

In this talk we compare the pro-étale site with the étale site. First we will see that a sheaf is in the image of  $\mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}})$  if and only if it “commutes with limits”.

$$\text{Image}\left(\mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}})\right) = \left\{ F : F(\varprojlim U_i) = \varinjlim F(U_i) \right\}.$$

Similarly, a complex is in the image of  $D^+(X_{\text{ét}}) \rightarrow D^+(X_{\text{proét}})$  if and only if its cohomology is in the image of  $\mathbf{Shv}_{\text{ét}}(X)$ .

$$\text{Image}\left(D^+(X_{\text{ét}}) \rightarrow D^+(X_{\text{proét}})\right) = \left\{ K : H^n K \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}}) \forall n \right\}.$$

Then we see how the pro-étale site offers a technically simpler way to left complete the étale site. There is a canonical identification of  $\widehat{D}(X_{\text{ét}})$  with the subcategory of  $D(X_{\text{proét}})$  of objects whose cohomology lies in the image of  $X_{\text{ét}}$ .

$$\widehat{D}(X_{\text{ét}}) \cong \left\{ K \in D(X_{\text{proét}}) : H^n K \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}}) \forall n \right\}.$$

We also show how the pro-étale site can be used to recover the classical derived category of  $l$ -adic sheaves.

$$D_{\text{Ék}}^+(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \cong \left\{ K \in D^+(X_{\text{proét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) : \begin{array}{l} H^n(K/\ell) \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}}) \forall n, \text{ and} \\ R\varprojlim(\cdots \xrightarrow{\ell} K \xrightarrow{\ell} K) \cong 0 \end{array} \right\}.$$

## 1 From étale to pro-étale

Since every étale morphism is weakly étale, we have a canonical functor

$$\nu : X_{\text{ét}} \rightarrow X_{\text{proét}}.$$

Moreover, this functor sends covering families to covering families and therefore induces an adjunction

$$\begin{aligned} \nu^* : \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}}) &\rightleftarrows \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}}) : \nu_* \\ (F|_{X_{\text{ét}}}) &\leftarrow F \end{aligned}$$

The left adjoint sends  $F \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}})$  to the *sheafification* of the presheaf

$$U \mapsto \varinjlim_{U \rightarrow V \rightarrow X} F(V) \tag{1}$$

where the colimit is over those factorisations with  $V \in X_{\text{ét}}$ .

**Lemma 1** ([Lem.5.1.1]). *For  $F \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}})$  and  $U \in X_{\text{proét}}^{\text{aff}}$  with presentation  $U = \varprojlim_i U_i$ , we have  $(\nu^* F)(U) = \varinjlim_i F(U_i)$ . In other words, the presheaf (1) already satisfies the sheaf condition on  $X_{\text{proét}}^{\text{aff}}$  before sheafification, and the colimit can be calculated using any presentation for  $U$ .*

*Sketch of proof.* It suffices to treat the case  $X$  is affine. In this case we have  $\mathrm{Shv}(X_{\mathrm{pro\acute{e}t}}) \cong \mathrm{Shv}(X_{\mathrm{pro\acute{e}t}}^{\mathrm{aff}})$ , [Lem.4.2.4]. Now we use the lemma that we mentioned last time, that a presheaf is a sheaf if and only if it satisfies the sheaf condition for Zariski covers, and affine pro-étale morphisms. Both of these kind of covers (up to refinement) descend through filtered colimits. For example, if  $B = \varinjlim B_i$  is an ind-étale algebra and  $B \rightarrow C$  is an étale morphism, then there is some  $i$ , and étale algebra  $B_i \rightarrow C_i$  such that  $C = B \otimes_{B_i} C_i$ . Then the sheaf condition for  $B \rightarrow C$  is the filtered colimit of the sheaf conditions for  $B_i \rightarrow C_i$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F(B) & \longrightarrow & F(C) & \rightrightarrows & F(C \otimes_B C) \\ \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ \varinjlim_i F(B_i) & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim_j F(C_i) & \rightrightarrows & \varinjlim_j F(C_i \otimes_{B_i} C_i) \end{array}$$

