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Petz Recoverability Versus Wilson-Loop Diagnostics in Z2 Lattice Gauge Theory (2+1D): Exact Diagonalization Benchmark on Small Open Lattices

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Version 3 - supersession and correction note

Purpose of this replacement

This replacement preserves public version 2 and makes the series relation explicit. The exact-diagonalization benchmark remains a valid finite-size component, but ai.viXra:2601.0051v2 is the consolidated source because it retains that benchmark and adds tensor-network ladder calculations and their scope controls.

The observed Petz/Wilson rank alignment is not upgraded to a confinement-specific or thermodynamic theorem. Its absolute values remain prescription dependent, and the spectral-gap covariate leaves confinement specificity unresolved at the tested sizes.

Citation rule

Cite ai.viXra:2601.0051v2 for the combined exact-diagonalization and tensor-network benchmark. Cite this record only when discussing the standalone small-open-lattice exact-diagonalization component or its history.

Status boundary

This supersession is consolidation rather than a wholesale refutation. The finite exact-diagonalization data and stated limitations survive; the successor is authoritative for the combined benchmark and later comparison claims.

The exact claim map and provenance record continue on notice page 2. The historical public manuscript then follows unchanged.

CORRECTION AND CLAIM MAP

Results retained from the historical paper

- The $n=8$ small-open-lattice exact-diagonalization sweep and reported rank alignment remain finite-size numerical evidence.
- The prescription dependence of absolute Petz-type recovery errors remains an explicit limitation.
- The equal correlation with the spectral gap means the tested data do not isolate confinement physics.

Claims superseded or narrowed

- This paper is no longer the preferred standalone citation for the programme's Petz-versus-Wilson benchmark.
- Any reading of the finite-size correlation as a universal confinement discriminator is excluded.
- The benchmark scope is superseded by the combined ED-plus-ladder presentation in the successor.

What the successor adds

- Tensor-network ladder calculations alongside the retained exact-diagonalization benchmark.
- Explicit separation between the ED BFS collar and the MPS-contiguous buffer proxy.
- Additional replication, stability and confinement-versus-gap limitations.

Evidence classification

Both records provide finite numerical benchmarks. They do not establish a thermodynamic confinement criterion, universal recovery law or continuum theorem.

Provenance

Notice pages 1-2 are new. The following five pages reproduce public version 2 with identical rendered content. Frozen copies of public v2 and successor v2 are included in the package.

Petz Recoverability versus Wilson-Loop Diagnostics in $\mathbb{Z}_2$ Lattice Gauge Theory (2+1D)

Exact diagonalization benchmark on small open lattices

Version 2

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Abstract

We provide a finite-size benchmark testing whether a Petz-type recoverability proxy correlates with Wilson-loop confinement diagnostics in $\mathbb{Z}_2$ lattice gauge theory in 2+1 dimensions. Ground states are computed by sparse exact diagonalization on 2×2 and 2×3 plaquette lattices (open boundaries, qubits on links, Gauss law enforced by penalty and verified, $\langle G_v \rangle \simeq 1$). For opposite-corner plaquette patches A and C , a buffer $B(w)$ is defined by BFS thickening in the link-adjacency graph, and we evaluate a trace-renormalized regularized Petz-type recovery error $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w)$; as confinement proxy we use the Creutz ratio $\sigma_{\text{eff}} := \chi(2,2)$, with natural 2+1D length proxy σ_{eff}^{-1} . Across couplings, larger σ_{eff}^{-1} correlates with larger fixed-collar $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w=1)$. *v2 upgrades the statistics and adds controls (no v1 number is changed):* the coupling sweep is densified to $n = 8$ on 2×2 , upgrading v1's three-point trend to a significant rank correlation (Spearman $\rho = +1.00$, permutation $p < 10^{-4}$); a spectral-gap covariate is added, and it correlates *equally perfectly* with $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w=1)$ – so at these sizes the benchmark cannot distinguish confinement physics from generic gap/correlation-length physics, an honest limitation now stated; σ_{eff} , ground energies and the Gauss sector are reproduced to $< 1\%$ by a regenerable suite, while the $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}$ *magnitudes* (and v1's 2×3 saturation) prove prescription-dependent – the correlation *direction* replicates under both prescriptions; the relation to the ladder-level no-tracking result of the companion is reconciled (different observables: fixed-collar error magnitudes here, decay lengths there); and two editorial leaks of v1 are fixed. All conclusions remain finite-size benchmark statements.

