



Cokernels of restriction maps and subgroups of norm one, with applications to quadratic Galois coverings [☆]



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ABSTRACT

Let $f: S' \rightarrow S$ be a finite and faithfully flat morphism of locally noetherian schemes of constant rank n and let G be a smooth, commutative and quasi-projective S -group scheme with connected fibers. For every $r \geq 1$, let $\text{Res}_G^{(r)}: H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)$ and $\text{Cores}_G^{(r)}: H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)$ be, respectively, the restriction and corestriction maps in étale cohomology induced by f . For certain pairs (f, G) , we construct maps $\alpha_r: \text{KerCores}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{CokerRes}_G^{(r)}$ and $\beta_r: \text{CokerRes}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{KerCores}_G^{(r)}$ such that $\alpha_r \circ \beta_r = \beta_r \circ \alpha_r = n$. In the simplest nontrivial case, namely when f is a quadratic Galois covering, we identify the kernel and cokernel of β_r with the kernel and cokernel of another map $\text{CokerCores}_G^{(r-1)} \rightarrow \text{KerRes}_G^{(r+1)}$. We then discuss several applications, for example to the problem of comparing the (cohomological) Brauer group of a scheme S to that of a quadratic Galois cover S' of S .

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1. Introduction

Let $f: S' \rightarrow S$ be a finite and faithfully flat morphism of locally noetherian schemes of constant rank and let G be a smooth, commutative and quasi-projective S -group scheme with connected fibers. In [19] we discussed the kernel of the canonical restriction map in étale cohomology $\text{Res}_G^{(r)}: H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)$ for every integer $r \geq 1$ and a broad class of pairs (f, G) as above. In the present paper we discuss the cokernel of the preceding map and relate it to the kernel of the corestriction map $\text{Cores}_G^{(r)}: H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)$ in the same broad setting of [19]. More precisely, we show that the groups just mentioned are canonically related to each other via maps $\alpha_r: \text{KerCores}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{CokerRes}_G^{(r)}$ and $\beta_r: \text{CokerRes}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{KerCores}_G^{(r)}$ such that $\alpha_r \circ \beta_r$ and $\beta_r \circ \alpha_r$ are the multiplication by n maps on their respective domains, where $n \geq 2$ is the (constant) rank of f (see Theorem 5.1). The kernel (respectively, cokernel) of α_r is a quotient (respectively,

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subgroup) of $H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, G_n)$ (respectively, $H^{r+1}(S_{\text{fl}}, G_n)$), where G_n is the n -torsion subgroup scheme of G (see Proposition 5.2). On the other hand, the kernel and cokernel of β_r are related to the kernels and cokernels of certain other maps $c_r: \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \rightarrow H^{r+1}(S_{\text{fl}}, G(n))$ and $d_r: H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, G(n)) \rightarrow \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)}$, where $G(n)$ is the fppf sheaf on S (4.14) introduced in [19] (see Proposition 5.3). When f is a Galois covering, $G(n)$ is an (S'/S) -form of G_n^{n-2} and thus trivial if f is, in addition, quadratic, i.e., $n = 2$ above. In this case (which is that discussed in [32] and [39]), Proposition 5.3 immediately yields the following statement, which is the main theorem of the paper.

Theorem 1.1. (=Theorem 6.3) *Let (f, G) be an admissible quadratic Galois pair with Galois group $\Delta = \{1, \tau\}$ (see Definition 6.1). Then, for every integer $r \geq 1$, there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups*

$$\begin{aligned} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)^{\Delta} \rightarrow \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \rightarrow \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)} \\ \rightarrow {}_N H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)/(1 - \tau)H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where ${}_N H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) = \text{Ker}[\text{Cores}_G^{(r)}: H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)]$.

Corollary 1.2. (=Theorem 7.1) *Let K/F be a quadratic Galois extension of global fields and let Σ be a nonempty finite set of primes of F containing the archimedean primes and the non-archimedean primes that ramify in K . Then there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups*

$$0 \rightarrow W_{F, \Sigma}/N_{K/F} \mathcal{O}_{K, \Sigma}^* \rightarrow \text{Coker } j_{K/F, \Sigma} \rightarrow C_{K/F, \Sigma} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \lambda \rightarrow 0,$$

where $W_{F, \Sigma} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{F, \Sigma}^*$ is given by (7.10), $j_{K/F, \Sigma}$ is the Σ -capitulation map (7.14), $C_{K/F, \Sigma}$ is the relative Σ -ideal class group of K/F and

$$\lambda: \mathcal{O}_{F, \Sigma}^*/N_{K/F} \mathcal{O}_{K, \Sigma}^* \rightarrow \text{Ker} \left[\bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma} F_v^*/N_{K_w/F_v} K_w^* \xrightarrow{\Sigma \text{ord}_v} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \right]$$

is the canonical localization map. In particular, the number of ideal classes in $C_{K, \Sigma}$ that do not lie in the image of $j_{K/F, \Sigma}$ is at least $[W_{F, \Sigma}: N_{K/F} \mathcal{O}_{K, \Sigma}^*]$, and the relative Σ -ideal class number $|C_{K/F, \Sigma}|$ is divisible by $2^{\rho-e}$, where the integers ρ and $e \leq \rho$ are given by (7.2) and (7.12), respectively.

Corollary 1.3. (=Theorem 7.5) *Let F be a global field of characteristic different from 2, K/F a quadratic Galois extension with Galois group $\Delta = \{1, \tau\}$ and Σ a nonempty finite set of primes of F containing the archimedean primes, the non-archimedean primes that ramify in K and all primes v such that $\text{char}(v) = 2$. Set $S = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{F, \Sigma}$ and $S' = \mathcal{O}_{K, \Sigma_K}$ and let \mathcal{A} be an abelian scheme over S with generic fiber A . Then there exist canonical exact sequences of torsion abelian groups*

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Delta, A(K)) \rightarrow \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(F, A) \rightarrow \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A)^{\Delta} \rightarrow A(F)/N_{K/F} A(K) \\ \rightarrow \text{Ker}[H^2(S, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})] \rightarrow {}_N \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A)/(1 - \tau) \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} H^2(S, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})^{\Delta} \rightarrow \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(F, A)/N_{K/F} \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A) \\ \rightarrow \prod \pi_0(A(F_v))' \rightarrow {}_N H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})/(1 - \tau)H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the product extends over all real primes v of F that ramify in K and, for each such prime v , $\pi_0(A(F_v))'$ is the group (7.19).

If S is a scheme, let $\mathrm{Br}'S = H^2(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)$ be the (possibly non-torsion) full cohomological Brauer group of S .

Corollary 1.4. *Let k be a quadratically closed field (e.g., an algebraically closed field or a separably closed field of characteristic different from 2) and let $Y \rightarrow X$ be a quadratic Galois covering of proper and geometrically integral k -schemes with Galois group $\Delta = \{1, \tau\}$. Then there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow {}_N\mathrm{Pic} Y / (1 - \tau)\mathrm{Pic} Y \rightarrow \mathrm{Br}'X \rightarrow (\mathrm{Br}'Y)^\Delta \rightarrow \mathrm{Pic} X / N_{Y/X}\mathrm{Pic} Y \\ \rightarrow \mathrm{Ker}[H^3(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow H^3(Y_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)] \rightarrow {}_N\mathrm{Br}'Y / (1 - \tau)\mathrm{Br}'Y \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. This follows from Corollary 8.2(i) and Remark 8.3(b). \square

The reader will notice that spectral sequences are (conspicuously) absent from this paper, as they were from its predecessor [19]. Although it is certainly possible to use spectral sequences to discuss some of the problems considered in this paper, we avoid them entirely in order to make our presentation as elementary as possible. More precisely, we wish to avoid the type of technical complications that can sometimes arise when spectral sequences are used, such as those appearing in [39, pp. 227-230] and [9, Appendix 1.A, pp. 397-408]. See Remark 6.4(a) for more comments on this topic.

The paper is organized as follows. After the preliminary Section 2, we discuss in Section 3 the projective and norm one fppf sheaves on S associated to $(S'/S, G)$, which are denoted by $P_{S'/S}(G)$ and $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$, respectively. In Section 4, inspired by the works of Shyr [43], Ono [37] and Katayama [27], we introduce comparison morphisms $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \rightleftharpoons P_{S'/S}(G)$ and show that, if the pair $(S'/S, G)$ is admissible in the sense of Definition 4.4, then there exist canonical exact sequences of fppf sheaves of abelian groups on S

$$0 \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \rightarrow P_{S'/S}(G) \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow G(n) \rightarrow P_{S'/S}(G) \rightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \rightarrow 0,$$

where $G(n) = R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G_n)/G_n$. The fppf cohomology sequences induced by the above sequences are then suitably combined in (the rather technical) Section 5 to construct the maps α_r and β_r mentioned above. In this section we also describe the kernels and cokernels of α_r and β_r in terms of the fppf cohomology of the n -torsion sheaves G_n and $G(n)$. In Section 6 we specialize the general discussion of the preceding sections to the case of quadratic Galois coverings and obtain the main theorem of the paper (viz. Theorem 1.1 above). In section 7 we discuss applications of the results obtained in section 6 to ideal class groups of global fields, Néron-Raynaud class groups of invertible tori over such fields and Tate-Shafarevich groups of abelian schemes over the corresponding arithmetic rings. In section 8 we discuss applications of the results of section 6 to the cohomological Brauer group of a locally noetherian scheme.

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2. Preliminaries

If A is an object of a category, 1_A will denote the identity morphism of A .

Lemma 2.1. *Let $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$ be morphisms in an abelian category \mathcal{A} . Then there exists a canonical exact sequence in \mathcal{A}*

$$0 \rightarrow \operatorname{Ker} f \rightarrow \operatorname{Ker}(g \circ f) \rightarrow \operatorname{Ker} g \rightarrow \operatorname{Coker} f \rightarrow \operatorname{Coker}(g \circ f) \rightarrow \operatorname{Coker} g \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof. See, for example, [5, 1.2]. \square

Remark 2.2. The map $\operatorname{Ker} g \rightarrow \operatorname{Coker} f$ in the sequence of the lemma is the composition $\operatorname{Ker} g \hookrightarrow B \twoheadrightarrow \operatorname{Coker} f$. The remaining maps are the natural ones.

