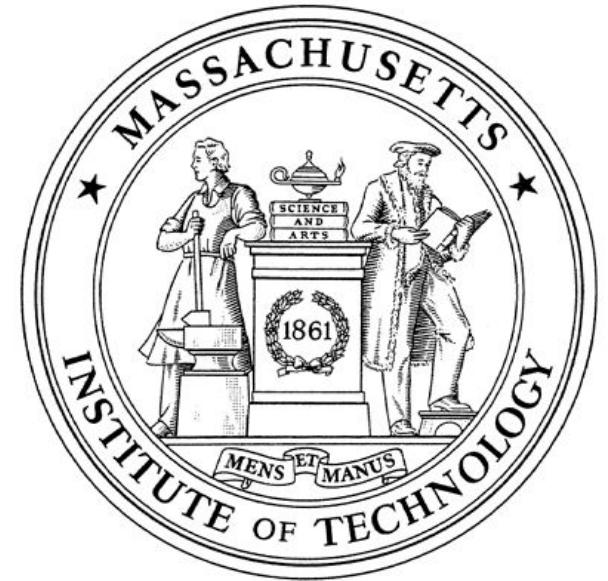


Emergence of bulk locality and causality

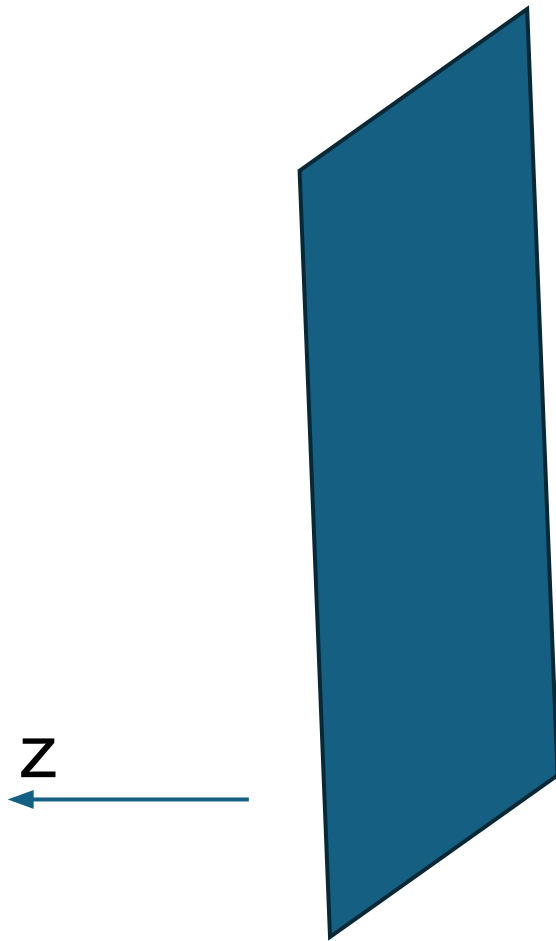
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We now have **two ways** of understanding **emergence of bulk spacetime** from boundary (in the large N , strong coupling limit).

Bulk spacetime from RG



scale \longleftrightarrow radial direction z

Wilsonian
RG flow \longleftrightarrow radial evolution

can in principle reconstruct from RG

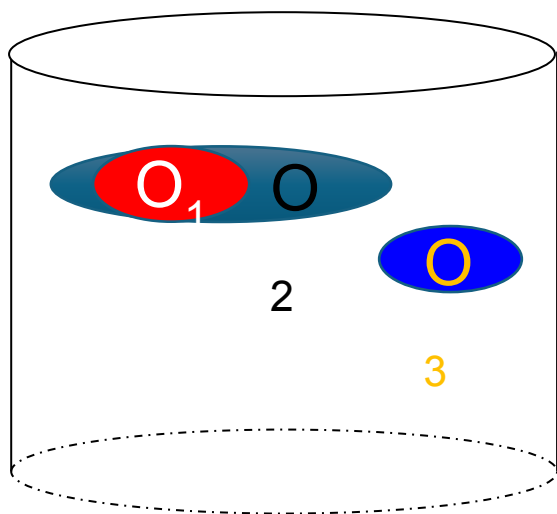
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bulk geometry + Einstein and matter
actions

However, in this approach, **local physics**, **causal structure**,

entanglement structure not manifest

These concepts have to do with
subsystems



Emergence of
spacetime



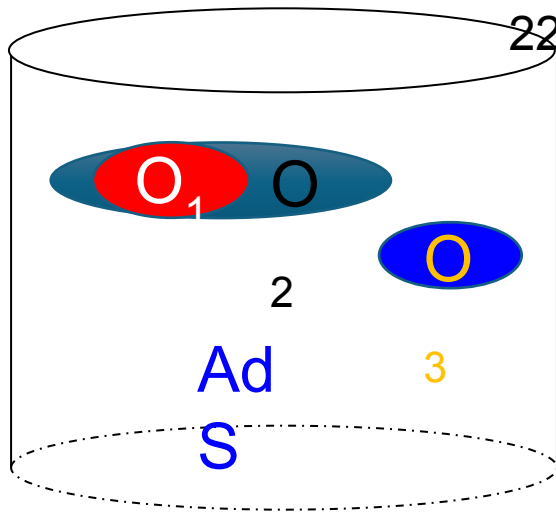
emergence of **all bulk
subsystems**

Emergence of bulk locality and causality



Subregion-Subalgebra duality:

(Leutheusser,
HL,
2212.13266)



sharply defined
(specific bulk entanglement structure)

bulk subregion



Emergent boundary
type III_1 von Neumann
subalgebra

O_1



\mathcal{A}_1 (capture all physical
operations in O_1)

$O_1 \subset O_2$



$\mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2$

O_1 and O_3 are
**spacelike
separated**
(causal structure)



$[\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_3] = 0$

(time-like separated operators can
commute!)



type III_1 structure of \mathcal{A}_1
(from **infinite entanglement** in
the $N \rightarrow \infty$

limit)

Subregion-subalgebra duality is reminiscent of Gelfand duality, which provides a description of a topological space in terms of algebras of functions on the space.

Gelfand duality is the starting point of formulating the concept of noncommutative geometry (Connes).

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