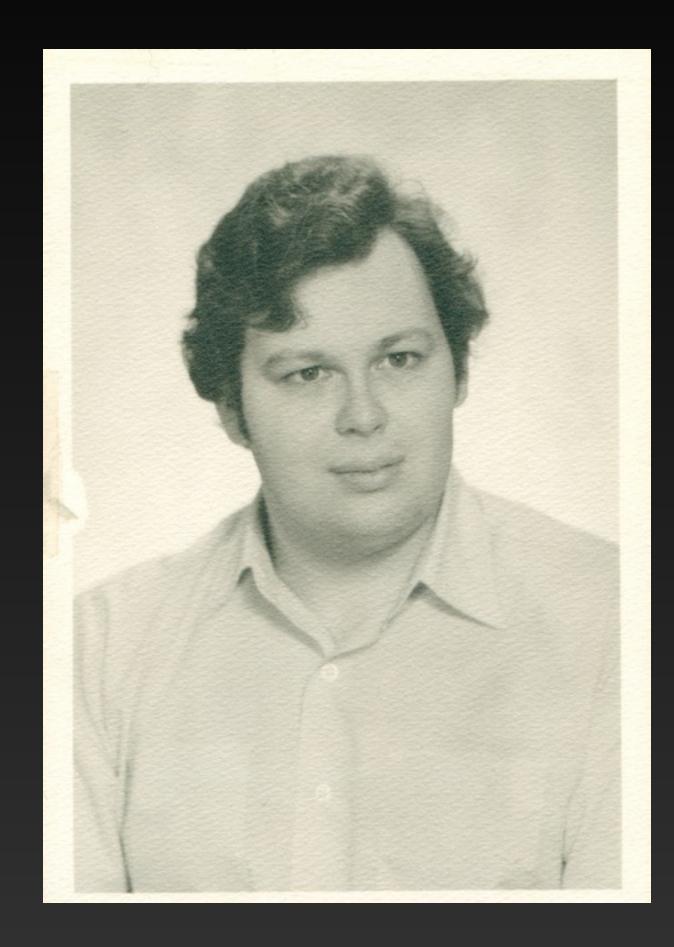
50* Years of Doing Weird Things with Computers

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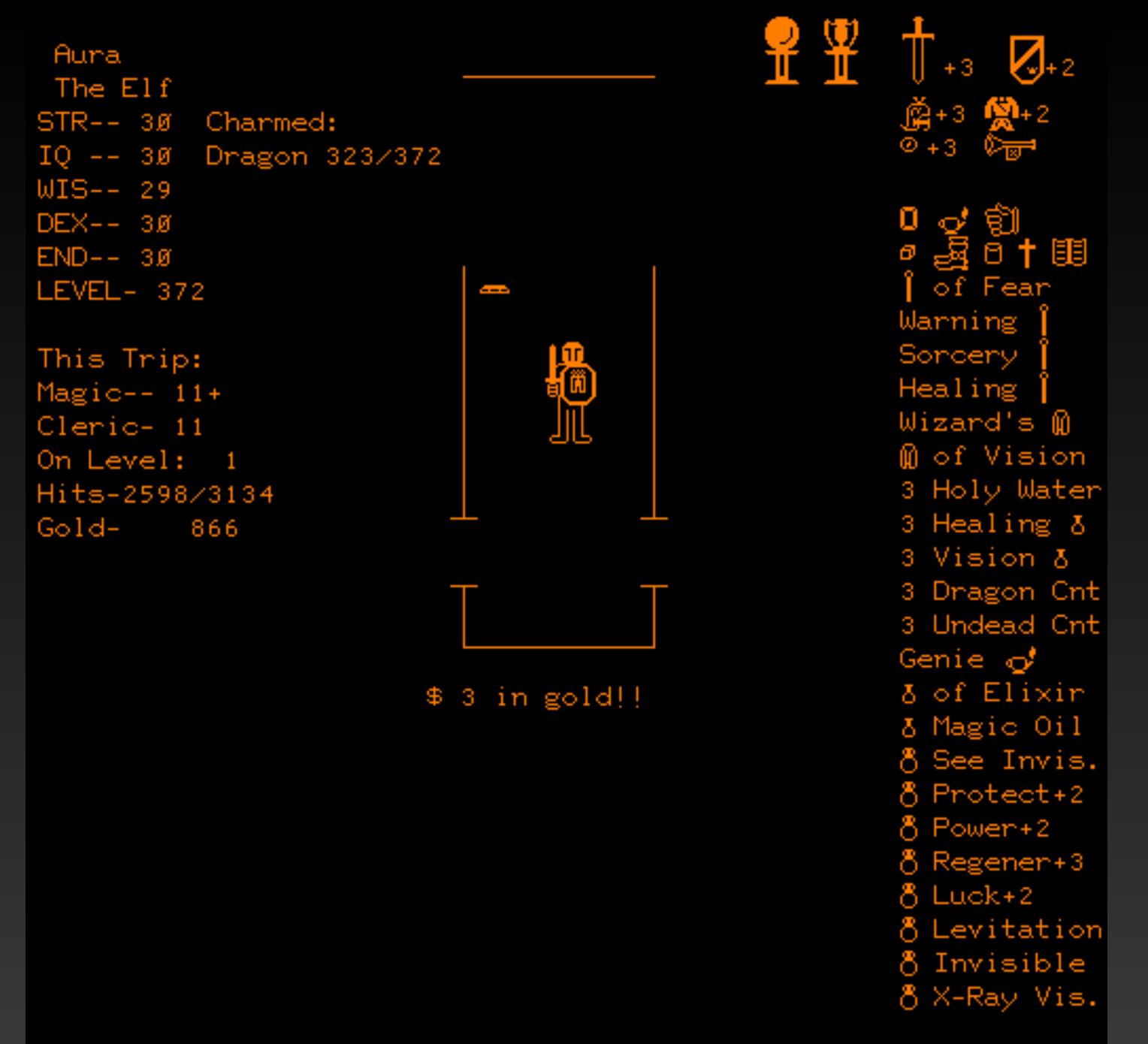


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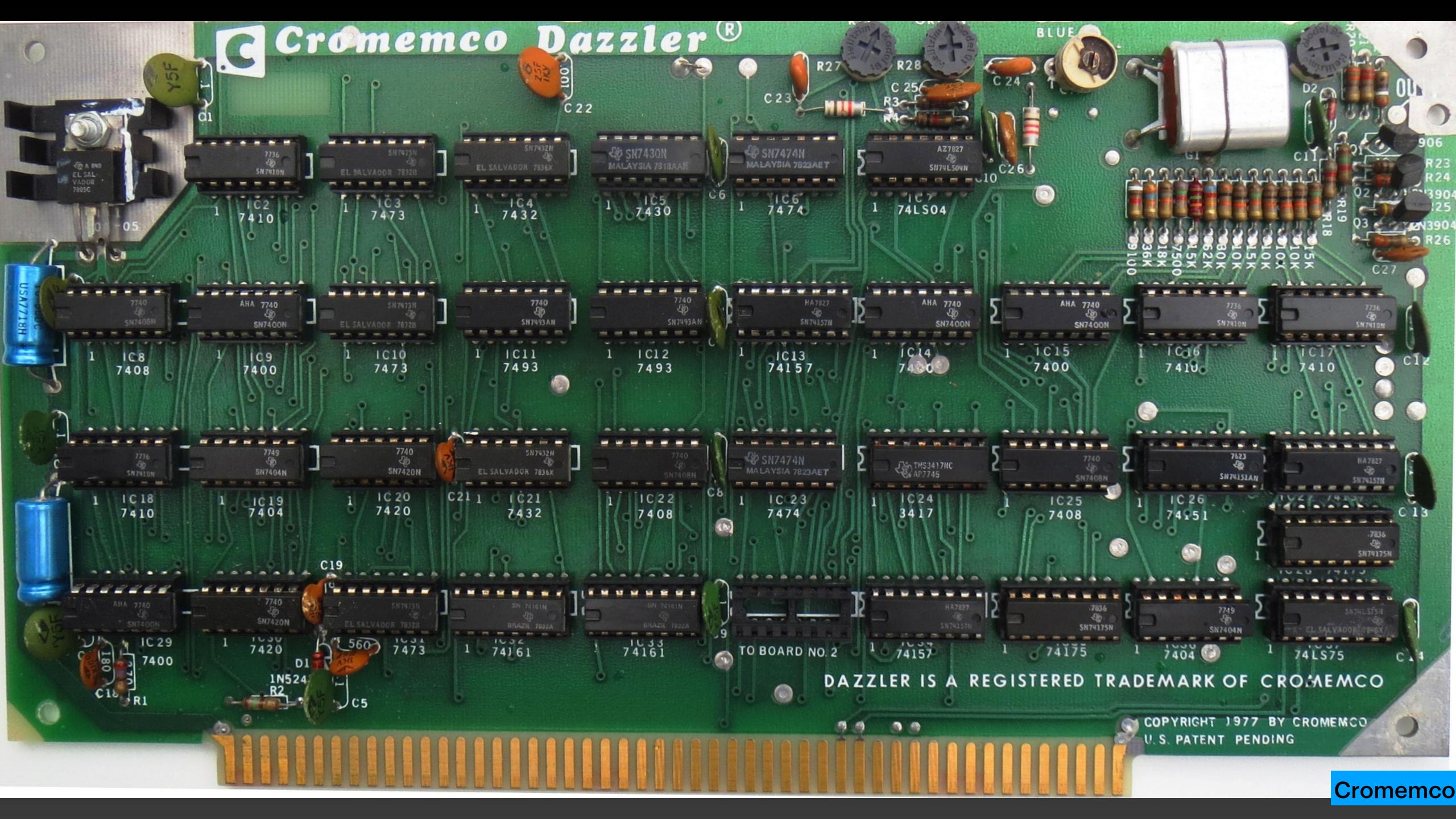


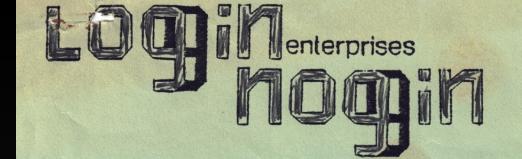












This Tape Map is calibrated for the CTR-41 tape recorder that is provided with the LEVEL I TRS-80. It may have to be adjusted for other brands and models of tape recorder.

FOOT	LEVEL I PROGRAM	FOOT	LEVEL II PROGRAM
10	2 player STARTREK	10	BREAKOUT
100	CHASE	100	CHASE (in realtime)
200	DICER	200	OTHELLO **
250	OTHELLO	- 250	WUMPUS ***
300	WUMPUS	325	RACER **
375	RACER	375	MASTERMIND **
425	MASTERMIND	425	GUESSER **
475	REVERSE	460	MARTINI **
525	GUESSER	500	KALEIDOSCOPE **
560	MARTINI	525	MATH (STARS & ARGHS)
600	KALEIDOSCOPE	575	BATTLESHIPS **
625	MATHDRILL	620	LIFE **
675	BATTLESHIPS	650	OTHELLO II
720	LIFE	700	SIMPLE INVENTORY
750	KALEID II	750	PATTERNS

Those LEVEL II Games marked with ** are coverted copies of the LEVEL I games of the same name. Some of the LEVEL I Games have not been converted in order to make room for the new LEVEL II Games.

The BEST way to load these tapes is to listen to one of your tapes and MATCH up the volumes. As these are machine duplicated tapes a higher than normal volume may be needed.

15 TRS-80 Games for \$15 (no charge for typographical errors)



STARTREK

STARTREK is a two player strategy game. Each player runs a team, either the KLINGONS or the FEDERATION, initially with five Ships. Each player makes his moves for each turn, for each ship he has left, and then the game will update the universe. During each player's move, he may select from 4 options for each ship, to determine what that ship will do. Note that when a player is making his moves, the other player does not see the screen.

When a player is making his move, the screen shows what he knows of the universe. This information includes the position of each of his remaining ships, and any enemy ships that are within sensor range.

On each move, for each ship, the player may choose one of these options:

- Pressing "S" will select weapons mode. That ship will fire its Weapons at the closest ship
- Pressing "I" will allow you to change your sensor power. Sensors
 Are expensive, but they allow you to detect enemy ships at a distance,
 and thus learn more about your enemys plans!
- Pressing "K" activates the <u>cloaking device</u>, which renders that ship Invisible to the enemy. However, use of the cloaking device is very wasteful of fuel. Pressing K on another turn will deactivate

DIR KEYS

The keys surrounding the "S" key represent the 8 possible directions of travel on the screen. For example, W is up, and C is down&right. Pressing one of these keys activates the warp drive engines on the next turn.

