

## Advanced Psychrometry



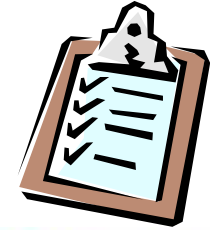
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(\* Printed handouts can be downloaded for self study)

# Introduction to Psychrometry



- Basics
  - The atmosphere
  - Water vapour
  - Saturated vapour pressure
- Also, Appendix - Thermodynamic Basics
  - Perfect gas laws
  - 1st law of thermodynamics
  - Conservation of energy

# Introduction to Psychrometry



- Psychrometry
  - The study of atmospheric air and its associated water vapour
  - Dry air and moist air
- Dalton's law of partial pressures
- Standard atmospheric pressure = 101.325 kPa
- Saturated vapour pressure
  - Max. pressure of water vapour that can occur at any given temperature

# Introduction to Psychrometry



- Psychrometric Chart (Theory)
  - Moisture content ( $g$ ), or absolute humidity ( $w$ )
  - Relative humidity ( $rh$  or RH)
  - Percentage saturation ( $\mu$ )
  - Wet-bulb temperature ( $t_{wb}$ )
  - Specific volume ( $v$ )
- (See the illustration on psychrometric chart)

Can you read them from the chart?

# Psychrometric Chart

Wet-bulb temperature

Enthalpy

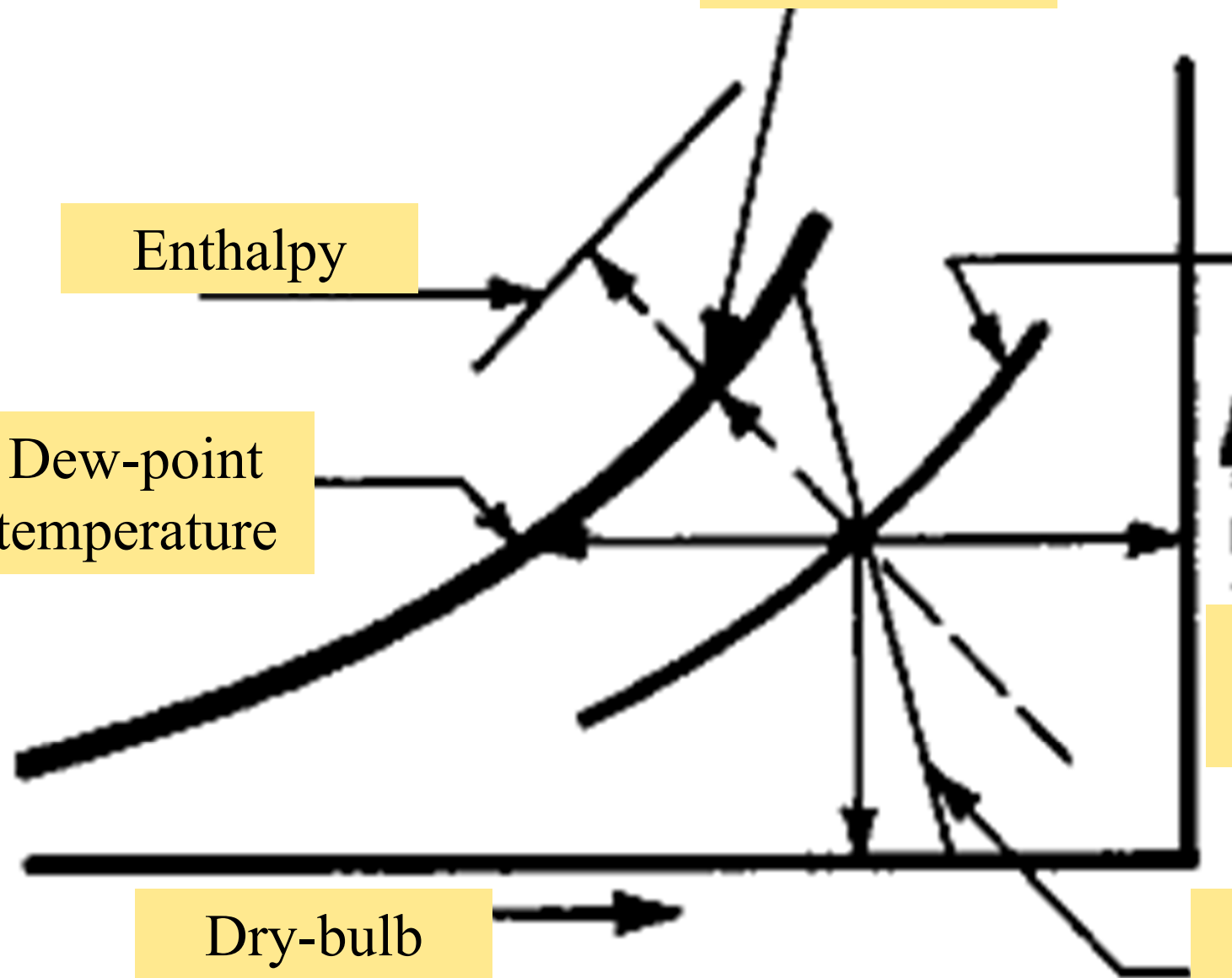
Relative humidity

Dew-point temperature

Humidity ratio

Dry-bulb temperature

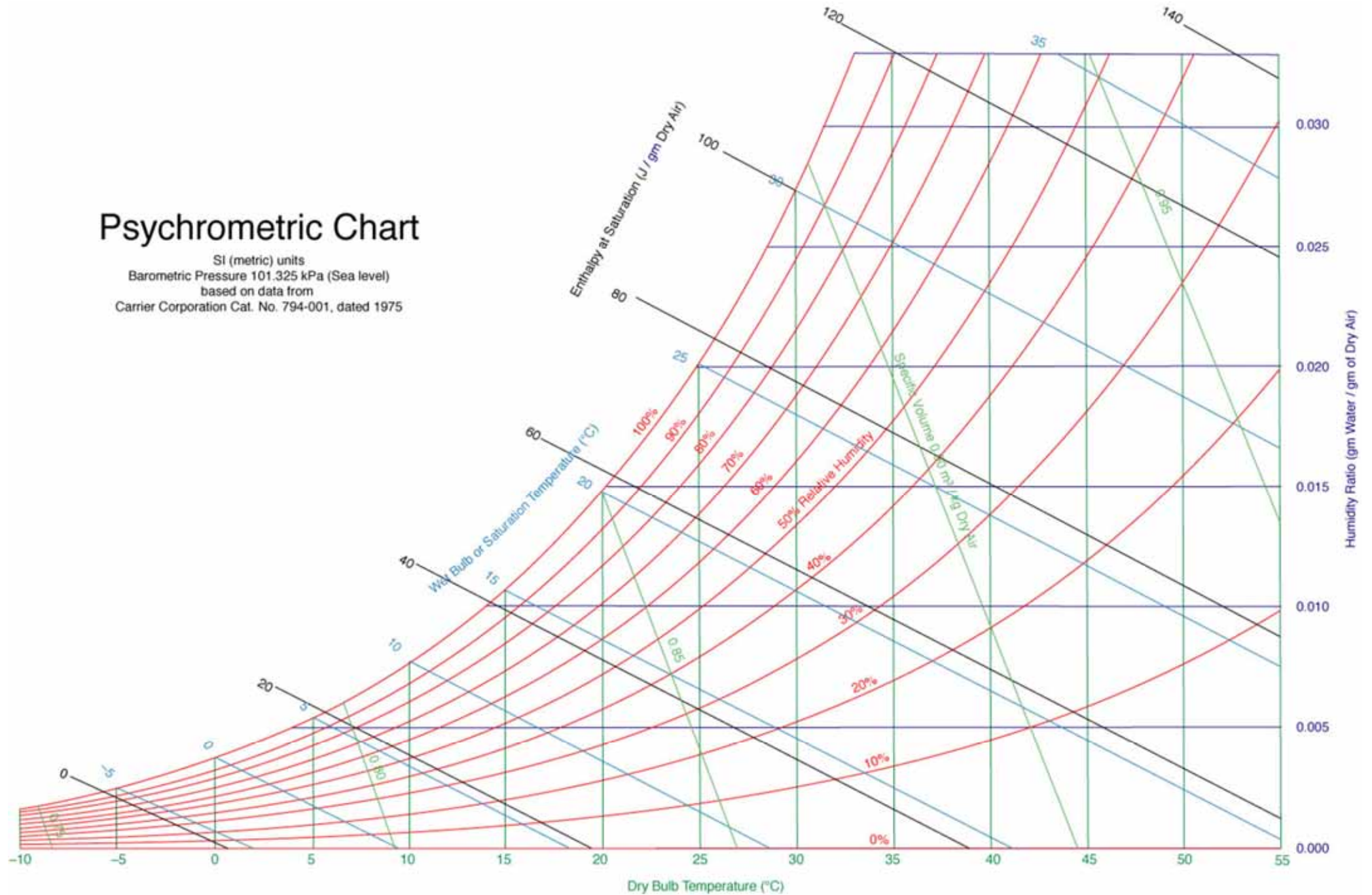
Specific volume





# Psychrometric Chart

SI (metric) units  
Barometric Pressure 101.325 kPa (Sea level)  
based on data from  
Carrier Corporation Cat. No. 794-001, dated 1975



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**101.325 kPa**

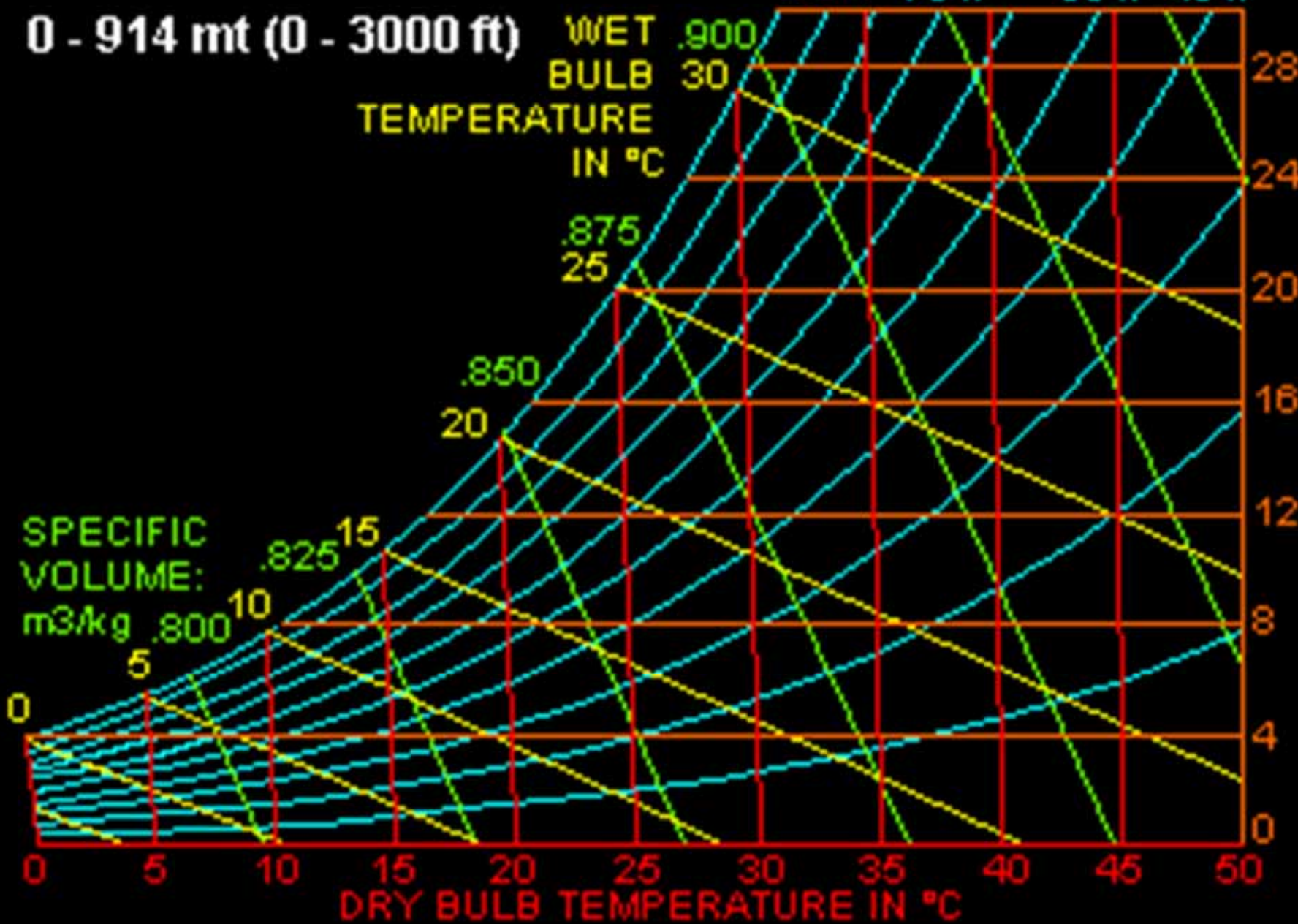
**0 - 914 mt (0 - 3000 ft)**

**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
100% 80% 60%  
90% 70% 50% 40%

**WET BULB TEMPERATURE IN °C**

**SPECIFIC VOLUME: m<sup>3</sup>/kg**

**ABSOLUTE HUMIDITY: g/kg**





# Sling psychrometer

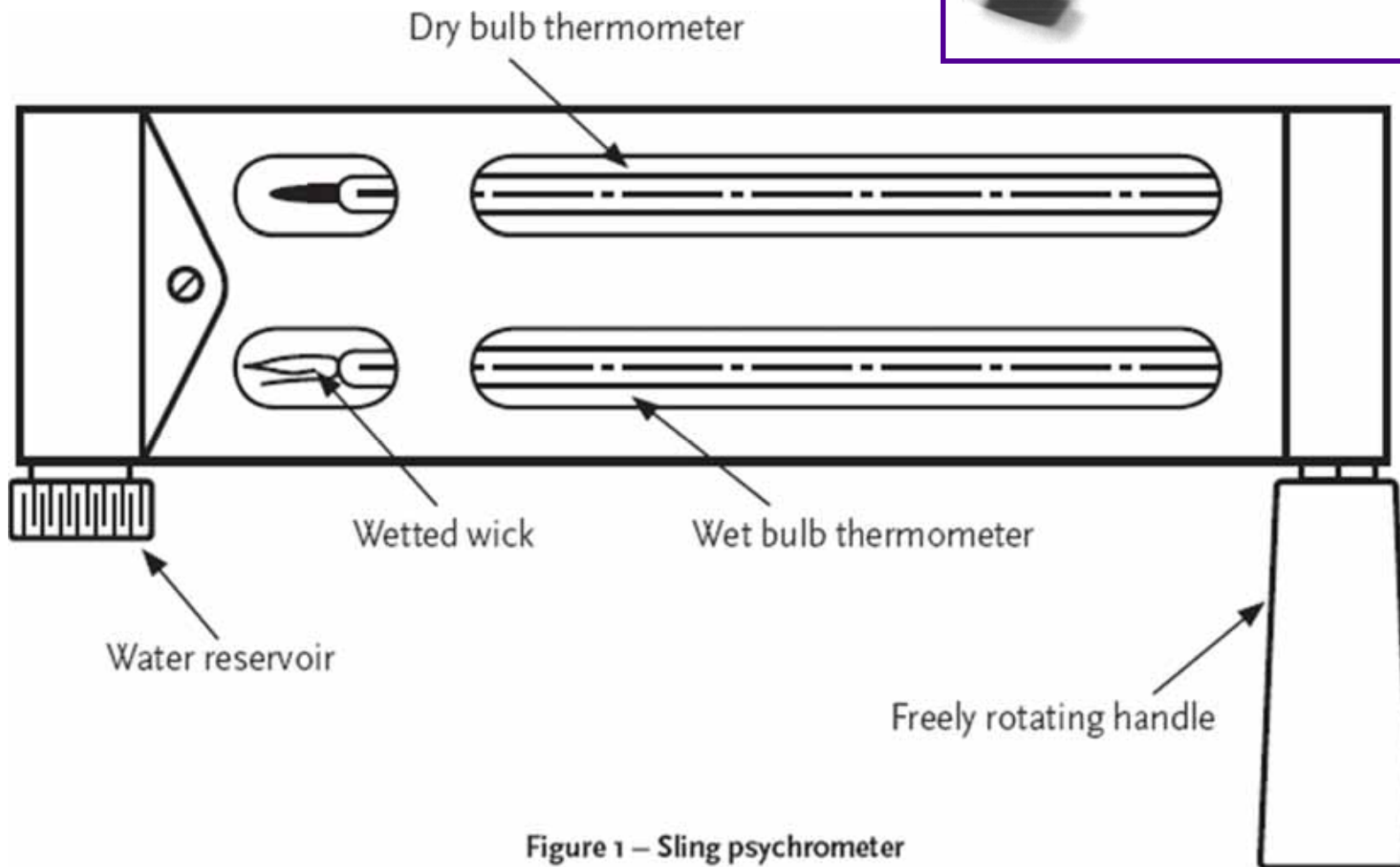


Figure 1 – Sling psychrometer

# Introduction to Psychrometry



- The Psychrometric Equation
  - Dew-point temperature ( $t_{dp}$ )
  - Specific enthalpy ( $h$ )
  - Specific volume ( $v$ )
  - Density ( $\rho$ )
- Do you know how to find out the moist air properties using the psychrometric chart?

# Introduction to Psychrometry



- Commonly used psychrometric charts
  - ASHRAE psychrometric chart
  - CIBSE psychrometric chart
- Why are they slightly different?
- Can you find out the differences?





