# Wolfspeed/Duke /Syracuse Partnerships

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Wolfspeed – 11 years





### THE BEST FOR OUR EMPLOYEES, OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND OUR COMMUNITY.



**Our Sustainability Principles** 



### **UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS – THE BUSINESS CASE**















**Access to Talent** 

Research and Development Collaboration Curriculum Development

Community Engagement and Reputation

Innovation and Knowledge Transfer Funding and Grants

Long-Term Strategic Partnerships

Pipeline of skilled graduates

Internship and coop opportunities Joint research initiatives

Access to cuttingedge facilities Tailored educational programs

Workshops and seminars

Strengthening community ties

Positive brand image

Access to new ideas

Knowledge exchange

Opportunities for funding

Shared resources

Building relationships

Networking opportunities

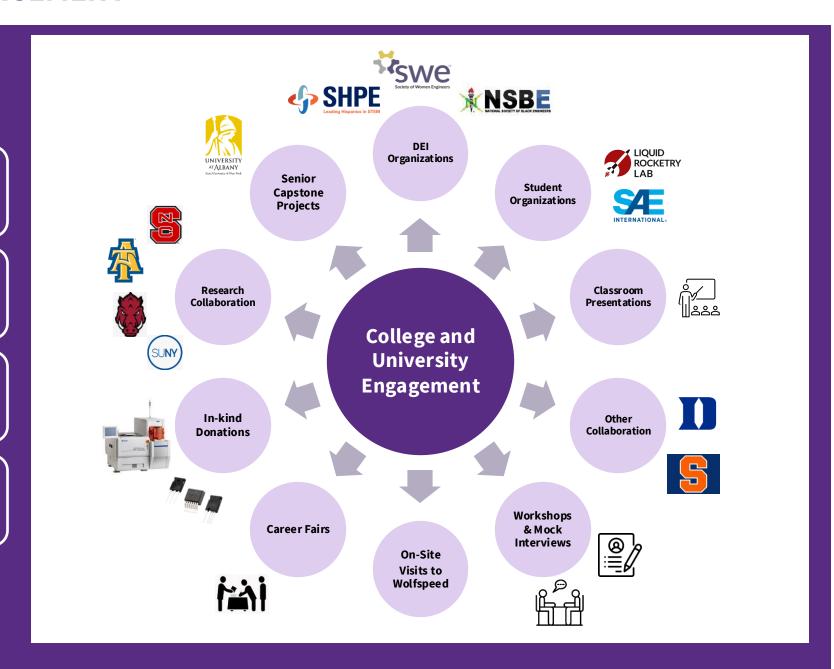
### **BUILDING WOLFSPEED'S ENGAGEMENT**

Fostering results-based, collaborative relationships with community, education and government workforce development partners

Growing an abundance of skilled talent in the pipeline – future employees who are excited to join Wolfspeed

Increasing interest in semiconductor industry, wide-bandgap materials, and power electronics

Focusing on Wolfspeed's high growth sites and functions



### **Capstone and Class Projects Project Structures**



### **Capstone Project**

2 semesters (6 months)

Students selected the

project

Weekly meetings

Progress reports

Final report with deliverables

Final presentation (for school and for Wolfspeed)



### **Class Project**

1 semester (3 months)

Professor assigned the

project

Weekly meetings

Status updates

Final memo with deliverables

Final presentation (for

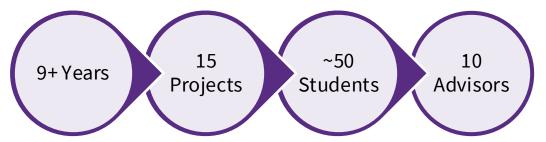
school and for Wolfspeed)

### **Human Capital** Wolfspeed School core core team: team: ESG Team 3-4 students member Advisor 2+ SMEs as SMEs as needed needed

Intentional focus to push projects and student interactions into the business.



# DRIVING ESG INNOVATION AND GROWTH THROUGH UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS



Dates	Project	Туре	Number of Students
Fall 2015	Sustainability Benchmarking	Class Project	2
Fall 2016-Spring 2017	Materiality Assessment	Capstone Project	3
Fall 2017-Spring 2018	Scope 3 Emissions Inventory - Downstream	Capstone Project	3
Spring 2018	Sustainability GRI, Website Design	Class Project	4
Spring 2018	GHG, Water Intensity	Class Project	4
Spring 2019	CDP Reporting - Climate Change	Class Project	4
Fall 2019-Spring 2020	Scope 3 Emissions Inventory ,- Upstream	Capstone Project	3
Fall 2020-Spring 2021	Enterprise ESG Goals Development	Capstone Project	4
Spring 2021	Sustainability Frameworks – Analysis & Rec's	Class Project	3
Spring 2022	Supplier ESG Assessment Questionnaire	Class Project	4
Fall 2022	Supplier ESG Assessment Scoring Tool	Class Project	5
	Climate Action Plan / Low Carbon Transition		
Fall 2022-Spring 2023	Plan	Capstone Project	3
Spring 2023	Materiality Assessment Update	Class Project	3
Spring 2024	Strategy for Reducing Impact of SF6	Class Project	3
Spring 2024	GHG Apportioning Model	Capstone Project	3









