

Principles of Energy Balance in Environmental Systems

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Lecture 1

1. Introduction: The magnitude of water use in agriculture
2. The challenge of measuring water use and evapotranspiration
3. Reference books on environmental physics
4. First law of thermodynamics: energy in equals energy out
5. The seven components of the energy balance equation
6. The magnitude of latent heat of evaporation
7. Understanding energy and power
8. Shortwave and longwave radiation
9. $E = mc^2$ homework



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2016 Lecture and Exam Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Energy component</u>
January 13	Course Overview: Introduction	
15	Leaf Energy Balance: Energy input	Energy into the
20	Leaf Energy Balance: Types of Radiation	Plant Community
22	Leaf Energy Balance: Longwave radiation	
27	Leaf Energy Balance: Radiation absorption.	
29	Leaf Energy Balance: Transpiration	
February 3	Leaf energy balance: Conduction & Convection	
5	Plant Growth Analysis: Relative Growth Rate	
10	Plant Growth Analysis: Leaf and Stem partitioning	
12	Plant Growth Analysis: Community growth rate	Energy Intercepted
17	Plant growth analysis: Leaf angles	by the Plant Community
19	In class EXAM: Radiation & Growth analysis	
24	Canopy Photosynthesis: Radiation absorption	
26	Canopy Photosynthesis: Radiation attenuation	
March 2	Canopy Photosynthesis: Radiation attenuation	
4	Photosynthetic efficiency	
7 – 11	Spring Break - no class	
16	Photosynthetic efficiency	Energy conversion
18	Photosynthetic efficiency	in photosynthesis
23	C ₃ /C ₄ /CAM Characteristics in Plants	
25	Water Use Efficiency: stomatal control	
30	Maintenance and Growth Respiration	Energy Conversion
	(Take home mid-term - 24 hours- due next day at noon)	in respiration
April 1	Maintenance and Growth Respiration	
6	Long distance Transport: Pressure gradients	
8	Phloem Transport: Driving gradients	Energy Partitioning
13	Assimilate Partitioning: Source-Sink Relationships	to seeds
15	Assimilate Partitioning: Source-Sink Relationships	
20	Absorption Capacity of Root Systems	
22	Nitrogen: uptake, translocation, assimilation	
27	Stress Physiology: Water	
29	Stress Physiology: Temperature	
May 4	Wednesday - Comprehensive Final Exam: 11:30 – 1:20	

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$$\Psi = R/V_w * T_k * \ln(RH)$$

