

# Petz recoverability in AQFT via conditional expectations

A framework and a conditional exponential recovery bound

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### Abstract

We formulate an operational notion of recoverability in algebraic quantum field theory (AQFT) for type III local von Neumann algebras. Fixing a faithful normal KMS reference state and assuming the existence of a state-preserving conditional expectation, we define a Petz-type recovery channel as the Petz dual (Accardi–Cecchini adjoint). To make tripartite tensor-product notation meaningful, we work in a fixed split implementation for each separation parameter  $r$ . For a tripartition  $A$ – $B$ – $C$  with  $B$  a collar separating  $A$  from  $C$ , we assume (i) exponential decay of split-implemented conditional mutual information and (ii) a CMI-to-recovery inequality for the chosen Petz-type map. Under these explicit bridge assumptions we obtain a conditional exponential recoverability bound  $E_{\text{rec}}(r) \leq g(C_1 e^{-m_{\text{CMI}} r})$ , and in particular  $E_{\text{rec}}(r) \leq (cC_1) e^{-m_{\text{CMI}} r}$  when  $g$  is locally linear. We include a finite-dimensional warm-up, prove finite-dimensional consistency of the Petz-dual definition with the standard Petz map, and discuss how nuclearity/modular nuclearity may support a future derivation of the bridge assumptions. The main theorem is therefore a conditional framework statement: it isolates AQFT-correct algebraic ingredients for Petz-type recovery in type III settings and makes the missing bridge assumptions explicit.

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# 1 Introduction

Local algebras in AQFT are typically type III, so reduced density matrices and partial traces are not available in the naive finite-dimensional sense. Nevertheless, one can pose operational questions about *recoverability*: given access to a region  $AB$ , how well can one reconstruct information about a distant region  $C$ ?

This note is intentionally conservative. We do not claim new field-theoretic results on the Yang–Mills mass gap. Instead, we isolate a clean conditional statement: assuming quantitative conditional-independence and a CMI-to-recovery bridge (both made explicit), one obtains an exponential bound on a fidelity-based recovery error for a Petz-type recovery channel defined using conditional expectations.

We emphasize that our main statement is a conditional theorem: its purpose is to isolate AQFT-correct algebraic infrastructure for Petz-type recovery in type III settings and to make all bridge assumptions explicit.

**Contribution.** Our contribution is to (i) formulate a Petz-type recovery channel in the type III AQFT setting using the Accardi–Cecchini (Petz-dual) construction relative to a faithful KMS state and a state-preserving conditional expectation, and (ii) package the “clustering-to-recoverability” route into two explicit bridge assumptions: exponential decay of split-implemented conditional mutual information and a CMI-to-recovery inequality for the chosen Petz-type map. Under these assumptions we obtain a conditional exponential recoverability bound. We emphasize that the bridge assumptions are not proved here and constitute the main open technical problem.

## 2 Tripartition geometry and split implementations

We work in a Haag–Kastler framework. Let  $O \mapsto \mathcal{A}(O)$  be a local net of von Neumann algebras on Minkowski space, satisfying isotony and locality. We fix a faithful normal KMS state  $\omega_\beta$  at inverse temperature  $\beta < \infty$  with respect to time translations.

**Definition 2.1** (Tripartition and separation). Let  $A, B, C$  denote spacetime regions such that  $B$  is an intermediate collar separating  $A$  from  $C$ . We write  $r$  for a chosen notion of separation between  $A$  and  $C$  compatible with the collar geometry.

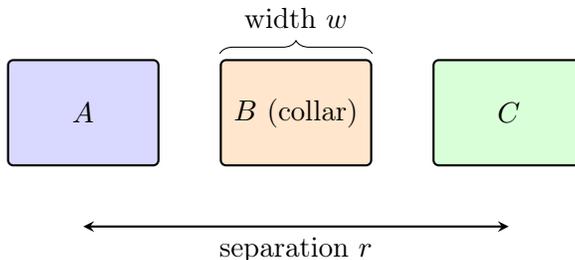


Figure 1: Schematic collar geometry.

