

IceCube Upgrade Fuel Analysis and Projections

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IceCube Upgrade Fuel

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Fuel Estimate Analysis Includes the following categories:

- **Deep Drilling** – Fuel consumed during deep drilling/reaming, calculated in conjunction with thermal hole modeling. Hole modeling produces a drill and ream speed strategy based on requirements of a given hole, and in turn yield drill and ream durations, from which fuel consumption can be calculated given a well established steady-state fuel burn rate at full system power.
Ref. Greenler L and 6 others (2014) Modeling hole size, lifetime and fuel consumption in hot-water ice drilling. Ann. Glaciol., 55(68), (doi: 10.3189/2014AoG68A033)
- **Firn Drilling** – Fuel to support firn drilling, based on historical records.
- **Base Fuel**
 - *Startup and Rodwell development* – To commission the system, melt snow, and develop a mature Rodwell. Historical basis that is a function of number of deep holes and supported by estimate calculations.
 - *Shutdown* – After drilling operations are complete; camp idle, equipment operations, mothball activities; historical basis.
 - *Other* – General equipment operations, TOS furnace day tank fills, etc. Historical basis but also includes condensate bulb creation in FS2
 - *Testing* – Fuel specifically budgeted for planned system and subsystem tests in FS1 and FS2.
 - *Idle* – Fuel consumed during deep drilling campaign, but between holes. Also generator consumption during non-drill seasons. Historical supported by estimate calculations.
- **Winter Heating** – Electrical heating to sustain suitable storage temperature of DNF equipment and main drill hose during the winter after FS2

NOT INCLUDED – Fuel at station to support population, fuel used to supply electricity when feeding drill equipment from Station power (i.e. @ Cryo), gasoline and premix for vehicles.



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DEEP DRILLING:

PER HOLE - DEEP

Burn rates

Fuel consumption full heat (80C), gph	130	historic, see IceCube deep drilling fuel rate below
Fuel consumption low heat (12C), gph	37.5	scaled by (12/80)degC plus constant idle rate of 18 gph

Hole type

FROM HOLE MODELING	IceCube	IceCube Upgrade
Modeling results as of 1.29.2021 (JN)	reference	hot hot + log 1000m cold shallow 500m cold deep

Hole requirements

Depth (m)	2450	2600	2600	2450	2600	The Upgrade model actually calculates to 2650m Includes xDOM and cable +10% over instrumentation diameter
Instrumentation Dia (cm)	41	47	47	47	47	
Lifetime Dia (cm)	45	52	52	52	52	
Degassing Cold Ream (m)	none	none	none	1375-2450	2100-2450	
Hole Lifetime (hr)	37	45	55	50	50	

These time estimates are provided by the thermal hole modeling runs

Drill Time, full heat (hr)	24.5	33.9	38.9	40.0	38.8	From modeling (Nesbit Jan 2021)
Cold Ream Time, low heat (hr)	0	0	0	9.3	5.6	From modeling (Nesbit Jan 2021)
Hot Ream Time, full heat (hr)	9.3	11.6	11.6	7.2	8.5	From modeling (Nesbit Jan 2021)
Total Drill Time (hr)	33.8	45.6	50.6	56.4	52.9	

Max Hole Pre-Ream Dia (cm)		65.5	69.4	74.8	68.5	max dia drillhead can measure is 76 cm
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Drill/ream duration x burn rate

Drill Fuel, full heat (gal)	3185	4409	5059	5204	5038	Full heat drill time x full heat consumption rate
Cold Ream Fuel, low heat (gal)	0	0	0	347	208	Low heat ream time x low heat consumption rate
Hot Ream Fuel, full heat (gal)	1209	1513	1513	930	1110	Full heat ream time x full heat consumption rate
Fuel Per Deep Hole (gal)	4394	5923	6572	6481	6357	

Contingency

Deep + % (gal)	5273	7107	7887	7777	7629	1.2 +20% contingency
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Number of each hole type

