

HIGHER CHOW GROUPS WITH MODULUS AND RELATIVE MILNOR K -THEORY

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ABSTRACT. Let X be a smooth variety over a field k and D an effective divisor whose support has simple normal crossings. We construct an explicit cycle map from the Nisnevich motivic complex $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}}$ of the pair (X, D) to a shift of the relative Milnor K -sheaf $\mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M$ of (X, D) . We show that this map induces an isomorphism $H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{i+r}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \cong H^i(X_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M)$, for all $i \geq \dim X$. This generalizes the well-known isomorphism in the case $D = 0$. We use this to prove a certain Zariski descent property for the motivic cohomology of the pair $(\mathbb{A}_k^1, (m+1)\{0\})$.

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INTRODUCTION

Recently several attempts have been made to introduce a theory of motivic cohomology with modulus. The first attempt was due to S. Bloch and H. Esnault ([BE03a], [BE03b]) who introduced additive higher Chow groups of a field k . It is conceived as motivic cohomology for $k[t]/(t^2)$, or an additive version of Bloch's higher Chow group for a pair $(\mathbb{A}_k^1, 2 \cdot \{0\})$ of the affine line \mathbb{A}_k^1 over k with modulus $2 \cdot \{0\}$, where $\{0\}$ denotes the origin of \mathbb{A}_k^1 regarded as a divisor. They showed that the part given by zero-cycles of these groups coincide with the absolute differential forms of k . The first author [Rül07] generalized this computation to the case $k[t]/(t^{m+1})$ for arbitrary $m \geq 1$ and proved that these groups give a cycle theoretic description of the big de Rham-Witt complex of Hesselholt-Madsen [HM01] of k . Park [Par09] extended the definition of Bloch-Esnault to introduce

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additive higher Chow groups $\mathrm{TCH}^r(X, n; m)$ for a k -scheme X . The groups studied by Bloch-Esnault and Rülling correspond to the case $X = \mathrm{Spec} k$ and $r = n$. Motivated by a work [KeS14] of Kerz and the second author, Park’s definition is extended in [BS14] to higher Chow groups $\mathrm{CH}^r(X|D, n)$ for a pair (X, D) of an equidimensional k -scheme X and an effective Cartier divisor D on X . For $(X, D) = (Y \times \mathbb{A}_k^1, (m + 1) \cdot (Y \times \{0\}))$, with Y an equidimensional k -scheme and $m \geq 1$, we have

$$(1) \quad \mathrm{CH}^r(X|D, n) = \mathrm{TCH}^r(Y, n + 1; m).$$

The definition of $\mathrm{CH}^r(X|D, n)$ is given by

$$(2) \quad \mathrm{CH}^r(X|D, n) = H_n(z^r(X|D, \bullet)),$$

where $z^r(X|D, \bullet)$ is the *cycle complex with modulus*, which is a subcomplex of the cubical version of Bloch’s cycle complex $z^r(X, \bullet)$ consisting of those cycles satisfying a certain modulus condition. In particular we have a natural map

$$\mathrm{CH}^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}^r(X, n),$$

where $\mathrm{CH}^r(X, n) = H_n(z^r(X, \bullet))$ is Bloch’s higher Chow group (see §1 for other basic properties of $\mathrm{CH}^r(X|D, n)$). As in the case of Bloch’s cycle complex, $z^r(X|D, \bullet)$ gives rise to a complex $z^r(-|D, \bullet)$ of étale sheaves on X . In case X is smooth over k we define the r -th motivic complex of (X, D) to be the following complex of Zariski sheaves on X :

$$\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} := z^r(-|D, 2r - \bullet).$$

We denote by

$$\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \mathrm{Nis}}$$

the corresponding complex on X_{Nis} . The motivic cohomology of (X, D) is by definition (see [BS14, Def. 2.10])

$$(3) \quad H_{\mathcal{M}}^i(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) := H^i(X_{\mathrm{Zar}}, \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}).$$

If $D = 0$ we get back Bloch’s definition of the motivic complex and motivic cohomology. We simply write $\mathbb{Z}(r)_X$ and $H_{\mathcal{M}}^i(X, \mathbb{Z}(r))$ instead of $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|0}$ and $H_{\mathcal{M}}^i(X|0, \mathbb{Z}(r))$. We define the motivic Nisnevich cohomology of (X, D) to be

$$H_{\mathcal{M}, \mathrm{Nis}}^i(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) := H^i(X_{\mathrm{Nis}}, \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}).$$

An important property of the classical motivic complex is the cycle map to the Milnor K -sheaf:

$$(4) \quad \phi_X^r : \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_X \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M[-r],$$

which is a map in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\mathrm{Zar}})$, the derived category of bounded complexes of Zariski sheaves on X (see 2.1.1 for the definition of the Milnor K -sheaf $\mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M$). By the Gersten resolution for higher Chow groups, one knows that ϕ_X^r is actually an isomorphism. In fact one can realize ϕ_X^r as an explicit morphism of actual complexes from $\tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_X$ to the Gersten complex of $\mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M[-r]$. This construction is well known to the experts, but due to the lack of a reference, we include its review in §3.1. The first main result of this paper is a construction of the relative version of (4):

$$(5) \quad \phi_{X|D}^r : \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D}^M[-r],$$

where $\mathcal{K}_{X|D}^M$ is the relative Milnor K -sheaf for (X, D) , which is a subsheaf of $\mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M$ (see Definition 2.4). Unfortunately we can construct it as a morphism in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\mathrm{Zar}})$

only assuming D_{red} is smooth. If D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor (SNCD) on X , we can construct a natural map in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Nis}})$:

$$(6) \quad \phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r : \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M[-r]$$

fitting into the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} & \xrightarrow{\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r} & \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M[-r] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X, \text{Nis}} & \xrightarrow[\phi_{X, \text{Nis}}^r]{\cong} & \mathcal{K}_{r, X, \text{Nis}}^M[-r], \end{array}$$

where $\phi_{X, \text{Nis}}^r$ is the Nisnevich sheafification of ϕ_X^r . In fact we show that the Cousin complex of $\mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M$ is a resolution (see Corollary 2.24) and we can realize $\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r$ as an explicit morphism of complexes from $\tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}}$ to the Cousin complex of $\mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M[-r]$. The inclusion $\mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X, \text{Nis}}^M$ induces a natural map from the Cousin complex of $\mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M$ to the Gersten complex of $\mathcal{K}_{r, X, \text{Nis}}^M$, and there is a diagram of morphisms between actual complexes underlying the above diagram. We will prove the following.

Theorem 1 (Theorem 3.8). *Let X be a smooth equidimensional scheme of dimension $d = \dim X$ and D an effective divisor such that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. Then:*

- (i) $H_{\mathcal{M}}^i(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) = 0 = H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^i(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r))$ for $i > d + r$.
- (ii) *The cycle map $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} \rightarrow \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} \xrightarrow{\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r} \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M[-r]$ induces an isomorphism*

$$\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^{d, r} : H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{d+r}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^d(X_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M).$$

If moreover D_{red} is smooth, then all maps in the following commutative diagram are isomorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_{\mathcal{M}}^{d+r}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{d+r}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \\ \phi_{X|D}^{d, r} \downarrow \cong & & \cong \downarrow \phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^{d, r} \\ H^d(X_{\text{Zar}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D}^M) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H^d(X_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M). \end{array}$$

As an application of Theorem 1, we will prove the Zariski descent property for additive higher Chow groups (see Theorem 3 below). From (2) and (3) we have a natural map

$$(7) \quad \text{CH}^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{M}}^{2r-n}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)).$$

In the classical case where $D = 0$, (7) is an isomorphism, which is known as the Zariski descent property for Bloch’s higher Chow groups. It is a consequence of the Mayer-Vietoris property of Bloch’s cycle complex $z^r(X, \bullet)$, which follows from the localization theorem for the complex. In case $D \neq 0$, it is not clear whether $z^r(X|D, \bullet)$ has some reasonable localization property at all. On the other hand, the higher dimensional class field theory with wild ramification suggests that the Nisnevich descent property for higher Chow groups with modulus is related to some

deep arithmetic questions. As a consequence of [KeS14, Theorem III], we have the following result.

Theorem 2. *Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension d over a finite field k and $U \subset X$ be the open complement of an SNCD on X . Write $\text{CH}^d(X|D) = \text{CH}^d(X|D, n)$ for $n = 0$. Then the natural map*

$$(8) \quad \varprojlim_D \text{CH}^d(X|D) \rightarrow \varprojlim_D H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{2d}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(d))$$

is an isomorphism, where the limit is taken over all effective divisors D on X supported on $X - U$.

Indeed, by [BS14, Theorem 3.3] the group $\text{CH}^d(X|D)$ is equal to the Chow group of zero-cycles with modulus denoted by $C(X, D)$ in [KeS14], and by Theorem 1 the group $H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{2d}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(d))$ is isomorphic to $H_{\text{Nis}}^d(X, \mathcal{K}_{d, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M)$, which is the idèle class group used in the class field theory of Kato-Saito [KS86]. We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varprojlim_D C(X, D) & \longrightarrow & \varprojlim_D H_{\text{Nis}}^d(X, \mathcal{K}_{d, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M) \\ & \searrow \rho_U^{KeS} & \downarrow \rho_U^{KaS} \\ & & \pi_1^{\text{ab}}(U) \end{array}$$

where $\pi_1^{\text{ab}}(U)$ is the abelian fundamental group of U and ρ_U^{KeS} (resp. ρ_U^{KaS}) is the reciprocity map from [KeS14] (resp. [KS86]). The reciprocity maps ρ_U^{KeS} and ρ_U^{KaS} were shown to be bijections onto the subgroup of $\pi_1^{\text{ab}}(U)$ consisting of those elements whose images in $\pi_1^{\text{ab}}(\text{Spec } k)$ are integral powers of the Frobenius substitution of k . These clearly imply Theorem 2. On the other hand, one can deduce [KeS14, Theorem III] from the Kato-Saito class field theory assuming (8) is an isomorphism.

Using Theorem 1 one can find examples where the map (7) and its Nisnevich version

$$(9) \quad \text{CH}^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{2r-n}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r))$$

are not isomorphisms; see Remark 3.13. These examples however arise from the fact that if $r < \dim X$ and $n = r - \dim X$, the right-hand side of the above map does not necessarily vanish. At this moment we don't have any definitive idea on what to expect for $n \geq 0$. In this paper we present only the following special case.

Theorem 3 (Theorem 4.12). *Let k be a field of characteristic $\neq 2$. The natural maps*

$$(10) \quad \text{CH}^r(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, r-n) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{\mathcal{M}}^{r+n}(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, \mathbb{Z}(r)), \quad n \geq 1,$$

are isomorphisms.

Notice that the right-hand side of (10) is isomorphic to the Nisnevich motivic cohomology $H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{r+n}(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, \mathbb{Z}(r))$ by Theorem 1. Notice also that the left-hand side of (10) is $\text{TCH}^r(k, r-n+1; m)$ (cf. (1)), which is clearly zero for $n \geq 2$

and the right-hand side is zero by Theorem 1. We prove the isomorphism (10) for $n = 1$ by constructing the following commutative diagram for all $r, m \geq 1$:

$$\begin{CD} \mathrm{CH}^r(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, r-1) @>(10)>> H_{\mathcal{M}}^{r+1}(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \\ @V\alpha VV \simeq @VV \simeq V \beta \\ \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^{r-1} @>\gamma>> U^1 K_r^M(k((T)))/U^{m+1} K_r^M(k((T))), \end{CD}$$

where α is up to sign the isomorphism from [Rül07], β is an isomorphism deduced by using Theorem 1, and γ is an isomorphism following from a comparison isomorphism between the big de Rham-Witt sheaves and relative Milnor K -sheaves established in Theorem 4.8, which is reminiscent of Bloch’s original construction of the p -typical de Rham-Witt complex in [Blo77].

The following theorem was suggested by the referee.

Theorem 4 (Theorem 5.1). *Let k be a field, let X be a smooth equidimensional k -scheme of dimension d , and let D be an effective Cartier divisor on X such that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. Then we have, for all $n \geq 2$ and all non-negative integers m_1, \dots, m_n ,*

$$H_{\mathcal{M}, \mathrm{Nis}}^{d+r+n}(X \times_k \mathbb{A}_k^n | (p^*D + \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \cdot q_i^*\{0\}), \mathbb{Z}(r)) = 0,$$

where $q_i : X \times_k \mathbb{A}_k^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1$ denotes the projection to the i -th factor of \mathbb{A}_k^n and $p : X \times_k \mathbb{A}_k^n \rightarrow X$ is the projection.

This gives another example where (9) is an isomorphism, since the vanishing $\mathrm{CH}^r(X \times_k \mathbb{A}_k^n | (p^*D + \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \cdot q_i^*\{0\}), r - (d + n)) = 0$, for $n \geq 2$, was proven in [KP15, Thm. 5.11].

Conventions. A k -scheme is a separated scheme of finite type over a field k . A simple normal crossing divisor (SNCD) on a smooth k -scheme X is by definition a reduced effective Cartier divisor E on X such that if E_1, \dots, E_n are the irreducible components of E , then the intersections $E_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap E_{i_r}$ are smooth over k and have codimension r in X , for all $r \in [1, n]$ and $(i_1, \dots, i_r) \in [1, n]^r$.

1. CYCLE COMPLEX WITH MODULUS

We recall the definition of Chow groups with modulus from [BS14, 2.]. In this section k is a field, X an equidimensional k -scheme and D an effective Cartier divisor on X with complement $U = X \setminus |D|$.

1.1. Set $\mathbb{P}^1 = \mathrm{Proj} k[Y_0, Y_1]$ and let $y = Y_1/Y_0$ be the standard coordinate function on \mathbb{P}^1 . We set

$$\square = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{1\}, \quad \square^n = (\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{1\})^n, \quad n > 1.$$

By convention we set $\square^0 = \mathrm{Spec} k$. Let $q_i : (\mathbb{P}^1)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be the projection onto the i -th factor. We use the coordinate system (y_1, \dots, y_n) on $(\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ with $y_i = y \circ q_i$. Let $F_i^n \subset (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ be the Cartier divisor defined by $\{y_i = 1\}$ and put $F_n = \sum_{i=1}^n F_i^n$.

A face of \square^n is a subscheme F defined by equations of the form

$$y_{i_1} = \epsilon_1, \dots, y_{i_r} = \epsilon_r, \quad r \in [1, n], (i_1, \dots, i_r) \in [1, n]^r, \epsilon_{i_j} \in \{0, \infty\}.$$

We denote by $\iota_F : F \hookrightarrow \square^n$ the closed immersion. For $\epsilon = 0, \infty$ and $i \in [1, n]$, let

$$\iota_{i,\epsilon}^n : \square^{n-1} \hookrightarrow \square^n$$

be the inclusion of the face of codimension 1 given by $y_i = \epsilon$.

Definition 1.1. For $r, n \geq 0$ we denote by $C^r(X|D, n)$ the set of all integral closed subschemes $Z \subset U \times \square^n$ of codimension r which satisfy the following conditions:

- (1) Z intersects $U \times F$ properly for all faces $F \subset \square^n$.
- (2) The case $n = 0$: The closure of Z in X does not meet D .
- (3) The case $n \geq 1$: Denote by $\overline{Z} \subset X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ the closure of Z and by $\nu_{\overline{Z}} : \tilde{Z} \rightarrow X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ the composition of the normalization $\tilde{Z} \rightarrow \overline{Z}$ followed by the closed immersion $\overline{Z} \hookrightarrow X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$. Then the following inequality between Cartier divisors holds:

$$(1.1.1) \quad \nu_{\overline{Z}}^*(D \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n) \leq \nu_{\overline{Z}}^*(X \times F_n).$$

An element of $C^r(X|D, n)$ is called an *integral relative cycle of codimension r for (X, D)* .

Lemma 1.2. *Let $Z' \subset Z$ be integral closed subschemes in $X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ intersecting the Cartier divisors $D \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ and $X \times F_n$ properly. Let $\nu_Z : \tilde{Z} \rightarrow X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ be the composition of the normalization $\tilde{Z} \rightarrow Z$ with the natural inclusion $Z \hookrightarrow X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ and similarly with $\nu_{Z'} : Z' \rightarrow X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$. Then the inequality $\nu_Z^*(D \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n) \leq \nu_Z^*(X \times F_n)$ implies the corresponding inequality with ν_Z replaced by $\nu_{Z'}$.*

Proof. This is essentially [KP12, Prop. 2.4]; see [BS14, Lem. 2.1] for the version we need here. □

1.2. Chow groups with modulus. Denote by $\underline{z}^r(X|D, n)$ the free abelian group on the set $C^r(X|D, n)$. By Lemma 1.2 there is a well-defined pullback map $(\text{id}_X \times \iota_F)^* : \underline{z}^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow \underline{z}^r(X|D, m)$ for any m -dimensional face $\square^m \cong F \subset \square^n$. We obtain a cubical object of abelian groups (see e.g. [Lev09, 1.1]):

$$\underline{n} \mapsto \underline{z}^r(X|D, n) \quad (\underline{n} = \{0, \infty\}^n, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

For each n we have the subgroup $\underline{z}^r(X|D, n)_{\text{degn}}$ of degenerate cycles, i.e. those cycles which come from $\underline{z}^r(X|D, n-1)$ via pullback along one of the n projections $U \times \square^n \rightarrow U \times \square^{n-1}$. We set

$$z^r(X|D, n) := \frac{\underline{z}^r(X|D, n)}{\underline{z}^r(X|D, n)_{\text{degn}}}.$$

The n -th boundary operator $\partial : z^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow z^r(X|D, n-1)$ is given by

$$\partial = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i (\partial_i^\infty - \partial_i^0),$$

where $\partial_i^\epsilon = (\text{id}_X \times \iota_{i,\epsilon}^n)^* : z^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow z^r(X|D, n-1)$ is the pullback along the face $\{y_i = \epsilon\}$. We get a complex $z^r(X|D, \bullet)$, which is the complex associated to the cubical object $\underline{n} \mapsto \underline{z}^r(X|D, n)$. The higher Chow groups of (X, D) are defined to be

$$\text{CH}^r(X|D, n) := H_n(z^r(X|D, \bullet)), \quad n, r \geq 0;$$

see [BS14, Def. 2.5]. If $D = 0$ we get back Bloch's classical definition of the cycle complex and higher Chow groups. We simply write $z^r(X, \bullet)$ and $\text{CH}^r(X, n)$ instead of $z^r(X|0, \bullet)$ and $\text{CH}^r(X|0, n)$, respectively.

1.3. Motivic cohomology with modulus. For an étale map $V \rightarrow X$ we denote by D_V the pullback of D to V . Then the presheaves

$$z^r(-|D, n) : X_{\text{ét}} \ni (V \rightarrow X) \mapsto z^r(V|D_V, n)$$

are sheaves for the étale topology, a fortiori for the Zariski and the Nisnevich topology. In case X is smooth over k the r -th motivic complex of (X, D) is defined to be the complex of Zariski sheaves on X ,

$$\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} := z^r(-|D, 2r - \bullet).$$

We denote by

$$\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}}$$

the corresponding complex on X_{Nis} . The motivic cohomology (X, D) is by definition

$$H_{\mathcal{M}}^i(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) := H^i(X_{\text{Zar}}, \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D});$$

see [BS14, Def. 2.10]. If $D = 0$ we get back Bloch’s definition of the motivic complex and motivic cohomology. We simply write $\mathbb{Z}(r)_X$ and $H_{\mathcal{M}}^i(X, \mathbb{Z}(r))$ instead of $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|0}$ and $H_{\mathcal{M}}^i(X|0, \mathbb{Z}(r))$. We define the motivic Nisnevich cohomology of (X, D) to be

$$H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^i(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) := H^i(X_{\text{Nis}}, \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}).$$

1.4. We give a list of properties and results:

- (1) The modulus condition (1.1.1) implies that any $Z \in C^r(X|D, n)$ is already closed in $X \times \square^n$. Therefore there is a natural map

$$\text{CH}^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow \text{CH}^r(X, n),$$

where the right-hand side is (the cubical version of) Bloch’s higher Chow groups.

- (2) The above definition generalizes the additive higher Chow groups defined by Bloch-Esnault and Park. In the case $(X, D) = (Y \times \mathbb{A}_k^1, (m+1) \cdot (Y \times \{0\}))$, with Y an equidimensional k -scheme and $m \geq 1$, we have

$$\text{CH}^r(X|D, n) = \text{TCH}^r(Y, n+1; m).$$

- (3) There is a natural isomorphism

$$\text{CH}^r(X|D, 0) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{CH}^r(X|D),$$

where the right-hand side is the group of r -codimensional cycles on U modulo “rational equivalence with modulus D ”; see [BS14, 3].

- (4) Assume X is normal. Then there is a natural quasi-isomorphism

$$\mathbb{Z}_{X|D}(1) \cong \text{Ker}(\mathcal{O}_X^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_D^\times)[-1];$$

see [BS14, 1.5, Thm. 4.3].

- (5) If X is smooth and D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor, then there is a cycle map $\phi_{X|D} : \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} \rightarrow \Omega_{X/\mathbb{Z}}^{\geq r}(\log D) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X(-D)$ in the derived category $\mathcal{D}^-(X)$ of bounded above complexes of Zariski sheaves; see [BS14, 7.3]. For $k = \mathbb{C}$, there are regulator maps from the motivic cohomology of (X, D) to a relative version of Deligne cohomology, Betti cohomology and a relative Abel-Jacobi map; see [BS14, 8, 9].

2. RELATIVE MILNOR K -SHEAVES

In this section k is a field and X a smooth connected k -scheme. We denote by $X^{(c)}$ the set of codimension c points in X and by η the generic point of X .

2.1. The Gersten complex of Milnor K -sheaves.

2.1.1. For $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ we denote by $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ the r -th Milnor K -sheaf on X . By definition it is the Zariski sheaf which on an open $V \subset X$ is given by

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M(V) = \text{Ker}(K_r^M(k(\eta)) \xrightarrow{\oplus \partial_x} \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(1)} \cap V} K_{r-1}^M(k(x))),$$

where $\partial_x : K_r^M(k(\eta)) \rightarrow K_{r-1}^M(k(x))$ denotes the tame symbol from [BT73, §4]. In particular $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M = 0$ for $r < 0$, $\mathcal{K}_{0,X}^M = \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathcal{K}_{1,X}^M = \mathcal{O}_X^\times$. There is a canonical resolution $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{r,X}^\bullet$ by flasque sheaves called the *Gersten resolution* (see e.g. [Ros96, Thm. 6.1]),

$$(2.0.1) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \rightarrow i_{\eta*} K_r^M(k(\eta)) \rightarrow \underbrace{\bigoplus_{x \in X^{(1)}} i_{x*} K_{r-1}^M(k(x)) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(2)}} i_{x*} K_{r-2}^M(k(x)) \rightarrow \dots}_{:= \mathcal{C}_{r,X}^\bullet}$$

where $i_x : x \rightarrow X$ denotes the inclusion.

By [Ker10, Prop. 10, (8) and Thm. 13] the stalk of $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ at $x \in X$ is the subgroup of $K_r^M(k(\eta))$ generated by symbols of the form $\{a_1, \dots, a_r\}$, $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times$, i.e.

$$(2.0.2) \quad \mathcal{K}_{r,X,x}^M = \{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times, \dots, \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times\} \subset K_r^M(k(\eta)).$$

If k is an infinite field, then by [Ker09, Thm. 1.3 and Def. 2.1]

$$(2.0.3) \quad \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M = (\mathcal{O}^\times)^{\otimes zr} / \mathcal{R},$$

where $\mathcal{R} \subset (\mathcal{O}^\times)^{\otimes zr}$ is the subsheaf of abelian groups which is generated by local sections of the form $b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_{i-1} \otimes a \otimes (1 - a) \otimes b_{i+2} \otimes \dots \otimes b_r$, where $a \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$ with $1 - a \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$ and $b_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$.

In case X is not connected and $X = \bigsqcup_j X_j$ is its decomposition into connected components with corresponding immersions $i_j : X_j \hookrightarrow X$, we set

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M := \bigoplus_i i_{j*} \mathcal{K}_{r,X_i}^M.$$

2.1.2. By [Ker10, Prop. 10(11)] we have an isomorphism of Zariski sheaves

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \cong \mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_X).$$

In particular $Y \mapsto H^0(Y, \mathcal{K}_{r,Y}^M)$ defines a homotopy invariant presheaf with transfers on the category of smooth k -schemes in the sense of [Voe00b, 3]. Hence by [Voe00b, Thm. 3.1.12] it restricts to a sheaf on the Nisnevich site X_{Nis} , which we continue to denote by $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ or if we want to stress that we are on X_{Nis} by $\mathcal{K}_{r,X_{\text{Nis}}}^M$.

