

Lattice cohomology and q -series invariants of plumbed 3-manifolds

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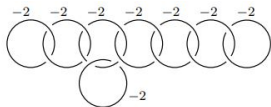
Outline:

- The \widehat{Z} invariant
- Lattice cohomology
- A new invariant unifying lattice cohomology and \widehat{Z}
- Details and properties
- Questions

Quantum invariants and the \widehat{Z} invariant of 3-manifolds

$Z_K(M)$: the $SU(2)$ Witten-Reshetikhin-Turaev invariant of a compact connected orientable 3-manifold M at $\zeta_K = e^{2\pi i/K}$.

Consider the Poincaré homology sphere $\Sigma(2, 3, 5)$,



and let $W(\zeta_K)$ denote its renormalized WRT invariant

$$W(\zeta_K) = \zeta_K (\zeta_K - 1) Z_K(\Sigma(2, 3, 5)).$$

R. Lawrence and D. Zagier, 1999: For $|q| < 1$ consider

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where $\chi_+ : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$

$n \pmod{60}$	1	11	19	29	31	41	49	59	(other)
$\chi_+(n)$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0

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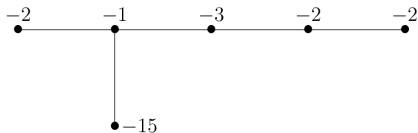
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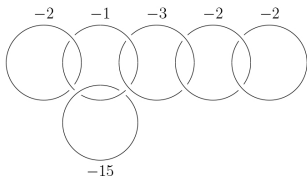
- ▶ More generally, Lawrence-Zagier stated the analogous result for three-fibred Seifert [integer homology spheres](#).
- ▶ One of Zagier's motivating examples of quantum modular forms.
- ▶ Gukov-Pei-Putrov-Vafa (2020): The \widehat{Z} -invariant for a more much more general class class of 3-manifolds (discussed next), based on the theory of BPS states.

Plumbed 3-manifolds

A negative definite plumbing Γ and its associated framed link $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma)$. The 3-manifold $Y(\Gamma)$ is the Brieskorn sphere $\Sigma(2, 7, 15)$:

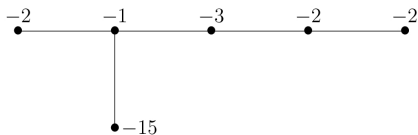


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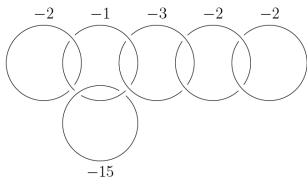


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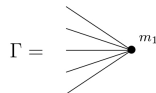
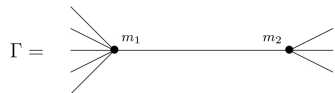
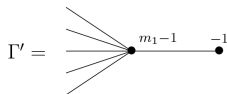
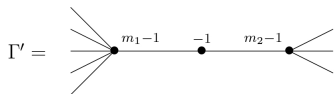
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The plumbing tree is **negative definite** if the associated symmetric matrix $M = M(\Gamma)$ is negative definite:

$$M_{i,j} = \begin{cases} m_i & \text{if } i = j, \\ 1 & \text{if } i \neq j, \text{ and } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are connected by an edge,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Two negative definite plumbing trees represent diffeomorphic 3-manifolds if and only if they are related by a finite sequence of type (a) and (b) Neumann moves:



(A) Type (a) move.

(B) Type (b) move.

The \widehat{Z} invariant

Gukov-Pei-Putrov-Vafa (2020): Given a negative definite plumbed 3-manifold Y with a spin^c structure a , consider

$$\widehat{Z}_{Y,a}(q) = q^{-\frac{3s+\sum_v m_v}{4}} \cdot v.p. \oint_{|z_v|=1} \prod_{v \in \mathcal{V}(\Gamma)} \frac{dz_v}{2\pi i z_v} \left(z_v - \frac{1}{z_v} \right)^{2-\delta_v} \cdot \Theta_a^{-M}(z),$$

$$\text{where } \Theta_a^{-M}(z) := \sum_{\ell \in a+2M\mathbb{Z}^s} q^{-\frac{\ell^t M^{-1} \ell}{4}} \prod_{v \in \mathcal{V}(\Gamma)} z_v^{\ell_v}.$$