### **Navigating the Benefits and Challenges of University Partnerships**

### Benefits

- Consulting help
- Access to Students' and Advisors' expertise and knowledge
- University resources
- Usable deliverables
- Offload of research heavy and time-consuming subjects

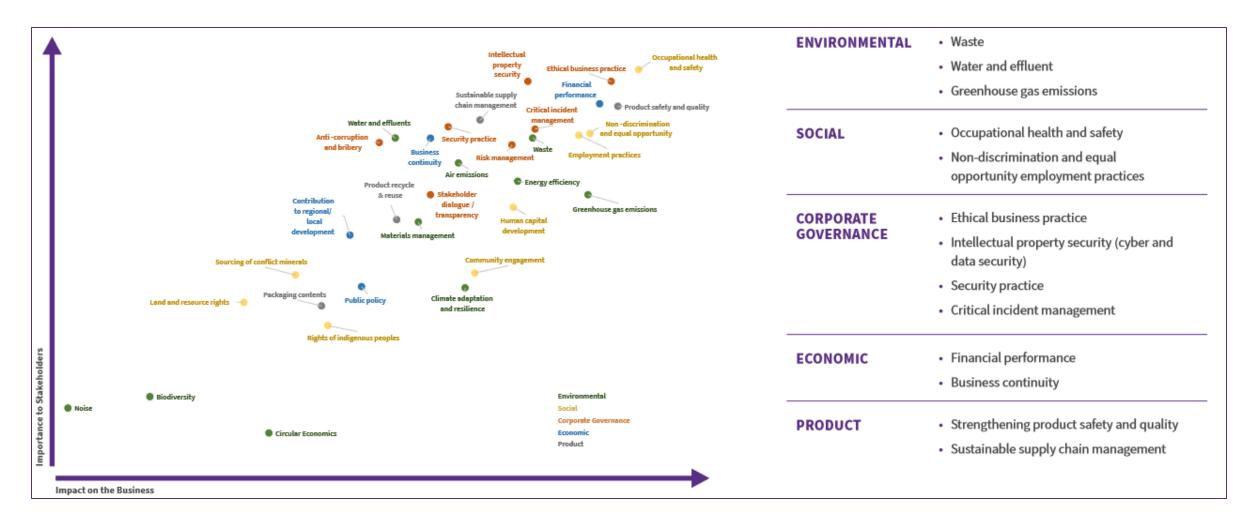
# Challenges

- Access to proprietary data and information
- Availability of people (internal)
- Needed guidance to steer students
- Students' project management skills (sometimes ☺)



### PROJECT DELIVERABLE EXAMPLES

### **MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT MATRIX**





### **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

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A climate transition action plan (CTAP) details the near term actions a company will utilize to cut emissions and reach its climate targets. With investor and customer demands evolving, a climate transition action plan allows a company to be forthcoming with the information today's investors require. Companies should work towards publishing a CTAP once they have set science-based climate goals that include scopes 1, 2, and 3. Wolfspeed should look to expand its climate goals to include scope 3 as their goals currently only cover scopes 1 and 2. A CTAP has four core components which include an emissions reduction plan across the value chain, governance and business strategy integration, advocacy for public policies that support a 1.5°C

tied to performance against

Do you have organization

the financial team,
 povernment and investor

relations, research & development, and

act on your company's climate goals and plan?

Public Policy

relates to climate?

structures in place that bring together and incentivize uni

procurement & supply chain relations, etc. – to address and

lobbying, political giving, and trade association activity as it

to ensure policy engagement and advocacy is aligned with

goals?

with your targets and have you disclosed the methodology used to determine how future capital expenditures will align with your 1.5°C targets? Have you redesigned products and services to overall emissions but still opportunity to redesign reduce emissions and/or created new products or manufacturing process to business lines? reduce emissions Are you engaging your 25% of suppliers have been supply chain in climate engaged for information efforts? collection. Share of suppliers

Using We Mean Busines evaluated Wolfspeed's co

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Have you calculated an publicly disclosed your scope 1, 2, and 3 emissi Have you published a n

term 1.5°C-aligned targ Have you published a lot term 1.5°C-aligned net goal?

