

## FRAMES FOR FRÉCHET SPACES

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*A b s t r a c t.* In this paper we study frame representations in projective and inductive limits of Banach spaces. We introduce the notion of a Fréchet pre-frame for a given Fréchet space with respect to a Fréchet sequence space. Main results of the paper include the use of density arguments and representations in the case of projective limits of isomorphic reflexive Banach spaces. Examples based on modulation spaces, Sobolev type spaces and Köthe type spaces are given.

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### 1. Introduction

Our goal is to get frame representations in projective and inductive limits of Banach spaces via families which are not necessarily (Schauder) bases. To that end we employ the existing theory of Banach frames, [2, 4, 7, 11, 14, 15, 17, 26] (see Section 3 for the definition of a Banach frame). We use general Banach sequence spaces for the analysis and provide necessary background for a general theory of frames for Fréchet spaces, which can be found in [23].

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In Section 2 we recall basic notions and list the main properties of sequence spaces under consideration. Although the spaces of sequences, which are usually used in the frame theory, are the spaces  $l^p$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) and their weighted versions, in the background of our approach lies a more general family the so called Köthe type sequence spaces.

It is known that, in the case of a Hilbert space, the frame conditions (2) and (3) can be extended from a dense subset. In Section 3 we prove analogous statement for Banach spaces with minimal conditions on the corresponding Banach sequence space, Theorem 3.3.

In Section 4 we study Fréchet spaces defined by a family of isomorphic Banach spaces, Theorem 4.2. Although the result is not surprising, it is applicable to important examples of Fréchet spaces such as the Schwartz spaces  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{L^2}$ . Both spaces are projective limits of certain modulation spaces which are deeply connected to the theory of Weyl-Heisenberg frames, [8, 9, 16, 27]. We end the section with examples which illuminate applications of Theorem 4.2 and relate our results to the ones given in the above mentioned papers.

In order to develop the concept of a Fréchet frame for a Fréchet space in full generality, a family of sequence spaces and their projective limit should be used. This is explained in Section 5. It is well known that sequence spaces which are useful for the analysis of Banach spaces should contain the space of sequences of coefficients as a complemented subspace (see [4, 11, 17]). The analogous property holds for Fréchet spaces, see Theorem 5.3 which is proved in [23].

## 2. Basic Notions and Notation

We denote by  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  a Banach space and by  $(X^*, \|\cdot\|_{X^*})$  its dual space. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be Banach spaces and let  $G : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ . If  $g \in X_2^*$  and  $f \in X_1$ , then  $G^*g(f) = g(Gf)$ .

We are interested in the reconstruction of  $f \in X$  via a family  $\{g_i(f)\}_{i \in I}$  indexed by a countable set  $I$ , where  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a suitable sequence in  $X^*$ . We will use notation  $\{c_i\} = \{c_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ ,  $\sum x_i = \sum_{i=1}^\infty x_i \dots$ . The canonical vector  $(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ , where 1 is at the  $i$ -th position, is denoted by  $e_i$ . The sequence  $\{e_i\}$  is a Schauder basis for  $l^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . We denote by  $c$  the space of all convergent sequences equipped with the sup-norm, and  $c_0$  is the subspace of  $l^\infty$  which consists of all zero-convergent sequences.

Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be subspaces of  $X$  such that  $X_1 + X_2 = X$  and  $X_1 \cap X_2 = \{0\}$ . The space  $X_1$  is *complemented* in  $X$  if there exists a continuous

projection of  $X$  on  $X_1$  along  $X_2$ . The space  $c_0$  is not complemented in  $l^\infty$ , [21].

Recall, a complete locally convex space which has a countable fundamental system of seminorms is called a *Fréchet space*. A Fréchet space  $E$  with a fundamental system  $(\|\cdot\|_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  of seminorms is said to have the property (DN) if there is  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for each  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|x\|_q^2 \leq C\|x\|_p\|x\|_n, \quad \forall x \in E.$$

Then,  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is a norm. A Fréchet space  $E$  with a fundamental system  $(\|\cdot\|_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  of seminorms has the property  $(\Omega)$  if for each  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  so that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  and  $C > 0$  with

$$\|y\|_q^* \leq C\|y\|_p^{*1-\theta}\|y\|_n^{*\theta}, \quad \forall y \in E^*,$$

where  $\|y\|_k^* := \sup\{|y(x)| : \|x\|_k \leq 1\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We denote by  $(\Theta, \|\cdot\|_\Theta)$  a Banach sequence space. The space  $\Theta$  is called *solid* if the conditions  $\{c_i\} \in \Theta$  and  $|d_i| \leq |c_i|$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , imply that  $\{d_i\} \in \Theta$  and  $\|\{d_i\}\|_\Theta \leq \|\{c_i\}\|_\Theta$ .