# ASHRAE PSYCHROMETRIC CHART NO.1

NORMAL TEMPERATURE

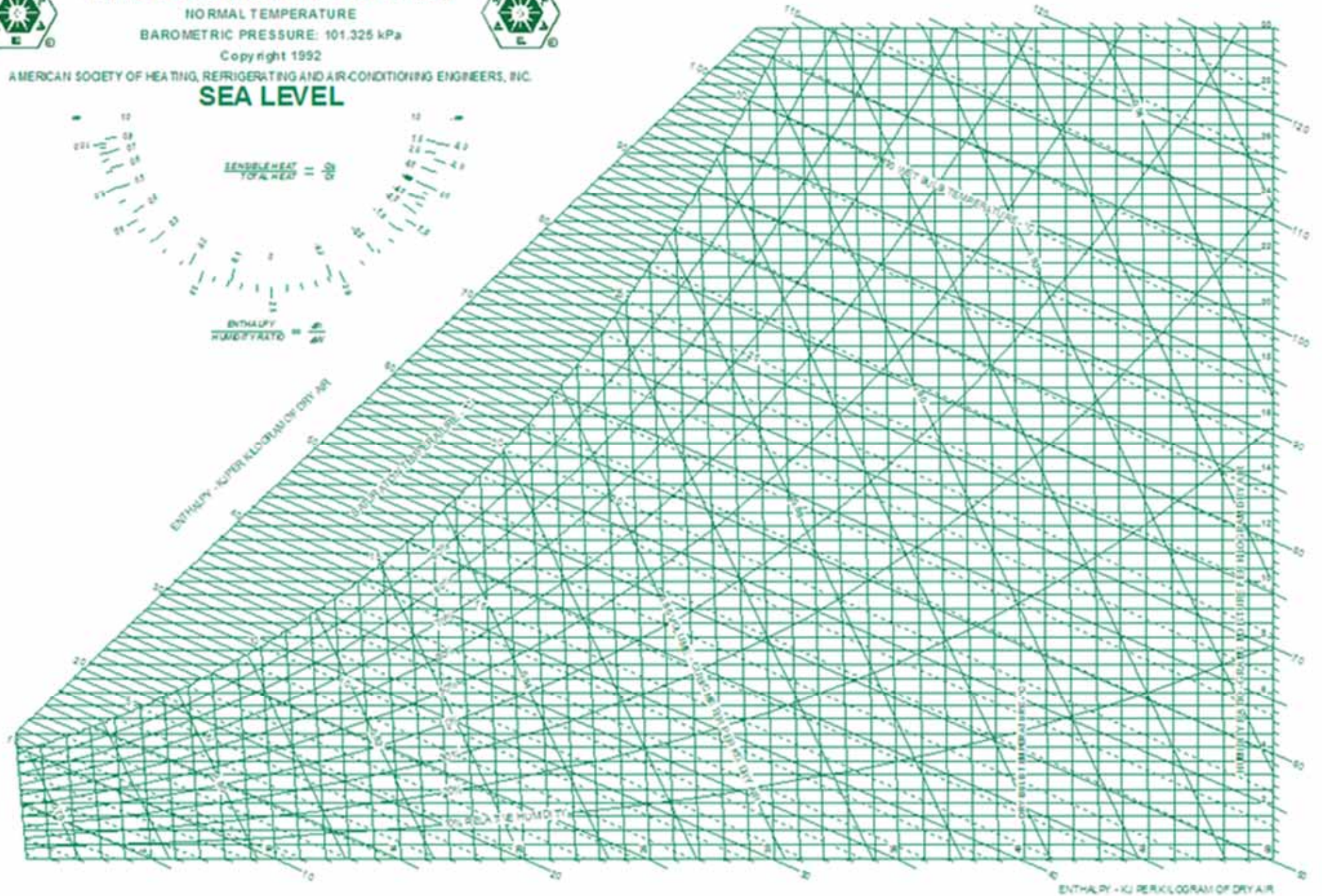
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE: 101.325 kPa

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## SEA LEVEL

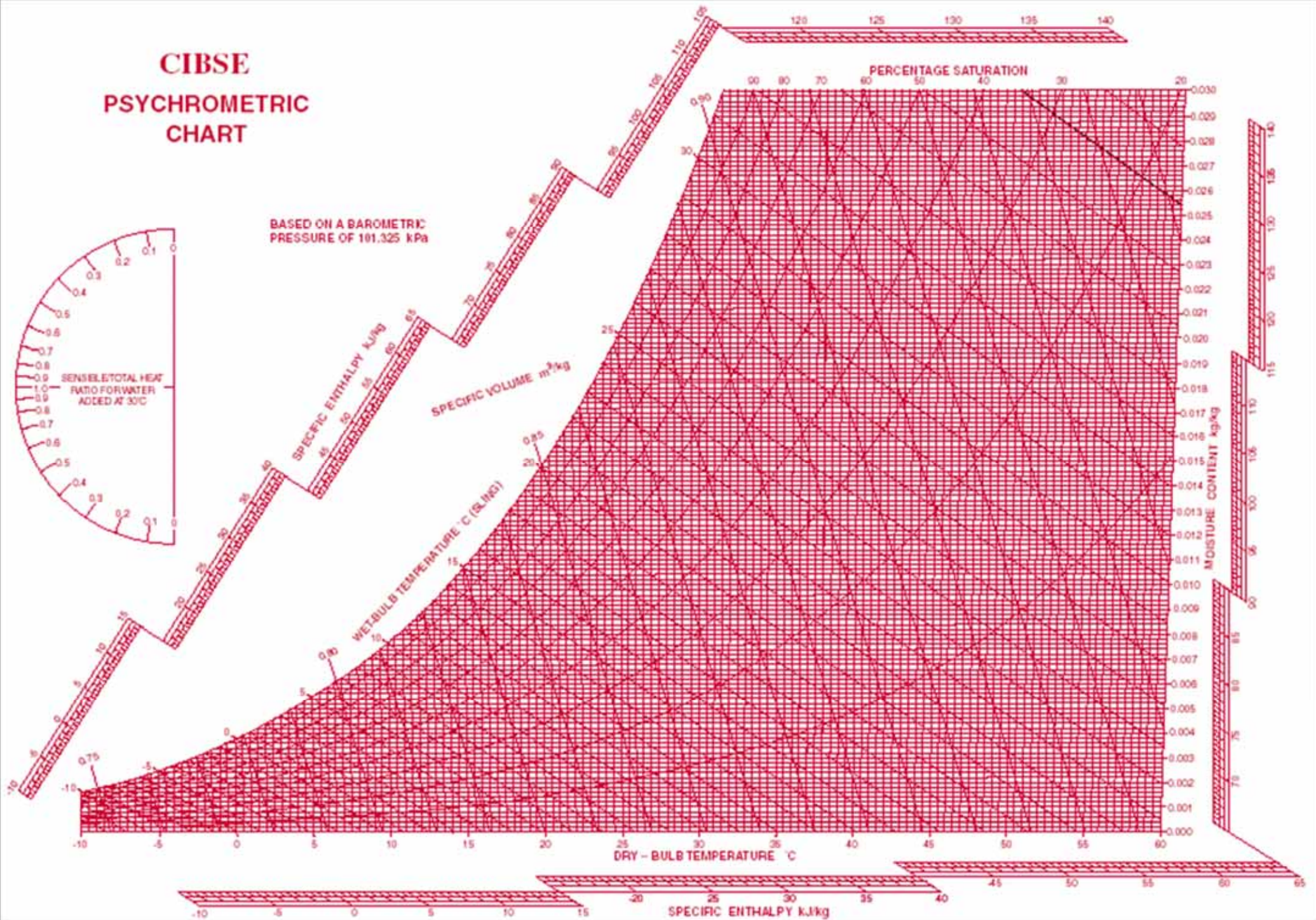


ENTHALPY - KJ PER KILOGRAM OF DRY AIR



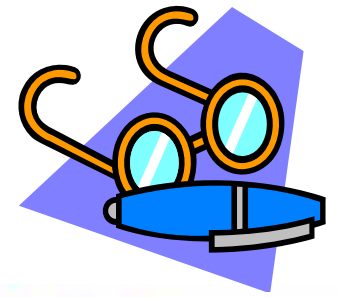
# CIBSE PSYCHROMETRIC CHART

BASED ON A BAROMETRIC  
PRESSURE OF 101.325 kPa



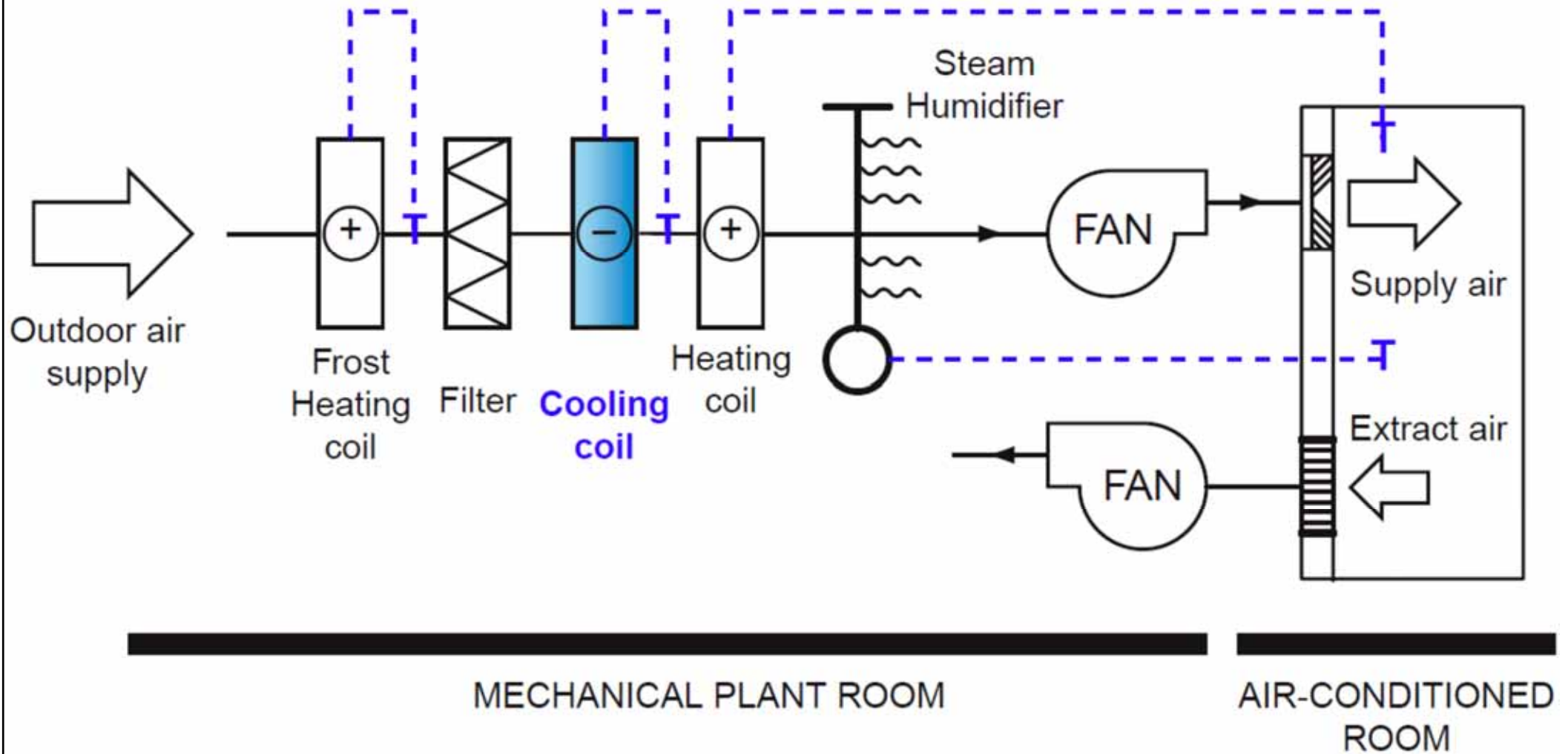


# Psychrometric Processes

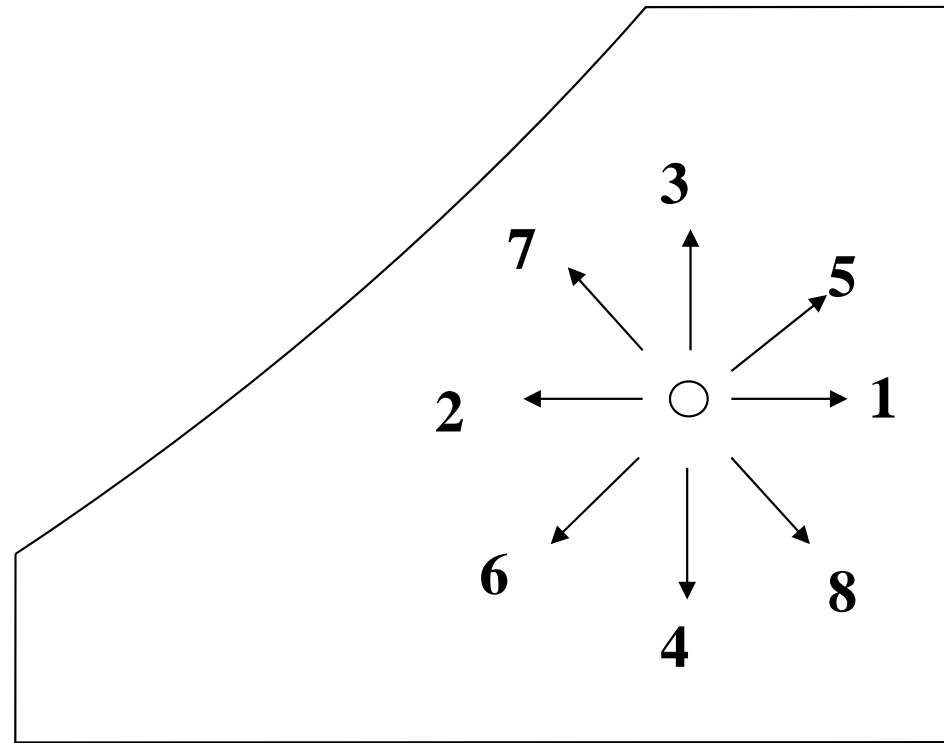


- Common processes:
  - Sensible cooling / sensible heating
  - Cooling and dehumidification / heating and humidification
  - Humidification / dehumidification
  - Evaporative cooling / chemical dehydration
- Typical devices:
  - Cooling/heating coils
  - Humidifiers / dehumidifiers

# Schematic representation of all fresh-air, constant volume air conditioning system



# Basic psychrometric processes



Process 0-1: Sensible heating

Process 0-2: Sensible cooling

Process 0-3: Humidifying

Process 0-4: Dehumidifying

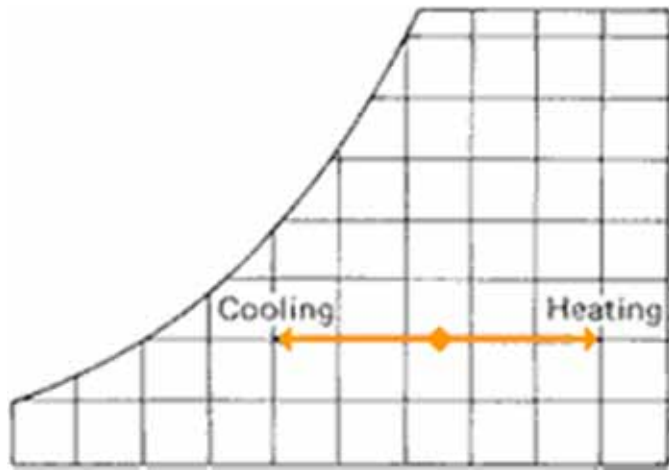
Process 0-5: Heating and humidifying

Process 0-6: Cooling and dehumidifying

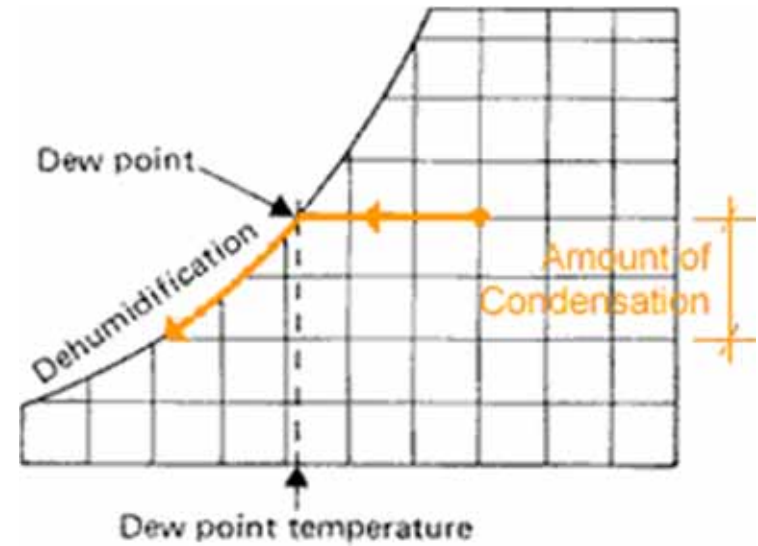
Process 0-7: Cooling and humidifying

Process 0-8: Heating and dehumidifying

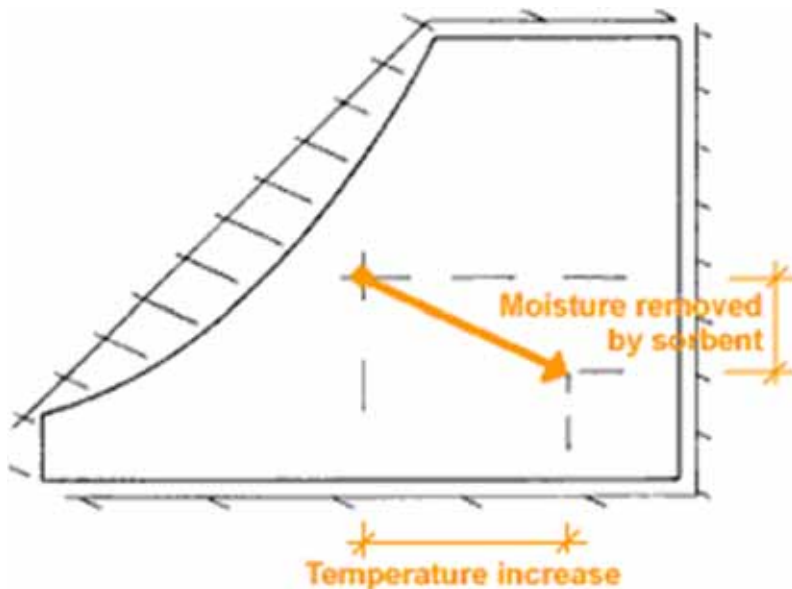
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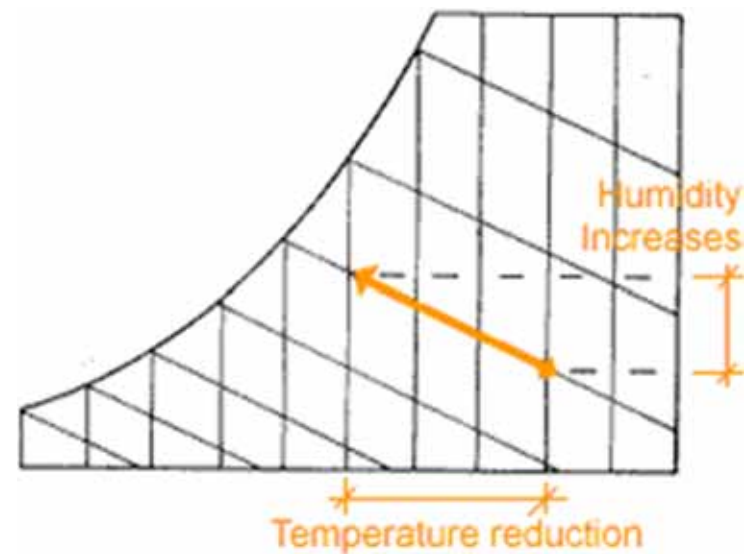
Sensible cooling/heating