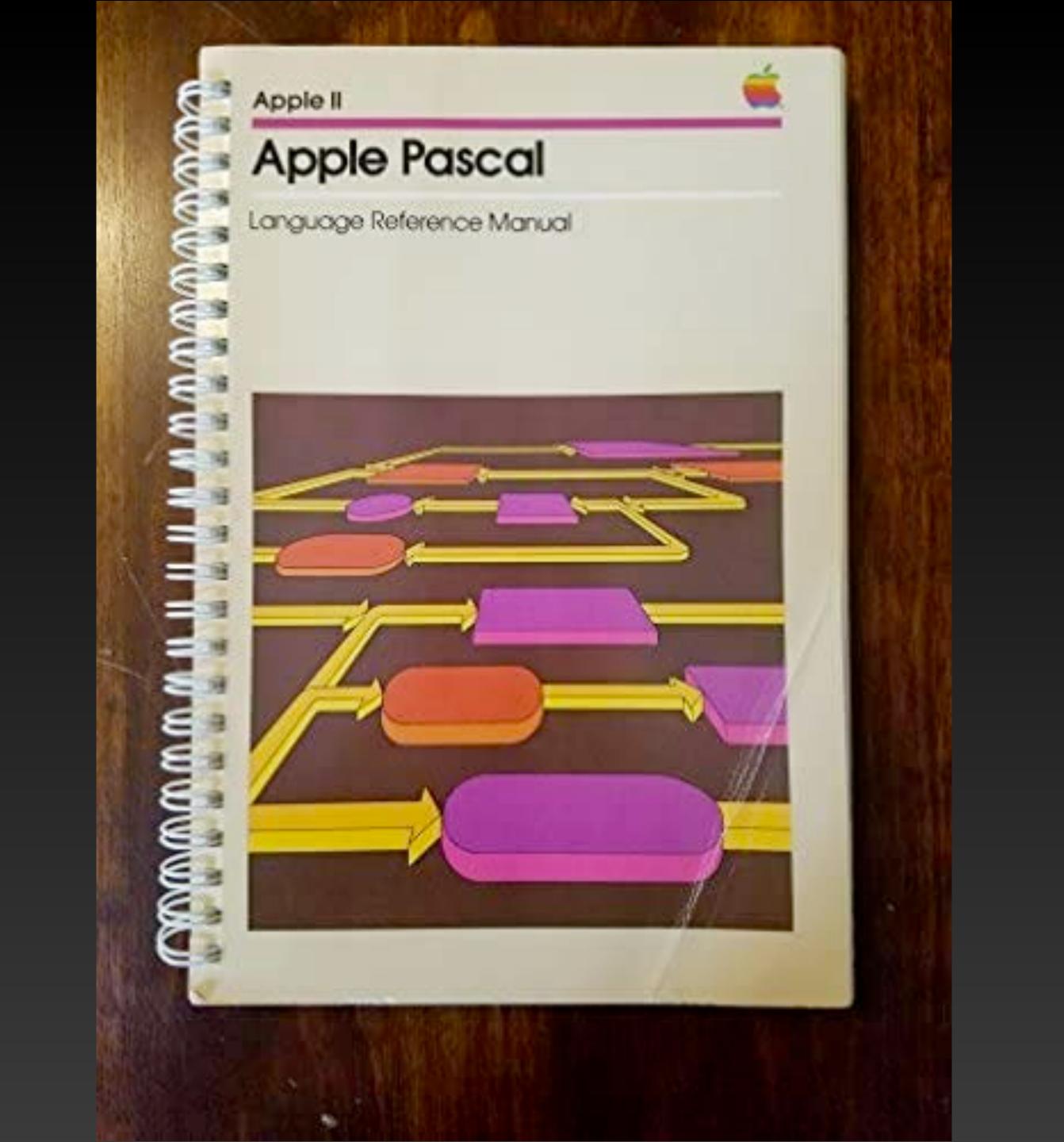
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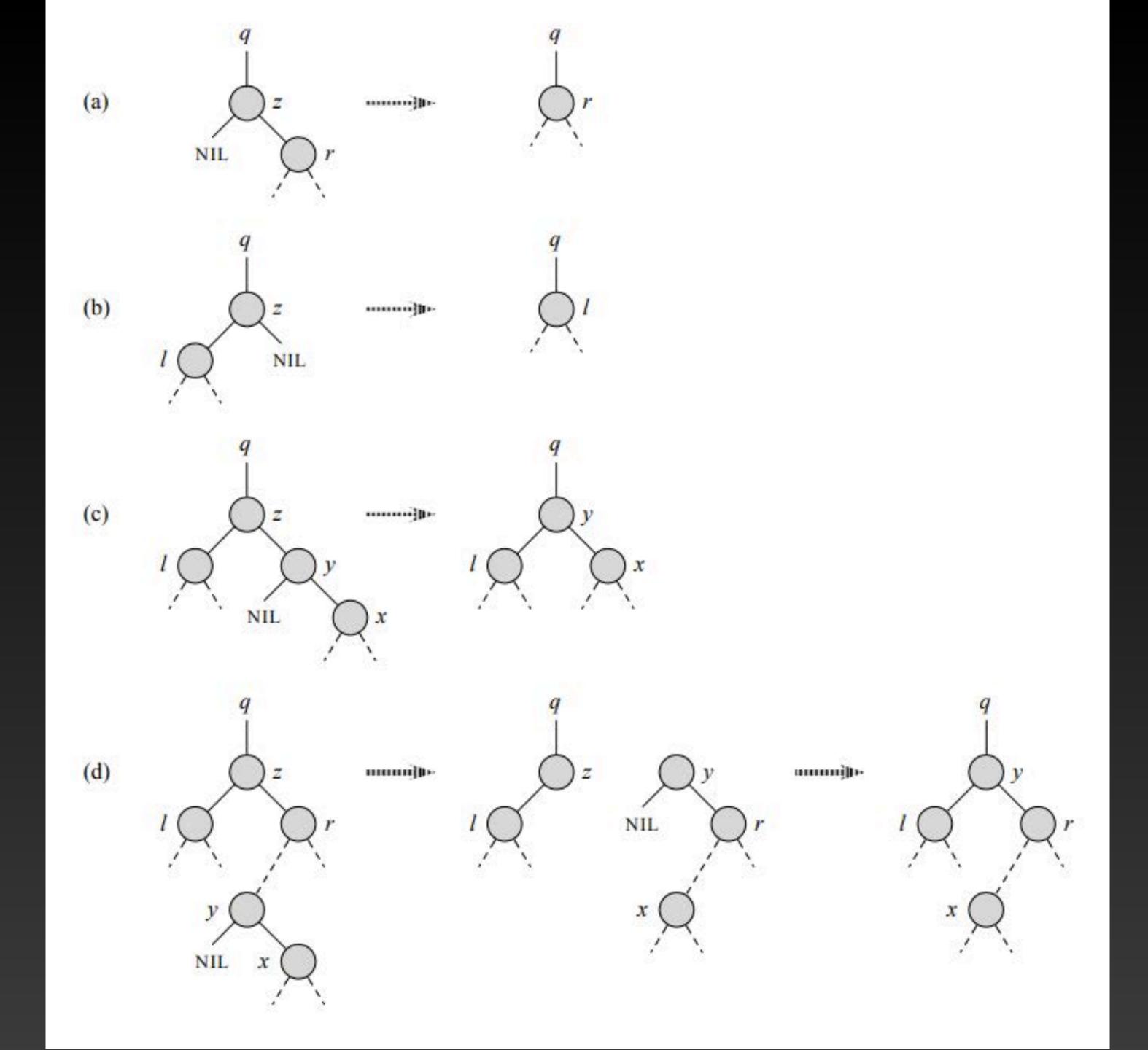
When BOTH players have made their moves, the computer will process the moves of the players at the same time. Firing will be done first, and other functions later. The fuel cost for whatever the ships did on the last turn is then updated. It is possible for a ship to withstand the enemy attack and then run out of fuel as its energy stores are depleted.

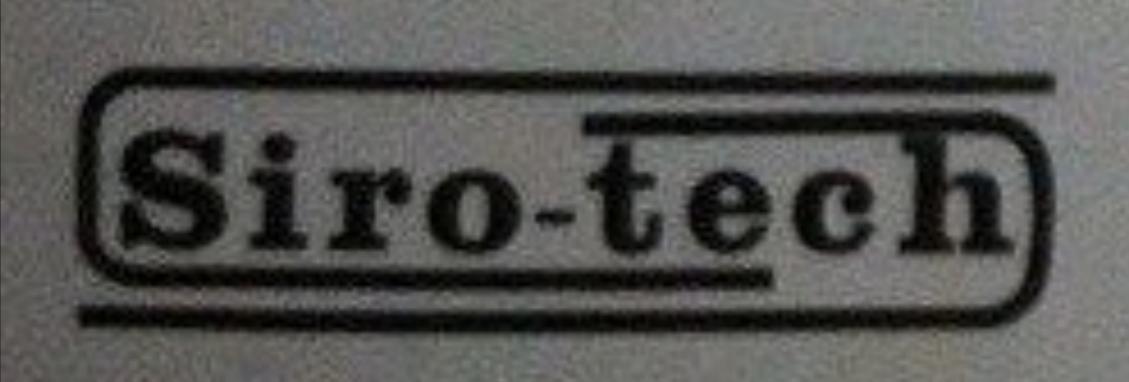
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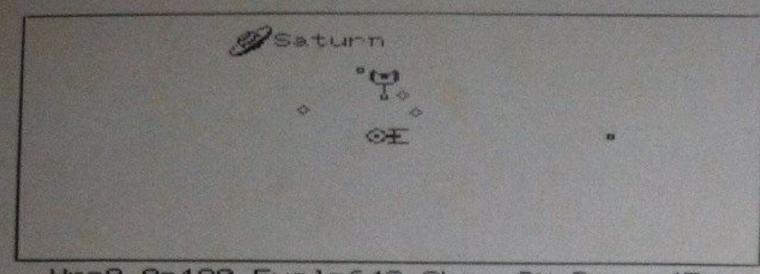






