

# CRYSTALLINE SITE AND CRYSTALLINE COHOMOLOGY

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## 1. RING OF WITT VECTOR

**Lemma 1.1** (addition and multiplication rule). *Let  $X_0, X_1, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of variables, and  $p$  a prime number. For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ , let  $W_n(X_0, \dots, X_n) := X_0^{p^n} + pX_1^{p^{n-1}} + \dots + p^n X_n$ . Then, there exists polynomials  $S_0, S_1, \dots; P_0, P_1, \dots \in \mathbb{Z}[X_0, X_1, \dots; Y_0, Y_1, \dots]$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} W_n(S_0, S_1, \dots, S_n) &= W_n(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n) + W_n(Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \\ W_n(P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n) &= W_n(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n) \cdot W_n(Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 1.2.** We can treat  $\mathbb{Z}[X_0, X_1, \dots, ]$  as a "ring scheme", such that  $\Delta(X_i) = S_i, m(X_i) = P_i$ . It is an ring object in the category of scheme, that is, the functor takes value in rings.

**Definition 1.3** (Witt ring attached to  $A$ ). *Let  $A$  be a commutative ring. Then we define  $W(A) := \prod_{n \geq 0} A$ , such that the multiplication rule and addition rule is defined as follows: Let  $\underline{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots), \underline{b} = (b_0, b_1, \dots) \in W(A)$ . Then*

$$\underline{a} + \underline{b} := (S_0(a, b), S_1(a, b), \dots) \text{ and } \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} := (P_0(a, b), P_1(a, b), \dots).$$

*Then  $W(A)$  has the  $1 := (1, 0, \dots)$  being the multiplicative identity, and  $p := 1 + 1 + \dots + 1$  is the element  $(0, 1, 0, \dots)$  in  $W(A)$ .*

*We also define the  $n^{\text{th}}$  truncated Witt vector being  $W_n(A) = W(A)/p^n W(A)$ .*

**Remark 1.4.** Notice that  $W(A) = \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}[X_0, \dots], A)$  and  $W_n(A) = \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}[X_0, \dots, X_n], A)$ , together with the ring structure introduced by  $m$  and  $\Delta$ .

Now assume that  $A = K$  where  $K$  is a perfect field of characteristic  $p$ . Then:

- (1)  $W(K)$  is a complete discrete valuation ring, with residue field  $K$  and maximal ideal  $pW(K)$ .  $W(K)$  can be viewed as a thickening of  $K$  with ideal  $(p)$ .
- (2)  $W(K)$  is endowed with the mappings  $V, F : W(K) \rightarrow W(K)$ ,

$$V(\underline{a}) := (0, a_0, a_1, \dots) \text{ and } F(\underline{a}) := (a_0^p, a_1^p, \dots).$$

$$\text{and } V \circ F(\underline{a}) = F \circ V(\underline{a}) = p \cdot \underline{a} = (0, a_0^p, a_1^p, \dots).$$

**Example 1.5.** The most important example should be when  $K = \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  and  $K = \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ . When  $K = \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ , then  $W(K) = \prod \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ , the integral closure of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  in the unique degree  $n$  unramified extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . But what is the isomorphism? Notice that we have the Teichmüller lift  $[\ ] : \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}^\times$  such that for  $x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ ,  $[x]$  is the unique element in  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  satisfying  $[x]^{p^n-1} - 1 = 0$  and  $[x] \equiv x \pmod{p}$ . Then, the isomorphism  $f : W(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^{un}$  is given by  $f(\underline{a}) = \sum [a_i] p^i$ . Similarly,  $W(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^{un}$ ,

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the integral closure of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  in the maximal unramified extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .  $F$  on  $W(K)$  is the Frobenius we know for  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{un}$ .

## 2. DIVIDED POWER RING

In this section, we define the divided power structure on a pair  $(A, I)$ . The prototype should be  $\mathbb{Z} \langle x \rangle$ , the ring generated by the symbol  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$ . We want to define the element  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$  in a ring  $A$  where "inverting  $n$ " only makes sense for  $x \in I$  (Not on all  $A$ ).

