

**GABOR DUALS FOR OPERATOR-VALUED GABOR FRAMES  
ON LOCALLY COMPACT ABELIAN GROUPS**

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**Abstract.** Motivated by the ordinary Gabor frames in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and operator-valued frames on abstract Hilbert spaces, we investigate operator-valued Gabor frames associated with locally compact Abelian groups. Necessary and sufficient conditions for an operator-valued Gabor frame to admit a Parseval/tight Gabor dual are given. In particular, we consider a special case, which includes the case of ordinary Gabor frames.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Gabor system was first proposed by D. Gabor [8] for the purpose of applications in signal processing. It is a collection of functions generated by a window function  $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and by translations and modulations:

$$\mathcal{G}(g, \alpha, \beta) = \{e^{2\pi i m \alpha x} g(x - n\beta) : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two positive parameters. In [9], K. Gröchenig generalized the notion of Gabor systems to the locally compact Abelian groups. To ensure stable reconstruction of signals, the Gabor system needs to be a frame, a concept introduced by R. Duffin and A. Schaeffer [4] as a generalization of the Riesz bases. In recent years, the Gabor frames were one of the extensively studied research topics in the frame theory (see [3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17]). The early Gabor frames were mainly studied by using classical Fourier/harmonic analysis methods. Meanwhile, as it was indicated by a number researches, more abstract tools from other fields of pure mathematics, such as operator algebras and group representations, can be used in the study of Gabor frames (see [2, 11, 12, 13, 16] for some recent significant results). Gabor analysis actually has roots in the theory of von Neumann algebras, which can

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be traced back to the von Neumann's work [21] in 1930s about the von Neumann lattices, and the related work by M. Rieffel [20] in 1980s about the incompleteness property of Gabor families.

In the frame theory, the tight frames play an important role due to their simplicity (e.g., the canonical dual of a tight frame is a scalar multiple of the tight frame itself), and due to some other useful features in applications (e.g., tight frames are optimal for erasures). Note that when a frame itself is not a tight frame, the canonical dual frame cannot be tight. However, it is possible that tight dual frames exist even when a given frame is not a tight one. This problem has been deeply investigated by D. Han in several papers. For instance, in [12], it was characterized the existence of tight/Parseval dual frames with the same structure for non-tight Gabor frames in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

As a generalized version of ordinary frames, the operator-valued frame was introduced and studied in Kaftal et al [19]. This new type of frames can be used in the quantum communication (see [1]) and in the packet network, and so it becomes an attractive object of study.

In this paper, motivated by the ordinary Gabor frames in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and by the operator-valued frames on abstract Hilbert spaces, we consider the so-called operator-valued Gabor frames associated with locally compact abelian groups. For simplicity, the abbreviations “OPV” and “LCA” will be used for “operator-valued” and “locally compact Abelian”, respectively.

The paper is structured as follows. In Section 2 we give some preliminaries for OPV-Gabor frames. The main results of this paper are stated and proved in Section 3. Necessary and sufficient conditions for an OPV-Gabor frame associated with an LCA group to admit a Parseval (respectively tight) Gabor dual are given in Theorems 3.1 and 3.2. In Corollary 3.1 and Proposition 3.1, we consider a special case including the case of ordinary Gabor frames and partially generalize the results of D. Han from [12].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES FOR OPV-GABOR FRAMES

Throughout the paper,  $G$  will denote an LCA group and  $\widehat{G}$  will denote the dual group of  $G$ , which consists of all characters, that is, all continuous homomorphisms from  $G$  into the circle group  $\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ . Note that under pointwise multiplication and equipped with an appropriate topology,  $\widehat{G}$  is also an LCA group. Considering the well-known *Haar measure* on the LCA group  $G$ , which is unique up to a positive constant, we have the Hilbert space  $L^2(G)$  in the usual way. One

then defines the *translation operator*  $T_\lambda, \lambda \in G$ , as

$$T_\lambda : L^2(G) \rightarrow L^2(G), \quad (T_\lambda f)(x) = f(x\lambda^{-1}), \quad x \in G,$$

and the *modulation operator*  $E_\gamma, \gamma \in \widehat{G}$ , as

$$E_\gamma : L^2(G) \rightarrow L^2(G), \quad (E_\gamma f)(x) = \gamma(x)f(x), \quad x \in G.$$

Clearly, both  $T_\lambda$  and  $E_\lambda$  are unitary operators.

Recall that a closed subgroup  $\Lambda$  of  $G \times \widehat{G}$  is called a *lattice* if it is discrete and co-compact, that is, the quotient group  $G \times \widehat{G}/\Lambda$  is compact. Given such a lattice  $\Lambda$ , we write  $l^2(\Lambda)$  for the usual Hilbert space consisting of all scalar functions  $x$  on  $\Lambda$  such that  $x(\nu) = 0$  for all but a countable number of  $\nu$  and  $\sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} |x(\nu)|^2 < \infty$ .

In what follows we use the following notation. By  $B(L^2(G))$  we denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $L^2(G)$  and by  $\{\chi_\nu\}_{\nu \in \Lambda}$  we denote the standard orthonormal basis of  $l^2(\Lambda)$ , where  $\chi_\nu$  is the characteristic function at the single point set  $\{\nu\}$ . By  $I$  and  $I_0$  we denote the identity operators in  $L^2(G)$  and  $l^2(\Lambda)$ , respectively. We always write  $\Lambda$  for a fixed lattice in  $G \times \widehat{G}$  and  $e$  for the group unit of  $\Lambda$ . Also, for a bounded linear operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space, its adjoint operator is denoted by  $T^*$ .

