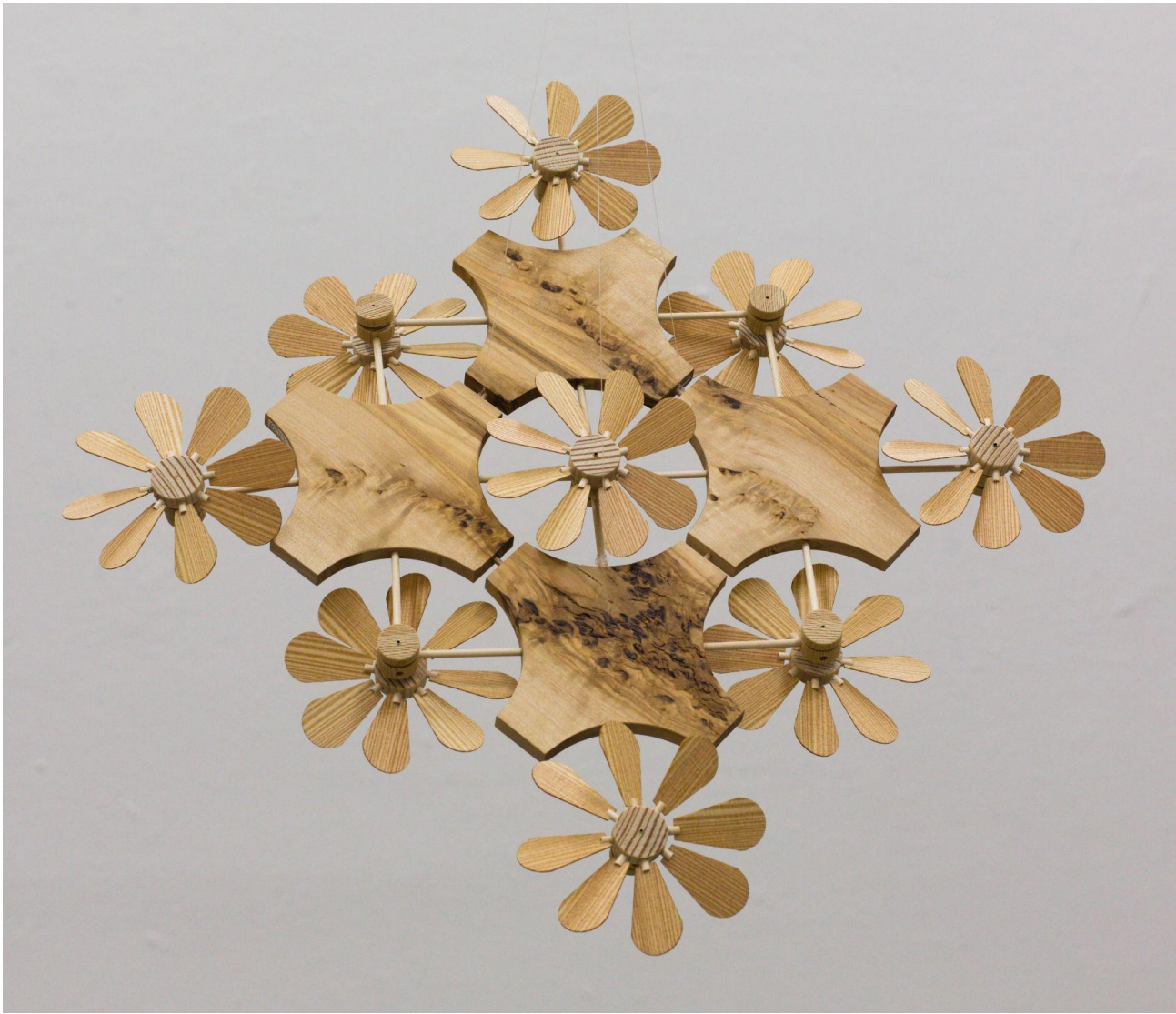




Additional views and constellations

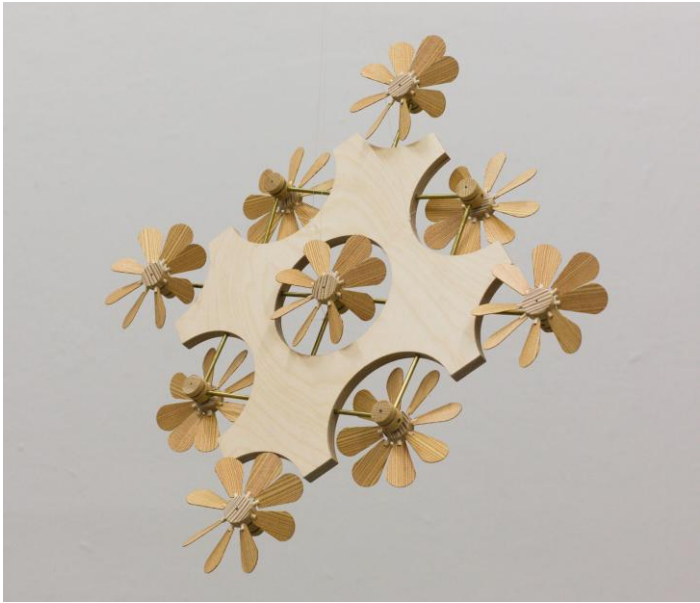
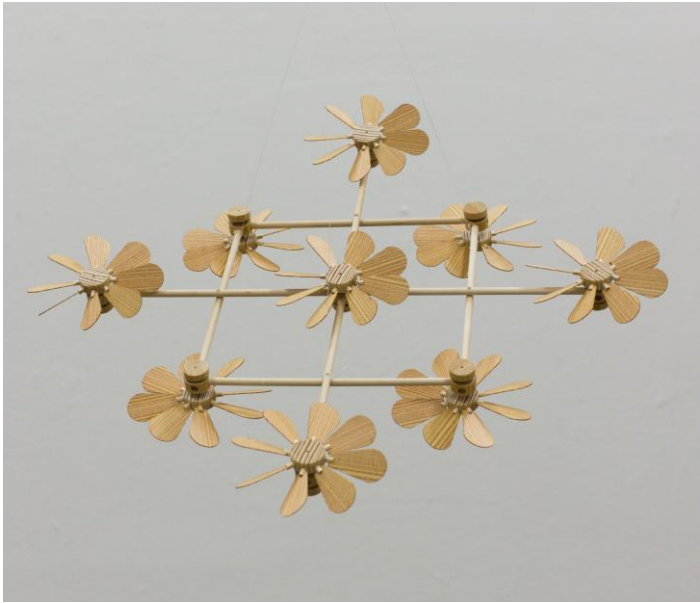
Detail and full view

untitled
2023
MDF, acrylic varnish
variable; ca. 16 × 350 × 350 cm;
26 pieces: 5.5 × 11 cm (11×); 9 × 18 cm (7×); 12.5 × 25 cm (5×); 16 × 32 cm (3×)



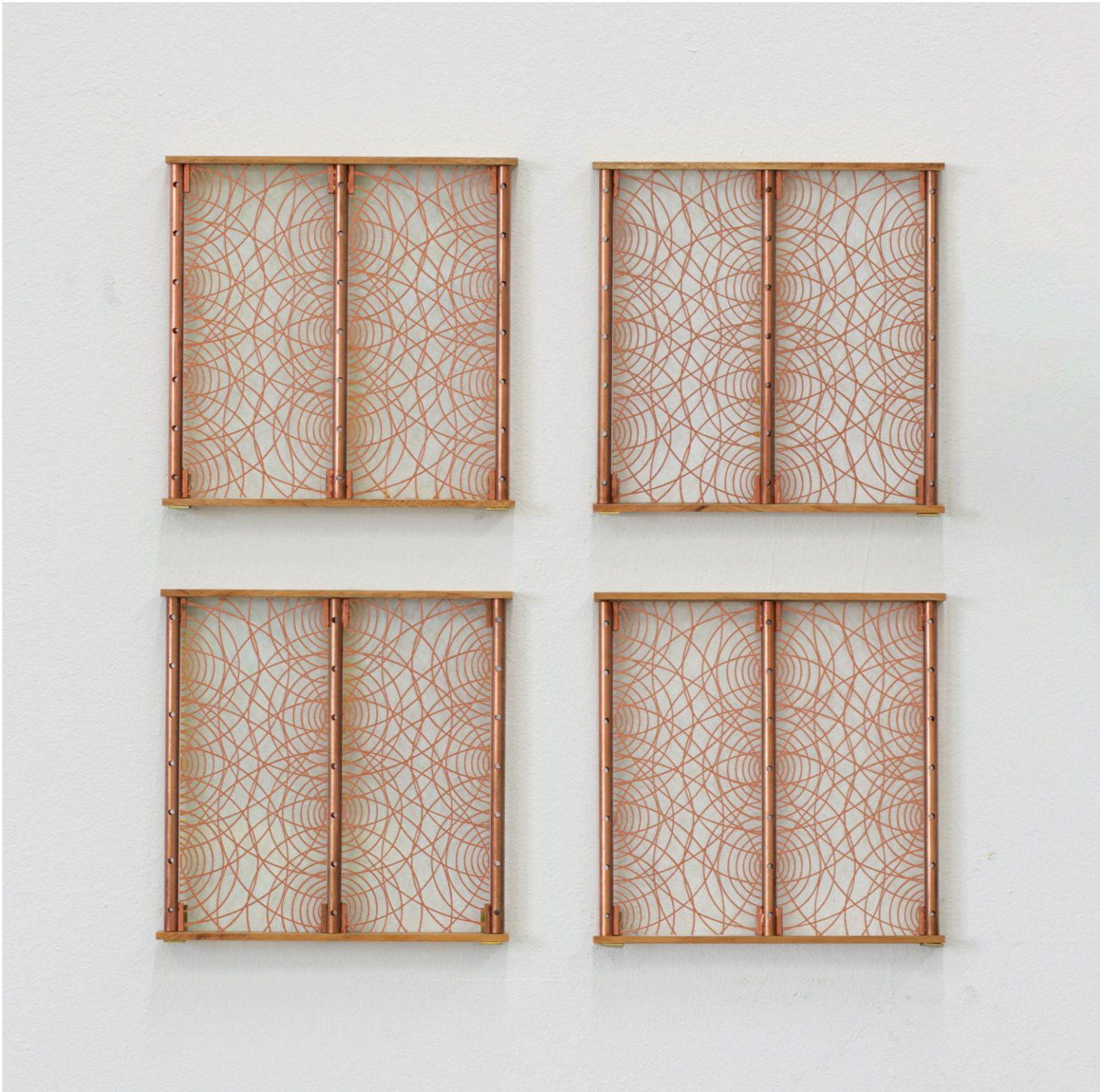
Single view

Multipolyp 1 – 4
2022
Birch, larch, brass, ball-bearings, beech
42 × 42 × 4 cm (1×), 42 × 42 × 4.2 cm (1×),
42 × 42 × 4.6 cm (1×), 42 × 42 × 5 cm (1×)

