

61. A parallel-plate capacitor is constructed by filling the space between two square plates with blocks of three dielectric materials, as in Figure P26.61. You may assume that $\ell \gg d$. (a) Find an expression for the capacitance of the device in terms of the plate area A and d , κ_1 , κ_2 , and κ_3 . (b) Calculate the capacitance using the values $A = 1.00 \text{ cm}^2$, $d = 2.00 \text{ mm}$, $\kappa_1 = 4.90$, $\kappa_2 = 5.60$, and $\kappa_3 = 2.10$.

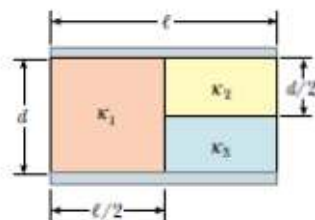


Figure P26.61

P26.61 (a)
$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \frac{\kappa_1 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d}; \quad C_2 = \frac{\kappa_2 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d/2}; \quad C_3 = \frac{\kappa_3 \epsilon_0 A/2}{d/2} \\ \left(\frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \right)^{-1} &= \frac{C_2 C_3}{C_2 + C_3} = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left(\frac{\kappa_2 \kappa_3}{\kappa_2 + \kappa_3} \right) \\ C &= C_1 + \left(\frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \right)^{-1} = \boxed{\frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} \left(\frac{\kappa_1}{2} + \frac{\kappa_2 \kappa_3}{\kappa_2 + \kappa_3} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Using the given values we find: $C_{\text{total}} = 1.76 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F} = \boxed{1.76 \text{ pF}}$.

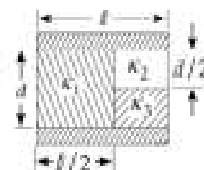


FIG. P26.61

64. A capacitor is constructed from two square plates of sides ℓ and separation d . A material of dielectric constant κ is inserted a distance x into the capacitor, as shown in Figure P26.64. Assume that d is much smaller than x . (a) Find the equivalent capacitance of the device. (b) Calculate the energy stored in the capacitor, letting ΔV repre-

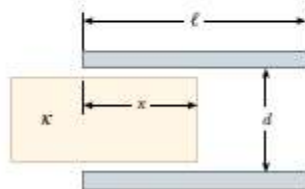


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sent the potential difference. (c) Find the direction and magnitude of the force exerted on the dielectric, assuming a constant potential difference ΔV . Ignore friction. (d) Obtain a numerical value for the force assuming that $\ell = 5.00$ cm, $\Delta V = 2000$ V, $d = 2.00$ mm, and the dielectric is glass ($\kappa = 4.50$). (Suggestion: The system can be considered as two capacitors connected in parallel.)

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P26.64 (a)
$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0}{d} [(\ell - x)\ell + \kappa \ell x] = \frac{\epsilon_0}{d} [\ell^2 + \ell x(\kappa - 1)]$$

(b)
$$U = \frac{1}{2} C (\Delta V)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 (\Delta V)^2}{d} \right) [\ell^2 + \ell x(\kappa - 1)]$$

(c)
$$F = - \left(\frac{dU}{dx} \right) \hat{\mathbf{i}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 (\Delta V)^2}{2d} \ell (\kappa - 1) \text{ to the left (out of the capacitor)}$$

(d)
$$F = \frac{(2000)^2 (8.85 \times 10^{-12}) (0.0500) (4.50 - 1)}{2(2.00 \times 10^{-3})} = 1.55 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$$