IceCube Neutrino Observatory Maintenance & Operations Common Fund Status Report

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Introduction

The IceCube M&O Common Fund was created in April 2007, the start of formal operations, to enable collaborating institutions to contribute to the costs of maintaining the computing hardware and software required to manage experimental data prior to processing for analysis. Each institution contributes to the Common Fund based on the total number of the institution's Ph.D. authors.

The Collaboration updates the Ph.D. author count twice a year at the collaboration meetings in conjunction with the update to the IceCube M&O Scope of Work and responsibilities in the Institutional Memorandum of Understanding. Effective April 1, 2010, the annual established rate per Ph.D. author is \$13,650.

The M&O activities identified as appropriate for support from the Common Fund are those core activities that are agreed to be of common necessity for reliable operation of the IceCube detector and computing infrastructure. The activities directly support the functions of winterover technical support at the South Pole, hardware and software systems for acquiring and filtering data at the South Pole, hardware and software systems for transmitting data via satellite and disk to the UW data center, systems for archiving the data in the central data warehouse at UW and UW Data Center Operations as listed in the Cooperative Agreement with NSF.

Section I: Initial Three Years of M&O Common Fund

Common Fund Contributions

The following table summarizes the Common Fund (CF) contributions for the first three years of IceCube Maintenance and Operations:

Table 1. Planned and Actual CF Contributions (\$000) For the Initial Three Years of M&O – April 2007 - March 2010

		Year1 2007		Year2 2008		Year3 2009
	PhD. authors Apr. '07	Planned	PhD. authors Apr. '08	Planned	PhD. authors Apr. '09	Planned
Total CF Planned	122	\$1,110	115	\$1,046	124	\$1,128
U.S. Contribution	73	\$664	73	\$664	73	\$664
Non-U.S. Contribution	49	\$446	42	\$382	51	\$464
		Actual		Actual		Actual
Total CF Contributions		\$1,110		\$1,046		\$1,128
U.S. Cash Transfer		\$664		\$664		\$664
Non-U.S. Cash Transfer		\$360		\$343		\$426
Non-U.S. In-Kind		\$86		\$39		\$38
Balance		\$0		\$0		\$0

All expected contributions for the initial three years of IceCube M&O were fulfilled.

The following bar chart presents the Ph.D. authors head count profile over the initial three years of IceCube M&O. The total number of Ph.D. authors has increased from 122 in April 2007 to 127 in May 2010 (U.S. decreased from 73 to 68 while Non U.S. increased from 49 to 59).

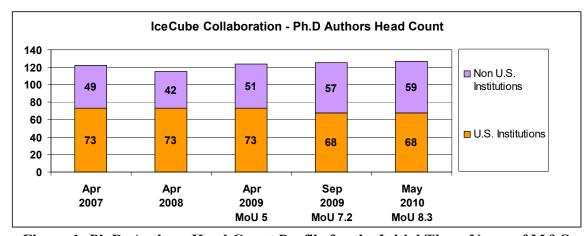


Figure 1: Ph.D. Authors Head Count Profile for the Initial Three Years of M&O

Section II: Years 4-13 of M&O Common Fund

Common Fund Contributions

The actual contribution during these years of IceCube operations is larger than in preceding years primarily due to the 50% increase to the Ph.D. author fee. The following table summarizes the planned vs. actual received contribution in 2010-2020.

Table 2. Planned and Actual CF Contributions (\$000) For Years 4-13 of M&O, April 1st, 2010 – March 31st, 2020

		Year4 2010		Year5 2011		Year6 2012
	PhD. authors May '10	Planned	PhD. authors Apr. '11	Planned	PhD. authors Mar. '12	Planned
Total CF Planned	127	\$1,728	126	\$1,720	124	\$1,693
U.S. Contribution	68	\$928	69	\$942	67	\$915
Non-U.S. Contribution	59	\$799	57	\$778	57	\$778
		Actual		Actual		Actual
Total CF Contributions		\$1,726		\$1,720		\$1,709
U.S. Cash Transfer		\$928		\$942		\$915
Non-U.S. Cash Transfer		\$744		\$730		\$794
Non-U.S. In-Kind		\$54		\$47		\$75
Difference (Actual - Planned)		-\$2		\$0		\$16