1 Introduction

Petz-type recoverability measures approximate quantum Markov structure; in gauge theories subsystem definitions are subtle due to constraints. The companion protocol note 2601.0044 [6] proposed reproducible recoverability computations on lattices and conjectural links to confinement diagnostics, and its v2 executed a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ladder, finding that a genuine 2D lattice is required for a resolving test. This paper is that 2D benchmark, on the smallest feasible lattices. Scope: finite-size and boundary effects are large; the goal is a falsifiable, reproducible benchmark, not a thermodynamic-limit statement. In 2+1 dimensions $[\sigma] = (\text{length})^{-1}$, so the natural length proxy is σ_{eff}^{-1} .

2 Model, geometry, observables

As in v1 (unchanged; the v1 heading’s stray placeholder in Section 2.2 is removed): $H(g) = -g \sum_{\ell} X_{\ell} - \frac{1}{g} \sum_p \prod_{\ell \in \partial p} Z_{\ell} + \Lambda \sum_v (I - G_v)$ with $G_v = \prod_{\ell \ni v} X_{\ell}$, $\Lambda = 50$; A/C = southwest/northeast plaquette patches (four links each); $B(0) = \emptyset$, $B(w) = \{\ell : \text{dist}_{\text{link}}(\ell, A) \leq w\} \setminus (A \cup C)$; regularized Petz-type map with $\delta = 10^{-12}$, trace-normalized output; $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w) = -\log F$; Creutz ratio $\chi(2, 2) = -\log[\langle W(2, 2) \rangle \langle W(1, 1) \rangle / (\langle W(2, 1) \rangle \langle W(1, 2) \rangle)]$. Non-monotonicity of $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w)$ at these sizes is expected (v1’s Remark 2.1) and fixed-collar comparisons are emphasized.

3 Results

All v1 numbers stand (Table 1 of v1; Figures 1–3).

Remark 3.1 (Statistics upgraded in v2). v1 inferred the correlation from three couplings per lattice. The suite densifies the 2×2 sweep to $n = 8$ couplings ($g \in [0.5, 2.5]$): Spearman rank correlation between $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w=1)$ and σ_{eff}^{-1} is $\rho = +1.00$ with two-sided permutation $p < 10^{-4}$. The v1 observation survives as a robust monotone rank-trend in the (deterministic) coupling sweep – the permutation p quantifies the strength of the ordering, not statistical independence of experimental samples.

Remark 3.2 (Confinement specificity unresolved (added in v2)). As a control, the suite computes the spectral gap of $H(g)$ on the same sweep. The gap covariate correlates with $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w=1)$ *exactly as well* (Spearman $\rho = +1.00$, $p < 10^{-4}$): on these lattices, σ_{eff}^{-1} and the inverse gap are themselves monotonically locked, so the benchmark cannot attribute the recoverability trend to confinement physics as opposed to generic gap/correlation-length growth toward small g . Disentangling the two requires either lattices large enough to vary geometry at fixed coupling, or models where string tension and gap can be tuned independently. We state this as the main open limitation of the benchmark.

