

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

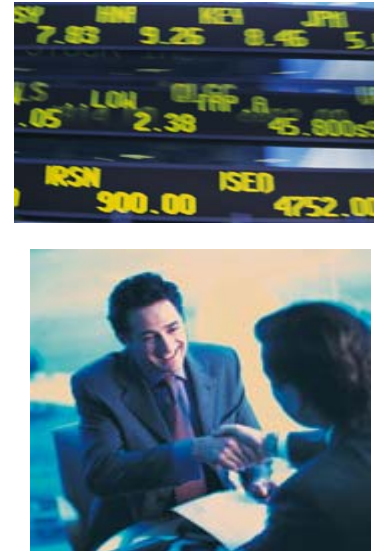
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GE Capital



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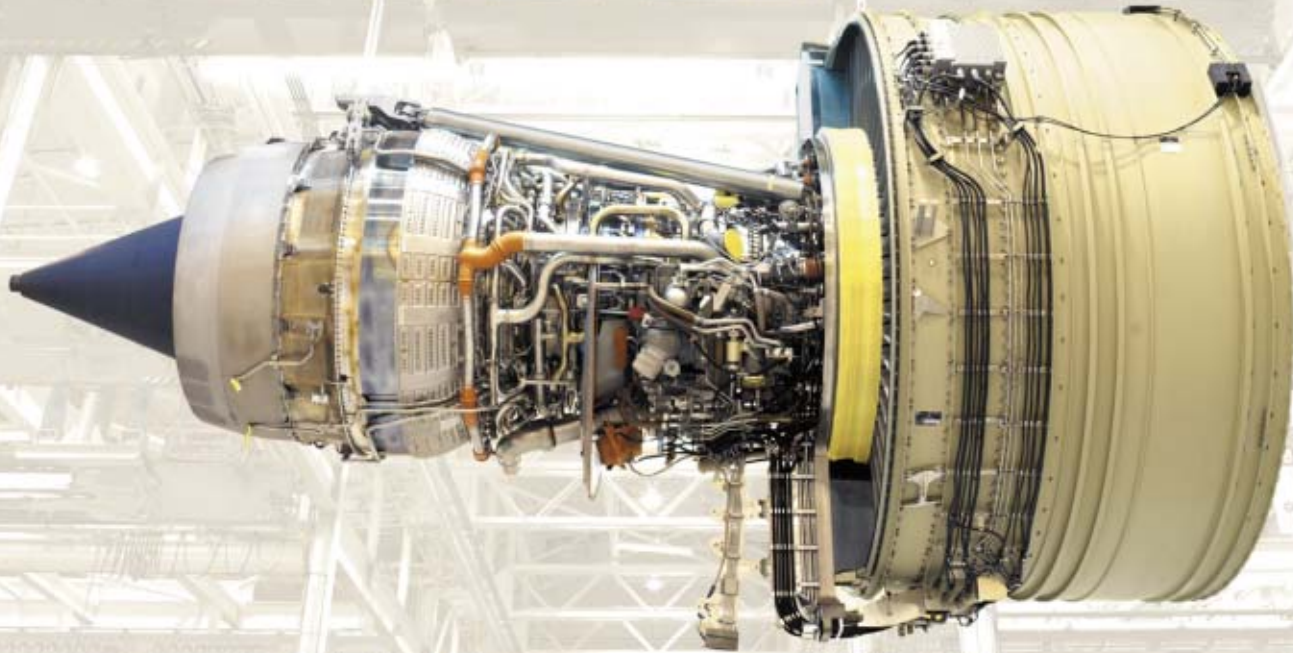


