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It is well known that a linear operator,  $T$ , between two Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is weakly compact if and only if  $T^{**}$  is  $Y$ -valued. The same statement doesn't hold in the setting of multilinear operators. Concretely, there exist multilinear operators  $T : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow Y$  which are not weakly compact whose Aron-Berner extension is unique and  $Y$ -valued. Recent contributions by Peralta, Villanueva, Wright and Ylinen introduce the right and strong\* topologies in the study of those multilinear operators  $T$  whose Aron-Berner extension is  $Y$ -valued. It was proved that, in a wide class of Banach spaces (including  $C^*$ -algebras and  $JB^*$ -triples), a multilinear operator admits an  $Y$ -valued Aron-Berner extension if and only if it is quasi completely continuous, that is, jointly sequentially strong\*-to-norm continuous.

We shall present some new advances in the study of those linear operators between Banach spaces which are strong\*-to-norm continuous obtained in collaboration with J. Diestel and D. Puglisi. We shall also survey new results establishing necessary and sufficient conditions to guarantee that a holomorphic mapping of bounded type  $f$  between two Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  admits an  $Y$ -valued Aron-Berner extension. (Received January 17, 2010)