1067-16-2184 Yorck Sommerhaeuser* (sommerh@jaguar1.usouthal.edu), University of South Alabama, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, 411 University Blvd N, Mobile, AL 36688. The Central Charge of Factorizable Hopf Algebras coming from Bilinear Forms. Preliminary report.

Recent work of Yongchang Zhu and the speaker established the following fact: For a semisimple factorizable Hopf algebra, the value of an integral on the Drinfel'd element and the value of this integral on the inverse Drinfel'd element differ only by a fourth root of unity. If the dimension is odd, they only differ by a sign, and this sign is a plus sign if the dimension is one modulo four, but a minus sign if the dimension is three modulo four.

The authors of this work conjecture that these two integral values always differ only by a sign, even if the dimension is not odd. In the talk, we provide some evidence for this conjecture by proving it for a class of factorizable Hopf algebras coming from bilinear forms. We also show that the conjecture is false for quasi-Hopf algebras, which can be constructed in an analogous way if one replaces bilinear forms with Eilenberg-MacLane cocycles. (Received September 22, 2010)