

Multiplicative compositional combinations as an alternative to analyze the compositions of Mercury soils

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Because of the relative nature of compositional data (CODA), i.e., the constraint that component concentrations sum to 100%, when we need to compare two chemical compositions, ratios among individual entries have to be considered rather than difference vector between absolute values of entries. For example, since this *multiplicative* point of view, the arithmetic mean of two compositions is not *located* in its middle point. Instead, the geometric mean is its true *compositional average*. This fact generalizes in the *multiplicative compositional combinations* of two *endmembers* compositions. These compositional combinations could be used for applying the sputter-codes. Exospheric density distributions in 1-D and 3-D for all the expected species under ordinary solar wind conditions could be produced.