


Aurora Forecasts of the Icelandic Meteorological Office

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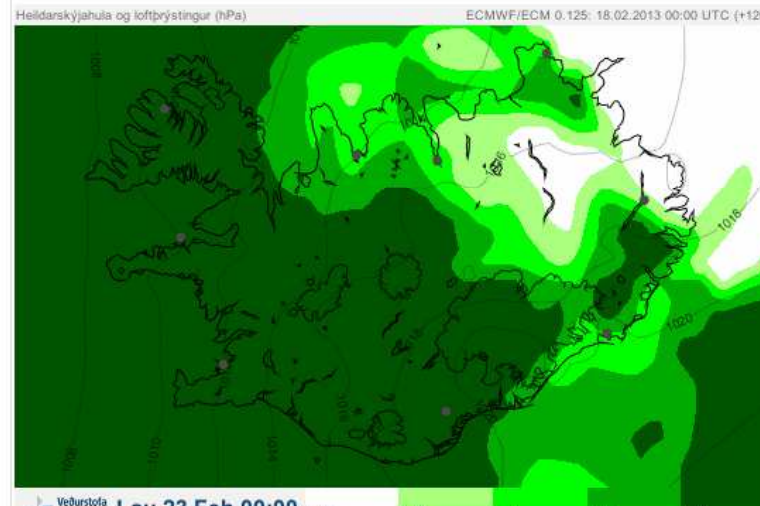
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Lower clouds

Middle clouds

High clouds

Composite



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Friday evening

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Sunset and darkness hours

For Reykjavík 10-15 March 2013

- **Sunset – the Sun's disk disappears below the horizon**
- **End of civil twilight (CT) – Sun's center 6° below horizon – sky still blue but stars start to appear overhead**
- **Dusk, end of astronomical twilight – Sun's center 18° below horizon – sky completely dark**

March 2013	Sunset	CT	Dusk
10 Sunday	19:14	20:02	21:58
11 Monday	19:17	20:05	22:02
12 Tuesday	19:20	20:08	22:05
13 Wednesday	19:23	20:11	22:09
14 Thursday	19:26	20:14	22:13
15 Friday	19:29	20:17	22:17

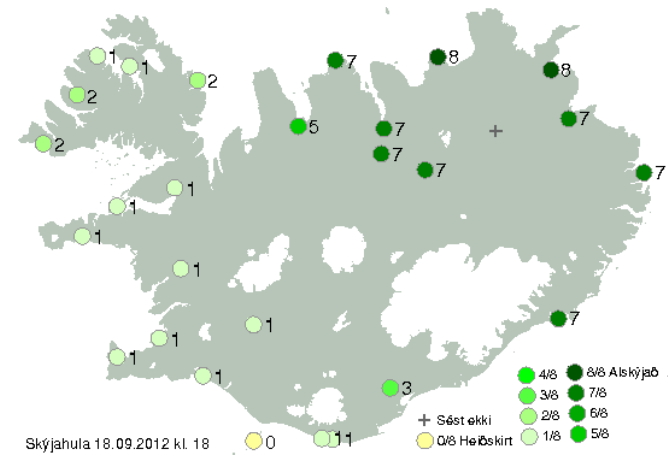
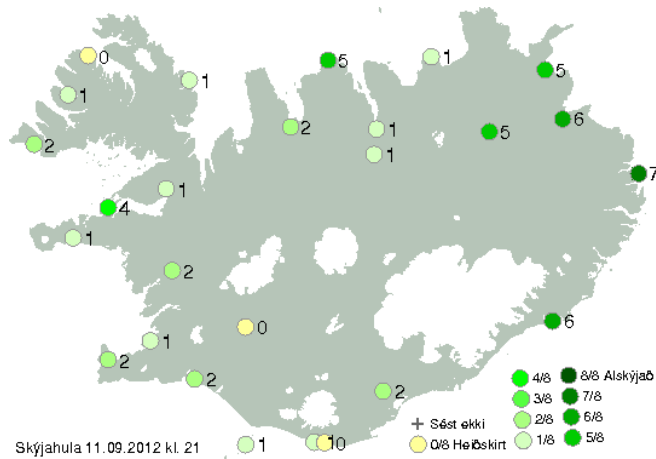
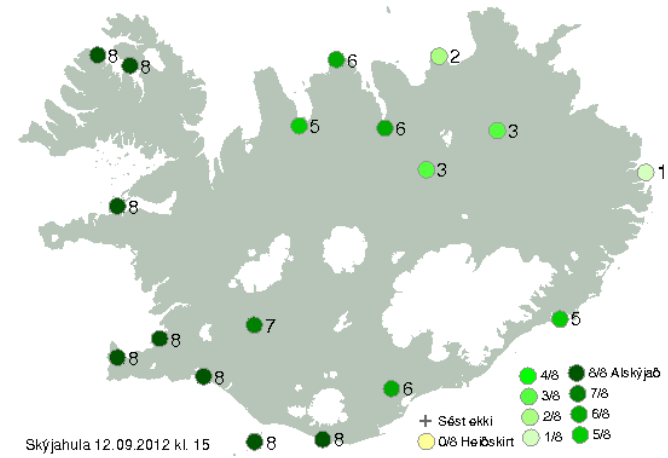
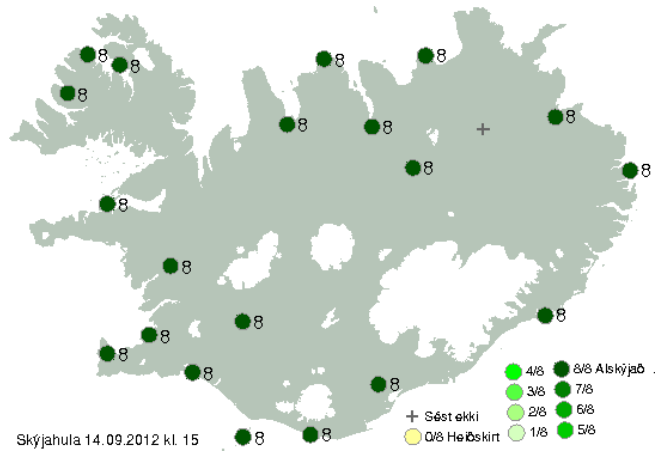
The Moon

