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# Next-to-Leading Order virtual correction to Higgs-induced DIS

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- Resummation  Factorization

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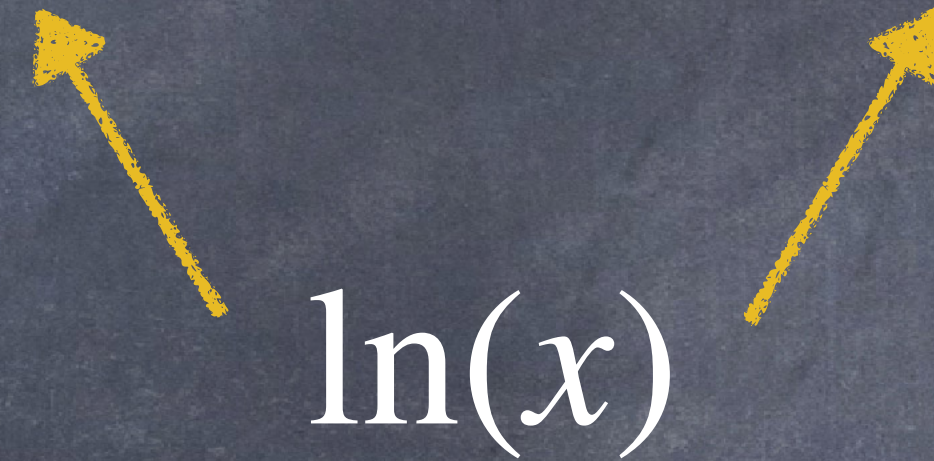
- Mellin Transform

$$g(N, Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x^N g(x, Q^2) \quad \ln^k(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{N^{k+1}}$$

# Collinear factorization theorem

$$\sigma(N, Q^2) = \sum_{i=q,g} C_i(N, \alpha_s(Q^2)) f_i(N, Q^2)$$

Coefficient function      Parton distribution function (PDF)



**Our goal:** resum NLL terms in the coefficient function

# High energy factorization theorem

$$\sigma(N, Q^2) = \int_0^\infty dk_\perp^2 \mathcal{C}(N, k_\perp^2, Q^2, \alpha_s) \mathcal{F}_g(N, k_\perp^2)$$

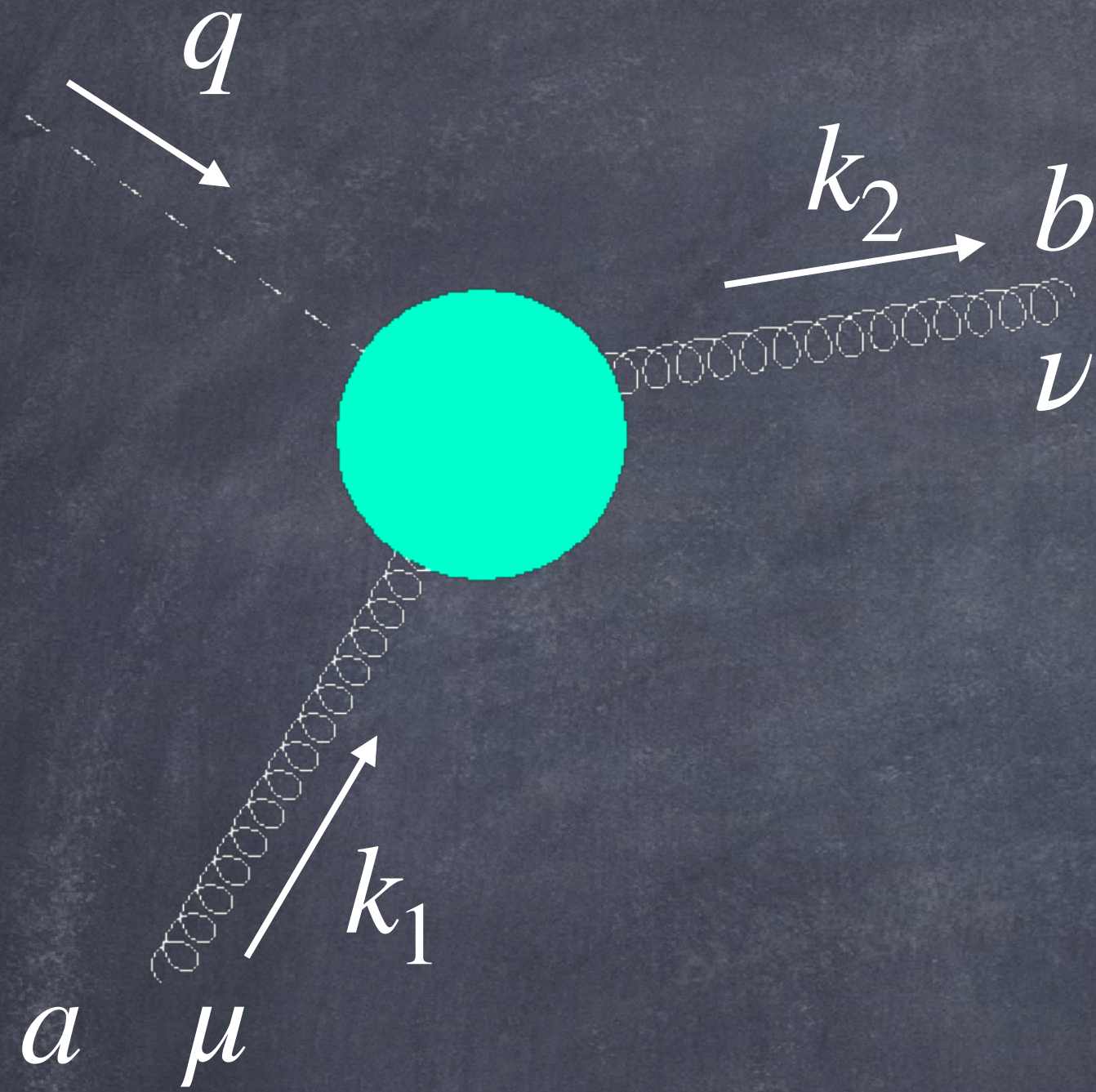
Off-shell coefficient function      Unintegrated PDF

$$\mathcal{F}_g(N, k_\perp^2) = \mathcal{U}(N, k_\perp^2, Q^2) f_g(N, Q^2)$$

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- $n_f = 0$

- Higgs gluon effective vertex:

$$M^{\mu\nu} = i c \delta_a^b \left[ k_2^\mu k_1^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} k_1 \cdot k_2 \right]$$

