

## ON HOPF GALOIS HIRATA EXTENSIONS

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Let  $H$  be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over a field  $k$ ,  $H^*$  the dual Hopf algebra of  $H$ , and  $B$  a right  $H^*$ -Galois and Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ . Then  $B$  is characterized in terms of the commutator subring  $V_B(B^H)$  of  $B^H$  in  $B$  and the smash product  $V_B(B^H) \# H$ . A sufficient condition is also given for  $B$  to be an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$ .

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $H$  be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over a field  $k$ ,  $H^*$  the dual Hopf algebra of  $H$ , and  $B$  a right  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $B^H$ . In [3], the class of  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extensions was investigated and in [8], it was shown that  $B$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$  if and only if the commutator subring  $V_B(B^H)$  of  $B^H$  in  $B$  is a left  $H$ -Galois extension of  $C$ , where  $C$  is the center of  $B$  (see [8, Lemma 2.1, Theorem 2.6]). The purpose of the present paper is to characterize a right  $H^*$ -Galois and Hirata separable extension  $B$  of  $B^H$  in terms of the commutator subring  $V_B(B^H)$  and the smash product  $V_B(B^H) \# H$ . Let  $B$  be a right  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $B^H$  such that  $B^H = B^{H^*}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $B$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ ,
- (2)  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya  $C$ -algebra and  $V_B(V_B(B^H)) = B^H$ ,
- (3)  $V_B(B^H)$  is a right  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$  and a direct summand of  $V_B(B^H) \# H$  as a  $V_B(B^H)$ -bimodule,
- (4)  $V_B(B^H)$  is a right  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$  and  $V_B(B^H) \# H$  is a direct summand of a finite direct sum of  $V_B(B^H)$  as a bimodule over  $V_B(B^H)$ .

Moreover, an equivalent condition is given for a right  $H^*$ -Galois and Hirata separable extension  $B$  of  $B^H$  to be an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension which was studied in [3, 7]. Also, let  $B$  be a right  $H^*$ -Galois and Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$  and  $A$  a subalgebra of  $B^H$  over  $C$  such that  $B^H$  is a projective Hirata separable extension of  $A$  containing  $A$  as a direct summand as an  $A$ -bimodule. Then  $V_{B^H}(A)$  is a separable subalgebra of  $B^H$  over  $C$ , and there exists an  $H$ -submodule algebra  $D$  in  $B$  which is separable over  $C$  such that  $D^H = V_{B^H}(A)$  and  $D \cong V_{B^H}(A) \otimes_Z F$  as Azumaya  $Z$ -algebras, where  $Z$  is the center of  $D$  and  $F$  is an Azumaya  $Z$ -algebra in  $D$ .

**2. Basic definitions and notations.** Throughout,  $H$  denotes a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over a field  $k$  with comultiplication  $\Delta$  and counit  $\varepsilon$ ,  $H^*$  the dual Hopf algebra of  $H$ ,  $B$  a left  $H$ -module algebra,  $C$  the center of  $B$ ,  $B^H = \{b \in B \mid hb = \varepsilon(h)b \text{ for all } h \in H\}$  which is called the  $H$ -invariants of  $B$ , and  $B \# H$  the smash product of  $B$  with  $H$ , where  $B \# H = B \otimes_k H$  such that for all  $b \# h$  and  $b' \# h'$  in  $B \# H$ ,  $(b \# h)(b' \# h') = \sum b(h_1 b') \# h_2 h'$ , where  $\Delta(h) = \sum h_1 \otimes h_2$ . The ring  $B$  is called a right  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $B^H$  if  $B$  is a right  $H^*$ -comodule algebra with structure map  $\rho : B \rightarrow B \otimes_k H^*$  such that  $\beta : B \otimes_{B \# H} B \rightarrow B \otimes_k H^*$  is a bijection, where  $\beta(a \otimes b) = (a \otimes 1)\rho(b)$ .

