

# Many-body Strong Field Physics: From Mott insulators to holographic QCD

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# Strong Field Physics in **high energy** physics

Target: "the" vacuum

Method:

(1) Free electron laser

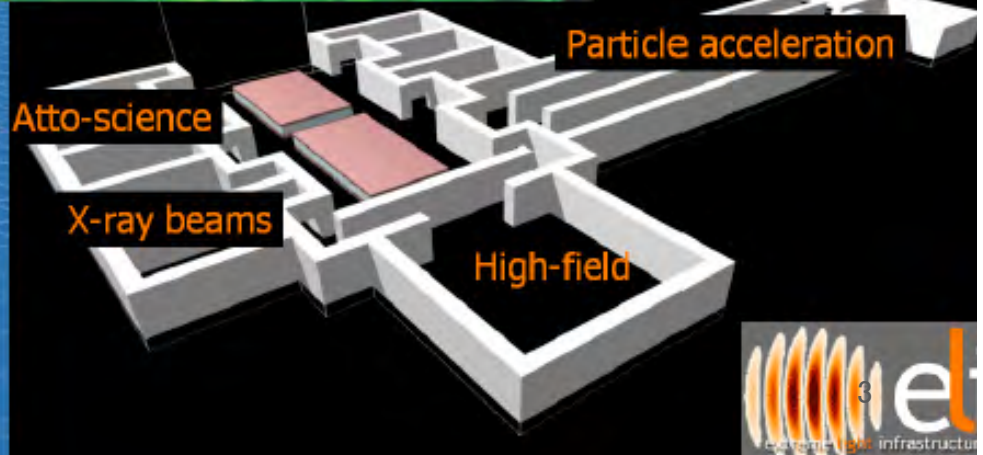
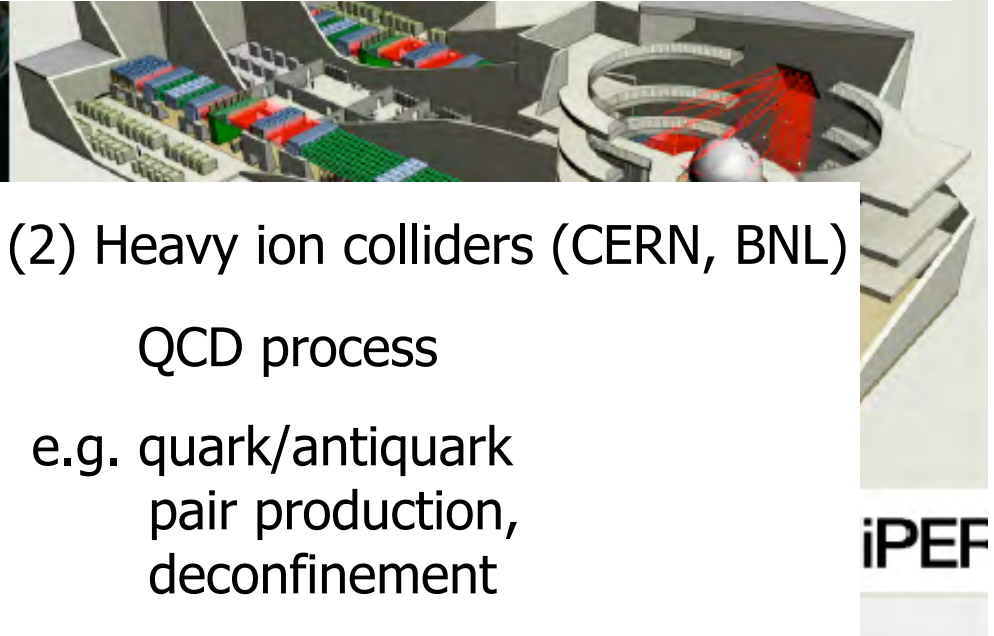
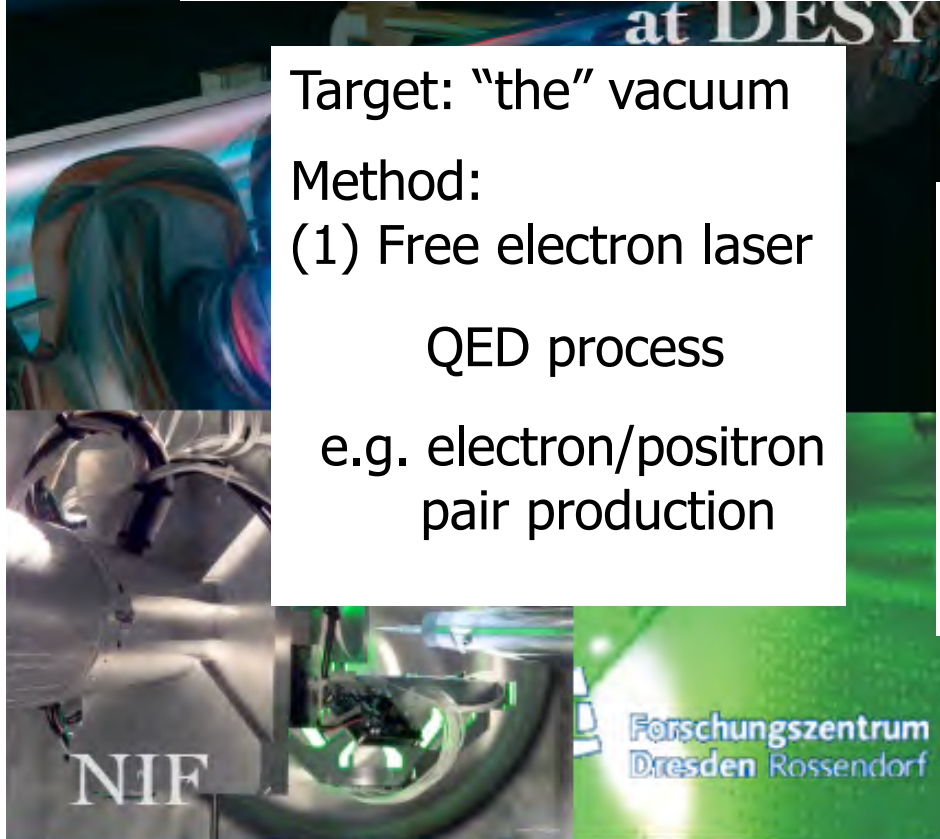
QED process

e.g. electron/positron  
pair production

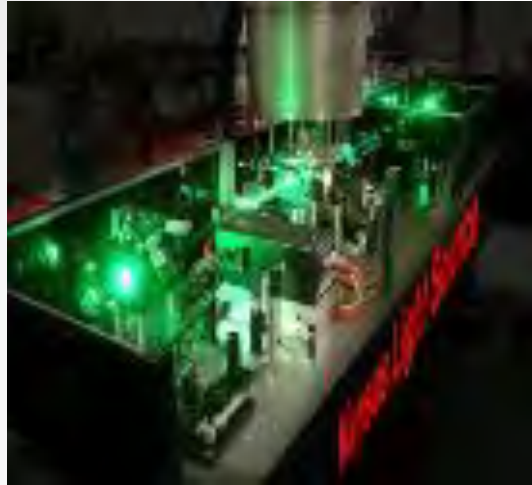
(2) Heavy ion colliders (CERN, BNL)

QCD process

e.g. quark/antiquark  
pair production,  
deconfinement



# Strong Field Physics in **condensed matter** physics



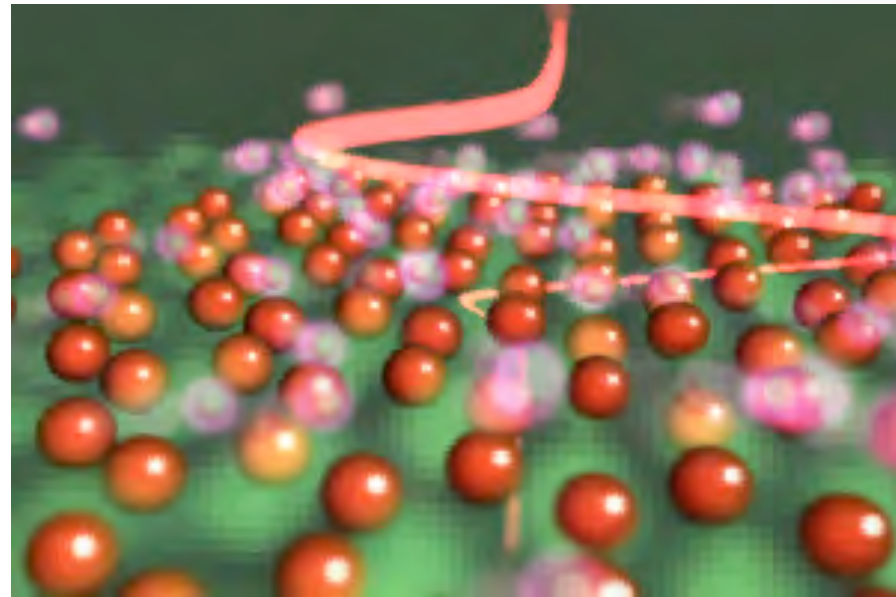
Ultrafast pump-probe,  
Time resolve ARPES