Reykjavík 10-15 March 2013

- **Bright Moon can interfere with aurora viewing**
- **The Moon is useful for aurora photography – illuminating the landscape**

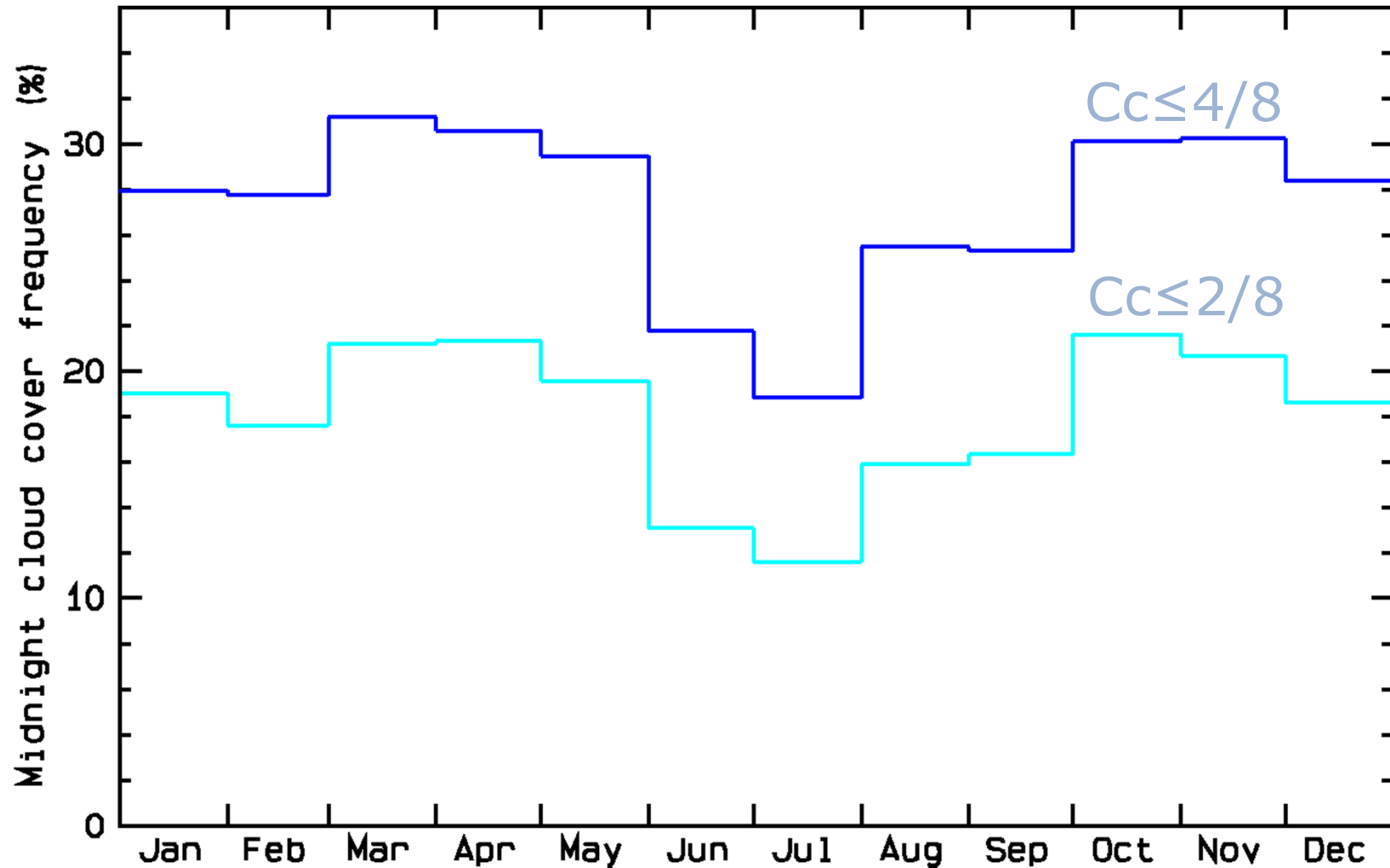
March 2013	The Moon
10 Sunday	Moon below horizon until morning
11 Monday	New Moon, Moonset 19:33
12 Tuesday	Moonset 21:02
13 Wednesday	Moonset 22:30
14 Thursday	Moonset 23:55
15 Friday	Moonset 01:16

