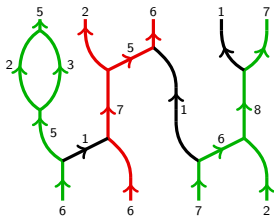


# $U_q(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ diagram categories via super $q$ -Howe duality

Or: the diagrammatic presentation machine

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  - Graphical calculus via  $N$ -webs
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  - Its cousins: the green-red  $N$ -webs
  - Proof? Super quantum Howe duality!

# History of diagrammatic presentations in a nutshell

- Rumer, Teller, Weyl (1932):  
 $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -tensor category generated by  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .
- Temperley-Lieb, Jones, Kauffman, Lickorish, Masbaum-Vogel ... ( $\geq 1971$ ):  
 $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -tensor category generated by  $\mathbb{C}_q^2$ .
- Kuperberg (1995):  
 $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$ -tensor category generated by  $\Lambda_q^1 \mathbb{C}_q^3 \cong \mathbb{C}_q^3$  and  $\Lambda_q^2 \mathbb{C}_q^3$ .
- Cautis-Kamnitzer-Morrison (2012):  
 $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_N)$ -tensor category generated by  $\Lambda_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^N$ .
- Sartori (2013), Grant (2014):  
 $U_q(\mathfrak{gl}_{1|1})$ -tensor category generated by  $\Lambda_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^{1|1}$ .
- Rose-T. (2015):  
 $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -tensor category generated by  $\text{Sym}_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^2$ .
- Link polynomials: Queffelec-Sartori (2015); “algebraic”: Grant (2015):  
 $U_q(\mathfrak{gl}_{N|M})$ -tensor category generated by  $\Lambda_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^{N|M}$ .

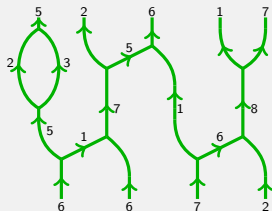
“Howe” do they fit in one framework?

An  $N$ -web is an oriented, labeled, trivalent graph locally made of

$$m_{k,l}^{k+l} = \begin{array}{c} k+l \\ \uparrow \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ k \quad l \end{array}, \quad s_{k+l}^{k,l} = \begin{array}{c} k \quad l \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \uparrow \\ k+l \end{array} \quad k, l, k+l \in \mathbb{N}$$

(and no pivotal things today).

## Example



# Let us form a category

Define the (braided) monoidal,  $\mathbb{C}_q$ -linear category  $N\text{-Web}_g$  by using:

## Definition (Cautis-Kamnitzer-Morrison 2012)

The  $N$ -web space  $\text{Hom}_{N\text{-Web}_g}(\vec{k}, \vec{l})$  is the free  $\mathbb{C}_q$ -vector space generated by  $N$ -webs with  $\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{l}$  at the bottom and top modulo isotopies and:

$gl_m$  "ladder" relations

$$k-1 \quad l+1 \quad - \quad k+1 \quad l-1 \quad = [k-l] \quad k \quad l$$

Exterior relation

$$\uparrow_k = 0, \quad \text{if } k > N.$$

# Diagrams for intertwiners

Observe that there are (up to scalars) unique  $\mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ -intertwiners

$$m_{k,l}^{k+l}: \Lambda_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \Lambda_q^l \mathbb{C}_q^N \rightarrow \Lambda_q^{k+l} \mathbb{C}_q^N \quad \text{and} \quad s_{k+l}^{k,l}: \Lambda_q^{k+l} \mathbb{C}_q^N \hookrightarrow \Lambda_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \Lambda_q^l \mathbb{C}_q^N$$

given by projection and inclusion.

Let  $\mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_e$  be the (braided) monoidal,  $\mathbb{C}_q$ -linear category whose objects are tensor generated by  $\Lambda_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^N$ . Define a functor  $\Gamma: N\text{-Web}_g \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_e$ :

$$\vec{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_m) \mapsto \Lambda_q^{k_1} \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \dots \otimes \Lambda_q^{k_m} \mathbb{C}_q^N,$$

$$\begin{array}{c} k+l \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ k \quad l \end{array} \mapsto m_{k,l}^{k+l}, \quad \begin{array}{c} k \quad l \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ k+l \end{array} \mapsto s_{k+l}^{k,l}$$

## Theorem (Cautis-Kamnitzer-Morrison 2012)

$\Gamma: N\text{-Web}_g^{\oplus} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_e$  is an equivalence of (braided) monoidal categories.