**Definition 2.1.** Given a ring  $A$  and an ideal  $I \subset A$ , an **divided power structure** on  $(A, I)$  is a collection of maps  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  where  $\gamma_n : I \rightarrow A$  satisfying the following properties for all  $x, y \in I, \lambda \in A$ :

- (1)  $\gamma_0(x) = 1, \gamma_1(x) = x, \gamma_n(x) \in I$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
- (2)  $\gamma_n(x + y) = \sum_{i+j=n} \gamma_i(x)\gamma_j(y)$ .
- (3)  $\gamma_n(\lambda x) = \lambda^n \gamma_n(x)$
- (4)  $\gamma_i(x)\gamma_j(x) = \frac{(i+j)!}{i!j!} \gamma_{i+j}(x)$
- (5)  $\gamma_p(\gamma_q(x)) = \frac{(pq)!}{p!(q!)^p} \gamma_{pq}(x)$ .

The motive of Divided power structure is to make sense of the elements  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$ . Indeed, as a consequence of these axioms, we can deduce two more properties:

- From (3), we may deduce that  $\gamma_n(0) = 0$  for all  $n > 0$
- From (1), (4) we may deduce that  $n! \gamma_n(x) = x^n$ .

We say that  $(A, I, \gamma)$  is a **divided power ring** or *P.D. ring* if  $\gamma = \{\gamma_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a divided power structure on  $A, I$ .

There are some accessible examples of divided power ring:

**Example 2.2.** If  $A$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra, then take any ideal  $I$ ,  $(A, I)$  has a unique divided power structure given by

$$\gamma_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

So this notion is really interesting when there are some  $n \in A$  that is not invertible.

**Remark 2.3.** When  $A$  is torsion free as an additive group (So in particular characteristic 0 ones), then for any  $I \subset A$ , the divided power structure is unique if it exists. (Basically it will be  $\gamma_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{n!}$ )

**Example 2.4.** Let  $R$  be a DVR with residue characteristic  $p$ . Let  $\pi \in R$  be a uniformizer, and define  $e$  by  $(p) = (\pi)^e$  (The ramification index). Then,  $R, (\pi)$  has a divided power structure (And it is necessarily unique) if and only if  $e \leq p - 1$ .

Indeed,  $(\pi)$  has a divided power structure if and only if  $x \in (\pi) \implies \frac{x^n}{n!} \in (\pi)$ , which holds exactly when  $\text{ord}_\pi(\frac{\pi^n}{n!}) > 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . But if we write  $n = \sum_i a_i p^i$ , we have

$$\text{ord}_\pi \frac{\pi^n}{n!} = n - e \text{ord}_p(n!) = n - \frac{e}{p-1} (n - \sum_i a_i) = \frac{p-1-e}{p-1} n + \frac{e}{p-1} \sum_i a_i$$

which is positive for all  $n \geq 1$  if and only if  $e \leq p - 1$ .

**Example 2.5.** As a more explicit example, notice that  $W(K)$  for  $K$  a perfect field of char  $p$  has a unique *P.D.* structure. Indeed, Let  $I = (p)$ , then  $e = 1$  and  $p \geq 2$ .

Hence,  $\gamma_n : (p) \rightarrow W(K) : \gamma_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{n!}$  is well defined and is the divided power structure on  $W(K)$ .

Similarly, for the truncated Witt ring  $W_n$ , it has a unique P.D. structure  $(W_n, (p), \gamma_m(x))$  where  $\gamma_m(x) = \frac{x^m}{m!}$  if  $m < n$  and  $\gamma_m(x) = 0$  for  $m \geq n$ .

