Ba₁₀Y₆Ti₄O₂₇ an aperiodic oxide with an unusually low thermal conductivity.

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The novel aperiodic titanate $Ba_{10}Y_6Ti_4O_{27}$ has a thermal conductivity that equals the lowest reported for an oxide at room temperature. All of the atomic sites are described by crenel function occupancy modulations. The resulting localisation of lattice vibrations suppresses phonon transport of heat. Thus $Ba_{10}Y_6Ti_4O_{27}$ represents a new lead material for low thermal conductivity oxides, the possibility of using the structural description to slect other new leads will be explored.

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