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Co-doping Na and Zn into thermoelectric compound Mg₃Sb₂ simultaneously improves all the thermoelectric transport properties, conductivity σ , Seebeck coefficient S and reduced thermal conductivity κ , thus leading to significantly higher *ZT* of ~0.8, a 33 % improvement. Importantly, greatly improved power factor in the whole measured temperature range, i.e., 300% at 323 K and 15% at 773 K, respectively, lead to not only the highest average power factor but also the highest output power density for p-type Mg₃Sb₂ even under large temperature gradient in real application.



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