

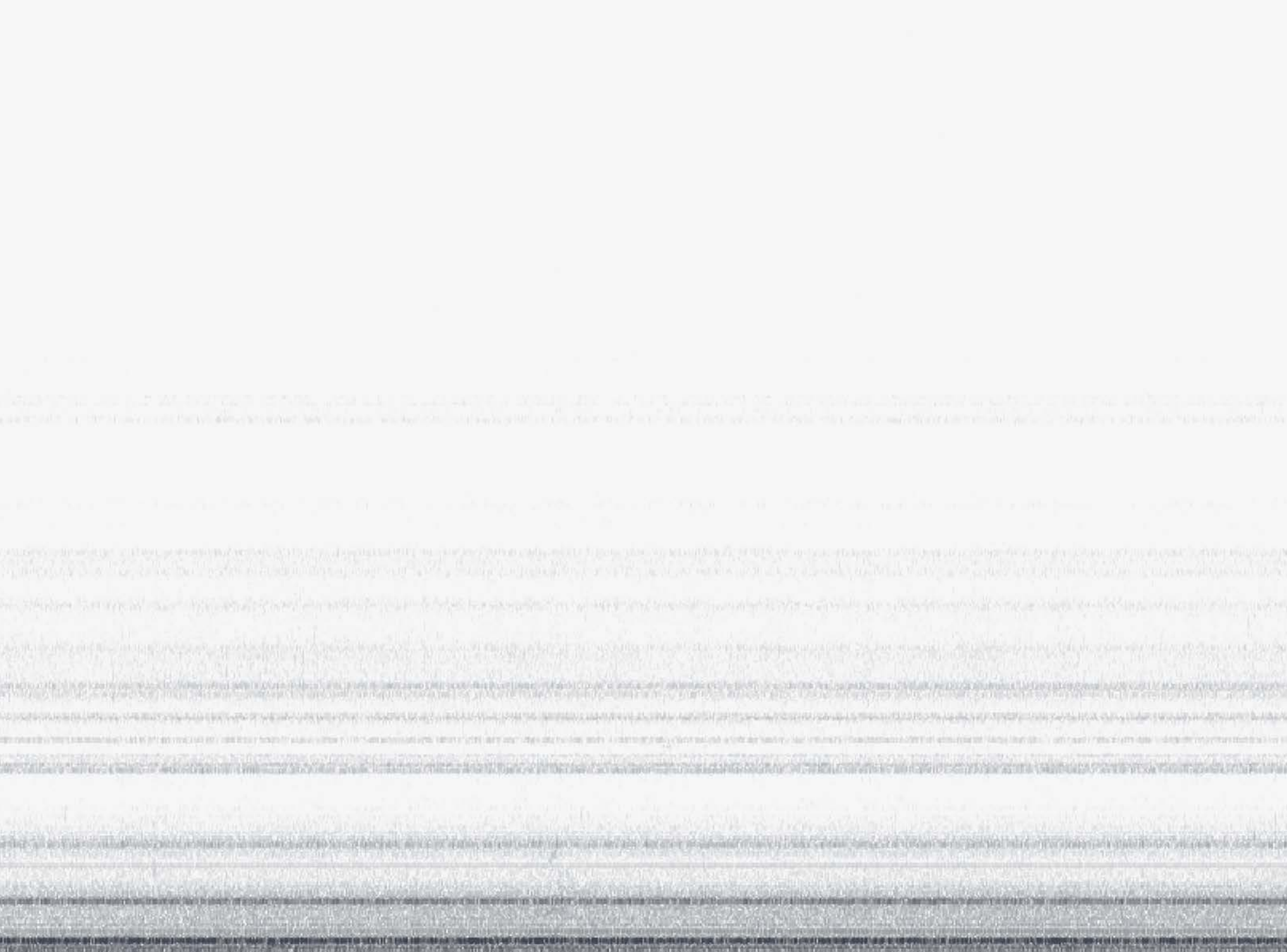
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Introduction

