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ABSTRACT

We connect two developments that aim to extend Voevodsky’s theory of motives over a field in such a way as to encompass non- \mathbf{A}^1 -invariant phenomena. One is theory of *reciprocity sheaves* introduced by Kahn, Saito and Yamazaki. The other is theory of the triangulated category $\mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}$ of *logarithmic motives* launched by Binda, Park and Østvær. We prove that the Nisnevich cohomology of reciprocity sheaves is representable in $\mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}$.

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Introduction

We fix once and for all a perfect base field k . The main purpose of this paper is to connect two developments that aim to extend Voevodsky’s theory of motives over k in such a way as to encompass non- \mathbf{A}^1 -invariant phenomena. One is the theory of *reciprocity sheaves* introduced by Kahn, Saito and Yamazaki [KSY16, KSY22] and developed in [Sai20, BRS22]. Voevodsky’s theory is based on the category \mathbf{PST} of *presheaves with transfers*, defined as the category of additive presheaves of abelian groups on the category \mathbf{Cor} of finite correspondences: \mathbf{Cor} has the same objects as the category \mathbf{Sm} of separated smooth schemes of finite type over k , and morphisms in \mathbf{Cor} are finite correspondences. Let $\mathbf{NST} \subset \mathbf{PST}$ be the full subcategory of Nisnevich sheaves, that is, those objects $F \in \mathbf{PST}$ whose restrictions F_X to the small étale site $X_{\text{ét}}$ over X are Nisnevich sheaves for all $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$. Voevodsky proved that \mathbf{NST} is a Grothendieck abelian

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category and defined the triangulated category \mathbf{DM}^{eff} of effective motives as the localization of the derived category $D(\mathbf{NST})$ of complexes in \mathbf{NST} with respect to an \mathbf{A}^1 -weak equivalence (see [MVW06, Definition 14.1]). It is equipped with a functor $M : \mathbf{Sm} \rightarrow \mathbf{DM}^{\text{eff}}$ associating the motive $M(X)$ of $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$.

Let $\mathbf{HI}_{\text{Nis}} \subset \mathbf{NST}$ be the full subcategory consisting of \mathbf{A}^1 -invariant objects, namely such $F \in \mathbf{NST}$ that the projection $\pi_X : X \times \mathbf{A}^1 \rightarrow X$ induces an isomorphism $\pi_X^* : F(X) \simeq F(X \times \mathbf{A}^1)$ for any $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$. We say that $F \in \mathbf{HI}_{\text{Nis}}$ is strictly \mathbf{A}^1 -invariant if π_X induces isomorphisms

$$\pi_X^* : H_{\text{Nis}}^i(X, F_X) \simeq H_{\text{Nis}}^i(X \times \mathbf{A}^1, F_{X \times \mathbf{A}^1}) \quad \text{for all } i \geq 0.$$

The following theorem plays a fundamental role in Voevodsky’s theory.

THEOREM 0.1 (Voevodsky [Voe00]). *Any $F \in \mathbf{HI}_{\text{Nis}}$ is strictly \mathbf{A}^1 -invariant and we have a natural isomorphism*

$$H_{\text{Nis}}^i(X, F_X) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{DM}^{\text{eff}}}(M(X), L^{\mathbf{A}^1} F[i]) \quad \text{for } X \in \mathbf{Sm}, \tag{0.1.1}$$

where $L^{\mathbf{A}^1} : D(\mathbf{NST}) \rightarrow \mathbf{DM}^{\text{eff}}$ is the localization functor.

Notice that there are interesting and important objects of \mathbf{NST} which do not belong to \mathbf{HI}_{Nis} . Such examples are given by the sheaves Ω^i of (absolute or relative) differential forms; the p -typical de Rham–Witt sheaves $W_m \Omega^i$ of Bloch, Deligne and Illusie; smooth commutative k -group schemes with a unipotent part (seen as objects of \mathbf{NST}); and the complexes $R\varepsilon_* \mathbb{Z}/p^r(n)$ with $\text{ch}(k) = p > 0$, where $\mathbb{Z}/p^r(n)$ is the étale motivic complex of weight n with \mathbb{Z}/p^r coefficients and ε is the change of site functor from the étale to the Nisnevich topology. For such examples, (0.1.1) fails to hold since $\pi_X : X \times \mathbf{A}^1 \rightarrow X$ induces an isomorphism $M(X \times \mathbf{A}^1) \simeq M(X)$ in \mathbf{DM}^{eff} but the maps induced on the cohomology of those sheaves are not isomorphisms.

The category $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ of reciprocity sheaves is a full abelian subcategory of \mathbf{NST} that contains \mathbf{HI}_{Nis} as well as the non- \mathbf{A}^1 -invariant objects mentioned above. Heuristically, its objects satisfy the property that for any $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$, each section $a \in F(X)$ ‘has bounded ramification at infinity’ and the objects of \mathbf{HI}_{Nis} are special reciprocity sheaves with the property that every section $a \in F(X)$ has ‘tame’ ramification at infinity.¹ Slightly more exotic examples of reciprocity sheaves are given by the sheaves Conn^1 (for $\text{ch}(k) = 0$), whose sections over X are rank 1-connections, or Lisse_ℓ^1 (in case $\text{ch}(k) = p > 0$), whose sections on X are the lisse $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -sheaves of rank 1. Since $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ is an abelian category equipped with a lax symmetric monoidal structure by [RSY22], many more interesting examples can be manufactured by taking kernels, quotients and tensor products (see [BRS22, §11.1] for more examples).

The main purpose of this paper is to establish formula (0.1.1) for all $F \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ in a new category which enlarges \mathbf{DM}^{eff} (see (0.2)). It is the triangulated category $\mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}$ of logarithmic motives introduced by Binda, Park and Østvær in [BPØ22]. Let \mathbf{lSm} be the category of log smooth and separated fs log schemes of finite type over k , and \mathbf{lCor} be the category with the same objects as \mathbf{lSm} and whose morphisms are log finite correspondences (see [BPØ22, Definition 2.1.1]). Let $\mathbf{PSh}^{\text{ltr}}$ be the category of additive presheaves of abelian groups on \mathbf{lCor} and $\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}} \subset \mathbf{PSh}^{\text{ltr}}$ be the full subcategory consisting of those \mathcal{F} whose restrictions to \mathbf{lSm} are dividing Nisnevich sheaves (see [BPØ22, Definition 3.1.4]). It is shown in [BPØ22, Theorem 1.2.1] that $\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$ is a Grothendieck abelian category, and $\mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}$ is defined as the localization of the derived category $D(\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}})$ of complexes in $\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$ with respect to a \square -weak equivalence, where \square is \mathbf{P}^1 with the log structure associated to the effective divisor $\infty \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$

¹ This heuristic viewpoint is manifested in [RS21a, Theorem 2].

(see [BPØ22, Definition 5.2.1]).² It is equipped with a functor $M : \mathbf{lSm} \rightarrow \mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}$ associating the logarithmic motive $M(\mathfrak{X})$ of $\mathfrak{X} \in \mathbf{lSm}$. Thanks to [BM12, Theorem 1,1], the standard t -structure on $D(\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}})$ induces a t -structure on $\mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}$ called the homotopy t -structure, and its heart is identified with the abelian full subcategory $\mathbf{CI}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}} \subset \mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$ consisting of strictly \square -invariant objects in the sense of [BPØ22, Definition 5.2.2].³ We can now state the main result of this paper.

THEOREM 0.2 (Theorems 6.1 and 6.3). *There exists an exact and fully faithful functor*

$$\mathcal{L}og : \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}} \rightarrow \mathbf{CI}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}} : F \rightarrow F^{\text{log}} = \mathcal{L}og(F). \tag{0.2.1}$$

For $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$ we have a natural isomorphism

$$H_{\text{Nis}}^i(X, F_X) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}}(M(X, \text{triv}), L^{\square}F^{\text{log}}[i]), \tag{0.2.2}$$

where $L^{\square} : D(\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}) \rightarrow \mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}$ is the localization functor and (X, triv) is the log scheme with the trivial log structure.

We remark (see Remark 5.6) that, for $F = \Omega^i, F^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X})$ for $\mathfrak{X} \in \mathbf{lSm}$ whose underlying scheme is smooth agrees with the sheaf of logarithmic differential forms of \mathfrak{X} at least assuming $\text{ch}(k) = 0$.⁴

We now explain the organization of the paper.

In § 1 we discuss some preliminaries and fix notation. We recall the definitions and basic properties of *modulus (pre)sheaves with transfers* from [KMSY21a, KMSY21b, KSY22, Sai20]. These are a generalization of Voevodsky’s (pre)sheaves with transfers to a version with modulus. The category \mathbf{MCor} of *modulus correspondences* is introduced. Its objects are pairs $\mathcal{X} = (\overline{X}, D)$, where \overline{X} is a separated scheme of finite type over k equipped with an effective Cartier divisor D such that the *interior* $\overline{X} - D = X$ is smooth. The morphisms are finite correspondences on the interiors satisfying admissibility and a properness condition. Let \mathbf{MPST} be the category of additive presheaves of abelian groups on \mathbf{MCor} . A full subcategory $\mathbf{MNST} \subset \mathbf{MPST}$ of *Nisnevich sheaves* is defined and there is a functor (see § 1(20))

$$\omega^{\mathbf{CI}} : \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}} \rightarrow \mathbf{MNST}.$$

For every $F \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ and $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$, it provides an exhaustive filtration on the group $F(X)$ of sections over X which measures the depth of ramification along a boundary of a partial compactification of X : for $(\overline{X}, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}$ with $\overline{X} - D = X$, we get the subgroups $\tilde{F}(\overline{X}, D) \subset F(X)$ with $\tilde{F} = \omega^{\mathbf{CI}}F$ such that $\tilde{F}(\overline{X}, D_1) \subset \tilde{F}(\overline{X}, D_2)$ if $D_1 \leq D_2$.

In § 2 we prove as a key technical input an analogue of the Zariski–Nagata purity theorem [SGA2, X 3.4] for $\tilde{F}(\overline{X}, D)$ as above. This asserts the exactness of the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{F}(\overline{X}, D) \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\xi \in D^{(0)}} \frac{F(\overline{X}_{|\xi}^h - \xi)}{\tilde{F}(\overline{X}_{|\xi}^h, \xi)},$$

where $\overline{X} \in \mathbf{Sm}$ and D is a reduced simple normal crossing divisor, and where $D^{(0)}$ is the set of the irreducible components of D and $\overline{X}_{|\xi}^h$ is the henselization of \overline{X} at ξ . In [RS21b] this result is generalized to the case where D may not be reduced under the assumption that \overline{X} admits a smooth compactification.

² In fact it is defined in [BPØ22, Definition 5.2.1] as the localization of the homotopy category of complexes in $\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$ with respect to a \square -local descent model structure.

³ It is a logarithmic analogue of Voevodsky’s strict \mathbf{A}^1 -invariance.

⁴ The assumption is necessary to use [RS21a, Corollary 6.8] proved in the case $\text{ch}(k) = 0$. We expect that it can be dispensed with by using a forthcoming work of K. Rülling extending [RS21a, Corollary 6.8] to the case $\text{ch}(k) > 0$.

In § 3 we review *higher local symbols* for reciprocity sheaves constructed in [RS21c]. These are an effective tool with which one can decide when a given element of $F(X)$ with $F \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ and $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$ belongs to $\tilde{F}(\overline{X}, D)$ as above. The construction of the pairing depends on pushforward maps for the cohomology of reciprocity sheaves constructed in [BRS22] (which means that Theorem 0.2 depends on the result of [BRS22]).

In § 4 we prove the following result. Let $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$ be the subcategory of \mathbf{MCor} whose objects are pairs (X, D) such that $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$ and the reduced divisor D_{red} underlying D is a simple normal crossing divisor on X and whose morphisms are modulus correspondences satisfying a finiteness conditions instead of the properness condition (see § 1(5)). Then, for $F \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$, the association

$$\tilde{F}^{\text{log}} : (X, D) \rightarrow \omega^{\text{CI}} F(X, D_{\text{red}})$$

gives a presheaf on $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$, which gives rise to a cohomology theory $H_{\text{log}}^i(-, \tilde{F}^{\text{log}})$ on $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$, called *the i th logarithmic cohomology with coefficient F* (see Definition 4.4). The higher local symbols for F play a fundamental role in the proof of the result.

In § 5 we prove the invariance of logarithmic cohomology under blowups. Let $\Lambda_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$ be the subcategory of $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$ whose objects are the same as $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$ and whose morphisms are those $\rho : (Y, E) \rightarrow (X, D)$ where $E = \rho^*D$ and ρ are induced by blowups of X in smooth centers $Z \subset D$ which are normal crossing to D (see the beginning of the section). Then, for $F \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ and $\rho : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ in $\Lambda_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$, we have

$$\rho^* : H_{\text{log}}^i(\mathcal{X}, F) \cong H_{\text{log}}^i(\mathcal{Y}, F) \quad \forall i \geq 0.$$

In § 6 we prove Theorem 0.2, which is a formal consequence of the theorems in §§ 4 and 5.

