

# Crystals and the De Rham cohomology of Schemes<sup>1</sup>

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## Introduction

These notes are a rough summary of five talks given at I.H.E.S in November and December 1966. The purpose of these talks was to outline a possible definition of a  $p$ -adic cohomology theory, via a generalization of the De Rham cohomology which was suggested by work of Monsky-Washnitzer [?] and Manin [?].

The contents of the notes are by no means intended to be a complete theory. Rather, they outline the start of a program of work which has still not been carried out<sup>2</sup>.

## 1. De Rham cohomology

**1.1. Differentiable Manifolds.** Let  $X$  be a differentiable manifold, and  $\underline{\Omega}_{X/\mathbb{C}}^\bullet$  the complex of sheaves of differential forms on  $X$

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<sup>1</sup>This text has been transcribed by Mateo Carmona  
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<sup>2</sup>For a more detailed exposition and progress in this direction, we refer to the work of P. Berthelot, to be developed presumably in SGA 8.

## 2. The cohomology of Monsky and Wishnitzer

### 2.1. Approach via liftings.

Suppose  $X_0$  is a scheme on a perfect field  $k$

## 3. Connections on the De Rham cohomology

For the definition of a *connection* and a *stratification* on a sheaf, see Appendix I of these notes.

## 4. The infinitesimal topos and stratifying topos

We now turn to the definition of a more general category of coefficients for the De Rham cohomology. To this end we introduce two ringed topos, the *infinitesimal topos* and the *stratifying topos*.

We shall see later that in fact these two topos work well only in characteristic 0

## 5. Čech calculations

We now consider the cohomology of the infinitesimal topos and the stratifying topos<sup>3</sup>

## 6. Comparison of the Infinitesimal and De Rham Cohomologies

**6.1. The basic idea.** Let  $X$  be a scheme above  $S$ , and  $F$  a quasi-coherent Module on  $X$  fortified with a stratification relative to  $S$ .

## 7. The crystalline topos and connecting topos

**7.1. Inadequacy of infinitesimal topos.** Let  $X_0$  be a scheme above a perfect field  $k$  of characteristic  $p > 0$ . Then, regarding  $X_0$  as being above  $S = \text{Spec } W(k)$  instead of  $k$ , the infinitesimal cohomology

$$H^*((X_0/S)_{\text{inf}}, \underline{O}X_0)$$

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<sup>3</sup>For a general discussion of the cohomology of a topos, see (SGA 4 V).

is a graded module

## Appendix

Let  $X$  be a scheme above the base  $S$ , and  $F$  a Module on  $X$ . For each positive integer  $n$ ,

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