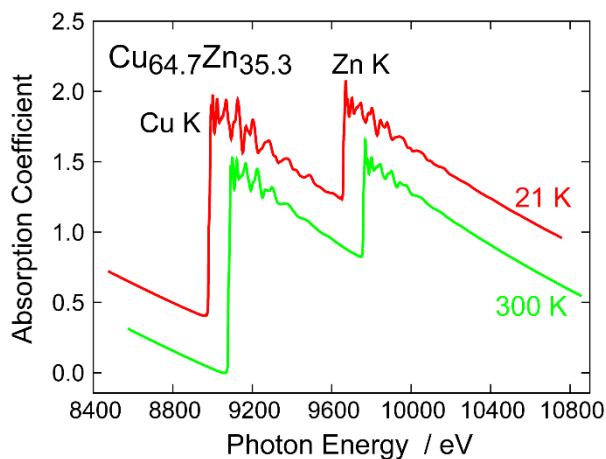


Electronic Supplementary Information  
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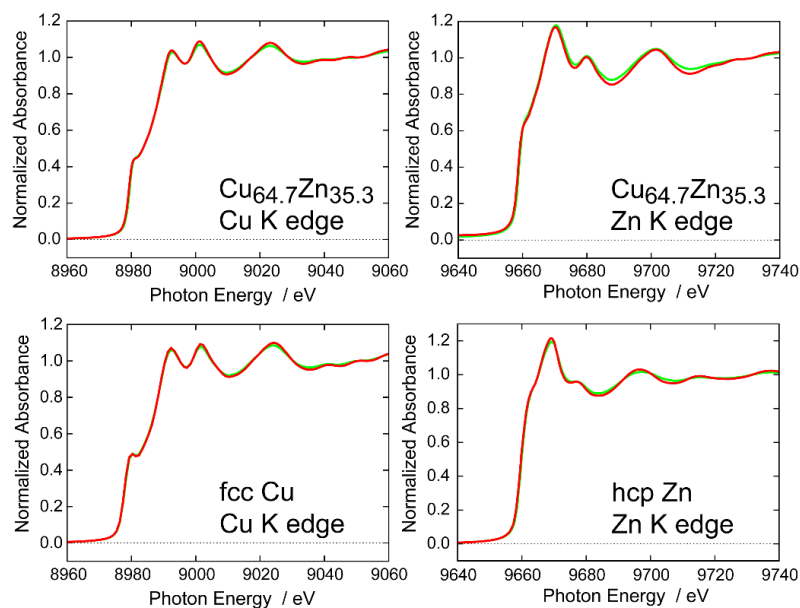
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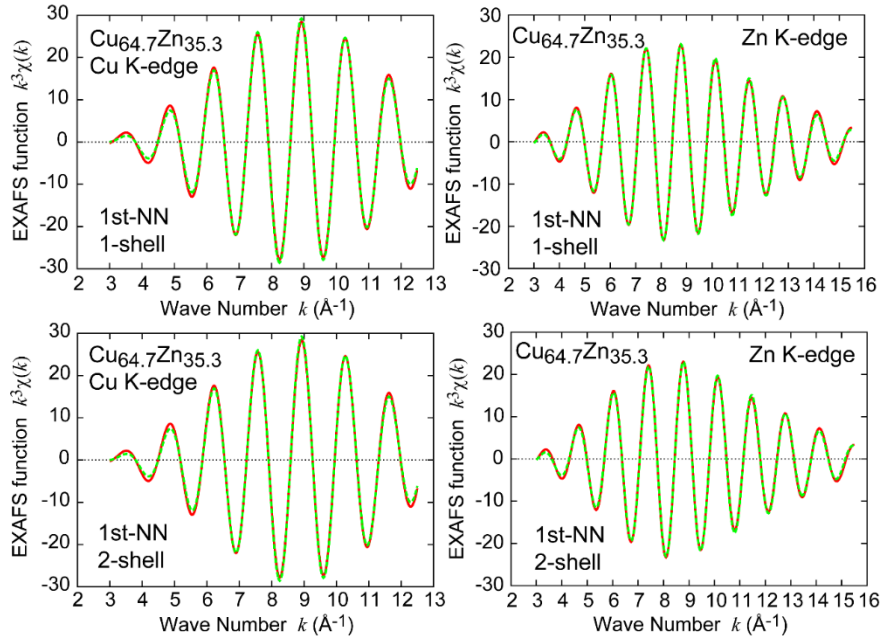
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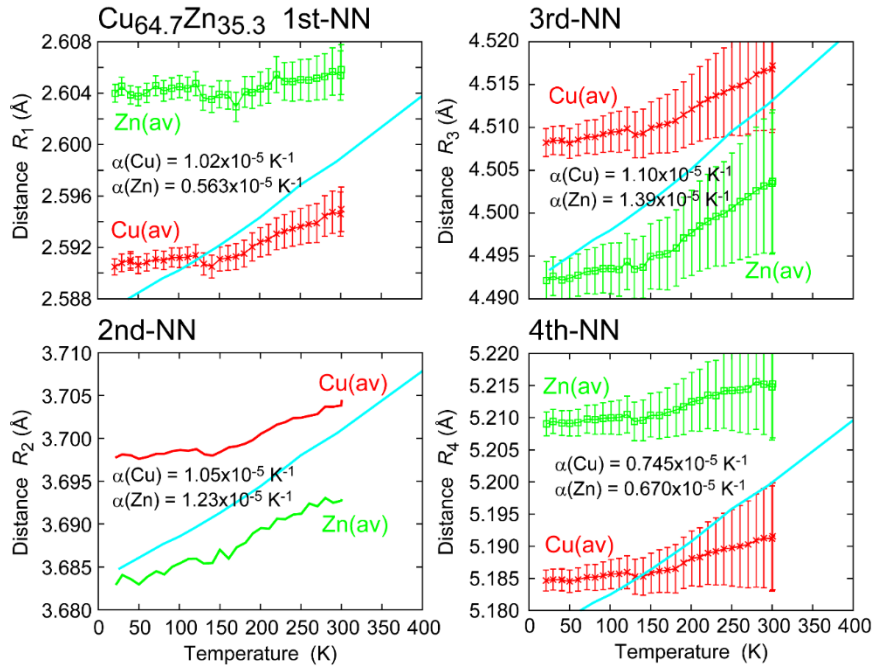
**Fig. S1** Typical Cu and Zn K-edge EXAFS spectra of the brass foil at 21 and 300 K. The 300-K spectrum is shifted to the bottom right.



