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ABSTRACT: We integrate the nonpropagating B_{μ} gauge field for the non-linear BF Lagrangian describing N M2-branes which includes terms with even number of the totally antisymmetric tensor M^{IJK} in arXiv:0808.2473 and for the two-types of non-linear BF Lagrangians which include terms with odd number of M^{IJK} as well in arXiv:0809:0985. For the former Lagrangian we derive directly the DBI-type Lagrangian expressed by the SU(N) dynamical A_{μ} gauge field with a spacetime dependent coupling constant, while for the low-energy expansions of the latter Lagrangians the B_{μ} integration is iteratively performed. The derived Janus field theory Lagrangians are compared.

KEYWORDS: Chern-Simons Theories, M-Theory

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1 Introduction

Inspired by Bagger and Lambert [1] and Gustavsson [2] (BLG) who constructed the worldvolume theory of multiple coincident M2-branes following earlier works [3, 4], the multiple M2-branes have been extensively studied. The BLG theory is described by a threedimensional $\mathcal{N} = 8$ superconformal Chern-Simons gauge theory with manifest SO(8) Rsymmetry based on 3-algebra with a positive definite metric, that is, the unique nontrivial \mathcal{A}_4 algebra [5]. However, this Chern-Simons gauge theory expresses two M2-branes on a R^8/Z_2 orbifold [6].

A class of models based on 3-algebra with a Lorentzian metric have been constructed by three groups [7–9] where the low-energy worldvolume Lagrangian of N M2-branes in flat spacetime is described by a three-dimensional superconformal BF theory for the su(N)Lie algebra. Using a novel Higgs mechanism of ref. [10] the BF membrane theory has been shown to reduce to the three-dimensional maximally supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory whose gauge coupling is the vev of one of the scalar fields [7, 9, 11]. For the prescription of the ghost-like scalar fields a ghost-free formulation has been proposed by introducing a new gauge field for gauging a shift symmetry and then making the gauge choice for decoupling the ghost state [12–14]. In ref. [15] starting from the maximally supersymmetric threedimensional Yang-Mills theory and using a non-Abelian duality transformation due to de Wit, Nicolai and Samtleben (dNS) [16], the Lorentzian BLG theory has been reproduced.

The relation between the $\mathcal{N} = 6$ superconformal Chern-Simons-matter theory [17] and the $\mathcal{N} = 8$ Lorentzian BLG theory has been studied [18–21]. The various investigations related with the BLG theory have been performed [22–25]

There has been a construction of a manifestly SO(8) invariant non-linear BF Lagrangian for describing the non-Abelian dynamics of the bosonic degrees of freedom of N coincident M2-branes in flat spacetime, which reduces to the bosonic part of the BF membrane theory for SU(N) group at low energies [26]. This non-linear Lagrangian is an extension of the non-Abelian DBI Lagrangian [27, 28] of N coincident D2-branes and includes only terms with even number of the totally antisymmetric tensor M^{IJK} . Further, two types of non-linear BF Lagrangians have been presented such that they include terms with even and odd number of M^{IJK} [29]. A different kind of non-linear gauged M2-brane Lagrangian has been proposed for the Abelian case [30].

As a related work, it has been shown that starting with the $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory on D2-branes and incorporating higher-derivative corrections to lowest nontrivial order, the Lorentzian BF membrane theory including a set of derivative corrections is constructed through a dNS duality [31] (see [32]). The higher-derivative corrections to the Euclidean \mathcal{A}_4 BLG theory have been determined [33] by means of the novel Higgs mechanism and also shown to match the result of [31]. The couplings of the worldvolume of multiple M2-branes to the antisymmetric background fluxes have been investigated by using the low-energy Lagrangian for multiple M2-branes [34, 35] as well as the non-linear BF Lagrangian [36]. There have been proposals for the non-linear Lagrangians for describing the M2-brane-anti-M2-brane system [37] and the unstable M3-brane [38].

We will perform the integration over the redundant B_{μ} gauge field for the non-linear BF Lagrangians of ref. [26] and ref. [29], to see how the Lagrangians are described by the dynamical A_{μ} gauge field. We will carry out the B_{μ} integration directly for the non-linear Lagrangian of ref. [26], while the B_{μ} integration will be iteratively performed for the two types of non-linear BF Lagrangians of ref. [29]. These three B_{μ} integrated Lagrangians will be compared.

2 Non-linear BF Lagrangian with even number of M^{IJK}

We consider the non-linear BF Lagrangian for SU(N) group which describes the non-Abelian dynamics of the bosonic degrees of freedom of N M2-branes in flat spacetime [26]

$$L = -T_2 \operatorname{STr}\left(\sqrt{-\det\left(\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{T_2}\tilde{D}_{\mu}X^I\tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1}\tilde{D}_{\nu}X^J\right)}(\det\tilde{Q})^{1/4}\right)$$
$$+\operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}B_{\mu}F_{\nu\lambda}\right) + \left(\partial_{\mu}X_{-}^I - \operatorname{Tr}\left(X^IB_{\mu}\right)\right)\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^I$$
$$-\operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{X_{+}\cdot X}{X_{+}^2}\hat{D}_{\mu}X^I\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^I - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{X_{+}\cdot X}{X_{+}^2}\right)^2\partial_{\mu}X_{+}^I\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^I\right), \qquad (2.1)$$

where $X_{+}^{2} = X_{+}^{I}X_{+}^{I}$ and the M2-brane tension T_{2} is related to the eleven-dimensional Planck length scale l_{p} as $T_{2} = 1/(2\pi)^{2}l_{p}^{3}$. The two non-dynamical gauge fields A_{μ}, B_{μ} and the scalar fields X^{I} (I = 1, ..., 8) are in the adjoint representation of SU(N) and X_{\pm}^{I} are SU(N) singlets. The covariant derivative \tilde{D}_{μ} is defined by

