Recap (Previous Lecture)



- Introduction
 - Background
 - Basic Concepts of Environmental Services
 - Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
 - Video: Fundamentals of Air Conditioning (Heathrow Airport Terminal 4, London)

Test Your Understanding



- HVAC aims to control what functions?
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- What are the important HVAC design factors?

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Advanced Psychrometry



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- Techniques of Psychrometric Analysis
 - Psychrometrics and Bioclimatic Analysis

(* Printed handouts can be downloaded for self study)



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

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- 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



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













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



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







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 / dehumifiers

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

Psychrometric processes



Sensible cooling/heating















Simple air conditioning cycle



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%



Psychrometric Processes

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



Psychrometric Processes

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

Sensible and latent cooling loads





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?



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Psychrometric Software

 ASHRAE Psychrometric Analysis CD-ROM (2002) [AV 697 P97]

ArchiSci Software - PSYCHWIN (an evaluation version can be downloaded)

Psychrometric Chart (PSY) software (Free for download)



(Source: ArchiSci Software - PSYCHWIN)





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Analysis of external climate





Psychrometric Analysis

- Psychrometrics and Bioclimatic Analysis for Hong Kong <u>http://arch.hku.hk/~cmhui/teach/65156-7e.htm</u>
 - Cooling strategies
 - Thermal comfort zones
 - Frequency distribution on psychrometric charts









* The number represents the possibility of occurrence.

Analysis of HVAC operation strategy