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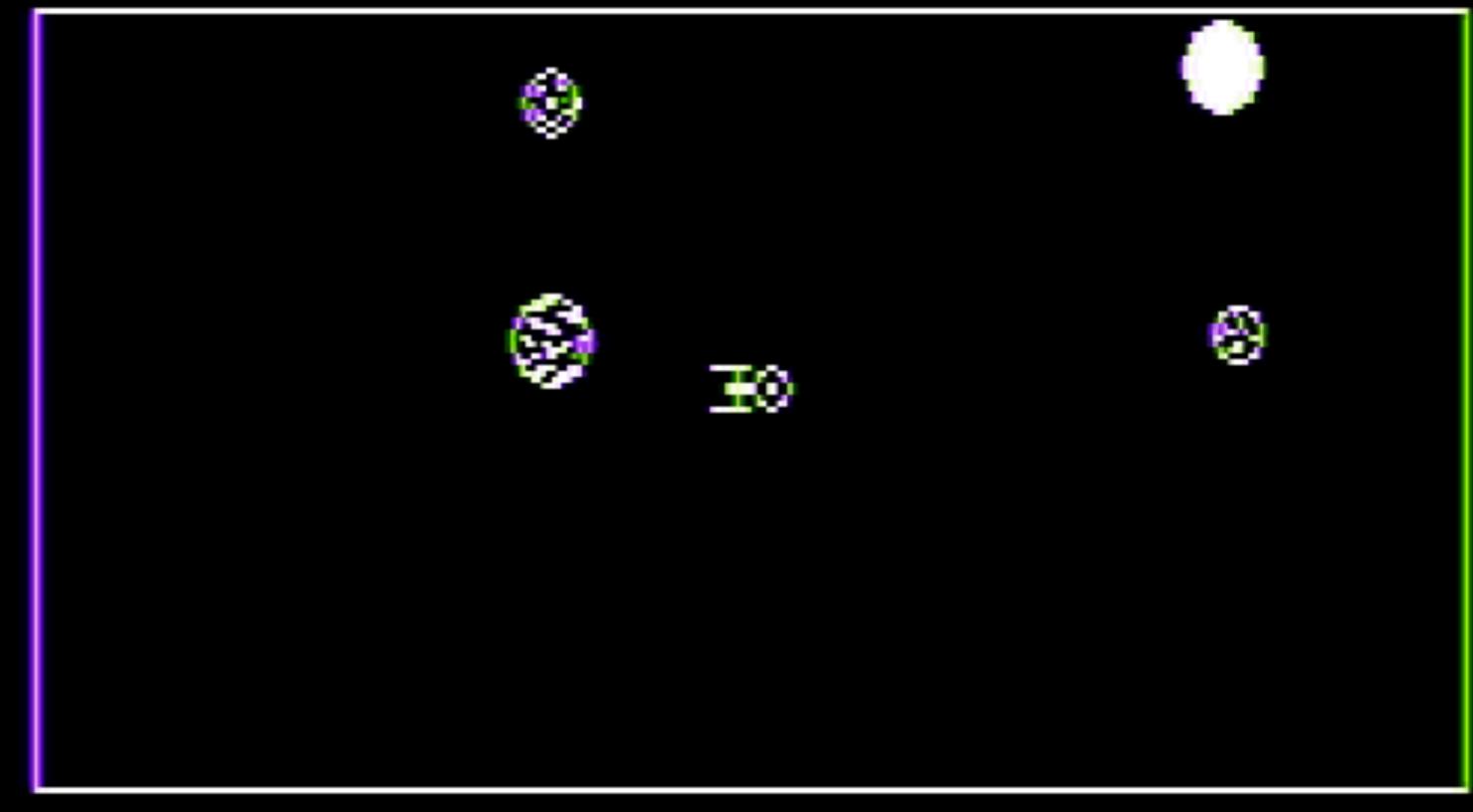
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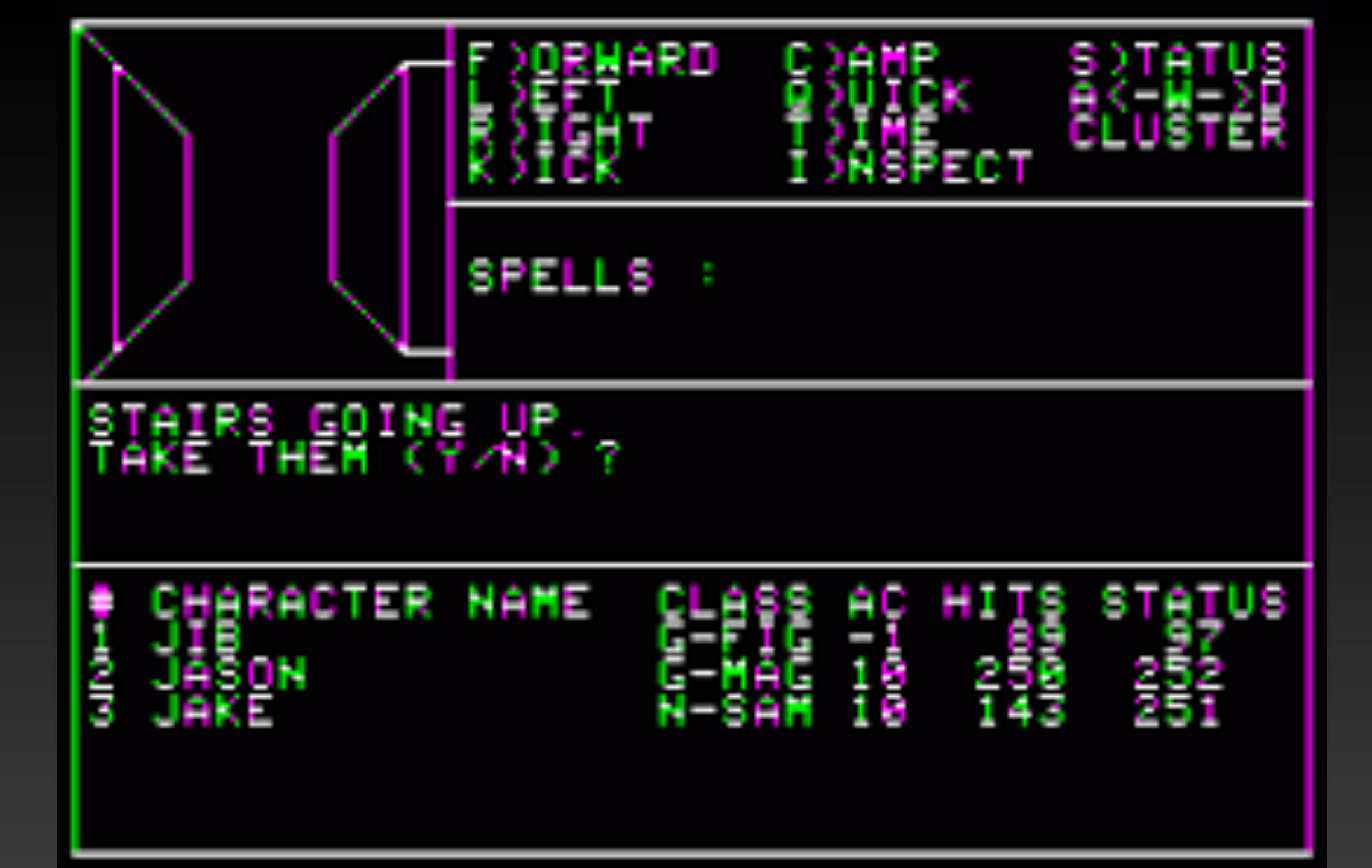
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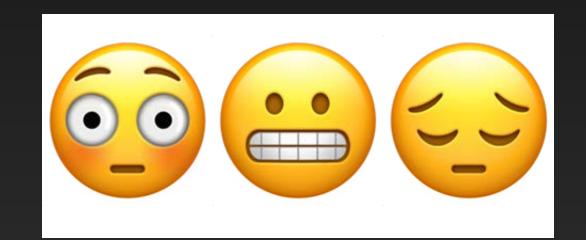
Two promising alumni of Cornell University, Andrew Greenberg (left) and Robert Woodhead.







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Computer whiz still feels bite of program pirates

By Lillie Wilson Staff Writer

ITHACA — As one of the two wizards who created the popular computer game, "Wizardry," up in 1981 — or a loss, on Robert Woodhead has seen more of about \$1 million a year. success than most 29-year-olds.

His graphic fantasy/adventure simulation - featuring gnomes, hobbits, and a Mad Overlord became a cult item in the U.S. by n regard to home computer games the mid-1980s.

Today, translated into four languages, it's most recently become a craze in Japan, where there are books, and a sound-track album. Still to come are an array of other souvenirs, such as key chains, baseball caps and engraved silverware.

bite of the commercial software Piracy, as program theft through illicit copying commonly is called.

"If it weren't for the pirates, I'd be driving a Lamborghini instead of a Corvette," says the Britishborn Ithacan.

Admitting that guesswork on the

subject is tricky, Woodhead on iverage, not as technically nevertheless estimates that his company, Sir-Tech, Inc., has lost about a fourth of its deserved evenue to pirates since it started up in 1981 - or a loss, on average,

But an Italian sports car may not be far away. Woodhead says the :courge of software piracy is waning. In fact, he thinks the problem has diminished considerably in the last couple of years.

"The market has evolved. (In the carly 1980s) you used to have lots Wizardry jackets, Wizardry hint of computer fanatics playing the games, (people) who would get them off pirate bulletin boards," he says, referring to the special phone-connected terminals where anyone with a computer and a But all that success has felt the modem can find unprotected programs to copy. During those years, industry's most vexing problem: le believes there were typically two copies of any given program rirated for every one that was sold.

"But now you have a more mainstream type of customer who would just as soon go into a store- tion program called DiskManager and buy it," he says.

sopiisticated as that of several years ago, again because of the falling ratio of computer fanatics, says Woodhead. That means thee's a lower ratio of users interested in cracking software: cop-protection codes just for the fun ind challenge of it, and consequertly a smaller proportion of piraed copies around...

Woodhead and his Sir-Tech partners are now thinking of removing the copy protection devices on their game disks entirely, "and relying on our customers' good will "That's partly due to his belief thatpiracy is decreasing and partly because the company wants to avoil the complications that protecton devices can entail, such as maintaining different protections in the face of unforeseen hardware charges.

view that software piracy is on the wans. J. Robert Cooke is a Cornell engineering professor who recently developed a new protec-PC, which relies on passwords. He The new user community is also, consders illegal copying to be still large segment of the population.

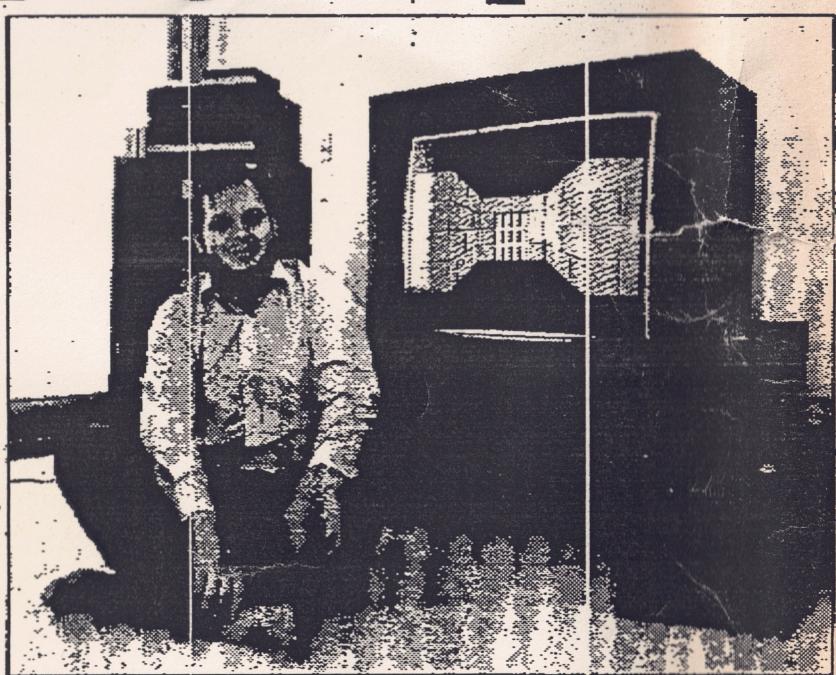
"fairly vaolesale" and a significant problem for the industry.

Most home computer games have kext their built-in copy protections but the rest of the software incustry gave up such protections on or two years ago, he says. The buil-in devices created trouble because they prevented legitimate owners from making back-up copies o: their own data, an advisable precaution to guard against losses from possible disk damage.

But perhaps more compelling to the incustry, the protection devices sever really worked - at least not among the computer whizzes who would break a code and become responsible for the first generation of an unprotected

"Some imes there was more creativity going into the breaking of protections than went into the pro-Bit others dispute Woodhead's | tection; " says Cooke. That extender to the appearance of programs specifically created to copy protecte programs.

Both V'oodhead and Cooke agree that the past several years have revealed an ethical blind spot in a



Herald-Imerican photo by Peter Movanus

Robert Woodhead sits in front of his television set displaying the video game he helped invent, "Witardry."

"You'd never see a report in the police record of software being stolen, the way you see a record of

other stolen property. But that's just because it's so common." Cooke says.



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North Man Cited for Computer 'Wizardry'

By James R. Donnelly **Times Staff Writer**

OGDENSBURG - A 22year-old computer wizard from this city has received national recognition for a new, soon-to-be-released computer game.

Robert Woodhead, a senior at Cornell University, has been cited in Popular Mechanics magazine for developing the game "Wizardry," which "pushes the Apple II computer to its cause Apple has yet to relimits."

"It's been a long time since I've been amazed at what a computer can be programmed to do," Neil Shapiro, the magazine's amaze me."

Mr. Woodhead, whose guage. father, the late James Woodfellow Cornell student nell. Andrew Greenberg.

is a computer based impleplaying game."

Like the well known 'Dungeons and Dragons' fantasy game, Wizardry allows up to six players to ex-

plore a dangerous fantasy land.

The game, Mr. Woodhead added, is data based, adding to the bewildering number of challenges the players must

"It's been in the works for some time," Mr. Woodhead said. In fact, he said, "It's been in development since last June."

Technically, he added, the game is not for sale yet belease the software conversion package needed to convert the Pascal language it is written in into a language the Apple II computer can use.

Normally minicomputers electronics editor, writes in like the Apple II are progthe April issue, "but a new ramed in what is called program from Sir-Tech (6 Basic language. The Pascal Main St., Ogdensburg) does language is a more advanced and structured lan-

Although Mr. Woodhead is head, founded Ogdensburg deeply involved with compu-Silica, said Friday he col- ters and hopes to make them laborated on development of his lifes work, he is a the \$40 game program with psychology major at Cor-

"I would have like to take "Wizardry," he explained, computer science," he explained, "but unfortunately mentation of a fantasy role there wasn't any computer major at that time."

> Now, Mr. Woodhead, who carries his own computer with him everywhere he See COMPUTER - Pg. 10B



'-Times Staff Photo By Mark Holberg

Robert Woodhead, Ogdensburg, a senior at Cornell University, received national recognition recently for his work on a new computer game called 'Wizardry." It is like a computer-based version of the popular fantasy game 'Dungeons and Dragons.'