$$\tilde{D}_{\mu}X^{I} = \hat{D}_{\mu}X^{I} - \frac{X_{+} \cdot X}{X_{+}^{2}} \partial_{\mu}X_{+}^{I}, \quad \hat{D}_{\mu}X^{I} = D_{\mu}X^{I} - X_{+}^{I}B_{\mu}, \quad D_{\mu}X^{I} = \partial_{\mu}X^{I} + i[A_{\mu}, X^{I}] \quad (2.2)$$

and the SO(8) tensor \tilde{Q}^{IJ} is given by

$$\tilde{Q}^{IJ} = S^{IJ} + \frac{X_+^I X_+^J}{X_+^2} (\det S - 1), \qquad S^{IJ} = \delta^{IJ} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{T_2}} \frac{m^{IJ}}{\sqrt{X_+^2}}, \qquad (2.3)$$

where m^{IJ} is expressed as

$$m^{IJ} = X_{+}^{K} M^{IJK}, \qquad M^{IJK} = X_{+}^{I} [X^{J}, X^{K}] + X_{+}^{J} [X^{K}, X^{I}] + X_{+}^{K} [X^{I}, X^{J}].$$
 (2.4)

In (2.1) \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} denotes the matrix inverse of \tilde{Q}^{IJ} and STr is the symmetrized trace [27]. The non-linear Lagrangian L is invariant under the obvious global SO(8) transformation and the SU(N) gauge transformation associated with the A_{μ} gauge field, and further the non-compact gauge transformation associated with the B_{μ} gauge field

 $\delta X^{I} = X^{I}_{+}\Lambda, \qquad \delta B_{\mu} = D_{\mu}\Lambda, \qquad \delta X^{I}_{+} = 0, \qquad \delta X^{I}_{-} = \operatorname{Tr}(X^{I}\Lambda).$ (2.5)

The terms except for the first non-linear term and the second BF-coupling term in (2.1) are added to have consistency with the low-energy Lagrangian. In the non-linear Lagrangian L only the symmetric part of \tilde{Q}_{LJ}^{-1} is taken into consideration.

We introduce a Lagrange multiplier p to rewrite the square root term in (2.1) as

$$-T_{2}\sqrt{-\det\left(\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{T_{2}}\tilde{D}_{\mu}X^{I}\tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1}\tilde{D}_{\nu}X^{J}\right)(\det\tilde{Q})^{1/4}}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{T_{2}^{2}}{2p}\det(\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{T_{2}}\tilde{D}_{\mu}X^{I}\tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1}\tilde{D}_{\nu}X^{J}) - \frac{p}{2}\right)(\det\tilde{Q})^{1/4}, \qquad (2.6)$$

where a matrix can be treated as a c-number within the symmetrized trace. Owing to $\tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} = \tilde{Q}_{JI}^{-1}$ the relevant tensor is rearranged as

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{T_2} \tilde{D}_{\mu} X^I \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} \tilde{D}_{\nu} X^J = g_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{B}_{\mu} \tilde{B}_{\nu}, \qquad (2.7)$$

where

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{T_2} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \tilde{P}_{IJ} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J, \qquad \qquad \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I = D_{\mu} X^I - \frac{X_+ \cdot X}{X_+^2} \partial_{\mu} X_+^I, \\ \tilde{B}_{\mu} = \sqrt{\frac{X_+^I \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} X_+^J}{T_2}} \left(B_{\mu} - \frac{\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} X_+^J}{X_+^K \tilde{Q}_{KL}^{-1} X_+^L} \right)$$
(2.8)

with

$$\tilde{P}_{IJ} = \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} - \frac{\tilde{Q}_{IK}^{-1} X_+^K X_+^L \tilde{Q}_{LJ}^{-1}}{X_+^M \tilde{Q}_{MN}^{-1} X_+^N},$$
(2.9)

which is orthogonal to X_{+}^{I} as $X_{+}^{I}\tilde{P}_{IJ} = 0$.

The expression (2.6) together with (2.7) is quadratic in B_{μ} so that the equation of motion for the auxiliary field B_{μ} is given by

$$g^{\mu\nu}\left(B_{\nu} - \frac{\bar{D}_{\nu}X^{I}\tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1}X_{+}^{J}}{X_{+}^{K}\tilde{Q}_{KL}^{-1}X_{+}^{L}}\right) = \frac{p}{T_{2}\det g(X_{+}^{K}\tilde{Q}_{KL}^{-1}X_{+}^{L})(\det\tilde{Q})^{1/4}}\left(x^{\mu} - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda}\right), \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$x^{\mu} = \partial^{\mu} X^{I}_{+} P_{IJ} X^{J} \tag{2.11}$$

with a projection operator

$$P_{IJ} = \delta_{IJ} - \frac{X_+^I X_+^J}{X_+^2}.$$
(2.12)

Substituting the expression (2.10) back into the starting Lagrangian accompanied with the replacement (2.6) and solving the equation of motion for p we get

$$L = \operatorname{STr} \left[-T_2 (\det \tilde{Q})^{1/4} \sqrt{-\det g} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2T_2 (X_+^K \tilde{Q}_{KL}^{-1} X_+^L) \sqrt{\det \tilde{Q}}} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\rho\sigma} g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma}} + \frac{\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} X_+^J}{X_+^K \tilde{Q}_{KL}^{-1} X_+^L} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} F_{\nu\lambda} - x^{\mu} \right) \right] + L_0,$$
(2.13)

where

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{\det g} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda} x^{\lambda}, \qquad (2.14)$$

$$L_{0} = \partial_{\mu}X_{-}^{I}\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^{I} - \operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{X_{+}\cdot X}{X_{+}^{2}}D_{\mu}X^{I}\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^{I} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{X_{+}\cdot X}{X_{+}^{2}}\right)^{2}\partial_{\mu}X_{+}^{I}\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^{I}\right). \quad (2.15)$$

