# WHAT ARE QUANTUM COMPUTERS, AND HOW CAN WE TRAIN THEM IN PYTHON?

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# WHAT ARE QUANTUM COMPUTERS?

- Programmable computers that harness subatomic particles to store data and perform computation
- Quantum properties such as entanglement and superposition allow computation in a exceptionally large computational spaces
- Near-term quantum computers are specialized devices
- Near-term quantum computers are small and noisy





- Think of near-term quantum devices as black boxes
- They perform matrix-multiplication in exponentially large vector spaces
- We extract *classical* data from the black box via measurement statistics







**Amazon Braket** 

# PARAMETRIZED QUANTUM FUNCTIONS

- Accepts floating point parameters
- Contains quantum instructions dependent on these parameters
- Returns measurement statistics



#### PLEASE CAN WE HAVE THE GRADIENT



#### BUILDING A DIFFERENTIABLE QUANTUM PROGRAM





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