

## **Onsite Fabrication Overview**

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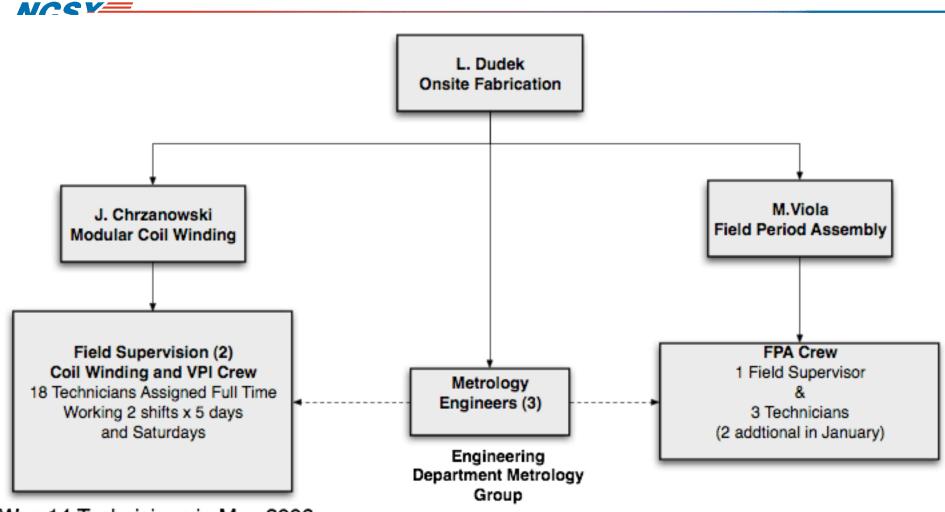
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## Outline



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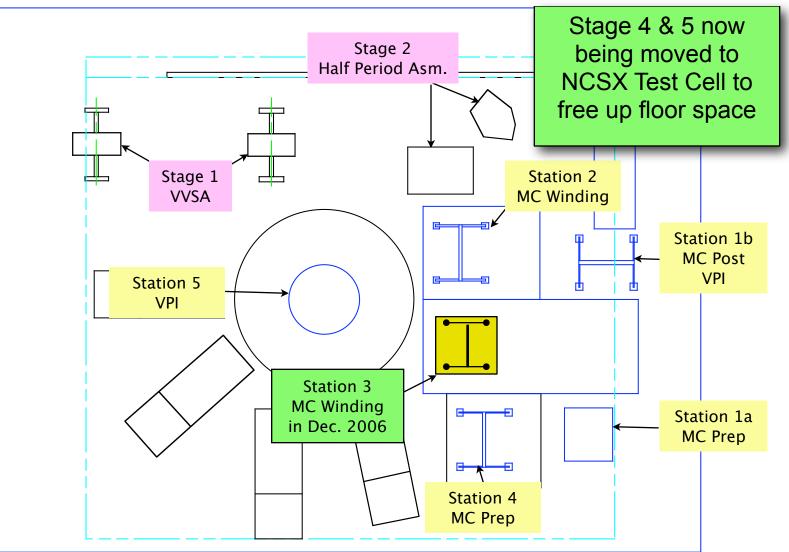
### Fabrication Organization



Was 14 Technicians in May 2006

### A Master Plan with Sufficient Space



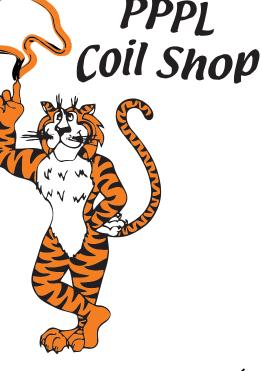


#### Modular Coil / FPA Process Improvement

- NCS ational Compact Stellarator Experiment
  - Project level schedules are broken down to daily work schedules with detailed work assignments
    - Work schedule issued for 1 week period, tuned further on a weekly / daily basis
    - Two shift / 5 day operations + Saturdays one shift
    - Extended shifts and / or added weekend shifts are used as required to meet project needs
  - Actual hours spent on coil winding are tracked on a daily basis using a Daily Report
  - Hours are tracked for 50 different activities which account for the work needed to turn a raw casting into a completed coil
  - Hours are entered into a database to collect and summarize data

### Modular Coil / FPA Process Improvement

- National Compact Stellarator Experiment
  - Feedback
    - Production data collected is assembled in graphical form to feedback to technicians
    - Technicians have become motivated in besting previous winding times and identifying areas for improvement
  - Value Improvement Proposals (VIP)
    - Almost 40 proposals have been identified and implemented to date
    - Team members are encouraged to submit suggestions for process improvement
    - Examples include:
      - \* Two color silicone tape to improve visibility of layers
      - \* Added third fixture to add flexibility
      - \* Two (2) shift operations on fixture IB
      - \* Cleaning of manifolds by outside contractor
    - Improvements to Safety, Quality, Cost, Risk & Schedule



