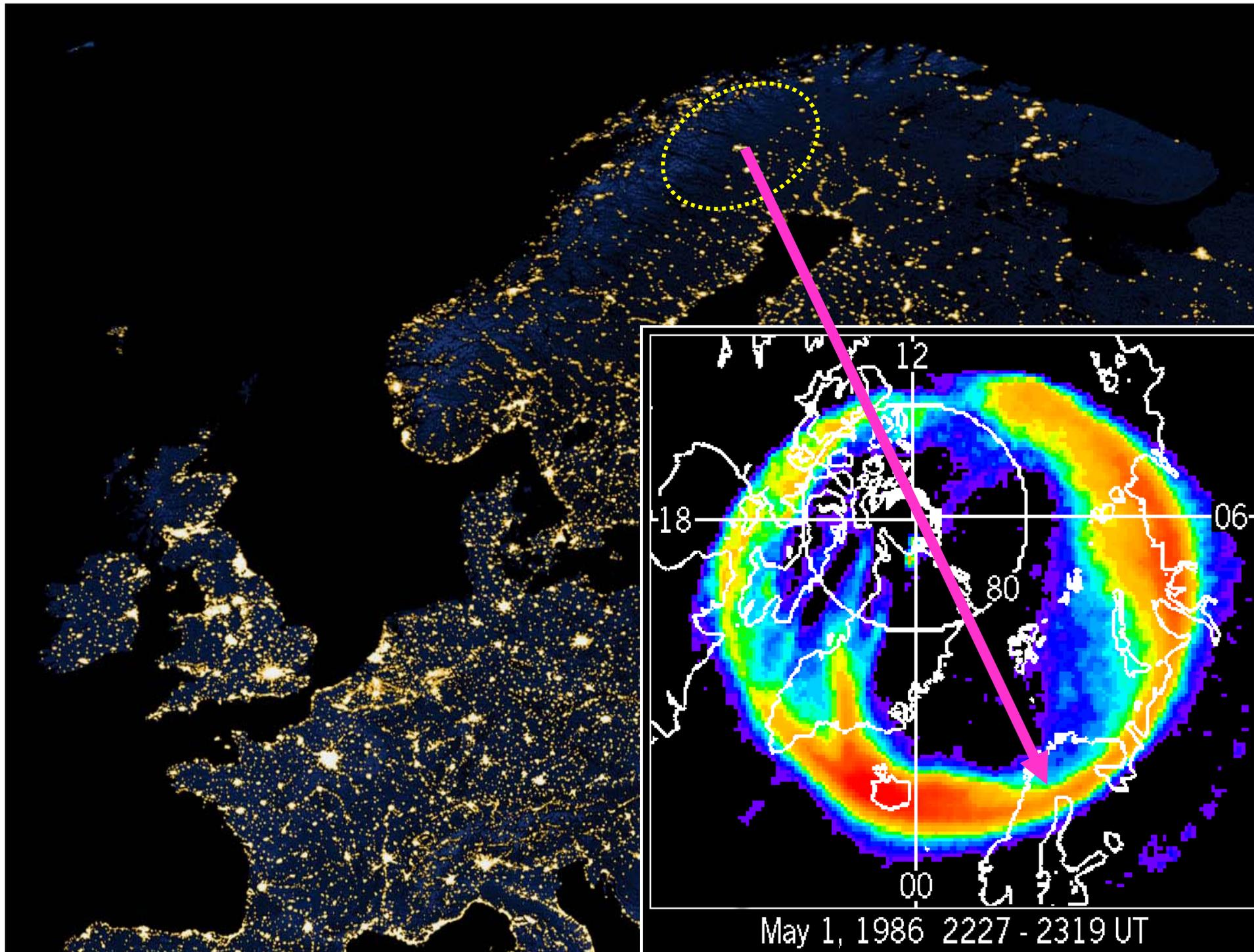


Welcome to Kiruna, Sweden

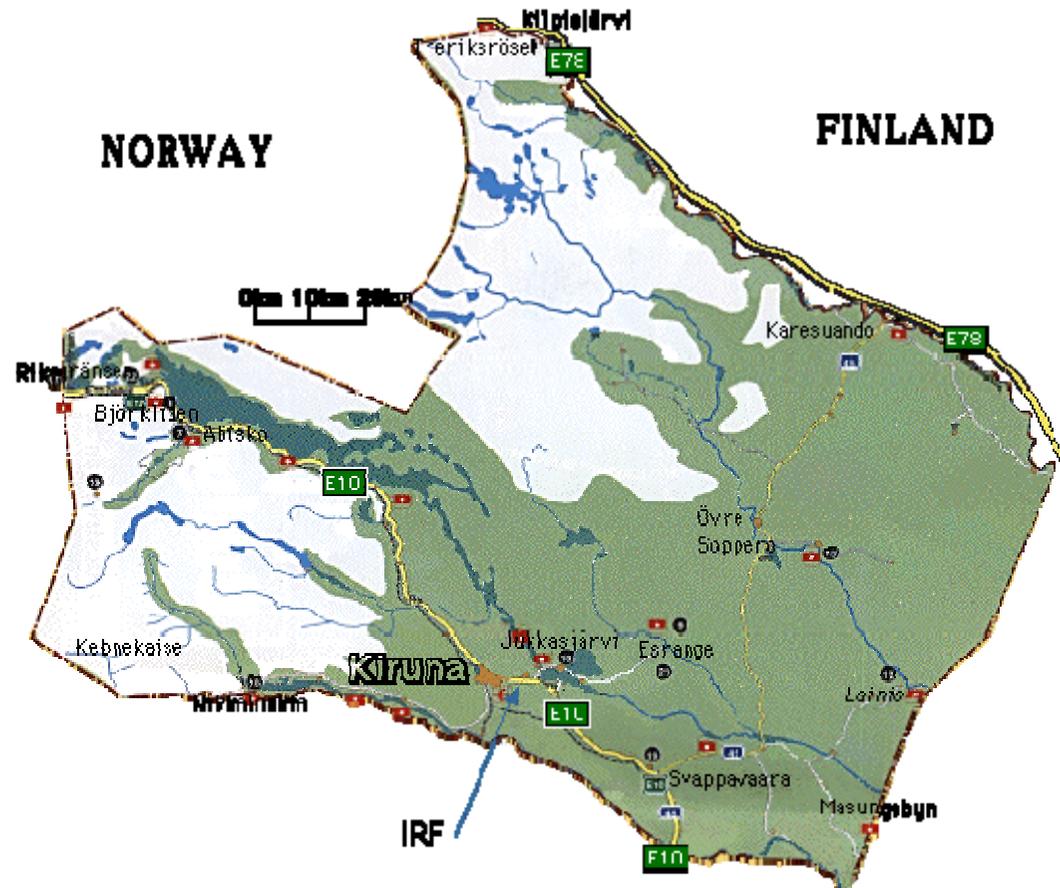
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Ptarmigan *Lagopus mutus*
Giron in Sami language





Kiruna

Area: 20 000 km²

Population: 23 000

Founded 1899-1900

Iron ore mine

Research

Tourism

Reindeer

husbandry



LKAB mine in Kiruna, the largest underground iron ore mine in the world.

Now growing larger so that Kiruna has to be moved.



Pellets, the main product



Icehotel, Jukkasjärvi



Sápmi - Sameland



Kiruna is also a part of Sápmi, the land of the Sami people.