**Example 2.6.** Let  $A$  be a ring. One can define the following  $A$ -algebra with divided power structure:

$$A\langle x_1, \dots, x_r \rangle = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \Gamma^n$$

Where  $\Gamma^n$  is an  $A$  module generated by symbols  $x_1^{[k_1]} \cdots x_r^{[k_r]}$ , where  $k_1 + \cdots + k_r = n$ . The algebra structure is given by  $x_m^{[k_m]} x_n^{[k_n]} = \binom{m+n}{n} x_{m+n}^{[k_m+k_n]}$ . The ideal  $I = \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} \Gamma^n$  posses a unqie P.D. structure  $\gamma_n(x_i) = x_i^{[n]}$ .

**Remark 2.7.** If  $A$  is canceled by an integer  $n > 2$  and if the ideal  $I \subset A$  has a P.D. structure, the  $I$  is a nilpotent ideal, since  $x^n = n! \gamma_n(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . In particular  $\text{Spec}(A)$  and  $\text{Spec}(A/I)$  has the same topological space.

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $(A, I, \gamma)$  and  $(B, J, \delta)$  be divided power rings. A divided power morphism  $f : (A, I, \gamma) \rightarrow (B, J, \delta)$  is a ring map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  such that  $f(I) \subseteq J$  and  $\delta_n \circ f = f \circ \gamma_n$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ .

We give a criteria which divided powers may be extended from one ring to another.

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $(A, I, \delta)$  be a P.D. ring and  $B$  be an  $A$ -algebra, and suppose that  $\text{Tor}_A(A/I, B) = 0$  (i.e.  $I \otimes_A B \cong IB$ ). Then, the divided powers  $(A, I, \gamma)$  extend uniquely to  $(B, IB, \delta)$ . In particular, when  $B$  is a flat  $A$  algebra, then we can apply this proposition.

### 3. DIVIDED POWER ENVELOPE

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $(A, I, \gamma)$  be a divided power ring. Let  $A \rightarrow B$  be a ring map. Let  $J \subset B$  be an ideal with  $IB \subset J$ . There exists a divided power ring  $(D, \bar{J}, \bar{\gamma})$  and a homomorphism of divided power rings  $(A, I, \gamma) \rightarrow (D, \bar{J}, \bar{\gamma})$  such that

$$\text{Hom}_{(A, I, \gamma)}((D, \bar{J}, \bar{\gamma}), (C, K, \delta)) = \text{Hom}_{(A, I)}((B, J), (C, K))$$

$$\text{Id}_D \iff f_D$$

functorially in the divided power algebra  $(C, K, \delta)$  over  $(A, I, \gamma)$ . Here the LHS is morphisms of divided power rings over  $(A, I, \gamma)$  and the RHS is morphisms of (ring, ideal) pairs over  $(A, I)$

**Definition 3.2** (divided power envelope). Let  $(A, I, \gamma)$  be a divided power ring. Let  $A \rightarrow B$  be a ring map. Let  $J \subset B$  be an ideal with  $IB \subset J$ . The divided power algebra  $(D, \bar{J}, \bar{\gamma})$  as above is called the **divided power envelope** of  $J$  in  $B$  relative to  $(A, I, \gamma)$  and is denoted  $D_B(J)$  or  $D_{B, \gamma}(J)$ .

Let  $(A, I, \gamma) \rightarrow (C, K, \delta)$  be a homomorphism of divided power rings. The universal property of  $D_{B, \gamma}(J) = (D, \bar{J}, \bar{\gamma})$  is

ring maps  $B \rightarrow C$  which map  $J \rightarrow K \iff$  divided power homomorphisms  $(D, \bar{J}, \bar{\gamma}) \rightarrow (C, K, \delta)$

$$g \circ f_D : B \rightarrow D \rightarrow C \iff g : D \rightarrow C$$

So, how to construct this P.D.envelope  $(D, \bar{J}, \bar{\gamma})$ ? By the universal property, the surjection  $B \rightarrow B/J$  factors through  $D$

$$B \rightarrow D \rightarrow B/J$$

The first arrow maps  $J$  into  $\bar{J}$  and  $\bar{J}$  is the kernel of the second arrow. The ideal  $\bar{J}$  is generated by  $\bar{\gamma}_n(x)$ , where  $n > 0$  and  $x$  is an element in the image of  $IB \rightarrow D$ . These  $\bar{\gamma}_n(x)$  also generate  $D$  as a  $B$ -algebra.

