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Surface with sticks #3
mixed media
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Identical structures made of wood, model airplane covering, and other materials are balanced so that a small fan is able to lift each independently. The fans are each controlled by their own microcontroller, programmed to record past motion and vary fan pulses in response.

Statement

I like boats. Some of them are pretty enough that it seems like their designs must have come as much from looking at the water as anything else. I think that that is what interests me- the precise mechanical construction of a form that intuitively reflects the natural dynamic system it is built to function in. I'm not necessarily interested in analyzing ocean waves or anything, I just like that as a sort of process. I'll make some guesses about how I think nature ought to work, and then construct a sort of instrument to see what kind of world is implied in the result.