



## **A novel zirconium K $\alpha$ imager for high energy density physics research**

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### **II. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ZIRCONIUM IMAGER**

The two-dimensional K $\alpha$  imager consists of a 1214nd6herically  
crystal(to)387916(a)-9-(CCDo)387945(or)3879



FIG. 1. (Color online) Diffraction curve from SHADOW ray tracing. The bottom curve corresponds to Zr K<sub>2</sub> reflectivity from quartz 2354 in second diffraction order. The top curve corresponds to Cu K<sub>1</sub> reflectivity from quartz 2131 in second diffraction order.

FWHM of the diffraction curve is 1.4 mrad; similar to that of the Cu imager. These calculations suggest that the Zr imager is a useful diagnostic for high energy density physics (HEDP) with only four times reduction in the collected signal. However, as we will show in Sec. III B, the Zr imager performance is better than the Cu imager.

FIG. 3. (Color online) Collection efficiency of spherical Bragg crystals as a

FIG. 4. (Color online) K maps induced by photo-pumping for three 200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick targets. Top: copper; middle: zirconium; bottom: gold.

where  $K_0$  is a normalization constant,  $\theta_r$  is the local dispersion angle.<sup>24</sup>