Target: materials

“Different materials host different universe”

**graphene, TMD ~ 2+1D Dirac system**

**Mott insulator ~ “pseudo-”confinement**



animation by K. Tanaka (Kyoto)

## Basic problems

1. Schwinger effect [Schwinger 1951](#)

= pair production by quantum tunneling in  $E$ -fields

2. Floquet physics

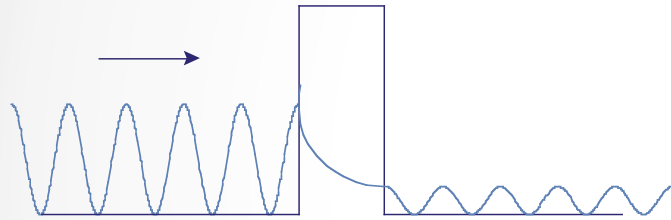
= stationary noneq. state in periodic driving

# 1. Schwinger mechanism

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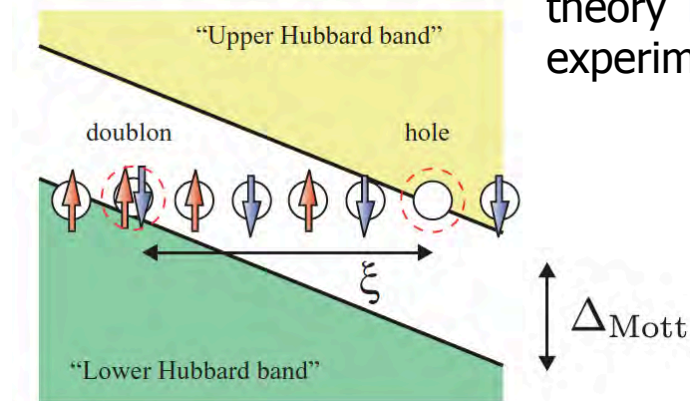
Dirac particle: [Schwinger 1951](#)  
([Heisenberg-Euler 1936](#), [Zener 1932](#))

Usual tunneling

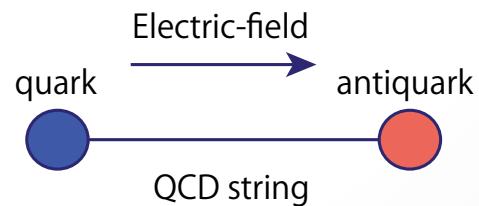


## (1.a) Dielectric breakdown in a Mott insulator

theory [TO, Arita, Aoki PRL '03](#)  
experiment [Mayer \*et al.\* PRB '15](#)

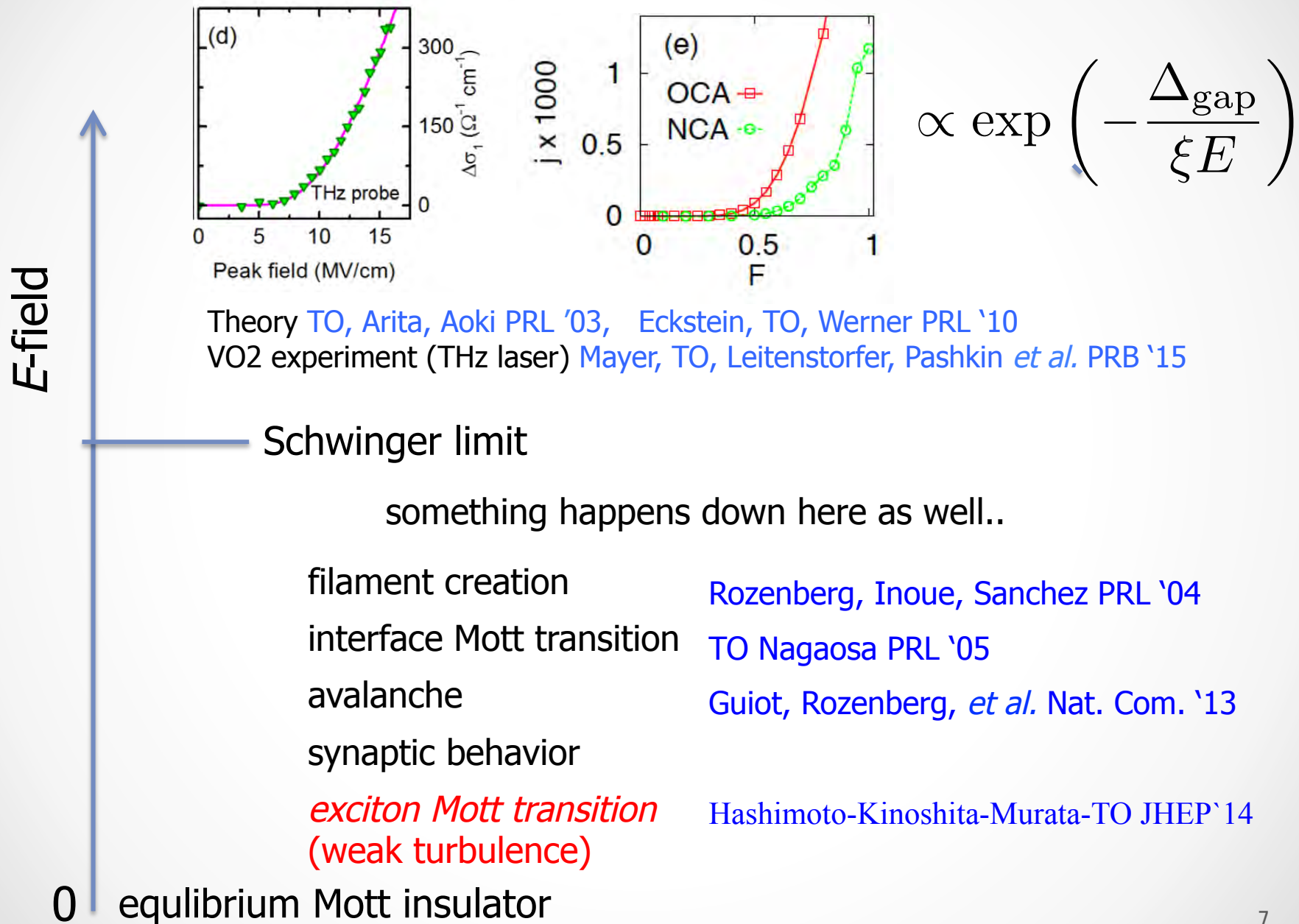


## (1.b) Schwinger mechanism in QCD



Pull apart quark pairs  
Leads to deconfinement

# Controversy in the *dielectric breakdown* in correlated insulators



## 2. Floquet physics

= stationary noneq. state in periodic driving

Classical example: Kapitza's inverted pendulum



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Also possible in quantum many-body systems (sine-Gordon model)

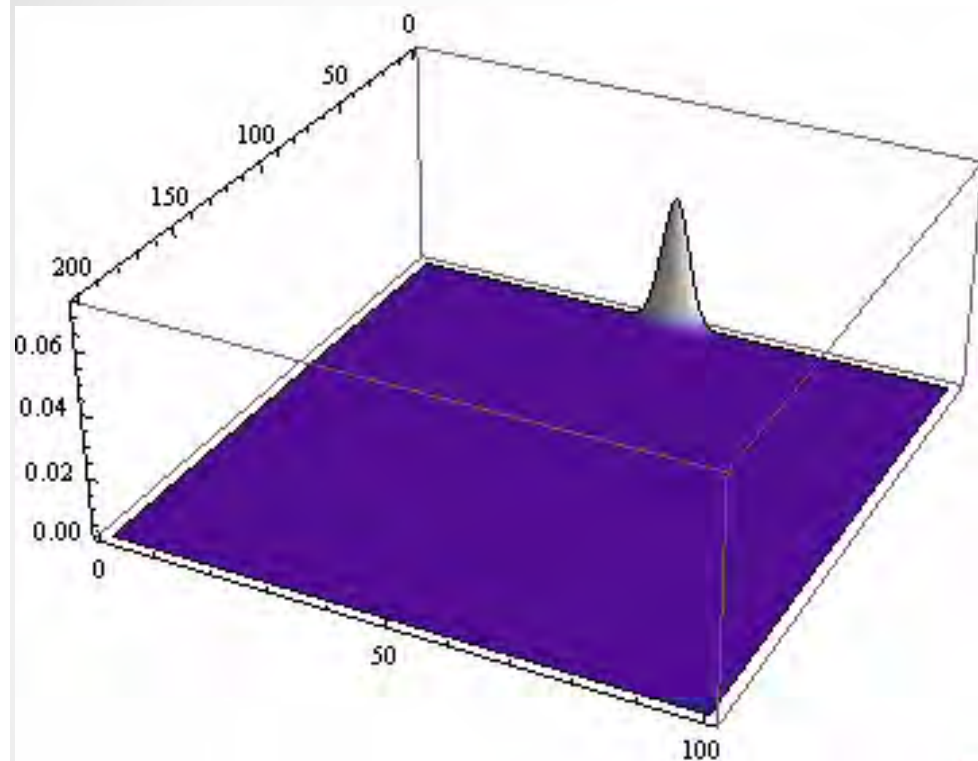
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R. Citro, E. G. Dalla Torre, L. D'Alessio, A. Polkovnikov, M. Babadi, TO, and E. Demler, '15