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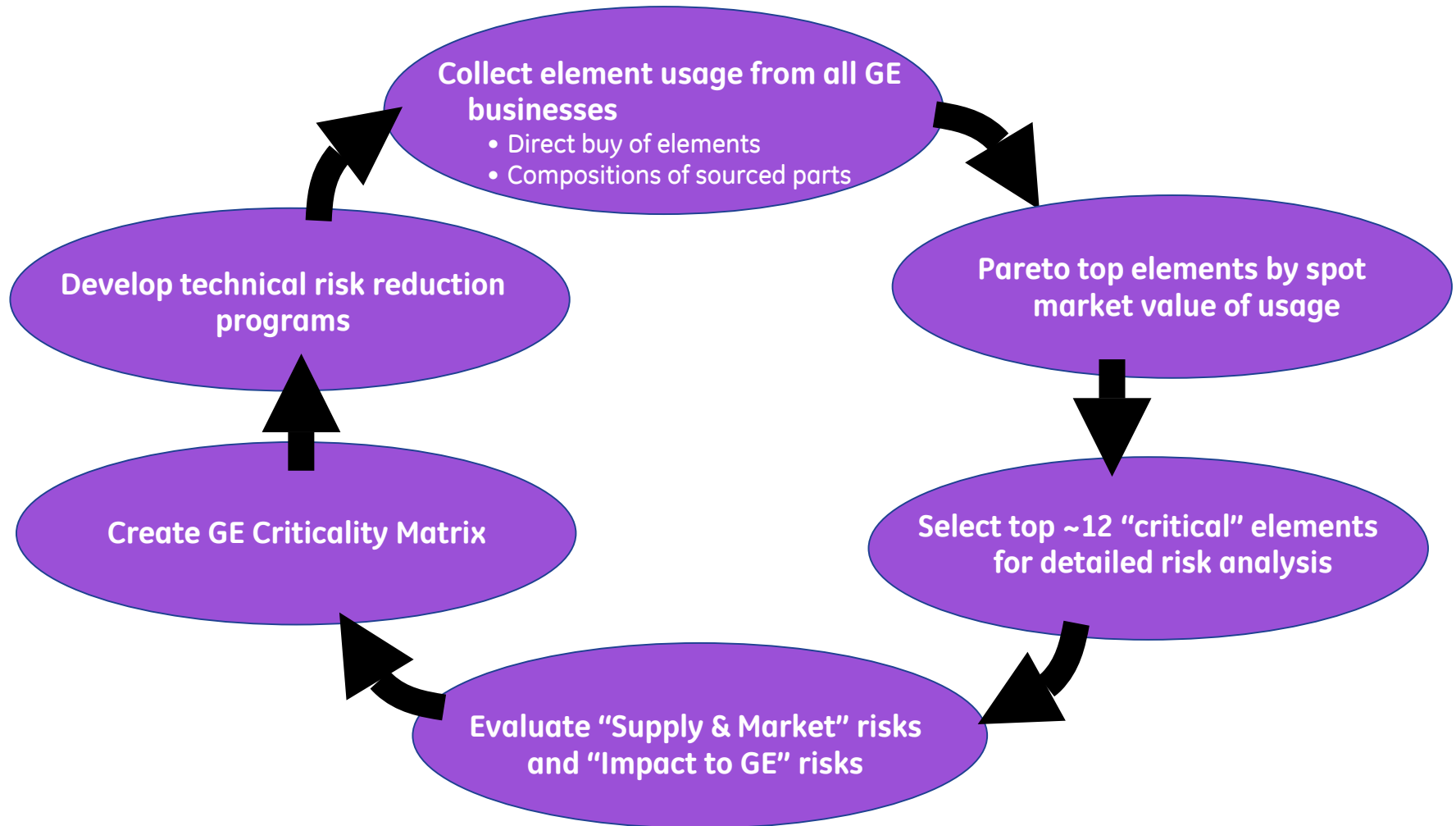
GE Materials Usage

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- 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



