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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Notation.

(1.1.1) Let R be a complete discrete valuation ring with maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} , residue field $k = R/\mathfrak{m}$ and quotient field K . We assume that the valuation v_K is normalized. We define by $|\cdot|_K = \exp(-v_K(\cdot))$ the absolute value on K corresponding to v_K ; this turns K into a non-archimedean complete valued field.

(1.1.2) We write $S = \operatorname{Spec} R$ and we denote by s the closed point of S . Let \mathcal{X} be an R -scheme of finite type. We will denote by \mathcal{X}_k the special fiber of \mathcal{X} and by \mathcal{X}_K the generic fiber. Moreover, we will denote by $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ the \mathfrak{m} -adic completion of \mathcal{X} and by $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta$ the generic fiber of $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ in the category of K -analytic spaces.

(1.1.3) Let X be a proper K -scheme. A model for X over R is a flat separated R -scheme \mathcal{X} of finite type endowed with an isomorphism of K -schemes $\mathcal{X}_K \rightarrow X$. If X is smooth over K , we say that \mathcal{X} is an snc model for X if it is regular over R , and the special fiber \mathcal{X}_k is a strict normal crossings divisor on \mathcal{X} . Such a model always exists, by Hironaka's resolution of singularities.

(1.1.4) All log schemes in this paper are fine and saturated (*fs*) log schemes and defined with respect to the Zariski topology. We denote a log scheme by $\mathcal{X}^+ = (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X}})$, where $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X}}$ is the structural sheaf of monoids. We denote by

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X}} / \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}^\times$$

the characteristic sheaf of \mathcal{X}^+ . The sheaf $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}$ is a Zariski sheaf on \mathcal{X}^+ , supported on \mathcal{X}_k ; if \mathcal{X}^+ is log-regular, then $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}$ is a constructible sheaf. For every point x of \mathcal{X}_k , we denote by $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ the ideal in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ generated by

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}^\times.$$

We denote by S^+ the scheme S endowed with the standard log structure (the divisorial log structure induced by s). If an R -scheme \mathcal{X} is given, we will always denote by \mathcal{X}^+ the log scheme over S^+ that we obtain by endowing \mathcal{X} with the divisorial log structure associated with \mathcal{X}_k .

If \mathcal{X}^+ is a log-regular log scheme over S^+ , then the locus where the log structure is non-trivial is a divisor that we will denote by $D_{\mathcal{X}}$. Thus, the log structure on \mathcal{X}^+ is the divisorial log structure induced by $D_{\mathcal{X}}$, by [Kat94], Theorem 11.6.

(1.1.5) Let (X, Δ) be a pair where X is a proper K -scheme, Δ is a divisor and $X^+ = (X, \Delta)$ is a log-regular log scheme over K . A log-regular log scheme over S^+ is a model for (X, Δ) over S^+ if \mathcal{X} is a model of X over R , the closure $\overline{\Delta}$ of Δ in \mathcal{X} has non-empty intersection with \mathcal{X}_k , and $D_{\mathcal{X}} = \overline{\Delta} + \mathcal{X}_k$.

(1.1.6) We say that a log-regular log scheme \mathcal{X}^+ over S^+ is semistable if the divisor $D_{\mathcal{X}}$ is reduced. We say that a proper K -variety X has semistable reduction if it admits an R -model \mathcal{X} such that \mathcal{X}^+ is log-smooth over S^+ , with reduced special fiber; such a model is called a semistable model of X . This is a weaker notion than requiring the existence of an snc-model with reduced special fibre.

(1.1.7) We denote by $(\cdot)^{\text{an}}$ the analytification functor from the category of K -schemes of finite type to Berkovich's category of K -analytic spaces. For every K -scheme of finite type X , as a set, X^{an} consists of the pairs $x = (\xi_x, |\cdot|_x)$ where ξ_x is a point of X and $|\cdot|_x$ is an absolute value on the residue field $\kappa(\xi_x)$ of X at ξ_x extending the absolute value $|\cdot|_K$ on K . We endow X^{an} with the Berkovich topology, i.e. the weakest one such that

- (i) the forgetful map $\phi : X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow X$, defined as $(\xi_x, |\cdot|_x) \mapsto \xi_x$, is continuous,
- (ii) for any Zariski open subset U of X and any regular function f on U the map $|f| : \phi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $|f|(\xi_x, |\cdot|_x) = |f(\xi_x)|$ is continuous.

2. THE KATO FAN OF A LOG-REGULAR LOG SCHEME

2.1. Definition of Kato fans.

(2.1.1) According to [Kat94], Definition 9.1, a monoidal space (T, \mathcal{M}_T) is a topological space T endowed with a sharp sheaf of monoids \mathcal{M}_T , where *sharp* means that $\mathcal{M}_{T,t}^{\times} = \{1\}$ for every $t \in T$. We often simply denote the monoidal space by T .

A morphism of monoidal spaces is a pair $(f, \varphi) : (T, \mathcal{M}_T) \rightarrow (T', \mathcal{M}_{T'})$ such that $f : T \rightarrow T'$ is a continuous function of topological spaces and $\varphi : f^{-1}(\mathcal{M}_{T'}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_T$ is a sheaf homomorphism such that $\varphi_t^{-1}(\{1\}) = \{1\}$ for every $t \in T$.

Example 2.1.2. If \mathcal{X}^+ is a log scheme then the Zariski topological space \mathcal{X} is equipped with a sheaf of sharp monoids $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}$, the characteristic sheaf of \mathcal{X}^+ . Thus $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}})$ is a monoidal space. Moreover, morphisms of log schemes induce morphisms of characteristic sheaves, hence morphism of monoidal spaces. We therefore obtain a functor from the category of log schemes to the category of monoidal spaces.

Example 2.1.3. Given a monoid P , we may associate to it a monoidal space called the spectrum of P . As a set, $\text{Spec } P$ is the set of all prime ideals of P . The topology is characterized by the basis open sets $D(f) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } P \mid f \notin \mathfrak{p}\}$ for any $f \in P$. The monoidal sheaf is defined by

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{Spec } P}(D(f)) = S^{-1}P / (S^{-1}P)^{\times}$$

where $S = \{f^n \mid n \geq 0\}$.

(2.1.4) A monoidal space isomorphic to the monoidal space $\text{Spec } P$ for some monoid P is called an affine Kato fan. A monoidal space is called a Kato fan if it has an open covering consisting of affine Kato fans. In particular, we call a Kato fan integral, saturated, of finite type or *fs* if it admits a cover by the spectra of monoids with the respective properties.

(2.1.5) A morphism of *fs* Kato fans $F' \rightarrow F$ is called a *subdivision* if it has finite fibres and the morphism

$$\text{Hom}(\text{Spec } \mathbb{N}, F') \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\text{Spec } \mathbb{N}, F)$$

is a bijection. Allowing subdivisions a Kato fan might take the following shape.

Proposition 2.1.6. (*[Kat94], Proposition 9.8*) *Let F be a fs Kato fan. Then there is a subdivision $F' \rightarrow F$ such that F' has an open cover $\{U'_i\}$ by Kato cones with $U'_i \simeq \text{Spec } \mathbb{N}^{r_i}$.*

The strategy of the proof of Proposition 2.1.6 goes back to [KKMSD73] and relies on a sequence of particular subdivisions of the Kato fan, the so-called star and barycentric subdivisions ([ACMUW15], Example 4.10).

2.2. Kato fans associated to log-regular log schemes.

Theorem 2.2.1. (*[Kat94], Proposition 10.2*) *Let \mathcal{X}^+ be a log-regular log scheme. Then there is an initial strict morphism $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}) \rightarrow F$ to a Kato fan in the category of monoidal spaces. Explicitly, there exist a Kato fan F and a morphism $\pi : (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}) \rightarrow F$ such that $\pi^{-1}(\mathcal{M}_F) \simeq \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}$ and any other morphism to a Kato fan factors through π .*

The Kato fan F in Theorem 2.2.1 is called the Kato fan associated to \mathcal{X}^+ ; it is the topological subspace of \mathcal{X} consisting of the points x such that the maximal ideal \mathfrak{m}_x of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ is equal to $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, and \mathcal{M}_F is the inverse image of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}$ on F , henceforth we write \mathcal{C}_F for \mathcal{M}_F .

Example 2.2.2. Assume that \mathcal{X} is regular, of finite type over S and \mathcal{X}_k is a divisor with strict normal crossings. Then \mathcal{X}^+ is log-regular and F is the set of generic points of intersections of irreducible components of \mathcal{X}_k . For each point x of F , the stalk of \mathcal{C}_F is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{N}^r, +)$, with r the number of irreducible components of \mathcal{X}_k that pass through x .

This example admits the following partial generalisation.

Lemma 2.2.3. *Let \mathcal{X}^+ be a log-regular log scheme. Then the fan F consists of the generic points of intersections of irreducible components of $D_{\mathcal{X}}$.*

Proof. First, we show that every such generic point is a point of F . Let E_1, \dots, E_r be irreducible components of $D_{\mathcal{X}}$ and let x be a generic point of the intersection $E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_r$. We set $d = \dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Since \mathcal{X}^+ is log-regular, we know that $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}/\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ is regular and that

$$(2.2.4) \quad d = \dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}/\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x} + \text{rank } \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}}.$$

We denote by $V(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x})$ the vanishing locus of the ideal $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ in \mathcal{X} . We want to prove that $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x} = \mathfrak{m}_x$. We assume the contrary, hence that $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x} \subsetneq \mathfrak{m}_x$. This assumption implies that there exists j such that $V(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}) \not\subseteq E_j$: indeed, if the vanishing locus is contained in each irreducible component E_i , i.e.

$$V(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}) \subseteq E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_r \subseteq \overline{\{x\}},$$

then $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x} \supseteq \mathfrak{m}_x$. From the assumption of log-regularity it follows that the vanishing locus $V(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x})$ is a regular subscheme, and moreover that \mathcal{X}^+ is Cohen-Macaulay by [Kat94], Theorem 4.1. Thus, there exists a regular sequence (f_1, \dots, f_l) in $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ where l is the codimension of $V(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x})$, i.e.

$$\dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}/\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x} = d - l.$$

Moreover by the equality (2.2.4), $\text{rank } \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}} = l$.