- Example 3.3.** (1)  $(A, I, \gamma)$  is its own P.D. envelope of the identity  $A \rightarrow A$ .  
 (2) Given  $(A, I, \gamma)$  and consider  $\varphi : A \rightarrow A/I$ ,  $B = A/I$  and  $J = (0)$ . Then  $D_{B, \gamma}((0)) = (A, I, \gamma)$ . This can be seen by either showing that  $(A, I, \gamma)$  satisfies the required universal property.  
 (3) In the case where  $\varphi : B \rightarrow B$  sending  $I$  to  $J$ , we have the following lemma for  $D_{A, \gamma}(J)$ :

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $(B, I, \gamma)$  be a divided power algebra. Let  $I \subset J \subset B$  be an ideal. Let  $(D, \bar{J}, \bar{\gamma})$  be the divided power envelope of  $J$  relative to  $\gamma$ . Choose elements  $f_t \in J, t \in T$  such that  $J = I + (f_t)$ . Then there exists a surjection*

$$\Psi : B\langle x_t \rangle \rightarrow D$$

*of divided power rings mapping  $x_t$  to the image of  $f_t$  in  $D$ . The kernel of  $\Psi$  is generated by the elements  $x_t - f_t$  and all  $\gamma_n(\sum r_t x_t - r_0)$ , wherever we have a relation  $\sum r_t f_t - r_0 = 0$  in  $B$  for some  $r_t \in B, r_0 \in I$ .*

- (4) Consider  $A$  and  $I = (0), \gamma$  be the trivial divided power structure. Let  $B = A[t]$  with  $J = (t)$ . Then  $D_{B, \gamma}(J) = A\langle t \rangle$ , with  $\gamma_n(t) = t^{[n]}$ . More generally, for  $(A, I, \gamma)$  and  $B = A[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  and  $J = IB + (t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , we have  $D_{B, \gamma}(J) = A\langle t_1, \dots, t_n \rangle$ ,  $\bar{J} = J = IA\langle x_1, \dots, x_t \rangle + A\langle x_1, \dots, x_t \rangle_+$ , and the divided power structure  $\delta$  is that  $\delta_n(x_i) = x_i^{[n]}$ .

It has the following universal property:  $(A, I, \gamma) \rightarrow (A\langle x_1, \dots, x_t \rangle, J, \delta)$  is a homomorphism of divided power rings. Moreover, A homomorphism of divided power rings  $\varphi : (A\langle x_1, \dots, x_t \rangle, J, \delta) \rightarrow (C, K, \epsilon)$  is the same thing as a homomorphism of divided power rings  $A \rightarrow C$  and elements  $k_1, \dots, k_t \in K$

- (5) We have a relative version of Divided power polynomial algebra: Let  $(A, I, \gamma)$  be a divided power ring. Let  $B$  be an  $A$ -algebra and  $IB \subset J \subset B$  an ideal. Let  $x_i$  be a set of variables. Then

$$D_{B[x_i], \gamma}(JB[x_i] + (x_i)) = D_{B, \gamma}(J)\langle x_i \rangle$$

The construction of divided power envelope is functorial in both variable  $B$  and in the base ring  $A$ :

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $(A, I, \gamma)$  be a divided power ring,  $B$  an  $A$ -algebra,  $J \subset B$ , then:*

- *If  $B'$  is a flat  $B$  algebra  $\implies D_{B', \gamma}(JB') = D_{B, \gamma}(J) \otimes_B B'$ .*
- *Let  $(A, I, \gamma) \rightarrow (A', I', \gamma')$  be a P.D. morphism. Then  $D_{B, \gamma}(J) \otimes_A A' = D_{B \otimes_A A', \gamma'}(J \otimes_A A')$*

The notion of divided powers may be globalized as follows. We replace  $A$  by a scheme  $S$  and  $I$  by a quasi-coherent ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_S$ .