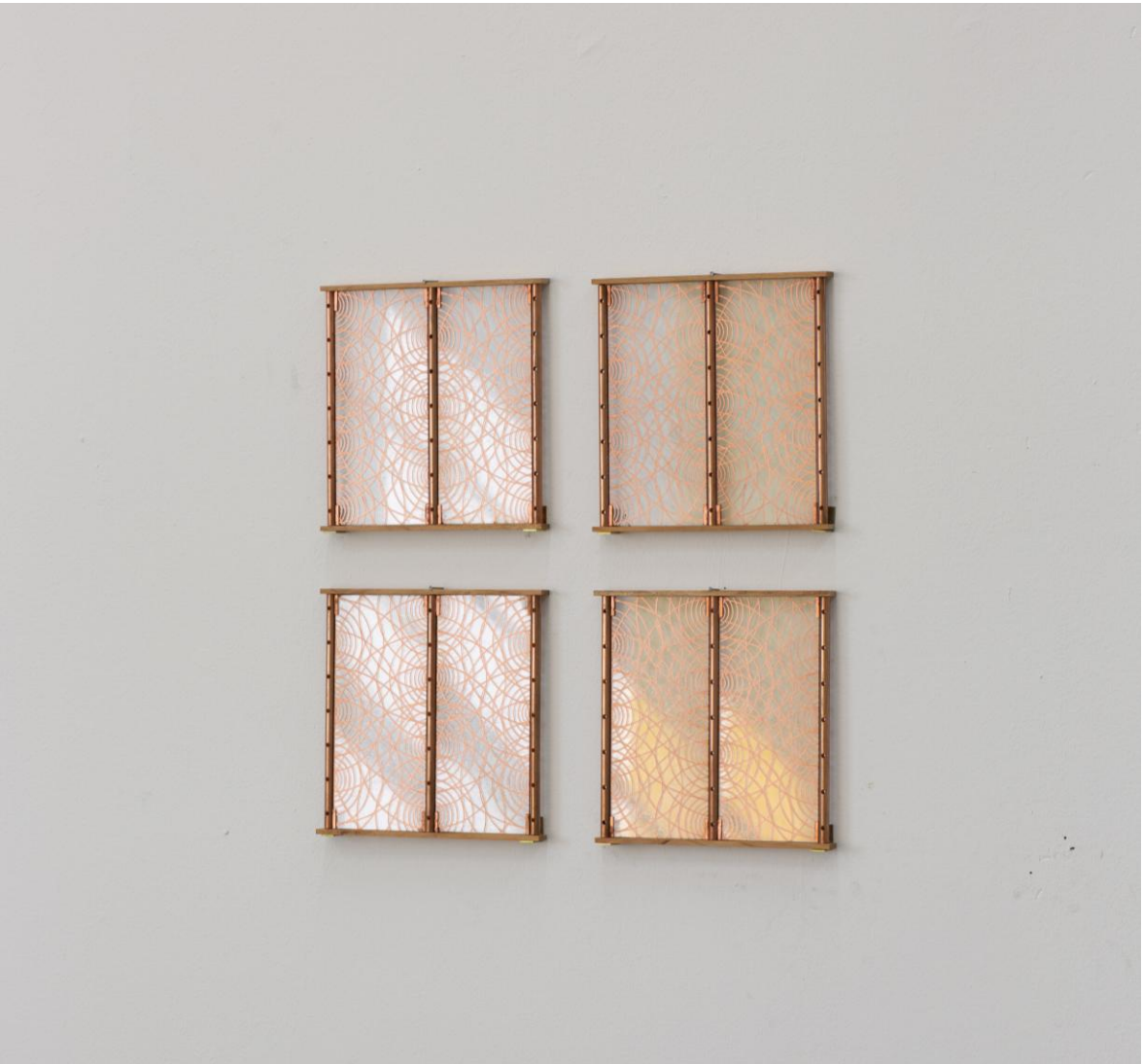


Single views



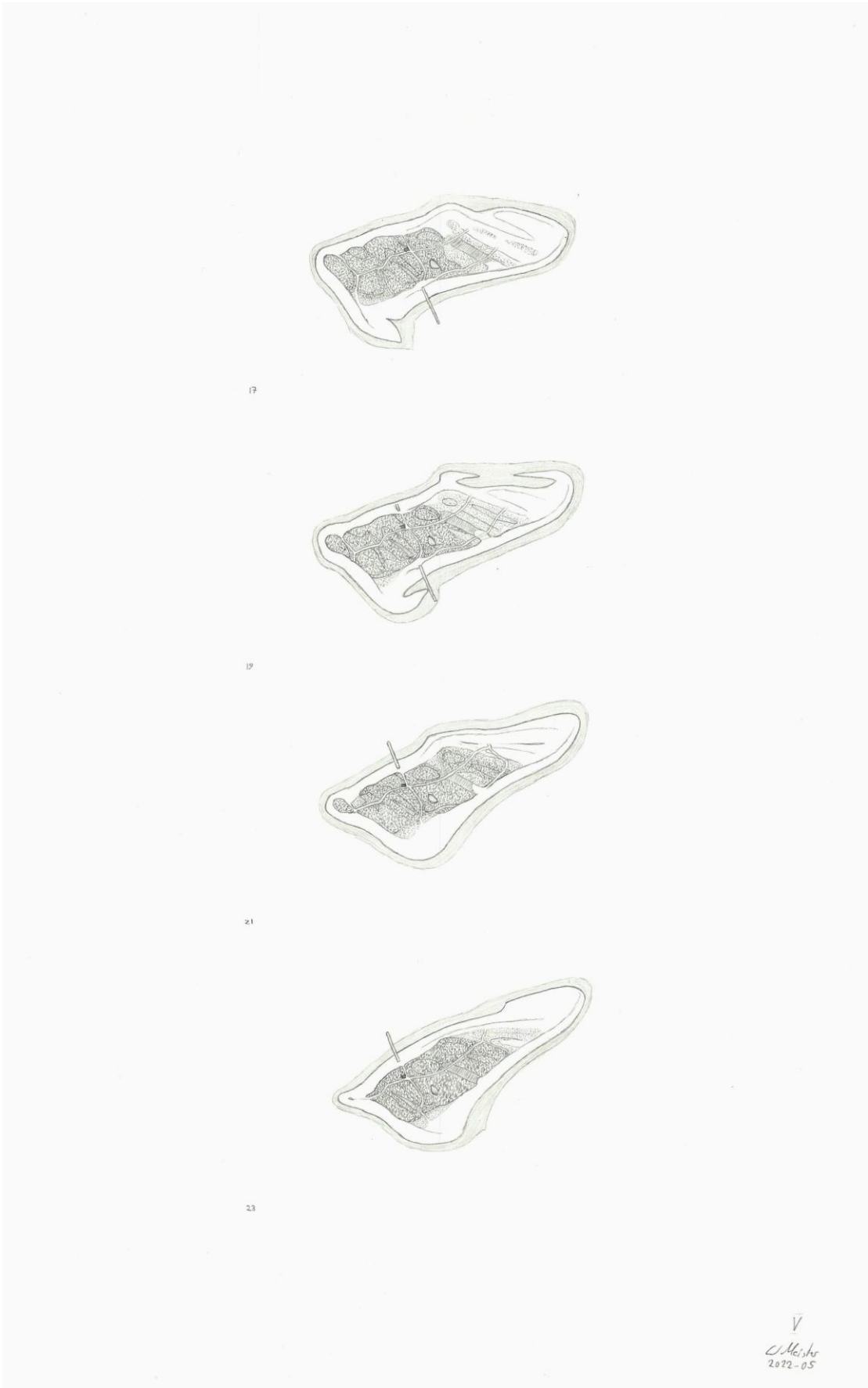


Full view

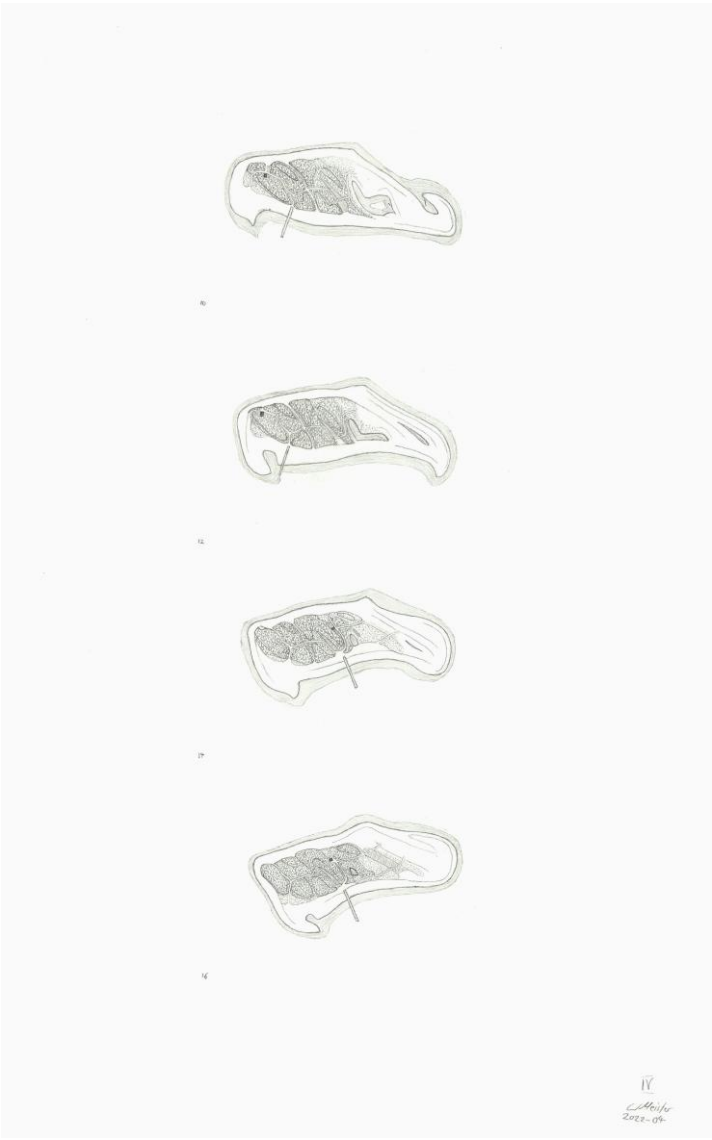
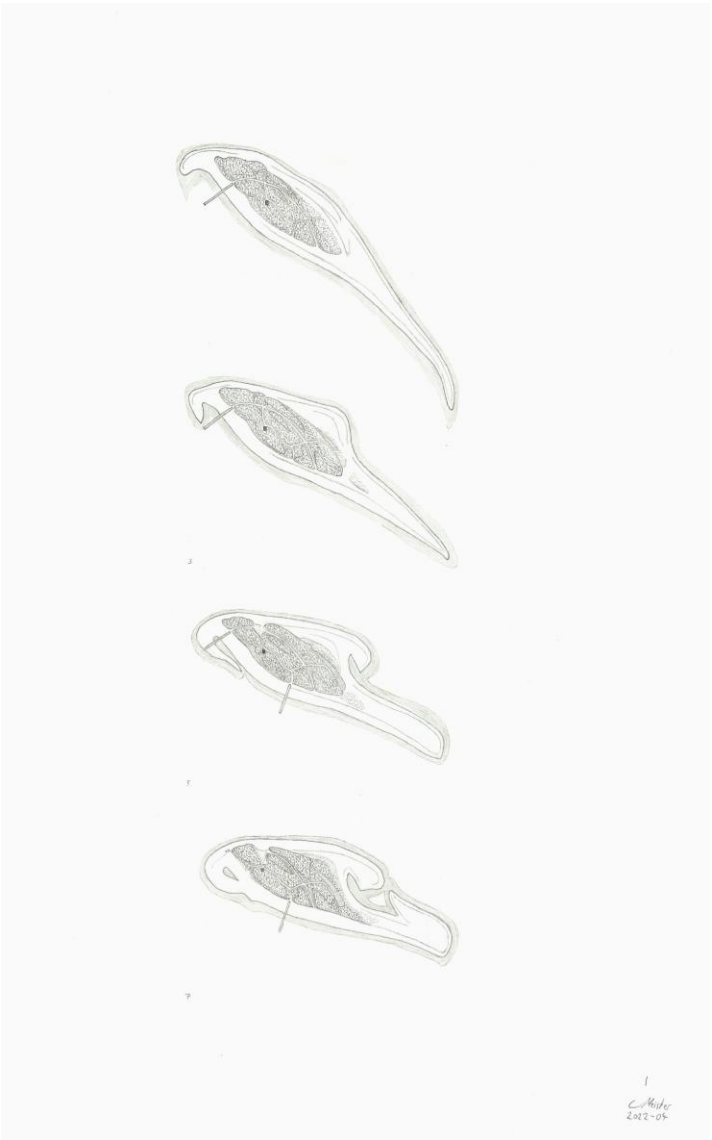


Exhibition

System (prototype) 3 – 6
2022
Copper, glass, copper conductive paint, brass, maple wood
25 × 25 × 2 cm (4×)



Selected works



Additional works

Wandering island 7

2022
Graphite pencil on paper
40 × 25 cm (10×)

Based on geographical forms of various Central European islands and coastal sections such as the East Frisian Islands, Sylt, Vorpommersche Boddenlandschaft or Heligoland and Dune, coastal dynamic processes of abrasion and accumulation are simulated on imaginary islands. In each series shape and position of the island changes constantly according to these processes, so that human structures such as huts and piers after some time find themselves at the other end of the island, are washed away by the sea and have to be rebuilt somewhere else.



