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Supporting information

## Unequal bonding in Ag-CuIn<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>5</sub>-based solid solutions responsible for reduction in lattice thermal conductivity and improvement in thermoelectric performance

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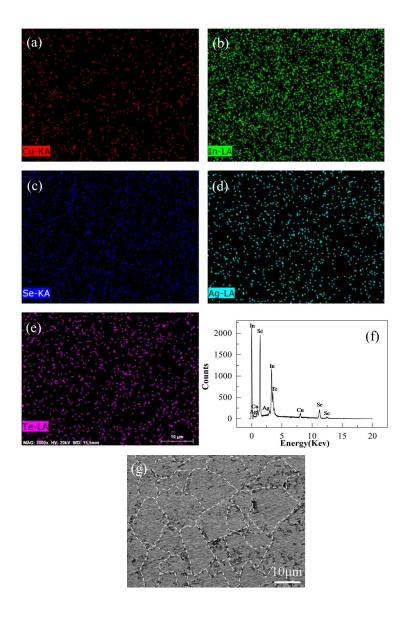


Fig.S1 (a-e) EPMA mapping of five elements, Cu, In, Se, Ag and Te on polished  $Cu_{0.8}Ag_{0.2}In_3Se_{4.9}Te_{0.1}$  surface; (f) A SEM image, where an average grain size of  $10{\sim}15~\mu m$  was observed; (g) EDAX analysis of the chemical compositions.

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Table} & S1 & \text{The chemical compositions of the sample} \\ & & Cu_{0.8}Ag_{0.2}In_3Se_{4.9}Te_{0.1}\,\text{determined using EDAX}. \end{array}$ 

Composition	Cu	In	Se	Te	Ag
Cu <sub>0.8</sub> Ag <sub>0.2</sub> In <sub>3</sub> Se <sub>4.9</sub> Te <sub>0.1</sub>	0.81	2.95	4.90	0.06	0.17

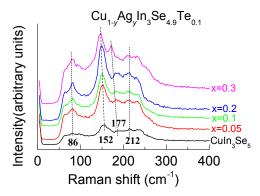


Fig. S2 Raman spectra of  $Cu_{1-y}Ag_yIn_3Se_{4.9}Te_{0.1}$  (y=0.05, 0.1, 0.2 and 0.3) samples. The Raman spectrum of  $CuIn_3Se_5$  is presented for comparison.