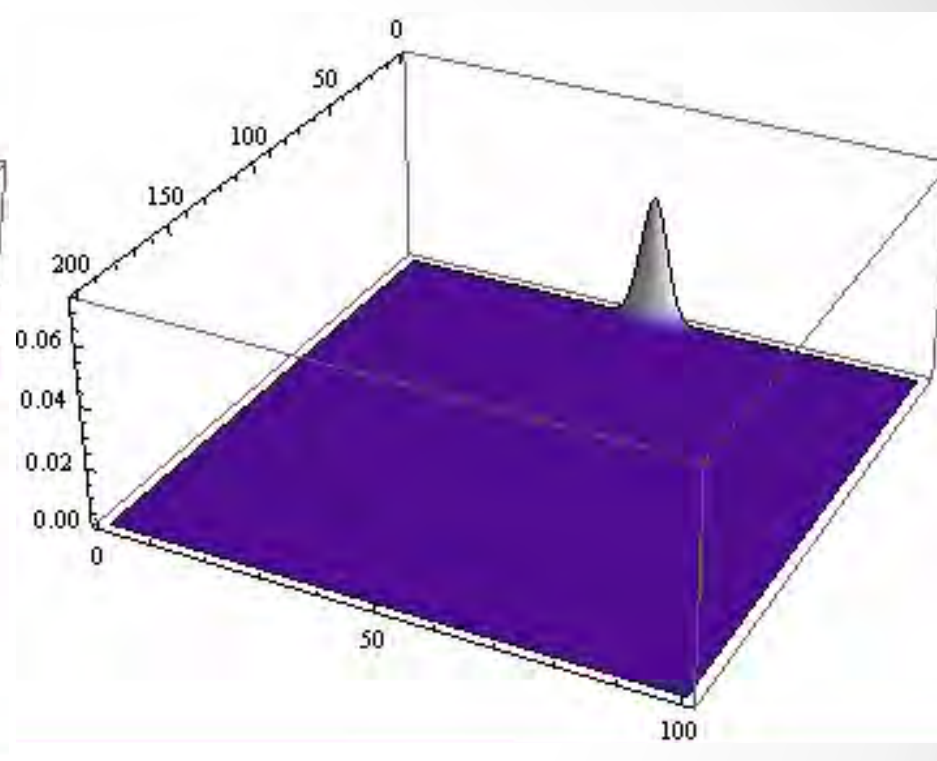


# Floquet topological state

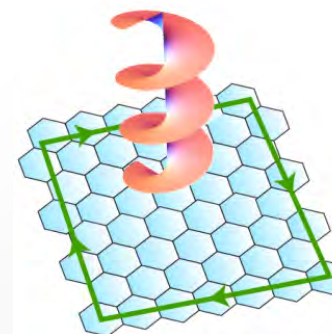
## Wave packet dynamics in a honeycomb lattice



Without field

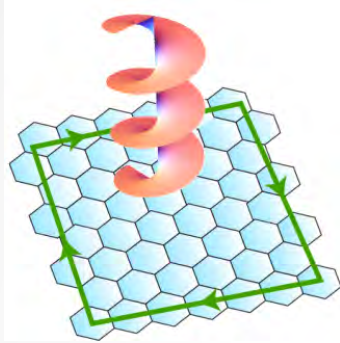


With circularly polarized laser



# Floquet topological state

Topological Hall effect  
by circularly polarized laser



TO, Aoki PRB '09

Kitagawa, TO, Fu, Brataas, Demler PRB '11

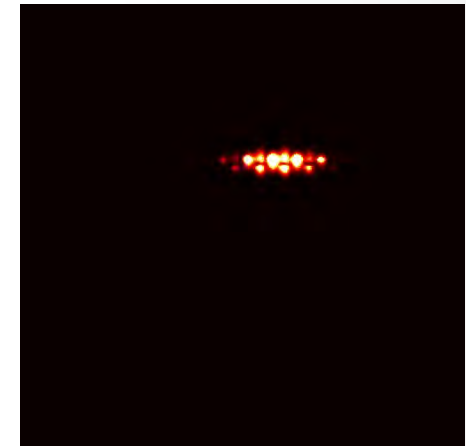
Floquet Chern insulator

Experiment 1 "Laser induced Hall effect in graphene"

*Karch et al. (Ganichev@Regensburg) PRL '10, '11*

Experiment 2 "Photonic Floquet topological insulator"

*Rechtsman et al. Nature '13*



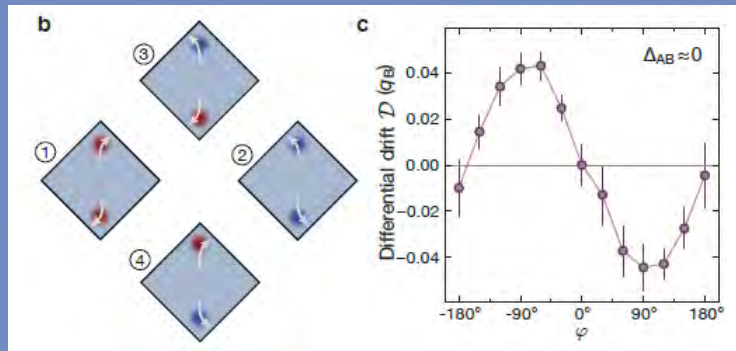
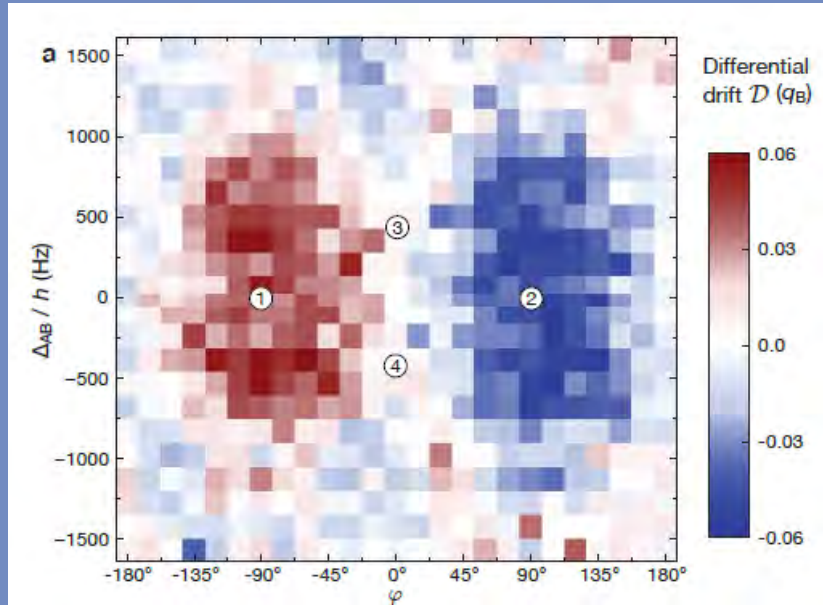
Experiment 3 "Observation of Floquet-Bloch States  
on the Surface of a Topological Insulator"

*Wang et al. (Gedik MIT) Science '13*

Related theory papers:

*Lindner et al. Nat. Phys. '11, ...*

## Drift measurement $\sim$ conductivity

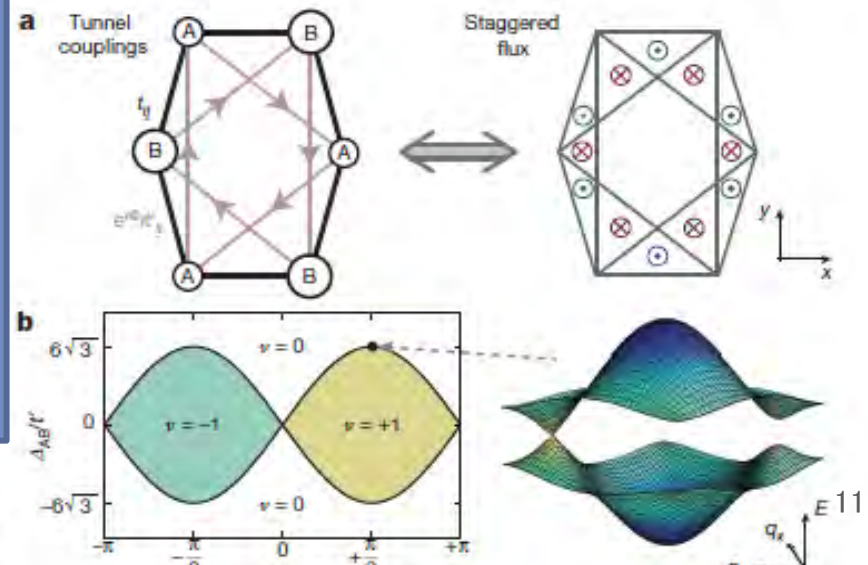


vanishing gap at a single Dirac point, we map out this transition line experimentally and quantitatively compare it to calculations using Floquet theory without free parameters. We verify that our approach, which allows us to tune the topological properties dynamically, is suit-

# of the topological Haldane ions

<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Uehlinger<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Greif<sup>1</sup> & Tilman Esslinger<sup>1</sup>  
ETH group, Nature '14

tunnelling<sup>13</sup>. In higher dimensions this allowed the study of phase transitions<sup>14,15</sup>, and topologically trivial staggered fluxes were realized<sup>16,17</sup>. Furthermore, uniform flux configurations were observed using rotation and laser-assisted tunnelling<sup>18,19</sup>, although for the latter method, heating seemed to prevent the observation of a flux in some experiments<sup>20</sup>. In a honeycomb lattice, a rotating force, as proposed by T. Oka and H. Aoki, can induce the required complex tunnelling<sup>7</sup>. Using arrays of coupled waveguides, a classical version of this proposal was used to study topologically protected edge modes in the inversion-symmetric regime<sup>21</sup>. We



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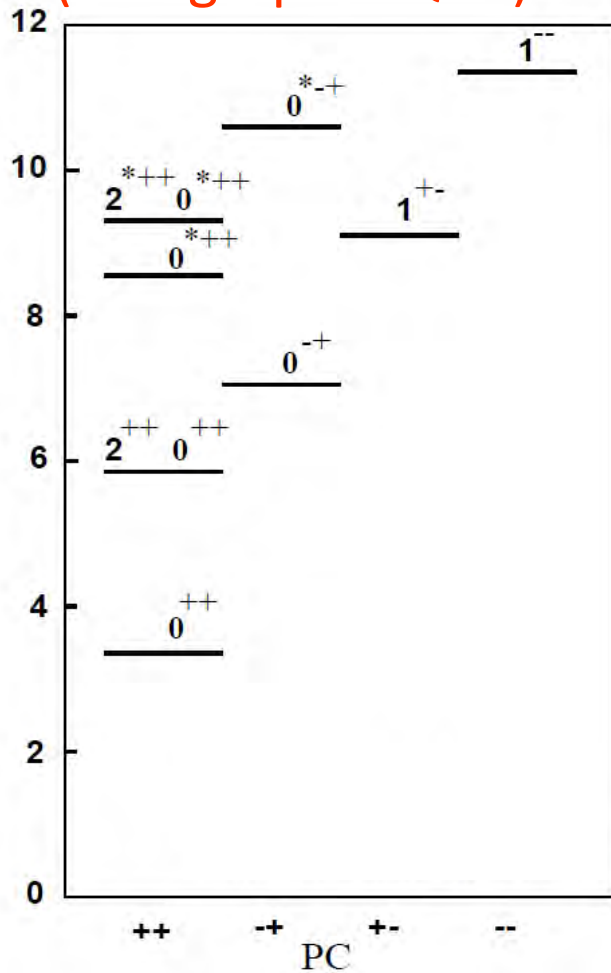
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Superstring: better than simulations?

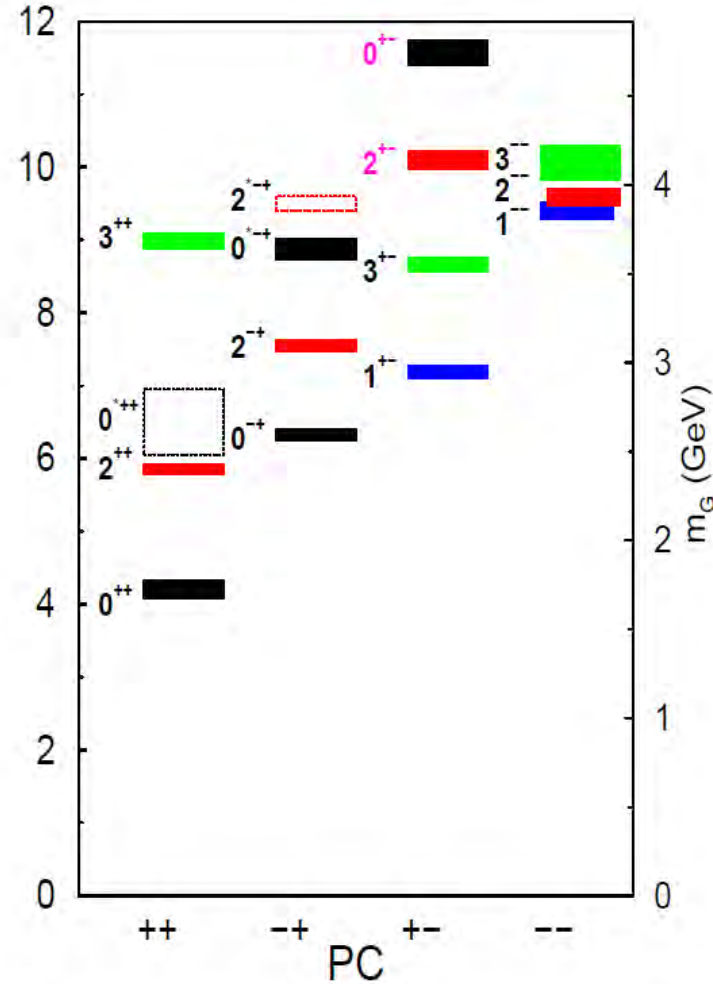
Superstring  
(holographic QCD)

meson spectrum

Lattice QCD



[Brower, Mathur, Tan (03)]



[Morningstar, Peardon (99)]

## Our team and motivation

string theory

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A. Sonoda

general relativity

K. Murata

S. Kinoshita

condensed matter

T. Oka

posters

New phenomena  
in string theory

Dynamics of  
"extended" Black holes

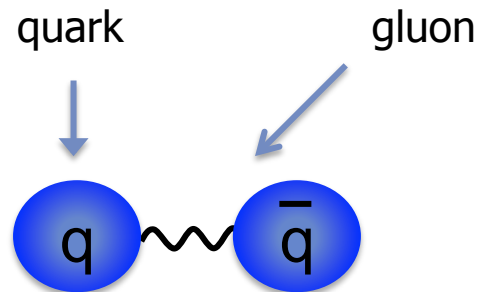
Effect of correlation  
in noneq. quantum dynamics



"Holography" is our link

$N=2$  super symmetric QCD (large  $N_c$  limit)