A Banach sequence space is a *BK-space* if the coordinate functionals are continuous or, equivalently, if the convergence implies the convergence of the corresponding coordinates. A *BK-space*, which contains all the canonical vectors  $e_i$  and for which there exists a constant  $\lambda \geq 1$  such that

$$\|\{c_i\}_{i=1}^n\|_\Theta \leq \lambda\|\{c_i\}_{i=1}^\infty\|_\Theta, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \{c_i\}_{i=1}^\infty \in \Theta \quad (1)$$

( $\{c_i\}_{i=1}^n := \sum_{i=1}^n c_i e_i$ ), will be called  $\lambda$ -*BK-space*.

A *BK-space*  $\Theta$  is called a *CB-space* if the set of the canonical vectors  $\{e_i\}$  forms a (Schauder) basis, which will be called *the canonical basis* for the *CB-space*  $\Theta$ . When  $\Theta$  is a *CB-space*, we have  $1 \leq \sup_N \|S_N\| < \infty$  (see [18, 25]), where  $S_N : \Theta \rightarrow \Theta$  are given by  $S_N(\{c_i\}) = \sum_{i=1}^N c_i e_i$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . The number  $\sup_N \|S_N\|$  is called the canonical basis constant. Thus every *CB-space* is a  $\lambda$ -*BK-space*, where  $\lambda$  is the canonical basis constant. Solid *CB-spaces*, in particular,  $\ell^p$  spaces,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and  $c_0$  are examples of  $1$ -*BK-spaces*. Note that a  $\lambda$ -*BK-space* need not be a *CB-space* – take for example the space  $c$  or the space  $\ell^\infty$ , which are  $1$ -*BK-spaces*.

If  $\Theta$  is a *CB-space*, then the space  $BK\Theta^* := \{\{g(e_i)\} : g \in \Theta^*\}$  with the norm  $\|\{g(e_i)\}\|_{BK\Theta^*} := \|g\|_{\Theta^*}$  is a *BK-space* isometrically isomorphic to  $\Theta^*$  (see e.g. [19]). Moreover, if  $\Theta$  is a reflexive *CB-space*, then the coefficient functionals  $\{E_i\}$  associated to the canonical basis  $\{e_i\}$  form a Schauder basis

for  $\Theta^*$  and thus  $BK\Theta^*$  is a  $CB$ -space, since the canonical vectors  $\{E_j(e_i)\}$  form a Schauder basis for  $BK\Theta^*$ . From now on when  $\Theta$  is a  $CB$ -space, we will always identify  $\Theta^*$  with  $BK\Theta^*$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{i,k})_{i,k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a matrix with positive elements such that  $a_{i,k} \leq a_{i,k+1}$  for all  $i, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the so called *Köthe matrix*. For any fixed  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we consider the *Köthe type spaces*

$$\lambda^{p,k}(\mathcal{A}) := \left\{ \{x_i\}_{i=1}^\infty : \|\|\| \{x_i\} \|\|\|_{p,k} := \left( \sum |x_i a_{i,k}|^p \right)^{1/p} < \infty \right\}.$$

We refer to [21] for a detailed exposition on Köthe type spaces. We will consider the spaces  $\lambda^{2,k}((i^k)_{i \in \mathbb{N}})$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Their projective limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  is the space of rapidly decreasing sequences

$$\mathfrak{s} = \left\{ \{x_i\} : \|\|\| \{x_i\} \|\|\|_k := \left( \sum |x_i i^k|^2 \right)^{1/2} < \infty, \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \right\},$$

which is a nuclear Fréchet space. A Fréchet space  $F$  is isomorphic to a complemented subspace of  $\mathfrak{s}$  if and only if it is nuclear and has the properties  $(DN)$  and  $(\Omega)$ .

### 3. Density theorem

Recall [4], if  $\Theta$  is a  $BK$ -space, a countable family  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ ,  $g_i \in X^*$ , is a  $\Theta$ -frame for  $X$ , if there exist constants  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$  such that

$$\{g_i(f)\}_{i \in I} \in \Theta \text{ and} \tag{2}$$

$$A\|f\|_X \leq \|\|\| \{g_i(f)\}_{i \in I} \|\|\|_\Theta \leq B\|f\|_X \tag{3}$$

for all  $f \in X$ . The constants  $A$  and  $B$  are called  $\Theta$ -frame bounds. When (2) and at least the upper inequality in (3) are satisfied for all  $f \in X$ , then  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$  is called a  $\Theta$ -Bessel sequence for  $X$  with the bound  $B$ .

If  $\Theta = \ell^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , then an  $\ell^p$ -frame is a  $p$ -frame introduced in [2];  $p$ -frames in shift-invariant spaces of  $\ell^p$  are considered in [2, 3], while  $p$ -frames in general Banach spaces are studied in [7].

The definition of a  $\Theta$ -frame is part of the definition of the notion of a Banach frame, introduced by Gröchenig [15] and studied in [4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17]. A Banach frame for a Banach space  $X$  with respect to a  $BK$ -space  $\Theta$  is a  $\Theta$ -frame  $\{g_i\}$  for  $X$ , for which there exists a bounded linear operator  $S : \Theta \rightarrow X$  such that  $S(\{g_i(f)\}) = f$  for all  $f \in X$ . In other words, a  $\Theta$ -frame is a Banach frame when the operator  $U : X \rightarrow \Theta$ ,  $Uf = \{g_i(f)\}$ , has

a bounded left inverse  $S : \Theta \rightarrow X$ . The difference between Banach frames and  $\Theta$ -frames is studied in [4]. We recall the main result from [4] which will be used later on.

