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Light scattering by a dense ionization plasma wave with a tunable velocity ALEXEI ZHIDKOV, TAKASHI FUJII, CRIEPI, Japan, TIMUR ESIRKEPOV, JAMES KOGA, JAEA, Japan, KOSHICHI NEMOTO, CRIEPI, Japan, SERGEI BULANOV, JAEA, Japan — An optically-dense ionization wave (IW) produced by two femtosecond laser pulses focused cylindrically and crossing each other is shown to be an efficient coherent x-ray converter. The resulting velocity of a quasi-plane IW in the vicinity of pulse intersection increases with the angle between the pulses from the group velocity of ionizing pulses to infinity allowing an easy tuning the wavelength of x-rays. We study the conversion of a coherent light to x-rays by means of particle-in-cell simulation and by solution of continuous equation with the correct current. The x-ray spectra of a converted, lower frequency coherent light change from the monochromatic to a high order harmonic-like with the duration of ionizing pulses and the intensity of scattered pulses; the spectrum are not symmetrical at V < c and V > c.

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