The book that you are holding in your hand right now is the material result of three years of intense fieldwork and artistic research in Norway with an emphasis on the North-Norwegian landscape and the environmental soundscape. It can serve both as an artwork in itself (image, text and sound) or as a reflection of my research processes and artistic practice. Can sonic and soundscape archaeology help us to understand and translate the contemporary anthrophony? Through exploring and scrutinising various sound experiments, listening sessions, audio recordings, field trips, collaborations, site-specific installations, reflections (through practice), historical research, collecting objects, iPhone photos (in various qualities), dialogues, auto-writing and field notes, the goal has been to develop new insight, awareness and knowledge within my field.

Since the start in October 2018, the world has experienced a rapid and dramatic change. Who thought of Covid-19 and a global pandemic back then? Very few, but now we can't imagine the world without face masks, corona-tests and hand sanitiser. Climate change, global warming, multi-species care and flight shame have suddenly become a part of our daily vocabulary and not only for a small group of eco-friendly activists. Even NATO has put climate change on their agenda. Climate change will lead to new conflicts, start wars and lead to future migration. We must change our relationship with nature, the way we think and the way we act. It is urgent.

The project started out as an endless tunnel with countless possibilities, liberating, but also daunting. Along the way I've experienced and developed familiar patterns, routines, extended techniques, recurring subjects and methods. One of the first places I visited was an old textile factory outside of Dale in Hordaland that served as a platform for hundreds of computers mining for crypto-currency. In 2018, the Norwegian government published a Data Center Strategy, which led to subsidised electricity for the establishment of new data centers in Norway. The intention was to attract big companies such as Amazon, Google and Facebook to create new growth. Several crypto companies established themselves in the countryside of Norway. The strategy was cancelled after the parliament decision to cut the subsidy for electricity from 1st March 2019. I read about the neighbours' complaining in the news and was fascinated by how this new type of noise is changing the soundscape of Dale. Already when entering the hallway leading down to "the mining

factory” you could hear the humming sounds from the many hundred computer fans, oscillating, creating a variety of tones and overtones. Hundreds of computer servers mining for crypto currency, day and night, it sounds like a choir of singing ghosts moving forward at full speed. Maybe it’s the invisible voices of all the workers that used to work there?

I have visited various places and sites, some of them only once, others, several times throughout different seasons and changing weather. I have listened to the voices of the Kittiwake’s presence in the city centre of Tromsø/Romsa, the rotating waves of the wind turbines at Vannøy/Vårdnasuolu, the sound of the crackling melting ice of Storelva/Láirejohka, close to my grandmother’s farm in Lyngen/Ivgu, an abandoned swimming baths at dawn in Digermulen, the deep humming of Hurtigruta, the coastal steamer, the electromagnetic field inside a shopping centre, the resonance and vibrations of the empty streets in Oslo during lockdown and migrating birds on the island of Vega. These events are just a few examples of what you’ll find in this book. Listen, immerse and tune into the Norwegian landscape and the current soundscape.