We claim that the residue classes of these elements f_i in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}}$ are linearly independent. Assume the contrary. Then, up to renumbering the f_i , there exist an integer e with $1 < e < l$, non-negative integers a_1, \dots, a_l , not all zero, and a unit u in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ such that

$$f_1^{a_1} \cdot \dots \cdot f_{e-1}^{a_{e-1}} = u \cdot f_e^{a_e} \cdot \dots \cdot f_l^{a_l}.$$

This contradicts the fact that (f_1, \dots, f_l) is a regular sequence in $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Thus, the classes $\overline{f_1}, \dots, \overline{f_l}$ are independent in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}}$. As we also have the equality $\text{rank } \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}} = l$, it follows that these classes generate $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$.

Let g_j be a non-zero element of the ideal $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ that vanishes along E_j : it necessarily exists as otherwise E_j is not a component of the divisor $D_{\mathcal{X}}$. Then g_j satisfies

$$g_j^N = v \cdot f_1^{b_1} \cdot \dots \cdot f_l^{b_l}$$

with $b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, v a unit in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ and N a positive integer. As g_j vanishes along the irreducible component E_j , at least one of the functions f_1, \dots, f_l has to vanish along E_j : assume that is f_1 .

On the one hand, as f_1 is identically zero on E_j , the trace of E_j on $V(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x})$ has at most codimension $l-1$ in E_j at the point x . On the other hand, we assumed that $V(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x})$ is not contained in E_j and it has codimension l in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Then, the trace of E_j on $V(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x})$ has codimension l in E_j at x . This is a contradiction. We conclude that the ideal $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ is equal to the maximal ideal \mathfrak{m}_x , therefore x is a point of F .

It remains to prove the converse implication: every point x of the fan F must be a generic point of an intersection of irreducible components of $D_{\mathcal{X}}$. Let x be a point of F : by construction of Kato fan F , the maximal ideal of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ is equal to $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, thus it is generated by elements in $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. The zero locus of such an element is contained in $D_{\mathcal{X}}$ by definition of the logarithmic structure on \mathcal{X}^+ . Therefore, the zero locus is a union of irreducible components of the trace of $D_{\mathcal{X}}$ on $\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ and x is a generic point of the intersection of all such irreducible components. \square

Moreover, the example 2.2.2 also leads to the following characterization.

Proposition 2.2.5. (*[GR04], Corollary 12.5.35*) *Let \mathcal{X}^+ be a log-regular log scheme over S^+ and F its associated Kato fan. The following are equivalent:*

- (1) *for every $x \in F$, $M_{F,x} \simeq \mathbb{N}^{r(x)}$,*
- (2) *the underlying scheme \mathcal{X} is regular.*

If this is the case, then the special fibre \mathcal{X}_k is a strict normal crossing divisor.

(2.2.6) The construction of the Kato fan of a log scheme defines a functor from the category of log-regular log schemes to the category of Kato fans. Indeed, given a morphism of log schemes $\mathcal{X}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$, we consider the embedding of the associated Kato fan $F_{\mathcal{X}}$ in \mathcal{X}^+ and the canonical morphism $\mathcal{Y}^+ \rightarrow F_{\mathcal{Y}}$: the composition

$$F_{\mathcal{X}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+ \rightarrow F_{\mathcal{Y}}$$

functorially induces a map between associated Kato fans. Moreover, this association preserves strict morphisms ([Uli13], Lemma 4.9).

2.3. Resolutions of log schemes via Kato fan subdivisions.

Proposition 2.3.1. ([Kat94], Proposition 9.9) *Let \mathcal{X}^+ be a log-regular log scheme and let F be its associated Kato fan. Let $F' \rightarrow F$ be a subdivision of fans. Then there exist a log scheme \mathcal{X}'^+ , a morphism of log schemes $\mathcal{X}'^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^+$ and a commutative diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathcal{X}', \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}'}) & \xrightarrow{p} & F' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}}) & \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathcal{X}}} & F \end{array}$$

such that $p^{-1}(\mathcal{M}_{F'}) \simeq \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X}'}$, they define a final object in the category of such diagrams and the refinement $F' \rightarrow F$ is induced by the morphism of log-regular log schemes $\mathcal{X}'^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^+$.

(2.3.2) It follows that given any subdivision $F' \rightarrow F$ of the Kato fan F associated with a log regular log scheme \mathcal{X}^+ , we can construct a log scheme over \mathcal{X}^+ with prescribed associated Kato fan F' . Combining this fact with Proposition 2.1.6 and Proposition 2.2.5 yields to the construction of resolutions of log schemes in the following sense: for any log-regular log scheme over S^+ we can find a birational modification by a regular log scheme with strict normal special fibre. Moreover, the morphism of log schemes $\mathcal{X}'^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^+$ is obtained by a log blow-up ([Niz06], Theorem 5.8).

2.4. Fibred products and associated Kato fans.

(2.4.1) Given morphisms of *fs* log schemes $f_1 : \mathcal{X}_1^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$ and $f_2 : \mathcal{X}_2^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$, their fibred product exists in the category of log schemes. It is obtained by endowing the usual fibred product of schemes

$$(2.4.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}_1 \times_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{X}_2 & \xrightarrow{p_1} & \mathcal{X}_1 \\ \downarrow p_2 & \searrow p_{\mathcal{Y}} & \downarrow f_1 \\ \mathcal{X}_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & \mathcal{Y} \end{array}$$

with the log structure associated to $p_1^{-1}\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X}_1} \oplus_{p_{\mathcal{Y}}^{-1}\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{Y}}} p_2^{-1}\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X}_2}$. If $u_1 : P \rightarrow Q_1$ and $u_2 : P \rightarrow Q_2$ are charts for the morphisms f_1 and f_2 respectively, then the induced morphism $\mathcal{X}_1 \times_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{X}_2 \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q_1 \oplus_P Q_2]$ is a chart for $\mathcal{X}_1^+ \times_{\mathcal{Y}^+} \mathcal{X}_2^+$.

(2.4.3) In general, the fibred product is not *fs*, but the category of *fs* log schemes also admits fibred products. Keeping the same notations, the following is a chart of the fibred product in the category of fine and saturated log schemes

$$\mathcal{X}_1^+ \times_{\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\text{fs}} \mathcal{X}_2^+ = (\mathcal{X}_1^+ \times_{\mathcal{Y}^+} \mathcal{X}_2^+) \times_{\mathbb{Z}[Q_1 \oplus_P Q_2]} \mathbb{Z}[(Q_1 \oplus_P Q_2)^{\text{sat}}]$$

([Bul15], 3.6.16). We remark that the two fibre products above may not only have different log structures, but also the underlying schemes may differ.

(2.4.4) Log smoothness is preserved under *fs* base change and composition ([GR04], Proposition 12.3.24). In particular, if $f_1 : \mathcal{X}_1^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$ is log-smooth and \mathcal{X}_2^+ is log-regular, then $\mathcal{X}_1^+ \times_{\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\text{fs}} \mathcal{X}_2^+$ is log-regular, by [Kat94], Theorem 8.2.

Consider log-smooth morphisms of fs log schemes $\mathcal{X}_1^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$ and $\mathcal{X}_2^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$. The sheaves of logarithmic differentials are related by the following isomorphism

$$(2.4.5) \quad p_1^* \Omega_{\mathcal{X}_1^+/\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\log} \oplus p_2^* \Omega_{\mathcal{X}_2^+/\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\log} \simeq \Omega_{\mathcal{X}_1^+ \times_{\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\text{fs}} \mathcal{X}_2^+/\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\log}$$

by [GR04], Proposition 12.3.13. Furthermore, by assumption of log-smoothness over S^+ the logarithmic differential sheaves are locally free of finite rank ([Kat94], Proposition 3.10) and we can consider their determinants; they are called log canonical bundles and denoted by ω^{\log} . The following isomorphism is a direct consequence of (2.4.5)

$$(2.4.6) \quad p_1^* \omega_{\mathcal{X}_1^+/\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\log} \otimes p_2^* \omega_{\mathcal{X}_2^+/\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\log} \simeq \omega_{\mathcal{X}_1^+ \times_{\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\text{fs}} \mathcal{X}_2^+/\mathcal{Y}^+}^{\log}.$$

(2.4.7) Similarly to the construction of fibred products of fs log schemes, the category of fs Kato fans admits fibred products: on affine Kato fans $F = \text{Spec } P$ and $G = \text{Spec } Q$ over $H = \text{Spec } T$, $F \times_H G$ is the spectrum of the amalgamated sum $(P \oplus_T Q)^{\text{sat}}$ in the category of fs monoids ([Uli16], Proposition 2.4) and on the underlying topological spaces, this coincides with the usual fibred product.

We seek to compare the Kato fan associated to the fibred product of log-regular log schemes with the fibred product of associated Kato fans.

Proposition 2.4.8. ([Sai04], Lemma 2.8) *Given \mathcal{T}^+ a log-regular log scheme, let \mathcal{X}^+ and \mathcal{Y}^+ be log-smooth log schemes over \mathcal{T}^+ . We denote by \mathcal{Z}^+ the fs fibred product $\mathcal{X}^+ \times_{\mathcal{T}^+}^{\text{fs}} \mathcal{Y}^+$. Then, the natural morphisms $F_{\mathcal{X}} \rightarrow F_{\mathcal{Z}}$ and $F_{\mathcal{Y}} \rightarrow F_{\mathcal{Z}}$ induce a morphism of Kato fans*

$$F_{\mathcal{Z}} \rightarrow F_{\mathcal{X}} \times_{F_{\mathcal{T}}} F_{\mathcal{Y}}$$

that is locally an isomorphism.

2.5. Semistability and Kato fans associated to the fibred products.

(2.5.1) We investigate a sufficient condition to turn the local isomorphism of Proposition 2.4.8 into an isomorphism: it concerns the notion of semistability. We recall that a log-regular log scheme \mathcal{X}^+ is said to be semistable if the divisor $D_{\mathcal{X}}$, where the log structure is non-trivial, is reduced.

(2.5.2) In order to see the relevance of the assumption of semistability, we need some results on saturated morphism of log schemes. We recall that, locally around a point x of the divisor $D_{\mathcal{X}}$, the morphism of characteristic monoids $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ is a saturated morphism of monoids if, for any morphism $u : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P$ of fs monoids, the amalgamated sum $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \oplus_{\mathbb{N}} P$ is still saturated.

Following the work by T. Tsuji in an unpublished 1997 preprint, Vidal in [Vid04] defines the saturation index of a morphism of fs monoids. In the case of log-regular log scheme over S^+ it can be easily computed: it is the least common multiple of the multiplicities of the prime components of the divisor $D_{\mathcal{X}}$. The following criterion holds.