**Proposition 3.1.** ([4, Proposition 3.4]) *Let  $\Theta$  be a BK-space and  $\{g_i\} \in (X^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a  $\Theta$ -frame for  $X$ . Then:*

- (i) *The family  $\{g_i\}$  is a Banach frame for  $X$  with respect to  $\Theta$  if and only if the set  $\{\{g_i(f)\} : f \in X\}$  is complemented in  $\Theta$ ,*
- (ii) *If  $\Theta$  is a CB-space, then there exists a  $\Theta^*$ -Bessel sequence  $\{f_i\}$  ( $f_i \in X \subseteq X^{**}, i \in \mathbb{N}$ ) for  $X^*$  such that*

$$f = \sum g_i(f)f_i, \quad \forall f \in X, \quad (4)$$

*if and only if the set  $\{\{g_i(f)\} : f \in X\}$  is complemented in  $\Theta$ .*

- (iii) *If both  $\Theta$  and  $\Theta^*$  are CB-spaces, there exists a  $\Theta^*$ -Bessel sequence  $\{f_i\}$  ( $f_i \in X \subseteq X^{**}, i \in \mathbb{N}$ ) for  $X^*$  such that*

$$g = \sum g(f_i)g_i, \quad \forall g \in X^*, \quad (5)$$

*if and only if the set  $\{\{g_i(f)\} : f \in X\}$  is complemented in  $\Theta$ .*

*In each of the cases (ii) and (iii),  $\{f_i\}$  is actually a  $\Theta^*$ -frame for  $X^*$ .*

A  $\Theta^*$ -frame  $\{f_i\}$  for  $X^*$ , satisfying (4) and (5), is called a *dual frame* of the  $\Theta$ -frame  $\{g_i\}$ .

**Remark 3.2.** *By the proof of the above Proposition 3.1 (iii), given in [4], we have that a  $\Theta^*$ -Bessel sequence  $\{f_i\}$  satisfies (4) if and only if it satisfies (5).*

Our aim is to extend Proposition 3.1 to Fréchet spaces and obtain series expansions by the use of a "Fréchet frame" and the corresponding "dual frame", see Section 5 for the definition. The first result in that direction is Theorem 3.3.

If  $X$  is a Hilbert space and  $\Theta = \ell^2$ , and if (2) and (3) hold on a dense subset of  $X$  then (2) and (3) hold for all  $f \in X$ , [5]. The same conclusion holds when  $X$  is a Banach space and  $\Theta = \ell^p$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , see [26]. Analogous result for Banach frames can be found in [11]. Now we generalize these results for larger class of sequence spaces  $\Theta$  and for  $\Theta$ -frames.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(\Theta, ||| \cdot |||)$  be a  $\lambda$ -BK-space. Let  $W$  be a dense subset of a Banach space  $(X, \| \cdot \|)$  and  $\{g_i\} \in (X^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$ .*

- (i) If (2) and the upper inequality in (3) hold for all  $f \in W$ , then  $\{g_i\}$  is a  $\Theta$ -Bessel sequence for  $X$  with a bound  $\lambda B$ .
- (ii) If (2) and (3) hold for all  $f \in W$ , then  $\{g_i\}$  is a  $\Theta$ -frame for  $X$  with bounds  $A, \lambda B$ .

**P r o o f.** (i) Assume that  $\{g_i\}$  satisfies (2) and the upper inequality in (3) for all  $f \in W$ . First we will prove that  $\{g_i(f)\}$  belongs to  $\Theta$  for all  $f \in X$ . Fix an arbitrary  $f \in X \setminus W$  and assume that there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(f)e_i \right\| > \lambda B \|f\|$ . Denote

$$\delta := \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(f)e_i \right\| - \lambda B \|f\| > 0.$$

By the density of  $W$  in  $X$ , there exists a family  $\{f_n\} \in W^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and hence there exists  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|f_n\| - \|f\| < \frac{\delta}{2\lambda B}, \quad \forall n > N_1.$$

By the continuity of  $g_i$ , ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ), there exists  $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(f)e_i \right\| - \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(f_n)e_i \right\| < \frac{\delta}{2}, \quad \forall n > N_2.$$

Now for  $n > \max(N_1, N_2)$  one has

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(f_n)e_i \right\| > \lambda B \|f\| + \frac{\delta}{2} \geq \lambda B (\|f_n\| - \frac{\delta}{2\lambda B}) + \frac{\delta}{2} = \lambda B \|f_n\|.$$

By (1),

$$\|\{g_i(f_n)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}\| \geq \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(f_n)e_i \right\| > B \|f_n\|,$$

which contradicts to the validity of (3) for  $f_n \in W$ . Therefore

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(f)e_i \right\| \leq \lambda B \|f\|, \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus, for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , the operator  $S_N : X \rightarrow \Theta$ , given by  $S_N(f) = \sum_{i=1}^N g_i(f)e_i$ , is bounded with  $\|S_N\| \leq \lambda B$ . Moreover,  $S_N(f)$  converges when