The central object of this paper is the so-called *OPV-Gabor system* in  $L^2(G)$  with modulation and translation along a lattice  $\Lambda$  of  $G \times \widehat{G}$ , generated by an operator  $A \in B(L^2(G))$ . This is a collection of operators of the following form:

$$\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda) = \{A\pi(\nu) : \pi(\nu) = E_\gamma T_\lambda \text{ for } \nu = (\lambda, \gamma) \in \Lambda\}.$$

If an OPV-Gabor system is also an OPV-frame in the sense of [19], then it is called an OPV-Gabor frame. The explicit definition is as follows.

**Definition 2.1.** For an OPV-Gabor system  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  for  $L^2(G)$ , if there exist two constants  $C, D > 0$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad CI \leq \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} (A\pi(\nu))^* (A\pi(\nu)) \leq DI,$$

where the series converges in the strong operator topology, then  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is called an *OPV-Gabor frame* for  $L^2(G)$ . The optimal constants (maximal for  $C$  and minimal for  $D$ ) are called the *lower* and the *upper frame bounds*, respectively. An OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is called *tight* if  $C = D$ , and is called *Parseval* if  $C = D = 1$ . If we only require the second inequality in (2.1), then  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is called a *Bessel system*.

It is easy to verify that the condition (2.1) is satisfied if and only if there exist two constants  $C, D > 0$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad C \|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} \|A\pi(\nu)f\|^2 \leq D \|f\|^2 \quad \text{for all } f \in L^2(G).$$

A closed subspace  $M$  of  $L^2(G)$  is called  $\Lambda$ -*shift invariant* if it is  $\pi$ -invariant, that is,  $\pi(\nu)M \subseteq M$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ . In [12], a subspace Gabor frame for the ordinary (vector) case was introduced. Similarly, we can also define the subspace Gabor frame for the operator-valued case. If an OPV-Gabor system  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  satisfies the condition (2.2) only for  $f \in M$ , then we say that  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is a *subspace OPV-Gabor frame* for  $M$ .

As we know, the analysis operators and the frame operators play an important role in the study of frame theory. Let  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  be a Bessel OPV-Gabor system for  $L^2(G)$ . Following [14, 19], the *analysis operator*  $\theta_A$  for  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an operator from  $L^2(G)$  into the tensor product space  $l^2(\Lambda) \otimes L^2(G)$ , defined by

$$\theta_A(f) = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} \chi_\nu \otimes A\pi(\nu)(f) \quad \text{for } f \in L^2(G).$$

Clearly, for the adjoint of  $\theta_A$  we have  $\theta_A^*(\chi_\nu \otimes f) = (A\pi(\nu))^*(f)$  for  $\nu \in \Lambda, f \in L^2(G)$ . The operator  $S_A = \theta_A^* \theta_A = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} (A\pi(\nu))^* (A\pi(\nu))$  is called the *frame operator* of  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$ . As in [19], for every  $\nu \in \Lambda$  we define the partial isometry:  $L_\nu : L^2(G) \rightarrow l^2(\Lambda) \otimes L^2(G)$ ,  $L_\nu(f) = \chi_\nu \otimes f$ . Then, we have

$$(2.3) \quad L_\omega^* L_\nu = \begin{cases} I & \text{if } \omega = \nu, \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega \neq \nu, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} L_\nu L_\nu^* = I_0 \otimes I,$$

where the convergence is in the strong operator topology.

If  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is a Bessel OPV-Gabor system, then we have

$$(2.4) \quad \theta_A = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} L_\nu A\pi(\nu) \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_A^* = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} (A\pi(\nu))^* L_\nu^*.$$

We collect several simple and useful facts for analysis operators as a lemma, which are also true for general frames on Hilbert spaces.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  be a Bessel OPV-Gabor system for  $L^2(G)$ . Then the following assertions hold:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  if and only if  $\theta_A$  is injective and has closed range.
- (ii)  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is a subspace OPV-Gabor frame for a  $\Lambda$ -shift invariant subspace  $M$  if and only if  $\theta_A^* \theta_A$  is an invertible bounded operator when restricted to  $M$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is a Parseval subspace OPV-Gabor frame if and only if  $\theta_A^* \theta_A$  (or equivalently,  $\theta_A \theta_A^*$ ) is an orthogonal projection. In particular,  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is a Parseval OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  if and only if  $\theta_A^* \theta_A = I$ .

In the case where  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$ , by using Lemma 3.1(iii), we can conclude that  $\mathcal{G}(AS_A^{-1}, \Lambda)$  is also an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  and  $\theta_A S_A^{-1} = \theta_{AS_A^{-1}}$ . Thus we obtain the following reconstruction formula:

$$\theta_{AS_A^{-1}}^* \theta_A = \theta_A^* \theta_{AS_A^{-1}} = I.$$

The frame  $\mathcal{G}(AS_A^{-1}, \Lambda)$  is called the *canonical OPV-Gabor dual* of  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$ . In general, if a Bessel OPV-Gabor system  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  for  $L^2(G)$  satisfies

$$\theta_B^* \theta_A = \theta_A^* \theta_B = I,$$

then  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  is called an *alternate OPV-Gabor dual* of  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  (cf. [19]). In this case,  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  must be an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$ . The canonical and alternate OPV-Gabor duals are simply referred to OPV-Gabor duals.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  be an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$ . A Bessel OPV-Gabor system  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  for  $L^2(G)$  is called a *Parseval* (respectively *tight*) *OPV-Gabor dual* for  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  if it is an OPV-Gabor dual of  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  (that is,  $\theta_B^* \theta_A = \theta_A^* \theta_B = I$ ), and at the same time it is also a Parseval (respectively tight) OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$ .