Cloud cover variability



Cloud cover annual variation

At midnight in Reykjavík 1981-2010



Probability of half cloudy or better



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- **Chances in Reykjavík during a single winter midnight is about 30%**
 - **Best of three nights in a row gives chances of 60%**
 - **Best of five places around the coast (Rvk, Bol, Ak, Dt, Vm) during a single winter midnight gives chances of 70%**

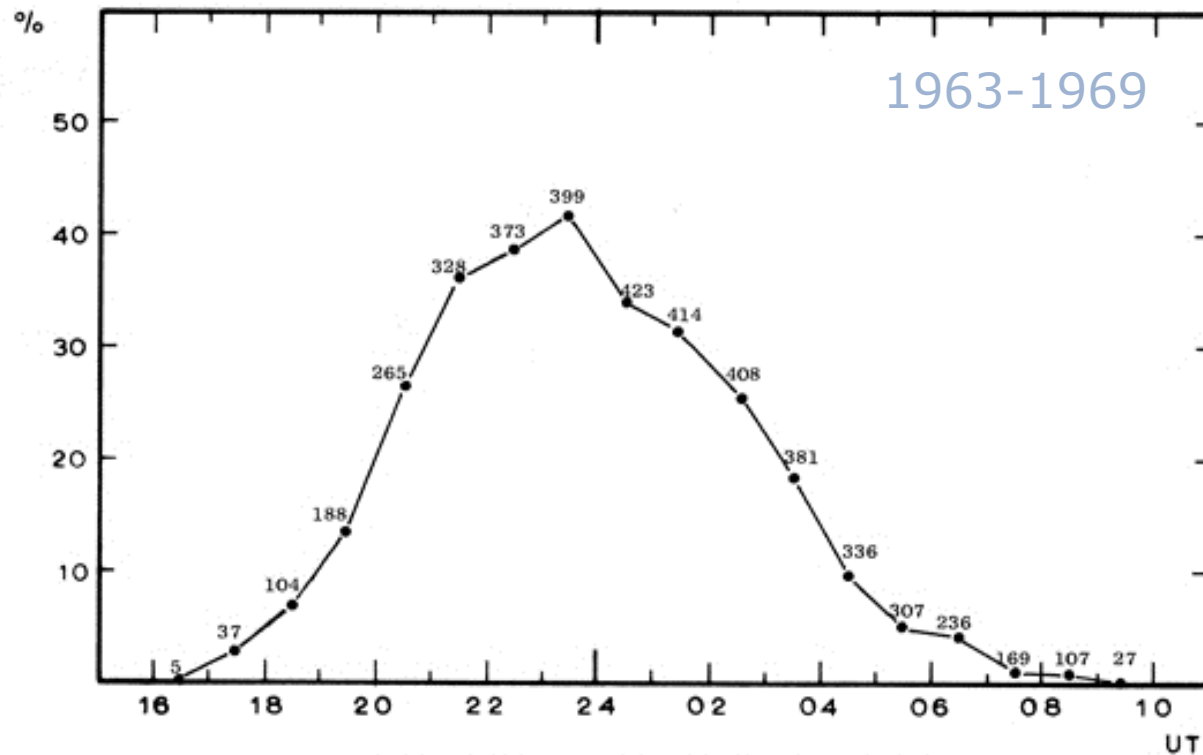
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Aurora corona. Photo PA 19 September 2012

Diurnal variation of aurora in Reykjavík



Tíðni norðurljósa á hverju klukkustundarbili
Tölur við feril tákna fjölda athugunarstunda
Rjúpnahæð, nóv. 1963 – maí 1969

Observations and graph from Þorsteinn Sæmundsson
<http://www.almanak.hi.is/nordspar.html>

Leirvogur Magnetic Observatory

Science Institute – University of Iceland



The observatory, located about 12 km ENE from downtown Reykjavík, has been operated since 1957