Cooling and dehumidification

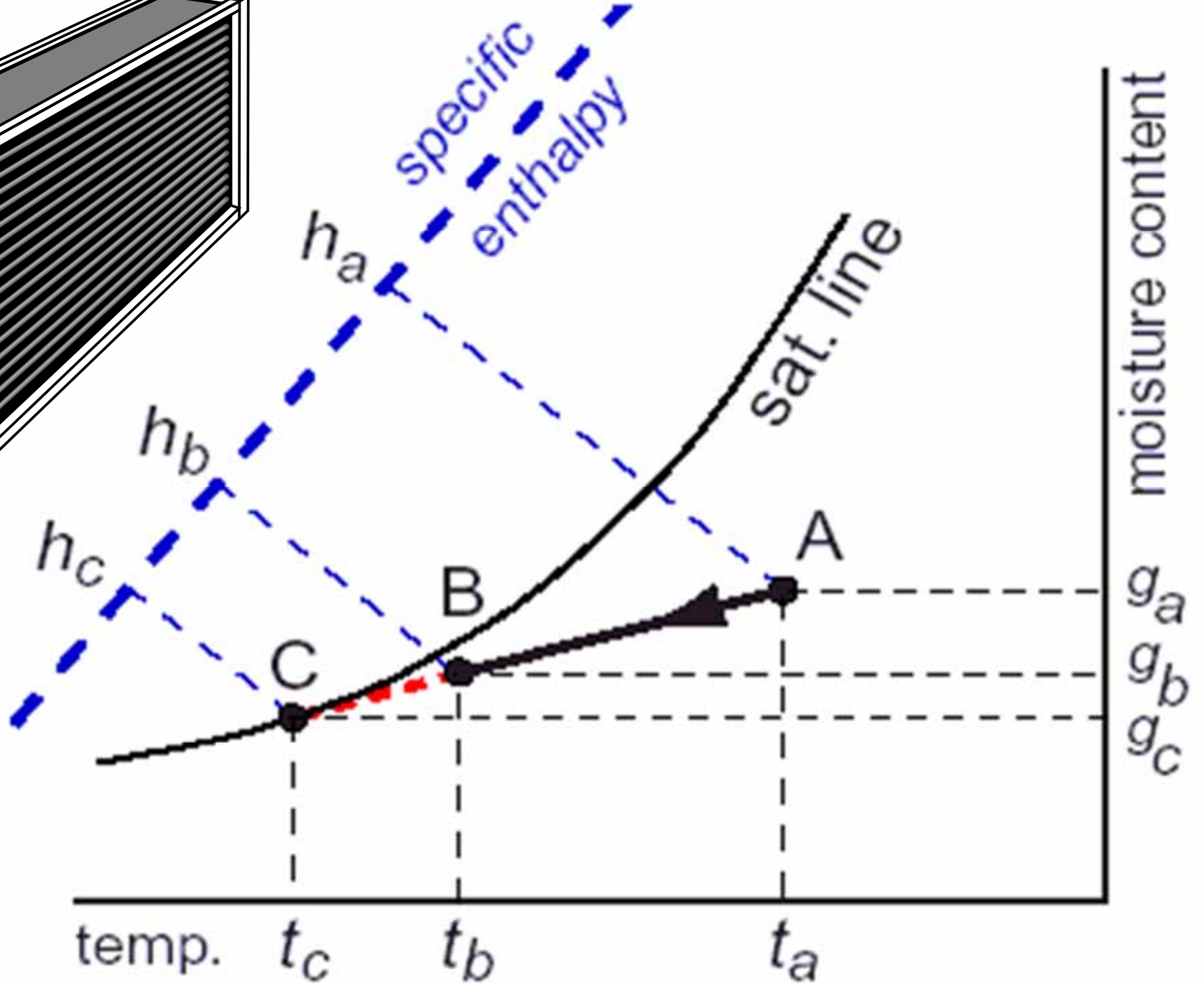
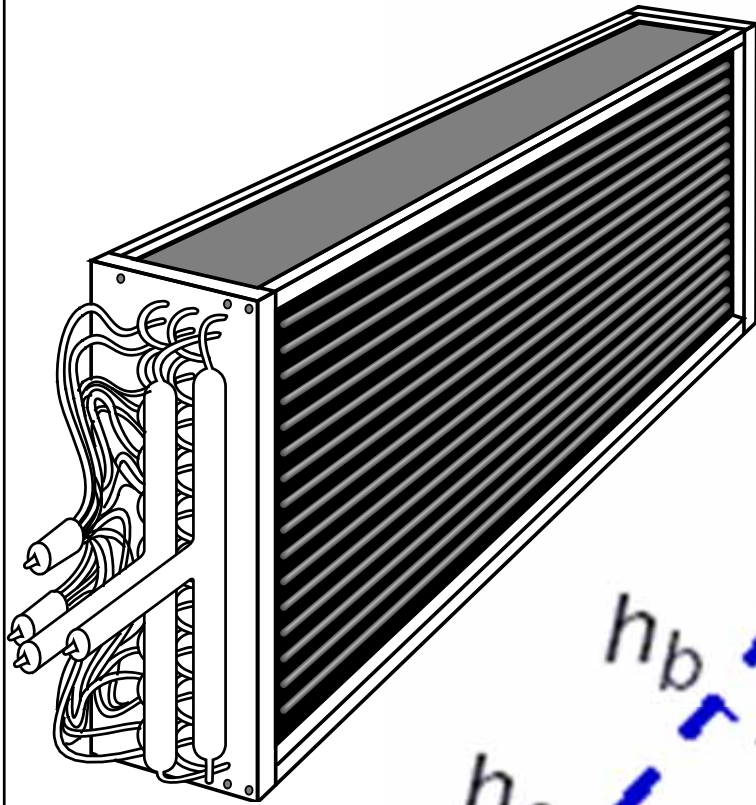


Adiabatic dehumidification



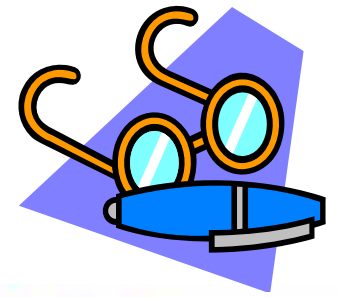
Evaporative cooling

# Cooling and dehumidification





# Psychrometric Processes

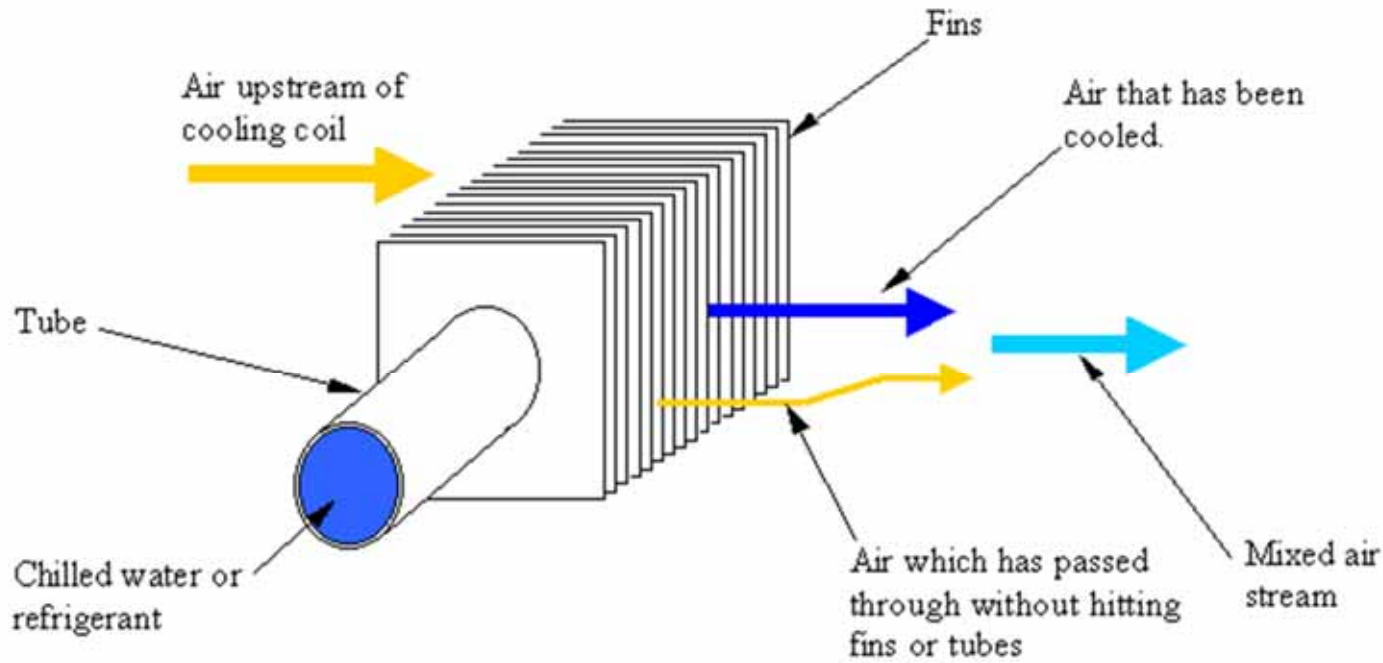


- Specific enthalpy difference:  $q = m \times (h_a - h_b)$
- Sensible heat:  $q_S = m_a \times c_p \times (t_b - t_a)$
- Latent heat:  $q_L = m_a \times h_{fg}$
- Contact factor (cooling coil):

$$\beta = \frac{g_a - g_b}{g_a - g_c} = \frac{h_a - h_b}{h_a - h_c} = \frac{t_a - t_b}{t_a - t_c}$$

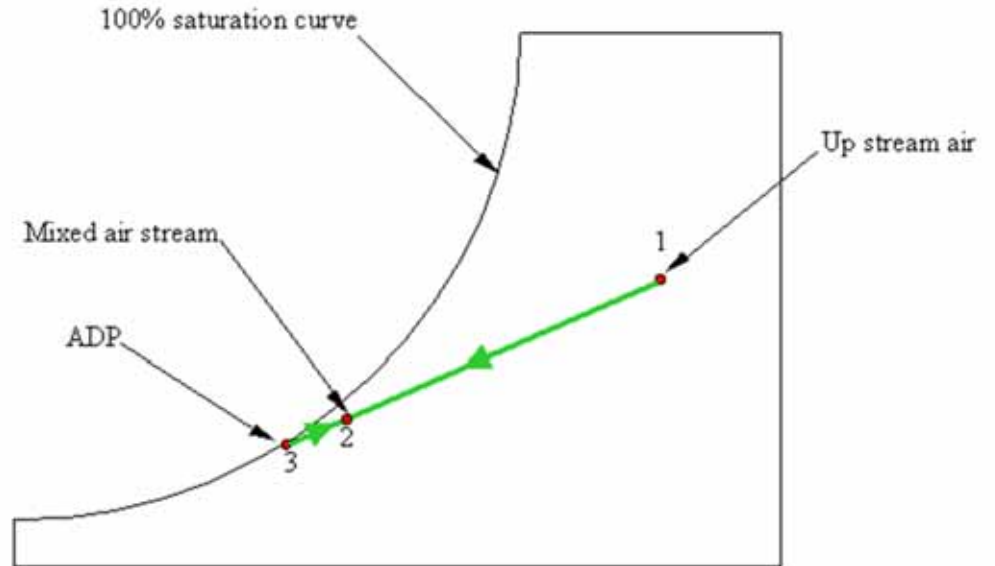
- Bypass factor = 1 – Contact factor

# Cooling coil contact factor



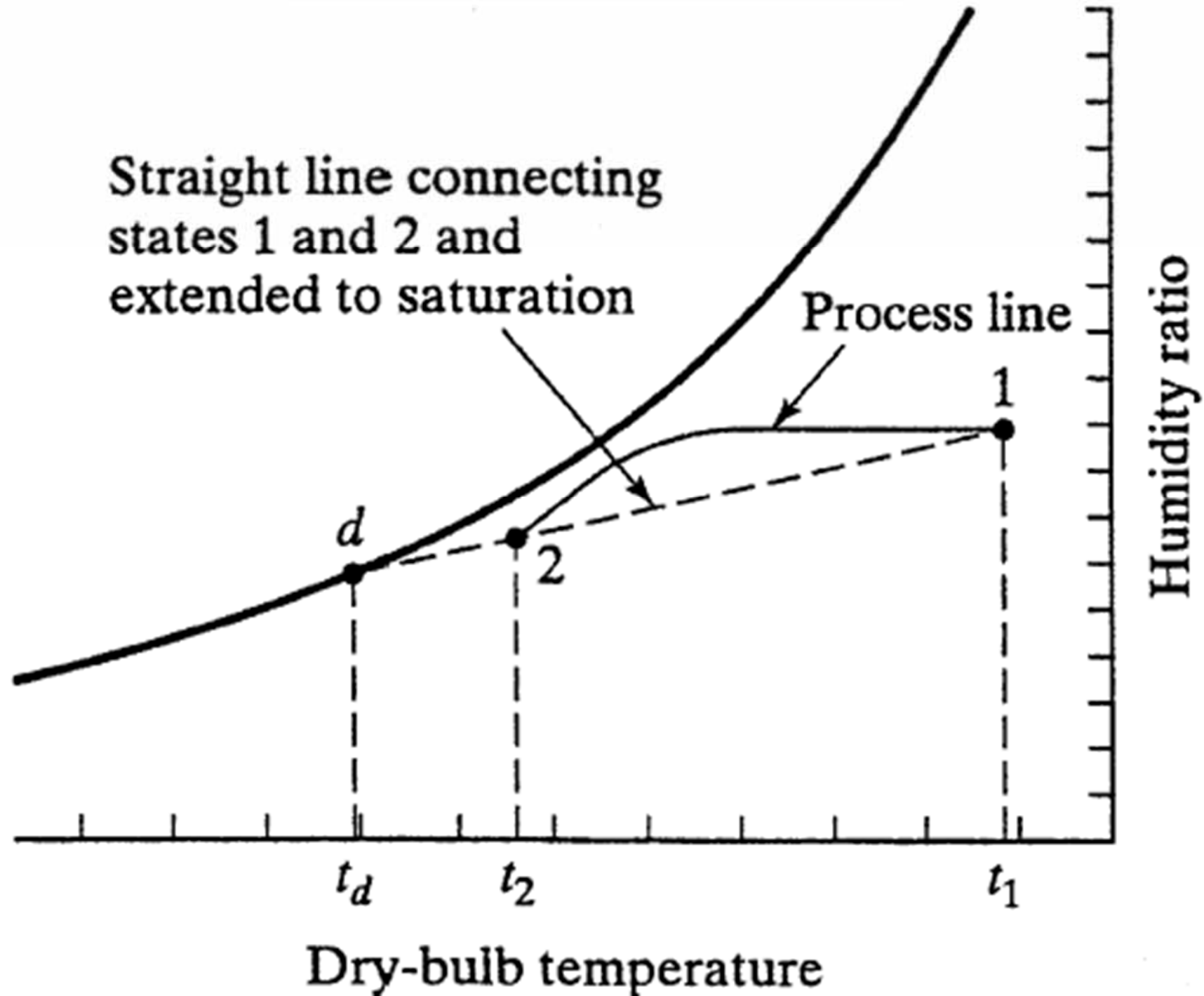
A SECTION OF COOLING COIL SHOWING AIR STREAMS