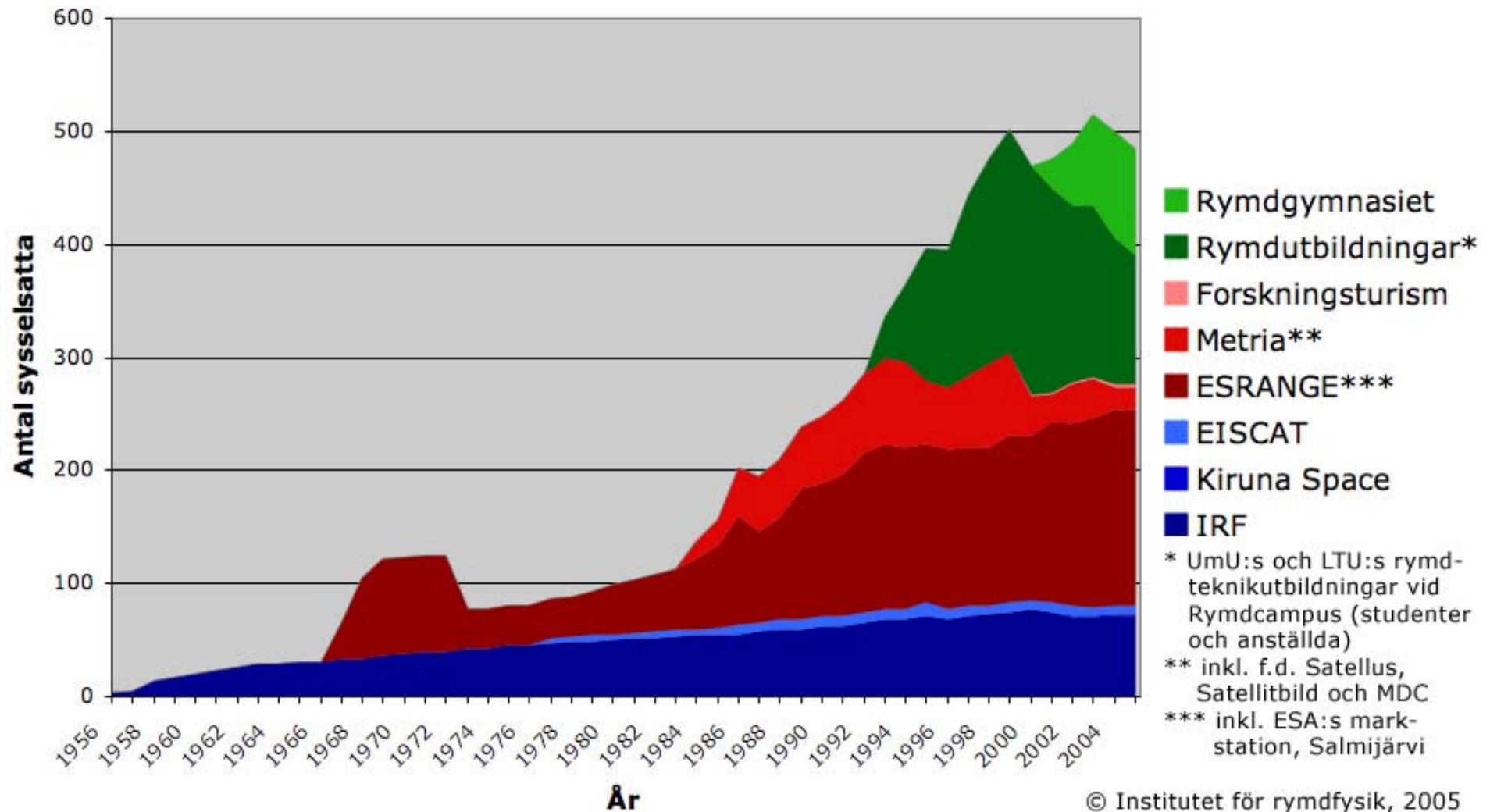
Research institutions in Kiruna

- Abisko Natural Research Station (Royal Academy of Sciences)

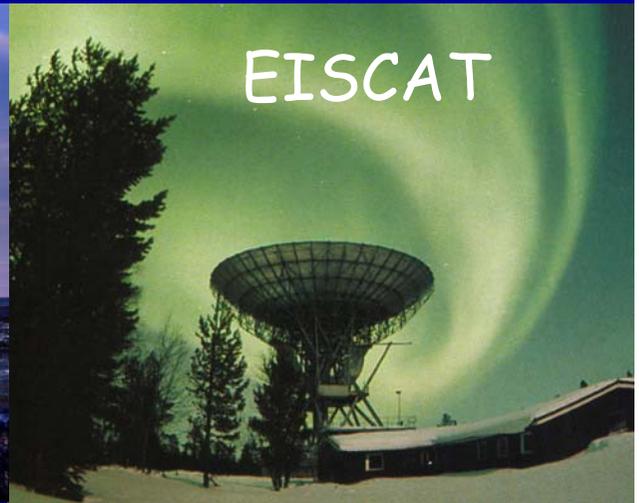
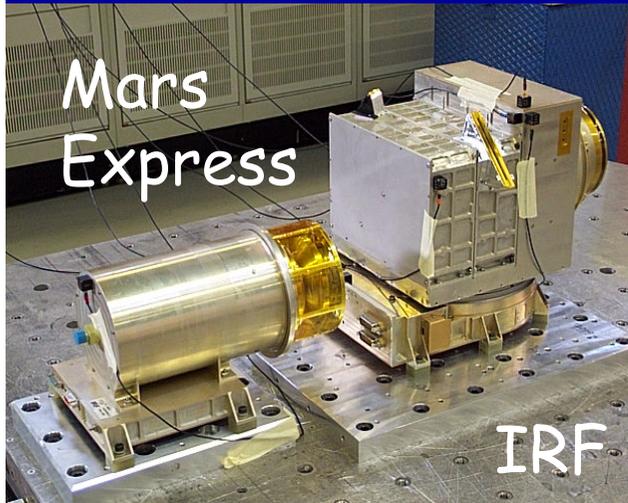


- Tarfala Research Station (Stockholm University)

Space activities in Kiruna 1957-2005



Space-related establishments



Spaceport Sweden

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2011-2012 Space tourism from Kiruna
Spaceship 2

A detailed illustration of the SpaceShip 2 spacecraft in flight. The spacecraft is white with red accents on the wings and tail. It has two large engines mounted on the sides of the fuselage. The background shows a view of Earth from space, with white clouds and a blue horizon.

Contract with Virgin Galactic
2009 Space tourism from New Mexico

illustration: Virgin Galactic

A photograph taken from the International Space Station showing a bright green aurora (Northern Lights) in the Earth's atmosphere. The aurora appears as a glowing, wavy band of light against the dark background of space. The Earth's surface is visible below, showing a grid of land and water. The text "Fly through the aurora" is overlaid in white. The photo is credited to Astronaut Don Pettit.

Fly through the aurora

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