



Absolute vs Relative Uncertainty

Margin of uncertainty ΔA

$$(A + \Delta A) \quad (1.30 + 0.01)g$$

Relative size of uncertainty $\frac{\Delta A}{A} \times 100\%$

$$0.01/1.3 \times 100 = 0.77\%$$

Propagation of uncertainty $(A \pm \Delta A)$

$$\text{Initial titre} = (5.00 \pm 0.02) \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{final titre} = (21.35 \pm 0.02) \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{Volume delivered} = 21.35 - 5 = 16.35 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$(\text{for adding \& subtracting}) \quad \sqrt{\sum \Delta A^2}$$

$$\text{Uncertainty} = \sqrt{0.02^2 + 0.02^2} = 0.03$$

$$\text{Report volume} \quad (16.35 \pm 0.03) \text{ cm}^3$$

What is the concentration of a solution with 13.3 g dissolved in 2.0 dm³ of solution

$$\text{Mass} = (13.3 \pm 0.1) \text{g}$$

$$C = \frac{13.3 \text{g}}{2.0 \text{dm}^3} = 6.7 \text{g dm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Volume} = (2.0 \pm 0.1) \text{dm}^3$$

For multiplying & dividing

\rightarrow relative uncertainty

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{0.1 \times 100}{13.3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{0.01 \times 100}{2.0}\right)^2} \pm \sqrt{\sum \left(\frac{\Delta A}{A} \times 100\right)^2}$$

$$= 5\% \text{ to Absolute}$$

$$\frac{\% \text{U} \cdot \text{Calc}}{100\%} = \frac{5\% \times 6.7 \text{g dm}^{-3}}{100\%}$$

$$= \pm 0.3 \text{g dm}^{-3}$$

$$C = (6.7 \pm 0.3) \text{g dm}^{-3}$$