ADP = apparatus dew point

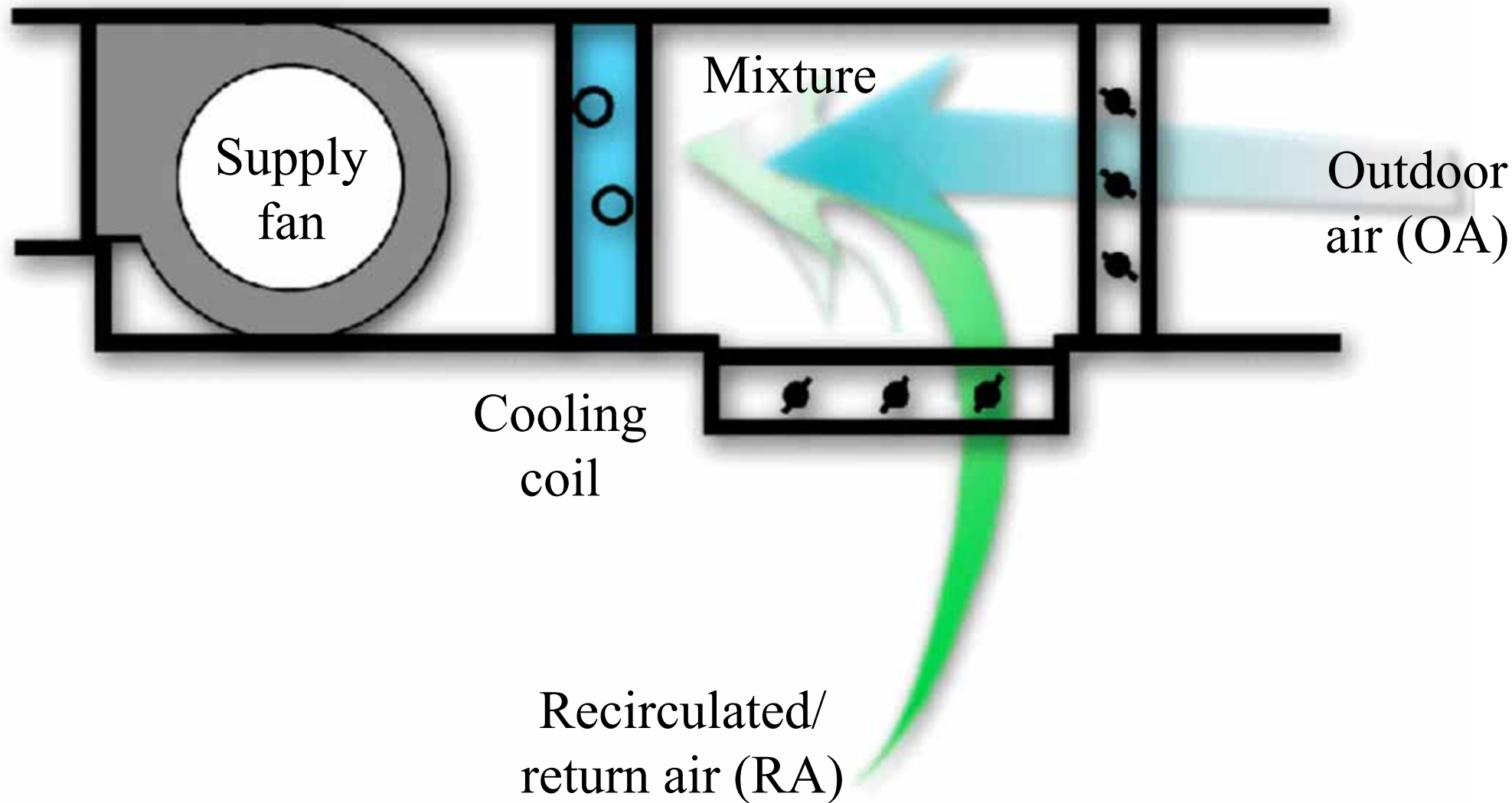


PSYCHROMETRIC CHART SHOWING COOLING COIL CONTACT FACTOR

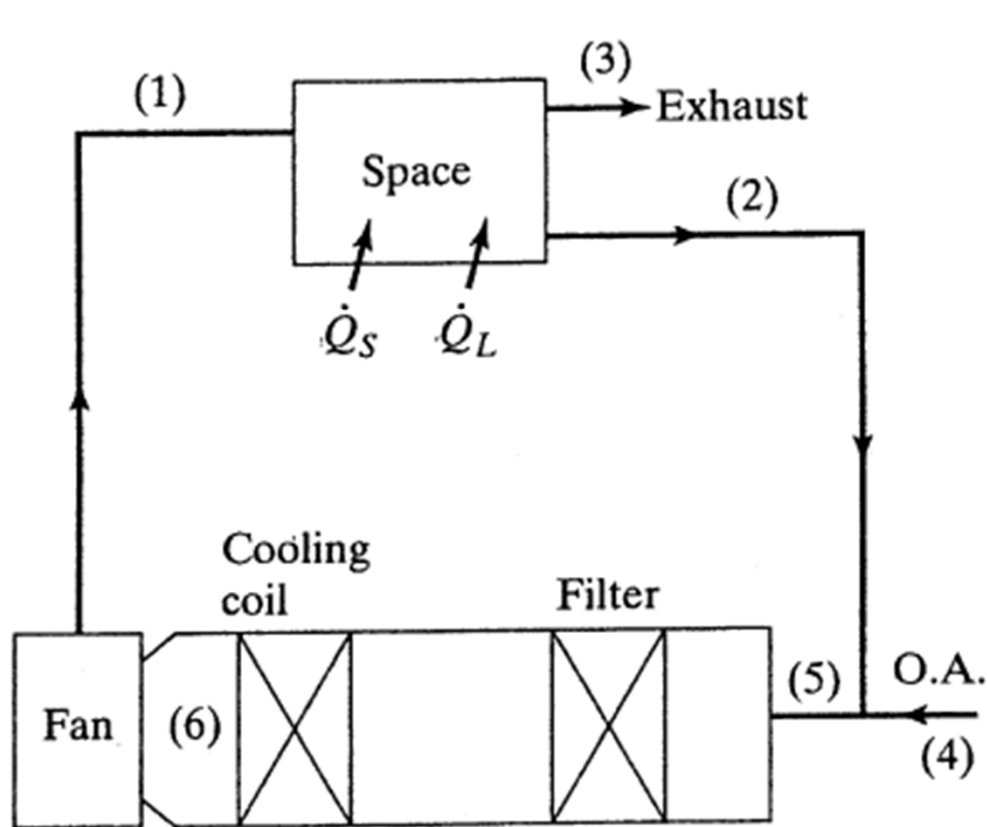
# Cooling and dehumidification



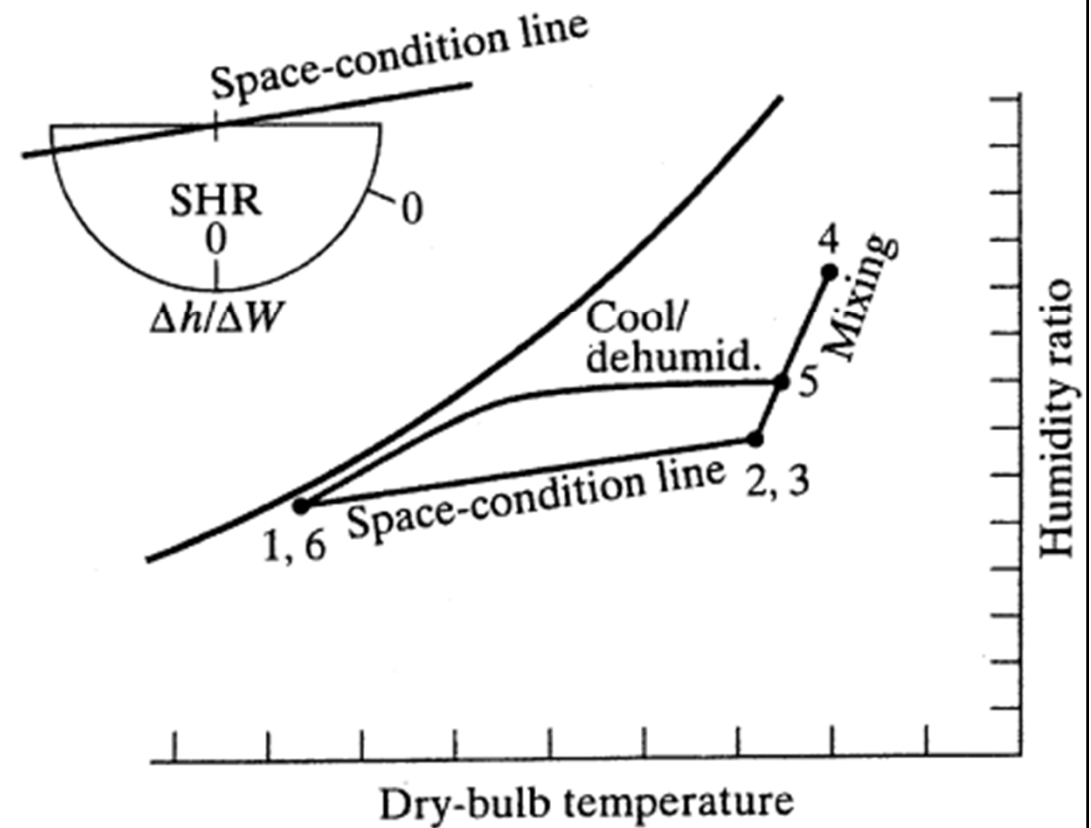
# Determining entering air conditions



## Simple air conditioning cycle



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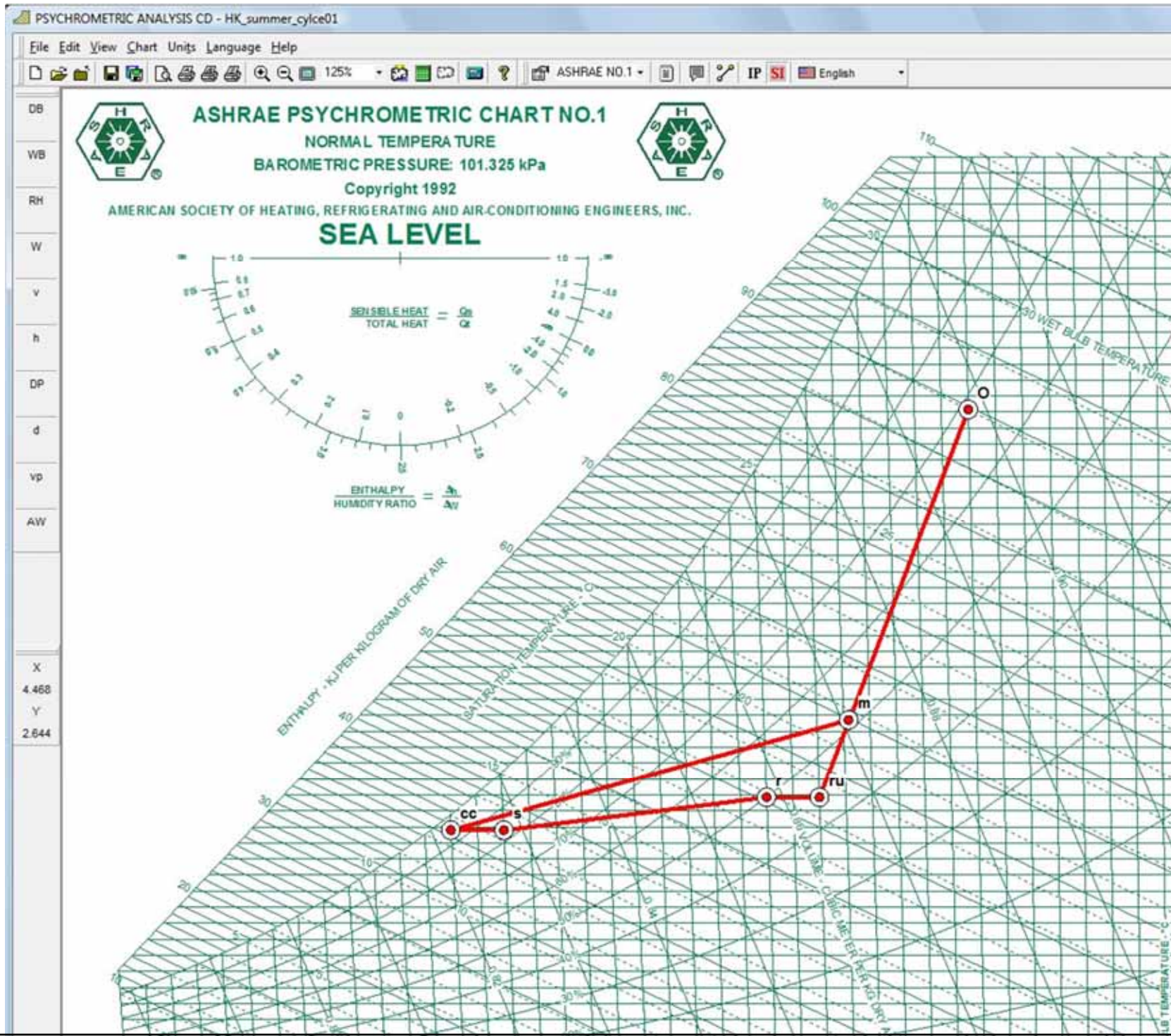
(b)

Can you draw such a cycle for Hong Kong summer conditions?

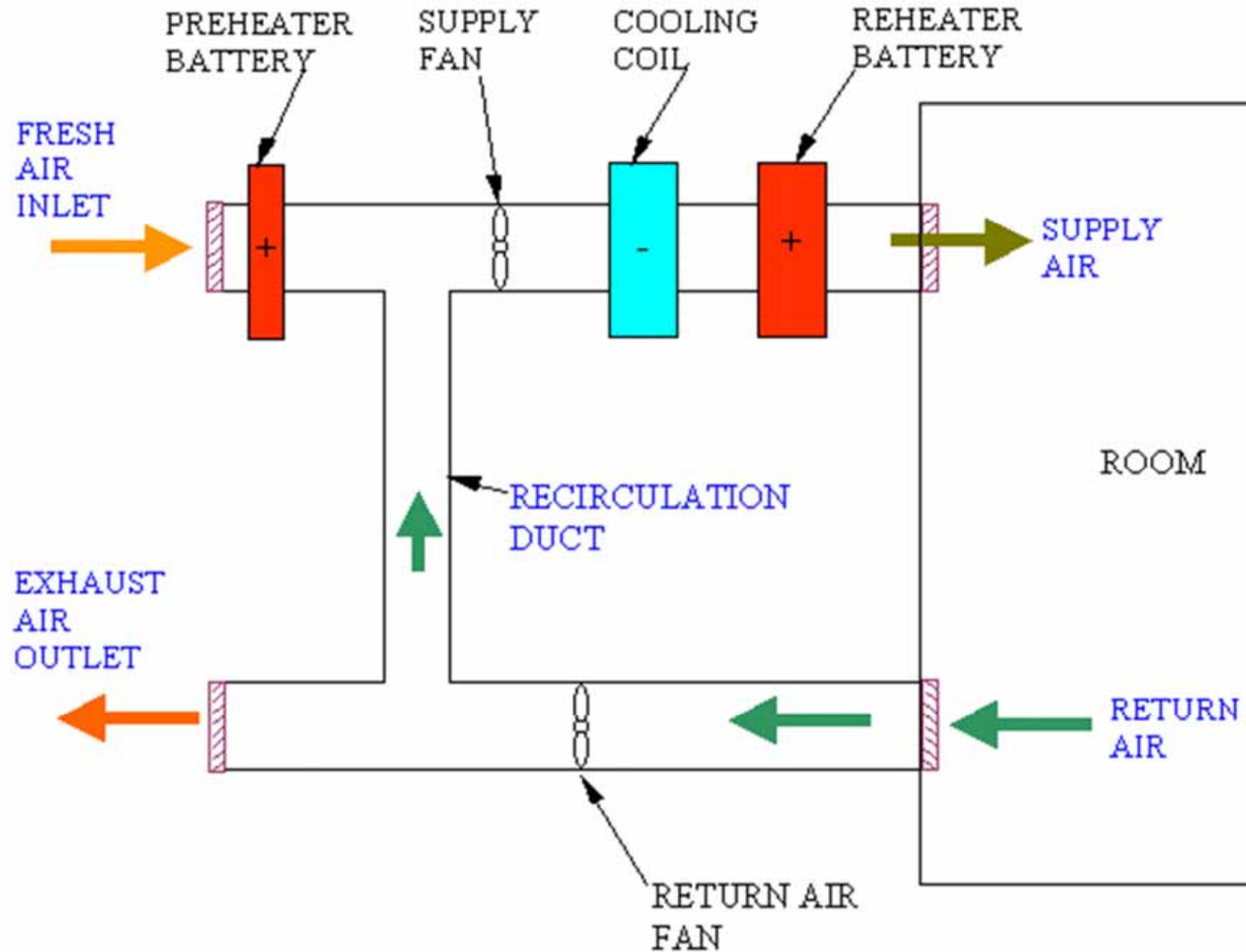
- Outdoor: DBT = 33 °C; WBT = 28 °C; flow = 20% of supply air
- Indoor: DBT = 25 °C; %RH = 50%
- Air leaving cooling coil: DBT = 13 °C; %RH = 95%



