Cooperative Lunar Mission Scientific Opportunities

SELENE PACE Instrument Observation of the LCROSS Lunar Impact

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PACE Ion mass spectrometer

- 1-60 amu range
- 5 eV/q 28 keV/q energy range
- m/∆m ~ 15



Key Issues

- SELENE Mass analyzer is capable of measuring volatiles arising from the LCROSS impact.
- Photoions from the primary impact and later arising from sublimation of the warming debris may be observed.
- An LCROSS mode for the instrument should be developed to optimize the measurement.

The motional electric field may organizes the ions and deliver them to the spacecraft

$\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{V}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B},$

•V is the plasma bulk velocity
•B the interplanetary magnetic field.

For a typical solar wind speed of 400 km/s, magnetic field of 10 nT and spiral field angle of 135° , E ~ 3 eV/km at the Moon.