

# Möbius Quantum Computation: A New Topological Boundary Framework for Quantum Information Processing

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Topology has become a central concept in modern quantum physics, providing the mathematical foundation for geometric phases, topological states of matter, and robust quantum information protocols. In this work, we propose a new topological boundary framework for quantum information processing based on the non-orientable geometry of the Möbius strip. Rather than considering topology solely as a property of the physical substrate, we investigate its role as an active boundary condition influencing quantum-state evolution. We develop a correspondence between quantum dynamics in the computational Hilbert space and their representation on a Möbius manifold, where the characteristic boundary identification introduces a boundary-induced topological contribution to the effective evolution. This conceptual framework provides a geometric interpretation of topology-induced quantum dynamics and suggests new directions for incorporating non-orientable topology into quantum information processing and coherent error cancellation. Possible physical implementations and future developments are discussed.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Quantum computation exploits the principles of quantum mechanics to process information in ways that have no classical counterpart. Superposition, entanglement, and unitary evolution provide the basis for quantum algorithms that can outperform their classical analogues in selected computational tasks [1–3, 5, 6]. During the past decades, substantial progress has been achieved in the development of quantum hardware, quantum error correction, and topological quantum matter, establishing quantum information science as one of the major frontiers of modern physics.

Over the past several decades, topology has emerged as one of the fundamental organizing principles of modern quantum physics. Geometric phases have revealed the role of global geometrical structures in quantum mechanics [4, 7–9], while topological insulators, topological superconductors, and topological quantum computation have demonstrated that global topological properties can profoundly influence quantum dynamics [10–16]. In these approaches, topology is primarily employed to characterize physical phases or to protect quantum information against local perturbations.

In this paper we explore a different perspective. We investigate whether the topology associated with a non-orientable boundary can itself contribute to the description of quantum evolution and quantum information processing. Our motivation is based on one of the simplest non-orientable manifolds in mathematics—the Möbius strip [17, 18]. Owing to its unique boundary identification, the Möbius strip provides a natural setting for examining how non-orientable topology may influence quantum-state evolution and information.

The central idea developed in this work is that the

Möbius boundary condition can be systematically incorporated into the mathematical description of quantum evolution through a boundary-induced topological contribution. Its main points are the following :

(i) Rather than modifying the foundations of quantum mechanics, the proposed framework enriches the conventional Hilbert-space description by introducing a geometrically motivated boundary condition.

(ii) This establishes a correspondence between the abstract evolution of quantum states and their representation on a Möbius manifold, providing a new viewpoint on the relationship between geometry, topology, and quantum information processing.

(iii) In this sense, Möbius non-orientable topology is treated not only as a geometric property but also as an effective ingredient of quantum-state evolution and as a resource to optimize quantum information processing: coherent error cancellation.

The purpose of this paper is therefore to establish the theoretical foundations of this framework. We first review the geometric properties of the Möbius strip and formulate the corresponding boundary condition. We then discuss its incorporation into quantum-state evolution and present a conceptual model illustrating how non-orientable topology may contribute to quantum information processing. Finally, we discuss possible physical realizations and future research directions.

## II. MÖBIUS TOPOLOGY AND BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

The Möbius strip is the simplest compact non-orientable surface possessing a single continuous boundary. It may be constructed by identifying the opposite

edges of a rectangular strip after a half-twist. If the strip is parameterized by the coordinates  $(x, y)$ , with  $x \in [0, L]$  and  $y \in [0, 1]$ , the boundary identification is given by

$$(x, 0) \equiv (L - x, 1). \quad (1)$$

This global identification distinguishes the Möbius strip from orientable manifolds such as the cylinder. While a cylindrical geometry preserves orientation after one complete circuit, a Möbius strip reverses orientation, reflecting its non-orientable character.