1. Preliminaries

We fix once and for all a perfect base field k . In this section we recall the definitions and basic properties of modulus sheaves with transfers from [KMSY21a, Sai20].

- (1) Denote by \mathbf{Sch} the category of separated schemes of finite type over k and by \mathbf{Sm} the full subcategory of smooth schemes. For $X, Y \in \mathbf{Sm}$, an integral closed subscheme of $X \times Y$ that is finite and surjective over a connected component of X is called a *prime correspondence from X to Y* . The category \mathbf{Cor} of finite correspondences has the same objects as \mathbf{Sm} , and for $X, Y \in \mathbf{Sm}$, $\mathbf{Cor}(X, Y)$ is the free abelian group on the set of all prime correspondences from X to Y (see [Voe00]). We consider \mathbf{Sm} as a subcategory of \mathbf{Cor} by regarding a morphism in \mathbf{Sm} as its graph in \mathbf{Cor} .

Let \mathbf{PST} be the category of additive presheaves of abelian groups on \mathbf{Cor} whose objects are called *presheaves with transfers*. Let $\mathbf{NST} \subseteq \mathbf{PST}$ be the category of Nisnevich sheaves with transfers and let

$$a_{\text{Nis}}^V : \mathbf{PST} \rightarrow \mathbf{NST}$$

be Voevodsky’s Nisnevich sheafification functor, which is an exact left adjoint to the inclusion $\mathbf{NST} \rightarrow \mathbf{PST}$. Let $\mathbf{HI} \subseteq \mathbf{PST}$ be the category of \mathbf{A}^1 -invariant presheaves and put $\mathbf{HI}_{\text{Nis}} = \mathbf{HI} \cap \mathbf{NST} \subseteq \mathbf{NST}$.

- (2) Let \mathbf{Sm}^{pro} be the category of k -schemes X which are essentially smooth over k , that is, X is a limit $\varprojlim_{i \in I} X_i$ over a filtered set I , where X_i is smooth over k and all transition maps are étale. Note that $\text{Spec } K \in \mathbf{Sm}^{\text{pro}}$ for a function field K over k thanks to the assumption that k is perfect. We define $\mathbf{Cor}^{\text{pro}}$ whose objects are the same as \mathbf{Sm}^{pro} and whose morphisms are defined as [RS21a, Definition 2,2]. We extend $F \in \mathbf{PST}$ to a presheaf on $\mathbf{Cor}^{\text{pro}}$ by $F(X) := \varinjlim_{i \in I} F(X_i)$ for X as above.

- (3) We recall the definition of the category \mathbf{MCor} from [KMSY21a, Definition 1.3.1]. A pair $\mathcal{X} = (X, D)$ consisting of $X \in \mathbf{Sch}$ and an effective Cartier divisor D on X is called a *modulus pair* if $X - D \in \mathbf{Sm}$. Let $\mathcal{X} = (X, D_X), \mathcal{Y} = (Y, D_Y)$ be modulus pairs and $\Gamma \in \mathbf{Cor}(X - D_X, Y - D_Y)$ be a prime correspondence. Let $\bar{\Gamma} \subseteq X \times Y$ be the closure of Γ , and let $\bar{\Gamma}^N \rightarrow X \times Y$ be the normalization. We say that Γ is *admissible* (respectively, *left proper*) if $(D_X)_{\bar{\Gamma}^N} \geq (D_Y)_{\bar{\Gamma}^N}$ (respectively, if $\bar{\Gamma}$ is proper over X). Let $\mathbf{MCor}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ be the subgroup of $\mathbf{Cor}(X - D_X, Y - D_Y)$ generated by all admissible left proper prime correspondences. The category \mathbf{MCor} has modulus pairs as objects and $\mathbf{MCor}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ as the group of morphisms from \mathcal{X} to \mathcal{Y} .
- (4) Let $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}} \subset \mathbf{MCor}$ be the full subcategory of $(X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}$ with $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$ and $|D|$ a normal crossing divisor on X .
- (5) Let $\mathbf{MCor}^{\text{fin}} \subset \mathbf{MCor}$ be the full subcategory of the same objects such that $\mathbf{MCor}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ are generated by all admissible *finite* prime correspondences, where finite prime correspondences are defined by replacing the left properness in (3) by finiteness. We also define $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}} = \mathbf{MCor}^{\text{fin}} \cap \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$.
- (6) There is a canonical pair of adjoint functors $\lambda \dashv \underline{\omega}$:

$$\lambda : \mathbf{Cor} \rightarrow \mathbf{MCor} \quad X \mapsto (X, \emptyset),$$

$$\underline{\omega} : \mathbf{MCor} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cor} \quad (X, D) \mapsto X - D.$$

- (7) There is a full subcategory $\mathbf{MCor} \subset \mathbf{MCor}$ consisting of *proper modulus pairs*, where a modulus pair (X, D) is *proper* if X is proper. Let $\tau : \mathbf{MCor} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{MCor}$ be the inclusion functor and $\omega = \underline{\omega}\tau$.
- (8) Let \mathbf{MPST} (respectively, \mathbf{MPST}) be the category of additive presheaves of abelian groups on \mathbf{MCor} (respectively, \mathbf{MCor}) whose objects are called *modulus presheaves with transfers*. For $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{MCor}$, let $\mathbb{Z}_{\text{tr}}(\mathcal{X}) = \mathbf{MCor}(-, \mathcal{X})$ be the representable object of \mathbf{MPST} . We sometimes write \mathcal{X} for $\mathbb{Z}_{\text{tr}}(\mathcal{X})$ for simplicity.
- (9) In the same manner as (2), the category $\mathbf{MCor}^{\text{pro}}$ is defined and $F \in \mathbf{MPST}$ is extended to a presheaf on $\mathbf{MCor}^{\text{pro}}$ (see [RS21a, § 3.7]).
- (10) The adjunction $\lambda \dashv \underline{\omega}$ induces a string of four adjoint functors $(\lambda_! = \underline{\omega}^!, \lambda^* = \underline{\omega}_!, \lambda_* = \underline{\omega}^*, \underline{\omega}_*)$ (see [KMSY21a, Proposition 2.3.1]):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\underline{\omega}^!} & \\ \mathbf{MPST} & \xrightarrow{\underline{\omega}_!} & \mathbf{PST} \\ & \xleftarrow{\underline{\omega}_*} & \\ & \xrightarrow{\underline{\omega}^*} & \end{array}$$

where $\underline{\omega}_!, \underline{\omega}_*$ are localizations and $\underline{\omega}^!$ and $\underline{\omega}^*$ are fully faithful.

- (11) The functor τ yields a string of three adjoint functors $(\tau_!, \tau^*, \tau_*)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\tau_!} & \\ \mathbf{MPST} & \xrightarrow{\tau^*} & \mathbf{MPST} \\ & \xrightarrow{\tau_*} & \end{array}$$

where $\tau_!, \tau_*$ are fully faithful and τ^* is a localization; $\tau_!$ has a pro-left adjoint $\tau^!$, hence is exact (see [KMSY21a, Proposition 2.4.1]). We will denote by \mathbf{MPST}^τ the essential image of $\tau_!$ in \mathbf{MPST} .

- (12) The modulus pair $\bar{\square} := (\mathbf{P}^1, \infty)$ has an interval structure induced by that of \mathbf{A}^1 (see [KSY22, Lemma 2.1.3]). We say that $F \in \mathbf{MPST}$ is $\bar{\square}$ -invariant if $p^* : F(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X} \otimes \bar{\square})$ is an isomorphism for any $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{MCor}$, where $p : \mathcal{X} \otimes \bar{\square} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is the projection. Let \mathbf{CI} be

the full subcategory of **MPST** consisting of all \square -invariant objects and $\mathbf{CI}^\tau \subset \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ be the essential image of **CI** under $\tau_!$.

- (13) Recall from [KSY22, Theorem 2.1.8] that **CI** is a Serre subcategory of **MPST**, and that the inclusion functor $i^\square : \mathbf{CI} \rightarrow \mathbf{MPST}$ has a left adjoint h_0^\square and a right adjoint h_0^0 given for $F \in \mathbf{MPST}$ and $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{MCor}$ by

$$h_0^\square(F)(\mathcal{X}) = \text{Coker}(i_0^* - i_1^* : F(\mathcal{X} \otimes \square) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X})),$$

$$h_0^0(F)(\mathcal{X}) = \text{Hom}(h_0^\square(\mathcal{X}), F).$$

For $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{MCor}$, we write $h_0^\square(\mathcal{X}) = h_0^\square(\mathbb{Z}_{\text{tr}}(\mathcal{X})) \in \mathbf{CI}$, and by abuse of notation we also write $h_0^\square(\mathcal{X})$ for $\tau_! h_0^\square(\mathcal{X}) \in \mathbf{CI}^\tau$.

- (14) For $F \in \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ and $\mathcal{X} = (X, D) \in \underline{\mathbf{MCor}}$, write $F_\mathcal{X}$ for the presheaf on the small étale site $X_{\text{ét}}$ over X given by $U \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X}_U)$ for $U \rightarrow X$ étale, where $\mathcal{X}_U = (U, D|_U) \in \underline{\mathbf{MCor}}$. We say that F is a Nisnevich sheaf if $F_\mathcal{X}$ is also one for all $\mathcal{X} \in \underline{\mathbf{MCor}}$ (see [KMSY21a, § 3]). We write $\underline{\mathbf{MNST}} \subset \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ for the full subcategory of Nisnevich sheaves and put

$$\mathbf{MNST}^\tau = \underline{\mathbf{MNST}} \cap \mathbf{MPST}^\tau, \quad \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^\tau = \mathbf{CI}^\tau \cap \mathbf{MNST}^\tau.$$

By [KMSY21a, Proposition 3.5.3] and [KMSY21b, Theorem 2], the inclusion functor $i_{\text{Nis}} : \underline{\mathbf{MNST}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ has an exact left adjoint $\underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}$ such that $\underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}(\mathbf{MPST}^\tau) \subset \mathbf{MNST}^\tau$. The functor $\underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}$ has the following description. For $F \in \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ and $\mathcal{Y} \in \underline{\mathbf{MCor}}$, let $F_{\mathcal{Y}, \text{Nis}}$ be the usual Nisnevich sheafification of $F_\mathcal{Y}$. Then, for $(X, D) \in \underline{\mathbf{MCor}}$, we have

$$\underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}F(X, D) = \varinjlim_{f: \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow X} F_{(\mathcal{Y}, f^*D), \text{Nis}}(\mathcal{Y})$$

where the colimit is taken over all proper maps $f : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow X$ that induce isomorphisms $\mathcal{Y} - |f^*D| \xrightarrow{\sim} X - |D|$.

- (15) By [KMSY21b, Proposition 6.2.1], $\underline{\omega}^*$ and $\underline{\omega}_!$ from (10) respect $\underline{\mathbf{MNST}}$ and \mathbf{NST} and induce a pair of adjoint functors (which for simplicity we write $\underline{\omega}_!$ and $\underline{\omega}^*$). Moreover, we have

$$\underline{\omega}_! \underline{a}_{\text{Nis}} = \underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}^V \underline{\omega}_!.$$

By [KSY22, Lemma 2.3.1] and [KMSY21b, Proposition 6.2.1a)], for $F \in \mathbf{PST}$, we have $F \in \mathbf{HI}$ (respectively, $F \in \mathbf{HI}_{\text{Nis}}$) if and only if $\underline{\omega}^*F \in \mathbf{CI}^\tau$ (respectively, $\underline{\omega}^*F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^\tau$).

- (16) We say that $F \in \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ is *semipure* if the unit map

$$u : F \rightarrow \underline{\omega}^* \underline{\omega}_! F$$

is injective. For $F \in \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ (respectively, $F \in \underline{\mathbf{MNST}}$), let $F^{\text{SP}} \in \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ (respectively, $F^{\text{SP}} \in \underline{\mathbf{MNST}}$) be the image of $F \rightarrow \underline{\omega}^* \underline{\omega}_! F$ (called the semipurification of F . See [Sai20, Lemma 1.30]). For $F \in \underline{\mathbf{MPST}}$ we have

$$\underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}(F^{\text{SP}}) \simeq (\underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}F)^{\text{SP}}.$$

This follows from the fact that $\underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}$ is exact and commutes with $\underline{\omega}^* \underline{\omega}_!$. For $F \in \mathbf{MPST}^\tau$ we have $F^{\text{SP}} \in \mathbf{MPST}^\tau$ since τ is exact and $\underline{\omega}^* \underline{\omega}_! \tau = \tau \underline{\omega}^* \underline{\omega}_!$.

- (17) Let $\mathbf{CI}^{\tau, \text{SP}} \subset \mathbf{CI}^\tau$ be the full subcategory of semipure objects and consider the full subcategory

$$\mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}} = \mathbf{CI}^{\tau, \text{SP}} \cap \mathbf{MNST}^\tau \subset \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^\tau.$$

By [Sai20, Theorems 0.1 and 0.4], we have $\underline{a}_{\text{Nis}}(\mathbf{CI}^{\tau, \text{SP}}) \subset \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}}$.