$N \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $f$  in the dense subset  $W$  of  $X$ . Therefore  $S_N(f)$  converges for all  $f \in X$  (see, e.g., [20]). Since  $\Theta$  is a  $BK$ -space,  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(f)$  is the sequence  $\{g_i(f)\}_{i=1}^\infty$  and hence  $\{g_i(f)\}_{i=1}^\infty \in \Theta$  for all  $f \in X$ . Now the Banach-Steinhaus theorem implies that

$$\| \{g_i(f)\}_{i=1}^\infty \| \leq \lambda B \|f\|, \text{ for all } f \in X,$$

and hence  $\{g_i\}$  is a  $\Theta$ -Bessel sequence for  $X$  with bound  $\lambda B$ .

(ii) Assume now that (2) and (3) hold for all  $f \in W$ . It remains only to prove the validity of the lower  $\Theta$ -frame inequality for all  $f \in X \setminus W$ . Take  $f \in X \setminus W$  and a family  $\{f_n\} \in W^\mathbb{N}$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$| \| \{g_i(f_n)\}_{i=1}^\infty \| - \| \{g_i(f)\}_{i=1}^\infty \| | \leq \lambda B \|f_n - f\|$$

and therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \| \{g_i(f_n)\}_{i=1}^\infty \| = \| \{g_i(f)\}_{i=1}^\infty \|.$$

By the inequality  $A \|f_n\| \leq \| \{g_i(f_n)\}_{i=1}^\infty \|$ , which holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$A \|f\| \leq \| \{g_i(f)\}_{i=1}^\infty \|.$$

□

#### 4. Isomorphic spaces

Let  $\{Y_s, |\cdot|_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a family of Banach spaces such that

$$\{\mathbf{0}\} \neq \bigcap_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0} Y_s \subset \dots \subset Y_2 \subset Y_1 \subset Y_0 \tag{6}$$

$$|\cdot|_0 \leq |\cdot|_1 \leq |\cdot|_2 \leq \dots \tag{7}$$

$$Y_F := \bigcap_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0} Y_s \text{ is dense in } Y_s, \text{ for every } s \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{8}$$

Then  $Y_F$  is a Fréchet space with the sequence of norms  $|\cdot|_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We will use the above sequences for general Banach spaces,  $Y_s = X_s$  with norms  $\|\cdot\|_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and for Banach sequence spaces  $Y_s = \Theta_s$  with norms  $\| \|\cdot\| \|_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Note that if  $\{\Theta_s, \| \|\cdot\| \|_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is a family of  $CB$ -spaces, satisfying (6) and (7), then finite sequences belong to  $\Theta_F$  and form a dense subset of  $\Theta_s$ ; thus (8) is automatically satisfied. In this case  $\Theta_F$  has the canonical basis in the

sense that every  $x \in \Theta_F$  can be written uniquely as  $x = \sum x_i e_i$  with the convergence in  $\Theta_s$  for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

For any given  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , the family  $\{\lambda^{p,s}(\mathcal{A}), \|\cdot\|_{p,s}\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  defined in Section 2 is a family of solid  $CB$ -spaces which satisfy (6)-(8).

It is well known that a (Hilbert) frame remains a frame via an isomorphism (see, e.g. [5, 18]). Let us show that the same holds in the more general case of Banach frames.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $(\Theta, \|\cdot\|)$  be a  $BK$ -space,  $X$  and  $Y$  be reflexive Banach spaces and let the operator  $G$  be an isomorphism of  $X^*$  onto  $Y^*$ . Let  $\{g_i\} \in (X^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$ .*

- (i) *If  $\{g_i\}$  is a  $\Theta$ -Bessel sequence (resp.  $\Theta$ -frame) for  $X$ , then  $\{Gg_i\}$  is a  $\Theta$ -Bessel sequence (resp.  $\Theta$ -frame) for  $Y$ ,*
- (ii) *If  $\{g_i\}$  is a Banach frame for  $X$  w.r.t.  $\Theta$ , then  $\{Gg_i\}$  is a Banach frame for  $Y$  w.r.t.  $\Theta$ .*

*P r o o f.* (i) Let  $\{g_i\}$  be a  $\Theta$ -Bessel sequence for  $X$ . By the reflexivity of  $X$ , for all  $y \in Y$  we have  $\{Gg_i(y)\} = \{g_i(G^*y)\} \in \Theta$  and

$$\|\|\{Gg_i(y)\}\|\| = \|\|\{g_i(G^*y)\}\|\| \leq B\|G^*y\|_X \leq B\|G\|\|y\|_Y.$$

Let now  $\{g_i\}$  be a  $\Theta$ -frame for  $X$ . It remains to prove that  $\{Gg_i\}$  satisfies the lower  $\Theta$ -frame inequality. For every  $y \in Y$  the following inequalities hold

$$\|\|\{Gg_i(y)\}\|\| = \|\|\{g_i(G^*y)\}\|\| \geq A\|G^*y\|_X \geq A \frac{1}{\|(G^*)^{-1}\|} \|y\|_Y.$$

