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Broadband-To-Monochromatic X-ray conversion of Zr $K_{\alpha,\beta}$ Lines and High-Energy-Density (HED) Plasma Diagnostics¹ ANIL PRADHAN, S. LIM, S. NAHAR, C. ORBAN, Ohio State Univ - Columbus — Experimental and theoretical studies of the formation of K_{α} , K_{β} X-ray complexes from high-Z elements are of interest in diverse areas such as HED plasma sources and biomedical applications. Conversion of bremsstrahlung-to-monochromatic (B2M) X-ray K_{α} , K_{β} lines is studied using a broadband 150 KV X-ray generator and a solid Zirconium target. We carried out Breit-Pauli atomic structure calculations for all possible fine-structure components of transition arrays leading to the formation of K_{α} and K_{α} complexes in H- to F-like Zr (Z=40), and other high-Z elements up to platinum and gold (Z=78,79) [1,2]. Fine structure averaged energies and cross sections for K_{α} and K_{β} resonances in each ionization state of Zr are presented. Such K_{α} resonances [1,2] have been observed in X-ray laser produced warm dense matter at the LCLS-XFEL at SLAC [3]. Numerical simulations using the code FLYCHK indicate temperature and density sensitivities in laser-irradiated plasmas.

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