The non-orientability of the Möbius strip has important mathematical consequences and motivates the present work. In particular, the boundary identification suggests that quantum states evolving on such a manifold may acquire global topological properties absent in conventional orientable geometries. Rather than interpreting the Möbius strip merely as a geometrical object, we regard its boundary identification as a mathematical constraint that may influence the effective description of quantum evolution.

Let  $\psi(x, y)$  denote a wavefunction represented on the Möbius computational manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ . The non-orientable boundary condition imposes the constraint

$$\psi(x, 0) = \psi(L - x, 1), \quad (2)$$

up to a possible internal transformation associated with spin, polarization, or other degrees of freedom. More generally, we write

$$\psi(x, 0) = \mathcal{B}_M \psi(L - x, 1), \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_M$  denotes the Möbius boundary operator implementing the non-orientable identification on the quantum state. In this first formulation,  $\mathcal{B}_M$  is introduced as an effective operator encoding the topological action of the boundary condition.

### III. QUANTUM EVOLUTION UNDER MÖBIUS BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

Consider a quantum state  $|\psi(t)\rangle$  evolving in a computational Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_D$  under a reference Hamiltonian  $H_0$ . In the absence of the Möbius constraint, the evolution is generated by the unitary propagator

$$U_0(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} H_0 t\right). \quad (4)$$

The introduction of the Möbius boundary condition modifies the global structure of the admissible state space. This motivates the definition of an effective Möbius Hamiltonian

$$H_M = H_0 + H_{\text{top}}, \quad (5)$$

where  $H_{\text{top}}$  denotes the contribution induced by the non-orientable boundary condition.

The corresponding effective propagator is

$$U_M(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} H_M t\right). \quad (6)$$

Equivalently, one may express the topological modification as a functional dependence on the boundary operator,

$$U_M = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{B}_M) U_0, \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  maps the topological boundary action into an effective contribution to quantum evolution.

The action of the Möbius boundary operator on a quantum state may be written in the compact form

$$|\psi_M\rangle = \mathcal{B}_M |\psi\rangle, \quad (8)$$

so that the effective Möbius evolution acts on the state as

$$U_M |\psi\rangle = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{B}_M) U_0 |\psi\rangle. \quad (9)$$

It is also useful to write the effective propagator as

$$U_M = U_0 + \Delta U_M, \quad (10)$$

where  $\Delta U_M$  denotes the boundary-induced topological contribution associated with the non-orientable Möbius identification.

In the adiabatic or geometric-phase regime, the action of the Möbius boundary condition may be represented by a phase factor,

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{B}_M) = e^{i\gamma}, \quad (11)$$

leading to the compact expression

$$U_M = e^{i\gamma} U_0. \quad (12)$$

Here  $\gamma$  denotes a geometric or topological phase associated with the closed trajectory induced by the Möbius identification. Equation (12) should be understood as an effective description valid under conditions where the boundary contribution can be reduced to a global phase.

#### A. Illustrative Example: A Single Qubit under Möbius Boundary Conditions

To illustrate the physical consequences of Möbius boundary conditions, we consider the simplest possible quantum system: a single qubit propagating coherently along a one-dimensional closed trajectory embedded in a Möbius strip.

Let the computational basis be

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (13)$$

An arbitrary qubit state is

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle, \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1. \quad (14)$$

Unlike an ordinary ring, a Möbius strip possesses only one continuous boundary. After one complete circuit around the strip, the local orientation is reversed. Consequently, the quantum state does not simply return to itself but instead undergoes a non-trivial topological transformation,

$$|\psi(2\pi)\rangle = U_M |\psi(0)\rangle, \quad (15)$$

where  $U_M$  denotes the Möbius evolution operator.

A simple representation consistent with orientation inversion is

$$U_M = e^{i\gamma} \sigma_x, \quad (16)$$

with  $\sigma_x$  the Pauli operator

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (17)$$

and  $\gamma$  is a purely geometric phase accumulated during the traversal.

