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## Highlights



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## **Genesis and atomic structure of the charge density wave phase of** 1T-VSe<sub>2</sub>

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Charge density waves may be viewed as ordered quantum fluid of electrons that form a standing wave pattern, causing the electron charge density to become spatially modulated. Concurrently, the crystal lattice distorts, and the participating atoms arrange in a superstructure. Using variable-temperature total x-ray scattering, the authors determine here the unknown superstructure in the archetypal transition-metal dichalcogenides 1*T*-VSe<sub>2</sub>. Notably, V atoms are found to form an ordered pattern of triclusters that are uncommon to systems exhibiting charge density wave phenomena.

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