Lemma 2.5.3. ([Vid04], Section 1.3) *A morphism of fs monoids is saturated if and only if the saturation index is equal to 1.*

Proposition 2.5.4. *Assume that the residue field k is algebraically closed. Let \mathcal{X}^+ and \mathcal{Y}^+ be log-smooth log scheme over S^+ . Let \mathcal{Z}^+ be their fs fibred product. If \mathcal{X}^+ is semistable, then the morphism*

$$F_{\mathcal{Z}} \rightarrow F_{\mathcal{X}} \times F_{\mathcal{Y}},$$

induced by the projections $\mathcal{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^+$ and $\mathcal{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$, is an isomorphism of Kato fans.

Proof. By hypothesis \mathcal{X}^+ is a semistable log-regular log scheme over S^+ , hence the saturation index of $\mathcal{X}^+ \rightarrow S^+$ is 1. Thus, by Lemma 2.5.3 the morphism of log schemes $\mathcal{X}^+ \rightarrow S^+$ induces a saturated morphism of characteristic monoids at every point of \mathcal{X}^+ . The saturation condition implies that the fibred product in the category of log schemes coincides with the fibred product in the category of fs log schemes. In particular, the underlying scheme of \mathcal{Z}^+ coincides with the usual schematic fibred product, hence its points are characterized as follows:

$$z = (x, y, s, \mathfrak{p}) \text{ and } \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z},z} = (\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \otimes_R \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y},y})_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

where x and y are points of \mathcal{X}^+ and \mathcal{Y}^+ both mapped to the same point s of S , while \mathfrak{p} is a prime ideal of the tensor product of residue fields $\kappa(x) \otimes_{\kappa(s)} \kappa(y)$. We look for a characterization of points z in \mathcal{Z}^+ that lie in the Kato fan $F_{\mathcal{Z}}$.

If the point z lies in $F_{\mathcal{Z}}$, then the maximal ideal \mathfrak{m}_z is equal to the ideal $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{Z},z}$ by definition. By the flatness of the models \mathcal{X}^+ and \mathcal{Y}^+ over S^+ , the morphisms of local rings $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z},z}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y},y} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z},z}$ are injective. Hence, the equalities $\mathfrak{m}_x = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ and $\mathfrak{m}_y = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{Y},y}$ hold. Thus, the points z in \mathcal{Z}^+ that lie in the Kato fan $F_{\mathcal{Z}}$ are necessarily points such that the projections x and y to \mathcal{X}^+ and \mathcal{Y}^+ lie in their associated Kato fans. Therefore, we may assume $x \in F_{\mathcal{X}}$, $y \in F_{\mathcal{Y}}$, and it remains to characterize the prime ideals \mathfrak{p} such that $z = (x, y, s, \mathfrak{p}) \in F_{\mathcal{Z}}$.

By log-regularity of \mathcal{Z}^+ , the point z lies in the associated Kato fan if and only if $\dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z},z} = \text{rank} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Z},z}^{\text{gp}}$. At the level of characteristic sheaves it holds that

$$\text{rank} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Z},z}^{\text{gp}} = \text{rank} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}} + \text{rank} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Y},y}^{\text{gp}} - 1.$$

Since x and y are both assumed to be points in the associated Kato fans, the equality between dimension of local rings and rank of the groupifications of characteristic sheaves lead to the equivalence

$$\begin{aligned} z \in F_{\mathcal{Z}} &\Leftrightarrow \dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z},z} = \text{rank} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Z},z}^{\text{gp}} = \text{rank} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}} + \text{rank} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Y},y}^{\text{gp}} - 1 \\ &= \dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} + \dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y},y} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

By log-regularity of \mathcal{Z}^+ , it holds that $\dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z},z} \geq \text{rank} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Z},z}^{\text{gp}}$, thus the inequality

$$\dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z},z} \geq \dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} + \dim \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y},y} - 1$$

is always true and equality holds only for minimal prime ideals \mathfrak{p} of $\kappa(x) \otimes_{\kappa(s)} \kappa(y)$. Therefore, in order to conclude that there exists a unique point z whose projections are the points x and y and that lies in the Kato fan $F_{\mathcal{Z}}$, we need to prove the following property: the tensor product $\kappa(x) \otimes_{\kappa(s)} \kappa(y)$ has a unique minimal prime ideal.

If s is the closed point of S , then its residue field is the algebraically closed field k . It follows that the tensor product $\kappa(x) \otimes_k \kappa(y)$ is a domain, hence it has a unique minimal prime ideal, namely 0.

Otherwise, we denote by \mathcal{V} the closure of x in \mathcal{X}^+ : it is still a log-smooth scheme over S^+ with reduced special fibre \mathcal{V}_k . We denote by L the separable closure of $\kappa(s)$ in $\kappa(x)$ and by \mathcal{O}_L its valuation ring. Let $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{O}_L}$ be the base change of \mathcal{V} to $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_L)$: the generic fibre \mathcal{V}_L is normal, as normality is preserved under separable field extension, and the special fibre is still reduced. By [Liu02], Lemma 4.1.18, it follows that $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{O}_L}$ is normal. Since $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{O}_L}$ is normal and proper with reduced special fibre, \mathcal{V}_L is connected. We deduce that $\kappa(s)$ is separably algebraically closed in

$\kappa(x)$. Finally by [DG61], Proposition 4.3.2, the tensor product $\kappa(x) \otimes_{\kappa(s)} \kappa(y)$ has a unique minimal prime ideal. \square

3. THE SKELETON OF A LOG-REGULAR LOG SCHEME

3.1. Construction of the skeleton of a log-regular log scheme.

(3.1.1) Let \mathcal{X}^+ be a log-regular log scheme over S^+ . Let x be a point of the associated Kato fan F . Denote by $F(x)$ the set of points y of F such that x lies in the closure of $\{y\}$, and by $\mathcal{C}_{F(x)}$ the restriction of \mathcal{C}_F to $F(x)$. Denote by $\text{Spec } \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ the spectrum of the monoid $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} = \mathcal{C}_{F(x)}$. Then there exists a canonical isomorphism of monoid spaces

$$(F(x), \mathcal{C}_{F(x)}) \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} : y \mapsto \{s \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \mid s(y) = 0\}$$

where the expression $s(y) = 0$ means that $s'(y) = 0$ for any representative s' of s in $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. In particular, we obtain a bijective correspondence between the faces of the monoid $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ and the points of $F(x)$, and for every point y of $F(x)$, a surjective cospecialization morphism of monoids

$$\tau_{x,y} : \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},y}$$

which induces an isomorphism of monoids

$$S^{-1}\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}/(S^{-1}\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x})^\times \cong \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}/S \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},y}$$

where S denotes the monoid of elements s in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ such that $s(y) \neq 0$.

(3.1.2) For each point x in F , we denote by σ_x the set of morphisms of monoids

$$\alpha : \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, +)$$

such that $\alpha(\pi) = 1$ for every uniformizer π in R . We endow σ_x with the topology of pointwise convergence, where $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ carries the usual Euclidean topology. Note that σ_x is a polygon in the real affine space

$$\{\alpha : \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}} \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +) \mid \alpha(\pi) = 1 \text{ for every uniformizer } \pi \text{ in } R\}.$$

If y is a point of $F(x)$, then the surjective cospecialization morphism $\tau_{x,y}$ induces a topological embedding $\sigma_y \rightarrow \sigma_x$ that identifies σ_y with a face of σ_x .

(3.1.3) We denote by T the disjoint union of the topological spaces σ_x with x in F . On the topological space T , we consider the equivalence relation \sim generated by couples of the form $(\alpha, \alpha \circ \tau_{x,y})$ where x and y are points in F such that x lies in the closure of $\{y\}$ and α is a point of σ_y .

The skeleton of \mathcal{X}^+ is defined as the quotient of the topological space T by the equivalence relation \sim . We denote this skeleton by $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$. It is clear that $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ has the structure of a polyhedral complex with closed cells $\{\sigma_x, x \in F\}$ and that the faces of a cell σ_x are precisely the cells σ_y with y in $F(x)$.

3.2. Embedding the skeleton in the non-archimedean generic fiber.

(3.2.1) Let \mathcal{X}^+ be a log-regular log scheme over S^+ . Let x be a point of the associated Kato fan F . As the log structure on \mathcal{X}^+ is of finite type, the characteristic monoid $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ is of finite type too, and thus $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}}$ is a free abelian group of finite rank. Hence there exists a section

$$\zeta : \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}} / \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}}.$$

The section ζ restricts to $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$; indeed, if $x \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ then $\zeta(\bar{x}) - x \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}^\times$. Therefore we may choose a section

$$(3.2.2) \quad \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$$

of the projection homomorphism

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$$

and use this section to view $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ as a submonoid of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Note that $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \{0\}$ generates the ideal $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$.

We propose a generalisation of [MN15], Lemma 2.4.4.

Lemma 3.2.3. *Let A be a Noetherian ring, let I be an ideal of A and let (y_1, \dots, y_m) be a system of generators for I . We denote by \hat{A} the I -adic completion of A . Let B be a subring of A such that the elements y_1, \dots, y_m belong to B and generate the ideal $B \cap I$ in B . Then, in the ring \hat{A} , every element f of B can be written as*

$$(3.2.4) \quad f = \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m} c_\beta y^\beta$$

where the coefficients c_β belong to $((A \setminus I) \cap B) \cup \{0\}$.

Proof. Let f be an element of B , we construct an expansion for f of the form (3.2.4) by induction. If f belongs to the complement of I , the conclusion trivially holds. Otherwise, f belongs to I and we can write f as a linear combination of the elements y_1, \dots, y_m with coefficients in B :

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j y_j, \quad b_j \in B.$$

By induction hypothesis, we suppose that i is a positive integer and that we can write every f in B as a sum of an element f_i of the form (3.2.4) and a linear combination of degree i monomials in the elements y_1, \dots, y_m with coefficients in B . We apply this assumption to the coefficients b_j , hence

$$b_j = b_{j,i} + \sum_{\substack{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m \\ |\beta|=i}} b_{j,\beta} y^\beta, \quad b_{j,\beta} \in B.$$

Then we can write f as a sum of an element f_{i+1} of the form (3.2.4) and a linear combination of degree $i+1$ monomials in the elements y_1, \dots, y_m with coefficients in B

$$f = \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^m b_{j,i} y_j}_{f_{i+1}} + \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{\substack{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^m \\ |\beta|=i}} b_{j,\beta} y^\beta \right) y_j$$

such that f_i and f_{i+1} have the same coefficients in degree $i < 0$. Iterating this construction we finally find an expansion of f of the required form. \square

(3.2.5) Let f be an element of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Considering $A = B = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, $I = \mathfrak{m}_x$ and a system of generators for \mathfrak{m}_x in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \{1\}$, by Lemma 3.2.3 we can write f as a formal power series

$$(3.2.6) \quad f = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}} c_\gamma \gamma$$

in $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, where each coefficient c_γ is either zero or a unit in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. We call this formal series an *admissible expansion* of f . We set

$$(3.2.7) \quad S = \{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \mid c_\gamma \neq 0\}$$

and we denote by Γ the set of elements of S that lie on a compact face of the convex hull of $S + \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}^{\text{gp}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$.