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THE SPECIAL AWARD

BRENDA ROMERO

Words by Chris Schilling F Images supplied by the Romeros

BAFTA Special Award for Brenda Romero not only celebrates a rich and varied career, but also a lifelong devotion and fascination towards games and all their facets. Games have played such a vital role in her life from a very early age that she can't recall what first sparked her passion for the medium. "I genuinely have no idea," she laughs, "because I don't remember ever *not* having it."

During her formative years, she developed a love of storytelling through games. At garage sales, Romero (née Garno) would knowingly buy incomplete board games, using the parts that remained to make up her own. At 11, she bought the original edition of *Dungeons & Dragons*, before going on to develop her own ruleset for tabletop RPG *Rolemaster*. And by 15, she had her first job in the games industry at Sir-Tech Software, publisher of the popular *Wizardry* series.

It was an unorthodox start by most standards. The job offer came as a result of a chance encounter with fellow 15-year-old Linda Sirotek, then co-owner of Sir-Tech, in a New York bathroom. Romero and

"I have done pretty much every job in the industry – from playing to making to teaching."

Sirotek (now Currie) just began talking. "She asked me four questions," Romero recalls. "Did I have a job? 'No.' Had I ever heard of Sir-Tech? 'No.' Had I ever heard of Wizardry? Also 'No.' Had I ever played Dungeons & Dragons? That answer was yes. And with that I had my interview."

The role involved answering questions on the *Wizardry* hotline, assisting players









with tips and information about the game. It was a dream job for a role-playing obsessive: Romero was contracted to work five days a week from 4-8pm after school, but she sought ways to extend those hours, starting earlier and finishing later.

If fortune played a part in her recruitment, her sheer drive and desire to learn was what led to her rapid rise through the ranks. Soon, she was writing manuals, hint guides and press releases, before moving onto development management and production roles. "Basically, if there was an opening and I thought I could do it, and it was higher than where I was at the time, I would ask to try it," she says. The culmination of her efforts was a lead design role on the multi-award-winning eighth *Wizardry* game. Romero's post-Sir-Tech career has been similarly unconventional. At one

BRENDA ROMERO GAMES HISTORY (SELECT)

2017	Gunman Taco Truck (Romero Games Ltd
2015	Dangerous Dave in the Deserted Pirate's
	Hideout! (Romero Games Ltd)
2014	Techno Dash (Hammerwing Studios, Inc)
2012	Pettington Park (Zynga Game
	Network Inc)
2012	Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon: Commander
	(Ubisoft, Inc)
2010	Ravenwood Fair (Lolapps)
2009	SuperPoke Pets (Slide)
2007	Def Jam: Icon (Electronic Arts)
2005	Playboy: The Mansion (Cyberlore Studios
2003	Dungeons & Dragons: Heroes (Atari, Inc)
1999	Jagged Alliance 2 (TalonSoft)
1995	Druid: Daemons of the Mind
	(Sir-Tech Software, Inc)
1994	Jagged Alliance (Sir-Tech Software, Inc)
1991-1994	Realms of Arkania Volumes 1 and 2
	(Fantasy Productions Verlags)
1990	Freakin' Funky Fuzzballs
	(Sir-Tech Software, Inc)
1984	Crypt of Medea (Sir-Tech Software, Inc)
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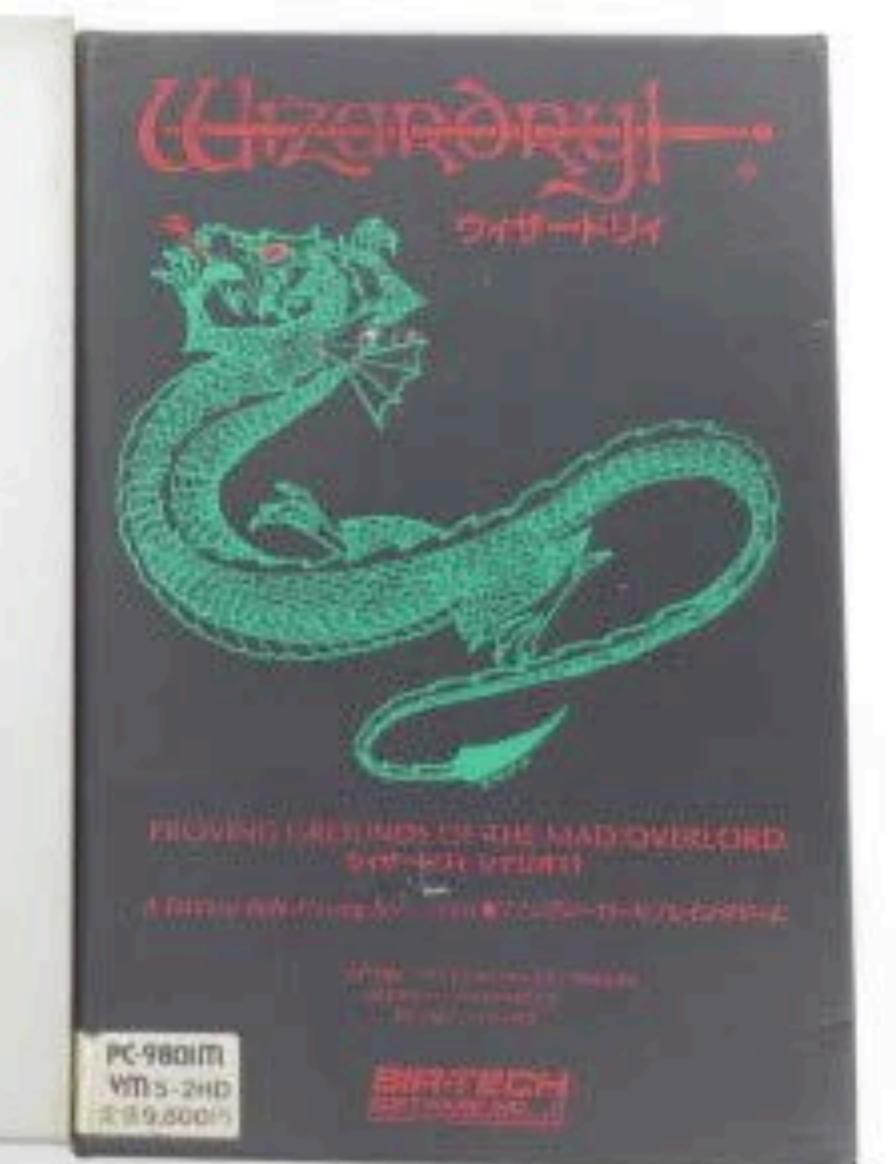


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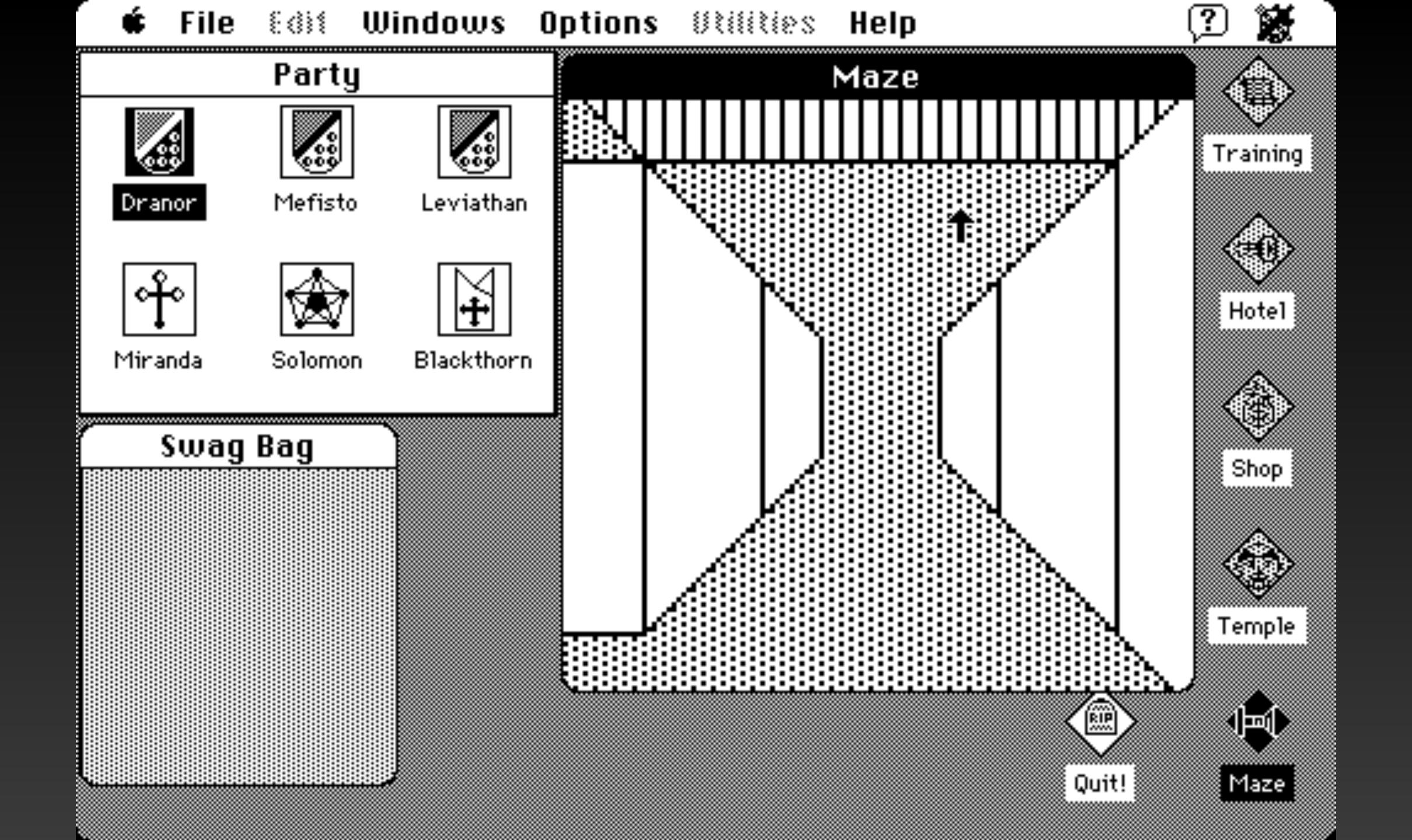
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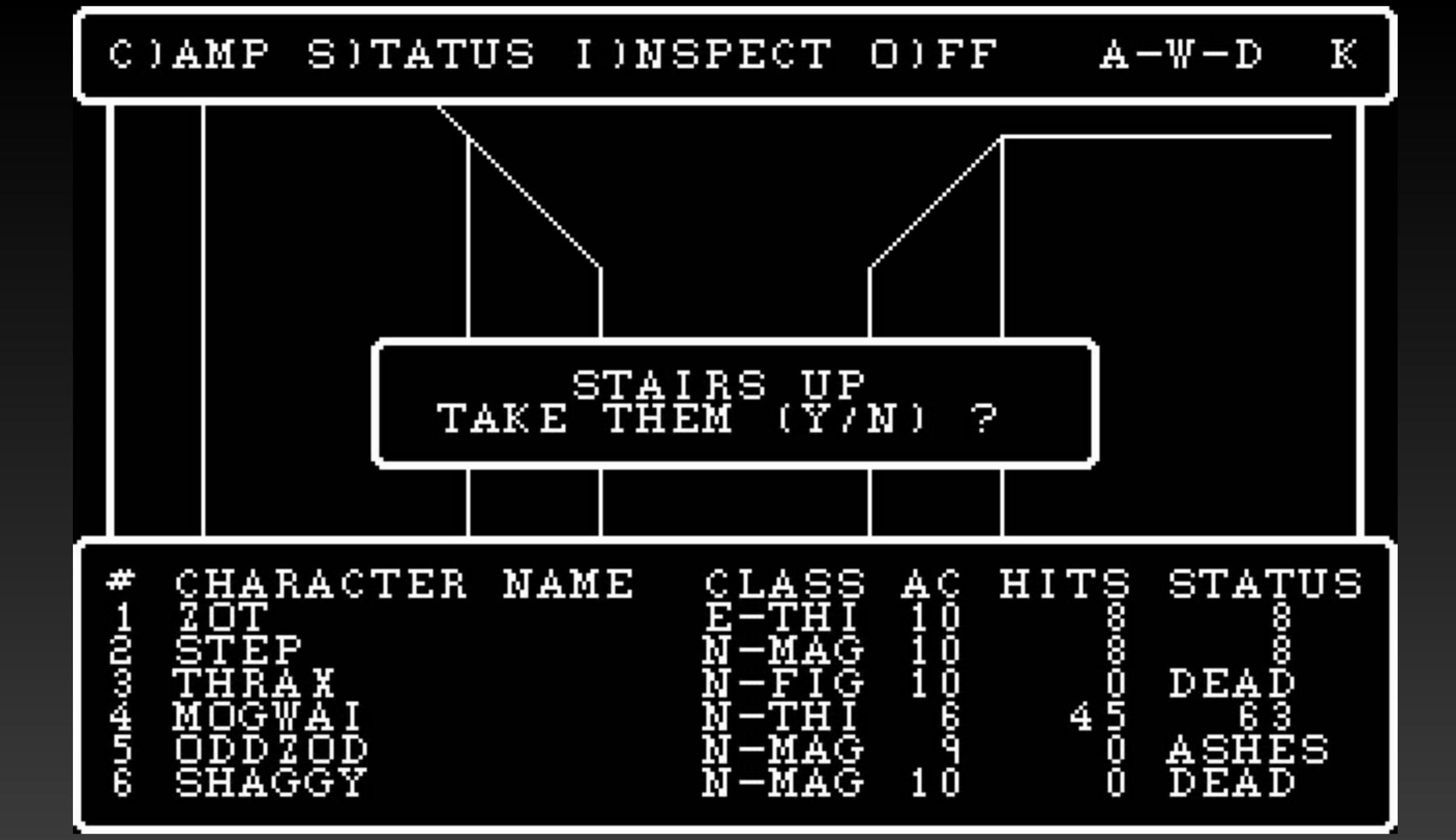
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At first they thought you were dead. Foolish mortals. It is most difficult to kill a master of the arcane arts! When the authorites realized that your indestructible body lay in a deep trance, they adapted an ancient subterranean ruin into an escape proof prison. They surrounded your bier with patrols, traps, and guardians.