Since filtered colimits preserve exact sequences, exactness of the top line follows from exactness of the lower line.  $\square$

**Exercise 1.** Prove the claim that filtered colimits preserve exact sequences. That is, suppose that  $\Lambda$  is a filtered category, and  $A, B, C : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{A}b$  are functors from  $\Lambda$  to the category of abelian groups, and  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  are natural transformations such that for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A_\lambda \rightarrow B_\lambda \rightarrow C_\lambda \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. Then show that

$$0 \rightarrow \varinjlim_\lambda A_\lambda \rightarrow \varinjlim_\lambda B_\lambda \rightarrow \varinjlim_\lambda C_\lambda \rightarrow 0$$

is an exact sequence.

**Example 2.** Suppose  $k$  is a field with separable closure  $k^{sep}$  such that  $k^{sep}/k$  is not a finite extension. Then consider the sheaf  $F(-) = \mathrm{hom}(-, \mathrm{Spec}(k^{sep}))$  on the category  $\mathrm{Spec}(k)_{\mathrm{pro\acute{e}t}}$ . For any  $\mathrm{Spec}(A) \in \mathrm{Spec}(k)_{\mathrm{pro\acute{e}t}}$  we have  $F(\mathrm{Spec}(A)) = \emptyset$ . However,  $\mathrm{Spec}(k^{sep}) \in \mathrm{Spec}(k)_{\mathrm{pro\acute{e}t}}^{\mathrm{aff}}$  and we have  $F(\mathrm{Spec}(k^{sep})) \neq \emptyset = \varinjlim_{k \subset L \subset k^{sep}} F(\mathrm{Spec}(L))$  where the limit is over finite subextensions of  $k^{sep}/k$ . So  $F$  is not in the image of  $\nu^*$ .

**Lemma 3** ([Lem.5.1.2]). *The functor  $\nu^* : \mathrm{Shv}(X_{\mathrm{et}}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Shv}(X_{\mathrm{pro\acute{e}t}})$  is fully faithful. Its essential image consists of those sheaves  $F$  such that  $F(U) = \varinjlim_i F(U_i)$  for any  $U \in X_{\mathrm{pro\acute{e}t}}^{\mathrm{aff}}$  with presentation  $U = \varprojlim_i U_i$ .*

*Proof.* A left adjoint is fully faithful if and only if the unit  $\mathrm{id} \rightarrow \nu_* \nu^*$  is an isomorphism.<sup>1</sup> Isomorphisms of sheaves can be detected locally, cf. Exercise 2, and in  $X_{\mathrm{et}}$  every scheme is locally affine. For any affine étale  $U \rightarrow X$ , the

<sup>1</sup>This is because the composition  $\mathrm{hom}(X, Y) \rightarrow \mathrm{hom}(LX, LY) \cong \mathrm{hom}(X, RLY)$  induced by the unit  $Y \rightarrow RLY$ .

constant diagram  $(U)$  is a presentation for  $U$ . So then by [Lem.5.1.1] we have  $F(U) \cong \nu_*\nu^*F(U)$  for any  $F \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}})$ .

For the second part, suppose  $G \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}})$  satisfies the conditions of the lemma. To show that  $G$  is in the image of  $\nu^*$ , we will show that  $\nu^*\nu_*G \rightarrow G$  is an isomorphism. Since  $\mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}}) \cong \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}}^{\text{aff}})$ , [Lem.4.2.4], it suffices to show that  $\nu^*\nu_*G(U) \rightarrow G(U)$  is an isomorphism for every  $U \in X_{\text{proét}}^{\text{aff}}$ . But this follows from [Lem.5.1.1] and the hypothesis.  $\square$

**Exercise 2.** Prove the claim in the above proof that a morphism of sheaves  $\phi : F \rightarrow G$  on a site  $(C, \tau)$  is an isomorphism if and only if for every  $X \in C$ , there is a  $\tau$ -covering family  $\{U_i \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $F(U_i) \rightarrow G(U_i)$  is an isomorphism for all  $i$ .

