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*Hochster's Theta invariant and the Hodge-Riemann bilinear relations.*

The theta invariant is defined for certain hypersurface rings. It is a bilinear pairing on modules, and is related to Serre's intersection multiplicity.

This talk will discuss an answer to a conjecture concerning the vanishing of this invariant when the ring contains a coefficient field and is of even dimension. (Received September 21, 2009)