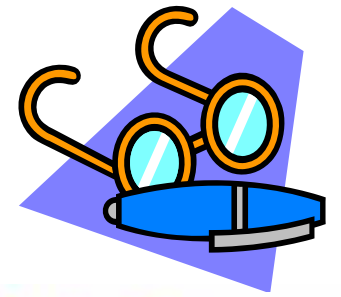
# An example of Hong Kong summer air-conditioning cycle



# Components of the air-side system

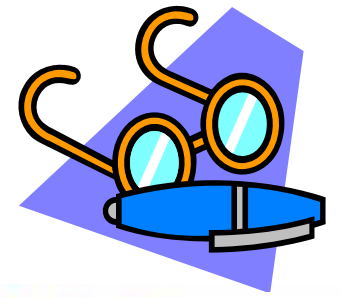


# Psychrometric Processes



- Sensible heating coils
- Cooling coils
- Humidifiers
- Water spray types
- Steam humidifier
- Room psychrometric process
- Mixing air streams

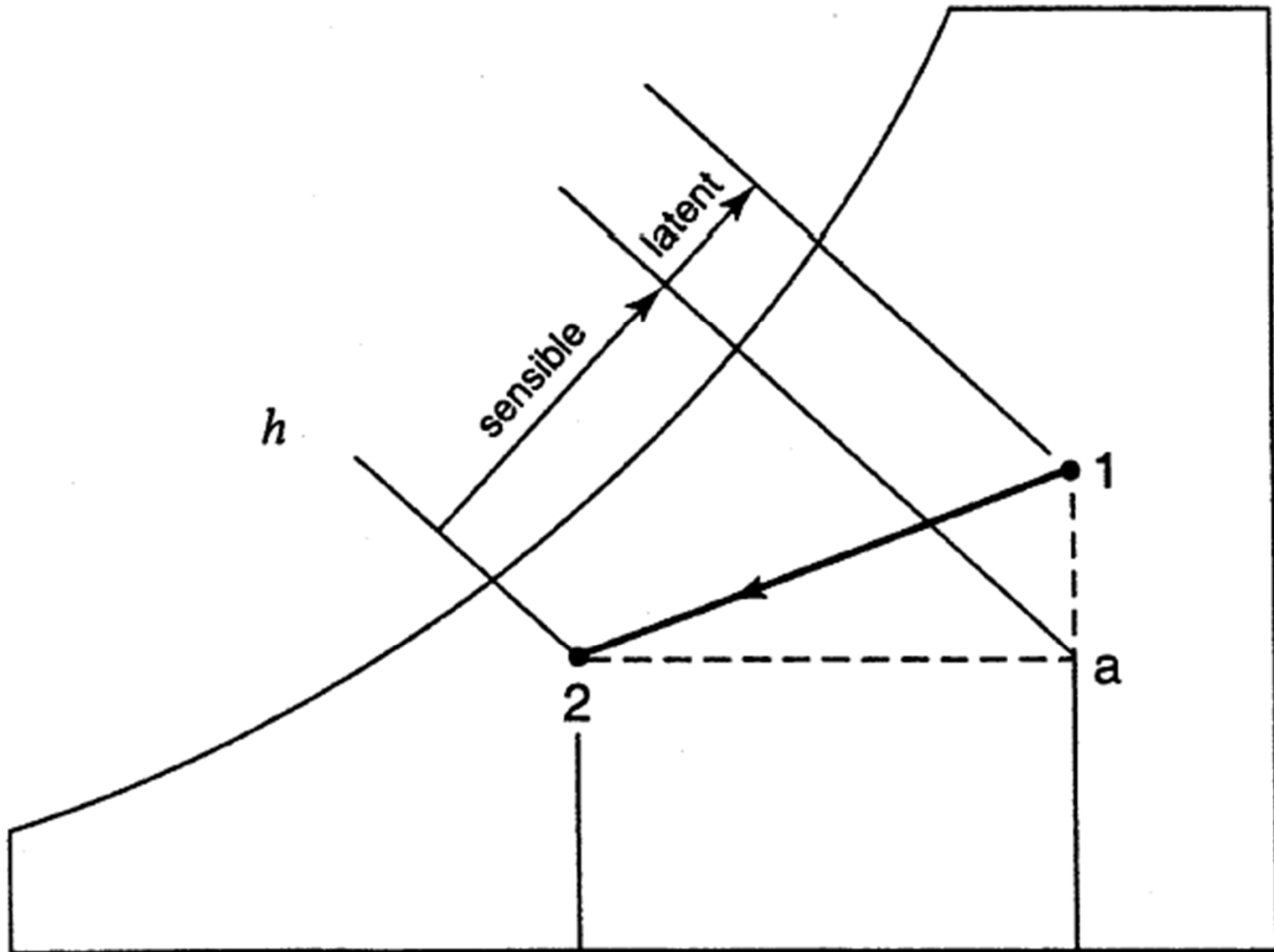
# Psychrometric Processes



- Calculations:
  - 1. Sensible heat ratio (SHR)
  - 2. Space cooling load
  - 3. Cooling coil's load/capacity
  - 4. Humidification capacity
  - 5. Mixing processes
    - Principles of heat balance & conservation of mass

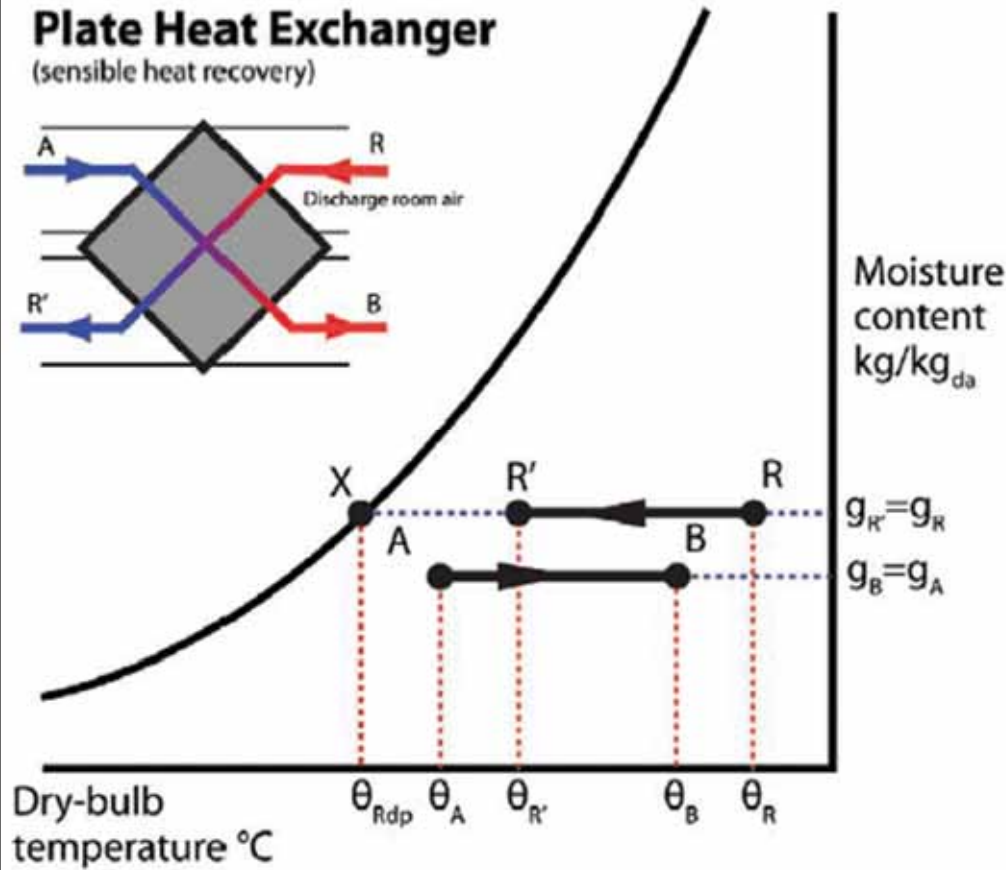
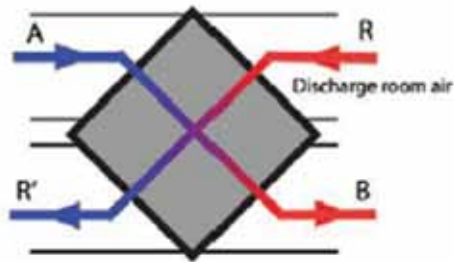


# Sensible and latent cooling loads

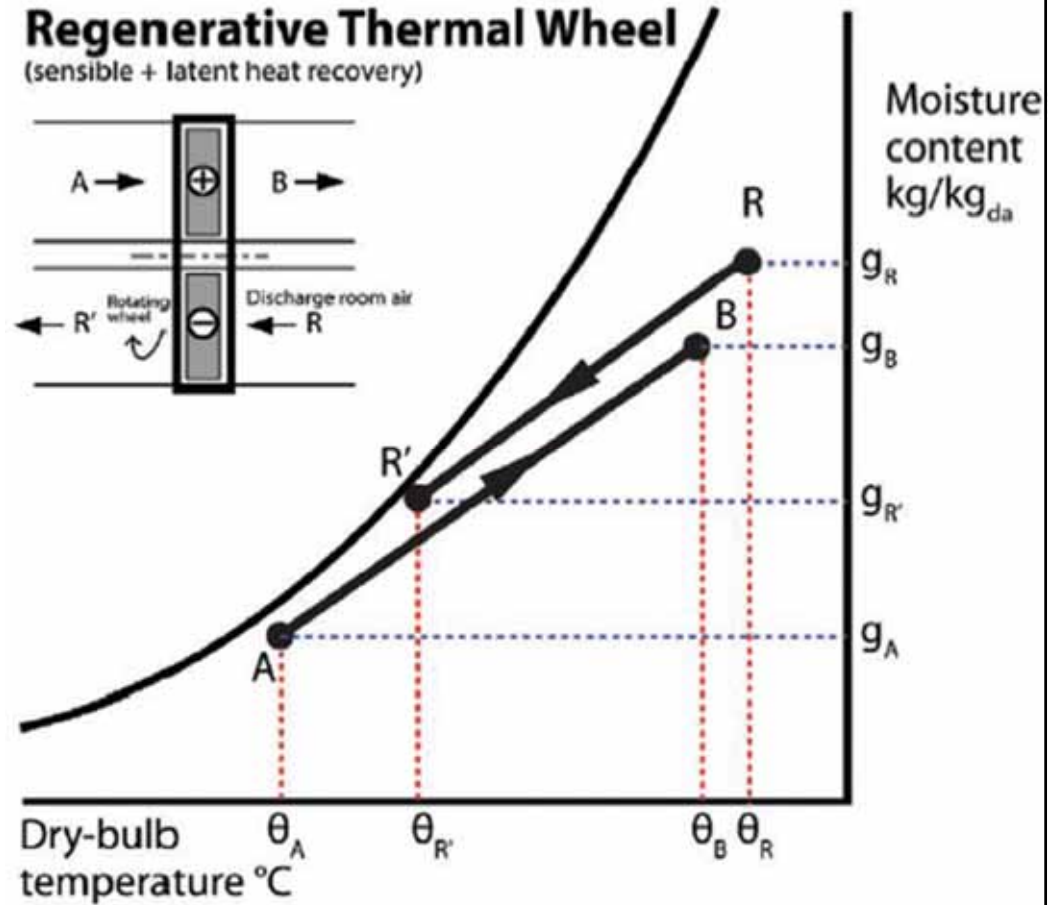
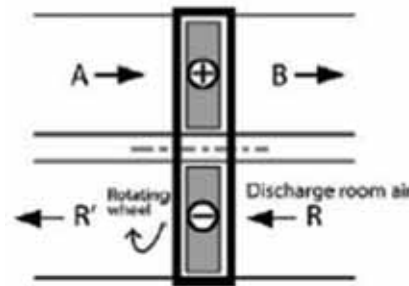


# The psychrometrics of HVAC sub-systems

## Plate Heat Exchanger (sensible heat recovery)

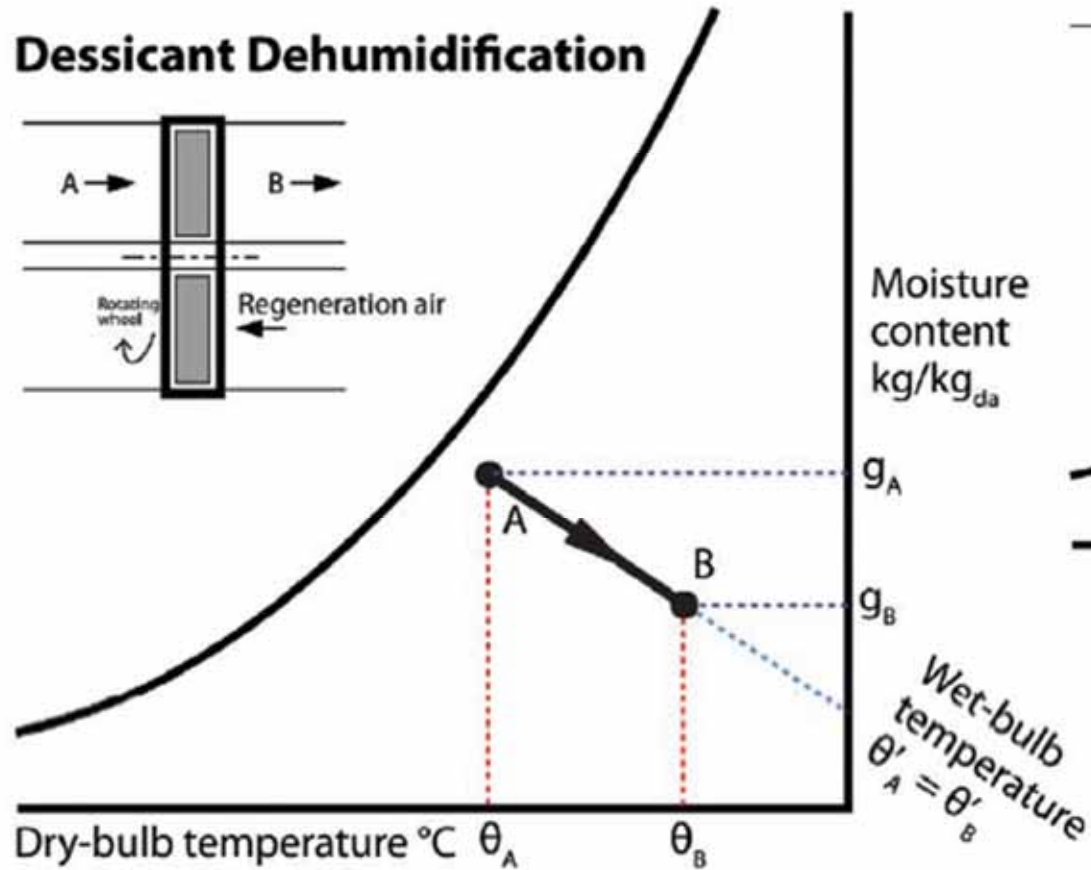
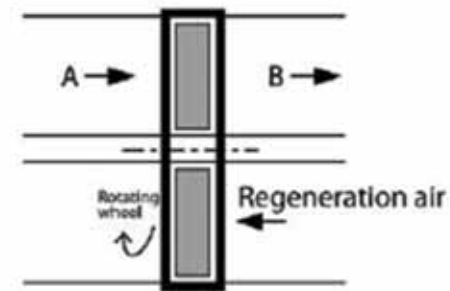


## Regenerative Thermal Wheel (sensible + latent heat recovery)

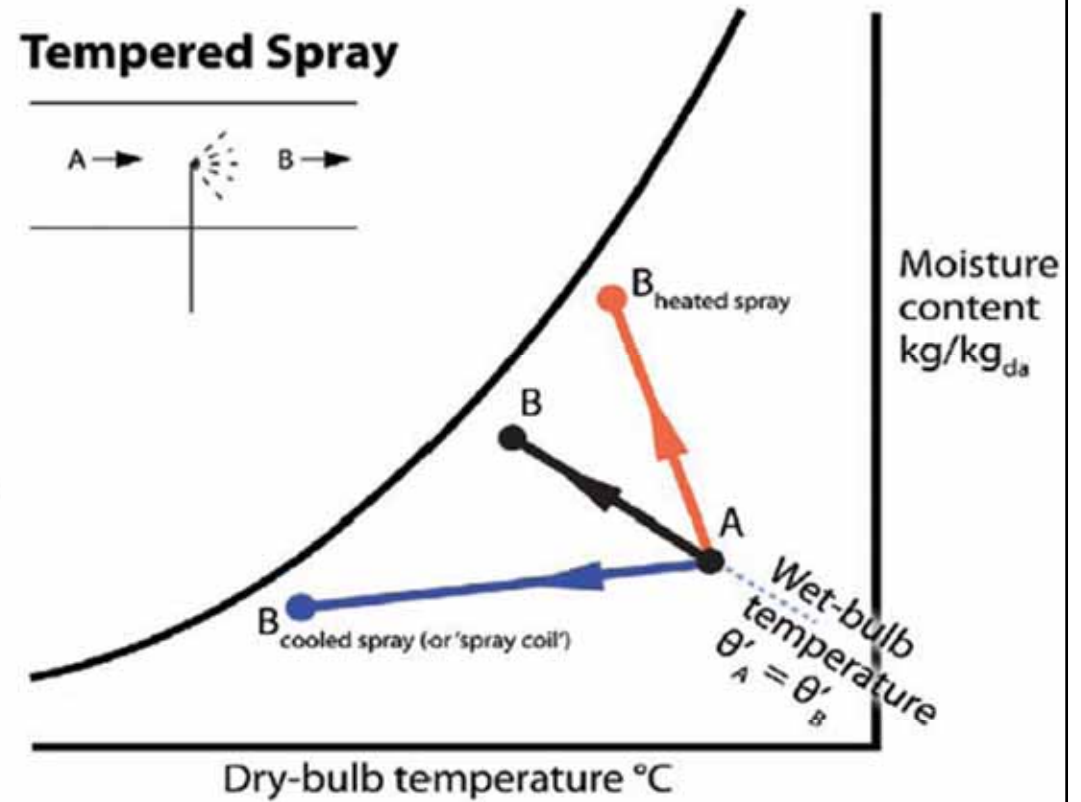
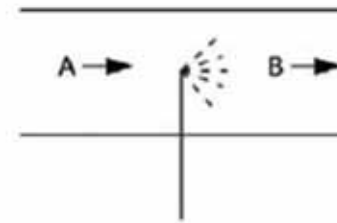


