

**TABLE: Significant Joule self-heating pervasive in the emergent thin-film transistor studies.**

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**TABLE S1. A few illustrative cases of field-effect transistor (FET) studies of metal-halide perovskites, conjugated polymers, and small-molecule organic semiconductors, where high power density ( $P_{\max}$ ) and/or power ( $W_{\max}$ ) have been apparently reached in the transistors' channel. Parameters, including the channel width ( $W$ ) and length ( $L$ ), the effective source-drain electric field ( $E_{\text{DS}}$ ), and the maximum source-drain current ( $|I_{\text{DS}}|^{\max}$ ), are also listed, along with the studied material and the corresponding Figure.**

$E_{\text{DS}}$  is the effective longitudinal (source-drain) electric field in a FET channel applied during the recording of transfer curves corresponding to the extracted  $W_{\max}$  and  $P_{\max}$ , defined as  $E_{\text{DS}} \equiv |V_{\text{DS}}|/L$ , where  $V_{\text{DS}}$  is the source-drain voltage applied during the measurement, and  $L$  is the channel length.

$W_{\max}$  is the maximum apparent electric power dissipated in the channel of the reported FET, calculated from the corresponding transfer curve as  $W_{\max} \equiv |I_{\text{DS}}|^{\max} \cdot |V_{\text{DS}}|$ .

$P_{\max}$  is the corresponding maximum apparent electric power density emitted in the channel, calculated from the reported transfer curve as  $P_{\max} \equiv |I_{\text{DS}}|^{\max} \cdot |V_{\text{DS}}|/(LW)$ .

For the control experiment on infra-red imaging of the surface temperature distribution of biased devices, emulating specific experimental conditions used in Ref. [1], see Supplementary video (a separate file).

#	Reference	semiconductor	Fig.	$W$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$L$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$ I_{\text{DS}} ^{\max}$ (A)	$E_{\text{DS}}$ ( $\text{kV}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$W_{\max}$ (W)	$P_{\max}$ ( $\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ )*
1	H. Zhu <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nat. Electron.</i> (2023) <sup>1</sup>	Hybrid tin halide perovskite, $(\text{Cs}_x\text{FA}_{1-x})\text{PEA}_2\text{Sn}_8\text{I}_{25}$ , $x = 10\%$	1c	1000	200	0.01	2	0.4	200
2	A. Liu <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nat. Electron.</i> (2022) <sup>2</sup>	Tin halide perovskite, $\text{CsSnI}_3$	1d	1000	150	$6.8 \times 10^{-3}$	2.67	0.27	181
3	W. Yang <i>et al.</i> , <i>Adv. Mater.</i> (2024) <sup>3</sup>	Hybrid tin halide perovskite, $\text{FASnI}_3$ with F-PEAI	3i	1000	100	$9 \times 10^{-3}$	4	0.36	361
4	F. Yang <i>et al.</i> , <i>Org. Electron.</i> (2016) <sup>4</sup>	Conj. polymer, P2MDPP2T-DTT	2c	1400	40	$4.23 \times 10^{-3}$	25	0.42	755
5	Y. Ji <i>et al.</i> , <i>Adv. Mater.</i> (2016) <sup>5</sup>	Conj. polymer, PDPPMT-2T	2c	1400	40	$4 \times 10^{-3}$	25	0.4	709

\* For comparison:

(a) The working surface of a typical household clothes iron emits about  $0.36 \text{ W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  at full-power operation.

(b) The integral power density emitted by the Sun at its surface is  $\sim 6.4 \text{ kW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ .

(c) The power density of a  $\text{CO}_2$  laser beam in industrial laser cutting machines for plastics, wood and leather is  $3 - 10 \text{ kW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ .

#	Reference	semiconductor	Fig.	W ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	L ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$ I_{DS} ^{\text{max}}$ (A)	$E_{DS}$ ( $\text{kV}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$W_{\text{max}}$ (W)	$P_{\text{max}}$ ( $\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ )*
6	Y. Diao <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nat. Mater.</i> (2013) <sup>6</sup>	Small mol., TIPS-pentacene	5b	1000	50	$2\times 10^{-3}$	20	0.2	400
7	A. Zhang <i>et al.</i> , <i>Macromol.</i> (2016) <sup>7</sup>	Conj. polymer, PDPP4T-2M	3c	1400	50	$2.8\times 10^{-3}$	20	0.28	400
8	J. Lee <i>et al.</i> , <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> (2013) <sup>8</sup>	Conj. polymer, PTDPPSe-SiC4	5d	1000	50	$2.12\times 10^{-3}$	20	0.21	424
9	H.-R. Tseng <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nano Lett.</i> (2012) <sup>9</sup>	Conj. polymer, PCDTBT	3c	1000	20	$6.4\times 10^{-3}$	20	0.26	1280
10	J. Mahmood <i>et al.</i> , <i>Adv. Mater.</i> (2021) <sup>10</sup>	2D fused aromatic networks (43 nm-thick)	4c	4	0.5	$1.55\times 10^{-3}$	2	$1.6\times 10^{-4}$	7750
11	V. K. Bandari <i>et al.</i> , <i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> (2019) <sup>11</sup>	Small mol., BTBT-T <sub>6</sub>	4b	5	4.4	$6.7\times 10^{-5}$	52	$1.5\times 10^{-3}$	7052
12	J. Liu <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nat. Commun.</i> (2015) <sup>12</sup>	Small mol., 2,6-diphenylanthracene	3a	3.3	16.5	$9.2\times 10^{-6}$	36	$0.6\times 10^{-3}$	1000
13	H. Li <i>et al.</i> , <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> (2012) <sup>13</sup>	C <sub>60</sub>	4b	8.7	40	$1.6\times 10^{-5}$	25	$1.6\times 10^{-3}$	457
14	G. Giri <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nature</i> (2011) <sup>14</sup>	Small mol., TIPS-pentacene	4c	1000	50	$6.25\times 10^{-4}$	20	$62.5\times 10^{-3}$	125
15	H. Iino <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nat. Commun.</i> (2015) <sup>15</sup>	Small mol., Ph-BTBT-C <sub>10</sub>	3b	500	100	$10^{-3}$	10	0.1	200
16	H.-R. Tseng <i>et al.</i> , <i>Adv. Mater.</i> (2014) <sup>16</sup>	Conj. polymer, PCDTPT	1c	1000	80	$1.53\times 10^{-3}$	10	0.12	153
17	C. Luo <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nano Lett.</i> (2014) <sup>17</sup>	Conj. polymer, PCDTPT	4c	800	80	$1.2\times 10^{-3}$	10	0.1	150

For the analysis of FET mobilities and the corresponding mobility reliability factors in some of these papers, see Refs. [18-21].

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