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Conjecture Let Y be a closed 3-manifold with $b_1(Y) = 0$. Set

$$T := \text{Spin}^c(Y) / \mathbb{Z}_2.$$

There exist invariants

$$\widehat{Z}_a(q) \in 2^{-c} q^{\Delta_a} \mathbb{Z}[[q]],$$

with $\widehat{Z}_a(q)$ converging in the unit disk $\{|q| < 1\}$, such that

$$Z_{\text{CS}}(Y; k) = (i\sqrt{2k})^{-1} \sum_{a,b \in T} e^{2\pi i k \cdot \text{lk}(a,a)} |W_b|^{-1} S_{ab} \widehat{Z}_b(q) \Big|_{q \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/k}}$$

where

$$S_{ab} = \frac{e^{2\pi i k \cdot \text{lk}(a,b)} + e^{-2\pi i k \cdot \text{lk}(a,b)}}{|W_a| \cdot \sqrt{|H_1(Y; \mathbb{Z})|}},$$

(A proof for negative definite plumbed 3-manifolds announced by Yuya Murakami in February 2023)

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- ▶ Conjecturally \widehat{Z} admits a categorification:

$$\widehat{Z}_{Y,a}(q) = \sum_{i,j} (-1)^i q^j \text{rk } \mathcal{H}_{\text{BPS}}^{i,j}(Y, a)$$

Lattice cohomology (Némethi, 2008)

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For example, if Γ is almost rational, then as graded $\mathbb{Z}[U]$ -modules,

$$\mathbb{H}^i(\Gamma, [k]) [\text{grading shift}] \cong \begin{cases} HF^+(-Y(\Gamma), [k]) & \text{if } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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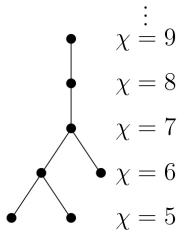
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- ▶ $\mathbb{H}^0(Y, \mathfrak{s})$ is encoded by the **graded root**, which was shown by Némethi to be an invariant of (Y, \mathfrak{s}) .

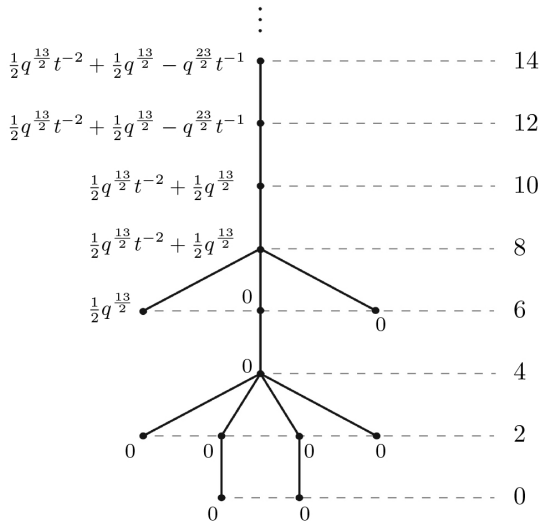
The 0-th lattice cohomology $\mathbb{H}^0(Y, \mathfrak{s})$ is encoded by the **graded root**, an (infinite) tree which is an invariant of (Y, \mathfrak{s})



On the other hand, the \widehat{Z} -invariant is a q -series.

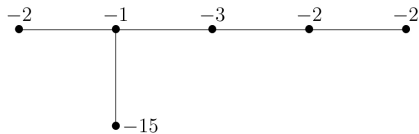
Our new invariant unifying lattice cohomology and \widehat{Z} takes the form of a

graded root weighted by 2-variable Laurent polynomials

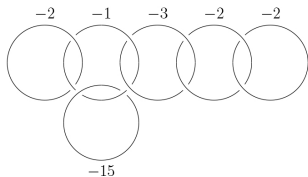


The **weighted graded root** associated to the Brieskorn homology sphere $\Sigma(2, 7, 15)$

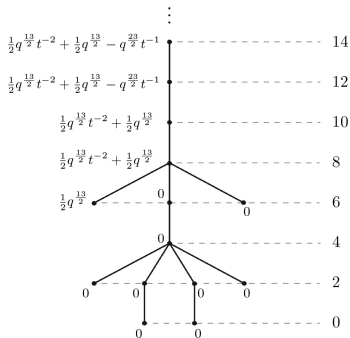
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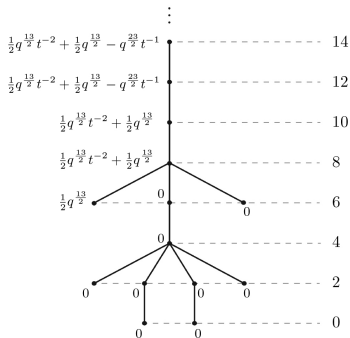
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Theorem 1. (Akhmechet-Johnson-K., 2021)

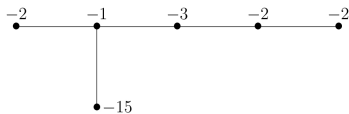
The weighted graded root is an invariant of a 3-manifold equipped with a spin^c structure.