- (18) We write $\mathbf{RSC} \subseteq \mathbf{PST}$ for the essential image of \mathbf{CI} under $\omega_!$ (which is the same as the essential image of $\mathbf{CI}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ under $\underline{\omega}_!$ since $\omega_! = \omega_! \tau_!$ and $\underline{\omega}_! F = \underline{\omega}_! F^{\text{sp}}$). Put $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}} = \mathbf{RSC} \cap \mathbf{NST}$. The objects of \mathbf{RSC} (respectively, $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$) are called reciprocity presheaves (respectively, sheaves). By [Sai20, Theorem 0.1], we have

$$a_{\text{Nis}}^V(\mathbf{RSC}) \subset \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}. \tag{1.0.1}$$

We have $\mathbf{HI} \subseteq \mathbf{RSC}$ which also contains smooth commutative group schemes (which may have non-trivial unipotent part), the sheaf Ω^i of Kähler differentials, and the de Rham–Witt sheaves $W_n \Omega^i$ (see [KSY16, KSY22]).

- (19) \mathbf{NST} is a Grothendieck abelian category by [Voe00, Lemma 3.1.6] and we can make $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ its full subabelian category as follows. We define the kernel (respectively, cokernel) of a map $\phi : F \rightarrow G$ in $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ to be that of ϕ as a map in \mathbf{NST} . Here we need (1.0.1) to ensure that the cokernel of ϕ in \mathbf{NST} stays in $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$. By definition, a sequence $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$ is exact in $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ if and only if it is exact in \mathbf{NST} .
- (20) By [KSY22, Proposition 2.3.7] we have a pair of adjoint functors

$$\mathbf{CI} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\omega^{\mathbf{CI}}} \\ \xrightarrow{\omega_!} \end{array} \mathbf{RSC}, \tag{1.0.2}$$

where $\omega^{\mathbf{CI}} = h_{\square}^0 \omega^*$ and is fully faithful. It induces a pair of adjoint functors

$$\mathbf{CI}^{\tau} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\omega^{\mathbf{CI}}} \\ \xrightarrow{\omega_!} \end{array} \mathbf{RSC}, \tag{1.0.3}$$

where $\omega^{\mathbf{CI}} = \tau_! h_{\square}^0 \omega^*$ and is fully faithful. Indeed, let $F = \tau_! \hat{F}$ for $\hat{F} \in \mathbf{CI}$ and $G \in \mathbf{RSC}$. In view of (13) and the exactness and full faithfulness of $\tau_!$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{CI}^{\tau}}(F, \tau_! h_{\square}^0 \omega^* G) &\simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{CI}}(\hat{F}, h_{\square}^0 \omega^* G) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{MPST}}(\hat{F}, \omega^* G) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{MPST}}(\tau_! \hat{F}, \underline{\omega}^* G) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{RSC}}(\underline{\omega}_! F, G). \end{aligned}$$

In view of (15), (1.0.3) induces a pair of adjoint functors

$$\mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\omega^{\mathbf{CI}}} \\ \xrightarrow{\omega_!} \end{array} \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}. \tag{1.0.4}$$

2. Purity with reduced modulus

For $F \in \mathbf{MPST}$, we put

$$F_{-1} = \text{Ker} \left(\underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathbf{MPST}}((\mathbf{P}^1 - 0, \infty), F) \xrightarrow{i_1^*} F \right),$$

$$F_{-1}^{(1)} = \text{Ker} \left(\underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathbf{MPST}}((\mathbf{P}^1, 0 + \infty), F) \xrightarrow{i_1^*} F \right)$$

Note that if $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$, then $F_{-1}, F_{-1}^{(1)} \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} F_{-1}^{(1)}(\mathcal{X}) &= \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{MPST}}(h_{0, \text{Nis}}^{\square, \text{sp}}(\mathbf{P}^1, 0 + \infty)^0, \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathbf{MPST}}(\mathbb{Z}_{\text{tr}}(\mathcal{X}), F)), \\ F_{-1}(\mathcal{X}) &= \varinjlim_n \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{MPST}}(h_{0, \text{Nis}}^{\square, \text{sp}}(\mathbf{P}^1, n \cdot 0 + \infty)^0, \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathbf{MPST}}(\mathbb{Z}_{\text{tr}}(\mathcal{X}), F)) \end{aligned} \tag{2.0.1}$$

for $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{MCor}$, where

$$h_{0, \text{Nis}}^{\square, \text{sp}}(\mathbf{P}^1, n \cdot 0 + \infty)^0 = \text{Coker} \left(\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_{\text{tr}}(\text{Spec } k, \emptyset) \xrightarrow{i_1} h_{0, \text{Nis}}^{\square, \text{sp}}(\mathbf{P}^1, n \cdot 0 + \infty) \right).$$

DEFINITION 2.1. For $e_1, \dots, e_r \in \{0, 1\}$, put

$$\tau^{(e_1, \dots, e_r)} F = \tau^{(e_r)} \dots \tau^{(e_1)} F,$$

where

$$\tau^{(0)} F = F_{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau^{(1)} F = F_{-1}/F_{-1}^{(1)},$$

where the quotient is taken in **MPST**.

The existence of retractions in the following lemma was suggested by A. Merici. It implies $\tau^{(e_1, \dots, e_r)} F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}}$ if $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}}$.

LEMMA 2.2. For $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}}$, the inclusion $F_{-1}^{(1)} \rightarrow F_{-1}$ admits a retraction $s_F : F_{-1} \rightarrow F_{-1}^{(1)}$ such that for any map $\phi : F \rightarrow G$ in $\mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}}$, the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_{-1} & \xrightarrow{s_F} & F_{-1}^{(1)} \\ \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \phi \\ G_{-1} & \xrightarrow{s_F} & G_{-1}^{(1)} \end{array}$$

In particular, $\tau^{(1)} F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}}$ if $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}}$.

Proof. In view of (2.0.1), this follows from [BRS22, Lemma 2.4]. □

THEOREM 2.3. Let $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{SP}}$. Let $K\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ be the henselization of $K[t_1, \dots, t_n]$ at (t_1, \dots, t_n) and $\mathcal{X} = \text{Spec } K\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ and $D = \{t_1^{e_1} \dots t_n^{e_n} = 0\} \subset \mathcal{X}$ with $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \{0, 1\}$. For a subset $I \subset [1, n]$ let $i_{\mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be the closed immersion defined by $\{t_i = 0\}_{i \in I}$ and $D_{\mathcal{H}} = \{\prod_{j \in [1, n] - I} t_j^{e_j} = 0\} \subset \mathcal{H}$. Then

$$R^{\nu} i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F_{(\mathcal{X}, D)} = 0 \quad \text{for } \nu \neq q := |I|, \tag{2.3.1}$$

and there is an isomorphism

$$(\tau^{(e_I)} F)_{(\mathcal{H}, D_{\mathcal{H}})} \simeq R^q i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F_{(\mathcal{X}, D)} \quad \text{with } e_I = (e_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^q. \tag{2.3.2}$$

Proof. The proof is divided into two steps.

Step 1: we prove (2.3.1) and (2.3.2) for $q = |I| = 1$. For $\nu = 0$, (2.3.1) follows from the semipurity of F and [Sai20, Theorem 3.1]. Thus, it suffices to show (2.3.1) only for $\nu > 1$. Let $J = \{j \in [1, n] \mid e_j \neq 0\}$ and $r = |J|$. If $\dim(\mathcal{X}) = 0$, the assertion is trivial. If $r = 0$, the assertion follows from [Sai20, Corollary 8.6(3)]. Assume $r > 0$ and $\dim(\mathcal{X}) \geq 1$, and proceed by the double induction on r and $\dim(\mathcal{X})$. Without loss of generality, we may assume

(♠) $e_1 \neq 0$, and $\mathcal{H} = \{t_1 = 0\}$ if $\mathcal{H} \subset |D|$.

Let $\iota : \mathcal{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be the closed immersion defined by $\{t_1 = 0\}$ and $D_{\mathcal{Z}} = \{t_2^{e_2} \dots t_r^{e_r} = 0\} \subset \mathcal{Z}$ and $D' = \{t_2^{e_2} \dots t_r^{e_r} = 0\} \subset \mathcal{X}$. By [Sai20, Lemma 7.1], we have an exact sequence sheaves on \mathcal{X}_{Nis} ,

$$0 \rightarrow F_{(\mathcal{X}, D')} \rightarrow F_{(\mathcal{X}, D)} \rightarrow \iota_* (F_{-1}^{(e_1)})_{(\mathcal{Z}, D_{\mathcal{Z}})} \rightarrow 0,$$

which gives rise to a long exact sequence of sheaves on \mathcal{H}_{Nis} ,

$$\dots \rightarrow R^{\nu} i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F_{(\mathcal{X}, D')} \rightarrow R^{\nu} i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F_{(\mathcal{X}, D)} \rightarrow R^{\nu} i_{\mathcal{H}}^! \iota_* (F_{-1}^{(e_1)})_{(\mathcal{Z}, D_{\mathcal{Z}})} \rightarrow \dots \tag{2.3.3}$$

By the induction hypothesis, $R^\nu i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D')$ = 0 for $\nu > 1$. If $\mathcal{H} \neq \mathcal{Z}$, we have a Cartesian diagram of closed immersions

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{Z} & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & \mathcal{H} \\ i_{\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{Z}} \downarrow & & \downarrow i_{\mathcal{H}} \\ \mathcal{Z} & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

and we have an isomorphism

$$R^\nu i_{\mathcal{H}}^! \iota_* (F_{-1}^{(e_1)})_{(\mathcal{Z}, D_{\mathcal{Z}})} \simeq \iota'_* R^\nu i_{\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{Z}}^! (F_{-1}^{(e_1)})_{(\mathcal{Z}, D_{\mathcal{Z}})}.$$

By the induction hypothesis, $R^\nu i_{\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{Z}}^! (F_{-1}^{(e_1)})_{(\mathcal{Z}, D_{\mathcal{Z}})} = 0$ for $\nu > 1$, noting that $F_{-1}^{(e_1)} \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ by Lemma 2.2. So the desired vanishing follows from (2.3.3). Moreover, the assumptions (♠) and $\mathcal{H} \neq \mathcal{Z}$ imply that $\mathcal{H} \not\subset |D|$. Then (2.3.2) (with $q = 1$) follows from [Sai20, Lemma 7.1(2)].

If $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{H}$, we have

$$R^\nu i_{\mathcal{H}}^! \iota_* (F_{-1}^{(e_1)})_{(\mathcal{Z}, D_{\mathcal{Z}})} = R^\nu \iota^! \iota_* (F_{-1}^{(e_1)})_{(\mathcal{Z}, D_{\mathcal{Z}})},$$

which vanishes for $\nu > 0$. Hence, (2.3.3) gives the desired vanishing together with an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (F_{-1}^{(e_1)})_{(\mathcal{H}, D_{\mathcal{H}})} \xrightarrow{\delta} R^1 i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D') \rightarrow R^1 i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D) \rightarrow 0.$$

By [Sai20, Lemma 7.1(2)] we have an isomorphism

$$(F_{-1})_{(\mathcal{H}, D_{\mathcal{H}})} \simeq R^1 i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D')$$

through which δ is identified with the map induced by the canonical map $F_{-1}^{(e_1)} \rightarrow F_{-1}$. This proves the desired isomorphism (2.3.2) for $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{H}$ and completes step 1.

Step 2: we prove the theorem by induction on q assuming $q > 0$. Let $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_q\} \subset [1, n]$ and $\mathcal{Y} \subset \mathcal{X}$ be the closed subscheme defined by $\{t_{i_1} = 0\}$. Let $i_{\mathcal{Y}} : \mathcal{Y} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}$ and $i_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{Y}} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be the induced closed immersions. By step 1 we have $R^\nu i_{\mathcal{Y}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D) = 0$ for $\nu \neq 1$ and we have an isomorphism

$$(\tau^{(e_{i_1})} F)_{(\mathcal{Y}, D_{\mathcal{Y}})} \simeq R^1 i_{\mathcal{Y}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D) \quad \text{with } D_{\mathcal{Y}} = \{t_1^{e_1} \cdots t_{i_1}^{e_{i_1}} \cdots t_n^{e_n} = 0\} \subset \mathcal{Y}.$$

Note $\tau^{(e_{i_1})} F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ by Lemma 2.2. Thus, by the induction hypothesis, we have $R^\nu i_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{Y}}^! \tau^{(e_{i_1})} F_{(\mathcal{Y}, D_{\mathcal{Y}})} = 0$ for $\nu \neq q - 1$. By the spectral sequence

$$E_2^{a,b} = R^b i_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{Y}}^! R^a i_{\mathcal{Y}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D) \Rightarrow R^{a+b} i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D),$$

we get the desired vanishing (2.3.1) and an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} R^q i_{\mathcal{H}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D) &\simeq R^{q-1} i_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{Y}}^! R^1 i_{\mathcal{Y}}^! F(\mathcal{X}, D) \simeq R^{q-1} i_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{Y}}^! (\tau^{(e_{i_1})} F)_{(\mathcal{Y}, D_{\mathcal{Y}})} \\ &\simeq (\tau^{(e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_q})} (\tau^{(e_{i_1})} F))_{(\mathcal{H}, D_{\mathcal{H}})} \simeq (\tau^{(e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_q})} F)_{(\mathcal{H}, D_{\mathcal{H}})}, \end{aligned}$$

where the third isomorphism holds by the induction hypothesis. This completes the proof of the theorem. □

We say that $\mathcal{X} = (X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}$ is reduced if so is D . The following Corollaries 2.4 and 2.5 are immediate consequences of Theorem 2.3.

