

GE's Assessment and Approaches to Material Sustainability

The reduction, recycling, and replacement of at-risk raw materials

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Assessment

- Introduction to GE material usage
- GE material risk assessment

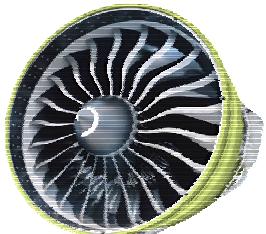
Approaches

- Our approaches to minimizing these risks
- Technical solutions through multi-scale flexibility



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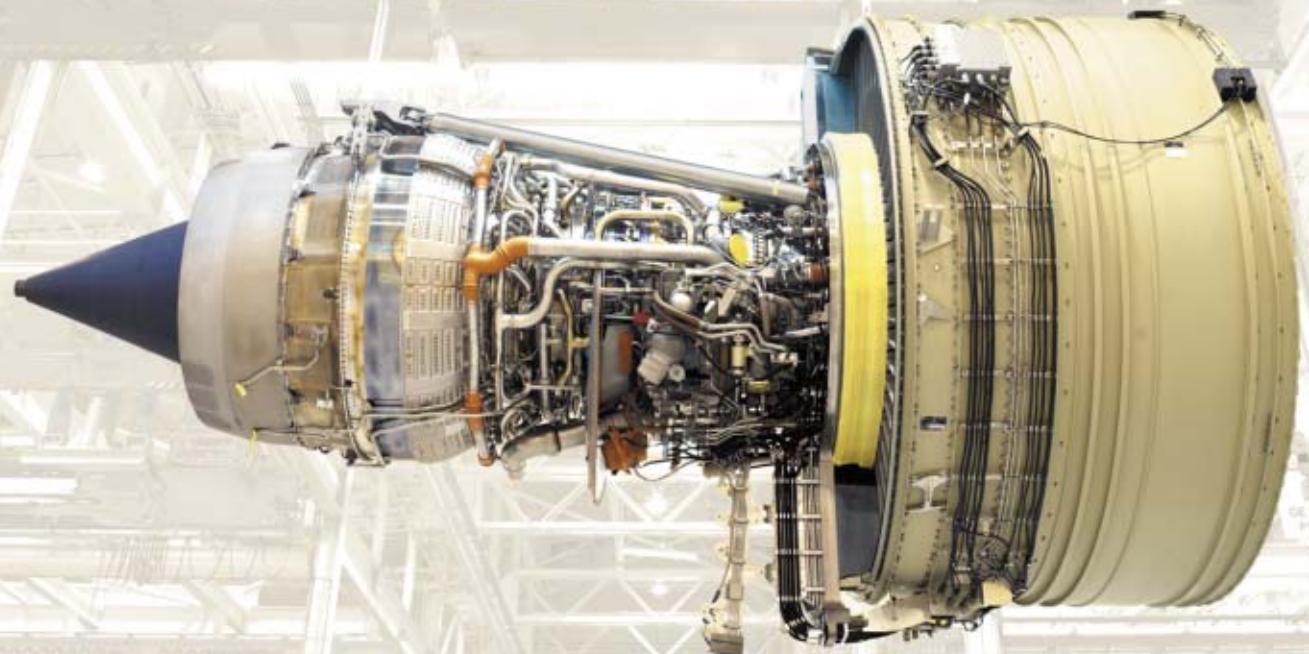