For OPV-Gabor frames, we are interested in the existence of their Parseval or tight OPV-Gabor duals. More precisely, our goal is to find conditions under which a Parseval (tight) OPV-Gabor dual exists for a given OPV-Gabor frame. This topic will be discussed in the next section, and we will need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  be an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  and let  $S_A$  be its frame operator. If  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor dual of  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  with upper frame bound  $b$ , then  $\|S_A^{-1}\| \leq b$ .*

**Proof.** By the hypotheses, we have  $\theta_B^* \theta_B \leq bI$ , and hence  $\theta_B \theta_B^* \leq bI_0 \otimes I$ . Thus

$$I = \theta_A^* \theta_B \theta_B^* \theta_A \leq b \theta_A^* \theta_A = b S_A,$$

whence  $S_A^{-1} \leq bI$ , or equivalently,  $\|S_A^{-1}\| \leq b$ .  $\square$

In particular, Lemma 2.2 implies that a necessary condition for an OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  to have a Parseval Gabor dual is that the optimal lower frame bound is greater than or equal to one, that is,  $\|S_A^{-1}\| \leq 1$ .

### 3. THE EXISTENCE OF PARSEVAL AND TIGHT GABOR DUALS FOR OPV-GABOR FRAMES

In this section, we give complete characterizations for OPV-Gabor frames for  $L^2(G)$  to admit Parseval (respectively tight) OPV-Gabor duals. For this purpose, we

need to recall a few concepts and notation, which can be found in [18]. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a von Neumann algebra, that is, it is a  $*$ -algebra of bounded linear operators on a Hilbert space such that the identity operator  $I \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed in the weak operator topology. Call  $\mathcal{A}$  *finite* if every isometry in  $\mathcal{A}$  is unitary. Two orthogonal projections  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  are said to be *equivalent* in the sense of Murray-von Neumann, if there exists a partial isometry  $V \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $VV^* = P$  and  $V^*V = Q$ . In this case we write  $P \sim Q$ . We use the notation  $P \preceq Q$  if  $P$  is equivalent to a subprojection of  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . A *trace* “tr” on  $\mathcal{A}$  is a positive linear functional satisfying  $\text{tr}(T^*T) = \text{tr}(TT^*)$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{A}$ . A *faithful normal trace* on  $\mathcal{A}$  is a trace that is continuous in the weak operator topology and satisfies the condition that  $\text{tr}(T) > 0$  whenever  $T \in \mathcal{A}$  is a nonzero positive operator. Denote by  $\mathcal{A}'$  the commutant of  $\mathcal{A}$ . A *center-valued trace*  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  is a linear mapping from  $\mathcal{A}$  to its center  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{A}'$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\tau(AB) = \tau(BA)$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ ;
- (ii)  $\tau(C) = C$  for all  $C \in \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{A}'$ ;
- (iii)  $\tau(A)$  is a nonzero positive whenever  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  is a nonzero positive operator;
- (iv)  $\tau(CA) = C\tau(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}, C \in \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{A}'$ .

We remark that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a finite von Neumann algebra, then  $\mathcal{A}$  must have a unique center-valued trace  $\tau$ . Moreover, if “tr” is a faithful normal trace on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then we have  $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(\tau(A))$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be a lattice in  $G \times \widehat{G}$  and  $\nu = (\lambda, \gamma) \in \Lambda$ . It is clear that  $\pi(\nu) = E_\gamma T_\lambda$  is a unitary operator on  $L^2(G)$ . The commutator relation

$$T_\lambda E_\gamma = \overline{\gamma(\lambda)} E_\gamma T_\lambda$$

leads to the following useful identities

$$\pi(\nu)^* = \overline{\gamma(\lambda)} \pi(\nu^{-1}), \quad \pi(\nu_1) \pi(\nu_2) = \mu(\nu_1, \nu_2) \pi(\nu_1 \nu_2),$$

where  $\mu(\nu_1, \nu_2) = \overline{\gamma_2(\lambda_1)}$  belongs to the circle group  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\nu_i = (\lambda_i, \gamma_i) \in \Lambda$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Following [11, 14], the mapping  $\pi$  is called a *projective unitary representation* of  $\Lambda$  on  $L^2(G)$ , and the mapping  $(\nu_1, \nu_2) \rightarrow \mu(\nu_1, \nu_2)$  is called a *multiplier* of  $\pi$ . It follows from the results of [14] that

- (i)  $\mu(\nu_1, \nu_2 \nu_3) \mu(\nu_2, \nu_3) = \mu(\nu_1 \nu_2, \nu_3) \mu(\nu_1, \nu_2)$  for all  $\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3 \in \Lambda$ ;
- (ii)  $\mu(\nu, e) = \mu(e, \nu) = 1$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ ;
- (iii)  $\mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) = \mu(\nu^{-1}, \nu)$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ .

Following [14], there exists an associated *right regular  $\mu$ -projective representation*  $r$  of  $\Lambda$  on the Hilbert space  $l^2(\Lambda)$  defined by  $r(\nu)(\chi_\omega) = \overline{\mu(\omega, \nu^{-1})} \chi_{\omega \nu^{-1}}$ ,  $\nu, \omega \in \Lambda$ .