2.2. Milnor K -sheaf of a complement of an SNCD.

2.2.1. Let Y be a scheme and \mathcal{F} a sheaf of abelian groups on Y . Let $Z \subset Y$ be a closed subscheme and denote by $j : V = Y \setminus Z \hookrightarrow Y$ the inclusion of the complement. We denote by $\underline{\Gamma}_Z(\mathcal{F})$ the sheaf on Y of sections of \mathcal{F} with supports in Z and by $\mathcal{H}_Z^i(\mathcal{F}) = R^i \underline{\Gamma}_Z(\mathcal{F})$ the i -th cohomology sheaf with support in Z . For a scheme point $y \in Y$, we also define

$$H_y^i(\mathcal{F}) := \mathcal{H}_{\bar{y}}^i(\mathcal{F})_y = \varinjlim_{y \in U} H_{\bar{y} \cap U}^i(U, \mathcal{F}),$$

where \bar{y} denotes the closure of y in Y and the limit is over all open neighborhoods of y . We have isomorphisms

$$(2.0.4) \quad \frac{j_*(\mathcal{F}|_V)}{\mathcal{F}} \cong \mathcal{H}_Z^1(\mathcal{F}) \quad \text{and} \quad R^{i-1}j_*(\mathcal{F}|_V) \cong \mathcal{H}_Z^i(\mathcal{F}), \quad \text{for } i \geq 2.$$

Assume that the ideal sheaf \mathcal{I} of $Z \subset X$ is generated by a regular sequence of global sections $t_1, \dots, t_c \in \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$. Then we can use the Zariski cover $\mathfrak{V} = \{V_i = Y \setminus V(t_i), i = 1, \dots, c\}$ of V to build the Čech complex $\mathcal{C}^\bullet(\mathfrak{V}, \mathcal{F})$, which is a complex of sheaves on V resolving $\mathcal{F}|_V$. We obtain a natural map $H^i(j_*\mathcal{C}^\bullet(\mathfrak{V}, \mathcal{F})) \rightarrow R^i j_*\mathcal{F}|_V$. For an element $a \in \mathcal{F}(V_1 \cap \dots \cap V_c)$ we denote by

$$(2.0.5) \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} a \\ t_1, \dots, t_c \end{array} \right] \in \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{H}_Z^c(\mathcal{F}))$$

the image of a under the composition

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(V_1 \cap \dots \cap V_c) &\rightarrow \Gamma(Y, H^{c-1}(j_*\mathcal{C}^\bullet(\mathfrak{V}, \mathcal{F}))) \\ &\rightarrow \Gamma(Y, R^{c-1}j_*(\mathcal{F}|_V)) \xrightarrow{(2.0.4)} \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{H}_Z^c(\mathcal{F})). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.1. *Let $E \subset X$ be a simple normal crossing divisor and denote by $j : V \hookrightarrow X$ the inclusion of the complement.*

Then $\mathcal{H}_E^i(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) = 0$ for all $i \neq 1$. Furthermore, for $r \geq 1$ and $x \in E$,

$$(2.1.1) \quad (j_*\mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M)_x = \{(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}[\frac{1}{f}])^\times, \dots, (\mathcal{O}_{X,x}[\frac{1}{f}])^\times\} \subset K_r^M(k(\eta)),$$

where $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ is a local equation for E .

Proof. First of all, notice that for a smooth closed subscheme $Z \subset X$ of pure codimension c , we have $\underline{\Gamma}_Z(\mathcal{C}^\bullet_r) = \mathcal{C}^\bullet_{r-c,Z}[-c]$. Hence $\mathcal{H}_Z^i(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) = 0$ for all $i \neq c$ and $\mathcal{H}_Z^c(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) = \mathcal{K}_{r-c,Z}^M$.

Now for the lemma write $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$, where the E_i are the irreducible components of E . We do induction on n . If $n = 1$, i.e. $E \subset X$ is a smooth integral subscheme of codimension 1, the first statement follows directly from the remark above. For the second statement observe that we obtain the following exact sequence from the long exact localization sequence

$$(2.1.2) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \rightarrow j_*\mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M \xrightarrow{\partial_E} i_*\mathcal{K}_{r-1,E}^M \rightarrow 0,$$

where $i : E \hookrightarrow X$ denotes the closed immersion and ∂_E is induced by the symbol $\partial_e : K_r^M(k(\eta)) \rightarrow K_{r-1}^M(k(e))$, with $e \in E$ the generic point. Clearly the right-hand side of (2.1.1) is contained in the left-hand side. Therefore it suffices to show that the left-hand side is contained in

$$\{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times, \dots, \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times\} + \{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times, \dots, \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times, f\} \subset K_r^M(k(\eta)).$$

This follows from the short exact sequence above and the description (2.0.2) for $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ and $\mathcal{K}_{r-1,E}^M$.

In general, set $E' = \bigcup_{i < n} E_i$. Thus $E = E' \cup E_n$ and the vanishing assertion follows by induction from the long exact sequence $\cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{E_n}^i(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_E^i(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{E \setminus E_n}^i(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) \rightarrow \cdots$. Denote by $j_n : V \hookrightarrow X \setminus E'$ and $i_n : E_n \setminus (E_n \cap E') \hookrightarrow X \setminus E'$ the inclusions. The second statement follows by induction from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,X \setminus E'}^M \rightarrow j_{n*} \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M \rightarrow i_{n*} \mathcal{K}_{r-1,E_n \setminus (E_n \cap E')}^M \rightarrow 0$$

and a similar argument as in the case $n = 1$. □

Corollary 2.2. *Let $E \subset X$ and $j : V \hookrightarrow X$ be as in Lemma 2.1.*

(1) *We have $R^i j_* \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M = 0$, for all $i \geq 1$, and*

$$j_* \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M = \{j_* \mathcal{O}_V^\times, \dots, j_* \mathcal{O}_V^\times\} \subset K_r^M(k(\eta)).$$

(2) *For $T \subset X$ a closed subscheme of pure codimension c , we have*

$$\mathcal{H}_T^i(j_* \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M) = 0, \quad \text{for } i < c.$$

Proof. By the long exact localization sequence $R^i j_* \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M \cong \mathcal{H}_E^{i+1} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ for $i \geq 1$. Hence (1) follows directly from Lemma 2.1. It follows that $j_* C_{r,V}^\bullet$ is a flasque resolution of $j_* \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M$, which directly implies (2). □

Corollary 2.3. *Let $z \in X$ be a point of codimension $c \geq 1$ and $t_1, \dots, t_c \in \mathcal{O}_{X,z}$ a regular system of parameters. We set $t := t_1 \cdots t_c$ and $\hat{t}_j := t_1 \cdots \hat{t}_j \cdots t_c$. (By convention if $c = 1$ we set $\hat{t}_1 := 1$.) Then with the notation from §2.2.1*

$$\frac{\{(\mathcal{O}_{X,z}[\frac{1}{t}])^\times, \dots, (\mathcal{O}_{X,z}[\frac{1}{\hat{t}_j}])^\times\}}{\sum_{j=1}^c \{(\mathcal{O}_{X,z}[\frac{1}{\hat{t}_j}])^\times, \dots, (\mathcal{O}_{X,z}[\frac{1}{t_j}])^\times\}} \cong H_z^c(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) \cong K_{r-c}^M(k(z)),$$

where on the left the quotient is between two subgroups of $K_r^M(k(\eta))$. Moreover with the notation from (2.0.5), the isomorphism $K_{r-c}^M(k(z)) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_z^c(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M)$ is given by

$$(2.3.1) \quad \{b_1, \dots, b_{r-c}\} \mapsto \left[\begin{array}{c} \{\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_{r-c}, t_1, \dots, t_c\} \\ t_1, \dots, t_c \end{array} \right],$$

where $\tilde{b}_i \in (\mathcal{O}_{X,z})^\times$ is any lift of $b_i \in k(z)^\times$.

Proof. Since the question is local around z we can assume that the sequence t_1, \dots, t_c is a regular sequence of global sections of \mathcal{O}_X and that $Z = \overline{\{z\}}$ is globally defined by their vanishing. We denote by $j : V := X \setminus Z \hookrightarrow X$ the open embedding. For $n \geq 0$ denote by $S^n \subset \mathbb{N}^{n+1}$ the set of tuples (i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n) with $1 \leq i_0 < \dots < i_n \leq c$. For $i \in [1, c]$ set $V_i := X \setminus V(t_i)$ and for $I = (i_0, \dots, i_n) \in S^n$ set $V_I := V_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap V_{i_n}$. Denote by $j_I : V_I \hookrightarrow V$ the open embeddings. By Corollary 2.2(1), we have

$$Rj_*(j_{I*} j_I^{-1} \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M) = Rj_* Rj_{I*} \mathcal{K}_{r,V_I}^M = j_* j_{I*} \mathcal{K}_{r,V_I}^M,$$

where for the first and second equality, we use that the inclusions $V_I \hookrightarrow V$ and $V_I \hookrightarrow X$ are complements of an SNCD. It follows that the Čech complex $\mathcal{C}^\bullet(\mathfrak{V}, \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M)$ is acyclic for j_* , where $\mathfrak{V} = \{V_1, \dots, V_c\}$. Therefore $Rj_*(\mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M) = j_* \mathcal{C}^\bullet(\mathfrak{V}, \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M)$. Now the first isomorphism from the statement of the corollary follows from (2.0.4) and Corollary 2.2(1). The second isomorphism in the statement is an immediate

consequence of the fact that $j_*C_{r,V}^\bullet$ is a flasque resolution of $j_*\mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M$ (see Corollary 2.2(1)).

It remains to prove the explicit formula (2.3.1). We can assume $X = \text{Spec } A$ with $A := \mathcal{O}_{X,z}$. Then for an abelian sheaf \mathcal{F} on V the stalk of $j_*C^\bullet(\mathfrak{A}, \mathcal{F})$ at z is the following complex of abelian groups (starting in degree 0):

$$G(\mathcal{F})^\bullet : \bigoplus_{I \in S^0} \mathcal{F}(V_I) \xrightarrow{\partial^0} \bigoplus_{I \in S^1} \mathcal{F}(V_I) \xrightarrow{\partial^1} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial^{c-2}} \bigoplus_{I \in S^{c-1}} \mathcal{F}(V_I),$$

with

$$(\partial^n(\alpha_I)_{I \in S^n})_J = \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} (-1)^j (\alpha_{J(j)})|_{V_J},$$

where $J(j)$ equals the tuple J with the j -th entry omitted. Let $C_{r,V}^\bullet$ be the Gersten complex from (2.0.1) and set $C^\bullet := j_*C_{r,V}^\bullet$. Then the sections of C^\bullet over V_I form the following complex:

$$C^\bullet(V_I) := \Gamma(V_I, j_*C_{r,V}^\bullet) : \\ \bigoplus_{x \in V_I^{(0)}} K_r^M(k(x)) \xrightarrow{\partial^{K,0}} \bigoplus_{x \in V_I^{(1)}} K_{r-1}^M(k(x)) \xrightarrow{\partial^{K,1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial^{K,c-2}} \bigoplus_{x \in V_I^{(c-1)}} K_{r-c+1}^M(k(x)).$$

Let T be the total complex associated to the double complex $G^\bullet(C^\bullet)$; its differentials are given by

$$\partial^{T,n} = (\partial^i + (-1)^i \partial^{K,n-i})_{i \in [0,n]} : T^n \rightarrow T^{n+1}.$$

Then the natural maps $G^\bullet(\mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M) \rightarrow G^\bullet(C^0)$ and $C^\bullet(V) \rightarrow G^0(C^\bullet)$ induce quasi-isomorphisms

$$G^\bullet(\mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M) \xrightarrow{\cong} T \xleftarrow{\cong} C^\bullet(V).$$

For $i \in [0, c]$ the vanishing loci $V(t_{c-i+1}, \dots, t_c) \subset X = \text{Spec } A$ are integral closed subschemes which are regular; we denote by z_i their unique generic points, i.e.

$$\overline{\{z_i\}} = V(t_{c-i+1}, \dots, t_c).$$

In particular, $z_i \in X^{(i)}$, $z_c = z$ and z_0 is the generic point of X . Take $b_1, \dots, b_{r-c} \in k(z)^\times$ and let $\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_{r-c} \in A^\times$ be lifts. (By abuse of notation we will also write \tilde{b}_i (resp. t_i) for the image of \tilde{b}_i (resp. t_i) under any ring homomorphism $A \rightarrow R$.) For $i \in [0, c-1]$ set

$$a_{c-1-i} := \{\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_{r-c}, t_1, \dots, t_{i+1}\} \in K_{r-(c-1-i)}^M(k(z_{c-1-i})), \quad i \in [0, c-1],$$

and define

$$\alpha_i := ((\alpha_{i,I,x})_{x \in V_I^{(c-1-i)}})_{I \in S^i} \in G^i(C^{c-1-i}) = \bigoplus_{I \in S^i} C^{c-1-i}(V_I)$$

by

$$\alpha_{i,I,x} = \begin{cases} a_{c-1-i}, & \text{if } I = (1, \dots, i+1) \text{ and } x = z_{c-1-i}, \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

By definition

$$\{\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_{r-c}, t_1, \dots, t_c\} \mapsto \alpha_{c-1} \quad \text{under } G^{c-1}(\mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M) \rightarrow T^{c-1}$$

and

$$\{\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_{r-c}, t_1\} \mapsto \alpha_0 \quad \text{under } K_{r-c+1}^M(k(z_{c-1})) \rightarrow C^{c-1}(V) \rightarrow T^{c-1}.$$

Further, under the composition

$$K_{r-c+1}^M(k(z_{c-1})) \rightarrow C^{c-1}(V) \twoheadrightarrow (R^{c-1}j_*\mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M)_z \xrightarrow{\partial} H_z^c(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) = \Gamma_z C_{r,X}^c = K_{r-c}^M(k(x))$$

the element $\{\tilde{b}_1, \dots, \tilde{b}_{r-c}, t_1\}$ is sent to $\{b_1, \dots, b_{r-c}\}$. Altogether it remains to show that for $c \geq 2$ we have

$$(2.3.2) \quad \alpha_0 \equiv \alpha_{c-1} \pmod{\partial^{T,c-2}T^{c-2}}.$$

To this end we define for $i \in [0, c - 2]$,

$$\beta_i = ((\beta_{i,I,x})_{x \in V^{(c-2-i)}})_{I \in S^i} \in G^i(C^{c-2-i})$$

by

$$\beta_{i,I,x} = \begin{cases} a_{c-2-i}, & \text{if } I = (1, \dots, i+1) \text{ and } x = z_{c-2-i}, \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

We have

$$\check{\partial}^i(\beta_i) = (-1)^{i+1}\alpha_{i+1}.$$

One checks this easily using that for $J \in S^{i+1}$ and $j \in [1, i + 2]$, we have

$$J(j) = (1, \dots, i + 1) \text{ and } z_{c-2-i} \in V_J^{c-2-i} \iff J = (1, \dots, i + 2) \text{ and } j = i + 2.$$

On the other hand,

$$\partial^{K,c-2-i}(\beta_i) = \alpha_i.$$

This directly follows from

$$x \in \overline{\{z_{c-2-i}\}}^{(1)} \cap V_{(1,\dots,i+1)} \text{ and } \partial_x(a_{c-2-i}) \neq 0 \iff x = z_{c-1-i}.$$

Thus

$$\partial^{T,c-2}(\beta_i) = \check{\partial}^i(\beta_i) + (-1)^i \partial^{K,c-2-i}(\beta_i) = (-1)^{i+1}(\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i).$$

Altogether

$$\alpha_0 \equiv \alpha_1 \equiv \dots \equiv \alpha_{c-1} \pmod{\partial^{T,c-2}T^{c-2}}.$$

This shows (2.3.2) and hence finishes the proof. □

2.3. The relative Milnor K -sheaf.

Definition 2.4. Let D be an effective divisor on X . Denote by $j : U := X \setminus D \hookrightarrow X$ the inclusion of the complement.

(1) We define the Zariski sheaf $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M$ for $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ to be the image of the map

$$\text{Ker}(\mathcal{O}_X^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_D^\times) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} j_*\mathcal{K}_{r-1,U}^M \rightarrow j_*\mathcal{K}_{r,U}^M, \quad a \otimes \{b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}\} \mapsto \{a, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}\}.$$

In particular $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M = 0$ for $r \leq 0$ and $\mathcal{K}_{1,X|D}^M = \text{Ker}(\mathcal{O}_X^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_D^\times)$.

(2) We have a presheaf on the small Nisnevich site of X :

$$X_{\text{Nis}} \rightarrow (\text{abelian groups}), \quad (v : V \rightarrow X) \mapsto H^0(V, \mathcal{K}_{r,V|v^*D}^M) =: \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M(V).$$

We denote by $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M$ the Nisnevich sheaf on X_{Nis} associated to this functor. If $u : X' \rightarrow X$ is étale and $x' \in X'$ is a point we set

$$(2.4.1) \quad \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,x'}^{M,h} := \varinjlim_{(v,y)} H^0(V, \mathcal{K}_{r,V|(uov)^*D}^M),$$

where the limit is over the filtered category of pairs (v, y) , where $v : V \rightarrow X'$ is étale and $y \in V$ is a point such that v induces an isomorphism $k(x') \xrightarrow{\cong} k(y)$.

Remark 2.5. If $v : V \rightarrow X$ is an étale map that factors through the open immersion $j : U \hookrightarrow X$, then by §2.1.2

$$H^0(V, \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M) = \mathcal{K}_{r,U}^M(V) = H^0(V, \mathcal{K}_{r,V}^M).$$

Assume D_{red} is an SNCD. For $x \in D$, set $A := \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ and denote by A^h its henselization. Then $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,x}^M$ (resp. $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,x}^{M,h}$) is by Lemma 2.1 the subgroup of $K_r^M(k(\eta))$ (resp. $K_r^M(\text{Frac}(A^h))$) generated by symbols of the form $\{1 + fa, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}\}$, where $f \in A$ is a local equation for D , $a \in A$ (resp. A^h) and $b_i \in A[\frac{1}{f}]^\times$ (resp. $A^h[\frac{1}{f}]^\times$).

The stalk of the sheaf $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M$ at a generic point of the effective divisor D looks as follows.

2.3.1. Let A be a discrete valuation ring with its maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} and K the field of fractions. We set $U_K^{(0)} = A^\times$ and $U_K^{(n)} = 1 + \mathfrak{m}^n$, for $n \geq 1$. We denote by $U^0 K_r^M(K)$ the image of the natural map $(A^\times)^{\otimes r} \rightarrow K_r^M(K)$ and by $U^n K_r^M(K)$, $n \geq 1$, the image of the multiplication map $U_K^{(n)} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K_{r-1}^M(K) \rightarrow K_r^M(K)$.

The following two lemmas are well known.

Lemma 2.6. *Let (A, K, \mathfrak{m}) be as above and denote by \hat{K} the fraction field of the completion of A along \mathfrak{m} . Then for all $n \geq 1$ the natural map*

$$K_r^M(K)/U^n K_r^M(K) \rightarrow K_r^M(\hat{K})/U^n K_r^M(\hat{K})$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. We define an inverse map. Clearly there is a well-defined map $(\hat{K}^\times)^{\otimes zr} \rightarrow K_r^M(K)/U^n K_r^M(K)$ which sends an element $a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_r$ to the class of $\{b_1, \dots, b_r\}$, where we take any $b_i \in K^\times$ with $b_i \equiv a_i \pmod{1 + \mathfrak{m}^n}$. This map also kills the Steinberg relations. Indeed if we take $a \in \hat{K}^\times \setminus U_{\hat{K}}^{(1)}$ and $b \in K^\times$ with $b \equiv a \pmod{U_{\hat{K}}^{(n)}}$, then $1 - b \equiv 1 - a \pmod{U_{\hat{K}}^{(n)}}$. Hence $a \otimes (1 - a)$ is sent to the class of $\{b, 1 - b\} = 0$. If we take $a \in U_{\hat{K}}^{(1)}$ and $b \in K^\times$ with $b \equiv 1 - a \pmod{U_{\hat{K}}^{(n)}}$, then $1 - b \equiv a \pmod{U_{\hat{K}}^{(n)}}$ and $a \otimes (1 - a)$ is sent to the class of $\{1 - b, b\} = 0$. It follows that this map factors to give a well-defined map inverse to the natural map from the statement. □

Lemma 2.7. *Let A be an integral local ring with its maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} and the fraction field $K = \text{Frac}(A)$. For elements $a, b, c \in A$ and $s, t \in \mathfrak{m}$, the following equalities hold in $K_2^M(K)$:*

- (1) $\{1 + as, 1 + bt\} = -\{1 + \frac{ab}{1+as}st, -as(1 + bt)\}$.
- (2) $\{1 + \frac{s-1}{1+ct}ct, 1 - \frac{1+ct}{1+cst}s\} = \{1 + cst, s\}$.

Proof. (1) is straightforward, and (2) follows from (1) by setting

$$a = -\frac{1 + ct}{1 + cst}, \quad b = \frac{c(s - 1)}{1 + ct}.$$

□

Proposition 2.8. *Let D be an effective divisor on X whose support has simple normal crossings. Let $x \in D$ be a point and D_1, \dots, D_n all the irreducible components of D passing through x . Let $t_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ be a local equation for D_i around x and assume that around x the divisor D is given by the vanishing of $t_1^{m_1} \cdots t_n^{m_n}$, with $m_i \geq 1$.*

- (1) *Assume either there exists an $i_0 \in [1, n]$ with $m_{i_0} \geq 2$ or $n \geq r$. Then $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,x}^M$ is equal to the subgroup of $K_r^M(k(\eta))$, which is generated by elements of the form*

$$(2.8.1) \quad \left\{ 1 + a \cdot \prod_{i \in I_s} t_i^{m_i-1} \cdot \prod_{i \in [1,n] \setminus I_s} t_i^{m_i}, 1 + u_1 t_{i_1}, \dots, 1 + u_s t_{i_s}, u_{s+1}, \dots, u_r \right\},$$

where $s \in [0, \min(r - 1, n)]$, $I_s = \{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subset [1, n]$, $a \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ and $u_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times$.

- (2) *Assume $m_1 = \dots = m_n = 1$ and $n < r$. Then $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,x}^M$ is equal to the subgroup of $K_r^M(k(\eta))$, which is generated by elements of the form (2.8.1) for $s \leq n - 1$ together with elements of the form*

$$(2.8.2) \quad \{1 + u_1 t_1, \dots, 1 + u_n t_n, u_{n+1}, \dots, u_r\}, u_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times.$$

Proof. Set $A = \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ and denote by \mathfrak{m} its maximal ideal. The statement holds for $r = 1$ by definition. For $r \geq 2$ denote by L_r the subgroup of $K_r^M(k(\eta))$, which in case (1) is generated by the elements (2.8.1) and in case (2) is generated by the elements (2.8.1) for $s \leq n - 1$ and the elements (2.8.2). In both cases the inclusion $L_r \subset \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,x}^M$ follows directly from Lemma 2.7(1) and Remark 2.5. For the other inclusion it suffices to show (in both cases)

$$\{1 + at_1^{m_1} \cdots t_n^{m_n}, t_{i_1}, \dots, t_{i_s}\} \in L_{s+1}$$

for $a \in A$, $\{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subset [1, n]$. If one of the m_i 's is ≥ 2 or $n > s$ this follows directly from Lemma 2.7(2). If $m_1 = \dots = m_n = 1$ and $s = n$, then we can use Lemma 2.7(2) to reduce to the case $n = 1$. Setting $t := t_1$ it therefore remains to show

$$(2.8.3) \quad \{1 + at, t\} \in L_2, \quad a \in A.$$

To this end notice that $1 + tA$ is multiplicatively generated by elements in $1 + tA^\times$. Indeed if $b \in \mathfrak{m}$ we can write

$$1 + tb = \left(1 + t \frac{1}{1 + t(b-1)}\right)(1 + t(b-1)).$$

Therefore we can assume in (2.8.3) that $a \in A^\times$. Then the statement follows from $0 = \{1 + ta, -ta\} = \{1 + ta, t\} + \{1 + ta, -a\}$. This finishes the proof. □

Corollary 2.9. *Let D_1 and D_2 be effective divisors on X whose supports are simple normal crossing divisors. Assume $D_1 \leq D_2$. Then we have the inclusion of sheaves*

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_2}^M \subset \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_1}^M \subset \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \quad \text{on } X_{\text{Zar}}$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_2, \text{Nis}}^M \subset \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_1, \text{Nis}}^M \subset \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \quad \text{on } X_{\text{Nis}}.$$

Proof. This follows directly from Proposition 2.8. □

2.4. The structure of relative Milnor K -sheaves. In this subsection we assume that D is an effective divisor on X whose support has simple normal crossings. We denote by $i : D_{\text{red}} \hookrightarrow X$ the corresponding closed immersion, by $j : U = X \setminus D \hookrightarrow X$ the inclusion of the complement and by $\{D_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ the irreducible components of D . We write $\Omega_X^q = \Omega_{X/\mathbb{Z}}^q$, etc.

2.4.1. We write $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and endow \mathbb{N}^Λ with a semi-order by

$$(m_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \leq (n_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \Leftrightarrow m_\lambda \leq n_\lambda, \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in \Lambda.$$

For $\mathbf{m} = (m_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \in \mathbb{N}^\Lambda$, we set

$$D_{\mathbf{m}} := \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} m_\lambda D_\lambda.$$

For $\nu \in \Lambda$, we set

$$\delta_\nu = (0, \dots, \overset{\vee}{1}, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{N}^\Lambda$$

and we define the following sheaves for $r \geq 1$:

$$\text{gr}^{\mathbf{m}, \nu} \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M := \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D_{\mathbf{m}}}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D_{\mathbf{m} + \delta_\nu}}^M \quad \text{on } X_{\text{Zar}}$$

and

$$\text{gr}^{\mathbf{m}, \nu} \mathcal{K}_{r, X, \text{Nis}}^M := \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D_{\mathbf{m}}, \text{Nis}}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D_{\mathbf{m} + \delta_\nu}, \text{Nis}}^M \quad \text{on } X_{\text{Nis}}.$$

Notice that this makes sense by Corollary 2.9 and that these sheaves have support in D_ν . We remark that $\text{gr}^{\mathbf{m}, \nu} \mathcal{K}_{r, X, \text{Nis}}^M$ is also the Nisnevich sheaf associated to the presheaf

(2.9.1)

$$X_{\text{Nis}} \ni (v : V \rightarrow X) \mapsto H^0(V_{\text{Zar}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, V|v^*D_{\mathbf{m}}}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r, V|v^*D_{\mathbf{m} + \delta_\nu}}^M) =: \text{gr}^{\mathbf{m}, \nu} \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M(V).$$

For an étale map $v : V \rightarrow X$ we can write $v^*D_\lambda = D_{\lambda, 1} \sqcup \dots \sqcup D_{\lambda, j_\lambda}$, with $D_{\lambda, i} \subset V$ irreducible smooth divisors. For a subset $S \subset \Lambda$ set

$$v^*S := \{(\lambda, i) \mid \lambda \in S, i \in [1, j_\lambda]\}$$

and for $i \in [1, j_\nu]$,

$$\mathbf{m}_{(\nu, i)} := (m_{(\lambda, j)})_{(\lambda, j) \in v^*(\Lambda \setminus \{\nu\})} + m_\nu \delta_{(\nu, i)},$$

with

$$m_{(\lambda, j)} := m_\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_{(\nu, i)} = (0, \dots, \overset{(\nu, i)}{\underset{\vee}{1}}, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{N}^{v^*\Lambda}.$$

Then $\{D_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in v^*\Lambda}$ are the irreducible components of v^*D_{red} and

$$(2.9.2) \quad \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, V|v^*D_{\mathbf{m}}}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, V|v^*D_{\mathbf{m} + \delta_\nu}}^M} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{j_\nu} \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, V|D_{\mathbf{m}_{(\nu, i)}}}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, V|D_{\mathbf{m}_{(\nu, i)} + \delta_{(\nu, i)}}}^M} \stackrel{\text{by defn}}{=} \bigoplus_{i=1}^{j_\nu} \text{gr}^{\mathbf{m}_{(\nu, i)}, (\nu, i)} \mathcal{K}_{r, V}^M.$$

Proposition 2.10. *We keep the notation from above. Let $\mathbf{m} = (m_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be an element in \mathbb{N}^Λ and take $\nu \in \Lambda$, $r \geq 1$. Denote by $i_\nu : D_\nu \hookrightarrow X$ the closed immersion. Assume $m_\nu = 0$ and set*

$$D_{\nu, \mathbf{m}} := \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \{\nu\}} m_\lambda (D_\nu \cap D_\lambda).$$

Then there is a natural surjection

$$(2.10.1) \quad \text{gr}^{\mathbf{m}, \nu} \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M \rightarrow i_{\nu*} \mathcal{K}_{r, D_\nu|D_{\nu, \mathbf{m}}}^M.$$

If the t_λ 's are local equations for the D_λ 's around a point $x \in X$, then the composition of this map with $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_m}^M \rightarrow \mathrm{gr}^{m,\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ is given by

$$(2.10.2) \quad \{1 + t^m a, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}\} \mapsto \{1 + t^m \bar{a}, \bar{b}_1, \dots, \bar{b}_{r-1}\},$$

where $a \in \mathcal{O}_X$, $b_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X \setminus |D_m|}^\times$ with $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{O}_{D_\nu}$, $\bar{b}_i \in \mathcal{O}_{D_\nu \setminus |D_{\nu,m}|}^\times$ as their images and $t^m = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} t_\lambda^{m_\lambda}$. This map induces an isomorphism between sheaves on X_{Nis} :

$$(2.10.3) \quad \mathrm{gr}^{m,\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X,\mathrm{Nis}}^M \xrightarrow{\cong} i_{\nu*} \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{\nu,m},\mathrm{Nis}}^M.$$

Furthermore, if D_{red} is smooth, then (2.10.1) is already an isomorphism.