The resulting state becomes

$$|\psi(2\pi)\rangle = e^{i\gamma} (\beta|0\rangle + \alpha|1\rangle), \quad (18)$$

showing that the Möbius topology naturally exchanges the computational basis states while simultaneously imprinting a global geometric phase.

More generally, the effective evolution may be written as

$$U_{\text{eff}} = e^{-iH_{\text{eff}}T/\hbar}, \quad (19)$$

where the effective Hamiltonian contains a conventional dynamical contribution together with a purely topological component,

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_0 + H_{\text{topo}}. \quad (20)$$

The operator  $H_{\text{topo}}$  is not associated with a local interaction but instead arises from the global topology of the configuration space and the non-orientable boundary conditions of the Möbius strip.

This simple example illustrates the central idea developed throughout this work: logical operations can emerge from topological boundary conditions themselves rather than from braiding non-Abelian quasiparticles. The topology acts as an intrinsic quantum resource, allowing unitary transformations that are globally protected by geometry.

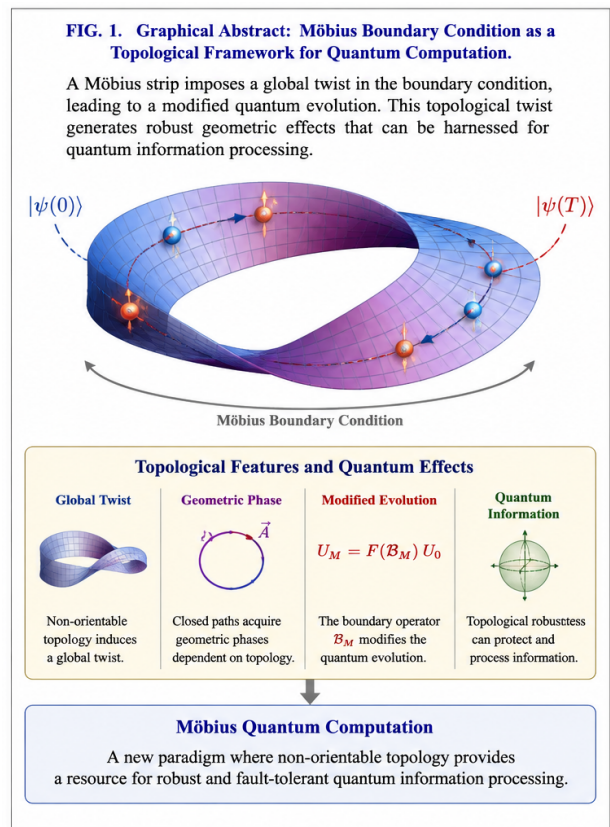


FIG. 1. Graphical abstract of the proposed Möbius quantum computation framework. The figure summarizes a main idea of the paper: a quantum state evolves under an effective non-orientable Möbius boundary condition, producing a boundary-induced topological contribution to the quantum dynamics.

## B. Algebraic Properties of the Möbius Evolution Operator

The non-orientability of the Möbius strip imposes characteristic algebraic properties on the corresponding quantum evolution operator.

Let the Möbius operator be defined as

$$U_M = e^{i\gamma} \sigma_x, \quad (21)$$

where  $\gamma$  denotes the geometric phase accumulated during one complete traversal.

Since

$$\sigma_x^2 = \mathbb{I}, \quad (22)$$

one immediately obtains

$$U_M^2 = e^{i2\gamma} \mathbb{I}. \quad (23)$$

Equation (23) expresses the fundamental topological property of the Möbius geometry: although a single circuit reverses the local orientation, two consecutive circuits restore the initial orientation.