- (ii) We need only to prove that the operator  $\tilde{U} : Y \rightarrow \Theta$ ,  $\tilde{U}y = \{Gg_i(y)\}$ , has a bounded left inverse. Since  $\{g_i\}$  is a Banach frame for  $X$  w.r.t.  $\Theta$ , the operator  $U : X \rightarrow \Theta$ ,  $Uf = \{g_i(f)\}$ , has a bounded left inverse  $S : \Theta \rightarrow X$ . Since  $\tilde{U} = UG^*$ , we have  $(G^*)^{-1}S\tilde{U} = Id|_Y$  and hence the operator  $(G^*)^{-1}S : \Theta \rightarrow Y$  is a bounded left inverse of  $\tilde{U}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $\{X_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a family of reflexive Banach spaces, satisfying (6)-(8), and assume that for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$  there exists an isomorphism  $G_s$  of  $X_0$  onto  $X_s$ . Let  $\Theta$  be a  $CB$ -space such that  $\Theta^*$  is also a  $CB$ -space (in particular, reflexive  $CB$ -space). Assume that there exists  $s_0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and a sequence  $\{g_i\} \in (X_{s_0}^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$ , which is a Banach frame for  $X_{s_0}$  w.r.t.  $\Theta$ . Then*



there exists a Banach frame  $\{f_i\} \in (X_{s_0})^{\mathbb{N}}$  for  $X_{s_0}^*$  w.r.t.  $\Theta^*$  such that for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$  the following holds:

$$f = \sum G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* g_i (f) G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} f_i, \quad \text{for all } f \in X_s, \quad (9)$$

$$g = \sum g(G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} f_i) G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* g_i, \quad \text{for all } g \in X_s^*, \quad (10)$$

$$\{G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* g_i\} \text{ is a Banach frame for } X_s \text{ w.r.t. } \Theta, \quad (11)$$

$$\{G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} f_i\} \text{ is a Banach frame for } X_s^* \text{ w.r.t. } \Theta^*. \quad (12)$$

*P r o o f.* By Proposition 3.1 and Remark 3.2, there exists a Banach frame  $\{f_i\}$  for  $X_{s_0}^*$  w.r.t.  $\Theta^*$  such that

$$x = \sum g_i(x) f_i, \quad \text{for all } x \in X_{s_0}, \quad (13)$$

$$y = \sum y(f_i) g_i, \quad \text{for all } y \in X_{s_0}^*. \quad (14)$$

For any given  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the operator  $G_s G_{s_0}^{-1}$  is an isomorphism of  $X_{s_0}$  onto  $X_s$  and  $G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^*$  is an isomorphism of  $X_{s_0}^*$  onto  $X_s^*$ . Let  $f \in X_s$  and thus  $f = G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} x_f$  for some  $x_f \in X_{s_0}$ . By (13) we have

$$G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} x_f = \sum g_i(x_f) G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} f_i = \sum g_i(G_{s_0} G_s^{-1} f) G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} f_i$$

and finally

$$f = \sum \left( (G_{s_0} G_s^{-1})^* g_i \right) (f) G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} f_i.$$

Let now  $g \in X_s^*$  and thus  $g = G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* y_g$  for some  $y_g \in X_{s_0}^*$ . By (14) we have

$$G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* y_g = \sum y_g(f_i) G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* g_i = \sum G_{s_0}^{*-1} G_s^* g(f_i) G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* g_i$$

and therefore

$$g = \sum g(G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} f_i) G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* g_i.$$

By Lemma 4.1 we conclude that  $\{G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* g_i\}$  is a Banach frame for  $X_s$  w.r.t.  $\Theta$  and  $\{G_s G_{s_0}^{-1} f_i\}$  is a Banach frame for  $X_s^*$  w.r.t.  $\Theta^*$ .  $\square$

In the same way as above, if there exists  $s_0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and a sequence  $\{f_i\} \in (X_{s_0})^{\mathbb{N}}$ , which is a Banach frame for  $X_{s_0}^*$  w.r.t.  $\Theta$ , then there exists a Banach

frame  $\{g_i\} \in (X_{s_0}^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$  for  $X_{s_0}$  w.r.t.  $\Theta^*$  such that (9)-(12) hold for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Remark 4.3.** *Theorem 4.2 deals with families of reflexive Banach spaces together with their corresponding dual spaces,*

$$\{\mathbf{0}\} \neq \cap_{s \in \mathbb{N}} X_s \subset \dots \subset X_2 \subset X_1 \subset X_0 \subset X_0^* \subset X_1^* \subset X_2^* \subset \dots \cup_{s \in \mathbb{N}} X_s^*.$$

Thus, (10) gives expansions of distributions  $g \in X_s^* \subset \sup_{s \in \mathbb{N}} X_s^*$ , via distributions  $G_s^{*-1} G_{s_0}^* g_i$ ,  $\{g_i\} \in (X_{s_0}^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$ , for some  $s_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ . This is different from the usual structural theorems for distributions where the synthesis is done by elements from  $\cap_{s \in \mathbb{N}} X_s$ . See, for example [30], for the expansion of tempered distributions by orthogonal polynomials. We also mention [9, 10, 24] for the representation of tempered (ultra)-distributions by Gabor frames and Wilson bases. More details on this remark will be given in a forthcoming paper.