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1x 7107
1x 7887
3x 7777
+ 2x 7629

53583



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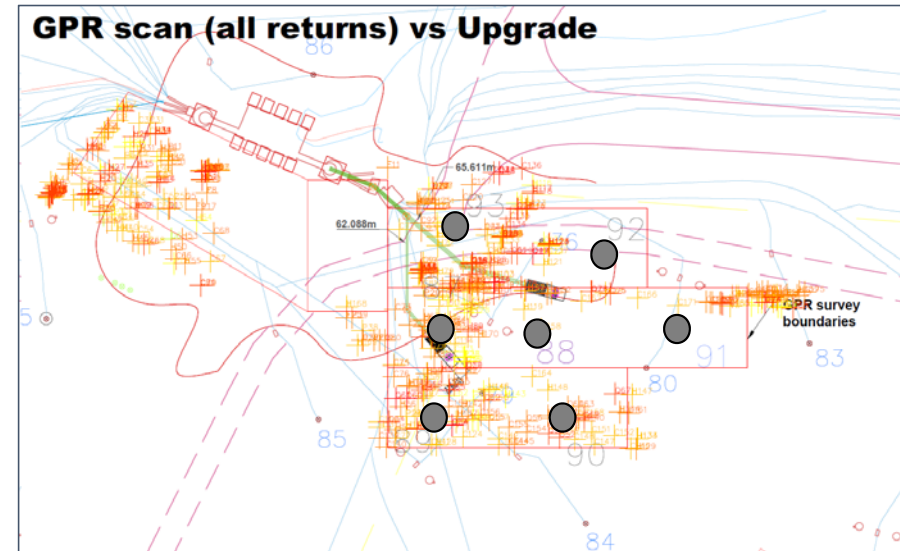
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FIRN DRILLING:

- The Independent Firn Drill System debuted in the 07-08 Gen1 season
- Average fuel consumption over the following 3 remaining seasons of Gen1 was 250 gal/hole
- Add 20% contingency for system recommissioning and re-learning curve -> 300 gal/hole
- Plan on 4 additional re-tries due to potential buried obstacles (additional contingency, see right)
- 13 firn holes
 - 7 Deep holes
 - 1 Rodwell
 - 1 Condensate well
 - 4 Re-tries budgeted
- 13 x 300 = 3900 gal



Map showing approximate hole locations and all GPR returns from 19-20 (gold and orange these are potential obstacles).



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BASE FUEL:

	Field Season 1	Field Season 2	Field Season 3
	Outfit, test, SES setup	9 firn holes, sys integrate/test, melt snow, condensate bulb	7 deep holes, melt snow, Rodwell develop, mothball
Startup and Rodwell		1500 Estimate that includes ~400 gal to melt snow	7200 min 3000 gal for rodwell and melt snow, 6000 gal used in 10-11 for 7 holes, add 20% to that
Shutdown		1500 Roughly equivalent to gen1 shutdown during a standard season	4000 consistent with last (drill + mothball) season of Gen1 (5400 gal), but shorter duration
Other	1200 Consistent with Gen1 average, last 3 seasons	1800 1200 gal est + 600 gal for condensate bulb creation	1200 consistent with Gen1 average, last 3 seasons
Testing	523 Heater flushing. 39 Model 75s, 3.5 gph each, 2 hour hot flush each. Also 250 gal for gen testing	1066 Heater testing and full system test. 39 Model 75s, 3.5 gph each, 4 hour test each, + 4 hour full system @ 130 gph	
Idle	1920 Wht Gen Full load 20 kW ~ 2 gph 40d x 24hr/d x 2gph	6480 Blue Gen 50% load ~ 9 gph 30d x 24hr/d x 9gph	5184 Between holes only (rest of season captured in Startup/Shutdown). Assume 2 days between each hole (6 x 2d x 24hr/d) x 18 gph rate (historical)
BASE FUEL TOTAL	3643	12346 Ref. 15000 gal Gen1 04-05 season (1 hole)	17584 Ref. 14000 gal Gen1 10-11 season (7 holes)