**Assumption 2.2** (Fixed split implementation). For each separation parameter  $r$  under consideration, we fix a normal  $*$ -isomorphism

$$\alpha_r : \mathcal{A}(A \cup B \cup C) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{ABC}^{(r)},$$

where  $\mathcal{M}_{ABC}^{(r)}$  is a type I von Neumann algebra of the form

$$\mathcal{M}_{ABC}^{(r)} \cong \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A^{(r)}) \bar{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B^{(r)}) \bar{\otimes} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_C^{(r)}),$$

such that  $\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A))$ ,  $\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(B))$ ,  $\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(C))$  act nontrivially only on the corresponding tensor factors. We write  $\omega_\beta^{r := \omega_\beta \circ \alpha_r^{-1}}$  for the pushed-forward normal state on  $\mathcal{M}_{ABC}^{(r)}$ .

*Remark 2.3.* Assumption 2.2 is a bookkeeping device: it makes tensor-factor notation meaningful by working in a fixed split implementation. We do not claim uniqueness of  $\alpha_r$ .

**Assumption 2.4** (Generation in the split implementation). For each  $r$ , in the fixed split implementation  $\alpha_r$  we assume that the von Neumann algebra associated with the union is generated by the corresponding subalgebras, i.e.

$$\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A \cup B)) = (\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A)) \vee \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(B)))'' \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A \cup B \cup C)) = (\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A)) \vee \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(B)) \vee \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(C)))''.$$

### 3 Finite-dimensional warm-up: the CMI-to-recovery mechanism

We briefly recall the finite-dimensional picture motivating Assumption 7.4 below. Let  $\rho_{ABC}$  be a density operator on  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C$  with  $\dim \mathcal{H}_A, \dim \mathcal{H}_B, \dim \mathcal{H}_C < \infty$ . The conditional mutual information is

$$I_\rho(A : C|B) = S(\rho_{AB}) + S(\rho_{BC}) - S(\rho_B) - S(\rho_{ABC}),$$

with  $S(\rho) = -\text{Tr}(\rho \log \rho)$ .

**Proposition 3.1** (Finite-dimensional CMI-to-recovery prototype). *Let  $\rho_{ABC}$  be a density operator on  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C$  with finite dimensions. Then there exists a recovery channel  $\mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}$  and a universal constant  $c_{\text{FR}} > 0$  such that*

$$-\log F(\rho_{ABC}, (\text{id}_A \otimes \mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC})(\rho_{AB})) \leq c_{\text{FR}} I_\rho(A : C|B).$$

*Proof.* This follows from the Fawzi–Renner recovery theorem; see [6]. The constant depends on the convention for fidelity (squared vs. unsquared); we absorb this into  $c_{\text{FR}}$ .  $\square$

*Remark 3.2.* Proposition 3.1 is stated with a universal constant  $c_{\text{FR}}$  to avoid convention issues (squared vs. unsquared fidelity). We also stress that the recovery map whose existence is guaranteed by Fawzi–Renner need not coincide with the Petz dual; in this note we fix a Petz-type candidate and encode the required estimate as an explicit assumption (Assumption 7.4).

#### 3.1 Finite-dimensional consistency of the Petz dual

**Proposition 3.3** (Finite-dimensional consistency of the Petz dual). *Let  $\mathcal{H}_B$  and  $\mathcal{H}_C$  be finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces and let*

$$\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C), \quad \mathcal{N} := \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_B) \otimes \mathbf{1}_C \subset \mathcal{M}.$$

*Let  $\rho_{BC} > 0$  be a faithful density operator on  $\mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C$  and let  $\omega(X) := \text{Tr}(\rho_{BC} X)$ . Define  $\rho_B := \text{Tr}_C(\rho_{BC})$ .*

*Define the  $\omega$ -preserving conditional expectation  $E_{BC \rightarrow B} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  by*

$$E_{BC \rightarrow B}(Z) := \rho_B^{-1/2} \text{Tr}_C(\rho_{BC}^{1/2} Z \rho_{BC}^{1/2}) \rho_B^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbf{1}_C.$$