Here we use the identity for 3×3 matrices $g_{\mu\nu} + a\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}$ with $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} = -\mathcal{F}_{\nu\mu}$

$$\det(g_{\mu\nu})\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}a^2 \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\rho\sigma} g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma}\right) = \det(g_{\mu\nu} + a \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu})$$
(2.16)

to obtain a DBI-type Lagrangian

$$L = \operatorname{STr} \left[-T_2 (\det \tilde{Q})^{1/4} \sqrt{-\det \left(g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_2 (X_+^K \tilde{Q}_{KL}^{-1} X_+^L)} (\det \tilde{Q})^{1/4}} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \right)} + \frac{\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} X_+^J}{X_+^K \tilde{Q}_{KL}^{-1} X_+^L} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} F_{\nu\lambda} - x^{\mu} \right) \right] + L_0.$$
(2.17)

The inverse matrix of \tilde{Q}^{IJ} in (2.3) is given by

$$\tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} = P_{IJ} + \frac{X_+^I X_+^J}{X_+^2} \frac{1}{\det S} + \left(\frac{m_0}{1 - m_0}\right)^{IJ}, \qquad (2.18)$$

where an orthogonal relation $m^{IJ}X_+^J = 0$ is used and

$$\left(\frac{m_0}{1-m_0}\right)^{IJ} = m_0^{IJ} + (m_0^2)^{IJ} + (m_0^3)^{IJ} + \cdots,$$

$$m_0^{IJ} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{T_2 X_+^2}} m^{IJ}$$
(2.19)

with $(m_0^2)^{IJ} = m_0^{IK} m_0^{KJ}$. Since only the symmetric part of matrix \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} is taken into account in the Lagrangian, the expression (2.18) is modified to be

$$\tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} = P_{IJ} + \frac{X_+^I X_+^J}{X_+^2} \frac{1}{\det S} + \left(\frac{m_0^2}{1 - m_0^2}\right)^{IJ}, \qquad (2.20)$$

which obeys $\tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} = \tilde{Q}_{JI}^{-1}$ and includes only terms with even number of M^{IJK} as expressed by

$$\left(\frac{m_0^2}{1-m_0^2}\right)^{IJ} = (m_0^2)^{IJ} + (m_0^4)^{IJ} + (m_0^6)^{IJ} + \cdots$$
 (2.21)

From this expression the following SO(8) invariant factors are simplified as

$$X_{+}^{I} \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} X_{+}^{J} = X_{+}^{2} \frac{1}{\det S},$$

$$\bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} X_{+}^{J} = \bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} X_{+}^{I} \frac{1}{\det S}$$
(2.22)

and the tensor \tilde{P}_{IJ} in (2.9) is also given by

$$\tilde{P}_{IJ} = \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} - \frac{X_+^I X_+^J}{X_+^2} \frac{1}{\det S}.$$
(2.23)

The relations in (2.22) together with $\det \tilde{Q} = (\det S)^2$ make the DBI-type Lagrangian (2.17) a simple form

$$L = -T_2 \operatorname{STr}\left(\sqrt{-\det\left(g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_2 X_+^2}} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}\right)} (\det S)^{1/2} \right)$$
$$+ \operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I X_+^I}{X_+^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} F_{\nu\lambda} - x^{\mu}\right)\right) + L_0, \qquad (2.24)$$

where $g_{\mu\nu}$ defined in (2.8) is rewritten by

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{T_2} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \left(P_{IJ} - \frac{1}{T_2 X_+^2} \left(\frac{m^2}{1 + \frac{m^2}{T_2 X_+^2}} \right)^{IJ} \right) \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J$$
(2.25)

and there is a relation derived from (2.14)

$$\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}\mathcal{F}_{\nu\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda} - x^{\mu}.$$
(2.26)

Thus from the non-linear BF Lagrangian with two nonpropagating gauge fields A_{μ}, B_{μ} we have integrated the auxiliary B_{μ} gauge field to extract the DBI-type Lagrangian expressed in terms of the SU(N) dynamical A_{μ} gauge field.

Now to perform the low-energy expansion for the non-linear Lagrangian (2.24), we calculate det S^{IJ} for 8×8 matrices by making the $1/T_2$ expansion as

$$\det S = 1 + \frac{1}{2T_2 X_+^2} (m^2)^{II} - \frac{1}{4T_2^2 (X_+^2)^2} \left((m^4)^{II} - \frac{1}{2} ((m^2)^{II})^2 \right) + \cdots, \qquad (2.27)$$

where $m^{IJ} = -m^{JI}$ is taken into account and $(m^2)^{II} = -X_+^2 M^{IJK} M^{IJK}/3$. There is the following identity with finite terms for any 3×3 matrices $A_{\mu\nu}$

$$\det(\eta_{\mu\nu} + A_{\mu\nu}) = \det \eta \left(1 + \operatorname{tr}(\eta^{-1}A) - \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{tr}(\eta^{-1}A)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\operatorname{tr}(\eta^{-1}A)\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{tr}(\eta^{-1}A)^3 - \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{tr}(\eta^{-1}A)\operatorname{tr}(\eta^{-1}A)^2 \right), \qquad (2.28)$$

which gives the $1/T_2$ expansion for det $g_{\mu\nu}$ in (2.13)

$$\det g_{\mu\nu} = -\left(1 + \frac{1}{T_2}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I P_{IJ}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^J + \frac{1}{T_2^2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I P_{IJ}\bar{D}_{\nu}X^J\bar{D}^{\nu}X^K P_{KL}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^L + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I P_{IJ}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^J)^2 - \frac{1}{X_+^2}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I m^{IK}m^{KJ}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^J\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{T_2^3}\right)\right). \quad (2.29)$$