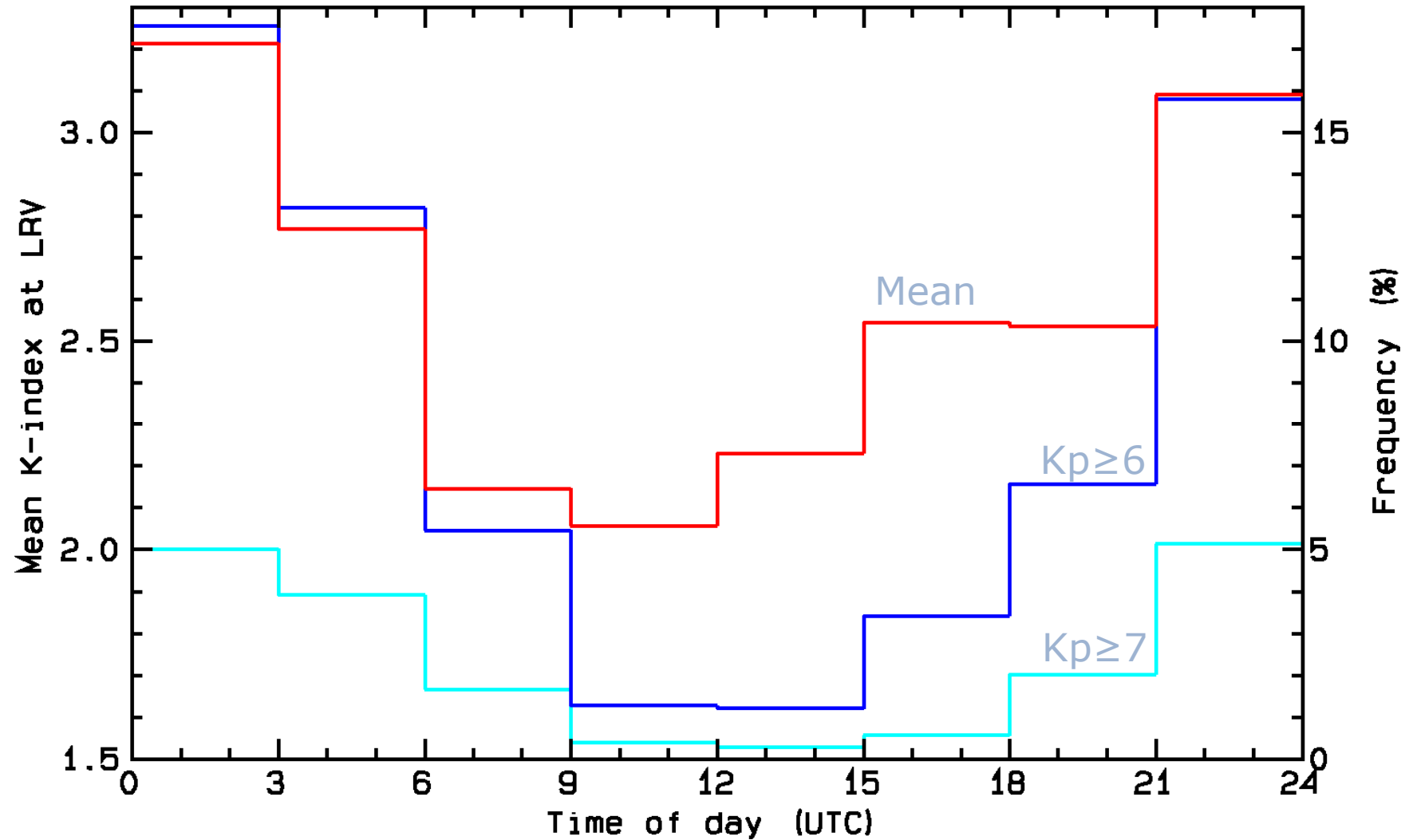
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Diurnal variation of K-index in Iceland