Crossing paths
2022
Aluminium, acrylic mirror
220 × 54 × 70 cm



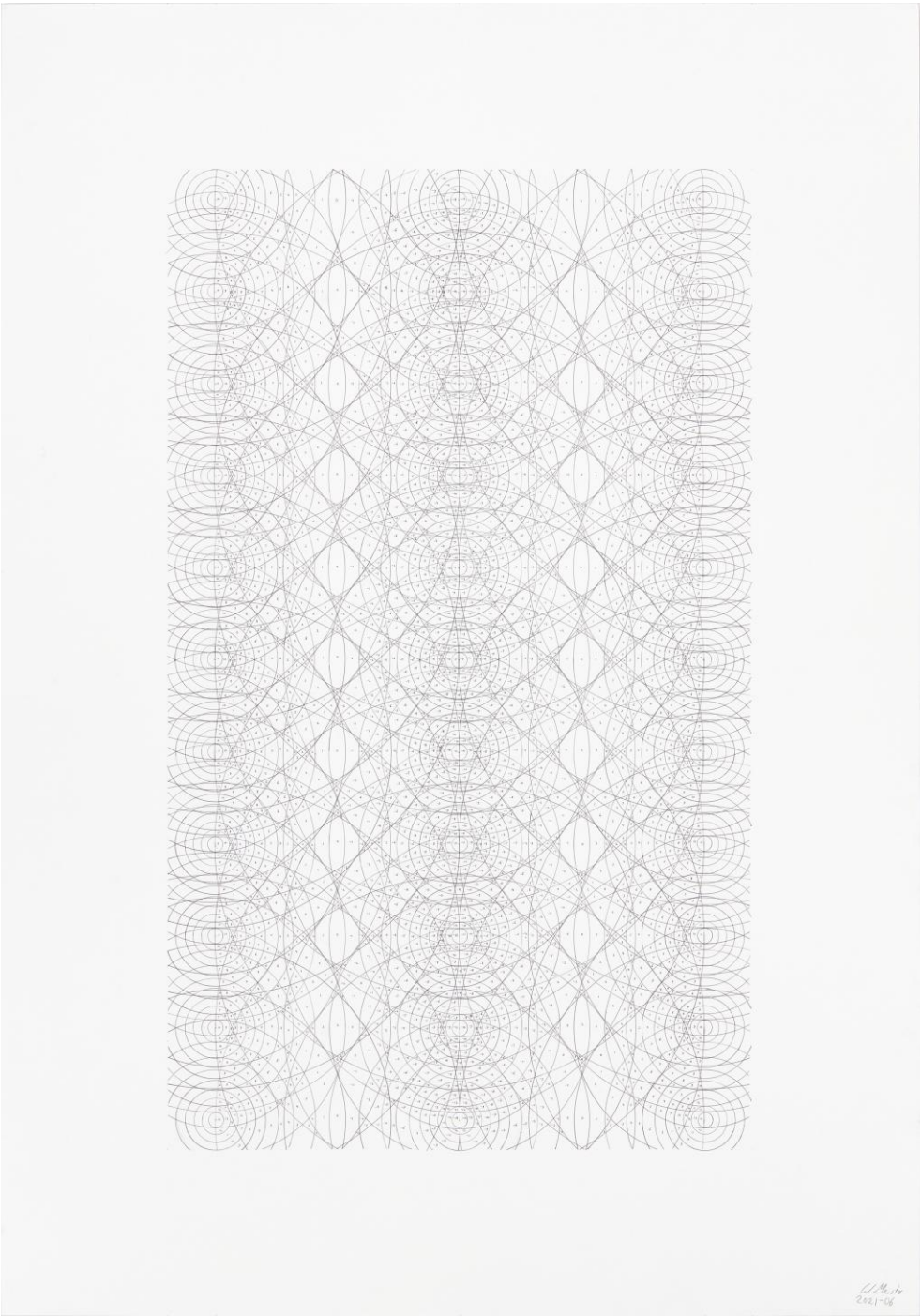
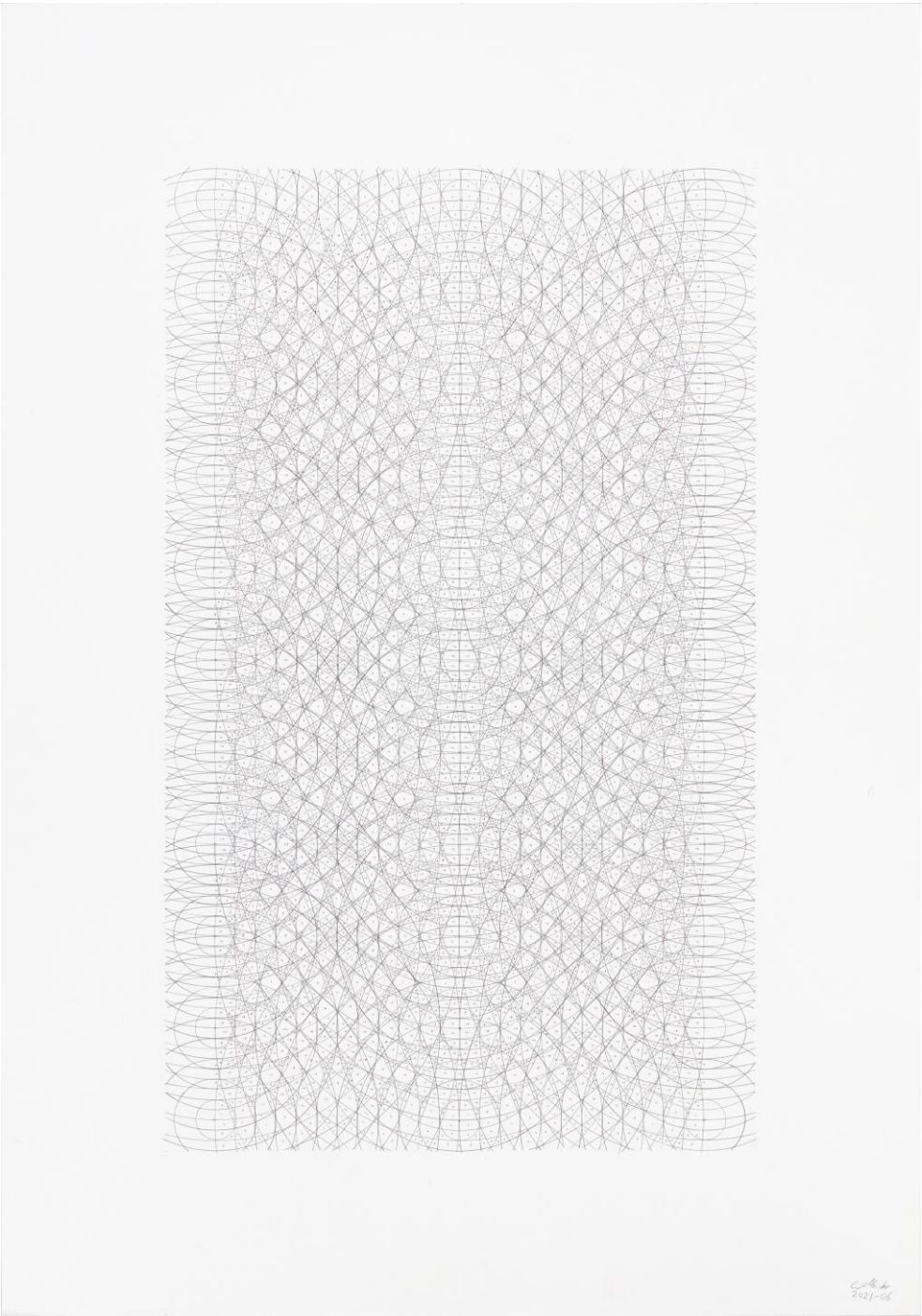
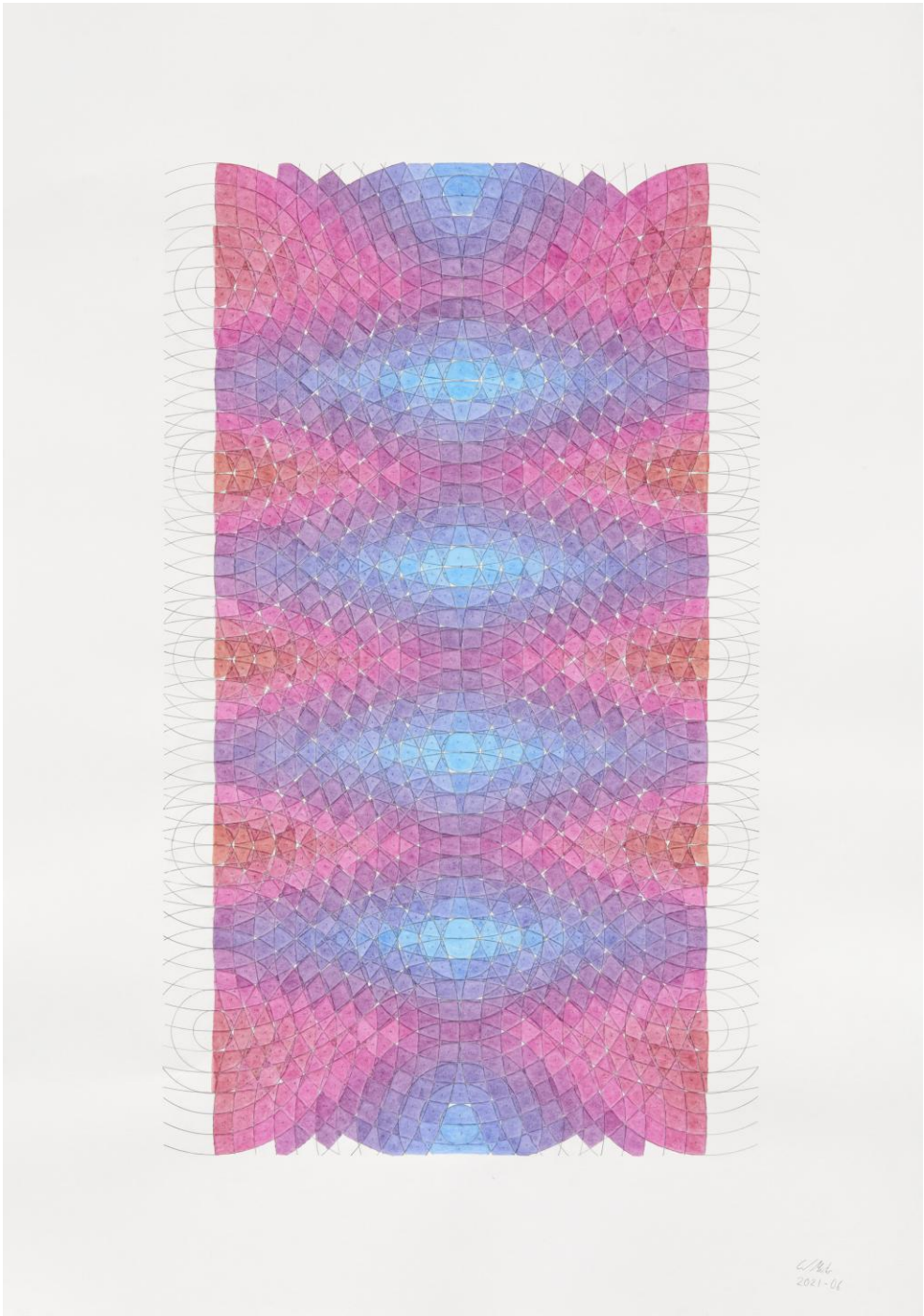
Full views and details



Broken sequence
2022
Paper strips threaded on metal chain, acrylic mirrors
470 × 24 × 24 cm