Let  $\mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}} : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be the Petz dual (Accardi–Cecchini adjoint) of  $E_{BC \rightarrow B}$  with respect to  $\omega$ , i.e. the unique map such that for all  $Z \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{N}$ ,

$$\omega\left(Z \mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}(X)\right) = \omega\left(E_{BC \rightarrow B}(Z)^X\right).$$

Then  $\mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}$  coincides with the standard Petz recovery map:

$$\mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}(X) = \rho_{BC}^{1/2} \left( \rho_B^{-1/2} X_B \rho_B^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbf{1}_C \right) \rho_{BC}^{1/2}, \quad X = X_B \otimes \mathbf{1}_C.$$

*Proof.* First note that  $E_{BC \rightarrow B}$  is  $\omega$ -preserving:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(E_{BC \rightarrow B}(Z)) &= \text{Tr}\left(\rho_{BC} \rho_B^{-1/2} \text{Tr}_C(\rho_{BC}^{1/2} Z \rho_{BC}^{1/2}) \rho_B^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbf{1}_C\right) \\ &= \text{Tr}\left(\rho_B \rho_B^{-1/2} \text{Tr}_C(\rho_{BC}^{1/2} Z \rho_{BC}^{1/2}) \rho_B^{-1/2}\right) \\ &= \text{Tr}\left(\text{Tr}_C(\rho_{BC}^{1/2} Z \rho_{BC}^{1/2})\right) = \text{Tr}\left(\rho_{BC}^{1/2} Z \rho_{BC}^{1/2}\right) = \text{Tr}(\rho_{BC} Z) = \omega(Z), \end{aligned}$$

using  $\text{Tr}(\text{Tr}_C(\cdot)) = \text{Tr}(\cdot)$ .

Now define  $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  by

$$\mathcal{R}(X_B \otimes \mathbf{1}_C) := \rho_{BC}^{1/2} \left( \rho_B^{-1/2} X_B \rho_B^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbf{1}_C \right) \rho_{BC}^{1/2}.$$

We check the adjointness relation. For  $Z \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $X = X_B \otimes \mathbf{1}_C \in \mathcal{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega\left(Z \mathcal{R}(X)\right) &= \text{Tr}\left(\rho_{BC} Z \rho_{BC}^{1/2} \left( \rho_B^{-1/2} X_B \rho_B^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbf{1}_C \right) \rho_{BC}^{1/2}\right) \\ &= \text{Tr}\left(\rho_{BC}^{1/2} Z \rho_{BC}^{1/2} \left( \rho_B^{-1/2} X_B \rho_B^{-1/2} \otimes \mathbf{1}_C \right)\right) \\ &= \text{Tr}\left(\text{Tr}_C(\rho_{BC}^{1/2} Z \rho_{BC}^{1/2}) \rho_B^{-1/2} X_B \rho_B^{-1/2}\right) \\ &= \omega\left(E_{BC \rightarrow B}(Z)^X\right), \end{aligned}$$

which is the defining adjointness condition. By uniqueness of the Accardi–Cecchini adjoint,  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}$ .  $\square$

## 4 Fidelity and recovery error for normal states

**Definition 4.1** (Fidelity / transition probability). Let  $\varphi, \psi$  be normal states on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M}$ . We denote by  $F(\varphi, \psi)$  the squared transition probability (Uhlmann–Araki fidelity) for normal states on  $\mathcal{M}$ , as defined in the standard form representation (see [3, 4]). We use only that  $F(\varphi, \psi) \in [0, 1]$  and that  $F$  is monotone under normal completely positive unital maps.

**Definition 4.2** (Recovery error). Given a target state  $\omega$  and a reconstructed state  $\tilde{\omega}$  on the same algebra, define

$$E_{\text{rec}} := -\log F(\omega, \tilde{\omega}).$$

## 5 Conditional expectations and the Petz dual (Accardi–Cecchini)

**Assumption 5.1** ( $\omega_\beta$ -preserving conditional expectation). There exists a normal conditional expectation

$${}_{BC \rightarrow B} : \mathcal{A}(B \cup C) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(B)$$

such that  $\omega_\beta \circ {}_{BC \rightarrow B} = \omega_\beta|_{\mathcal{A}(B \cup C)}$ .