We can check that

$$r(\nu_1)r(\nu_2) = \overline{\mu(\nu_2^{-1}, \nu_1^{-1})}r(\nu_1\nu_2) = \overline{\mu(\nu_2, \nu_1)}r(\nu_1\nu_2)$$

for all  $\nu_1, \nu_2 \in \Lambda$ . Clearly, every  $r(\nu)$  is unitary and  $r$  is a projective unitary representation of  $\Lambda$  with multiplier  $\overline{\mu(\nu_2, \nu_1)}$ . We also introduce another projective unitary representation:

$$\tilde{r} : \Lambda \rightarrow B(l^2(\Lambda) \otimes L^2(G)), \quad \tilde{r}(\nu) = r(\nu) \otimes I.$$

Of course, there exists an associated *left regular  $\mu$ -projective representation*  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$  on the Hilbert space  $l^2(\Lambda)$  defined by

$$\lambda(\nu)(\chi_\omega) = \overline{\mu(\nu, \omega)}\chi_{\nu\omega}, \quad \nu, \omega \in \Lambda.$$

Since  $\Lambda$  is an Abelian group, they are essentially the same.

We will need the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  be a Bessel OPV-Gabor system for  $L^2(G)$ . Then*

- (i)  $L_e^*\tilde{r}(\nu) = \overline{\mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})}L_\nu^*$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ ;
- (ii)  $\theta_A\pi(\nu) = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})\tilde{r}(\nu)\theta_A$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ ;
- (iii)  $S_A\pi(\nu) = \pi(\nu)S_A$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $\nu \in \Lambda$  and  $f \in L^2(G)$ . Then we have

$$\tilde{r}(\nu^{-1})L_e(f) = (r(\nu^{-1}) \otimes I)(\chi_e \otimes f) = \overline{\mu(e, \nu)}\chi_\nu \otimes f = \chi_\nu \otimes f = L_\nu(f).$$

This means that  $\tilde{r}(\nu^{-1})L_e = L_\nu$ , and hence  $L_e^*\tilde{r}(\nu^{-1})^* = L_\nu^*$ . Noting that

$$r(\nu)r(\nu^{-1}) = \overline{\mu(\nu^{-1}, \nu)}r(\nu\nu^{-1}) = \overline{\mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})}I_0,$$

we have  $r(\nu^{-1})^* = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})r(\nu)$ . Thus,  $\tilde{r}(\nu^{-1})^* = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})\tilde{r}(\nu)$  and  $\mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})L_e^*\tilde{r}(\nu) = L_\nu^*$ . Therefore,  $L_e^*\tilde{r}(\nu) = \overline{\mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})}L_\nu^*$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ .

(ii) For all  $\nu \in \Lambda, f \in L^2(G)$ , by (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_A\pi(\nu)(f) &= \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} L_\omega A\pi(\omega)\pi(\nu)(f) = \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \mu(\omega, \nu)L_\omega A\pi(\omega\nu)(f) \\ &= \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \mu(\omega\nu^{-1}, \nu)L_{\omega\nu^{-1}}A\pi(\omega)(f) = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \overline{\mu(\omega, \nu^{-1})}L_{\omega\nu^{-1}}A\pi(\omega)(f) \\ &= \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \overline{\mu(\omega, \nu^{-1})}\chi_{\omega\nu^{-1}} \otimes A\pi(\omega)(f) \\ &= \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})\tilde{r}(\nu) \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \chi_\omega \otimes A\pi(\omega)(f) = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})\tilde{r}(\nu)\theta_A(f), \end{aligned}$$

where the identity  $\mu(\omega\nu^{-1}, \nu) = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})\overline{\mu(\omega, \nu^{-1})}$  follows from the properties (i) and (ii) of  $\mu$  listed above. This shows that  $\theta_A\pi(\nu) = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})\tilde{r}(\nu)\theta_A$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ .

(iii) For every  $\nu \in \Lambda$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_A \pi(\nu) &= \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} (A\pi(\omega))^* (A\pi(\omega)) \pi(\nu) = \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \pi(\nu) \pi(\nu)^* (A\pi(\omega))^* (A\pi(\omega)) \pi(\nu) \\
 &= \pi(\nu) \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} (A\pi(\omega) \pi(\nu))^* (A\pi(\omega) \pi(\nu)) = \pi(\nu) \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \overline{\mu(\omega, \nu)} \mu(\omega, \nu) (A\pi(\omega \nu))^* (A\pi(\omega \nu)) \\
 &= \pi(\nu) \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} (A\pi(\omega \nu))^* (A\pi(\omega \nu)) = \pi(\nu) S_A,
 \end{aligned}$$

as required. Lemma 3.1 is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  be a Bessel OPV-Gabor system for  $L^2(G)$  with the analysis operator  $\theta_A$ , and let  $M = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A^* \theta_A)}$ . Then there exists an operator  $T \in B(L^2(G))$  such that:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{G}(T, \Lambda)$  is a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame for  $M$ ;
- (ii)  $\text{Range}(\theta_T) = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A)}$ .

**Proof.** By the polar decomposition theorem, there is a partial isometry  $V : L^2(G) \rightarrow l^2(\Lambda) \otimes L^2(G)$  with the initial space

$$M = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A^* \theta_A)} \quad \left( = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A^* \theta_A)}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A^*)} \right)$$

and the final space  $K = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A)}$ , such that  $\theta_A = V(\theta_A^* \theta_A)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . It follows from Lemma 3.1 (iii) that  $M$  is  $\pi$ -invariant and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) \tilde{r}(\nu) V(\theta_A^* \theta_A)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) \tilde{r}(\nu) \theta_A = \theta_A \pi(\nu) \\
 &= V(\theta_A^* \theta_A)^{\frac{1}{2}} \pi(\nu) = V \pi(\nu) (\theta_A^* \theta_A)^{\frac{1}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ . Define a projective unitary representation:

$$\tilde{R} : \Lambda \rightarrow B(l^2(\Lambda) \otimes L^2(G)), \quad \tilde{R}(\nu) = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) \tilde{r}(\nu).$$

Then  $\tilde{R}(\nu) V(\theta_A^* \theta_A)^{\frac{1}{2}} = V \pi(\nu) (\theta_A^* \theta_A)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  for every  $\nu \in \Lambda$ . Also, by Lemma 3.1 (ii), for  $\nu \in \Lambda, f \in L^2(G)$ , we have

$$\tilde{R}(\nu) \theta_A(f) = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) \tilde{r}(\nu) \theta_A(f) = \theta_A \pi(\nu)(f).$$

Hence  $\tilde{R}(\nu) \theta_A = \theta_A \pi(\nu)$  and  $K$  is  $\tilde{R}$ -invariant. So, the operator  $V$  induces a unitary equivalence between the two sub-representations  $\tilde{R}|_K$  and  $\pi|_M$ .