- Off-shell coefficient function

$$k_1^2 = - \vec{k}_1^2$$

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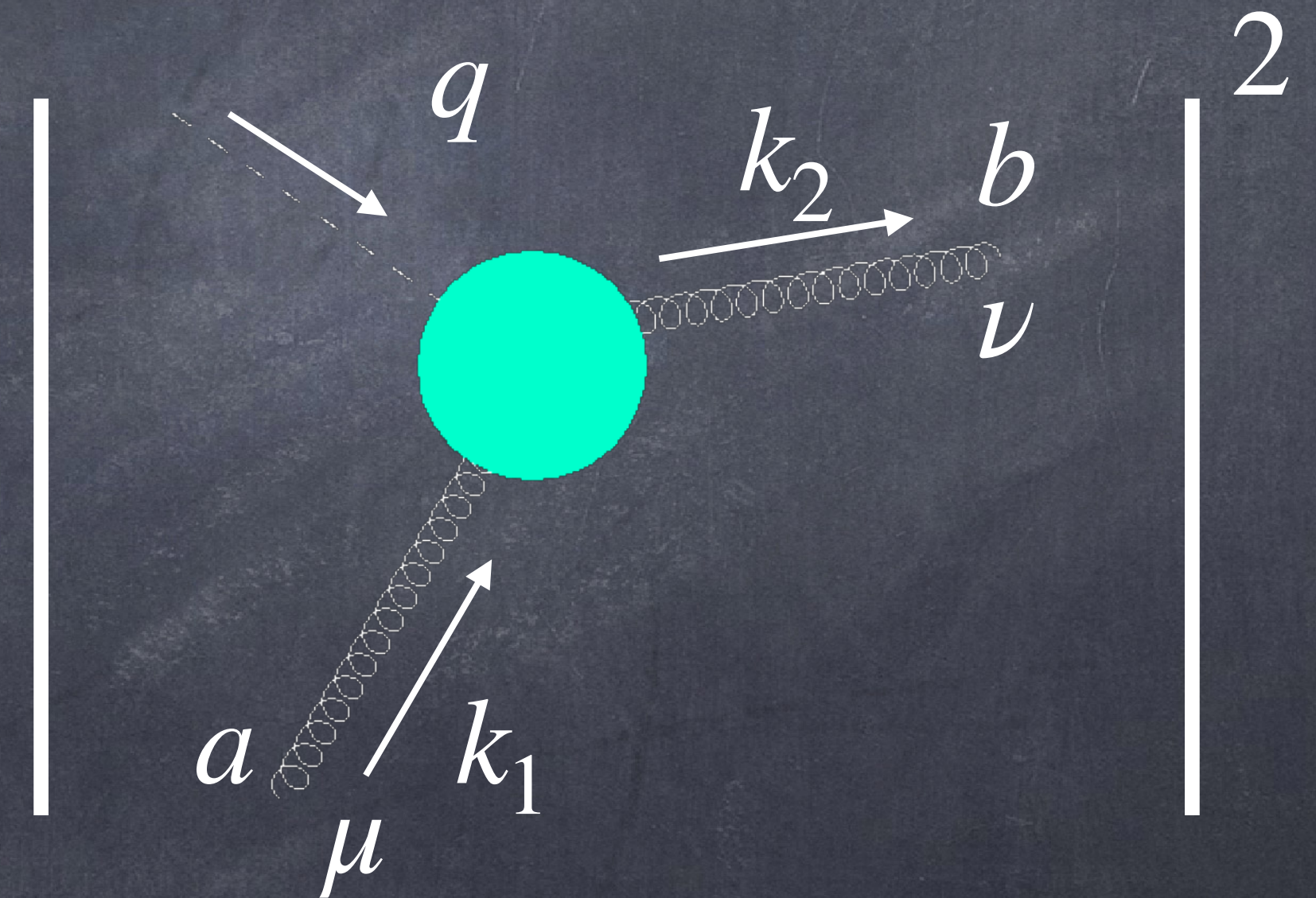
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Non-covariant part:

$$\frac{1}{(k \cdot n)}$$

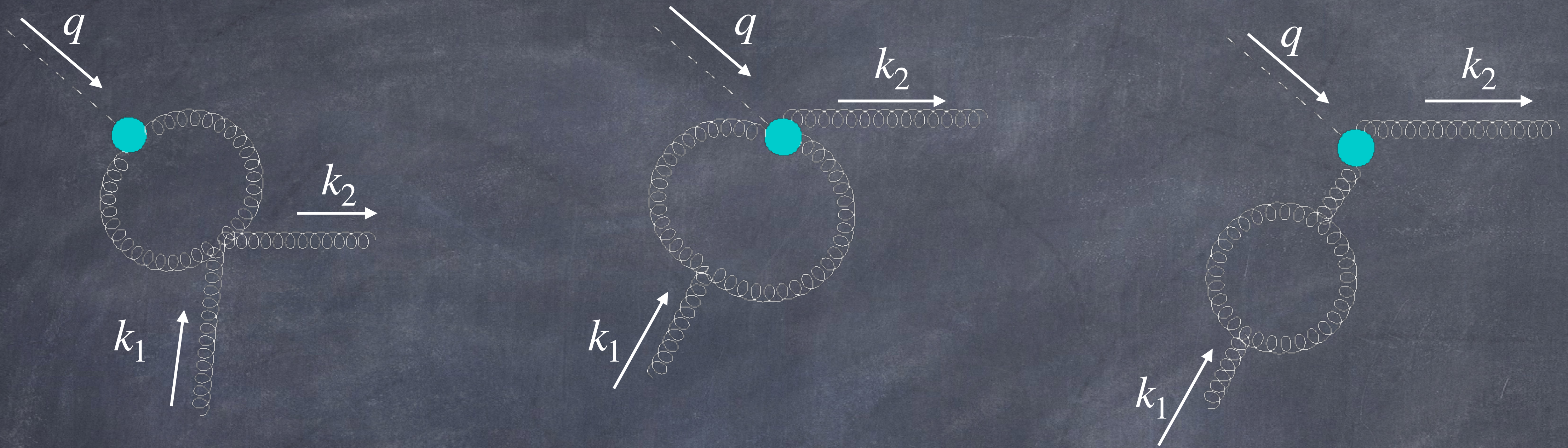


Principal value prescription

$$\frac{1}{(k \cdot n)} \rightarrow \frac{k \cdot n}{(k \cdot n)^2 + \delta^2}$$

Curci, Furmanski and Petronzio (1980)