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WINTER HEATING:

	Calculated Fuel per Winter ¹	With 90% transmission efficiency assumed	Add 20% Contingency = TOTAL
Drill Control Center (DCC)	972	1080	1296
Tower Operations Structure 1 (TOS1)	361	401	481
Tower Operations Structure 2 (TOS2)	361	401	481
Drill Supply Hose Reel	1535	1706	2047
TOTAL	3229	3588	4305

1. See [IceCubeUpgradeWinterHeatingRequirement_20201216.pdf](#)



IceCube Upgrade Fuel Contingency

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- Contingency is added into each major component of the fuel budget
 - Deep drilling: 20%
 - Firn drilling: 20% on fuel per hole, + 4 extra firn holes = 73% contingency
 - Base: Has many subcomponents estimated from engineering judgement. For purposes here, we will assume 0% contingency.
 - Winter heating: 20%
- We can back out an overall contingency:

	No Contingency	Contingency	With Contingency
Deep Drilling	44653	8930 (20%)	53583
Firn Drilling	2250	1650 (73%)	3900
Base	34823	0 (0%)	34823
Winter Heating	3588	717 (20%)	4305
Total	85314	11298 (13%)	96612

- And then distribute across each field season, for fuel left to go:

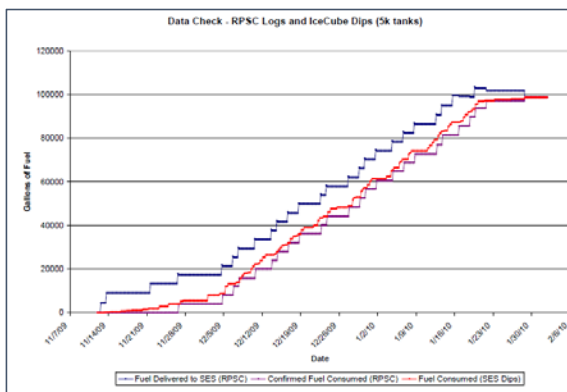
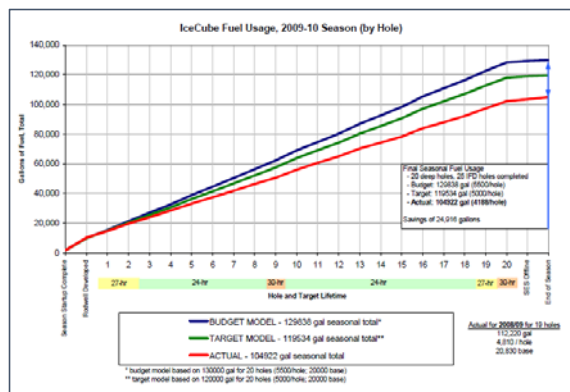
	Field Season 1	Field Season 2	Field Season 3
No Contingency	3191	18178	62694
Contingency	452	2373	8473
Total	3643	20551	71167

95361 gal to go



IceCube Fuel Projections and Tracking

- Strong fuel culture established during Gen1, this will be fostered for Upgrade
- Logs include:
 - 5k tank dip at start, bottom, end of deep drilling each hole
 - 5k tank dip at end of each shift
 - 5k tank dip when new tank arrives, or depleted tank is taken offline
 - ASC records
- IceCube and ASC records are cross checked throughout the season
- Reporting, for Upgrade:
 - Weekly internal updates to the drilling team and ASC fuels
 - 1 seasonal external final report
 - The weekly internal reports will provide real time status on actual vs. planned fuel usage
- See Gen1 example reports for what information may be included



	VALUE	ERROR
Driller Dips		
Total for Season	104,922	0 (0%)
SES	98,648	0 (0%)
RPSC		
Total for Season	104,985	63 (0.06%)
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