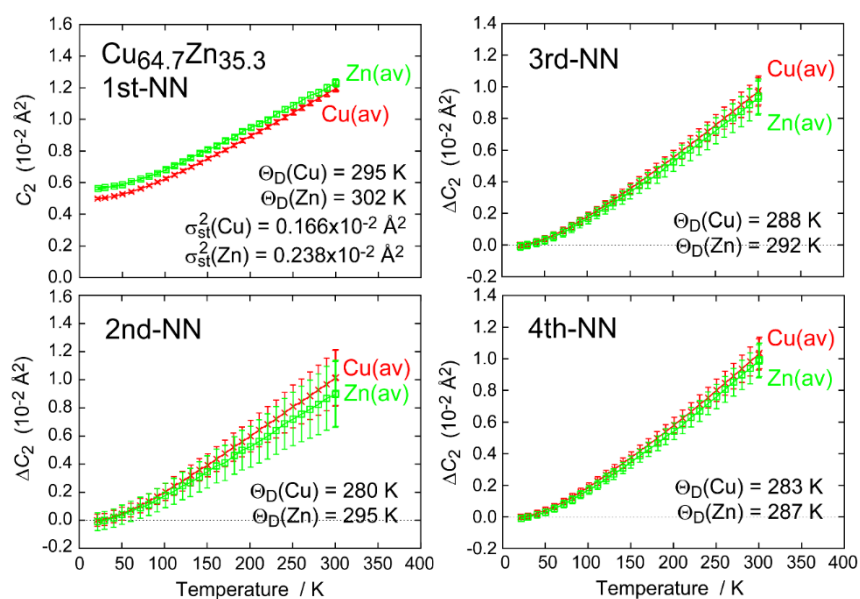
**Fig. S2** Cu and Zn K-edge XANES spectra of the brass foil at 21 (red) and 300 (green) K, together with those of *fcc* Cu and *hcp* Zn foils. The Cu K-edge XANES of brass is quite similar to that of *fcc* Cu, while the Zn K-edge XANES shows a so-called white line at ~9668 eV, followed by typical *fcc* XANES features at higher photon energy. For XANES peak analysis, see the references as T. Yamamoto, *X-Ray Spectrom.* 2008, **37**, 572 and W. Olovsson, B. Alling, and M. Magnuson, *J. Phys. Chem. C.* 2016, **120**, 12890, for instance.