# “Howe” to prove this?

Howe: the commuting actions of  $\mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_m)$  and  $\mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  on

$$\Lambda_q^K(\mathbb{C}_q^m \otimes \mathbb{C}_q^N) \cong \bigoplus_{k_1 + \dots + k_m = K} (\Lambda_q^{k_1} \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \dots \otimes \Lambda_q^{k_m} \mathbb{C}_q^N)$$

introduce an  $\mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_m)$ -action  $f$  on the right term with  $\vec{k}$ -weight space  $\Lambda_q^{\vec{k}} \mathbb{C}_q^N$ .

In particular, there is a functor

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{skew}}^m : \dot{\mathbf{U}}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_m) &\rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_e, \\ \vec{k} \mapsto \Lambda_q^{\vec{k}} \mathbb{C}_q^N, \quad X \in 1_{\vec{l}} \mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_m) 1_{\vec{k}} &\mapsto f(X) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_e}(\Lambda_q^{\vec{k}} \mathbb{C}_q^N, \Lambda_q^{\vec{l}} \mathbb{C}_q^N). \end{aligned}$$

Howe:  $\Phi_{\text{skew}}^m$  is full. Or in words:

relations in  $\dot{\mathbf{U}}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_m) + \text{kernel of } \Phi_{\text{skew}}^m \rightsquigarrow \text{relations in } \mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_e$ .

# Define the diagrams to make this work

## Theorem(Cautis-Kamnitzer-Morrison 2012)

Define  $N\text{-Web}_g$  such there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \dot{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_m) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\text{skew}}^m} & \mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_e \\
 \searrow \Upsilon^m & & \nearrow \Gamma \\
 & N\text{-Web}_g &
 \end{array}$$

with

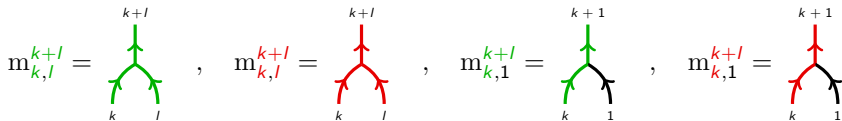
$$\Upsilon^m(F_i 1_{\vec{k}}) \mapsto \begin{array}{c} k_{i-1} \quad k_{i+1}+1 \\ \nearrow \quad \nearrow \\ \text{---} 1 \text{---} \\ \searrow \quad \searrow \\ k_i \quad k_{i+1} \end{array}, \quad \Upsilon^m(E_i 1_{\vec{k}}) \mapsto \begin{array}{c} k_i+1 \quad k_{i+1}-1 \\ \nearrow \quad \nearrow \\ \text{---} 1 \text{---} \\ \searrow \quad \searrow \\ k_i \quad k_{i+1} \end{array}$$

$\Upsilon^m \rightsquigarrow$  “ $\mathfrak{gl}_m$  ladder” relations ,  $\ker(\Phi_{\text{skew}}^m) \rightsquigarrow$  exterior relation.



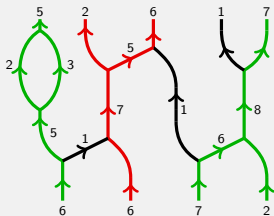
# Could there be a pattern?

A **green-red**  $N$ -web is a colored, labeled, trivalent graph locally made of



And of course splits and some mirrors as well!

## Example



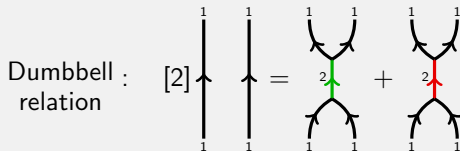
# The green-red $N$ -web category

Define the (braided) monoidal,  $\mathbb{C}_q$ -linear category  $N\text{-Web}_{\text{gr}}$  by using:

## Definition

Given  $\vec{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m+n}$ ,  $\vec{l} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m'+n'}$ . The green-red  $N$ -web space  $\text{Hom}_{N\text{-Web}_{\text{gr}}}(\vec{k}, \vec{l})$  is the free  $\mathbb{C}_q$ -vector space generated by  $N$ -webs between  $\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{l}$  modulo isotopies and:

$\text{gl}_m + \text{gl}_n$   
 “ladder” : same as before, but now in red as well!  
 relations



Exterior : relation

# Diagrams for intertwiners - Part 2

Observe that there are (up to scalars) unique  $\mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ -intertwiners

$$m_{k,1}^{k+1} : \Lambda_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \mathbb{C}_q^N \twoheadrightarrow \Lambda_q^{k+1} \mathbb{C}_q^N \quad \text{and} \quad m_{k,1}^{k+1} : \text{Sym}_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \mathbb{C}_q^N \twoheadrightarrow \text{Sym}_q^{k+1} \mathbb{C}_q^N$$

plus others as before.

