

Semi-continuity of conductor divisors of l -adic sheaves.

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Part 1. Classical ramification theory

k : a local field (e.g. $\mathbb{Q}_p, \mathbb{F}_p((t)) \dots$)

O_k : integer ring of k (e.g. $\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{F}_p[[t]] \dots$)

F : $F = O_k/m_k$ the residue field

G_k : $\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ an absolute Galois group of k

We assume that $\text{char}(F) = p > 0$ and \bar{F} is perfect.

Thm (Herbrand) There is a decreasing filtration

$\{G_{k,\text{up}}^i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}}$ of G_k by closed normal subgroups.

It is called the upper numbering filtration of G_k .

• $G_{k,\text{up}}^0 = I_k$ the inertia subgroup of G_k

• $G_{k,\text{up}}^{0+} = \overline{\bigcup_{b>0} G_{k,\text{up}}^b} = P_k$ the wild inertia subgroup of G_k

P_k is a very large pro- p -group. It is the

heart of the ramification theory for local fields.

• $G_{k,\text{up}}^i / G_{k,\text{up}}^{i+} \cong \pi_1^{\text{alg}}(A_{\bar{F}}^i)$ ($i \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$)

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{F}_q^n \quad (l.p) = 1$$

M a f.g. Λ -module with a continuous G_K -action.

Slope decomposition : $M = \bigoplus_{r \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}} M^{(r)}$
 (finitely many $r \geq 0$)

where $M^{(0)} = M^{P_K}$,

for $r > 0$, $M^{(r)} = (M^{(r)})^{G_{K, \text{up}}^r} = \{0\}$. $(M^{(r)})^{G_{K, \text{up}}^{r+1}} = M^{(r)}$.

Slopes of M : $\{ r \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \mid M^{(r)} \neq 0 \}$ \leftarrow finite set

upper numbering conductor of M :

$$\tilde{c}_K(M) = \text{the largest slope of } M. \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$$

Swan conductor of M : $sw_K(M) = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}} r \cdot rk_{\Lambda} M^{(r)}$

Total dimension of M : $dt_K(M) = sw_K(M) + rk_{\Lambda}(M)$

Thm (Hasse - Artin) $sw_K(M)$ and $dt_K(M)$ are integers.

$$\text{Ex: } k = \mathbb{F}_p((t)), \quad L = k[x] / (x^p - x - \frac{1}{t^m}) \quad (m, p) = 1$$

$p: \text{Gal}(L/k) \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \Lambda^x$ a non-trivial character.

$$\tilde{c}_k(p) = \text{sw}_k(p) = m, \quad \text{dt}_k(p) = m+1$$

Thm (Grothendieck-Ogg-Shafarevich) Let k be an algebraically closed field of characteristic $p > 0$, let C be a connected, proper and smooth k -curve, let $j: U \rightarrow C$ be an open immersion and let \mathcal{F} be a locally constant and constructible sheaf of Λ -modules on U . Then, we have

$$\chi_c(U, \mathcal{F}) = \text{rk}_\Lambda \mathcal{F} \cdot \chi_c(U, \Lambda) - \sum_{x \in X-U} \text{sw}_{k_x}(\mathcal{F}|_{\text{Spec } k_x})$$

$$k_x = k(\hat{O}_{C,x})$$

Question: $k = \bar{k}$ char $k = p > 0$, X a smooth k -scheme,

D an effective Cartier divisor on X , \mathcal{F} a locally constant and constructible sheaf of Λ -modules on $U = X - D$.

How to describe the ramification of \mathcal{F} along D ?

Part 2 Ramification for higher dimensions

(1980s-)

(i) Deligne - Laumon, Esnault - Kerz, Wiesend ... approach

\exists an effective Cartier divisor $R(\mathbb{F})$ supported on D

s.t. \forall smooth k -curve C , $i: C \rightarrow X$

$x = (i^*D)_{\text{red}} \in C$ is a closed point of C , we have

$m_x(i^*R(\mathbb{F})) \geq \text{SW}_x(\mathbb{F}|_{C-\{x\}})$ and the bound is sharp??

Picture 1

$\xi \in D$ the generic point of an irreducible component

of D ,

$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{X,\xi}$ complete DVR with the residue field $k(\xi)$

$\text{char } k(\xi) = p > 0$ but $k(\xi)$ is not perfect in general.