COROLLARY 2.4. Take $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ and $(X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$ reduced. Let $x \in X^{(n)}$ with $K = k(x)$ and let $\mathcal{X} = X|_x^h$ be the henselization of X at x . Then

$$H_x^i(X_{\text{Nis}}, F_{(X,D)}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \neq n.$$

Choosing an isomorphism

$$\varepsilon : \mathcal{X} \simeq \text{Spec } K\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$$

such that $D|_{\mathcal{X}} = \{t_1^{e_1} \cdots t_n^{e_n} = 0\} \subset \mathcal{X}$ with $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \{0, 1\}$, there exists an isomorphism depending on ε :

$$\theta_\varepsilon : \tau^{(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)} F(x) \simeq H_x^n(X_{\text{Nis}}, F_{(X,D)}).$$

COROLLARY 2.5. For $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ and $\mathcal{X} = (X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$ reduced, the following sequence is exact:

$$0 \rightarrow F(X, D) \rightarrow F(X - D, \emptyset) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\xi \in D^{(0)}} \frac{F(X|_\xi^h - \xi, \emptyset)}{F(X|_\xi^h, \xi)}.$$

The idea of deducing the following corollary from the above is due to A. Merici.

COROLLARY 2.6. Let $\mathcal{X} = (X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$ be reduced.

(1) Assume given an exact sequence in \mathbf{MNST} ,

$$0 \rightarrow H \xrightarrow{\phi} G \xrightarrow{\psi} F, \tag{2.6.1}$$

such that $F, G, H \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ and that $\omega_! \psi$ is surjective in \mathbf{NST} . If X is henselian local, then

$$0 \rightarrow H(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow G(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

(2) Let $\gamma : F \rightarrow G$ be a map in $\mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ such that $\omega_! \gamma$ is an isomorphism. Then $F(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow G(\mathcal{X})$ is an isomorphism.

(3) For $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$, the unit map $u : F \rightarrow \omega_{\text{CI}} \omega_! F$ induces an isomorphism $F(\mathcal{X}) \cong \omega_{\text{CI}} \omega_! F(\mathcal{X})$.

Proof. To show (1), it suffices to show the surjectivity of $G(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X})$. Let $\eta \in X$ be the generic point and consider the following commutative diagram of the Cousin complexes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H(\mathcal{X}) & \longrightarrow & H(\eta) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(1)}} H_x^1(X, H_{\mathcal{X}}) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{y \in X^{(2)}} H_y^2(X, H_{\mathcal{X}}) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi(\eta) & & \downarrow H_x^1(\phi) \qquad \downarrow H_y^2(\phi) \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & G(\mathcal{X}) & \longrightarrow & G(\eta) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(1)}} H_x^1(X, G_{\mathcal{X}}) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{y \in X^{(2)}} H_y^2(X, G_{\mathcal{X}}) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi(\eta) & & \downarrow H_x^1(\psi) \qquad \downarrow H_y^2(\psi) \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & F(\mathcal{X}) & \longrightarrow & F(\eta) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(1)}} H_x^1(X, F_{\mathcal{X}}) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{y \in X^{(2)}} H_y^2(X, F_{\mathcal{X}}) \end{array}$$

By Corollary 2.4, the horizontal sequences are exact. By the assumption, $\psi(\eta)$ is surjective. By a diagram chase we are reduced to showing the following claim.

CLAIM 2.6.1.

(i) For $x \in X^{(1)}$, the sequence

$$H_x^1(X, H_{\mathcal{X}}) \rightarrow H_x^1(X, G_{\mathcal{X}}) \rightarrow H_x^1(X, F_{\mathcal{X}})$$

is exact.

(ii) For $y \in X^{(2)}$, $H_y^2(\phi)$ is injective.

To show (i), by Corollary 2.4, it suffices to show the exactness of $\tau^{(e)}H \rightarrow \tau^{(e)}G \rightarrow \tau^{(e)}F$ for $e \in \{0, 1\}$. The case $e = 0$ follows from the left exactness of the endofunctor $\underline{\text{Hom}}_{\underline{\text{MPST}}}(\mathcal{X}, -)$ on $\underline{\text{MNST}}$ for any $\mathcal{X} \in \underline{\text{MCor}}$. We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \tau^{(1)}H & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \tau^{(1)}G & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \tau^{(1)}F \\ p_H \updownarrow s_H & & p_G \updownarrow s_G & & p_F \updownarrow s_F \\ \tau^{(0)}H & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \tau^{(0)}G & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \tau^{(0)}F \end{array}$$

where p_* are the projections and s_* is a right inverse of p_* coming from the retractions from Lemma 2.2. We have

$$\phi \circ p_H = p_G \circ \phi, \quad \psi \circ p_G = p_F \circ \psi, \quad \phi \circ s_H = s_G \circ \phi, \quad \psi \circ s_G = s_F \circ \psi.$$

By a diagram chase, the case $e = 1$ follows from the case $e = 0$.

To show (ii), by Corollary 2.4, it suffices to show the injectivity of $\tau^{(\underline{e})}H \rightarrow \tau^{(\underline{e})}G$ for $\underline{e} \in \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}$. The case $\underline{e} = (0, 0)$ follows from the same left exactness as above, and the other cases from this case thanks to Lemma 2.2.

To show (2), we may assume \mathcal{X} is henselian local. Then it follows from (1).

Finally, (3) follows from (2) since $\omega_1 u$ is an isomorphism. This completes the proof of the corollary. \square

3. Review of higher local symbols

In this section we recall from [RS21c] the higher local symbols for reciprocity sheaves, which are a fundamental tool to prove Theorem 4.2, one of the main theorems of this paper. First we introduce some basic notation. In this section X is a reduced noetherian separated scheme of dimension $d < \infty$ such that $X_{(0)} = X^{(d)}$.

Let K be a field. For an integer $r \geq 0$, let $K_r^M(K)$ be the Milnor K -group of K . Let A be a local domain with the function field K . For an ideal $I \subset A$, let $\overline{K}_r^M(A, I) \subset K_r^M(K)$ denote the subgroup generated by symbols

$$\{1 + a, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}\} \quad \text{with } a \in I, b_i \in A^\times.$$

Let A be a noetherian excellent one-dimensional local domain with function field K and residue field F . Let \tilde{A} be the normalization of A and S be the set of the maximal ideals of \tilde{A} . For $\mathfrak{m} \in S$, denote $\kappa(\mathfrak{m}) = \tilde{A}/\mathfrak{m}$. Then we define

$$\partial_A := \sum_{\mathfrak{m} \in S} \text{Nm}_{\kappa(\mathfrak{m})/F} \circ \partial_{\mathfrak{m}} : K_r^M(K) \rightarrow K_{r-1}^M(F), \tag{3.0.1}$$

where $\partial_{\mathfrak{m}} : K_r^M(K) \rightarrow K_{r-1}^M(\kappa(\mathfrak{m}))$ denotes the tame symbol for the discrete valuation ring $\tilde{A}_{\mathfrak{m}}$, the localization of \tilde{A} at \mathfrak{m} , and $\text{Nm}_{\kappa(\mathfrak{m})/F}$ is the norm map.

For $x, y \in X$, we write

$$y < x : \iff \overline{\{y\}} \subsetneq \overline{\{x\}}, \quad \text{that is, } y \in \overline{\{x\}} \text{ and } y \neq x.$$

A *chain* on X is a sequence

$$\underline{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{with } x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n. \tag{3.0.2}$$

The chain \underline{x} is a *maximal Paršin chain* (or *maximal chain*) if $n = d$ and $x_i \in X_{(i)}$. Note that the assumptions on X imply $x_i \in \overline{\{x_{i+1}\}}^{(1)}$. We denote

$$\text{mc}(X) = \{\text{maximal chains on } X\}.$$

A *maximal chain with break at $r \in \{0, \dots, d\}$* is a chain (3.0.2) with $n = d - 1$ and $x_i \in X_{(i)}$, for $i < r$, and $x_i \in X_{(i+1)}$, for $i \geq r$. We denote

$$\text{mc}_r(X) = \{\text{maximal chain with break at } r \text{ on } X\}.$$

For $\underline{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{d-1}) \in \text{mc}_r(X)$, we denote by $b(\underline{x})$ the set of $y \in X_{(r)}$ such that

$$\underline{x}(y) := (x_0, \dots, x_{r-1}, y, x_r, \dots, x_{d-1}) \in \text{mc}(X). \tag{3.0.3}$$

In the rest of this section we fix $F = \underline{\omega}^{\mathbf{CI}}G \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{r,\text{sp}}$ with $G \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ (cf. (1.0.4)). We also fix a function field K over the base field k . Let X be an integral scheme of finite type over K and assume $d = \dim(X) \geq 1$. Recall from [RS21c, §5] that we have a collection of bilinear pairings (cf. the convention from §1(9))

$$\{(-, -)_{X/K, \underline{x}} : F(K(X)) \otimes K_d^{\text{M}}(K(X)) \rightarrow F(K)\}_{\underline{x} \in \text{mc}(X)}. \tag{3.0.4}$$

The following properties hold for all $a \in F(K(X))$ (see Remark 3.1 below).

(HS1) Let $X \hookrightarrow X'$ be an open immersion where X' is an integral K -scheme of dimension d . Then, for all $\beta \in K_d^{\text{M}}(K(X))$,

$$(a, \beta)_{X/K, \underline{x}} = (a, \beta)_{X'/K, \underline{x}}.$$

(HS2) Let $\underline{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{d-1}, x_d) \in \text{mc}(X)$ and $Z \subset X$ be the closure of $z = x_{d-1}$, and set $\underline{x}' = (x_0, \dots, x_{d-1}) \in \text{mc}(Z)$. Assume $a \in F(\mathcal{O}_{X,z})$ and let $a(z) \in F(K(Z))$ be the restriction of a . Then

$$(a, \beta)_{X/K, \underline{x}} = (a(z), \partial_z \beta)_{Z/K, \underline{x}'} \quad \text{for } \beta \in K_d^{\text{M}}(K(X)),$$

where $\partial_z : K_d^{\text{M}}(K(X)) \rightarrow K_{d-1}^{\text{M}}(K(Z))$ is the map (3.0.1) for $A = \mathcal{O}_{X,z}$.

(HS3) Let $D \subset X$ be an effective Cartier divisor with $I_D \subset \mathcal{O}_X$ its ideal sheaf. Assume that $X \setminus D$ is regular so that $(X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}^{\text{pro}}$ and that $a \in F(X, D)$. For $\underline{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{d-1}, x_d) \in \text{mc}(X)$, we have

$$(a, \beta)_{X/K, \underline{x}} = 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in \overline{K}_d^{\text{M}}(\mathcal{O}_{X, x_{d-1}}, I_D \mathcal{O}_{X, x_{d-1}}).$$

(HS4) Let $\underline{x}' \in \text{mc}_r(X)$ with $0 \leq r \leq d - 1$. For $\beta \in K_d^{\text{M}}(K(X))$,

$$(a, \beta)_{X/K, \underline{x}'(y)} = 0 \quad \text{for almost all } y \in \underline{x}'.$$

Assume that either $r \geq 1$ or $r = 0$, X is quasi-projective, and the closure of x_1 in X is projective over K , where $\underline{x}' = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$. Then

$$\sum_{y \in b(\underline{x}')} (a, \beta)_{X/K, \underline{x}'(y)} = 0.$$

Remark 3.1. Properties (HS1)–(HS4) are slight variants of the (stronger) properties (HS1)–(HS4) in [RS21c, Proposition 5.3], where the Milnor K -group $K_d^M(K_{X,\underline{x}}^h)$ of the iterated henselization $K_{X,\underline{x}}^h$ of $K(X)$ along the chain \underline{x} is used instead of $K_d^M(K(X))$. The version stated here follows easily using the natural maps $\iota_{\underline{x}} : K(X) \rightarrow K_{X,\underline{x}}^h$ and the commutative diagram in the situation of (HS2),

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_d^M(K_{X,\underline{x}}^h) & \xrightarrow{\partial_{\underline{x}}} & K_{d-1}^M(K_{Z,\underline{x}'}^h) \\ \uparrow \iota_{\underline{x}} & & \uparrow \iota_{\underline{x}'} \\ K_d^M(K(X)) & \xrightarrow{\partial_z} & K_{d-1}^M(K(Z)) \end{array}$$

and the commutative diagram in the situation of (HS4),

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & K_{d-1}^M(K_{X,\underline{x}'}^h) \\ & \nearrow \iota_{\underline{x}'} & \downarrow \iota_y \\ K_d^M(K(X)) & \xrightarrow{\iota_{\underline{x}'(y)}} & K_{d-1}^M(K_{X,\underline{x}'(y)}^h) \end{array}$$

where $\partial_{\underline{x}}$ (respectively, ι_y) is defined in [RS21c, (4.1.1)] (respectively, [RS21c, (3.2.3)]). We also note that $\overline{K}_d^M(\mathcal{O}_{X,x_{d-1}}, I_D \mathcal{O}_{X,x_{d-1}})$ in (HS2) coincides with the Zariski stalk at x_{d-1} of the sheaf $\overline{V}_{d,X|D}$ defined in [RS21c, 4.4].

