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frequency:	hertz (Hz)
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time:	second (s), minute (min), hour (h)
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amount of a particular substance:	mole (mol), millimole (mmol).

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