For a subring  $A$  of  $B$  with the same identity 1, we denote the commutator subring of  $A$  in  $B$  by  $V_B(A)$ . We call  $B$  a separable extension of  $A$  if there exist  $\{a_i, b_i \text{ in } B, i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \text{ for some integer } m\}$  such that  $\sum a_i b_i = 1$  and  $\sum b a_i \otimes b_i = \sum a_i \otimes b_i b$  for all  $b$  in  $B$ , where  $\otimes$  is over  $A$ . An Azumaya algebra is a separable extension of its center. A ring  $B$  is called a Hirata separable extension of  $A$  if  $B \otimes_A B$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of a finite direct sum of  $B$  as a  $B$ -bimodule. A right  $H^*$ -Galois extension  $B$  is called an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension if  $B$  is separable over  $B^H$  which is an Azumaya algebra over  $C^H$ . A right  $H^*$ -Galois extension  $B$  of  $B^H$  is called an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension if  $B$  is also a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ . Throughout, an  $H^*$ -Galois extension means a right  $H^*$ -Galois extension unless it is stated otherwise.

**3. The  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extensions.** In this section, we will characterize an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension  $B$  of  $B^H$  in terms of the commutator subring  $V_B(B^H)$  of  $B^H$  in  $B$  and the smash product  $V_B(B^H) \# H$ . A relationship between an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension and an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension is also given. We begin with some properties of an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension  $B$  of  $B^H$ . Throughout, we assume  $B^H = B^{H^*}$ .

**LEMMA 3.1.** *If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are  $H^*$ -Galois extensions such that  $A_1^H = A_2^H$  and  $A_1 \subset A_2$ , then  $A_1 = A_2$ .*

**PROOF.** By [3, Theorem 5.1], there exist  $\{x_i, y_i \in A_1 \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for some integer  $n$  such that, for all  $h \in H$ ,  $\sum x_i(h y_i) = T(h)1_{A_1}$ , where  $T \in \int_{H^*}^r$ , the set of right integrals in  $H^*$ . Let  $t \in \int_H^l$ , the set of left integrals in  $H$ , such that  $T(t) = 1$ , then  $\{x_i, f_i = t(y_i -) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a dual basis of the finitely generated and projective right module  $A_1$  over  $A_1^H$ . Since  $A_1 \subset A_2$  such that  $A_1^H = A_2^H$ ,  $\{x_i, f_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is also a dual basis of the finitely generated and projective right module  $A_2$  over  $A_1^H$ . This implies that  $A_1 = A_2$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 3.2.** *If  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ , then  $B^H$  is a direct summand of  $B$  as a  $B^H$ -bimodule.*

**PROOF.** We use the argument as given in [2]. Since  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois and a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ ,  $V_B(B^H)$  is a left  $H$ -Galois extension of  $C$  (see [8, Lemma 2.1, Theorem 2.6]). Hence,  $V_B(B^H)$  is a finitely generated and

projective module over  $C$  (see [3, Theorem 2.2]). Let  $\Omega = \text{Hom}_C(V_B(B^H), V_B(B^H))$ . Since  $C$  is commutative,  $V_B(B^H)$  is a progenerator of  $C$ . Thus,  $B$  is a right  $\Omega$ -module such that  $B \cong V_B(B^H) \otimes_C \text{Hom}_\Omega(V_B(B^H), B) \cong V_B(B^H) \otimes_C B^{H*}$  as  $C$ -algebras, where  $f(1) \in B^{H*}$  for each  $f \in \text{Hom}_\Omega(V_B(B^H), B)$  by the proof of [2, Lemma 2.8]. But  $V_B(V_B(B^H)) = B^H$  (see [2, Lemma 2.5]), so  $B \cong V_B(B^H) \otimes_C B^H$ . This implies that  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$  (see [2, Lemma 2.8]); and so  $C$  is a direct summand of  $V_B(B^H)$  as a  $C$ -bimodule (see [2, Corollaries 1.9 and 1.10]). Therefore,  $B^H$  is a direct summand of  $B$  as a  $B^H$ -bimodule.  $\square$

By the proof of Lemma 3.2,  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$ .

