

Synergistic Effect of CuInSe₂ Alloying on Enhancement in Thermoelectric Performance of Cu₂SnSe₃ compounds

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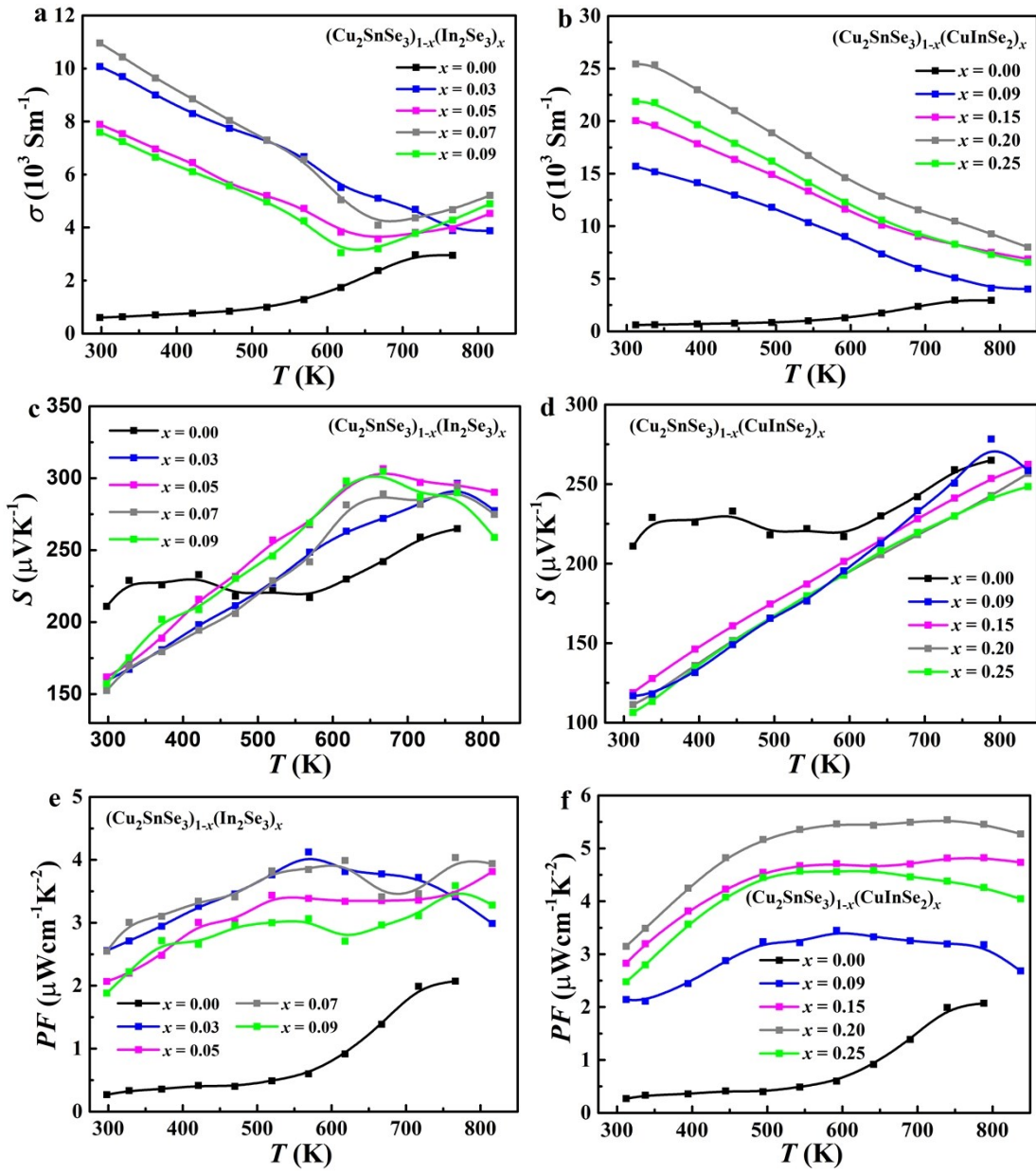


Fig. S1 Temperature dependent (a) Electrical conductivity, (c) Seebeck coefficient, and (e) Power factor for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{1-x}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_x$ ($x = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05, 0.07, 0.09$); Temperature dependent (b) Electrical conductivity, (d) Seebeck coefficient, and (f) Power factor for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{1-x}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_x$ ($x = 0.00, 0.09, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25$).