Proposition 3.2.8.

(1) *The element*

$$f_x = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} c_\gamma(x) \gamma \in k(x)[\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}]$$

depends on the choice of the section (3.2.2), but not on the expansion (3.2.6).

(2) *The subset Γ of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ only depends on f and x , and not on the choice of the section (3.2.2) or the expansion (3.2.6).*

Proof. If we denote by I the ideal of $k(x)[\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}]$ generated by $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \{1\}$, then it follows from [Kat94] that there exists an isomorphism of $k(x)$ -algebras

$$(3.2.9) \quad \text{gr}_I k(x)[\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}] \rightarrow \text{gr}_{\mathfrak{m}_x} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}.$$

Using this result and following the argument of [MN15] Proposition 2.4.6, we show that f_x does not depend on the expansion of f . Let

$$f = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}} c'_\gamma \gamma$$

be another admissible expansion of f with associated set Γ' and element f'_x . Then

$$0 = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}} (c_\gamma - c'_\gamma) \gamma = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}} d_\gamma \gamma$$

where the right hand side is an admissible expansion obtained by choosing admissible expansions for the elements $c_\gamma - c'_\gamma$ that do not lie in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}^\times \cup \{0\}$. In particular $d_\gamma(x) = c_\gamma(x) - c'_\gamma(x)$ for any γ in $\Gamma_x \cup \Gamma'_x$. The isomorphism of graded algebras in (3.2.9) implies that the elements d_γ must all vanish, hence $\Gamma_x = \Gamma'_x$ and $f_x = f'_x$.

Point (2) follows from the fact that the coefficients c_γ of f_x are independent of the chosen section up to multiplication by a unit in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, so that the support Γ of f_x only depends on f and x . \square

(3.2.10) We will denote the subset Γ of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ by $\Gamma_x(f)$ and call it the *initial support* of f at x .

Proposition 3.2.11. *Let x be a point of F and let*

$$\alpha : \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, +)$$

be an element of σ_x . Then there exists a unique minimal real valuation

$$v : \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

such that $v(m) = \alpha(\overline{m})$ for each element m of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$.

Proof. We will prove that the map

$$(3.2.12) \quad v : \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \mapsto \min\{\alpha(\gamma) \mid \gamma \in \Gamma_x(f)\}$$

satisfies the requirements in the statement. We fix a section

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}.$$

It is straightforward to check that $(f \cdot g)_x = f_x \cdot g_x$ for all f and g in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. This implies that v is a valuation. It is obvious that $v(m) = \alpha(\overline{m})$ for all m in $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, since we can write m as the product of an element of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ and a unit in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$.

Now we prove minimality. Consider any real valuation

$$w : \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

such that $w(f) = \alpha(\overline{m})$ for each element m of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, and let f be an element of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. We must show that $w(f) \geq v(f)$.

We set

$$C_\alpha = \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \alpha^{-1}(0).$$

We denote by I the ideal in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ generated by C_α and by A the I -adic completion of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. By Lemma 3.2.3, we see that we can write f in A as

$$(3.2.13) \quad \sum_{\beta \in C_\alpha \cup \{1\}} d_\beta \beta$$

where d_β is either zero or contained in the complement of I in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$.

Since $\alpha(\beta) > 0$ for every $\beta \in C_\alpha$, we can find an integer $N > 0$ such that $w(g) > w(f)$ for every element g in I^N . Since $w(\beta) = \alpha(\beta)$ for all β in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, we can write

$$w(f) \geq \min\{\alpha(\beta) \mid d_\beta \neq 0\}.$$

We consider the coefficients in the expansion (3.2.13) of f . Applying Lemma 3.2.3 as in paragraph (3.2.5), we can write admissible expansions of these coefficients in $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ as

$$d_\beta = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}} c_{\gamma,\beta} \gamma, \quad c_{\gamma,\beta} \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}^\times \cup \{0\},$$

with $\alpha(\gamma) = 0$ in the expansions of d_β that belong to $\mathfrak{m}_x \setminus I$.

Therefore we obtain an admissible expansion of f

$$f = \sum_{\substack{\beta \in C_\alpha \cup \{1\} \\ \gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}}} c_{\gamma,\beta} \gamma \beta$$

and we have $v(f) = \min\{\alpha(\gamma\beta) \mid c_{\gamma,\beta} \neq 0\} = \min\{\alpha(\beta) \mid d_\beta \neq 0\} \geq w(f)$. \square

Remark 3.2.14. In the definition (3.2.12) of the valuation v , we compute the minimum over the terms in the initial support of f : these elements are a finite number and they only depends on x and f by Proposition 3.2.8. Therefore, this minimum provides a well-defined function on $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \{0\}$. Nevertheless, it is

equivalent to consider the minimum over all the terms of an admissible expansion of f , i.e. for any admissible expansion $f = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}} c_\gamma \gamma$

$$\min\{\alpha(\gamma) \mid \gamma \in \Gamma_x(f)\} = \min\{\alpha(\gamma) \mid \gamma \in S\},$$

where $S = \{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \mid c_\gamma \neq 0\}$ as in (3.2.7). Indeed, any element that belongs to S can be written as a sum of an element of the initial support of f and an element of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Since the morphism α is additive and takes positive real values, then the minimum is necessarily attained by the elements in the initial support.

(3.2.15) We will denote the valuation v from Proposition 3.2.11 by $v_{x,\alpha}$. Since $v_{x,\alpha}$ induces a real valuation on the function field of \mathcal{X}_K that extends the discrete valuation v_K on K , it defines a point of the K -analytic space $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta$, which we will denote by the same symbol $v_{x,\alpha}$. We now show that the characterization of $v_{x,\alpha}$ in Proposition 3.2.11 implies that

$$v_{y,\alpha'} = v_{x,\alpha' \circ \tau_{x,y}}$$

for every y in $F(x)$ and every α' in σ_y .

Firstly we note that $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},y}$ is the localization of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ with respect to the elements of $m \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ in the kernel of $\tau_{x,y}$. Indeed, by construction of $\tau_{x,y}$, the kernel is given by

$$\ker(\tau_{x,y}) = \{s \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \mid s(y) \neq 0\};$$

to obtain $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},y}$ from $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, we localize by

$$S = \{a \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \mid a(y) \neq 0\};$$

therefore we can identify the set of elements in $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ in $\ker(\tau_{x,y})$ with the set S , recalling that for points in the Kato fan $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \{1\}$ generates the maximal ideal of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Therefore we are dealing with these two morphisms:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \hookrightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},y},$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}/S = \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},y}.$$

Let f be an element of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Under the notations of Lemma 3.2.3, we apply the lemma to $A = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},y}$ and $B = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, choosing a system of generators of \mathfrak{m}_y in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$: we can find an admissible expansion of f of the form

$$f = \sum_{\delta \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},y}} d_\delta \delta \quad \text{with } d_\delta \in (\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} \cap \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},y}^\times) \cup \{0\}.$$

Admissible expansions of coefficients d_δ induce an admissible expansion for f by

$$f = \sum_{\delta \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},y}} \left(\sum_{\gamma \in S} c_{\gamma\delta} \gamma \right) \delta \quad \text{with } c_{\gamma\delta} \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}^\times \cup \{0\},$$

where γ runs through the set S since $d_\delta \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},y}^\times$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_{y,\alpha'}(f) &= \min\{\alpha'(\delta) \mid \delta \in \Gamma_y(f)\} \\ &= \min\{\alpha' \circ \tau_{x,y}(\gamma\delta) \mid \delta \in \Gamma_y(f), \gamma \in S\} \\ &= \min\{\alpha' \circ \tau_{x,y}(\gamma\delta) \mid \gamma\delta \in \Gamma_x(f)\} \\ &= v_{x,\alpha' \circ \tau_{x,y}}(f). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain a well-defined map

$$\iota : \text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta$$

by sending α to $v_{x,\alpha}$ for every point x of F and every $\alpha \in \sigma_x$.

Proposition 3.2.16. *The map*

$$\iota : \text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta$$

is a topological embedding.

Proof. First, we show that ι is injective. Let x be a point of F and α an element of σ_x . Let y be the point of $F(x)$ corresponding to the face $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \setminus \alpha^{-1}(0)$ of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. Then α factors through an element

$$\alpha' : \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

of σ_y . Note that $\alpha = \alpha'$ in $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ because $\alpha = \alpha' \circ \tau_{x,y}$. Moreover, since $(\alpha')^{-1}(0) = \{1\}$, the center of the valuation $v_{y,\alpha'}$ is the point y , so that $\text{red}_{\mathcal{X}}(v_{y,\alpha'}) = y$. Thus we can recover y from $v_{y,\alpha'}$. Then we can also reconstruct α' by looking at the values of $v_{y,\alpha'}$ at the elements of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},y}$. We conclude that ι is injective.

Now, we show that ι is a homeomorphism onto its image. Since $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ is compact and $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta$ is Hausdorff, it suffices to show that ι is continuous. The family $\{\sigma_x, x \in F\}$ is a cover of $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ by closed subsets, so that we only have to prove that the restriction of ι to σ_x is continuous, for every $x \in F$. By definition of the Berkovich topology, it is enough to prove that the map

$$\sigma_x \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \alpha \mapsto v_{x,\alpha}(f)$$

is continuous for every f in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. This is obvious from the formula (3.2.12). \square

(3.2.17) From now on, we will view $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ as a topological subspace of $\mathcal{X}_K^{\text{an}}$ by means of the embedding ι in Proposition 3.2.16. If \mathcal{X} is regular over R and \mathcal{X}_k is a divisor with strict normal crossings, the skeleton $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ was described in [MN15], Section 3.1.