(Lattice cohomology is recovered by the unlabeled tree.)

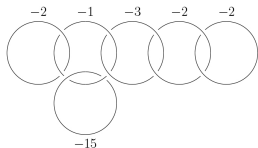


Theorem 2. (Akhmechet-Johnson-K.)

- ▶ The sequence of Laurent polynomial weights stabilizes, yielding a 2-variable series $\widehat{\widehat{Z}}_{Y,\mathfrak{s}}(q, t)$.
- ▶ The 2-variable series $\widehat{\widehat{Z}}_{Y,\mathfrak{s}}(q, t)$ is an invariant of the 3-manifold Y with a spin^c structure \mathfrak{s} , and its specialization at $t = 1$ equals $\widehat{Z}_{Y,\mathfrak{s}}(q)$.



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Define a quadratic function $\chi_k: \mathbb{Z}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$$\chi_k(x) = -(k \cdot x + \langle x, x \rangle)/2, \text{ where}$$

$$\langle -, - \rangle: \mathbb{Z}^s \times \mathbb{Z}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

is the bilinear form associated with M , $\langle x, y \rangle = x^t M y$.

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Consider the standard cubulation of \mathbb{R}^s (with vertices in \mathbb{Z}^s), and extend χ_k to a function on cells (cubes) \square of any dimension:

$$\chi_k(\square) := \max\{\chi_k(v) \mid v \text{ is a 0-cell of } \square\}$$

Let $S_j \subset \mathbb{R}^s$ denote the *sublevel set* $\chi_k \leq j$:

S_j is a (compact) subcomplex of the cubulation consisting of cells \square such that $\chi_k(\square) \leq j$.

(Recall that the intersection form $\langle -, - \rangle$ is negative definite!)

Definition of the **graded root** (R_k, χ_k) , following Némethi:

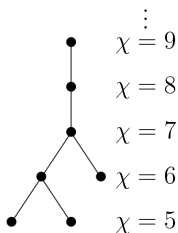
Consider the connected components of each sublevel set:

$$S_j = C_{j,1} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup C_{j,n_j}$$

The **vertices** of the graded root R_k consist of connected components among all the S_j .

The grading χ_k is given by $\chi_k(C_{j,\ell}) = j$.

Edges of R_k correspond to inclusions of connected components: there is an edge connecting $C_{j,\ell}$ and $C_{j+1,\ell'}$ if $C_{j,\ell} \subseteq C_{j+1,\ell'}$.



Némethi, 2008:

The graded root is an invariant of $(Y, [k])$, and encodes the structure of $\mathbb{H}^0(Y, [k])$.

Next: the new invariant, **weighted graded root**

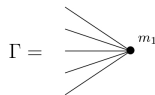
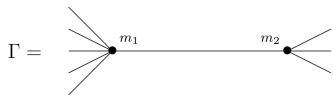
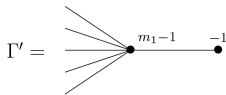
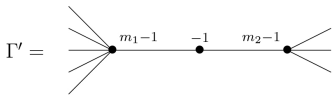
A rough idea: given a function

$$F_{\Gamma,k} : \mathbb{Z}^s \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$$

valued in some ring \mathcal{R} , each vertex v in the graded root (R_k, χ_k) can be given a *weight* by taking the sum of $F_{\Gamma,k}$ over lattice points in the connected component C representing v :

$$F_{\Gamma,k}(C) := \sum_{x \in C \cap \mathbb{Z}^s} F_{\Gamma,k}(x).$$

Subtlety: find a function $F_{\Gamma,k}$ so the weights of the graded root are invariant under Neumann's moves on the plumbing trees.