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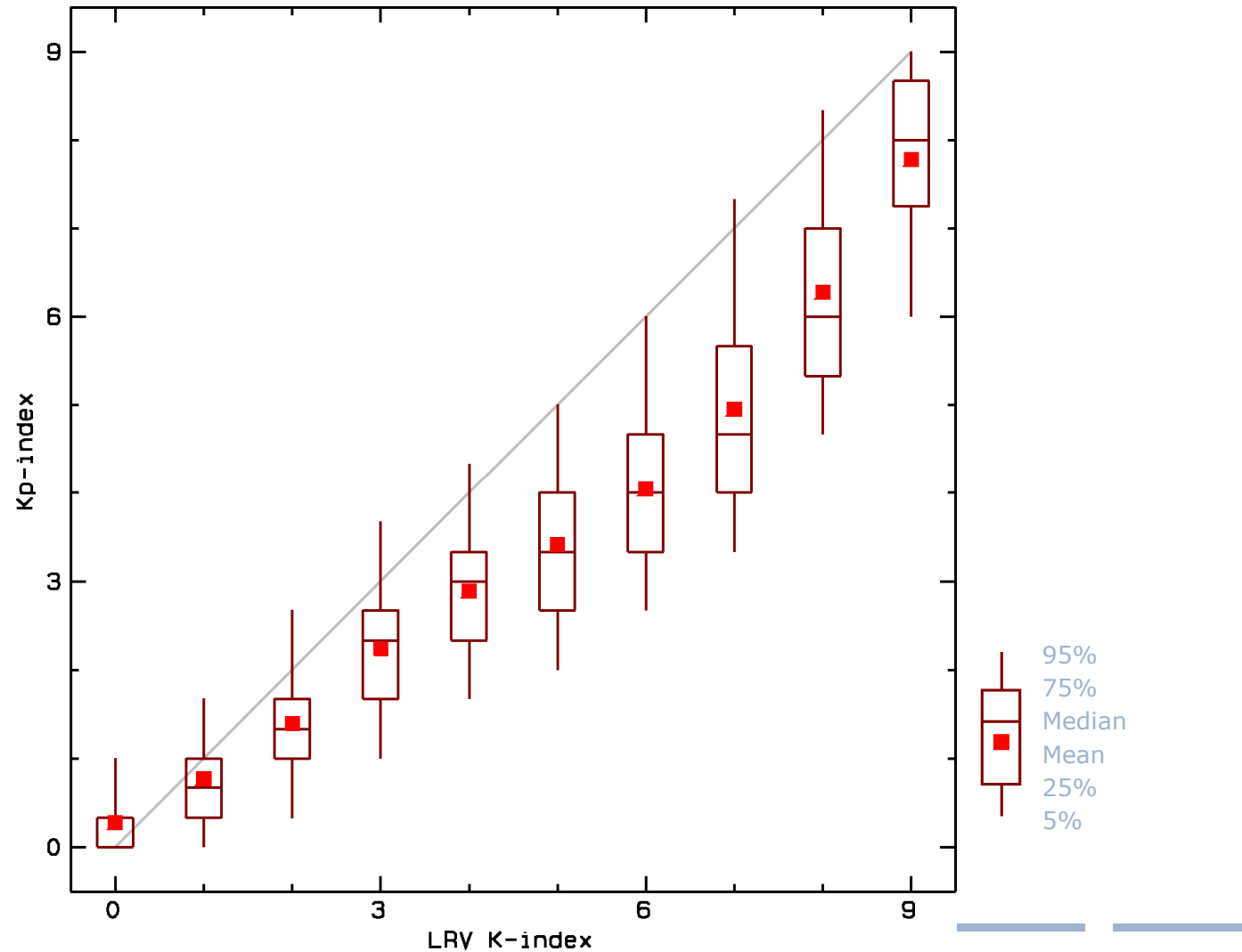


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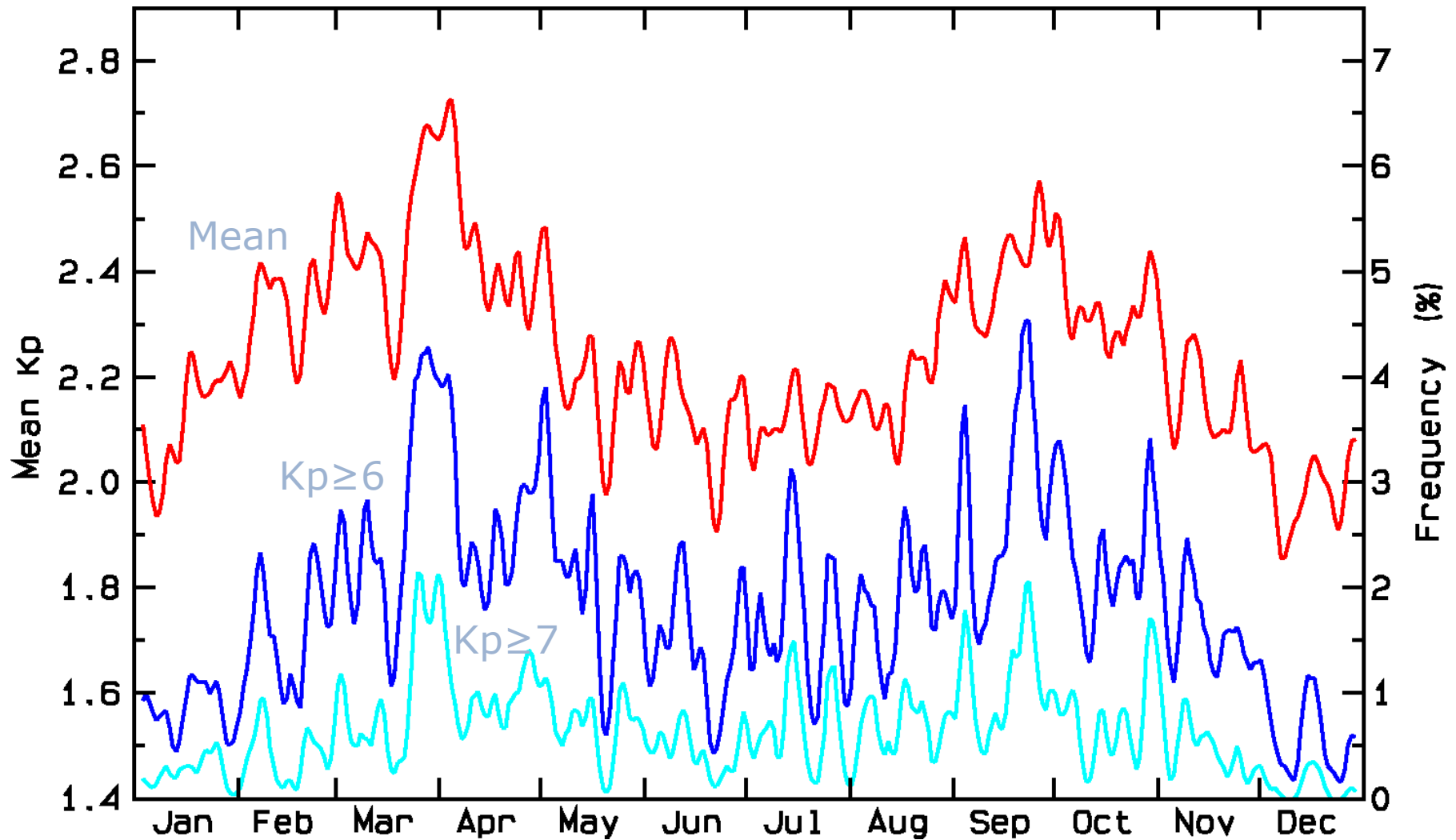
Kp-index vs. K-index in Iceland