Full views and details

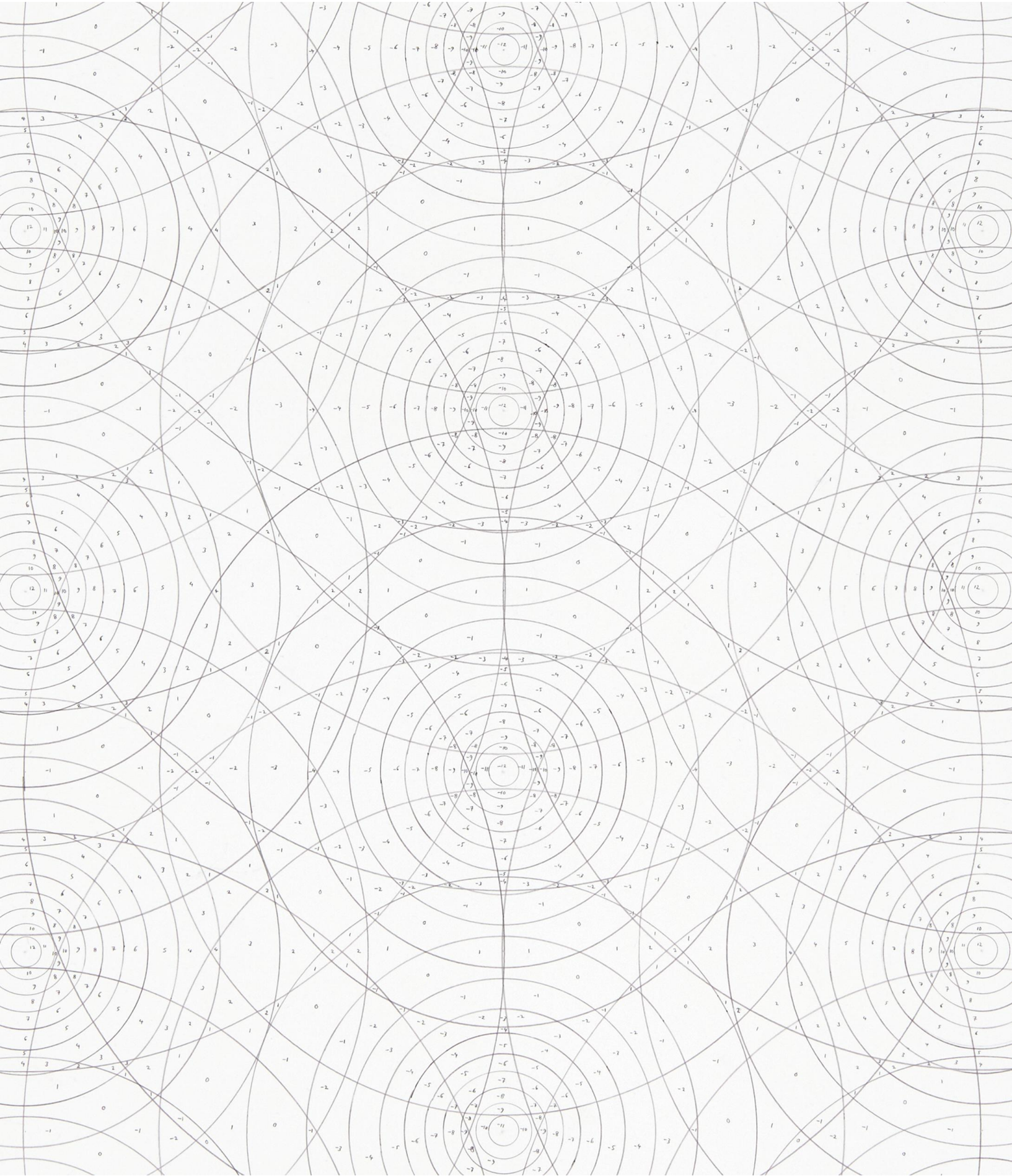
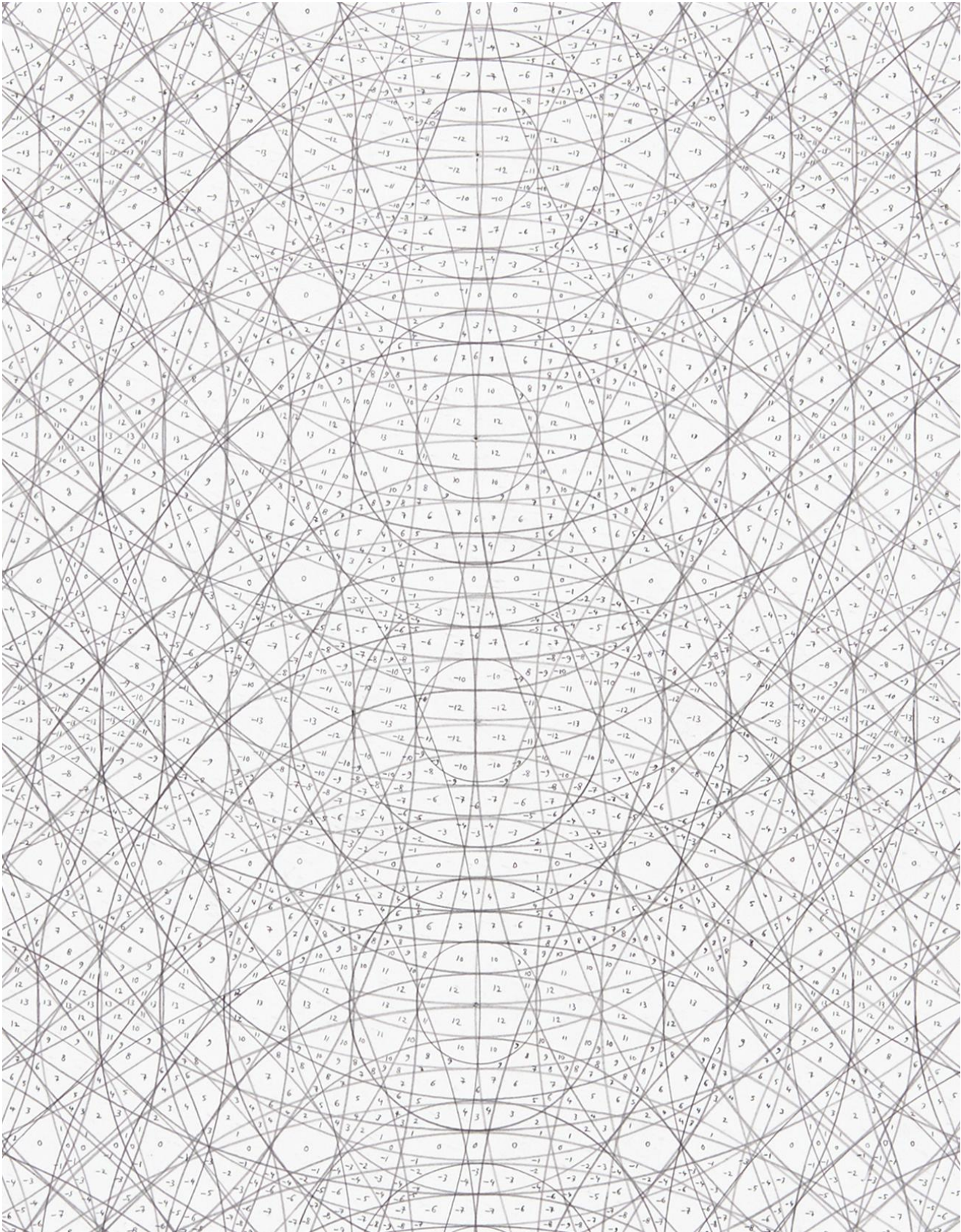


Crystallization 1 – 9

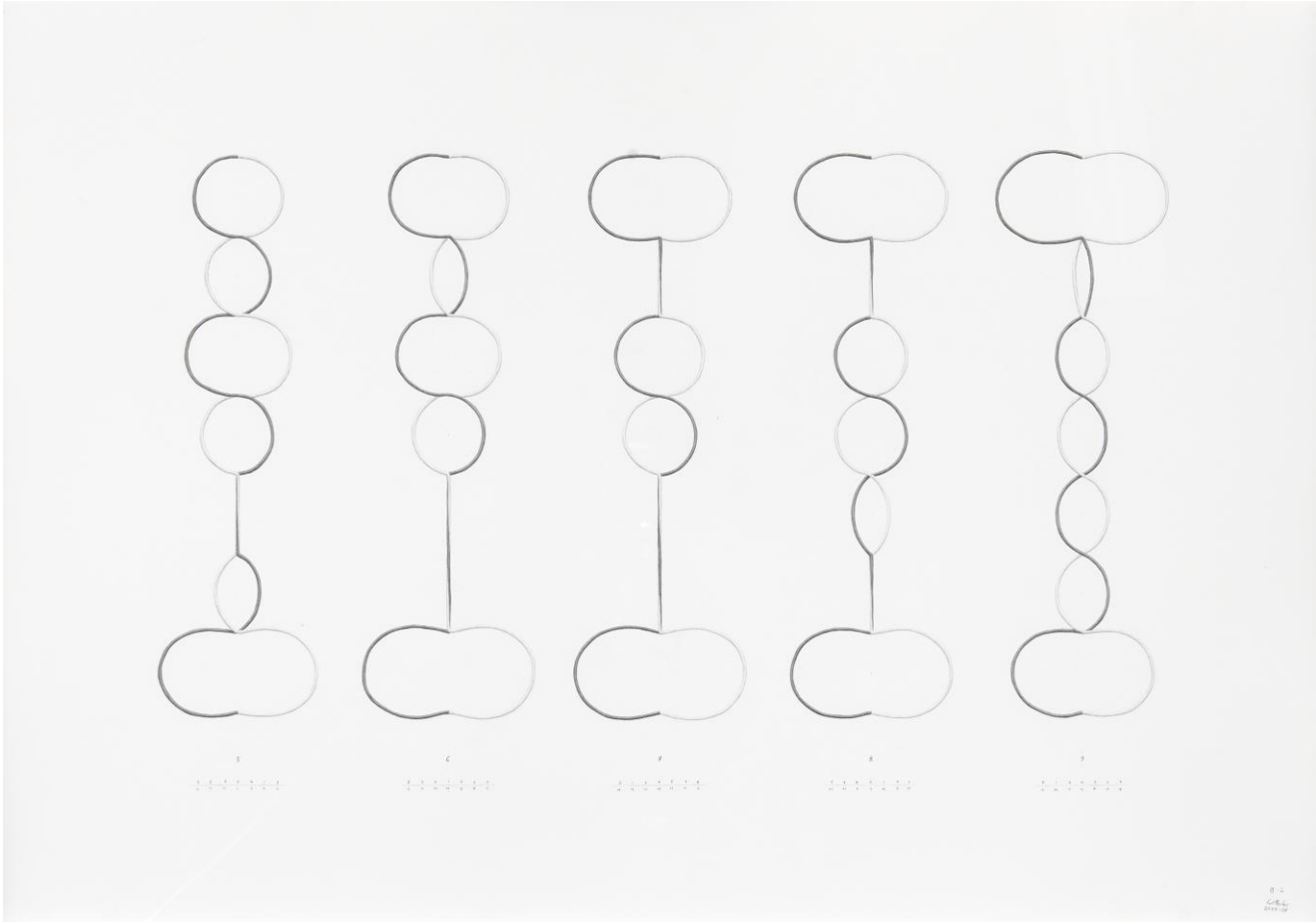
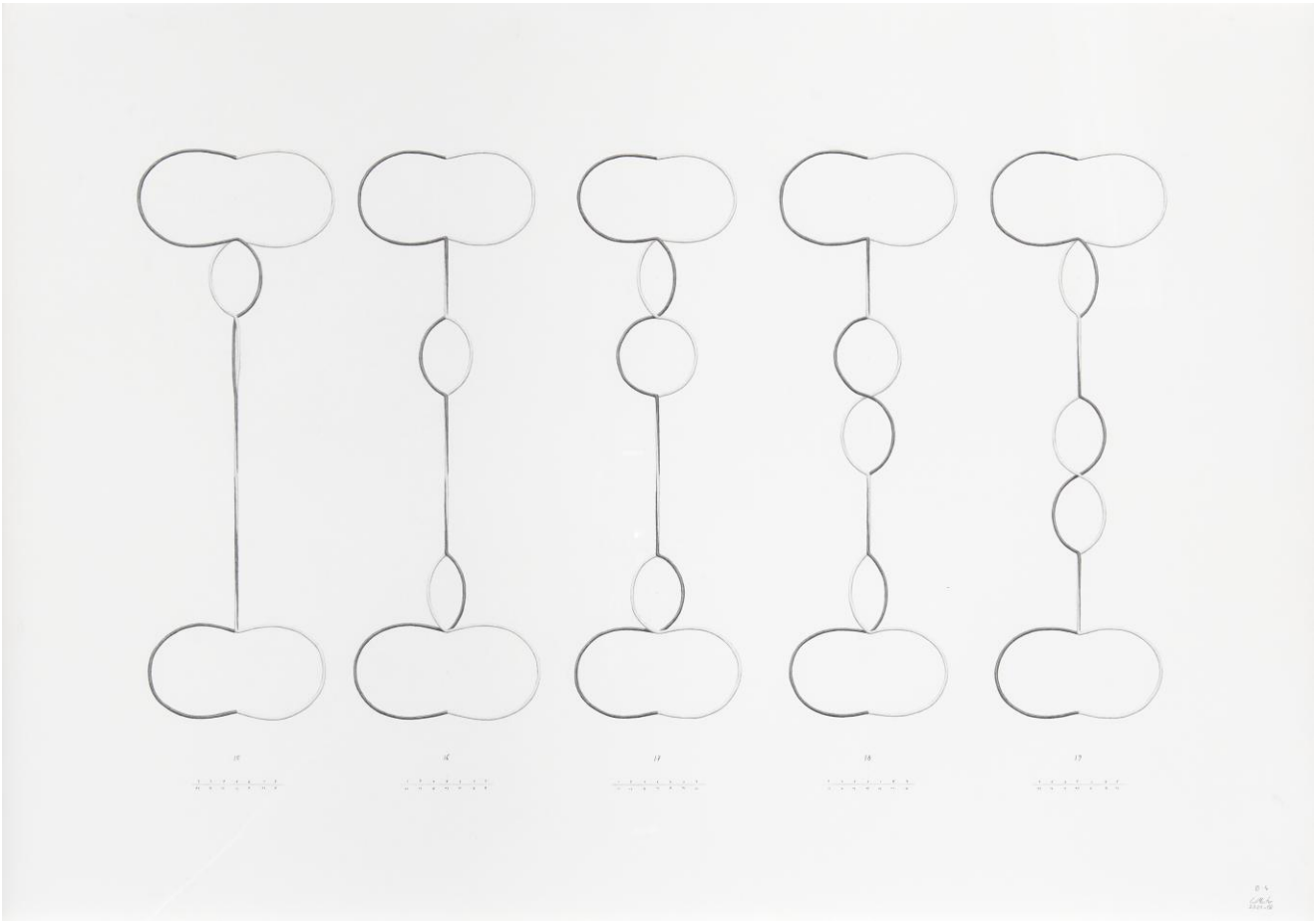
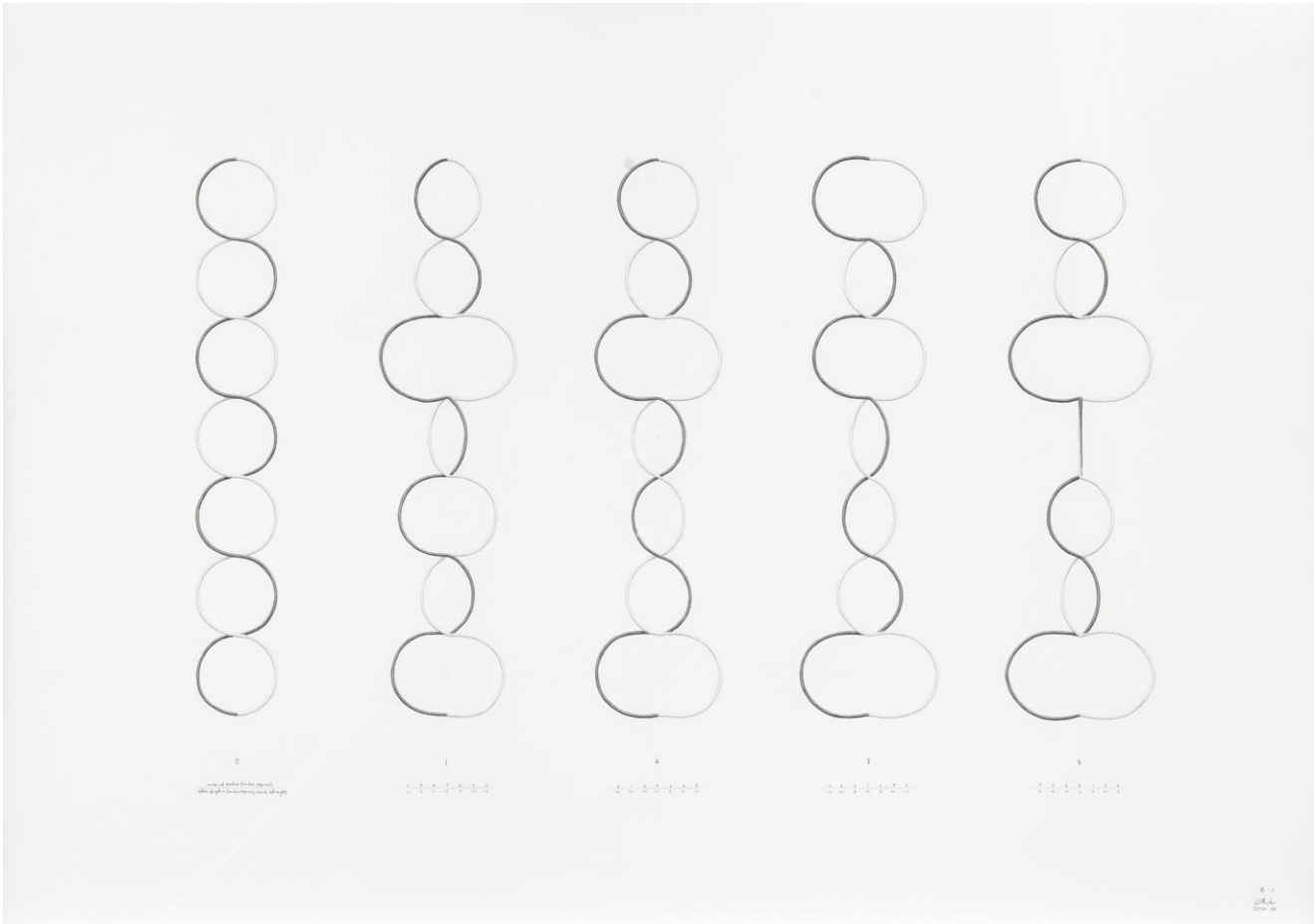
2021
Graphite pencil and watercolour on paper
70 × 100 cm (3×), 100 × 70 cm (6×)