$k = k(\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{X,\xi})$ discrete valuation field.

$$G_k = \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k) \quad G_k^{\text{ab}} = G_k / \overline{[G_k, G_k]}$$

(ii) $\text{tr. deg}(k(\xi)/k) = n$.

(1980s-)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_{n+1}(k) & \longrightarrow & G_k^{\text{ab}} \\ \uparrow & & \\ \text{Milnor } k\text{-group} & & \end{array}$$

(K. Kato's higher local class field theory)

It gives rise to two filtrations $\{G_K^{ab,i}\}_{i \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 1}}$ and $\{G_K^{ab,log}\}_{i \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}}$

on G_K^{ab}

(iii). Abbes and Saito's ramification filtration. (2000s -)

Using rigid geometry and other geometric methods,

they constructed two decreasing filtrations $\{G_K^i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 1}}$

$\{G_K^{i,log}\}_{i \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}}$ on G_K that generalize the upper numbering filtration for local fields.

• $G_K^1 = G_K^{0,log} = \bar{I}_K$ inertia subgroup of G_K

• $G_K^{1+} = G_K^{0+,log} = P_K$ wild inertia subgroup of G_K

• $\forall i \geq 0, \quad G_K^{i+1} \subseteq G_K^{i,log} \subseteq G_K^i$

• If the residue field $\bar{F} = O_K/m_K$ is perfect,

we have $G_K^{i+1} = G_K^{i,log} = G_K^{i,up}$ ($i \geq 0$)

(iv) Kedlaya and Xiao's ramification filtrations
of G_K using p -adic differential equations (2005-)

(v) Beilinson's singular support and Saito's
Characteristic cycles of ℓ -adic sheaves on smooth
varieties (2015, 2017)

$k = \bar{k}$ char $k = p > 0$, X smooth k -scheme

$\mathcal{G} \in \text{ob } D_c^b(X, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n \mathbb{Z})$ $(d, p) = 1$.

$SS(\mathcal{G})$: a closed conical subset of T^*X
of equi-dimension $\dim X$.

$CC(\mathcal{G})$: a cycle of T^*X supported on $SS(\mathcal{G})$

$-\left(CC(\mathcal{G}), \text{zero section of } T^*X \right) \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \chi(X, \mathcal{G})$

when X is projective

- A generalization of Grothendieck-Ogg-Shafarevich
formula

(v) SS + CC



(iii) Abbes - Saito's ramification filtrations



(iv) Kedlaya - Xiao's ramification filtrations



(ii) Kato's filtration on G_K^{ab}

??

(i). Ramification of \mathcal{F} along D by restricting to curves

Part 3. Bounding ramifications by restricting to curves

k a perfect field of characteristic $p > 0$,

X smooth k -scheme.

D a SNCD of D

$D = \sum_i D_i$ irreducible components, $\xi_i \in D_i$ generic point

$U = X - D$, $j: U \rightarrow X$ open immersion

\mathcal{F} l.c.c. étale sheaf of Λ -modules on U ($\Lambda = \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p^n$, $(l.p) = 1$)

$k_i = k(\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{X, \xi_i})$, \bar{k}_i a separable closure of k_i

$G_{k_i} = \text{Gal}(\bar{k}_i/k_i)$, $\{G_{k_i}^r\}_{r \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 1}}$ Abbes and Saito's

ramification filtration. $\{G_{k_i, \log}^r\}_{r \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}}$ Abbes and Saito's

logarithmic ramification filtration.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Spec } k_i & \longrightarrow & U \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \\
 \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \\
 \text{Spec } \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{X, \xi_i} & \longrightarrow & X
 \end{array}$$

$M_i = \mathcal{F}|_{\text{Spec } k_i} \iff$ a finitely generated Λ -module with

a continuous G_{k_i} -action.