For a scheme Z over k , write $Z_K = Z \otimes_k K$. If Z_K is integral, we denote by $K(Z)$ the function field of Z_K . We quote the following result from [RS21c, Proposition 7.3]. It is a key tool in the proof of Theorem 4.2.

PROPOSITION 3.2. *Let $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$ and assume D is a reduced simple normal crossing divisor on X with $I_D \subset \mathcal{O}_X$ its ideal sheaf. Let $U \subset X$ be an open subset containing all the generic points of D . Let $a \in F(X \setminus D)$. Assume that, for all function fields K/k and for all $\underline{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{d-1}, x_d) \in \text{mc}(U_K)$ with $x_{d-1} \in D_K^{(0)}$, we have*

$$(a, \beta)_{X_K/K,\underline{x}} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \beta \in \overline{K}^M(\mathcal{O}_{X,x_{d-1}}, I_D \mathcal{O}_{X,x_{d-1}}).$$

Then $a \in F(X, D)$.

4. Logarithmic cohomology of reciprocity sheaves

For $\mathcal{X} = (X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$, we write $\mathcal{X}_{\text{red}} = (X, D_{\text{red}}) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$. We say that $\mathcal{X} = (X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$ is reduced if $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_{\text{red}}$.

DEFINITION 4.1. Let $F \in \mathbf{MPST}$.

- (1) We say that F is *log-semipure* if for any $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$, the map $F(\mathcal{X}_{\text{red}}) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{X})$ is injective. Note that if F is semipure, F is log-semipure (cf. §1(16)).
- (2) We say that F is *logarithmic* if it is log-semipure and satisfies the condition that for $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$ with \mathcal{X} reduced and $\alpha \in \mathbf{MCor}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X})$, the image of $\alpha^* : F(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{Y})$ is contained in $F(\mathcal{Y}_{\text{red}}) \subset F(\mathcal{Y})$.

Let $\mathbf{MPST}_{\text{log}}$ be the full subcategory of \mathbf{MPST} consisting of logarithmic objects and put $\mathbf{MNST}_{\text{log}} = \mathbf{MNST} \cap \mathbf{MPST}_{\text{log}}$.

THEOREM 4.2. Any $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{r,\text{sp}}$ is logarithmic, that is, $\mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{r,\text{sp}} \subset \mathbf{MNST}_{\log}$.

We need a preliminary lemma for the proof of the theorem.

LEMMA 4.3. Let $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{r,\text{sp}}$. Let $\mathbf{A}_K^n = \text{Spec } K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be the affine space over a function field K over k and $V = \text{Spec } K\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be the henselization of \mathbf{A}_K^n at the origin and $\mathcal{L}_i = \{x_i = 0\} \subset V$ for $i \in [1, n]$. For an integer $0 < r \leq n$, the natural map

$$K\{x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n\}[x_1, \dots, x_r] \rightarrow K\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

induces a map in $\mathbf{MCor}^{\text{pro}}$ (cf. §1(9)):

$$\rho_r : (V, \mathcal{L}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r) \rightarrow (\mathbf{A}_S^r, \{x_1 \cdots x_r = 0\}) \simeq (\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (S, \emptyset),$$

where $S = \text{Spec } K\{x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n\}$. It induces

$$\rho_r^* : F(\mathbf{A}_S^r, \{x_1 \cdots x_r = 0\}) \rightarrow F(V, \mathcal{L}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r). \tag{4.3.1}$$

Then $F(V, \mathcal{L}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r)$ is generated by the image of ρ_r^* and

$$F(V, \mathcal{L}_1 + \dots + \overset{\vee}{\mathcal{L}}_i + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, r.$$

Proof. For $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbf{MCor}$, let $F^{\mathcal{Y}} \in \mathbf{MPST}$ be defined by $F^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{Z}) = F(\mathcal{Y} \otimes \mathcal{Z})$. Clearly, we have $F^{\mathcal{Y}} \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{r,\text{sp}}$ for $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{r,\text{sp}}$. We prove the lemma by induction on r . The case $r = 1$ holds since by [Sai20, Lemmas 7.1 and 5.9], ρ_1 induces an isomorphism

$$F(\mathbf{A}^1, 0)(S)/F(\mathbf{A}^1, \emptyset)(S) \xrightarrow{\simeq} F(V, \mathcal{L}_1)/F(V).$$

By definition $\mathcal{L}_1 = \text{Spec } K\{x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ and we have a map in $\mathbf{MCor}^{\text{pro}}$,

$$(V, \mathcal{L}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r) \rightarrow (\mathbf{A}^1, 0) \otimes (\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_2 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r)),$$

induced by the natural map $K\{x_2, \dots, x_n\}[x_1] \rightarrow K\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. By [Sai20, Lemmas 7.1 and 5.9], it induces an isomorphism

$$F(\mathbf{A}^1, 0)(\mathcal{L}_1, E)/F(\mathbf{A}^1, \emptyset)(\mathcal{L}_1, E) \xrightarrow{\simeq} F(V, \mathcal{L}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r)/F(V, \mathcal{L}_2 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r)$$

with $E = \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_2 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r)$. By the induction hypothesis, $F(\mathbf{A}^1, 0)(\mathcal{L}_1, E)$ is generated by $F(\mathbf{A}^1, 0)(\mathcal{L}_1, E_j)$ with $E_j = \mathcal{L}_1 \cap (\mathcal{L}_2 \cdots + \overset{\vee}{\mathcal{L}}_j + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r)$ for $j = 2, \dots, r$ together with the image of the map

$$(F(\mathbf{A}^1, 0))(\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r-1}(S) = F(\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r}(S) \rightarrow F(\mathbf{A}^1, 0)(\mathcal{L}_1, E)$$

induced by

$$(\mathcal{L}_1, E) \rightarrow (\mathbf{A}_S^{r-1}, \{x_2 \cdots x_r = 0\}) \simeq (\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r-1} \otimes (S, \emptyset)$$

coming from the map $K\{x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n\}[x_2, \dots, x_r] \rightarrow K\{x_2, \dots, x_d\}$. This proves the lemma. \square

Proof of Theorem 4.2. By Corollary 2.6(3), we may assume $F = \omega^{\mathbf{CI}}G$ for $G \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$. Take $\mathcal{X} = (X, D), \mathcal{Y} = (Y, E) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$ with \mathcal{X} reduced, and let $\alpha \in \mathbf{MCor}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X})$ be an elementary correspondence. We need to show that $\alpha^*(F(\mathcal{X})) \subset F(\mathcal{Y}_{\text{red}})$. The question is Nisnevich local over X and Y . Hence, we may assume $(X, D) = (V, \mathcal{L}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_r) \in \mathbf{MCor}^{\text{pro}}$ in the notation of Lemma 4.3. If $r = 0$, we have $\alpha \in \mathbf{MCor}((Y, \emptyset), (X, \emptyset))$ by the assumption $\alpha \in \mathbf{MCor}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X})$ so that

$$\alpha^*(F(\mathcal{X})) = \alpha^*(F(X, \emptyset)) \subset F(Y, \emptyset) \subset F(\mathcal{Y}_{\text{red}}).$$

Assume $r > 0$ and proceed by induction on r . By Lemma 4.3, we may then assume

$$(X, D) = \mathcal{M} := (\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (S, \emptyset) \quad \text{for } S \in \mathbf{Sm}^{\text{pro}}.$$

On the other hand, by Corollary 2.5, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(Y, E_{\text{red}}) \rightarrow F(Y - E_{\text{red}}, \emptyset) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\xi \in E^{(0)}} \frac{F(Y|_{\xi}^h - \xi, \emptyset)}{F(Y|_{\xi}^h, \xi)}.$$

Hence, we may replace Y with its Nisnevich neighborhood of a generic point ξ of E . Using the assumption that k is perfect, we may then assume the following condition (\spadesuit). Recall that α is by definition an integral closed subscheme of $(Y - E) \times (X - D)$ finite surjective over $Y - E$, and its closure $\bar{\alpha}$ in $Y \times X$ is finite surjective over Y .

(\spadesuit) Let Y' be the normalization of $\bar{\alpha}$ and $E' := E \times_Y Y'$. Then X, Y, E and E' are irreducible, and $\alpha, Y', E_{\text{red}}$ and E'_{red} are essentially smooth over k .

Let $g : Y' \rightarrow Y$ and $f : Y' \rightarrow X$ be the induced maps. We have $E' = g^*E \geq f^*D$ as Cartier divisors on Y' by the modulus condition for α . Hence, these maps induce

$$F(X, D) \xrightarrow{f^*} F(Y', E') \xrightarrow{g^*} F(Y, E).$$

We claim that $\alpha^* : F(X, D) \rightarrow F(Y, E)$ agrees with this map. Indeed, this follows from the equality

$$\Gamma_f \circ {}^t\Gamma_g = \alpha \in \mathbf{Cor}(Y - E, X - D),$$

where ${}^t\Gamma_g \in \mathbf{Cor}(Y - E, Y' - E')$ is the transpose of the graph of g and $\Gamma_f \in \mathbf{Cor}(Y' - E', X - D)$ is the graph of f . By definition this follows from the equality

$${}^t\Gamma_g \times_{Y' - E'} \Gamma_f = \alpha \subset (Y - E) \times (X - D)$$

which one can check easily, noting that $Y' \rightarrow \bar{\alpha}$ is an isomorphism over α since α is regular by (\spadesuit). Then we get a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & F(Y', E'_{\text{red}}) & & \\ & & \downarrow \hookrightarrow & & \\ & & F(Y', E_{\text{red}} \times_Y Y') & \xrightarrow{g^*} & F(Y, E_{\text{red}}) \\ & & \downarrow \hookrightarrow & & \downarrow \hookrightarrow \\ F(X, D) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & F(Y', E') & \xrightarrow{g^*} & F(Y, E) \end{array}$$

where the top inclusion comes from the inequality $E_{\text{red}} \times_Y Y' \geq E'_{\text{red}}$ as Cartier divisors on Y' thanks to the semipurity of F (cf. § 1(16)). Hence, it suffices to show $f^*(F(X, D)) \subset F(Y', E'_{\text{red}})$. By replacing (Y, E) with (Y', E') , we may now assume that α is induced by a morphism $f : Y \rightarrow X = \mathbf{A}^r \times S$. Then α factors in \mathbf{MCor} as

$$(Y, E) \xrightarrow{i} (\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (Y, \emptyset) \rightarrow (\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (S, \emptyset),$$

where the first map is induced by the map

$$i = (pr_{\mathbf{A}^r} \circ f, id_Y) : Y \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^r \times Y,$$

and the second is induced by

$$id_{\mathbf{A}^r} \times (pr_S \circ f) : \mathbf{A}^r \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^r \times S.$$

Note that i is a section of the projection $\mathbf{A}^r \times Y \rightarrow Y$. Thus, we are reduced to showing $i^*(F((\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (Y, \emptyset))) \subset F(Y, E_{\text{red}})$. By Proposition 3.2 this follows from the following claim. \square

CLAIM 4.3.1. Take $a \in F((\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (Y, \emptyset))$. There exists an open neighborhood $U \subset Y$ of the generic point of E such that for every function field K over k and every $\delta = (\delta_0, \dots, \delta_{e-1}, \delta_e) \in \text{mc}(U_K)$ with $\xi := \delta_{e-1} \in E_K^{(0)}$ and $e = \dim(Y)$, we have

$$(i^*(a)_K, \gamma)_{Y_K/K, \delta} = 0 \quad \forall \gamma \in \overline{K}_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Y_K, \xi}, \mathfrak{m}_\xi)$$

for the pairing from (3.0.4):

$$(-, -)_{Y_K/K, \delta} : F(K(Y)) \otimes K_d^M(K(Y)) \rightarrow F(K).$$

Proof. After replacing Y by an open neighborhood of the generic point of E , we may assume that $Y = \text{Spec}(A)$ is affine and $E_{\text{red}} = \text{Spec}(A/(\pi))$ for $\pi \in A$ and, moreover, that writing

$$\mathbf{A}^r \times Y = \text{Spec } A[x_1, \dots, x_r], \quad (\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (Y, \emptyset) = (\mathbf{A}_Y^r, \{x_1 \cdots x_r = 0\}),$$

we have

$$i(Y) = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq r} \{x_i - u_i \pi^{m_i} = 0\} \quad \text{with } m_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, u_i \in A^\times.$$

