

# **Power Systems**

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# UltraCell XX25 Fuel Cell

- 25 Watts Output @ 12 30 V (factory set)
- 2.7 lbs + 0.8 lb fuel cartridge
- 180 Wh per fuel cartridge
- -20 to +40° C operating temperature range
- 5.9 x 9.1 x 1.7 inches
- 2.7 lbs
- MIL-STD-810F
- Environmentally friendly



# Fuel Cell System



- Methanol Fuel has high power density
- Rechargeable fuel cartridges much lighter than Li-lon batteries for same capacity







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## **Field Power Systems**





- UltraCell XX25
  Methanol Fuel Cell
- 25 W @ 12 V DC Needs storage battery
- 0.37 gal/kWh
- 2.7 lbs + fuel
  118 cu in + fuel
- 1 kWh => 5.7 lbs
- Fan noise
- \$5,000 + \$100 for
  1 gallon fuel



- Honda EU1000*i* Generator
- 12 VDC to 8 A
  1000 W @ 115 VAC
- 0.16 gal/kWh full load
   0.3 gal/kWh <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> load
- 29 lbs + fuel
  2565 cu in + fuel
- 1 kWh => 32 lbs
- □ 53–59 dB(A) @ 7 m
- **5780**



- UniPac 34 Solar Panel & battery
- 12 V DC \* 2 A
- 20 Ah battery
- 20.7 lbs
  526 cu in
- □ 1 kWh => 20.7 lbs
- if clouds < 7 days
- Silent
- **\$800**

# Low Power Systems



- Reduce power consumption rather than supply more power
- GSE P3 48-W panel didn't meet specs







## Imnavait Creek, Alaska

- 40 Watt continuous load
- 650 Watt solar array
- 1000 Watt wind turbine
- 32 6-V 220-Ah batteries
- Iridium data link





# Summit Station, Greenland

- Proven WT6000 (6 kW) turbine Supplements diesel gensets
- 10,000 ft ice foundation Plywood ice anchors
- No derrick for erection
- -60° C temperature
- Hoar frost destroys blade aerodynamics



# Ivotuk, Alaska, Power Platform

- 250 Watt continuous load
- Two 6.5-kW diesel gensets
- 440-W solar array
- 600-W wind turbine
- AGM battery bank in external enclosure
- StarBand satellite link









# Icing at Ivotuk



- Hoar frost affects instrumentation
- Limited power for deicing
- Remote sensing of icing







# **Deicing Testing**

## Icing Detectors

- Goodrich vibration
- New Avionics laser refraction



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# 2008 Clean Snowmobile Challenge

- 15 University teams
- McGill University winner of Zero Emissions category (4 entries) Li-Ion technology, lightweight (499 lbs)
- Two sleds to be "test driven" at Summit Station, Greenland



## Kick off

McGill Univ.

**Michigan Tech** 

# Morningstar SureSine Inverter

- Pure sine wave inverter
- 300-Watt continuous output 600-Watt peak rating
- **115- or 220-VAC, 50 or 60 Hz**
- **90% efficiency at 50-150 W**

**-40 to +45° C** 





Output Power (Watts)

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### OBJECTIVE

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PolarPower.org is funded by the National Science Foundation with the goal of providing a useful working resource for researchers in choosing, designing, implementing, and maintaining remote power systems in polar environments. This site allows the polar research community to establish a foundation of knowledge, share experiences, and stay current on technological developments.



#### TECHNOLOGIES FOR REMOTE POWER APPLICATIONS

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This section offers basic information regarding the various technologies available for remote power systems and their applicability for both small and large implementations, as well as practical information regarding choosing, designing, and implementing them.

The content draws on the design and field experiences of both VPR's team of experts and the polar research community. This information is presented as white papers, product reviews, and (in the future) engineering calculators

The basic technology sections are:

Icon Definition

- Engine Internal combustion engines are a proven technology used worldwide. A wide selection of fuels is available, depending on the application. link
- Fuel Cell A fuel cell is an electrochemical device that combines hydrogen and oxygen to produce electricity. The process is clean, quiet, and efficient. A byproduct of the process is water, however, which can be a problem for deployments in a polar environment. The technology is still in its infancy, but commercial products are becoming available. link
- Hydroelectric Small scale turbines can provide a source of electricity at sites where water can be found in a liquid state for at least part of the year. link
- Solar Electric (Photovoltaic) Cells made up from two or more layers of semiconductor material can produce electric power when excited by photons. The sun is a major source for such photons, but the process also works for other sources of light. Cells may be stacked into arrays to meet different voltage and nower requirements
- Storage Primary and rechargeable batteries are often used as a site's sole source of power or in conjuction with one or more of the available power generation technologies to provide a reservoir of continuous power to the load. Flywheels and ultracapacitors are new technologies that are finding their way as a replacement for rechargable batteries. IInk
- Wind Wind-powered turbines are a clean source of power. Special problems arise with a moving mechanical device in polar regions prone to ice formation and high wind velocities. Mounting structures also provide challenges for systems that may be located on ice fields well above solid ground. link

#### TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT EXAMPLES

This section provides brief descriptions of systems that have been deployed in the polar regions and some basic information of the specifics of the technology deployed. Links to responsible agency sites are often provided to facilitate a deeper Done

# Working Examples - Battery



## Effects of Cold Temperatures on Battery Capacity -UNAVCO

### **Charge/Discharge Capacity at Cold Temperatures**

Temperature (C)	Pre-Test Soak Time (hours)	GEL Capacity	AGM Capacity
25	n/a	100%	100%
-20	24	24%	23%
-30	12	10%	13%
-35	12	3%	4%
-40	12	1%	2%
-45	12	0%	1%
-50	12	0%	0%
25	48	108%	96%

### **Recovery After Cold Exposure**

Test Description	GEL Capacity	AGM Capacity
Soak fully-charged battery at -70C for 48 hours; test after 48 hour soak at 25C	101%	92%
Soak dicharged battery at -70C for 48 hours; test after 48 hour soak at 25C	97%	88%