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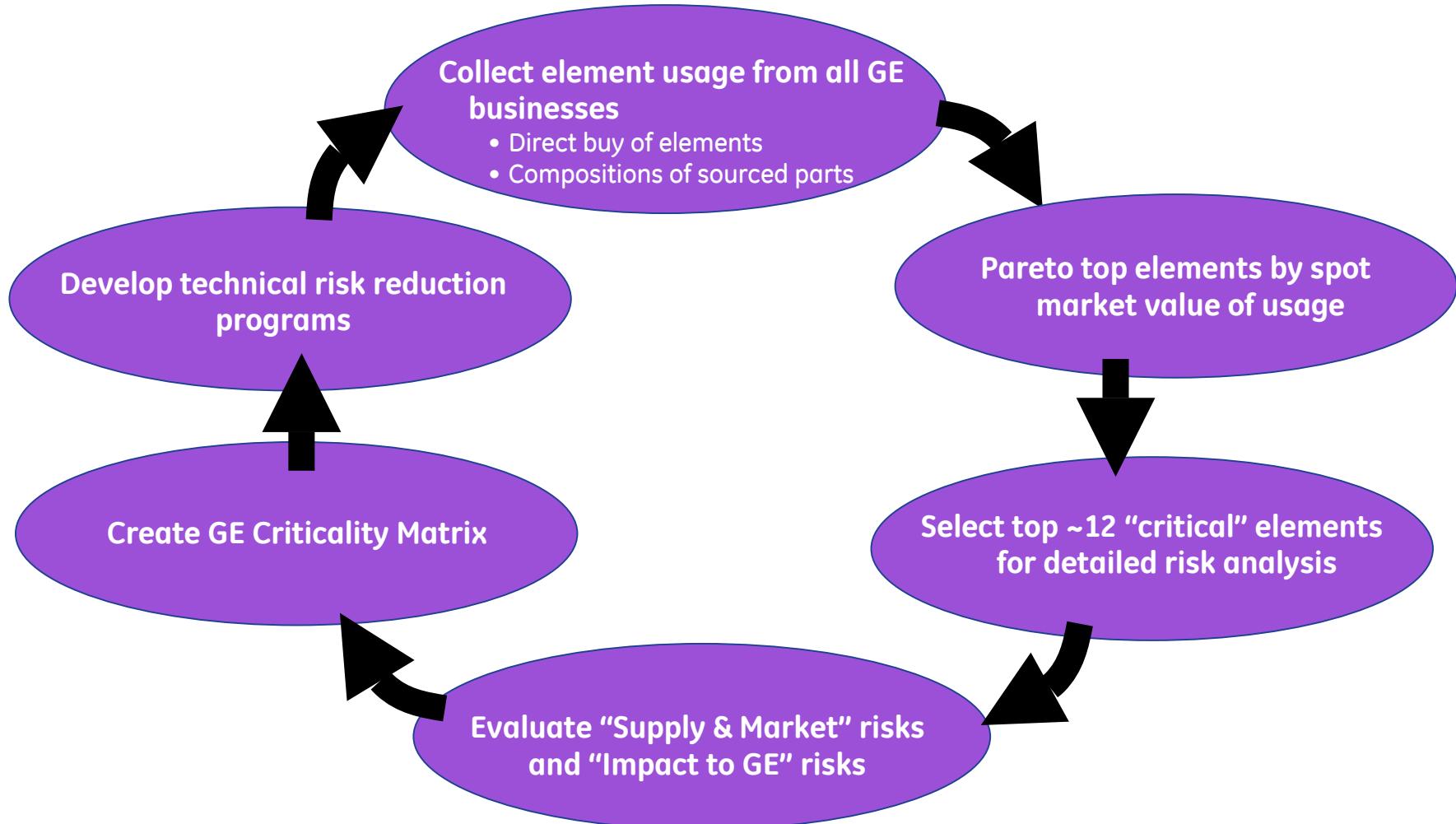
GE Materials Usage

2008

- For manufacturing companies typically one-half of their Cost of Goods & Services Sold is spent on raw materials, which for GE translates to ~\$40 B
- GE uses at least 70 of the first 83 elements on the periodic table