Let $\delta = (\delta_0, \dots, \delta_e)$ be as in the claim and put $\delta' = (\delta_0, \dots, \delta_{e-1}) \in \text{mc}((E_{\text{red}})_K)$. Put $\tilde{X}_K = \mathbf{A}^r \times Y_K$ and $F = \{\pi = 0\} \subset \tilde{X}_K$. Note $d := \dim(\tilde{X}_K) = e + r$. Let z_j for $e \leq j \leq d - 1$ be the generic point of

$$Z_j = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq d-j} \{x_i - u_i \pi^{m_i} = 0\} \subset \tilde{X}_K$$

which lies over δ_e ,⁵ and w_j for $e - 1 \leq j \leq d - 2$ be the generic point of

$$W_j = F \cap Z_{j+1} = \{\pi = x_1 = \dots = x_{d-j-1} = 0\}$$

which is contained in the closure of z_{j+1} . Note $\dim(Z_j) = \dim(W_j) = j$ and the section i induces isomorphisms

$$Y_K \simeq Z_e \quad \text{and} \quad (E_{\text{red}})_K \simeq W_{e-1}. \tag{4.3.2}$$

Let $\sigma = (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-2}, \eta_1, \nu) \in \text{mc}(\tilde{X}_K)$, where ν is the generic point of \tilde{X}_K lying over δ_e , η_1 is the generic point of $D_1 = \{x_1 = 0\} \subset \tilde{X}_K$ contained in the closure of ν , and $i(\delta') \in \text{mc}(W_{e-1})$ is the image of δ' under (4.3.2). Take any $\gamma \in \overline{K}_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Y_K, \xi}, \mathfrak{m}_\xi)$ and put

$$\beta = \left\{ \iota(\gamma), \frac{u_1 \pi^{m_1} - x_1}{u_1 \pi^{m_1}}, \dots, \frac{u_r \pi^{m_r} - x_r}{u_r \pi^{m_r}} \right\} \in K_d^M(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}_K, \nu}), \tag{4.3.3}$$

where $\iota : K_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Y_K, \delta_e}) \rightarrow K_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}_K, \nu})$ is induced by the projection $\tilde{X}_K \rightarrow Y_K$. For $a \in F((\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (Y, \emptyset))$ and its restriction $a_K \in F((\mathbf{A}^1, 0)^{\otimes r} \otimes (Y_K, \emptyset))$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (a_K, \beta)_{\tilde{X}_K/K, \sigma} = - \sum_{\substack{\tau \in \tilde{X}_K^{(1)} - \{\eta_1\} \\ \tau > w_{d-2}}} (a_K, \beta)_{\tilde{X}_K/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-2}, \tau, \nu)} \\ &= -(a_K, \beta)_{\tilde{X}_K/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-2}, z_{d-1}, \nu)} \\ &= \pm((a_K)|_{Z_{d-1}}, \beta_1)_{Z_{d-1}/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-2}, z_{d-1})}, \end{aligned}$$

⁵ Although Y is assumed to be irreducible, Y_K may not be so and possibly a finite product of schemes essentially smooth over k , noting that k is perfect.

$$\beta_1 = \left\{ \iota_1(\gamma), \frac{u_2\pi^{m_2} - x_2}{u_2\pi^{m_2}}, \dots, \frac{u_r\pi^{m_r} - x_r}{u_r\pi^{m_r}} \right\} \in K_{d-1}^M(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{d-1}, z_{d-1}}),$$

where $\iota_1 : K_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Y_K, \delta_e}) \rightarrow K_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{d-1}, z_{d-1}})$ is induced by the dominant map $Z_{d-1} \rightarrow Y_K$ induced by the projection $\tilde{X}_K \rightarrow Y_K$. The first equality follows from §3 (HS3) applied to $D_1 \subset \tilde{X}_K$, noting that β lies in $\overline{K}_d^M(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}_K, \eta_1}, \mathfrak{m}_{\eta_1})$ since $(u_1\pi^{m_1} - x_1)/u_1\pi^{m_1} \in 1 + x_1\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}_K, \eta_1}$. The second follows from (HS4). The third equality holds since z_{d-1} is the unique $\tau \in \tilde{X}_K^{(1)} - \{\eta_1\}$ such that $\tau > w_{d-2}$ and $(a_K, \beta)_{\tilde{X}_K/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-2}, \tau, \nu)}$ may not vanish, which follows from (HS2), noting that $\iota(\gamma)|_F = 0$. The final equality follows from (HS2). When $r = 1$, the last term in the above formula is equal to $((a_K)|_{Y_K}, \gamma)_{Y_K/K, \delta}$ by (4.3.2), so that the proof is complete. When $r > 1$, we further get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= ((a_K)|_{Z_{d-1}}, \beta_1)_{Z_{d-1}/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-2}, z_{d-1})} \\ &= - \sum_{\substack{\tau \in Z_{d-1}^{(1)} - \{w_{d-2}\} \\ \tau > w_{d-3}}} ((a_K)|_{Z_{d-1}}, \beta_1)_{Z_{d-1}/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-3}, \tau, z_{d-1})} \\ &= -((a_K)|_{Z_{d-1}}, \beta_1)_{Z_{d-1}/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-3}, z_{d-2}, z_{d-1})} \\ &= \pm((a_K)|_{Z_{d-2}}, \beta_2)_{Z_{d-2}/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-3}, z_{d-2})}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta_2 = \left\{ \iota_2(\gamma), \frac{u_3\pi^{m_3} - x_3}{u_3\pi^{m_3}}, \dots, \frac{u_r\pi^{m_r} - x_r}{u_r\pi^{m_r}} \right\} \in K_{d-1}^M(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{d-2}, z_{d-2}}),$$

where $\iota_2 : K_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Y_K, \delta_e}) \rightarrow K_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{d-2}, z_{d-2}})$ is induced by the dominant map $Z_{d-2} \rightarrow Y_K$ induced by the projection $\tilde{X}_K \rightarrow Y_K$. The above equalities hold by the same arguments as above, except that for the third equality there are a priori two $\tau \in Z_{d-1}^{(1)} - \{w_{d-2}\}$ with $\tau > w_{d-3}$ for which $((a_K)|_{Z_{d-1}}, \beta_1)_{Z_{d-1}/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-3}, \tau, z_{d-1})}$ may not vanish. One is z_{d-2} and the other is the generic point η_2 of $Z_{d-1} \cap D_2$ with $D_2 = \{x_2 = 0\} \subset \tilde{X}_K$ which is contained in the closure of z_{d-1} . But $((a_K)|_{Z_{d-1}}, \beta_1)_{Z_{d-1}/K, (i(\delta'), w_e, \dots, w_{d-3}, \eta_2, z_{d-1})} = 0$. Indeed, $(a_K)|_{Z_{d-1}} \in F(\text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{d-1}, \eta_2}), \eta_2)$ since Z_{d-1} and D_2 intersect transversally in \tilde{X}_K . Hence, the vanishing follows from (HS3) applied to $Z_{d-1} \cap D_2 \subset Z_{d-1}$, noting that $((u_2\pi^{m_2} - x_2)/u_2\pi^{m_2})|_{Z_{d-1}} \in 1 + x_2\mathcal{O}_{Z_{d-1}, \eta_2}$ so that $\beta_1 \in K_d^M(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{d-1}, \eta_2}, \mathfrak{m}_{\eta_2})$. Repeating the same arguments, we finally get

$$0 = ((a_K)|_{Z_e}, \iota_r(\gamma))_{Z_e/K, (i(\delta'), z_e)} = ((a_K)|_{Y_K}, \gamma)_{Y_K/K, \delta},$$

where $\iota_r : K_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Y_K, \delta_e}) \rightarrow K_e^M(\mathcal{O}_{Z_e, z_e})$ is induced by the isomorphism $Z_e \rightarrow Y_K$ induced by the projection $\tilde{X}_K \rightarrow Y_K$ and the second equality follows from (4.3.2). This completes the proof of the claim and Theorem 4.2. \square

DEFINITION 4.4. For $F \in \mathbf{MNST}_{\log}$ and an integer $i \geq 0$, consider the association

$$H_{\log}^i(-, F) : \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}; (X, D) \rightarrow H^i(X_{\text{Nis}}, F_{(X, D_{\text{red}})}).$$

By the definition this gives a presheaf on $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$, which we call *the i th logarithmic cohomology with coefficient F* .

5. Invariance of logarithmic cohomology under blowups

Retain the notation of § 4.

DEFINITION 5.1. Let $\Lambda_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$ be the class of morphisms $\rho : (Y, E) \rightarrow (X, D)$ in $\underline{\mathbf{MCor}}_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$ satisfying the following conditions.

- (a) ρ is induced by a proper morphism $\rho : Y \rightarrow X$ inducing an isomorphism $Y \setminus E \xrightarrow{\simeq} X \setminus D$ and $E = \rho^*D$.
- (b) Zariski locally on X , $\rho : Y \rightarrow X$ is the blowup of X in a smooth center $Z \subset D$ which is normal crossing to D .

Here, a smooth Z contained in D is normal crossing to D if, letting D_1, \dots, D_n be the irreducible components of D , there exists a subset $I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $Z \subset \bigcap_{i \in I} D_i$ and Z is not contained in D_j for any $j \notin I$ and intersects $\sum_{j \notin I} D_j$ transversally. Note that the condition is equivalent to that called strict normal crossing in [BPØ22, Definition 7.2.1].

THEOREM 5.2. For $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ and $\rho : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ in $\Lambda_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$, we have

$$\rho^* : H_{\log}^i(\mathcal{X}, F) \cong H_{\log}^i(\mathcal{Y}, F) \quad \forall i \geq 0. \tag{5.2.1}$$

Proof. Write $\mathcal{Y} = (Y, E)$ and $\mathcal{X} = (X, D)$. First we prove the theorem for $i = 0$. We may assume that D is reduced and $E = \rho^*D$. By [KMSY21a, Proposition 1.9.2b)], ρ is invertible in $\underline{\mathbf{MCor}}$, so that $\rho^* : F(\mathcal{X}) \cong F(\mathcal{Y})$. Since this factors through $F(Y, E_{\text{red}})$ by Theorem 4.2, we get (5.2.1) for $i = 0$.

To show (5.2.1) for $i > 0$, it suffices to prove $R^i \rho_* F_{(Y, E_{\text{red}})} = 0$. The problem is Nisnevich local, so we may assume that ρ is induced by a blowup $\rho : Y \rightarrow X$ in a smooth center $Z \subset D$ normal crossing to D . By [KS21, Corollary 9], Nisnevich locally around a point of Z , (X, D) is isomorphic to

$$(\mathbf{A}^c, L_1 + \dots + L_r) \otimes \mathcal{W} \quad \text{with } \mathcal{W} = (W, W^\infty) \in \underline{\mathbf{MCor}}_{\text{ls}},$$

where $\mathbf{A}^c = \text{Spec } k[t_1, \dots, t_c]$ with $c = \text{codim}_z(Z, X)$ and $L_i = V(t_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, r$ with $1 \leq r \leq c$, and Z corresponds to $0 \times W$. Hence, the theorem follows from the following proposition. □

PROPOSITION 5.3. Let $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$ and $\mathcal{W} = (W, W^\infty) \in \underline{\mathbf{MCor}}_{\text{ls}}$. Let $\mathbf{A}^n = \text{Spec } k[t_1, \dots, t_n]$ and put $L_i = V(t_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Let $\rho : Y \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^n$ be the blowup at the origin $0 \in \mathbf{A}^n$ and $\tilde{L}_i \subset Y$ be the strict transforms of L_i for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $E = \rho^{-1}(0) \subset Y$. For any $1 \leq r \leq n$, we have

$$R^i \rho_{W*} F_{(Y, \tilde{L}_1 + \dots + \tilde{L}_r + E) \otimes \mathcal{W}} = 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 1, \tag{5.3.1}$$

where $\rho_W := \rho \times \text{id}_W : Y \times W \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^2 \times W$.

LEMMA 5.4. Proposition 5.3 holds for $n = 2$.

