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Low-temperature phase of the Cd2Re2O7 superconductor: ab initio phonon calculations and Raman scattering

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Using an {it ab initio} approach, we report a phonon soft mode in the tetragonal structure described by the space group $I4_122$ of the 1 K 5*d* superconductor Cd₂Re₂O₇. It induces an orthorhombic distortion to a crystal structure described by the space group F222 which hosts the superconducting state. This new phase has a lower total energy than the other known crystal structures of Cd₂Re₂O₇. Comprehensive temperature dependent Raman scattering experiments on isotope enriched samples, ¹¹⁶Cd₂Re₂¹⁸O₇, not only confirm the already known structural phase transitions but also allow us to identify a new characteristic temperature regime around ≈ 80 K, below which the Raman spectra undergo remarkable changes with the development of several sharp modes and mode splitting. Together with the results of the {it ab initio} phonon calculations we take these observations as strong evidence for another phase transition to a novel low-temperature crystal structure of Cd₂Re₂O₇.

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