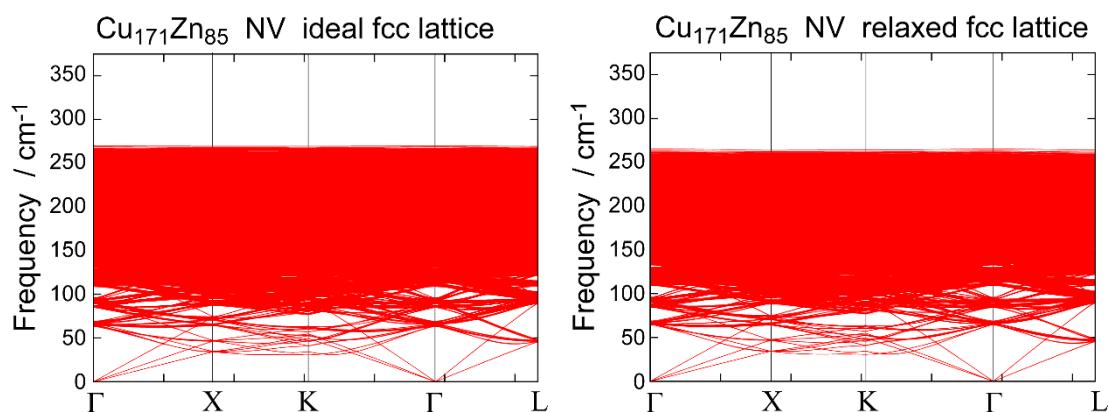
**Fig. S3** Curve fitting analysis for the first-NN shells in the Cu and Zn K-edge EXAFS of the brass foil at 21 K, using the FEFF standards. As is described in the main text, the one-shell analysis is resultantly found to be more reliable.



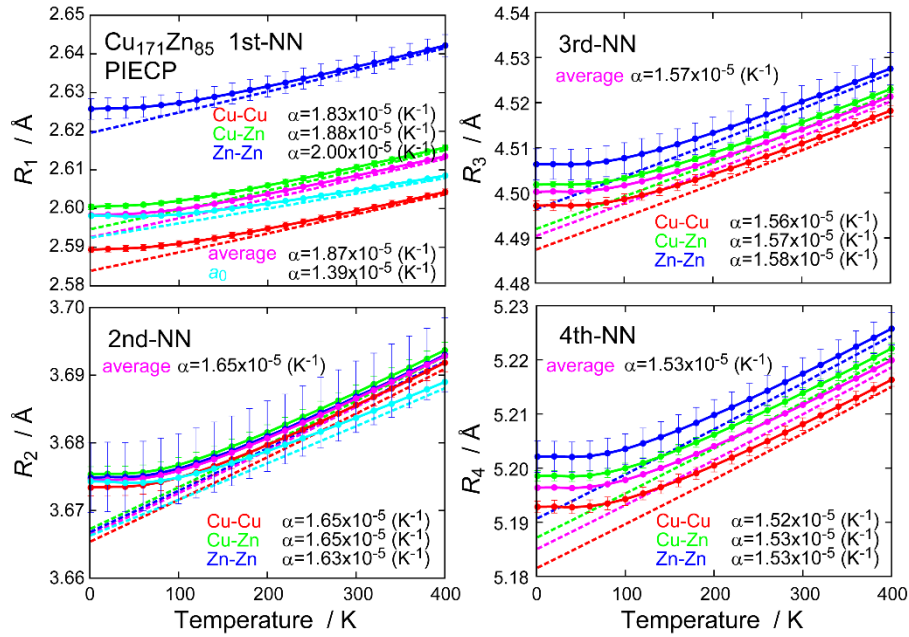
**Fig. S4** Temperature dependence of the interatomic distances for the first- to fourth-NN shells in the Cu (red) and Zn (green) K-edge EXAFS of the brass foil, using the empirical standard method. The distances corresponding to the lattice constant  $a_0$  are also depicted as a light-blue line.