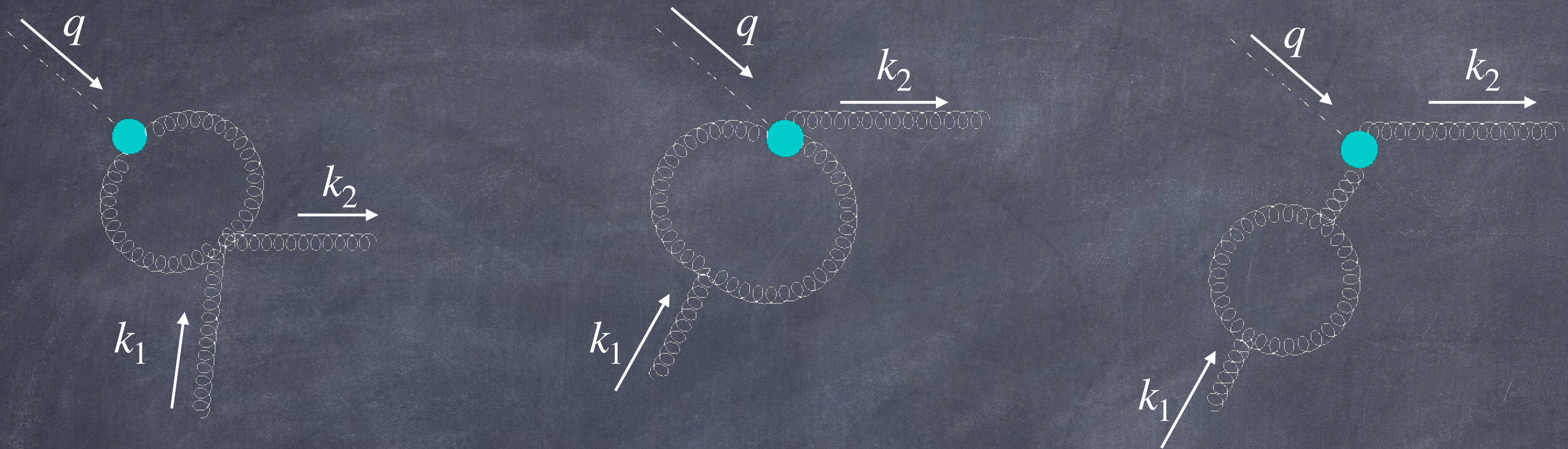
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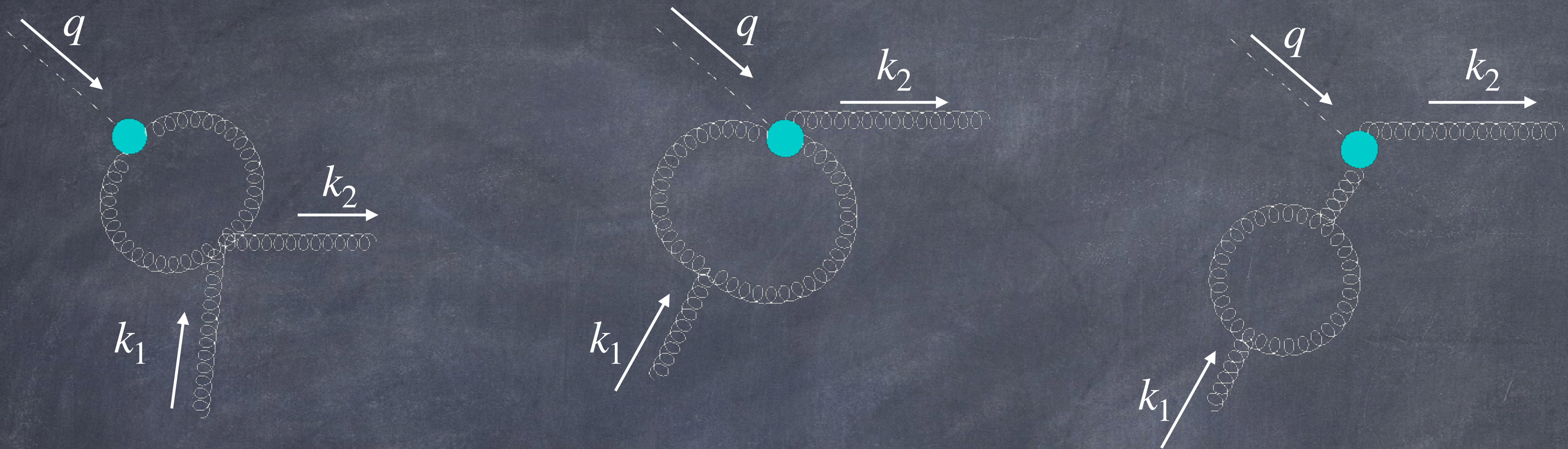