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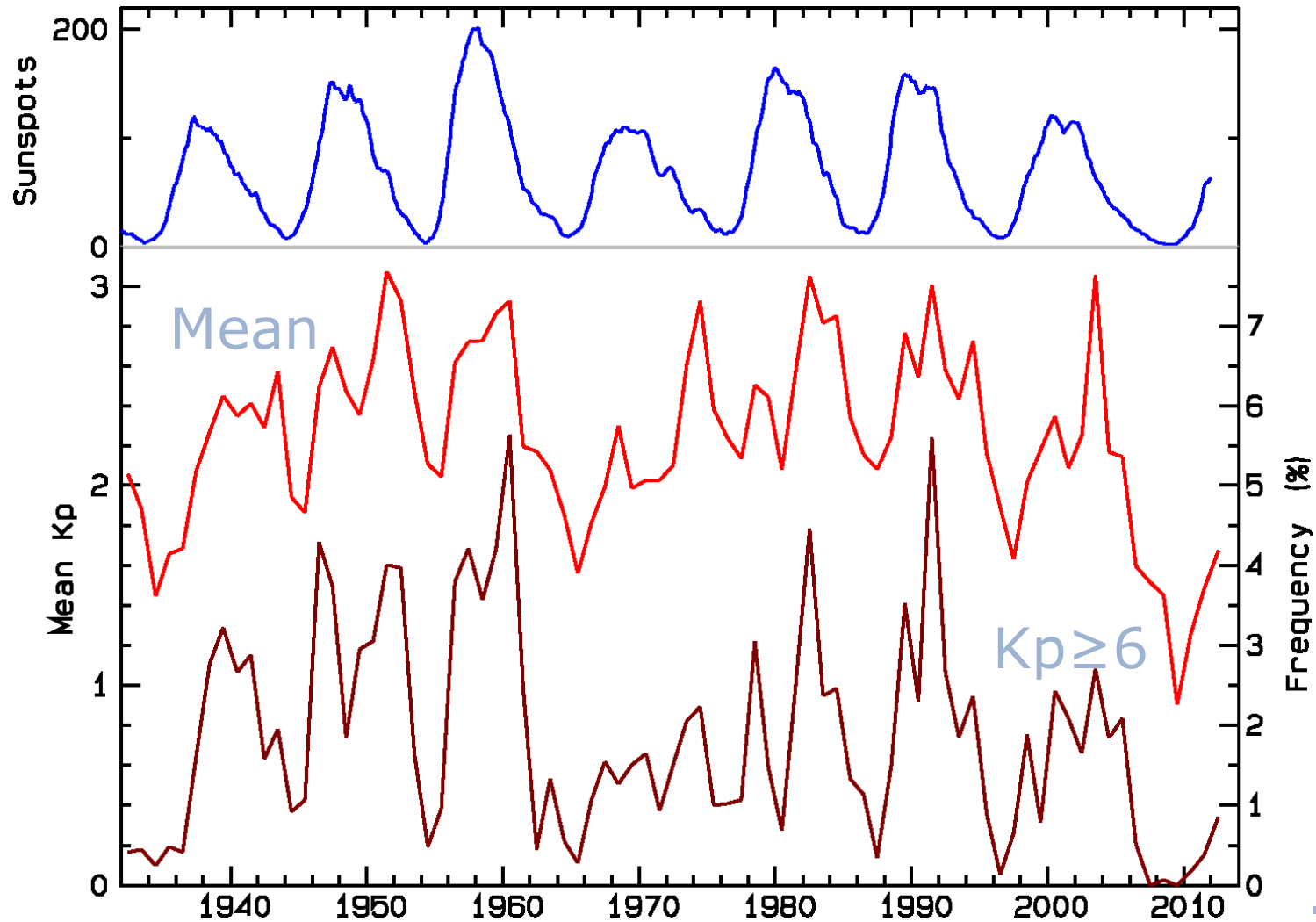


