

# $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Conformal quivers as interpolating theories

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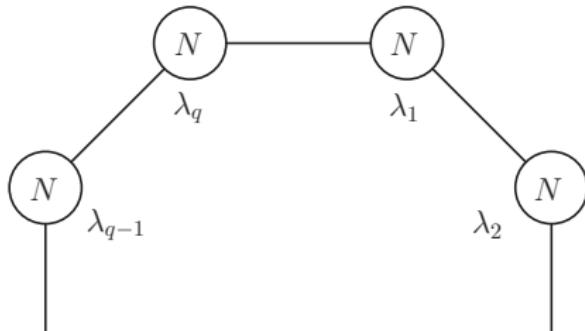
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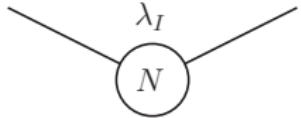
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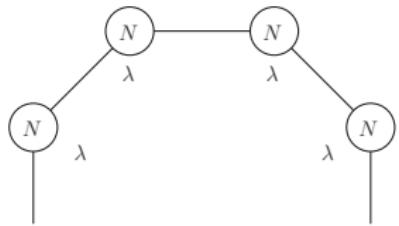
# $A_{q-1}$ quiver theories



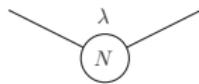
- $\circlearrowleft \quad N = (A_\mu, \lambda^a, \bar{\lambda}^a, \varphi, \bar{\varphi})_I$   
Adj of  $SU(N)_I$
- $\text{---} = (q, \bar{q}, \psi, \bar{\psi})$   
 $(\square, \bar{\square})$  of  $SU(N)_I \times SU(N)_{I+1}$



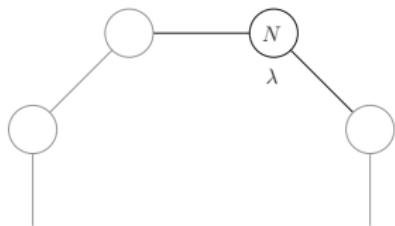
# Interpolation between $\mathcal{N} = 4$ and $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCQCD



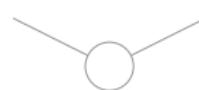
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$$\lambda_I = \lambda \quad \forall I$$

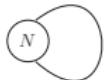


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$$\lambda_1 = \lambda, \quad \lambda_{I \neq 1} = 0$$

$\mathbb{Z}_q$  orbifold of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM



$\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCQCD



# Observables in $A_{q-1}$ theories

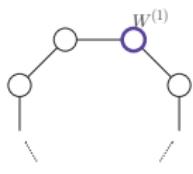
- For each node we can define:

Wilson loop :  $W_I = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_I}{N}} \oint_C d\tau \left[ i A_\mu^I \dot{x}^\mu + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varphi_I + \bar{\varphi}_I) \right] \right\}$

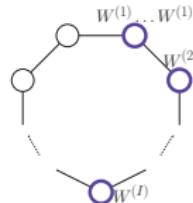
Chiral operator :  $O_{\vec{n}}^{(I)}(x) = \text{tr } \varphi_I^{n_1} \text{tr } \varphi_I^{n_2} \dots, \quad \sum_i n_i = n$

- We study several classes of observables<sup>1</sup>

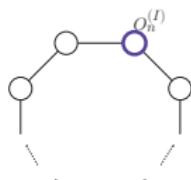
$$\langle W^{(I)} \rangle$$



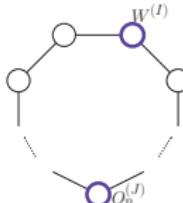
$$\langle W^{(I)} \dots W^{(J)} \rangle$$



$$\langle O_{\vec{n}}^{(I)} \bar{O}_{\vec{n}}^{(J)} \rangle$$



$$\langle W^{(I)} O_{\vec{n}}^{(J)} \rangle$$



<sup>1</sup> Results collected in two Mathematica datasets available on Arxiv.

## Tools: supersymmetric localization

The path integral is mapped to a **sphere  $S_4$**  and reduced to a finite dimensional integral<sup>2</sup>

$$Z_{\mathbb{R}^4} = \int [D\Phi] \longrightarrow Z_{S^4} = \int da$$

$a$  is a  $N \times N$  matrix.