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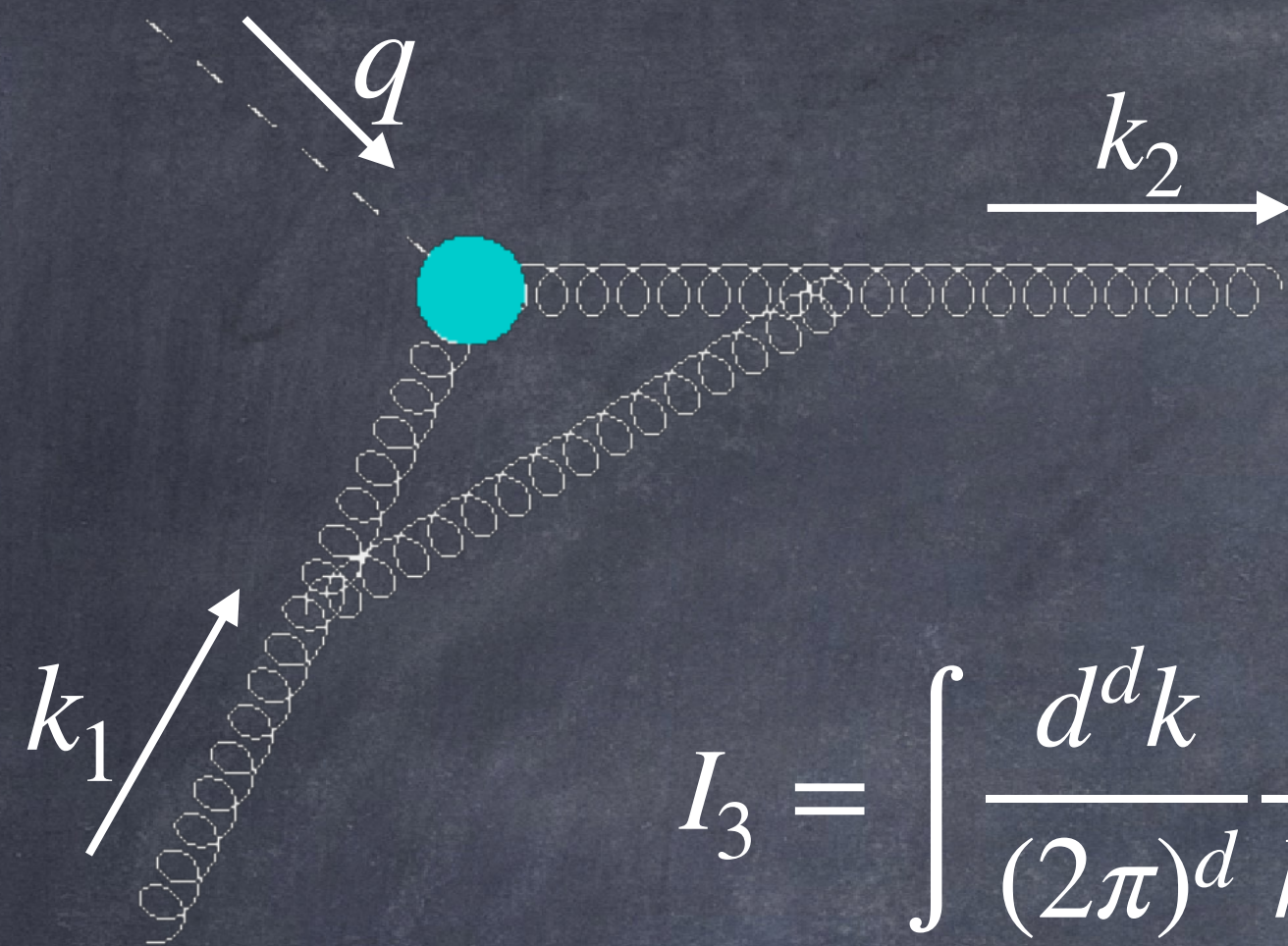
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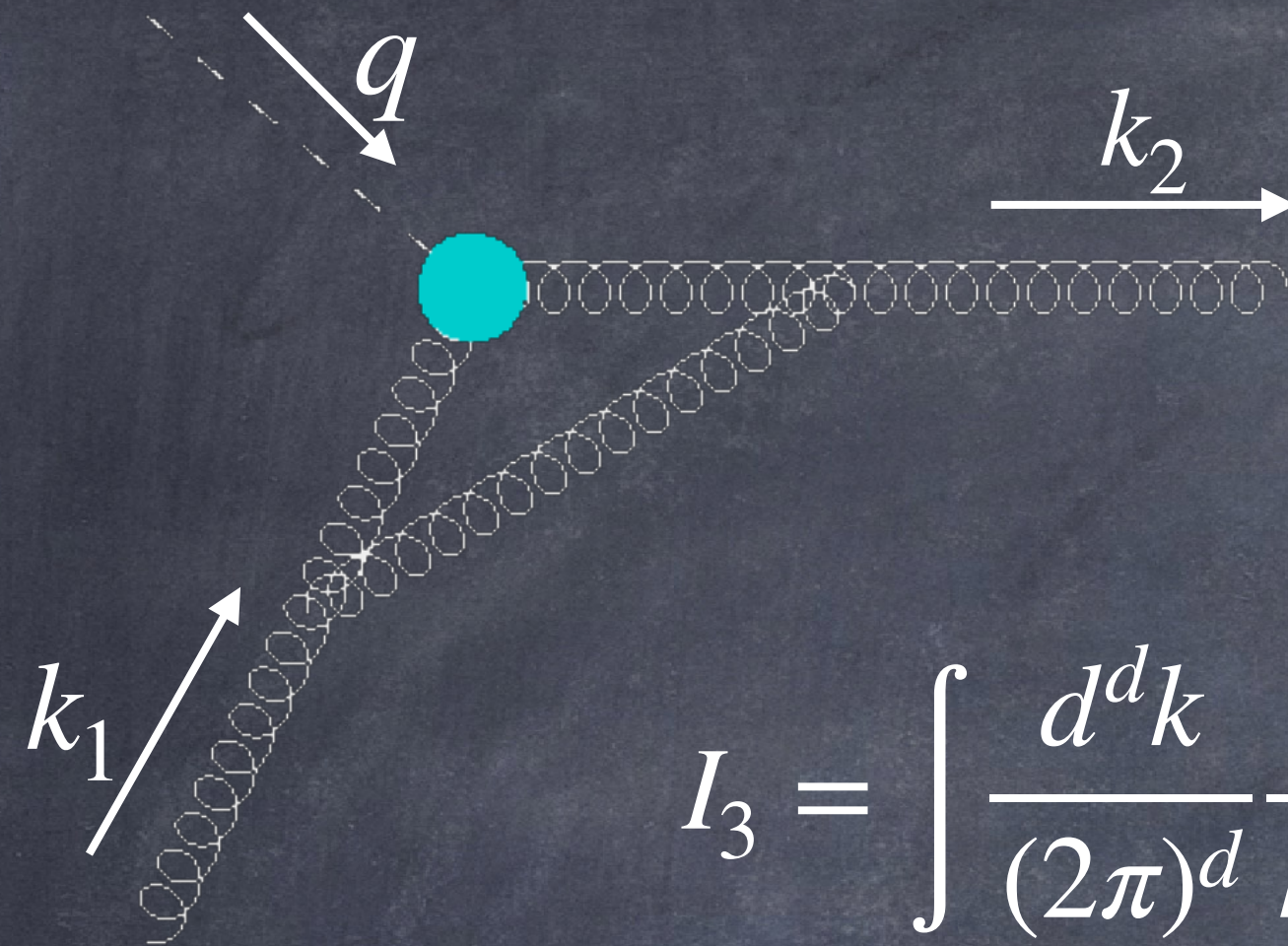