3.3. Contracting the generic fibre to the skeleton.

(3.3.1) The inclusion $\iota : \text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta$ admits a continuous retraction

$$\rho_{\mathcal{X}} : \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta \rightarrow \text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$$

constructed as follows. Let x be a point of $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta$ and consider the reduction map

$$\text{red}_{\mathcal{X}} : \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_k.$$

Let E_1, \dots, E_r be the irreducible components of $D_{\mathcal{X}}$ passing through the point $\text{red}_{\mathcal{X}}(x)$. We denote by ξ the generic point of the connected component of $E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_r$ that contains $\text{red}_{\mathcal{X}}(x)$. By Lemma 2.2.3, ξ is a point in the associated Kato fan F . We set α to be the morphism of monoids

$$\alpha : \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},\xi} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

such that $\alpha(\overline{m}) = v_x(m)$ for any element m of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},\xi}$. In particular $\alpha(\pi) = v_x(\pi) = 1$ as we assumed the normalization of all valuations in the Berkovich space. Then $\rho_{\mathcal{X}}(x)$ is the point of $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ corresponding to the couple (ξ, α) . By construction $\rho_{\mathcal{X}}$ is continuous and right inverse to the inclusion ι .

(3.3.2) Given a morphism $f : \mathcal{X}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$ of integral flat separated log-regular S -schemes, we can employ the retraction ρ to define a map of skeleta as follows

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta & \xrightarrow{\widehat{f}} & \widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\eta \\
\rho_{\mathcal{X}} \downarrow \uparrow \iota_{\mathcal{Y}} & & \downarrow \rho_{\mathcal{Y}} \\
\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) & \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} & \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y}^+).
\end{array}$$

This association makes the skeleton construction $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ functorial in \mathcal{X}^+ .

3.4. Skeleton of a fs fibred product.

(3.4.1) Let \mathcal{X}^+ and \mathcal{Y}^+ be log-smooth log schemes over S^+ , let \mathcal{Z}^+ be their fs fibred product. Let

$$\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Z}^+) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) \times \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y}^+)$$

be the continuous map of skeleta functorially associated to the projections $\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathcal{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^+$ and $\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}} : \mathcal{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$. We denote this map by $(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}, \mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})})$ and we recall that it is constructed considering the diagram

$$(3.4.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc}
\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_\eta & \xrightarrow{(\widehat{\mathrm{pr}}_{\mathcal{X}}, \widehat{\mathrm{pr}}_{\mathcal{Y}})} & \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\eta \times \widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\eta \\
\rho_{\mathcal{Z}} \downarrow \uparrow \iota_{\mathcal{Z}} & & \downarrow (\rho_{\mathcal{X}}, \rho_{\mathcal{Y}}) \\
\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Z}^+) & \xrightarrow{(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}, \mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})})} & \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) \times \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y}^+).
\end{array}$$

Proposition 3.4.3. *Assume that the residue field k is algebraically closed. If \mathcal{X}^+ is semistable, then the map $(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}, \mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})})$ is a homeomorphism.*

Proof. The surjectivity of the map $(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}, \mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})})$ follows from the commutativity of the diagram (3.4.2) and the surjectivity of $(\rho_{\mathcal{X}}, \rho_{\mathcal{Y}}) \circ (\widehat{\mathrm{pr}}_{\mathcal{X}}, \widehat{\mathrm{pr}}_{\mathcal{Y}})$. To prove the injectivity of $(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}, \mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})})$, we provide an explicit description of the map $\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}$.

We recall that the projection $\widehat{\mathrm{pr}}_{\mathcal{X}}$ is such that a valuation v on the function field $K(\mathcal{Z}_K)$ maps to the composition $v \circ i$ where $i : K(\mathcal{X}_K) \hookrightarrow K(\mathcal{Z}_K)$.

Let $v_{z,\varepsilon}$ be the valuation in $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Z}^+)$ corresponding to a couple (z, ε) with $z \in F_{\mathcal{Z}}$ and $\varepsilon \in \sigma_z$. We consider the morphism of associated Kato fans

$$F_{\mathcal{Z}} \rightarrow F_{\mathcal{X}} \times F_{\mathcal{Y}}$$

as established in Proposition 2.4.8. We denote respectively by $\mathrm{pr}_{F_{\mathcal{X}}}$ and $\mathrm{pr}_{F_{\mathcal{Y}}}$ the projection to the first and second factor. Then $\mathrm{pr}_{F_{\mathcal{X}}}(z)$ is a point in the associated Kato fan $F_{\mathcal{X}}$, that we denote by x . We consider the morphism of monoids

$$i_x : \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Z},z}$$

and the composition

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon) : \quad \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} &\xrightarrow{i_x} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Z},z} = (\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \oplus_{\mathbb{N}} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Y},y})^{\mathrm{sat}} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \\
a &\longmapsto [a, 1] \longmapsto \varepsilon([a, 1]).
\end{aligned}$$

It trivially satisfies $\varepsilon \circ i_x(\pi) = 1$. In order to conclude that it correctly defines a point in the skeleton $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$, we need to check the compatibility with respect to the equivalence relation \sim . Indeed, suppose that $\varepsilon = \varepsilon' \circ \tau_{z,z'}$ for some $z' \in \overline{\{z\}}$. We denote by x' the projection of z' under the local isomorphism of associated Kato fans. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} & \xrightarrow{i_x} & \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},z} \\
\downarrow \tau_{x,x'} & & \downarrow \tau_{z,z'} \\
\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x'} & \xrightarrow{i_{x'}} & \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},z'}
\end{array}
\begin{array}{c}
\searrow \varepsilon \\
\searrow \varepsilon'
\end{array}
\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

is commutative as made up by a commutative square and a commutative triangle of arrows. Therefore, by commutativity

$$\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon) = \mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon') \circ \tau_{x,x'}$$

and this implies that $\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)$ defines a well-defined point $v_{x,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)}$ of $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$.

We claim that $v_{x,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)}$ is indeed the image of $v_{z,\varepsilon}$ under the map $\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}$, hence that the equality in the following inner diagram holds

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_{\eta} & \xrightarrow{\widehat{\mathrm{pr}}_{\mathcal{X}}} & \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_{\eta} \\
\downarrow \rho_{\mathcal{X}} & & \downarrow \rho_{\mathcal{X}} \\
\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}} & \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)
\end{array}
\begin{array}{ccc}
v_{z,\varepsilon} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & v_{z,\varepsilon} \circ i \\
\uparrow & & \downarrow \\
v_{z,\varepsilon} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \rho_{\mathcal{X}}(v_{z,\varepsilon} \circ i) = v_{x,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)}
\end{array}$$

We denote $\rho_{\mathcal{X}}(v_{z,\varepsilon} \circ i)$ by (x, α) as a point of $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$. By definition of the retraction $\rho_{\mathcal{X}}$, the morphism α is characterized by the fact that $\alpha(\overline{m}) = (v_{z,\varepsilon} \circ i)(m)$ for any m in $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ and then we have

$$\alpha(\overline{m}) = (v_{z,\varepsilon} \circ i)(m) = v_{z,\varepsilon}(m) = \varepsilon(\overline{m}).$$

On the other hand, for any m in $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$

$$v_{x,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)}(m) = \mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)(\overline{m}) = \varepsilon(\overline{m})$$

hence we obtain that α coincide with the morphism $\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)$. It means that their associated points $\rho_{\mathcal{X}}(v_{z,\varepsilon} \circ i)$ and $v_{x,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)}$ coincide in $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$.

Given a pair of points in $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) \times \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y}^+)$, we know by surjectivity of $(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}, \mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})})$ that they are of the form

$$(v_{x,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)}, v_{y,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}(\varepsilon)}).$$

The assumption of semistability of \mathcal{X}^+ guarantees that there is a unique z in $F_{\mathcal{X}}$ in the fibre of x and y , by Proposition 2.5.4. Moreover, we can uniquely reconstruct ε by looking at the values of $v_{x,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)}$ at the elements of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ and respectively of $v_{y,\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}(\varepsilon)}$ at the elements of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{Y},y}$. We conclude that $(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X})}, \mathrm{pr}_{\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})})$ is injective. \square

4. THE WEIGHT FUNCTION FOR PAIRS

4.1. Weight function associated to a logarithmic pluricanonical form.

(4.1.1) Let X be a connected, smooth and proper K -variety of dimension n . We introduce the following notation: for any log-regular model \mathcal{X}^+ of X , for any point $x = (\xi_x, |\cdot|_x) \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}_{\eta}$ and for any divisor D on \mathcal{X}^+ whose support does not contain ξ_x , we set

$$v_x(D) = -\ln |f(x)|$$

where f is any element of $K(X)^{\times}$ such that $D = \mathrm{div}(f)$ locally at $\mathrm{red}_{\mathcal{X}}(x)$.

(4.1.2) Let (X, Δ) be a pair with log-regular log scheme $X^+ = (X, \Delta)$ over K . Let ω be a logarithmic m -pluricanonical form on X^+ . For each log-regular model \mathcal{X}^+ of X^+ , the form ω defines a divisor $\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)$ on \mathcal{X}^+ . For any point x in $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$ that is associated to an irreducible component of \mathcal{X}_k , the value

$$(4.1.3) \quad v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) + m$$

does not depend on the choice of the model \mathcal{X}^+ ; indeed, this follows from the same arguments of [MN15], Proposition 4.2.4. We denote this value by $\text{wt}_\omega(x)$ and call it the weight of x with respect to ω . Since any snc model \mathcal{X} of X can be turned by resolution of singularities into a log-regular model of X^+ , the formula 4.1.3 computes the weight with respect to ω at every divisorial point of X^{an} . Thus, we obtain a function

$$\text{wt}_\omega : \text{Div}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}, \quad x \mapsto \text{wt}_\omega(x)$$

on the set of divisorial points, called the weight function associated to ω . From the definition, we remark that for every integer $d > 0$

$$\text{wt}_{\omega^{\otimes d}}(x) = d \cdot \text{wt}_\omega(x),$$

and for every non-zero rational function f on X

$$\text{wt}_{f\omega}(x) = \text{wt}_\omega(x) + v_x(f).$$

We prove that the formula 4.1.3 actually expresses the weight of every divisorial point in $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$.

Proposition 4.1.4. *If x is a divisorial point in $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$, then*

$$\text{wt}_\omega(x) = v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) + m.$$

Proof. If the point x is associated to an irreducible component of the special fibre, then the equality holds by definition. As in [MN15], Proposition 2.4.11, any divisorial point can be reduced to such a representation by a finite sequence of blow-ups of strata of $D_{\mathcal{X}}$. Therefore, it suffices to consider one blow-up morphism $h : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ of a stratum Z of $D_{\mathcal{X}}$ and check that

$$v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) + m = v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) + m,$$

where \mathcal{Y}^+ is the log-regular log scheme with $D_{\mathcal{Y}}$ equals to the sum of the closure of the strict transform Δ_Y of Δ_X and the special fibre \mathcal{Y}_k .

