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High contrast laser-based Mo K-alpha X-ray source at ALLS
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JEAN CLAUDE KIEFFER, INRS-EMT — We report an efficient Mo *K*-alpha x-ray
source produced by tightly focusing high contrast 60 fs, 10 mJ, 100 Hz frequency
doubled Ti:Sapphire laser pulses on solid molybdenum targets. The x-ray source
gives a sufficient spatial coherence to acquire phase contrast images. X-ray phase
contrast allows seeing features not visible in conventional absorption contrast and
thus, it is of great interest for biomedical applications, which require high-resolution
images. The size of the resultant K-alpha x-ray emission spot, the x-ray spectrum,
and the x-ray conversion efficiency are characterized and they will be presented and
discussed. Such a high contrast, high repetition rate *K*-alpha x-ray source can be
very useful for x-ray imaging.

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