We see that the SO(8) vectors $\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}$ are contracted with $(m^{2})^{IJ}$ and the projection operator P^{IJ} . It is convenient to express the square root factor including $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}$ in (2.13) in terms of $F^{\mu} \equiv \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda}/2 - x^{\mu}$ which appears as an interaction $\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}X^{I}_{+}F^{\mu}/X^{2}_{+}$ in (2.24), and expand it through (2.25) and (2.29) as

$$\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2T_2 X_+^2}} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_{\rho\sigma} g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma}} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{T_2 X_+^2} \det g} F^{\mu} F^{\nu} g_{\mu\nu} \qquad (2.30)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2T_2 X_+^2} F^{\mu} F^{\nu} \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2T_2^2 X_+^2} \left(F_{\mu} F^{\mu} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^I P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^J - F^{\mu} F^{\nu} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I P_{IJ} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J - \frac{1}{4X_+^2} (F_{\mu} F^{\mu})^2 \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{T_2^3}\right).$$

Gathering the expansions (2.27), (2.29) and (2.30) in (2.24) or (2.13) we obtain the low-energy effective Lagrangian whose leading part is given by

$$L = -NT_2 + \text{Tr}\left(\frac{1}{12}M^{IJK}M^{IJK} - \frac{1}{2}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}P_{IJ}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J} + \frac{1}{2X_{+}^2}F_{\mu}F^{\mu} + \frac{1}{X_{+}^2}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}X_{+}^{I}F^{\mu}\right) + L_0,$$
(2.31)

where $F_{\mu}F^{\mu}/2X_{+}^{2}$ is alternatively expressed as $-f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu}/4X_{+}^{2}$ in terms of $f_{\mu\nu} \equiv F_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda}x^{\lambda}$. This leading Lagrangian shows the Janus field theory with a spacetime dependent coupling constant in ref. [11] (see [39]). This Lagrangian is rewritten by the following form

$$L = -NT_{2} + \operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{1}{12}M^{IJK}M^{IJK} - \frac{1}{2}D_{\mu}X^{I}P_{IJ}D^{\mu}X^{J} + \frac{1}{2X_{+}^{2}}X^{I}\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^{I}(X^{J}\partial_{\mu}X_{+}^{J}) - \frac{1}{4X_{+}^{2}}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2X_{+}^{2}}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda}(D_{\mu}X^{I}X_{+}^{I} - X^{I}\partial_{\mu}X_{+}^{I})\right) + \partial_{\mu}X_{-}^{I}\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^{I},$$
(2.32)

which is further compactly represented by

$$L = -NT_{2} + \text{Tr}\left(\frac{1}{12}M^{IJK}M^{IJK} - \frac{1}{2}D_{\mu}X^{I}D^{\mu}X^{I} + \frac{1}{2X_{+}^{2}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda} + D^{\mu}X^{I}X_{+}^{I} - X^{I}\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^{I}\right)^{2}\right) + \partial_{\mu}X_{-}^{I}\partial^{\mu}X_{+}^{I}.$$
 (2.33)

The subleading terms of order $1/T_2$ are derived as

$$\frac{1}{8T_2} \operatorname{STr} \left[\frac{1}{(X_+^2)^2} m^{IJ} m^{JK} m^{KL} m^{LI} - \frac{1}{36} \left(\left(M^{IJK} \right)^2 \right)^2 + 2\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I P_{IJ} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J \bar{D}^{\nu} X^K P_{KL} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^L - \left(\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^J \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left(M^{IJK} \right)^2 \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^J + \frac{4}{X_+^2} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I m^{IK} m^{KJ} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^J + \frac{(F_{\mu} F^{\mu})^2}{(X_+^2)^2} - \frac{F_{\mu} F^{\mu}}{3X_+^2} \left(M^{IJK} \right)^2 + \frac{4F_{\mu} F_{\nu}}{X_+^2} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^I P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^J - \frac{2F_{\mu} F^{\mu}}{X_+^2} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^I P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^J \right].$$

$$(2.34)$$

The last four terms including $F^{\mu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} f_{\nu\lambda}/2$ in (2.34) are expressed in terms of $f_{\mu\nu}$ as

$$\frac{1}{8T_2X_+^2} \operatorname{STr}\left(\frac{1}{4X_+^2} (f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu})^2 + 4f_{\mu\nu}f_{\rho\sigma}\eta^{\mu\rho}\bar{D}^{\nu}X^I P_{IJ}\bar{D}^{\sigma}X^J - f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu}\bar{D}_{\lambda}X^I P_{IJ}\bar{D}^{\lambda}X^J + \frac{1}{6}(M^{IJK})^2 f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu}\right),$$
(2.35)

where a $f_{\mu\nu}$ is accompanied with a factor $1/\sqrt{X_{+}^2}$. The trace is taken symmetrically between all the matrix ingredients $f_{\mu\nu}, \bar{D}_{\mu}X^I, M^{IJK}$ so that the expression (2.35) is described by