Two layers are connected to each other by points arranged in regular intervals. Through these points, within the system of both layers, a constant mass exchange takes place. For each tunnel point only one direction of mass transfer is possible, so that on each layer overlapping force fields around the centers of the tunnel points appear and form a pattern of suction and pressure.

Selected works



Crystallization, details of selected works

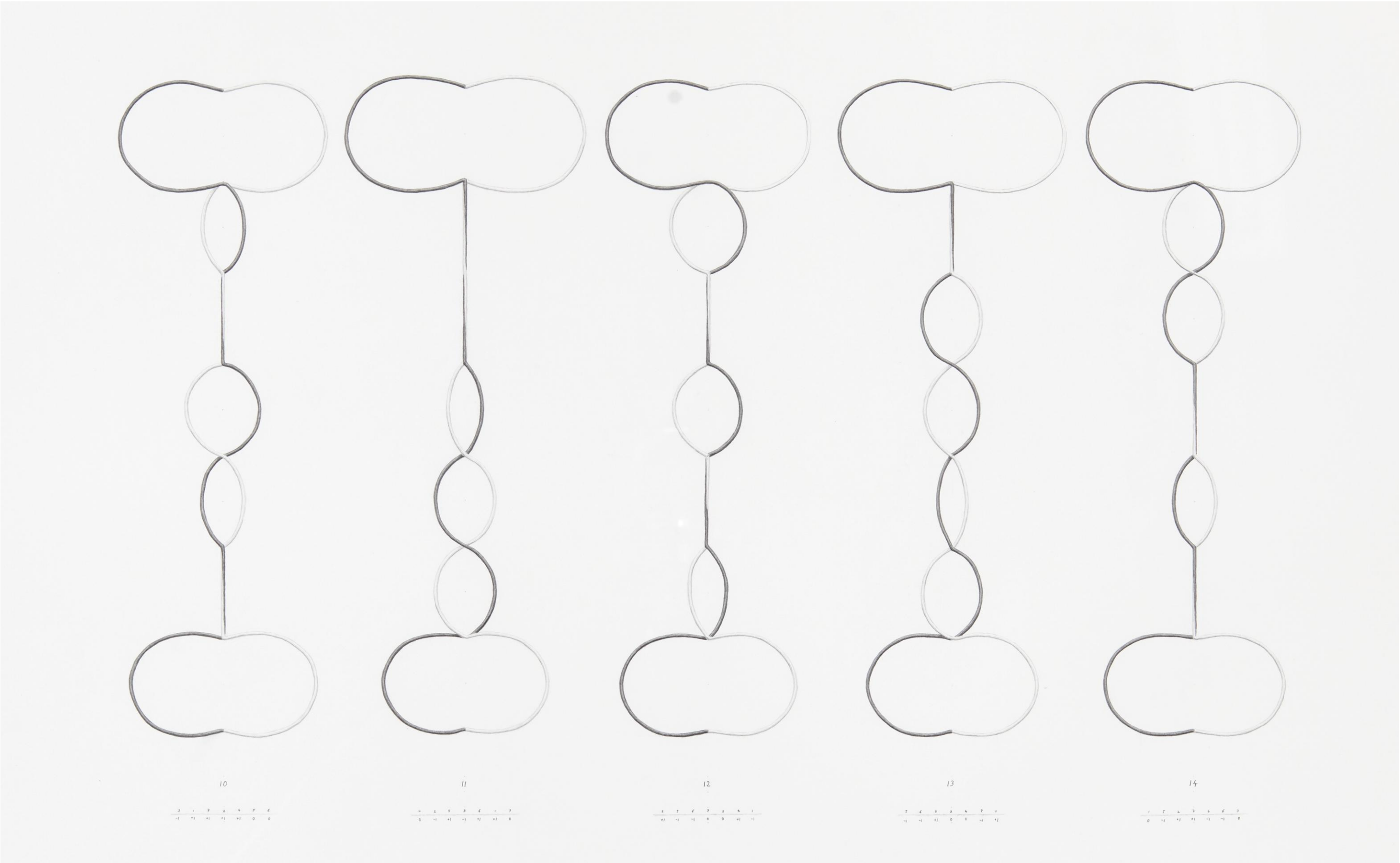


Selected works

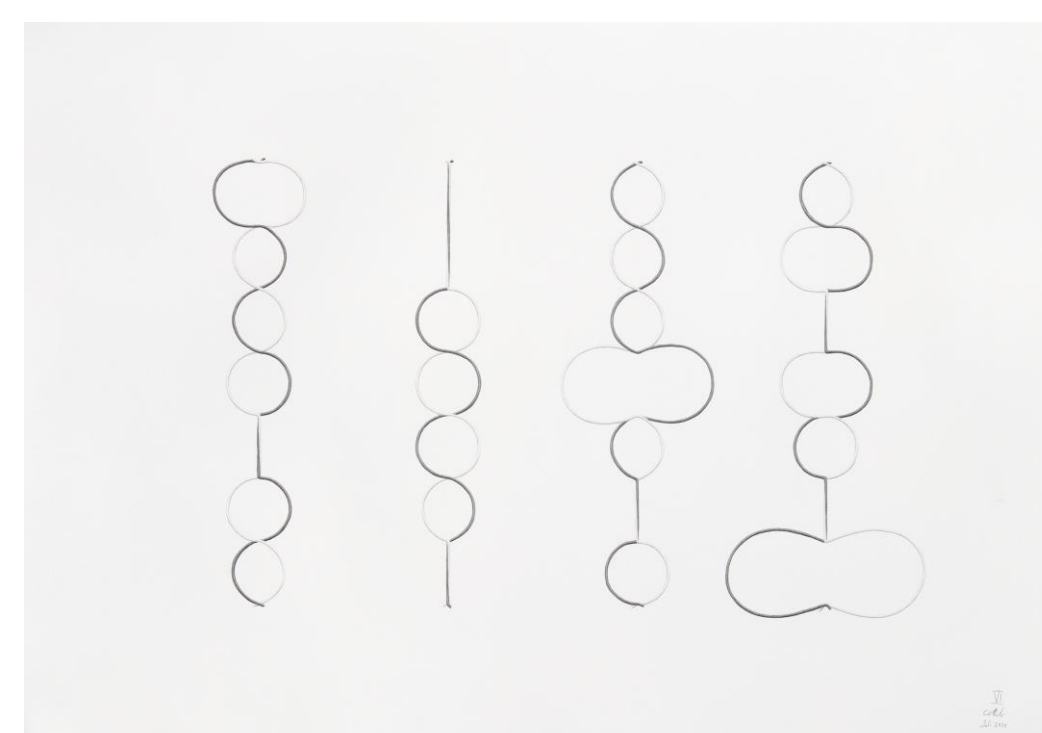
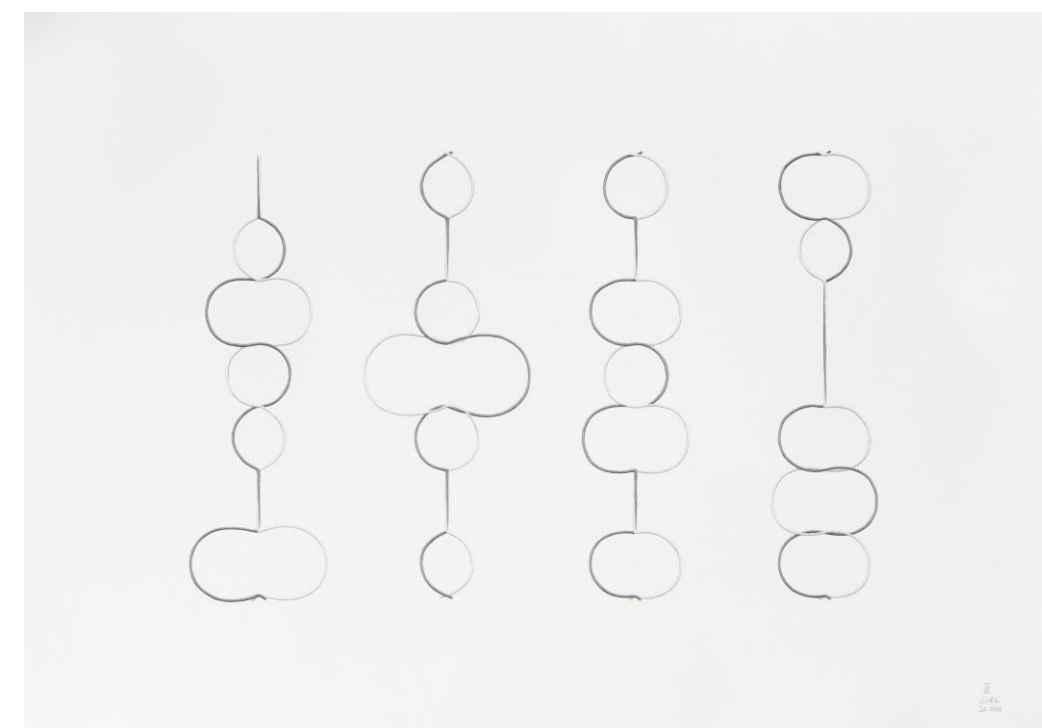
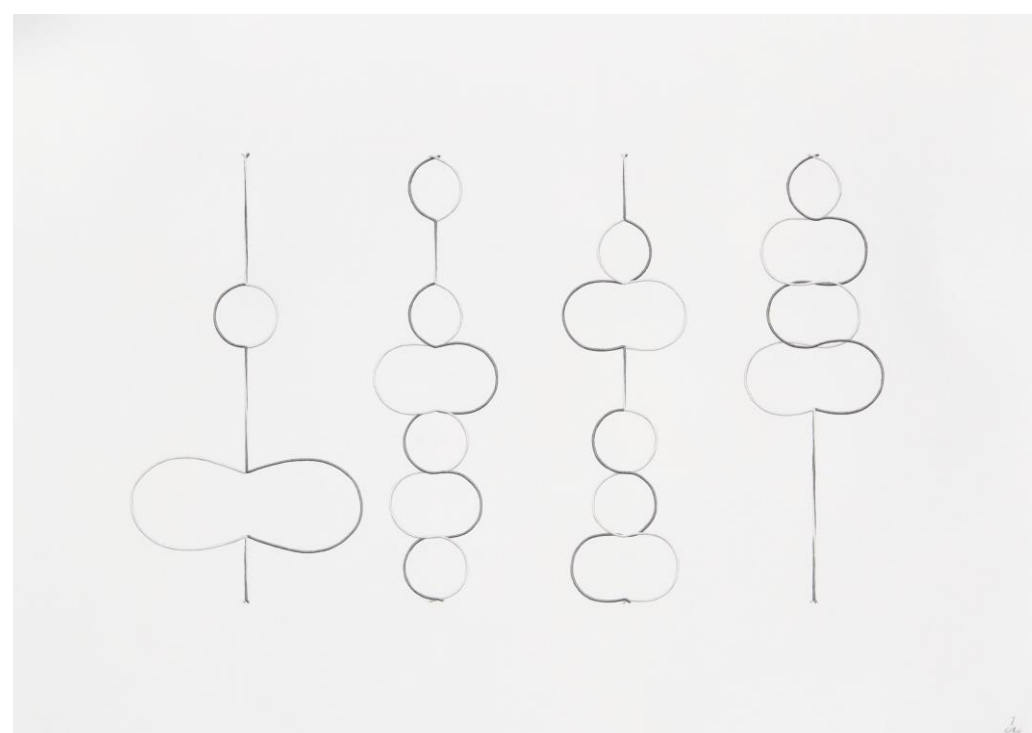
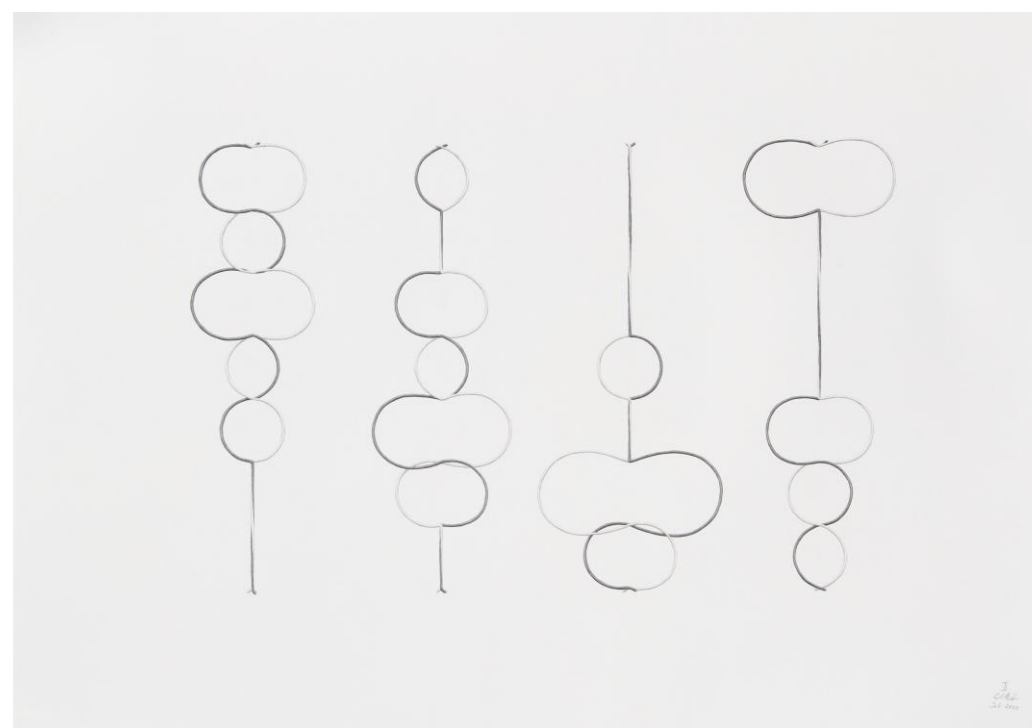