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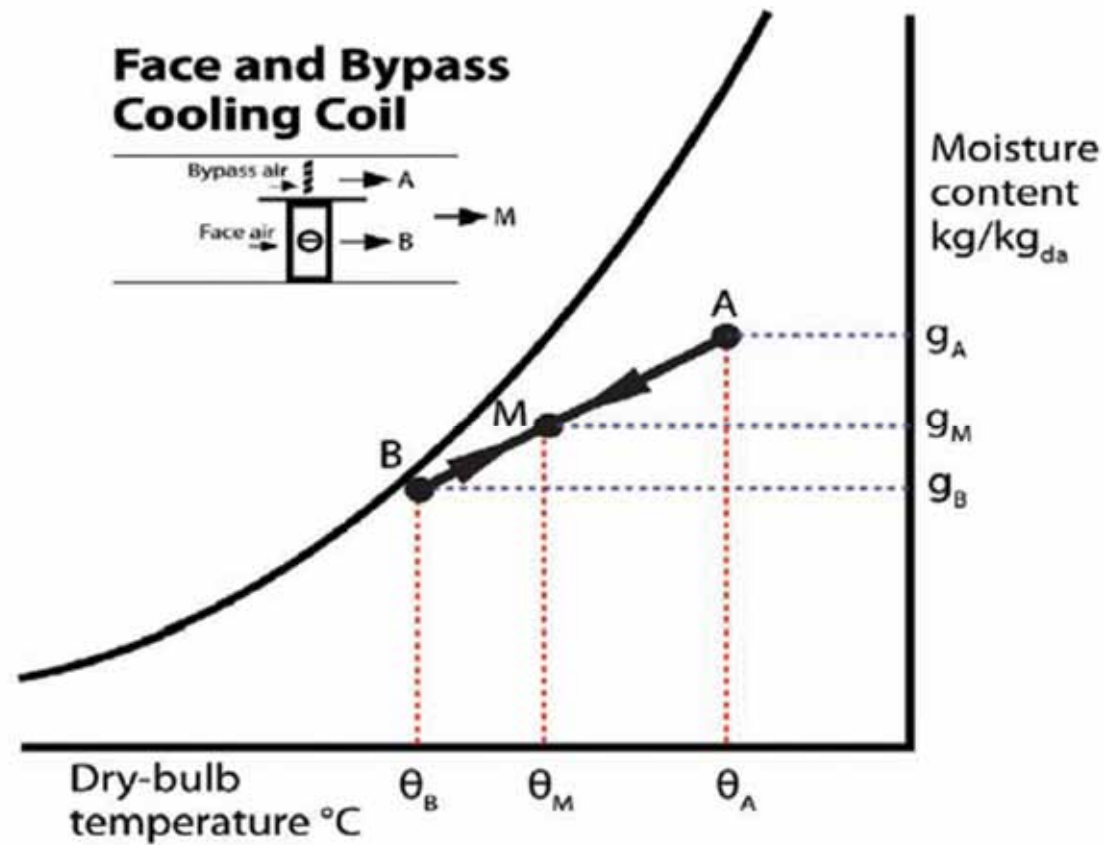
## Dessicant Dehumidification



## Tempered Spray



# The psychrometrics of HVAC sub-systems (cont'd)





# Practical Use of Psych. Chart



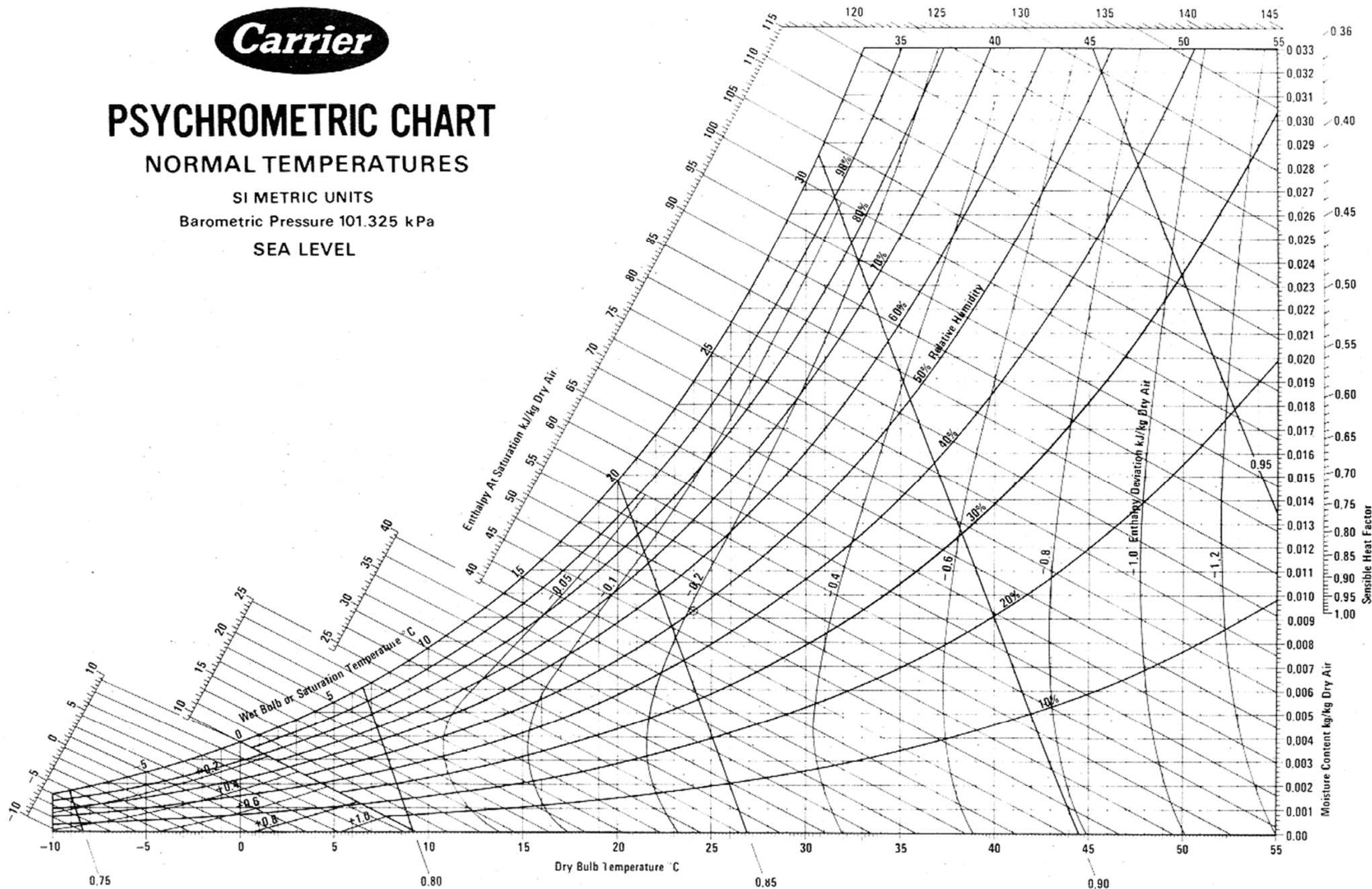
- Examples of psychrometric charts
  - ASHRAE
  - CIBSE
  - Carrier
  - Mr. S K Wang (similar to Trane)
  - The chart used in Mainland China (upside down)
- Do you know how to construct these charts?



# PSYCHROMETRIC CHART

NORMAL TEMPERATURES

SI METRIC UNITS  
Barometric Pressure 101.325 kPa  
SEA LEVEL



Below 0°C Properties and Enthalpy Deviation Lines Are For Ice

Volume m<sup>3</sup>/kg Dry Air

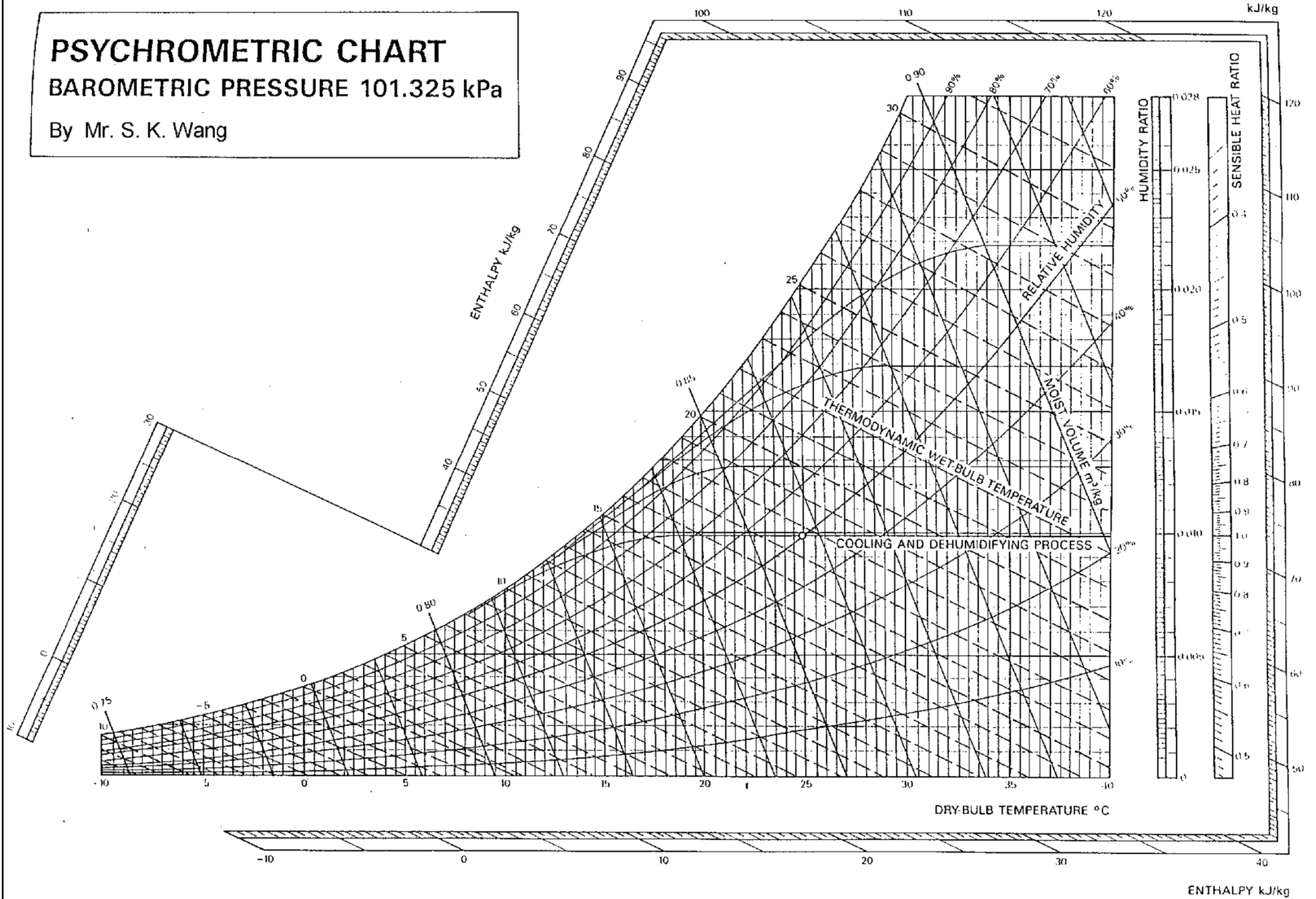
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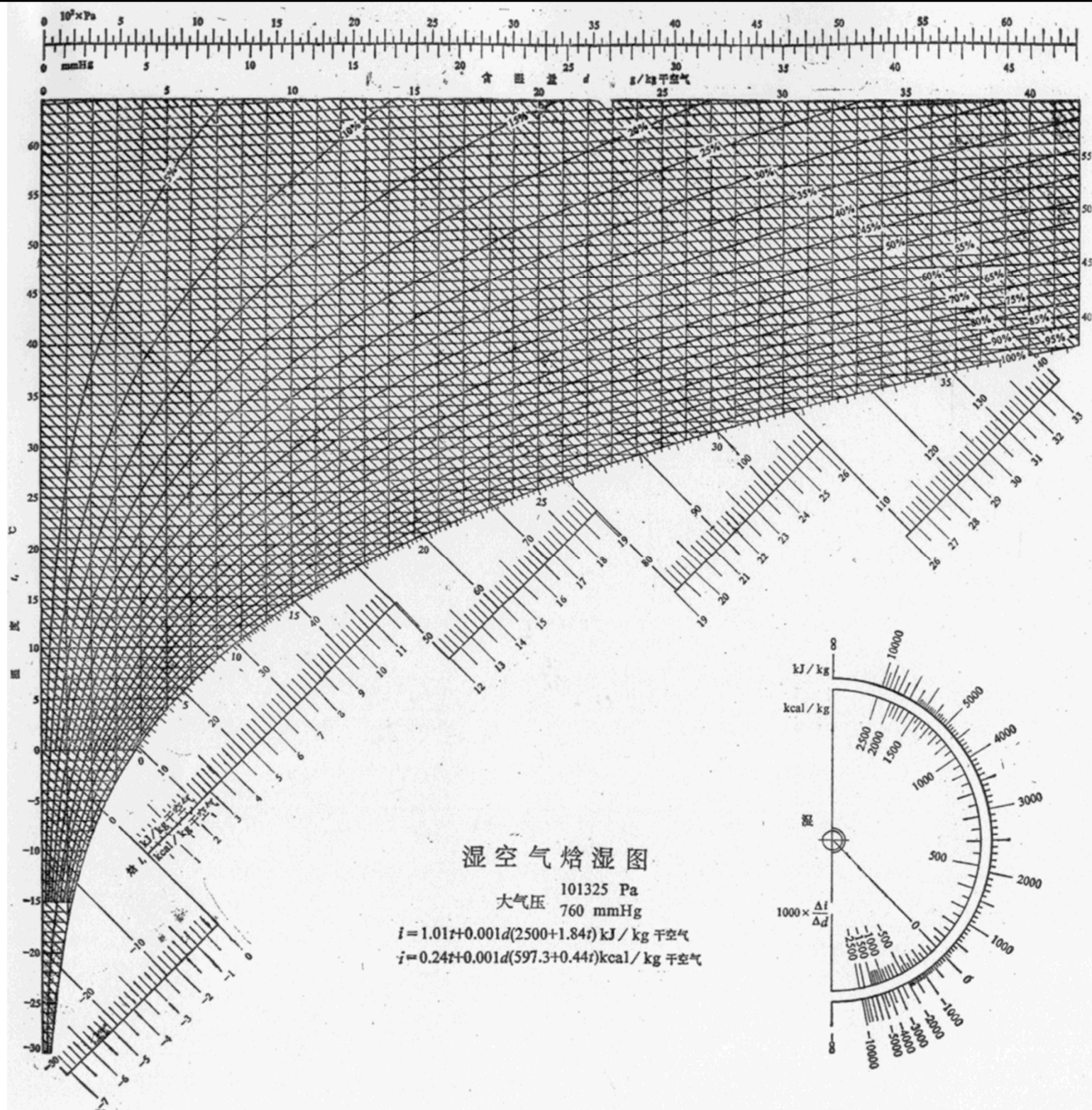
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# PSYCHROMETRIC CHART

