

**Supplementary Table 1. All variables used in this study, along with a brief explanation.**

$N_0$ :	Number of heat conducting fibers connected to the heat source
$N_b$ :	Number of branches at the junction of heat conducting fibers
$m$ :	Number of heat conducting fibers along each heat transfer path from heat source to sink
$M$ :	Total number of heat conducting fibers in the network
$c$ :	$1/N_b$
$R$ :	Overall thermal resistance of the thermal management network
$R_0$ :	Thermal resistance of each heat conducting fiber
$R_c$ :	Interfacial thermal resistance at junctions between heat conducting fibers
$R_{c'}$ :	Thermal resistance of the interfacial resistance, grouped together for each heat conducting fiber
$R_{0e}$ :	Effective thermal resistance of heat conducting fibers after taking into account the interfacial resistance
$\lambda_0$ :	$1/R_0$ , thermal conductance of each heat conducting fiber
$\lambda$ :	$1/R$ , overall thermal conductance of the thermal management network
$\kappa$ :	Intrinsic thermal conductivity of materials
$D$ :	$D = \lambda/M$ , thermal conductance density of the thermal management network
$r$ :	Radial extent of the thermal management network for point-load heat source
$\theta$ :	Half the branch angle at fiber junctions in the hierarchical structure
$l$ :	Length of the heat conducting fiber
$d$ :	Diameter of the heat conducting fiber
$A$ :	Cross section area of heat conducting fiber
$T_h$ :	Temperature of the heat source
$T_c$ :	Temperature of the heat sink
$T_r$ :	Reduced temperature variable $(T - T_c)/(T_h - T_c)$
$T(x, t)$ :	Temperature as a function of spatial coordinate $x$ and time $t$
$C_p$ :	Specific heat of the heat conducting fiber
$\rho$ :	Density of the heat conducting fiber
$x$ :	Spatial position variable in heat transfer equation
$t$ :	Time variable in heat transfer equation
$w$ :	Width of parallel non-hierarchical structures