Proof. Assume $t_\nu \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is an equation for D_ν . Then we have the following map at our disposal:

$$s_{t_\nu} : \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu}^M, \quad \alpha \mapsto s_{t_\nu}(\alpha) := \partial_{D_\nu}(\alpha \cdot \{t_\nu\}),$$

where $\partial_{D_\nu} : K_{r+1}^M(k(X)) \rightarrow K_r^M(k(D_\nu))$ denotes the tame symbol defined by the valuation corresponding to D_ν . One directly checks that

$$s_{t_\nu}(\{a_1, \dots, a_r\}) = \{\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_r\},$$

where $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$ and $\bar{a}_i \in \mathcal{O}_{D_\nu}^\times$ is its image. This also shows that s_{t_ν} does not depend on the choice of the equation t_ν . Therefore we can write s_{D_ν} instead of s_{t_ν} . In particular, in case D_ν is not given by a global equation we can locally define maps as above and glue them to obtain a morphism

$$s_{D_\nu} : \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu}^M.$$

Restricting along the open immersion $j : X \setminus |D_m| \hookrightarrow X$ we obtain an induced map

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_m}^M \hookrightarrow j_* \mathcal{K}_{r,X \setminus |D_m|}^M \xrightarrow{s_{D_\nu}} j_* \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu \setminus |D_{\nu,m}|}^M.$$

It is immediate to check that the image of this map is $\mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{\nu,m}}^M$ and that it factors to give the map (2.10.1) from the statement. (Use Proposition 2.8 to check that $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_m+\delta_\nu}^M$ is mapped to zero.)

If D_{red} is smooth, then (2.10.1) is an isomorphism. Indeed, it suffices to consider the case in which D is connected. Then (2.10.1) is a map $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,D}^M$, and it is easy to see that the assignment $\{\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_r\} \mapsto \{a_1, \dots, a_r\} \bmod \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M$, in which the $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$ are lifts of the $\bar{a}_i \in \mathcal{O}_D^\times$, induces a well-defined map $\mathcal{K}_{r,D}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M$, which is inverse to (2.10.1).

Let $v : V \rightarrow X$ be étale. With the notation from (2.9.2) we have

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,v^*D_\nu|v^*D_{\nu,m}}^M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{j_\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,D_{(\nu,i)}|D_{(\nu,i),m_{(\nu,i)}}}^M.$$

Here $D_{(\nu,i)}$, $i \in [1, j_\nu]$, are the irreducible components of $|v^*D_\nu|$ and

$$D_{(\nu,i),m_{(\nu,i)}} = \sum_{(\lambda,j) \in v^*(\Lambda \setminus \{\nu\})} m_\lambda (D_{(\lambda,j)} \cap D_{(\nu,i)}).$$

It follows that the map (2.10.1) induces a map from the presheaf (2.9.1) to the presheaf

$$X_{\mathrm{Nis}} \ni (v : V \rightarrow X) \mapsto H^0(V, i_{\nu*} \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{\nu,m}}^M) = \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{\nu,m}}^M(v^{-1}D_\nu),$$

where we use the notation from Definition 2.4(2). We obtain the map (2.10.3) by Nisnevich sheafification. The surjectivity of (2.10.3) follows from the surjectivity

of (2.10.1). To prove the injectivity, it suffices to show the following (for all (X, D)): Let $x \in D_\nu$ be a point, let $V \subset X$ be an open neighborhood of x and let $\alpha \in H^0(V, \text{gr}^{m,\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M)$ be an element which under (2.10.1) is mapped to zero in $H^0(V \cap D_\nu, \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{\nu,m}}^M)$. Then there exists an étale morphism $v : V' \rightarrow V$ and a point $x' \in V'$ such that v induces an isomorphism $k(x) \xrightarrow{\cong} k(x')$ with the property that $v^* \alpha = 0$ in $\text{gr}^{m,\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M(V')$.

To this end, we can assume, after shrinking V around x , that we have a cartesian diagram

$$\begin{CD} D_{\nu,V} := D_\nu \cap V @<<< V \\ @VVV @VVV \\ \mathbb{A}_k^{n-1} @<<< \mathbb{A}_k^n \end{CD}$$

in which the vertical arrows are étale, the bottom horizontal arrow is induced by $k[t_1, \dots, t_n] \twoheadrightarrow k[t_1, \dots, t_n]/(t_n)$ and the pullback of the coordinate t_λ to \mathcal{O}_V is a local equation for D_λ . We choose a splitting $\mathbb{A}_k^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^{n-1}$ of the bottom map; in this way V becomes an \mathbb{A}_k^{n-1} -scheme and we set

$$V_1 := V \times_{\mathbb{A}_k^{n-1}} D_{\nu,V}.$$

We have a diagonal embedding $D_{\nu,V} \hookrightarrow V_1$. The projection $v_1 : V_1 \rightarrow V$ is étale, and hence we can write $v_1^*(D_{\nu,V}) = D_{\nu,V} \sqcup E$ for some smooth divisor $E \subset V_1$. We set $V' := V_1 \setminus E$ and denote by $v : V' \rightarrow V$ the map induced by v_1 . Then $v : V' \rightarrow V$ is étale, v induces an isomorphism $v^{-1}(D_{\nu,V}) \xrightarrow{\cong} D_{\nu,V}$ and there is a natural map induced by the projection $\pi : V' \rightarrow D_{\nu,V}$ which splits the inclusion $D_{\nu,V} \hookrightarrow V'$. We obtain a commutative diagram

$$(2.10.4) \quad \begin{CD} \text{gr}^{m,\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M(V') @>(*)>> \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{m,\nu}}^M(D_{\nu,V}) \\ @Vv^*VV @. \\ \text{gr}^{m,\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M(V) @>>> \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{m,\nu}}^M(D_{\nu,V}) \end{CD}$$

It suffices to show that $(*)$ in (2.10.4) is injective. Denote by $D_{m,V}$, $D_{m+\delta_\nu,V}$ and $D_{m,\nu,V}$ the pullback along the open immersion $V \hookrightarrow X$ of D_m , $D_{m+\delta_\nu,V}$ and $D_{m,\nu}$, respectively. We consider the composition

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,D_{\nu,V}}^M \xrightarrow{\pi^*} \mathcal{K}_{r,V'}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,V'}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,V'}^M|_{v^* D_{m+\delta_\nu,V}}.$$

The restriction of this map to $\mathcal{K}_{r,D_{\nu,V}|D_{m,\nu,V}}^M$ induces a map

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,D_{\nu,V}|D_{m,\nu,V}}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,V'}^M|_{v^* D_{m,V}} / \mathcal{K}_{r,V'}^M|_{v^* D_{m+\delta_\nu,V}}.$$

Taking global sections we obtain a map

$$(2.10.5) \quad \mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{m,\nu}}^M(D_{\nu,V}) \rightarrow \text{gr}^{m,\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M(V').$$

Using the explicit description (2.10.2) of the map $(*)$ in (2.10.4) it is straightforward to check that (2.10.5) and $(*)$ are inverse to each other. This finishes the proof of the proposition. \square

Remark 2.11. The proof of the injectivity of (2.10.3) is the only place where we need the Nisnevich topology.

2.4.2. We denote by X_{Zar}^- (resp. X_{Nis}^-) the topos of sheaves of sets on the site X_{Zar} (resp. X_{Nis}) and by $\epsilon = (\epsilon^{-1}, \epsilon_*) : X_{\text{Nis}}^- \rightarrow X_{\text{Zar}}^-$ the natural morphism of topoi. Then ϵ_* is left exact when restricted to the category of abelian sheaves and right derives to a functor

$$R\epsilon_* : \mathcal{D}^+(X_{\text{Nis}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^+(X_{\text{Zar}})$$

between the derived categories of bounded below complex of abelian sheaves on X_{Nis} and X_{Zar} , respectively. Since the cohomological dimension of X_{Nis} is $\leq \dim X$ (see e.g. [Nis89, 1.32]) this functor restricts to a functor between the derived category of complexes with bounded cohomology

$$R\epsilon_* : \mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Nis}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Nis}}).$$

Corollary 2.12. *In the situation of Proposition 2.10 we have a distinguished triangle in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Zar}})$:*

$$R\epsilon_*(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_{m+\delta_\nu},\text{Nis}}^M) \rightarrow R\epsilon_*(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_m,\text{Nis}}^M) \rightarrow R(\epsilon \circ i_\nu)_*(\mathcal{K}_{r,D_\nu|D_{\nu,m},\text{Nis}}^M) \xrightarrow{[1]}.$$

Proof. This follows directly from Proposition 2.10 together with the observation $R\epsilon_*i_{\nu*} = R\epsilon_*Ri_{\nu*} = R(\epsilon \circ i_\nu)_*$. □

2.4.3. We keep the notation from §2.4.1. For $\nu \in \Lambda$ and $q \geq 0$ we define the following sheaf on X_{Zar} (with support in D_ν):

$$(2.12.1) \quad \omega_{X|D,m,\nu}^q := \omega_{m,\nu}^q := (\Omega_X^q(\log D)(-D_m))|_{D_\nu},$$

where we use the shorthand notation

$$\Omega_X^q(\log D)(-D_m) := \mathcal{O}_X(-D_m) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \Omega_X^q(\log D).$$

It is immediate to check that the differential $d^q : \Omega_U^q \rightarrow \Omega_U^{q+1}$ restricts to a differential $d^q : \Omega_X^q(\log D)(-D_m) \rightarrow \Omega_X^{q+1}(\log D)(-D_m)$, which induces a differential

$$d^q : \omega_{m,\nu}^q \rightarrow \omega_{m,\nu}^{q+1}.$$

If $t_\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_X$ are local parameters of the D_λ , then this differential is explicitly given by

$$(2.12.2) \quad d^q(t^m \otimes \omega) = t^m \otimes \left(d\omega + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} m_\lambda \cdot d\log(t_\lambda) \wedge \omega \right),$$

where we write $t^m := \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} t_\lambda^{m_\lambda}$. We set

$$(2.12.3) \quad Z_{m,\nu}^q := \text{Ker}(\omega_{m,\nu}^q \xrightarrow{d^q} \omega_{m,\nu}^{q+1}), \quad B_{m,\nu}^q := \text{Im}(\omega_{m,\nu}^{q-1} \xrightarrow{d^{q-1}} \omega_{m,\nu}^q).$$

Proposition 2.13. *We keep the notation from above. Set $\mathcal{M} := j_*(\mathcal{O}_U^\times) \cap \mathcal{O}_X$ and denote by \mathcal{M}^{gp} the sheaf of groups on X associated to the monoid \mathcal{M} . Then there is a surjective morphism of \mathcal{O}_{D_ν} -modules*

$$\mathcal{O}_X(-D_m)|_{D_\nu} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \bigwedge^q \mathcal{M}^{\text{gp}} \twoheadrightarrow \omega_{m,\nu}^q, \quad a \otimes x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_q \mapsto a \otimes d\log(x_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge d\log(x_q).$$

With the notation from (2.12.2) the kernel is the \mathcal{O}_{D_ν} -module which is locally generated by elements of the form

$$t^m \bar{a} \otimes a \wedge x_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_q - \sum_i t^m \bar{u}_i \otimes u_i \wedge x_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_q,$$

for all $a, x_i \in \mathcal{M}$ and $u_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$ satisfying $a = \sum_i u_i$ in \mathcal{O}_X and where \bar{a}, \bar{u}_i denote the images in \mathcal{O}_{D_ν} .

Proof. This follows directly from the definition of $\omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^q$ and the description of logarithmic differentials given in [Kat89, (1.7), p. 196]. \square

Proposition 2.14. *We keep the notation from above. Let $\mathfrak{m} = (m_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be an element in \mathbb{N}^Λ and take $\nu \in \Lambda$, $r \geq 1$. Assume $m_\nu \geq 1$. Then there is a natural surjection*

$$(2.14.1) \quad \omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{r-1} / B_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{r-1} \rightarrow \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$$

given by

$$\text{class of } (\bar{a} \otimes \text{dlog } x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \text{dlog } x_{r-1}) \mapsto \text{class of } \{1 + a, x_1, \dots, x_{r-1}\},$$

where $x_i \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{gp}}$, $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})_{|D_\nu}$ and $a \in \mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})$ is a lift of \bar{a} .

Proof. For $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})_{|D_\nu}$ and $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{r-1}) \in \prod_{i=1}^{r-1} \mathcal{M}^{\text{gp}}$ define

$$\varphi(\bar{a}, \underline{x}) := \text{class of } \{1 + a, \underline{x}\} \text{ in } \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M,$$

where $a \in \mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})$ is some lift of \bar{a} . Since $(1 + a)(1 + b) \equiv (1 + a + b) \pmod{1 + \mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}+\delta_\nu})}$, for all $a, b \in \mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})$, this element is well-defined and induces a multilinear map $\varphi : \mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})_{|D_\nu} \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^{r-1} \mathcal{M}^{\text{gp}} \rightarrow \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$. This also implies that if one of the x_i 's equals -1 , then $\varphi(\bar{a}, \underline{x}) = 0$. Since $\{x, x\} = \{x, -1\}$ in $\mathcal{K}_{2,X}^M$, the map φ induces a surjective homomorphism

$$\mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})_{|D_\nu} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \bigwedge^{r-1} \mathcal{M}^{\text{gp}} \rightarrow \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M.$$

For $a \in \mathcal{M}$ and $\underline{y} = (y_2, \dots, y_r) \in \prod_{i=1}^{r-2} \mathcal{M}$ we have

$$(2.14.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, a, \underline{y}) &= -\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, -t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}) = -\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}) - \varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, -1, \underline{y}) \\ &= -\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}). \end{aligned}$$

For $a = \sum_i u_i$, with $u_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$, we get

$$\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, a, \underline{y}) = -\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}) = \sum_i -\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{u}_i, t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}) = \sum_i \varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{u}_i, u_i, \underline{y}).$$

Hence by Proposition 2.13, φ factors through $\omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{r-1}$. It remains to show that φ vanishes on $B_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{r-1}$. It suffices to check this locally. Therefore it suffices to show that the boundary of a form (with the obvious abuse of notation) $t^{\mathfrak{m}}a \text{dlog } \underline{y}$, with either $a \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$ or $1 + a \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$, is mapped to zero under φ . Using the formula (2.12.2) for the differential, we see that it suffices to show

$$0 = \begin{cases} \varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, a, \underline{y}) + \sum_\lambda \varphi(m_\lambda t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, t_\lambda, \underline{y}), & \text{if } a \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times, \\ \varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}(\overline{1+a}), (1+a), \underline{y}) + \sum_\lambda \varphi(m_\lambda t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, t_\lambda, \underline{y}), & \text{if } 1+a \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times. \end{cases}$$

In case $a \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$, this vanishing follows directly from (2.14.2). In case $1 + a \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$, we observe that $\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}, t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}) = 0$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}(\overline{1+a}), (1+a), \underline{y}) &= -\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}(\overline{1+a}), t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}) = -\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}, t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}) - \varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}) \\ &= -\varphi(t^{\mathfrak{m}}\bar{a}, t^{\mathfrak{m}}, \underline{y}), \end{aligned}$$

which yields the promised vanishing in this case. \square

Proposition 2.15. *Assume $m_\nu \geq 1$ and that k has either characteristic 0 or prime to m_ν . Then the map (2.14.1) is an isomorphism.*

Proof. For $r = 1$ the statement holds by definition. For $r \geq 2$ we have

$$(2.15.1) \quad B_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{r-1} = Z_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{r-1}$$

by [BS14, Lem. 6.2] (here we use that either $\text{char}(k) = 0$ or $(\text{char}(k), m_\nu) = 1$). We have a well-defined map

$$K_r^M(k(\eta)) \rightarrow \Omega_{k(\eta)}^r, \quad \{a_1, \dots, a_r\} \mapsto \text{dlog}(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{dlog}(a_r).$$

This clearly induces a map $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_{\mathfrak{m}}}^M \rightarrow \Omega_X^r(\log D_{\text{red}})(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})$. We obtain a well-defined map

$$(2.15.2) \quad \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \longrightarrow \frac{\Omega_X^r(\log D_{\text{red}})(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})}{\Omega_X^r(\log D_{\text{red}})(-D_{\mathfrak{m}+\delta_\nu})} = \omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^r.$$

The composition

$$(2.15.3) \quad \omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{r-1} \xrightarrow{(2.14.1)} \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \xrightarrow{(2.15.2)} \omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^r$$

is equal to the differential (2.12.2). Indeed, under this composition a local section $t^{\mathfrak{m}} \bar{a} \text{dlog } \underline{x} \in \omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{r-1}$ is sent to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dlog}(1 + t^{\mathfrak{m}} \bar{a}) \text{dlog } \underline{x} &= \frac{t^{\mathfrak{m}}}{1 + t^{\mathfrak{m}} \bar{a}} (da + \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda} a \text{dlog } t_{\lambda}) \wedge \text{dlog } (\underline{x}) \\ &= t^{\mathfrak{m}} (1 - t^{\mathfrak{m}} \bar{a}) (da + \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda} a \text{dlog } t_{\lambda}) \wedge \text{dlog } (\underline{x}) \\ &= t^{\mathfrak{m}} (da + \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda} a \text{dlog } t_{\lambda}) \wedge \text{dlog } (\underline{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the statement follows from (2.15.1). □

Theorem 2.16. *Assume k has characteristic $p > 0$. Let the notation be as above and let $\mathfrak{m}' \in \mathbb{N}^{\Lambda}$ be the smallest tuple with $p \cdot \mathfrak{m}' \geq \mathfrak{m}$. Assume $p|m_{\nu}$. Then the inverse Cartier operator induces an isomorphism*

$$C_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{-1} : \omega_{\mathfrak{m}',\nu}^q \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{H}^q(\omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{\bullet}),$$

$$a \otimes \text{dlog } x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \text{dlog } x_q \mapsto a^p \otimes \text{dlog } x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \text{dlog } x_q,$$

where $a \in \mathcal{O}_X(-D_{\mathfrak{m}'})|_{D_{\nu}}$ and $x_i \in \mathcal{M}$.

Proof. This is proven in [KSS, Thm. 3.2] (in a slightly different situation). For the reader's convenience we give the proof. By [BS14, Lem. 6.2] (which is [KSS, Lem. 3.4]) $\omega_{\mathfrak{n},\mu}^{\bullet}$ is acyclic if $(n_{\mu}, p) = 1$, for all $\mathfrak{n} = (n_{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{N}^{\Lambda}$ and $\mu \in \Lambda$. By the special choice of \mathfrak{m}' we see that the natural inclusion

$$(2.16.1) \quad \Omega_X^{\bullet}(\log D)(-D_{p\mathfrak{m}'}) \hookrightarrow \Omega_X^{\bullet}(\log D)(-D_{\mathfrak{m}})$$

is a quasi-isomorphism. Indeed we can refine this inclusion to a filtration whose graded pieces are of the form $\omega_{\mathfrak{n},\mu}^{\bullet}$ as above. We have $p \cdot (\mathfrak{m}' + \delta_{\nu}) \geq \mathfrak{m} + \delta_{\nu}$, and since $p|m_{\nu}$ the tuple $\mathfrak{m}' + \delta_{\nu}$ is minimal with this property. Thus if we replace in (2.16.1) \mathfrak{m}' by $\mathfrak{m}' + \delta_{\nu}$ and \mathfrak{m} by $\mathfrak{m} + \delta_{\nu}$, we again get a quasi-isomorphism. This yields a distinguished triangle in $D^b(X_{\text{Zar}})$:

$$\Omega_X^{\bullet}(\log D)(-D_{p(\mathfrak{m}'+\delta_{\nu})}) \rightarrow \Omega_X^{\bullet}(\log D)(-D_{p\mathfrak{m}'}) \rightarrow \omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{[1]} .$$

Let $F : X \rightarrow X$ be the absolute Frobenius. The classical Cartier isomorphism (see e.g. [Kat70, Thm. 7.2]) gives an isomorphism of \mathcal{O}_X -modules

$$C^{-1} : \Omega_X^q(\log D_{\text{red}}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{H}^q(F_* \Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)).$$

Twisting this with $\mathcal{O}_X(-D_{m'})$ yields an isomorphism

$$\Omega_X^q(\log D)(-D_{m'}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{H}^q(F_*(\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)(-D_{pm'}))).$$

Using the triangle from above we get the following commutative diagram of abelian sheaves for all $q \geq 0$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \Omega_X^q|_{D_{m'+\delta_\nu}} & \longrightarrow & \Omega_X^q|_{D_{m'}} & \longrightarrow & \omega_{m',\nu}^q \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \simeq \downarrow C^{-1} & & \simeq \downarrow C^{-1} & & \downarrow \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}^q(\Omega_X^\bullet|_{D_{p(m'+\delta_\nu)}}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}^q(\Omega_X^\bullet|_{D_{pm'}}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}^q(\omega_{m,\nu}^\bullet) \longrightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

where we use the shorthand notation $\Omega_X^\bullet|_{D_m} = \Omega_X^\bullet(\log(D))(-D_m)$. The statement follows. □

2.4.4. With the notation above write $m_\nu = p^s \cdot m'_\nu$ with $s \geq 0$ and $(p, m'_\nu) = 1$. We inductively define sheaves of subgroups on D_ν ,

$$B_{r,m,\nu}^q, Z_{r,m,\nu}^q \subset \omega_{m,\nu}^q, \quad \text{for } r \in [1, s+1], q \geq 0,$$

by the formulas

$$B_{1,m,\nu}^q := B_{m,\nu}^q, \quad Z_{1,m,\nu}^q := Z_{m,\nu}^q$$

and

$$B_{r,m',\nu}^q \xrightarrow[\simeq]{C_{m,\nu}^{-1}} B_{r+1,m,\nu}^q / B_{m,\nu}^q, \quad Z_{r,m',\nu}^q \xrightarrow[\simeq]{C_{m,\nu}^{-1}} Z_{r+1,m,\nu}^q / B_{m,\nu}^q, \quad r \in [1, s].$$

We obtain a chain of inclusions

$$B_{m,\nu}^q = B_{1,m,\nu}^q \subset \cdots \subset B_{s+1,m,\nu}^q \subset Z_{s+1,m,\nu}^q \subset \cdots \subset Z_{1,m,\nu}^q = Z_{m,\nu}^q \subset \omega_{m,\nu}^q.$$

Proposition 2.17. *For $m \in \mathbb{N}^\Lambda$, $\nu \in \Lambda$, with $m_\nu \geq 1$, $q \geq 0$ and $T \subset D_\nu$ a closed subset of codimension c we have*

$$\mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q / B_{m,\nu}^q) = 0 = \mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q / Z_{m,\nu}^q), \quad \text{for all } i < c.$$

Furthermore if k has characteristic $p > 0$ and $m_\nu = p^s m'_\nu$, with $s \geq 0$ and $(m'_\nu, p) = 1$, then also

$$(2.17.1) \quad \mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q / B_{r,m,\nu}^q) = 0 = \mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q / Z_{r,m,\nu}^q), \quad \text{for all } i < c \text{ and } r \in [1, s+1].$$

Proof. First we observe that $\omega_{m,\nu}^q$ is a locally free sheaf on the regular scheme D_ν . Hence $\mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q) = 0$, for all $i < c$ and $q \geq 0$. Set $p := \text{char}(k)$. Now assume either $p = 0$ or $p > 0$ and $(m_\nu, p) = 1$. By [BS14, Lem. 6.2] we have $B_{m,\nu}^q = Z_{m,\nu}^q$, for all $q \geq 0$. Therefore the exact sequence

$$(2.17.2) \quad 0 \rightarrow \omega_{m,\nu}^q / Z_{m,\nu}^q \rightarrow \omega_{m,\nu}^{q+1} \rightarrow \omega_{m,\nu}^{q+1} / B_{m,\nu}^{q+1} \rightarrow 0$$

yields, for all $i < c$,

$$\mathcal{H}_T^{i-1}(\omega_{m,\nu}^{q+1} / Z_{m,\nu}^{q+1}) = \mathcal{H}_T^{i-1}(\omega_{m,\nu}^{q+1} / B_{m,\nu}^{q+1}) = \mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q / Z_{m,\nu}^q) = \mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q / B_{m,\nu}^q).$$

Since $\omega_{m,\nu}^q = 0$ for $q \gg 0$ we get by descending induction over q that

$$\mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q / Z_{m,\nu}^q) = \mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{m,\nu}^q / B_{m,\nu}^q) = 0, \quad \text{for all } q \geq 0, i < c.$$

In particular the statement is proven if $p = 0$. Furthermore, if $p > 0$, then (2.17.1) is proven in the case $s = 0$. To finish the proof we assume $p > 0$ and $s \geq 1$. Let $\mathbf{m}' \in \mathbb{N}^\Lambda$ be the smallest tuple such that $p \cdot \mathbf{m}' \geq \mathbf{m}$. By induction on s we have $\mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{\mathbf{m}',\nu}^q/B_{r,\mathbf{m}',\nu}^q) = \mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{\mathbf{m}',\nu}^q/Z_{r,\mathbf{m}',\nu}^q) = 0$, for all $r \in [1, s]$, $q \geq 0$ and $i < c$. An application of the Cartier operator yields

$$(2.17.3)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_T^i(Z_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/B_{r+1,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q) = \mathcal{H}_T^i(Z_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/Z_{r+1,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q) = 0, \quad \text{for all } r \in [1, s], q \geq 0, i < c.$$

Now assume that the vanishing (2.17.1) holds for $q + 1$; we want to show that it also holds for q . The exact sequence (2.17.2) gives the vanishing $\mathcal{H}^i(\omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/Z_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q)$ for all $i < c$. Therefore the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Z_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/B_{r+1,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/B_{r+1,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/Z_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q \rightarrow 0$$

together with (2.17.3) yields

$$\mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/B_{r+1,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q) = 0, \quad \text{for all } i < c, r \in [1, s].$$

Similarly we also get

$$\mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/Z_{r+1,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q) = 0, \quad \text{for all } i < c, r \in [1, s].$$

Finally the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbf{m}',\nu}^q \xrightarrow{C_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{-1}} \omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/B_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/Z_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q \rightarrow 0$$

yields $\mathcal{H}_T^i(\omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/B_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q) = 0$, for all $i < c$. This finishes the proof. \square

Remark 2.18. One can show that $\omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/B_{r,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q$ and $\omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q/Z_{r,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q$ are locally free \mathcal{O}_{D_ν} -modules, where the \mathcal{O}_{D_ν} -module structure is induced by the one from $F_{X^*}^r \omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^q$, where $F_X : X \rightarrow X$ is the absolute Frobenius (cf. [Ill79, 0, Prop. 2.2.8]). This immediately implies (2.17.1).