We denote by E the exceptional divisor of the blow-up h , by $r = r_h + r_v$ the codimension of Z in \mathcal{X} , where r_h and r_v are the number of irreducible components of $\overline{\Delta_X}$ and respectively of the special fibre \mathcal{X}_k , containing Z . We denote the projections onto S^+ by $s_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathcal{X}^+ \rightarrow S^+$ and $s_{\mathcal{Y}} : \mathcal{Y}^+ \rightarrow S^+$ and by π a uniformizer in R . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} h^*(\omega_{\mathcal{X}^+/S^+}^{\log}) &= h^*(\omega_{\mathcal{X}/R} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}(\overline{\Delta_X}_{\text{red}} + \mathcal{X}_{k,\text{red}} - s_{\mathcal{X}}^*(\pi))) \\ &= \omega_{\mathcal{Y}/R} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y}}((1-r)E) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y}}(\overline{\Delta_Y}_{\text{red}} + r_h E + \mathcal{Y}_{k,\text{red}} + (r_v - 1)E - s_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(\pi)) \\ &= \omega_{\mathcal{Y}/R} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y}}(\overline{\Delta_Y}_{\text{red}} + \mathcal{Y}_{k,\text{red}} - s_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(\pi)) = \omega_{\mathcal{Y}^+/S^+}^{\log}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) + m = v_x(h^*(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega))) + m = v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) + m$$

and concludes the proof. \square

(4.1.5) We define a function

$$\mathrm{wt}_{\mathcal{X}^+, \omega} : \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto v_x(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) + m$$

on the skeleton associated to a log-regular model \mathcal{X}^+ and we call it the weight function associated to ω and \mathcal{X}^+ . By Proposition 4.1.4, if x is a divisorial point of $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$, then the weight at x associated to ω and \mathcal{X}^+ is actually independent on the choice of the model and equal to $\mathrm{wt}_\omega(x)$. From the definition, we remark that for each point x in $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$, for every integer $d > 0$

$$\mathrm{wt}_{\omega^{\otimes d}}(x) = d \cdot \mathrm{wt}_\omega(x),$$

and for every non-zero rational function f on X

$$\mathrm{wt}_{f\omega}(x) = \mathrm{wt}_\omega(x) + v_x(f).$$

Following the arguments of Lemma 4.2.8 and Proposition 4.3.4 in [MN15], we can prove that there exists a unique function on the set of birational points of X^{an}

$$\mathrm{wt}_\omega : \mathrm{Bir}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ such that } \mathrm{wt}_\omega(x) = \mathrm{wt}_{\mathcal{X}^+, \omega}(x)$$

for every birational point x and every log-regular model \mathcal{X}^+ such that $x \in \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$. Moreover, after the arguments of Proposition 4.4.5 in [MN15], we obtain a function on the Berkovich space X^{an} by setting

$$\mathrm{wt}_\omega(x) = \sup_{\mathcal{X}^+} \{ \mathrm{wt}_\omega(\rho_{\mathcal{X}}(x)) \} \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

where \mathcal{X}^+ runs through the set of all log-regular model \mathcal{X}^+ of X^+ . We have that

$$(4.1.6) \quad \mathrm{wt}_\omega(x) = v_x(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) + m$$

for every birational point x and every log-regular model \mathcal{X}^+ such that $x \in \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$. We call it the weight function associated to ω .

4.2. Weight function for log-regular models.

(4.2.1) In case the divisor Δ is empty, the forms we considered in the previous paragraph to construct the weight functions are simply the sections of the m -pluricanonical line bundle $\omega_{X/K}^{\otimes m}$ on X , for some $m > 0$. Given a m -pluricanonical form ω on X , we check that the weight function wt_ω defined as in (4.1.6) coincides with the definition of the weight function associated to ω according to [MN15]. This results in a generalized formula for the usual weight of ω at the birational points, in terms of their representations in skeleta associated to log-regular models of X .

Proposition 4.2.2. *Let \mathcal{X} be a model of X over R such that \mathcal{X}^+ is log-regular over S^+ . If x is a point of $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$, then the weight of ω at x as in [MN15] is given by*

$$\mathrm{wt}_\omega(x) = v_x(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) + m.$$

Proof. In order to compute the weight of ω at x according to the definition in [MN15], we can consider any snc model \mathcal{Y} of X such that x is a point of $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})$. Then, by [NX16], Section 3.2.2, the weight is given by

$$v_x(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) + m.$$

As we noticed in Remark 2.3.2, we can obtain an snc model \mathcal{Y} adapted to x by means of a log blow-up $h : \mathcal{Y}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^+$ of \mathcal{X}^+ (Propositions 2.2.5 and 2.3.1). Moreover, the corresponding skeleton $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y}^+)$ is given by a subdivision of $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+)$

(Proposition 2.1.6) and coincides with $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})$. Therefore it suffices to prove that $v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) = v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega))$ for such a model \mathcal{Y}^+ .

Log blow-ups are log-étale morphisms ([Sai04], Section 2.1) and for log-étale morphisms the sheaf of log differentials is stable under pullback ([Kat94], Proposition 3.12), therefore

$$h^* \omega_{\mathcal{X}^+/S^+}^{\log} \simeq \omega_{\mathcal{Y}^+/S^+}^{\log}.$$

Then $\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega) = h^* \text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)$ and in particular for points x of the skeleton $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) = \text{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})$, it holds that

$$v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) = v_x(h^* \text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) = v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)).$$

□

4.3. Weight function and Kontsevich-Soibelman skeleton for products.

(4.3.1) Let \mathcal{X}^+ and \mathcal{Y}^+ be log-smooth models over S^+ of $X^+ = (X, \Delta_X)$ and $Y^+ = (Y, \Delta_Y)$ respectively. Then, the f s fibred product $\mathcal{Z}^+ = \mathcal{X}^+ \times_{S^+}^{\text{fs}} \mathcal{Y}^+$ is a log-regular model of $Z^+ := X^+ \times_K^{\text{fs}} Y^+$. Therefore, given ω_{X^+} and ω_{Y^+} logarithmic m -pluricanonical forms on X^+ and Y^+ respectively, the form

$$\varpi = \text{pr}_{X^+}^* \omega_{X^+} \otimes \text{pr}_{Y^+}^* \omega_{Y^+}$$

is a logarithmic m -pluricanonical form on Z^+ . Viewing these forms as rational sections of log m -pluricanonical bundles, we see that $\text{div}_{\mathcal{Z}^+}(\varpi) = \text{div}_{\mathcal{Z}^+}(\text{pr}_{X^+}^* \omega_{X^+} \otimes \text{pr}_{Y^+}^* \omega_{Y^+})$ according to (2.4.6).

(4.3.2) Let z be a point of $F_{\mathcal{Z}}$; as before, we denote by x and y the images of z under the local isomorphism $F_{\mathcal{Z}} \rightarrow F_{\mathcal{X}} \times F_{\mathcal{Y}}$. Any morphism $\varepsilon \in \sigma_z$ defines a point $v_{z,\varepsilon}$ in $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{Z}^+)$. For the sake of convenience, we simply denote the valuations by the corresponding morphisms and we denote $\alpha = \text{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)$ and $\beta = \text{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}(\varepsilon)$. We aim to relate the valuation $v_{\varepsilon}(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Z}^+}(\varpi))$ to the values

$$v_{\alpha}(\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega_{X^+})) , v_{\beta}(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega_{Y^+})).$$

(4.3.3) Let $f_x \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ be a local equation of $\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega_{X^+})$ around x . In order to evaluate $v_{x,\alpha}$ on f_x , we consider an admissible expansion of f_x as in (3.2.6)

$$f_x = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}} c_{\gamma} \gamma.$$

Furthermore, this expansion induces also an expansion of $\text{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(f_x)$ by

$$\text{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(f_x) = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}} \text{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(c_{\gamma}) \gamma$$

as formal power series in $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathcal{X},z}$, since the morphism of characteristic sheaves $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},z}$ is injective. Following the same procedure for a local equation $f_y \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y},y}$ of $\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega_{Y^+})$ around y , we get an expansion of f_y that extends to $\text{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(f_y)$:

$$f_y = \sum_{\delta \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Y},y}} d_{\delta} \delta.$$

(4.3.4) A local equation of ϖ around z is determined by $\text{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(f_x) \text{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(f_y)$. Thus

$$v_{\varepsilon}(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Z}^+}(\varpi)) = v_{\varepsilon}(\text{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(f_x) \text{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(f_y))$$

and by multiplicativity of the valuation v_ε

$$v_\varepsilon(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(f_x) \mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(f_y)) = v_\varepsilon(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(f_x)) + v_\varepsilon(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(f_y)).$$

Recalling Remark 3.2.14, the valuation can be computed as follows

$$v_\varepsilon(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(f_x)) = \min\{\varepsilon(\gamma) \mid c_\gamma \neq 0\};$$

as the elements γ belong to $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ and α is defined to be $\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}(\varepsilon)$

$$\min\{\varepsilon(\gamma) \mid c_\gamma \neq 0\} = \min\{\alpha(\gamma) \mid c_\gamma \neq 0\} = v_{x,\alpha}(f_x).$$

Hence, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} v_\varepsilon(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{Z}^+}(\varpi)) &= v_\varepsilon(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{X}}^*(f_x)) + v_\varepsilon(\mathrm{pr}_{\mathcal{Y}}^*(f_y)) \\ &= v_\alpha(f_x) + v_\beta(f_y) \\ &= v_\alpha(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega_{X^+})) + v_\beta(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega_{Y^+})). \end{aligned}$$

(4.3.5) This result turns out to be advantageous to compute the weight function wt_ϖ on divisorial points of $\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Z}^+)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{wt}_\varpi(\varepsilon) &= v_\varepsilon(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{Z}^+}(\varpi)) + m \\ (4.3.6) \quad &= v_\alpha(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega_{X^+})) + v_\beta(\mathrm{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega_{Y^+})) + m \\ &= \mathrm{wt}_{\omega_{X^+}}(\alpha) + \mathrm{wt}_{\omega_{Y^+}}(\beta) - m. \end{aligned}$$

(4.3.7) Let $X^+ = (X, \Delta_X)$ be a pair such that X is a connected, smooth and proper K -variety and X^+ a log-regular log scheme over K . Let ω be a non-zero rational logarithmic m -pluricanonical form on X^+ for some $m > 0$. Similarly to [MN15], Section 4.5, we define the Kontsevich-Soibelman skeleton $\mathrm{Sk}(X^+, \omega)$ as the closure of the set of divisorial points of X^{an} where the weight function wt_ω reaches its minimal value, denoted by $\mathrm{wt}_\omega(X^+)$.