$$R_n = \lambda E + H + P - R + G$$

$$E = \sigma T^4$$

$$\text{Flux} = g(C_i - C_a)$$

$$\text{Carbon Use Efficiency} = P_{\text{net}} / P_{\text{gross}}$$

$$\Psi_T = \Psi_s + \Psi_p$$

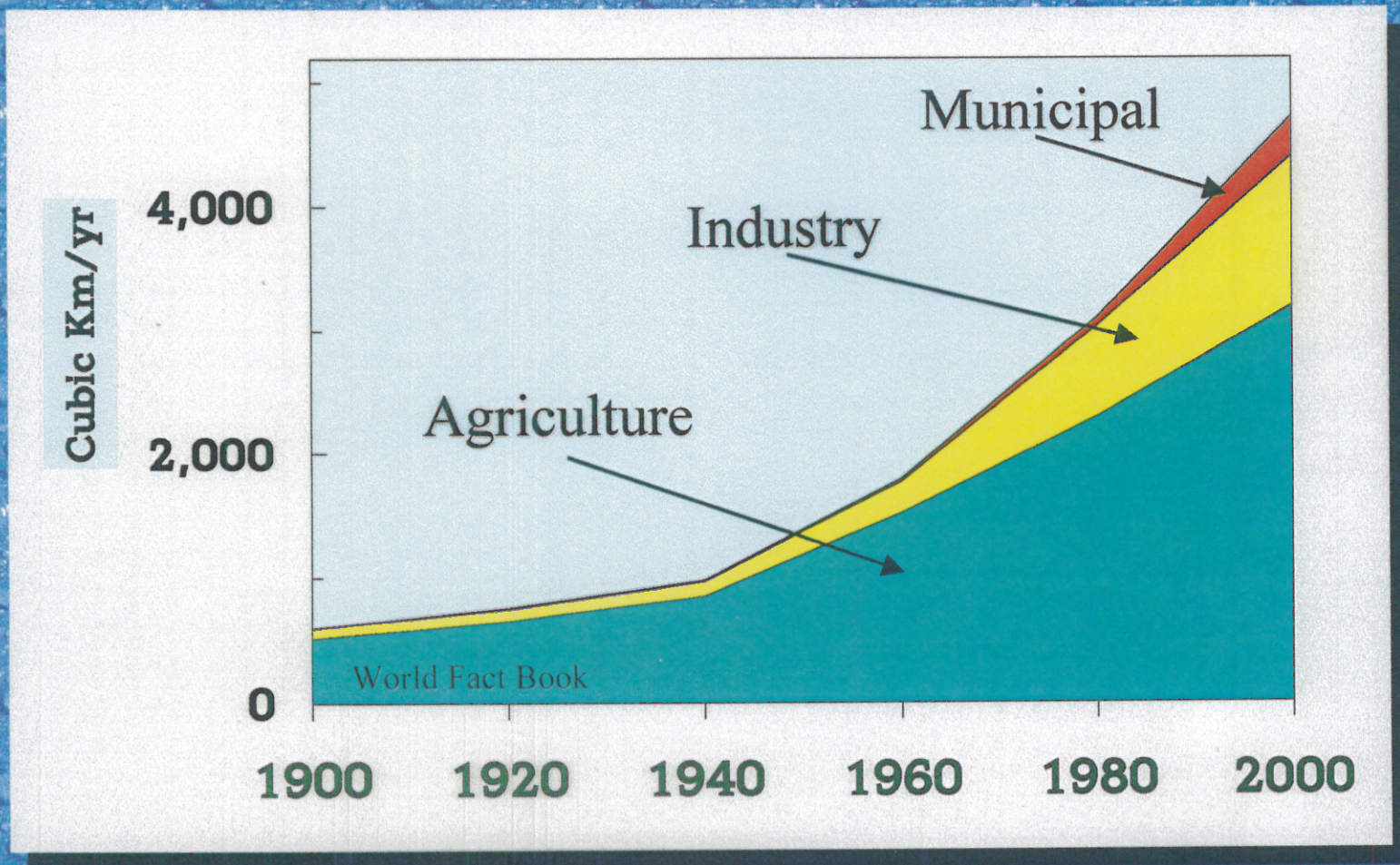
$$RGR = \frac{\ln(M_2) - \ln(M_1)}{t_2 - t_1}$$

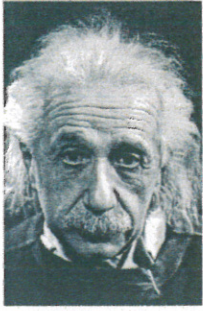
$$\frac{I_o}{I_i} = e^{K \times LAI}$$

$$\Psi_m$$



World Water Use





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Modeling assignment number one