Slope decomposition

$$M_i = \bigoplus_{r \geq 1} M_i^{(r)}$$

$$M_i^{(1)} = M_i^{P_{k_i}}$$

$$(M_i^{(r)})^{G_{k_i}^r} = \{0\} \quad (r > 1)$$

$$(M_i^{(r)})^{G_{k_i}^{r+1}} = M_i^{(r)}$$

Total dimension

$$dt_{k_i}(M_i) = \sum_r r \cdot \dim_{\Lambda} M_i^{(r)}$$

If $k(\zeta_i)$ is perfect, then
 $dt_{k_i}(M_i)$ here \equiv
 $dt_{k_i}(M_i)$ by upper numbering fil

Total dimension divisor

$$DT_X(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_i dt_{k_i}(M_i) \cdot D_i \leftarrow \text{Effective Cartier divisor}$$

Thm (A)

(1). For any smooth k -curve C and any immersion $h: C \rightarrow X$ such that $x = C \cap D$ is a closed point of X , we have

$$m_x(h^*(DT_X(\mathcal{F}))) \geq dt_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-x}) \quad [\text{H.-Yang 2017}]$$

(2). There exists an open dense subset $D_0 \subseteq D$

such that the ramification of \mathcal{F} along D_0 is non-degenerate. For a curve C and any immersion $h: C \rightarrow X$

Such that $x = C \cap D \subseteq D_0$ and $dh: T_x^* X \rightarrow T_x^* C$ satisfies

$\ker(dh) \cap (SS(\mathcal{F})_{X_x, x}) \subseteq \{0\} \subseteq T_x^* X$, we have

Picture 1 $m_x(h^*(DT_X(\mathcal{F}))) = dt_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-x})$. [Saito 2017]

Logarithmic slope decomposition

$$\mathcal{F}|_{\text{Spec } k_i} = M_i = \bigoplus_{r \geq 0} M_{i, \log}^{(r)}$$

$$M_{i, \log}^{(0)} = M_i^{P_{k_i}}$$

$$(M_{i, \log}^{(r)})^{G_{k_i, \log}^r} = \{0\}$$

$$(M_{i, \log}^r)^{G_{k_i, \log}^{r+1}} = M_{i, \log}^r \quad (r > 0)$$

Swan conductor

$$Sw_{k_i}(M_i) = \sum_{r \geq 0} r \cdot \dim(M_{i, \log}^{(r)})$$

When $k(\xi_i)$ is perfect
 $Sw_{k_i}(M_i)$ here =
 $Sw_{k_i}(M_i)$ by upper numbering

Swan divisor

$$Sw_X(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_i Sw_{k_i}(M_i) \cdot D_i$$

Thm (B) [H. 2019]

(1). For any smooth k -curve C and any immersion $h: C \rightarrow X$ such that $x = C \cap D$ is a closed point of X , we have

$$m_x(h^*(Sw_X(\mathcal{F}))) \geq Sw_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-(x)})$$

(2). Assume that D is a smooth irreducible Cartier divisor of X . Let $\mathcal{I}(X, D)$ be the set of triples $(C, h: C \rightarrow X, x)$

where C is a smooth k -curve, $h: C \rightarrow X$ an immersion
 $x = CAD$ a closed point. Then we have

$$Sw_D(\mathcal{F}) = \sup_{LC, h: C \rightarrow X, x \in I(x, D)} \frac{Sw_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-\{x\}})}{m_x(h^*D)}$$

Picture 1

Swan conductor of \mathcal{F} at the generic point of D

Remark: C is a curve,

$$dt_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-\{x\}}) = Sw_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-\{x\}}) + rk_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-\{x\}})$$

A locally constant and constructible sheaf \mathcal{F} ramified
 along a SNCD on a smooth k -scheme,

Total dimension divisor (Abbes - Saito's ramification filtration)
 sharply bounds the total dimension of \mathcal{F} after restricting
 to curves. (Thm A)

Swan divisor (Abbes - Saito's logarithmic ramification filtration)
 sharply bounds the swan conductor of \mathcal{F} after restricting
 to curves, in an asymptotic way. (Thm B)

Q: Which divisor sharply bounds the upper numbering conductor of \mathcal{F} after restricting to curves?

$$\mathcal{F}|_{\text{Spa } k_i} = M_i = \bigoplus_{r \geq 1} M_i^{(r)} \quad (\text{Slope decomposition})$$

conductor: $c_{k_i}(M_i) = \text{largest slope of } M_i$

conductor divisor: $C_X(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_i c_{k_i}(M_i) \cdot D_i \in \text{Div}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$

Thm (C) [H. 2020]

(1). For any smooth k -curve C and any immersion $h: C \rightarrow X$ such that $x = C \cap D$ is a closed point of X , we have

$$m_x(h^*(C_X(\mathcal{F}))) \geq \tilde{c}_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-(x)}) + 1$$

\uparrow
 upper numbering conductor of $\mathcal{F}|_{C-(x)}$ at x .