(4.3.8) Under the notations of the previous paragraphs, our computations lead to the following result.

Theorem 4.3.9. *Suppose that the residue field k is algebraically closed and that \mathcal{X}^+ is semistable. Then, the homeomorphism of skeleta*

$$\mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Z}^+) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{X}^+) \times \mathrm{Sk}(\mathcal{Y}^+)$$

given in Proposition 3.4.3 restricts to a homeomorphism of Kontsevich-Soibelman skeleta

$$\mathrm{Sk}(Z^+, \varpi) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Sk}(X^+, \omega_{X^+}) \times \mathrm{Sk}(Y^+, \omega_{Y^+}).$$

Proof. This follows immediately from the equality (4.3.6) that shows that a point in $\mathrm{Sk}(Z^+)$ has minimal value $\mathrm{wt}_\varpi(Z^+)$ if and only if its projections have minimal value $\mathrm{wt}_{\omega_{X^+}}(X^+)$ and $\mathrm{wt}_{\omega_{Y^+}}(Y^+)$. \square

5. THE ESSENTIAL SKELETON OF A PRODUCT

6. APPLICATIONS

6.1. Weight functions and skeleta for finite quotients.

(6.1.1) Let X be a connected, smooth and proper K -variety and let G be a finite group acting on X . Let X^{an} be the analytification of X . We recall that any point of X^{an} is a pair $(x, |\cdot|_x)$ with $x \in X$ and $|\cdot|_x$ an absolute value on the residue field $\kappa(x)$ that extends the absolute value on K . For any point x of X , an element g of the group G induces an isomorphism between the residue fields $\kappa(x)$ and $\kappa(g.x)$, that we still denote by g . Then, the action of G extends to X^{an} in the following way

$$g.(x, |\cdot|_x) = (g.x, |\cdot|_x \circ g^{-1}).$$

In particular the action preserves the sets of divisorial and birational points of X .

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y = X/G$ be the quotient map of K -schemes, let $f^{\text{an}} : X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow Y^{\text{an}}$ be the map of Berkovich spaces induced by functoriality and let $\tilde{f} : X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow X^{\text{an}}/G$ be the quotient map of topological spaces.

Proposition 6.1.2. (*[Ber95], Corollary 5*) *Under the above notations, there is a canonical homeomorphism between X^{an}/G and Y^{an} such that \tilde{f} and f^{an} are identified.*

(6.1.3) Let y be a divisorial point of Y^{an} and consider a regular snc R -model \mathcal{Y} of Y adapted to y , i.e. such that y is the divisorial point associated to (\mathcal{Y}, E) for some irreducible component E of \mathcal{Y}_k . We denote by \mathcal{X} the normalization of \mathcal{Y} inside $K(X)$, where $K(\mathcal{Y}) = K(Y) = K(X)^G \hookrightarrow K(X)$.

We check that \mathcal{X} is an R -model of X ; it is enough to show that the base change \mathcal{X}_K is isomorphic to X . We consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathcal{X}_K \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & X & \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{X} \\ & \downarrow f & \downarrow \\ & Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{Y} \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec } K & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S \end{array}$$

As the X is a normal variety endowed with a morphism $X \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$, by universal property of normalization, it factors uniquely through \mathcal{X} and the diagram is still commutative. Then by universal property of fibred product, there exists a morphism $X \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_K$. Therefore, it suffices to prove that

$$[K(X) : K(\mathcal{X}_K)] = 1.$$

Indeed, if this is the case, then $X \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_K$ is a finite birational morphism between normal varieties, hence an isomorphism.

The degree of the extension $[K(X) : K(\mathcal{X}_K)]$ may be computed on an affine open, so we assume that \mathcal{Y} is an affine scheme with associated ring $K[\mathcal{Y}]$. Then we consider the diagram of inclusions

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & K(\mathcal{X}) = K(\mathcal{X}_K) & & \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\ \widehat{K[\mathcal{Y}]} = K[\mathcal{X}] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & K(X) & & \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{finite deg} & & \\ K[\mathcal{Y}] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & K(\mathcal{Y}) = K(Y) = K(X)^G & & \end{array}$$

As $K(X)$ is finite field extension of $K(\mathcal{Y})$ and $K[\mathcal{X}]$ the integral closure of $K[\mathcal{Y}]$ in $K(X)$, then $K(X)$ is the fraction field of $K[\mathcal{X}]$. Thus, $K(\mathcal{X}) = \text{Frac}(K[\mathcal{X}]) = K(X)$ and in particular we conclude that $[K(X) : K(\mathcal{X}_K)] = 1$.

Remark 6.1.4. This procedure of normalization illustrates a way to start with a regular snc R -model \mathcal{Y} of Y adapted to a point $y \in \text{Div}(Y)$ and construct an R -model \mathcal{X} of X that, by normality, is regular at generic points of the special fibre \mathcal{X}_k .

Lemma 6.1.5. *Let ω be a m -pluricanonical form on X . If ω is G -invariant, then the weight function associated to ω on the set of birational points is stable under the action of G .*

Proof. Let x be a birational point of X and g an element of G . There exist snc models \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}' over R such that $x \in \text{Sk}(\mathcal{X})$ and $g.x \in \text{Sk}(\mathcal{X}')$. By replacing them by an snc model \mathcal{Y} that dominates both \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}' , we can assume that both points lies in $\text{Sk}(\mathcal{Y})$. The weights of ω at x and $g.x$ can be computed using the formula 4.1.6, so

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wt}_\omega(g.x) &= v_{g.x}(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) + m = v_x((g^{-1})^* \text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) + m \\ &= v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) + m = \text{wt}_\omega(x) \end{aligned}$$

as ω is a G -invariant form. Thus we see that birational points in the same G -orbit have the same weight with respect to ω . \square

Corollary 6.1.6. *Let ω be a G -invariant pluricanonical form on X . Then the Kontsevich-Soibelman skeleton $\text{Sk}(X, \omega)$ is stable under the action of G .*

Proof. This follows immediately from Lemma 6.1.5. \square

Proposition 6.1.7. *Let ω be a G -invariant m -pluricanonical form on X . Let y be a divisorial point of Y^{an} . Then, for any divisorial point $x \in (f^{\text{an}})^{-1}(y)$, the weights of ω at x and y coincide.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{Y} be a regular snc R -model such that y has divisorial representation (\mathcal{Y}, E) . Let \mathcal{X} be the normalization of \mathcal{Y} in $K(X)$: as we observed in Remark 6.1.4, it is an R -model of X , regular at generic points of the special fibre \mathcal{X}_k . The preimage of E coincides with the pull-back of the Cartier divisor E on \mathcal{X} , hence $f^{-1}(E)$ still defines a codimension one subset on \mathcal{X} . We denote by F_i the irreducible components of $f^{-1}(E)$ and we associate to F_i 's their corresponding divisorial valuations $x_i = (\mathcal{X}, F_i)$. By Lemma 6.1.5, it is enough to prove the result for one of the x_i 's. We denote it by $x = (\mathcal{X}, F)$ and we compare the weights of ω at y and x , namely

$$\text{wt}_\omega(x) = v_x(\text{div}_{\mathcal{X}^+}(\omega)) + m \quad \text{and} \quad \text{wt}_\omega(y) = v_y(\text{div}_{\mathcal{Y}^+}(\omega)) + m.$$

We recall that for log-étale morphisms the sheaves of logarithmic differentials are stable under pull-back ([Kat94], Proposition 3.12). Furthermore, it suffices to check that, locally around the generic point of F_i , the morphism $\mathcal{X}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$ is a log-étale morphism of divisorial log structures, to conclude that the weights coincide. To this purpose, we will apply Kato's criterion for log étaleness ([Kat89], Theorem 3.5) to log schemes with respect to the étale topology.

We denote by ξ_F the generic point of F and by ξ_E the generic point of E . The divisorial log structures on \mathcal{X}^+ and \mathcal{Y}^+ have charts \mathbb{N} at ξ_F and ξ_E . In the

étale topology, the normalization morphism $\mathcal{X}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^+$ admits a chart induced by $t : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ where $1 \mapsto m$ for some positive integer m :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Spec} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}, \xi_F} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{N}] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Spec} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y}, \xi_E} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{N}] \end{array}$$

Firstly, by the universal property of the fibre product, we have a morphism

$$\mathrm{Spec} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}, \xi_F} \rightarrow \mathrm{Spec} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y}, \xi_E} \times_{\mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{N}]} \mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{N}]$$

and it corresponds to

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Y}, \xi_E} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{N}]} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{N}] \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}, \xi_F}.$$

This is a morphism of finite type with finite fibres between regular rings and by [Liu02], Lemma 4.3.20 and [Now97] it is flat and unramified, hence étale. One of the two conditions in Kato's criterion for log étaleness is then fulfilled. Secondly, the chart $t : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$ induces a group homomorphism $t^{\mathrm{gp}} : \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$; in particular, it is injective and it has finite cokernel. Then t satisfies the second condition of Kato's criterion for log étaleness. Therefore we conclude that $\mathrm{wt}_\omega(y) = \mathrm{wt}_\omega(x)$. \square

Proposition 6.1.8. *Let ω be a G -invariant pluricanonical form on X . Then the canonical homeomorphism between X^{an}/G and Y^{an} of Proposition 6.1.2 induces the homeomorphism*

$$\mathrm{Sk}(X, \omega)/G \simeq \mathrm{Sk}(X/G, \omega).$$

Proof. This follows immediately from Corollary 6.1.6 and Proposition 6.1.7. \square

(6.1.9) Let X be a smooth K -variety and let ω_X be a pluricanonical form on X . Let $\mathrm{pr}_j : X^n \rightarrow X$ be the j -th canonical projection. Then

$$\omega = \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n} \mathrm{pr}_j^* \omega_X$$

is a pluricanonical form on X^n and moreover it is invariant under the action of \mathfrak{S}_n .