#### 4.1. Examples

As usual,  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the Schwartz class of rapidly decreasing functions whose dual is the space of tempered distributions,  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . By  $\mathcal{F}f = \hat{f}$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}f$  we denote the Fourier and the inverse Fourier transform. We use the notation  $\langle \cdot \rangle = (1 + |\cdot|^2)^{1/2}$  and  $\langle D \rangle = (1 - \Delta)^{1/2}$ . The Bessel potential space of order  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H_s^2$ , is the Hilbert space of all tempered distributions  $f$  such that  $f = \mathcal{F}g$ , for some  $g$  which satisfies

$$\int |g(\xi)|^2 \langle \xi \rangle^{2s} d\xi < \infty.$$

We have  $\mathcal{S} \subset H_s^2 \subset H_{s'}^2 \subset \mathcal{S}'$  for  $s' < s$ . The Bessel potential spaces satisfy (6)–(8), and therefore we may apply Theorem 4.2. We now generalize this example to families of Banach spaces.

##### 4.1.1. Modulation spaces

Modulation spaces are recognized as the most important spaces of functions and distributions in time-frequency analysis [5, 8, 9, 11, 16, 27]. Frame decompositions of modulation spaces are based on Gabor (Weyl-Heisenberg) frames, [16]. We refer to [8, 16] for general theory of modulation spaces and list only those features which are necessary for the present work.

Let  $g$  be any nonzero function from the Schwartz class  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . The short-time Fourier transform of  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with respect to the window  $g$  is given by

$$V_g f(x, \omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t) \overline{g(t-x)} e^{-2\pi i \omega t} dt. \quad (15)$$

Modulation space  $M_{s,t}^{p,q} = M_{s,t}^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a Banach space of  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $\|f\|_{M_{s,t}^{p,q}} < \infty$ , with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{M_{s,t}^{p,q}}$  defined by

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V_g f(x, \omega) \langle x \rangle^t|^p dx \right)^{q/p} \langle \omega \rangle^{qs} d\omega \right)^{1/q},$$

with obvious modifications when  $p = \infty$  and/or  $q = \infty$ . We have  $(M_{s,t}^{p,q})^* = M_{1/s, 1/t}^{p', q'}$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ ,  $1/q + 1/q' = 1$ .

Let there be given monotonically increasing sequences of positive numbers  $\{s_n\}$  and  $\{t_n\}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \infty$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \infty$ , and let there be given modulation space  $M_{s_0, t_0}^{p,q}$ . Then we have  $M_{s_n, t_m}^{p,q} \hookrightarrow M_{s_{n-1}, t_m}^{p,q}$  and  $M_{s_n, t_m}^{p,q} \hookrightarrow M_{s_n, t_{m-1}}^{p,q}$ . Moreover, for any given  $s, t, u, v \in \mathbb{R}$  the map  $f \mapsto \langle \cdot \rangle^v f$  is an isomorphism between  $M_{s, t+v}^{p,q}$  and  $M_{s,t}^{p,q}$  and the map  $f \mapsto \langle D \rangle^u f$  is an isomorphism between  $M_{s+u, t}^{p,q}$  and  $M_{s,t}^{p,q}$ , see [8, 27].

Therefore, it is easy to observe a family of modulation spaces such that (6) - (8) holds. If  $\{s_n\}$  is an increasing sequence such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \infty$ , then  $\mathcal{S} = \bigcap_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{s_n, s_n}^{p,q}$  and, consequently,  $\mathcal{S}' = \bigcup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{-s_n, -s_n}^{p', q'}$ . In particular, for  $p = q = 2$ , we obtain  $\mathcal{S}$  as the projective limit of the sequence of Hilbert spaces  $M_{s_n, s_n}^{2,2}$ , known also as Shubin spaces.

We have  $M_{s,0}^{2,2} = H_s^2$ , and obtain the space  $\mathcal{D}_{L^2}$  (see [29]) as projective limit of isomorphic (Hilbert) modulation spaces  $M_{s,0}^{2,2}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Both  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{L^2}$  are Fréchet spaces which have properties (DN) and  $(\Omega)$ . However,  $\mathcal{S}$  is nuclear while  $\mathcal{D}_{L^2}$  is not a Montel space, and therefore it is not nuclear. Therefore  $\mathcal{S}$  is isomorphic to (a complemented subspace of) the Köthe sequence space  $\mathfrak{s}$ , see Section 2.

Theorem 4.2 can be easily applied to modulation spaces. Actually, by [15, Chapter 12], there exist Gabor frames which are frames for all modulation spaces, see also [28]. The elements of the Gabor frames belong to  $M_{s,t}^{1,1}$ , for some  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . On the other side, in Theorem 4.2, different modulation spaces are characterized by different frames.

In the above examples, one can choose Hilbert modulation spaces to obtain the Fréchet spaces  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{L^2}$ . Let us now give an example with isomorphic Banach spaces which are not Hilbert spaces.

