

OCR (A) Physics A-level

PAG 09.2 - Investigating Capacitors in Series and Parallel

Practical Flashcards

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Charge = Current x Time

$$Q = I \times t$$



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Electrolytic capacitors must be connected with the correct polarity in the circuit. The polarity should be checked before switching on the power supply.