(2) under the same condition as in Thm (A) (2)

we have $m_x(h^*(C_X(\mathcal{F}))) = \tilde{c}_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-(x)}) + 1$

$$\mathcal{F}|_{\text{Sp}k_i} = M_i = \bigoplus_{r \geq 0} M_i^{(r)} \cdot \log \quad (\text{logarithmic slope decomposition})$$

logarithmic conductor $\tilde{c}_{k_i}(M_i) = \text{largest logarithmic slope of } M_i$

$$\underline{\text{logarithmic conductor divisor}} \quad \tilde{C}_X(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_i \tilde{c}_{k_i}(M_i) \cdot D_i$$

Remark: If the residue field of k_i is perfect

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{c}_{k_i}(M) &= \text{largest logarithmic slope of } M_i \\ &\parallel \\ &= \text{largest upper numbering slope of } M_i \end{aligned}$$

Thm (D), [H. 2020]

(1). For any smooth k -curve C and any immersion

$h: C \rightarrow X$ such that $x = C \cap X$ is a closed point of X , we have

$$m_x(h^*(\tilde{C}_X(\mathcal{F}))) \geq \tilde{c}_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-(x)})$$

(2). Assume that D is a smooth irreducible Cartier divisor of X . Let $\mathcal{I}(X, D)$ be the set of triples $(C, h: C \rightarrow X, x)$

where C is a smooth k -curve, $h: C \rightarrow X$ an immersion
 $x = C \cap D$ a closed point. Then we have

$$\tilde{c}_D(\mathcal{F}) = \sup_{\text{LC, } h: C \rightarrow X, x \in \mathcal{I}(X, D)} \frac{\tilde{e}_x(\mathcal{F}|_{C-x})}{m_x(h^*D)}$$

↓
 logarithmic conductor of \mathcal{F} at the generic point of D .

- Thm (A) \sim (D) implies that there are strong connections between

- (i). Ramification of \mathcal{F} along D by restricting to curves
 \updownarrow
 (iii) Abbes-Saito's ramification filtrations

- key point of proving Thm (C):

For any rational number $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m > 1$
 and any closed conical subset B of T^*X satisfying

1° $\pi(B) = D$, $\pi: T^*X \rightarrow X$.

2° $\forall \bar{x} \rightarrow D$, $B \times_x \bar{x} \subseteq T_{\bar{x}}^*X$ is a locally constant 1-dim $k(\bar{x})$ -vector space.

(T^*X is a locally constant vector bundle of X)

We construct a l.c.c sheaf \mathcal{L} on U such that

(1) $\mathcal{L}|_{\text{Spec } k}$ is isoclinic of conductor r_i

(2). For any immersion $h: C \rightarrow X$ from a smooth k -curve to X s.t. $C \cap D = x$ and s.t.

$B_{X_x} \bar{x} \hookrightarrow T_{\bar{x}}^* X \xrightarrow{dh} T_{\bar{x}}^* C$ is a bijection,

we have $\mathcal{L}|_{C-\{x\}}$ is isoclinic of upper numbering conductor

$$\tilde{c}_x(\mathcal{L}|_{C-\{x\}}) = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i \cdot m_x(h^* D_i) - 1$$

Applying Thm (A) to $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}$ for all \mathcal{L} .

we get Thm (C) for \mathcal{F} .

Thm (C) \Rightarrow Thm (D). uses an asymptotic method.

Part 4. Semi-continuity of conductors

Thm (Deligne - Laumon's semi-continuity of Swan conductors)

Let S be an excellent scheme, $f: X \rightarrow S$ a smooth morphism of relative dimension 1, $D \subseteq X$ a closed subscheme of X such that $f|_D: D \rightarrow S$ is flat and quasi-finite, and $U = X - D$.