Hint: The hypothesis is for every  $X \in C$ , in particular, for any cover  $\{U_i \rightarrow X\}$  with  $\phi$  an isomorphism on each  $U_i$ , there are also covers  $\{W_{ijk} \rightarrow U_i \times_X U_j\}_{k \in K_{ij}}$  with  $\phi$  an isomorphism on each  $W_{ijk}$ .

**Definition 4.** The sheaves in the image of  $\mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}}) \subseteq \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}})$  are called classical.

**Lemma 5** ([Lem.5.1.4]). Suppose that  $F \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}})$ . If there is a pro-étale covering  $\{Y_i \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $F|_{Y_i}$  is classical for all  $i \in I$ , then  $F$  is classical.

*Sketch of proof.* We just treat the affine pro-étale case here. That is we assume  $\{Y_i \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I}$  is of the form  $\{\text{Spec}(B) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)\}$  for some ind-étale morphism of rings  $A \rightarrow B$ . We need to check that for any other ind-étale  $A$ -algebra  $A \rightarrow C$  (so  $C = \varinjlim_j C_j$  for some filtered system of étale algebras  $A \rightarrow C_j$ ), we have  $F(C) = \varinjlim_j F(C_j)$ . We have the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F(C) & \longrightarrow & F(C \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & F(C \otimes B \otimes B) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \varinjlim_j F(C_j) & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim_j F(C_j \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \varinjlim_j F(C_j \otimes B \otimes B) \end{array}$$

The left vertical morphism is an isomorphism since the middle and right one is, and  $F$  is a sheaf.  $\square$

**Definition 6.** Suppose that  $R$  is a ring equipped with the discrete topology. We write  $\text{Loc}_{X_{\text{ét}}}(X)$  (resp.  $\text{Loc}_{X_{\text{proét}}}(X)$ ) for the category of sheaves of  $R$ -modules on  $X_{\text{ét}}$  which are locally free of finite rank. That is, those sheaves  $F$  such that there exists a covering  $\{U_i \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I}$  and isomorphisms  $F|_{U_i} \cong R^n$  for each  $i$  and some  $n$ , where  $R^n$  is the constant sheaf associated to the  $R$ -module  $R^n$ .

**Exercise 3.** Show that every sheaf in  $\text{Loc}_{X_{\text{proét}}}(R)$  is classical.

**Exercise 4.** Show that for any  $U \in X_{\text{ét}}$  and  $F \in \mathbf{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}})$  we have  $\nu^*(F|_{U_{\text{ét}}}) \cong (\nu^*F)|_{U_{\text{proét}}}$ . Deduce that for any  $F \in \text{Loc}_{X_{\text{ét}}}(R)$ , the sheaf  $\nu^*F$  is in  $\text{Loc}_{X_{\text{proét}}}(R)$ .

**Corollary 7** ([Cor.5.1.5]). *Suppose that  $R$  is a ring equipped with the discrete topology. Then  $\nu^*$  defines an equivalence of categories  $\text{Loc}_{X_{\text{et}}}(R) \cong \text{Loc}_{X_{\text{proét}}}(R)$ .*

Proof omitted.

**Corollary 8** ([Cor.5.1.6]). *For any  $K \in D^+(X_{\text{et}})$ , the map  $K \rightarrow \nu_*\nu^*K$  is an equivalence (here  $\nu_*$  and  $\nu^*$  are derived now). Moreover, if  $U \in X_{\text{proét}}^{\text{aff}}$  has presentation  $U = \varprojlim_i U_i$  then  $R\Gamma(U, \nu^*K) = \varinjlim_i R\Gamma(U_i, K)$ .*

The proof is omitted. It uses the Čech cohomology spectral sequence (hence the boundedness hypothesis).

**Corollary 9** ([Cor.5.1.9]). *Consider a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow F' \rightarrow F \rightarrow F'' \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}}, \text{Ab})$ . Then  $F$  is in  $\text{Shv}(X_{\text{et}}, \text{Ab})$  if and only if  $F'$  and  $F''$  are in  $\text{Shv}(X_{\text{et}}, \text{Ab})$ .*

Proof omitted. It is not long, and it uses neat standard homological algebra tricks.