		Year7 2013		Year8 2014		Year9 2015
	PhD. authors Apr. '13	Planned	PhD. authors Mar. '14	Planned	PhD. authors Apr. '15	Planned
Total CF Planned	124	\$1,693	129	\$1,777	137	\$1,870
U.S. Contribution	69	\$942	67	\$915	73	\$996
Non-U.S. Contribution	55	\$751	62	\$862	64	\$873
		Actual		Actual		Actual
Total CF Contributions		\$1,671		\$1,734		\$1,848
U.S. Cash Transfer		\$942		\$915		\$996
Non-U.S. Cash Transfer		\$671		\$680		\$715
Non-U.S. In-Kind		\$58		\$139		\$137
Difference (Actual - Planned)		-\$21		-\$43		-\$22

		Year10 2016		Year11 2017		Year12 2018
	PhD. authors April 2016	Planned	PhD. authors April 2017	Planned	PhD. authors May 2018	Planned
Total CF Planned	138	\$1,904	137	\$1,843	137	\$1,870
U.S. Contribution	78	\$1,065	71	\$969	71	\$969
Non-U.S. Contribution	60	\$839	66	\$874	66	\$874
		Actual		Actual		Actual
Total CF Contributions		\$1,931		\$1,839		\$1,606
U.S. Cash Transfer		\$1,065		\$969		\$969
Non-U.S. Cash Transfer		\$786		\$692		\$743
Non-U.S. In-Kind		\$80		\$177		\$96
Difference (Actual - Planned)		\$27		-\$4		-\$35
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		Year13 2019		Year14 2020
	PhD. authors May 2019	Planned	PhD. authors June 2020	Planned
Total CF Planned	151	\$2,048	147	\$1,993
U.S. Contribution	78	\$1,064	75	\$1,024
Non-U.S. Contribution	73	\$983	72	\$969
		Actual		Actual
Total CF Contributions		\$1,877		TBD
U.S. Cash Transfer		\$1,064		
Non-U.S. Cash Transfer		\$716		
Non-U.S. In-Kind		\$96		
Difference (Actual - Planned)		-\$170		

Actual Common Fund contributions are \$35K less in 2018, and are currently \$170K less in 2019. The differences displayed above indicate balances in a given year and are not cumulative. The remaining non-U.S. PY13 contributions are underway, and it is anticipated that most of the planned contributions will be fulfilled. The following bar chart presents the Ph.D. authors head count profile since the beginning of IceCube M&O. The total number of Ph.D. authors has decreased from 151 in May 2019 to 150 in September 2019, to 147 in June 2020 due to retirement of several members.

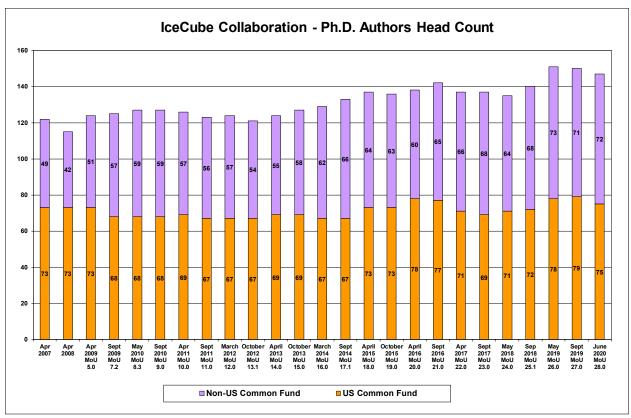


Figure 2: Ph.D. Authors Head Count Profile as of June 2020

The following table provides a more detailed breakdown of the authors head count including faculty, scientists and postdocs, and Ph.D. students based on the most recent MoU update.

Table 3. IceCube Collaboration – Authors Head Count Based on Institutional MoUs-SOW v28.0 (June 2020)

	Total Ph.D. Authors	Faculty	Scientists / Post Docs
U.S. Institutions Subtotal	75	45	30
Non-U.S. Institutions Subtotal	72	43	29
Total U.S. & Non-U.S.	147	88	59

	Ph.D. Students
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Summary of changes over the last six months:

- ➤ US Institutions: the number of Faculty decreased by 3, Scientists / Post Docs decreased by 1, and the number of Students increased by 6.
- Non-US Institutions: number of Faculty decreased by 1, Scientists / Post Docs remained unchanged, Students decreased by 9.