If A is an object of an abelian category \mathcal{A} and $n \geq 1$ is an integer, A_n (respectively, A/n) will denote the kernel (respectively, cokernel) of the multiplication by n morphism on A .

All schemes appearing in this paper are tacitly assumed to be non-empty.

If S is a scheme and τ ($= \text{ét}$ or fl) denotes either the étale or fppf topology on S , S_τ will denote the small τ site over S . Thus S_τ is the category of S -schemes that are étale (respectively, flat) and locally of finite presentation over S equipped with the étale (respectively, fppf) topology. We will write S_τ^\sim for the (abelian) category of sheaves of abelian groups on S_τ . If G is a commutative S -group scheme, the presheaf represented by G is an object of S_τ^\sim . If $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is an fppf covering of S , then the map $G(S) \hookrightarrow G(S')$ induced by f is an injection that will be regarded as an inclusion. The object G_n of the abelian category S_{fl}^\sim is represented by the S -group scheme $G \times_{n_G, G, \varepsilon} S$, where n_G is the n -th power morphism on G and $\varepsilon: S \rightarrow G$ is the unit section of G . If G is separated over S , then $G_n \hookrightarrow G$ is a closed immersion. If, in addition, G is quasi-projective over S , then G_n is quasi-projective over S as well [22, Proposition 5.3.4(i)].

If \mathcal{F} is an abelian sheaf on S_τ and $i \geq 0$ is an integer, $H^i(S_\tau, \mathcal{F})$ will denote the i -th τ cohomology group of \mathcal{F} . If $S' \rightarrow S$ is a morphism of schemes, we will write $H^r(S'_\tau, G)$ for $H^r(S'_\tau, G_{S'})$, where $G_{S'} = G \times_S S'$. If $G = \mathbb{G}_{m, S}$, the groups $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)$ will be denoted by $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)$. Note that $H^0(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) = \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}_S)^*$ is the group of global units on S . The groups $H^1(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)$ and $\operatorname{Pic} S$ will be identified via [34, Theorem 4.9, p. 124]. Further, we will write $\operatorname{Br}' S$ for the cohomological Brauer group of S , i.e., $\operatorname{Br}' S = H^2(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)$, and $\operatorname{Br} S$ for the Brauer group of equivalence classes of Azumaya algebras on S . By [23, I, §2], there exists a canonical injection of abelian groups $\operatorname{Br} S \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Br}' S$. The relative (cohomological) Brauer group associated to a morphism of schemes $S' \rightarrow S$ is the group

$$\operatorname{Br}'(S'/S) = \operatorname{Ker} [\operatorname{Br}' S \rightarrow \operatorname{Br}' S'], \quad (2.1)$$

where the indicated map is the restriction map $\operatorname{Res}_{\mathbb{G}_{m, S}}^{(2)}$. The subgroup $\operatorname{Br}(S'/S)$ of $\operatorname{Br} S$ is defined similarly.

We recall that, if $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is an étale morphism and Δ is a finite group of order $n \geq 2$ which acts on S'/S from the right, then f is called a *Galois covering with Galois group Δ* if the canonical map

$$\coprod_{\delta \in \Delta} S' \rightarrow S' \times_S S', (x, \delta) \mapsto (x, x\delta),$$

is an isomorphism of S -schemes. See [25, V, Proposition 2.6 and Definition 2.8].

Let $f: S' \rightarrow S$ be a finite and locally free morphism of schemes and let X' be an S' -scheme. The *Weil restriction of X' along f* is the contravariant functor $(\operatorname{Sch}/S) \rightarrow (\operatorname{Sets}), T \mapsto \operatorname{Hom}_{S'}(T \times_S S', X')$. This functor is *representable* if there exist an S -scheme $R_{S'/S}(X')$ and a morphism of S' -schemes $\theta_{X', S'/S}: R_{S'/S}(X')_{S'} \rightarrow X'$ such that the map

$$\mathrm{Hom}_S(T, R_{S'/S}(X')) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{S'}(T \times_S S', X'), \quad g \mapsto \theta_{X', S'/S} \circ g_{S'}, \quad (2.2)$$

is a bijection (functorially in T). See [6, §7.6] for basic information on the Weil restriction functor. We will write

$$j_{X, S'/S}: X \rightarrow R_{S'/S}(X_{S'}) \quad (2.3)$$

for the canonical adjunction S -morphism, i.e., the S -morphism that corresponds to the identity morphism of $X_{S'}$ under the bijection (2.2).

3. The projective and norm one groups

Let $f: S' \rightarrow S$ be a finite and faithfully flat morphism of locally noetherian schemes of constant rank $n \geq 2$ and let G be a smooth, commutative and quasi-projective S -group scheme with connected fibers. The map $j_{G, S'/S}: G \rightarrow R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})$ (2.3) is a closed immersion of smooth, commutative and quasi-projective S -group schemes with connected fibers. See [19, Lemma 3.1] and [6, §6.4, Theorem 1, p. 153; §7.6, Theorem 4 and Proposition 5, (b) and (h), pp. 194–195]. The quotient fppf sheaf of abelian groups on S

$$P_{S'/S}(G) = \mathrm{Coker}[G \xrightarrow{j_{G, S'/S}} R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})] \quad (3.1)$$

is called the *projective group associated to* (f, G) (after Voskresenskii [47, p. 198, line 6]). If $\dim S \leq 1$, (3.1) is represented by a smooth, commutative and quasi-projective S -group scheme with connected fibers. See [1, Theorem 4.C, p. 53], [6, §6.4, Theorem 1, p. 153], [11, VI_B, Proposition 9.2, (x) and (xii)] and [4, Lemma 2.54].

Next let

$$N_{G, S'/S}: R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) \rightarrow G \quad (3.2)$$

be the norm morphism defined in [24, XVII, 6.3.13.1 and 6.3.14(a)]. By [19, Proposition 3.2], (3.2) is a smooth surjection. Further, by [24, XVII, Proposition 6.3.15(iv)], the n -th power morphism on G factors as

$$n_G: G \xrightarrow{j_{G, S'/S}} R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) \xrightarrow{N_{G, S'/S}} G. \quad (3.3)$$

The *norm one group scheme associated to* (f, G) is the S -group scheme

$$R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) = \mathrm{Ker}[R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) \xrightarrow{N_{G, S'/S}} G]. \quad (3.4)$$

By [19, Proposition 3.10], $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$ is smooth and commutative with connected fibers. Further, since G is quasi-projective and therefore separated over S [22, comment after Definition 5.3.1], the unit section $\varepsilon: S \rightarrow G$ is a closed immersion [11, VI_B, Proposition 5.1]. Consequently, the canonical S -morphism $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \rightarrow R_{S'/S}(G)$ is a closed immersion whence, by [21, Propositions 5.3.1, (i) and (ii), p. 279, and 6.3.4, (i) and (ii), p. 304], $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$ is separated and of finite type over S . Now [6, §6.4, Theorem 1, p. 153] shows that $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$ is quasi-projective over S .

Remark 3.1. When $S = \mathrm{Spec} A$, where A is either a global field or a ring of integers in such a field, and $G = G_{m, S}$, the groups (3.1) and (3.4) were discussed by Shyr [43, §5], [44], Ono [37, 38], Katayama [26–30], Sasaki [40], Morishita [36], Voskresenskii [47, Chapter 7, §20] and Liu and Lorenzini [33, §4].

There exist canonical exact sequences in $S_{\mathfrak{f}}^{\sim}$

$$0 \rightarrow G \xrightarrow{j_{G,S'/S}} R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) \xrightarrow{q} P_{S'/S}(G) \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \xrightarrow{a} R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) \xrightarrow{N_{G,S'/S}} G \rightarrow 0, \quad (3.6)$$

where q is the canonical projection and a is the inclusion. Now, if $F = G$, $R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})$ or $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$, then the canonical map $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, F) \rightarrow H^r(S_{\mathfrak{f}}, F)$ is an isomorphism of abelian groups [23, Theorem 11.7(1), p. 180], whence (3.5) and (3.6) induce exact sequences of abelian groups

$$\begin{aligned} \dots & \xrightarrow{\partial^{(r-1)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \xrightarrow{j^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow{q^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\mathfrak{f}}, P_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \\ & \xrightarrow{\partial^{(r)}} H^{r+1}(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \xrightarrow{j^{(r+1)}} \dots \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta^{(r-1)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \xrightarrow{a^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow{N^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \\ & \xrightarrow{\delta^{(r)}} H^{r+1}(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \xrightarrow{a^{(r+1)}} \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

where $j^{(r)} = H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, j_{G,S'/S})$, $a^{(r)} = H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, a)$, $N^{(r)} = H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, N_{G,S'/S})$ and $q^{(r)}$ is the composition

$$H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^r(S_{\mathfrak{f}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow{H^r(S_{\mathfrak{f}}, q)} H^r(S_{\mathfrak{f}}, P_{S'/S}(G_{S'})).$$

Now let $e_{(r)}: H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)$ be the isomorphism in [46, Theorem 6.4.2(ii), p. 128] and consider the compositions

$$\text{Res}_G^{(r)}: H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \xrightarrow{j^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow[\sim]{e_{(r)}} H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \quad (3.9)$$

and

$$\text{Cores}_G^{(r)}: H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \xrightarrow[\sim]{e_{(r)}^{-1}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow{N^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G). \quad (3.10)$$

Occasionally, we will write

$$\text{Im Res}_G^{(r)} = \text{Res}_{S'/S} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \quad (3.11)$$

$$\text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} = {}_N H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \quad (3.12)$$

$$\text{Im Cores}_G^{(r)} = {}_N H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G). \quad (3.13)$$

Note that

$$\text{Ker } j^{(r)} = \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r)}. \quad (3.14)$$

Further, $e_{(r)}$ induces isomorphisms of abelian groups

$$\text{Ker } N^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$\text{Coker } N^{(r)} = \text{Coker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r)}. \quad (3.16)$$

Remarks 3.2.

- (a) It follows from (3.3) that the composition $\text{Cores}_G^{(r)} \circ \text{Res}_G^{(r)}$ is the multiplication by n morphism on $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)$. Consequently, $\text{Coker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r)}$ and

$$\text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r)} = \text{Ker}[H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)_n \rightarrow H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)_n]$$

are n -torsion abelian groups.