#### 4.1.2. Banach spaces which are not Hilbert spaces

Let  $p \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $X_0 := \mathcal{F}^{-1}(L^p)$ ,

$$X_s := \{f \in \mathcal{S}' \mid f^{(\alpha)} \in \mathcal{F}^{-1}(L^p), \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d, |\alpha| \leq s\}, \quad s \in \mathbb{N},$$

with the norm  $\|f\|_{X_s} = (f(1+|\xi|^2)^{ps/2}|\hat{f}(\xi)|^p d\xi)^{1/p}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . The derivatives are understood in distributional sense. If we restrict to  $1 < p \leq 2$ , then  $X_0 \subset L^q$ , where  $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$ . Similar constructions related to Sobolev spaces can be found in [1, 22].

The operator  $G_s$  given by

$$G_s f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}((1+|\xi|^2)^{-s/2} \hat{f}(\xi)), \quad f \in X_0,$$

is an isomorphism of  $X_0$  onto  $X_s$ . If  $p = 2$ , we have  $X_s = H_s^2$ , as above. Since

$$X_s = \{f \in \mathcal{S}' \mid ((1+|\xi|^2)^{s/2} \hat{f} \in L^p)\} = \{f \in \mathcal{S}' \mid \hat{f} \in L^p_{(1+|\xi|^2)^{s/2}}\}$$

its dual is

$$X_s^* = \{g \in \mathcal{S}' \mid ((1+|\xi|^2)^{-s/2} \hat{g} \in L^q)\} = \{g \in \mathcal{S}' \mid \hat{g} \in L^q_{(1+|\xi|^2)^{-s/2}}\},$$

where  $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$ , and the dual pairing is given by  $\langle g, f \rangle = \int \hat{g}(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi$ . Therefore  $X_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , is a reflexive Banach space.

Let  $\{g_i\} \subset L^q_{(1+|\xi|^2)^{-s/2}}$  be a  $p$ -frame for  $L^p_{(1+|\xi|^2)^{s/2}}$ . Then  $\{\mathcal{F}^{-1}g_i\}$  is a frame for  $X_s$  with respect to  $\ell^p$  and we can again apply Theorem 4.2.

## 5. Fréchet frames

We begin with the definition of a pre-frame for a Fréchet space.

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $\{X_s, \|\cdot\|_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a family of Banach spaces, satisfying (6)-(8) and let  $\{\Theta_s, \|\cdot\|_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a family of BK-spaces, satisfying (6)-(8). A sequence  $\{g_i\} \in (X_F^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$  is called a pre-Fréchet frame (a pre-F-frame) for  $X_F$  with respect to  $\Theta_F$  if for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$  there exist constants  $0 < A_s \leq B_s < \infty$  such that

$$\{g_i(f)\} \in \Theta_F, \quad (16)$$

$$A_s \|f\|_s \leq \|\{g_i(f)\}\|_s \leq B_s \|f\|_s, \quad (17)$$

for all  $f \in X_F$ . When (16) and the upper inequality in (17) hold for all  $f \in X_F$ ,  $\{g_i\}$  is called a Fréchet-Bessel sequence (an F-Bessel sequence) for  $X_F$  with respect to  $\Theta_F$ .

If  $X = X_F = X_s$  and  $\Theta = \Theta_F = \Theta_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the above definition of a pre-F-frame gives a  $\Theta$ -frame for  $X$ . Having in mind the definition of a Banach frame, we define a Fréchet frame as follows.

A Fréchet frame ( $F$ -frame) for a Fréchet space  $X_F$  with respect to a Fréchet sequence space  $\Theta_F$  is a pre- $F$ -frame  $\{g_i\}$  for  $X_F$  with respect to  $\Theta_F$ , for which there exists a continuous linear operator  $S : \Theta_F \rightarrow X_F$  such that  $S(\{g_i(f)\}) = f$  for all  $f \in X_F$ . In other words, a pre- $F$ -frame is an  $F$ -frame when the operator  $U : X_F \rightarrow \Theta_F$ ,  $Uf = \{g_i(f)\}$ , has a continuous left inverse  $S : \Theta_F \rightarrow X_F$ .

Let  $\Theta_s = \Theta$ ,  $\forall s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , be a  $CB$ -space and assume that  $\{X_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is a family of Banach spaces, satisfying (6)-(8). If  $\{g_i\} \in (X_F^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$  is a pre- $F$ -frame for  $X_F$  with respect to  $\Theta$  and if there is a continuous projection  $U$  from  $\Theta$  onto  $R(U) = \{\{g_i(f)\} : f \in X_F\}$ , then  $X_F$  should be isomorphic to  $R(U)$ , which is a closed subspace of  $\Theta$ , see Theorem 5.3 below. Therefore  $X_F$  should be (isomorphic to) a Banach space. This explains that in case when  $X_F$  is a Fréchet space which is not a Banach space a sequence of different sequence spaces  $\Theta_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , should be used.