Let  $\mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_{\text{es}}$  be the (braided) monoidal,  $\mathbb{C}_q$ -linear category whose objects are tensor generated by  $\Lambda_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^N, \text{Sym}_q^k \mathbb{C}_q^N$ . Define a functor  $\Gamma : N\text{-Web}_{\text{gr}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_{\text{es}}$ :

$$\vec{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_m, k_{m+1}, \dots, k_{m+n}) \mapsto \Lambda_q^{k_1} \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \dots \otimes \text{Sym}_q^{k_{m+n}} \mathbb{C}_q^N,$$

$$\begin{array}{c} k+1 \\ \uparrow \\ \begin{array}{cc} \nearrow & \searrow \\ k & 1 \end{array} \end{array} \mapsto m_{k,1}^{k+1}, \quad \begin{array}{c} k+1 \\ \uparrow \\ \begin{array}{cc} \nearrow & \searrow \\ k & 1 \end{array} \end{array} \mapsto m_{k,1}^{k+1}, \quad \dots$$

## Theorem

$\Gamma : N\text{-Web}_{\text{gr}}^{\oplus} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_{\text{es}}$  is an equivalence of (braided) monoidal categories.

## Definition

The *quantum general linear superalgebra*  $\mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_{m|n})$  is generated by  $L_i^{\pm 1}$  and  $F_i, E_i$  subject to some relations, most notably, the *super relations*:

$$F_m^2 = 0 = E_m^2, \quad \frac{L_m L_{m+1}^{-1} - L_m^{-1} L_{m+1}}{q - q^{-1}} = F_m E_m + E_m F_m,$$

$$[2] F_m F_{m+1} F_{m-1} F_m = F_m F_{m+1} F_m F_{m-1} + F_{m-1} F_m F_{m+1} F_m \\ + F_{m+1} F_m F_{m-1} F_m + F_m F_{m-1} F_m F_{m+1} \text{ (plus an E version).}$$

There is a Howe pair  $(\mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_{m|n}), \mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_N))$  with  $\vec{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_{m+n})$ -weight space under the  $\mathbf{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_{m|n})$ -action on  $\Lambda_q^K(\mathbb{C}_q^{m|n} \otimes \mathbb{C}_q^N)$  given by

$$\Lambda_q^{k_1} \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \cdots \otimes \Lambda_q^{k_m} \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \text{Sym}_q^{k_{m+1}} \mathbb{C}_q^N \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{Sym}_q^{k_{m+n}} \mathbb{C}_q^N.$$

# Define the diagrams to make this work

## Theorem

Define  $N\text{-Web}_{\text{gr}}$  such there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \dot{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_{m|n}) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\text{su}}^{m|n}} & \mathfrak{gl}_N\text{-Mod}_{\text{es}} \\
 \searrow \Upsilon_{\text{su}}^{m|n} & & \nearrow \Gamma \\
 & N\text{-Web}_{\text{gr}} &
 \end{array}$$

with

$$\Upsilon_{\text{su}}^{m|n}(F_m 1_{\vec{k}}) \mapsto \begin{array}{c} k_{m-1} \quad k_{m+1}+1 \\ \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ k_m \quad k_{m+1} \end{array} \end{array}, \quad \Upsilon_{\text{su}}^{m|n}(E_m 1_{\vec{k}}) \mapsto \begin{array}{c} k_{m+1} \quad k_{m+1}-1 \\ \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ k_m \quad k_{m+1} \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\Upsilon_{\text{su}}^{m|n} \rightsquigarrow \text{“}\mathfrak{gl}_{m|n}\text{ ladder” relations} \quad , \quad \ker(\Phi_{\text{su}}^{m|n}) \rightsquigarrow \text{the exterior relation.}$$

# Some concluding remarks

- Feed the machine with the *Howe pair*  $(\mathfrak{gl}_{m|n}, \mathfrak{gl}_{N|M})$  and one gets a diagrammatic presentation of  $\mathfrak{gl}_{N|M}\text{-Mod}_{\text{es}}$ .
- Taking  $N, M \rightarrow \infty$ , one obtains a diagrammatic presentation  $\infty\text{-Web}_{\text{gr}}$  of some form of the Hecke algebroid. Roughly: the machine spits it out, if you feed it with *Schur-Weyl duality*. This also gives a new presentation of the super  $q$ -Schur algebra - without the fancy super relations.
- $\infty\text{-Web}_{\text{gr}}$  is completely symmetric in **green-red** which allows us to prove a symmetry of HOMFLY-PT polynomials diagrammatically:

$$\mathcal{P}^{a,q}(\mathcal{L}(\vec{\lambda})) = (-1)^{co} \mathcal{P}^{a,q^{-1}}(\mathcal{L}(\vec{\lambda}^T)).$$

- Homework: feed the machine with your favorite duality (e.g. Howe dualities in other types) and see what it spits out.
- Everything is (hopefully) amenable to categorification!

There is still **much** to do...

Thanks for your attention!