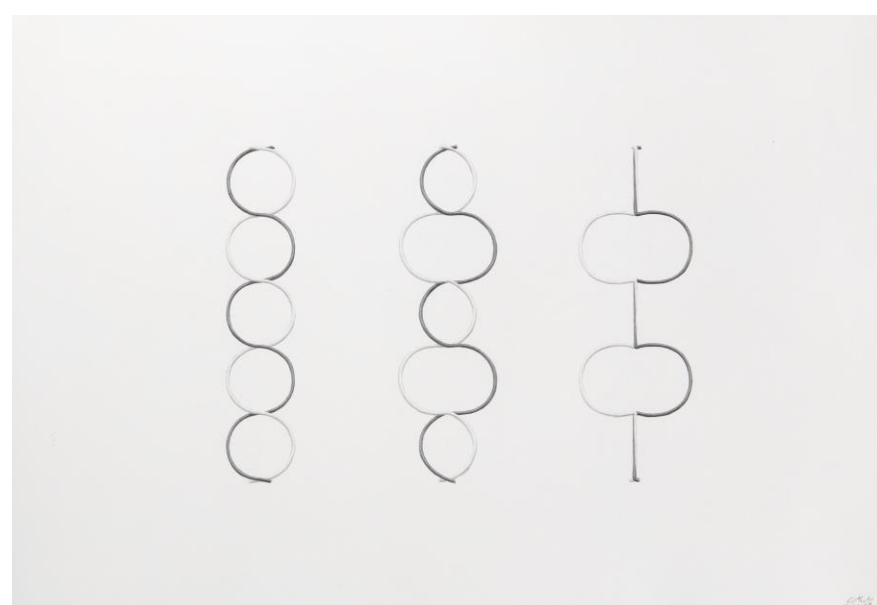
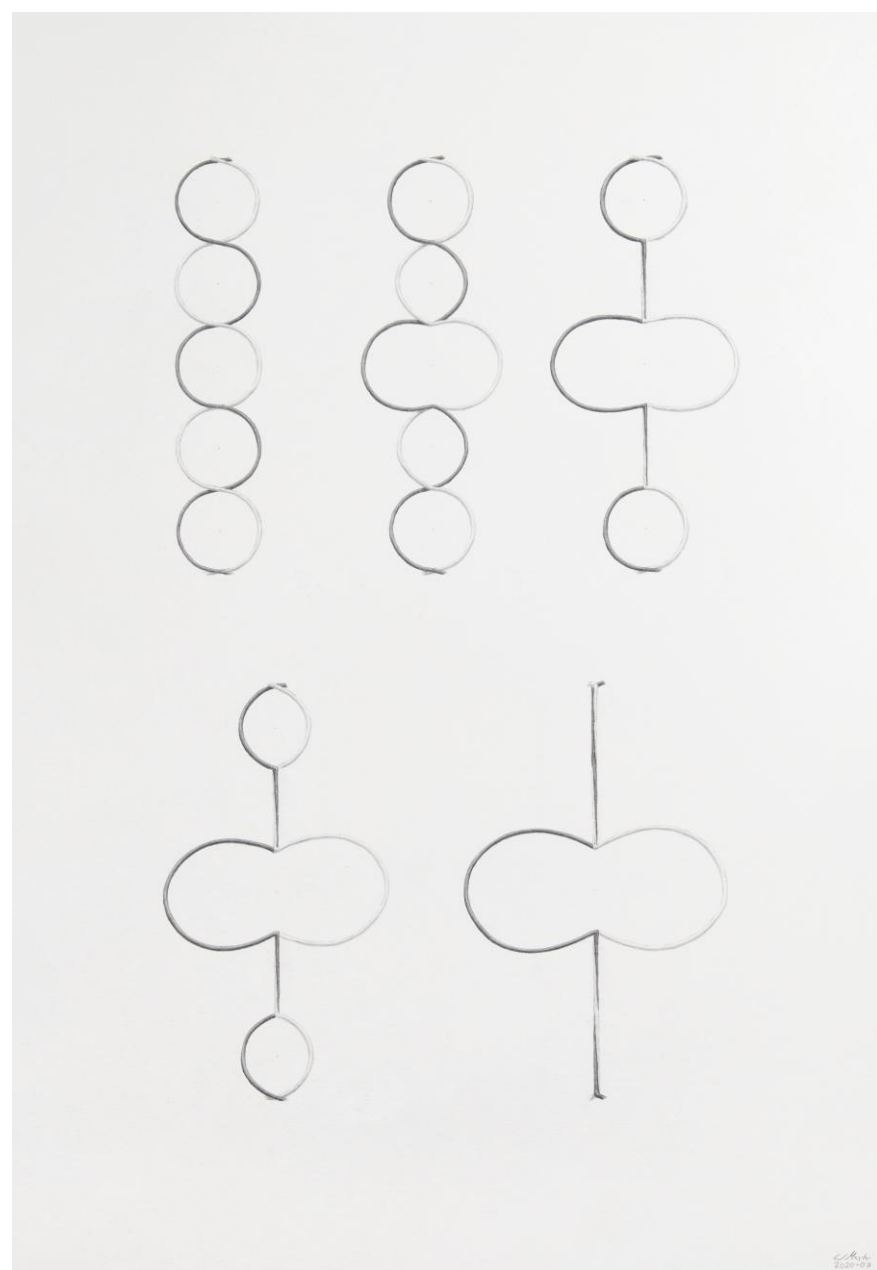
Zero-sum-game 1 – 6

2020
Graphite pencil on paper, framed
70 × 100 cm, framed 75 × 105 × 4 cm (6×)

Depending on the direction of the impulse, the loops of a single strand expand or contract. For each of the seven (loop) positions of the strand, one of three movement options (+1; 0; -1) is chosen randomly and executed in the next step. This is repeated so that the shape of the entire strand is constantly changing. The two loops at the outermost ends of the strand have the tendency to expand far, while the available strand length remains the same, thus constricting the loops in-between in the long-term.



