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Online spatio-temporal couplings monitoring diagnostics for laser-plasma accelerator driver

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Spatio-temporal couplings (STCs) [1] can have a detrimental effect on the intensity at focus of ultrashort femtosecond lasers. The laser spatio-temporal intensity profile control is a key issue for stable operation of laser wakefield acceleration (LWFA) [2]. Thus, it is necessary to measure and correct STCs. Techniques such as INSIGHT [3] or TERMITES [4] allow reconstructing the full spatial phase for different spectral components of the laser pulse using a phase-retrieval iterative algorithm. However this requires a computing time of the order of several minutes, making it inappropriate for single-shot online monitoring of lasers running at repetition rates of several hertz. We propose a method to characterize STCs in real-time using a multispectral camera [5] coupled with wavefront and temporal measurements and a machine learning algorithm. We will present the sensitivity characterization of the STCs measurement, which has been tested at 10 Hz for the optimization of a large optical compressor. Finally, we will discuss the status of the reinforcement learning implementation for full laser field reconstruction.

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