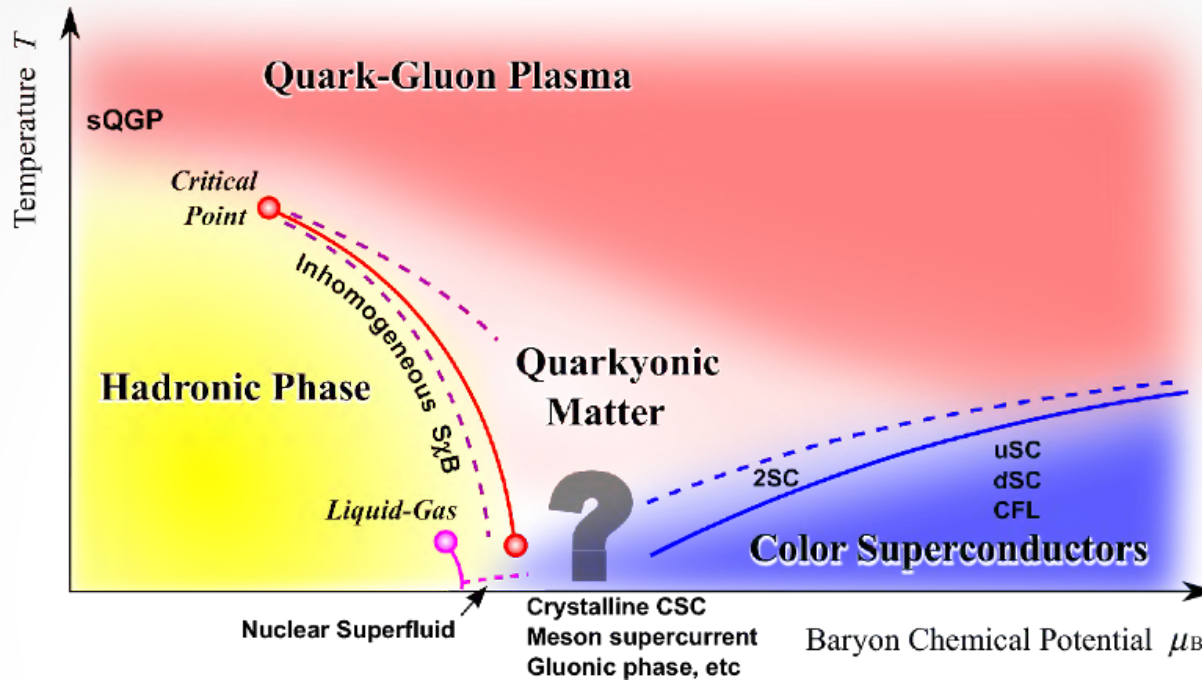
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi}_i i(\gamma^\mu D_\mu)_{ij} \psi_j - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} + \text{SUSY partners}$$



+ interaction mediated by gluons

3+1d Dirac fermion

# Proposed phase diagram of QCD (Fukushima, Hatsuda, ..)



Are you bad enough?

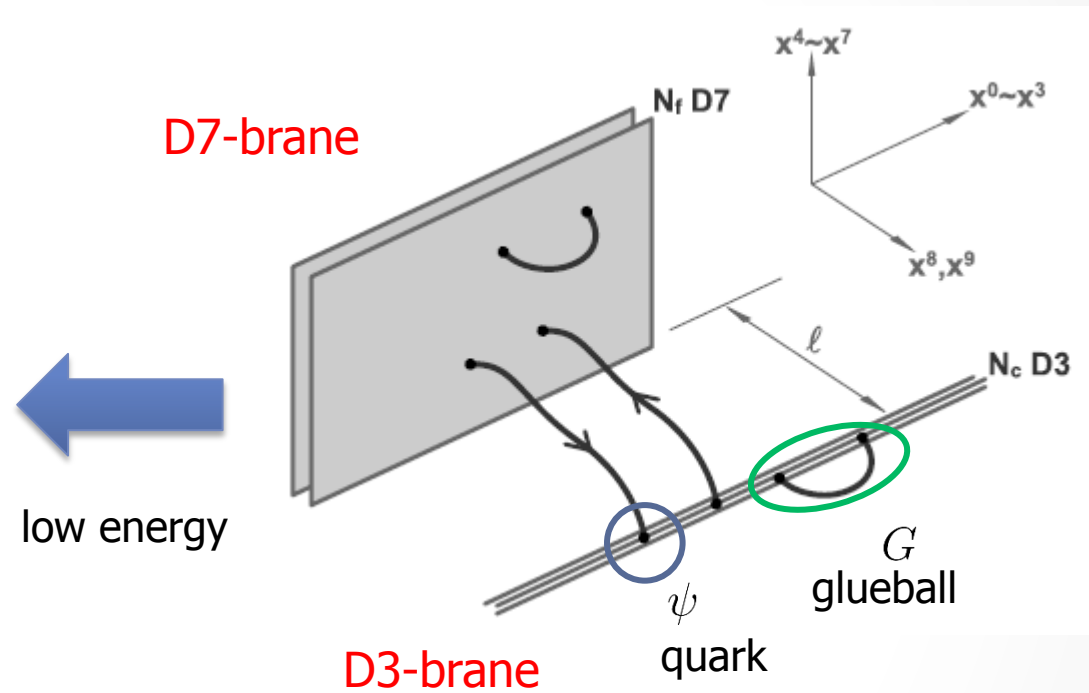
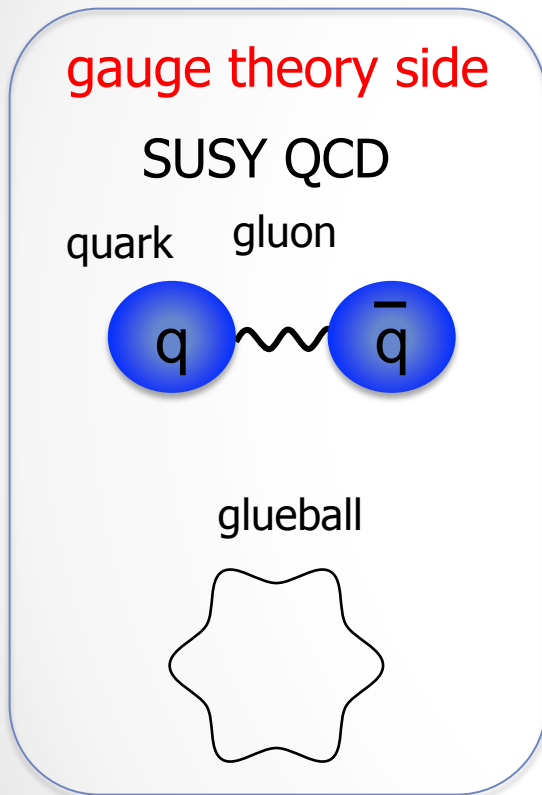


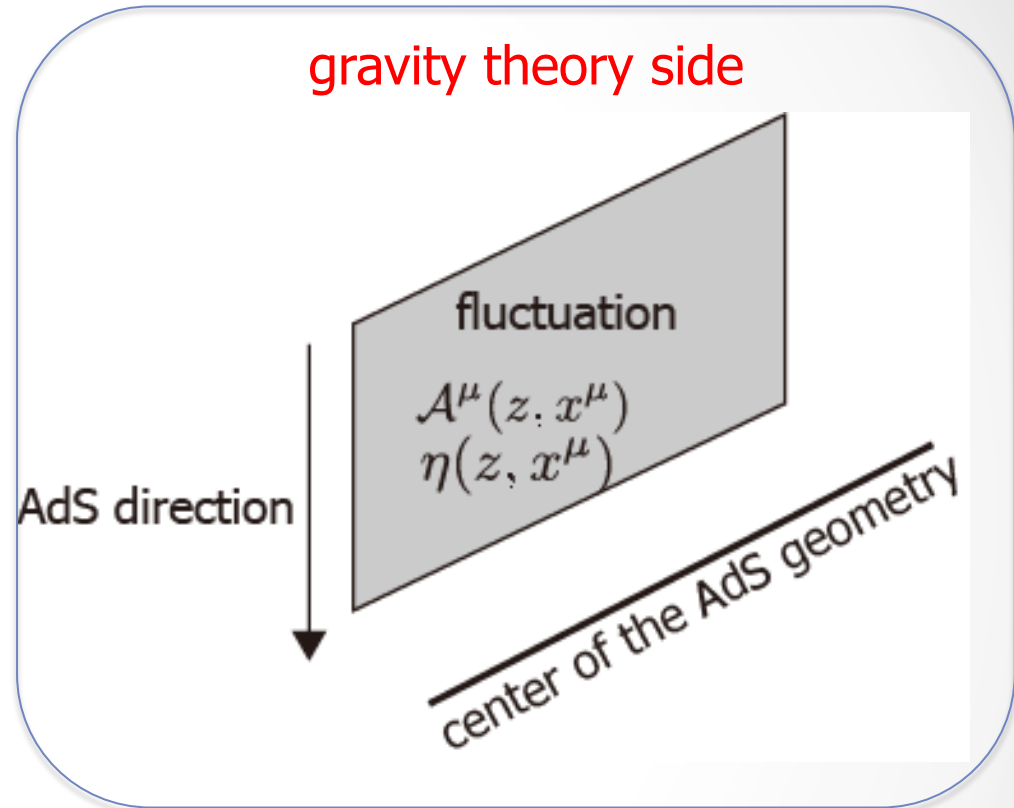
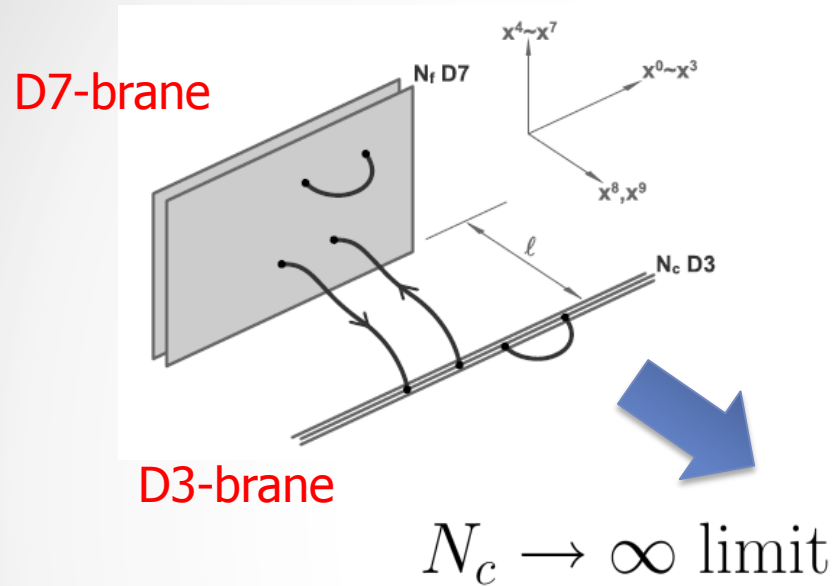
Probably yes