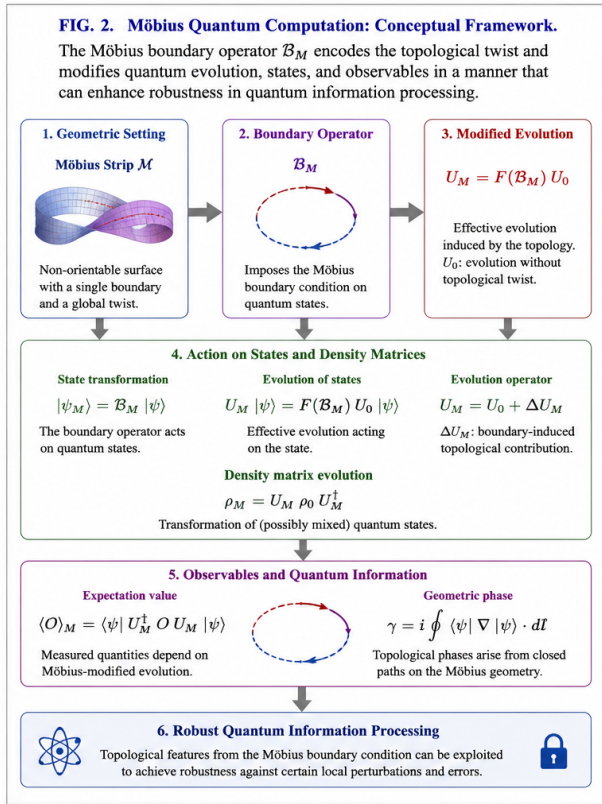


FIG. 2. Möbius boundary condition as a topological principle for quantum information processing. The diagram illustrates the correspondence between quantum evolution in the computational Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_D$  and dynamics on a non-orientable Möbius manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ . A quantum state evolves from  $|\psi_i\rangle$  to  $|\psi_f\rangle$  while tracing a closed trajectory on the Möbius strip. The boundary identification  $(x, 0) \equiv (L - x, 1)$  introduces a global  $180^\circ$  topological twist, which may be represented in the geometric-phase regime by an effective factor  $e^{i\gamma}$  and an evolution operator  $U_M = e^{i\gamma} U_0$ .

The eigenvalues of  $U_M$  are

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \pm e^{i\gamma}, \quad (24)$$

with corresponding eigenvectors

$$|+\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad |-\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}. \quad (25)$$

Therefore, the Möbius topology naturally defines a preferred logical basis whose relative phase is determined exclusively by the global geometry of the system.

The relation

$$U_M^2 = e^{i2\gamma} \mathbb{I} \quad (26)$$

demonstrates that the evolution is periodic only after two complete traversals, providing an algebraic signature of the underlying non-orientable topology.

### C. Generalized Möbius Quantum Evolution

The simplest Möbius operator introduced in the previous section represents only one member of a broader class of topologically induced quantum transformations.

Let  $\theta$  denote an effective geometric parameter characterizing the propagation along a non-orientable manifold. The generalized Möbius evolution operator is defined as

$$U_M(\theta) = e^{i\gamma} \exp(-i\theta \sigma_x), \quad (27)$$

which, using the Pauli algebra, becomes

$$U_M(\theta) = e^{i\gamma} (\cos \theta \mathbb{I} - i \sin \theta \sigma_x). \quad (28)$$

The parameter  $\theta$  continuously interpolates between the identity transformation,

$$U_M(0) = e^{i\gamma} \mathbb{I}, \quad (29)$$

and the maximally twisted Möbius operation,

$$U_M\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -i e^{i\gamma} \sigma_x. \quad (30)$$

Thus, Möbius quantum evolution naturally defines a continuous family of topologically protected single-qubit gates.

The corresponding effective Hamiltonian is

$$H_{\text{topo}} = \frac{\hbar\theta}{T} \sigma_x, \quad (31)$$

where  $T$  denotes the traversal time around the Möbius strip.

Unlike conventional Hamiltonians generated by local electromagnetic or spin interactions,  $H_{\text{topo}}$  emerges from the global topology of the configuration space and the associated non-orientable boundary conditions.

This formulation suggests that quantum logical operations may be engineered through geometry itself, opening the possibility of topology-driven quantum control without relying on non-Abelian quasiparticles.