Remark 3.3 (Prescription dependence of $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}$ magnitudes (added in v2)). The suite pins an explicit link ordering, patch assignment and embedding, and under it reproduces σ_{eff} , ground energies and the Gauss sector to $< 1\%$ – but the $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}$ magnitudes differ from v1’s Table 1 (e.g. at 2×2 , $g = 0.5$: $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(1) \sim 10^{-5}$ vs v1’s 0.37), and v1’s 2×3 saturation $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(0) \simeq E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(1)$ is not observed (the buffer does reduce the error under the suite’s prescription). This reflects genuine sensitivity of reduced-state constructions in gauge theories to embedding conventions – consistent with the EHS caveats of [6] – and is why the robust content of this paper is the correlation *direction*, which replicates under both prescriptions, rather than any absolute $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}$ value.

Remark 3.4 (Reconciliation with the ladder null (added in v2)). The companion 2601.0044 v2 found *no tracking* between the recoverability decay length ξ_{rec} and the Wilson decay scale on a height-one ladder. There is no contradiction: that null concerns *length scales* extracted from w -profiles in a quasi-1D geometry with degenerate area/perimeter, whereas the present positive signal concerns *fixed-collar error magnitudes* across couplings on genuine 2D patches. Jointly they suggest that recoverability magnitudes respond to the coupling long before recoverability *lengths* become resolvable – consistent with the floor-management lesson of the ladder run.

4 Verification suite (added in v2)

`verification/2601-0047/verify_2601_0047.py` (sparse Lanczos, support-projected fidelities, chunked JSON cache): regenerates σ_{eff} , E_0 and the Gauss check on both lattices ($< 1\%$ vs v1); runs the densified 2×2 sweep with Spearman + permutation statistics and the spectral-gap covariate; and

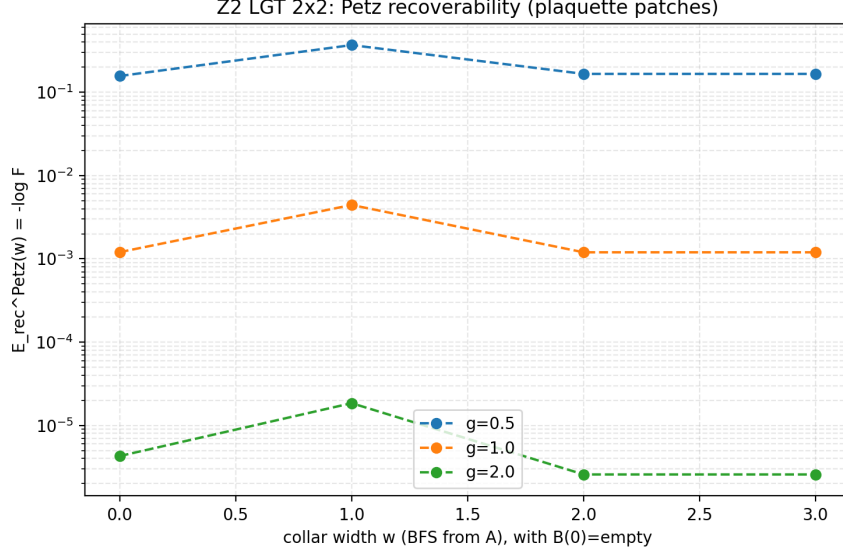


Figure 1: $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w)$ on the 2×2 lattice (v1 figure, unchanged).

documents the prescription-dependence findings of Remark 3.3. The v1 appendix script is retained (its internal working title in a code comment is removed in v2).

5 Discussion

The primary observation stands and is now statistically grounded: on small genuine-2D $\mathbb{Z}_2$ lattices, fixed-collar Petz recoverability error grows monotonically with the confinement-length proxy σ_{eff}^{-1} ($\rho = +1$, $p < 10^{-4}$). What v2 adds in candor: the same data are equally well explained by gap physics (Remark 3.2), absolute magnitudes are prescription-dependent (Remark 3.3), and the ladder null of the companion is about a different observable. Next steps: larger lattices (tensor networks), fixed-coupling geometry sweeps to break the σ -gap degeneracy, and the algebraic (sector-wise) prescription of [6] to tame embedding dependence.