Let  $T = L_e^* V$ . For all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ , by Lemma 3.1(i), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T \pi|_M(\nu) &= L_e^* V \pi|_M(\nu) = L_e^* \tilde{R}(\nu) V|_M = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) L_e^* \tilde{r}(\nu) V|_M \\
 &= \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1}) \overline{\mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})} L_\nu^* V|_M = L_\nu^* V|_M.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (??) and (2.4) that

$$\sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} (T \pi|_M(\nu))^* (T \pi|_M(\nu)) = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} V^* L_\nu L_\nu^* V|_M = V^* \left( \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} L_\nu L_\nu^* \right) V|_M = V^* V|_M$$



and

$$\theta_T = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} L_\nu T \pi|_M(\nu) = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} L_\nu L_\nu^* V|_M = V|_M.$$

Since  $V^*V$  is an orthogonal projection on  $M$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{G}(T, \Lambda)$  is a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame for  $M$  and  $\text{Range}(\theta_T) = \text{Range}(V) = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A)}$ .  $\square$

We remark that in the case when  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$ , that is,  $S_A$  is invertible on  $L^2(G)$ , then the partial isometry  $V$  is already well-known to be the analysis operator of the associated Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(AS_A^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \Lambda)$ .

Given a Bessel OPV-Gabor system  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  for  $L^2(G)$ , and let  $\theta_A$  be its analysis operator. It follows from Lemma 3.1(ii) that the norm closure  $\overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A)}$  is invariant under  $\tilde{r}(\nu)$  for every  $\nu \in \Lambda$ . So, if we use  $P_A$  to denote the orthogonal projection of  $l^2(\Lambda) \otimes L^2(G)$  onto  $\overline{\text{Range}(\theta_A)}$ , then  $P_A$  belongs to the commutant of  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)$ , that is,  $P_A \in \tilde{r}(\Lambda)' = r(\Lambda)' \otimes B(L^2(G))$ . These results are extensions to the projective unitary representations of some results stated in Lemma 6.4 of [19].

Now we are ready to state and prove our first main result, which generalizes Theorem 2.2 of [12], but the proof turns out to be more complicated.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be an LCA group and  $\Lambda$  be a lattice of  $G \times \hat{G}$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  whose frame operator  $S_A$  satisfies the condition  $\|S_A^{-1}\| \leq 1$ , and denote  $M = \overline{\text{Range}(I - S_A^{-1})}$ . Then  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual if and only if there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(T, \Lambda)$  for  $M$  such that  $P_T \precsim I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  in the von Neumann algebra  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ .*

**Proof.** We first assume that  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$ . Let

$$C = B - AS_A^{-1}.$$

Since both  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{G}(AS_A^{-1}, \Lambda)$  are OPV-Gabor frames, we have that  $\mathcal{G}(C, \Lambda)$  is a Bessel OPV-Gabor system. Moreover,  $\theta_A S_A^{-1} = \theta_{AS_A^{-1}}$ . So, we can write

$$(3.1) \quad \theta_A^* \theta_C = \theta_A^* (\theta_B - \theta_A S_A^{-1}) = I - S_A S_A^{-1} = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_C^* \theta_C &= (\theta_B^* - S_A^{-1} \theta_A^*) (\theta_B - \theta_A S_A^{-1}) \\ &= \theta_B^* \theta_B + S_A^{-1} S_A S_A^{-1} - \theta_B^* \theta_A S_A^{-1} - S_A^{-1} \theta_A^* \theta_B = I - S_A^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

implying that

$$M = \overline{\text{Range}(I - S_A^{-1})} = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_C^* \theta_C)}.$$

Next, it follows from Lemma 3.2 that there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(T, \Lambda)$  for  $M$  such that  $\text{Range}(\theta_T) = \overline{\text{Range}(\theta_C)}$ . By (3.1), we have  $\theta_A^* \theta_T =$

0. Thus,  $P_A \perp P_T$ , which implies that  $P_T \leq I_0 \otimes I - P_A$ . Noting that  $P_T, P_A \in \tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ , we have  $P_T \lesssim I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  in the von Neumann algebra  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ .

Conversely, assume that there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(T, \Lambda)$  for  $M = \overline{\text{Range}(I - S_A^{-1})}$  such that  $P_T \lesssim I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  in the von Neumann algebra  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ . Then there exists a subprojection  $Q \leq I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  such that  $P_T \sim Q$  in the von Neumann algebra  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ . Let  $V \in \tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$  be the partial isometry such that  $VV^* = P_T$  and  $V^*V = Q$ . Set  $E = L_e^*V^*\theta_T$ . Then for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ , by Lemma 3.1(i) and (ii), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E\pi|_M(\nu) &= L_e^*V^*\theta_T\pi|_M(\nu) = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})L_e^*V^*\tilde{r}(\nu)\theta_T \\ &= \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})L_e^*\tilde{r}(\nu)V^*\theta_T = \mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})\overline{\mu(\nu, \nu^{-1})}L_\nu^*V^*\theta_T = L_\nu^*V^*\theta_T. \end{aligned}$$