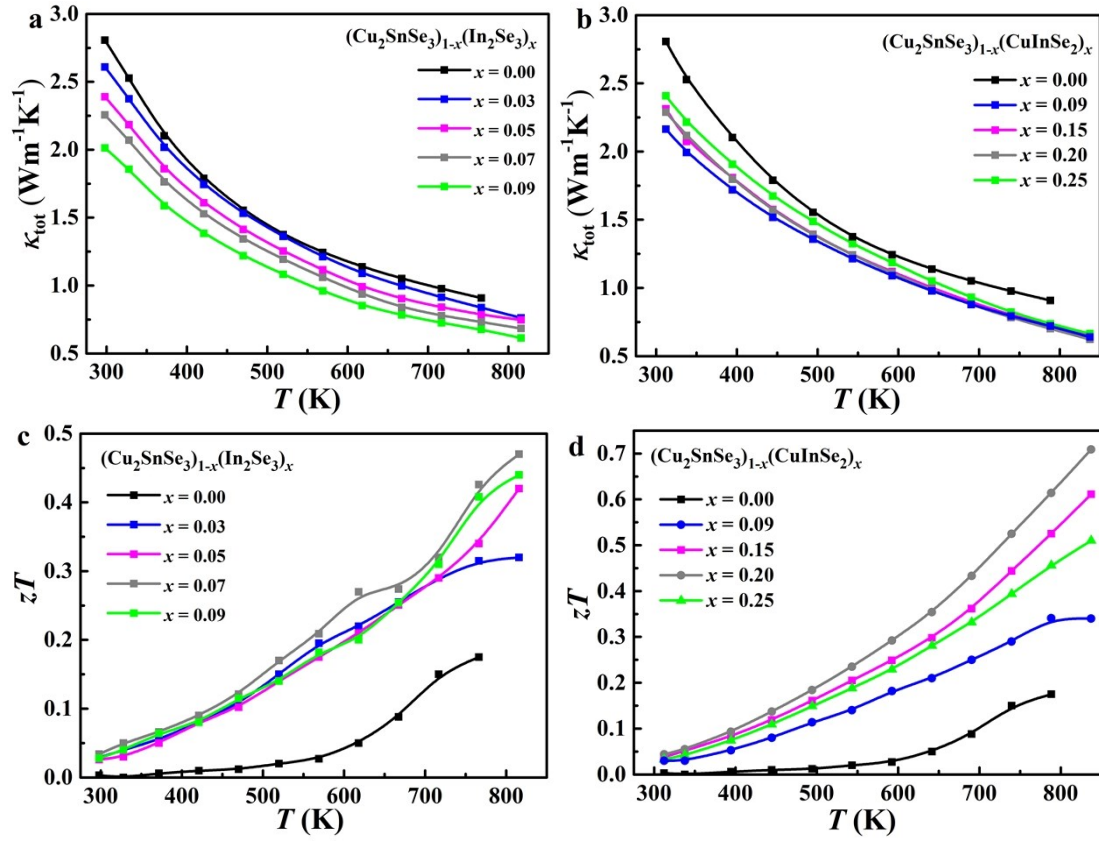


Fig. S2 Temperature dependent (a) Total thermal conductivity, and (c) zT for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{1-x}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_x$ ($x = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05, 0.07, 0.09$); Temperature dependent (b) Total thermal conductivity, and (d) zT for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{1-x}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_x$ ($x = 0.00, 0.09, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25$).