## 2 From pro-étale to étale

We now start working with the derived categories (cf. Remark 11). Functors between derived categories are always derived (for example  $\nu^* : D(X_{\text{et}}) \rightarrow D(X_{\text{proét}})$ ), even if we don't explicitly write it.

**Definition 10** ([Def.5.2.1]). *A complex  $L \in D(X_{\text{proét}})$  is called parasitic (寄生) if  $R\Gamma(U, L) = 0$  for all  $U \in X_{\text{et}}$ . We write  $D_p(X_{\text{proét}}) \subseteq D(X_{\text{proét}})$  for the full subcategory of parasitic complexes.*

**Remark 11.** The category  $D_p(X_{\text{proét}})$  is closed under shift, cone, and direct sum. However, if we try and define parasitic sheaves (outside of the derived category) we do not get a nice subcategory. For example, it is not closed under quotient.

**Example 12** ([Rem.5.2.4]). Let  $X = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Q})$ , and  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_l(1) := \varprojlim \mu_{\ell^n} \in \text{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}}, \text{Ab})$ . Then there is a short exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_l(1) \xrightarrow{l} \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_l(1) \rightarrow \mu_l \rightarrow 1.$$

For all  $U \in X_{\text{et}}$ , we have  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}_l(1)(U) = 0$  (because there is no finite separable field extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  which contains all  $\ell^n$ th roots of unity). However,  $\mu_l \neq 0$ . So the category of “parasitic” sheaves of abelian groups is not closed under quotients.

**Lemma 13** ([Lem.5.2.3]). *We have:*

1. *A complex is in  $D_p(X_{\text{proét}})$  if and only if it is sent to zero by the derived functor  $\nu_* : D(X_{\text{proét}}) \rightarrow D(X_{\text{et}})$ .*
2. *The inclusion  $i : D_p(X_{\text{proét}}) \rightarrow D(X_{\text{proét}})$  has a left adjoint  $L$ .*

**Proposition 14** ([Prop.5.2.6]). *Consider the adjunctions (where  $\nu^*, \nu_*$  are derived functors).*

$$D_p^+(X_{\text{proét}}) \underset{i}{\overset{L}{\rightleftarrows}} D^+(X_{\text{proét}}) \underset{\nu_*}{\overset{\nu^*}{\rightleftarrows}} D^+(X_{\text{ét}})$$

1.  $\nu^*$  is fully faithful.
2. The essential image of  $\nu^*$  are those complexes whose cohomology sheaves lie in  $\text{Shv}_{\text{ét}}(X, \text{Ab}) \subseteq \text{Shv}_{\text{proét}}(X, \text{Ab})$ .
3. For every  $K \in D^+(X_{\text{proét}})$  we have

$$\text{Cone}(iLK \rightarrow K) \cong \nu^* \nu_* K.$$

4. We have  $\text{hom}(i(K'), \nu^*(K'')) = 0$  for all  $K' \in D_p^+(X_{\text{proét}}), K'' \in D^+(X_{\text{ét}})$ .

In other words, the above adjunctions define a semi-orthogonal decomposition of triangulated categories.

**Remark 15** ([Rema.5.2.8]). In the case that  $D(X_{\text{ét}})$  is left-complete (cf.[Prop.3.3.7]) then the above proposition extends to the unbounded categories.

**Remark 16** ([Prop.5.2.9]). Another way to extend the above proposition to unbounded categories is to replace  $D^+(X_{\text{ét}})$  with the smallest subcategory of  $D(X_{\text{proét}})$  containing  $\nu^*(D(X_{\text{ét}}))$ , closed under cones, shift, and filtered colimits.