*Remark 5.2.* The existence of a  $\omega_\beta$ -preserving conditional expectation is a nontrivial condition and is related to modular invariance (Takesaki-type criteria). We take it as an explicit assumption; see [2].

**Definition 5.3** (Petz dual map). Assume [Theorem 5.1](#). The Petz dual (Accardi–Cecchini adjoint) of  $_{BC \rightarrow B}$  with respect to  $\omega_\beta$  is the unique normal completely positive unital map

$$\mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}} : \mathcal{A}(B) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(B \cup C)$$

satisfying, for all  $Z \in \mathcal{A}(B \cup C)$  and all  $X_B \in \mathcal{A}(B)$ ,

$$\omega_\beta \left( Z \mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}(X_B) \right) = \omega_\beta \left( {}_{BC \rightarrow B}(Z)^{X_B} \right).$$

*Remark 5.4.* [Definition 5.3](#) avoids any appeal to traces on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . In finite dimensions it reproduces the usual Petz transpose channel; see [Proposition 3.3](#) and [1].

**Lemma 5.5** (Existence and basic properties of the Petz dual). *Assume [Assumption 5.1](#). Then there exists a unique normal completely positive unital map*

$$\mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}} : \mathcal{A}(B) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(B \cup C)$$

*satisfying the adjointness relation in [Definition 5.3](#). Moreover,*

$$\omega_\beta \left( \mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}(X_B) \right) = \omega_\beta(X_B) \quad \text{for all } X_B \in \mathcal{A}(B).$$

*Proof.* Existence and uniqueness of the  $\omega_\beta$ -adjoint (Accardi–Cecchini adjoint / Petz dual) associated with a  $\omega_\beta$ -preserving normal conditional expectation are part of the general theory developed in [2]. In particular, the adjoint map is normal, completely positive, and unital. The final identity follows by taking  $Z = \mathbf{1}$  in [Definition 5.3](#), giving

$$\omega_\beta \left( \mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}(X_B) \right) = \omega_\beta \left( \mathbf{1} \mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}(X_B) \right) = \omega_\beta \left( {}_{BC \rightarrow B}(\mathbf{1})^{X_B} \right) = \omega_\beta(X_B).$$

□

## 6 Recovered state and recovery error in the split implementation

**Definition 6.1** (Recovered state). Assume [Theorems 2.2](#) and [5.3](#). Fix  $r$ . Define the split-implemented Petz map as the conjugated map on the relevant subalgebra:

$$\mathcal{R}^{\text{Petz}_{r,B \rightarrow BC}} := \alpha_r \circ \mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}} \circ \alpha_r^{-1} \Big|_{\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(B))} : \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(B)) \rightarrow \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(B \cup C)).$$

Since  $\mathcal{R}_{B \rightarrow BC}^{\text{Petz}}$  is normal, completely positive, and unital, the conjugated map  $\mathcal{R}^{\text{Petz}_{r,B \rightarrow BC}}$  inherits the same properties. Let  $\omega_\beta^{r,AB}$  denote the restriction of  $\omega_\beta^r$  to  $\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A \cup B))$ . We define the recovered split state on  $\mathcal{M}^{ABC(r)}$  by

$$\widetilde{\omega}_\beta^{r,ABC} := \omega_\beta^{r,AB} \circ \Phi_r,$$

where  $\Phi_r : \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A \cup B)) \rightarrow \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A \cup B \cup C))$  is the normal map determined on products  $XY$  with  $X \in \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A))$  and  $Y \in \alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(B))$  by

$$\Phi_r(XY) = X \mathcal{R}^{\text{Petz}_{r,B \rightarrow BC}}(Y),$$

and extends uniquely to a normal map on  $\alpha_r(\mathcal{A}(A \cup B))$  by [Assumption 2.4](#). Finally, pull back to  $\mathcal{A}(A \cup B \cup C)$  by

*Remark 6.2.* In the fixed tensor-product realization provided by Assumption 2.2, the map  $\Phi_r$  coincides with the natural extension that acts as the identity on the  $A$ -factor and applies  $\mathcal{R}^{\text{Petz}_{r,B \rightarrow BC}}$  on the  $B$ -subalgebra.