- (b) If n is invertible on S and the étale ℓ -cohomological dimension of S , $\text{cd}_\ell(S_{\text{ét}})$, exists for every prime ℓ that divides n , then $\text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r)} = 0$ for every $r > \max_{\ell|n} \text{cd}_\ell(S_{\text{ét}})$. Indeed, by (a), $\text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r)}$ is the kernel of the map $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)_n \rightarrow H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)_n$ induced by $\text{Res}_G^{(r)}$. Now the proof of [18, Proposition 3.3] shows that $n: G \rightarrow G$ is étale, surjective and locally of finite presentation, whence the sequence $0 \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow G \xrightarrow{n} G \rightarrow 0$ is exact in $S_{\text{ét}}^\sim$ [11, IV, Proposition 4.4.3]. The cohomology sequence associated to the preceding exact sequence shows that $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G)_n$ is a quotient of $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G_n)$, which vanishes if $r > \max_{\ell|n} \text{cd}_\ell(S_{\text{ét}})$.

Next, since $e_{(r)}^{-1}(\text{Im } \text{Res}_G^{(r)}) = \text{Im } j^{(r)} = \text{Ker } q^{(r)}$ by the exactness of (3.7), the composition

$$H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \xrightarrow[\sim]{e_{(r)}^{-1}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow{q^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G))$$

induces an injection

$$\bar{q}^{(r)}: \text{Coker } \text{Res}_G^{(r)} \hookrightarrow H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \quad (3.17)$$

such that

$$\text{Im } \bar{q}^{(r)} = \text{Im } q^{(r)}. \quad (3.18)$$

On the other hand, since $\text{Im } \partial^{(r)} = \text{Ker } j^{(r+1)} = \text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r+1)}$ by the exactness of (3.7) and (3.14), the map $\partial^{(r)}$ (3.7) induces a surjection

$$\bar{\partial}^{(r)}: H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r+1)} \quad (3.19)$$

such that

$$\text{Ker } \bar{\partial}^{(r)} = \text{Ker } \partial^{(r)}. \quad (3.20)$$

Thus, since $\text{Ker } \partial^{(r)} = \text{Im } q^{(r)}$ (again by the exactness of (3.7)), (3.18) and (3.20) show that the following is an exact sequence of abelian groups for every $r \geq 0$:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Coker } \text{Res}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\bar{q}^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}^{(r)}} \text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r+1)} \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.21)$$

We will write

$$q'_r: \text{Ker } \bar{\partial}^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \quad (3.22)$$

for the inverse of $\bar{q}^{(r)}: \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \bar{\partial}^{(r)}$. Thus

$$\bar{q}^{(r)} \circ q'_r = 1_{\text{Ker } \bar{\partial}^{(r)}} \quad \text{and} \quad q'_r \circ \bar{q}^{(r)} = 1_{\text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)}}. \quad (3.23)$$

Next, assume that $r \geq 1$. Since $\text{Im } a^{(r)} = \text{Ker } N^{(r)}$ by the exactness of (3.8), (3.15) shows that the composition

$$H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \xrightarrow{a^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})) \xrightarrow[e_{(r)}]{\sim} H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)$$

induces a surjection

$$\bar{a}^{(r)}: H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}$$

such that

$$\text{Ker } \bar{a}^{(r)} = \text{Ker } a^{(r)}. \quad (3.24)$$

On the other hand, since $\text{Im } N^{(r-1)} = \text{Ker } \delta^{(r-1)}$ by the exactness of (3.7), (3.16) shows that the map $\delta^{(r-1)}$ induces an injection

$$\bar{\delta}^{(r-1)}: \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \hookrightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G))$$

such that

$$\text{Im } \bar{\delta}^{(r-1)} = \text{Im } \delta^{(r-1)}. \quad (3.25)$$

Thus, since $\text{Im } \delta^{(r-1)} = \text{Ker } a^{(r)}$ (again by the exactness of (3.8)), (3.24) and (3.25) show that the following is an exact sequence of abelian groups for every $r \geq 1$:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \xrightarrow{\bar{\delta}^{(r-1)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \xrightarrow{\bar{a}^{(r)}} \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.26)$$

The map $\bar{a}^{(r)}$ induces an isomorphism

$$\tilde{a}^{(r)}: \text{Coker } \bar{\delta}^{(r-1)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}$$

and we will write

$$a'_r: \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Coker } \bar{\delta}^{(r-1)} \quad (3.27)$$

for its inverse. Thus

$$\tilde{a}^{(r)} \circ a'_r = 1_{\text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}} \quad \text{and} \quad a'_r \circ \tilde{a}^{(r)} = 1_{\text{Coker } \bar{\delta}^{(r-1)}}. \quad (3.28)$$

4. The comparison morphisms

We keep the hypotheses of the previous section. Thus $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is a finite and faithfully flat morphism of locally noetherian schemes of constant rank $n \geq 2$ and G is a smooth, commutative and quasi-projective S -group scheme with connected fibers.

Let

$$\varphi: R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \rightarrow P_{S'/S}(G) \quad (4.1)$$

be defined by the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & P_{S'/S}(G) \\ & \searrow a \quad \nearrow q & \\ & R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) & \end{array} \quad (4.2)$$

where a and q are the maps in (3.5) and (3.6), respectively, i.e.,

$$\varphi = q \circ a. \quad (4.3)$$

Next, to simplify the notation, set $j = j_{G,S'/S}$ and $N = N_{G,S'/S}$. If $T \rightarrow S$ is any object of $S_{\mathfrak{H}}$ and $x \in R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})(T)$, then

$$x^n(j(T)(N(T)(x)))^{-1} \in \text{Ker } N(T) = \text{Im } a(T),$$

by the factorization (3.3) and the exactness of (3.6). Thus we obtain a morphism in $S_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\sim}$

$$b: R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) \rightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G), x \mapsto x^n(j(N(x)))^{-1}, \quad (4.4)$$

such that

$$b \circ j = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

$$b \circ a = n_{R^{(1)}} \quad (4.6)$$

$$q \circ a \circ b = n_P \circ q, \quad (4.7)$$

where $n_{R^{(1)}}$ and n_P denote the n -th power morphisms on $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$ and $P_{S'/S}(G)$, respectively. We will write

$$b_0 = b(S): G(S') \rightarrow {}_N G(S'), x \mapsto x^n(N_{S'/S}(x))^{-1}, \quad (4.8)$$

where ${}_N G(S') = \text{Ker } \text{Cores}_G^{(0)}$ (3.12).

Remark 4.1. When S is the spectrum of a global field and G is a particular type of S -torus, the map b (4.4) was considered by Shyr [43, §5, (15)], Ono [37] and Katayama [27].

By (4.5) and the exactness of (3.6), there exists a morphism in $S_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\sim}$

$$\psi: P_{S'/S}(G) \rightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \quad (4.9)$$

such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) & \xrightarrow{b} & R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G). \\ & \searrow q \quad \nearrow \psi & \\ & P_{S'/S}(G) & \end{array} \quad (4.10)$$

By (4.3), (4.6) and (4.10), we have

$$\psi \circ \varphi = n_{R^{(1)}}. \quad (4.11)$$

Further, since q is an epimorphism in $S_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\sim}$ and $\varphi \circ \psi \circ q = q \circ a \circ b = n_P \circ q$ by (4.7), we have

$$\varphi \circ \psi = n_P. \quad (4.12)$$

The maps (4.1) and (4.9) are called the *comparison morphisms* associated to the pair (f, G) .

Lemma 4.2. *There exist canonical isomorphisms in $S_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\sim}$*

$$\text{Ker } \varphi \simeq G_n \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Coker } \varphi \simeq G/n,$$

where φ is the map (4.1).

Proof. An application of Lemma 2.1 to the pair of morphisms

$$R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \xrightarrow{a} R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) \xrightarrow{q} P_{S'/S}(G),$$

whose composition equals φ by the commutativity of (4.2), yields the top row of the following exact and commutative diagram in $S_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\sim}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker } \varphi & \xrightarrow{a'} & \text{Ker } q & \xrightarrow{\kappa} & \text{Coker } a & \xrightarrow{q'} & \text{Coker } \varphi & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & \uparrow j' \simeq & & \downarrow N' & & & & \\ & & & & G & \xrightarrow{n} & G & & & & \end{array}$$

The map a' is induced by a , κ is the composition $\text{Ker } q \hookrightarrow R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Coker } a$, q' is induced by q , the vertical isomorphisms are induced by $j_{G, S'/S}$ and $N_{G, S'/S}$ and the square commutes by (3.3). The maps a' and j' induce isomorphisms $a'': \text{Ker } \varphi \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \kappa$ and $j'': G_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \kappa$ such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} G_n & \xrightarrow{j''} & \text{Ker } \kappa & \xrightarrow{(a'')^{-1}} & \text{Ker } \varphi & \hookrightarrow & R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)_n \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ G & \xrightarrow{j'} & \text{Ker } q & \hookrightarrow & R_{S'/S}(G_{S'}) & \xleftarrow{a} & R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G). \end{array} \quad (4.13)$$

Further, the map N' induces an isomorphism $N'': \text{Coker } \kappa \xrightarrow{\sim} G/n$. The isomorphisms of the lemma are defined by the commutativity of the following triangles:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_n & \xrightarrow{j''} & \text{Ker } \kappa \\
 \searrow \sim & & \nearrow \sim \\
 & \text{Ker } \varphi & \\
 & \nearrow a'' & \\
 & &
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Coker } \kappa & \xrightarrow{q''} & \text{Coker } \varphi \\
 \searrow \sim & & \nearrow \sim \\
 & G/n & \\
 & \nearrow N'' & \\
 & &
 \end{array}$$

where the map q'' is induced by q' . \square

Let

$$G(n) = \text{Coker}[G_n \hookrightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)_n] \quad (4.14)$$

be the cokernel (in $S_{\mathbb{A}}^{\sim}$) of the composition of the top horizontal arrows in diagram (4.13). Further, let

$$\iota: G_n \hookrightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \quad (4.15)$$

be the composition $G_n \hookrightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)_n \hookrightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$. The sheaf (4.14) was introduced in [19, p. 15].

Lemma 4.3. *There exists a canonical exact sequence in $S_{\mathbb{A}}^{\sim}$*

$$0 \rightarrow G(n) \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi \rightarrow G/n \rightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)/n \rightarrow \text{Coker } \psi \rightarrow 0,$$

where ψ is the comparison morphism (4.9).