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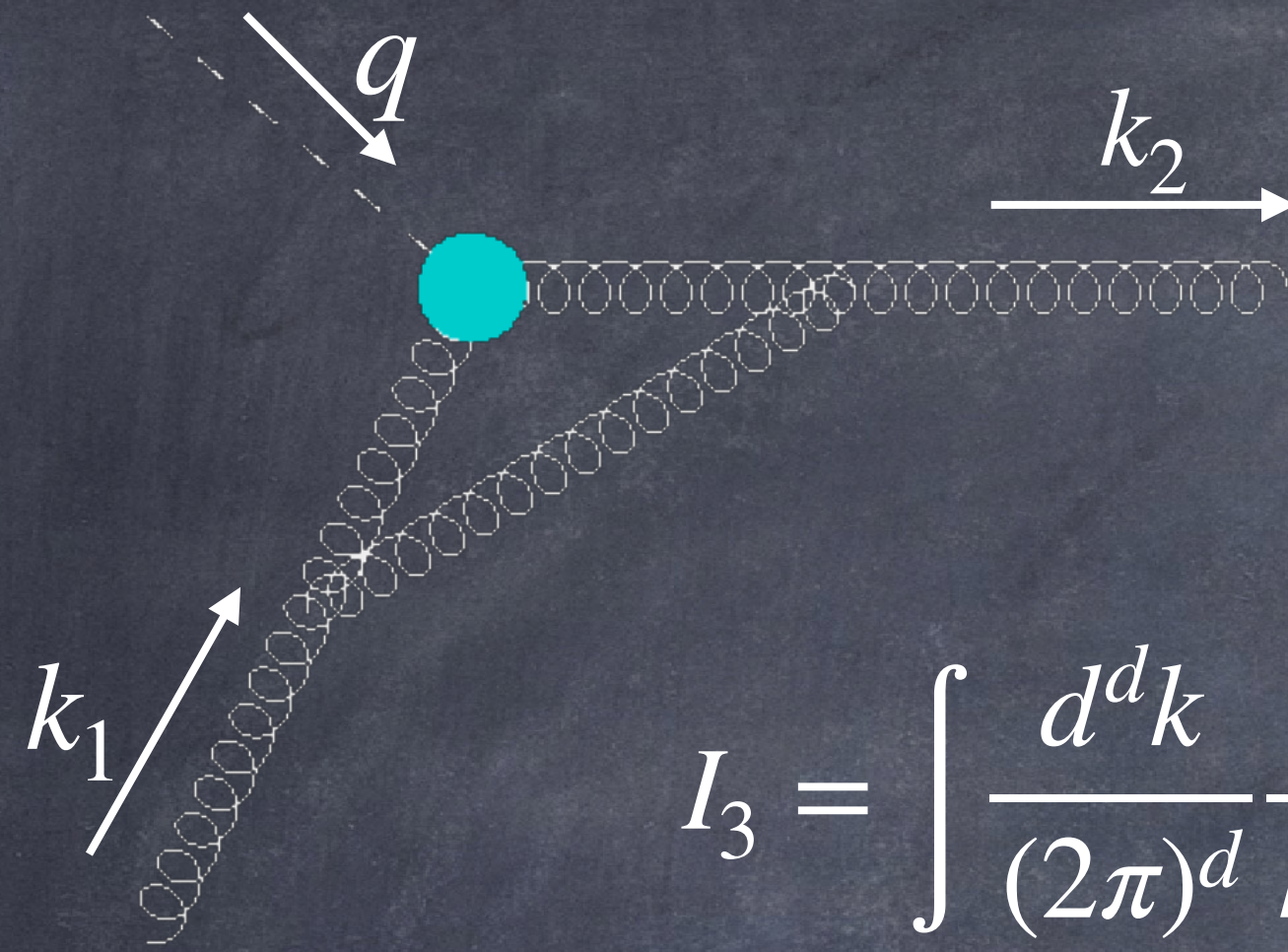
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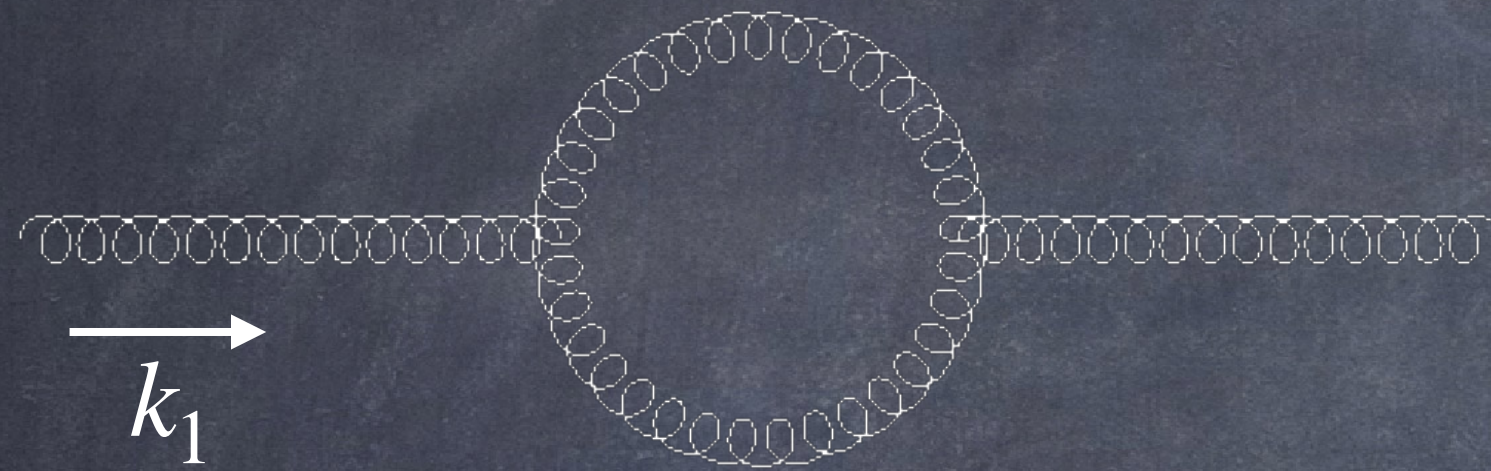
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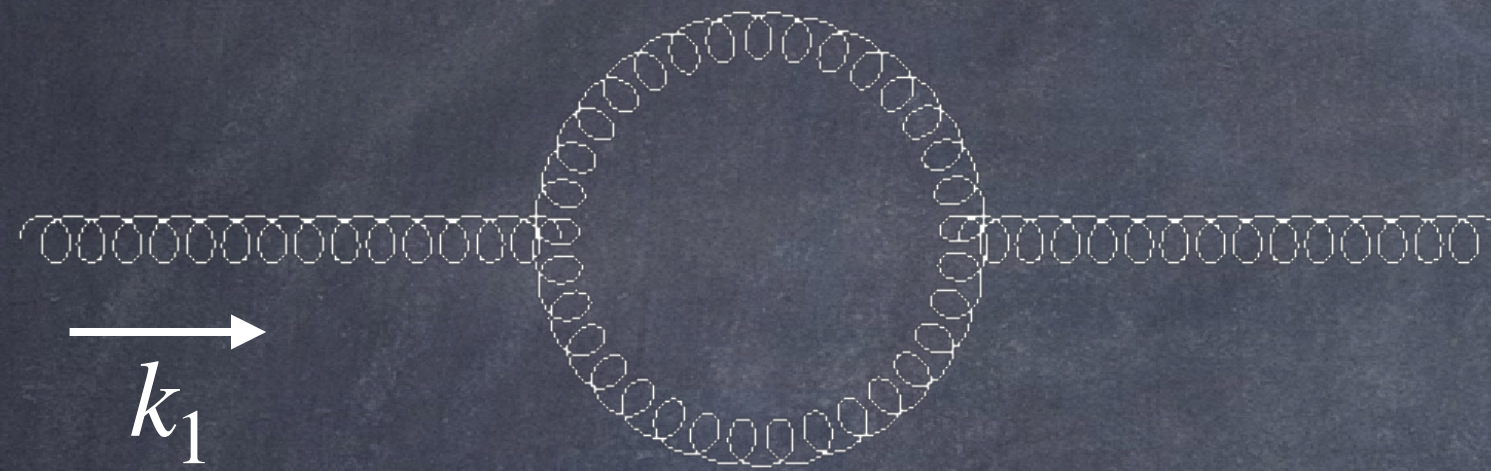
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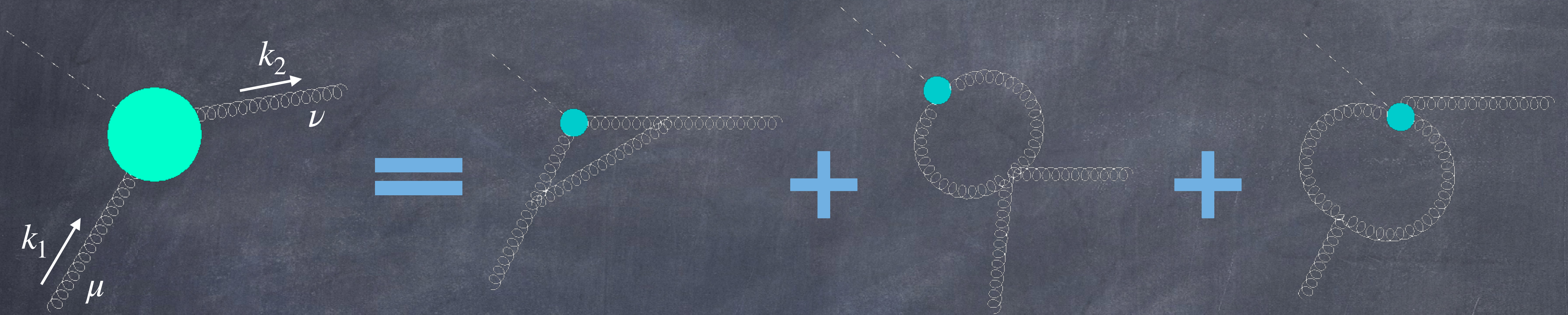
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$$CT^{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2, n) = - \left[ D_1^{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2, n) |_{UV} + D_2^{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2, n) |_{UV} + D_3^{