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 101.325 kPa

By Mr. S. K. Wang







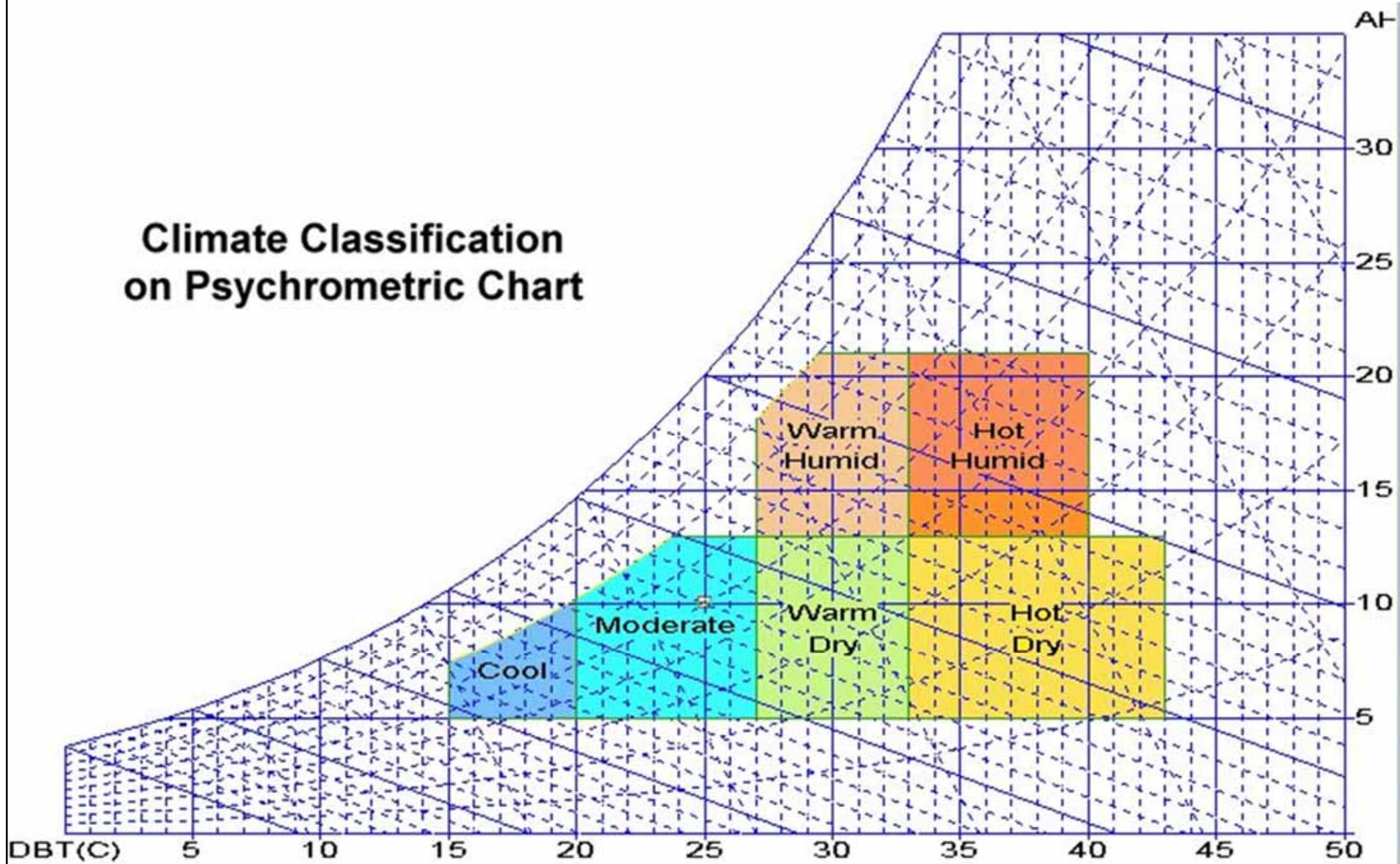


# Psychrometric Software

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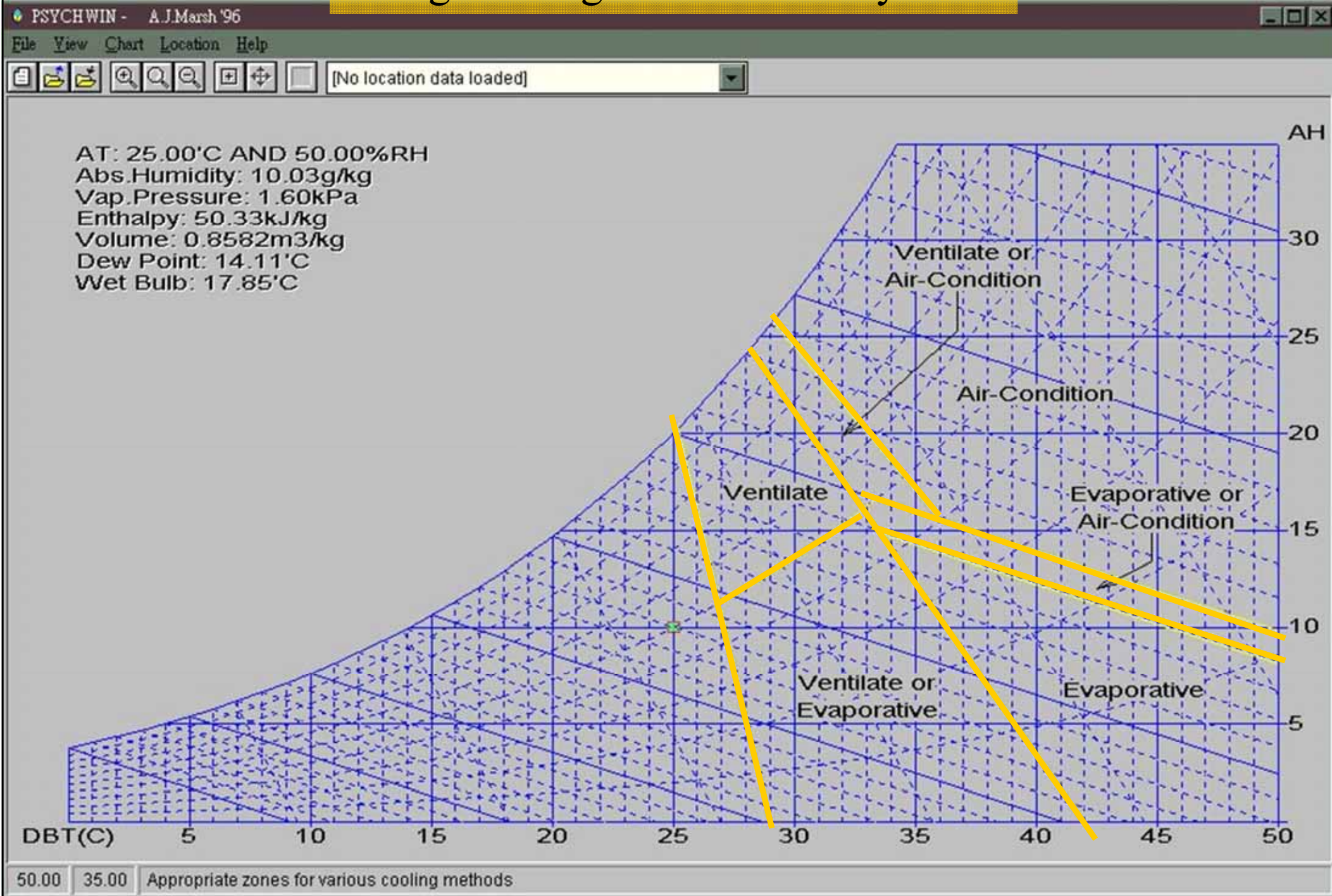
- ASHRAE Psychrometric Analysis CD-ROM (2012, 2007, 2002) [AV 697 P97]
- ArchiSci Software - PSYCHWIN (an evaluation version can be downloaded)
- Psychrometric Chart (PSY) software (Free for download)
- Daikin's Free Psychrometrics tool

# Climate Classification on Psychrometric Chart





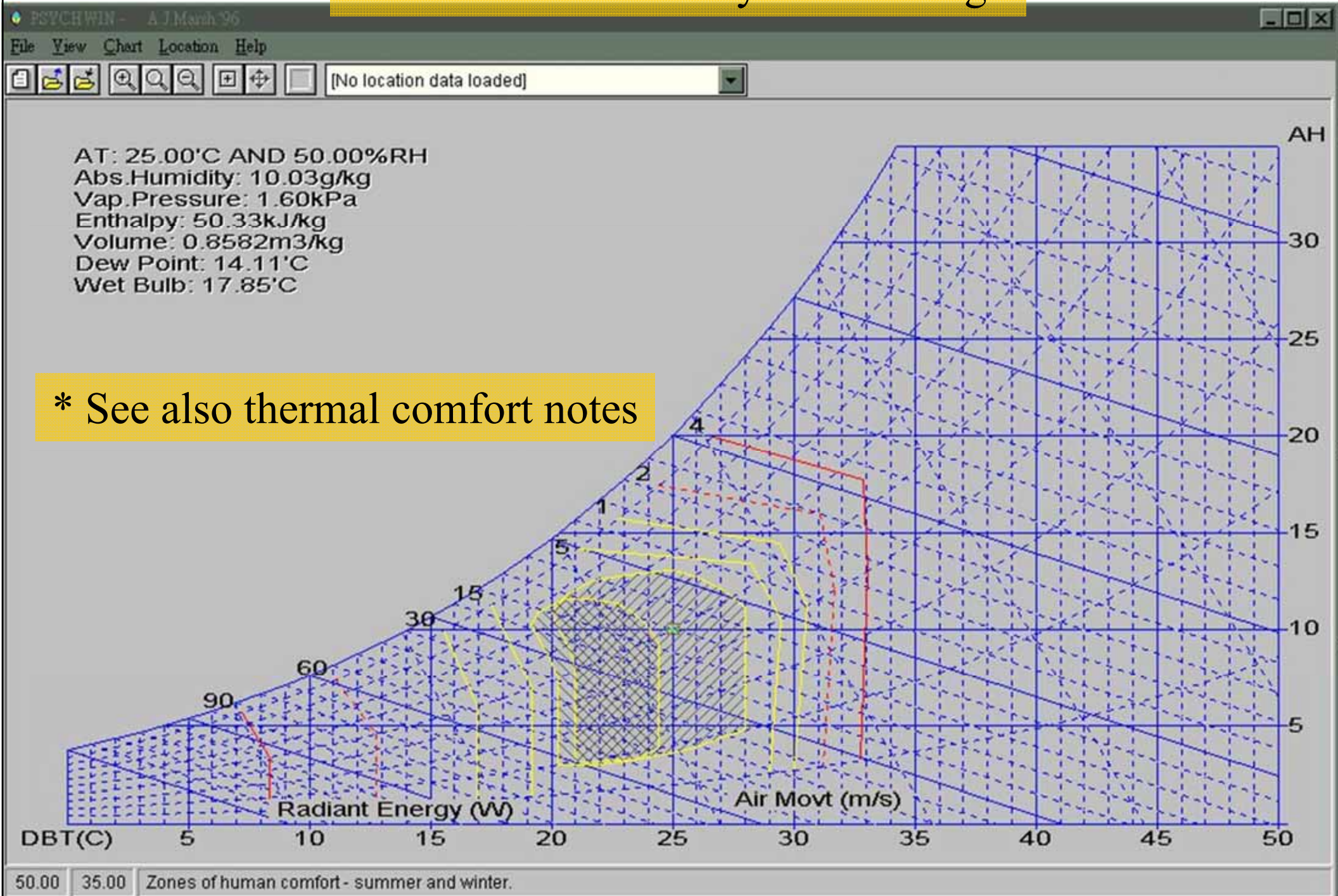
# Design strategies for HVAC systems



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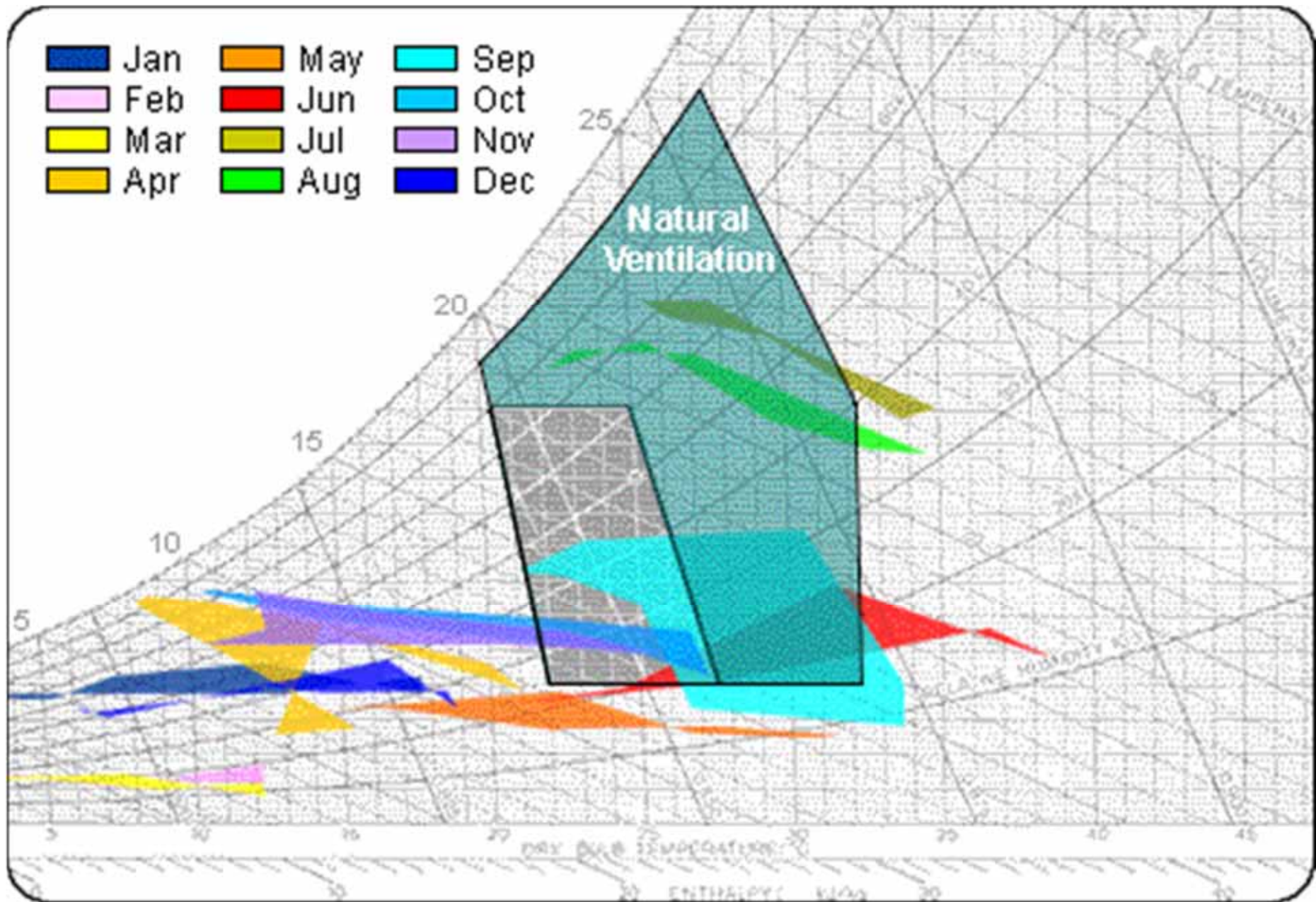


# Thermal comfort analysis and design





# Analysis of external climate



# Psychrometric Analysis



- Psychrometrics and Bioclimatic Analysis for Hong Kong

<http://arch.hku.hk/~cmhui/teach/65156-7e.htm>

- Cooling strategies
- Thermal comfort zones
- Frequency distribution on psychrometric charts



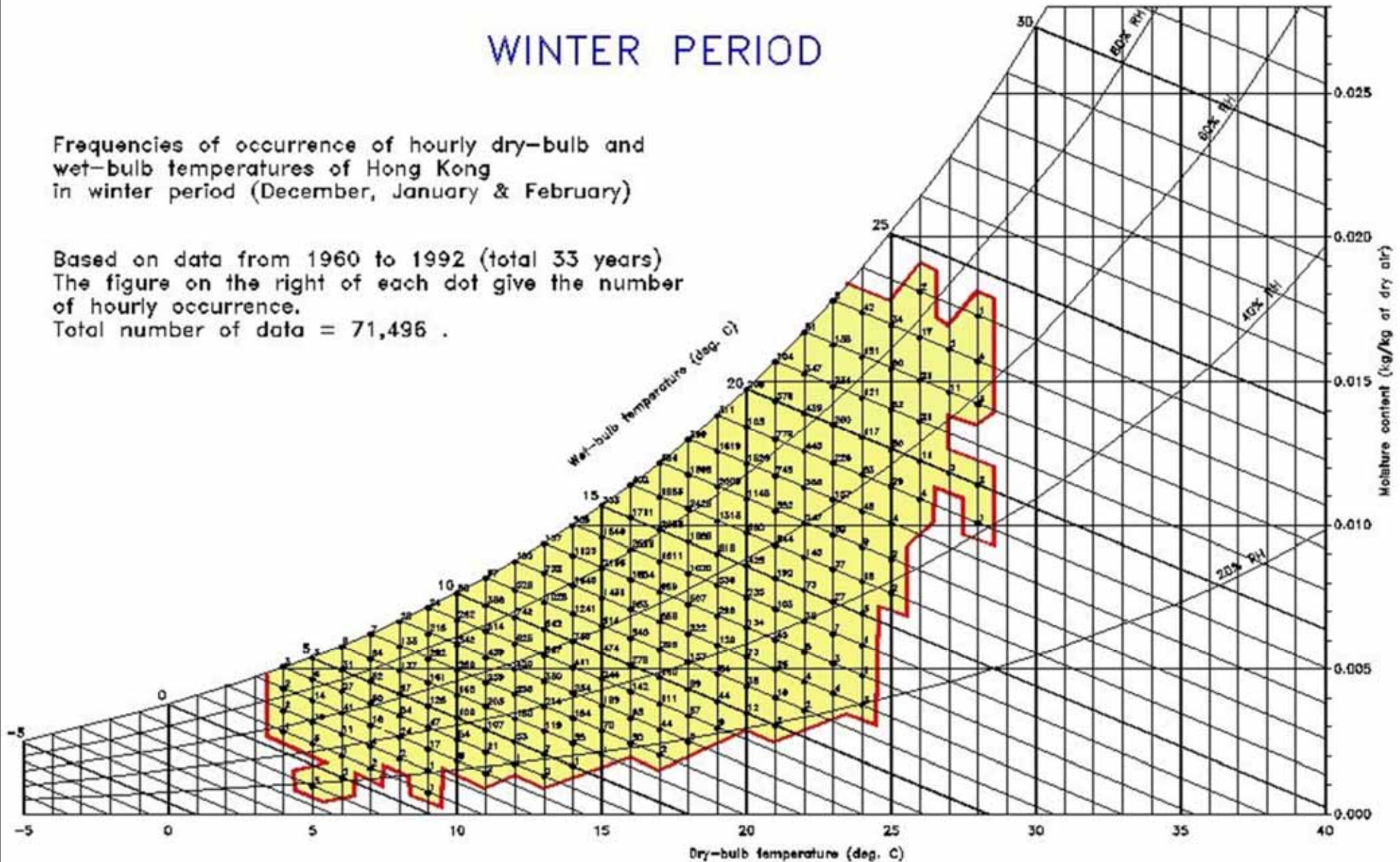


# Analysis of weather conditions in Hong Kong

## WINTER PERIOD

Frequencies of occurrence of hourly dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures of Hong Kong in winter period (December, January & February)

Based on data from 1960 to 1992 (total 33 years)  
The figure on the right of each dot give the number of hourly occurrence.  
Total number of data = 71,496 .