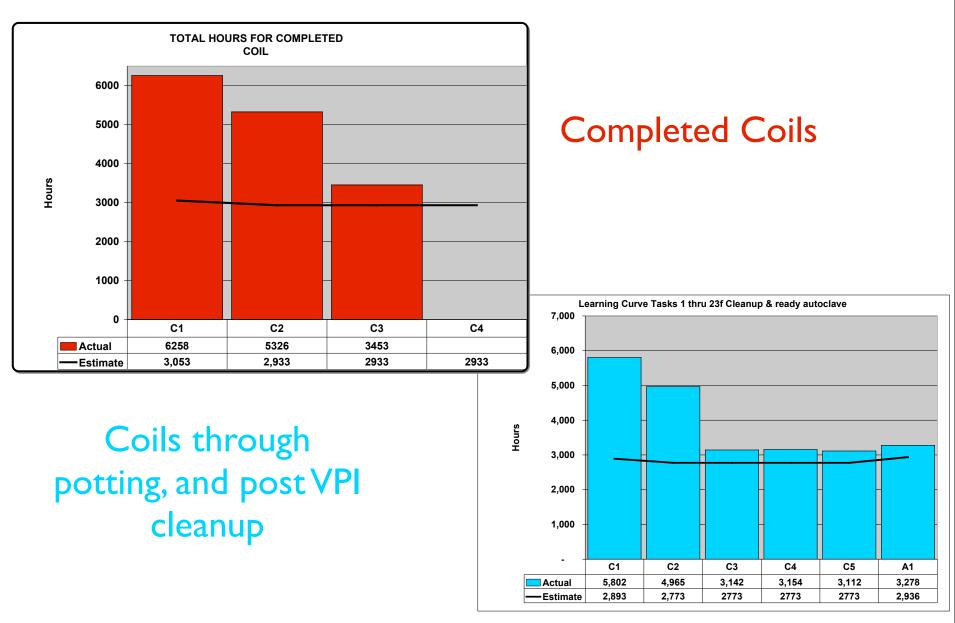
## **VIP's Implemented**



# Almost 40 Value Improvement Proposals identified in the Coil Winding and FPA area

Area	Identified / Implemented	
Tool Changes	25/25	
Design Changes	4/3	
Process Changes	4/1	
Autoclave Change	1/1	
Labor	1/1	
Vendor	1/1	
Requirements Change	2/1	

#### **NCSX Modular Coil Winding Hours**



### FPA Fixture Schedule Supports Assembly Plan

- NCS National Compact Stellarator Experiment
  - Two (2) Stage I fixtures have been installed, VV sections have been mounted
  - Stage 2 fixture design was completed, however in a cost saving measure the machining fixtures from the coil manufacturers are being substituted
  - Stage 3 fixture design is nearing completion, by end of December



# Assembly Risks are Being Retired

- Trying to fit as many different parts as possible to identify problems early
  - A pair of type C coils and B&C were assembled to assess clearance
  - Heating Cooling tubes were trial assembled
  - Trials are planned for
    - Coil to coil inflatable wing shims
    - \* Coil to coil bolting
    - \* Coil to coil shim adjustments



### Progress on FPA in FY06

- - Field Period Assembly:
    - All 3 VV segments have arrived
    - The crew has been trained and has been working well
    - Station I VV assembly Fixtures have been completed and installed
    - Most of the small parts have arrived
    - Layout of magnetics, TC's and H/C lines is complete on 2 of 3 segments.
    - Assembly of the cryostat flanges has been completed on 1,2 & 3.
    - Assembly of heater tapes, diagnositic loops and H/C hose has begun on segment 1.

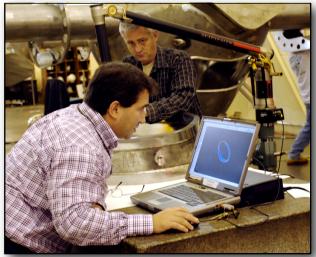








- Analysis has shown that there is an overload on the metrology equipment and personnel
- The reliance on sophisticated measuring instruments at the lab has highlighted the need for a central metrology resource
- As a result a Metrology group, consisting of 3 engineers, has been formed within the Engineering Department to add depth to the experienced personnel at the lab
- A new laser tracker has been approved for purchase this year to alleviate the equipment shortage



#### FPA Plans and Procedures Support Fabrication



Field Period Assembly Plans and Procedures		
NCSX-MIT/QA-185-01-00-dB	Field Period Assembly Manufacturing, Inspection, Test , and Quality Assurance Plan	Approved
NCSX-PLAN-FPA-00-dA	Field Period Assembly Plan	Approved
NCSX-PLAN-FPA1SEQ-00	Station 1 Field Period Assembly Sequence Plan	Approved
NCSX-PLAN-FPA1DC-00	Field Period Assembly Station 1 Dimensional Control Plan	Approved
NCSX-PHA-142-01-01	NCSX Manufacturing Facility Project Hazard Analysis	Approved
D-NCSX-FPA-QA1-00	Field Period Assembly Component Receipt Inspection	Approved
D-NCSX-FPA-001	Field Period Assembly Station One	Approved

## Safety

- All activities are performed Safely, Safely, Safely
- Safety is an integral part of every activity performed in the area
  - Toolbox safety meetings are held every couple weeks to review timely topics (e.g. lifting, ladder safety, PPE etc)
  - Job Hazard Analysis are performed for all new activities
  - Regular safety inspections by NCSX, PPPL & DOE management
  - Daily Walkthrus by Industrial Hygiene and line management
  - Prejob / Post Job Briefs
- Safety Performance: There have been no time loss accidents associated with the Modular coil production (14 months) or FPA activities



# Quality



- Quality Control
  - Procured parts are inspected using a sampling plan
    - \* Dimensional Inspect
    - \* Magnetic Permeability
    - \* Other Inspections as required
  - Internal welding operations are 100% inspected
  - Electrical breaks are inspected for isolation
  - Electrical components are tested for continuity, resistance and insulation quality
  - Critical fasteners are torqued and witnessed by QC.
  - Cooling tubes receive a pressure and flow test.
  - Critical lifts require special procedures and 100% QC review



## Summary



- The NCSX Winding Facility is up and running and aggressively improving performance and costs
- The NCSX FPA Facility is gaining momentum rapidly
- Planning and process improvement are being used to constantly improve safety and quality