

DEVELOPMENT AND QUALIFICATION OF PASSIVE ACTIVE MULTIJUNCTION (PAM) LAUNCHER FOR LHCD SYSTEM OF ADITYA -UPGRADE TOKAMAK

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- The upgradation of the ADITYA Tokamak gives an opportunity to upgrade the LHCD system.
- A PAM launcher is proposed to be installed on the ADITYA-U tokamak replacing the grill launcher as it increases the coupling of RF power at plasma densities close to cut-off density.
- The design of the launcher to deliver 250 kW of RF power at 3.7 GHz is completed and its fabrication and qualification tests are underway
- The paper benchmarks two major fabrication techniques to be employed in the development of the PAM launcher.
- The development and qualification of two PAM launcher components namely a single block machined tapered divider and plate fit prototype step phase shifter is discussed.