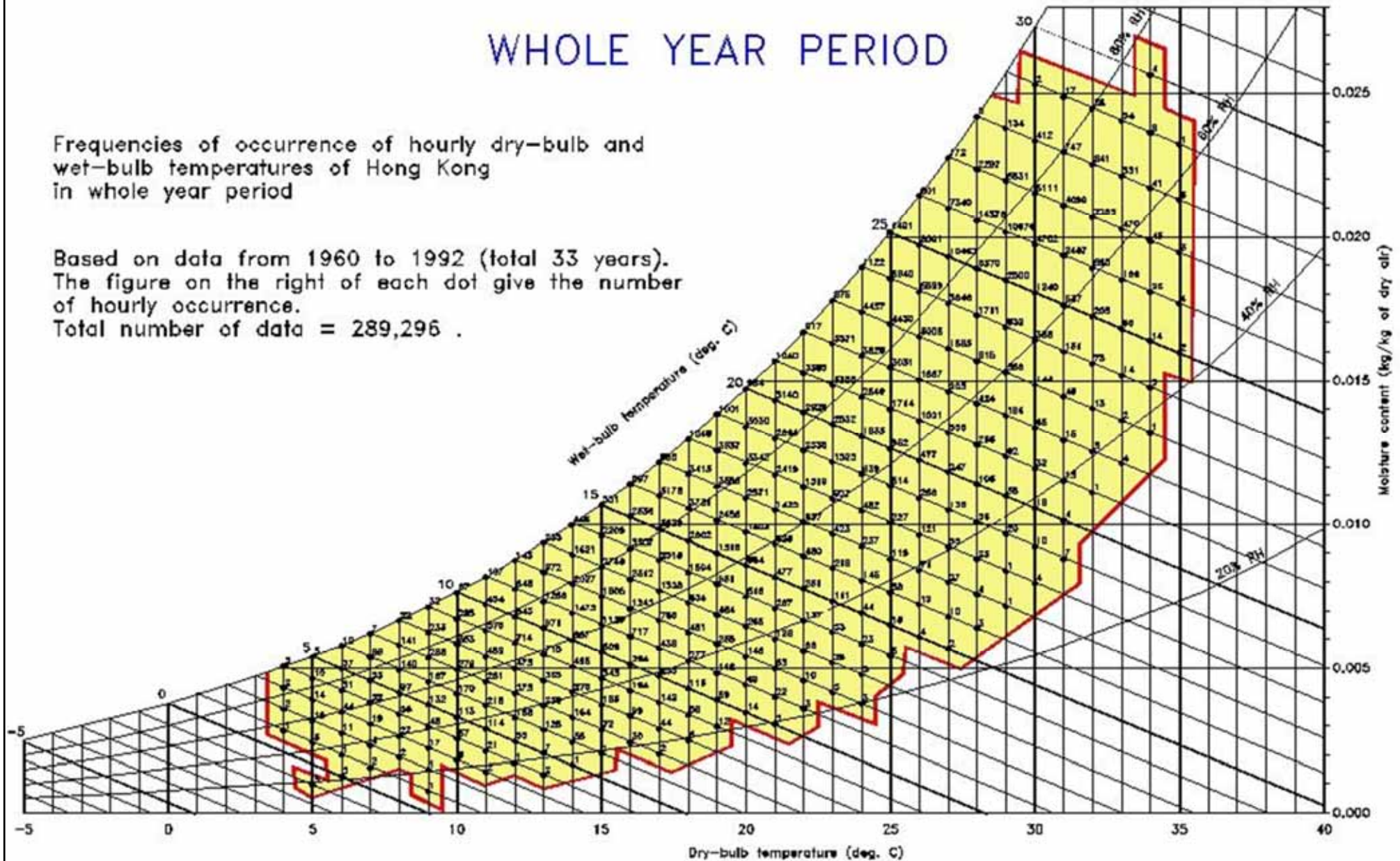


# Analysis of weather conditions in Hong Kong

## WHOLE YEAR PERIOD

Frequencies of occurrence of hourly dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures of Hong Kong in whole year period

Based on data from 1960 to 1992 (total 33 years).  
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Total number of data = 289,296 .





# Analysis of weather conditions in Hong Kong



ASHRAE PSYCHROMETRIC CHART NO.1

NORMAL TEMPERATURE

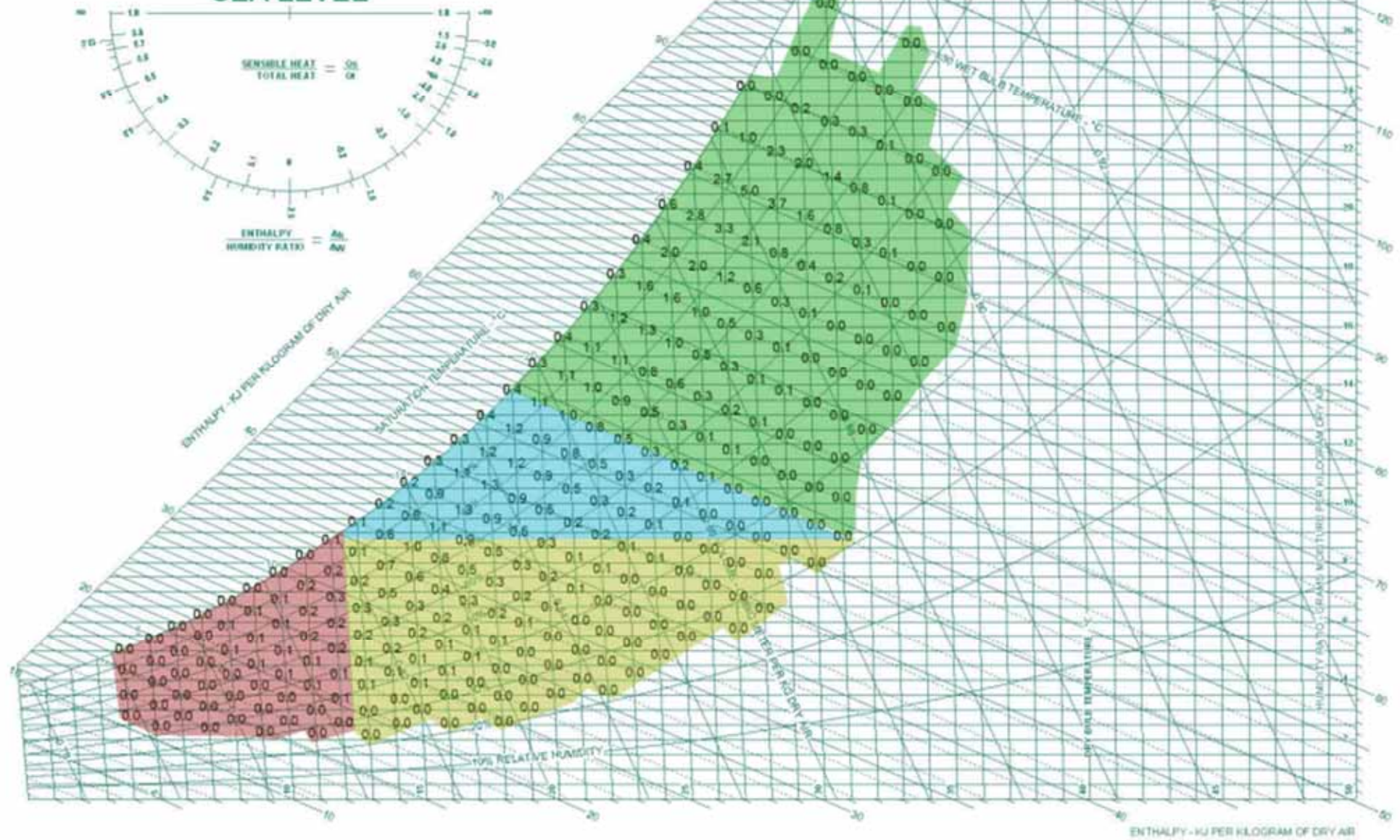
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\* The number represents the possibility of occurrence.

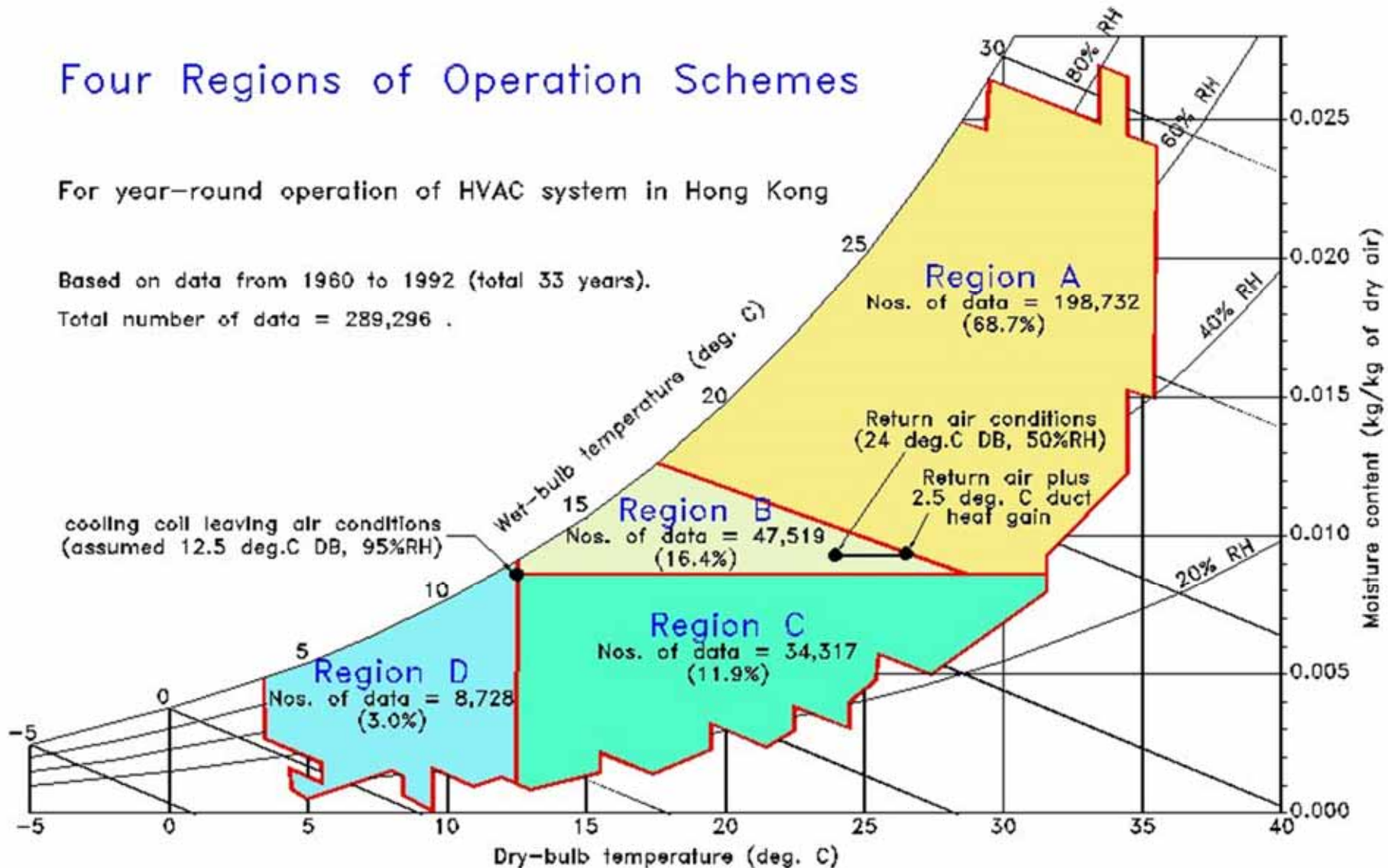
# Analysis of HVAC operation strategy

## Four Regions of Operation Schemes

For year-round operation of HVAC system in Hong Kong

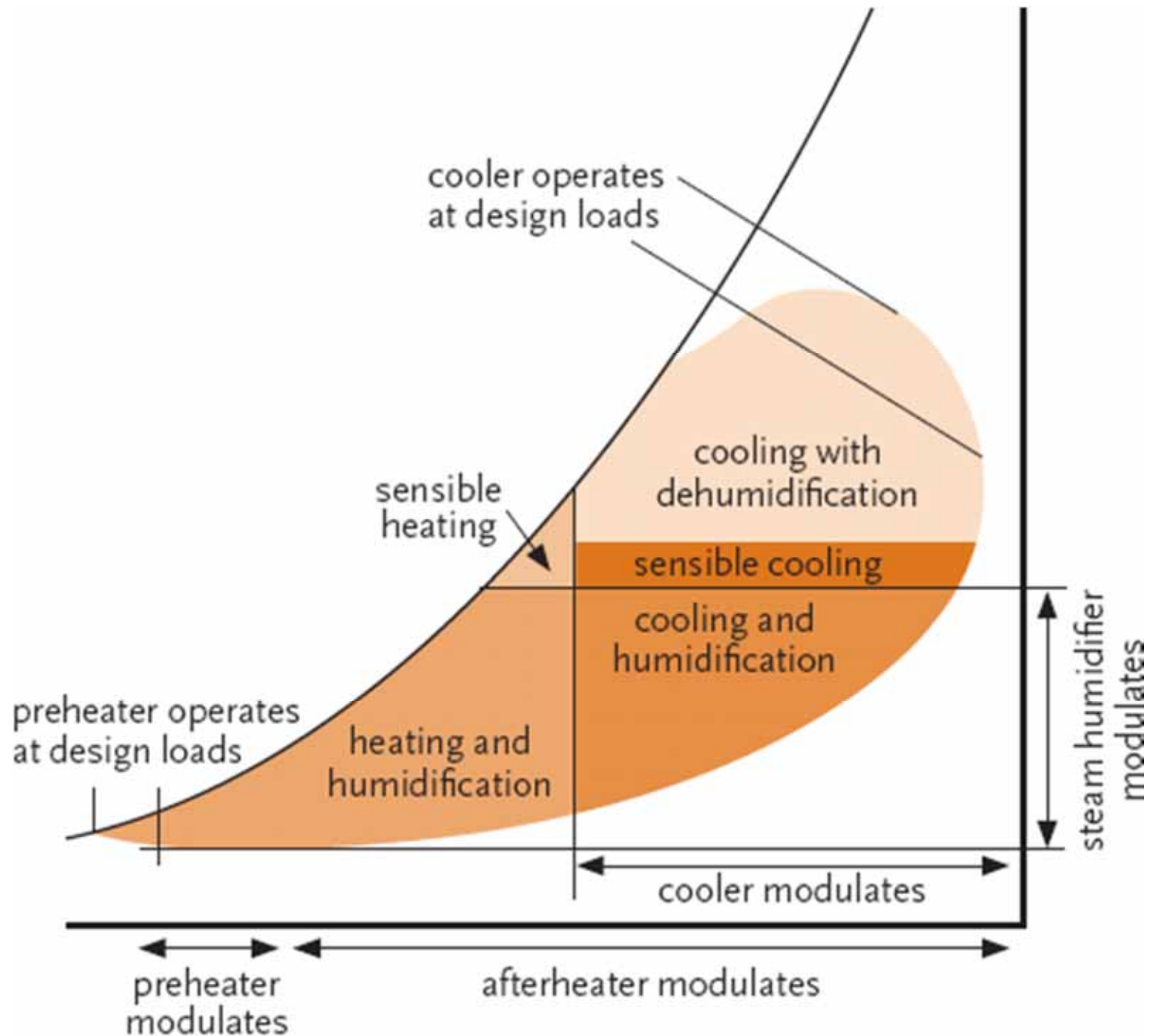
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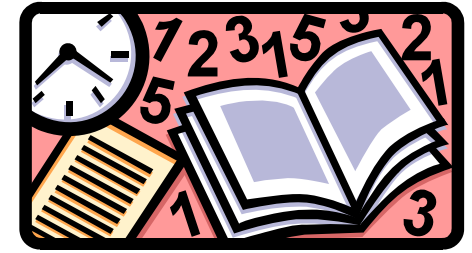




# All-year-round operating regime based on outdoor conditions







# Further Reading

- Air Conditioning: Psychrometrics  
[www.bsenotes.com]
  - [http://www.arca53.dsl.pipex.com/index\\_files/psy1.htm](http://www.arca53.dsl.pipex.com/index_files/psy1.htm)
- CIBSE Journal CPD Programme:
  - The properties of air (Apr 2009)
  - Applying the psychrometric relationships (Aug 2009)
  - The Basic Psychrometric Processes (Oct 2009)
  - The psychrometrics of HVAC sub-systems (Dec 2009)
  - The psychrometrics of air conditioning systems (Mar 2010)
  - Travelling into time with psychrometry (Dec 2010)