**Definition 3.6.** An divided power structure on  $(\mathcal{O}_S, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n \geq 1}, \gamma_n : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S$ , such that for each open set  $U$  of  $S$ ,  $\gamma_n : \mathcal{I}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S(U)$  is a divided power structure defined as before, and the restriction maps are divided power morphisms.

A P.D. morphism  $f : (S, \mathcal{I}, \gamma) \rightarrow (S', \mathcal{I}', \gamma')$  is a morphism  $f : S \rightarrow S'$  such that  $f^{-1}\mathcal{I}'\mathcal{O}_S \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ , and for all  $U' \subseteq S'$  open, the map  $f : (\mathcal{O}_{S'}(U'), \mathcal{I}'(U'), \gamma') \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_S(f^{-1}(U')), \mathcal{I}(f^{-1}(U')), \gamma)$  is a P.D. morphism.

Since localizations are flat, we have that for any ring  $A$  and any ideal  $I \subset A$ , P.D. structures on  $A$  and  $I$  correspond to P.D. structures on  $\text{Spec}A$  and  $\tilde{I}$ . Moreover, P.D. morphisms  $(A, I, \gamma) \rightarrow (B, J, \delta)$  correspond to P.D. morphisms  $(\text{Spec}B, \tilde{J}, \delta) \rightarrow (\text{Spec}A, \tilde{I}, \gamma)$ .

Since quasi-coherent ideals  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $S$  correspond to closed immersions  $U \rightarrow S$ , in the following, we will write a P.D. scheme  $(S, \mathcal{I}, \gamma)$  as  $(U \hookrightarrow S, \gamma)$ , where  $U \hookrightarrow S$  is the closed immersion corresponding to  $\mathcal{I}$ . In what follows, we will primarily be interested in divided power thickenings, which are divided powers schemes  $(U \hookrightarrow S, \gamma)$  for which  $\mathcal{I}$  is nilpotent ideal (Equivalent to  $U \hookrightarrow S$  being a homeomorphism).

As an application of P.D. envelope in scheme, we have the following construction:

**Proposition 3.7** (P.D. thickening). *Let  $K$  be a perfect field of characteristic  $p$  and  $X/K$  a  $K$  scheme. Let  $i : X \hookrightarrow Z$  be a closed immersion of  $X$  into a smooth  $W_n$  scheme  $Z$ . Then there exists a unique scheme  $\varphi : \tilde{Z} \rightarrow Z$ , called the P.D. envelope of  $i$ , such that  $i = \varphi \circ i'$ . Moreover, for any other P.D. scheme  $T, \delta$  such that  $T \rightarrow X$  is a morphism and  $T$  is over  $Z$ , then this morphism factor through  $T \rightarrow \tilde{Z} \rightarrow X$ .*

*Proof.* We look at the ring theoretic picture. Since  $W_n$  has a P.D. structure and  $Z$  is a smooth  $W_n$  scheme, then  $Z$  has a unique extended P.D. structure.  $X \rightarrow Z$  corresponds to  $A \rightarrow B = A/I$ . Then  $\tilde{Z} = D_{B, \gamma}((0))$  is a P.D. envelope of  $(A, I, \gamma), A \rightarrow A/I$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.8.** (1) If  $Z \otimes_{W_n} k \cong X$ , then  $\tilde{Z} = Z$ , as is the affine case.

(2) If  $X = \text{Spec}k, Z = \text{Spec}W_n[t]$ , then  $\tilde{Z} = \text{Spec}W_n\langle t \rangle$ . Indeed, if we look at the affine picture, let  $B = W_n, J = (p)$ , then  $\tilde{Z}$  corresponds to  $D_{W_n\langle t \rangle, \gamma}(\mathcal{I})$ , where  $\mathcal{I}$  is the ideal of  $Z$  cutting out  $X$ , so it is  $(p) + \langle t \rangle$ . By the (5) of the example, it is equal to  $D_{B, \gamma}((p))\langle t \rangle = W_n\langle t \rangle$ .