You awaken in a small room at the bottom of this prison maze, a room with no doors. You are as weak as a newborn babe, your magical powers drained from you.

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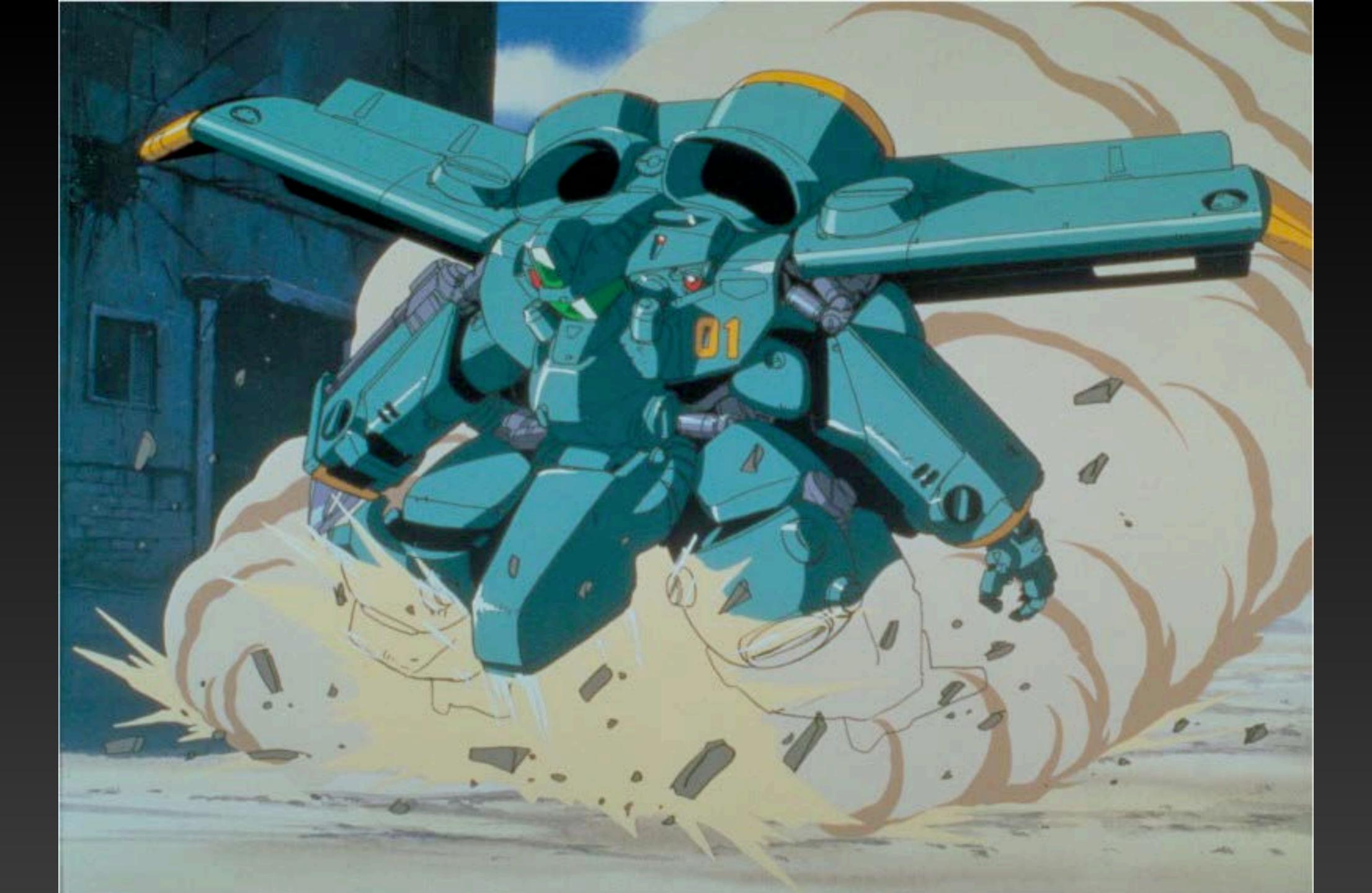


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- Roe: Could you use this to subtitle videos?
- Me: Sure, don't see why not.
- Roe: Great! We could subtitle some anime for the club.
- Me: Yeah, but I have a better idea. I'm going to Japan all the time. We could get some licenses, subtitle them, and sell them here in the USA.
- <Pause, followed by painful, hard-to-breathe laughter>>
- Roe: That's the dumbest idea I've ever heard. It'll never make money. Nobody would ever buy subtitled anime.
- Me: So we should do it, right?
- Roe: Absolutely.

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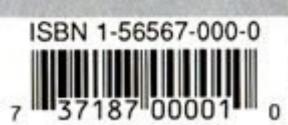
Ace female test pilot Kusomoto Elle defeats macho tank driver Lt. Kilgore in the first demonstration of the advanced personal battle tank, the MADOX. Kilgore vows revenge, and gets his chance when the army carelessly loses the prototype in Tokyo. Meanwhile, the MADOX is found by Sujimoto Koji, who presses buttons before he has completely read the manual and ends up zooming around trapped in a machine he doesn't quite know how to operate. The army sends Kilgore to recover the MADOX. Convinced that Kilgore will trash Tokyo in the process, Elle dons a second prototype and goes after Koji. Koji has his own problems. If he doesn't meet his girlfriend Shiori for a date, he will lose her forever!

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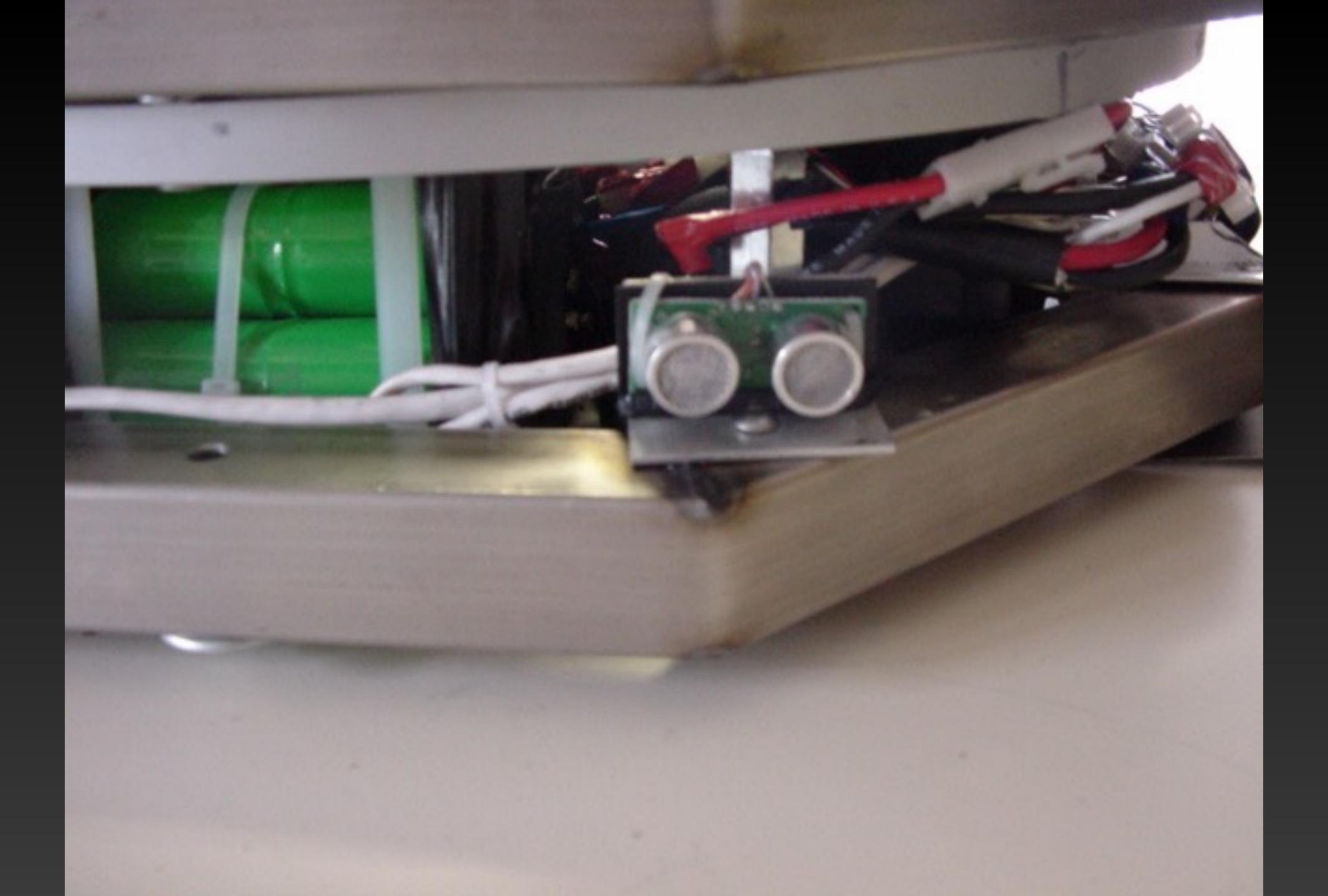