e.g. S-shape IV in the Hadron phase [S. Nakamura PTP '10, PRL'12](#)



### D3/D7 configuration (string theory)



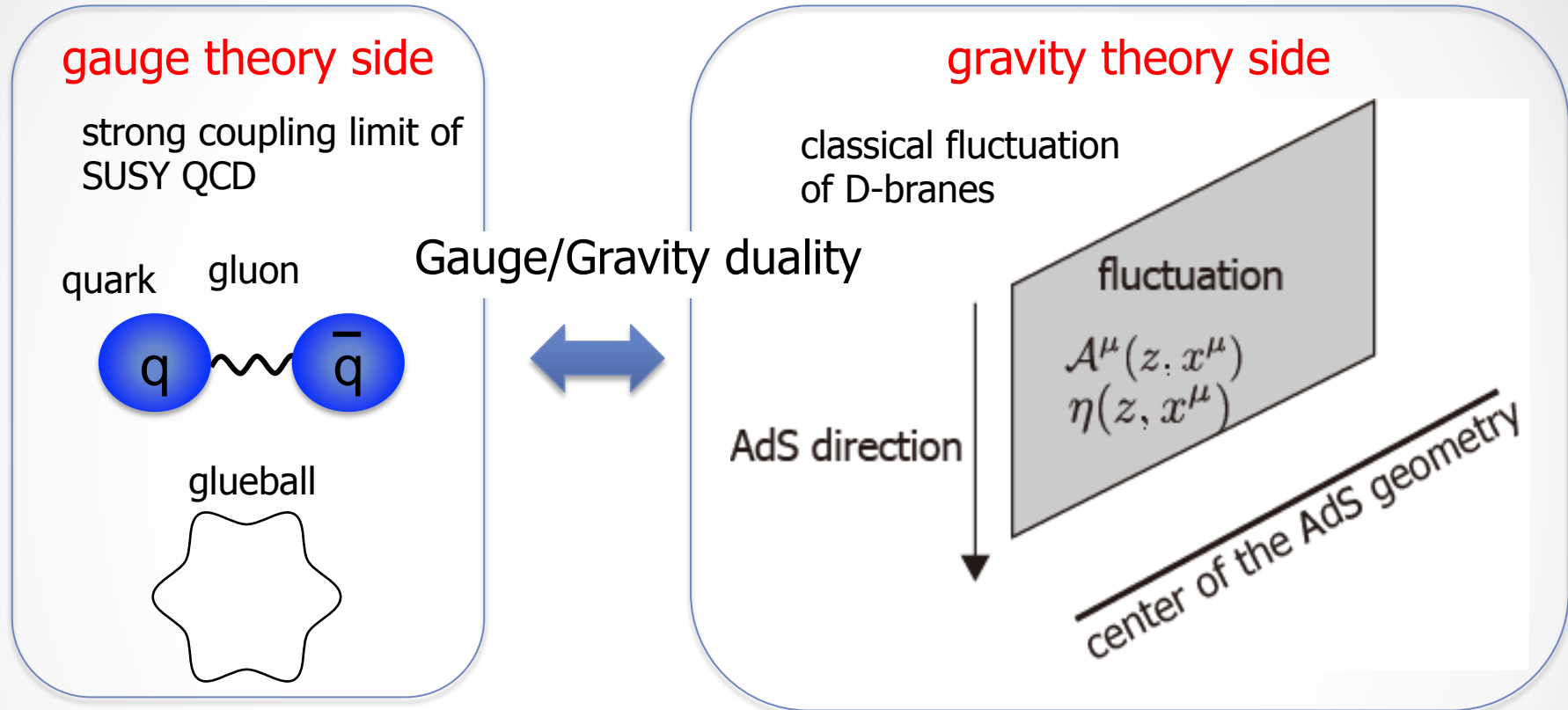


Dirac-Born-Infeld (DBI) action governs the classical fluctuation

$$S_{\text{DBI}} = -T_p \int d\sigma e^{-\Phi} \sqrt{-\det(g_{mn} + 2\pi\alpha' \mathcal{F}_{mn})}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{mn} = \partial_m \mathcal{A}_n - \partial_n \mathcal{A}_m$$

review: Erdmenger *et al.* 0711.4467  
 Kim *et al.* 1205.4852



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# Equation of motion

$$S_{\text{DBI}} = -T_p \int d\sigma e^{-\Phi} \sqrt{-\det(g_{mn} + 2\pi\alpha' \mathcal{F}_{mn})}$$



$$-\partial_z \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{z^6}{R^4} d^2 \partial_z A_1}}{z \sqrt{1 - \frac{z^4}{R^4} \{(\partial_0 A_1)^2 - (\partial_z A_1)^2\}}} \right) + \partial_0 \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{z^6}{R^4} d^2 \partial_0 A_1}}{z \sqrt{1 - \frac{z^4}{R^4} \{(\partial_0 A_1)^2 - (\partial_z A_1)^2\}}} \right) = 0$$

“nonlinear Maxwell equation + AdS metric”

cf Maxwell equation

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$



$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

\* The actual equations are much more complicated

$$K_1 V_{,uv} = \frac{3}{2} Z (Z\Psi)_{,u} (Z\Psi)_{,v} + \frac{3}{2} \tan(Z\Psi) \{ (Z\Psi)_{,u} V_{,v} + (Z\Psi)_{,v} V_{,u} \}$$

$$K_1 Z_{uv} = -\frac{3}{2} Z F (Z\Psi)_{,u} (Z\Psi)_{,v} - \frac{1}{2} K_3 (F V_{,u} V_{,v} + V_{,u} Z_{,v} + V_{,v} Z_{,u})$$

general relativity

K. Murata

S. Kinoshita

$$+ \frac{\tan(Z\Psi)}{Z} (Z\Psi)_{,u} (Z\Psi)_{,v} \{ K_2 - 3Z\Psi \tan(Z\Psi) \} \{ (Z\Psi)_{,u} Z_{,v} + (Z\Psi)_{,v} Z_{,u} \} - \frac{\Psi}{2Z} \left( K_3 + \frac{3 \tan(Z\Psi)}{Z^2 \Psi} \right) (F V_{,u} V_{,v} + V_{,u} Z_{,v} + V_{,v} Z_{,u}) - \frac{3\Psi}{Z^2} Z_{,u} Z_{,v} + \frac{F Z^2 \Psi}{2} \left( K_2 - \frac{3 \tan(Z\Psi)}{F Z \Psi} \right) a_{x,u} a_{x,v}, \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$K_1 a_{x,uv} = \frac{3}{2} \tan(Z\Psi) \{ (Z\Psi)_{,u} a_{x,v} + (Z\Psi)_{,v} a_{x,u} \} + \frac{1}{2Z} K_2 (Z_{,u} a_{x,v} + Z_{,v} a_{x,u}), \quad (\text{B.8})$$

where functions  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  and  $K_3$  are defined as