$$E = mc^2$$

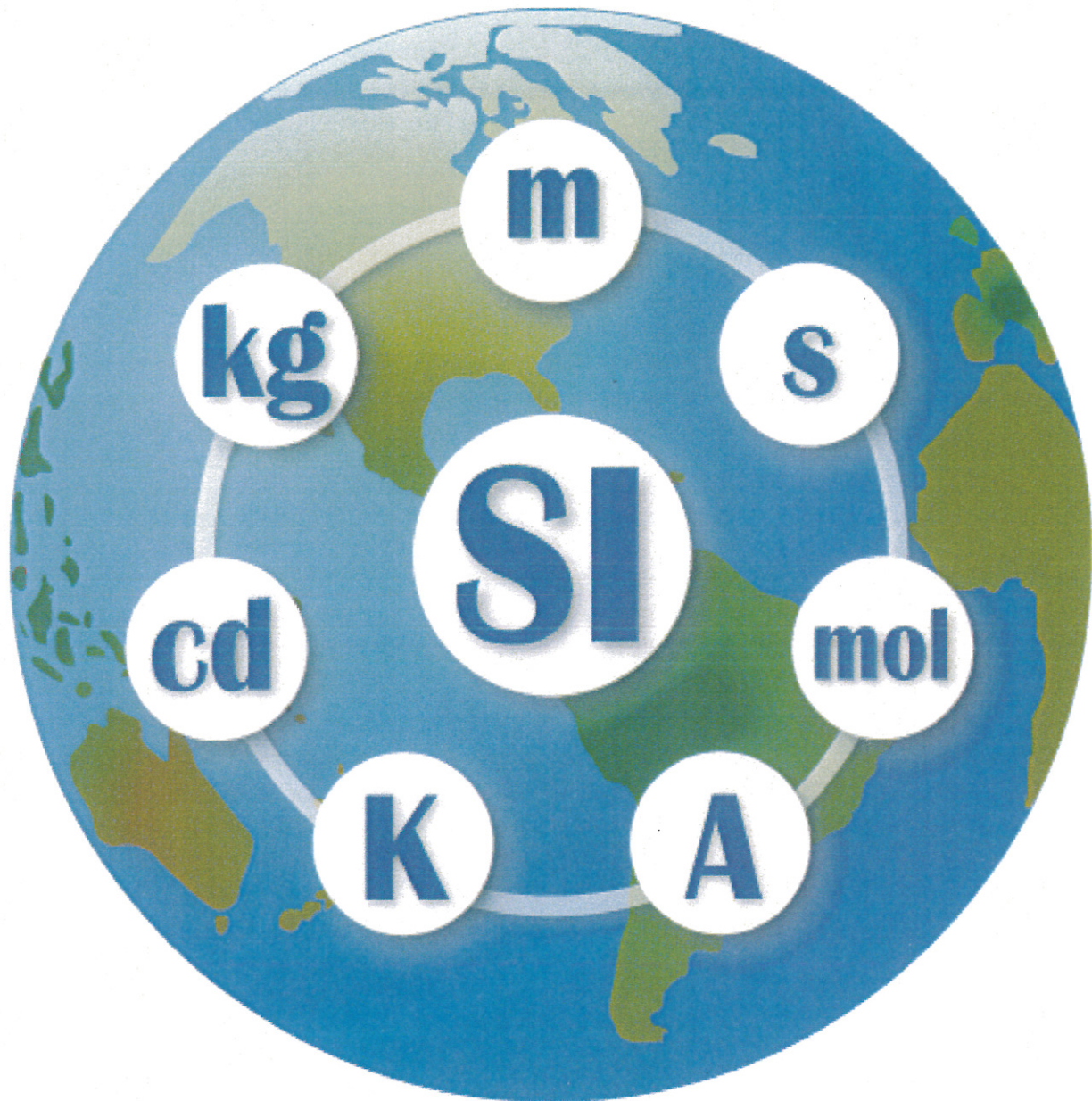
5 points – show your work below

Make strict use of SI units

Name _____



1. Based on Einstein's famous equation, calculate how much energy is in a typical pea seed. If you could convert all of the dry mass in this pea seed to energy, how many years could you live after eating it?



