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Christopher P. Bendel and **Daniel K. Nakano*** (nakano@math.uga.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602, and **Brian J Parshall** and **Cornelius Pillen**. *Cohomology for quantum groups*.

The main purpose of this talk is to demonstrate how to compute cohomology for quantum groups when $l < h$ which extends earlier results by Ginzberg and Kumar. This computation entails many beautiful results:

- 1) Realization of the “restricted nullcone” due to Carlson, Lin, Nakano and Parshall
- 2) Combinatorics involving the decomposition of the exterior algebra via the Steinberg representation. Our decomposition results makes use of MAGMA computations on root systems for exceptional Lie algebras.
- 3) Powerful vanishing results on line bundle cohomology proved via complex algebraic geometry (i.e. Grauert-Riemenschneider theorem).
- 4) Normality results on the closures of nilpotent orbits due to Kraft-Procesi, Sommers, Broer, Kumar-Lauritzen-Thomsen.

Our results show that the cohomology ring is finitely generated. This allows us to define support varieties and compute the support varieties for quantum Weyl modules in the case when $(l, p) = 1$ where p is any bad prime for the underlying root system. (Received September 12, 2005)