Theorem 2.19. *Assume k has characteristic $p > 0$ and $m_\nu = p^s m'_\nu$, with $s \geq 0$ and $(m'_\nu, p) = 1$. Then the map (2.14.1) factors to give an isomorphism*

$$(2.19.1) \quad \omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1}/B_{s+1,\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{gr}^{\mathbf{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M.$$

Proof. For $s = 0$ this is Proposition 2.15. Now assume $s \geq 1$ and take $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^\Lambda$ minimal with $p \cdot \mathbf{m}' \geq \mathbf{m}$. Clearly the multiplication with p on $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ induces maps

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_{\mathbf{m}'}}^M \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_{\mathbf{m}}}^M, \quad \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_{\mathbf{m}'+\delta_\nu}}^M \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_{\mathbf{m}+\delta_\nu}}^M.$$

It is direct to check that we obtain a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & B_{s,\mathbf{m}',\nu}^{r-1} & \longrightarrow & \omega_{\mathbf{m}',\nu}^{r-1} & \xrightarrow{(2.14.1)} & \text{gr}^{\mathbf{m}',\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow C_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{-1} & & \downarrow \cdot p \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & B_{s+1,\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1}/B_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1} & \longrightarrow & \omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1}/B_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1} & \xrightarrow{(2.14.1)} & \text{gr}^{\mathbf{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

By induction on s , the upper horizontal sequence is exact, and we have to show that so is the lower one. Clearly, the lower sequence is exact on the left and on the right. The exactness of the upper sequence implies that the lower is a complex. It remains to show that the induced map (2.19.1) is injective. By Proposition 2.17 it suffices to check this at the generic point η_ν of D_ν . Since the composition (2.15.3) is equal to the differential, the kernel of $\omega_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1}/B_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1} \rightarrow \text{gr}^{\mathbf{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ is contained in $Z_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1}/B_{\mathbf{m},\nu}^{r-1}$

and therefore lies in the image of $C_{m,\nu}^{-1}$. Thus it remains to show that the map $(\mathrm{gr}^{m',\nu}\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M)_{\eta_\nu} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} (\mathrm{gr}^{m,\nu}\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M)_{\eta_\nu}$ is injective. Set $A := \mathcal{O}_{X,\eta_\nu}$, $K := \mathrm{Frac}(A)$ and write $m_\nu = pm$. Then A is a DVR which is essentially smooth over k , and we have to show that the map

$$(2.19.2) \quad U^m K_r^M(K)/U^{m+1} K_r^M(K) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} U^{pm} K_r^M(K)/U^{pm+1} K_r^M(K)$$

induced by multiplication with p is injective (here we use the notation of 2.3.1). To this end we may replace A and K by their completions, where now A is formally smooth over k ; see Lemma 2.6. Denote by K_0 the residue field of A ; it is separable over k (since D_ν is smooth over k). By [EGAIV1, Thm. 19.6.4] there is an isomorphism of k -algebras $A \cong K_0[[t]]$; hence $K \cong K_0((t))$. Therefore the injectivity of (2.19.2) follows from Corollary 4.10, proven later independently. This finishes the proof. \square

Corollary 2.20. *Let k be a field of characteristic $p \geq 0$ and assume $m_\nu \geq 1$. Set*

$$s := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p = 0, \\ v_p(m_\nu), & \text{if } p > 0, \end{cases}$$

where $v_p : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is the p -adic valuation. Then there is a distinguished triangle in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\mathrm{Zar}})$ (with the notation from §2.4.2)

$$R\epsilon_*(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_{m+\delta_\nu},\mathrm{Nis}}^M) \rightarrow R\epsilon_*(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D_m,\mathrm{Nis}}^M) \rightarrow \omega_{m,\nu}^{r-1}/B_{s+1,m,\nu}^{r-1} \xrightarrow{[1]}.$$

Furthermore, the canonical map

$$\mathrm{gr}^{m,\nu}\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \xrightarrow{\cong} R\epsilon_*\mathrm{gr}^{m,\nu}\mathcal{K}_{r,X,\mathrm{Nis}}^M$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. The assignment

$$X_{\mathrm{Nis}} \ni (v : V \rightarrow X) \mapsto H^0(V, v^*i_{\nu*}\omega_{m,\nu}^q)$$

defines a sheaf on X_{Nis} which we denote by $\omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q$. We define sheaves on X_{Nis} by

$$Z_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q := \mathrm{Ker}(\omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q \xrightarrow{d^q} \omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^{q+1}), \quad B_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q := \mathrm{Im}(\omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^{q-1} \xrightarrow{d^{q-1}} \omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q).$$

Furthermore, if $p > 0$, then the Cartier isomorphism from Theorem 2.16 induces an isomorphism $C_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^{-1} : \omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{H}^q(\omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^\bullet)$, and we can define the sheaves $Z_{r,m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q$ and $B_{r,m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q$ as in §2.4.4. Proposition 2.15 and Theorem 2.19 yield an isomorphism between sheaves on X_{Nis} ,

$$\omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^{r-1}/B_{s+1,m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^{r-1} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathrm{gr}^{m,\nu}\mathcal{K}_{r,X,\mathrm{Nis}}^M.$$

Therefore it suffices to show that the natural map

$$(2.20.1) \quad \omega_{m,\nu}^{r-1}/B_{s+1,m,\nu}^{r-1} \rightarrow R\epsilon_*(\omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^{r-1}/B_{s+1,m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^{r-1})$$

is an isomorphism. To this end we note that for a quasi-coherent sheaf E on X we have $R\epsilon_*E_{\mathrm{Nis}} = E$, where E_{Nis} is the Nisnevich sheaf $X_{\mathrm{Nis}} \ni (v : V \rightarrow X) \mapsto H^0(V, v^*E)$ (cf. [Mil80, III, Prop. 3.7]). If $p > 0$ and F_X denotes the absolute Frobenius on X , then $\omega_{m,\nu}^{r-1}/B_{s+1,m,\nu}^{r-1}$ is a quotient of the quasi-coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module $F_{X*}^{s+1}\omega_{m,\nu}^{r-1}$ and hence is quasi-coherent. We get (2.20.1) in this case. If $p = 0$ we have the natural isomorphism $\omega_{m,\nu}^q \cong R\epsilon_*\omega_{m,\nu,\mathrm{Nis}}^q$, for all $q \geq 0$. Furthermore,

$Z_{\mathfrak{m},\nu,\text{Nis}}^q \cong B_{\mathfrak{m},\nu,\text{Nis}}^q$; see (2.15.1). Hence descending induction on q and the exact sequence on X_{Nis}

$$0 \rightarrow Z_{\mathfrak{m},\nu,\text{Nis}}^q \rightarrow \omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu,\text{Nis}}^q \rightarrow B_{\mathfrak{m},\nu,\text{Nis}}^{q+1} \rightarrow 0$$

give

$$R\epsilon_* Z_{\mathfrak{m},\nu,\text{Nis}}^q \cong Z_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^q \cong B_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^q \cong R\epsilon_* B_{\mathfrak{m},\nu,\text{Nis}}^q.$$

The isomorphism (2.20.1) follows. □

Corollary 2.21. *Assume that D_{red} is smooth ($D = 0$ is allowed). Then the natural map*

$$(2.21.1) \quad \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M \xrightarrow{\cong} R\epsilon_* \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. By §2.1.2 and [Voe00b, Thm. 5.1, 2] the natural map $\mathcal{K}_{r,D_{\text{red}}}^M \rightarrow R\epsilon_* \mathcal{K}_{r,D_{\text{red}},\text{Nis}}^M$ is an isomorphism. Thus by Proposition 2.10 and Corollary 2.20, the natural maps $\text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \rightarrow R\epsilon_* \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X,\text{Nis}}^M$ are isomorphisms for all \mathfrak{m}, ν, r . Hence the statement. □

2.5. The Cousin resolution of relative Milnor K -sheaves.

Theorem 2.22. *Let D be an effective divisor on X and assume that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. Then for all closed subschemes $T \subset X$ of codimension c , and for all $i < c$, we have*

$$\mathcal{H}_T^i(R\epsilon_* \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M) = 0.$$

Proof. Corollary 2.9 and Corollary 2.21 (for $D = 0$) give a distinguished triangle in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Zar}})$:

$$R\epsilon_* \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M \rightarrow R\epsilon_* (\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M) \xrightarrow{[1]}.$$

By the exactness of the Gersten resolution (2.0.1) we have $\mathcal{H}_T^i(\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) = 0$, for all $i < c$. Hence it suffices to show that $\mathcal{H}_T^{i-1}(R\epsilon_* (\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M)) = 0$, for all $i < c$. With the notation from §2.4.1 we have

$$\mathcal{H}_T^{i-1}(R\epsilon_* \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X,\text{Nis}}^M) = \mathcal{H}_{T \cap D_\nu}^{i-1}(R\epsilon_* \text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X,\text{Nis}}^M).$$

Since $c - 1 \leq \text{codim}(T \cap D_\nu, D_\nu)$ it follows from Corollary 2.12 together with induction on the dimension of X , Corollary 2.20 and Proposition 2.17 that these groups vanish for $i < c$. Now the theorem follows since $\mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M$ is a successive extension of the sheaves $\text{gr}^{\mathfrak{m},\nu} \mathcal{K}_{r,X,\text{Nis}}^M$. □

2.5.1. The Cousin complex. Let D be an effective divisor on X . We denote by $C_{r,X|D}^\bullet$ the Cousin complex of $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M$ (see [Har66, IV, 2]). It has the following shape (with the notation from §2.2.1):

$$\begin{aligned} C_{r,X|D}^\bullet : i_{\eta^*} H_\eta^0(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M) &\rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(1)}} i_{x^*} H_x^1(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M) \rightarrow \cdots \\ &\rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(i)}} i_{x^*} H_x^i(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

Here $i_x : x \hookrightarrow X$ denotes the immersion. Similarly, we denote by $C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}$ the Cousin complex of $R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M$:

$$C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet} : i_{\eta^*}H_{\eta}^0(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(1)}} i_{x^*}H_x^1(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(i)}} i_{x^*}H_x^i(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M) \rightarrow \dots$$

In particular these are complexes of flasque sheaves. The restriction of $C_{r,X|D}^{\bullet}$ to $U = X \setminus D$ equals the Gersten resolution of $\mathcal{K}_{r,U}^M$ by Corollary 2.3:

$$(2.22.1) \quad (C_{r,X|D}^{\bullet})|_U = C_{r,U}^{\bullet}.$$

If furthermore D_{red} has simple normal crossings, then by Corollary 2.21 (for $(X, D) = (U, 0)$) we also have

$$(C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet})|_U = C_{r,U}^{\bullet}.$$

The natural map $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M \rightarrow R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M$ induces a natural map of complexes on X_{Zar} :

$$(2.22.2) \quad C_{r,X|D}^{\bullet} \rightarrow C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}.$$

Finally we give an alternative description of the terms appearing in $C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}$: If $Z \subset X$ is closed we have $R\epsilon_*R\underline{\Gamma}_Z = R\underline{\Gamma}_Z R\epsilon_*$ by [SGA4II, V, Prop. 4.9, Prop. 4.11]. Hence for $x \in X^{(c)}$ we have

$$H_x^c(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M) = \varinjlim_{x \in V} H_{x \cap V}^c(V_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M),$$

where the limit ranges over all Zariski open neighborhoods $V \subset X$ of x . Let $X_{(x)}^h = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^h$ be the henselization of X at x and denote by $i_x^h : X_{(x)}^h \rightarrow X$ the canonical map. Then the above together with [Nis89, 1.27 and 1.29.3] yields

$$H_x^c(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M) = H_x^c(X_{(x),\text{Nis}}^h, (i_x^h)^{-1}\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M).$$

Corollary 2.23. *Assume that D_{red} has simple normal crossings. Then there is an isomorphism*

$$R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M \xrightarrow{\simeq} C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet} \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Zar}}).$$

Furthermore if D_{red} is smooth the natural morphisms

$$\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M \rightarrow C_{r,X|D}^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(2.22.2)} C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}$$

are quasi-isomorphisms of complexes.

Proof. The first part follows from Theorem 2.22 and [Har66, IV, Prop. 3.1]; the second part from the first and Corollary 2.21. \square

2.5.2. *The Cousin complex in the Nisnevich topology.* Consider the presheaf of complexes

$$X_{\text{Nis}} \ni (v : V \rightarrow X) \mapsto \Gamma(V, C_{r,V|v^*D}^h).$$

The explicit description of $C_{r,X|D}^{\bullet,h}$ in §2.5.1 above and excision for local Nisnevich cohomology (see [Nis89, 1.27 Thm.]) imply that this presheaf is a sheaf of complexes on X_{Nis} , which we denote by

$$C_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^{\bullet}.$$

By construction there are natural maps of complexes $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M(V) \rightarrow C_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^\bullet(V)$ where we use the notation from Definition 2.4(2). This yields a morphism

$$(2.23.1) \quad \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M \rightarrow C_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^\bullet \quad \text{on } X_{\text{Nis}}.$$

Corollary 2.24. *Assume D_{red} has simple normal crossings. Then (2.23.1) is a quasi-isomorphism.*

Proof. It suffices to show that for all étale maps $v : V \rightarrow X$ and all points $y \in V$ the Nisnevich stalk $\mathcal{H}^i(C_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^\bullet)_y^h$ (defined as in (2.4.1)) vanishes for $i \geq 1$ and is isomorphic to $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,y}^{M,h}$ for $i = 0$. This follows directly from Corollary 2.23. \square

2.6. Pushforward for projections from projective space.

2.6.1. Let $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ be a proper morphism between equidimensional finite type k -schemes. Set $e = \dim Y - \dim Z$. Then there is a morphism of complexes

$$f_* : f_* C_{r+e,Y}^\bullet[e] \rightarrow C_{r,Z}^\bullet.$$

See e.g. [Ros96, Prop. 4.6(1)]. (Also notice that the complexes $C_{r,Y}^\bullet$ are defined if Y is not smooth; see e.g. [Ros96, 5].) If Y and Z are smooth, then this map induces a morphism in the derived category

$$f_* : Rf_* \mathcal{K}_{r+e,Y}^M[e] \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,Z}^M.$$

2.6.2. Let Y be a smooth scheme and denote by $\pi : \mathbb{P}_Y^N \rightarrow Y$ the projection. Denote by

$$c_1(O(1)) \in R^1 \pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_Y^N}^\times$$

the first Chern class of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_Y^N}(1)$ and by

$$c_1(O(1))^i \in R^i \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{i,\mathbb{P}_Y^N}^M, \quad i \in [0, N],$$

its i -fold cup-product (by convention $c_1(O(1))^0 = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$). Finally,

$$\text{dlog}(c_1(O(1))^i) \in R^i \pi_* \Omega_{\mathbb{P}_Y^N/Y}^i, \quad i \in [0, N],$$

denotes the image of $c_1(O(1))^i$ under the map $\text{dlog} : R^i \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{i,\mathbb{P}_Y^N}^M \rightarrow R^i \pi_* \Omega_{\mathbb{P}_Y^N/Y}^i$.

Lemma 2.25. *Let D be an effective Cartier divisor on X and assume that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. Let $\{D_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be the union of the irreducible components of D . For a scheme Y set $P_Y := \mathbb{P}_Y^N$ and denote by $\pi_Y : P_Y \rightarrow Y$ the projection. For $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^\Lambda$ and $\nu \in \Lambda$ and with the notation from (2.12.1) we have the sheaves $\omega_{X|D,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q$ on D_ν at our disposal together with the subsheaves $B_{X|D,r,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q$ for $r \geq 1$, as defined in §2.4.4. (In characteristic 0, we set $B_{X|D,r,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q := B_{X|D,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q$ for all $r \geq 1$.) Then for all $q \geq 0$ and $r \geq 1$ we have on X_{Zar} ,*

$$R^i \pi_{D_\nu*}(\omega_{P_X|P_D,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q / B_{P_X|P_D,r,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q) = 0 = R^i \pi_{X*} \mathcal{K}_{q,P_X}^M, \quad \text{for all } i > N,$$

and for $i \in [0, N]$ there are natural isomorphisms

$$(2.25.1) \quad - \cup c_1(O(1))^i : \mathcal{K}_{q-i,X}^M \xrightarrow{\cong} R^i \pi_{X*} \mathcal{K}_{q,P_X}^M$$

and

$$- \cup \text{dlog}(c_1(O(1))^i) : \omega_{X|D,\mathbf{m},\nu}^{q-i} / B_{X|D,r,\mathbf{m},\nu}^{q-i} \xrightarrow{\cong} R^i \pi_{D_\nu*}(\omega_{P_X|P_D,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q / B_{P_X|P_D,r,\mathbf{m},\nu}^q),$$

induced by the cup product with $(c_1(O(1)))^i$ and $\text{dlog}(c_1(O(1)))^i$, respectively. Furthermore the corresponding statement on X_{Nis} equally holds.

Proof. We have the exact sequence (see (2.1.2))

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{q,P_X}^M \rightarrow j_*\mathcal{K}_{q,A_X}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{q-1,H_X}^M \rightarrow 0,$$

where $H_X \subset P_X$ is a hyperplane with complement $j : A_X \hookrightarrow P_X$. Therefore the statement for \mathcal{K}_q^M follows by induction from the isomorphism

$$\mathcal{K}_{q,X}^M \xrightarrow{\cong} R(\pi_X \circ j)_*\mathcal{K}_{q,A_X}^M \cong R\pi_{X*}j_*\mathcal{K}_{q,A_X}^M$$

where the first isomorphism is homotopy invariance (see [Voe00b, Thm. 3.1.12] together with §2.1.2) and the second comes from Corollary 2.2.

Now we prove the statement for $\omega_{\mathfrak{m},\nu}^q$. Let $F \subset k$ be the prime subfield. We have

$$\omega_{P_X|P_D,\mathfrak{m},\nu}^q = \bigoplus_{j=0}^N \pi_{D_\nu}^{-1}(\omega_{X|D,\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{q-j}) \otimes_F \rho^{-1}\Omega_{P_F/F}^j,$$

where $\rho : P_{D_\nu} = D_\nu \times_F P_F \rightarrow P_F$ is the projection. This decomposition is compatible with the differential and the Cartier operator in the obvious sense. We get

$$\omega_{P_X|P_D,\mathfrak{m},\nu}^q/B_{P_X,P_D,r,\mathfrak{m},\nu}^q = \bigoplus_{j=0}^N \pi_{D_\nu}^{-1}(\omega_{X|D,\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{q-j}/B_{X|D,r,\mathfrak{m},\nu}^{q-j}) \otimes_F \rho^{-1}(\Omega_{P_F/F}^j/B_{P_F,r}^j),$$

where $B_{P_F,r}^j$ is defined as in §4.1.3 below. In the following we write $P := P_F$ and $\Omega^q := \Omega_{P_F/F}^q$ and $B_r^q := B_{r,P_F}^q$, etc. By the Künneth formula (see [EGAIII2, Thm. 6.7.8]) it suffices to show that $H^i(P, \Omega^j/B_r^j) = 0$, for $i \neq j$, and that the cup product with $\text{dlog}(c_1(\mathcal{O}(1)))^j$ induces an isomorphism $F \xrightarrow{\cong} H^i(P, \Omega^i/B_r^i)$, for $i \in [0, N]$. This statement holds in the case $r = 0$, where we set $B_0^j := 0$ (see e.g. [SGA7II, Exp XI]). Hence it suffices to show

$$H^i(P, B_r^j) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i, j, r.$$

If $\text{char}(k) > 0$, the vanishing for $r = 1$ holds by [Ill90, Prop. 1.4]. For $r \geq 2$ the vanishing follows by induction from the isomorphism $B_r^N \cong B_{r+1}^N/B_1^N$ which is induced by the inverse Cartier operator. In characteristic zero the statement follows from Lemma 2.26 below.

Finally the Nisnevich case. In view of the definition of the corresponding Nisnevich sheaves (see §2.1.2 and the proof of Corollary 2.20) the statement for the Nisnevich sheaves follows from the two facts which hold for any smooth k -scheme:

- (1) $H^i(X_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M) = H^i(X_{\text{Zar}}, \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M)$ (see §2.1.2 and [Voe00b, Thm. 3.1.12]).
- (2) $H^i(X_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{Nis}}) = H^i(X_{\text{Zar}}, \mathcal{F})$, where \mathcal{F} is any quasi-coherent sheaf and \mathcal{F}_{Nis} its associated Nisnevich sheaf (cf. [Mil80, III, Prop. 3.7]).

This finishes the proof of the lemma. □

Lemma 2.26. *Let k be a field of characteristic zero. Set $P := \mathbb{P}_k^N$. Then*

$$H^i(P, \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{P/k}^\bullet)) = 0, \quad i \neq j,$$

and the cup product with $\text{dlog}(c_1(\mathcal{O}(1)))^i$ induces an isomorphism

$$k \xrightarrow{\cong} H^i(P, \mathcal{H}^i(\Omega_{P/k}^\bullet)), \quad i \in [0, N].$$

Furthermore for $B^j := \text{Im}(d : \Omega^{j-1} \rightarrow \Omega^j)$ and $Z^i := \text{Ker}(d : \Omega^j \rightarrow \Omega^{j+1})$ we have

$$H^i(P, B^j) = 0 \quad \forall i, j, \quad H^i(P, Z^j) = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j, \quad H^i(P, Z^i) \cong k \quad \forall i \in [0, N].$$

Proof. By [BO74, (4.2) Thm. and (2.2)] the Cousin complex of $\mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{P/k}^\bullet)$ is a resolution. Since de Rham cohomology in characteristic zero satisfies purity we get that for $H \subset P$ a hyperplane the complex $\underline{\Gamma}_H(\text{Cousin}(\mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{P/k}^\bullet)))$ is isomorphic to the complex $\text{Cousin}(\mathcal{H}^{j-1}(\Omega_{H/k}^\bullet))$ shifted by -1 ; i.e. we have an isomorphism

$$R\underline{\Gamma}_H \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{P/k}^\bullet) \cong \mathcal{H}^{j-1}(\Omega_{H/k}^\bullet)[-1] \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}^b(P_{\text{Zar}}).$$

Hence the long exact localization sequence looks like
(2.26.1)

$$\cdots \rightarrow H^{i-1}(H, \mathcal{H}^{j-1}(\Omega_{H/k}^\bullet)) \rightarrow H^i(P, \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{P/k}^\bullet)) \rightarrow H^i(A, \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{A/k}^\bullet)) \rightarrow \cdots,$$

where $A = P \setminus H$. Furthermore the presheaf $X \mapsto H^j(X, \Omega_{X/k}^\bullet)$ on Sm_k is a homotopy invariant pretheory (see [Voe00a, 3.4]) and hence so is its Zariski sheafification $X \mapsto \Gamma(X, \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{X/k}^\bullet))$ (see [Voe00a, Prop. 4.26]). Hence [Voe00a, Thm. 4.27] implies

$$H^i(A, \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{A/k}^\bullet)) = 0, \quad \text{for all } (i, j) \neq (0, 0), \quad \text{and} \quad H^0(A, \mathcal{H}^0(\Omega_{A/k}^\bullet)) = k.$$

The first two statements of the lemma are direct consequences of this, the exact sequence (2.26.1) and induction.