Common Fund Support of IceCube Operations 2019/2020

The following list (Tables 4) includes ongoing operations and major purchases for the 2019/2020 upgrades of the South Pole System (SPS), South Pole Test System (SPTS), UW Data Center, UW Data Warehouse and networking equipment that are funded by IceCube M&O Common Fund.

Table 4: Computing Infrastructure Upgrade - 2019/2020

		Computing Infrastructure Upgrade - 2019/2020			
System	Category	Description	Qty	Unit	Total Dolla
Data Warehouse	Computing Infrastructure	OVERLEAF SERVICE GROUP LICENSE - Cloud-based collaborative authoring service used by WIPAC project members	1		1,2
		Annual renewal of Slack service for IceCube workspace	348		4,1
		Networking equipment and USB accessories to allow for hard-wired network connections for participants at NSF			
		meetings - TRIPPLITE ETHERNET PATCH CABLE (CAT6, 25')	40		19
		SAS controllers and cables for JADE archival system	2		2,09
	Computing Infrastructure Total				7,73
Data Warehouse Total					7,73
South Pole System	Computing Infrastructure	Winterover computing supplies	2	ea	6,63
	Computing Infrastructure Total				6,63
	Detector Infrastructure	Multiple Purchases for Scintillator Array and Scintillator Test Array Fabrication			1,03
		DOM power supply upgrade for SPS - MSP-200-48 POWER SUPPLIES (MEAN WELL)	140	ea	10,70
		disks to store the IceCube/ARA data at South Pole for the 2019/20 season - SEAGATE 6TB SATA 3.5" HARD DRIVE	215	ea	38,48
		Lifetime DOMHub disk replacement for SPS - SEG90YF 18984.00 ST40000NM0245 – 20PK	6	PK	19,10
		Replacement power supply fans for SPS - Noctua fans - NF-A4X20 FLX FANS	220	ea	3,51
		SHIPPING FROM PSL TO PORT HUENEME			10,04
		Rechargeable USB hand warmers for South Polel for the Winterovers	5	pk	23
		Replacement workstations, monitors, and misc. spare parts for South Pole data center			13,74
		Scintillator station deployment to SOUTH POLE - 2019/2020 season			5,86
		Winter Over Interview Travel, PQ Costs - 2019-2020 Season			7,12
		Winter Over Interview Travel - 2020-2021 Season			7,79
		Winter Over Training Travel, Gear Purchases, Travel to South Pole			52,54
	Detector Infrastructure Total				170,20
	Labor	Run Coordinator			46,93
		Winterover Labor			319,67
		Winterovers coordination, SPS / SPTS networking and security			70,05
		Maintainance of data handling software (JADE)			74,96
	Labor Total	-			511,62
South Pole System Total					688,46
South Pole Test System	Detector Infrastructure	Renewal of service contract for SPTS SonicWall firewalls - SONICWALL 3 YEAR CONTRACT	1		1,63
		Auer - Network Security certification	1		2,10
	Detector Infrastructure Total				3,73
South Pole Test System Total					3,73
UW Data Center	Computing Infrastructure	This machine will act as a testbed for developing and evaluating GPU accelerated machine learning algorithms			
		COMPUTE NODE-8GPU CAPABLE SYSTEM	1	ea	2733
		3 YR PARTS/LABOR WARRANTY	1	ea	125
		Expand IceCube GPU computing - GPU SERVER 4.5U CCPU / GPU NODE W/RAILS (PCIE 3.0)	2	ea	50,77
		Cloud services used during FY2019/2020 to do various tests for running IceCube workload in the Cloud			93
		Hosting of servers at the campus OneNeck facility			7,32
		Expanding storage for IceCube			
		POWEREDGE R740XD2 SERVER	6	ea	175,97
		DELL 1.6TB NVEME MIX USE EXPRESS FLASH HHHL AIC PM1725B	6	ea	5,51
		DELL PEC STATIC RAILS	6	ea	40
		DELL MEMORY UPGRADE - 8GB - 1R X8 DDR4 RDIMM	24	ea	2,67
		5 YR PRO SUPPORT	6	ea	8,80
		Transceivers to use fiber-optic network cables at the new data center at OneNeck	16	ea	2,60
	Computing Infrastructure Total	The second secon	<u> </u>	1	283,58
UW Data Center Total	,				283,58
Grand Total					983,50