

Title: Quantum Steenrod operations of symplectic resolutions

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Abstract: We study the quantum connection in positive characteristic for conical symplectic resolutions. We conjecture the equivalence of the  $p$ -curvature of such connections with (equivariant generalizations of) quantum Steenrod operations of Fukaya and Wilkins, which are endomorphisms of mod  $p$  quantum cohomology deforming the Steenrod operations. The conjecture is verified in a wide range of examples, including the Springer resolution, thereby providing a geometric interpretation of the  $p$ -curvature and a full computation of quantum Steenrod operations. The key ingredients are a new compatibility relation between the quantum Steenrod operations and the shift operators, and structural results for the mod  $p$  quantum connection recently obtained by Etingof--Varchenko.

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## Quantum Steenrod Operations of Symplectic Resolutions

Goal: Compute symplectic geometric / Floer theoretic invariants  
for (conical) symplectic resolutions

↪  $X/\mathbb{C}$  smooth,  $\omega_{\mathbb{C}}$  hol., sympl.  $X \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$  is resolution  
eg.  $T^*(\text{flag varieties})$ , quiver varieties

Today, I focus on  
quantum connection in mod  $p$   
and  
Quantum Steenrod Operations  
for conical symplectic resolutions.

$$a \in H^2(X; \mathbb{F}_p)$$
$$\nabla_a : \mathbb{Q}H^*(X)[[t]] \hookrightarrow$$

$$b \in H^*(X; \mathbb{F}_q)$$
$$\Sigma_b : \mathbb{Q}H^*(X)[[t, \hbar]] \hookrightarrow$$

Quantum connection in mod p ↗ semipositive

$(X, \omega)$  Kähler manifold  $[G \geq 0]$

$\Lambda = \mathbb{F}_p[[q^A : A \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})]]$  (Novikov ring)

$\rightsquigarrow QH^*(X) = (H^*(X; \Lambda), *)$  defined  $a * b = \sum_{c \in H^2} \# \{ \text{circles } (a, c) \} c \cdot q^A$   
 $*|_{q=0} = \cup$

$a \in H^2(X) \rightsquigarrow \partial_a : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$   $\partial_a q^A = (a \cdot A) q^A$

$\Rightarrow$  quantum connection  $\nabla_a = \partial_a + \underline{a} * \quad (\text{quantum connection})$   
formal param  $\hbar=2$



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$H^*(X; \Lambda, *)$  defined -  $a * b = \sum_{A \in H_2} \# \left\{ \begin{matrix} a \\ \circlearrowleft A \\ c \end{matrix} \right\} c \cdot q^A$

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$\nabla_a = \overset{\substack{\text{formal} \\ \text{param } \hbar=2}}{t} \partial_a + \underline{a} * \text{ (quantum connection) } : QH^*(X) \rightarrow QH^{*+2}(X)[[t]]$

Quantum connection is easy to define, but rich

$X =$  conical symplectic resolutions

$\leftarrow$  S-action (scaling  $\omega$ )  
T-action (preserves  $\omega$ )

$\rightsquigarrow$   $QH_{eq}^*$ ,  $\nabla^{eq}$ , ... essential

Thm (Braverman-Maulik-Okounkov)

$\nabla^{eq}$  for  $X = T^*G/B$  group equivalent trig KZ connection

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These are defined  $/ \mathbb{Z}, \text{ mod } p!$

p-curvature in mod p

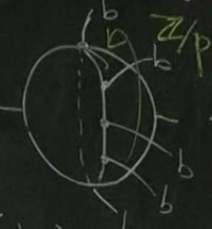
$\partial$  satisfies Leibniz rule  $\rightsquigarrow$  so does  $\partial^p$

$\Rightarrow$  p-curvature  $F_{\partial} = \nabla_{\partial}^p - \nabla_{\partial^p}$   
(cf. curvature  $F_{X,Y} = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X,Y]}$ )  
for us,  $F_a = \nabla_a^p - t^{p-1} \nabla_a$



# Quantum Steenrod Operations [Fukaya '97, Wilkins '18]

$$b \in H^*(X; \mathbb{F}_p) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma_b : QH^*(X; \mathbb{F}_p) \longrightarrow (QH^*(X) \llbracket t, \theta \rrbracket)^{*+p|b|} \quad \begin{matrix} |t|=2 \\ |\theta|=1 \end{matrix}$$

defined from counts of   $\longrightarrow X \quad QH^*(X) \otimes H^*(B\mathbb{Z}/p; \mathbb{F}_p) \quad (p \geq 2)$

- Properties) (i)  $\sum_b |q=0| = St(b)$  (cf. classical Steenrod operations  $St: H^*(X; \mathbb{F}_p) \longrightarrow H^*(X; \mathbb{F}_p) \llbracket t, \theta \rrbracket$ )  
 (ii)  $\sum_b |(t, \theta)=0| = \underbrace{b * b * \dots * b}_p$



$\Sigma_b$  has applications in Ham. dynamics, mod  $\varphi$  mirror symmetry

But, it's hard to compute

Main Result Thm. (L., in preparation)

$X =$  conical symplectic resolutions ( $X^T$  discrete)

Fix  $b \in H^2(X)$ , then  $F_b - \bar{\Sigma}_b =$  nilpotent

Moreover, if  $b^*$  has distinct eigenvalues,  $F_b - \bar{\Sigma}_b = 0$  (i.e.  $p$ -curvature is qu)

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$$(iii) \sum_{b'} \circ \sum_{b'} = \sum_{b+b'} \text{ times}$$

Methods of proof: shift operators

no

For every cocharacter  $\sigma: S^1 \rightarrow (T \times S^1) \curvearrowright X$

$$S_\sigma: \mathbb{Q}H^*(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}H^*(X)[[t]]$$

defined from counts of holomorphic sections of

$$E_\sigma = D^2 \times X \cup_\sigma D^2 \times X$$

$\downarrow \mathbb{P}^1$

Key property:  $S_\sigma f(z, t) = f(z + \sigma t, t) S_\sigma$



Thm (Okounkov-Pandharipande)

$$\nabla_a \circ \sum_b \circ S_\sigma = S_\sigma \circ \nabla_a$$

(compatibility)

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$(*) \Rightarrow$  main result

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Conj.  $F_b = \sum b$  on  $b \in \mathbb{H}^2(X)$  agree always!  
(quadratics in  $\mathbb{C}P^5$ )