Annual cycle of Kp

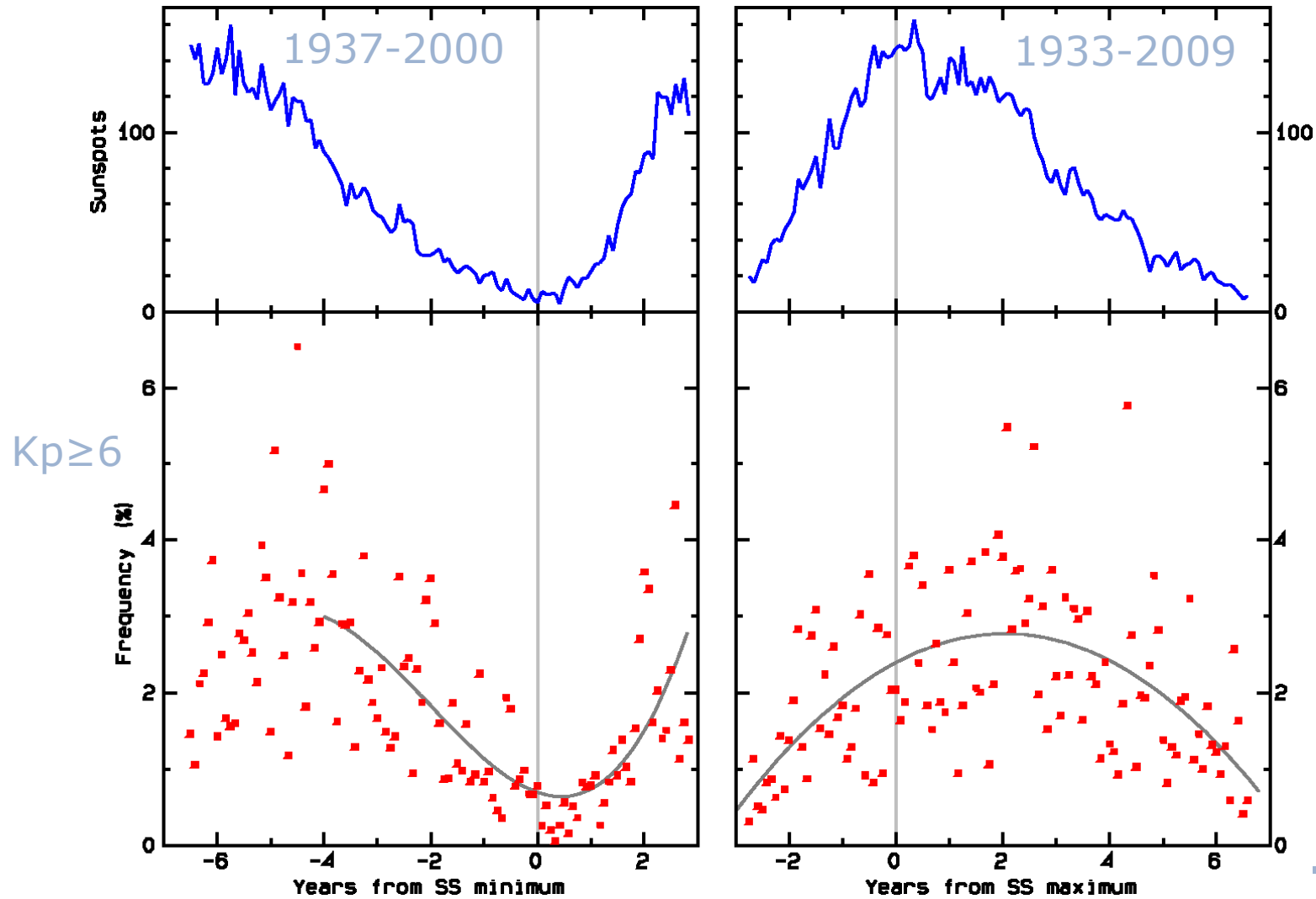
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Sunspots influencing Kp



Stacked data to sunspot min/max





In Kópavogur. Photo ÞA 19 September 2012



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Aurora Forecast on the Web



<http://en.vedur.is/weather/forecasts/aurora/>

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Icelandic Met Office's Aurora Forecast page. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://en.vedur.is/weather/forecasts/aurora/". The page features a navigation menu with options like Home, Weather, Seismicity, Avalanches, Hydrology, Climatology, Pollution, Sea ice, and About IMO. The main content area is titled "Aurora forecast for Friday evening" and includes a text forecast, a cloud cover map for Saturday 00:00, and a sidebar with weather forecasts and related topics. The cloud cover map shows a green and yellow color scale over Iceland and the surrounding region, with a slider below it for selecting a specific day and time. The sidebar on the right provides details for Friday evening, including the Aurora forecast (Moderate), sunset and sunrise times, and moon set time. The bottom of the page contains a disclaimer about the forecast's accuracy and a "Load all" button.