#### 4. CRYSTALLINE SITE AND CRYSTALS

**Remark 4.1.** A site is a category  $\mathcal{C}$  along with coverings for each element in  $\mathcal{C}$ : For each  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\text{cov}(X) = \{X_i \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $\text{cov}(X)$  contains all isomorphisms, and is closed under base change and composite. The Crystalline site is a site under the covering specified by the Crystalline topology.

Let  $K$  be a perfect field of characteristic  $p > 0$ . Let  $W = W(k)$  be the ring of Witt vector of  $K$ ,  $W_n = W/p^n$  (So  $W_1 = K$ .  $W_n$  should be considered as nilpotent thickenings of  $K$ ) Then  $(W_n, (p))$  has a unique divided power structure. Let  $X$  be a  $K$ -scheme

**Definition 4.2** (The Crystalline site). *The Crystalline site of  $X$  over  $W_n$ , denoted as  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$ , is the category together with coverings, where:*

- The objects are commutative diagram:
 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \hookrightarrow & T \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec}(k) & \hookrightarrow & W_n \end{array}, \text{ where } U \subset X$$

is a zariski open, and  $U \hookrightarrow T$  are divided power thickening of  $U$ . That is,  $U \hookrightarrow T$  is a closed immersion of  $W_n$  scheme, defined by an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ , such that  $\mathcal{I} \supset (p)\mathcal{O}_T, (\mathcal{O}_T, \mathcal{I})$  has a divided power structure  $\delta$  satisfying  $\delta(pa) = \gamma_n(p)a^n, pa \in \mathcal{I}$ . We denote such object as  $(U, T, \delta)$ .

- The morphisms  $f : (U, T, \delta) \rightarrow (U', T', \delta')$  is  $f : T \rightarrow T'$  which is a P.D. morphism and  $f|_U$  is an open immersion.
- For  $(U, T, \delta)$ , the family of covers are  $\{(U_i, T_i, \delta_i)\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $T_i \hookrightarrow T$  is an open immersion and  $T = \cup_i T_i$ .

**Definition 4.3** (The Sheaf on  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$ ). A sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$  is equivalent to the following data: For every element  $(U \hookrightarrow T, \gamma)$  of  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$ , a Zariski sheaf  $\mathcal{F}_{(U \hookrightarrow T, \gamma)}$  on  $T$ , and for every morphism  $u : (U \hookrightarrow T, \gamma) \rightarrow (U' \hookrightarrow T', \gamma')$  in  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$ , a map

$$\rho_u : u^{-1}\mathcal{F}_{(U' \hookrightarrow T', \gamma')} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{(U \hookrightarrow T, \gamma)}$$

of sheaves on  $T$  satisfying the following properties:

- (1) If  $v : (U' \hookrightarrow T', \gamma') \rightarrow (U'' \hookrightarrow T'', \gamma'')$  is another morphism in  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} u^{-1}v^{-1}\mathcal{F}_{(U'' \hookrightarrow T'', \gamma'')} & \xrightarrow{u^{-1}\rho_u} & u^{-1}\mathcal{F}_{(U' \hookrightarrow T', \gamma')} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho_u \\ (v \circ u)^{-1}\mathcal{F}_{(U'' \hookrightarrow T'', \gamma'')} & \xrightarrow{\rho_{v \circ u}} & \mathcal{F}_{(U \hookrightarrow T, \gamma)} \end{array} .$$

That is,  $\rho_u \circ u^{-1}\rho_v = \rho_{v \circ u}$ .

- (2) If  $u : T \rightarrow T'$  is an open immersion, then  $\rho_u$  is an isomorphism of sheaves on  $T$ .