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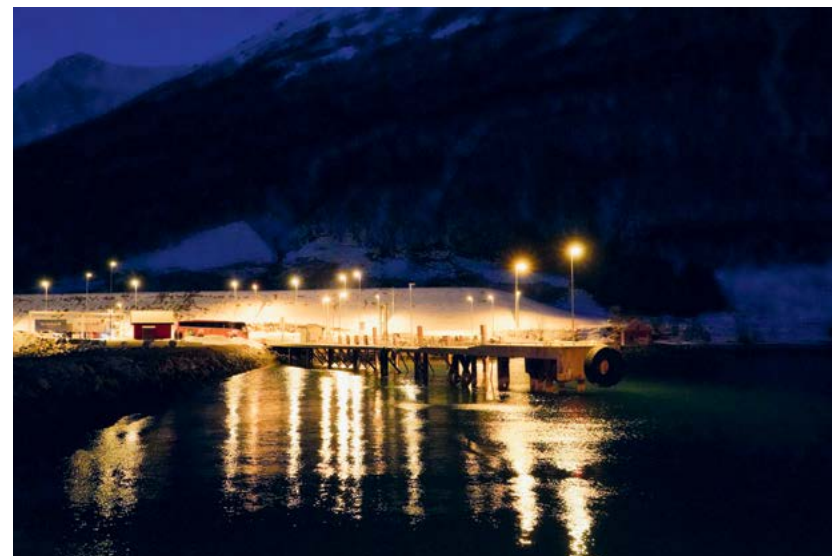
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Breivikeidet/Guohcavuopmi
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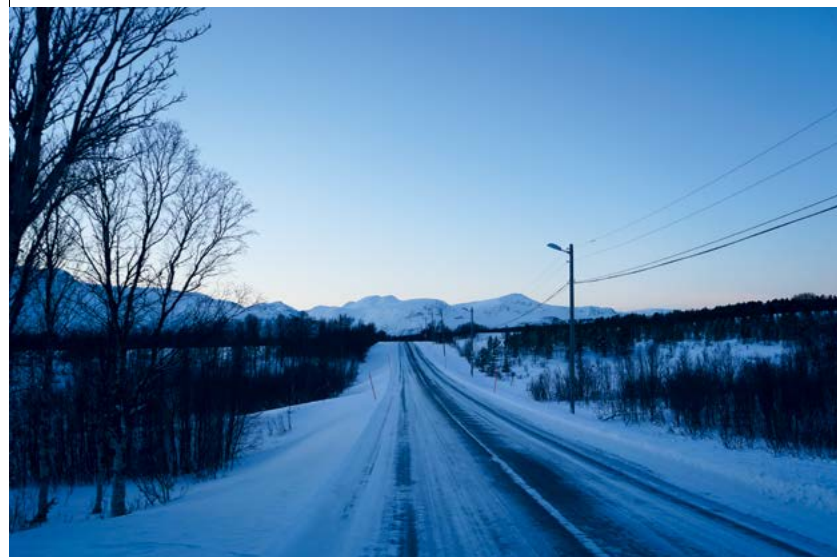
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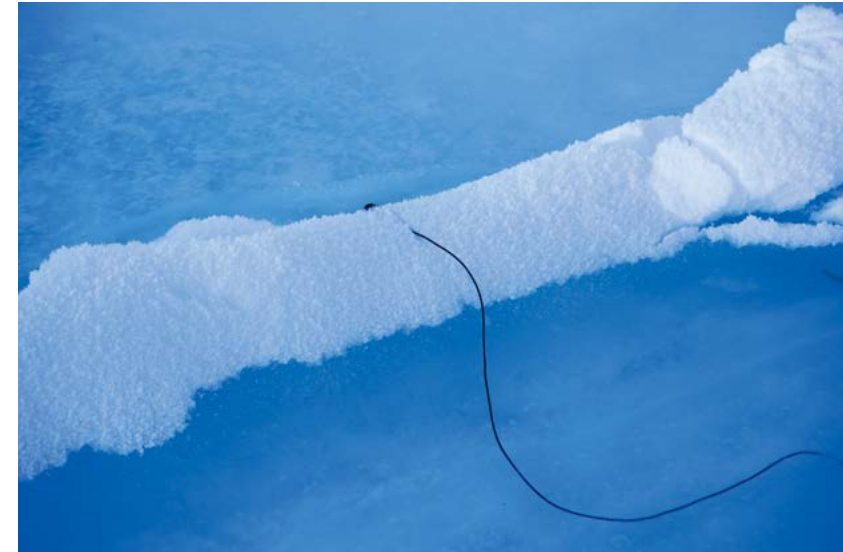
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Heimtun, Gammelstua
Lyngen/Ivgu
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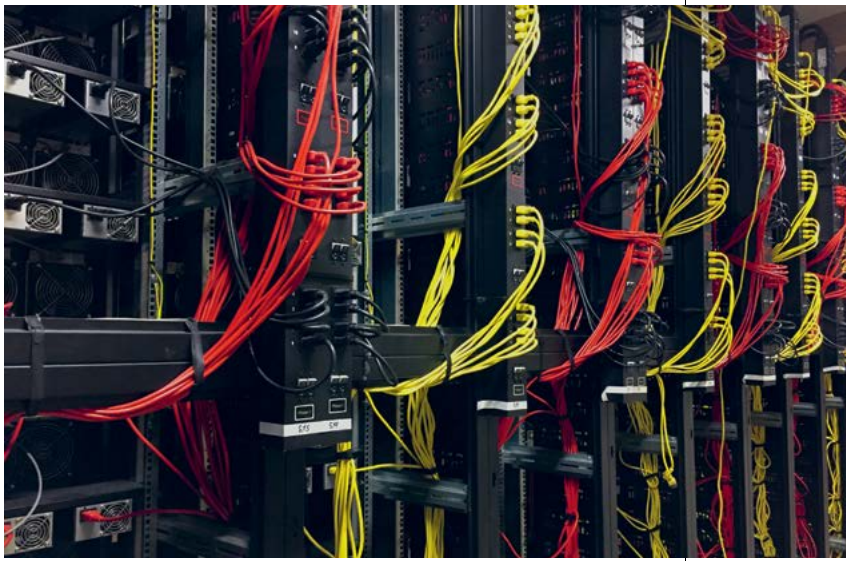
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Stakkevollvegen
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Hungeren
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Tromsdalen/Sálašvággi
Tromsø/Romsa
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Skipsfjord
Vannøy/Vårdnasuolu
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Hamna
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Fakken Vindkraftpark
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Heimtun
Lyngen/Ivgu
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Storelva/Láirejohka
Lyngen/Ivgu
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Heimtun, Gammelstua
Lyngen/Ivgu
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Heimtun
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Tønsnesvarden
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08. 10. 2019 17:32



