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ampere	A
angstrom	Å
becquerel	Bq
coulomb	C

counts per minute	cpm
counts per second	cps
Curie	Ci
degree Celsius	°C
disintegration per minute	dpm
disintegration per second	dps
electron volt	eV
equivalent	Eq
gauss	G
gram	g
gravities	× G
gray	Gy
hertz	Hz
hour	hr
international unit	IU
kelvin	K
kilogram	kg
liter	l
meter	m
minute	min
molar	M
mole	mole
month	mo
normal (concentration)	N
ohm	Ω
osmole	Osmol
revolutions per minute	rpm
second	sec
square centimeter	cm ²
volt	V
watt	W
week	wk
year	yr

Combining Prefixes

tera- (10 ¹²)	T
giga- (10 ⁹)	G
mega- (10 ⁶)	M
kilo- (10 ³)	k
hecto- (10 ²)	h
deca- (10 ¹)	da
deci- (10 ⁻¹)	d
centi- (10 ⁻²)	c
milli- (10 ⁻³)	m
micro- (10 ⁻⁶)	μ
nano- (10 ⁻⁹)	n
pico- (10 ⁻¹²)	p
femto- (10 ⁻¹⁵)	f
atto- (10 ⁻¹⁸)	a

Statistical Terms

correlation coefficient	r
degrees of freedom	df
mean	\bar{x}
not significant	NS
number of observations	n
probability	p
standard deviation	s.d.
standard error of the mean	s.e.m.
Student's t-test	t-test
variance ratio	F