**Example 4.4.** A particularly important example of Sheaf on  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$  is given by the structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Crys}(X/W_n)}$ . It is a sheaf valued in rings given by  $(U \hookrightarrow T, \gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_T$ . We define a sheaf of modules on  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$  to be a sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Crys}(X/W_n)}$ -modules. For a sheaf of modules  $\mathcal{F}$ , note that the maps  $\rho_u$  define maps  $\rho_u : u^*\mathcal{F}_{(U' \hookrightarrow T', \gamma')} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{(U \hookrightarrow T, \gamma)}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_T$ -modules.

**Definition 4.5.** A sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  of modules on  $\text{Crys}(X/W_n)$  is a **crystal** if each  $\rho_u$  is an isomorphism. Note that  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Crys}(X/W_n)}$  is itself a crystal, since  $\mathcal{O}_T$  is a quasi-coherent sheaf, and so we do have  $\rho_u : u^*\mathcal{O}_{T'} \cong \mathcal{O}_T$ .

We say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a crystal of quasi-coherent modules if each  $\mathcal{F}_{(U \hookrightarrow T, \gamma)}$  is a quasi-coherent module on  $T$ .

**Example 4.6.** Let us consider crystals of quasi-coherent modules on  $\text{Crys}(\text{Spec}\mathbb{F}_p)$ . Since  $\text{Spec}\mathbb{F}_p$  is affine and has only one nonempty open subset, we may identify objects in  $\text{Spec}\mathbb{F}_p$  with P.D. rings  $(A, I, \gamma)$  where  $I$  is a nil ideal and  $A/I = \mathbb{F}_p$ . Since  $A$  is a  $W(\mathbb{F}_p) = \mathbb{Z}_p$ -algebra. We may therefore define a crystal of quasi-coherent modules on  $\text{Crys}(\text{Spec}\mathbb{F}_p/W)$  by fixing a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module  $M$  and setting  $\mathcal{F}_{(A, I, \gamma)} := A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} M$ .

Now that we have the notion of Crystalline site, we can define the Crystalline cohomology as the cohomology of  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Crys}(X/W_n)}$ .

**Definition 4.7.** *With the assumption as above, we define*

$$H^i(X/W_n) = H^i((X/W_n)_{\text{Crys}}; \mathcal{O}_{X/W_n}), H^i(X/W) = \varprojlim_n H^i(X/W_n)$$

This definition is not computable. Below we show a comparison theorem that makes the crystalline cohomology computable.

## 5. COMPARISON RESULT OF CRYSTALLINE AND DE RHAM

Let  $j : X \hookrightarrow Z$  a closed immersion of  $X$  in a smooth scheme  $Z$  over  $W_n$ . If we look at the structural sheaf, we get  $\mathcal{O}_Z \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ . Then, since  $\mathcal{O}_Z$  is a  $W_n$  module, we have a *P.D.*  $W_n$  algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}$  with a  $W_n$  linear map  $\iota : \mathcal{O}_Z \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}$ , such that  $\mathcal{O}_Z \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$  factors through  $\mathcal{O}_Z \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ , and  $X \rightarrow \tilde{Z}$  is a divided power morphism over  $W_n$ . We call this  $\tilde{Z}$  the divided power thickening of  $X$  in  $Z$ . As name suggested,  $X \rightarrow \tilde{Z}$  is a nil-immersion, so they have the same topological space.

Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}$  be the ideal in  $\tilde{Z}$  defining  $\mathcal{O}_X$ . Then  $\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}/\tilde{\mathcal{I}}$ . There exists a unique integrable connection

$$d : \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Z} \Omega_{Z/W_n}^1$$

such that  $d\gamma_n(x) = \gamma_{n-1}(x) \otimes dx$ , for all  $x \in \tilde{\mathcal{I}}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Z} \Omega_{Z/W_n}^\bullet$  is a complex of abelian sheaf on  $\tilde{Z}$  that has the same underlying space as  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *There is a canonical isomorphism between crystalline cohomology and the Hypercohomology  $H^i(X/W_n) \cong \mathbb{H}^i(X, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Z} \Omega_{Z/W_n}^\bullet)$*

**Corollary 5.1.1.** *If  $Z/W_n$  is a smooth lifting of  $X/k$ , Then  $\tilde{Z} = Z$ , and*

$$H^i(X/W_n) \cong H_{dR}^i(Z/W_n)$$

**5.1. Properties of Crystalline cohomology.** A lot of the properties of Crystalline cohomology is true without assuming that  $X$  has a smooth lifting over  $W_n$ . But to see these properties, it is easier to assume that  $X/k$  is proper smooth and admits a lifting  $Z$  over  $W_n$  that's also smooth.