Tønsnesvarden
Tromsø/Romsa
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Tromsø/Romsa
10. 10. 2019 11:39



Prestvannet/Báhpajávri
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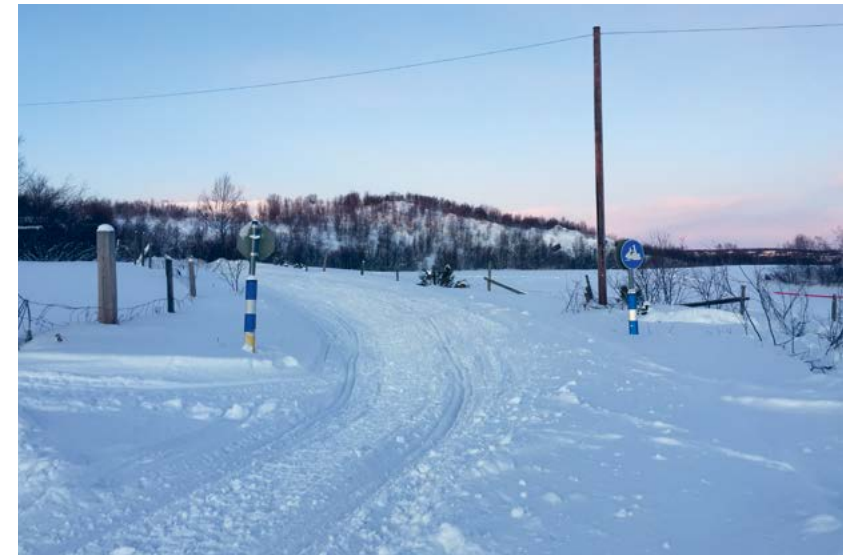