So, by (2.4), we have

$$\theta_E = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} L_\nu E\pi|_M(\nu) = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} L_\nu L_\nu^*V^*\theta_T = V^*\theta_T.$$

Therefore

$$\theta_E^*\theta_E = (V^*\theta_T)^*(V^*\theta_T) = \theta_T^*(VV^*)\theta_T = \theta_T^*P_T\theta_T = \theta_T^*\theta_T = I_M.$$

It follows that  $\mathcal{G}(E, \Lambda)$  is also a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame for  $M = \overline{\text{Range}(I - S_A^{-1})}$ . On the other hand, we have

$$\text{Range}(V^*) = \text{Range}(Q) \subseteq \text{Range}(I_0 \otimes I - P_A) = \text{Range}(\theta_A)^\perp = \ker(\theta_A^*).$$

So, we have  $\theta_A^*\theta_E = \theta_A^*V^*\theta_T = 0$ , and hence

$$(3.2) \quad \theta_E^*\theta_A = \theta_A^*\theta_E = 0.$$

Write  $D = \sqrt{I - S_A^{-1}}$ , and apply Lemma 3.1 (iii), to obtain  $D\pi(\nu) = \pi(\nu)D$  for all  $\nu \in \Lambda$ , from which we can see that  $\mathcal{G}(ED, \Lambda)$  is a Bessel OPV-Gabor system for  $L^2(G)$  and  $\theta_{ED} = \theta_ED$ . Taking into account that  $D$  is self-adjoint, we get

$$M = \overline{\text{Range}(I - S_A^{-1})} = \overline{\text{Range}(D)}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{G}(E, \Lambda)$  is also a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame for  $M$ , we have

$$I - S_A^{-1} = D^2 = D(\theta_E^*\theta_E)D = (\theta_ED)^*(\theta_ED) = \theta_{ED}^*\theta_{ED}.$$

Observing that  $S_A^{-1} = \theta_{AS_A^{-1}}^*\theta_{AS_A^{-1}}$ , we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \theta_{AS_A^{-1}}^*\theta_{AS_A^{-1}} + \theta_{ED}^*\theta_{ED} = I.$$

Let  $B = AS_A^{-1} + ED$ . Then  $\theta_B = \theta_AS_A^{-1} + \theta_ED$ , and by (3.2) and (3.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_B^*\theta_B &= (\theta_AS_A^{-1} + \theta_ED)^*(\theta_AS_A^{-1} + \theta_ED) = S_A^{-1}\theta_A^*\theta_AS_A^{-1} + S_A^{-1}(\theta_A^*\theta_E)D \\ &\quad + D(\theta_E^*\theta_A)S_A^{-1} + D\theta_E^*\theta_ED = \theta_{AS_A^{-1}}^*\theta_{AS_A^{-1}} + \theta_{ED}^*\theta_{ED} = I \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\theta_B^* \theta_A = (\theta_A S_A^{-1} + \theta_E D)^* \theta_A = S_A^{-1} \theta_A^* \theta_A + D \theta_E^* \theta_A = I.$$

The above arguments show that  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  is a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual frame of  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

We next consider the Parseval OPV-Gabor duals in certain special case. Let  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  be an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$ . If  $B = TA$ , where  $T \in B(L^2(G))$  is an invertible operator, then  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  is also an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$ . In this case, we say that  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$  is *left-similar* to  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$ . By an appropriate modification of the arguments used in Lemma 6.4 of [19], we obtain  $P_A \sim P_B$  in  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ . Since  $r(\Lambda)'$  is a finite von Neumann algebra (cf. [6, 18]), so is  $r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ . Keeping this fact in mind, an (OPV)-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is said to satisfy a *finite von Neumann algebra condition*, or simply *F-condition*, if  $P_A \in r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ . Moreover, we say that a lattice  $\Lambda$  of  $G \times \widehat{G}$  is an *F-lattice* if every OPV-Gabor frame (including subspace OPV-Gabor frame)  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  satisfies the F-condition.

A natural problem is whether such F-lattices exist or not. In [19], the authors discussed the OPV-frames associated with discrete (not necessarily countable) group representations on abstract Hilbert spaces. In particular, Corollary 7.4 of [19] contains a necessary and sufficient condition for all the OPV-frame generators to be left-similar, which is generalized in Corollary 3.14 of [13] for the case of vector frames. Given a lattice  $\Lambda$  of  $G \times \widehat{G}$  and an OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$ . If all the OPV-Gabor frames are left-similar to  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$ , then there are no projections in  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$  that are different but Murray-von Neumann equivalent to it. It follows from Corollary 7.4 of [19] that  $P_A$  belongs to the center  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)' \cap \tilde{r}(\Lambda)''$ . Denote by  $w^*(r(\Lambda))$  and  $w^*(\lambda(\Lambda))$  the von Neumann algebras generated by  $r(\Lambda)$  and  $\lambda(\Lambda)$ , respectively. It is well known that  $r(\Lambda)' = w^*(\lambda(\Lambda))$  and  $\lambda(\Lambda)' = w^*(r(\Lambda))$  (cf. [6, 14]). Since  $\Lambda$  is an Abelian group, we have  $w^*(r(\Lambda)) = w^*(\lambda(\Lambda))$ , and hence  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)' \cap \tilde{r}(\Lambda)'' = r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ . The above discussion tells us that if all the OPV-Gabor frames  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  are left-similar, then  $P_A \in r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ , which means that  $\Lambda$  is an F-lattice.