m

kg

s

SI

cd

mol

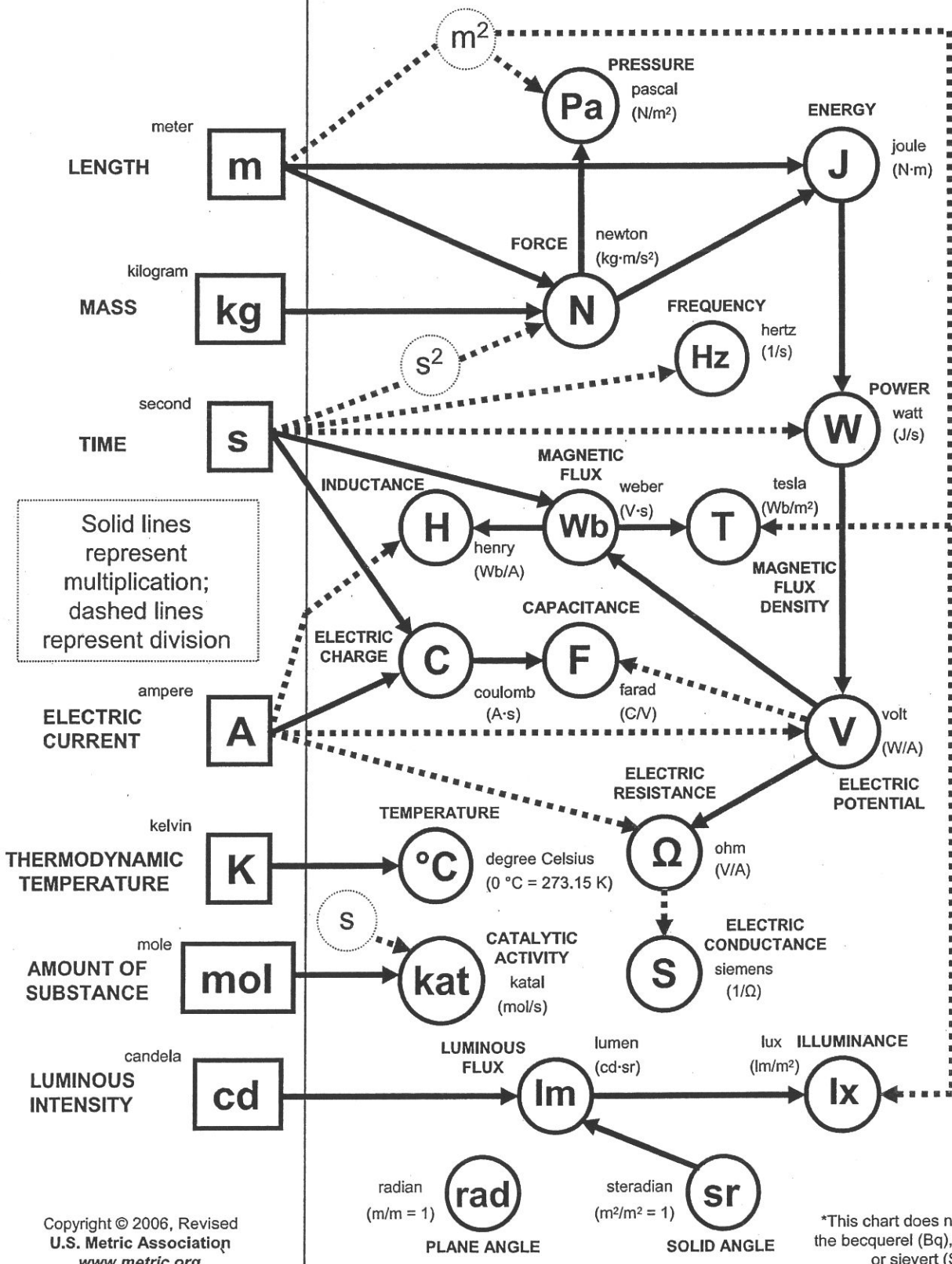
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SI UNITS

