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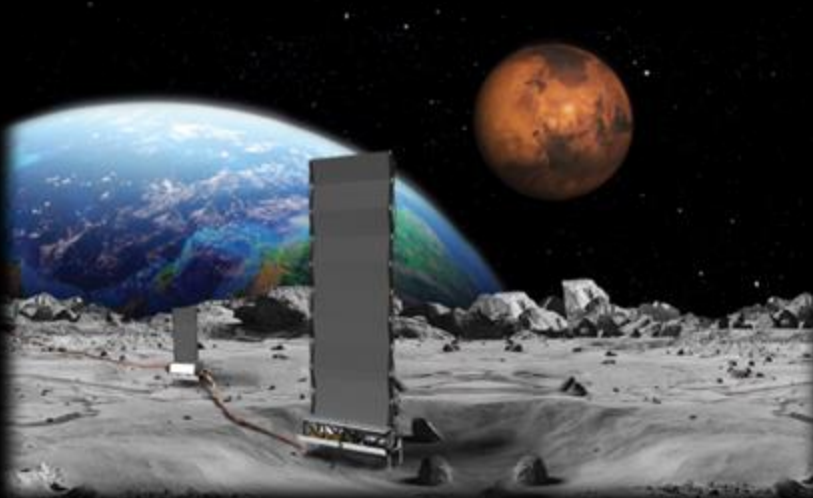
# Fission Surface Power (FSP) Strategy



## Autonomous, reliable energy source for human and science exploration

### Benefits:

- ✓ Space Leadership
- ✓ Domestic Economy
- ✓ Green Energy
- ✓ National Posture
- ✓ Global Competitiveness



FSP  
System

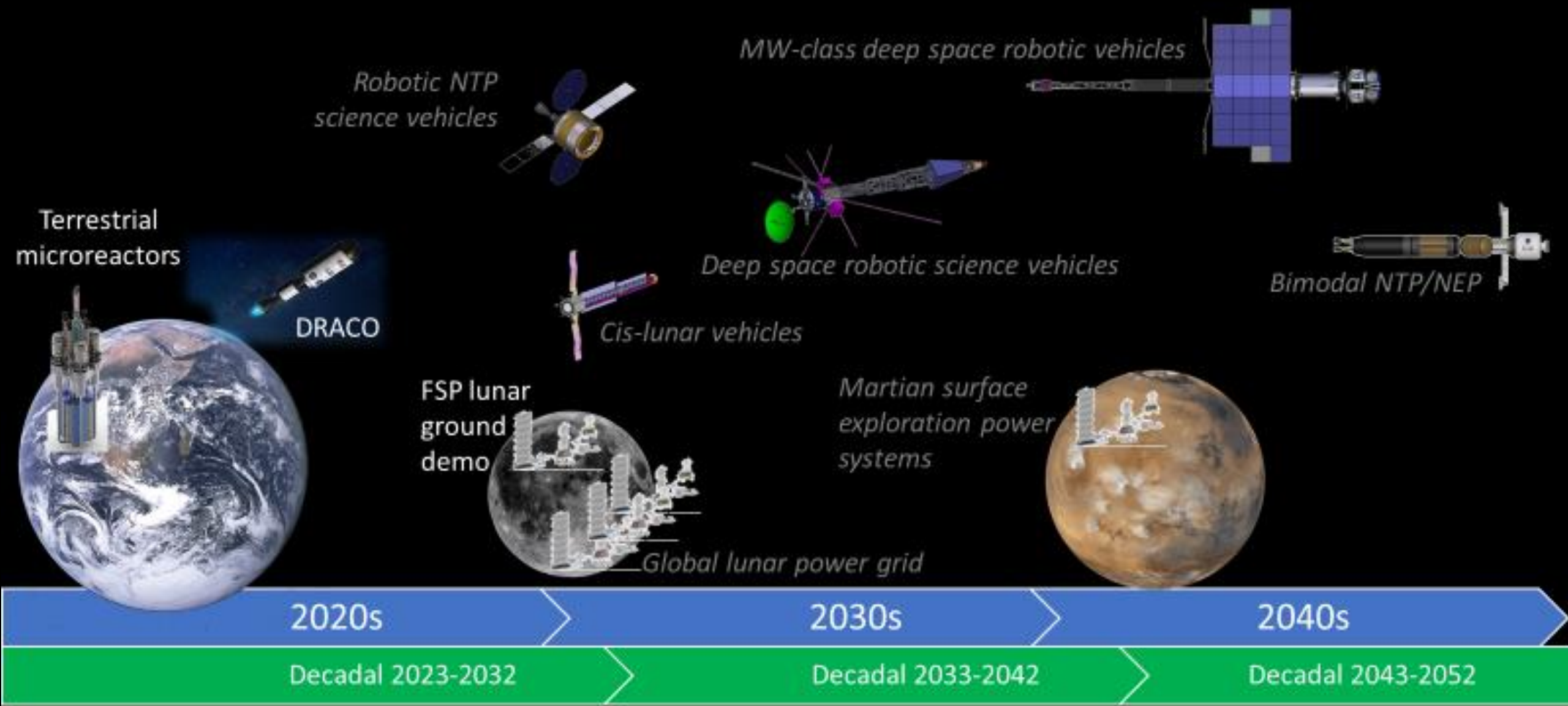


Common with  
Terrestrial  
Microreactors

- NASA, DOE and DOD are collaborating on the development of a mobile, 10's kWe fission power system for both space and terrestrial application
- Development centers on using commercial grade enriched fuel and industry partnerships
- NASA design must show extensibility to Mars human missions, and higher power (MWe) for NEP and expansion of lunar infrastructure
- NASA plans to deliver a flight-qualified demonstration system to the launch site by mid-2030's



# Space Nuclear Propulsion Systems – Notional Roadmap



# Interagency Space Nuclear Investments



## *Growing National Investment*



**DARPA-NASA DRACO Nuclear Thermal  
Propulsion flight demonstration mission**



**NASA Fission Surface Power Project  
Lunar Surface Demonstration**



**USSF Joint Emergent Technology  
Supplying On-orbit Nuclear Power**



**NASA-DOE-DOD VALKRE**