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Fix a commutative ring \mathcal{R} . A family of functions $F = \{F_n : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}\}_{n \geq 0}$ is *admissible* if

1. $F_2(0) = 1$ and $F_2(r) = 0$ for all $r \neq 0$.
2. For all $n \geq 1$ and $r \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$F_n(r+1) - F_n(r-1) = F_{n-1}(r).$$

Note that not only F_2 , but also F_0 and F_1 are uniquely determined by conditions 1 and 2:

$$F_1(r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r = -1, \\ -1 & \text{if } r = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad F_0(r) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r = \pm 2, \\ -2 & \text{if } r = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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A key example ($n \geq 3$):

$$\widehat{F}_n(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(r)^n \binom{\frac{n+|r|}{2} - 2}{n-3} & \text{if } |r| \geq n-2 \text{ and } r \equiv n \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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A characterization of admissible families $\text{Adm}(\mathcal{R})$:

There is a bijection $\text{Adm}(\mathcal{R}) \cong (\mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R})^{\mathbb{N}}$

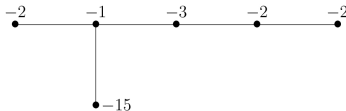
(the set of all sequences with entries in $\mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R}$.)

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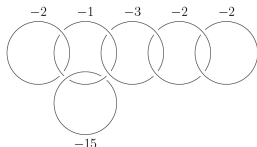
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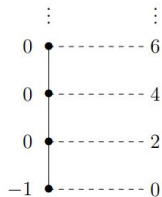
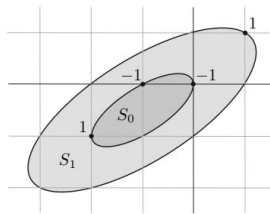
Example of the weights $F_{\Gamma,k}$. To have a 2-d illustration, consider the plumbing representation Γ for S^3 :



Pick the spin^c representative $k = (-1, 0)$. For $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$,

$$\chi_k(x, y) = (x^2 + 2y^2 - 2xy + x)/2,$$

$$F_{\Gamma,k}(x, y) = F_1(-2x + 2y - 1)F_1(2x - 4y + 1).$$



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To each $x \in \mathbb{Z}^s$ assign a Laurent polynomial weight

$$F_{\Gamma,k}(x) q^{\varepsilon_k(x)} t^{\theta_k(x)}$$

where $\varepsilon_k(x) = \Delta_k + 2\chi_k(x) + \langle x, u \rangle$, $\theta_k(x) = \Theta_k + \langle x, u \rangle$.

Here Δ_k is an overall normalization used to eliminate dependence on the choice of spin^c representative, similar in form to the d -invariant from Heegaard Floer homology.

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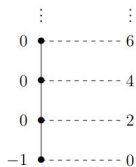
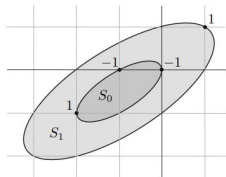
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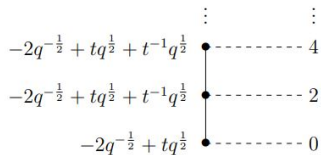
The above weights can be interpreted geometrically as follows.

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, the coefficient of t^n in $P_k(C)$ is given by summing $F_{\Gamma,k}(x) q^{\Delta_k + 2\chi_k(x) + n}$ over all $x \in \mathbb{Z}^s$ which lie on the intersection of C with the hyperplane $\{y \in \mathbb{R}^s \mid \Theta_k + \langle y, u \rangle = n\}$.

Recall the S^3 example:



The invariant:

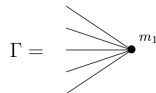
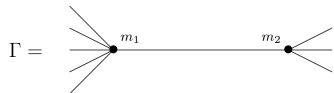
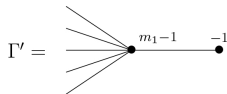
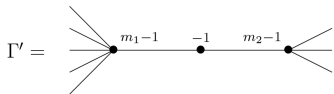


Theorem: *The graded root with vertex weights*

$$P_{F,k}(C) = \sum_{x \in L(C)} F_{\Gamma,k}(x) q^{\varepsilon_k(x)} t^{\langle x, u \rangle},$$

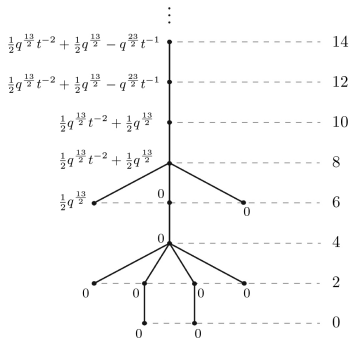
is an invariant of $(Y, [k])$.

The proof shows invariance under the Neumann moves:



(A) Type (a) move.

(B) Type (b) move.



Theorem 2. (Akhmechet-Johnson-K.)