Proof. We apply Lemma 2.1 to the pair of morphisms

$$R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \xrightarrow{\varphi} P_{S'/S}(G) \xrightarrow{\psi} R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G),$$

whose composition is $n_{R^{(1)}}$ (4.11). We then use Lemma 4.2 and the definition (4.14) to obtain the sequence of the lemma. \square

We now recall from [19] the following

Definition 4.4. The pair (f, G) is called *admissible* if

- (i) $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is a finite and faithfully flat morphism of locally noetherian schemes of constant rank $n \geq 2$,
- (ii) G is a smooth, commutative and quasi-projective S -group scheme with connected fibers, and
- (iii) for every point $s \in S$ such that $\text{char } k(s)$ divides n ,
 - (iii.1) $G_{k(s)}$ is a semiabelian $k(s)$ -variety, and
 - (iii.2) $f_s: S' \times_S \text{Spec } k(s) \rightarrow \text{Spec } k(s)$ is étale.

Note that, if n is invertible on S , then condition (iii) above is vacuous. Examples of admissible pairs can be obtained by adding condition (iii.2) above to the examples in [18, Examples 3.2]. Admissible pairs were introduced in [19] so that the following statement holds.

Proposition 4.5. *Assume that $(f, G) = (S'/S, G)$ is admissible (see Definition 4.4) and let $n \geq 2$ be the rank of f . If $H = G$, $R_{S'/S}(G_{S'})$ or $R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$, then $n: H \rightarrow H$ is an epimorphism in $S_{\mathbb{A}}^{\sim}$.*

Proof. See [19, Proposition 3.12] and [11, IV, Proposition 4.4.3]. \square

The next statement is immediate from Proposition 4.5 and Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3.

Proposition 4.6. *Assume that the pair (f, G) is admissible (see Definition 4.4). Then there exist canonical exact sequences in $S_{\mathbb{A}}^{\sim}$*

$$0 \rightarrow G_n \xrightarrow{\iota} R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \xrightarrow{\varphi} P_{S'/S}(G) \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.16)$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow G(n) \xrightarrow{\ell} P_{S'/S}(G) \xrightarrow{\psi} R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G) \rightarrow 0, \quad (4.17)$$

where ι is the map (4.15), φ is defined by (4.2), $G(n)$ is the sheaf (4.14), ℓ is induced by φ_n and ψ is defined by (4.10).

If we identify the groups $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G))$ and $H^r(S_{\mathbb{A}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G))$ for every $r \geq 0$ via [23, Theorem 11.7(1), p. 180], then the proposition shows that, if (f, G) is admissible, there exist canonical exact sequences of abelian groups

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &\rightarrow H^r(S_{\mathbb{A}}, G_n) \xrightarrow{\iota^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \xrightarrow{\varphi^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\mathbb{A}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \\ &\rightarrow H^{r+1}(S_{\mathbb{A}}, G_n) \xrightarrow{\iota^{(r+1)}} H^{r+1}(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &\rightarrow H^r(S_{\mathbb{A}}, G(n)) \xrightarrow{\ell^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\mathbb{A}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \xrightarrow{\psi^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \\ &\rightarrow H^{r+1}(S_{\mathbb{A}}, G(n)) \xrightarrow{\ell^{(r+1)}} H^{r+1}(S_{\mathbb{A}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

Clearly, (4.18) and (4.19) yield isomorphisms of abelian groups

$$\text{Coker } \varphi^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \iota^{(r+1)} \quad (4.20)$$

and

$$\text{Coker } \psi^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \ell^{(r+1)}. \quad (4.21)$$

5. Restriction cokernels and corestriction kernels

We continue to assume that (f, G) is an admissible pair (see Definition 4.4).

By (3.25), (4.3) and the exactness of (3.7) and (3.8), we have

$$\varphi^{(r)}(\text{Im } \bar{\partial}^{(r-1)}) = (q^{(r)} \circ a^{(r)})(\text{Ker } a^{(r)}) = 0$$

and

$$\bar{\partial}^{(r)} \circ \varphi^{(r)} = \partial^{(r)} \circ q^{(r)} \circ a^{(r)} = 0$$

for every $r \geq 1$. Thus the following diagram, whose top and bottom rows are, respectively, the exact sequences (3.26) and (3.21) commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\delta}^{(r-1)}} & H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) & \xrightarrow{\bar{a}^{(r)}} & \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow 0 & & \downarrow \varphi^{(r)} & & \downarrow 0 \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} & \xrightarrow{\bar{q}^{(r)}} & H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) & \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}^{(r)}} & \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)} \longrightarrow 0.
\end{array} \quad (5.1)$$

Thus we obtain a canonical morphism of abelian groups

$$\alpha_r: \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)}, \quad (5.2)$$

namely the composition

$$\text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow[\sim]{a'_r} \text{Coker } \bar{\delta}^{(r-1)} \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}^{(r)}} \text{Ker } \bar{\partial}^{(r)} \xrightarrow[\sim]{q'_r} \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \quad (5.3)$$

where a'_r and q'_r are the maps (3.27) and (3.22), respectively, and $\bar{\varphi}^{(r)}$ fits into an exact and commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \hookrightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) & \twoheadrightarrow & \text{Coker } \bar{\delta}^{(r-1)} \\
& \downarrow \varphi^{(r)} & \swarrow \bar{\varphi}^{(r)} \\
& \text{Ker } \bar{\partial}^{(r)} &
\end{array} \quad (5.4)$$

The preceding considerations remain valid when $r = 0$ if we set $\bar{\delta}^{(-1)} = \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(-1)} = 0$ above. The resulting map

$$\alpha_0: {}_N G(S') \rightarrow G(S')/G(S) \quad (5.5)$$

is the canonical map induced by the inclusion ${}_N G(S') \hookrightarrow G(S')$

Next, let

$$\beta_r: \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \quad (5.6)$$

be the composition of continuous arrows in the following diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \hookrightarrow H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) & \xrightarrow{\bar{q}^{(r)}} & \cdots \twoheadrightarrow & \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)} & \\
& \downarrow \psi^{(r)} & & & \\
\text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \hookrightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) & \xrightarrow{\bar{a}^{(r)}} & \cdots \twoheadrightarrow & \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} &
\end{array} \quad (5.7)$$

where the top and bottom rows are the exact sequences (3.21) and (3.26), respectively. By (4.10), the map

$$\beta_0: G(S')/G(S) \rightarrow {}_N G(S') \quad (5.8)$$

is induced by $b_0: G(S') \rightarrow {}_N G(S')$, $x \mapsto x^n (N_{S'/S}(x))^{-1}$ (4.8).

The following statement is immediate from (3.23), (3.28), (4.11), (4.12), (5.5) and (5.8).

Theorem 5.1. *If (f, G) is an admissible pair (see Definition 4.4) and $r \geq 0$ is an integer, then there exist canonical maps $\alpha_r: \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)}$ and $\beta_r: \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}$ such that the compositions*

$$\text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_r} \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\beta_r} \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}$$

and

$$\text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\beta_r} \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_r} \text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)}$$

are the multiplication by n maps on $\text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}$ and $\text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)}$, respectively.

The theorem shows that the kernels and cokernels of the maps α_r and β_r are n -torsion abelian groups. We will now describe these groups in terms of the flat (fppf) cohomology groups of the sheaves G_n and $G(n)$ (4.14).

Proposition 5.2. *For every $r \geq 0$, there exist a canonical exact sequence of n -torsion abelian groups*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \rightarrow \text{Im } \iota^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \alpha_r \rightarrow 0$$

and an isomorphism of n -torsion abelian groups

$$\text{Coker } \alpha_r \simeq \text{Ker } \iota^{(r+1)},$$

where $\iota^{(r)}: H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, G_n) \rightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G))$ is the map in (4.18).

Proof. By Remark 3.2(a), $\text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)}$ is an n -torsion abelian group. Now, it follows from the definition of α_r (5.3) that a'_r (3.27) and \bar{q}_r (3.17) induce isomorphisms of abelian groups $\text{Ker } \alpha_r \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \bar{\varphi}^{(r)}$ and $\text{Coker } \alpha_r \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Coker } \bar{\varphi}^{(r)}$. On the other hand, an application of Lemma 2.1 to the triangle in diagram (5.4), using the identity $\text{Ker } \varphi^{(r)} = \text{Im } \iota^{(r)}$ and the isomorphism (4.20), yields an isomorphism $\text{Coker } \bar{\varphi}^{(r)} \simeq \text{Ker } \iota^{(r+1)}$ and an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \rightarrow \text{Im } \iota^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \bar{\varphi}^{(r)} \rightarrow 0.$$

The proposition is now clear. \square

The analog of Proposition 5.2 for the map β_r is (significantly) more complicated.