In [18] it was shown that there exists a unique center-valued trace  $\tau$  on the von Neumann algebra  $r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ , and for all orthogonal projections  $P, Q \in r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ ,  $P \preceq Q$  in  $r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$  if and only if  $\tau(P) \leq \tau(Q)$ . So, in the case where  $\Lambda$  is an F-lattice of  $G \times \widehat{G}$ , we can obtain the following corollary of Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be an LCA group and  $\Lambda$  be an F-lattice of  $G \times \widehat{G}$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  whose frame operator  $S_A$  satisfies the condition  $\|S_A^{-1}\| \leq 1$ , and denote  $M = \overline{\text{Range}(I - S_A^{-1})}$ . Then  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a*

*Parseval OPV-Gabor dual if and only if there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(T, \Lambda)$  for  $M$  such that  $\tau(P_T) \leq I_0 \otimes I - \tau(P_A)$ , where  $\tau$  is the center-valued trace on the von Neumann algebra  $r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$ . In the proof of the “only if” part of Theorem 3.1, in fact we have  $P_T, P_A \in r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ . Hence  $P_T \lesssim I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  in  $r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ , meaning that  $\tau(P_T) \leq I_0 \otimes I - \tau(P_A)$ .

Conversely, by the hypotheses we have  $P_T \lesssim I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  in  $r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ . Since  $r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$  is a subalgebra of  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ , we have  $P_T \lesssim I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  in  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ . So, we can apply Theorem 3.1 to conclude that  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual.  $\square$

**Example 3.1.** In the case  $G = (\mathbb{R}^d, +)$ , with the identification  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \leftrightarrow \gamma_x \in \widehat{G}$ , we have  $\widehat{G} = G$ , where  $\gamma_x(y) = e^{2\pi i \langle x, y \rangle}$ . Let  $g, f_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $\|f_0\| = 1$ , and let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two non-singular  $d \times d$  real matrices. Denote by  $A$  the rank one operator given by  $Af = \langle f, g \rangle f_0$  for  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , and write  $\Lambda = M_1 \mathbb{Z}^d \times M_2 \mathbb{Z}^d$ , which is the so-called time-frequency lattice and plays an important role in time-frequency analysis. Then  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  if and only if there exist two constants  $C, D > 0$  such that

$$C \|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} |\langle f, g_\nu \rangle|^2 \leq D \|f\|^2 \quad \text{for all } f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

where  $g_\nu(x) = e^{2\pi i \langle l, x \rangle} g(x - k)$  for  $\nu = (k, l) \in \Lambda$ . Hence, in this case, an OPV-Gabor frame is indeed an ordinary (vector) Gabor frame. The associated analysis operator  $\theta_A$  is an operator from  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  to  $l^2(\Lambda) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  defined by

$$\theta_A(f) = \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} \chi_\nu \otimes \langle f, g_\nu \rangle f_0 \quad \text{for } f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

which leads to the orthogonal projection  $P_A \in r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ . So the  $F$ -condition holds, and moreover,  $\Lambda$  is an  $F$ -lattice in this case. Thus, Corollary 3.1 holds for ordinary Gabor frames, and hence Theorem 2.2 of [12] is a special case of Corollary 3.1.

It is well known that the equation  $\text{tr}(X) = \langle X\chi_e, \chi_e \rangle$  for  $X \in r(\Lambda)'$ , defines a faithful normalized trace on  $r(\Lambda)'$  (cf. [6]). Denote by  $\rho$  the corresponding map:

$$(3.4) \quad \rho : r(\Lambda)' \otimes I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}I, \quad \rho(X \otimes I) = \text{tr}(X)I$$

for every  $X \in r(\Lambda)'$ . Then, by Lemma 8.3 of [19], we have

$$(3.5) \quad \rho(\Phi) = L_e^* \Phi L_e \quad \text{for all } \Phi \in r(\Lambda)' \otimes I.$$

The next proposition provides a characterization in the case where  $r(\Lambda)'$  is a factor von Neumann algebra.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be an LCA group, and let  $\Lambda$  be an F-lattice of  $G \times \widehat{G}$  such that  $r(\Lambda)'$  is a factor von Neumann algebra. Assume that  $\mathfrak{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  whose frame operator  $S_A$  satisfies the condition  $\|S_A^{-1}\| \leq 1$ , and denote  $M = \overline{\text{Range}(I - S_A^{-1})}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual if and only if there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathfrak{G}(T, \Lambda)$  for  $M$  such that  $(T|_M)(T|_M)^* \leq I - AS_A^{-1}A^*$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $\Lambda$  is an F-lattice of  $G \times \widehat{G}$ , by Corollary 3.1,  $\mathfrak{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual if and only if there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathfrak{G}(T, \Lambda)$  for  $M$  such that  $\tau(P_T) \leq I_0 \otimes I - \tau(P_A)$ , where  $\tau$  is the center-valued trace on the finite von Neumann algebra  $r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ . Noting that  $P_A, P_T \in r(\Lambda)' \otimes I$ , we can assume that  $P_A = P_1 \otimes I$ ,  $P_T = P_2 \otimes I$ , where  $P_1, P_2$  are two orthogonal projections in the finite von Neumann algebra  $r(\Lambda)'$ . Let  $\tau_\Lambda$  be the center-valued trace on  $r(\Lambda)'$ . Then  $\tau(P_T) \leq I_0 \otimes I - \tau(P_A)$  if and only if  $\tau_\Lambda(P_2) \leq I_0 - \tau_\Lambda(P_1)$ . Also, since  $r(\Lambda)'$  is a factor, we have that

$$\tau_\Lambda(P_1) = \text{tr}(P_1)I_0, \quad \tau_\Lambda(P_2) = \text{tr}(P_2)I_0.$$