Let Λ be a finite field invertible in S . \mathcal{F} a l.c.c. étale sheaf of Λ -modules on U . The function

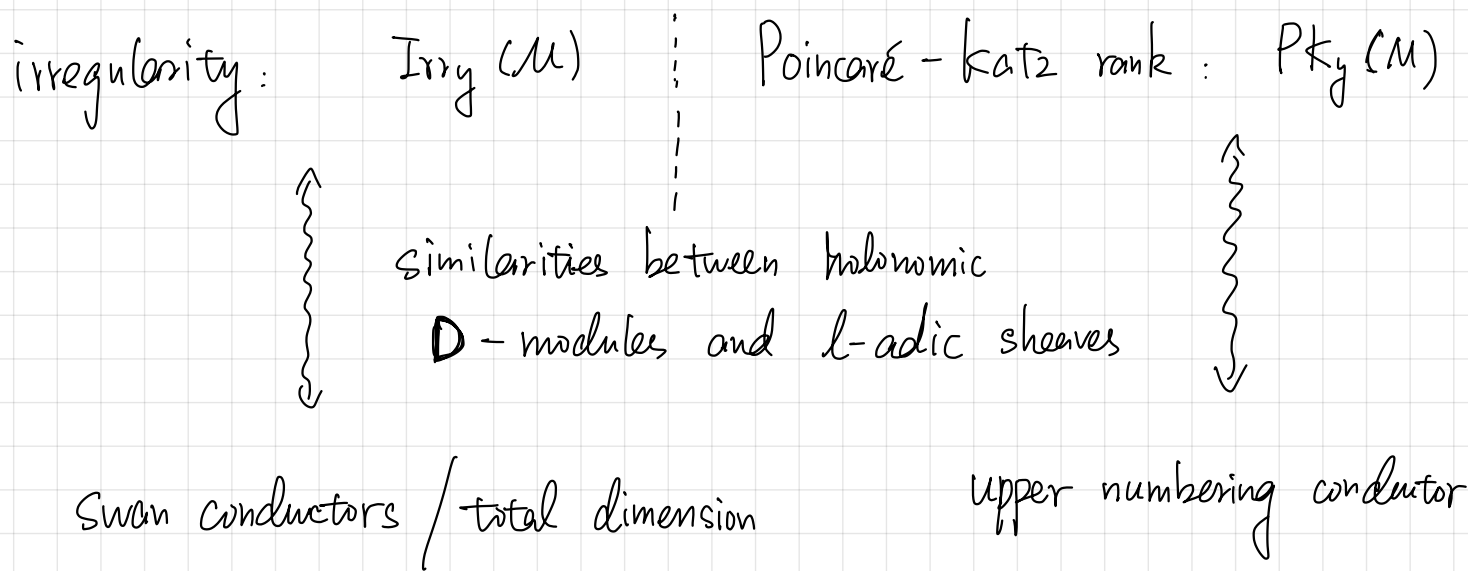
$$\varphi: S \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$
$$s \longmapsto \sum_{t \in |D_s|} (sw_t(\mathcal{F}|_{U_s}) + r_{\Lambda} \mathcal{F})$$

is constructible and lower semi-continuous.

Picture 2

D-module theory.

Let Y be a smooth complex curve, $y \in Y$ a closed point, M holonomic meromorphic connection on Y with poles at y . If M is not regular, we have two invariants of M :



Thm [Y. André 2007]

Let $f: X \rightarrow S$ be a smooth of relative dimension 1 morphisms between smooth complex varieties, $D \subseteq X$ an effective Cartier divisor s.t. $f|_D: D \rightarrow S$ is flat and quasi-finite. Let M be a meromorphic connection on X with poles along D . Then the following two functions.

$$\varphi: |S| \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$s \mapsto \sum_{t \in D_s} \text{Irr}_t(\mathcal{M}|_{X_s})$$

$$\psi: |S| \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$s \mapsto \sum_{t \in D_s} \text{P}k_t(\mathcal{M}|_{X_s})$$

are constructible and lower semi-continuous.

- The formulation of André's result is motivated by ℓ -adic case (Deligne - Laumon's result)
- André proved the semi-continuity for Poincaré-Katz rank. However, there is a missing of semi-continuity for conductors in the ℓ -adic case.

