## LEARNING ACTIVITY 4 - HOMEWORK Quasi-phase matching

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## Second harmonic generation

One seeks to double the frequency of a beam of a Ti:Sa laser working in CW regime around 852 nm and emitting a power of 800 mW. For that purpose, one uses a 2nd order nonlinear material selected for its strong nonlinear susceptibility coefficient  $\chi^{(2)}_{ZZZ}$ . It is made of a succession of piles of thickness  $\ell$ , whose crystal orientation Z is inverted periodically as a function of position (see the figure below). It forms a periodically poled material.



- 1. Which is the wavelength associated with the second harmonic beam ?
- 2. In order to maximize the quantity of generated light at  $2\omega$ , which has to be the polarization state of the Ti:Sa laser beam? Which will be the polarization state of the  $2\omega$  wave?
- Write the nonlinear wave equation for the 2ω wave within the first pile, 0 < z < ℓ, in terms of the effective nonlinear susceptibility χ<sup>(2)</sup><sub>eff</sub>. Justify your answer.
  Within the undepleted pump approximation, give the expression of the 2ω wave amplitude A<sub>2</sub>(z = ℓ). The boundary condition is A<sub>2</sub>(z = 0) = 0.
- 4. Do the same for the second pile,  $\ell < z < 2\ell$ , and give the expression for  $A_2(z = 2\ell)$ .
- 5. Show that  $A_2(z=2\ell)$  is at maximum when  $\Delta k \cdot \ell = \pi$ .
- 6. By generalizing this result, show that the intensity at  $2\omega$  for  $z = 2p\ell$ , which p a positive integer, is written :

$$I_{2\omega}(2p\ell) = \frac{2\omega^2 (\chi_{eff}^{(2)})^2}{\epsilon_0 c^3 n_2 n_1^2 \pi^2} (2p\ell)^2 I_1^2 \tag{1}$$

7. The selected material is a crystal of PP-KTP. It has a length  $L_c = 20 \text{ mm}$  and its nonlinear coefficient is  $\chi^{(2)}_{ZZZ} = 20 \text{ pm/V}$ . The refractive indices  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are equal to 1.8405 et 1.9419, respectively.

- (a) Calculate the optimum poling period  $\Lambda = 2\ell$  of the crystal.
- (b) The beam from the Ti:Sa laser, correctly polarized, is focused in the PP-KTP crystal with a waist of  $w = 70 \,\mu\text{m}$ . By neglecting diffraction effect, calculate the power of the generated beam at  $2\omega$ . It will be supposed that the two beams have the same size.