
Andy Sessler 75th Birthday Celebration. March 15, 2003

Poster presentation remarks.

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It is an honor and a pleasure to join in this celebration of Andy Sessler's 75th birthday. I have a poster to present to Andy, but first I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words. I am happy to bring greetings and congratulations from some of your old Columbia class mates; Mike Sanders and Gabriel Weinreich at Michigan and Martin Perl at SLAC (whom I saw yesterday).

I first met Andy during a summer accelerator workshop in Ann Arbor in 1955, during the period that the MURA (the Midwestern Universities Research Association) group, under Don Kerst's leadership, was working on FFAG accelerator design concepts. Andy was at that time a young faculty member at Ohio State University. I have a photo of Andy, together with Keith Symon, looking over the FFAG electron accelerator model which Kent Terwilliger and I were assembling at that time.

(Photo of Andy Sessler and Keith Symon with the Michigan FFAG model; 1955)

I also came across a good picture of Andy from the 1959 International Accelerator Conference at CERN; I believe that it was taken at an after dinner event aboard a steamer on Lake Geneva.

(Photo of Andy Sessler during the 1959 CERN Conference)

These were lively times; new accelerator concepts and analyses were burgeoning, following the advent of the alternating gradient concept. It was during this period that Andy and Keith Symon evolved the Hamiltonian formulation for the azimuthal motion of particles in a synchrotron (and thus synchrotron acceleration) which is now, of course, a fundamental component of accelerator science..

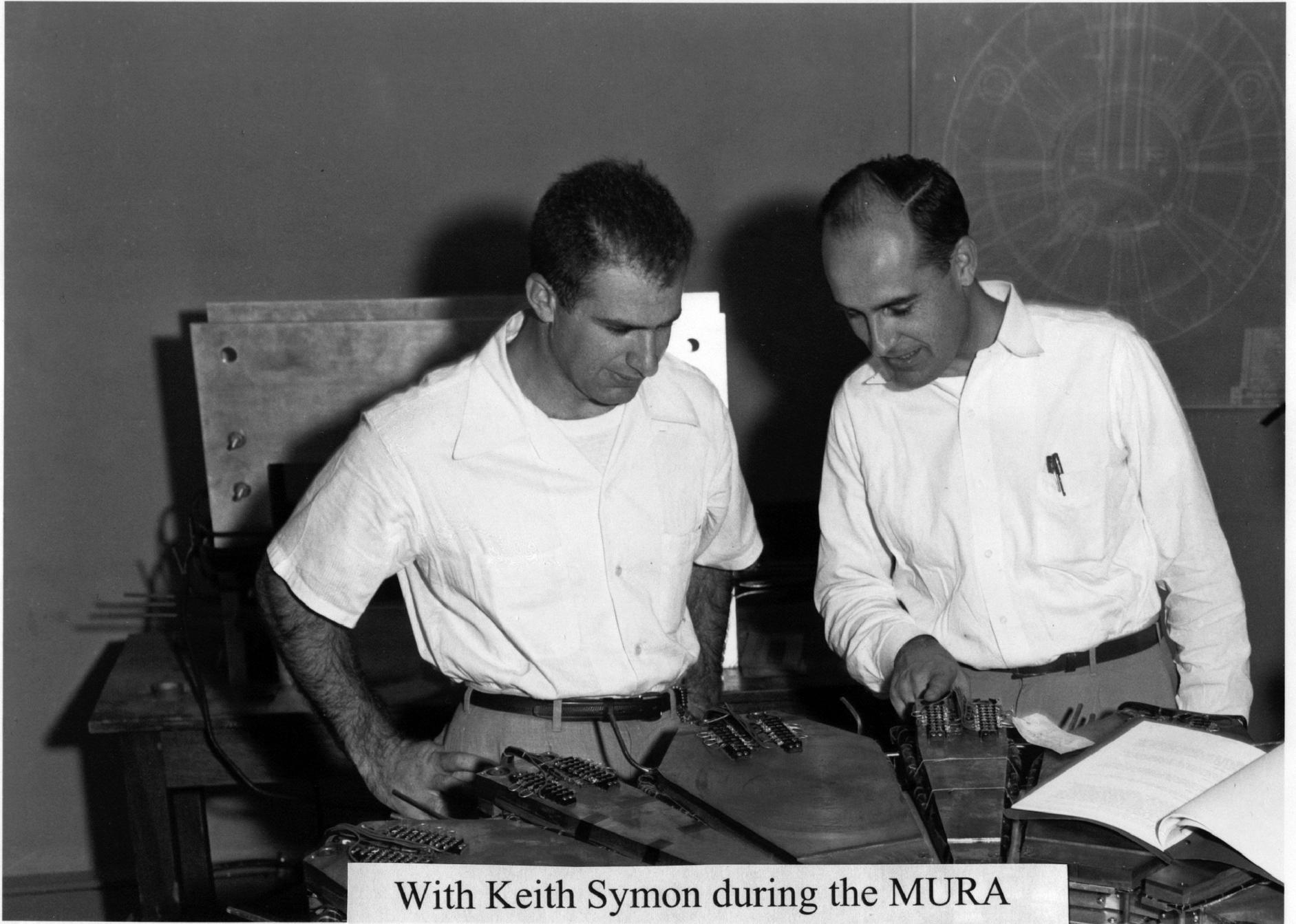
In 1989, we held a symposium in Ann Arbor in memory of our MURA colleague, Kent Terwilliger, which brought together most of our (now older) MURA group. This was a rather unique reunion, and I am glad that we have a photographic record of the event.

(Photo of the MURA group; the Terwilliger Memorial Symposium, Ann Arbor, 1989)

I was very honored in 1998 when Andy came to CERN to present a very fine lecture on the history of colliding beams and on muon colliders at a fete organized by Sam Ting on my behalf.

(Photo of Andy Sessler and Larry Jones at CERN, December 1998)

Let me now present this poster to you, Andy. Again, congratulations, and all our best wishes!



With Keith Symon during the MURA
summer study, Ann Arbor, 1955



The MURA group at the Terwilliger
Memorial Symposium, Ann Arbor, 1989







CERN, December, 1998



1959 CERN Accelerator
Conference