

Displacement current i_d :

From Gauss's Law, we know that,

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot \hat{n} \, ds = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}.$$

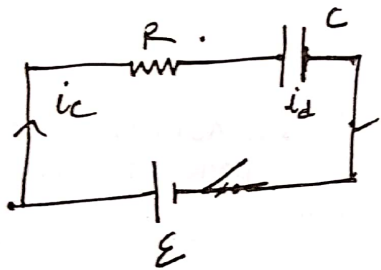
$$\text{or. } Q = \epsilon_0 \cdot \phi_E.$$

$$\text{or. } \frac{dQ}{dt} = \epsilon_0 \frac{d\phi_E}{dt} = i_d \quad \downarrow$$

$$\text{or. } i_d = \frac{d\phi_D}{dt} = \text{displacement current.}$$

$$\text{or. } \vec{J}_D = \frac{i_D}{A} = \frac{\partial (\vec{D} \cdot \vec{A})}{\partial t \cdot (A)} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \text{displacement current density}$$

\therefore Displacement current arises due to time varying electric flux or time varying displacement flux.



During charging of a capacitor, outside the capacitor conduction current flows and inside the capacitor displacement current flows.