#### FA5: Education and Workforce Development

**NC STATE** UNIVERSITY

**Project Title:** Graduate Wide Bandgap Semiconductor Power Device Lab **Objectives:** To (1) establish a graduate laboratory course focused entirely on the design, fabrication and characterization of WBG power devices, and (2) disseminate the curriculum amongst PowerAmerica's members to accelerate the education of new engineers

**Major Milestones:** (1) syllabus creation, (2) fabrication process for power GaN HEMT, (3) course execution, (4) class evaluation & dissemination **Significant Equipment Acquisition:** High-speed oscilloscope with power analysis software and high power probes (Tektronix MDO3054) **Deliverables:** (1) transferrable curriculum, (2) power GaN HEMT fabrication flow, (3) video teaching modules for WBG characterization

### WBG Technology Impact

- 1. Best practices for wide bandgap material processing from the literature will be aggregated, organized and made available in a form that is both accessible to students as well as the wider public. It is hoped that this will also push the industry closer to a level of maturity that will enable higher level (e.g., circuit and system) development.
- 2. By establishing, documenting and ultimately disseminating a model microfabrication process that can be executed within an academic facility, students can begin to receive formal and practical training for future careers with wide bandgap semiconductor-based power electronics.



#### **Additional impacts**

- 1. Student Involvement and Workforce Development: up to 25 graduate students will be involved with the course.
- 2. Unique hands-on fabrication and experimentation experiences will drive interest in wide bandgap semiconductors, and attract more students to the field.
- 3. Digital media will be developed that can be proliferated amongst the PowerAmerica community to spur adoption of similar laboratory courses at other universities.

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