GE's Material Sustainability Risk Assessment Process



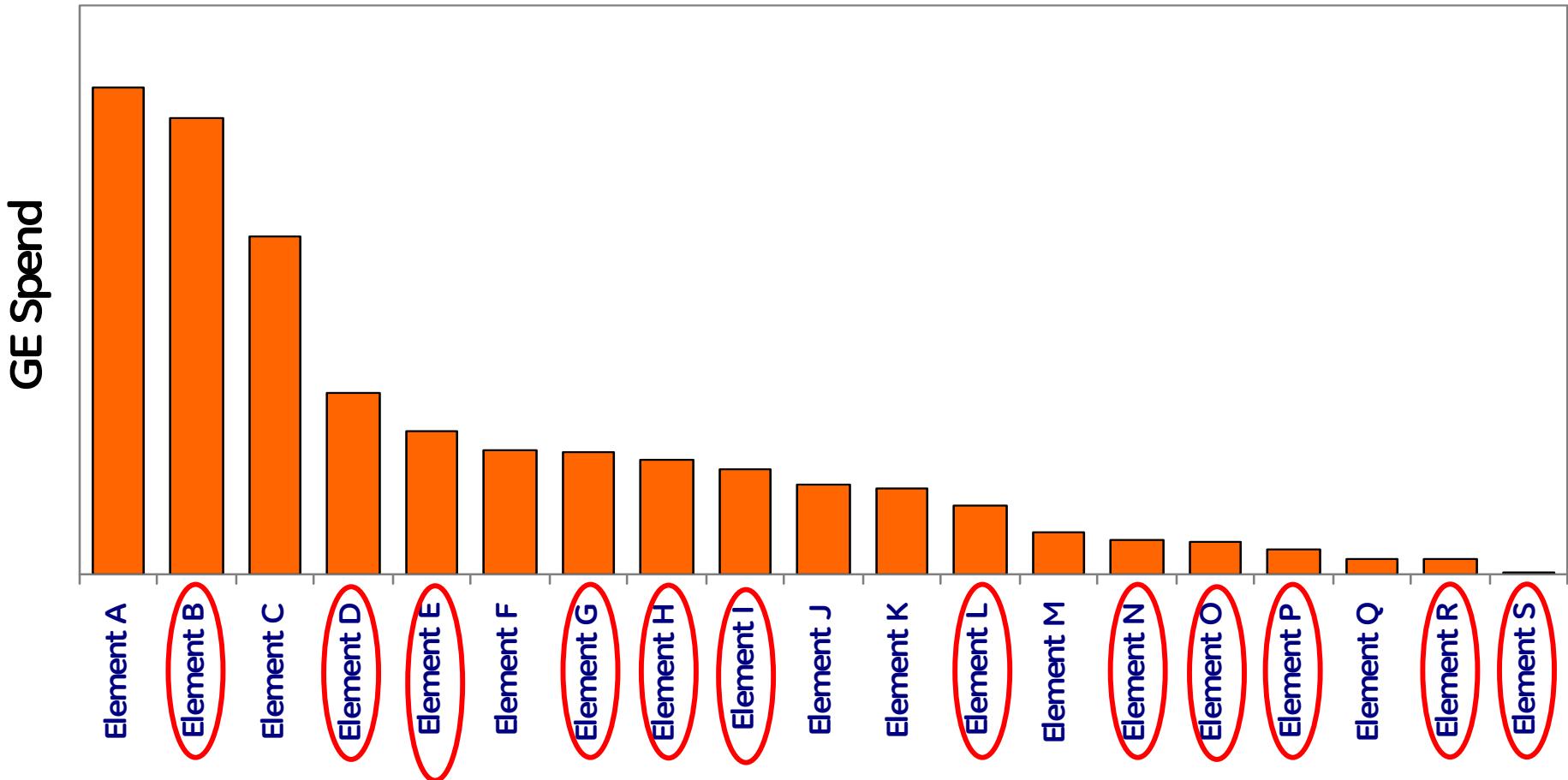
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Assessing GE Materials Risks



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Top GE Element Spend



12 elements selected for further risk analysis – with emphasis on the minor metals in GE products