Thm (E) [H. 2020, in progress]

Let k be a perfect field of characteristic $p > 0$,
 $f: X \rightarrow S$ is a smooth and of relative dimension 1
morphism of smooth k -schemes, $D = \overline{\bigcup_i D_i}$ a SNCD

of X s.t. $f|_{D_i}: D_i \rightarrow S$ is flat and quasi-finite.

Let Λ be a finite field of characteristic l , $(l, p) = 1$

\mathcal{F} a l.c.c sheaf of Λ -modules on $U = X - D$.

Then, the following function

$$\psi: |S| \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

$$s \mapsto \sum_{t \in |D_s|} \left(\tilde{c}_t(\mathcal{F}|_{U_s}) + 1 \right)$$

is constructible and lower semi-continuous.

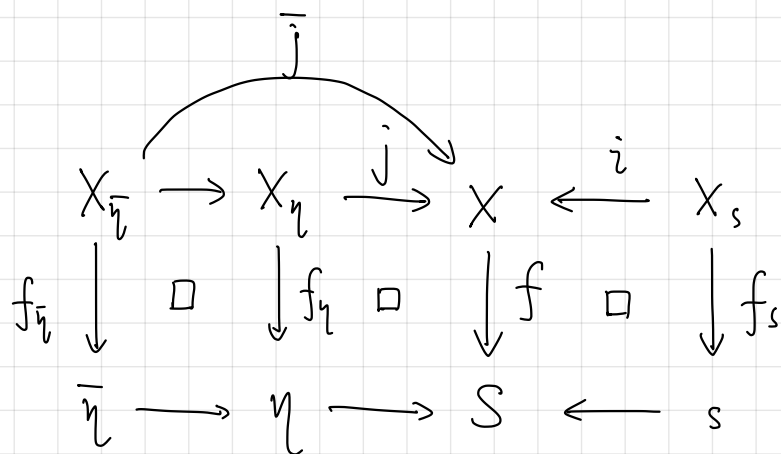
Picture 2

- This is the semi-continuity of conductors in the geometric situation.
- The constructibility is proved in the same way as in Deligne and Laumon's theorem. The semi-continuity is proved using the key step of Thm (C).

Part 5. Ramification bound of nearby cycles

$(S, s, \eta, \bar{\eta})$ strict local trait, $\text{char}(s) = p > 0$

$f: X \rightarrow S$ semi-stable morphism



Semi-stable means f_{η} is smooth and X_s is a SNCD of X .

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}/l^n \mathbb{Z} \quad (l, p) = 1$$

\mathcal{F} l.c.c. sheaf of Λ -modules on X_{η}

nearby cycles $R^n \Psi(\mathcal{F}, f) = i^* R^n \bar{f}_* \bar{f}^* \mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow$

étale cohomologies

$$H^n(X_{\bar{\eta}}, \mathcal{F}|_{X_{\bar{\eta}}})$$

$\hookrightarrow \text{Gal}(\bar{\eta}/\eta)$

Prop (Grothendieck (SGA 7), Rapoport - Zink, Illusie)

Assume that \mathcal{F} is tamely ramified along X_S . Then the action of $\text{Gal}(\bar{\eta}/\eta)$ on each $R^n\psi(\mathcal{F}, f)$ is tame.

In particular, under the assumption that $f: X \rightarrow S$ is proper, the action of $\text{Gal}(\bar{\eta}/\eta)$ on each $H^n(X_{\bar{\eta}}, X/\bar{\eta})$ is tame.

Q: The case involving wildly ramifications?

Conj (Leal, 2016) $X_S = \sum_i D_i$ (D_i irreducible)

Let \tilde{c}_i be the logarithmic conductor of \mathcal{F} at the generic point of D_i , and $\tilde{c} = \max_i \{\tilde{c}_i\}$. Assume $f: X \rightarrow S$

is proper, Then, the ramification of each $H^n(X_{\bar{\eta}}, \mathcal{F}|_{X_{\bar{\eta}}})$

is (upper numbering) bounded by \tilde{c} , i.e. the action of

$\text{Gal}(\bar{\eta}/\eta)_{\text{up}}^{\tilde{c}+}$ is trivial.

$\{ \text{Gal}(\bar{\eta}/\eta)_{\text{up}}^r \}_{r \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}}$ upper numbering filtration of $\text{Gal}(\bar{\eta}/\eta)$

Thm (Leal 2016) The conj is true when S is equal characteristic, $f: X \rightarrow S$ is a relative curve and $\text{rk } \mathcal{F} = 1$.