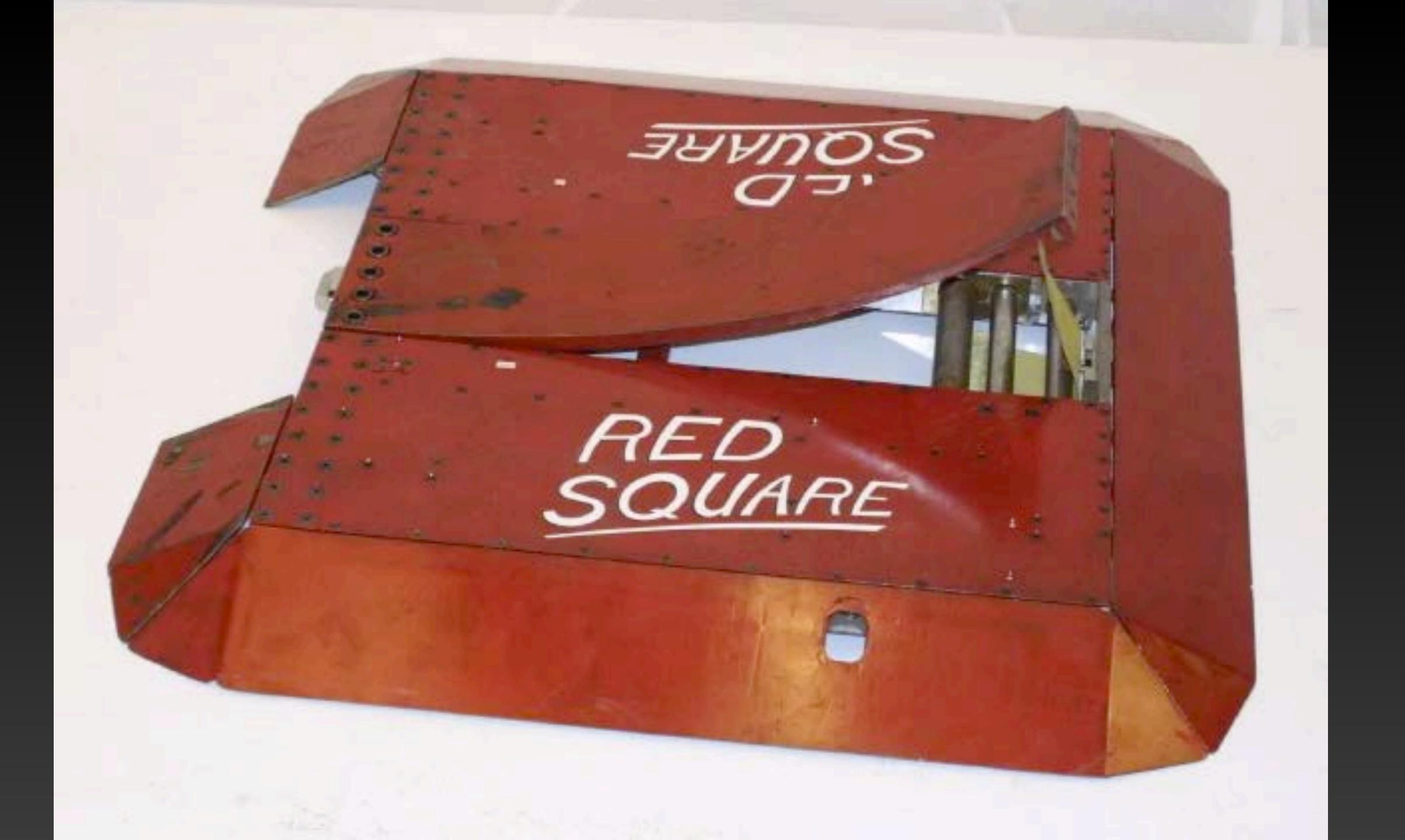


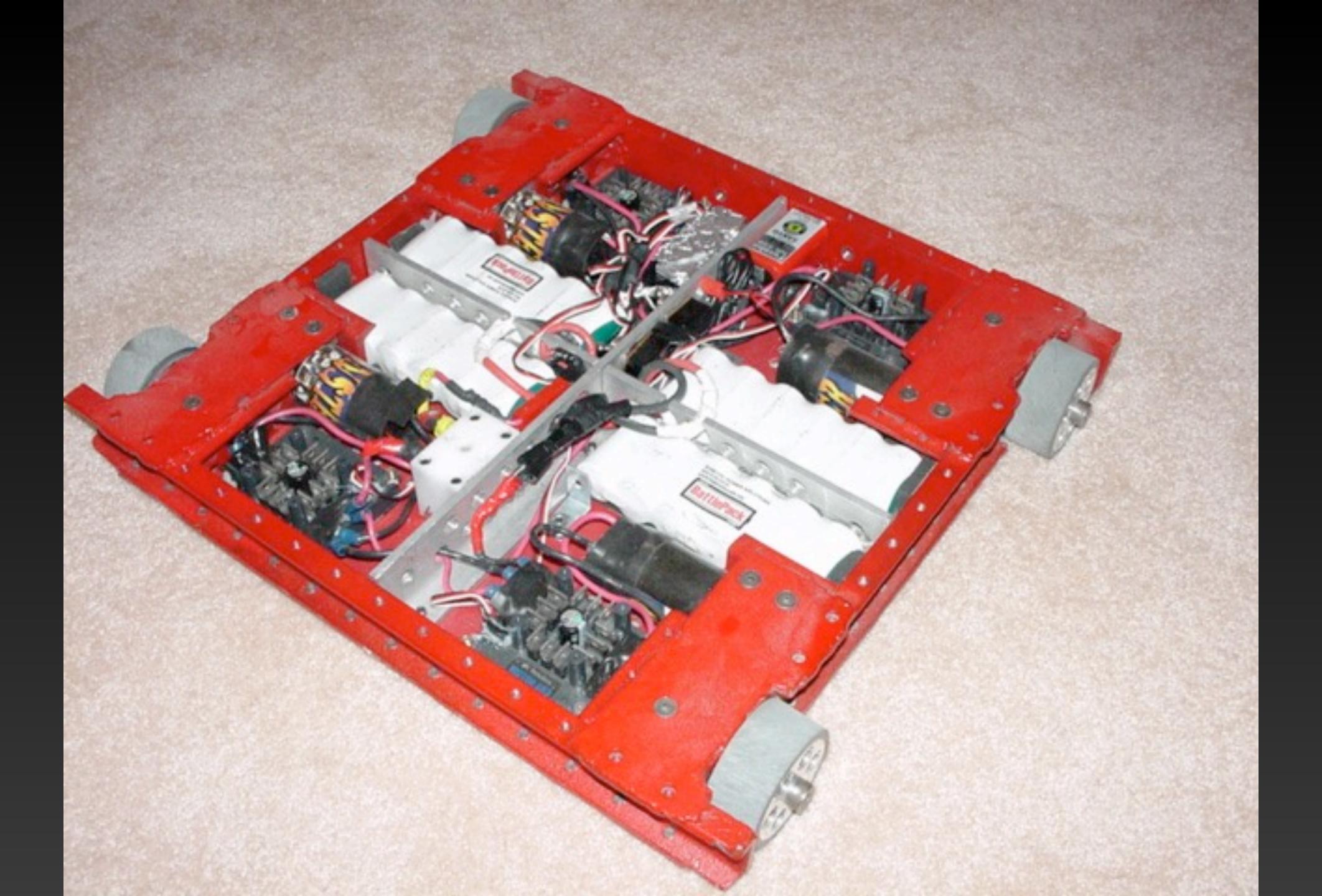




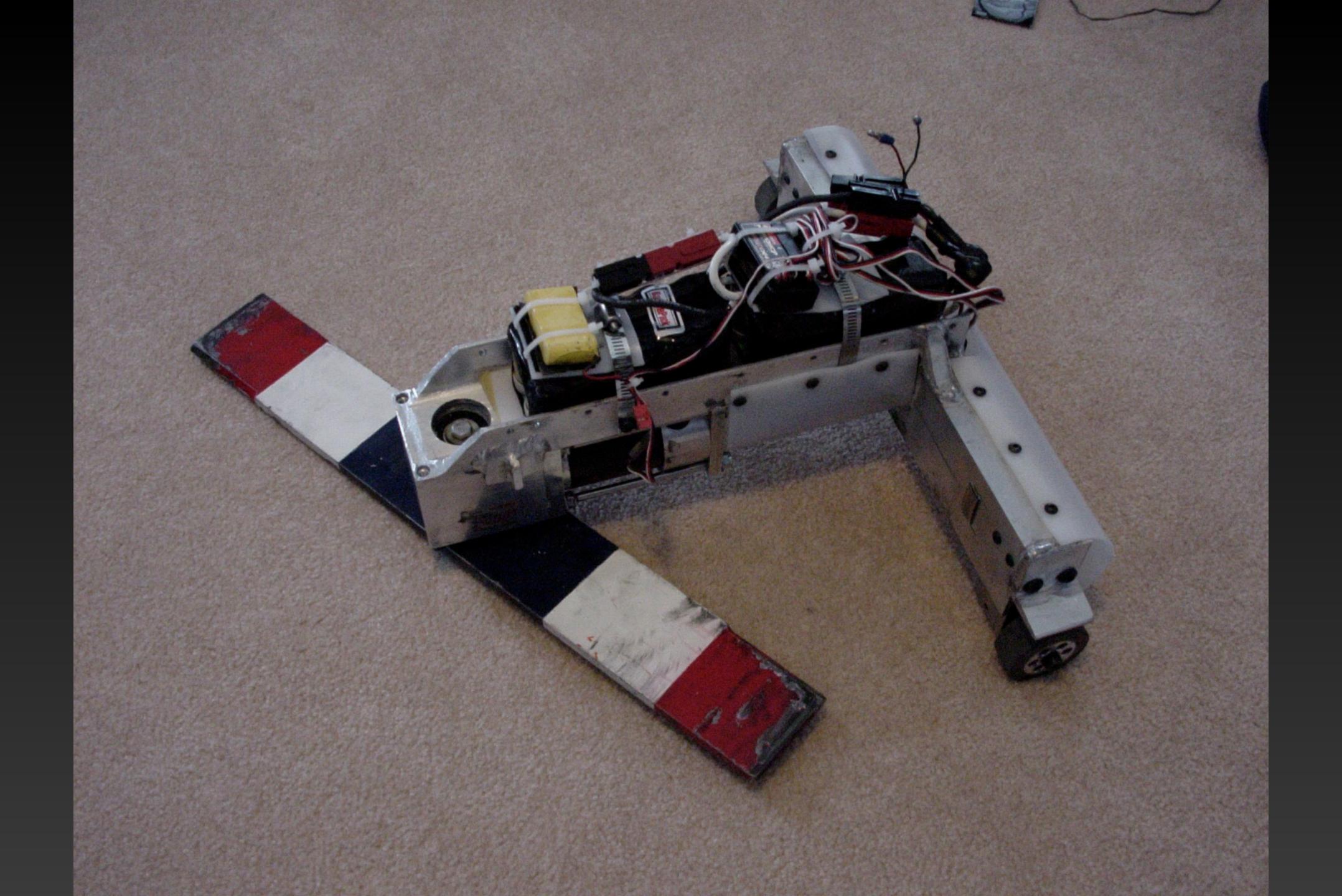


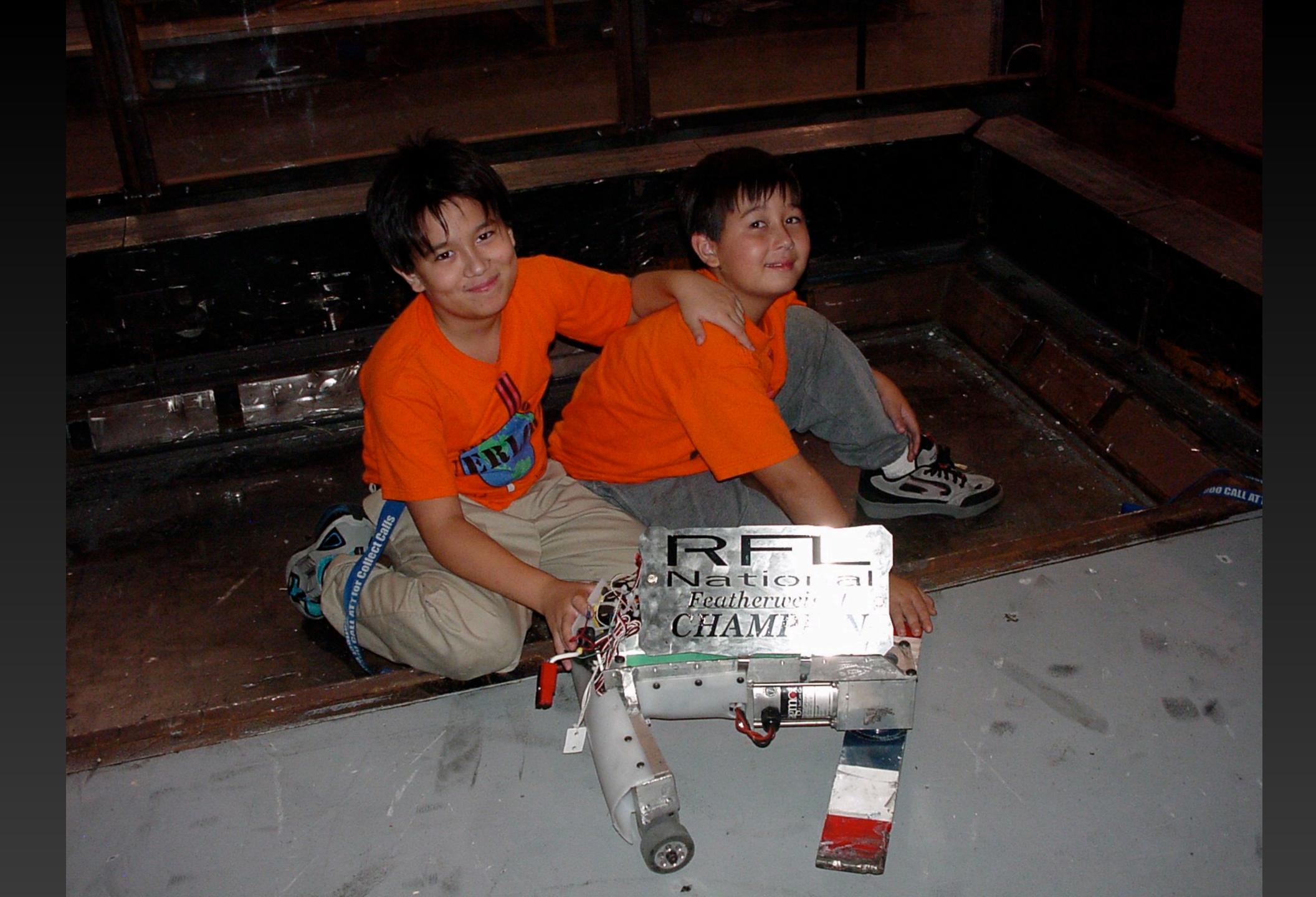






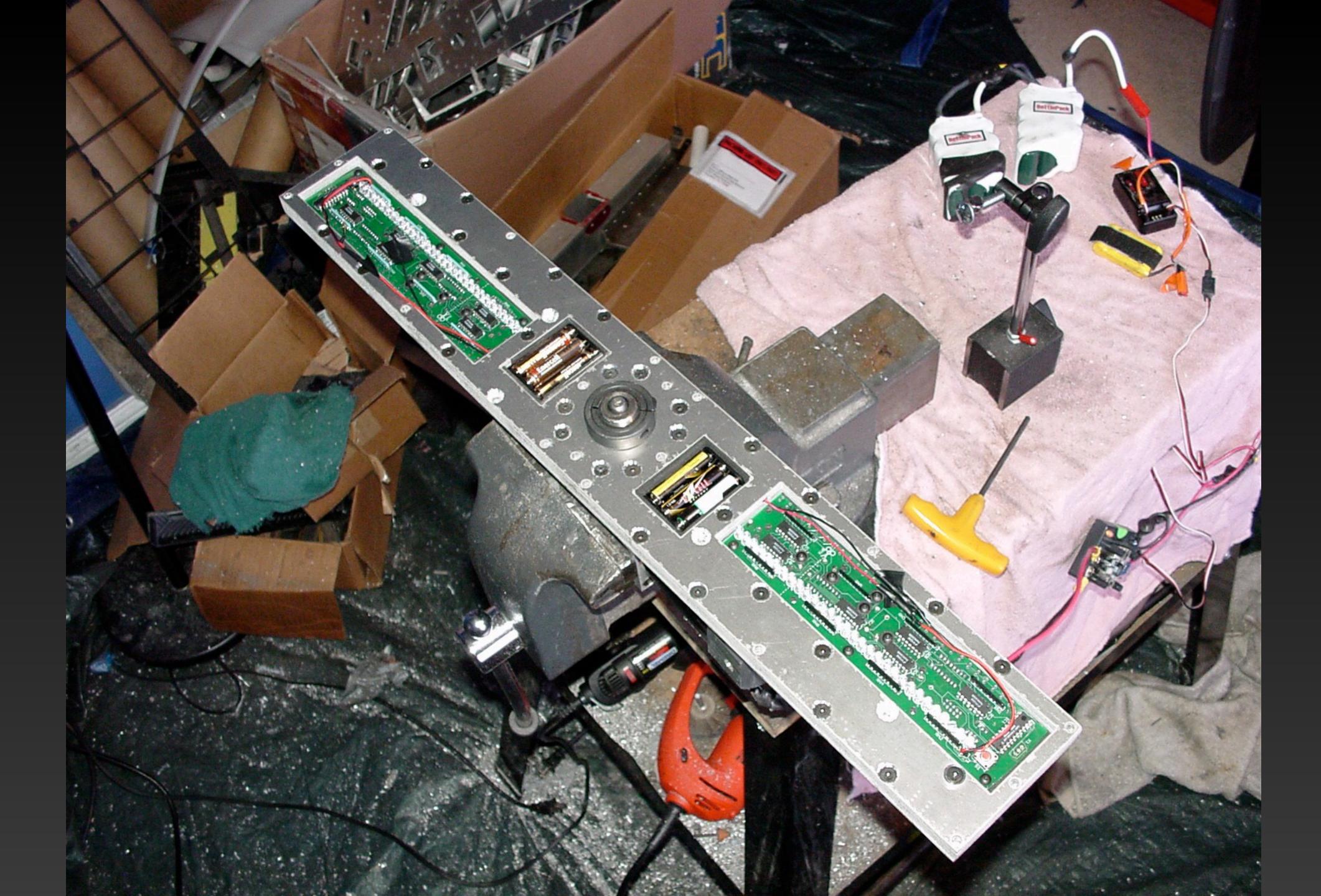