Market and Supply risk - definitions

Risk Level	Abundance in earth's crust (ppm)	Sourcing and geopolitical risk	Co-production Risk	Demand Risk	Historic Price Volatility (5-yr period max)	Market Substitutability
Very high	Very rare, <0.01	Concentrated, high risk	Co-produced but extraction method in jeopardy	New applications could significantly increase demand	>500%	No substitutes
High	Rare, 0.01 – 1	Concentrated and/or significant risk	Co-produced and economically insignificant	New applications could increase demand	200% - 500%	Unknown or poor substitutes
Medium	Less common, 1 – 100	Some diversity and/or risk	Co-produced but economically significant	No new apps; growth faster than GDP	100% - 200%	Known substitutes but worse performance
Low	Common, 100 – 10,000	Very diverse and/or stable	Primary product	No apps; growth at GDP	50% - 100%	Known substitutes
Very low	Very common, >10,000	US based	---	No apps; growth less than GDP	<50%	Easy and known substitutes



Impact of Restriction on GE - definitions

Risk Level	GE % of world supply	Impacted GE revenue	GE ability to substitute	Ability to pass-through cost increases
Very high	Extremely significant, >X%	>\$Y Bn	Very difficult - very unique and no substitute expected	Nearly impossible
High	Very significant 0.25X% - X%	\$0.25Y - \$Y Bn	Difficult - no known substitute; extensive research	Difficult
Medium	Significant, 0.05X% - 0.25X%	\$0.05Y - \$0.25Y Bn	Moderate - possible substitutes known but not tested	Partially possible
Low	Low, 0.01X% - 0.05X%	\$0.01Y - \$0.05Y Bn	Easy - substitute known but not designed in	Relatively easy
Very low	Very low, <0.01X%	<\$0.01Y Bn	Very easy - substitute design ready for production	Done automatically

Note: Assessment is done quantitatively, with X and Y proprietary values

Market Supply and Price risk - ratings

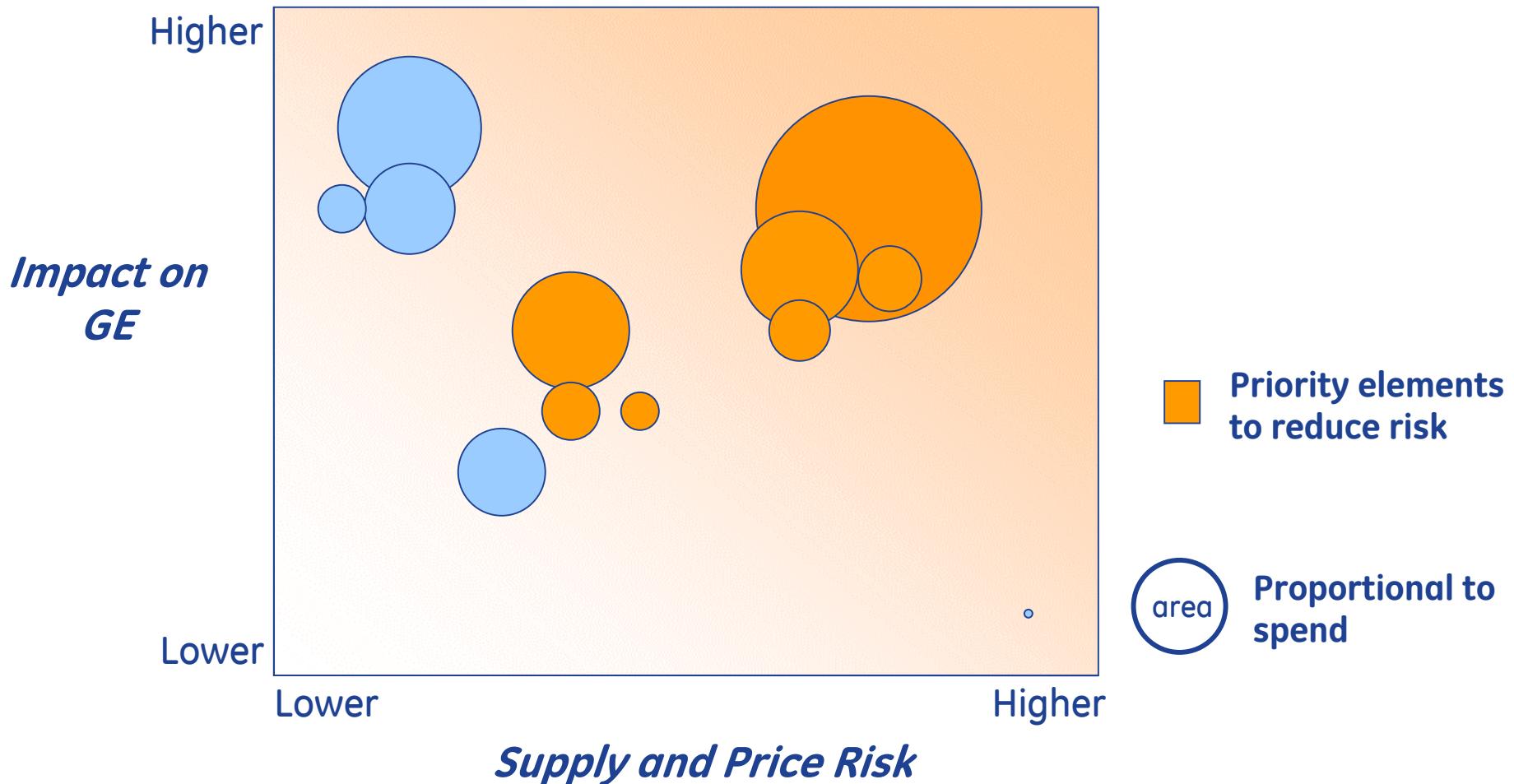
Element	Abundance	Sourcing and geopolitical risk	Co-production Risk	Demand Risk	Historic Price Volatility	Market Substitutability Risk	Overall
Element B	Common 2	Medium 3	Low 2	Low 2	Very low 1	High 4	2.3
Element D	Less common	High	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	3.3
Element E	Rare	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	3.0
Element G	Less common	Low	Low	Low	Very high	High	3.0
Element H	Very rare	Medium	Medium	High	Very high	Medium	2.5

