

# Schwinger's formula and the axial Ward identity for chirality production

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# How to Generate Chirality with the Schwinger Mechanism?

Vacuum expectation values when  $\langle \Omega_{in} | \neq \langle \Omega_{out} |$ ?

Axial Ward Identity VEV?

$$\partial_{\mu} j^{\mu 5} = 2im\bar{\Psi}\gamma^5\Psi + \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2}\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

Schwinger Pair Production

$$\text{Num. of pairs} = 1 - |\langle \Omega_{out} | \Omega_{in} \rangle|^2$$

Homogeneous parallel electric,  $E$ , and magnetic,  $B$ , fields:

$$\langle \Omega_{in} | \bar{\Psi}\gamma^5\Psi | \Omega_{in} \rangle = \frac{ie^2 EB}{4m\pi^2} \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{m^2\pi}{eE}\right) \right]$$

$$\langle \Omega_{in} | \partial_{\mu} j^{\mu 5} | \Omega_{in} \rangle = \frac{e^2 EB}{2\pi^2} \exp\left(-\frac{m^2\pi}{eE}\right)$$

**Generation of chirality with mass effects!**