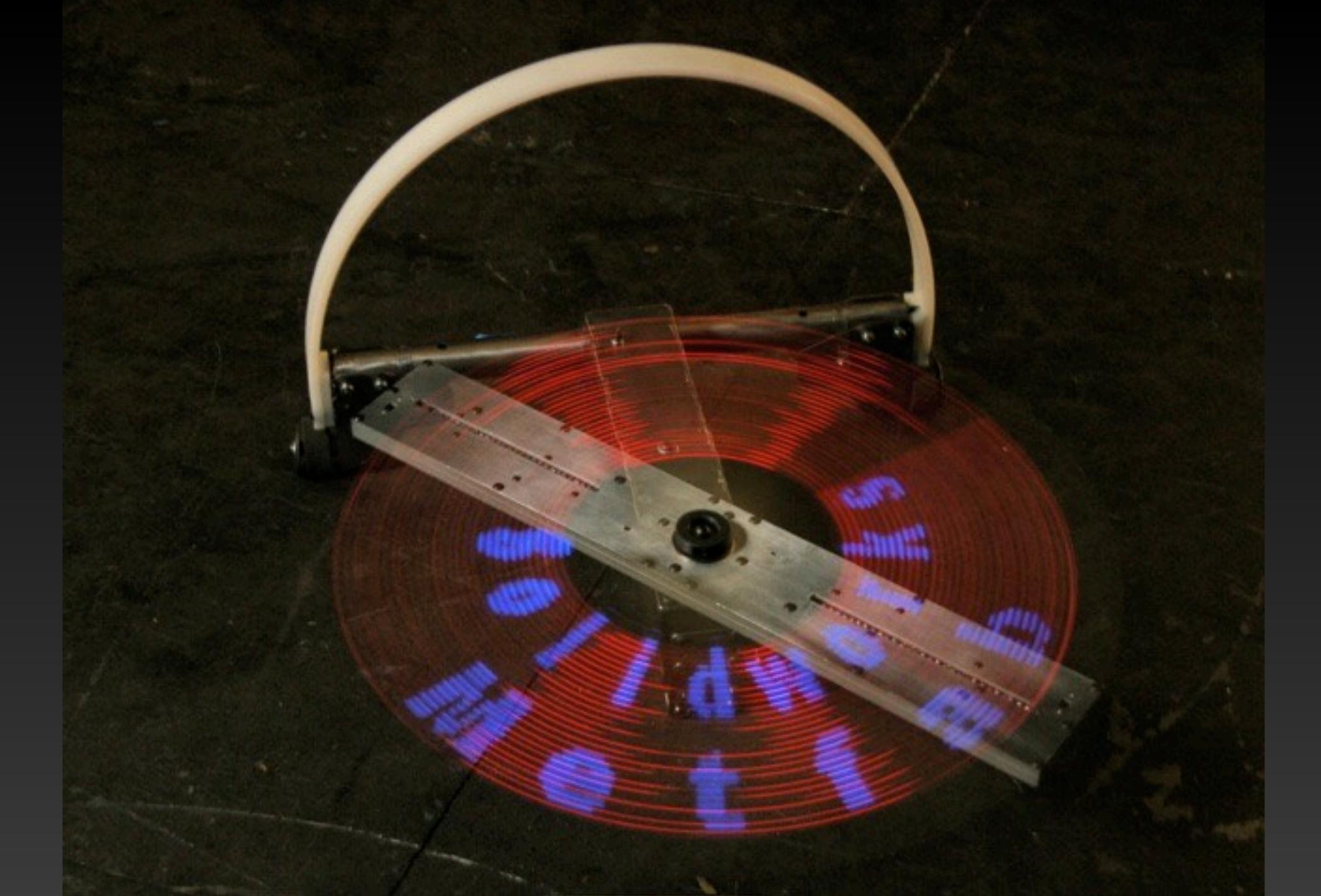
























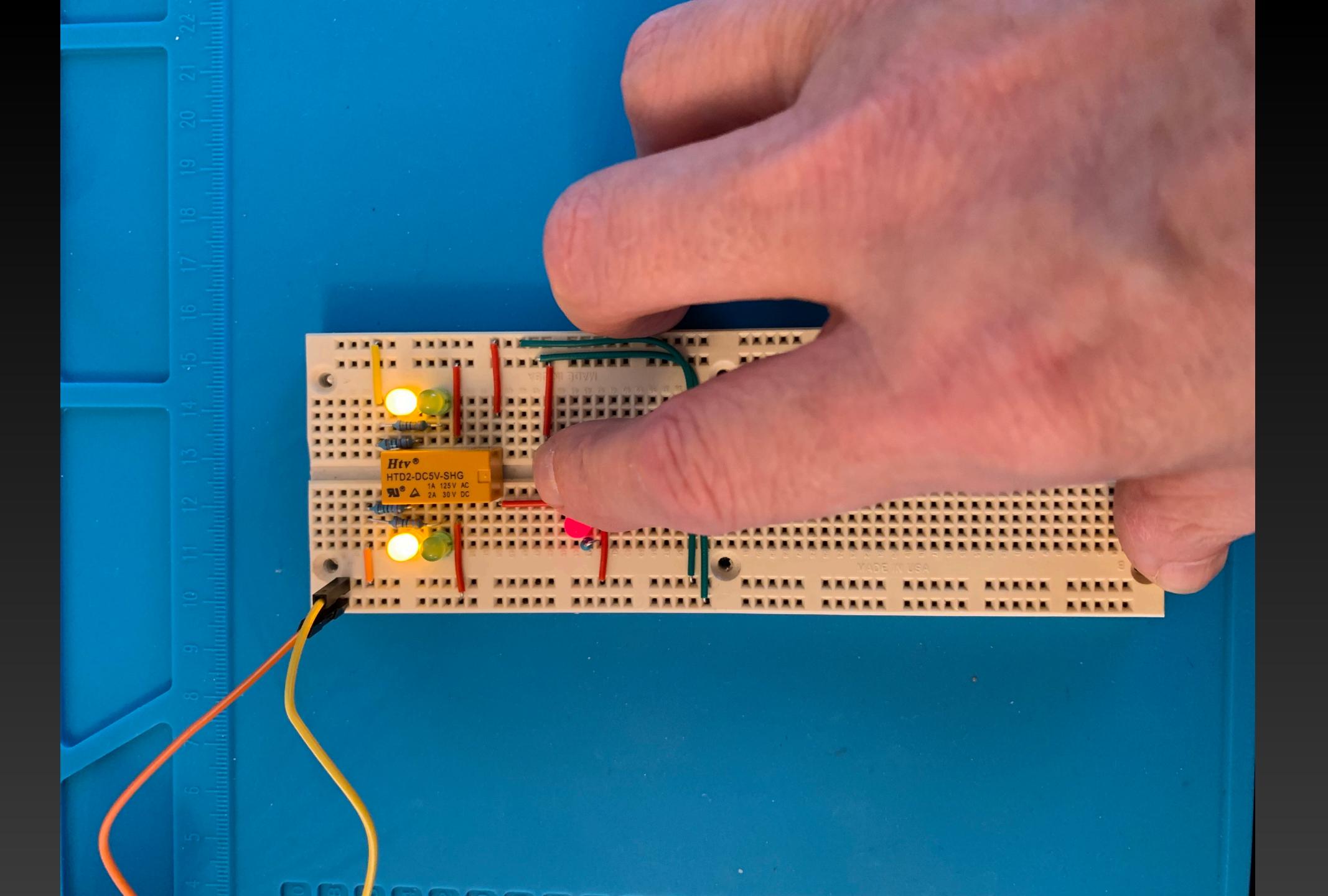


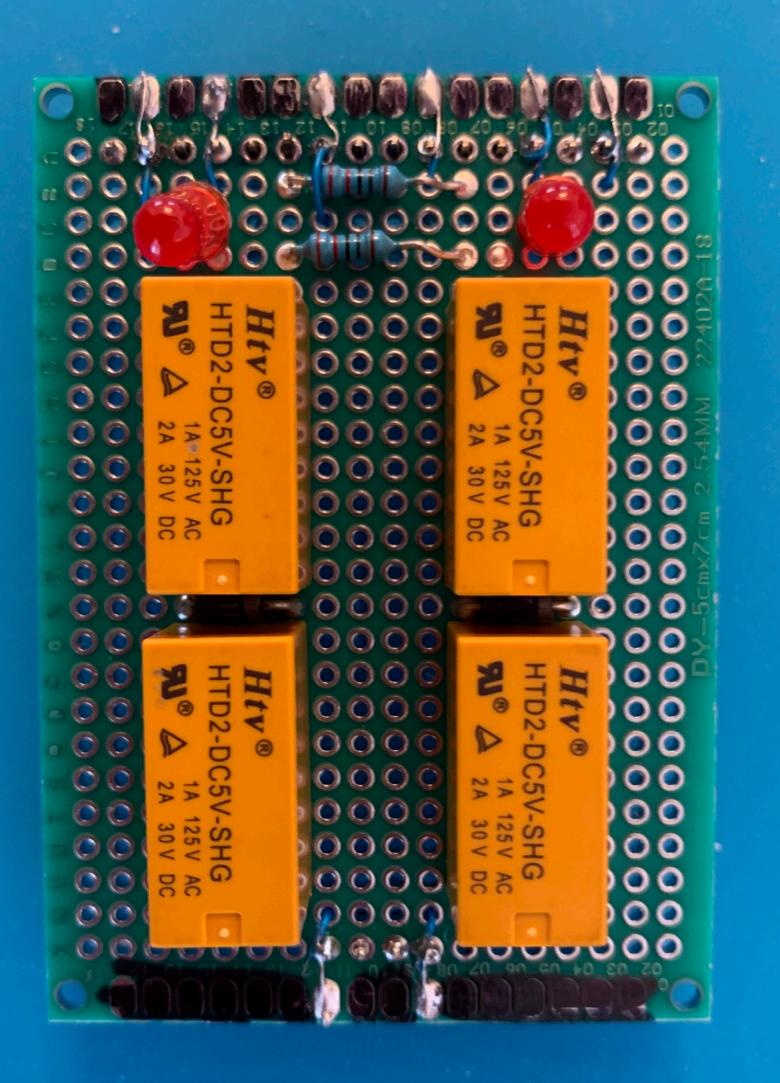


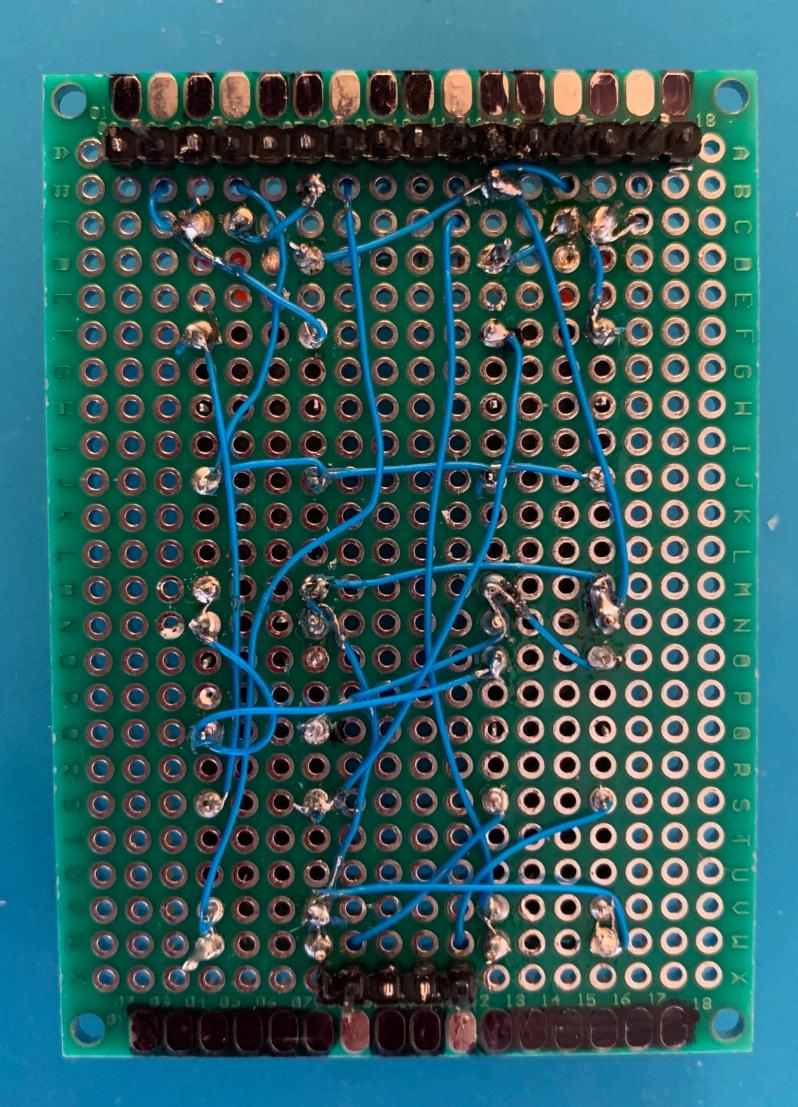