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2, n) |_{UV} \right]$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow D_1^{\mu\nu} |_{UV} = & C_{k_1 k_1}(k_1, k_2, n) k_1^\mu k_1^\nu + C_{k_2 k_2}(k_1, k_2, n) k_2^\mu k_2^\nu \\ & + C_{k_1 k_2}(k_1, k_2, n) k_1^\mu k_2^\nu + C_{k_2 k_1}(k_1, k_2, n) k_2^\mu k_1^\nu \\ & + C_g(k_1, k_2, n) g^{\mu\nu} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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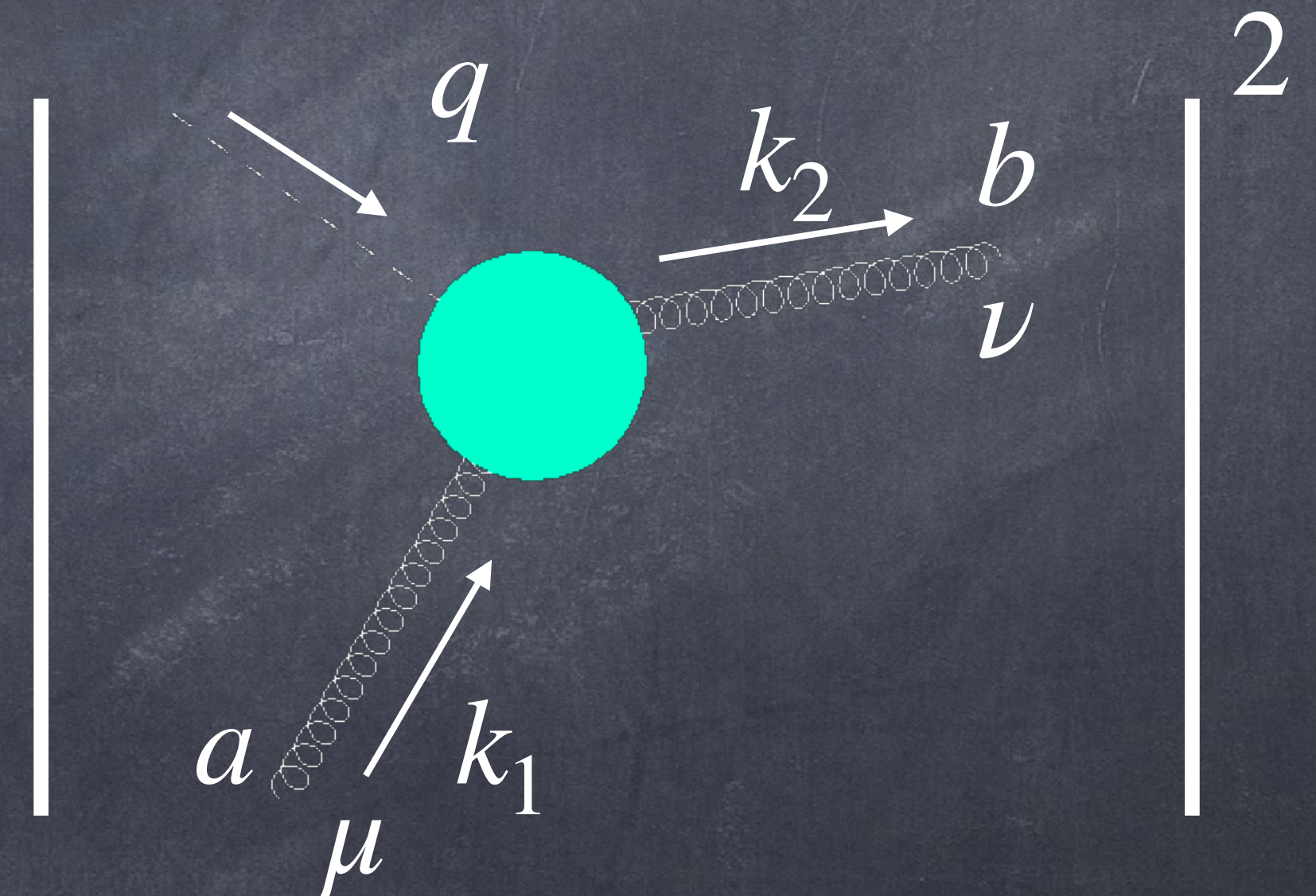
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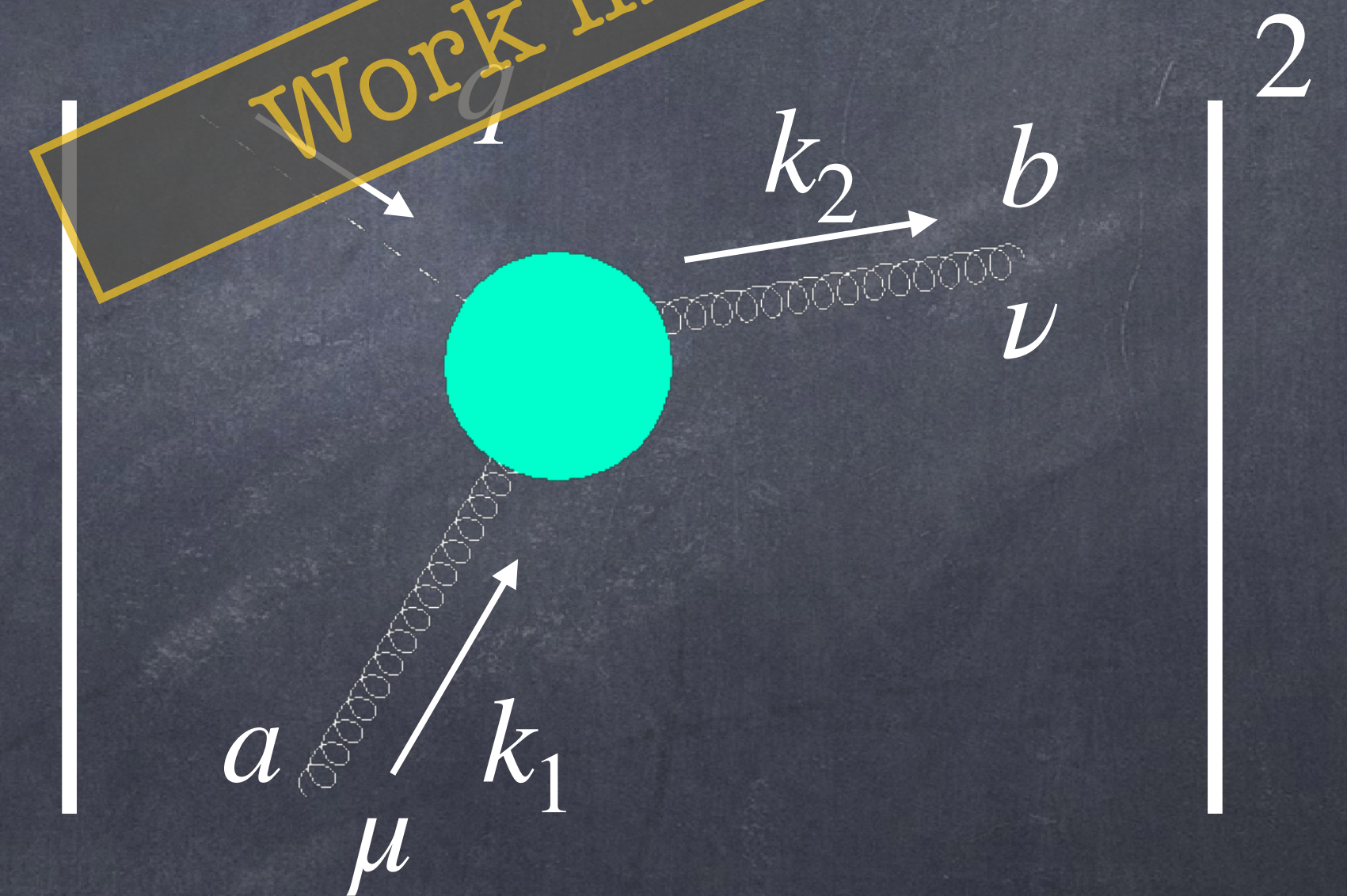
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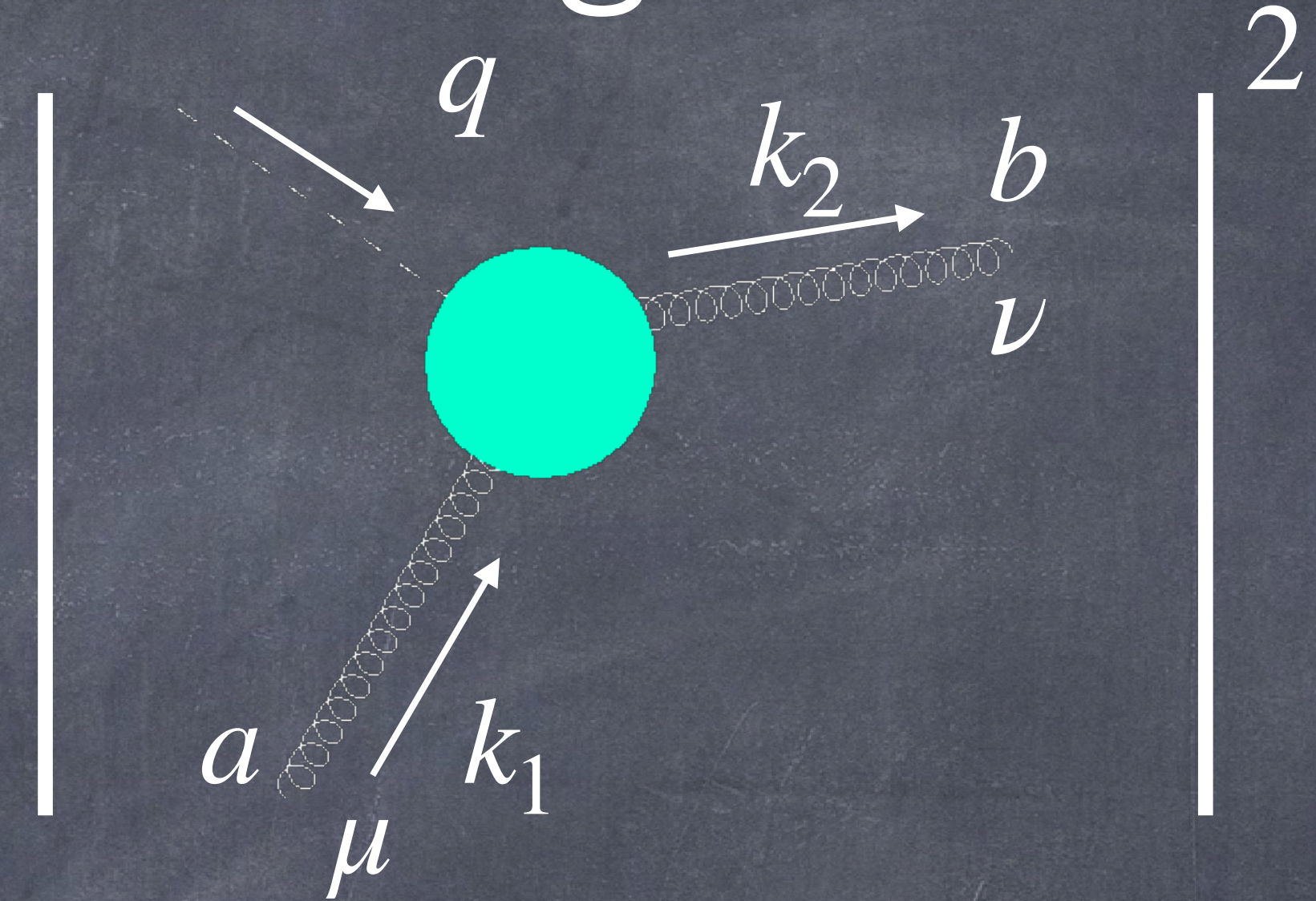