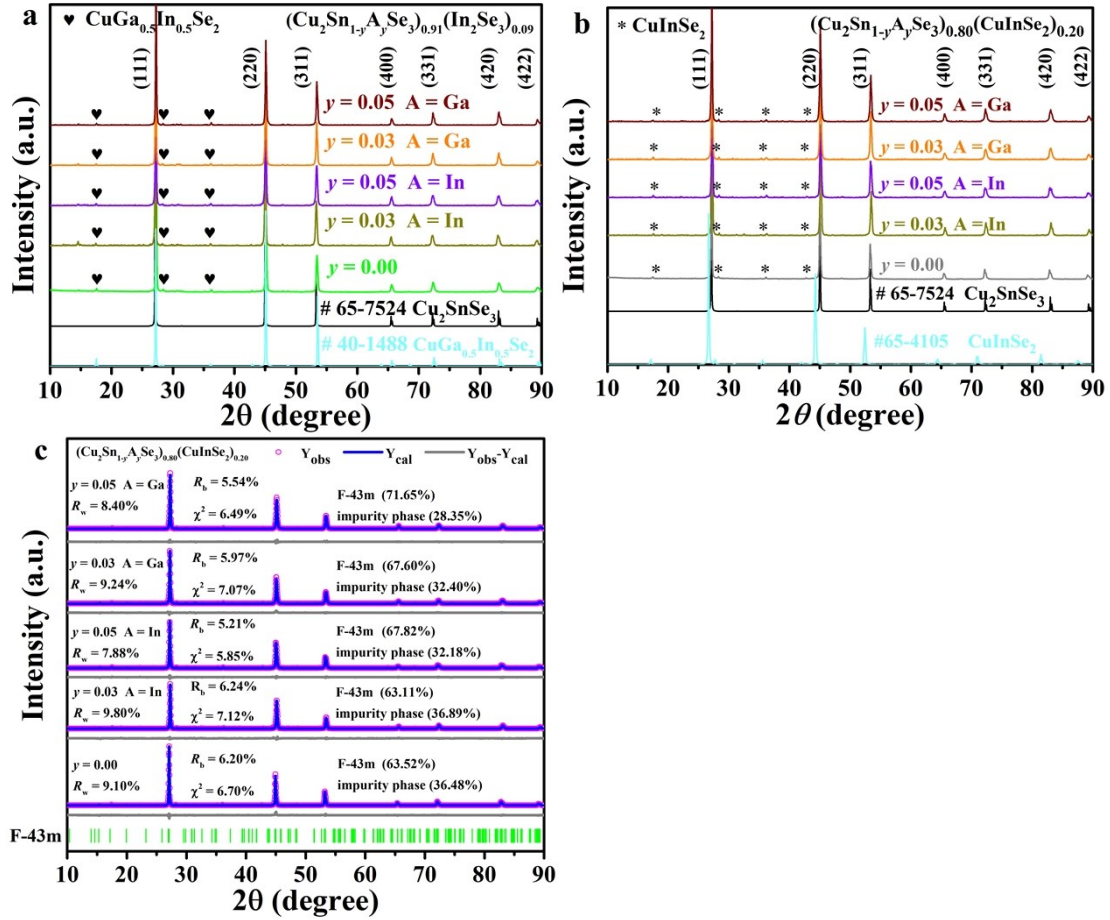


Fig. S3 Powder XRD patterns for (a) $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$ ($\text{A} = \text{In}, \text{Ga}$; $y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05$) and (b) $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$ ($\text{A} = \text{In}, \text{Ga}$; $y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05$); (c) The calculated, observed and difference Rietveld refined XRD patterns for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$ ($\text{A} = \text{In}, \text{Ga}$; $y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05$) at room temperature.

Table S1 Density (ρ) and Dulong-Petit heat capacity (C_p) for all samples.