We prove the last statement. Observe that the natural maps $H^i(P, Z^j) \rightarrow H^i(P, \Omega^j)$ and $H^i(P, \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega^\bullet))$ are surjective for all i, j . (Clearly for $i \neq j$ and for $i = j$ it follows from the fact that the isomorphism $k \cong H^i(P, \Omega^i)$ and $k \cong H^i(P, \mathcal{H}^i(\Omega^\bullet))$ both given by the cup product with $\text{dlog}(c_1(\mathcal{O}(1)))^i$ factor over $H^i(P, Z^i)$.) We obtain short exact sequences for all i, j :

$$0 \rightarrow H^i(P, B^j) \rightarrow H^i(P, Z^j) \rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega^\bullet)) \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow H^i(P, B^{j+1}) \rightarrow H^{i+1}(P, Z^j) \rightarrow H^{i+1}(P, \Omega^j) \rightarrow 0.$$

The last statement of the lemma follows directly from this via descending induction over i . □

Lemma 2.27. *We keep the notation from above and set $\pi := \pi_X$. Then the pushforward $\pi_* : R\pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M[N] \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M$ from §2.6.1 is equal to the composition of the canonical map $R\pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M[N] \rightarrow R^N \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M$ with the inverse of the isomorphism (2.25.1) (for $(i, q) = (N, r + N)$).*

Proof. Notice that there is a canonical map $R\pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M[N] \rightarrow R^N \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M$ by the vanishing statement of Lemma 2.25. We have to show that the pushforward $\pi_* : R^N \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M$ is the inverse of the isomorphism (2.25.1). Let $i : X \hookrightarrow P_X$ be a section of π and consider the pushforward $i_* : i_* \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M[-N] \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M$. The composition

$$\mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M \xrightarrow{R^N \pi_*(i_*)} R^N \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r, P_X}^M \xrightarrow{\pi_*} \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M$$

is the identity. Hence it suffices to show that $R^N \pi_*(i_*)$ is equal to (2.25.1). Further it suffices to check this in the generic point $\eta \in X$. The statement now follows directly from the explicit description of the isomorphism $K_r^M(k(\eta)) \cong H_\eta^N(\mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M)$ given in (2.3.1). □

Theorem 2.28. *Let D be an effective Cartier divisor on X and assume that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. For a scheme Y set $P_Y := \mathbb{P}_Y^N$. Denote by $\pi : P_X \rightarrow X$ the projection. Then for $r \geq 0$ we have on X_{Nis} ,*

$$(2.28.1) \quad R^i \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M = 0, \quad \text{for all } i > N,$$

and for $i \in [0, N]$ the cup product with $c_1(\mathcal{O}(1))^i \in R^i \pi_ \mathcal{K}_{i, P_X, \text{Nis}}^M$ induces an isomorphism*

$$(2.28.2) \quad - \cup c_1(\mathcal{O}(1))^i : \mathcal{K}_{r-i, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M \xrightarrow{\simeq} R^i \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M.$$

If D_{red} is smooth the same is true on X_{Zar} with $\mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M$ replaced by $\mathcal{K}_{r, X|D}$.

Proof. This follows immediately by induction on the dimension of X , Proposition 2.10, Proposition 2.15, Theorem 2.19 and Lemma 2.25. □

Definition 2.29. In the situation of Theorem 2.28 above we define the pushforward

$$\pi_* : R\pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M[N] \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M$$

to be the composition

$$R\pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M[N] \xrightarrow{\text{can. (2.28.1)}} R^N \pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M \xrightarrow{\simeq (2.28.2)} \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M.$$

Notice that by Lemma 2.27 this definition of the pushforward is compatible (in the obvious sense) with the pushforward $\pi_* : R\pi_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X}^M[N] \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M$ from §2.6.1.

3. CYCLE MAP TO COHOMOLOGY OF RELATIVE MILNOR K -SHEAVES

Let k be a field and X an equidimensional scheme of finite type over k .

3.1. The classical cycle map. Everything in this subsection is well known to the experts. We give the proofs for lack of references.

3.1.1. Recall the notation from §1. In particular for $n \geq 1$ we have $\square^n \subset (\mathbb{P}^1)^n \supset (\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{\infty\})^n = \text{Spec } k[y_1, \dots, y_n]$. By convention $\square^0 = \text{Spec } k$. Denote by $\pi_n : X \times \square^n \rightarrow X$ the projection. Recall that for $r \geq 0$, $n \in [0, r]$ and $Z \subset X \times \square^n$ an integral closed subscheme of codimension r , the dimension formula (see e.g. [EGAIV2, Prop. 5.6.5]) yields

$$\text{codim}(\overline{\pi_n(Z)}, X) \geq r - n,$$

where $\overline{\pi_n(Z)}$ denotes the closure of $\pi_n(Z)$ in X , and equality holds if and only if Z is generically finite over $\overline{\pi_n(Z)}$. We can therefore define the group homomorphism

$$\underline{\varphi}_X^{r,n} : \underline{z}^r(X, n) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(r-n)}} K_n^M(k(x))$$

by

$$\underline{\varphi}_X^{r,n}(Z) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{rn} \cdot \text{Nm}_{k(z)/k(\pi_n(z))} \{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\}, & \text{if } k(z)/k(\pi_n(z)) \text{ is finite,} \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\in K_n^M(k(\pi_n(z))),$$

where $Z \subset X \times \square^n$ is an integral closed subscheme of codimension r which meets all the faces properly and has generic point $z \in Z$, $y_i(z)$ denotes the residue class of $y_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X \times \square^n, z}$ and $\text{Nm}_{z/\pi_n(z)} : K_n^M(k(z)) \rightarrow K_n^M(k(\pi_n(z)))$ denotes the norm map on Milnor K -theory. (By convention it equals multiplication with the degree

$[k(z) : k(\pi_n(z))]$ if $n = 0$.) Clearly $\varphi_X^{r,n}$ sends degenerate cycles to 0 and hence it induces a map

$$\varphi_X^{r,n} : z^r(X, n) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X^{(r-n)}} K_n^M(k(x)).$$

For $n \notin [0, r]$ we define $\varphi_X^{r,n}$ to be the zero map.

Lemma 3.1. *For $r \geq 0$ the collection of maps $(\varphi_X^{r,2r-i})_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ induces a morphism of complexes*

$$\varphi_X^r : z^r(X, 2r - \bullet) \rightarrow C_{r,X}^\bullet(X)[-r],$$

where $C_{r,X}^\bullet$ is the Gersten complex; see §2.1.1. (It is defined for general X (see e.g. [Ros96, 5]), but if X is not smooth it does not need to be a resolution.) Furthermore this map is compatible with restrictions to open subsets of X in the obvious sense.

Proof. The second assertion is clear. For the first assertion we have to show that for $n \in [1, r + 1]$, $Z \subset X \times \mathbb{A}^n$ an integral closed subscheme of codimension r with generic point $z \in Z$ intersecting all the faces properly and $x \in \overline{\{\pi_n(z)\}} \cap X^{(r-n+1)}$ we have the following equality in $K_{n-1}^M(k(x))$:

$$(3.1.1) \quad (-1)^r \partial_x^M(\varphi_{X,\pi_n(z)}^{r,n}(Z)) = \varphi_{X,x}^{r,n-1}(\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z)),$$

where we denote by $\varphi_{X,x}^{r,n}$ the composition of $\varphi_X^{r,n}$ with the projection to the x -summand and $\partial_x^M : K_n^M(k(\pi_n(z))) \rightarrow K_{n-1}^M(k(x))$ and $\partial^{\text{cyc}} : z^r(X, n) \rightarrow z^r(X, n - 1)$ denote the boundary maps in $C_{r,X}^\bullet$ and $z^r(X, 2r - \bullet)$, respectively. Notice that the factor $(-1)^r$ appears on the left-hand side in the equation (3.1.1) since by convention the shifting operation $[-r]$ on complexes multiplies the boundary maps by this factor. We consider two cases.

First case: $k(z)/k(\pi_n(z))$ is finite. Set $Z_0 = \overline{\pi_n(Z)}$. We have $x \in Z_0^{(1)}$. Denote by $\tilde{Z} \subset X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$ the closures of Z . We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{Z} & \xrightarrow{\nu} & Z \\ \downarrow \tilde{j} & & \downarrow j \\ \tilde{\tilde{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\nu}} & \tilde{Z} \\ \downarrow \tilde{\pi} & & \downarrow \tilde{\pi}_n \\ \tilde{Z}_0 & \xrightarrow{\nu_0} & Z_0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \left. \begin{array}{c} \tilde{Z} \\ \tilde{\tilde{Z}} \\ \tilde{Z}_0 \end{array} \right\} \tilde{\pi} \\ \left. \begin{array}{c} Z \\ \tilde{Z} \\ Z_0 \end{array} \right\} \pi_n \end{array}$$

in which the horizontal maps are the normalizations, j and \tilde{j} are open immersions and the other vertical maps are induced by the projection $X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n \rightarrow X$. Notice that \tilde{Z} , $\tilde{\tilde{Z}}$ and \tilde{Z}_0 are finite over a neighborhood of any point of $Z_0^{(1)}$. We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x^M(\varphi_{X,\pi_n(z)}^{r,n}(Z)) &= (-1)^{nr} \sum_{\tilde{x}_0 \in \nu_0^{-1}(x)} \text{Nm}_{\tilde{x}_0/x}(\partial_{\tilde{x}_0} \text{Nm}_{z/\pi_n(z)}\{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\}) \\ &= (-1)^{nr} \sum_{\tilde{x}_0 \in \nu_0^{-1}(x)} \sum_{\tilde{x} \in \tilde{\pi}^{-1}(\tilde{x}_0)} \text{Nm}_{\tilde{x}/x}(\partial_{\tilde{x}}\{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\}) \\ &= (-1)^{nr} \sum_{\tilde{x}_0 \in \nu_0^{-1}(x)} \sum_{\tilde{x} \in \tilde{\pi}^{-1}(\tilde{x}_0)} \text{Nm}_{\tilde{x}/x}(\partial_{\tilde{x}}\{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Here the first equality holds by definition of ∂_x^M ; for the second see e.g. [Ros96, (1.1), R3b and Thm. 1.4]. The third equality holds since a point $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{Z} \setminus Z$ has one of the y_i coordinates equal to 1, and therefore $\partial_{\tilde{x}}\{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\} = 0$ in this case. In particular we can assume $x \in Z_0^{(1)} \cap \pi_n(Z)$. Since Z intersects all faces properly only the two following cases can occur:

- (1) x is not contained in any of the subsets $\pi_n(\partial_i^\epsilon(Z))$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\epsilon = 0, \infty$.
- (2) There exists exactly one $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and one $\epsilon_0 \in \{0, \infty\}$ such that $x \in \pi_n(\partial_{i_0}^{\epsilon_0}(Z))$.

In case (1) we get

$$\partial_x^M(\varphi_{X, \pi_n(z)}^{r,n}(Z)) = 0 = \varphi_{X,x}^{r,n-1}(\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z)).$$

In case (2) we set $\epsilon'_0 := 1$ if $\epsilon_0 = 0$ and $\epsilon'_0 := -1$ if $\epsilon_0 = \infty$ and get

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x^M(\varphi_{X, \pi_n(z)}^{r,n}(Z)) &= (-1)^{nr+i_0-1} \sum_{x' \in \pi_n^{-1}(x)} \sum_{\tilde{x} \in \nu^{-1}(x')} v_{\tilde{x}}(y_{i_0}(z)^{\epsilon'_0}) \\ &\quad \cdot \text{Nm}_{\tilde{x}/x}(\nu^*\{y_n(x'), \dots, \widehat{y_{i_0}(x')}, \dots, y_1(x')\}) \\ &= (-1)^{nr} \sum_{x' \in \pi_n^{-1}(x)} (-1)^{i_0-1} \cdot \epsilon'_0 \cdot \text{ord}_{x'}(y_{i_0}(z)) \\ &\quad \cdot \text{Nm}_{x'/x}\{y_1(x'), \dots, \widehat{y_{i_0}(x')}, \dots, y_n(x')\} \\ &= (-1)^r \varphi_{X,x}^{r,n-1}(\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z)). \end{aligned}$$

Here the first equality holds by definition of the tame symbol, the second by the projection formula for the norm map and [Ful98, Ex. 1.2.3] and the third by the definition of the maps involved. This proves (3.1.1) in this case.

Second case: $k(z)/k(\pi_n(z))$ has positive transcendence degree. In this case we have to show

$$(3.1.2) \quad \varphi_{X,x}^{r,n-1}(\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z)) = 0.$$

This is clearly the case if there is no point in $Z^{(1)}$ which is finite over x . Otherwise if such a point exists and we denote by $W \subset X \times \square^n$ its closure, then the dimension formula yields

$$r + 1 - n = \text{codim}(\overline{\pi_n(W)}, X) = \text{codim}(\overline{\pi_n(W)}, \overline{\pi_n(Z)}) + \text{codim}(\overline{\pi_n(Z)}, X).$$

By assumption $\text{codim}(\overline{\pi_n(Z)}, X) > r - n$. Hence $\overline{\pi_n(W)} = \overline{\pi_n(Z)}$, and since x is the generic point of $\overline{\pi_n(W)}$ we obtain:

- (1) The base change $Z_x = Z \times_{X \times \square^n} (x \times \square^n)$ is an affine integral 1-dimensional scheme of finite type over x .
- (2) The natural map $z \rightarrow Z$ factors uniquely through the projection $Z_x \rightarrow Z$.

Thus $Z_x \subset x \times \square^n$ is an integral closed subscheme of dimension 1 which intersects all the faces properly, and we have

$$\varphi_{X,x}^{r,n-1}(\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z)) = \varphi_{x,x}^{n-1,n-1}(\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z_x)),$$

where the maps on the right are $\partial^{\text{cyc}} : z^{n-1}(x, n) \rightarrow z^{n-1}(x, n-1)$ and $\varphi_{x,x}^{n-1,n-1} : z^{n-1}(x, n-1) \rightarrow K_{n-1}^M(k(x))$. Denote by $\overline{Z_x}$ the closure of Z_x in $(\mathbb{P}_x^1)^n$ and by

$\nu : C \rightarrow \overline{Z}_x$ the normalization. Then by definition

$$\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z_x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \left(\left(\sum_{x' \in Z_x \cap (y_i = \infty)} \left(\sum_{\tilde{x} \in \nu^{-1}(x')} v_{\tilde{x}}(y_i^{-1})[\tilde{x} : x'] \cdot x' \right) \right) - \left(\sum_{x' \in Z_x \cap (y_i = 0)} \left(\sum_{\tilde{x} \in \nu^{-1}(x')} v_{\tilde{x}}(y_i)[\tilde{x} : x'] \cdot x' \right) \right) \right).$$

Applying $\varphi_{x,x}^{n-1,n-1}$ and using that Z_x intersects all faces properly we obtain by a similar calculation as in the first case

$$\varphi_{x,x}^{n-1,n-1}(\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z_x)) = (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{\tilde{x} \in C} \text{Nm}_{\tilde{x}/x}(\partial_{\tilde{x}}(\{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\})).$$

This is zero by the reciprocity law for the tame symbol (see e.g. [Ros96, (2.4)]). Hence the vanishing (3.1.2). \square

Corollary 3.2. *Let X be a smooth equidimensional k -scheme and $r \geq 0$. Then the maps $\{\varphi_U^r\}_{U \subset X}$, where U ranges over all open subsets of X , induces a quasi-isomorphism of complexes of Zariski sheaves on X_{Zar} :*

$$\phi_X^r : \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_X \xrightarrow{\text{qis}} C_{r,X}^\bullet[-r].$$

Here $\mathbb{Z}(r)_X$ is the complex of Zariski sheaves $U \mapsto z^r(U, 2r - \bullet)$. In particular we have an isomorphism in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Zar}})$ (also denoted by ϕ_X^r)

$$\phi_X^r : \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_X \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{K}_X^M[-r].$$

Proof. By the Gersten resolution for higher Chow groups (see [Blo86, Thm. 10.1]) we have $\mathcal{H}^i(\mathbb{Z}(r)_X) = 0$ for all $i > r$. Thus it suffices to show that ϕ_X^r induces an isomorphism $\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_X) \cong \mathcal{H}^0(C_{r,X}^\bullet)$. This follows directly from the definition of $\varphi_X^{r,r}$, [Blo86, Thm. 10.1] and the construction of the isomorphism $CH^r(k(X), r) \xrightarrow{\cong} K_r^M(k(X))$ in [Tot92, 3]. \square

3.2. The relative cycle map.

3.2.1. Let D be an effective Cartier divisor on X and denote by $j : U := X \setminus D \hookrightarrow X$ the inclusion of the complement. For $r \geq 0$ let $C_{r,X|D}^\bullet$ be the Cousin complex of $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M$ and $C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}$ the Cousin complex of $R\epsilon_* \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M$; see §2.5.1. For $n \in [0, r]$ we define a morphism

$$\varphi_{X|D}^{r,n} : z^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow C_{r,X|D}^{h,r-n}(X)$$

as the precomposition of the natural map $C_{r,X|D}^{r-n}(X) \xrightarrow{(2.22.2)} C_{r,X|D}^{h,r-n}(X)$ with

$$(3.2.1) \quad z^r(X|D, n) \hookrightarrow z^r(X, n)_U \xrightarrow{\varphi_X^{r,n}} \bigoplus_{x \in U^{(r-n)}} K_n^M(k(x)) \xrightarrow{(2.22.1)} C_{r,X|D}^{r-n}(X),$$

where $z^r(X, n)_U \subset z^r(X, n)$ is the subgroup of cycles on $X \times \square^n$ supported in $U \times \square^n$ (i.e. cycles on $X \times \square^n$ whose support is contained in $U \times \square^n$; cf. 1.4(1)) and the first map is the natural inclusion from 1.4(1). For $n \notin [0, r]$ we define $\varphi_{X|D}^{r,n}$ to be the zero map.

Proposition 3.3. *Let X be a smooth equidimensional scheme and D an effective divisor such that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. For $r \geq 0$ the collection of maps $(\varphi_{X|D}^{r,2r-i})_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ induces a morphism of complexes*

$$\varphi_{X|D}^r : z^r(X|D, 2r - \bullet) \rightarrow C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}(X)[-r].$$

Furthermore, this map is compatible with restriction to open subsets of X in the obvious sense and hence induces a morphism between complexes of sheaves on X_{Zar} :

$$\phi_{X|D}^r : \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} \rightarrow C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}[-r].$$

If D_{red} is a smooth divisor $\phi_{X|D}^r$ factors as a morphism of complexes

$$\tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} \rightarrow C_{r,X|D}^{\bullet}[-r] \xrightarrow{(2.22.2)} C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}[-r],$$

where the first map is induced by (3.2.1).

Proof. Once we know that $\varphi_{X|D}^r$ is a map of complexes it is clear that it induces a map between complexes of sheaves $\phi_{X|D}^r$. For the first statement we have to show the following: For $n \in [1, r + 1]$, $Z \in C^r(X|D, n)$ (see Definition 1.1) with generic point $z \in Z$ and for all points $x \in \overline{\pi_n(z)} \cap X^{(r-n+1)}$ the following equality holds in $H_x^{r-n+1}(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M)$:

$$(3.3.1) \quad (-1)^r \partial_x^C(\varphi_{X|D,\pi_n(z)}^{r,n}(Z)) = \varphi_{X|D,x}^{r,n-1}(\partial^{\text{cyc}}(Z)),$$

where we denote by $\varphi_{X|D,x}^{r,n}$ the composition of $\varphi_{X|D}^{r,n}$ with the projection to the x -summand and by $\partial_x^C : H_{\pi_n(z)}^{r-n}(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M) \rightarrow H_x^{r-n+1}(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M)$ and $\partial^{\text{cyc}} : z^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow z^r(X|D, n - 1)$ the boundary maps in $C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}$ and $z^r(X|D, 2r - \bullet)$, respectively.

Notice that the restriction of $\varphi_{X|D}^{r,n}$ to U equals the map $\varphi_U^{r,n}$ from §3.1.1. In particular, for $x \in U$ the equality (3.3.1) follows from Lemma 3.1. Thus we can assume $x \in D$. Therefore we have to show the vanishing of the left-hand side in (3.3.1). By definition of $\varphi_{X|D}^{r,n}$ we can further assume that $k(z)/k(\pi_n(z))$ is finite. Taking the definition of the boundary maps in the Cousin complex $C_{r,X|D}^{h,\bullet}$ into account we see that it remains to show the following:

Denote by $\overline{Z}_0 \subset X$ the closure of $\pi_n(Z)$ and by $z_0 = \pi_n(z) \in \overline{Z}_0$ its generic point. Assume $k(z)/k(z_0)$ is finite and $x \in D \cap \overline{Z}_0 \cap X^{(r-n+1)}$. Then we have to show

$$(3.3.2) \quad \varphi_{X|D,z_0}^{r,n}(Z) \in \text{Im}(\mathcal{H}_{\overline{Z}_0}^{r-n}(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M)_x \rightarrow H_{z_0}^{r-n}(R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M)).$$

Observe that under the above assumptions we have $x \in \overline{Z}_0^{(1)}$. Denote the composition of the map (3.2.1) with the projection to the z_0 -summand by

$$\psi_{z_0} : z^r(X|D, n) \rightarrow H_{z_0}^{r-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M).$$

Notice that (3.3.2) holds if

$$(3.3.3) \quad \psi_{z_0}(Z) \in \text{Im}(\mathcal{H}_{\overline{Z}_0}^{r-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M)_x \rightarrow H_{z_0}^{r-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M)).$$

Also, in case (3.3.3) holds for all Z , we actually get that (3.2.1) induces a morphism of complexes.

In the following we will show that (3.3.3) is satisfied if \overline{Z}_0 is normal or if D_{red} is smooth and that (3.3.2) holds in general. This will prove the proposition.

First case: \bar{Z}_0 is normal. In this case \bar{Z}_0 is regular at x . Hence we find a regular sequence $t_1, \dots, t_{r-n} \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ with $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/(t_1, \dots, t_{r-n}) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\bar{Z}_0,x}$. Let $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ be a local equation for D and denote by $D_0 = D|_{\bar{Z}_0}$ the pullback of D to \bar{Z}_0 . The image of f in $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{Z}_0,x}$ is still denoted by f . We claim that in order to prove (3.3.3) it suffices to show

$$(3.3.4) \quad \mathrm{Nm}_{k(z)/k(z_0)}\{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\} \in \mathcal{K}_{n,\bar{Z}_0|D_0,x}^M.$$

Indeed set $\nu := \mathrm{Nm}_{k(z)/k(z_0)}\{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\}$. If the claim (3.3.4) holds we can lift ν to an element $\tilde{\nu} \in \mathcal{K}_{n,X|D,x}^M$ (using the explicit description from Remark 2.5). We obtain an element (see (2.0.5))

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \tilde{\nu} \cdot \{t_1, \dots, t_{r-n}\} \\ t_1, \dots, t_{r-n} \end{array} \right] \in (\mathcal{H}_{\bar{Z}_0}^{r-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M))_x,$$

which by Corollary 2.3 maps under restriction to the generic point of \bar{Z}_0 to the element $\psi_{z_0}(Z) \in H_{z_0}^{r-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M) \cong K_n^M(k(z_0))$.

We have $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{Z}_0,x}[\frac{1}{f}] = k(z_0)$. Therefore $(\mathcal{K}_{n,\bar{Z}_0|D_0}^M)_x$ is generated by symbols of the form $\{1 + fa, \kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_n\}$, where $a \in \mathcal{O}_{\bar{Z}_0,x}$ and $\kappa_i \in k(z_0)^\times$ (see Remark 2.5). Denote by A the completion of $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{Z}_0,x}$ along the maximal ideal and by K its fraction field; it is a complete discrete valuation field with A as its ring of integers. Let m be the valuation of $f \in A$. Then by Lemma 2.6 the natural map $K_n^M(k(z_0)) \rightarrow K_n^M(K)$ induces an isomorphism

$$K_n^M(k(z_0))/(\mathcal{K}_{n,\bar{Z}_0|D}^M)_x \rightarrow K_n^M(K)/U^m K_n^M(K).$$

Therefore it suffices to show that the pullback of $\mathrm{Nm}_{k(z)/k(z_0)}\{y_n(z), \dots, y_1(z)\}$ to $K_n^M(K)$ lies in $U^m K_n^M(K)$. We have $k(z) \otimes_{k(z_0)} K = \prod_i L_i$, where each L_i equals the completion of $k(z)$ along a point in the normalization of the closure of Z in $X \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^n$, which lies above x . Now we fix i and set $L := L_i$. Denote by B the normalization of A in L , by \mathfrak{m} its maximal ideal and by $\iota : k(z) \hookrightarrow L$ the natural inclusion. We set

$$a_j := \begin{cases} \iota(y_j(z)) - 1, & \text{if } \iota(y_j(z)) \in B, \\ \iota(y_j(z)^{-1}) - 1, & \text{if } \iota(y_j(z)^{-1}) \in B. \end{cases}$$

By the compatibility of the norm map with pullback we are reduced to showing

$$(3.3.5) \quad \mathrm{Nm}_{L/K}\{1 + a_1, \dots, 1 + a_n\} \in U^m K_n^M(K).$$

The modulus condition (1.1.1) which the integral cycle Z satisfies translates into

$$a_1 \cdots a_n / f \in B.$$

Up to permuting the factors a_j (and therefore changing the element in (3.3.5) by a sign) we can assume that there is an integer $\mu \in [1, n]$ such that $a_1, \dots, a_\mu \in \mathfrak{m}$ and $a_{\mu+1}, \dots, a_n \in B^\times$. A fortiori we have

$$a_1 \cdots a_\mu / f \in B.$$

Then we can apply Lemma 2.7(1), repeatedly (starting from $s = a_1$, $t = a_2$, $a = b = 1$) to obtain

$$\{1 + a_1, \dots, 1 + a_n\} = \{1 + ua_1 \cdots a_\mu, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}, \quad u \in B^\times, \lambda_j \in L^\times.$$

In particular, $\{1 + a_1, \dots, 1 + a_n\} \in U^{m-e} K_n^M(L)$, where e denotes the ramification index of L/K . Therefore (3.3.5) follows from $\text{Nm}_{L/K}(U^{m-e} K_n^M(L)) \subset U^m K_n^M(K)$; see [Kat83, Prop. 2] (also [Mor12, Thm. 1.1]).

