

## PROFILE

Lauze is a wealthy, mid-sized country that is known for its high living standards and level of education. The capital of Lauze is the financial powerhouse of the region, but historically the country has invested in its generous public services and less in research and development.

Despite this, Lauze National University has developed the first quantum computer that can claim quantum supremacy. This is thanks to the clever work of their scientists in collaboration with Betude Corporation, a start-up founded in Lauze attracting the best quantum computing talent from around the world. The company does not include any scientists from Bria due to the general political mistrust.

Lauze recently elected a centre-left government on a platform of further increasing investment in the country's social services to combat systemic issues like rising house prices, increasing inequality, and armed skirmishes with neighbouring nations. Science and technology investment is unlikely to increase with new government.