Thus,  $\tau_\Lambda(P_2) \leq I_0 - \tau_\Lambda(P_1)$  if and only if  $\text{tr}(P_2) \leq 1 - \text{tr}(P_1)$ . By (3.4) we have  $\rho(P_A) = \text{tr}(P_1)I$ ,  $\rho(P_T) = \text{tr}(P_2)I$ . Hence  $\text{tr}(P_2) \leq 1 - \text{tr}(P_1)$  if and only if  $\rho(P_T) \leq I - \rho(P_A)$ . By using (2.3), (2.4), (??) and (3.5), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(P_T) &= L_e^* P_T L_e = L_e^* \theta_T \theta_T^* L_e = L_e^* \theta_T \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} (T\pi|_M(\nu))^* L_\nu^* L_e = L_e^* \theta_T (T\pi|_M(e))^* \\ &= L_e^* \theta_T (T|_M)^* = L_e^* \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda} L_\nu T\pi|_M(\nu) (T|_M)^* = T\pi|_M(e) (T|_M)^* = (T|_M)(T|_M)^*. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly it can be shown that  $\rho(P_A) = \rho(P_{AS_A^{-1/2}}) = (AS_A^{-1/2})(AS_A^{-1/2})^* = AS_A^{-1}A^*$ . Therefore,  $\rho(P_T) \leq I - \rho(P_A)$  if and only if  $(T|_M)(T|_M)^* \leq I - AS_A^{-1}A^*$ , and the result follows. Proposition 3.1 is proved.  $\square$

Finally, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  to admit a tight OPV-Gabor dual.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be an LCA group and  $\Lambda$  be a lattice of  $G \times \widehat{G}$ . Suppose that  $\mathfrak{G}(A, \Lambda)$  is an OPV-Gabor frame for  $L^2(G)$  with the frame operator  $S_A$ . Then  $\mathfrak{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a tight OPV-Gabor dual if and only if there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathfrak{G}(T, \Lambda)$  for  $M = \overline{\text{Range}(\|S_A^{-1}\|I - S_A^{-1})}$  such that  $P_T \precsim I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  in the von Neumann algebra  $\widetilde{r}(\Lambda)' = r(\Lambda)' \otimes B(L^2(G))$ .*

**Proof.** Assume first that  $\mathfrak{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a tight OPV-Gabor dual  $\mathfrak{G}(B, \Lambda)$  with frame bound  $b$ . From Lemma 2.2, we have  $b \geq \|S_A^{-1}\|$ , which implies that  $\|(bS_A)^{-1}\| \leq$

1. Observe that  $\mathcal{G}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}B, \Lambda)$  is a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual of  $\mathcal{G}(\sqrt{b}A, \Lambda)$ , and the frame operator for  $\mathcal{G}(\sqrt{b}A, \Lambda)$  is  $bS_A$ . It follows from Theorem 3.1 that there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(C, \Lambda)$  for  $N = \overline{\text{Range}(I - \frac{1}{b}S_A^{-1})}$  such that  $P_C \lesssim I_0 \otimes I - P_{\sqrt{b}A}$  in  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ . Noting that if  $b > \|S_A^{-1}\|$ , then  $bI - S_A^{-1}$  is invertible, we have

$$\ker(I - \frac{1}{b}S_A^{-1}) = \ker(bI - S_A^{-1}) = \{0\}.$$

Thus when  $b \geq \|S_A^{-1}\|$ , we have  $\ker(\|S_A^{-1}\|I - S_A^{-1})^\perp \subseteq \ker(I - \frac{1}{b}S_A^{-1})^\perp$ , which means that

$$M = \overline{\text{Range}(\|S_A^{-1}\|I - S_A^{-1})} \subseteq \overline{\text{Range}(I - \frac{1}{b}S_A^{-1})} = N.$$

Define an operator  $T := C|_M$ . It is easy to check that  $\mathcal{G}(T, \Lambda)$  is a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame for  $M$  and  $\text{Range}(\theta_T) \subseteq \text{Range}(\theta_C)$ . Combining this with the fact that  $\text{Range}(\theta_{\sqrt{b}A}) = \text{Range}(\theta_A)$ , we get

$$P_T \leq P_C \lesssim I_0 \otimes I - P_{\sqrt{b}A} = I_0 \otimes I - P_A$$

in  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ .

Conversely, assume that there exists a subspace Parseval OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(T, \Lambda)$  for  $M = \overline{\text{Range}(\|S_A^{-1}\|I - S_A^{-1})}$  such that  $P_T \lesssim I_0 \otimes I - P_A$  in  $\tilde{r}(\Lambda)'$ . Observe that

$$M = \ker(\|S_A^{-1}\|I - S_A^{-1})^\perp = \ker\left(I - \frac{S_A^{-1}}{\|S_A^{-1}\|}\right)^\perp,$$

and  $\|S_A^{-1}\|S_A$  is the frame operator for OPV-Gabor frame  $\mathcal{G}(\sqrt{\|S_A^{-1}\|}A, \Lambda)$  satisfying  $\|(\|S_A^{-1}\|S_A)^{-1}\| = 1$ . Since  $\text{Range}(\theta_{\sqrt{\|S_A^{-1}\|}A}) = \text{Range}(\theta_A)$  implies that  $P_{\sqrt{\|S_A^{-1}\|}A} = P_A$ , by Theorem 3.1,  $\mathcal{G}(\sqrt{\|S_A^{-1}\|}A, \Lambda)$  has a Parseval OPV-Gabor dual  $\mathcal{G}(B, \Lambda)$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{G}(A, \Lambda)$  has a tight OPV-Gabor dual  $\mathcal{G}(\sqrt{\|S_A^{-1}\|}B, \Lambda)$ . The proof is complete. Theorem 3.2 is proved.  $\square$

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