Proposition 6.1.10. *Assume that the residue field k is algebraically closed. If X has semistable reduction, then the Kontsevich-Soibelman skeleton of the n -th symmetric product of X associated to ω is isomorphic to the n -th symmetric product of the Kontsevich-Soibelman skeleton of X associated to ω_X .*

Proof. Iterating the result of Theorem reference, we have that the projection map defines an isomorphism of Kontsevich-Soibelman skeleta

$$\mathrm{Sk}(X^n, \omega) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Sk}(X, \omega_X) \times \dots \times \mathrm{Sk}(X, \omega_X).$$

Thus, applying Proposition 6.1.8 with the group \mathfrak{S}_n acting on the product X^n , we obtain that

$$\mathrm{Sk}(X^n/\mathfrak{S}_n, \omega) \simeq \mathrm{Sk}(X^n, \omega)/\mathfrak{S}_n \simeq \mathrm{Sym}^n(\mathrm{Sk}(X, \omega_X)).$$

\square

6.2. The essential skeleton of Hilbert schemes of a K3 surface.

(6.2.1) Let S be an irreducible regular surface. We consider $\text{Hilb}^n(S)$ the Hilbert scheme of n points on S : by [Fog68] it is an irreducible regular variety of dimension $2n$. Moreover, the morphism

$$\rho_{HC} : \text{Hilb}^n(S) \rightarrow S^n / \mathfrak{S}_n$$

that sends a zero-dimensional scheme $Z \subseteq S$ to its associated zero-cycle $\text{supp}(Z)$ is a birational morphism, called the Hilbert-Chow morphism.

(6.2.2) Let S be a K3 surface over K , namely S is a complete non-singular variety of dimension two such that $\Omega_{S/K}^2 \simeq \mathcal{O}_S$ and $H^1(S, \mathcal{O}_S) = 0$. In particular S is a variety with trivial canonical line bundle.

Corollary 6.2.3. *Assume that S has semistable reduction and the residue field k is algebraically closed. Then the essential skeleton of the Hilbert scheme of n points on S is isomorphic to the n -th symmetric product of the essential skeleton of S*

$$\text{Sk}(\text{Hilb}^n(S)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Sym}^n(\text{Sk}(S)).$$

Proof. This follows immediately from Corollary 6.1.10 and the birational invariance of the essential skeleton, [MN15], Proposition 4.6.3. \square

Proposition 6.2.4. *If the essential skeleton of S is homeomorphic to a point, a closed interval or the 2-dimensional sphere, then the essential skeleton of $\text{Hilb}^n(S)$ is homeomorphic to a point, the standard n -simplex or \mathbb{CP}^n respectively.*

Proof. Applying Corollary 6.2.3, we reduce to the computation of the symmetric product of a point, a closed interval or the sphere S^2 . Then, the result follows from [Hat02], Section 4K. \square

Remark 6.2.5. The motivation to consider the point, the closed interval and the sphere S^2 as topological realization of the essential skeleton of a semistable model of a K3 surface comes from the Kulikov-Persson-Pinkham Theorem ([Kul77], [PP81]). They consider degenerations of K3 surfaces over the unit complex disk and prove that, after base change and birational transformations, any such degeneration can be arranged to be semistable with trivial canonical bundle, namely a *Kulikov degeneration*. Then, they classify the possible special fibres of Kulikov degenerations according to the type of the degeneration. We recall that the monodromy operator T on $H^2(X_t, \mathbb{Q})$ of the fibres X_t of a Kulikov degeneration is unipotent, so we denote by ν the nilpotency index of $\log(T)$, namely the positive integer such that $\log(T)^\nu = 0$ and $\log(T)^{(\nu-1)} \neq 0$. The type of the Kulikov degeneration is defined as the nilpotency index ν and called type I, II or III accordingly to it. Finally, it follows from [Kul77], Theorem II, that the dual complex of the special fibre of a Kulikov degeneration is a point, a closed interval or the sphere S^2 according to the respective type, and in particular its dimension is equal to $\nu - 1$.

Remark 6.2.6. Hilbert schemes of a K3 surfaces represent a family of examples of hyper-Kähler varieties. For a degeneration of hyper-Kähler manifolds over the unit disk it is possible to define the type as the nilpotency index of the monodromy operator on the second cohomology group. It naturally extends the definition for degenerations of K3 surfaces. In [KLSV17], Kollár, Laza, Saccà and Voisin study the essential skeleton of a degeneration of hyper-Kähler manifolds in terms of the

type. More precisely, given a minimal dlt degeneration of $2n$ -dimensional hyper-Kähler manifolds, firstly they prove that the dual complex of the special fibre has dimension $(\nu - 1)n$, where ν denotes the type of the degeneration. Secondly, they prove that, in the type III case, the dual complex is a simply connected closed pseudo-manifold with the rational homology of \mathbb{CP}^n . From this prospective, Proposition 6.2.4 confirm and strengthen their result for the specific case of Hilbert schemes.

For Hilbert schemes associated to a type II degeneration of K3 surfaces, an alternative proof of our result is due to Gulbrandsen, Halle, Hulek and Zhang, see [GHH16] and [GHHZ17]. Their approach is based on the method of *expanded degenerations*, which first appeared in [Li01], and on the construction of suitable GIT quotients, in order to obtain explicit minimal dlt degeneration for the associated family of Hilbert schemes.

6.3. The essential skeleton of generalised Kummer varieties.

(6.3.1) Let A be an abelian surface over K , namely a complete non-singular, connected group variety of dimension two. Since A is a group variety, the canonical line bundle is trivial and the group structure provides a multiplication morphism $m_n : A \times A \times \dots \times A \rightarrow A$ that is invariant under the permutation action of \mathfrak{S}_n , hence it induces a morphism

$$\Sigma_n : \text{Hilb}^n(A) \xrightarrow{\rho_{HC}} \text{Sym}^n(A) \rightarrow A$$

by composition with the Hilbert-Chow morphism. Then $K_n(A) = \Sigma_{n+1}^{-1}(1)$ is called the n -th generalised Kummer variety and is a hyper-Kähler manifold of dimension $2n$ ([Bea83]).

(6.3.2) In [HN17], Proposition 4.3.2, Halle and Nicaise prove that the essential skeleton of an abelian variety A over K coincides with the construction of a skeleton of A done by Berkovich in [Ber90], Paragraph 6.5. It follows from this identification and [Ber90], Theorem 6.5.1 that the essential skeleton of A has a group structure, compatible with the group structure on A^{an} under the retraction ρ_A of A^{an} onto the essential skeleton, so the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A^{\text{an}})^n & \xrightarrow{m_n^{\text{an}}} & A^{\text{an}} \\ (\rho_A)^n \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho_A \\ \text{Sk}(A)^n & \xrightarrow{\mu_n} & \text{Sk}(A). \end{array}$$

where μ denotes the multiplication of $\text{Sk}(A)$.

Proposition 6.3.3. *Let A be an abelian surface over K . Assume that A has semistable reduction and the residue field k is algebraically closed. Then the essential skeleton of the n -th generalised Kummer variety is isomorphic to the symmetric quotient of the kernel of the morphism μ , namely*

$$\text{Sk}(K_n(A)) \simeq \text{Sk}(m_{n+1}^{-1}(1)/\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}) \simeq \mu_{n+1}^{-1}(1)/\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}.$$

Proof. The first homeomorphism follows from the birational invariance of the essential skeleton ([MN15], Proposition 4.6.3). We denote by

$$L = m_{n+1}^{-1}(1) \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda = \mu_{n+1}^{-1}(1).$$

We consider the action of \mathfrak{S}_{n+1} on L : for any choice of an \mathfrak{S}_{n+1} -invariant generating canonical form on A , it follows from Proposition 6.1.8 that $\text{Sk}(Z/\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}) \simeq \text{Sk}(Z)/\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$. We reduce to study the quotients $\text{Sk}(Z)/\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$ and $\Lambda/\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$.

Let \mathfrak{S}'_n and \mathfrak{S}''_n be the subgroups of \mathfrak{S}_{n+1} of the permutations that fix n and $n+1$ respectively. Then \mathfrak{S}_{n+1} is generated by the two subgroups, so its action on $\text{Sk}(Z)$ and Λ is completely determined by the actions of these subgroups. As Z is isomorphic to n copies of A , we consider the following isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} f_n : Z &\xrightarrow{\sim} A^n & (z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) &\mapsto (z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, z_{n+1}) \\ f_{n+1} : Z &\xrightarrow{\sim} A^n & (z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) &\mapsto (z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, z_n). \end{aligned}$$

The isomorphism f_n is \mathfrak{S}'_n -equivariant, f_{n+1} is \mathfrak{S}''_n -equivariant, the morphism ψ

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Z & \\ f_{n+1} \swarrow & & \searrow f_n \\ A^n & \xrightarrow{\psi} & A^n \end{array}$$

$$(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, z_n) \longmapsto (z_1, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^n z_i^{-1}).$$

is equivariant with respect to the action of \mathfrak{S}''_n on the source and that of \mathfrak{S}'_n on the target. Hence, we obtain a commutative diagram of equivariant isomorphisms. We denote by \bar{f}_n , \bar{f}_{n+1} and $\bar{\psi}$ the isomorphisms induced on the essential skeleta. By Theorem [reference](#) we can identify $\text{Sk}(A^n)$ with $\text{Sk}(A)^n$. Thus, we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Sk}(Z) & \\ \bar{f}_{n+1} \swarrow & & \searrow \bar{f}_n \\ \text{Sk}(A)^n & \xrightarrow{\bar{\psi}} & \text{Sk}(A)^n \end{array}$$

$$(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n) \longmapsto (v_1, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^n v_i^{-1}).$$

Then the action of \mathfrak{S}_{n+1} on $\text{Sk}(Z)$ is induced by the isomorphism \bar{f}_n and \bar{f}_{n+1} from the actions of \mathfrak{S}''_n and \mathfrak{S}'_n on $\text{Sk}(A)^n$ respectively and these are compatible as $\bar{\psi}$ is equivariant.

In a similar way, Λ is isomorphic to n copies of $\text{Sk}(A)$ and comes equipped with an action of \mathfrak{S}_{n+1} . So, we have equivariant projections g_n and g_{n+1} with respect to \mathfrak{S}'_n and \mathfrak{S}''_n . The equivariant morphism that completes and makes the diagram commutative is $\bar{\psi}$. Finally, we have the equivariant commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Sk}(Z) & \\ \bar{f}_{n+1} \swarrow & & \searrow \bar{f}_n \\ \mathfrak{S}''_n \circ \text{Sk}(A)^n & \xrightarrow{\bar{\psi}} & \text{Sk}(A)^n \circ \mathfrak{S}'_n \\ g_{n+1} \swarrow & \Lambda & \searrow g_n \end{array}$$

and we conclude that the quotients $\text{Sk}(Z)/\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$ and $\Lambda/\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$ are homeomorphic. \square

Proposition 6.3.4. *If the essential skeleton of A is homeomorphic to a point, the 1-dimensional sphere S^1 or the torus $S^1 \times S^1$, then the essential skeleton of $K_n(A)$ is homeomorphic to a point, the standard n -simplex or \mathbb{CP}^n respectively.*

Proof. \square

Remark 6.3.5.