$A_{q-1}$  partition function is reduced to a  **$q$ -multimatrix model**:

$$Z_{q-1} = \int \prod_{l=1}^q da_l e^{-\frac{8\pi^2 N}{\lambda_l} \text{tr } a_l^2 - S_{\text{int}}(a_l)}$$

where

$$S_{\text{int}}(a_l) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{2m} \frac{(-1)^{m+k}}{m} \zeta_{2m-1} \binom{2m}{k} (\text{tr } a_l^{2m-k} - \text{tr } a_{l+1}^{2m-k}) (\text{tr } a_l^k - \text{tr } a_{l+1}^k)$$

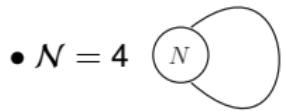
Expanding  $S_{\text{int}}$  in perturbation theory, any observables can be computed in terms of  $q$  factorized Gaussian models, using recursive methods<sup>3</sup>.

$$\langle f(a_l) \rangle_q = \frac{1}{Z_{q-1}} \prod_{l=1}^q \left\langle e^{-S_{\text{int}}(a_l)} f(a_l) \right\rangle_{\text{Gaussian}}$$

<sup>2</sup>[Pestun, 2007]

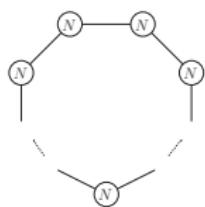
<sup>3</sup>[Billò, Fucito, Lerda, Morales, Stanev, Wen, FG, Gregori, 2017-2020]

# Interpolating results for Wilson loops



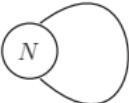
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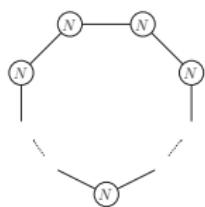
$$\begin{aligned} \langle W^{(1)} \rangle_q = & w(\lambda_1) - \frac{3\zeta_3 \lambda_1^2 (2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_q) \partial_1 w_1}{128\pi^4} + \frac{5\zeta_5 \lambda_1^2}{1024\pi^6} \left[ 4\lambda_1 (2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_q) (2\lambda_1 \partial_1^3 w_1 + 3\partial_1^2 w_1) \right. \\ & \left. + (4\lambda_1^2 - (\lambda_2 + \lambda_q)\lambda_1 - \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_q^2) \partial_1 w_1 \right] + \frac{9\zeta_3^2 \lambda_1^2}{32768\pi^8} \left[ (2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_q)^2 \lambda_1^2 \partial_1^2 w_1 + 2(8\lambda_1^3 \right. \\ & \left. - 6(\lambda_2 + \lambda_q)\lambda_1^2 + 2(\lambda_2^2 + \lambda_2\lambda_q + \lambda_q^2)\lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2^3 + (\lambda_{q-1} - 2\lambda_q)\lambda_q^2 + \lambda_2^2\lambda_3) \partial_1 w_1 \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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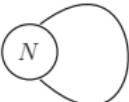
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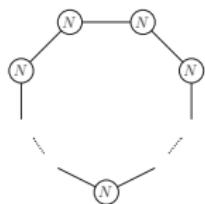
$$\begin{aligned} \langle W \rangle_{\text{SCQCD}} = & w(\lambda) - \frac{3\zeta_3 \lambda^3}{(8\pi^2)^2} \partial_\lambda w + \frac{10\zeta_5 \lambda^4}{(8\pi^2)^3} \left[ 4\lambda \partial_\lambda^3 w + 6\partial_\lambda^2 w + \partial_\lambda w \right] + \frac{9\zeta_3^2 \lambda^5}{2(8\pi^2)^4} \left[ \lambda \partial_\lambda^2 w + 4\partial_\lambda w \right] \\ & - \frac{7\zeta_7 \lambda^5}{4(8\pi^2)^4} \left[ 256\lambda (\lambda \partial_\lambda^5 w + 5\partial_\lambda^4 w) + 16(7\lambda + 60) \partial_\lambda^3 w + 168\partial_\lambda^2 w + 21\partial_\lambda w \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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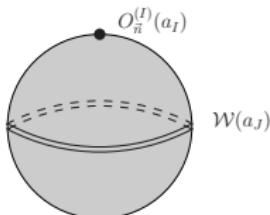
$$\langle W^{(1)} \rangle_q \xrightarrow{\lambda_I = \lambda} w(\lambda)$$

# Probing the $\mathbb{Z}_q$ orbifold: twisted and untwisted sectors

In the context of one-point functions of chiral operators

we define twisted and untwisted combinations :

$$U_{\vec{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{l=1}^q O_{\vec{n}}^{(l)}, \quad T_{\vec{n}}^{(l)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (O_{\vec{n}}^{(l)} - O_{\vec{n}}^{(l+1)}).$$



which transform properly under the  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  action. The untwisted one-point functions read:

$$\langle U_{\vec{n}} W^{(1)} \rangle_q \xrightarrow{\lambda_l=\lambda} \mathcal{A}_n(\lambda)$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_n(\lambda) = \frac{n}{2^{n/2}} \lambda^{\frac{n}{2}-1} I_n(\sqrt{\lambda})$  is the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  result.

$$\langle T_{\vec{n}}^{(1)} W^{(1)} \rangle_q \xrightarrow{\lambda_l=\lambda} \mathcal{A}_n(\lambda) \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda^n}{(8\pi^2)^n} \frac{3}{2^n} \binom{2n}{n} \zeta_{2n-1} \right) + \dots$$

differ from  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  result by a codified transcendentality expansion.