Global method: Kato - Saito's conductor formula.

Thm (F) [H. 2020] Assume S is henselization of a smooth curve of positive characteristic (geometric). Then, the action of $\text{Gal}(\bar{\eta}/\eta)_{\text{up}}^{\hat{c}+}$ on each $R^n \Psi(\mathcal{F}, f)$ is trivial.

In particular, Leal's conjecture is true when S is geometric.

• If we add a condition that $f: X \rightarrow S$ is smooth. in Thm (F), it was proved by (H. - Teyssier 2018)

• When $f: X \rightarrow S$ is proper

$$\bar{E}_2^{mn} = H^m(X_S, R^n \Psi(\mathcal{F}, f)) \Rightarrow H^{m+n}(X_{\bar{\eta}}, \mathcal{F})$$

• The approach to Thm (F) is pure local.

key point of Thm (C) + Beilinson's SS

+ Saito's CC

Sketch of the proof:

Step 1. By dévissage, it is sufficient to show, for every lisse sheaf \mathcal{N} on η of upper numbering isoclinic of slope $> \tilde{c}$, we have

$$j_! (\mathcal{F} \otimes f_\eta^* \mathcal{N}) = Rj_* (\mathcal{F} \otimes f_\eta^* \mathcal{N})$$

Step 2. Descend to the case where S is a smooth curve with a closed point s and

$\eta = V = S - \{s\}$ is the complement of $s \in S$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 U & \xrightarrow{j} & X & \xleftarrow{i} & D \\
 f_v \downarrow & \square & \downarrow f & \square & \downarrow \\
 V & \longrightarrow & S & \longleftarrow & \{s\}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 j: (\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N}) \stackrel{?}{=} Rj_* (\mathcal{F} \otimes f_\eta^* \mathcal{N})$$

(*)

Step 3. We may replace X by a finite surjective

radiciel cover $\pi: X' \rightarrow X$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 U' & \xrightarrow{j'} & X' & \xleftarrow{i'} & D' \\
 \pi_u \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \pi & \square & \downarrow \\
 U & \xrightarrow{j} & X & \xleftarrow{i} & D \\
 f_v \downarrow & \square & \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \\
 V & \longrightarrow & S & \longleftarrow & \{s\}
 \end{array}$$

and reduced to check $Rj'_* \pi_u^*(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N}) = j'_! \pi_u^*(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N})$

we choose a very "good" such cover $\pi: X' \rightarrow X$,

that makes $j'_! \pi_u^* f_v^* \mathcal{N}$ satisfying the following condition.

(i). $\forall x' \in D'$, $\dim_{k(x')} (SS(j'_! \pi_u^* f_v^* \mathcal{N})_{X_{X'} x'}) = 1$

(ii). $SS(j'_! \pi_u^* f_v^* \mathcal{N}) = SS(j'_! \pi_u^*(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N}))$

(iii) $\forall x' \in D'$, we can find an immersion

$h: C \rightarrow X'$ from a smooth curve to X' such that

$C \cap D' = x'$, that $(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N})|_{C-(x')}$ has isoclinic

of upper numbering conductor > 0 and that

$h: C \rightarrow X'$ is $SS(j'_! \pi_u^*(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N}))$ -transversal.

[Thm (C) plays a crucial role in Step 3]

Step 4. For any curve C in Step 3 (iii).

We have

$$\begin{aligned} h^* Rj'_* \pi_u^*(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N}) &\stackrel{bc}{\cong} Rg_* \left((\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N})|_{C-(x')} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Thm (C)}}{\cong} g_* \left((\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N})|_{C-(x')} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where $g: C-(x') \rightarrow C$.

It implies that $(Rj'_* \pi_u^*(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N}))_{\bar{x}'} = 0 \quad (\forall x' \in D')$

$$\leadsto Rj'_* \pi_u^*(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N}) = j'_! \pi_u^*(\mathcal{F} \otimes f_v^* \mathcal{N}) \quad \square.$$

★ Remark: From Step 3, we see finite surjective radiciel map does not change étale site, however changes ramifications in higher dimensions (ramification filtrations, singular supports and characteristic cycles ...)

Thank you !