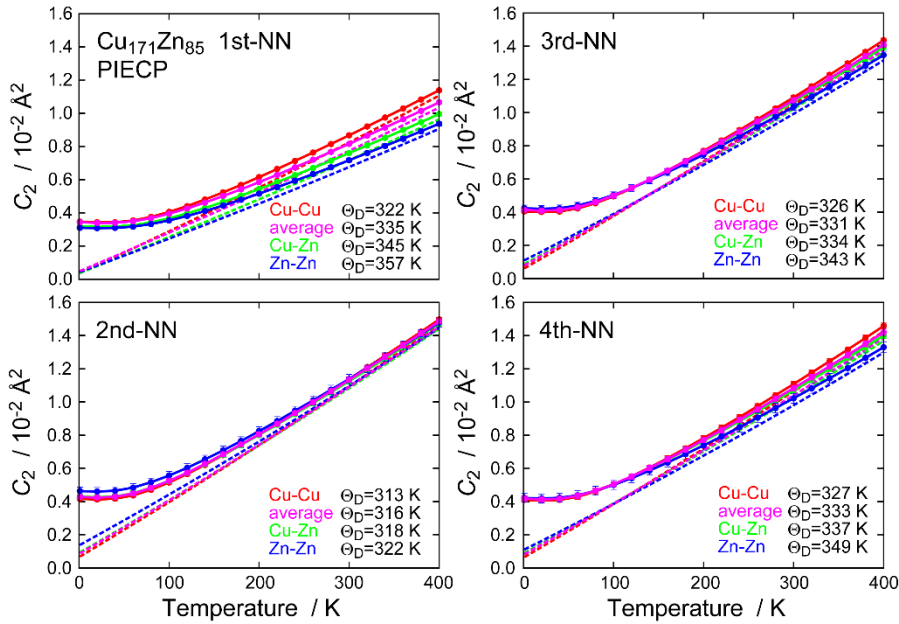
**Fig. S5** Temperature dependence of the Debye-Waller factors  $C_2$  for the first- to fourth-NN shells in the Cu (red) and Zn (green) K-edge EXAFS of the brass foil, using the empirical standard method. The estimated Debye temperature for each curve is given in the figure.



**Fig. S6** Phonon dispersion obtained by the theoretical normal vibrational analysis of the  $Cu_{171}Zn_{85}$  superlattices for the ideal *fcc* lattice and relaxed (structurally optimized) lattice, using the EAM potentials.



**Fig. S7** Temperature dependence of the interatomic distances for the first- to fourth-NN shells in the PIECP simulations of  $\text{Cu}_{171}\text{Zn}_{85}$ . The estimated thermal expansion coefficient at  $\sim 300$  K for each curve is given in the figure.



**Fig. S8** Temperature dependence of the Debye-Waller factors  $C_2$  for the first- to fourth-NN shells in the PIECP simulations of  $\text{Cu}_{171}\text{Zn}_{85}$ . The estimated Debye temperature for each curve is given in the figure.

**Table S1**  $k$  and  $R$  ranges in the EXAFS analysis.  $\Delta k_{\text{FT}}$  is the Fourier transform  $k$  range,  $\Delta R_{\text{fit}}$  the inverse Fourier transform  $R$  range, and  $\Delta k_{\text{fit}}$  is the curve-fitting  $k$  range.  $N_d$  is the independent data point given as  $N_d \approx 2\Delta k_{\text{fit}}\Delta R_{\text{fit}}/\pi + 1$ .

First NN	$\Delta k_{\text{FT}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta R_{\text{fit}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\Delta k_{\text{fit}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$N_d$
Cu K edge	2.6-12.7	1.8-2.8	3.0-12.5	7.05
Zn K edge	2.4-15.7	1.7-2.7	3.0-15.5	8.96
Second to Fourth NN	$\Delta k_{\text{FT}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta R_{\text{fit}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\Delta k_{\text{fit}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$N_d$
Cu K edge	2.6-12.7	3.10-5.35	4.0-12.5	13.18
Zn K edge	2.4-15.7	3.10-5.30	5.0-14.0	13.61

**Table S2** Results of the EXAFS analysis for the first-NN shells using the FEFF standards. The values in italic are the fixed parameters in the curve-fitting analysis. The values in the parentheses are the estimated  $3\sigma$  errors.