$$\widetilde{\omega}_{\beta_{r,ABC}} := \widetilde{\omega}_{\beta^{r,ABC}} \circ \alpha_r.$$

**Definition 6.3** (Recovery error as a function of separation). Assume Theorems 4.1 and 6.1. Define

$$E_{\text{rec}}(r) := -\log F(\omega_{\beta}|_{\mathcal{A}(A \cup B \cup C)}, \widetilde{\omega}_{\beta_{r,ABC}}).$$

*Remark 6.4.* This statement is made precise by Lemma 6.5 and Corollary 6.6 below.

**Lemma 6.5** ( $*$ -isomorphism invariance of fidelity). *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  be von Neumann algebras and let  $\alpha : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  be a normal  $*$ -isomorphism. For normal states  $\varphi, \psi$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  one has*

$$F_{\mathcal{M}}(\varphi, \psi) = F_{\mathcal{N}}(\varphi \circ \alpha^{-1}, \psi \circ \alpha^{-1}).$$

Consequently,

$$-\log F_{\mathcal{M}}(\varphi, \psi) = -\log F_{\mathcal{N}}(\varphi \circ \alpha^{-1}, \psi \circ \alpha^{-1}).$$

*Proof.* By monotonicity of  $F$  under normal completely positive unital maps, applying the  $*$ -isomorphism  $\alpha$  gives

$$F_{\mathcal{M}}(\varphi, \psi) \leq F_{\mathcal{N}}(\varphi \circ \alpha^{-1}, \psi \circ \alpha^{-1}).$$

Applying the same monotonicity to  $\alpha^{-1}$  yields the reverse inequality. Therefore equality holds.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.6** (Computing  $E_{\text{rec}}(r)$  in the split algebra). *With  $\alpha_r$  as in Assumption 2.2, one has*

$$E_{\text{rec}}(r) = -\log F(\omega_{\beta}^r, \widetilde{\omega}_{\beta^{r,ABC}}),$$

so the recovery error can be computed entirely in the type I split algebra  $\mathcal{M}_{ABC}^{(r)}$ .

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 6.5 with  $\alpha = \alpha_r$  and the pair of normal states  $\varphi = \omega_{\beta}|_{\mathcal{A}(A \cup B \cup C)}$  and  $\psi = \widetilde{\omega}_{\beta_{r,ABC}}$ , using the definitions of the pushed-forward states in the split implementation.  $\square$

## 7 Bridge assumptions: CMI decay and CMI-to-recovery

**Definition 7.1** (Split-implemented CMI). Fix  $r$  and the split implementation  $\alpha_r$  from Assumption 2.2. In the split algebra  $\mathcal{M}_{ABC}^{(r)}$ , let  $\rho_{ABC}^{(r)}$  be a density operator representing the normal state  $\omega_{\beta}^r = \omega_{\beta} \circ \alpha_r^{-1}$ . Define the reduced density operators by partial traces in the fixed tensor-product realization: here  $\text{Tr}_A, \text{Tr}_B, \text{Tr}_C$  denote the usual partial traces in a chosen identification  $\mathcal{M}_{ABC}^{(r)} \cong \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_A^{(r)}) \otimes \mathcal{H}_B^{(r)} \otimes \mathcal{H}_C^{(r)}$ . We set

$$\rho_{AB}^{(r)} := \text{Tr}_C(\rho_{ABC}^{(r)}), \quad \rho_{BC}^{(r)} := \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{ABC}^{(r)}), \quad \rho_B^{(r)} := \text{Tr}_{AC}(\rho_{ABC}^{(r)}).$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}_{ABC}^{(r)}$  is type I, every normal state admits such a trace-class density-operator representative in a concrete  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  realization; we fix such a realization for the purpose of defining entropies. Assume the following entropies are finite and define

$$I^{\omega_{\beta}, r}(A:C|B) := S(\rho_{AB}^{(r)}) + S(\rho_{BC}^{(r)}) - S(\rho_B^{(r)}) - S(\rho_{ABC}^{(r)}),$$

where  $S(\rho) := -\text{Tr}(\rho \log \rho)$  is the von Neumann entropy in the chosen split implementation.