Sample	ρ (gcm^{-3})	C_p ($\text{Jg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$)	Sample	ρ (gcm^{-3})	C_p ($\text{Jg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$) (¹)
Cu_2SnSe_3	5.7753	0.3108	$(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{0.91}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.09}$	5.5316	0.3099
$(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{0.97}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.03}$	5.6465	0.3095	$(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{0.85}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.15}$	5.5241	0.3093
$(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{0.95}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.05}$	5.6803	0.3087	$(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$	5.5140	0.3088
$(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{0.93}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.07}$	5.6932	0.3079	$(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{0.75}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.25}$	5.5890	0.3082
$(\text{Cu}_2\text{SnSe}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$	5.5080	0.3070	$(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.97}\text{In}_{0.03}\text{Se}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$	5.5597	0.3088
$(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.97}\text{In}_{0.03}\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$	5.6451	0.3071	$(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.95}\text{In}_{0.05}\text{Se}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$	5.5660	0.3089
$(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.95}\text{In}_{0.05}\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$	5.7350	0.3071	$(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.97}\text{Ga}_{0.03}\text{Se}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$	5.5394	0.3096
$(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.97}\text{Ga}_{0.03}\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$	5.5212	0.3079	$(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.95}\text{Ga}_{0.05}\text{Se}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$	5.5425	0.3101
$(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.95}\text{Ga}_{0.05}\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$	5.6861	0.3085	/	/	/

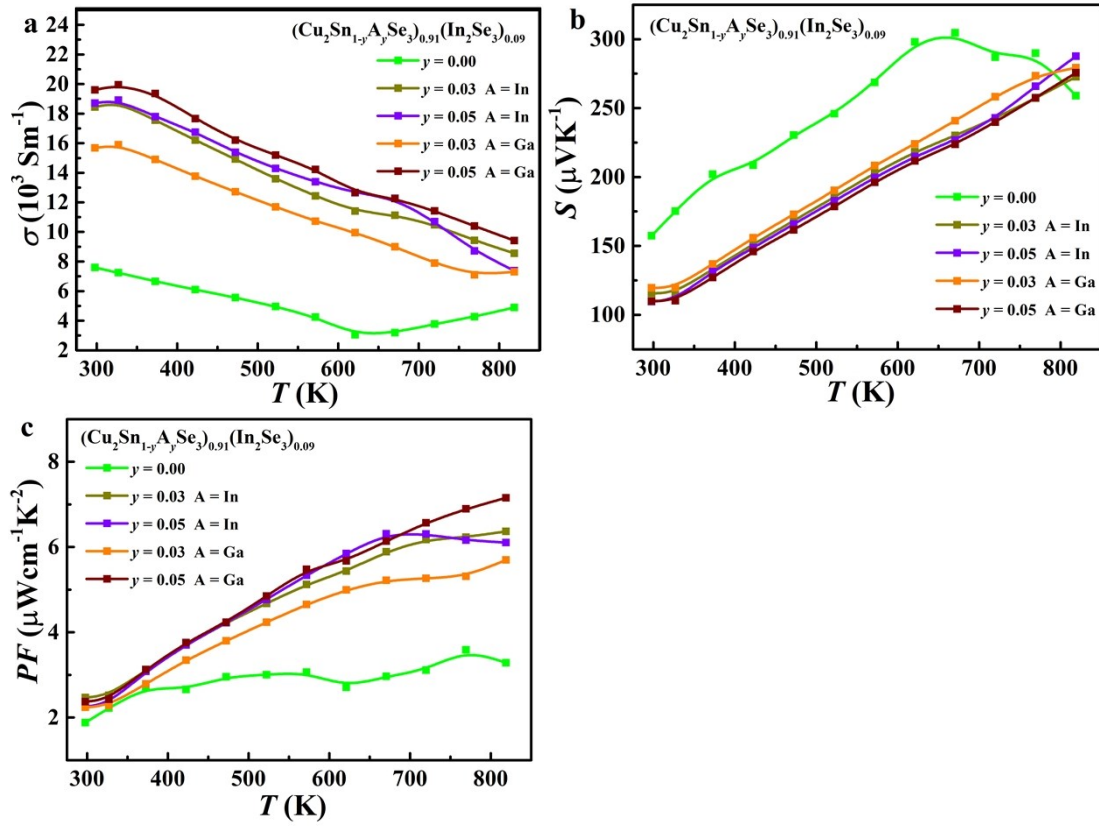


Fig. S4 Temperature dependent (a) Electrical conductivity, (b) Seebeck coefficient, and (c) Power factor for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$ (A = In, Ga; y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05).