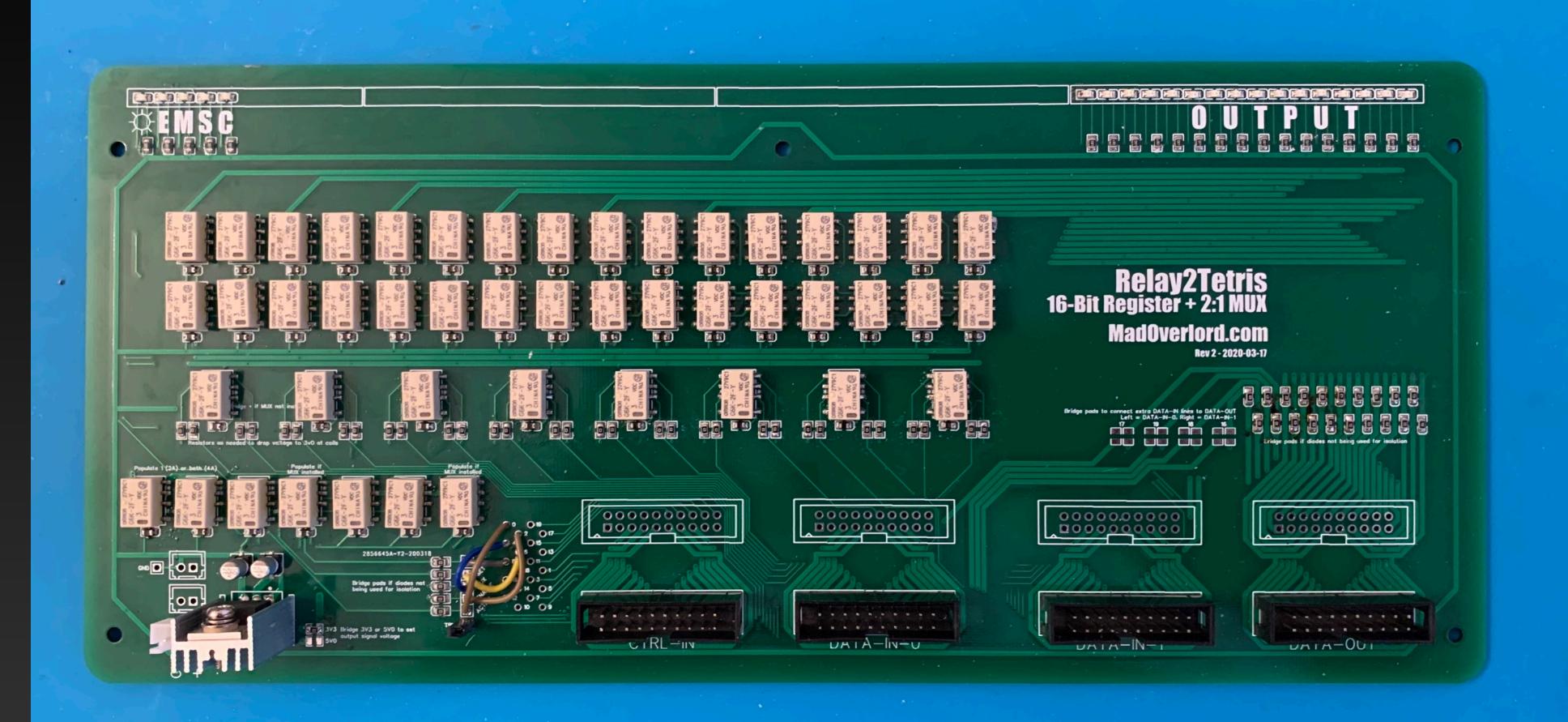


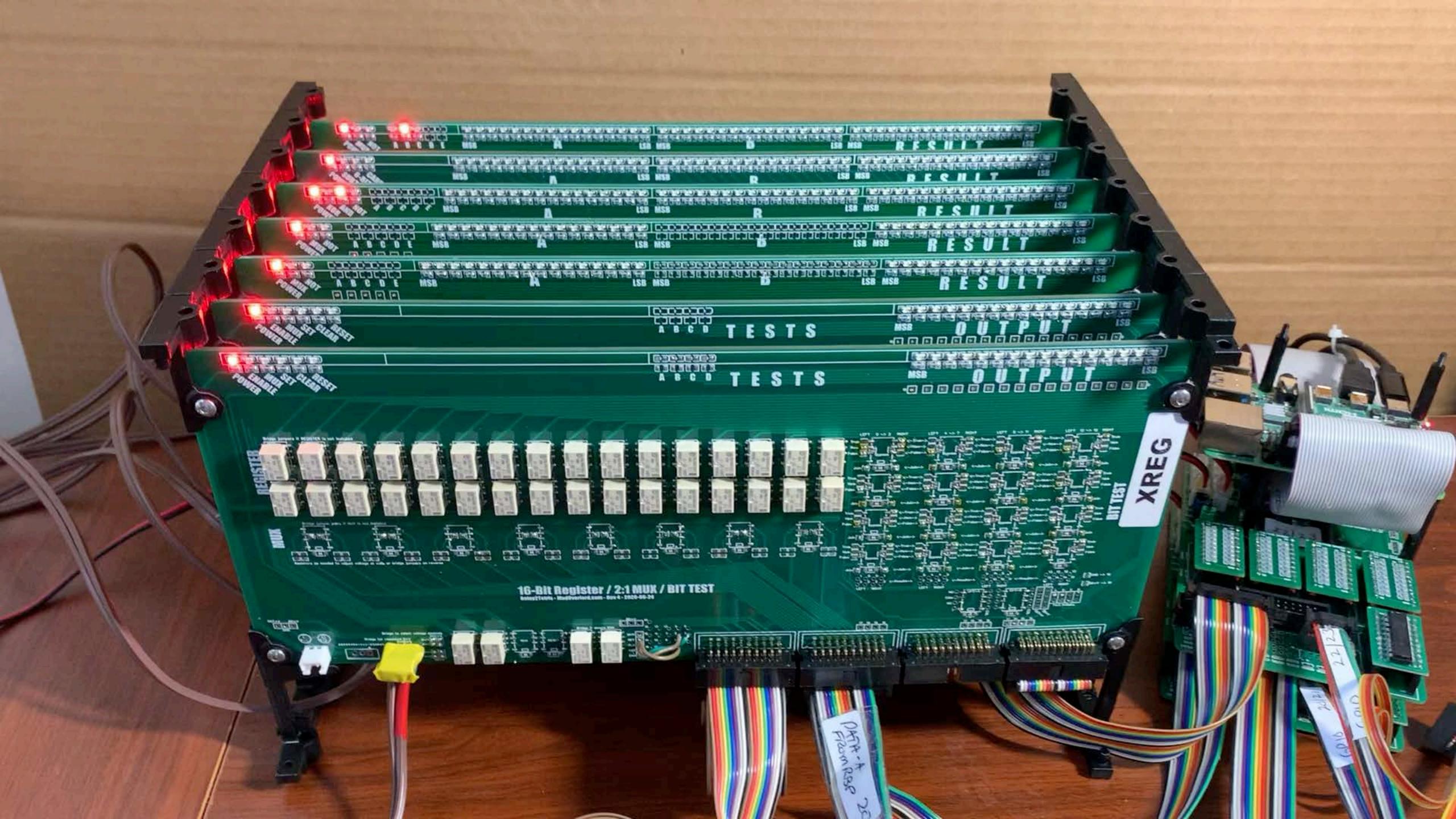












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Concluding Thoughts





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