Second case: \bar{Z}_0 is arbitrary. We denote by $\nu_0 : \tilde{Z}_0 \rightarrow \bar{Z}_0$ the normalization. It is a finite map and hence factors as a closed immersion $\tilde{Z}_0 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_X^N := P_X$ followed by the projection $P_X \rightarrow X$. There is a generic point of $Z \times_{\bar{Z}_0} \tilde{Z}_0$ which maps to the generic point of Z , and we denote by $Z' \subset Z \times_{\bar{Z}_0} \tilde{Z}_0$ its closure. We can view Z' as a closed subscheme of $P_X \times \square^n$. By construction the projection $P_X \times \square^n \rightarrow X \times \square^n$ induces a finite and surjective morphism $Z' \rightarrow Z$. It follows that Z' has codimension $N + r$ in $P_X \times \square^n$, intersects all faces properly and satisfies the modulus condition (1.1.1) with respect to the effective divisor $P_D \subset P_X$. Furthermore the closure of the image of Z' in P_X equals \tilde{Z}_0 , which has generic point z_0 . Thus we can apply the first case to obtain

$$(3.3.6) \quad \psi_{z_0}(Z') \in \text{Im}(\mathcal{H}_{\tilde{Z}_0}^{r+N-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D}^M)_{x'} \rightarrow H_{z_0}^{r+N-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D}^M)),$$

where x' is any point in $\tilde{Z}_0^{(1)} \cap P_D$. A fortiori

$$(3.3.7) \quad \varphi_{P_X|P_D, z_0}^{r+N, n}(Z') \in \text{Im}(\mathcal{H}_{\tilde{Z}_0}^{r+N-n}(R\epsilon_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D}^M)_{x'} \rightarrow H_{z_0}^{r+N-n}(R\epsilon_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D}^M)).$$

Let $x \in D \cap \bar{Z}_0^{(1)}$ be as in (3.3.2). Then there exists an open neighborhood \tilde{V} of $x \times P$ in P_X such that $\tilde{V} \cap \tilde{Z}_0$ contains all 1-codimensional points of \tilde{Z}_0 lying over x and such that $\varphi_{P_X|P_D, z_0}^{r+N, n}(Z')$ comes from an element in

$$H_{\tilde{Z}_0 \cap \tilde{V}}^{r+N-n}(\tilde{V}, R\epsilon_* \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D}^M) = H_{\tilde{Z}_0 \cap \tilde{V}}^{r+N-n}(\tilde{V}_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M).$$

(This follows from (3.3.7) and the fact that the Cousin complex is a resolution; see Corollary 2.23.) After possibly shrinking \tilde{V} we find an open neighborhood $V \subset X$ of x such that $\tilde{V} \subset P_V$ and the complement of $\tilde{Z}_0 \cap \tilde{V} \subset \tilde{Z}_0 \cap P_V$ has codimension 2 in \tilde{Z}_0 . It follows from Theorem 2.22 that $\varphi_{P_X|P_D, z_0}^{r+N, n}(Z')$ spreads out to an element of

$$H_{\tilde{Z}_0 \cap P_V}^{r+N-n}(P_V, \text{Nis}, \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M).$$

Now the pushforward from Definition 2.29 induces a commutative diagram

$$\begin{CD} H_{\tilde{Z}_0 \cap P_V}^{r+N-n}(P_V, \text{Nis}, \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M) @>>> H_{z_0}^{r+N-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M) \\ @VVV @VVV \\ H_{(\tilde{Z}_0 \cap V) \times_V P_V}^{r+N-n}(P_V, \text{Nis}, \mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M) @>>> H_{z_0}^{r+N-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r+N, P_X|P_D, \text{Nis}}^M) \\ @V{\pi_*}VV @VVV \\ H_{\tilde{Z}_0 \cap V}^{r-n}(V, \text{Nis}, \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M) @>>> H_{z_0}^{r-n}(\mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M). \end{CD}$$

For the equality on the right notice that both groups are equal to $K_n^M(k(z_0))$. By definition of $\varphi_{*|*}^{r+N, n}$ it is also immediate that $\varphi_{P_X|P_D, z_0}^{r+N, n}(Z') = \varphi_{X|D, z_0}^{r, n}(Z)$. Hence (3.3.2) also holds in the second case. If D_{red} is smooth the above proof goes through if we drop the ‘Nis’; hence (3.3.3) also holds in the second case. This finishes the proof of the proposition. \square

Corollary 3.4. *Let X and D be as in Proposition 3.3 and denote by $j : U := X \setminus D \hookrightarrow X$ the inclusion of the complement of D . Then for all $r \geq 1$ we have the following commutative diagram in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Zar}})$:*

$$\begin{CD} \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} @>\phi_{X|D}^r>> R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M[-r] \\ @VVV @VVV \\ \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_X @>\phi_X^r>> \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M[-r], \end{CD}$$

in which the lower horizontal map is an isomorphism. Here the horizontal maps are induced by the maps ϕ_X^r and $\phi_{X|D}^r$ from Corollary 3.2 and Proposition 3.3, respectively, the left vertical map is induced by the natural inclusion and the right vertical map is induced by the natural inclusion $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,X,\text{Nis}}^M$ and the isomorphism $R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X,\text{Nis}}^M \cong \mathcal{K}_{r,X}^M$ from Corollary 2.21. Furthermore if D_{red} is smooth we can replace $R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M[-r]$ by $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M[-r]$.

Proof. This follows directly from Corollary 3.2, §2.1.1, Proposition 3.3 and Corollary 2.23. □

Remark 3.5.

- (1) The dlog map induces a natural map

$$\text{dlog} : \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M \rightarrow \Omega_X^r(\log D_{\text{red}})(-D);$$

see the proof of Proposition 2.15. Clearly it also induces a map of complexes $\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M \rightarrow \Omega_X^{\geq r}(\log D_{\text{red}})(-D)$. The composition in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Zar}})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} \rightarrow \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} &\xrightarrow{\phi_{X|D}^r} R\epsilon_*\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{dlog}} R\epsilon_*(\Omega_{X,\text{Nis}}^{\geq r}(\log D_{\text{red}})(-D)) = \Omega_X^{\geq r}(\log D_{\text{red}})(-D), \end{aligned}$$

is the regulator map defined in [BS14, (7.10)], at least up to sign.

- (2) Assume that k is a perfect field of positive characteristic. Denote by $W_n\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)$ the logarithmic de Rham-Witt complex for the log scheme $(X, j_*\mathcal{O}_U^\times \cap \mathcal{O}_X)$; see [HK94, 4]. It defines a differential graded algebra, and we denote by

$$W_n\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)(-D) \subset W_n\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)$$

the differential graded ideal generated by

$$W_n(\mathcal{O}_X(-D)) = \text{Ker}(W\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow W\mathcal{O}_D).$$

Then it is not hard to see that there is a natural map

$$\text{dlog} : \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D}^M \rightarrow W_n\Omega_X^r(\log D)(-D), \quad \{a_1, \dots, a_r\} \mapsto \text{dlog}[a_1] \cdots \text{dlog}[a_r],$$

where $[-] : \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow W_n\mathcal{O}_X$ denotes the Teichmüller lift. Since the sheaf $W_n\Omega_X^r(\log D)(-D)$ can be viewed as a coherent sheaf on $W_nX = \text{Spec } W\mathcal{O}_X$, its Zariski and its Nisnevich cohomologies coincide, and as in (1) we obtain a cycle map

$$\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D} \rightarrow W_n\Omega_X^{\geq r}(\log D)(-D).$$

Corollary 3.6. *Assume that D_{red} has simple normal crossings. Then the family $\{\varphi_{V|v^*D}^r\}_v$, where v runs through all étale maps $v : V \rightarrow X$, induces a morphism of complexes of Nisnevich sheaves*

$$\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r : \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} \rightarrow C_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^\bullet[-r];$$

see §1.3 and §2.5.2 for the notation. By Corollary 2.24 we get an induced map (still denoted by the same symbol) $\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r : \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M[-r]$ in $\mathcal{D}^b(X_{\text{Nis}})$ fitting into the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{CD} \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} @>\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r>> \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M[-r] \\ @VVV @VVV \\ \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X, \text{Nis}} @>\phi_{X, \text{Nis}}^r \simeq>> \mathcal{K}_{r, X, \text{Nis}}^M[-r], \end{CD}$$

in which the lower horizontal map is an isomorphism.

Proof. It suffices to prove the existence of $\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r$. That is, we have to see that for a map $V' \rightarrow V$ between étale X -schemes the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{CD} z^r(V'|D_{V'}, 2r - \bullet) @>\varphi_{V'|D_{V'}}^r>> C_{r, V'|D_{V'}}^{h, \bullet}(V')[-r] \\ @AAA @AAA \\ z^r(V|D_V, 2r - \bullet) @>\varphi_{V|D_V}^r>> C_{r, V|D_V}^{h, \bullet}(V)[-r], \end{CD}$$

where the vertical arrows are the restriction maps. By definition of φ_{*}^r in §3.2.1 it suffices to check this over $U = X \setminus D$. Hence we can assume $D = 0$. In this case the statement follows from the definition of $\varphi^{r, n}$ in §3.1.1 and the compatibility of the norm on Milnor K -theory with pullback; see e.g. [Ros96, R1c and (1.4) Thm.]. \square

Proposition 3.7. *Let X be a smooth equidimensional scheme and D an effective divisor such that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. Then the map on X_{Nis} ,*

$$\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}}) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M,$$

induced by the cycle map $\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r$, is surjective for all $r \geq 1$. Furthermore, if D_{red} is smooth, with Nis replaced by Zar, the same statement holds.

Proof. It suffices to show that for $V \rightarrow X$ étale and elements $a \in \mathcal{K}_{1, X|D}^M(V)$ and $b_i \in \mathcal{O}_V(U_V)^\times$ (where $U_V := V \times_X U$) there exists a cycle $\alpha \in z^r(V|D_V, r)$ with $\partial(\alpha) = 0$ in $z^r(V|D_V, r - 1)$ that satisfies

$$(3.7.1) \quad \varphi_{V|D_V}^{r, n}(\alpha) = \{a, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}\} \in \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D}^M(V) \subset K_r^M(k(V)).$$

We can assume that none of the elements a, b_i are equal to 1. Denote by $\Gamma_{a, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}}$ the graph of the map $U_V \rightarrow (\mathbb{P}^1)^r$ defined by a, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1} and set

$$Z := \Gamma_{a, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}} \cap (U_V \times \square^r).$$

Notice that Z is isomorphic to U_V , it has empty intersection with all faces and its closure $\bar{Z} \subset V \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^r$ is smooth and satisfies (with the notation from §1.1)

$$(D \times (\mathbb{P}^1)^r) \cdot \bar{Z} \leq F_1^r \cdot \bar{Z};$$

thus in particular it satisfies the modulus condition (1.1.1). It is immediate to check that $\alpha := (-1)^{\frac{r(r+1)}{2}} \cdot [Z]$ satisfies (3.7.1). This proves the proposition. \square

Theorem 3.8. *Let X be a smooth equidimensional scheme of dimension $d = \dim X$ and D an effective divisor such that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. Then:*

- (1) $H_{\mathcal{M}}^i(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) = 0 = H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^i(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r))$ for $i > d + r$.
- (2) The cycle map $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} \rightarrow \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}} \xrightarrow{\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^r} \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M[-r]$ induces an isomorphism

$$\phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^{d, r} : H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{d+r}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^d(X_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M).$$

If moreover D_{red} is smooth, then all maps in the following commutative diagram are isomorphisms:

$$(3.8.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} H_{\mathcal{M}}^{d+r}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{d+r}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \\ \phi_{X|D}^{d, r} \downarrow \cong & & \cong \downarrow \phi_{X|D, \text{Nis}}^{d, r} \\ H^d(X_{\text{Zar}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D}^M) & \xrightarrow[\text{(2.21.1)}]{\cong} & H^d(X_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, X|D, \text{Nis}}^M). \end{array}$$

We need the following two lemmas in the proof of the theorem. In the following we will freely use basic properties of local cohomology of Nisnevich sheaves; for details see [Nis89].

Lemma 3.9. *Let $k, (X, D)$ be as in Theorem 3.8 above. Then on $X_{\text{Zar}},$*

$$\mathcal{H}_D^n(\tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n < r, \\ \mathcal{H}_D^0(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})), & \text{if } n \geq r \text{ and } n \neq r + 1, \end{cases}$$

and for $n = r + 1$ there is a natural exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_D^{r+1}(\tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_D^0(\mathcal{H}^{r+1}(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})) \rightarrow 0.$$

Furthermore, the same statements hold when we replace X_{Zar} and $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}$ by X_{Nis} and $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}},$ respectively.

Proof. We do the proof for $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D};$ it works the same way for $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}}.$ Considering the spectral sequence

$$E_2^{a, b} = \mathcal{H}_D^a(\mathcal{H}^b(\tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})) \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}_D^*(\tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})$$

we see that it suffices to prove the following claim:

$$(3.9.1) \quad \mathcal{H}_D^a(\mathcal{H}^b(\tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})) = 0, \quad \text{for all } (a, b) \notin \{(1, r)\} \cup (\{0\} \times [r, 2r]).$$

Clearly we have the vanishing for all $(a, b) \in (\mathbb{Z} \times (-\infty, r - 1]) \cup (\mathbb{Z} \times [2r + 1, \infty]) \cup ((-\infty, -1] \times \mathbb{Z}).$ For $a \geq 1$ and $b \geq r$ we have surjections (which are isomorphisms for $a \geq 2$)

$$R^{a-1} j_* \mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_U) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{H}_D^a(\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})),$$

where $j : U = X \setminus D \hookrightarrow X$ is the inclusion of the complement. Hence the claim (3.9.1) follows from $\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_U) = 0$ for $b > r,$ $\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_U) = \mathcal{K}_{r, U}^M$ (see Corollary 3.2) and $R^{a-1} j_* \mathcal{K}_{r, U}^M = 0,$ for $a \geq 2$ (by Corollary 2.2). (For last vanishing in the Nisnevich case use that $R^{a-1} j_* \mathcal{K}_{r, U, \text{Nis}}^M$ is the sheaf associated to

$$V \mapsto H^{b-1}((V \times_X U)_{\text{Nis}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, U}^M) = H^{b-1}((V \times_X U)_{\text{Zar}}, \mathcal{K}_{r, U}^M). \quad \square$$

Lemma 3.10. *Let $k, (X, D)$ be as in Theorem 3.8 above. Then*

$$H_D^i(X_{\text{Zar}}, \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}) = 0, \quad \text{if } i > d + r,$$

and the natural map

$$H^{d-1}(X_{\text{Zar}}, \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}))) \rightarrow H_D^{d+r}(X_{\text{Zar}}, \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})$$

is surjective. Furthermore the same statements hold when we replace X_{Zar} and $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}$ by X_{Nis} and $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}}$, respectively.

Proof. We do the proof for $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}$; it works the same way for $\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D, \text{Nis}}$. Considering the spectral sequence

$$E_2^{a,b} = H^a(X, \mathcal{H}_D^b(\tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})) \Rightarrow H_D^*(X, \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})$$

we see that by Lemma 3.9 it suffices to show

$$(3.10.1) \quad H^a(X, \mathcal{H}_D^0(\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}))) = 0, \quad \text{for } b \geq r \text{ and } a + b \geq r + d$$

and

$$(3.10.2) \quad H^a(X, \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}))) = 0, \quad \text{for } a \geq d.$$

For a closed immersion $i_A : A \hookrightarrow X$ denote by $i_A^! : (\text{abelian sheaves on } X) \rightarrow (\text{abelian sheaves on } A)$ the unique functor which satisfies $i_{A*} i_A^! = \underline{\Gamma}_A = \mathcal{H}_A^0$; see [SGA2, Exp. I, 1]. (For the Nisnevich case, see [Nis89, 1.23].) We obtain

$$H^a(X, \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}))) = H^a(D, i_D^! \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}))).$$

Hence the vanishing (3.10.2) follows directly from Grothendieck’s general vanishing theorem [Tohoku, Thm. 3.6.5] by which the cohomological dimension of a noetherian scheme is less than or equal to its Krull dimension. (For the Nisnevich case, see [Nis89, 1.32].)

Next we prove (3.10.1). Denote by $\Phi_{X|D}^n$ the family of supports on X consisting of all closed subschemes $A \subset X$ of dimension $\dim(A) \leq n$ which intersect D properly. Denote by $\Phi_{X|D}^n \cap D$ the smallest family of supports which contains all closed subsets of the form $A \cap D$, with $A \in \Phi_{X|D}^n$. Notice that

$$(3.10.3) \quad \dim(A) \leq n - 1, \quad \text{for } A \in \Phi_{X|D}^n \cap D.$$

If $Z \subset U \times \square^{2r-b}$ is an integral closed subscheme of codimension r , then the closure $Z_0 \subset X$ of its image under the projection to U lies in $\Phi_{X|D}^{d+r-b}$. Since $\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})$ is the sheaf on X_{Zar} associated to $V \mapsto CH^r(V|D_V, 2r - b)$ we obtain

$$\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}) = \mathcal{H}_{\Phi_{X|D}^{d+r-b}}^0(\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}))$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}_D^0(\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})) = \mathcal{H}_{\Phi_{X|D}^{d+r-b} \cap D}^0(\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})) = \varinjlim_{A \in \Phi_{X|D}^{d+r-b} \cap D} i_{A*} i_A^!(\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D})).$$

Thus

$$H^a(X, \mathcal{H}_D^0(\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}))) = \varinjlim_{A \in \Phi_{X|D}^{d+r-b} \cap D} H^a(A, i_A^!(\mathcal{H}^b(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}))),$$

which is zero for $a + b \geq d + r$ since the cohomological dimension of A is $\leq d + r - b - 1$ by (3.10.3) and [Tohoku, Thm. 3.6.5]. (For the Nisnevich case, use [Nis89, 1.24] to get the equality above and then apply [Nis89, 1.32] to obtain the vanishing.) \square

Proof of Theorem 3.8. In the following, the subscript $\sigma \in \{\text{Zar}, \text{Nis}\}$ indicates in which topology we are. Denote by $j : U = X \setminus D \hookrightarrow X$ the inclusion of the complement of D . First notice that each abelian sheaf \mathcal{F} on X_σ has a $\Gamma(X_\sigma, -)$ -acyclic resolution of length d . (Take $\tau_{\leq d}$ of the Godement resolution of \mathcal{F} ; it is $\Gamma(X_\sigma, -)$ -acyclic by [Tohoku, Thm. 3.6.5] (resp. [Nis89, 1.32]); see [Nis89, 2.18] for the Godement resolution in case $\sigma = \text{Nis}$.) This shows that $H^i(X_\sigma, \tau_{<r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D}) = 0$, for all $i \geq d + r$, and hence

$$H^i_{\mathcal{M},\sigma}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(r)) = H^i(X_\sigma, \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma}), \quad \text{for } i \geq d + r.$$

We have an exact sequence

$$H^{i+r}_D(X_\sigma, \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma}) \rightarrow H^{i+r}(X_\sigma, \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma}) \rightarrow H^{i+r}(U_\sigma, \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{U,\sigma}).$$

For $i > d$ the left-hand side vanishes by Lemma 3.10, and the right-hand side is isomorphic to $H^i(U_\sigma, \mathcal{K}^M_{r,U,\sigma})$ and hence also vanishes. This yields the first part of the theorem.

It remains to prove that $\phi^{d,r}_{X|D,\sigma}$ is an isomorphism for $\sigma = \text{Nis}$ and if D_{red} is smooth also for $\sigma = \text{Zar}$. In the following $\sigma = \text{Zar}$ is allowed only in the case where D_{red} is smooth. By Corollary 3.4 and Corollary 3.6 we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^{d+r-1}(U_\sigma, \mathcal{Z}_U) & \longrightarrow & H^{d+r}_D(X_\sigma, \mathcal{Z}_{X|D}) & \longrightarrow & H^{d+r}(X_\sigma, \mathcal{Z}_{X|D}) & \longrightarrow & H^{d+r}(U_\sigma, \mathcal{Z}_U) \\ \simeq \downarrow \phi^{d-1,r}_{U,\sigma} & & \downarrow \phi^{d,r}_{D \subset X,\sigma} & & \downarrow \phi^{d,r}_{X|D,\sigma} & & \simeq \downarrow \phi^{d,r}_{U,\sigma} \\ H^{d-1}(U_\sigma, \mathcal{K}_U) & \longrightarrow & H^d_D(X_\sigma, \mathcal{K}_{X|D}) & \longrightarrow & H^d(X_\sigma, \mathcal{K}_{X|D}) & \longrightarrow & H^d(U_\sigma, \mathcal{K}_U), \end{array}$$

where we use the shorthand notation $\mathcal{Z}_U = \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{U,\sigma}$, $\mathcal{Z}_{X|D} = \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma}$, $\mathcal{K}_U = \mathcal{K}^M_{r,U,\sigma}$ and $\mathcal{K}_{X|D} = \mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma}$, the rows are the localization exact sequences and the maps $\phi^{i,r}_{U,\sigma}$ are isomorphisms (see Corollary 3.2). Since $H^{d+r+1}_D(X_\sigma, \mathcal{Z}_{X|D}) = 0$ by Lemma 3.10 the map $H^{d+r}(X_\sigma, \mathcal{Z}_{X|D}) \rightarrow H^{d+r}(U_\sigma, \mathcal{Z}_U)$ is surjective. Hence it suffices to show that $\phi^{d,r}_{D \subset X,\sigma}$ is an isomorphism. For $b \geq 2$ we have by Corollary 2.2,

$$\mathcal{H}^b_D(\mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma}) \cong R^{b-1}j_*\mathcal{K}^M_{r,U,\sigma} = 0.$$

Also $\mathcal{H}^0_D(\mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma}) = 0$, since $\mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma}$ is by definition a subsheaf of $j_*\mathcal{K}^M_{r,U,\sigma}$. Thus $H^d_D(X_\sigma, \mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma}) = H^{d-1}(X_\sigma, \mathcal{H}^1_D(\mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma}))$. We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^{d-1}(X_\sigma, \mathcal{H}^1_D(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma}))) & \twoheadrightarrow & H^{d+r}_D(X_\sigma, \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi^{r,d}_{D \subset X,\sigma} \\ H^{d-1}(X_\sigma, \mathcal{H}^1_D(\mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma})) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & H^d_D(X_\sigma, \mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma}), \end{array}$$

in which the top horizontal map is surjective by Lemma 3.10. Thus it suffices to show that the map

$$(3.10.4) \quad \mathcal{H}^1_D(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma})) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^1_D(\mathcal{K}^M_{r,X|D,\sigma})$$

induced by $\phi_{X|D,\sigma}^r$ is an isomorphism. To this end, consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma}) & \longrightarrow & j_*\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{U,\sigma}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\sigma})) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow \phi_{X|D,\sigma}^r & & \downarrow \simeq \phi_{U,\sigma}^r & & \downarrow (3.10.4) & & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\sigma}^M & \longrightarrow & j_*\mathcal{K}_{r,U,\sigma}^M & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\sigma}^M) & \longrightarrow 0.
 \end{array}$$

Here the rows are the localization exact sequences, the map $\phi_{U,\sigma}^r$ is an isomorphism (see Corollary 3.2) and $\phi_{X|D,\sigma}^r$ is surjective by Proposition 3.7. It follows that (3.10.4) is an isomorphism. This finishes the proof of the theorem. \square

Remark 3.11.

- (1) It follows from Corollary 3.6 and Lemma 3.9 that the obstruction for the cycle map $\phi_{X|D,\text{Nis}}^r : \tau_{\geq r}\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M[-r]$ to be an isomorphism is the non-vanishing of

$$\mathcal{H}_D^0(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}})) = \text{Ker}(\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}}) \rightarrow j_*\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{U,\text{Nis}})), \quad \text{for } n \geq r.$$

Indeed, if this vanishing holds, then $\mathcal{H}_D^n(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}}) = 0$, for all $n \geq r$ and $n \neq r + 1$, and $\mathcal{H}_D^{r+1}(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}}) = \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}}))$ by Lemma 3.9. Hence $\mathcal{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}}) = \mathcal{H}^n(Rj_*\mathbb{Z}(r)_{U,\text{Nis}}) = 0$, for all $n \geq r + 2$. For $n = r$ we obtain a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}}) & \longrightarrow & j_*\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{U,\text{Nis}}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_D^1(\mathcal{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}})) & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow \simeq & & & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & \mathcal{K}_{r,X|D,\text{Nis}}^M & \longrightarrow & j_*\mathcal{K}_{r,U,\text{Nis}}^M & & &
 \end{array}$$

Here the rows are exact, the left vertical map is surjective by Proposition 3.7 and the right vertical map is bijective by the Nisnevich version of Corollary 3.2. It follows that the left vertical map is an isomorphism. Furthermore the right exactness of the top row yields that the natural map $\mathcal{H}_D^{r+1}(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{r+1}(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}})$ is the zero map and hence $\mathcal{H}^{r+1}(\mathbb{Z}(r)_{X|D,\text{Nis}}) \subset \mathcal{H}^{r+1}(Rj_*\mathbb{Z}(r)_{U,\text{Nis}}) = 0$.

If we assume that D_{red} is smooth, then a similar remark applies for the corresponding Zariski statement.

- (2) Going back through the proofs, one easily checks that the commutative diagram (3.8.1) of isomorphisms exists for all divisors D whose support has simple normal crossings and which satisfies that (2.10.1) is an isomorphism (for all (\mathbf{m}, ν)).

Corollary 3.12. *Let X be a smooth curve over k and D an effective divisor on X . Then we have isomorphisms*

$$H_{\mathcal{M},\text{Nis}}^2(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \cong H^1(X_{\text{Zar}}, \mathcal{O}_{X|D}^\times) \cong \text{CH}^1(X|D, 0).$$

Proof. The first isomorphism follows from Theorem 3.8 and Hilbert 90. The second isomorphism is classical and follows from the fact that the two term complex

$$K^\times \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in (X \setminus |D|)^{(1)}} i_{x*}(K^\times / \mathcal{O}_{X,x}^\times) \oplus \bigoplus_{x \in |D|^{(0)}} i_{x*}(K^\times / (1 + \mathfrak{m}_x^{n_x}))$$

is the Cousin resolution of $\mathcal{O}_{X|D}^\times$. \square

Remark 3.13. Let (X, D) be as in Theorem 3.8 with $d = \dim X$. We have a natural map

$$(3.13.1) \quad \mathrm{CH}^1(X|D, 1-d) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{M}, \mathrm{Nis}}^{d+1}(X|D, \mathbb{Z}(1)).$$

If $d = 1$, this is an isomorphism by Corollary 3.12. But Theorem 3.8 implies that it is in general not an isomorphism for $d \geq 2$. Indeed, assume $d = 2$; then the left-hand side vanishes, whereas the right-hand side is equal to $H^2(X_{\mathrm{Nis}}, \mathcal{O}_{X|D}^\times)$. The short exact sequence of Nisnevich sheaves $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X|D}^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^\times \rightarrow i_*\mathcal{O}_D^\times \rightarrow 0$ induces an isomorphism of $H^2(X_{\mathrm{Nis}}, \mathcal{O}_{X|D}^\times)$ with the cokernel of $\mathrm{Pic}(X) \rightarrow \mathrm{Pic}(D)$. But in general, this cokernel will not be zero, since not every line bundle on D lifts to a line bundle on X . Note that this non-vanishing already occurs for reduced and irreducible D . In particular, also the Zariski version of (3.13.1) is not an isomorphism in general. For further counterexamples in this spirit see Theorem 5.1(1).