$$\frac{1}{12T_{2}X_{+}^{2}}\operatorname{Tr}\left[-\frac{1}{2}(2f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu}\bar{D}_{\lambda}X^{I}\bar{D}^{\lambda}X^{J}+f_{\mu\nu}\bar{D}_{\lambda}X^{I}f^{\mu\nu}\bar{D}^{\lambda}X^{J})P_{IJ} \qquad (2.36) +\left(2(f_{\mu}^{\rho}f^{\mu\nu}+f_{\mu}^{\nu}f^{\mu\rho})\bar{D}_{\nu}X^{I}\bar{D}_{\rho}X^{J}+f_{\mu}^{\rho}\bar{D}_{\nu}X^{I}f^{\mu\nu}\bar{D}_{\rho}X^{J}+f_{\mu}^{\nu}\bar{D}_{\nu}X^{I}f^{\mu\rho}\bar{D}_{\rho}X^{J}\right)P_{IJ} +\frac{1}{8X_{+}^{2}}(2f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu}f_{\rho\sigma}f^{\rho\sigma}+f_{\mu\nu}f_{\rho\sigma}f^{\mu\nu}f^{\rho\sigma})+\frac{1}{12}(2f_{\mu\nu}f^{\mu\nu}(M^{IJK})^{2}+f_{\mu\nu}M^{IJK}f^{\mu\nu}M^{IJK})\right].$$

The potential part in (2.34) is also expanded as

$$\frac{1}{24T_2} \operatorname{Tr} \left[\frac{1}{(X_+^2)^2} \left((m^4)^{II} + 2(m^2)^{IJ} (m^2)^{IJ} \right) - \frac{1}{36} \left(M^{IJK} M^{LMN} M^{IJK} M^{LMN} + 2((M^{IJK})^2)^2 \right) \right].$$
(2.37)

Here we write down the remaining terms

$$\frac{1}{12T_2} \operatorname{Tr} \left[\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J \bar{D}^{\nu} X^K \bar{D}^{\mu} X^L + \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^K \bar{D}^{\nu} X^J \bar{D}^{\mu} X^L \right. \\ \left. + \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^K \bar{D}^{\mu} X^L \bar{D}^{\nu} X^J - \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}^{\mu} X^J \bar{D}_{\nu} X^K \bar{D}^{\nu} X^L \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^K \bar{D}^{\mu} X^J \bar{D}^{\nu} X^L \right] P_{IJ} P_{KL}$$

$$+\frac{1}{12T_{2}}\operatorname{Tr}\left[\frac{2(m^{2})^{IJ}}{X_{+}^{2}}(\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J}+\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{J}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{I})-\frac{1}{X_{+}^{2}}(\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}m^{IK}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J}m^{JK}+m^{KI}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}m^{KJ}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J})+\frac{1}{6}(2(M^{LMN})^{2}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}P_{IJ}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J}+M^{LMN}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}M^{LMN}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J}P_{IJ})\right].$$

$$(2.38)$$

3 Two non-linear BF Lagrangians with even and odd number of M^{IJK}

There are propositions of two types of non-linear BF Lagrangians for multiple M2-branes, which include terms with even number as well as odd number of M^{IJK} [29]. One type is presented by

$$L_{1} = -T_{2} \mathrm{STr} \left(\sqrt{-\det \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{T_{2}} \tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \tilde{R}^{IJ} \tilde{D}_{\nu} X^{J} \right)} (\det S_{1})^{1/4} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} \left(\mathrm{Tr}(B_{\mu} F_{\nu\lambda}) - \frac{i}{T_{2}} \mathrm{STr}(\tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{K} \tilde{D}_{\nu} X^{I} M^{IKN} (S_{1}^{-1})^{NJ} \tilde{D}_{\lambda} X^{J}) \right)$$

$$+ (\partial_{\mu} X_{-}^{I} - \mathrm{Tr}(X^{I} B_{\mu})) \partial^{\mu} X_{+}^{I} - \mathrm{Tr} \left(\frac{X_{+} \cdot X}{X_{+}^{2}} \hat{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \partial^{\mu} X_{+}^{I} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{X_{+} \cdot X}{X_{+}^{2}} \right)^{2} \partial_{\mu} X_{+}^{I} \partial^{\mu} X_{+}^{I} \right),$$
(3.1)

where the symmetric tensor \tilde{R}^{IJ} is defined by

$$\tilde{R}^{IJ} = (S_1^{-1})^{IJ} + \frac{X_+^I X_+^J}{X_+^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\det S_1}} - 1\right), S_1^{IJ} = \delta^{IJ} - \frac{1}{T_2} M^{IKM} M^{JKN} \left(\frac{X_+^M X_+^N}{X_+^2}\right).$$
(3.2)

Because of det $S_1 = (\det S)^2$ the symmetric tensor \tilde{R}^{IJ} is identical to \tilde{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} in (2.20), and $(\det S_1)^{1/4} = (\det \tilde{Q})^{1/4}$, so that the Lagrangian L_1 except for terms with odd number of M^{IJK} reduces to L in (2.1). For this topological BF Lagrangian we consider the integration over the B_{μ} gauge field to obtain a dynamical gauge theory Lagrangian. Since the type one Lagrangian L_1 contains not only the mass term of B_{μ} but also the cubic term, we cannot perform the B_{μ} integration directly. Instead, we begin to make the low-energy expansion for the non-linear term in (3.1) up to $1/T_2$ order