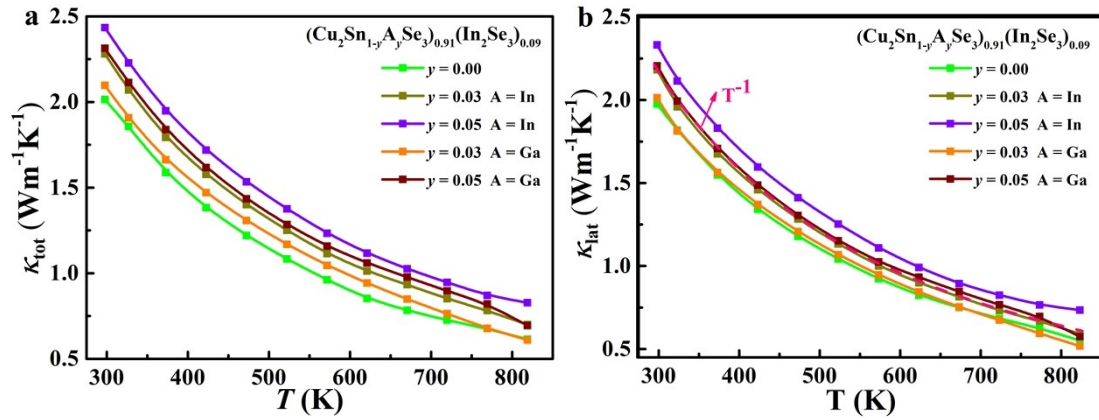


Fig. S5 Temperature dependent (a) Total thermal conductivity, and (b) Lattice thermal conductivity for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$ (A = In, Ga; y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05).

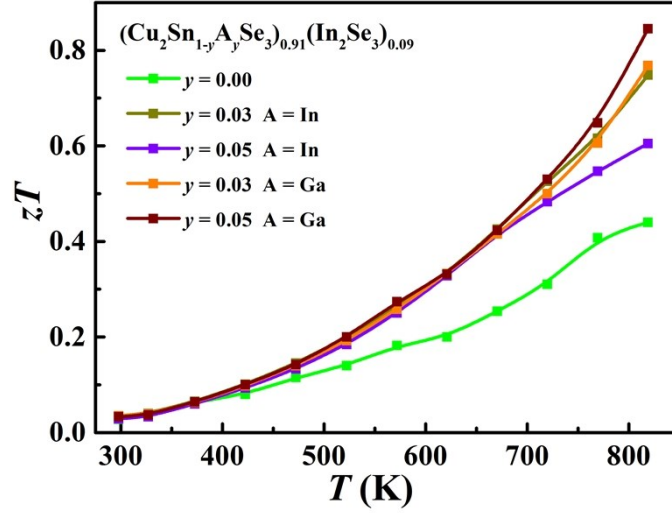


Fig. S6 Temperature dependent zT for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$ ($\text{A} = \text{In}, \text{Ga}$; $y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05$).