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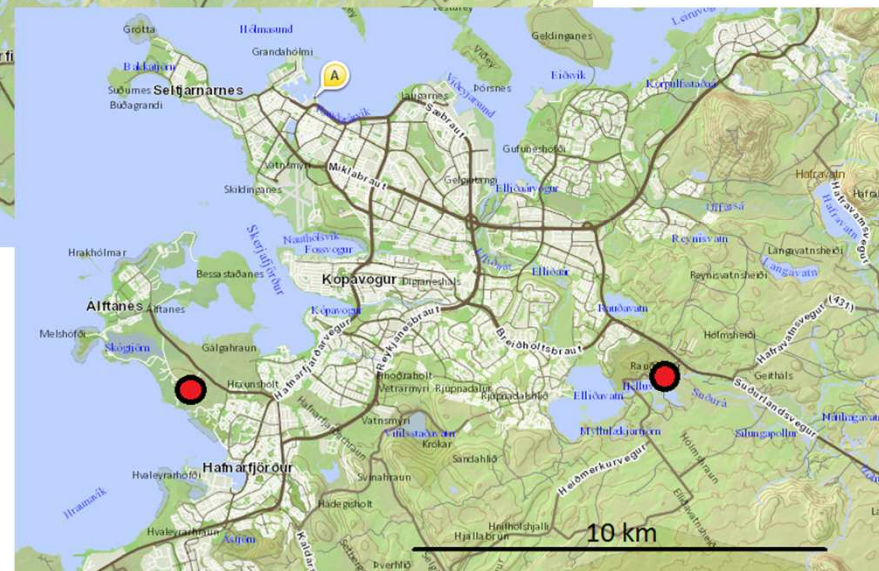
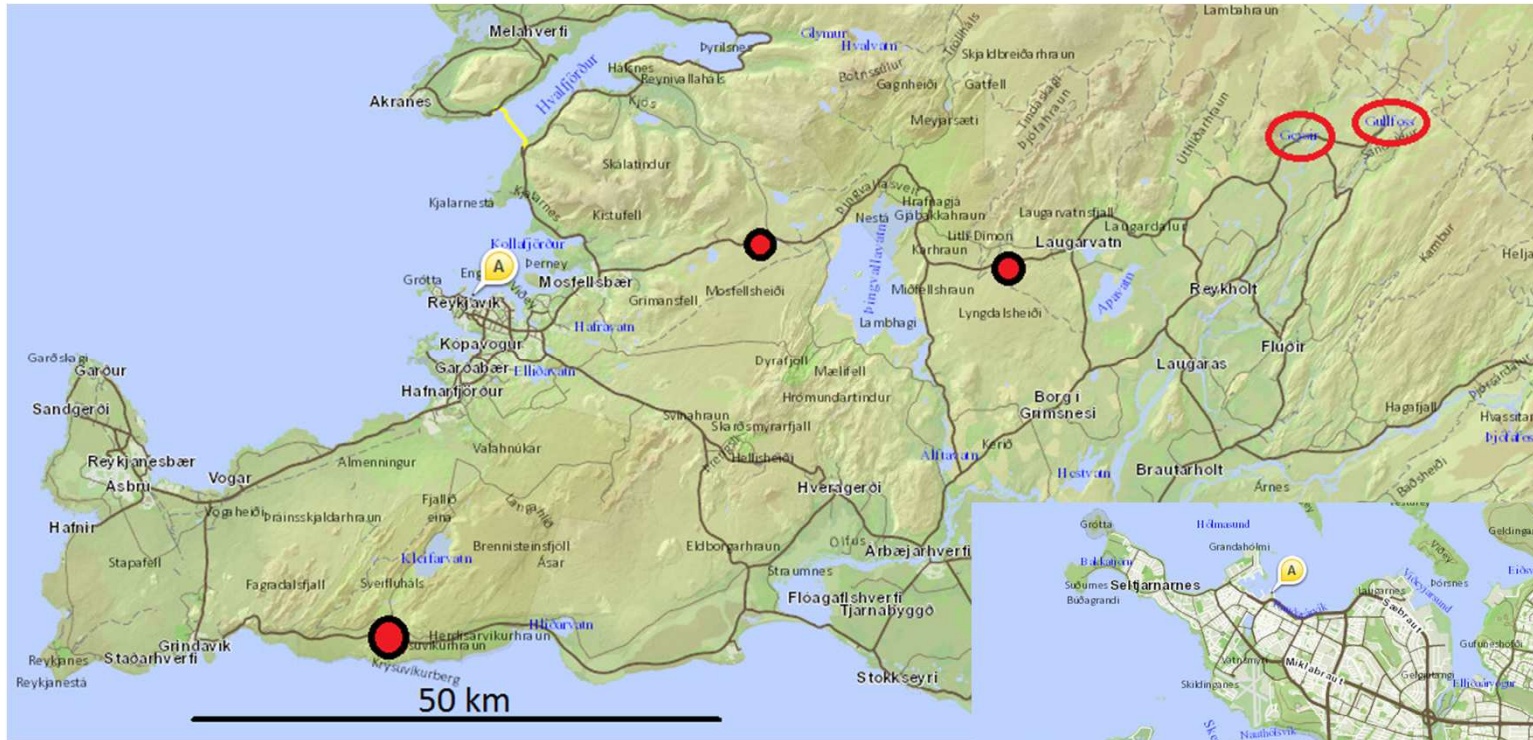
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Dark places in downtown Reykjavík

