Experiment Aries-L for investigationof lunar regolith

In "Luna-Resource" project (proxy for "Luna-GLOB")

by secondary ions and neutral atoms massspectrometry

Requirements to conditions and to implementation program

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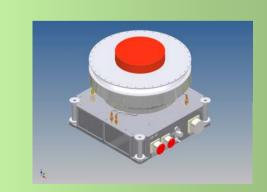
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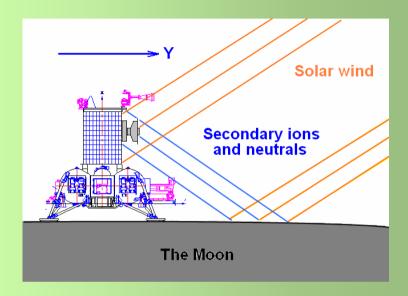
Scientific goals and experimental approach

Primary scientific goal:

- investigation of composition and structure of lunar regolith in the landing area

Experimental method:

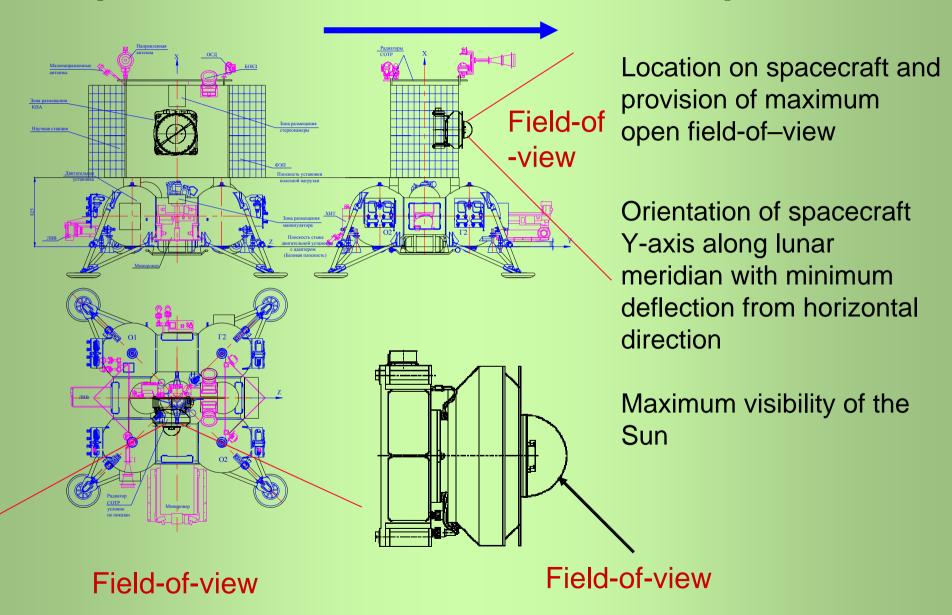
 mass-spectrometry of secondary and reflected ions and neutral atoms



Specifics of experiment:

- using the solar wind as primary illuminating beam
- mapping the landing area by imaging of secondary ions and neutral atoms

Requirements to conditions of experiment



Investigation plan through mission lifetime

- Instrument operates in automatic mode
- Instrument does not work during cruise to the moon
- Special initialization procedure required after landing
- Instrument operates during mission's lifetime
- Instrument operates from dawn to 2 hours after sunset
- Instrument is off during the drilling

Data output

Average data output 2 Kbits/sec

Total data output for lunation 2 Gbits

Other requirements to spacecraft systems (manipulator)

Manipulator not required

Expected results of experiment

- Minimum scientific success
- average mass composition of regolith averaged over nearby landshaft
- Full success
- regolith composition variations over ~ 10 spots near landing site
- structural characteristics of regolith

Interaction with other instruments

Simultaneous magnetic field measurements are very important

Thank you!