

Class 19: Assymmetry in Faraday's Law

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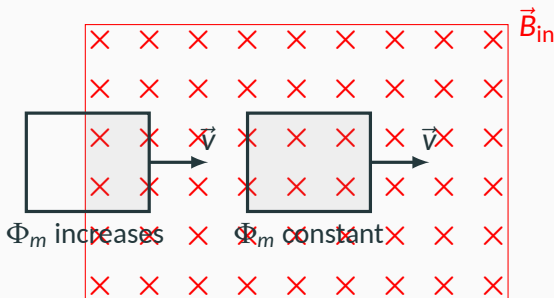
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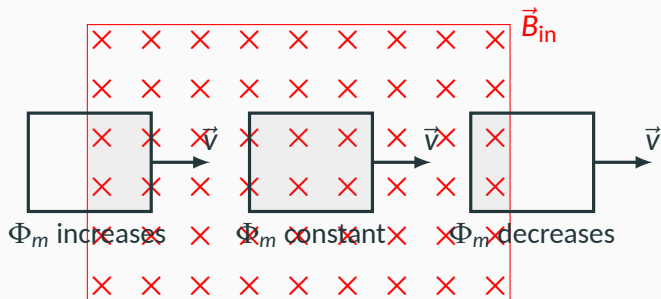
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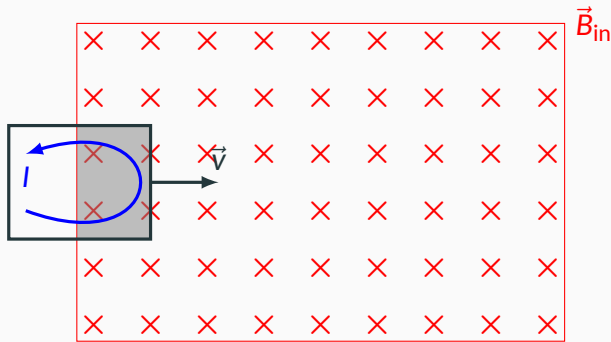
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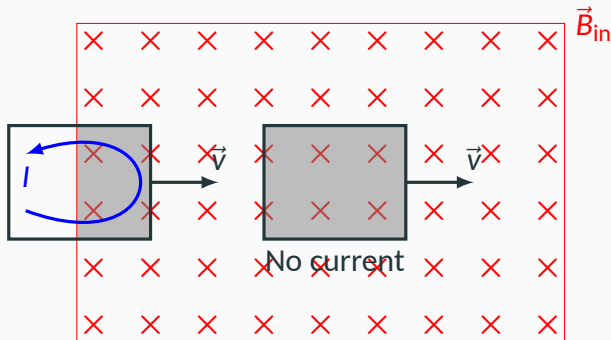
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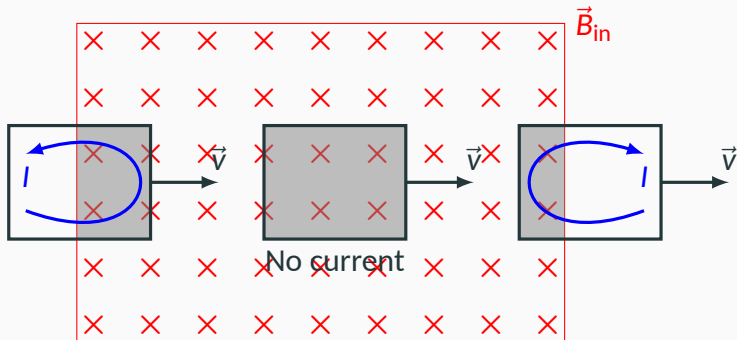
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Magnetic Field Moving Past a Coil of Wire

For an observer in the same frame of reference as the wire, the reason is also obvious. As the magnetic field moves, the magnetic flux changes, and an *electric field* is created in the wire. A current is created because the charges inside the wire experience an *electric force*.



Assymmetry in Faraday's Law

Both observers obtain the same result (same \mathcal{E} and same current I in the wire), however they cannot agree on the *reason*