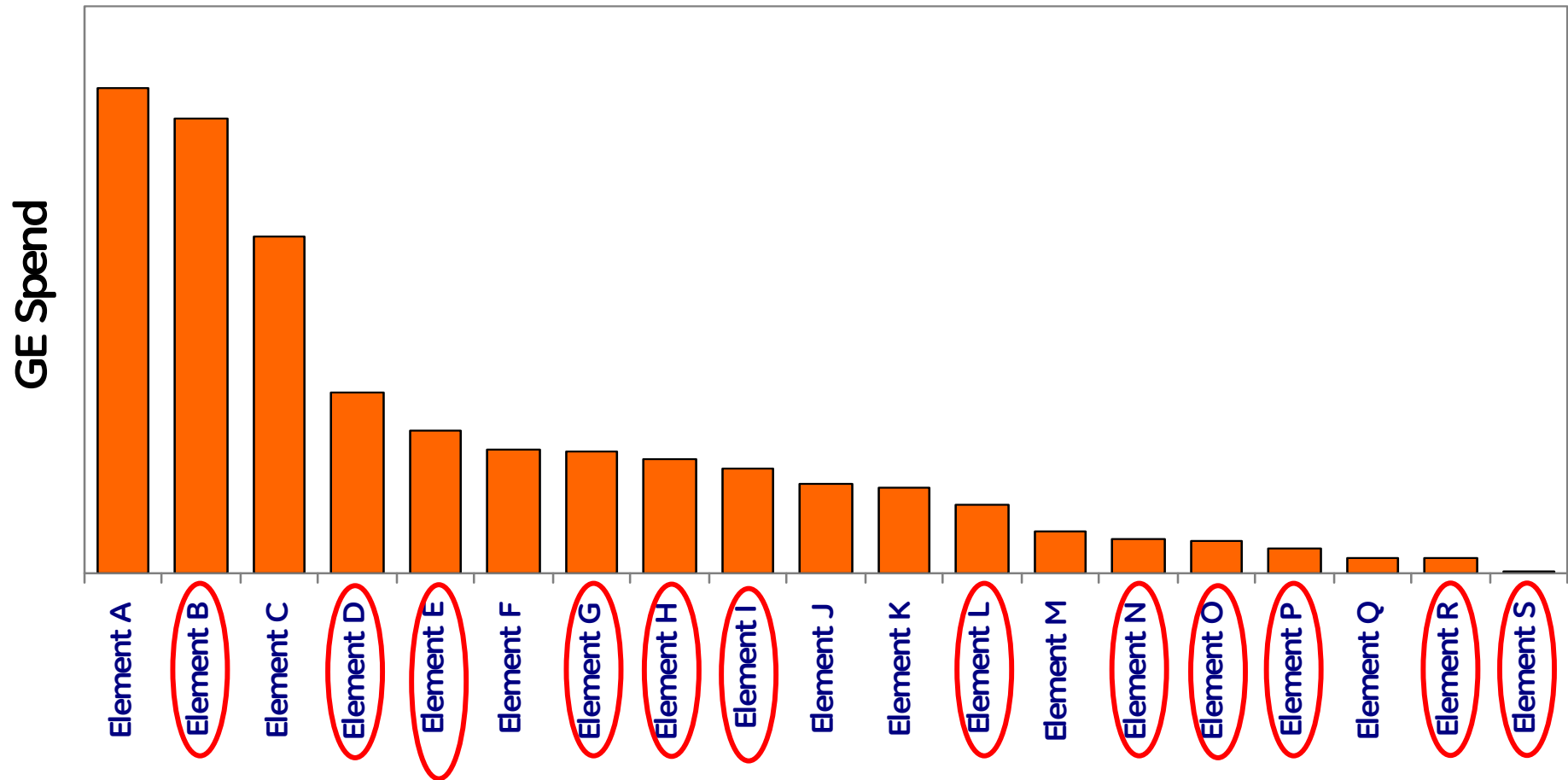
GE's Material Sustainability Risk Assessment Process



