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*Quantum Affine Schubert Cells and FRT-Bialgebras.*

The aim of this talk is to draw connections between certain quantum Schubert cell algebras and universal FRT-bialgebras. The universal bialgebra construction of Faddeev, Reshetikhin, and Takhtajan is an approach to obtaining a  $q$ -deformation of the coordinate ring of regular functions on an algebraic group  $G$ . On the other hand, a quantum Schubert cell algebra  $\mathcal{U}_q^+[w]$  associated to an element  $w$  in the Weyl group of a simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a deformation of the universal enveloping algebra  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{n}_+ \cap w.\mathfrak{n}_-)$ . We show that certain multi-parameter quantum affine Schubert cells, and quotients thereof, map isomorphically onto certain distinguished subalgebras of FRT-bialgebras. This is joint work with Christopher Nowlin. (Received August 26, 2012)