$$-T_{2}N + \mathrm{STr}\left[-\frac{1}{2}\tilde{D}_{\mu}X^{I}\tilde{D}^{\mu}X^{I} + \frac{1}{4}A^{II} + \frac{1}{T_{2}}\left(-Z(B_{\mu}) + \frac{1}{8}(A^{II}\tilde{D}_{\mu}X^{J}\tilde{D}^{\mu}X^{J} + A^{IJ}A^{JI} - \frac{1}{4}(A^{II})^{2})\right)\right], \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$A^{IJ} = M^{IKM} M^{JKN} \left(\frac{X_+^M X_+^N}{X_+^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{X_+^2} (m^2)^{IJ},$$

$$Z(B_{\mu}) = \frac{1}{8} \left((\tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \tilde{D}^{\mu} X^{I})^{2} - 2 \tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \tilde{D}_{\nu} X^{I} \tilde{D}^{\nu} X^{J} \tilde{D}^{\mu} X^{J} + 4 \tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \left(A^{IJ} + \frac{X_{+}^{I} X_{+}^{J}}{2X_{+}^{2}} A^{KK} \right) \tilde{D}^{\mu} X^{J} \right).$$
(3.4)

The algebraic equation of motion for B_{μ} reads

$$X_{+}^{I}(\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{I} - X_{+}^{I}B^{\mu}) + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda} - x^{\mu}$$

= $\frac{1}{T_{2}}\left(\frac{1}{4}A^{II}X_{+}^{J}(\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J} - X_{+}^{J}B^{\mu}) + \frac{\delta Z}{\delta B_{\mu}} + \frac{i}{2}\epsilon^{\rho\nu\lambda}\frac{\delta X_{\rho\nu\lambda}}{\delta B_{\mu}}\right)$ (3.5)

with $X_{\rho\nu\lambda}(B^{\mu}) = \tilde{D}_{\rho}X^{K}\tilde{D}_{\nu}X^{I}M^{IKJ}\tilde{D}_{\lambda}X^{J}$. The solution can be iteratively derived by $B^{\mu} = B_{0}^{\mu} + B_{1}^{\mu}/T_{2}$, with

$$B_0^{\mu} = \frac{1}{X_+^2} \left(X_+^I \bar{D}^{\mu} X^I + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} F_{\nu\lambda} - x^{\mu} \right)$$
(3.6)

and

$$B_{1}^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{X_{+}^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{4} A^{II} X_{+}^{J} (\bar{D}^{\mu} X^{J} - X_{+}^{J} B_{0}^{\mu}) + \frac{\delta Z}{\delta B_{\mu}} \Big|_{B_{0}^{\mu}} + \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^{\rho \nu \lambda} \frac{\delta X_{\rho \nu \lambda}}{\delta B_{\mu}} \Big|_{B_{0}^{\mu}} \right),$$
(3.7)

where the expression of B_0^{μ} (3.6) is inserted into the last two derivative terms. Substituting this solution back into the low-energy Lagrangian of L_1 (3.1) we obtain the same leading Lagrangian as (2.31) through a relation

$$\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{I} - X^{I}_{+}B^{\mu}_{0} = P^{IJ}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J} - \frac{1}{X^{2}_{+}}X^{I}_{+}F^{\mu}$$
(3.8)

and the following correction terms of order $1/T_2$

$$\frac{1}{T_2} \operatorname{STr} \left((\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I - X^I_+ B_{0\mu}) X^I_+ B^{\mu}_1 + \frac{1}{8} A^{II} (\bar{D}_{\mu} X^J - X^J_+ B_{0\mu}) (\bar{D}^{\mu} X^J - X^J_+ B^{\mu}_0) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{8} (A^{IJ} A^{JI} - \frac{1}{4} (A^{II})^2) - Z(B^{\mu}_0) + F^{\mu} B_{1\mu} - \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} X_{\mu\nu\lambda} (B^{\mu}_0) \right).$$
(3.9)

The subleading terms except for the terms including $X_{\mu\nu\lambda}(B_0^{\mu})$ and $\delta X_{\rho\nu\lambda}/\delta B_{\mu}|_{B_0^{\mu}}$ are described by

$$\frac{1}{T_{2}} \operatorname{STr} \left[\frac{1}{8} \left(A^{KK} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{J} - A^{II} \frac{F_{\mu} F^{\mu}}{X_{+}^{2}} + A^{IJ} A^{JI} - \frac{1}{4} (A^{II})^{2} \right) \\
+ \frac{1}{4} \left(\bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^{J} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^{K} P_{KL} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{L} + \frac{2F_{\mu} F_{\nu}}{X_{+}^{2}} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^{J} + \frac{(F_{\mu} F^{\mu})^{2}}{(X_{+}^{2})^{2}} \right) \\
- \frac{1}{8} \left((\bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{J})^{2} + \frac{2F_{\mu} F^{\mu}}{X_{+}^{2}} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^{J} + \frac{(F_{\mu} F^{\mu})^{2}}{(X_{+}^{2})^{2}} \right) \\
+ \frac{1}{2X_{+}^{2}} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} m^{IK} m^{KJ} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{J} \right].$$
(3.10)

It is noted that the SO(8) vectors $\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}$ are contracted with $(m^{2})^{IJ}$ and the projection operator P_{IJ} which is due to (3.8). The expression (3.10) is confirmed to agree with (2.34). Thus we have observed that these subleading terms obtained by the iterative procedure for the B_{μ} integration in the low-energy Lagrangian reproduces the previous expression (2.34) which is derived by the low-energy expansion of the effective DBI-type Lagrangian generated by the exact B_{μ} integration.