#### Theorem 1.

For every value of  $\theta$ , the generalized Möbius evolution operator

$$U_M(\theta) = e^{i\gamma} e^{-i\theta \sigma_x}$$

is unitary,

$$U_M^\dagger U_M = \mathbb{I},$$

and belongs to the group

$$U(1) \times SU(2).$$

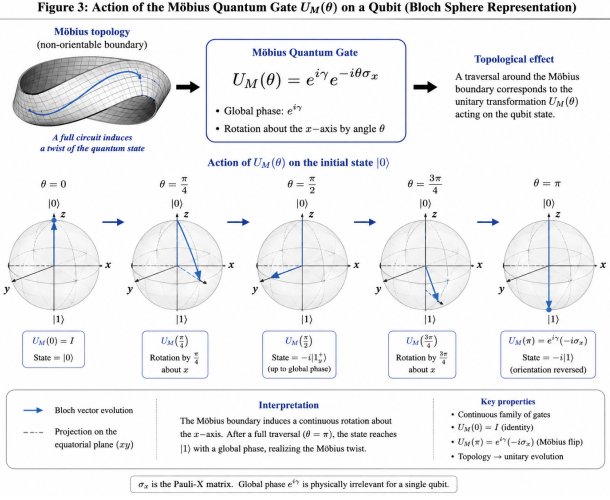


FIG. 3. The Action of the Möbius Quantum Gate  $U_M(\theta)$ : on a Qubit (Bloch Sphere Representation).

Therefore, Möbius boundary conditions define a continuous manifold of admissible quantum gates generated exclusively by topological constraints.

*Proof.*

Since  $\sigma_x$  is Hermitian,

$$\sigma_x^\dagger = \sigma_x,$$

the exponential is unitary,

$$e^{-i\theta\sigma_x} e^{i\theta\sigma_x} = \mathbb{I},$$

while the prefactor  $e^{i\gamma}$  is a global phase of unit modulus. Hence, the generalized Möbius operator  $U_M(\theta)$  is unitary,  $U_M^\dagger U_M = \mathbb{I}$ .

#### IV. MÖBIUS GEOMETRIC CANCELLATION OF COHERENT ERRORS

In this Section we consider how the Möbius boundary conditions alone can affect information processing even without taking into account their effect on the dynamics. Informationally, the Möbius strip structure is a rule identifying the endpoints of a quantum register under a logical inversion.

The quantum state does not return to itself after a full computational cycle, but rather to an equivalent state in an inverted logical frame.

Consider a register of  $N$  qubits,

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_{i=1}^N \mathbb{C}^2. \quad (32)$$

and the Möbius-type boundary condition is

$$\psi_{N+1} \equiv \mathcal{M} \psi_1, \quad (33)$$

with  $\mathcal{M}$  being unitary involution, typically  $X$  or  $Z$ .

Defining a logical translation operator  $T$ , the global structure satisfies

$$T^N = \mathcal{M} \neq I, \quad (34)$$

introducing non-trivial computational holonomy.

If  $\epsilon H_e$  represent a small coherent error, under the standard evolution such errors accumulate linearly with circuit depth, but under the Möbius identification:

$$\mathcal{M} H_e \mathcal{M}^{-1} = -H_e, \quad (35)$$

thus, the total evolution induces a first-order cancellation. This mechanism acts as a topological echo, requiring no additional control nor error correction. Thus, Möbius boundary conditions enable **computational implications** as:

- effective reduction of circuit depth through topological routing,
- passive mitigation of coherent errors,
- alternative boundary structures for quantum error correction codes.
- these effects arise purely from the global organization of the logical space.

Let us see now physical and more quantum information processing implications

#### V. PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION AND QUANTUM INFORMATION PROCESSING

The formulation above suggests that non-orientable topology may affect quantum information processing through the global structure of the evolution operator. The Möbius boundary condition does not replace the Hilbert-space formalism; rather, it imposes an additional topological constraint on the admissible evolution.