Consider the composition

$$\beta'_r: H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \xrightarrow{\psi^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \xrightarrow{\bar{a}^{(r)}} \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}. \quad (5.9)$$

Then β_r (5.6) factors as

$$\text{Coker Res}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\bar{q}^{(r)}} H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \xrightarrow{\beta'_r} \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}. \quad (5.10)$$

Now let

$$\lambda^{(r)}: \text{Ker } \bar{a}^{(r)} \hookrightarrow H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Coker } \psi^{(r)} \quad (5.11)$$

and

$$\tilde{\delta}^{(r)}: \text{Ker } \beta'_r \hookrightarrow H^r(S_{\mathbb{H}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Coker } \bar{q}^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)}, \quad (5.12)$$

be the maps induced by (5.9) and (5.10), where the isomorphism in (5.12) is induced by $\bar{\delta}^{(r)}$ (3.19). Applying Lemma 2.1 and Remark 2.2 to the pairs of maps (5.9) and (5.10), we obtain canonical exact sequences of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \beta'_r \rightarrow \text{Ker } \bar{a}^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\lambda^{(r)}} \text{Coker } \psi^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta'_r \rightarrow 0 \quad (5.13)$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \beta_r \rightarrow \text{Ker } \beta'_r \xrightarrow{\tilde{\delta}^{(r)}} \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta'_r \rightarrow 0, \quad (5.14)$$

where $\lambda^{(r)}$ and $\tilde{\delta}^{(r)}$ are the compositions (5.11) and (5.12), respectively. Clearly, (5.14) induces an isomorphism

$$\text{Ker } \beta_r \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \tilde{\delta}^{(r)} \quad (5.15)$$

and a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Coker } \tilde{\delta}^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta'_r \rightarrow 0. \quad (5.16)$$

Now let

$$c_r: \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \rightarrow H^{r+1}(S_{\mathbb{H}}, G(n)) \quad (5.17)$$

be the composition

$$c_r: \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \xrightarrow{c'_r} \text{Ker } \ell^{(r+1)} \hookrightarrow H^{r+1}(S_{\mathbb{H}}, G(n)), \quad (5.18)$$

where the second map is the inclusion and c'_r is the composition

$$c'_r: \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \xrightarrow[\sim]{\bar{\delta}^{(r-1)}} \text{Ker } \bar{a}^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\lambda^{(r)}} \text{Coker } \psi^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \ell^{(r+1)}, \quad (5.19)$$

where the first isomorphism comes from (3.26), $\lambda^{(r)}$ is the map (5.11) and the second isomorphism is the map (4.21). Clearly, $\bar{\delta}^{(r-1)}$ induces an isomorphism of abelian groups $\text{Ker } c'_r = \text{Ker } c_r \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker } \lambda^{(r)}$, whence (5.13) induces an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \beta'_r \rightarrow \text{Ker } c_r \rightarrow 0. \quad (5.20)$$

Next let

$$d_r: H^r(S_{\mathbb{H}}, G(n)) \rightarrow \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)} \quad (5.21)$$

be the composition

$$H^r(S_{\mathbb{H}}, G(n)) \xrightarrow{d'_r} \text{Ker } \beta'_r \xrightarrow{\tilde{\delta}^{(r)}} \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)}, \quad (5.22)$$

where $\tilde{\partial}^{(r)}$ is the map (5.12) and d'_r is the composition

$$d'_r: H^r(S_{\mathbb{H}}, G(n)) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Im } \ell^{(r)} = \text{Ker } \psi^{(r)} \hookrightarrow \text{Ker } \beta'_r, \quad (5.23)$$

where the equality holds by the exactness of (4.19) and the injection is that in (5.13). By the definition of d'_r (5.23) and the exactness of (5.20), there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups

$$H^r(S_{\mathbb{H}}, G(n)) \xrightarrow{d'_r} \text{Ker } \beta'_r \rightarrow \text{Ker } c_r \rightarrow 0. \quad (5.24)$$

Now, by Remark 3.2(a), the maps (5.17) and (5.21) are morphisms of n -torsion abelian groups. Further, there exists a canonical morphism of n -torsion abelian groups

$$\gamma_r: \text{Ker } c_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } d_r \quad (5.25)$$

such that the following diagram with exact rows commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^r(S_{\mathbb{H}}, G(n)) & \xrightarrow{d'_r} & \text{Ker } \beta'_r & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker } c_r & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \tilde{\partial}^{(r)} & & \downarrow \gamma_r & & \\ H^r(S_{\mathbb{H}}, G(n)) & \xrightarrow{d_r} & \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)} & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker } d_r & \longrightarrow & 0, \end{array} \quad (5.26)$$

where the top row is the sequence (5.24) and the left-hand square commutes by the definition of d_r (5.22).

Proposition 5.3. *There exists a canonical exact sequence of n -torsion abelian groups*

$$\text{Ker } d_r \rightarrow \text{Ker } \beta_r \rightarrow \text{Ker } c_r \xrightarrow{\gamma_r} \text{Coker } d_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } c_r,$$

where c_r and d_r are the maps (5.17) and (5.21), respectively, and γ_r is defined by the commutativity of diagram (5.26).

Proof. Applying Lemma 2.1 to the pair of maps (5.22) and using the isomorphism (5.15) and the exactness of the sequences (5.16) and (5.24), we obtain a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\text{Ker } d_r \rightarrow \text{Ker } \beta_r \rightarrow \text{Ker } c_r \xrightarrow{\gamma_r} \text{Coker } d_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta'_r \rightarrow 0.$$

On the other hand, there exists a canonical isomorphism of abelian groups $\text{Coker } \beta'_r \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Coker } c'_r$ such that the following diagram with exact rows commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Ker } \bar{a}^{(r)} & \xrightarrow{\lambda^{(r)}} & \text{Coker } \psi^{(r)} & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker } \beta'_r & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \sim \downarrow & & \sim \downarrow & & \sim \downarrow & & \\ \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} & \xrightarrow{c'_r} & \text{Ker } \ell^{(r+1)} & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker } c'_r & \longrightarrow & 0, \end{array}$$

where the top row is part of the sequence (5.13), c'_r is the composition (5.19), the left-hand vertical arrow is the inverse of the map $\bar{\delta}^{(r-1)}$ and the middle vertical arrow is the map (4.21). Finally, the inclusion in (5.18) induces an injection $\text{Coker } c'_r \hookrightarrow \text{Coker } c_r$, whence the proposition follows. \square

6. Quadratic Galois coverings

In order to simplify the statements below, we make the following

Definition 6.1. An *admissible quadratic Galois pair* is a pair (f, G) where

- (i) $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is a quadratic (i.e., of constant rank 2) Galois covering of locally noetherian schemes (in particular, f is étale),
- (ii) G is a smooth, commutative and quasi-projective S -group scheme with connected fibers, and
- (iii) for every point $s \in S$ such that $\text{char } k(s) = 2$, $G_{k(s)}$ is a semiabelian $k(s)$ -variety.

Clearly, an admissible quadratic Galois pair is admissible in the sense of Definition 4.4. It was shown in [19, §5] that, if $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is a Galois covering of constant rank $n \geq 2$, then the fppf sheaf $G(n)$ (4.14) is an (S'/S) -form of G_n^{n-2} , i.e., there exists an isomorphism of S' -group schemes $G(n)_{S'} \xrightarrow{\sim} G_{n, S'}^{n-2}$. Consequently, if (f, G) is an admissible quadratic Galois pair, then $G(n) = G(2) = 0$ and (5.17) and (5.21) yield equalities $\text{Ker } d_r = \text{Coker } c_r = 0$, $\text{Ker } c_r = \text{Coker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r-1)}$ and $\text{Coker } d_r = \text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r+1)}$ for every $r \geq 0$. Thus (5.25) is a morphism of 2-torsion abelian groups

$$\gamma_r: \text{Coker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r+1)} \quad (6.1)$$

which can be described as follows. By the vanishing of $G(2)$ and the exactness of (4.17), the map $\psi: P_{S'/S}(G) \rightarrow R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)$ (4.9) is an isomorphism in S_{fl}^{\sim} , whence the induced morphism of abelian groups $\psi^{(r)}: H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G))$ is an isomorphism as well. Further, the commutativity of (5.26) and the definitions of the maps $\tilde{\partial}^{(r)}$ (5.12) and β'_r (5.9) show that the map (6.1) is induced by the composition

$$H^{r-1}(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \xrightarrow{\delta^{(r-1)}} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, R_{S'/S}^{(1)}(G)) \xrightarrow[\sim]{(\psi^{(r)})^{-1}} H^r(S_{\text{fl}}, P_{S'/S}(G)) \xrightarrow{\partial^{(r)}} H^{r+1}(S_{\text{ét}}, G),$$

where the maps $\delta^{(r-1)}$ and $\partial^{(r)}$ are the connecting homomorphisms appearing in the sequences (3.8) and (3.7), respectively.

Now Proposition 5.3 yields an exact sequence of 2-torsion abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \beta_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \xrightarrow{\gamma_r} \text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r+1)} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \beta_r \rightarrow 0, \quad (6.2)$$

where γ_r is the map (6.1) and $\beta_r: \text{Coker } \text{Res}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r)}$ is the map (5.6). Consequently, the following holds.

Theorem 6.2. Let (f, G) be an admissible quadratic Galois pair (see Definition 6.1). Then, for every integer $r \geq 0$, there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \gamma_r \rightarrow \text{Coker } \text{Res}_G^{(r)} \xrightarrow{\beta_r} \text{Ker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \gamma_r \rightarrow 0,$$

where β_r is the map (5.6) and $\gamma_r: \text{Coker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \text{Res}_G^{(r+1)}$ is the map (6.1).

If (f, G) is an admissible quadratic Galois pair with Galois group $\Delta = \{1, \tau\}$, then Δ acts naturally on $H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)$ and the definitions (4.4) and (4.10) show that the map $\beta_r: \text{Coker } \text{Res}_G^{(r)} \rightarrow \text{Ker } \text{Cores}_G^{(r)}$ (5.6) is induced by the map $1 - \tau: H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)$. Thus $\text{Ker } \beta_r$ is the cokernel of the map $H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)^{\Delta}$ induced by $\text{Res}_G^{(r)}$. Further, $\text{Coker } \beta_r = H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G))$, where

$$H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) = {}_N H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)/(1 - \tau)H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \quad (6.3)$$

with ${}_N H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) = \text{Ker Cores}_G^{(r)}$ (3.12). The choice of notation above is motivated by the fact that (6.3) is naturally isomorphic to a subgroup of the (Tate) Δ -cohomology group $H^{-1}(\Delta, H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) = (1 + \tau)H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)/(1 - \tau)H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)$, where $(1 + \tau)H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)$ is the kernel of the endomorphism $1 + \tau: H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)$. Indeed, an application of Lemma 2.1 to the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cores}_G^{(r)}} & H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \\ & \searrow 1 + \tau & \downarrow \text{Res}_G^{(r)} \\ & & H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) \end{array}$$

yields an exact sequence of 2-torsion abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Delta, H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) \rightarrow \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r)}.$$

Note that $H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^0(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) = H^{-1}(\Delta, H^0(S'_{\text{ét}}, G))$. Now (6.2) yields the following statement.

Theorem 6.3. *Let (f, G) be an admissible quadratic Galois pair with Galois group Δ (see Definition 6.1). Then, for every integer $r \geq 0$, there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups*

$$\begin{aligned} H^r(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)^\Delta \rightarrow \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(r-1)} \xrightarrow{\gamma_r} \text{Ker Res}_G^{(r+1)} \\ \rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where γ_r is the map (6.1) and $H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G))$ is the group (6.3).

Remarks 6.4.