Proof. The case $r = 1$ is proved in [BRS22, Lemma 2.13] and we show the case $r = 2$.⁶ Put $D = L_1 + L_2$. By the case $i = 0$ of Theorem 5.2, we get

$$F_{(\mathbf{A}^2, D) \otimes \mathcal{W}} \cong \rho_{W*} F_{(Y, \tilde{L}_1 + \tilde{L}_2 + E) \otimes \mathcal{W}}. \tag{5.4.1}$$

Set

$$\mathcal{F} := F_{(Y, \tilde{L}_1 + \tilde{L}_2 + E) \otimes \mathcal{W}},$$

⁶ The following argument is adopted from [BRS22, Lemma 2.13], but the present case is easier.

and $\mathbf{A}_W^2 = \mathbf{A}^2 \times W$ with the projection $p : A_W^2 \rightarrow W$. Since $R^i \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F}$ for $i \geq 1$ is supported in $0 \times W$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R^i \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F} = 0 &\iff p_* R^i \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F} = 0 \\ &\iff (p_* R^i \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F})_w = 0 \quad \forall w \in W \\ &\iff H^0(\mathbf{A}_{W_w}^2, R^i \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall w \in W, \end{aligned}$$

where W_w is the henselization of W at w . Hence, it suffices to show $H^0(\mathbf{A}_W^2, R^i \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F}) = 0$, assuming W is henselian local. Then we have

$$H^j(\mathbf{A}_W^2, R^i \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F}) = 0, \quad \forall i, j \geq 1.$$

By (5.4.1) and [BRS22, Lemma 2.10],

$$H^i(\mathbf{A}_W^2, \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F}) = H^i(\mathbf{A}_W^2, F_{(\mathbf{A}^2, D) \otimes \mathcal{W}}) = 0.$$

Thus, the Leray spectral sequence yields

$$H^0(\mathbf{A}_W^2, R^i \rho_{W*} \mathcal{F}) = H^i(Y \times W, \mathcal{F}), \quad i \geq 0,$$

and we have to show that this group vanishes for $i \geq 1$. We can write

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \text{Spec } k[x, y] \quad \text{and} \quad L_1 = V(x), \quad L_2 = V(y) \subset \mathbf{A}^2.$$

Then we have

$$Y = \text{Proj } k[x, y][S, T]/(xT - yS) \subset \mathbf{A}^2 \times \mathbf{P}^1.$$

Denote by

$$\pi_0 : Y \hookrightarrow \mathbf{A}^2 \times \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 = \text{Proj } k[S, T]$$

the morphism induced by projection, and let $\pi : Y \times W \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_W^1$ be its base change. Then π_0 induces an isomorphism $E \simeq \mathbf{P}^1$, and we have

$$\tilde{L}_1 = \pi_0^{-1}(0), \quad \tilde{L}_2 = \pi_0^{-1}(\infty). \tag{5.4.2}$$

Set $s = S/T = x/y$ and write

$$\mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{\infty\} = \mathbf{A}_s^1 := \text{Spec } k[s], \quad \mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0\} = \text{Spec } k[\frac{1}{s}].$$

Set $U := \mathbf{A}_s^1 \times W$, $V := (\mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0\}) \times W$ and

$$\mathcal{U} := (\mathbf{A}_s^1, 0) \otimes \mathcal{W}, \quad \mathcal{V} := (\mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0\}, \infty) \otimes \mathcal{W}.$$

We have

$$\pi^{-1}(U) = \mathbf{A}_y^1 \times U, \quad \pi^{-1}(V) = \mathbf{A}_x^1 \times V,$$

and the restriction of π to these open subsets is given by projection. Furthermore, $E \times W \subset Y$ is defined by $y = 0$ on $\pi^{-1}(U)$ and by $x = 0$ on $\pi^{-1}(V)$. In view of (5.4.2), we have

$$\mathcal{F}|_{\pi^{-1}(U)} = F_{(\mathbf{A}_y^1, 0) \otimes \mathcal{U}}, \quad \mathcal{F}|_{\pi^{-1}(V)} = F_{(\mathbf{A}_x^1, 0) \otimes \mathcal{V}}. \tag{5.4.3}$$

Thus, [BRS22, Lemma 2.10] yields

$$R^j \pi_* \mathcal{F} = 0 \quad \text{for } j \geq 1,$$

and it remains to show

$$H^i(\mathbf{P}_W^1, \pi_* \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 1, \tag{5.4.4}$$

where $\mathbf{P}_W^1 = \mathbf{P}^1 \times W$. For this consider the map

$$a_0 : Y \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_x^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$$

which is the closed immersion $Y \hookrightarrow \mathbf{A}^2 \times \mathbf{P}^1$ followed by the projection $\mathbf{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_x^1$. Let $a : Y \times W \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_x^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1 \times W$ be its base change. In view of (5.4.2), the map a induces a morphism in \mathbf{MCor} ,

$$\alpha : (Y, \tilde{L}_1 + \tilde{L}_2 + E) \otimes \mathcal{W} \rightarrow (\mathbf{A}_x^1, 0) \otimes (\mathbf{P}^1, \infty) \otimes \mathcal{W},$$

which is an isomorphism over $(\mathbf{A}_x^1, 0) \otimes (\mathbf{P}^1 \setminus \{0\}, \infty) \otimes \mathcal{W}$. Setting

$$F_1 := \underline{\mathrm{Hom}}(\mathbb{Z}_{\mathrm{tr}}(\mathbf{A}_x^1, 0), F) \in \mathbf{CI}_{\mathrm{Nis}}^{\tau, \mathrm{sp}},$$

it induces a map of Nisnevich sheaves on \mathbf{P}_W^1 ,

$$\pi_*(\alpha^*) : F_{1, (\mathbf{P}^1, \infty) \otimes \mathcal{W}} \rightarrow \pi_* \mathcal{F},$$

which becomes an isomorphism over $(\mathbf{P}^1 - \{0\}) \times W$. Hence, (5.4.4) follows from

$$H^i(\mathbf{P}_W^1, F_{1, (\mathbf{P}^1, \infty) \otimes \mathcal{W}}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 1,$$

which follows from [Sai20, Theorem 0.6]. □

LEMMA 5.5. *Let $N > 2$ be an integer and assume that Proposition 5.3 holds for $n < N$. Let $(X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\mathrm{ls}}$ and $Z \subset X$ be a smooth integral closed subscheme with $2 \leq \mathrm{codim}(Z, X) =: c < N$. Assume*

$$D = D_1 + \cdots + D_r + D' \quad \text{with } r \leq c,$$

where D_1, \dots, D_r are distinct and reduced irreducible components of D containing Z , and D' is an effective divisor on X such that none of the component of D' contains Z and Z is transversal to $|D'|$. Let $\rho : Y \rightarrow X$ be the blowup of X in Z , let \tilde{D}_i and $\tilde{D}' \subset Y$ be the strict transforms of D_i and D' respectively, and let $E_Z = \rho^{-1}(Z)$. Then, for all $\mathcal{W} = (W, W^\infty) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\mathrm{ls}}$,

$$R^i \rho_{W*} F_{(Y, \tilde{D}_1 + \cdots + \tilde{D}_r + E_Z + \tilde{D}') \otimes \mathcal{W}} = 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 1,$$

where $\rho_W : Y \times W \rightarrow X \times W$ denotes the base change of ρ .

Proof. This proof is adapted from [BRS22, Lemma 2.14]. The question is Nisnevich local around the points in $Z \times W$. Let $z \in Z \times W$ be a point and set $A := \mathcal{O}_{X \times W, z}^h$. For $V \subset Y \times W$, we denote $V_{(z)} := V \times_{X \times W} \mathrm{Spec} A$. By assumption we find a regular system of local parameters t_1, \dots, t_m of A , such that

$$(D_i \times W)_{(z)} = V(t_i) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq r, \quad (Z \times W)_{(z)} = V(t_1, \dots, t_c),$$

$$(D' \times W)_{(z)} = V(t_{c+1}^{e_{c+1}} \cdots t_{m_0}^{e_{m_0}}) \quad \text{with } c+1 \leq m_0 \leq m,$$

$$(X \times W^\infty)_{(z)} = V(t_{m_0+1}^{e_{m_0+1}} \cdots t_{m_1}^{e_{m_1}}) \quad \text{with } m_0 \leq m_1 \leq m.$$

Letting K be the residue field of A , we can choose a ring homomorphism $K \hookrightarrow A$ which is a section of $A \rightarrow K$. Then we obtain an isomorphism

$$K\{t_1, \dots, t_m\} \xrightarrow{\cong} A.$$

Let $\rho_1 : \tilde{\mathbf{A}}^c \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^c$ be the blowup in 0. By the above,

$$\rho_W : (Y, \tilde{D}_1 + \cdots + \tilde{D}_r + E_Z + \tilde{D}') \otimes \mathcal{W} \rightarrow (X, D) \otimes \mathcal{W}$$

is Nisnevich locally around z isomorphic over k to the morphism

$$(\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}^c, \widetilde{L}_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}_r + E) \otimes \mathcal{W}' \rightarrow (\mathbf{A}^c, L_1 + \cdots + L_r) \otimes \mathcal{W}',$$

$$\left(\mathcal{W}' = \left(\mathbf{A}_K^{m-c}, \left(\prod_{i=c+1}^{m_1} t_i^{e_i} \right) \right) \right)$$

induced by a map $(\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}^c, \widetilde{L}_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}_r + E) \rightarrow (\mathbf{A}^c, L_1 + \cdots + L_r)$ as in Proposition 5.3. Hence, the statement follows from the proposition for $n = c < N$. \square

Proof of Proposition 5.3. The proof is by induction on $n \geq 2$. The case $n = 2$ follows from Lemma 5.4. Assume that $n > 2$ and that the proposition is proven for \mathbf{A}^m with $m < n$. For $r = 1$, Proposition 5.3 is proved in [BRS22, Theorem 2.12]. Assume that $r \geq 2$. Let $Z := L_1 \cap L_2 \subset \mathbf{A}^n$ and $\widetilde{Z} \subset Y$ be the strict transform of Z . Denote by $\rho' : Y' \rightarrow Y$ the blowup of Y in \widetilde{Z} , let $\widetilde{L}'_i, E' \subset Y'$ be the strict transforms of \widetilde{L}, E respectively, and let $E'' = (\rho')^{-1}(\widetilde{Z})$. Note that $\widetilde{Z} = \widetilde{L}_1 \cap \widetilde{L}_2$ intersecting transversally with $\widetilde{L}_3 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}_r + E$ and $\text{codim}(\widetilde{Z}, Y) = 2$. Hence, by Lemma 5.5,

$$R^i \rho'_* F_{(Y', \widetilde{L}'_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}'_r + E' + E'') \otimes \mathcal{W}} = 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 1.$$

Since Theorem 5.2 has been proved for $i = 0$, we have

$$\rho'_* F_{(Y', \widetilde{L}'_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}'_r + E' + E'') \otimes \mathcal{W}} = F_{(Y, \widetilde{L}_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}_r + E) \otimes \mathcal{W}}.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$R^i \rho_{W*} F_{(Y, \widetilde{L}_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}_r + E) \otimes \mathcal{W}} = R^i (\rho \rho')_{W*} F_{(Y', \widetilde{L}'_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}'_r + E' + E'') \otimes \mathcal{W}}. \tag{5.5.1}$$

Denote by $\sigma : \hat{Y} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^n$ the blowup in Z , let $\hat{L}_i \subset \hat{Y}$ be the strict transform of L_i , and let $\Xi = \sigma^{-1}(Z)$. By Lemma 5.5 we get

$$R^i \sigma_{W*} F_{(\hat{Y}, \hat{L}_1 + \cdots + \hat{L}_r + \Xi) \otimes \mathcal{W}} = 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 1. \tag{5.5.2}$$

Denote by $\sigma' : \hat{Y}' \rightarrow \hat{Y}$ the blowup in $\hat{Z} = \sigma^{-1}(0) \subset \Xi$, let $\hat{L}'_i, \Xi' \subset \hat{Y}'$ be the strict transforms of \hat{L}_i, Ξ respectively, and let $\Xi'' = \sigma'^{-1}(\hat{Z})$. Note that $\hat{Z} \subset \hat{L}_3 \cap \cdots \cap \hat{L}_n \cap \Xi$ and $\text{codim}(\hat{Z}, \hat{Y}) = n - 1$ and \hat{Z} intersects transversally with $\hat{L}_1 + \hat{L}_2$. Thus, by Lemma 5.5 and the case $i = 0$ of Theorem 5.2, we obtain

$$R \sigma'_{W*} F_{(\hat{Y}', \hat{L}'_1 + \cdots + \hat{L}'_r + \Xi' + \Xi'') \otimes \mathcal{W}} = F_{(\hat{Y}, \hat{L}_1 + \cdots + \hat{L}_r + \Xi) \otimes \mathcal{W}}. \tag{5.5.3}$$

Finally, by [BRS22, Lemma 2.15], there is an isomorphism of $\mathbf{A}^n \times W$ -schemes

$$(\hat{Y}', \hat{L}'_1, \dots, \hat{L}'_r, \Xi', \Xi'') \cong (Y', \widetilde{L}'_1, \dots, \widetilde{L}'_r, E', E''). \tag{5.5.4}$$

Altogether we obtain, for $i \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} R^i \rho_{W*} F_{(Y, \widetilde{L}_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}_r + E) \otimes \mathcal{W}} &= R^i (\rho \rho')_{W*} F_{(Y', \widetilde{L}'_1 + \cdots + \widetilde{L}'_r + E' + E'') \otimes \mathcal{W}}, && \text{by (5.5.1),} \\ &= R^i (\sigma \sigma')_{W*} F_{(\hat{Y}', \hat{L}'_1 + \cdots + \hat{L}'_r + \Xi' + \Xi'') \otimes \mathcal{W}}, && \text{by (5.5.4),} \\ &= R^i \sigma_{W*} F_{(\hat{Y}, \hat{L}_1 + \cdots + \hat{L}_r + \Xi) \otimes \mathcal{W}}, && \text{by (5.5.3),} \\ &= 0, && \text{by (5.5.2).} \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the proposition. \square

Remark 5.6. For simplicity, we write

$$H_{\log}^i(-, F) = H_{\log}^i(-, \omega^{\mathbf{CI}}F) \quad \text{for } F \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}.$$

By [RS21a, Corollary 6.8], if $\text{ch}(k) = 0$ and $F = \Omega^i$, we have

$$H_{\log}^i(-, \Omega^i) = H^i(X, \Omega^i(\log |D|)) \quad \text{for } (X, D) \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}.$$

Hence, $H_{\log}^i(-, F)$ for $F \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ is a generalization of cohomology of sheaves of logarithmic differentials.