- ▶ The sequence of Laurent polynomial weights stabilizes, yielding a 2-variable series $\widehat{\widehat{Z}}_{Y,\mathfrak{s}}(q, t)$.
- ▶ The 2-variable series $\widehat{\widehat{Z}}_{Y,\mathfrak{s}}(q, t)$ is an invariant of the 3-manifold Y with a spin^c structure \mathfrak{s} , and its specialization at $t = 1$ equals $\widehat{Z}_{Y,\mathfrak{s}}(q)$.

A formula for the 2-variable series:

$$\widehat{\widehat{Z}}_{Y,[k]}(q, t) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^s} \widehat{F}_{\Gamma, k}(x) q^{\varepsilon_k(x)} t^{\theta_k(x)}, \quad (1)$$

For example, for S^3 :

$$\begin{array}{rcc}
 & \vdots & \vdots \\
 -2q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + tq^{\frac{1}{2}} + t^{-1}q^{\frac{1}{2}} & \bullet \text{-----} & 4 \\
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 -2q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + tq^{\frac{1}{2}} & \bullet \text{-----} & 0
 \end{array}
 \quad \widehat{\widehat{Z}}_{[k]}(q, t) = -2q^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (t + t^{-1})q^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

More generally, for any admissible family F , setting $t = 1$ gives a well-defined Laurent q -series invariant of $(Y(\Gamma, [k]))$.

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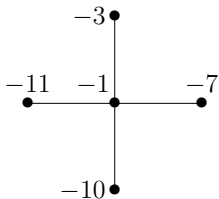
In fact, in some examples conjugate spin^c structures may be distinguished by their weighted graded roots.

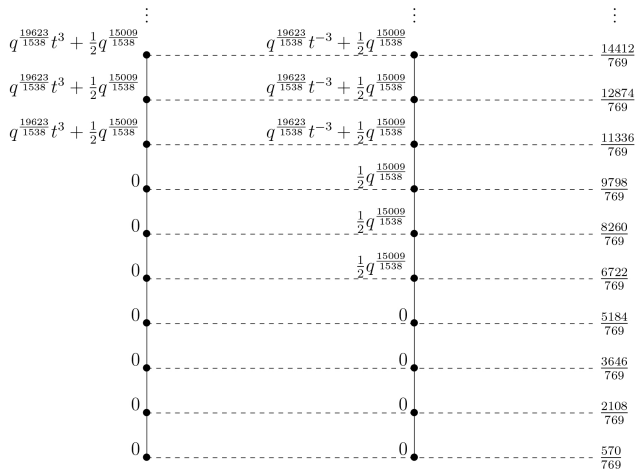
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$$(R_{-k}, \chi_{-k}, P_{\widehat{F}, -k})$$

P. Johnson: program for computing the weighted graded root

Summary

- ▶ A new connection between quantum topology and Floer theory: the weighted graded root unifies lattice cohomology and the \widehat{Z} invariant.
- ▶ A 2-variable series $\widehat{\widehat{Z}}_{Y,\mathfrak{s}}(q, t)$ specializing to $\widehat{Z}_{Y,\mathfrak{s}}(q)$.
- ▶ **Polynomial** invariants of (Y, \mathfrak{s}) approximating the power series.
- ▶ A new feature: distinguishes conjugate spin^c structure.
- ▶ Our construction is more general than \widehat{Z} : a weighted graded root is built for any choice of *admissible functions* $F = \{F_n : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}\}_{n \geq 0}$ where \mathcal{R} is a commutative ring.

More recent/ongoing work:

- ▶ L. Liles, E. McSpirt have done calculations of $\widehat{Z}_{Y,s}(q, t)$ for Brieskron spheres, and also established certain modularity properties for values of t other than 1.
- ▶ R. Akhmechet, P. Johnson, S. Park: Extension to the 2-variable series F_K of Gukov-Manolescu for knot complements and knot lattice homology.

Open problems

- ▶ **Categorification** of quantum 3-manifolds invariants?

$$\widehat{Z}_{Y,a}(q) = \sum_{i,j} (-1)^i q^j \operatorname{rk} \mathcal{H}_{\text{BPS}}^{i,j}(Y, a)$$

- ▶ Are there Laurent polynomial invariants (in t) obtained as radial limits of $\widehat{Z}_{Y,s}(q, t)$ as $q \rightarrow$ roots of unity?
- ▶ What are the invariants corresponding to admissible families of functions other than \widehat{F} ?
- ▶ Other homology spheres? $b_1 > 0$? Relation between the construction using affine Grassmanian and Rozansky-Witten invariants, and Heegaard Floer homology?