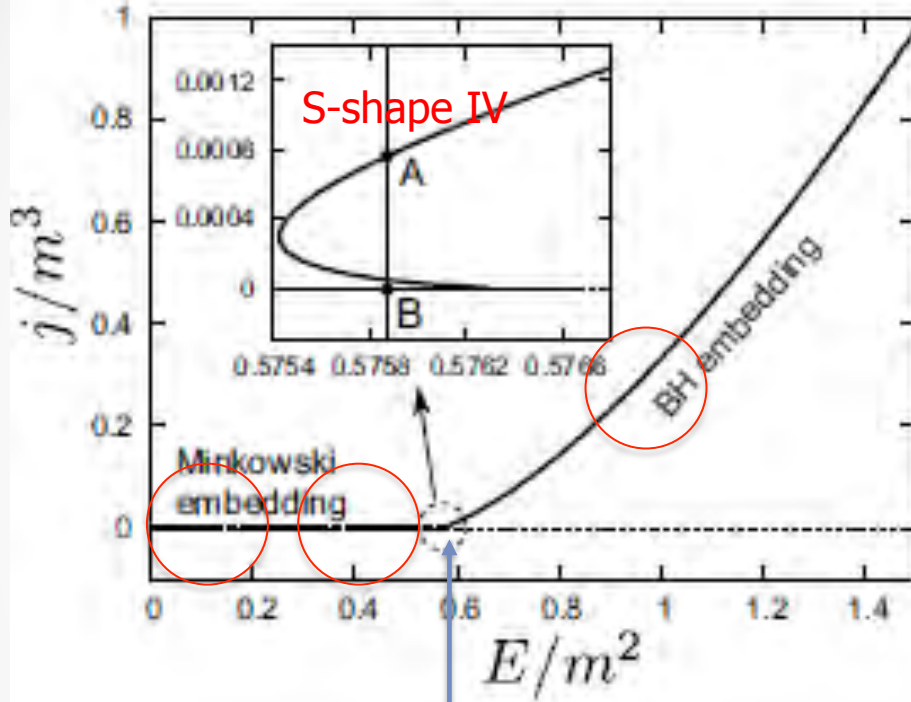
$$K_1 = 1 + d^2 \frac{Z^6}{\cos^6(Z\Psi)}, \quad K_2 = 1 - 2d^2 \frac{Z^6}{\cos^6(Z\Psi)}, \quad K_3 = F_{,Z} - 5 \frac{F}{Z} + d^2 \frac{Z^6}{\cos^6(Z\Psi)} \left( F_{,Z} - 2 \frac{F}{Z} \right). \quad (\text{B.9})$$

# Static $I$ - $V$ -characteristics in holographic QCD

Hashimoto-Kinoshita-Murata-TO JHEP '14

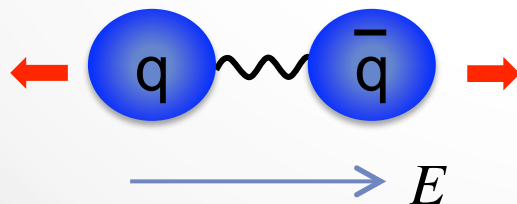
S-shape  $I$ - $V$  in the Hadron phase

first obtained by S. Nakamura PTP '10, PRL'12

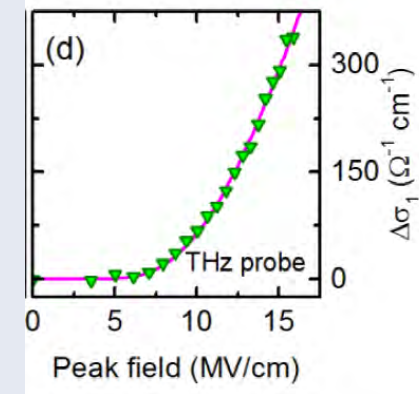


$E_{cr}$

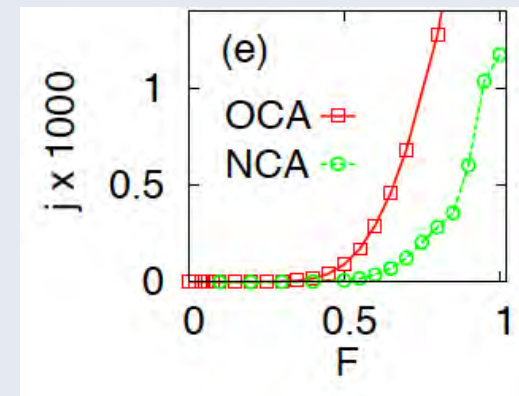
QCD Schwinger limit  
= confining force



VO2 experiment (THz laser)  
Mayer, TO, Leitenstorfer, Pashkin *et al.* PRB '15



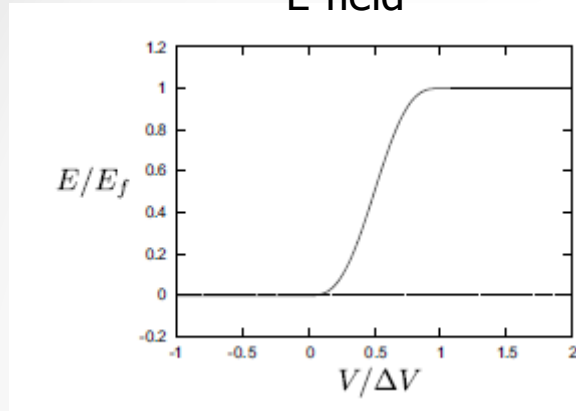
Hubbard model (noneq.DMFT)  
Eckstein, TO, Werner PRL '10



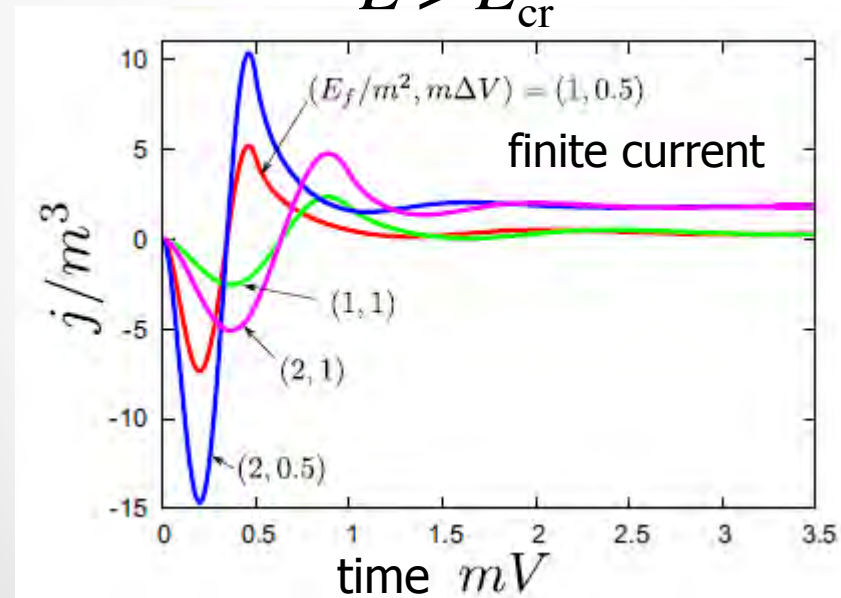
# E-field quench above the Schwinger limit

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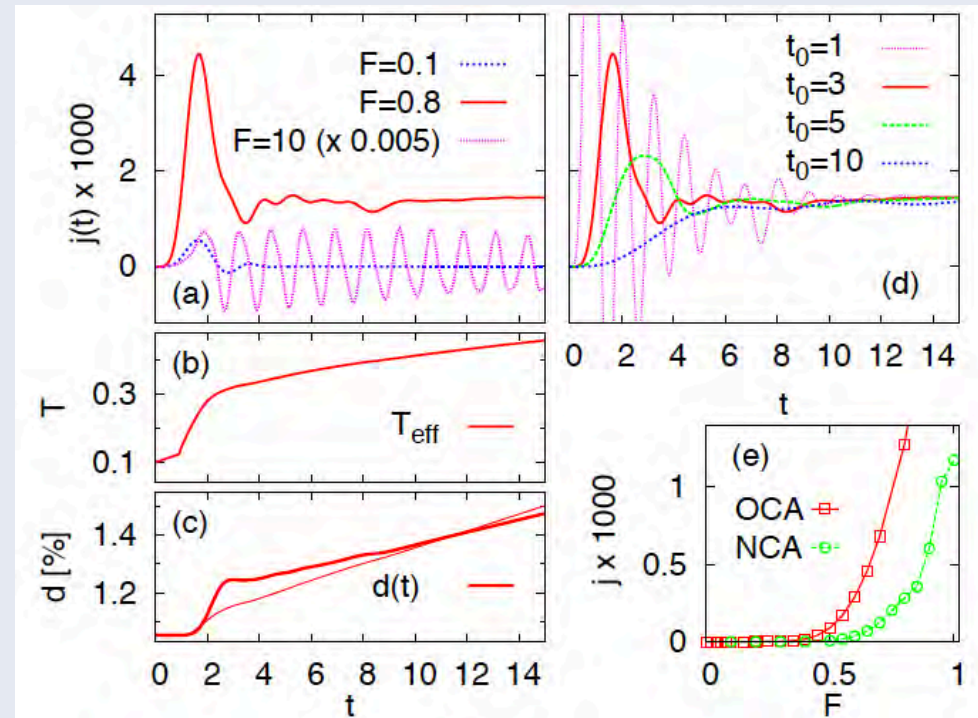
E-field