#### Emissions Reduction

Have you identified you largest emissions source assessed all technologic and financially feasible mitigation opportunities Have you assessed what investments you need it to reduce emissions in 1

Have you identified the just transition implications of the emissions reduction strategies you are deploying?	$\ominus$	It appears these discussions are just beginning due to recent developments in Siler City
Business Strategy Integration & Governance		
Have you conducted and published the results of climate scenario analysis for physical, financial, and transition risks from various climate change scenarios (e.g., business as usual, 3- 4°C, orderly or disorderly transition scenario) and opportunities from a 1.5°C scenario?	<b>~</b>	CDP C3.2
Does your board have	_	
oversight and competence on climate-related issues?		

the company's 1.5°C targets and a process in place to implement this commitment? Do you have metrics and publicly assess this alignment?		
Just Transition		
Have you considered potential climate impacts on your employees and customers and the communities in which you operate? Have you defined and used specific metrics to assess and reduce these impacts?	$\Theta$	As mentioned previously, i seems this is in its early stages.
Have you developed and publicly shared formal		

#### CLIMATE TRANSITION ACTION PLAN

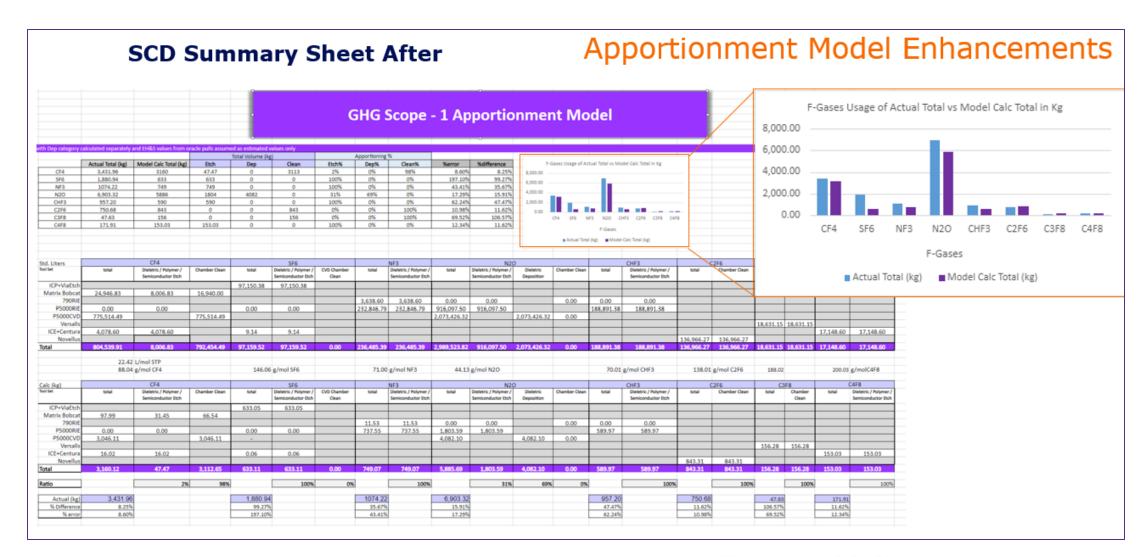
In 2022 we started working on Wolfspeed's Climate Transition Action Plan (or CTAP). We explored the elements of a proper CTAP by utilizing CDP's six guiding principles (accountability, internally coherent, forward-looking, time bound and quantitative, flexible and responsive, and complete) in conjunction with We Mean Business Coalition (WMBC)'s four core components which include an emissions reduction strategy, proper governance and business strategy integration, an action plan regarding plans for public policy advocacy and how Wolfspeed plans to foster a just transition.

We evaluated our current efforts against WMBC's guidance and learned our strengths (e.g., calculated GHG inventory, largest emissions sources identification, climate-related oversight) and areas where we need improvement (e.g., inclusion of scope 3 in our emission reduction targets, financial evaluation, public policy engagement and advocacy).

During this initiative we have also identified actions that Wolfspeed can take to decarbonize, ranging from easiest to implement and least timely solutions to long-term solutions to support net-zero transition. We focused on the actions that are realistic to deploy and timely. These actions include the following areas: process abatement systems, values stream engagement and synergy, an electric purchasing policy and implementation of an internal carbon price.

In 2023, Wolfspeed incorporated an emission reduction metric into the corporate annual bonus plan for all employees, including executives. The metric has material significance and creates long-term sustainable value for Wolfspeed and key stakeholders. This action reflects our focus on improving the maturity of our environmental sustainability program and driving our emissions reductions performance via tying it with our compensation program.

### **GHG APPORTIONING MODEL**







### **SHARING EXPERIENCE & LESSONS LEARNED**

	Low or no costs to Wolfspeed	Time = \$\$\$
	<b>NDA required</b> , sign by students, professors, and/or university	Don't underestimate the time this can take
?	Need to submit "appealing" project proposals	Students pick in some cases…helps to be "cool" and "current" and "relevant"
•	Wolfspeed has <b>contacts</b> at both universities	Keep in touch with them! Even outside of project scopeyou never know
	In general, <b>two projects per year</b>	Internal resource allocation considerations. Don't bite off more than you can support for a <i>QUALITY</i> student experience
4551	Two-way partnership	Remember that both sides are supposed to benefit from these engagements ©

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