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Chiral solitons for robust informatics

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Storing and manipulating information in robust ways is of prime interest in various fields of science and technology. Using topologically protected local excitations, such robust informatics may be realized. In magnetic information processing, the recent interest is focused on topological excitations of spins such as skyrmions. In electronic systems, Majorana Fermions of topological edge states are expected to realize topological quantum computation. This talk reviews our recent approach to this issue, which deals with new types of solitons in electronic systems. We will discuss an one dimensional topological insulator, atomic wires in a charge density wave ground state, and its soliton edge state. We recently identified individual electronic solitons in indium atomic wires on silicon surfaces. Due to the wire's unique structure composed of double Peierls atomic chains, this system constitutes an unprecedented Z_4 topological system and its edge excitations correspond to solitons with chiral dimension. These chiral solitons can store four-level information, which is protected topologically. We further demonstrate the switch-ability of this multi-level information through the soliton-soliton interaction or the soliton fusion. Through this series of works, the possibility of multi-level, topologically protected, information processing is demonstrated for the first time, which I would like to call 'solitonics'.



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