Zero-sum-game, detail of selected work



Selected works

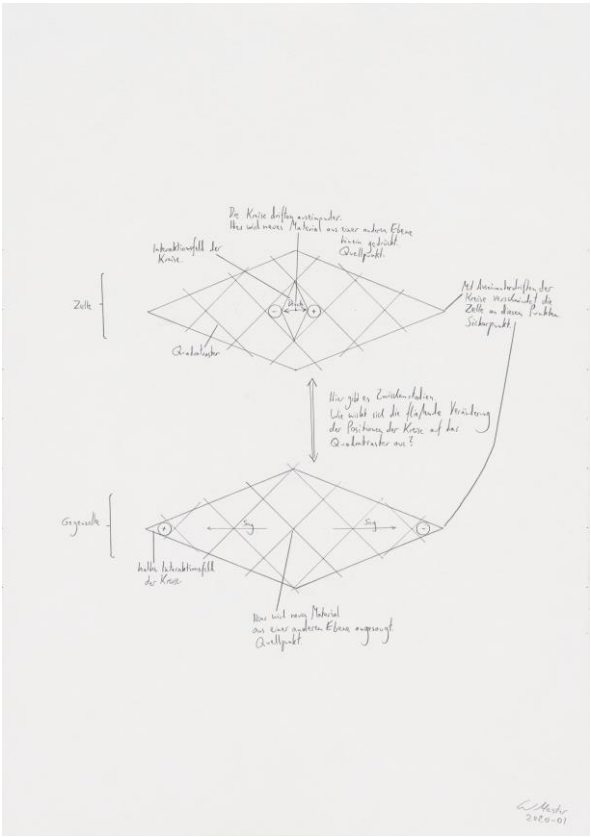
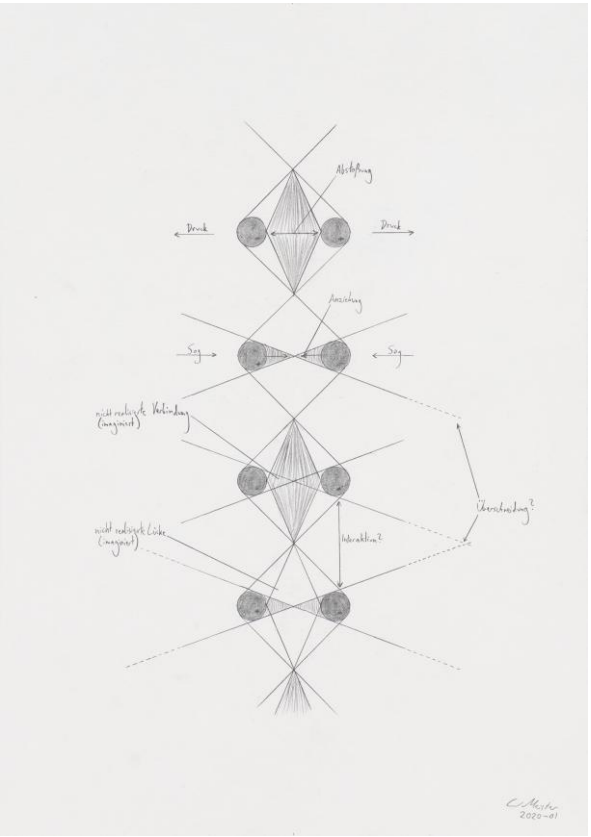
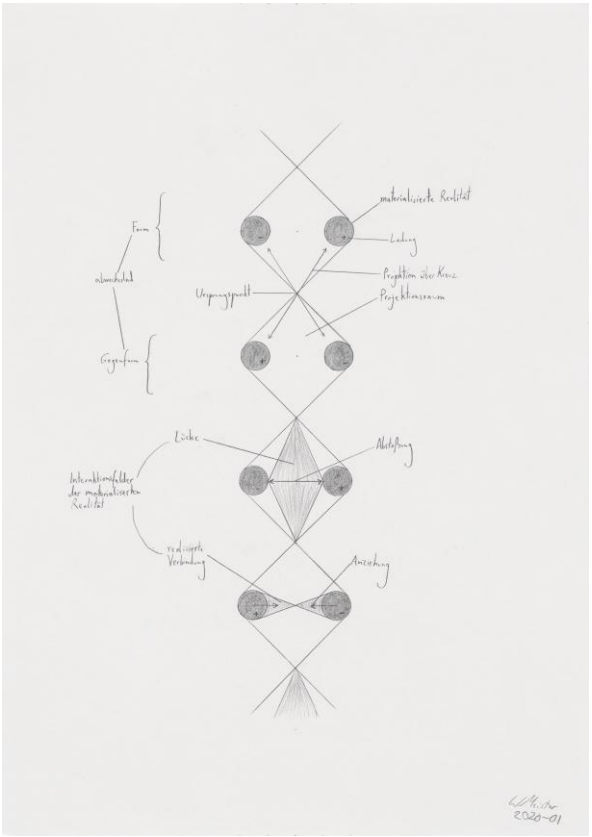
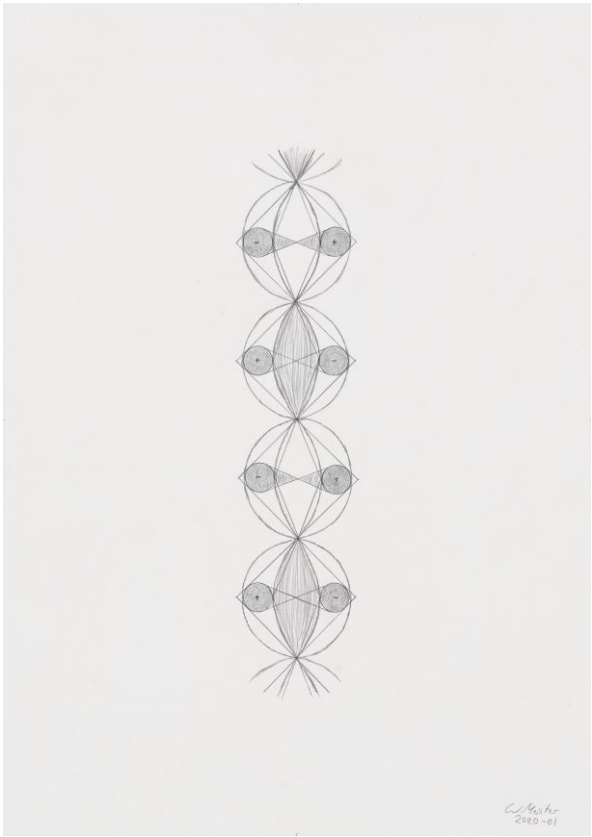
Study for a Zero-sum-game 1 – 12

2020

Graphite pencil on paper

55 × 40 cm (1×), 55 × 80 cm (3×), 59.3 × 84 cm (1×),

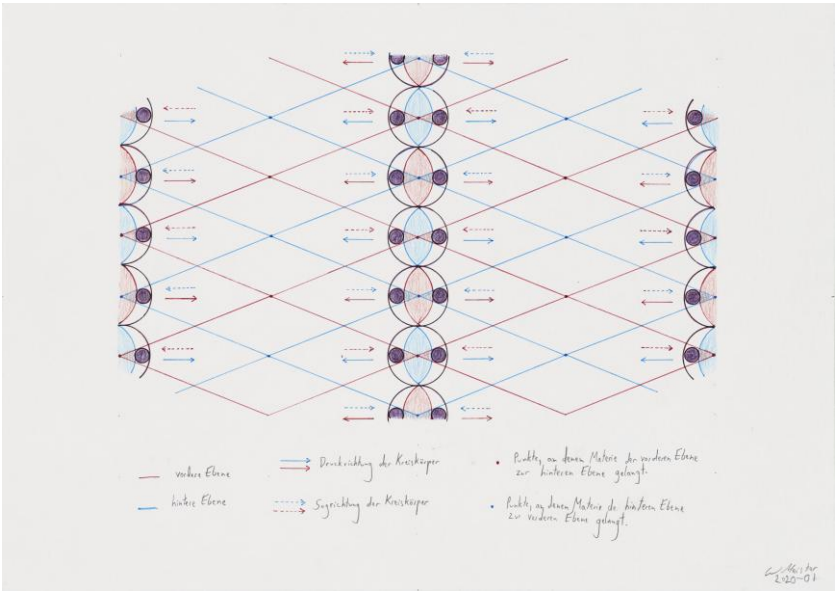
70 × 100 cm (6×), 80 × 55 cm (1×)