6. Relation with logarithmic sheaves with transfers

In this section we use the same notation as [BPØ22].

Let \mathbf{lSm} be the category of log smooth and separated fs log schemes of finite type over the base field k and $\mathbf{SmlSm} \subset \mathbf{lSm}$ be the full subcategory consisting of objects whose underlying schemes are smooth over k . Let \mathbf{lCor} be the category with the same objects as \mathbf{lSm} and whose morphisms are log correspondences defined in [BPØ22, Definition 2.1.1]. Let $\mathbf{lCor}_{\mathbf{SmlSm}} \subset \mathbf{lCor}$ be the full subcategory consisting of all objects in \mathbf{SmlSm} .

Let $\mathbf{PSh}^{\text{ltr}}$ be the category of additive presheaves of abelian groups on \mathbf{lCor} and $\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}} \subset \mathbf{PSh}^{\text{ltr}}$ be the full subcategory consisting of those \mathcal{F} whose restrictions to \mathbf{lSm} are dividing Nisnevich sheaves (see [BPØ22, Definition 3.1.4]). It is shown in [BPØ22, Theorem 1.2.1 and Proposition 4.7.5] that $\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$ is a Grothendieck abelian category and there is an equivalence of categories

$$\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}} \simeq \mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}(\mathbf{SmlSm}), \tag{6.0.1}$$

where the right-hand side denotes the full subcategory of the category $\mathbf{PSh}^{\text{ltr}}(\mathbf{SmlSm})$ of additive presheaves of abelian groups on $\mathbf{lCor}_{\mathbf{SmlSm}}$ consisting of those \mathcal{F} whose restrictions to \mathbf{SmlSm} are dividing Nisnevich sheaves.

We now construct a functor

$$\mathcal{L}og : \mathbf{MNST}_{\log} \rightarrow \mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}. \tag{6.0.2}$$

For $\mathfrak{X} = (X, \mathcal{M}) \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$, we put $\mathfrak{X}^{\text{MP}} = (X, \partial\mathfrak{X})$, where $\partial\mathfrak{X} \subset X$ is the closed subscheme consisting of the points where the log structure \mathcal{M} is not trivial. By [BPØ22, Lemma A.5.10], $\partial\mathfrak{X}$ with reduced structure is a normal crossing divisor on X , so that we can view \mathfrak{X}^{MP} as an object of $\mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$. For $F \in \mathbf{MPST}_{\log}$ and $\mathfrak{X} \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$, we put

$$F^{\log}(\mathfrak{X}) = F(\mathfrak{X}^{\text{MP}}). \tag{6.0.3}$$

Take $\mathfrak{Y} \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{lCor}(\mathfrak{Y}, \mathfrak{X})$. By [BPØ22, Definition 2.1.1 and Remark 2.1.2(iii)], we have

$$\alpha \in \mathbf{MCor}^{\text{fn}}((Y, n \cdot \partial\mathfrak{Y}), (X, \partial\mathfrak{X})) \quad \text{for some } n > 0,$$

where $n \cdot \partial\mathfrak{Y} \hookrightarrow Y$ is the n th thickening of $\partial\mathfrak{Y} \hookrightarrow Y$. By the assumption $F \in \mathbf{MPST}_{\log}$, the induced map

$$F^{\log}(\mathfrak{X}) = F(\mathfrak{X}^{\text{MP}}) \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} F(Y, n \cdot \partial\mathfrak{Y})$$

factors through $F^{\log}(\mathfrak{Y}) = F(Y, \partial\mathfrak{Y}) \subset F(Y, n \cdot \partial\mathfrak{Y})$ and we get a map

$$\alpha^{*\log} : F^{\log}(\mathfrak{X}) \rightarrow F^{\log}(\mathfrak{Y}).$$

Moreover, for a map $\gamma : F \rightarrow G$ in \mathbf{MPST}_{\log} , the diagram

$$\begin{CD} F^{\log}(\mathfrak{X}) @>\gamma>> G^{\log}(\mathfrak{X}) \\ @V\alpha^{*\log}VV @VV\alpha^{*\log}V \\ F^{\log}(\mathfrak{Y}) @>\gamma>> G^{\log}(\mathfrak{Y}) \end{CD}$$

is obviously commutative. Hence, the assignment $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow F^{\log}(\mathcal{X})$ gives an object F^{\log} of $\mathbf{PSh}^{\text{ltr}}(\mathbf{SmlSm})$ and we get a functor

$$\text{Log} : \mathbf{MPST}_{\log} \rightarrow \mathbf{PSh}^{\text{ltr}}(\mathbf{SmlSm}), \quad F \rightarrow F^{\log}. \tag{6.0.4}$$

By the definitions of sheaves ([KMSY21a, Definition 1], [BPØ22, Definition 3.1.4] and [KMSY21a, Proposition 1.9.2]), this induces a functor

$$\mathbf{MNST}_{\log} \rightarrow \mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}(\mathbf{SmlSm})$$

which induces the desired functor (6.0.2) using (6.0.1). By the construction, for $F \in \mathbf{MNST}_{\log}$ and $\mathfrak{X} \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$ with $\mathcal{X} = \mathfrak{X}^{\text{MP}} \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$, we have

$$H_{\text{Nis}}^i(X, F_{\mathcal{X}}) = H_{\text{sNis}}^i(\mathfrak{X}, F^{\log}) \quad (F^{\log} = \text{Log}(F)), \tag{6.0.5}$$

where the right-hand side is the cohomology for the strict Nisnevich topology (see [BPØ22, Definition 4.3.1]).

THEOREM 6.1. *For $F \in \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}}$, $F^{\log} = \text{Log}(F) \in \mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$ is strictly \square -invariant in the sense of [BPØ22, Definition 5.2.2]. For $\mathfrak{X} \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$ with $\mathcal{X} = \mathfrak{X}^{\text{MP}} \in \mathbf{MCor}_{\text{ls}}$, we have a natural isomorphism*

$$H_{\text{Nis}}^i(X, F_{\mathcal{X}}) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}}(M(\mathfrak{X}), F^{\log}[i]), \tag{6.1.1}$$

where $\mathbf{logDM}^{\text{eff}}$ is the triangulated category of logarithmic motives defined in [BPØ22, Definition 5.2.1].

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{div}}^{\text{Sm}}$ be the category of log modifications $\mathfrak{Y} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$ such that $\mathfrak{Y} \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$ (see [BPØ22, Definition A.11.12]) and $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{divsc}}^{\text{Sm}} \subset \mathfrak{X}_{\text{div}}^{\text{Sm}}$ be the full subcategory given by those maps $\mathfrak{Y} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$ that are isomorphic to compositions of log modifications along smooth centers (see [BPØ22, Definitions 4.4.4 and A.14.10]). We have isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{Nis}}^i(X, F_{\mathcal{X}}) &\stackrel{(6.0.5)}{\simeq} H_{\text{sNis}}^i(\mathfrak{X}, F^{\log}) \stackrel{(*1)}{\simeq} \varinjlim_{\mathfrak{Y} \in \mathfrak{X}_{\text{divsc}}^{\text{Sm}}} H_{\text{sNis}}^i(\mathfrak{Y}, F^{\log}) \\ &\stackrel{(*2)}{\simeq} \varinjlim_{\mathfrak{Y} \in \mathfrak{X}_{\text{div}}^{\text{Sm}}} H_{\text{sNis}}^i(\mathfrak{Y}, F^{\log}) \stackrel{(*3)}{\simeq} H_{\text{dNis}}^i(\mathfrak{X}, F^{\log}), \end{aligned}$$

where (*2) follows from [BPØ22, Corollary 4.4.5] and (*3) from [BPØ22, Theorem 5.1.8], and (*1) is a consequence of Theorem 5.2 in view of (6.0.5) and the fact that a log modification of $\mathfrak{X} = (X, \mathcal{M}) \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$ along smooth center is induced Zariski locally by a blowup of X in an intersection of irreducible components of $\partial\mathfrak{X}$ so that it corresponds to a morphism in $\Lambda_{\text{ls}}^{\text{fin}}$ from Definition 5.1.

Hence, the strict \square -invariance of F^{\log} follows from [Sai20, Theorem 0.6]. Finally, (6.1.1) follows from [BPØ22, Proposition 5.2.3]. □

We now consider the composite functor

$$\mathcal{L}og' : \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}} \xrightarrow{\underline{\omega}^{\mathbf{CI}}} \mathbf{CI}_{\text{Nis}}^{\tau, \text{sp}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}og} \mathbf{CI}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}},$$

where $\mathbf{CI}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}} \subset \mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$ is the full subcategory consisting of strictly \square -invariant objects. By [BM12, Theorem 5.7], $\mathbf{CI}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$ is a Grothendieck abelian category.

LEMMA 6.2. *Log and Log' have the same essential image.*

Proof. This follows directly from the construction and Corollary 2.6(3). □

In what follows, we let

$$\mathcal{L}og : \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}} \rightarrow \mathbf{CI}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}} : F \rightarrow F^{\text{log}} \tag{6.2.1}$$

denote $\mathcal{L}og'$ defined as above. By (6.0.3), we have

$$F^{\text{log}}(X, \text{triv}) = F(X) \quad \text{for } F \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}, X \in \mathbf{Sm}, \tag{6.2.2}$$

where (X, triv) denotes the log scheme with the trivial log structure.

THEOREM 6.3. *Log is exact and fully faithful.*

Proof. First we prove the full faithfulness. Faithfulness follows from (6.2.2). Let $F, G \in \mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$ and $\gamma : F^{\text{log}} \rightarrow G^{\text{log}}$ be a map in $\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{dNis}}^{\text{ltr}}$. By (6.2.2) it induces maps $\gamma_X : F(X) \rightarrow G(X)$ for all $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$. They are compatible with the action of \mathbf{Cor} since by [BPØ22, Example 2.1.3(3)],

$$\mathbf{Cor}(Y, X) = \mathbf{lCor}(Y, \text{triv}), (X, \text{triv}) \quad \text{for } X, Y \in \mathbf{Sm}.$$

Thus, γ_X for $X \in \mathbf{Sm}$ give a map $\gamma_{\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}} : F \rightarrow G$ in $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$. To see $\mathcal{L}og(\gamma_{\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}}) = \gamma$, it suffices by (6.0.1) to show that $\mathcal{L}og(\gamma_{\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}})$ and γ induce the same map $F^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}) \rightarrow G^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X})$ for $\mathfrak{X} \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$. If \mathfrak{X} has the trivial log structure, this follows immediately from the construction of $\gamma_{\mathbf{RSC}}$. The general case follows from this in view of the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & G^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}) \\ \downarrow j^* & & \downarrow j^* \\ F^{\text{log}}(X \setminus \partial \mathfrak{X}, \text{triv}) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & G^{\text{log}}(X \setminus \partial \mathfrak{X}, \text{triv}) \end{array}$$

where j^* are induced by the natural map $(X \setminus \partial \mathfrak{X}, \text{triv}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$ of log schemes and are injective by the construction and the semipurity of $\underline{\omega}^{\mathbf{CI}}F$. This completes the proof of the full faithfulness.

Next we show the exactness of $\mathcal{L}og$. It suffices to show the following claim.

CLAIM 6.3.1. Given an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$ in $\mathbf{RSC}_{\text{Nis}}$, the induced sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}) \rightarrow G^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}) \rightarrow H^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact for every $\mathfrak{X} \in \mathbf{SmlSm}$ with X henselian local.

Indeed, by the definition of $\mathcal{L}og$, this is reduced to the exactness of

$$0 \rightarrow \underline{\omega}^{\mathbf{CI}}F(\mathfrak{X}^{\text{MP}}) \rightarrow \underline{\omega}^{\mathbf{CI}}G(\mathfrak{X}^{\text{MP}}) \rightarrow \underline{\omega}^{\mathbf{CI}}H(\mathfrak{X}^{\text{MP}}) \rightarrow 0,$$

which follows from Corollary 2.6(2). This completes the proof of Theorem 6.3. □

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