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                        their edges by translations. We ask which subgroups of the Veech
                        group of a primitive translation surface can be realised via a translation
                        covering. For many primitive surfaces we prove that partition stabilising
                        congruence subgroups are the Veech group of a covering surface. We
                        also address the coverings via their monodromy groups and present
                        examples of cyclic coverings in short orbits, i.e. with large Veech
                        groups.