

Rosie's Discoveries

The Hercules planes, or "Hercs" as they're called, come and go bringing people and supplies to the Pole between November and February. It is so neat how they can land and take off from the ice! It is always an exciting day when one lands. I want to learn how to park one at the fuel pit.

There is a ton of information coming from the IceCube detector every minute. IceCube Live is the program that collects and displays all that information. It is a big help to winterovers at the Pole and IceCubers all over the world to see what is happening under the ice.

Power and information is carried from the ICL to the in-ice sensors by strings. The strings are in a hexagonal grid and hold 60 sensors each. They go as deep as 2450 m into the ice!

Summer at the Pole is one looooong day, lasting 6 months. There is only one Sunfise and sunset a year! When the sun is up, IceCubers are hard at work while the weather is manageable. When the sun sets, winter comes and the conditions are too harsh for anyone to travel, or be outside for very long.

The ICL is full of equipment. For each string, there is a computer box that contains the power supply and lots of other technical parts needed for the detector to run. I was happy we found the box we were looking for before the

weather got bad.

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