### 3 Left completion via the pro-étale site

Recall that the left completion  $\widehat{D}(X_{\text{ét}})$  of  $D(X_{\text{ét}})$  is the subcategory of  $D(X_{\text{ét}}^{\mathbb{N}})$  consisting of those sequence of chain complexes  $(\cdots \rightarrow K_2 \rightarrow K_1 \rightarrow K_0)$  in  $\text{Ch}(\text{Shv}(X_{\text{ét}})^{\mathbb{N}})$  such that

1.  $K_n \in D^{\geq -n}(X_{\text{ét}})$ . That is, the sheaves  $H^i K_n$  are zero for  $i < -n$ .
2.  $\tau^{\geq -n} K_{n+1} \rightarrow K_n$  is an equivalence. That is the map  $H^i K_{n+1} \rightarrow H^i K_n$  is an isomorphism of étale sheaves for  $i \geq -n$ .

The left completion  $\widehat{D}(X_{\text{proét}})$  is defined similarly, however, since  $\text{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}})$  is replete [Prop.4.2.8],  $D(X_{\text{proét}})$  is left complete. That is, the canonical adjoints

$$\widehat{D}(X_{\text{proét}}) \rightleftarrows D(X_{\text{proét}})$$

are both equivalences of categories.

Left completion is functorial, so we get a commutative square of functors

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D(X_{\text{ét}}) & \xrightarrow{\nu^*} & D(X_{\text{proét}}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\ \widehat{D}(X_{\text{ét}}) & \xrightarrow{\nu^*} & \widehat{D}(X_{\text{proét}}) \end{array}$$

Then, since  $D(X_{\text{proét}})$  is left complete, we end up with an adjunction

$$\nu^* : \widehat{D}(X_{\text{et}}) \rightleftarrows D(X_{\text{proét}})$$

This functor is full faithful, and its essential image admits the following simple description.

**Definition 17** ([Def.5.3.1]). *Let  $D_{cc}(X_{\text{proét}})$  be the full subcategory of  $D(X_{\text{proét}})$  consisting of complexes whose cohomology sheaves lie in  $\text{Shv}(X_{\text{et}}, \text{Ab}) \subseteq \text{Shv}(X_{\text{proét}}, \text{Ab})$ . That is, those complexes with classical cohomology.*

**Proposition 18** ([Prop.5.3.2]). *There is an adjunction*

$$D(X_{\text{et}}) \rightleftarrows D_{cc}(X_{\text{proét}})$$

*induced by  $\nu^*, \nu_*$  which is isomorphic to the left-completion adjunction*

$$\tau : D(X_{\text{et}}) \rightleftarrows \widehat{D}(X_{\text{et}}) : R\varprojlim.$$

*In particular*

$$\widehat{D}(X_{\text{et}}) \cong D_{cc}(X_{\text{proét}}).$$

## 4 $l$ -adic sheaves via the pro-étale site

Suppose  $l$  is a prime, and  $X$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}[1/l]$ -scheme. The  $l$ -adic cohomology is classically defined as

$$H_{\text{et}}^i(X, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) := \varprojlim_n H_{\text{et}}^i(X, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n).$$

On the other hand, it is useful to have a description of cohomology in terms of derived categories. We have

$$\text{hom}_{D(X_{\text{et}}, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n)}(\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n[i]) = H_{\text{et}}^i(X; \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n)$$

but to extend this to  $l$ -adic cohomology, we would need to consider something like

$$\varprojlim_n D(X_{\text{et}}, \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n)$$

but categories are only well-defined up to equivalence, so limits of categories are technically complicated to define.

**Exercise 5.** In this exercise we show that naïve inverse limits of categories are not well-defined up to equivalence of categories. Let  $\cdots \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow C_0$  be a system of functors of small categories. Define  $\varprojlim C_n$  to be the category with set of objects

$$\text{Ob}_{\varprojlim C_n} = \varprojlim \text{Ob}_{C_n}.$$

Given objects  $x = (\dots, x_2, x_1, x_0)$  and  $y = (\dots, y_2, y_1, y_0)$  in  $\varprojlim C_n$  define

$$\text{hom}_{\varprojlim C_n}(x, y) = \varprojlim \text{hom}_{C_n}(x_n, y_n).$$

1. For an abelian group  $A$ , let  $BA$  be the category of one object,  $*$ , and  $\text{hom}_{BA}(*, *) = A$  with composition in  $BA$  given by addition in  $A$ . Note that any group homomorphism  $A \rightarrow A'$  induces a functor  $BA \rightarrow BA'$ . Show that

$$\varprojlim_n B(\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n) = B\mathbb{Z}_\ell.$$