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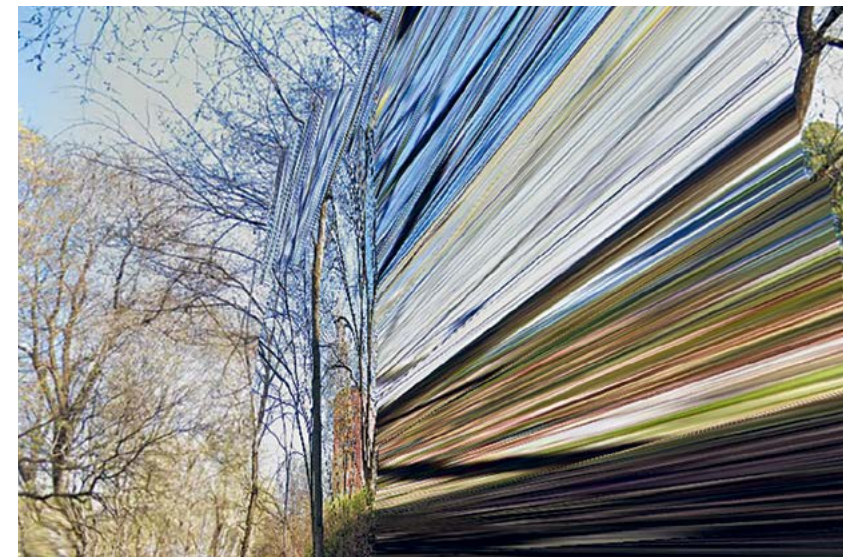
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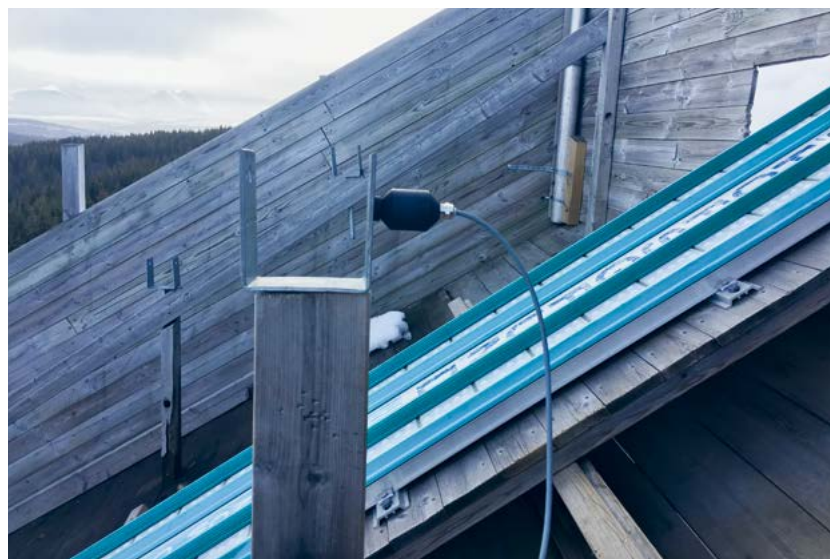