4. MOTIVIC COHOMOLOGY OF $(\mathbb{A}^1, (m+1) \cdot \{0\})$

4.1. Big de Rham-Witt complex. A truncation set S is a subset of the positive integers with the property that a positive integer s is an element of S if and only if all positive divisors of s are contained in S . Examples are the sets $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and $P = \{1, p, p^2, \dots\}$, for p a prime number. For a truncation set S and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we define the new truncation set $S/n := \{s \in S \mid ns \in S\}$. Notice that S/n is the empty set if and only if $n \notin S$. We denote by J the category of truncation sets, where the morphisms are inclusions. We denote by $(\mathbf{dga}_{\mathbb{Z}})$ the category of differential graded \mathbb{Z} -algebras in the sense of [Ill79, 0, 3.1].

Let R be a ring containing a field. Recall (see e.g. [Hes15, 4]) that the big de Rham-Witt complex of R is a functor

$$J^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow (\mathbf{dga}_{\mathbb{Z}}), \quad S \mapsto \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_R$$

that takes limits to colimits and which is equipped with graded ring homomorphisms, called Frobenius morphisms,

$$F_n : \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_R \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{S/n} \Omega_R, \quad S \in J, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and homomorphisms of graded groups, called Verschiebung morphisms,

$$V_n : \mathbb{W}_{S/n} \Omega_R \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_R, \quad S \in J, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

These maps are in fact natural transformations between functors on J (in the obvious sense) and satisfy various relations; see [Hes15, Def. 4.1]. Notice that since R is defined over a field we have $\mathrm{dlog}[-1] = 0 \in \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_R^1$ for all S (see [Hes15, Rmk. 4.2(c)]) and $\mathbb{W}_S \Omega_R$ is a quotient of $\Omega_{\mathbb{W}_S(R)/\mathbb{Z}}$. This implies that $\mathbb{W}_S \Omega_R$ is really a differential graded algebra in this case; in particular the relation $x \cdot x = 0$ for a homogeneous element $x \in \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_R$ of odd degree holds.

Some facts: $\mathbb{W}_\theta\Omega = 0$, $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R^0 = \mathbb{W}_S(R) =$ the ring of big Witt vectors, $\mathbb{W}_{\{1\}}\Omega_R = \Omega_{R/\mathbb{Z}} =: \Omega_R$, and for a finite truncation set S the dga $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R$ is a quotient of $\Omega_{\mathbb{W}_S(R)/\mathbb{Z}}$. It follows that the restriction maps $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_T\Omega_R$ ($T \subset S$) are surjective. Finally if R is defined over a field of positive characteristic p , we have $\mathbb{W}_{\{1,p,\dots,p^{n-1}\}}\Omega_R = W_n\Omega_R$, the p -typical de Rham-Witt complex of length n of Bloch-Deligne-Illusie. When working with the p -typical de Rham-Witt complex we write $F^s = F_{p^s}$ and $V^s = V_{p^s}$. We set $\mathbb{W}_m\Omega_R := \mathbb{W}_{\{1,2,\dots,m\}}\Omega_R$.

Lemma 4.1. *Let k be a field and $(R_i)_{i \in I}$ a direct system of k -algebras. Set $R = \varinjlim_{i \in I} R_i$. Then for all finite truncation sets S we have*

$$\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R^q = \varinjlim_{i \in I} \mathbb{W}_S\Omega_{R_i}^q.$$

Proof. For a finite truncation set S , we put $E_S := \bigoplus_{q \geq 0} \varinjlim_{i \in I} \mathbb{W}_S\Omega_{R_i}^q$. We have a natural map of graded rings $E_S \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R$. Furthermore for a general truncation set S we define $E_S := \varprojlim_{T \subset S} E_T$, where the limit is over all finite truncation sets T contained in S and the transition maps are induced by the obvious restriction maps. It is then straightforward to check that $S \mapsto E_S$ is a Witt complex over R (in the sense of [Hes15, Def. 4.1]). Since $\mathbb{W}_-\Omega_R$ is the initial object in the category of Witt complexes, we obtain a morphism of graded rings $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R \rightarrow E_S$ for all truncation sets S . For a finite truncation set this map is clearly inverse to the natural map above. \square

4.1.1. *Relation big - and p -typical de Rham-Witt.* Let R be a ring containing a field of characteristic exponent $p \geq 1$ and $S \in J$ be a finite truncation set. Set

$$\epsilon_S := \prod_{\substack{\text{primes } \ell \in S \\ \ell \neq p}} (1 - \frac{1}{\ell} V_\ell(1)) \in \mathbb{W}_S(R),$$

where the product is over all primes $\ell \in S$ different from p . Then for all $q \geq 0$ there is an isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R^q \xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{\substack{j \in S \\ (j,p)=1}} \mathbb{W}_{S/j \cap P}\Omega_R^q, \quad \alpha \mapsto (F_j(\alpha)|_{S/j \cap P})_j,$$

where $P = \{1, p, p^2, \dots\}$, with inverse map given by

$$(4.1.1) \quad \prod_{\substack{j \in S \\ (j,p)=1}} \mathbb{W}_{S/j \cap P}\Omega_R^q \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R^q, \quad (\alpha_j) \mapsto \sum_j \frac{1}{j} V_j(\epsilon_{S/j} \tilde{\alpha}_j),$$

where $\tilde{\alpha}_j \in \mathbb{W}_{S/j}\Omega_R^q$ is some lift of $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{W}_{S/j \cap P}\Omega_R^q$. These isomorphisms are functorial in S in the obvious sense. (See [HM01, 1.2] or [Rül07, Thm. 1.11].)

4.1.2. Let X be a scheme over a field and S a truncation set. Then there is a unique sheaf of groups $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_X^q$ on X such that for any open affine $U = \text{Spec } R \subset X$ we have $\Gamma(U, \mathbb{W}_S\Omega^q) = \mathbb{W}_S\Omega_R^q$. Indeed, this is true for the p -typical de Rham-Witt, and therefore if S is a finite truncation set we have to set

$$\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_X^q := \prod_{\substack{j \in S \\ (j,p)=1}} \mathbb{W}_{S/j \cap P}\Omega_X^q$$

and if S is infinite then $\mathbb{W}_S \Omega_X^q := \varprojlim_{T \subset S} \mathbb{W}_T \Omega_X^q$, where the limit is over all finite subsets. Clearly all the structure maps sheafify. Notice that $\mathbb{W}_S \Omega_X^0 = \mathbb{W}_S \mathcal{O}_X$ is the sheaf of big Witt vectors over X .

Remark 4.2. In case $p = 1$ the isomorphism from §4.1.1 above has the shape $\mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^q \cong \prod_{j=1}^m \Omega_R^q$. It is direct to check that under this isomorphism the restriction $\mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{m-1} \Omega_R^q$ is given by projecting to the first $m - 1$ -components. In particular we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_R^q \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{m} V_m} \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{m-1} \Omega_R^q \rightarrow 0.$$

4.1.3. Let k be a perfect field of characteristic $p > 0$ and R an essentially smooth k -algebra. Let $C^{-1} : \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \Omega_R^q/B_1^q$ be the inverse Cartier operator, where $B_1^q = d\Omega_R^{q-1}$. Recall that it is injective with image Z_1^q/B_1^q , where $Z_1^q = \text{Ker}(d : \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \Omega_R^{q+1})$. We obtain a chain of subgroups (see e.g. [BK86, (1.3)])

$$0 = B_0^q \subset B_1^q \subset \dots \subset B_n^q \subset B_{n+1}^q \subset \dots \subset Z_{r+1}^q \subset Z_r^q \subset \dots \subset Z_1^q \subset Z_0^q := \Omega_R^q,$$

where by definition $C^{-1}(B_i^q) = B_{i+1}^q/B_1^q$ and $C^{-1}(Z_i^q) = Z_{i+1}^q/B_1^q$, for $i \geq 0$. Notice that we can iterate the inverse Cartier operator n times to obtain a morphism

$$C^{-n} : \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \Omega_R^q/B_n^q,$$

which is injective and has image equal to Z_n^q/B_n^q . By convention $C^{-0} = \text{id}$.

Let $m \geq 1$ be an integer and write $m = m_1 p^s$ with $(m_1, p) = 1$ and $s \geq 0$. Following [BK86, (4.7)] we define

$$\theta : \Omega_R^{q-1} \rightarrow (\Omega_R^q/B_s^q) \oplus (\Omega_R^{q-1}/B_s^{q-1}), \quad \alpha \mapsto (C^{-s}(d\alpha), (-1)^{q-1} m_1 C^{-s}(\alpha))$$

and

$$\text{gr}_m^q(R) := \text{Coker}(\theta : \Omega_R^{q-1} \rightarrow (\Omega_R^q/B_s^q) \oplus (\Omega_R^{q-1}/B_s^{q-1})).$$

(This is the group denoted by ${}^m G_n^{q+1}$ in [BK86, (4.7)], for $n > s$.)

Proposition 4.3 (cf. [Ill79, I, Cor. 3.9], [HK94, Thm. 4.4]). *In the above situation let m be a positive integer and write $m = m_1 p^s$ with $(m_1, p) = 1$ and $s \geq 0$. Then there is an exact sequence of groups*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{gr}_m^q(R) \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{m-1} \Omega_R^q \rightarrow 0,$$

where the map on the right is given by restriction and the map on the left is induced by

$$\Omega_R^q \oplus \Omega_R^{q-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^q, \quad (\alpha, \beta) \mapsto V_m(\alpha) + (-1)^q dV_m(\beta).$$

Proof. For $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ with $(j, p) = 1$ denote by $n(j, m)$ the unique integer ≥ 1 satisfying

$$j p^{n(j, m)-1} \leq m < j p^{n(j, m)}.$$

We get

$$n(j, m) = \begin{cases} s + 1, & \text{if } j = m_1, \\ n(j, m - 1), & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Hence under the isomorphism from §4.1.1 the restriction $\mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{m-1} \Omega_R^q$ becomes

$$\left(\prod_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq m \\ j \neq m_1, (j, p) = 1}} W_{n(j, m)} \Omega_R^q \right) \times W_{s+1} \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \left(\prod_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq m \\ j \neq m_1, (j, p) = 1}} W_{n(j, m)} \Omega_R^q \right) \times W_s \Omega_R^q,$$

which is the identity on the first component and the restriction $W_{s+1} \rightarrow W_s$ on the second. (Here $W_s \Omega_R^q = 0$ for $s = 0$, by convention.) Thus the kernel of $\mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^q \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{m-1} \Omega_R^q$ is given by the image of

$$\text{gr}^s W \Omega_R^q := \text{Ker}(W_{s+1} \Omega_R^q \rightarrow W_s \Omega_R^q)$$

under the isomorphism of §4.1.1. By [Ill79, I, Cor. 3.9] there is a surjection

$$\psi : \frac{\Omega_R^q}{B_s^q} \oplus \frac{\Omega_R^{q-1}}{Z_{s+1}^{q-1}} \rightarrow \text{gr}^s W \Omega_R^q, \quad (\alpha, \beta) \mapsto m_1 V^s(\alpha) + (-1)^q dV^s(\beta)$$

with

$$\text{Ker } \psi = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in \frac{B_{s+1}^q}{B_s^q} \oplus \frac{Z_s^{q-1}}{Z_{s+1}^{q-1}} \mid m_1 V^s(\alpha) = (-1)^{q-1} dV^s(\beta) \right\}.$$

It follows that for any $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{Ker } \psi$ there exist elements $\alpha', \beta' \in \Omega_R^{q-1}$ with

$$(\alpha, \beta) = (C^{-s}(d\alpha'), C^{-s}(\beta')).$$

Now take any $\alpha'', \beta'' \in W_{s+1} \Omega_R^{q-1}$ lifting α', β' . Then by [Ill79, I, Prop. 3.3]

$$\alpha \equiv C^{-s}(d\alpha') \equiv F^s(d\alpha'') \pmod{B_s^q}, \quad \beta \equiv C^{-s}(\beta') \equiv F^s(\beta'') \pmod{Z_{s+1}^{q-1}}.$$

Now $m_1 V^s(\alpha) = (-1)^{q-1} dV^s(\beta)$ yields

$$m_1 p^s d\alpha'' = (-1)^{q-1} p^s d\beta'' \quad \text{in } W_{s+1} \Omega_R^q.$$

Since the map $\Omega_R^{q-1} \rightarrow W_{s+1} \Omega_R^{q-1}$ given by lifting and multiplying with p^s is injective by [Ill79, I, Prop. 3.4], we obtain

$$\beta' \equiv m_1 (-1)^{q_1} \alpha' \pmod{Z_1^{q-1}}.$$

Define

$$\theta' : \Omega_R^{q-1} \rightarrow (\Omega_R^q/B_s^q) \oplus (\Omega_R^{q-1}/Z_{s+1}^{q-1}), \quad \alpha \mapsto (C^{-s}(d\alpha), m_1 (-1)^{q-1} C^{-s}(\alpha)).$$

We obtain

$$\text{Ker } \psi = \text{Im } \theta'.$$

There is a natural surjection

$$\text{gr}_m^q(R) = \text{Coker } \theta \rightarrow \text{Coker } \theta'.$$

This map is in fact an isomorphism, as follows directly from the observation $\text{Ker } \theta' = Z_1^{q-1}$ and the Snake Lemma. Altogether we see that ψ induces an isomorphism $\text{gr}_m^q(R) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{gr}^s W \Omega_R^q$. Finally the composition of ψ with the isomorphism (4.1.1) sends $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Omega_R^q \oplus \Omega_R^{q-1}$ to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m_1} V_{m_1}(\epsilon_{S/m_1} m_1 V_{p^s}(\alpha)) + \frac{1}{m_1} V_{m_1}(\epsilon_{S/m_1} (-1)^q dV_{p^s}(\beta)) \\ &= V_{m_1 p^s}(F_{p^s}(\epsilon_{S/m_1})\alpha) + (-1)^q dV_{m_1 p^s}(F_{p^s}(\epsilon_{S/m_1})\beta) \\ &= V_m(\alpha) + (-1)^q dV_m(\beta), \end{aligned}$$

where we set $S := \{1, \dots, m\}$ and view V_{p^s} as map $\mathbb{W}_{\{1\}} = \mathbb{W}_{S/m_1 p^s} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{S/m_1}$. This finishes the proof. \square

Proposition 4.4 (cf. [HK94, Prop. 4.6]). *Let k be a field, X a regular scheme over k and S a finite truncation set. Then there is a surjective morphism*

$$(4.4.1) \quad (\mathbb{W}_S \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \bigwedge_{\mathbb{Z}}^q \mathcal{O}_X^\times) \oplus (\mathbb{W}_S \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \bigwedge_{\mathbb{Z}}^{q-1} \mathcal{O}_X^\times) \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_X^q,$$

which on local sections is defined by

$$(w \otimes a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_q, 0) \mapsto w \operatorname{dlog} [a_1] \cdots \operatorname{dlog} [a_q]$$

and

$$(0, w \otimes a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_{q-1}) \mapsto dw \operatorname{dlog} [a_1] \cdots \operatorname{dlog} [a_{q-1}],$$

where $[-] : \mathcal{O}_X^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S \mathcal{O}_X^\times$ denotes the Teichmüller lift. Furthermore, if $F \subset k$ is the prime field of k , the kernel of this map is the sheaf of $\mathbb{W}_S(F)$ -modules generated by the local sections

$$(4.4.2) \quad (V_n([a_1]) \otimes a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_q, 0) - n(0, V_n([a_1]) \otimes a_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_q), \quad a_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times, n \in S.$$

Proof. Denote by E_S the sheaf on the left-hand side of (4.4.1) and by K_S the sheaf of $\mathbb{W}_S(F)$ -modules generated by the elements (4.4.2). Clearly there is a well-defined and unique morphism $E_S \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_X^q$ as in the statement. Further the relations $d\mathbb{W}_S(F) = 0$, $ndV_n = V_n d$ and $V_n(\alpha \operatorname{dlog} [a]) = V_n(\alpha) \operatorname{dlog} [a]$ imply that K_S lies in the kernel of this map. The rest of the statement is local. Hence we may assume that X is the spectrum of a regular local k -algebra R . By [Pop86, (2.7) Cor.] R is a filtered direct limit of local rings which are essentially smooth over F . Hence by Lemma 4.1 we can assume that R is essentially smooth over F . Consider the group homomorphism

$$(4.4.3) \quad \prod_{\substack{j \in S \\ (j,p)=1}} E_{S/j \cap P} \rightarrow E_S$$

given by

$$(x_j \otimes a_j, y_j \otimes b_j)_j \rightarrow \sum_j \left(\frac{1}{j} V_j(\epsilon_{S/j} \tilde{x}_j) \otimes a_j, \frac{1}{j} V_j(\epsilon_{S/j} \tilde{y}_j) \otimes b_j \right),$$

where $x_j, y_j \in \mathbb{W}_{S/j \cap P}(R)$, $\tilde{x}_j, \tilde{y}_j \in \mathbb{W}_{S/j}(R)$ are lifts of x_j, y_j and $a_j \in \bigwedge^q R^\times$, $b_j \in \bigwedge^{q-1} R^\times$, the $\epsilon_{S/j}$'s are the ones from §4.1.1 and p is the characteristic exponent of F . The isomorphism (4.1.1) for $q = 0$ immediately gives that (4.4.3) is an isomorphism. We obtain a commutative square

$$(4.4.3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E_S & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_R^q \\ \uparrow \simeq & & \uparrow \simeq (4.1.1) \\ \prod_{\substack{j \in S \\ (j,p)=1}} E_{S/j \cap P} & \longrightarrow & \prod_{\substack{j \in S \\ (j,p)=1}} \mathbb{W}_{S/j \cap P} \Omega_R^q. \end{array}$$

In case $p = 1$ it is straightforward to check that the bottom horizontal map is surjective with kernel equal to $\prod_j K_{S/j \cap P}$. (It suffices to show $E_{\{1\}}^1 / K_{\{1\}}^1 \cong \Omega_R^1$, which is easily done using the universal property of Ω_R^1 .) In case $p > 1$, this follows from [HK94, Prop. 4.6]. (Notice that $\mathbb{W}_{S/j \cap P}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ is a quotient of \mathbb{Z} and hence $K_{S/j \cap P}$ is equal to the group generated by the elements (4.4.2).) Hence the top

map is surjective. It is a direct computation that the vertical arrow on the left-hand side maps $\prod_j K_{S/j \cap P}$ into K_S (use $\frac{1}{j}V_j(xy) = \frac{1}{j^2}V_j(x)V_j(y)$). This finishes the proof. \square

Remark 4.5. Let S be a finite truncation set and $p \geq 1$ the characteristic exponent of the perfect field F . The $\mathbb{W}_S(F)$ -submodule of $(\mathbb{W}_S \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \bigwedge_{\mathbb{Z}}^q \mathcal{O}_X^{\times}) \oplus (\mathbb{W}_S \mathcal{O}_X \otimes \bigwedge_{\mathbb{Z}}^{q-1} \mathcal{O}_X^{\times})$ generated by the elements (4.4.2) is actually equal to the group generated by the elements

$$(4.5.1) \quad (V_n([\lambda a_1]) \otimes a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_q, 0) - n(0, V_n([\lambda a_1]) \otimes a_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_q),$$

for $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^{\times}, \lambda \in F, n \in S$.

Indeed, take $n, r \in S, \lambda \in F, a \in \mathcal{O}_X^{\times}$ and write $n = n'p^t$ with $(n', p) = 1$ and $r = r'p^s$ with $(r', p) = 1$ and $c := \gcd(r', n) = \gcd(r', n')$. Notice $[\lambda] = F_{p^s}[\lambda] \in \mathbb{W}_S(F)$. Then on the one hand we get

$$\begin{aligned} V_r([\lambda]) \cdot \left(V_n([a]) \otimes a, -nV_n(a) \right) &= p^s V_{r'}([\lambda]) \cdot \left(V_n([a]) \otimes a, -nV_n([a]) \right) \\ &= p^s \frac{c^2}{r'} \left(V_{nr'}([\lambda \frac{n}{c} a \frac{r'}{c}]) \otimes a \frac{r'}{c}, -\frac{nr'}{c} V_{nr'}([\lambda \frac{n}{c} a \frac{r'}{c}]) \right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we have

$$\left(V_n([\lambda a]) \otimes a, -nV_n([\lambda a]) \right) = \frac{1}{n} V_{n'}([\lambda]) \cdot \left(V_n([a]) \otimes a, -nV_n([a]) \right).$$

4.2. De Rham-Witt and relative Milnor K -sheaves.

4.2.1. Let R be a noetherian local domain containing a field. We denote $R((T)) := R[[T]][\frac{1}{T}]$. By definition the r -th Milnor K group of $R((T))$ is the quotient of $R((T))^{\otimes zr}$ by the subgroup generated by the elements

$$b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_{i-1} \otimes a \otimes (1 - a) \otimes b_{i+2} \otimes \cdots \otimes b_r,$$

$b_i \in R((T))^{\times}, a, 1 - a \in R((T))^{\times}$. Notice that $R((T))$ is a local ring containing an infinite field. Hence the relations $\{a, -a\} = 0$ and $\{a, b\} = -\{b, a\}$ hold; see e.g. [Ker09, Lem. 2.2]. In particular our definition of $K_r^M(R((T)))$ coincides with the one from [BK86, 4] and also with $\hat{K}_r^M(R((T)))$ defined in [Ker09]. Let K be the fraction field of R . Then the natural map $K_r^M(R((T))) \hookrightarrow K_r^M(K((T)))$ is injective; see [Ker09, Prop. 10].

We denote by

$$U^m K_r^M(R((T)))$$

the subgroup of $K_r^M(R((T)))$ generated by symbols of the form

$$\{1 + xT^m, y_1, \dots, y_{r-1}\}, \quad x \in R[[T]], y_i \in R((T))^{\times}.$$

Notation 4.6. Let X be a regular connected scheme over a field and $\mathbb{A}^1 = \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[T]$. For $m \geq 0$ we set

$$A_X | m := (X \times_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{A}^1, m \cdot (X \times \{0\})).$$

We define $\mathcal{K}_{r, X \times \mathbb{A}^1}^M$ as in §2.1.1 (there for a smooth scheme) and $\mathcal{K}_{r, A_X | m}^M$ as in Definition 2.4.

Lemma 4.7. *We keep the notation from above. Let $j : X \times (\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}) \hookrightarrow X \times \mathbb{A}^1$ be the open immersion and $x \in X$ a point. Set $R := \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$. Then for all $m \geq 1$ there is a natural isomorphism*

$$(j_* \mathcal{K}_{r, X \times (\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\})}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r, A_X|_m}^M)_{x \times \{0\}} \xrightarrow{\cong} K_r^M(R((T))) / U^m K_r^M(R((T))),$$

where we view x via $X \cong X \times \{0\} \hookrightarrow X \times \mathbb{A}^1$ as a point on $X \times \mathbb{A}^1$.

Proof. Set $A := \mathcal{O}_{X \times \mathbb{A}^1, x \times \{0\}}$ and $K = \text{Frac}(A)$. As in Lemma 2.1 and Remark 2.5 we have the following equalities of subgroups of $K_r^M(K(T))$:

$$(j_* \mathcal{K}_{r, X \times (\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\})}^M)_{x \times \{0\}} = \{ (A[\frac{1}{T}])^\times, \dots, (A[\frac{1}{T^m}])^\times \},$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{r, A_X|_m, x \times \{0\}}^M = \{ 1 + T^m A, (A[\frac{1}{T}])^\times, \dots, (A[\frac{1}{T^m}])^\times \}.$$

Since under the natural map $K(T) \hookrightarrow K((T))$ the ring $A[\frac{1}{T}]$ is mapped into $R((T))$ and $(1 + T^m A)$ is mapped into $(1 + T^m R[[T]])$, we obtain a natural map as in the statement. The inverse map is constructed in the same way as in Lemma 2.6. \square

4.2.2. We recall (see e.g. [Hes15, Ex. 1.16]) that for all $m \geq 1$ and all rings R , there is an isomorphism of groups

$$\gamma : \mathbb{W}_m(R) \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{1 + TR[[T]]}{1 + T^{m+1}R[[T]]}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^m V_n([a_n]) \mapsto \prod_{n=1}^m (1 + a_n T^n).$$

There are different conventions for this isomorphism (see [Hes15, before Add. 1.15]); we pick the one which is compatible with [BK86].

The following theorem generalizes the above isomorphism to higher degree and is reminiscent of Bloch’s original construction of the p -typical de Rham-Witt complex in [Blo77].

Theorem 4.8. *Let X be a regular scheme over a field. For $r \geq 0$ and $m \geq 1$ there is an isomorphism of sheaves of abelian groups on X ,*

$$(4.8.1) \quad \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_X^r \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|_1}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|_{(m+1)}}^M},$$

which sends

$$w \text{ dlog } [a_1] \cdots \text{ dlog } [a_r] \mapsto \{ \gamma(w), a_1, \dots, a_r \}$$

and

$$dw \text{ dlog } [a_1] \cdots \text{ dlog } [a_{r-1}] \mapsto (-1)^r \{ \gamma(w), a_1, \dots, a_{r-1}, T \},$$

where $w \in \mathbb{W}_m \mathcal{O}_X, a_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$.

Proof. Denote by $F \subset \mathcal{O}_X$ the prime field and by $p \geq 1$ its characteristic exponent. We will need the following lemma.