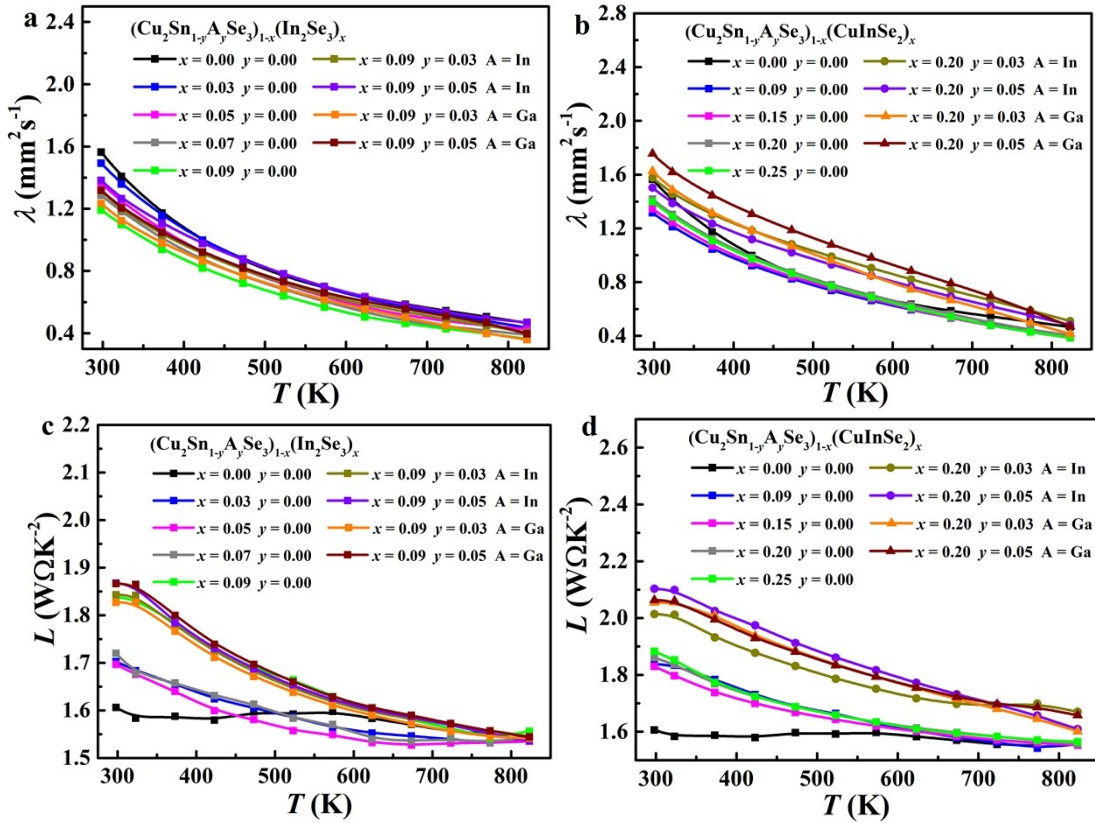


Fig. S7 Temperature dependent (a) Thermal diffusivity, and (c) Calculated Lorenz number for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{1-x}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_x$ ($x = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05, 0.07, 0.09$; $y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05$; $\text{A} = \text{In}, \text{Ga}$); Temperature dependent (b) Thermal diffusivity, and (d) Calculated Lorenz number for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{1-x}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_x$ ($x = 0.00, 0.09, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25$; $y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05$; $\text{A} = \text{In}, \text{Ga}$).

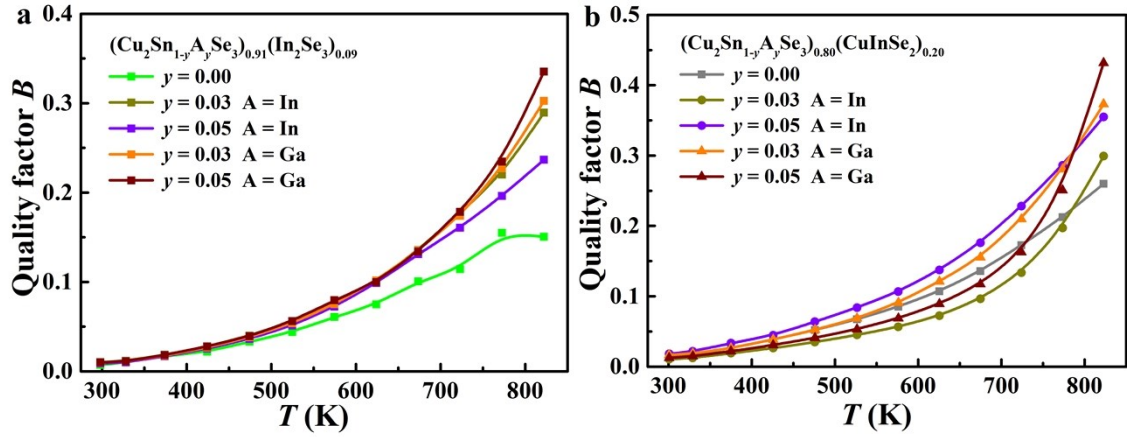


Fig. S8 Temperature dependent Quality factor for (a) $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$ ($y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05$; A = In, Ga) and (b) $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{A}_y\text{Se}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$ ($y = 0.00, 0.03, 0.05$; A = In, Ga).