2. Now define  $C_n$  to be the category whose objects are  $\text{Ob } C_n = \{i \in \mathbb{Z} : i \geq n\}$ , morphisms are  $\text{hom}_{C_n}(i, j) = \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n$  for every  $i, j$ , and composition is given by addition in  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n$ . Note that there are canonical functors  $C_{n+1} \rightarrow C_n$  induced by the group homomorphisms  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n$  and the inclusions  $\text{Ob } C_{n+1} \subset \text{Ob } C_n$ . Show that

$$\varprojlim_n C_n = \emptyset.$$

3. Show that for every  $n$ , the canonical functor  $C_n \rightarrow B\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n$  is fully faithful, and essentially surjective. That is, it is an equivalence of categories. Deduce that  $\varprojlim$ , as defined above, does not preserve equivalences of categories.

There is a notion of 2-limit of categories defined by keeping track of isomorphisms, which does preserve equivalences, but the following is a better way of dealing with this problem.

**Definition 19** ([Def.5.5.2]). Define  $D_{Ek}^+(X_{\text{et}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  as the full subcategory of  $D^+(X_{\text{et}}^{\mathbb{N}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  consisting of those sequences  $(\cdots \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_0)$  of complexes such that each  $M_n$  is a complex of sheaves of  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n$ -modules, and the induced maps<sup>2</sup>

$$M_n \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n} \mathbb{Z}/\ell^{n-1} \rightarrow M_{n-1}$$

are quasi-isomorphisms for all  $n$ .

The category  $D_{Ek}^+(X_{\text{et}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  (and its unbounded version) is what was used classically to access  $l$ -adic cohomology in a derived category setting.

Recall that  $K \in D(X_{\text{proét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  is derived complete if  $T(K)$  is quasi-isomorphic to zero, where  $T(K) = R\varprojlim(\cdots \xrightarrow{\ell} K \xrightarrow{\ell} K \xrightarrow{\ell} K) \cong \text{Cone}\left(\prod_{\mathbb{N}} K \xrightarrow{\text{id}-\ell} \prod_{\mathbb{N}} K\right)[-1]$ .

**Definition 20** ([Def.5.5.3]). Define  $D_{Et}^+(X_{\text{proét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \subseteq D(X_{\text{proét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  for the full subcategory of bounded below complexes  $K$  such that

1.  $K$  is derived complete, cf. [Def.3.4.1].

<sup>2</sup>Recall that all functors in the derived setting are derived, even if the notation does not explicitly say it. In particular, since  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^{n-1} \cong l\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n$  and  $0 \rightarrow l\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n \xrightarrow{\ell} \mathbb{Z}/\ell^n \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ -modules the functor  $-\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n} \mathbb{Z}/\ell^{n-1}$  can be calculated as  $\text{Cone}(-\xrightarrow{\ell}-)[-1]$  for chain complexes of sheaves of  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell^n$ -modules. Similarly,  $-\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} (\mathbb{Z}/\ell)$  can be calculated by  $\text{Cone}(-\xrightarrow{\ell}-)$  for complexes of sheaves of  $\mathbb{Z}_\ell$ -modules.

2.  $K \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} (\mathbb{Z}/\ell) \in D_{cc}(X_{\text{proét}})$ .

**Proposition 21.** *There is a natural equivalence*

$$D_{E_k}^+(X_{\text{proét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \cong D_{E_k}^+(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell).$$

**Remark 22.** If there is an integer  $N$  such that for all affine  $Y \in X_{\text{ét}}$  and sheaves of  $\kappa$ -vector spaces  $F$  we have  $H^n(Y, F) = 0$  for  $n > N$ , then the above proposition is true for unbounded complexes too.

**Remark 23.** Notice that  $D_{E_k}^+(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  is defined by adding structure to  $D(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$ , whereas  $D_{E_k}^+(X_{\text{proét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$  is defined via properties of objects in  $D^+(X_{\text{proét}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell)$ . So one would expect that the latter is easier to work with.