

# Line defect Schur indices, Verlinde algebras and $U(1)_r$ fixed points

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Given an  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  superconformal field theory, one could consider Schur index  $\mathcal{I}_L(q)$  in the presence of a half line defect  $L$ . Recently Cordova-Gaiotto-Shao found that  $\mathcal{I}_L(q)$  admits an expansion in terms of characters of the chiral algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  introduced by Beem et al., with simple coefficients  $v_{L,\beta}(q)$ . In the poster I will report a new feature of this expansion: the  $q \rightarrow 1$  limit of the coefficients  $v_{L,\beta}(q)$  is linearly related to the vacuum expectation values  $\langle L \rangle$  in  $U(1)_r$ -invariant vacua of the theory compactified on  $S^1$ . This relation can be expressed algebraically as a commutative diagram involving three algebras: the algebra generated by line defects, the algebra of functions on  $U(1)_r$ -invariant vacua, and a Verlinde-like algebra associated to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Our evidence is experimental, by direct computation in the Argyres-Douglas theories of type  $(A_1, A_2)$ ,  $(A_1, A_4)$ ,  $(A_1, A_6)$ ,  $(A_1, D_3)$  and  $(A_1, D_5)$ . In the latter two theories, which have flavor symmetries, the Verlinde-like algebra which appears is a new deformation of algebras previously considered. This is joint work with Andrew Neitzke.