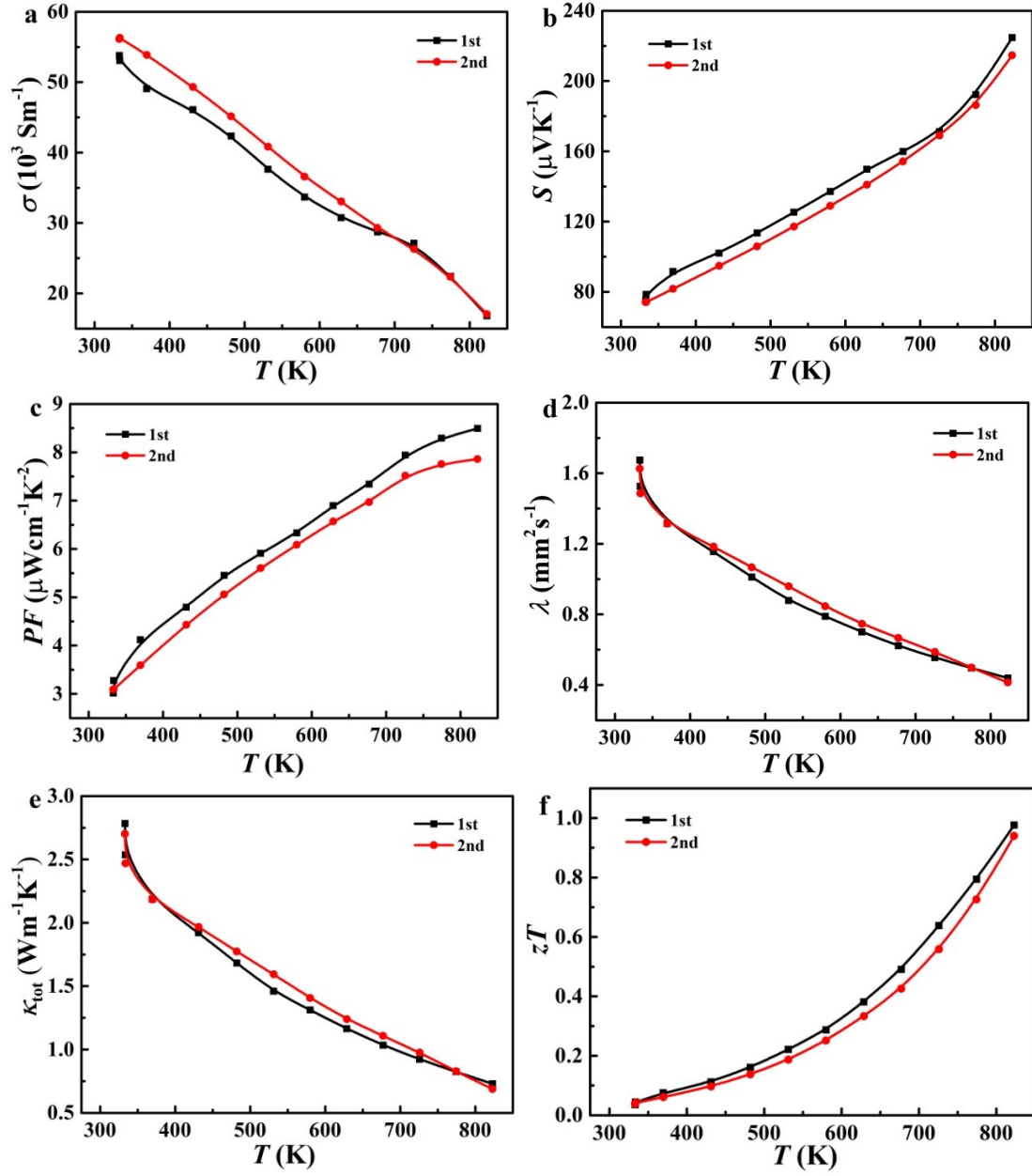


Fig. S9 Thermoelectric properties for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.97}\text{Ga}_{0.03}\text{Se}_3)_{0.80}(\text{CuInSe}_2)_{0.20}$ sample after thermal cycling.