Let  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} \in (X_F^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a pre- $F$ -frame for  $X_F$  with respect to  $\Theta_F$ . For any given  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $i \in I$ , the unique continuous extension of  $g_i$  on  $X_s$  will be denoted by  $g_i^s$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $\{X_s, \|\cdot\|_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a family of Banach spaces, satisfying (6)-(8) and let  $\{\Theta_s, |||\cdot|||_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a family of  $\lambda_s$ - $BK$ -spaces, satisfying (6)-(8). If  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} \in (X_F^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$  is an  $F$ -Bessel sequence (resp. pre- $F$ -frame) for  $X_F$  with respect to  $\Theta_F$  with bounds  $B_s$  (resp.  $A_s, B_s$ ), then for any given  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$  the family  $\{g_i^s\}_{i \in I}$  is a  $\Theta_s$ -Bessel sequence (resp.  $\Theta_s$ -frame) for  $X_s$  with a bound  $\lambda_s B_s$  (resp.  $A_s, \lambda_s B_s$ ).*

*P r o o f.* The result follows from Theorem 3.3, because of the density of  $X_F$  in each  $X_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $\{X_s, \|\cdot\|_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a family of Banach spaces, satisfying (6)-(8) and let  $\{\Theta_s, |||\cdot|||_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a family of  $CB$ -spaces, satisfying (6)-(8) and we assume that  $\Theta_s^*$  is a  $CB$ -space for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Let  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} \in (X_F^*)^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a pre- $F$ -frame for  $X_F$  with respect to  $\Theta_F$ . There exists a family  $\{f_i\} \in (X_F)^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that*

- (a)  $f = \sum g_i(f)f_i$ ,  $\forall f \in X_F$ , and  $g = \sum g(f_i)g_i$ ,  $\forall g \in X_F^*$ ;
- (b)  $f = \sum g_i^s(f)f_i$ ,  $\forall f \in X_s$ , and  $g = \sum g(f_i)g_i^s$ ,  $\forall g \in X_s^*$ ,  $\forall s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ;
- (c) for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\{f_i\}$  is a  $\Theta_s^*$ -frame for  $X_s^*$ .

*if, and only if, there exists a continuous projection  $U$  from  $\Theta_F$  onto its*

subspace  $\{\{g_i(f)\} : f \in X_F\}$ .

A family  $\{f_i\} \in (X_F)^\mathbb{N}$ , which satisfies the conditions (a)–(c) in the above theorem, is called a *dual pre- $F$ -frame* of the given pre- $F$ -frame  $\{g_i\}$ .

We refer to [23] for the proof of Theorem 5.3, the existence of frames for Fréchet spaces, and more details on frames for Fréchet spaces. In the case of a single Banach space, Theorem 5.3 follows from Proposition 3.1 and Remark 3.2.

Very general concept of "localization of frames" is proposed by Gröchenig, [17]. Families of Banach spaces are associated to a Riesz basis of a Hilbert space. Note that our approach is different since Theorem 5.3 does not refer to any Hilbert space.

We end with an example when the sequence spaces  $\Theta_s$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , are Hilbert spaces. If  $\{g_i\} \in (X_F^*)^\mathbb{N}$  is a pre- $F$ -frame for  $X_F$  with respect to  $\Theta_F$ , then, by Lemma 5.2, the family  $\{g_i^s\}$  is a  $\Theta_s$ -frame for  $X_s$  for any  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Therefore the space  $X_s$  is isomorphic to a closed subspace of  $\Theta_s$  and thus  $X_s$  is a Hilbert space. Theorem 5.3 points toward a complementedness condition, which is necessary and sufficient for series expansions via given pre- $F$ -frame and the corresponding dual pre- $F$ -frame. In particular, when  $\Theta_s = \lambda^{2,s}((i^s)_{i \in \mathbb{N}})$  (see Section 2, by Theorem 5.3 we have the following.

**Corollary 5.4.** *Let  $\{X_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a family of Hilbert spaces, satisfying (6)–(8). Let  $\{g_i\} \in (X_F^*)^\mathbb{N}$  and let for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$  there exist constants  $0 < A_s \leq B_s < \infty$  such that*

$$A_s \|f\|_s \leq \left( \sum_i |i^s g_i(f)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq B_s \|f\|_s, \quad \forall f \in X_F.$$

Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) *There exists a family  $\{f_i\} \in X_F^\mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$  one has:*

$$\exists 0 < \tilde{A}_s \leq \tilde{B}_s < \infty : \tilde{A}_s \|g\|_{X_s^*} \leq \left( \sum |i^{-s} g(f_i)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \tilde{B}_s \|g\|_{X_s^*}, \quad \forall g \in X_s^*;$$

$$f = \sum g_i(f) f_i, \quad \forall f \in X_F; \quad g = \sum g(f_i) g_i, \quad \forall g \in X_F^*;$$

$$f = \sum g_i^s(f) f_i, \quad \forall f \in X_s; \quad g = \sum g(f_i) g_i^s, \quad \forall g \in X_s^*.$$

(ii) *The set  $\{\{g_i(f)\} : f \in X_F\}$  is nuclear and has the properties (DN) and  $(\Omega)$ .*

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