The remaining terms lead to

$$-\frac{i}{2T_2} \operatorname{STr}\left(\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} X_{\mu\nu\lambda}(B_0^{\mu}) + \epsilon^{\rho\nu\lambda} \frac{\delta X_{\rho\nu\lambda}}{\delta B_{\mu}} \Big|_{B_0^{\mu}} \left(\frac{X_+^I}{X_+^2} (\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I - X_+^I B_{0\mu}) + \frac{1}{X_+^2} F_{\mu} \right) \right)$$
$$= \frac{i}{2T_2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} \operatorname{STr}\left(\tilde{M}^{IJK} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J \bar{D}_{\lambda} X^K - \frac{3m^{IJ}}{X_+^2} F_{\mu} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^I \bar{D}_{\lambda} X^J \right), \quad (3.11)$$

where \tilde{M}^{IJK} is a totally antisymmetric tensor defined by

$$\tilde{M}^{IJK} = M^{IJK} - \frac{1}{X_{+}^{2}} \left(m^{IJ} X_{+}^{K} + m^{JK} X_{+}^{I} + m^{KI} X_{+}^{J} \right), \qquad (3.12)$$

which is orthogonal to X_+^I as $\tilde{M}^{IJK}X_+^I = 0$. This expression including single M^{IJK} is rewritten by

$$\frac{i}{2T_2} \operatorname{STr}(\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} \tilde{M}^{IJK} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J \bar{D}_{\lambda} X^K + 3m^{IJ} f^{\mu\nu} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J).$$
(3.13)

We see that there is a coupling between the gauge field strength $F^{\mu\nu}$ and $m^{IJ}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^{I}\bar{D}_{\nu}X^{J}$. The symmetrization in (3.13) is taken as

$$\frac{i}{2T_2} \operatorname{Tr}(\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} \tilde{M}^{IJK} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J \bar{D}_{\lambda} X^K + m^{IJ} f^{\mu\nu} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J + m^{IJ} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I f^{\mu\nu} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J + m^{IJ} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^I \bar{D}_{\nu} X^J f^{\mu\nu}), \qquad (3.14)$$

where the first term remains intact.

Now we turn to the other type of non-linear Lagrangian for non-Abelian BF membranes

$$L_{2} = -T_{2} \mathrm{STr} \left(\sqrt{-\det \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{T_{2}} \tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{I} (S_{2}^{-1})^{IJ} \tilde{D}_{\nu} X^{J} \right)} (\det S_{2})^{1/6} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} \left(\mathrm{Tr} (B_{\mu} F_{\nu\lambda}) - \frac{i}{T_{2}} \mathrm{STr} (\tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{K} \tilde{D}_{\nu} X^{I} M^{IKN} (S_{2}^{-1})^{NJ} \tilde{D}_{\lambda} X^{J}) \right)$$

$$+ (\partial_{\mu} X_{-}^{I} - \mathrm{Tr} (X^{I} B_{\mu})) \partial^{\mu} X_{+}^{I} - \mathrm{Tr} \left(\frac{X_{+} \cdot X}{X_{+}^{2}} \hat{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \partial^{\mu} X_{+}^{I} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{X_{+} \cdot X}{X_{+}^{2}} \right)^{2} \partial_{\mu} X_{+}^{I} \partial^{\mu} X_{+}^{I} \right),$$

$$(3.15)$$

where the symmetric tensor S_2^{IJ} is defined by

$$S_2^{IJ} = \delta^{IJ} - \frac{1}{2T_2} B^{IJ}$$
(3.16)

with $B^{IJ} = M^{IKM} M^{JKM} \equiv (M^2)^{IJ}$. We make the following low-energy expansion for the non-linear term in (3.15)

$$-T_{2}N + \operatorname{STr}\left[-\frac{1}{2}\tilde{D}_{\mu}X^{I}\tilde{D}^{\mu}X^{I} + \frac{1}{12}B^{II} + \frac{1}{T_{2}}\left(-W(B_{\mu}) + \frac{1}{24}\left(B^{II}\tilde{D}_{\mu}X^{J}\tilde{D}^{\mu}X^{J} + \frac{1}{2}B^{IJ}B^{JI} - \frac{1}{12}(B^{II})^{2}\right)\right)\right], \quad (3.17)$$

where

$$W(B_{\mu}) = \frac{1}{8} \left((\tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \tilde{D}^{\mu} X^{I})^{2} - 2 \tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \tilde{D}_{\nu} X^{I} \tilde{D}^{\nu} X^{J} \tilde{D}^{\mu} X^{J} + 2 \tilde{D}_{\mu} X^{I} B^{IJ} \tilde{D}^{\mu} X^{J} \right).$$
(3.18)

The algebraic equation of motion for B_{μ} is also given by

$$X^{I}_{+}(\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{I} - X^{I}_{+}B^{\mu}) + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda} - x^{\mu} = \frac{1}{T_{2}}\left(\frac{1}{12}B^{II}X^{J}_{+}(\bar{D}^{\mu}X^{J} - X^{J}_{+}B^{\mu}) + \frac{\delta W}{\delta B_{\mu}} + \frac{i}{2}\epsilon^{\rho\nu\lambda}\frac{\delta X_{\rho\nu\lambda}}{\delta B_{\mu}}\right), \quad (3.19)$$

whose solution is iteratively derived by $B^{\mu} = B_0^{\mu} + \tilde{B}_1^{\mu}/T_2$ where B_0^{μ} is the same expression as (3.6) and \tilde{B}_1^{μ} is

$$\tilde{B}_{1}^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{X_{+}^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{12} B^{II} X_{+}^{J} (\bar{D}^{\mu} X^{J} - X_{+}^{J} B_{0}^{\mu}) + \frac{\delta W}{\delta B_{\mu}} \Big|_{B_{0}^{\mu}} + \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^{\rho \nu \lambda} \frac{\delta X_{\rho \nu \lambda}}{\delta B_{\mu}} \Big|_{B_{0}^{\mu}} \right).$$
(3.20)

