

Two bore holes were made with the Lanzhou Institute steam drill (Figure 5), a 10 m hole in the pyramid area near the terminus and a 7.3 m hole at 4,900 m near the snow-line. At 7-8 m depth ice temperatures were as low as -6.5°C to -7.2°C (Figure 6). The height of the snow-line changes with aspect, 4,850 m on the northeastern slope and 5,100 m on the southwestern slope.