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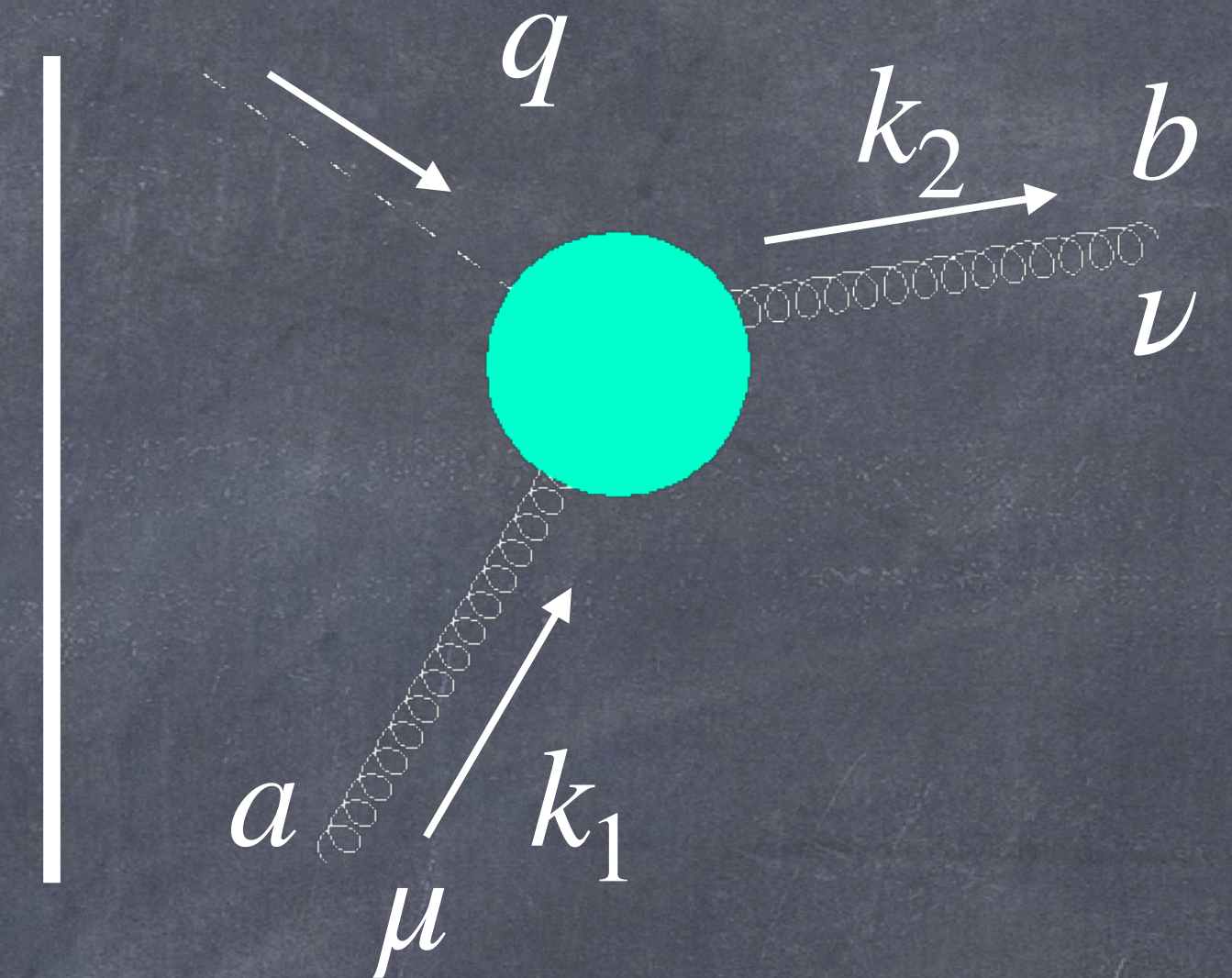
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# Conclusions

