

Center For Neutrino Physics Seminar

Special Day

Barton Zwiebach

MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

L^∞ Algebra of Perturbative Field Theory

Tuesday, November 29th, 2016

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

304 Robeson Hall

The homotopy Lie algebra L^∞ is an extension of Lie algebras in which the Jacobi identity for the bracket fails, but the violation can be expressed in terms of an infinite set of higher brackets. I will give an introduction to this algebra and its axioms. Then I will provide evidence that perturbative field theories provide realizations of this algebra with irreducible n -point functions describing structure constants of the algebra.