**COROLLARY 3.3.** *If  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ , then  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.4.** *If  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ , then  $B = B^H \cdot V_B(B^H)$  and the centers of  $B$ ,  $B^H$ , and  $V_B(B^H)$  are the same  $C$ .*

**PROOF.** By Corollary 3.3,  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$ , so  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H)$  is also an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $B^H$  ( $= (B^H \cdot V_B(B^H))^H$ ) with the same Galois system as  $V_B(B^H)$  (see [3, Theorem 5.1]). Noting that  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H) \subset B$ , we conclude that  $B = B^H \cdot V_B(B^H)$  by Lemma 3.1. Moreover,  $V_B(V_B(B^H)) = B^H$  (see [8, Lemma 2.5]), so the centers of  $B^H$ ,  $V_B(B^H)$ , and  $B$  are the same  $C$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $B$  be an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $B^H$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $B$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ ,
- (2)  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$  and a direct summand of  $V_B(B^H) \# H$  as a  $V_B(B^H)$ -bimodule,
- (3)  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya  $C$ -algebra and  $V_B(V_B(B^H)) = B^H$ ,
- (4)  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$  and  $V_B(B^H) \# H$  is a direct summand of a finite direct sum of  $V_B(B^H)$  as a bimodule over  $V_B(B^H)$ .

**PROOF.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Since  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois and a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ , by Lemma 3.2,  $B^H$  is a direct summand of  $B$  as a  $B^H$ -bimodule. Thus,  $V_B(V_B(B^H)) = B^H$  and  $V_B(B^H)$  is a separable  $C$ -algebra (see [4, Propositions 1.3 and 1.4]). But the center of  $V_B(B^H)$  is  $C$  by Corollary 3.4, so  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya  $C$ -algebra.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Since  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya  $C$ -algebra and  $B$  is a bimodule over  $V_B(B^H)$ ,  $B \cong V_B(B^H) \otimes_C V_B(V_B(B^H)) = V_B(B^H) \otimes_C B^H$  as a bimodule over  $V_B(B^H)$  (see [1, Corollary 3.6, page 54]). Noting that  $B \cong V_B(B^H) \otimes_C B^H$  is also an isomorphism as  $C$ -algebras and that  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya  $C$ -algebra, we conclude that  $V_B(B^H) \otimes_C B^H$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ ; and so  $B$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2). By the proof of (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1),  $B \cong V_B(B^H) \otimes_C B^H$  such that  $V_B(B^H)$  is a finitely generated and projective module over  $C$ , so  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$  (see [2, Lemma 2.8]). Moreover, since  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya

$C$ -algebra,  $V_B(B^H)$  is a direct summand of  $V_B(B^H) \otimes_C (V_B(B^H))^\circ$  as a  $V_B(B^H)$ -bimodule, where  $(V_B(B^H))^\circ$  is the opposite algebra of  $V_B(B^H)$ . But  $V_B(B^H) \otimes_C (V_B(B^H))^\circ \cong \text{Hom}_C(V_B(B^H), V_B(B^H)) \cong V_B(B^H) \# H$  (see [3, Theorem 2.2]), so  $V_B(B^H)$  is a direct summand of  $V_B(B^H) \# H$  as a  $V_B(B^H)$ -bimodule.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Since  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$ ,  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $(B^H \cdot V_B(B^H))^H$ . But  $(B^H \cdot V_B(B^H))^H = B^H$ , so  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H)$  and  $B$  are  $H^*$ -Galois extensions of  $B^H$  such that  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H) \subset B$ . Hence,  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H) = B$  by Lemma 3.1. Thus, the centers of  $B$  and  $V_B(B^H)$  are the same  $C$ . Moreover,  $V_B(B^H)$  is a direct summand of  $V_B(B^H) \# H$  as a  $V_B(B^H)$ -bimodule by hypothesis, so it is a separable  $C$ -algebra (see [3, Theorem 2.3]). Thus,  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya  $C$ -algebra. But then  $B \cong V_B(B^H) \otimes_C V_B(V_B(B^H))$ . On the other hand, by hypothesis,  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$ , so  $B \cong V_B(B^H) \otimes_C B^H$  (see [2, Lemma 2.8]). Therefore,  $V_B(V_B(B^H)) = B^H$ .