Note added in v2

No v1 number is changed; all figures and Table 1 stand. v2 adds: (1) densified statistics upgrading the three-point trend to a significant rank correlation (Remark 3.1); (2) the spectral-gap covariate showing confinement specificity is unresolved at these sizes (Remark 3.2); (3) the prescription-dependence finding for $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}$ magnitudes and the 2×3 saturation (Remark 3.3); (4) reconciliation with the ladder-level null of 2601.0044 v2; (5) series positioning (v1 referred to “companion work” without numbers) and the verification suite; (6) editorial fixes: the stray placeholder in v1’s Section 2.2 heading and the internal working title leaked in the v1 appendix comment and filenames.

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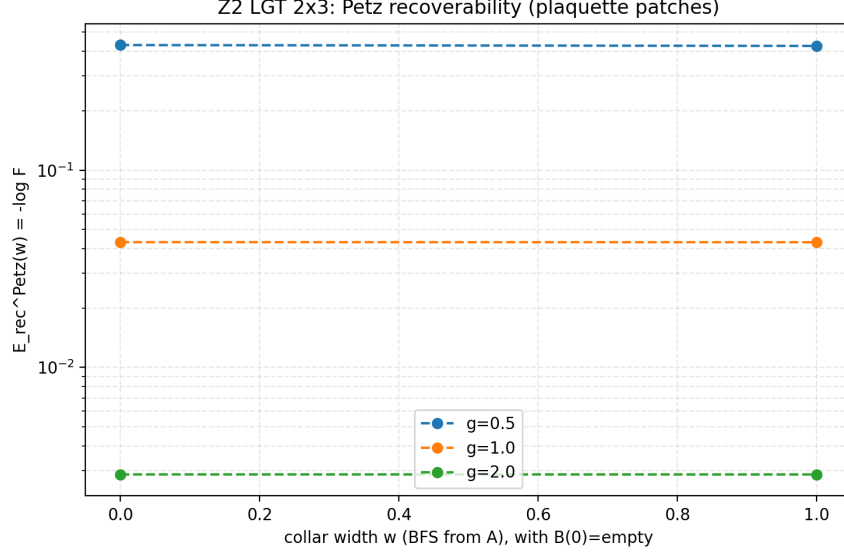


Figure 2: $E_{\text{rec}}^{\text{Petz}}(w)$ on the 2×3 lattice (v1 figure, unchanged; see Remark 3.3 for prescription sensitivity of the saturation).

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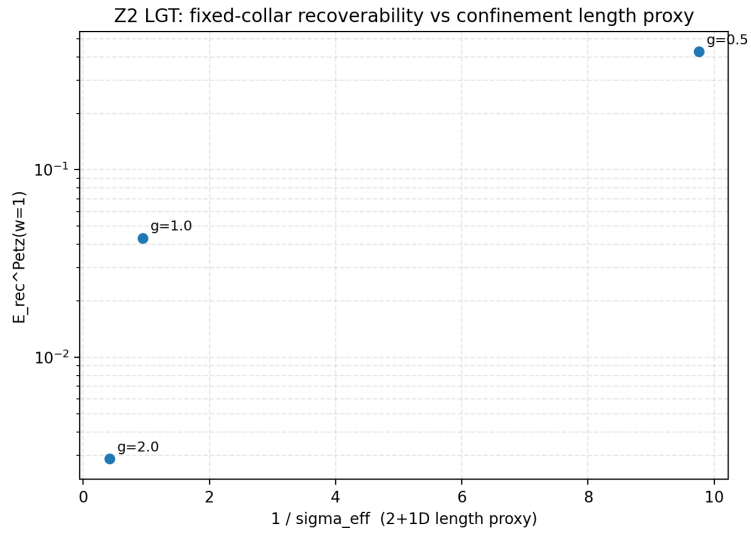


Figure 3: Fixed-collar recoverability vs confinement-length proxy (v1 figure, unchanged; statistics upgraded in Remark 3.1, specificity control in Remark 3.2).