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Holt
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Storelva/Láirejohka
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Heimtun
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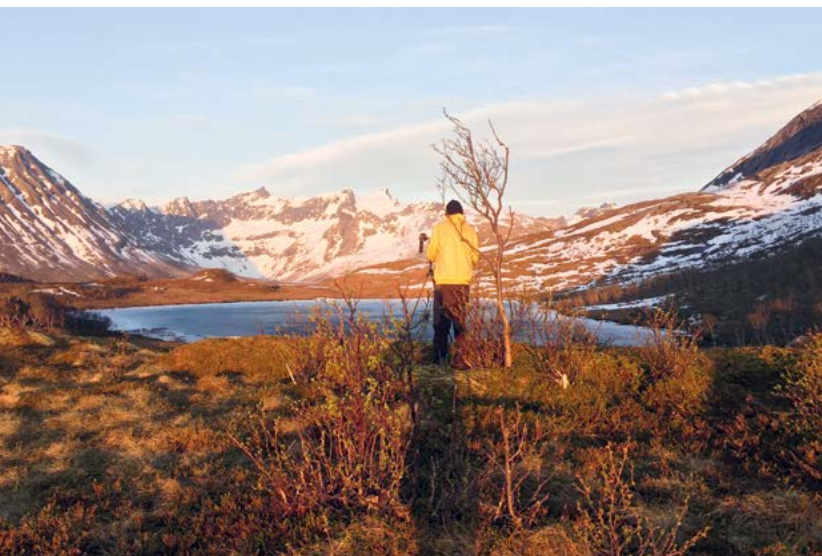
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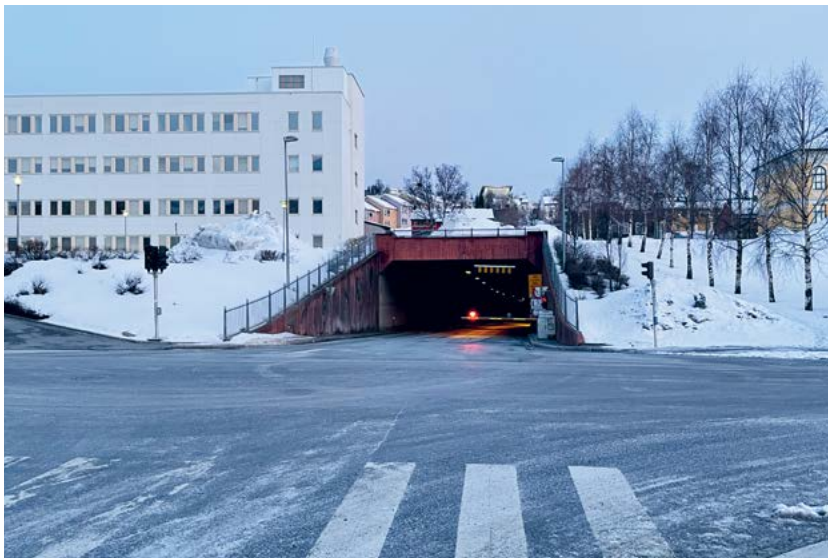