Impact of Restriction on GE - ratings

Element	GE % of world supply	Impacted GE revenue	GE ability to substitute	Ability to pass-through costs	Overall Rating
Element B	Low	Very high	Very Difficult	Partially possible	3.8
Element D	Medium	Very high	Difficult	Very difficult	3.0
Quantitative assessment of risks for each element					



GE Criticality Diagram



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Solutions: Broad Approaches with Flexibility

	Engineering/R&D	Manufacturing	Sourcing
Short term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broaden resource base• Consolidate material usage		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volume material buys	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of re-processed (recycled & scrap) material		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversification• Hedging
Medium Term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recycle manufacturing waste• Design for recyclability• Optimize material usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reclamation/recycling processes• Manufacturing processes that minimize use of at-risk <i>intermediate</i> materials• Design products for ease of recycling and re-use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Near-net shape manufacturing processes• Sort & categorize manufacturing scrap to maximize recycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global sourcing• Strategic inventory reserves
Long Term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redesign materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop material substitutions		

Multiple Solutions at the Product Level



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Solutions: Technology Flexibility

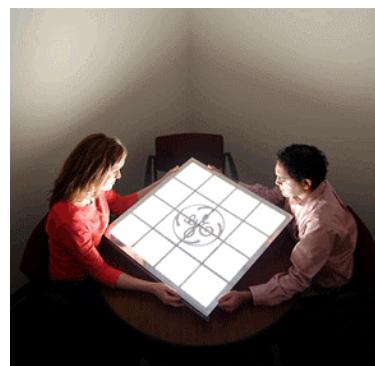
Incandescent Lamps

A periodic table of elements, highlighting the first 20 elements (Hydrogen to Helium) in pink.

Fluorescent Lamps

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White LEDs

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White OLEDs

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Multiple Solutions at the System Level