(3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4). Since  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$ , it is a finitely generated and projective module over  $C$  and  $\text{Hom}_C(V_B(B^H), V_B(B^H)) \cong V_B(B^H) \# H$  (see [3, Theorem 2.2]). But then  $V_B(B^H)$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $C$  if and only if  $V_B(B^H) \# H$  is a direct summand of a finite direct sum of  $V_B(B^H)$  as a bimodule over  $V_B(B^H)$  (see [5, Corollary 3]). Thus,  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya  $C$ -algebra if and only if  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $C$  and  $V_B(B^H) \# H$  is a direct summand of a finite direct sum of  $V_B(B^H)$  as a bimodule over  $V_B(B^H)$ .  $\square$

By Theorem 3.5, we can obtain a relationship between the class of  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extensions and the class of  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extensions which were studied in [3, 7].

**COROLLARY 3.6.** *Let  $B$  be an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$ . Then  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$  if and only if  $C = C^H$ .*

**PROOF.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ ,  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya algebra over  $C$  and a left  $H$ -Galois extension of  $C$  (see [8, Theorem 2.6]). Hence,  $V_B(V_B(B^H)) = B^H$  (see [8, Lemma 2.5]). Thus,  $C \subset B^H$ ; and so  $C = C^H$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$ ,  $V_B(B^H)$  is separable over  $C^H$  (see [3, Lemma 4.1]). Since  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$  again,  $V_B(B^H)$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois extension of  $(V_B(B^H))^H$  (see [3, Lemma 4.1]), so both  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H)$  and  $B$  are  $H^*$ -Galois extensions of  $B^H$  such that  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H) \subset B$ . Hence,  $B^H \cdot V_B(B^H) = B$  by Lemma 3.1. This implies that the center of  $V_B(B^H)$  is  $C$ . But by hypothesis,  $C = C^H$ , so  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya  $C$ -algebra. Hence,  $V_B(B^H)$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $C$ . But  $B = B^H \cdot V_B(B^H) \cong B^H \otimes_C V_B(B^H)$  as Azumaya  $C$ -algebras, so  $B$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ . Thus,  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *Let  $B$  be an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ . Then  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$  if and only if  $B$  is an Azumaya  $C^H$ -algebra.*

**PROOF.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$ ,  $B^H$  is an Azumaya  $C^H$ -algebra and  $B$  is separable over  $B^H$  (see [3, Theorem 3.4]). Hence,  $B$  is separable over  $C^H$  by the transitivity of separable extensions. But  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$  and an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$  by hypothesis, so  $C = C^H$  by Corollary 3.6. This implies that  $B$  is an Azumaya  $C^H$ -algebra.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) By hypothesis,  $B$  is an Azumaya  $C^H$ -algebra. Hence,  $C = C^H$ . But  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ , so  $V_B(B^H)$  is an Azumaya subalgebra of  $B$  over  $C$  by Theorem 3.5(3). Since  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$  again,  $B$  is a Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$  and a finitely generated and projective module over  $B^H$ . Thus,  $V_B(V_B(B^H)) = B^H$  (see [8, Lemma 2.5]); and so  $B^H (= V_B(V_B(B^H)))$  is an Azumaya subalgebra of  $B$  over  $C^H$  by the commutator theorem for Azumaya algebras (see [1, Theorem 4.3, page 57]). This proves that  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$ .  $\square$

**4. Invariant subalgebras.** For an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension  $B$  as given in Theorem 3.5, let  $A$  be a subalgebra of  $B^H$  over  $C$  such that  $B^H$  is a projective Hirata separable extension of  $A$  and contains  $A$  as a direct summand as an  $A$ -bimodule. In this section, we show that  $V_{B^H}(A)$  is the  $H$ -invariant subalgebra of a separable subalgebra  $D$  in  $B$  over  $C$ , that is,  $D^H = V_{B^H}(A)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{S}$  the set  $\{A \mid A \text{ is a subalgebra of } B^H \text{ over } C \text{ such that } B^H \text{ is a projective Hirata separable extension of } A \text{ and contains } A \text{ as a direct summand as an } A\text{-bimodule}\}$ .

