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RADDOSE-XFEL: Femtosecond time-resolved dose estimates for macromolecular XFEL experiments

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Supplementary material

Section 1 – Electron collision stopping power

Collision stopping power is the average energy loss per unit path length as a result of Coulomb collisions with bound atomic electrons, resulting in ionisations and excitations (Berger *et al.*, 2016).

The formula for the collision stopping power (S_{col}) for an atom is (Bethe, 1930, 1932):

$$S_{col} = \rho \frac{2\pi N_a r_e m c^2 Z}{\beta^2 A} (F(\beta) - (2 \ln I) - \delta) \quad (1)$$

and $F(\beta)$:

$$F(\beta) = \ln\left(\frac{m c^2 E \beta^2}{2(1 - \beta^2)}\right) - ((2\sqrt{1 - \beta^2} - 1 + \beta^2) \ln 2) + 1 - \beta^2 + \frac{1}{8}(1 - \sqrt{1 - \beta^2})$$

where ρ is the density of the material, N_a is Avogadro's number ($6.022045 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$), r_e is the classical electron radius ($2.817940 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$), m is the rest mass of an electron ($9.10956 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$), c is the speed of light ($2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$), Z is the atomic number of the atom, A is the atomic mass (g/mol), I is the mean excitation energy (described in main paper equation 7), δ is the density effect correction (but this is 0 at the energies we are using so is neglected (Berger *et al.*, 2005)) and E is the kinetic energy of the electron (J) being scattered. $\beta = v/c$ where v is the velocity of the electron. β is calculated as:

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}} \quad (2)$$
$$\gamma = 1 + \frac{E}{m c^2}$$

The collision stopping power for the entire sample is obtained using the sum Bragg additivity rule (ICRU, 1984), stating that the collision stopping power for a compound is the weighted sum of the atomic constituents. This is equivalent to replacing the Z/A term with:

$$\langle Z/A \rangle = \sum_j \omega_j \left(\frac{Z_j}{A_j} \right) \quad (3)$$

where j denotes the j^{th} atomic constituent and ω_j is the fraction of the total molecular weight in the unit cell that the j^{th} atom contributes. The mean excitation energy and density effect correction are also modified accordingly:

$$\ln I = \left[\sum_j \omega_j \left(\frac{Z_j}{A_j} \right) \ln I_j \right] \times \frac{1}{\langle Z/A \rangle} \quad (4)$$

Section 2

Synchrotron radiation is horizontally polarised, with the intensity of radiation that is polarised being equal to approximately 75% of the total intensity (Rybicki & Lightman, 1979)(Koch *et al.*, 1983). Photoelectrons are preferentially emitted in the same direction as the polarisation vector (Cooper & Zare, 1968). The differential emission cross section $d\sigma/d\Omega$ follows equation 5.

$$d\sigma/d\Omega = \left(\frac{\sigma_{total}}{4\pi} \right) [1 + \beta P_2(\cos\theta)] \quad (5)$$

Where $P_2(\cos\theta) = 0.5(3\cos^2\theta - 1)$, σ_{total} is the total cross section, θ is the angle between the polarization vector and the direction of the ejected electron, and β is an asymmetry parameter.

The asymmetry parameter varies between -1 and 2 depending on the element and the shell. For K shells, the asymmetry parameter is always 2. 75% of the fraction of photoelectrons expected to come from K shells were polarised in their emission by biasing the choice of tracks according to equation 1. 25% of K shell electrons and the fraction of photoelectrons not expected to be produced from K shells were left unpolarised, so the degree of polarisation is expected to be a slight underestimate, but this is a reasonable approximation since K shells dominate the photoelectric cross section (McMaster *et al.*, 1969).

Supplementary Figure 1

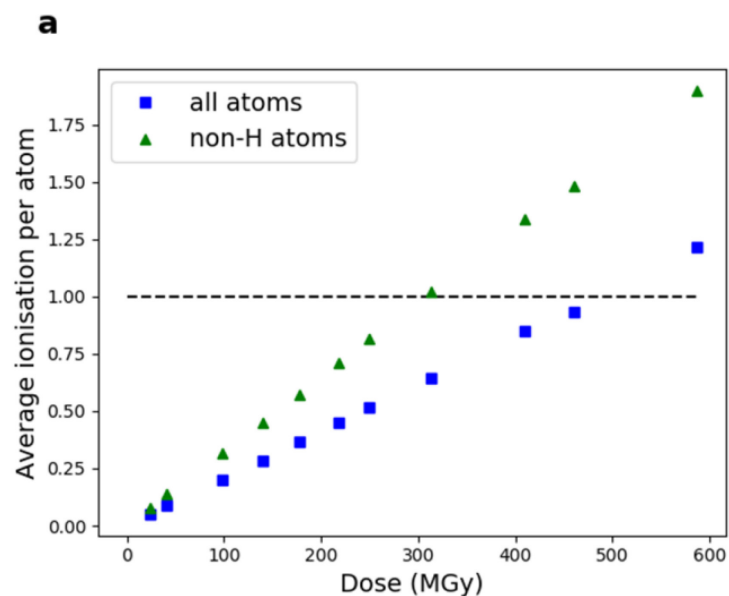


Figure S1 – Plots demonstrating the increase in average number of ionisations per atom and per non-hydrogen atom with RADDOSE-XFEL calculated doses for lysozyme crystals with a solvent of pure water. The dose is ~480 MGy when there is 1 ionisation per atom and ~310 MGy when there is 1 ionisation per non-hydrogen atom.

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