Lemma 4.9. *With the above notation we have in $\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|_1}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|_{(m+1)}}^M$:*

$$\{ 1 + a_1 T^m, \lambda, a_2, \dots, a_r \} = 0,$$

for all $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times, \lambda \in F, 1 \leq i \leq m$ and $r \geq 1$.

Proof of Lemma 4.9. If $p > 1$, then $F = \mathbb{F}_p$ and the statement follows directly from $\lambda = \lambda^{p^s}$, for $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_p$ and $s \geq 0$. Thus we assume $p = 1$, i.e. $F = \mathbb{Q}$. For all $\nu \geq 1$ we have the map

$$\text{dlog} : \mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|_\nu}^M \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{A}^1_X}^{r+1}(\log\{0\}_X)(-\nu\{0\}_X),$$

where $\{0\}_X = X \times \{0\}$, at our disposal; see the proof of Proposition 2.15. By Proposition 2.15, (2.15.1) and the fact that the composition (2.15.3) is equal to the differential, the $d\log$ map induces injective maps on the graded pieces

$$\frac{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|\nu}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|(\nu+1)}^M} \hookrightarrow \frac{\Omega_{\mathbb{A}_X^1}^{r+1}(\log\{0\}_X)(-\nu\{0\}_X)}{\Omega_{\mathbb{A}_X^1}^{r+1}(\log\{0\}_X)(-(\nu+1)\{0\}_X)}, \quad \nu \geq 1.$$

Hence also the induced map

$$d\log_{m+1} : \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|1}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|(m+1)}^M} \hookrightarrow \frac{\Omega_{\mathbb{A}_X^1}^{r+1}(\log\{0\}_X)(-\{0\}_X)}{\Omega_{\mathbb{A}_X^1}^{r+1}(\log\{0\}_X)(-(m+1)\{0\}_X)}$$

is injective. Since $d\log_{m+1}(\{1 + a_1 T^n, \lambda, a_2, \dots, a_r\}) = 0$ the lemma is proven. \square

We resume with the proof of Theorem 4.8. By the above lemma the following equality holds in $\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|1}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_X|(m+1)}^M$, for all $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_X^\times$, $\lambda \in F$ and $1 \leq n \leq m$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{1 + \lambda a_1 T^n, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\} \\ = & \{1 + \lambda a_1 T^n, \lambda a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\} - \{1 + \lambda a_1 T^n, -\lambda a_1 T^n, a_2, \dots, a_r\} \\ = & (-1)^r n \cdot \{1 + \lambda a_1 T^n, a_2, \dots, a_r, T\}. \end{aligned}$$

This together with Proposition 4.4 and Remark 4.5 directly implies that there is a well-defined map as in the statement. To show that it is an isomorphism, we may assume that X is the spectrum of a regular local ring and by [Pop86, (2.7) Cor.] and Lemma 4.1 we may further assume that $X = \text{Spec } R$, with R a local ring which is essentially smooth over F .

We first assume $p > 1$. In view of Lemma 4.7 the map defined above has the shape

$$\mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^r \rightarrow U^1 K_{r+1}^M(R((T)))/U^{m+1} K_{r+1}^M(R((T))) := U^1/U^{m+1}.$$

This map clearly induces a morphism from the exact sequence from Proposition 4.3 to the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow U^m/U^{m+1} \rightarrow U^1/U^{m+1} \rightarrow U^1/U^m \rightarrow 0.$$

The map on the kernels $\text{gr}_m^q(R) \rightarrow U^m/U^{m+1}$ precomposed with the natural surjection $\Omega_R^r \oplus \Omega_R^{r-1} \rightarrow \text{gr}_m^q(R)$ is given by

$$(a \, d\log b_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge d\log b_r, 0) \mapsto \{1 + aT^m, b_1, \dots, b_r\}$$

and

$$(0, a \, d\log b_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge d\log b_{r-1}) \mapsto \{1 + aT^m, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}, T\},$$

where $a \in R$, $b_i \in R^\times$. This is the map ρ_m from [BK86, (4.3)], which by [BK86, Rmk. 4.8] induces an isomorphism $\text{gr}_m^q(R) \xrightarrow{\cong} U^m/U^{m+1}$, for all $m \geq 1$. Hence (4.8.1) is an isomorphism by induction on m .

Now assume $p = 1$, i.e. $F = \mathbb{Q}$. In this case the map (4.8.1) induces a morphism from the exact sequence of Remark 4.2 to the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_R|m}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_R|(m+1)}^M} \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_R|1}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_R|(m+1)}^M} \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_R|1}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_R|m}^M} \rightarrow 0,$$

where we abuse notation and write R instead of $\text{Spec } R$. The map on the kernels is given by

$$(4.9.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \Omega_R^r &\rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_R|_m}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r+1, A_R|(m+1)}^M \\ a \text{ dlog } b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \text{dlog } b_r &\mapsto \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{m} a T^m, b_1, \dots, b_r \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$a \in R, b_i \in R^\times$, and it suffices to show that this map is an isomorphism. With the notation from (2.12.1) the global sections over $\text{Spec } R$ of the sheaf $\omega_{A_R|_m, m, 1}^r$ are

$$T^m \cdot R \otimes_R (\Omega_R^r \oplus (\Omega_R^{r-1} \wedge \text{dlog } T)),$$

and the differential $d : \omega_{A_R|_m, m, 1}^{r-1} \rightarrow \omega_{A_R|_m, m, 1}^r$ is given by

$$d(T^m \otimes (\alpha, \beta \wedge \text{dlog } T)) = T^m \otimes (d\alpha, ((-1)^{r-1} m\alpha + d\beta) \wedge \text{dlog } T).$$

It is direct to check that $\Omega_R^r \rightarrow \omega_{A_R|_m, m, 1}^r / B_{A_R|_m, m, 1}^r, \alpha \mapsto T^m \otimes (\frac{1}{m}\alpha, 0)$ is an isomorphism. Hence, by Proposition 2.15, the map (4.9.1) is an isomorphism as well. This finishes the proof. \square

Corollary 4.10. *Let p be a prime number and R be a regular local \mathbb{F}_p -algebra. Then the multiplication with p on $K^M(R((T)))$ induces an injective homomorphism*

$$U^m K_r^M(R((T))) / U^{m+1} K_r^M(R((T))) \xrightarrow{p} U^{pm} K_r^M(R((T))) / U^{pm+1} K_r^M(R((T))),$$

for all $r, m \geq 1$.

Proof. As above, using Lemma 4.7 and [Pop86, (2.7) Cor.] we reduce to the case where R is local and essentially smooth over \mathbb{F}_p . In this case, lifting and multiplying with p induces an injective map $\underline{p} : \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_R^{r-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{pm} \Omega_R^{r-1}$, by [Ill79, I, Prop. 3.4] and §4.1.1. Hence the statement follows directly from Theorem 4.8. \square

4.3. Motivic cohomology of $(\mathbb{A}^1, (m+1) \cdot \{0\})$ and additive Chow groups. Let k be a field of characteristic $\neq 2$. We write $\mathbb{A}_k^1 = \text{Spec } k[T]$.

4.3.1. Recall from [Rül07, Thm. 3.20] that with the notation from Notation 4.6 there is an isomorphism for all $m, r \geq 1$,

$$(4.10.1) \quad \theta : \text{CH}^r(A_k|(m+1), r-1) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^{r-1},$$

which sends the class of a closed point $P \in (\mathbb{A}_k^1 \setminus \{0\}) \times (\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\})^{r-1}$ to

$$\theta([P]) = \text{Tr}_{k(P)/k} \left(\frac{1}{[T(P)]} \text{dlog } [y_1(P)] \cdots \text{dlog } [y_{r-1}(P)] \right),$$

where $\text{Tr}_{k(P)/k} : \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^{r-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^{r-1}$ is the trace map from [Rül07, Thm. 2.6]. Let $f \in 1 + Tk[T]$ be an irreducible polynomial of degree $\leq m$ and denote by $w(f) \in \mathbb{W}_m(k)$ the corresponding Witt vector; see §4.2.2. Let $P, Q \in (\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}) \times (\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\})^{r-1}$ be two closed points defined by the following vanishing sets:

$$(4.10.2) \quad P = V(f, y_1 - b_1, \dots, y_{r-1} - b_{r-1}), \quad b_i \in k^\times,$$

$$(4.10.3) \quad Q = V(f, 1 - Ty_1, y_2 - b_1, \dots, y_{r-1} - b_{r-2}), \quad b_i \in k^\times.$$

Then

$$\theta(P) = w(f) \text{dlog } [b_1] \cdots \text{dlog } [b_{r-1}] \in \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^{r-1}$$

and

$$\theta(Q) = dw(f) \text{dlog } [b_1] \cdots \text{dlog } [b_{r-2}] \in \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^{r-1}.$$

(Indeed, set $L := k[T]/(f)$ and denote by $t \in L$ the residue class of T . Then the above formulas follow immediately from the fact that $\mathrm{Tr}_{L/k} : \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_L^\bullet \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^\bullet$ is a map of differential graded $\mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^\bullet$ -modules (see [Rül07, Thm. 2.6]) and the fact that $\mathrm{Tr}_{L/K}(1/[t]) = w(f)$; see [Rül07, (3.7.3)].)

Lemma 4.11. *The cycle map $\phi_{A_k|(m+1)}^r : \tau_{\geq r} \mathbb{Z}(r)_{A_k|(m+1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M$ (see Corollary 3.4 in the case where D_{red} is smooth) induces an isomorphism*

$$(4.11.1) \quad H_{\mathcal{M}}^{r+1}(A_k|(m+1), \mathbb{Z}(r)) \xrightarrow{\cong} U^1 K_r^M(k((T)))/U^{m+1} K_r^M(k((T))),$$

for all $r, m \geq 1$.

Proof. By Theorem 3.8 the cycle map induces an isomorphism

$$H_{\mathcal{M}}^{r+1}(A_k|(m+1), \mathbb{Z}(r)) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M).$$

Set $\mathcal{Q} := \mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_k^1}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M$. We obtain an exact sequence

$$H^0(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_k^1}^M) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{Q}) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_k^1}^M).$$

Now the term on the very right vanishes by homotopy invariance, and for the same reason the term on the very left equals $K_r^M(k)$. Furthermore \mathcal{Q} is supported at the closed point $x := \{0\} \in \mathbb{A}_k^1$ and therefore $H^0(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{Q}) = \mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_k^1,x}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1),x}^M$. We obtain an isomorphism

$$(4.11.2) \quad H^1(\mathbb{A}^1, \mathcal{K}_{A_k|(m+1)}^M) \cong \mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_k^1,x}^M / (\mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1),x}^M + K_r^M(k)).$$

The statement follows from Lemma 4.7 and the observation that the right-hand side is canonically isomorphic to $\mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|1,x}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1),x}^M$. For the latter it suffices to show that $T \mapsto 0$ induces an isomorphism $\mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_k^1,x}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_k|1,x}^M \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{K}_{r,k}^M$, which is a special case of Proposition 2.10. \square

Theorem 4.12. *Let k be a field of characteristic $\neq 2$. The following diagram is commutative for all $r, m \geq 1$:*

$$\begin{CD} \mathrm{CH}^r(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, r-1) @>\mathrm{nat.}>> H_{\mathcal{M}}^{r+1}(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \\ @V(-1)^{r(r-1)/2} \cdot (4.10.1) \downarrow \simeq VV @A \simeq (4.11.1) AA \\ \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^{r-1} @>\cdot(4.8.1) \simeq>> U^1 K_r^M(k((T)))/U^{m+1} K_r^M(k((T))). \end{CD}$$

In particular the natural maps

$$\mathrm{CH}^r(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, r-n) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{\mathcal{M}}^{r+n}(\mathbb{A}_k^1|(m+1)\{0\}, \mathbb{Z}(r)), \quad n \geq 1,$$

are isomorphisms. (Notice that for $n \geq 2$ the left-hand side is clearly zero and the right-hand side is zero by Theorem 3.8.)

Proof. We show that the two compositions

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha : \mathrm{CH}^r(A_k|(m+1), r-1) &\xrightarrow{\mathrm{nat.}} H^{r+1}(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathbb{Z}(r)_{A_k|(m+1)}) \\ &\xrightarrow{\phi_{A_k|(m+1)}^{1,r}} H^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \beta : \text{CH}^r(A_k|(m+1), r-1) &\xrightarrow{(4.10.1)} \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_k^{r-1} \\ &\xrightarrow{(4.8.1)} U^1 K_r^M(k((T)))/U^{m+1} K_r^M(k((T))) =: U^1/U^{m+1} \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{via (4.11.2)}} H^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M) \end{aligned}$$

coincide. By Proposition 4.4 and §4.3.1 it suffices to show

$$\alpha(P) = \beta(P), \quad \alpha(Q) = \beta(Q),$$

where P and Q are the points defined in (4.10.2) and (4.10.3), respectively. In the following we fix the elements $f \in 1 + Tk[T]$ and $b_i \in k^\times$ defining P and Q . Using the Cousin resolution of $\mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M$ (see §2.5.1), we get a surjection

$$H_{\{0\}}^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M) \oplus \bigoplus_{x \in \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{0\}} K_{r-1}^M(k(x)) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M).$$

Set $L = k[T]/(f)$ and denote by $t \in L$ the residue class of T . We denote by $\iota_L : K_{r-1}^M(L) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M)$ the map induced by the above surjection. Then by definition of $\phi_{A_k|(m+1)}^r$ (see §3.2.1 and §3.1.1), we have

$$\alpha(P) = \iota_L(\{b_{r-1}, \dots, b_1\}) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(Q) = \iota_L(\{b_{r-2}, \dots, b_1, \frac{1}{t}\}).$$

On the other hand the images of P and Q in U^1/U^{m+1} under the composition (4.8.1) $\circ ((-1)^{r(r-1)/2} \cdot (4.10.1))$ equal

$$P \mapsto \{b_{r-1}, \dots, b_1, f\} \text{ mod } U^{m+1}$$

and

$$Q \mapsto -\{b_{r-2}, \dots, b_1, T, f\} \text{ mod } U^{m+1}.$$

We have to compute the images of these elements under the connecting homomorphism

$$(4.12.1) \quad U^1/U^{m+1} \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{A}_k^1, \mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M).$$

To this end, let $C^\bullet := \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^1, C_{r,\mathbb{A}_k^1}^\bullet)$ and $C_{m+1}^\bullet := \Gamma(\mathbb{A}^1, C_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^\bullet)$ be the global sections of the Cousin complexes of $\mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_k^1}^M$ and $\mathcal{K}_{r,A_k|(m+1)}^M$, respectively, and $\nu : C_{m+1}^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$ the natural map between them. Notice that $C^0 = K_r^M(k(t)) = C_{m+1}^0$. Set $D^\bullet = \text{cone}(C_{m+1}^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet)$; i.e. D^\bullet is the complex sitting in degrees $[-1, 1]$,

$$C_{m+1}^0 \xrightarrow{d^{-1}} C^0 \oplus C_{m+1}^1 \xrightarrow{d^0} C^1,$$

with $d^{-1}(a) = (a, -d_{C_{m+1}^0}^0(a))$ and $d^0(b, c) = d_C^0(b) + \nu(c)$. Then D^\bullet is quasi-isomorphic to U^1/U^{m+1} (see after (4.11.2)). The boundary map (4.12.1) is given by:

1. Lift an element from U^1/U^{m+1} to $\text{Ker}(d^0) \subset C^0 \oplus C_{m+1}^1$.
2. Apply $-\pi$, with $\pi : C^0 \oplus C_{m+1}^1 \rightarrow C_{m+1}^1$ the projection.
3. Consider the class of the resulting element modulo the image of $d_{C_{m+1}^0}^0 : C_{m+1}^0 \rightarrow C_{m+1}^1$.

The boundary d_C^0 is given by the tame symbols ∂_x along the various points $x \in \mathbb{A}_k^1$. We have

$$\partial_x(\{b_{r-1}, \dots, b_1, f\}) = \begin{cases} \{b_{r-1}, \dots, b_1\} \in K_{r-1}^M(L), & \text{if } x = V(f), \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\partial_x(-\{b_{r-1}, \dots, b_1, T, f\}) = \begin{cases} \{b_{r-1}, \dots, b_1, \frac{1}{t}\} \in K_{r-1}^M(L), & \text{if } x = V(f), \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

All together we obtain $\beta(P) = \iota_L(\{b_{r-1}, \dots, b_1\})$ and $\beta(Q) = \iota_L(\{b_{r-2}, \dots, b_1, \frac{1}{t}\})$. This finishes the proof. \square

5. A VANISHING RESULT

Theorem 5.1. *Let k be a field and X a smooth equidimensional k -scheme of dimension d , D an effective Cartier divisor on X such that D_{red} is a simple normal crossing divisor. For $n \geq 1$ and $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ define the divisor $E_{\mathbf{m}} := \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \cdot q_i^* \{0\}$ on \mathbb{A}_k^n , where $q_i : \mathbb{A}_k^n \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1$ denotes the projection to the i -th factor. Denote by $p : X \times \mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow X$ the projection map and set $E_{\mathbf{m}, X} := X \times E_{\mathbf{m}}$. Then:*

(1)

$$H_{\mathcal{M}}^{d+r+1}(X \times \mathbb{A}^1 | E_{(m+1), X}, \mathbb{Z}(r)) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } m = 0, \\ H^d(X, \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_X^{r-1}), & \text{if } m \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

(2) For all $n \geq 2$ and all $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^d$,

$$H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{d+r+n}(X \times \mathbb{A}^n | (p^* D + E_{\mathbf{m}, X}), \mathbb{Z}(r)) = 0.$$

Proof. By Theorem 3.8(2), it suffices to prove the corresponding Nisnevich statement of (1). Therefore, we will work in the Nisnevich topology and with the Nisnevich sheafification of the relative Milnor K -theory for the rest of the proof and drop the index Nis everywhere. Set

$$Q_{p^* D + E_{\mathbf{m}}} := \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^n}^M / \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^n | (p^* D + E_{\mathbf{m}, X})}^M.$$

We have

$$(5.1.1) \quad H^j(\mathbb{A}_X^1, \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1 | E_{1, X}}^M) = 0, \quad \text{for all } j.$$

Indeed, by Proposition 2.10 $Q_{E_1} \cong i_* \mathcal{K}_{r, X}^M$, where $i : X \times \{0\} \hookrightarrow X \times \mathbb{A}^1$ is the closed immersion. Therefore, the natural map

$$H^j(\mathbb{A}_X^1, \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1}^M) \rightarrow H^j(\mathbb{A}_X^1, Q_{E_1})$$

is an isomorphism for all j by homotopy invariance. Hence (5.1.1) follows from the long exact cohomology sequence induced by

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1 | E_{1, X}}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1}^M \rightarrow Q_{E_1} \rightarrow 0.$$

This gives the vanishing for $m = 0$ in (1), by Theorem 3.8. By Theorem 4.8 we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1 | E_{(m+1), X}}^M \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1 | E_{1, X}}^M \rightarrow i_* \mathbb{W}_m \Omega_X^{r-1} \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence the statement for $m \geq 1$ in (1) follows from Theorem 3.8 and (5.1.1).

Next we prove (2). Notice that the general case is implied by the case $n = 2$. For $\mathfrak{m} \in \mathbb{N}^2$ we have an exact sequence

$$H^{d+1}(\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2}^M) \rightarrow H^{d+1}(Q_{p^*D+E_{\mathfrak{m}}}) \rightarrow H^{d+2}(\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X})}^M) \rightarrow H^{d+2}(\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2}^M),$$

where we abbreviate $H^j(\mathbb{A}_X^2, -)$ by $H^j(-)$. Here, the two outer terms vanish by homotopy invariance and the Nisnevich version of Grothendieck’s general vanishing theorem. By Theorem 3.8, we therefore have to show

$$H^{d+1}(\mathbb{A}_X^2, Q_{p^*D+E_{\mathfrak{m}}}) = 0.$$

We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D_{\text{red}}+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X, \text{red}})}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X})}^M} \rightarrow Q_{p^*D+E_{\mathfrak{m}}} \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D_{\text{red}}+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X, \text{red}})}^M} \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus the statement follows from the two claims:

$$(5.1.2) \quad H^{d+1} \left(\mathbb{A}_X^2, \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D_{\text{red}}+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X, \text{red}})}^M} \right) = 0.$$

$$(5.1.3) \quad H^{d+1} \left(\mathbb{A}_X^2, \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D_{\text{red}}+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X, \text{red}})}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X})}^M} \right) = 0.$$

We prove the vanishing (5.1.2). We do induction on the number of irreducible components of D . First assume $D = 0$. If $\mathfrak{m} = (0, 0)$, there is nothing to prove. If $\mathfrak{m} = (1, 0)$ or $(0, 1)$, then the term in (5.1.2) is equal to $H^{d+1}(\mathbb{A}_X^1, \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1}^M)$, by Proposition 2.10; hence it vanishes by homotopy invariance and the Nisnevich version of Grothendieck’s general vanishing theorem. If $\mathfrak{m} = (1, 1)$, we have by Proposition 2.10 an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1 | E_{1, X}}^M \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | E_{(1, 1), X}}^M} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^1}^M \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence the vanishing of $H^{d+1}(\mathbb{A}_X^2, -)$ of the middle part follows from (5.1.1) and homotopy invariance as before. If $D \neq 0$, let D_1 be one of its irreducible components and write $D_{\text{red}} = D_1 + D'$, where D' is reduced and effective. By Proposition 2.10

$$(5.1.4) \quad \frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | p^*D'+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X, \text{red}}}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D_{\text{red}}+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X, \text{red}})}^M} \cong i_{1*} \left(\frac{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_{D_1}^2}^M}{\mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_{D_1}^2 | (p^*(D' \cap D_1)_{\text{red}}+E_{\mathfrak{m}, D_1, \text{red}})}^M} \right),$$

where $i_1 : \mathbb{A}_{D_1}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}_X^2$ is the closed immersion. We have $H^{d+1}(\mathbb{A}_{D_1}^2, \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_{D_1}^2}^M) = 0$ by homotopy invariance and $H^{d+2}(\mathbb{A}_{D_1}^2, \mathcal{K}_{r, \mathbb{A}_{D_1}^2 | (p^*(D' \cap D_1)_{\text{red}}+E_{\mathfrak{m}, D_1, \text{red}})}^M) = 0$ for dimension reasons. This implies the vanishing $H^{d+1}(\mathbb{A}_X^2, (5.1.4)) = 0$. Hence we are reduced to proving the vanishing (5.1.2) with D replaced by D' . We conclude by induction.

We prove the vanishing (5.1.3). Consider the sheaf

$$\omega_{\mathfrak{n}, \nu}^{r-1} := \omega_{\mathbb{A}_X^2 | (p^*D+E_{\mathfrak{m}, X}), \mathfrak{n}, \nu}^{r-1}$$

with the notation from §2.4.3 and define $B_{s+1, \mathfrak{n}, \nu}^{r-1}$ as in §2.4.4, with $s = 0$, in case k has characteristic 0. If $(p^*D + E_{\mathfrak{m}, X})_{\nu}$ is one of the irreducible components of p^*D , set $X_{\nu} := D_{\nu} \times \mathbb{A}^1$; if it is an irreducible component of $E_{\mathfrak{m}, X}$ set $X_{\nu} := X$.

Then $\omega_{\mathfrak{n},\nu}^{r-1}$ is a locally free sheaf on $X_\nu \times \mathbb{A}^1$ and $B_{s+1,\mathfrak{n},\nu}^{r-1}$ is a subsheaf. By Proposition 2.15 and Theorem 2.19 the sheaf $\mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_X^2}^M|(p^*D_{\text{red}}+E_{\mathfrak{m},X,\text{red}})/\mathcal{K}_{r,\mathbb{A}_X^2}^M|(p^*D+E_{\mathfrak{m},X})$ is a successive extension of the sheaves $\omega_{\mathfrak{n},\nu}^{r-1}/B_{s+1,\mathfrak{n},\nu}^{r-1}$, for certain s, \mathfrak{n}, ν . Since $H^{d+2}(X_\nu \times \mathbb{A}^1, B_{s+1,\mathfrak{n},\nu}^{r-1}) = 0$, for dimension reasons, it suffices to show

$$(5.1.5) \quad H^{d+1}(X_\nu \times \mathbb{A}^1, \omega_{\mathfrak{n},\nu}^{r-1}) = 0.$$

Denote by $a : X_\nu \times \mathbb{A}^1 \rightarrow X_\nu$ and by $b : X_\nu \times \mathbb{A}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ the projection maps. Since $\Omega_{\mathbb{A}^1}^1(\log\{0\})(-m \cdot \{0\}) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^1}$, it follows directly from the definition of $\omega_{\mathfrak{n},\nu}^{r-1}$ in §2.4.3 that there exist locally free sheaves ω^{r-1} and ω^{r-2} on X_ν , possibly of rank 0, such that

$$\omega_{\mathfrak{n},\nu}^{r-1} \cong a^*\omega^{r-1} \oplus a^*\omega^{r-2}.$$

We have for $i = r - 1, r - 2$,

$$H^{d+1}(X_\nu \times \mathbb{A}^1, a^*\omega^i) = H^0(\mathbb{A}^1, R^{d+1}b_*(a^*\omega^i)) = k[t] \otimes_k H^{d+1}(X_\nu, \omega^i) = 0,$$

where the first equality follows from the Leray spectral sequence, the second from flat base change and the vanishing holds for dimension reasons. This yields the vanishing (5.1.5) and finishes the proof. \square

Remark 5.2. Let X be an equidimensional k -scheme of dimension d and D an effective Cartier divisor on X . By [KP15, Thm. 5.11] we have the vanishing $\text{CH}^r(X \times \mathbb{A}^n|(p^*D + E_{\mathfrak{m}}), r - (d + n)) = 0$, for all r , all $n \geq 2$, and all $\mathfrak{m} \in (\mathbb{N}_{\geq 1})^n$. In particular, if the assumptions of Theorem 5.1 are satisfied, the natural map

$$\text{CH}^r(X \times \mathbb{A}^n|(p^*D + E_{\mathfrak{m}}), r - (d + n)) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{M}, \text{Nis}}^{r+d+n}(X \times \mathbb{A}^n|(p^*D + E_{\mathfrak{m}}), \mathbb{Z}(r))$$

is bijective.

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