- (1)  $H^*(X/W_1) = H_{dR}^*(X/k)$
- (2)  $H_{\text{Crys}}^n(X/W_m)$  is a contravariant functor in  $X$ . These groups are finitely generated  $W_m$  modules, and zero if  $n < 0$  or  $n > 2\dim(X)$
- (3) There is a cup-product structure

$$\cup_{i,j} : H_{\text{Crys}}^i(X/W)/\text{torsion} \times H_{\text{Crys}}^j(X/W)/\text{torsion} \rightarrow H_{\text{Crys}}^{i+j}(X/W)$$

Moreover,  $H_{\text{Crys}}^{2\dim(X)}(X/W) \cong W$ , and  $\cup_{n, 2\dim(X)-n}$  induces a perfect pairing modulo torsion, called Poincare duality.

- (4)  $H_{\text{Crys}}^n(X/W)$  defines an integral structure on  $H_{dR}^n(X/K)$ .
- (5) If  $l$  is a prime different from  $p$ ,

$$\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_l} H^n(X, \mathbb{Q}_l) = \text{rank}/W H_{\text{Crys}}^n(X/W)$$

- (6) We have the universal coefficient lemma

$$0 \rightarrow H_{\text{Crys}}^n(X/W) \otimes_W k \rightarrow H_{dR}^n(X/k) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^W(H_{\text{Crys}}^{n+1}(X/W), k) \rightarrow 0$$

This can be derived from UFC of De Rham cohomology if  $X$  has a lift, but is true even if  $X$  does not have a lift.

- (7) the absolute Frobenius morphism  $F : X \rightarrow X$  induces a  $\sigma$ -linear morphism  $\varphi : H_{\text{Crys}}^n(X/W) \rightarrow H_{\text{Crys}}^n(X/W)$  of  $W$ -modules.

**Example 5.2.** Let  $X$  be a smooth and proper variety over a perfect field  $k$  of positive characteristic  $p$ , and assume that the Using only the properties of crystalline cohomology mentioned above, then the following are equivalent

- For all  $n \geq 0$ , the  $W$ -module  $H_{\text{Crys}}^n(X/W)$  is torsion-free.
- We have  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_l} H^n(X, \mathbb{Q}_l) = \dim_k H_{dR}^n(X/k)$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and all primes  $l \neq p$ .

**Example 5.3.** Let us give a two fundamental examples.

- (1) Let  $A$  be an Abelian variety of dimension  $g$ . Then, all  $H_{\text{Crys}}^n(A/W)$  are torsion-free  $W$ -modules. More precisely,  $H_{\text{Crys}}^1(A/W)$  is free of rank  $2g$  and for all  $n \geq 2$  there are isomorphisms  $H_{\text{Crys}}^n(A/W) \cong \wedge^n H_{\text{Crys}}^1(A/W)$ . Also,  $\mathbb{D}(A[p^\infty]) \cong H_{\text{Crys}}^1(A/W)$ , compatible with the Frobenius-actions on both sides.
- (2) For a smooth and proper variety  $X$ , let  $\alpha : X \rightarrow \text{Alb}(X)$  be its Albanese morphism. Then,  $\alpha$  induces an isomorphism  $H_{\text{Crys}}^1(X/W) \cong H_{\text{Crys}}^1(\text{Alb}(X)/W)$ . In particular,  $H_{\text{Crys}}^1(X/W)$  is always torsion-free.