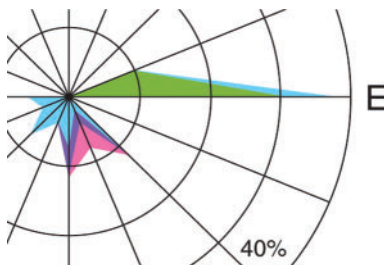


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Is long-range transport from populated and industrialised areas to blame for pollution of remote regions? Sometimes not, according to Kukučka et al. (see pp. 504–513) – they found that the major sources of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons to recent snow contamination of Antarctica were regional scientific stations and ocean transport, mostly tourism.



Mercury is a neurotoxin that bioaccumulates in the aquatic food web. Atmospheric emissions from urban areas close to the coast (e.g. wind-borne gaseous elemental mercury in Sydney) could cause increased local mercury deposition to the ocean. Soerensen et al. add important new data to the current limited knowledge on atmospheric mercury emissions and dynamics in coastal urban areas (see pp. 537–547).

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