- (a) It seems likely that the exact sequence of Theorem 6.3 (=Theorem 1.1) can also be derived from the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence associated to Δ and G

$$H^s(\Delta, H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) \implies H^{s+r}(S_{\text{ét}}, G), \quad (6.4)$$

where the hypotheses $|\Delta| = 2$ and $G(2) = 0$, i.e., $R_{S/S}^{(1)}(G)_2 = G_2$, should simplify the analysis of the various associated intermediate exact sequences and commutative diagrams. Regarding other statements in this paper that apply to possibly ramified (non Galois) coverings of arbitrary rank (such as Theorem 5.1), they might also follow from a (careful) analysis of a suitable spectral sequence (e.g., that in [46, I, Theorem 3.4.4(i), p. 58]). But, as noted in the Introduction, we doubt that such an approach would be significantly simpler than the one adopted in this paper.

- (b) Let $f: S' \rightarrow S$ be a cyclic Galois covering of constant rank $n \geq 2$ with Galois group Δ such that the pair (f, G) is admissible (see Definition 4.4). Then, via the periodicity isomorphisms of Tate Δ -cohomology groups $H^i(\Delta, -) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{i+2}(\Delta, -)$ [2, Theorem 5, p. 108] and the equality $\text{Coker Cores}_G^{(0)} = H^0(\Delta, G(S'))$, the exact sequence of terms of low degree [34, p. 309, line 8] associated to the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence (6.4) corresponds to an exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Delta, G(S')) \rightarrow H^1(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)^\Delta \rightarrow \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(0)} \\ \rightarrow \text{Ker Res}_G^{(2)} \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Delta, H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Delta, G(S')). \end{aligned} \quad (6.5)$$

Now, if $N_\Delta = \sum_{\sigma \in \Delta} \sigma$ is the norm element of $\mathbb{Z}[\Delta]$, then the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cores}_G^{(1)}} & H^1(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \\
 & \searrow N_\Delta & \downarrow \text{Res}_G^{(1)} \\
 & & H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G),
 \end{array}$$

whence $\text{Cores}_G^{(1)}$ induces a map $H^{-1}(\Delta, H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) \rightarrow \text{Ker Res}_G^{(1)}$. In view of [3, Proposition 4.2], it seems likely that the preceding map is the composition

$$H^{-1}(\Delta, H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Delta, G(S')) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ker Res}_G^{(1)}, \quad (6.6)$$

where the first arrow is the last map in (6.5) and the second arrow is the isomorphism induced by the first nontrivial map in (6.5). If this is the case, and $H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G))$ denotes ${}_N H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)/I_\Delta H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)$, where I_Δ is the augmentation ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[\Delta]$, then (6.5) induces an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\begin{aligned}
 H^1(S_{\text{ét}}, G) \rightarrow H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)^\Delta &\rightarrow \text{Coker Cores}_G^{(0)} \rightarrow \text{Ker Res}_G^{(2)} \\
 &\rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, G)) \rightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

which may well be regarded as a generalization (to arbitrary cyclic Galois coverings) of the exact sequence of Theorem 6.3 for $r = 1$.

7. Arithmetical applications

Recall that a global field is either a number field, i.e., a finite extension of \mathbb{Q} , or a global function field, i.e., the function field of a smooth, projective and irreducible algebraic curve over a finite field. Let K/F be a quadratic Galois extension of global fields with Galois group Δ , let Σ be a nonempty finite set of primes of F containing the archimedean primes and the non-archimedean primes that ramify in K and let Σ_K denote the set of primes of K lying above the primes in Σ . If $v \in \Sigma$ and there exists a prime w of K lying above v such that $[K_w : F_v] = 2$, where K_w and F_v denote the completions of the indicated fields at the indicated primes, then w is the unique prime of K lying above v (for the archimedean case, see [20, Remark 1.2.1, p. 10]). Set

$$\Sigma' = \{v \in \Sigma : [K_w : F_v] = 2 \text{ for some (unique) } w|v\} \quad (7.1)$$

and

$$\rho = \max\{0, \#\Sigma' - 1\}. \quad (7.2)$$

We will write Σ'_{real} for the set of real primes of F that lie in Σ' , i.e., Σ'_{real} is the set of real primes of F that ramify in K . For every $v \in \Sigma'$, we set $\Delta_v = \text{Gal}(K_w/F_v)$, where w is the unique prime of K lying above v . We now let $\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}$ denote, respectively, the rings of Σ -integers of F and Σ_K -integers of K . If $S' = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}$, $S = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}$ and $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is the canonical morphism induced by the inclusion $\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma} \subset \mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}$, then f is a quadratic Galois covering of noetherian schemes.

7.1. Ideal class groups

Clearly, if $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is as above, then $(f, \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$ is an admissible quadratic Galois pair (see Definition 6.1). The map γ_1 (6.1) is a map

$$\gamma_1: \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}^*/N_{K/F}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}^* \rightarrow \mathrm{Br}(\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}/\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}), \quad (7.3)$$

where $\mathrm{Br}(\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}/\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}) = \mathrm{Ker}[\mathrm{Br}f: \mathrm{Br}\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma} \rightarrow \mathrm{Br}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}]$ is the relative Brauer group of S'/S .¹

Now, by [35, II, Proposition 2.1, p. 163] and [42, Proposition 48(3), p. 159], there exists a canonical exact and commutative diagram of abelian groups

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Br}\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma} & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma} \mathrm{Br}F_v & \xrightarrow{\sum \mathrm{inv}_v} & \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \\ & & \downarrow \mathrm{Br}f & & \downarrow \oplus \mathrm{Res}_{K_w/F_v} & & \downarrow 2 \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Br}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma} & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma} \bigoplus_{w|v} \mathrm{Br}K_w & \xrightarrow{\sum \sum \mathrm{inv}_w} & \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}. \end{array} \quad (7.4)$$

The above diagram yields an isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Br}(\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}/\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}) &\xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Ker} \left[\bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma} \mathrm{Br}(K_w/F_v) \xrightarrow{\sum \mathrm{inv}_v} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \right] \\ &= \mathrm{Ker} \left[\bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma'} \mathrm{Br}(K_w/F_v) \xrightarrow{\sum \mathrm{inv}_v} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

where Σ' is the set (7.1) and the map labeled $\sum \mathrm{inv}_v$ above is induced by $\sum \mathrm{inv}_v: \bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma} \mathrm{Br}F_v \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$. Next we observe that, for every $v \in \Sigma'$, there exist canonical isomorphisms of abelian groups

$$F_v^*/N_{K_w/F_v}K_w^* = H^0(\Delta_v, K_w^*) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^2(\Delta_v, K_w^*) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Br}(K_w/F_v) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}. \quad (7.6)$$

See [2, Proposition 5, p. 101; Theorem 5, p. 108] and [42, Theorem 37, p. 155]. The first (respectively, second, third) isomorphism in (7.6) is induced by cup-product with the nontrivial element of $H^2(\Delta_v, \mathbb{Z})$ (respectively, inflation map, invariant map inv_v) and (7.5) shows that $\mathrm{Br}(\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}/\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma})$ is canonically isomorphic to the kernel of the summation map $\bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma'} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Thus $\mathrm{Br}(\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}/\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma})$ is a finite 2-torsion abelian group of order

$$|\mathrm{Br}(\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}/\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma})| = 2^\rho, \quad (7.7)$$

where $\rho \geq 0$ is the integer (7.2). Next, it follows from the description of the map γ_1 (7.3) (i.e., (6.1)) and the compatibility of the connecting homomorphisms $\delta^{(0)}$ (3.8) and $\partial^{(1)}$ (3.7) with the left-hand horizontal maps in (7.4), the local cup-product, inflation map and invariant maps inv_v , that the following diagram of abelian groups commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}^*/N_{K/F}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}^* & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & \mathrm{Ker} \left[\bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma} F_v^*/N_{K_w/F_v}K_w^* \xrightarrow{\sum \mathrm{ord}_v} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \right] \\ \downarrow \gamma_1 & \nearrow \sim & \downarrow \sim \\ \mathrm{Br}(\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}^*/\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathrm{Ker} \left[\bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma} \mathrm{Br}(K_w/F_v) \xrightarrow{\sum \mathrm{inv}_v} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \right], \end{array} \quad (7.8)$$

¹ In the present setting the cohomological Brauer groups and the Brauer groups of equivalence classes of Azumaya algebras agree. See Remark 8.3(a) below.

where γ_1 is the map (7.3), λ is the canonical localization map, the right-hand vertical isomorphism comes from (7.6), the bottom horizontal arrow is the map (7.5) and the diagonal map is defined by the commutativity of the lower triangle. We conclude that

$$\text{Ker } \gamma_1 = \text{Ker } \lambda = W_{F,\Sigma}/N_{K/F}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}^*, \quad (7.9)$$

where

$$W_{F,\Sigma} = \{\varepsilon \in \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}^* : \varepsilon \in N_{K_w/F_v} K_w^* \text{ for every } v \in \Sigma\} \quad (7.10)$$

and the diagonal map in (7.8) induces an isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\text{Coker } \gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Coker } \lambda. \quad (7.11)$$

We now observe that $\text{Im } \lambda \simeq \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}^*/W_{F,\Sigma}$ is a finite 2-torsion abelian group of order

$$2^e = [\mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}^* : W_{F,\Sigma}], \quad (7.12)$$

where $0 \leq e \leq \rho$. Thus, by (7.7) and (7.8), $\text{Coker } \lambda$ is finite 2-torsion abelian group of order

$$|\text{Coker } \lambda| = 2^{\rho-e}. \quad (7.13)$$

Now let $C_{F,\Sigma}$ and $C_{K,\Sigma}$ denote, respectively, the Σ -ideal class group of F and the Σ_K -ideal class group of K , and recall the classical Σ -capitulation map

$$j_{K/F,\Sigma} : C_{F,\Sigma} \rightarrow C_{K,\Sigma}, \quad (7.14)$$

i.e., the map induced by extending ideals from F to K . The *relative Σ -ideal class group of K/F* is the group

$$C_{K/F,\Sigma} = \text{Ker} \left[C_{K,\Sigma} \xrightarrow{N_{K/F}} C_{F,\Sigma} \right], \quad (7.15)$$

where $N_{K/F}$ is induced by taking K/F -norms of ideals in $\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}$. The identifications $C_{F,\Sigma} = H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)$ and $C_{K,\Sigma} = H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)$ induce identifications

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Coker } j_{K/F,\Sigma} &= \text{Coker } \text{Res}_{\mathbb{G}_{m,S}}^{(1)} \\ C_{K/F,\Sigma} &= \text{Ker } \text{Cores}_{\mathbb{G}_{m,S}}^{(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Under the isomorphisms (7.9) and (7.11), the formula (7.13) and the preceding identifications, Theorem 6.2 for $r = 1$ yields the following statement.