The computational novelty therefore arises from enriching conventional quantum dynamics with a boundary-induced topological contribution.

In this interpretation, the Möbius strip acts as a geometrical representation of a non-orientable boundary constraint. A quantum state transported along a closed path on the Möbius manifold experiences a global orientation reversal and does acquire a corresponding geometric phase. This phase can influence physical situations as interference effects, state reconstruction, and the structure of effective gates.

Observable quantities are correspondingly evaluated through the effective evolution operator,

$$\langle O \rangle_M = \langle \psi | U_M^\dagger O U_M | \psi \rangle, \quad (36)$$

which provides a compact description of how the Möbius boundary condition may influence measurable quantum observables.

For mixed states, the same framework may be expressed at the density-matrix level as

$$\rho_M = U_M \rho_0 U_M^\dagger, \quad (37)$$

which connects the boundary-induced evolution directly to the standard language of quantum information theory.

Possible physical settings in which such boundary conditions may be explored include photonic waveguide arrays with engineered path topology, superconducting circuits with synthetic boundary conditions, cold atoms in programmable optical potentials, and topological materials supporting non-trivial boundary modes.

In each case, the essential requirement is not the literal construction of a physical Möbius strip, but the implementation of an effective non-orientable boundary identification in the quantum dynamics.

#### A. From Computational Holonomy to Vacuum Physics

From the view point of global non-orientable boundary conditions solely, even without their effects on the dynamics, we have seen too in the above Section that:

*global identification of the quantum space of states can generate physical effects even without introducing additional local dynamics.*

In the computational setting, Möbius boundary conditions induce non-trivial holonomy, leading to observable consequences such as geometric error cancellation and modified effective connectivity.

- These effects do arise solely from the global structure of the state space.
- A closely related situation appears in fundamental physics. In quantum field theory and cosmology, the vacuum is not merely a local ground state but a globally defined quantum configuration.
- If the vacuum state space admits non-trivial global identifications— including non-orientable structures—then physical effects may emerge without invoking new fields or interactions [19–25]

- Interestingly enough, from this global (topological) perspective, the quantum computer with Möbius boundary conditions can be viewed as a controlled informational analogue of a quantum vacuum with global topological constraints. We see certainly implications of this framework for vacuum physics in the quantum lab as well as in the gravitational and cosmological context, to be explored elsewhere.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

The present work establishes a conceptual topological framework based on Möbius boundary conditions for describing quantum-state evolution and quantum information processing. While the present formulation is intentionally general, it provides a foundation for future developments including explicit Hamiltonian models, quantum circuits, numerical simulations, and experimental implementations.

(i) We have proposed a concise theoretical framework for Möbius quantum computation based on non-orientable topological boundary conditions. Starting from the standard boundary identification of the Möbius strip, we introduced the Möbius boundary operator  $\mathcal{B}_M$  and discussed its role in modifying quantum-state evolution through a boundary-induced topological contribution. Under appropriate assumptions, this contribution may be represented by a geometric phase, leading to an effective evolution of the form  $U_M = e^{i\gamma} U_0$ .

(ii) The framework developed here is intended as a first step toward incorporating non-orientable boundary conditions into quantum information processing. Its main contribution is conceptual and theoretical: it identifies the non-orientable boundary topology itself as a possible resource for shaping quantum evolution.

(iii) The novelty of the present work lies in treating the Möbius boundary condition itself as an active topological ingredient in the effective description of quantum evolution. Future work should examine explicit Hamiltonian models, numerical simulations, circuit representations, and experimentally realizable implementations.

(iv) Besides, the Möbius topology as a boundary condition on quantum computation implies geometric quantum error cancellation, an interesting effect which deserves more investigations.

(v) Quantum computation with Möbius boundary conditions can be viewed as a controlled informational analogue of a quantum vacuum with global topological constraints, which will enable interesting quantum informational views of other vacuum Quantum field theory effects, both in the laboratory and in gravitational and cosmology contexts.

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