The substitution of this solution into the low-energy Lagrangian of L_2 (3.15) yields the same leading Lagrangian as (2.31) and the following subleading terms of order $1/T_2$

$$\frac{1}{T_2} \operatorname{STr} \left((\bar{D}_{\mu} X^I - X^I_+ B_{0\mu}) X^I_+ \tilde{B}^{\mu}_1 + \frac{1}{24} B^{II} (\bar{D}_{\mu} X^J - X^J_+ B_{0\mu}) (\bar{D}^{\mu} X^J - X^J_+ B^{\mu}_0) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{48} (B^{IJ} B^{JI} - \frac{1}{6} (B^{II})^2) - W(B^{\mu}_0) + F^{\mu} \tilde{B}_{1\mu} - \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} X_{\mu\nu\lambda} (B^{\mu}_0) \right) \right].$$
(3.21)

We use an identity $B^{II} = 3A^{II}$ to express (3.21) as sum of (3.11) and

$$\frac{1}{T_{2}} \operatorname{STr} \left[\frac{1}{8} \left(A^{KK} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{J} - A^{II} \frac{F_{\mu} F^{\mu}}{X_{+}^{2}} + \frac{1}{6} (M^{2})^{IJ} (M^{2})^{JI} - \frac{1}{4} (A^{II})^{2} \right) \right. \\
\left. + \frac{1}{4} \left(\bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^{J} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^{K} P_{KL} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{L} + \frac{2F_{\mu} F_{\nu}}{X_{+}^{2}} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^{J} + \frac{(F_{\mu} F^{\mu})^{2}}{(X_{+}^{2})^{2}} \right) \right. \\
\left. - \frac{1}{8} \left((\bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{J})^{2} + \frac{2F_{\mu} F^{\mu}}{X_{+}^{2}} \bar{D}_{\nu} X^{I} P_{IJ} \bar{D}^{\nu} X^{J} + \frac{(F_{\mu} F^{\mu})^{2}}{(X_{+}^{2})^{2}} \right) \right. \\
\left. - \frac{1}{4} \bar{D}_{\mu} X^{I} \bar{M}^{IMN} \bar{M}^{JMN} \bar{D}^{\mu} X^{J} \right],$$
(3.22)

where $\bar{M}^{IMN} = P^{IK}M^{KMN}$ and a relation $\bar{M}^{IMN}m^{MN} = 0$ is used. The $1/T_2$ corrections show almost similar expressions to (3.10) with two different terms which are a potential term $(M^2)^{IJ}(M^2)^{JI}/6$ and an interaction term $-\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I\bar{M}^{IMN}\bar{D}^{\mu}X^J/4$.

4 Conclusion

Without resort to the low-energy expansion we have performed the integration over one Chern-Simons nonpropagating B_{μ} gauge field exactly for the non-linear Lagrangian of the BF membrane theory in ref. [26], which includes terms with even number of M^{IJK} . We have observed that there appears a non-linear DBI-type Lagrangian for the worldvolume theory of N M2-branes where the other Chern-Simons A_{μ} gauge field is promoted to the SU(N) dynamical propagating gauge field.

In the non-linear DBI-type Lagrangian the coefficient factor of the modified field strength $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}$ takes a compact form $1/\sqrt{T_2 X_+^2}$ which yields the kinetic term of gauge field $-F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}/4X_+^2$ with a space-time dependent coupling field X_+^I in the leading lowenergy expansion. In the same way the linear term of F^{μ} also takes a compact interaction $\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I X_+^I F^{\mu}/X_+^2$. The subleading terms including dynamical gauge field strength $F_{\mu\nu}$ are expressed in terms of F^{μ} or alternatively $f_{\mu\nu}$ which is a specific combination of $F_{\mu\nu}$ and an SO(8) invariant contraction of scalar fields with the projection operator $\partial^{\mu}X_+^I P_{IJ}X^J$. In the subleading terms the SO(8) vectors $\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I$ are contracted with P^{IJ} and $(m^2)^{IJ}$ consisting of two M^{IJK} , which are orthogonal to X_+^I . This Lagrangian is regarded as the non-linear extension of the Janus field theory Lagrangian in ref. [11].

For the two types of non-linear BF Lagrangians in ref. [29] which include terms with even and odd number of M^{IJK} , we have made the low-energy expansion and then carried out the B_{μ} integration by solving its equation of motion in the presence of the $1/T_2$ order corrections through an iterative procedure. In the type one Lagrangian L_1 we have demonstrated that there appear indeed various terms at order $1/T_2$ in the iteratively B_{μ} integrated effective Lagrangian, but they except for terms with odd number of M^{IJK} are reshuffled to be in agreement with the $1/T_2$ order terms in the low-energy expansion of the above exactly B_{μ} integrated Lagrangian of the DBI form. In the type two Lagrangian L_2 the effective Lagrangian has been observed to have almost similar $1/T_2$ order corrections except for two terms, where $\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I$ are contracted with P^{IJ} as well as $\bar{M}^{IMN}\bar{M}^{JMN}$ which is also orthogonal to X_{+}^I . The remaining terms including single $M^{IJK}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I\bar{D}_{\nu}X^J\bar{D}_{\lambda}X^K$ and $m^{IJ}f^{\mu\nu}\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I\bar{D}_{\nu}X^J$ where the SO(8) vectors $\bar{D}_{\mu}X^I$ are contracted with the tensors \tilde{M}^{IJK} and m^{IJ} which are orthogonal to X_{+}^I .

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