Theorem 7.1. *Let K/F be a quadratic Galois extension of global fields and let Σ be a nonempty finite set of primes of F containing the archimedean primes and the non-archimedean primes that ramify in K . Then there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups*

$$0 \rightarrow W_{F,\Sigma}/N_{K/F}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}^* \rightarrow \text{Coker } j_{K/F,\Sigma} \rightarrow C_{K/F,\Sigma} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \lambda \rightarrow 0,$$

where $W_{F,\Sigma} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}^*$ is given by (7.10), $j_{K/F,\Sigma}$ is the Σ -capitulation map (7.14), $C_{K/F,\Sigma}$ is the relative Σ -ideal class group of K/F and

$$\lambda: \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}^*/N_{K/F}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}^* \rightarrow \text{Ker} \left[\bigoplus_{v \in \Sigma} F_v^*/N_{K_w/F_v}K_w^* \xrightarrow{\Sigma \text{ord}_v} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \right]$$

is the canonical localization map. In particular, the number of ideal classes in $C_{K,\Sigma}$ that do not lie in the image of $j_{K/F,\Sigma}$ is at least $[W_{F,\Sigma}: N_{K/F}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}^*]$ and the relative Σ -ideal class number $|C_{K/F,\Sigma}|$ is divisible by $2^{\rho-e}$, where the integers ρ and e are given by (7.2) and (7.12), respectively.

Remark 7.2. Let $j_{K/F,\Sigma}^\Delta: C_{F,\Sigma} \rightarrow C_{K,\Sigma}^\Delta$ be the Δ -invariant capitulation map. Then (7.9), (7.11) and Theorem 6.3 for $r = 1$ show that there exist canonical isomorphisms of finite 2-torsion abelian groups

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Coker } j_{K/F,\Sigma}^\Delta &\simeq W_{F,\Sigma}/N_{K/F}\mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma}^* \\ H^{-1}(\Delta, C_{K,\Sigma}) &\simeq \text{Coker } \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Via periodicity [2, Theorem 5, p. 108], the first isomorphism above is, in fact, a particular case of [15, Theorem 7.1].

7.2. Néron-Raynaud class groups of tori

If T is an algebraic torus over F , the Néron-Raynaud Σ -class group of T is the quotient

$$C_{T,F,\Sigma} = \mathcal{T}^0(\mathbb{A}_S)/T(F)\mathcal{T}^0(\mathbb{A}_S(S)), \quad (7.16)$$

where \mathbb{A}_S (respectively, $\mathbb{A}_S(S)$) is the ring of adeles (respectively, integral adeles) of S and \mathcal{T}^0 is the identity component of the Néron-Raynaud model of T over S . The above group is finite [8, §1.3] and coincides with the Σ -ideal class group of F discussed in the previous subsection when $T = \mathbb{G}_{m,F}$. We will write $C_{T,K,\Sigma}$ for the Néron-Raynaud Σ_K -class group of T_K . The Δ -invariant capitulation map $j_{T,K/F,\Sigma}^\Delta: C_{T,F,\Sigma} \rightarrow C_{T,K,\Sigma}^\Delta$ was discussed in [16, §§4 and 5] for arbitrary F -tori T and arbitrary finite Galois extensions K/F with Galois group Δ . In this subsection we apply Theorem 6.3 to obtain additional information on the above map for certain types of F -tori in the current setting, i.e., K/F is a quadratic Galois extension. By [17, (3.10)], there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow C_{T,F,\Sigma} \rightarrow H^1(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{T}^0) \rightarrow \text{III}_\Sigma^1(F, T) \rightarrow 0, \quad (7.17)$$

where $\text{III}_\Sigma^1(F, T) = \text{Ker} [H^1(F, T) \rightarrow \prod_{v \notin \Sigma} H^1(F_v, T)]$ is the Σ -Tate-Shafarevich group of T over F . We now assume that T is an invertible F -torus, i.e., T is isomorphic to a direct factor of an F -torus of the form $R_{E/F}(\mathbb{G}_{m,E})$, where E/F is a finite étale F -algebra. Then $H^1(F, T) = 0$ by [16, Lemma 4.8(a)] and (7.17) yields an isomorphism of finite abelian groups

$$C_{T,F,\Sigma} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{T}^0) \quad (7.18)$$

Similarly, T_K is an invertible K -torus and $\mathcal{T}_{S'}^0$ is the identity component of the Néron-Raynaud model of T_K over S' by [6, §7.2, Theorem 1(ii), p. 176] and [11, VI_B, Proposition 3.3], whence the sequence (7.17) over K yields an isomorphism of finite abelian groups $C_{T,K,\Sigma} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{T}^0)$.

Theorem 7.3. Let K/F be a quadratic Galois extension of global fields with Galois group $\Delta = \{1, \tau\}$, let Σ be a nonempty finite set of primes of F containing the archimedean primes and the non-archimedean primes that ramify in K and set $S = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}$ and $S' = \mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma_K}$. If T is an invertible F -torus such that $\mathcal{T}_{k(s)}^0$ is a $k(s)$ -torus for every point $s \in S$ with $\text{char } k(s) = 2$, where \mathcal{T}^0 is the identity component of the Néron-Raynaud model of T over S , then there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Delta, \mathcal{T}^0(S')) &\rightarrow C_{T,F,\Sigma} \rightarrow C_{T,K,\Sigma}^{\Delta} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^0(S)/N_{S'/S}\mathcal{T}^0(S') \\ &\rightarrow \text{Ker}[H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{T}^0) \rightarrow H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{T}^0)] \rightarrow {}_N C_{T,K,\Sigma}/(1-\tau)C_{T,K,\Sigma} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The hypotheses imply that (f, \mathcal{T}^0) is an admissible quadratic Galois pair (see Definition 6.1). The theorem then follows by applying Theorem 6.3 with $r = 1$ and $(f, G) = (f, \mathcal{T}^0)$ using the definition (6.3), the isomorphism in (6.6) and the isomorphisms (7.18) over F and over K . \square

7.3. Abelian schemes

In order to be able to appeal to the results in [35, II, §5], in this subsection we assume that 2 is invertible on S , i.e., Σ contains all primes v of F such that $\text{char} k(v) = 2$ (in particular $\text{char} F \neq 2$ since Σ is finite). Let \mathcal{A} be an abelian scheme over S with generic fiber A . We will write A^t for the dual abelian variety of A . If v is a real prime of F , let $\pi_0(A^t(F_v))$ be the group of connected components of $A^t(F_v)$ and set

$$\pi_0(A(F_v))' = \text{Hom}(\pi_0(A^t(F_v)), \mathbb{Z}/2). \quad (7.19)$$

Note that, since \mathcal{A} is a Néron model of A over S [6, §1.2, Proposition 8, p. 15], we have $\mathcal{A}(S) = A(F)$. Now let $\text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(F, A) = \text{Ker}[H^1(F, A) \rightarrow \prod_{v \notin \Sigma} H^1(F_v, A)]$ be the Σ -Tate-Shafarevich group of A over F . By [35, II, Proposition 5.1(a), p. 197, and sequence (5.5.1), p. 201], the canonical map $H^1(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow H^1(F, A)$ induces an isomorphism of torsion abelian groups

$$H^1(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(F, A). \quad (7.20)$$

Similarly, $H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A)$, where $\text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A)$ is the Σ_K -Tate-Shafarevich group of $A_K = A \times_F K$ over K . In [19, §6] we discussed the group

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker}[\text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(F, A) \rightarrow \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A)] &\simeq \text{Ker}[H^1(S, \mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\text{Res}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(1)}} H^1(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})] \\ &\simeq H^{-1}(\Delta, A(K)) \end{aligned}$$

(see (6.5) for the second isomorphism). In this subsection we discuss the kernel and cokernel of the map $\text{Res}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(r), \Delta}: H^r(S, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow H^r(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})^{\Delta}$ for $r = 1$ and 2.

Lemma 7.4. *Assume that 2 is invertible on S . Then there exists a canonical isomorphism of 2-torsion abelian groups*

$$\text{Ker Res}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(3)} = \prod_{v \in \Sigma'_{\text{real}}} \pi_0(A(F_v))',$$

where, for each $v \in \Sigma'_{\text{real}}$, $\pi_0(A(F_v))'$ is the group (7.19).

Proof. By Remark 3.2(a) and [35, Proposition II.5.1(a), p. 197], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker Res}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(3)} &= \text{Ker}[H^3(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})_2 \rightarrow H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})_2] \\ &\simeq \prod_{v \text{ real}} \text{Ker}[H^3(F_v, A) \rightarrow \prod_{w|v} H^3(K_w, A)] = \prod_{v \in \Sigma'_{\text{real}}} H^3(F_v, A). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is now completed by [35, I, Remark 3.7, p. 46], which shows that, for every $v \in \Sigma'_{\text{real}}$, there exists a canonical isomorphism of 2-torsion abelian groups $H^3(F_v, A) \simeq \pi_0(A(F_v))'$. \square

Theorem 7.5. Let F be a global field of characteristic different from 2, K/F a quadratic Galois extension with Galois group Δ and Σ a nonempty finite set of primes of F containing the archimedean primes, the non-archimedean primes that ramify in K and all primes v such that $\text{char}(v) = 2$. Set $S = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{F,\Sigma}$ and $S' = \mathcal{O}_{K,\Sigma_K}$ and let \mathcal{A} be an abelian scheme over S with generic fiber A . Then there exist canonical exact sequences of torsion abelian groups

(i)

$$0 \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Delta, A(K)) \rightarrow \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(F, A) \rightarrow \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A)^{\Delta} \rightarrow A(F)/N_{K/F}A(K) \\ \rightarrow \text{Ker}[H^2(S, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})] \rightarrow {}_N\text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A)/(1 - \tau) \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A) \rightarrow 0,$$

where τ is the nontrivial element in Δ , and

(ii)

$$H^2(S, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})^{\Delta} \rightarrow \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(F, A)/N_{K/F} \text{III}_{\Sigma}^1(K, A) \\ \rightarrow \prod_{v \in \Sigma'_{\text{real}}} \pi_0(A(F_v))' \rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, H^2(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{A})) \rightarrow 0,$$

where, for each $v \in \Sigma'_{\text{real}}$, $\pi_0(A(F_v))'$ is the group (7.19).