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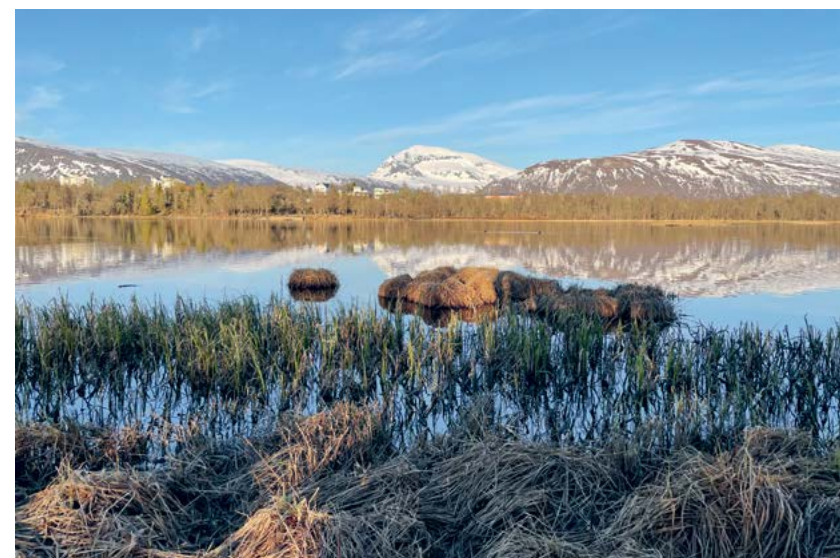
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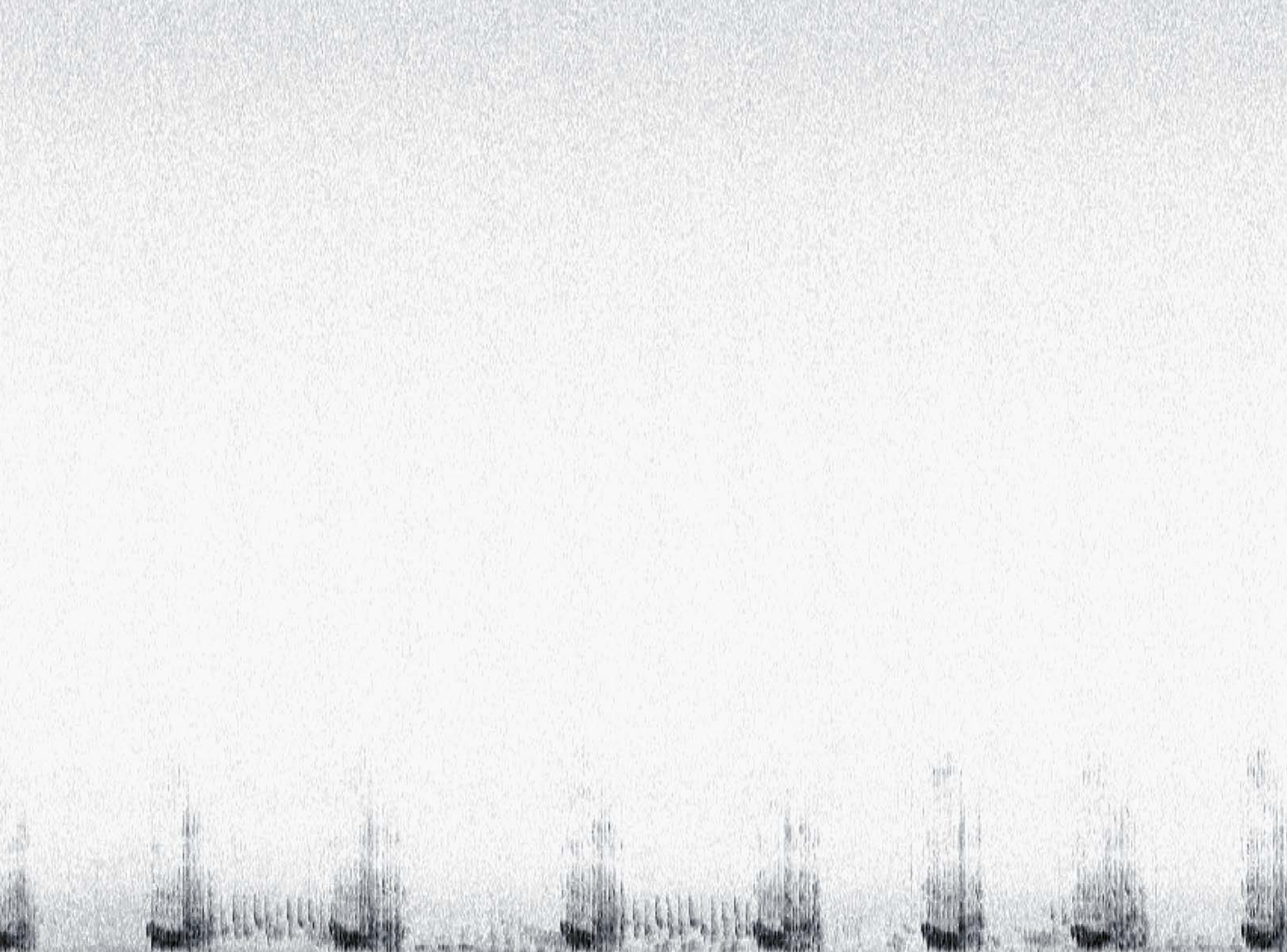


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