BASE UNITS

DERIVED UNITS WITH SPECIAL NAMES*

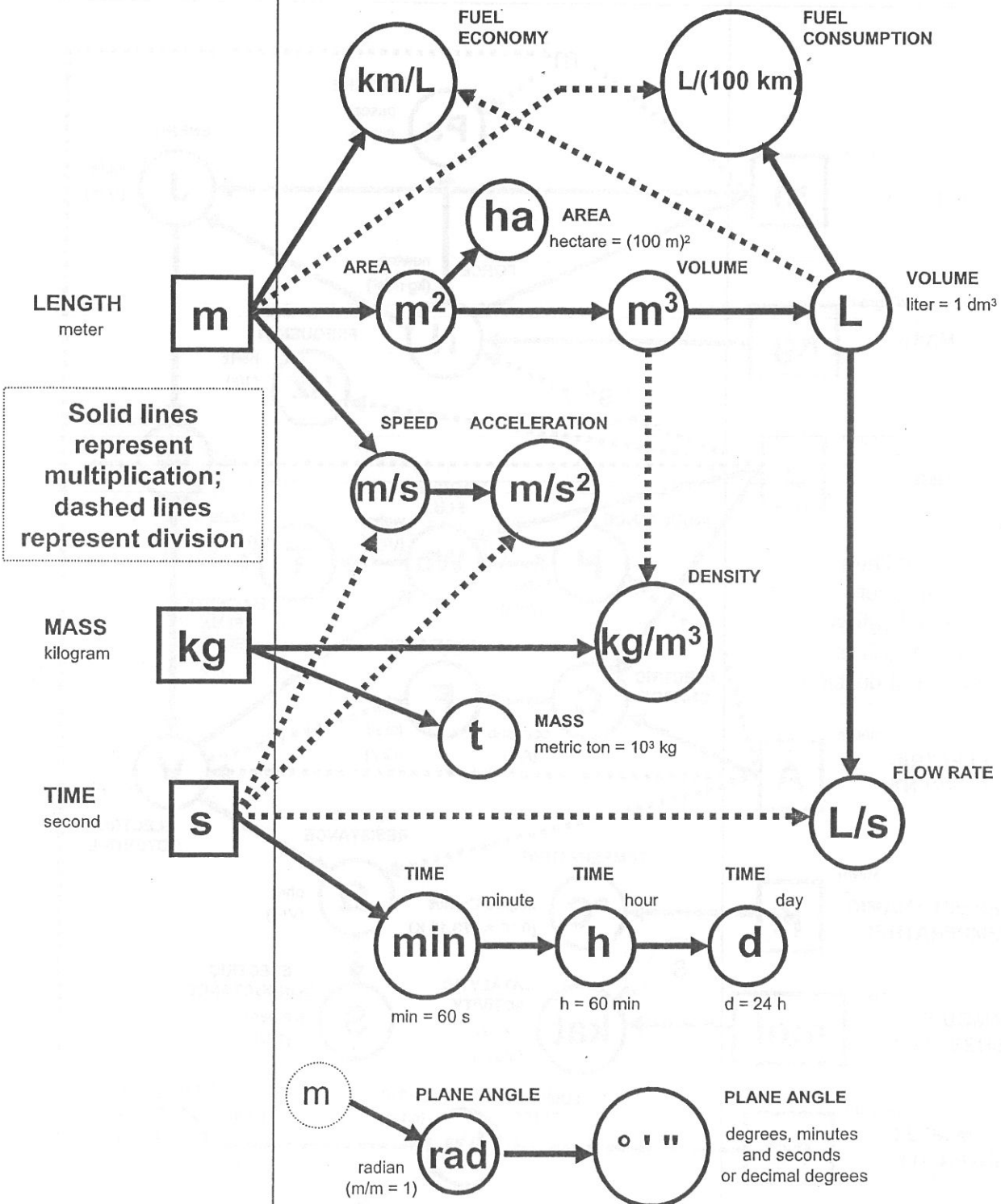


*This chart does not include the becquerel (Bq), gray (Gy), or sievert (Sv)

SI UNITS

BASE UNITS

EXAMPLES OF DERIVED UNITS*



1° = (π/180) rad
 1' = (1/60)°
 1" = (1/60)'

*The named units: hectare (ha), liter (L), metric ton (t), minute (min), hour (h), day (d), and degree, minute, and second of plane angle (° ' ") are approved for use with SI

SI BASE UNITS

Derived units without special names

SI DERIVED UNITS WITH SPECIAL NAMES AND SYMBOLS

Solid lines indicate multiplication, broken lines indicate division