Proof. The theorem is immediate from Theorem 6.3 applied to $r = 1$ and 2 and $(f, G) = (f, \mathcal{A})$ using Lemma 7.4 and the canonical isomorphisms (7.20) over F and over K . \square

8. Applications to the Brauer group

If $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is a quadratic Galois covering of locally noetherian schemes, then $(f, \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$ is an admissible quadratic Galois pair (see Definition 6.1). The following proposition combines Theorem 6.2 for $r = 2$ and Theorem 6.3 for $r = 1$ and $r = 2$ when $(f, G) = (f, \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$ using the notations (3.11)–(3.13).

Theorem 8.1. Let $f: S' \rightarrow S$ be a quadratic Galois covering of locally noetherian schemes with Galois group Δ . Then there exist canonical exact sequences of abelian groups

(i)

$$\text{Pic } S \rightarrow (\text{Pic } S')^{\Delta} \rightarrow \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}_S)^*/N_{S'/S}\Gamma(S', \mathcal{O}_{S'})^* \\ \xrightarrow{\gamma_1} \text{Br}'(S'/S) \rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, \text{Pic } S') \rightarrow 0,$$

where γ_1 is the map (6.1) and $H_*^{-1}(\Delta, \text{Pic } S')$ is the group (6.3) associated to $(r, G) = (1, \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$ and $\text{Br}'(S'/S)$ is the relative cohomological Brauer group (2.1),

(ii)

$$\text{Br}'S \rightarrow (\text{Br}'S')^{\Delta} \rightarrow \text{Pic } S/N_{S'/S}\text{Pic } S' \\ \xrightarrow{\gamma_2} \text{Ker}[H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)] \rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, \text{Br}'S') \rightarrow 0,$$

where γ_2 is the map (6.1) and $H_*^{-1}(\Delta, \text{Br}'S')$ is the group (6.3) associated to $(r, G) = (2, \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$, and

(iii)

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \gamma_2 \rightarrow \text{Br}'S'/\text{Res}_{S'/S}\text{Br}'S \xrightarrow{\beta_2} {}_N\text{Br}'S' \rightarrow \text{Coker } \gamma_2 \rightarrow 0,$$

where β_2 and γ_2 are the maps (5.9) and (6.1), respectively, for $(r, G) = (2, \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$.

Corollary 8.2. *Let $S' \rightarrow S$ be a quadratic Galois covering of locally noetherian schemes with Galois group $\Delta = \{1, \tau\}$.*

- (i) *Assume that the map (6.1) associated to $(r, G) = (1, \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$*

$$\gamma_1: \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}_S)^* / N_{S'/S} \Gamma(S', \mathcal{O}_{S'})^* \rightarrow \text{Br}'(S'/S)$$

is the zero map. Then there exists a canonical exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, \text{Pic } S') \rightarrow \text{Br}' S \rightarrow (\text{Br}' S')^\Delta \rightarrow \text{Pic } S / N_{S'/S} \text{Pic } S' \\ \rightarrow \text{Ker}[H^3(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)] \rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, \text{Br}' S') \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) *Assume that the map (6.1) associated to $(r, G) = (2, \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$*

$$\gamma_2: \text{Pic } S / N_{S'/S} \text{Pic } S' \rightarrow \text{Ker}[H^3(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)]$$

is the zero map. Then there exist canonical exact sequences of abelian groups

(a)

$$\text{Br}' S \rightarrow (\text{Br}' S')^\Delta \rightarrow \text{Pic } S / N_{S'/S} \text{Pic } S' \rightarrow 0,$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \text{Pic } S / N_{S'/S} \text{Pic } S' \rightarrow \text{Br}' S' / \text{Res}_{S'/S} \text{Br}' S \rightarrow {}_N \text{Br}' S' \\ \rightarrow H^3(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \end{aligned}$$

and

(c)

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Br}' S' / (\text{Br}' S')^\Delta \rightarrow {}_N \text{Br}' S' \rightarrow H^3(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m).$$

Remarks 8.3.

- (a) If there exists an ample invertible sheaf on S and S is noetherian and separated, then the canonical map $\text{Br } S \hookrightarrow (\text{Br}' S)_{\text{tors}}$ is an isomorphism of torsion abelian groups [10]. If, in addition, the strictly local rings² of S are factorial, then $\text{Br}' S$ is a torsion abelian group [23, II, Theorem 1.4, p. 71]. Thus, if S and S' admit ample invertible sheaves, have factorial strictly local rings and are noetherian and separated, then there exist analogs of Theorem 8.1 and Corollary 8.2 where the cohomological Brauer groups $\text{Br}' S$ and $\text{Br}' S'$ are replaced with the Brauer groups $\text{Br } S$ and $\text{Br } S'$ of equivalence classes of Azumaya algebras on S and S' , respectively.
- (b) The hypothesis in assertion (i) of Corollary 8.2 certainly holds if the norm map $N_{S'/S}: \Gamma(S', \mathcal{O}_{S'})^* \rightarrow \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}_S)^*$ is surjective. This is the case, for example, if S and S' admit proper and flat morphisms to a locally noetherian scheme T with $\Gamma(T, \mathcal{O}_T)^* = (\Gamma(T, \mathcal{O}_T)^*)^2$ whose geometric fibers are reduced and connected. Indeed, by [31, Exer. 3.11, pp. 25 and 64], $\Gamma(S', \mathcal{O}_{S'})^* = \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}_S)^* = \Gamma(T, \mathcal{O}_T)^*$, whence Δ acts trivially on $\Gamma(S', \mathcal{O}_{S'})^*$ and $N_{S'/S} \Gamma(S', \mathcal{O}_{S'})^* = (\Gamma(T, \mathcal{O}_T)^*)^2 = \Gamma(T, \mathcal{O}_T)^* = \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}_S)^*$. In particular, Corollary 8.2(i) applies to quadratic Galois coverings of proper and geometrically integral schemes over a quadratically closed field (e.g., an algebraically closed field or a separably closed field of characteristic different from 2).

² I.e., the strict henselizations of the local rings.

- (c) The hypothesis in assertion (ii) of Corollary 8.2 obviously holds if either $N_{S'/S}\text{Pic } S' = \text{Pic } S$ or $H^3(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)$ is injective. The preceding map is injective in the following cases.
- S is a smooth and affine curve over a p -adic field. Indeed, in this case $H^3(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) = 0$ by [41, Corollary 4.10].
 - 2 is invertible on S and $\text{cd}_2(S_{\text{ét}}) \leq 2$. See Remark 3.2(b). The indicated conditions hold, for example, if S is an affine 2-dimensional scheme of finite type over a separably closed field of characteristic different from 2 [24, XIV, Corollary 3.2].

Examples 8.4. The following examples were suggested by the referee.

Let k be an algebraically closed field of characteristic different from 2, set $g_1(x, y) = (x - a_1) \dots (x - a_n)(xy - 1) \in k[x, y]$, where $n \geq 1$ and $a_i \neq 0$ for every i , and let $g_2(x, y) = (x + a_1y) \dots (x + a_ny)(x - 1) \in k[x, y]$, where $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. For $g = g_1$ or g_2 , set $A = k[x, y][g(x, y)^{-1}]$, $B = A[\sqrt{g(x, y)}]$, $S = \text{Spec } A$ and $S' = \text{Spec } B$. Then the canonical morphism $S' \rightarrow S$ is a quadratic Galois covering of noetherian schemes and the exact sequence of Theorem 8.1(i) reduces to an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{\Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}_S)^*}{N_{S'/S}\Gamma(S', \mathcal{O}_{S'})^*} \xrightarrow{\gamma_1} \text{Br}'(S'/S) \rightarrow H_*^{-1}(\Delta, \text{Pic } S') \rightarrow 0$$

which is isomorphic to the canonical exact sequence of finite 2-torsion abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2)^n \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2)^{n+1} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow 0,$$

where π is the canonical projection onto the last factor. See [13, p. 3282, line 2, Theorem 2.2(b) and Propositions 3.1 and 3.4(b)] for $g = g_1$ and [7, Section 3.4, pp. 37–42 and Proposition 3.7(b), p. 29] for $g = g_2$. In particular, γ_1 is *not* the zero map and therefore the hypothesis (as well as the conclusion) of Corollary 8.2(i) fails. On the other hand, the hypothesis (and therefore the conclusion) of Corollary 8.2(ii) holds since $\text{Pic } S = 0$. When $g = g_1$, [13, Proposition 3.5 and its proof] shows that $\text{Res}_{S'/S}: \text{Br}' S \rightarrow \text{Br}' S'$ is surjective, Δ acts trivially on $\text{Br}' S'$ and $(\text{Br}' S')_2 \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/2)^{n+1}$, whence the exact sequences (a)–(c) in Corollary 8.2(ii) yield isomorphisms of abelian groups

$$\text{Ker}[H^3(S_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \rightarrow H^3(S'_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m)] \simeq (\text{Br}' S')_2 \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/2)^{n+1}.$$

We conclude this paper by stressing the fact that Theorem 8.1 and Corollary 8.2 apply only to *unramified* quadratic coverings of locally noetherian schemes (since every Galois covering is étale and, therefore, unramified). The behavior of the (cohomological) Brauer group functor under flat and *ramified* quadratic coverings has been discussed by a number of authors, at least in some particular cases. For instance, Ford [12, 14] and Skorobogatov [45] have discussed aspects of the indicated problem for certain types of algebraic varieties defined over an algebraically (or separably) closed field of characteristic different from 2, using methods that are essentially different from those of this paper. In such investigations, quadratic *Galois* coverings sometimes play an important intermediate or auxiliary role (see, e.g., [12, Theorems 2.1 and 2.2]). This suggests that the results of this section can be useful in future investigations on the behavior of the Brauer group functor under ramified quadratic coverings of *arbitrary* locally noetherian schemes.

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