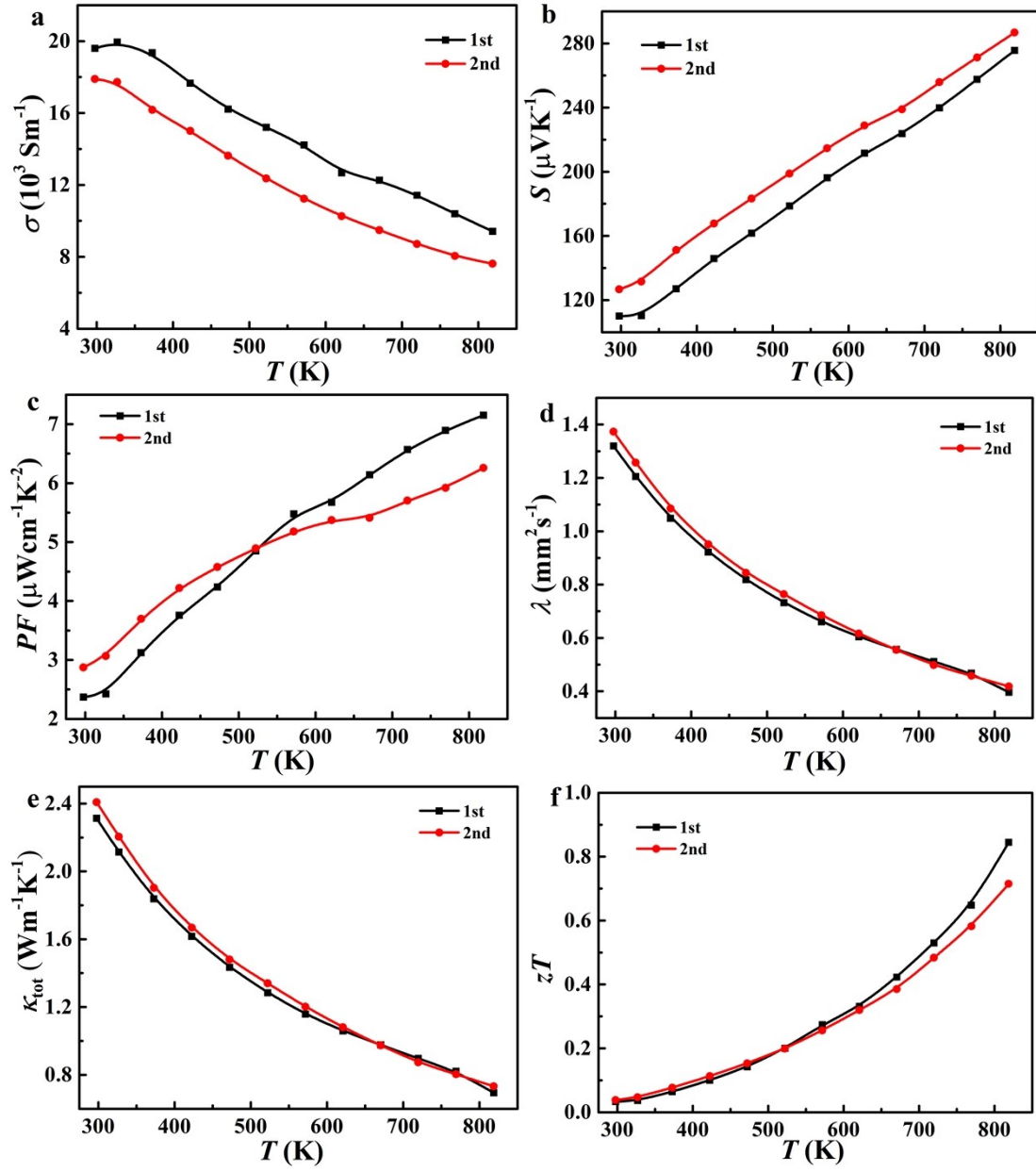


Fig. S10 Thermoelectric properties for $(\text{Cu}_2\text{Sn}_{0.95}\text{Ga}_{0.05}\text{Se}_3)_{0.91}(\text{In}_2\text{Se}_3)_{0.09}$ sample after thermal cycling.