$E > E_{cr}$



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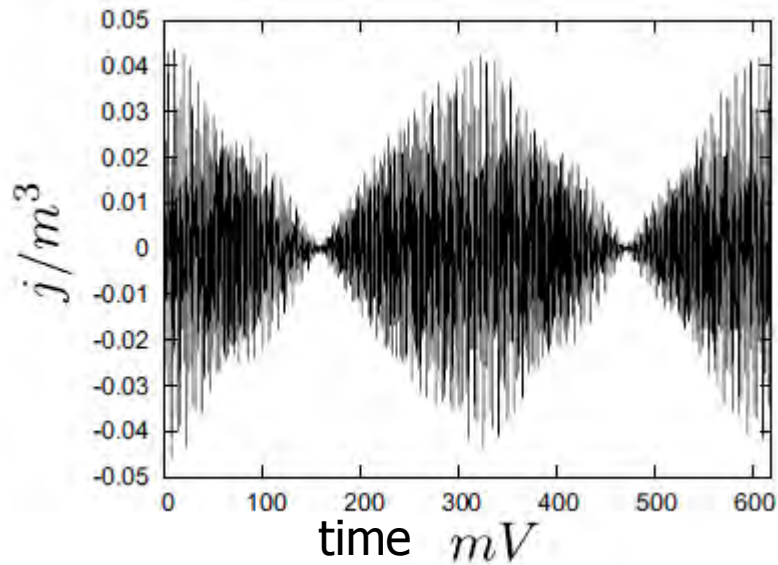
# E-field quench in subcritical fields

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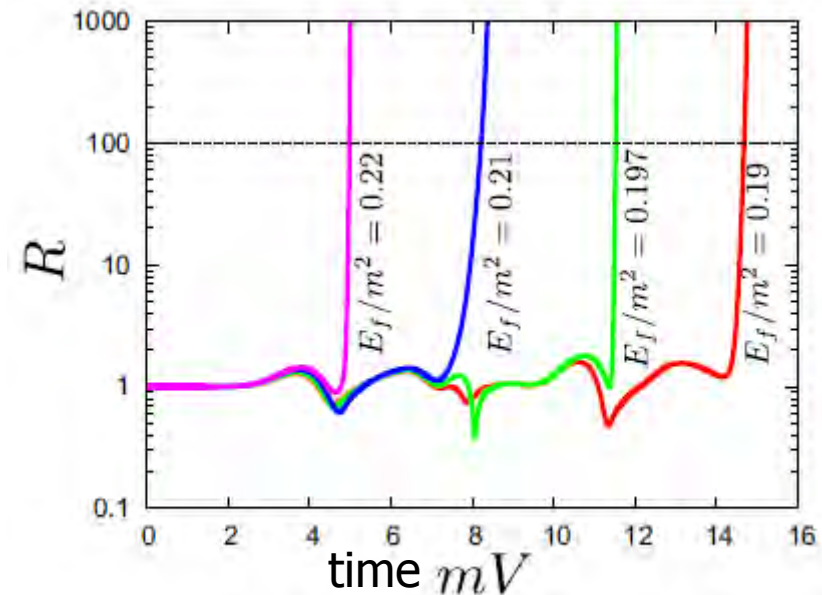
$$E < E_{\text{cr}}$$

very weak field

moderate field



coherent oscillation  
of mesons (excitons)



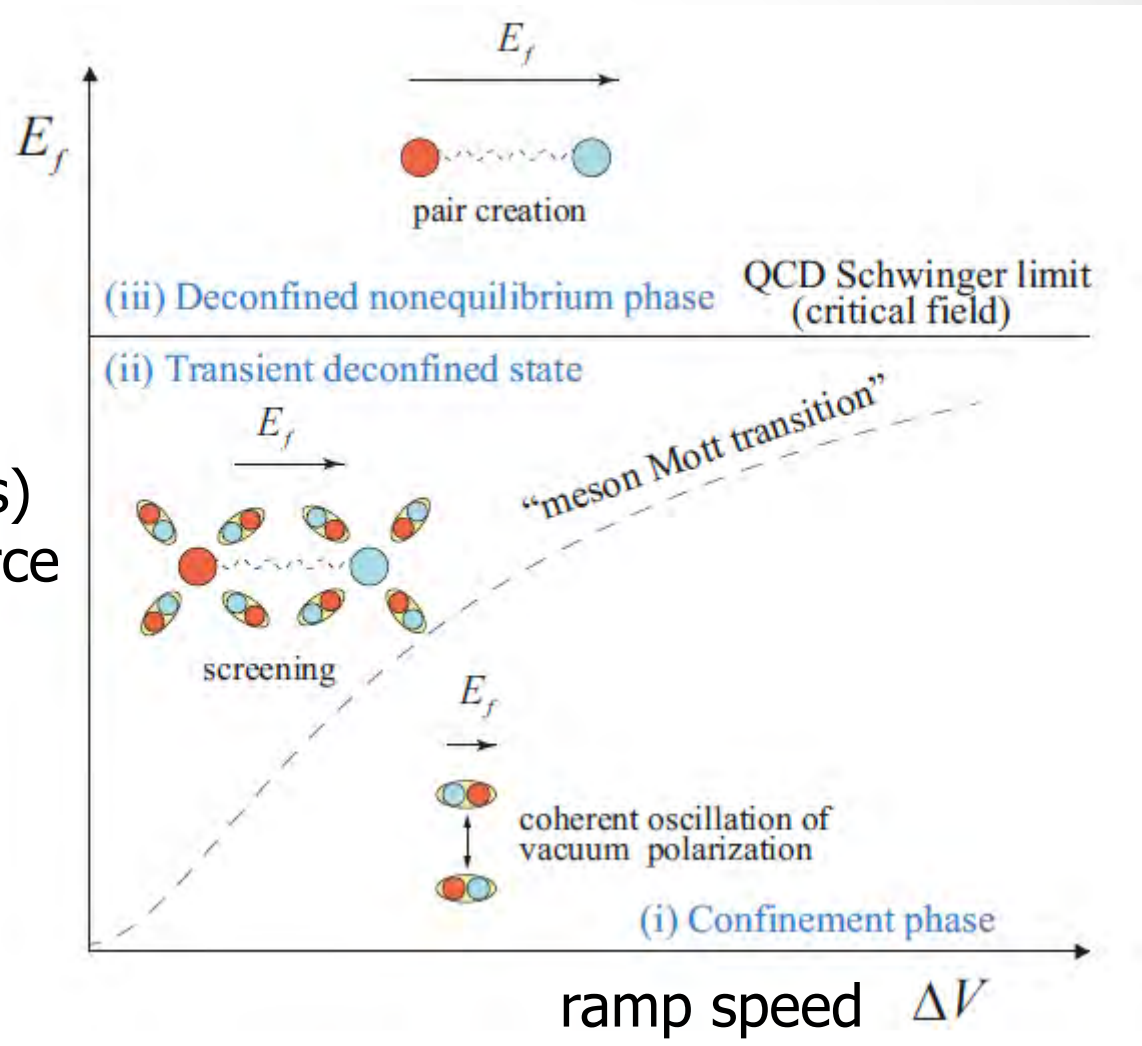
(b) redshift factor

indication of deconfinement

# E-field phase diagram of N=2 SQCD

Hashimoto-Kinoshita-Murata-TO JHEP'14

Excited excitons (mesons) screens the attractive force





## Summary

Holography is a powerful tool in nonequilibrium physics

1. Dielectric breakdown in QCD and Mott insulator
2. Floquet state (Holographic Floquet Weyl semimetal)

It is also important to develop reliable condensed matter theories and compare, e.g. noneq. DMFT.

Aoki, Tsuji, Eckstein, Kollar, TO, Werner, RMP '14