## Local Algebras

A look back at the early years and at some successes and missed opportunities

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## Spacetime and Algebras

$$\mathcal{O} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{O})$$

 $\mathcal{O}=$  region in spacetime  $\mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{O})=$  associated algebra

#### **Einstein Causality**

 $\mathfrak{R}=$  von Neumann algebra  $\mathfrak{R}'=$  its commutant

 $\mathcal{O}=$  region in Minkowski space  $\mathcal{O}'=$  its causal complement

Einstein Causality:  $\Re(\mathcal{O}') \subset \Re(\mathcal{O})'$ Duality:  $\Re(\mathcal{O}') = \Re(\mathcal{O})'$ 

## **Primitive Causality**

# Consequence of duality:

$$\mathfrak{R}(\mathcal{O}) = \mathfrak{R}(\mathcal{O}'')$$
 $\uparrow^{time}$ 
 $O''$ 
 $O$ 
 $\Rightarrow$  space

 $\mathcal{O}'' = \text{causal completion of } \mathcal{O}$ 

## Gauge Strings

