## Takeshi Saito: The characteristic cycle and the singular support of an étale sheaf

We define the characteristic cycle of an  $\tilde{A}$ <sup>©</sup>tale sheaf on a smooth variety of arbitrary dimension in positive characteristic using the singular support, constructed by Beilinson recently. The characteristic cycle satisfies a Milnor formula for vanishing cycles and an index formula for the Euler-Poincar $\tilde{A}$ <sup>©</sup> characteristic.