*Remark 7.2.* The quantity  $I^{\omega_{\beta,r}}(A:C|B)$  depends on the choice of split implementation  $\alpha_r$ ; we fix a choice and treat the result as an operational notion of CMI. When the above entropies are infinite, one should instead use an Araki relative-entropy formulation; we do not pursue that refinement here.

**Assumption 7.3** (Exponential decay of split-implemented CMI). There exist constants  $C_1 > 0$  and  $m_{\text{CMI}} > 0$  such that

$$I^{\omega_{\beta,r}}(A:C|B) \leq C_1 e^{-m_{\text{CMI}} r}$$

for all separations  $r$  in the collar geometry under consideration.

**Assumption 7.4** (CMI-to-recovery inequality). There exists a monotone function  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $g(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$  such that

$$E_{\text{rec}}(r) \leq g(I^{\omega_{\beta,r}}(A:C|B)),$$

where  $E_{\text{rec}}(r)$  is the Petz-type recovery error from [Theorem 6.3](#).

*Remark 7.5.* In finite dimensions, quantitative CMI-to-recovery bounds are known for suitable recovery maps (e.g. Fawzi–Renner [6]). In the present type III setting we encode the needed estimate for our chosen Petz-type recovery in [Assumption 7.4](#).

## 8 Conditional theorem (framework statement)

**Theorem 8.1** (Conditional exponential recoverability bound). *Assume [Theorems 2.2, 2.4, 5.1, 7.3](#) and [7.4](#) and the constructions of [Theorems 5.3, 6.3](#) and [7.1](#). Then*

$$E_{\text{rec}}(r) \leq g(C_1 e^{-m_{\text{CMI}} r}).$$

*In particular, if  $g(t) \leq ct$  for  $t$  in the relevant range, then*

$$E_{\text{rec}}(r) \leq (cC_1) e^{-m_{\text{CMI}} r}.$$

*Proof.* Combine [Theorem 7.4](#) with [Theorem 7.3](#). □

*Remark 8.2* (Role of assumptions). [Assumption 2.2](#) provides a fixed type I split implementation in which tensor-product notation and density operators are meaningful. [Assumption 5.1](#) guarantees that the Petz dual recovery channel is well-defined ([Lemma 5.5](#)). [Assumption 7.3](#) encodes exponential conditional independence in the chosen split implementation, and [Assumption 7.4](#) bridges this information-theoretic decay to the operational recovery error  $E_{\text{rec}}(r)$ .

## 9 Discussion and outlook

**Physical motivation: exponential clustering.** In massive QFTs one expects exponential decay of connected correlation functions,

$$|\omega_{\beta}(XY) - \omega_{\beta}(X)\omega_{\beta}(Y)| \leq C_{\text{cl}} \|X\| \|Y\| e^{-m_{\text{cl}} r},$$

for observables  $X \in \mathcal{A}(A)$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{A}(C)$  separated by distance  $r$ . This clustering behavior is a standard hallmark of gapped phases and motivates [Assumption 7.3](#). Establishing a rigorous implication from such clustering to CMI decay in the continuum type III setting remains open in general.

**Toward deriving the bridge from nuclearity (program).** Assumptions 7.3 and 7.4 are the technical frontier. One possible route to deriving them in AQFT (rather than assuming them) is:

1. Use nuclearity/modular nuclearity to obtain quantitative split inclusions and control localized degrees of freedom at inverse temperature  $\beta$  [5].
2. Construct finite-rank approximations of restricted states/channels with explicit error bounds in the predual norm.
3. Apply finite-dimensional recovery inequalities to the approximants and pass to the limit using stability of fidelity/relative entropy under the chosen approximation.

We leave this program for future work.

**Numerical outlook.** The framework suggests numerical tests in lattice models by computing  $I(A : C|B)$  (or suitable proxies) and Petz-based recovery errors as functions of collar width and separation. Systematic simulations, including lattice gauge theories, are deferred.

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