Assessing GE Materials Risks



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

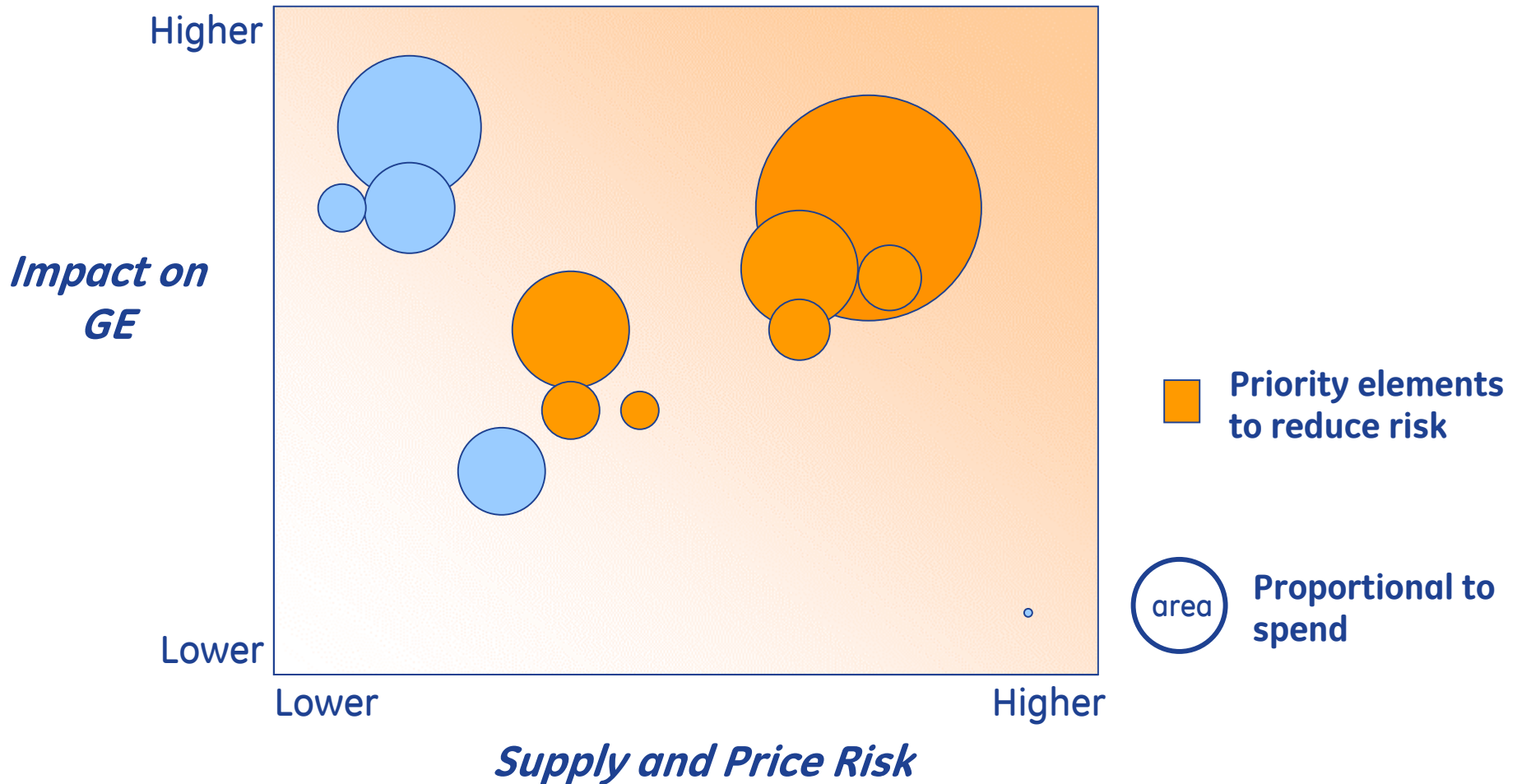
Element	Abundance	Sourcing and geopolitical risk	Co-production Risk	Demand Risk	Historic Price Volatility	Market Substitutability Risk	Overall
Element B	Common 2	Medium 3	Low 2	Low 2	Very low 1	High 4	2.3
Element D	Less common	High	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	3.3
Element E	Rare	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	3.0
Element G	Less common	Low	Low	Low	Very high	High	3.0
Element H	Very rare	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	Medium	3.5

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	Partially possible	3.5

Quantitative assessment of risks for each element

GE Criticality Diagram



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