Data	Method	shell	$NS_0^2$	$R$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\Delta E_0$ (eV)	$C_2$ ( $10^{-2} \text{\AA}^2$ )	$R$ -factor	$\chi^2$	$\chi^2_{\nu}$
Cu K edge 21K	1-shell	average	11.09(12)	2.591(1)	0.2(2)	0.499(6)	0.0402	77.0	25.3
	2-shell	Cu-Cu	<i>7.17</i>	2.557(1)	-2.9(3)	0.701(14)	0.0339	54.6	52.1
		Cu-Zn	<i>3.91</i>	2.601(1)	-0.4(3)	0.181(10)			
Zn K edge 21K	1-shell	average	10.97(14)	2.603(1)	-2.7(2)	0.571(7)	0.0357	69.3	14.0
	2-shell	Zn-Cu	<i>7.10</i>	2.598(1)	-3.6(3)	0.655(13)	0.0369	73.8	25.0
		Zn-Zn	<i>3.87</i>	2.606(1)	-1.7(4)	0.458(14)			

The reliability factors are defined as

$$R\text{-factor} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_p} (\chi_{\text{obs}}(k_i) - \chi_{\text{calc}}(k_i))^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_p} (\chi_{\text{obs}}(k_i))^2}}$$

for the  $R$ -factor, and  $\chi^2$  and  $\chi^2_{\nu}$  are given as

$$\chi^2 = \frac{N_d}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \left( \frac{\chi_{\text{obs}}(k_i) - \chi_{\text{calc}}(k_i)}{\varepsilon(k_i)} \right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \chi^2_{\nu} = \frac{1}{N_d - N_{\text{fit}}} \frac{N_d}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \left( \frac{\chi_{\text{obs}}(k_i) - \chi_{\text{calc}}(k_i)}{\varepsilon(k_i)} \right)^2,$$

where  $N_p$  and  $N_{\text{fit}}$  are the numbers of total data points and fitting variables, and  $\varepsilon(k_i)$  the error at  $k_i$ .

**Table S3** Results of the EXAFS analysis for the second- to fourth-NN shells using the FEFF standards. The values in the parentheses are the estimated  $3\sigma$  errors.

Data	shell	$NS_0^2$	$R$ (Å)	$\Delta E_0$ (eV)	$C_2$ (Å <sup>2</sup> )	$R$ -factor	$\chi^2$	$\chi^2_{\nu}$
Cu K edge 21K	2nd	14.3(9)	3.698(4)	3.3(5)	1.07(4)	0.0439	51.3	43.7
	3rd	24.0(7)	4.508(2)	-2.0(2)	0.61(2)			
	4th	15.5(5)	5.185(2)	-4.5(2)	0.76(2)			
Zn K edge 21K	2nd	12.2(11)	3.683(6)	-1.3(7)	1.18(6)	0.0353	40.4	25.2
	3rd	35.0(13)	4.492(2)	-7.4(3)	0.99(2)			
	4th	22.8(8)	5.209(2)	-4.0(2)	0.94(2)			

**Table S4** EAM Potential parameters of *fcc* Cu, *hcp* Zn,  $L_{12}$  CuZn<sub>3</sub>, and  $L_{12}$  Cu<sub>3</sub>Zn to simulate the brass as Cu<sub>171</sub>Zn<sub>85</sub>. See for the definitions of the potential parameters, for instance, H. -S. Jang, D. Seol, and B. -J. Lee, *J. Magnes. Alloy* **9**, 317-335 (2021); DOI: 10.1016/j.jma.2020.09.006.

	$E_c$ (eV)	$r_e$ (Å)	$B$ (GPa)	$a$	$d$
<i>fcc</i> Cu	3.54	2.543	142.0	5.1551	0.05
<i>hcp</i> Zn	1.09	2.638	70.4958	3.3423	0.05
$L_{12}$ CuZn <sub>3</sub>	1.70	2.614	88.4	6.0694	0.05
$L_{12}$ Cu <sub>3</sub> Zn	2.93	2.567	124.1	5.3366	0.05

	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\beta_3$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$	$A$
Cu	3.83	2.20	6.00	2.20	2.72	3.04	1.95	0.94
Zn	3.50	3.00	0.00	2.00	3.00	6.00	-10.0	0.70

	$C_{\min}$	$C_{\max}$
CuCuCu	1.21	2.80
ZnZnZn	1.00	2.80
CuZnCu	1.21	2.80
ZnCuZn	1.00	2.80
CuCuZn	1.1025	2.80
CuZnZn	1.1025	2.80