**LEMMA 4.1.** *Let  $B$  be an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ . For any  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $V_B(A)$  is an  $H$ -submodule algebra of  $B$  and separable over  $C$ , and  $(V_B(A))^H = V_{B^H}(A)$  which is a separable  $C$ -algebra.*

**PROOF.** Since  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $B^H$  is a projective Hirata separable extension of  $A$  and contains  $A$  as a direct summand as an  $A$ -bimodule. But  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Hirata extension of  $B^H$ , so  $B$  is a projective Hirata separable extension of  $B^H$ . Hence, by the transitivity property of projective Hirata separable extensions,  $B$  is a projective Hirata separable extension of  $A$ . Also  $B^H$  is a direct summand of  $B$  as a  $B^H$ -bimodule by Lemma 3.2, so  $A$  is a direct summand of  $B$  as an  $A$ -bimodule. Thus,  $V_B(A)$  is a separable algebra over  $C$  (see [6, Theorem 1]). Moreover, it is clear that  $(V_B(A))^H = V_{B^H}(A)$ , so  $V_{B^H}(A)$  is a separable  $C$ -algebra (see Corollary 3.4 and [6, Theorem 1]).  $\square$

Next we want to show which separable subalgebra of  $B^H$  over  $C$  is an  $H$ -invariant subring of an  $H$ -submodule algebra in  $B$ . Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{E \subset B \mid E \text{ is a separable } C\text{-subalgebra of } B^H \text{ and satisfies the double centralizer property in } B^H \text{ such that } V_{B^H}(E) \in \mathcal{S}\}$ . Next we show that for any  $E \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $E$  is the  $H$ -invariant subring of an  $H$ -submodule algebra  $D$  in  $B$  which is separable over  $C$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $E$  be in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Then there exists an  $H$ -submodule algebra  $D$  in  $B$  which is separable over  $C$  such that  $D^H = E$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $E$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  $V_{B^H}(E)$  is in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $V_{B^H}(V_{B^H}(E)) = E$ . Now by Lemma 4.1,  $V_B(V_{B^H}(E))$  is an  $H$ -submodule algebra of  $B$  and separable over  $C$  such that  $(V_B(V_{B^H}(E)))^H = V_{B^H}(V_{B^H}(E))$ . But  $V_{B^H}(V_{B^H}(E)) = E$ , so

$$(V_B(V_{B^H}(E)))^H = E. \quad (4.1)$$

Let  $D = V_B(V_{B^H}(E))$ . Then  $D$  satisfies the theorem.  $\square$

By Theorem 4.2, we obtain an expression for the separable  $H$ -submodule algebra  $D$  for a given  $E$  in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**COROLLARY 4.3.** *By keeping the notations as given in Theorem 4.2, let  $Z$  be the center of  $E$ . Then  $D \cong E \otimes_Z V_D(E)$  as Azumaya  $Z$ -algebras.*

**PROOF.** Since  $E$  satisfies the double centralizer property in  $B^H$ ,  $V_{B^H}(V_{B^H}(E)) = E$ . Hence, the centers of  $E$  and  $V_{B^H}(E)$  are the same  $Z$ . Similarly as given in the proof of Lemma 4.1, since  $V_{B^H}(E)$  is in  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $B (= B^H \cdot V_B(B^H))$  is a projective Hirata separable extension of  $V_{B^H}(E)$  and contains  $V_{B^H}(E)$  as a direct summand as a  $V_{B^H}(E)$ -bimodule by the transitivity property of projective Hirata separable extensions and the direct summand conditions. Thus,  $V_{B^H}(E)$  satisfies the double centralizer property in  $B$ , that is,  $V_B(V_B(V_{B^H}(E))) = V_{B^H}(E)$ . This implies that the centers of  $V_{B^H}(E)$  and  $V_B(V_{B^H}(E))$  are the same. Therefore,  $D$  and  $E$  have the same center  $Z$ . Noting that  $D$  and  $E$  are separable  $C$ -algebras by Theorem 4.2, we conclude that  $E (= D^H)$  is an Azumaya subalgebra of  $D$  over  $Z$ ; and so  $D \cong E \otimes_Z V_D(E)$  as Azumaya  $Z$ -algebras (see [1, Theorem 4.3, page 57]).  $\square$

**REMARK 4.4.** When  $B$  is an  $H^*$ -Galois Azumaya extension of  $B^H$ , the correspondence  $A \rightarrow V_B(A)$  as given in Lemma 4.1 recovers the one-to-one correspondence between the set of separable subalgebras of  $B^H$  and the set of  $H^*$ -Galois extensions in  $B$  containing  $V_B(B^H)$  as given in [3].

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