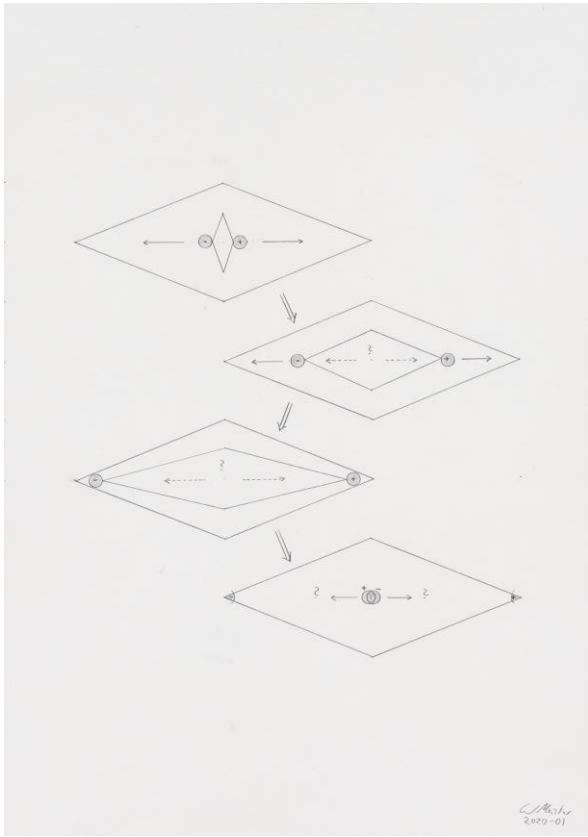
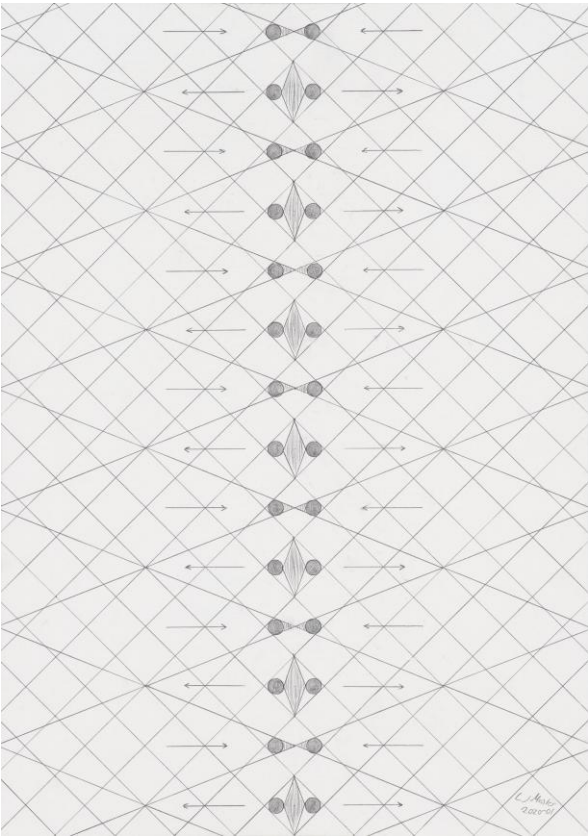
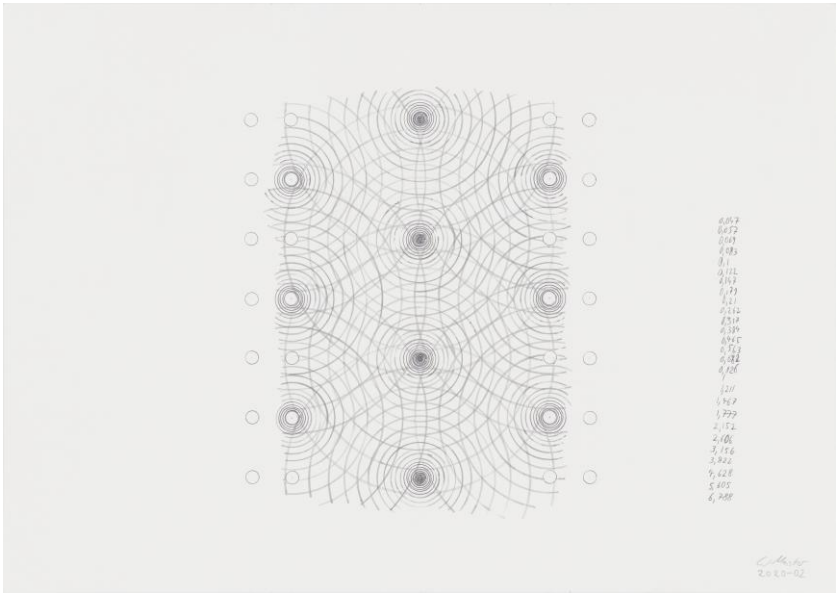
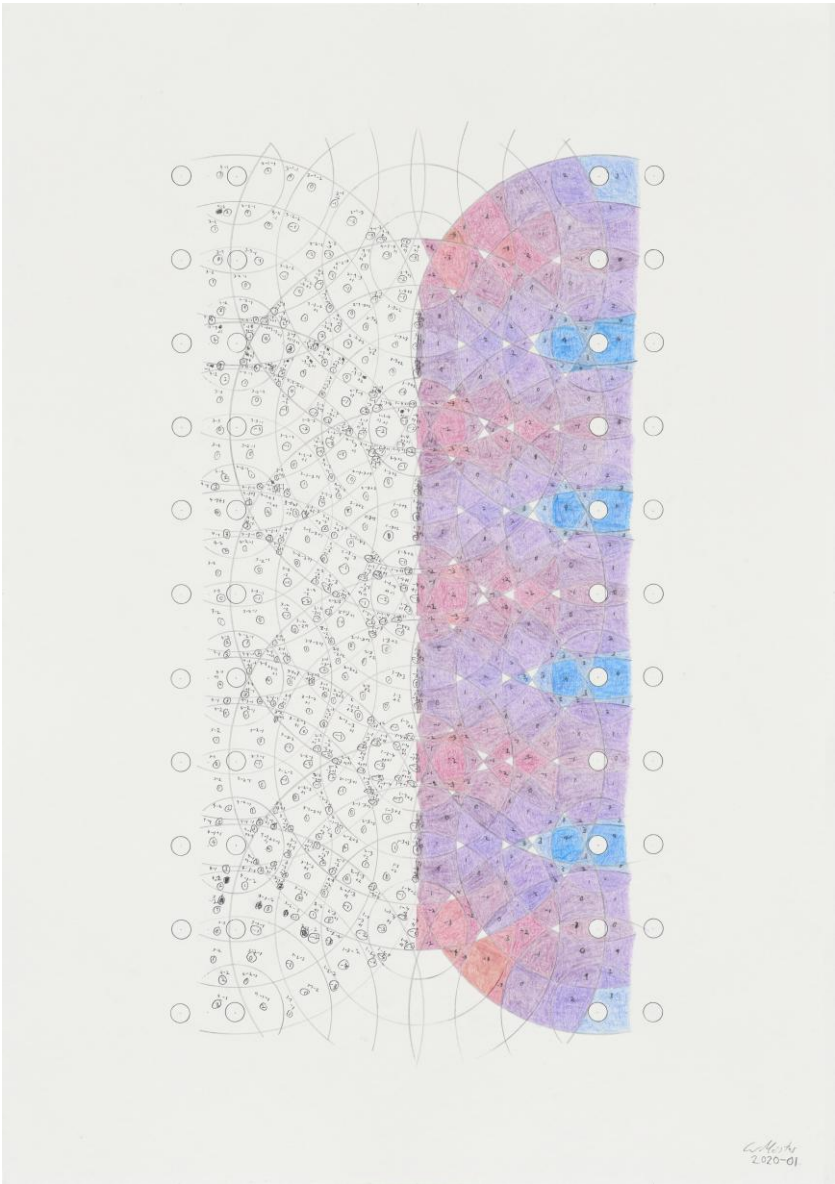
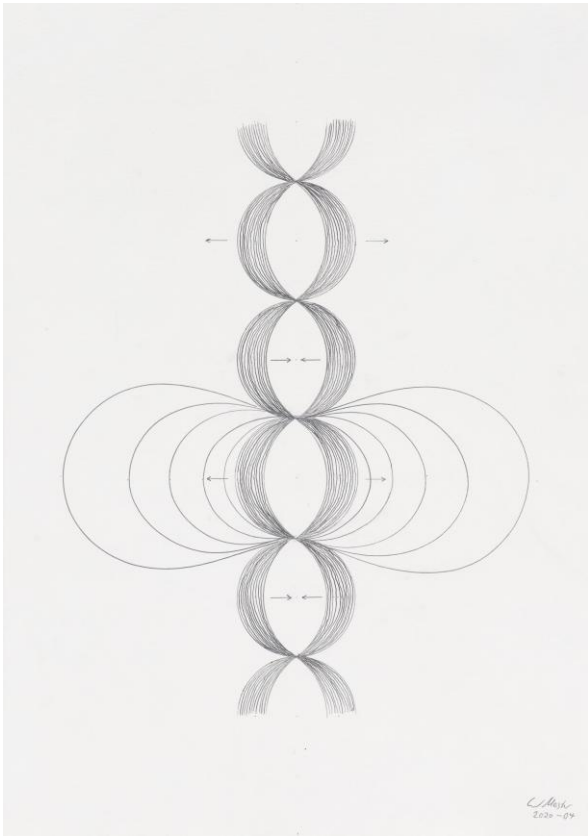
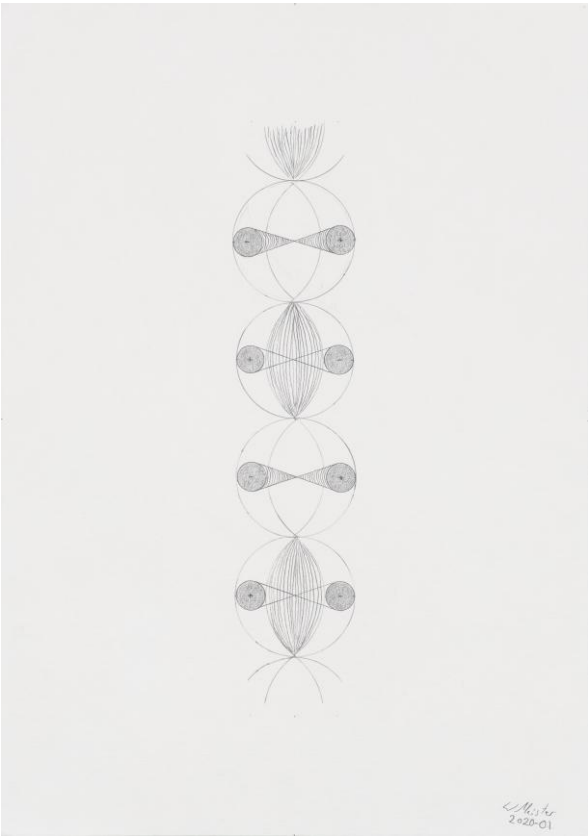
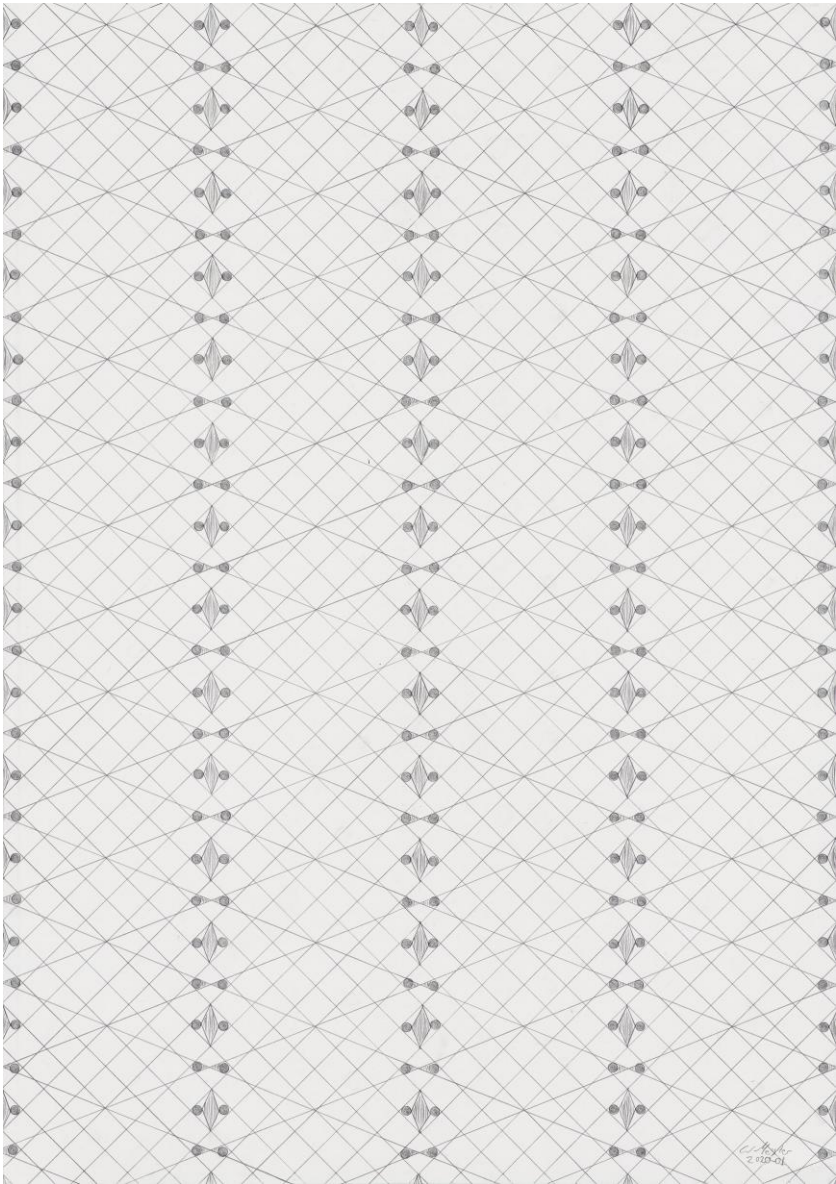
Sketch of a polarized world 1 – 40

2020-2021
Graphite pencil, coloured pencil and fineliner on paper
29.6 × 41.9 cm (14×), 41.9 × 29.6 cm (16×), 41.9 × 59.3 cm (3×), 59.3 × 41.9 cm (4×),
59.3 × 84.1 cm (1×), 70 × 100 cm (1×), 80 × 50 cm (1×)

Parallel to existing schemes such as the Western scientific (physical), religious and other systematizing worldviews a system is constructed in which interactions between polarities are explored. Two poles are mirrored at a point equidistant from each of them and, in a series of further reflections, result in a strand consisting of two spirally wound partial strands forming loops, with each pair of poles either striving towards each other or apart. Several strands, distanced from each other according to certain geometric rules, form the first layer of the system. Offset to this there is a second layer. Both layers are connected to each other via the centers of the loops, so that a constant mass exchange takes place according to forces of suction and pressure.



Selected works



Sketch of a polarized world, selected works

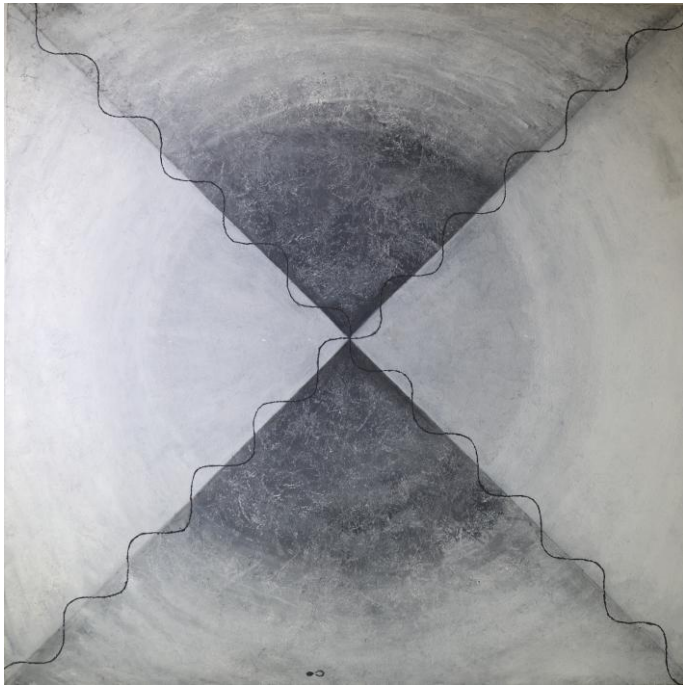


'Pears'

2019
Oil on chipboard
80 × 80 × 1 cm

'Eye'

2019
Oil on chipboard
60 × 60 × 1 cm



'Wheels'

2019
Oil on chipboard
80 × 80 × 1 cm

'Crossing'

2019
Oil on chipboard
60 × 60 × 1 cm

Based on experiences of a meditative state, four inner pictures are painted in the form of large panel paintings. The paint is partly applied with the hands, so that a physical connection is experienced again. The works can be read as maps, floor plans or cave cross-sections, in which the recipient locates themselves.

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Education

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Master of Fine Arts, Prof. Jorinde Voigt, Hochschule für Bildende Künste Hamburg
Thesis: *Die polyzentrale „umgekehrte“ Perspektive der orthodoxen Ikonenmalerei und die Grenzen der Renaissanceperspektive.*
The Margaret Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Art, Makerere University, Kampala (Uganda), with the exchange program Art School Alliance (ASA), Aug. – Dez. 2025
- 2018 – 2023

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Prof. Jorinde Voigt (since 2019), Hochschule für Bildende Künste Hamburg
- 2014 – 2017

Biology and Geography, Universität Hamburg

- 2024

„start56“, gopea-Kunstraum, Burg Bentheim, Bad Bentheim
- 2023

‘Heavy Match’ with Prof. Jorinde Voigt’s class at Wiensowski & Harbord, Berlin
Absolventenausstellung, Hochschule für Bildende Künste Hamburg

Collaborations

- 2022

Feature of selected works in a film scene in the short film ‘Kreuzende Linien’ by Elena Pilar Nyffeler, Hamburg Media School

Practical experience

- 2023 – 2025

Student assistant (tutor) for Prof. Jorinde Voigt’s class at Hochschule für Bildende Künste Hamburg

Scholarships and awards

- 2025

Art School Alliance (ASA) scholarship, HFBK Hamburg
City Kunstpreis Hamburg, Carolina d'Amico Stiftung, Förderpreis
- 2024/2025

Deutschlandstipendium

Solo exhibitions

- 2022

Klub der Künste OffSpace, Deichtorhallen Hamburg

Group exhibitions (selection)

- 2026

Graduate Show, Hochschule für Bildende Künste Hamburg
- 2025

„Aus der Spur“, Schloss Agathenburg, Agathenburg
ASA Open Studios, Karolinenstraße/Hochschule für Bildende Künste Hamburg