# Where are we?

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- Solved main issues due to the choice of axial gauge
- Virtual contribution ✓
- Real contribution Work in progress
- Cross checks

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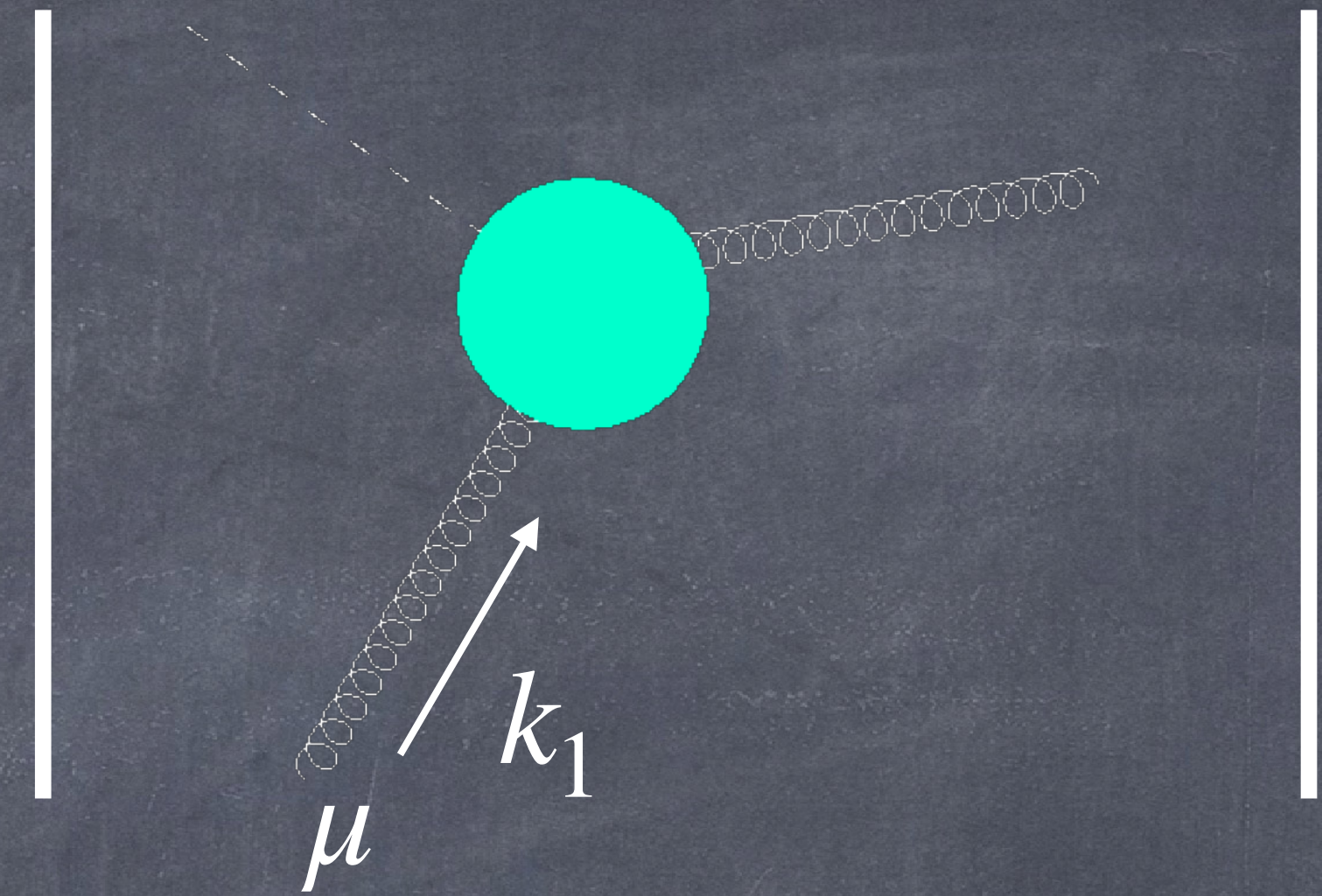
Back up



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$n^\mu d_{\mu\nu}(k_1, n) = 0$



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Principal value prescription for spurious singularities: must be cancelled by real contribution