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We discuss some possible refinements and some string theory constructions which might lead to a more complete picture. e-print archive: http://lanl.arXiv.org/abs/hep-th//0804.1561 88 SERGEI GUKOV AND EDWARD WITTEN 157 8 Stringy constructions of rigid surface operators 160 8.1 Holographic description 160 90 SERGEI GUKOV AND EDWARD WITTEN 8.2 Application: SO(2N) gauge theory 162 8.3 Intersecting brane models 164 8.4 Bubbling geometries 166 Acknowledgments 168 Appendix A Rigid nilpotent orbits for exceptional groups 169 Appendix B Orthogonal and symplectic Lie algebras and duality 171 References 176 RIGID SURFACE OPERATORS 95 \hat{I}^\pm . More exactly, to study N = 4 super Yang-Mills theory in the presence of the surface operator, one performs the path integral (or one quantizes) in a space of fields that take the form given in equation (2.4) modulo terms that are less singular than 1/r. There are two important caveats. First, it turns out that one can add an additional parameter \hat{I}^\pm , also t-valued. \hat{I}^\pm is a sort of two-dimensional theta angle and plays an important role because it transforms into \hat{I}^\pm under duality. (For rigid surface operators, \hat{I}^\pm at most has only a discrete analog.) Second, to quantize in the presence of the singularity described in (2.4), one should divide only by gauge transformations that, along the locus D of the singularity, take values in the subgroup of G that commutes with \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , and \hat{I}^3 (and \hat{I}^\pm). Generically, this subgroup is the maximal torus T. But in general, it may be any subgroup L of G that contains T. Such a subgroup is called a Levi subgroup. In studying a surface operator of this type, we regard the choice of L as part of the definition. Having chosen L, we pick \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , \hat{I}^3 , and \hat{I}^\pm to be an L-regular quadruple, meaning that the subgroup of G that commutes with all four of them is precisely L. Then, to calculate Yang-Mills observables in the presence of the surface operator, we perform a path integral over fields with the indicated type of singularity, dividing by gauge transformations that along D are L-valued. This gives a surface operator that varies smoothly with \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , \hat{I}^3 , \hat{I}^\pm as long as those parameters form an L-regular quadruple. But when the parameters are varied so that the unbroken group becomes a larger group L', a singularity emerges. In a sense, the residue of this singularity is a surface operator that can be constructed in the same way, but starting with L' rather than L. One of the main ideas in [2] was to study the monodromies in the space of L'-regular parameters. Limit for \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , $\hat{I}^3 \rightarrow 0$ As a preliminary to discussing rigid surface operators, we will consider what happens to the above construction in the limit that \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , $\hat{I}^3 \rightarrow 0$. To keep things simple, we begin with the case G = SU(2). For more detail on the following, see [2, Section 3.3]. The naive idea is that the singularity of A and \hat{I}^\pm is linear in \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , and \hat{I}^3 , so that if we set \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , \hat{I}^3 to zero, there is no singularity and no surface operator. However, as we have already noted, the definition of the surface operator is that A and \hat{I}^\pm have singularities proportional to \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , \hat{I}^3 modulo terms that are less singular than 1/r. Generically, for \hat{I}^\pm , \hat{I}^2 , $\hat{I}^3 \rightarrow 0$, we should not conclude that A and \hat{I}^\pm are non-singular, but only that they are less singular than 1/r. 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