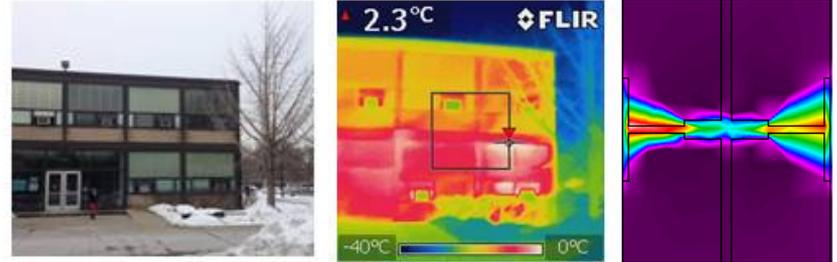


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## Building Science

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HVAC thermodynamic and psychrometric processes

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# HW 3 – Psychrometrics chart

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- Due Thursday

# Revisit example from last class

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Moist air exists at 22°C dry-bulb temperature with 50% RH

Find the following:

- (a) the humidity ratio,  $W$
- (b) dew point temperature,  $T_{dew}$
- (c) wet-bulb temperature,  $T_{wb}$
- (d) enthalpy,  $h$
- (e) specific volume,  $v$
- (f) density,  $\rho$

Also:

- (g) degree of saturation,  $\mu$

# Psychrometric equations

$$\phi = \frac{p_w}{p_{ws}} \quad W = 0.622 \frac{p_w}{p - p_w} \quad \mu = \frac{W}{W_s}$$

$$\ln p_{ws} = \frac{C_8}{T} + C_9 + C_{10}T + C_{11}T^2 + C_{12}T^3 + C_{13} \ln T$$

where

$$C_8 = -5.800\ 220\ 6\ \text{E}+03$$

$$C_9 = 1.391\ 499\ 3\ \text{E}+00$$

$$C_{10} = -4.864\ 023\ 9\ \text{E}-02$$

$$C_{11} = 4.176\ 476\ 8\ \text{E}-05$$

$$C_{12} = -1.445\ 209\ 3\ \text{E}-08$$

$$C_{13} = 6.545\ 967\ 3\ \text{E}+00$$

$p_{ws}$  = saturation pressure, Pa

$T$  = absolute temperature, K = °C + 273.15

**Dew point temperature:**

Between dew points of 0 and 93°C,

$$t_d = C_{14} + C_{15}\alpha + C_{16}\alpha^2 + C_{17}\alpha^3 + C_{18}(p_w)^{0.1984}$$

Below 0°C,

$$t_d = 6.09 + 12.608\alpha + 0.4959\alpha^2$$

where

$t_d$  = dew-point temperature, °C

$\alpha$  =  $\ln p_w$

$p_w$  = water vapor partial pressure, kPa

$C_{14} = 6.54$

$C_{15} = 14.526$

$C_{16} = 0.7389$

$C_{17} = 0.09486$

$C_{18} = 0.4569$

# Psychrometric equations

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**Wet bulb temperature (iterative solver):**

$$W = \frac{(2501 - 2.326T_{wb})W_{s@T_{wb}} - 1.006(T - T_{wb})}{2501 + 1.86T - 4.186T_{wb}} = \text{actual } W$$

$$v = \frac{R_{da}T}{p - p_w} = \frac{R_{da}T(1 + 1.6078W)}{p}$$

where

$v$  = specific volume,  $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}_{da}$

$t$  = dry-bulb temperature,  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

$W$  = humidity ratio,  $\text{kg}_w/\text{kg}_{da}$

$p$  = total pressure, kPa

$$v \approx 0.287042(T + 273.15)(1 + 1.6078W) / p$$

$$\rho = \frac{m_{da} + m_w}{V} = \frac{1}{v}(1 + W)$$

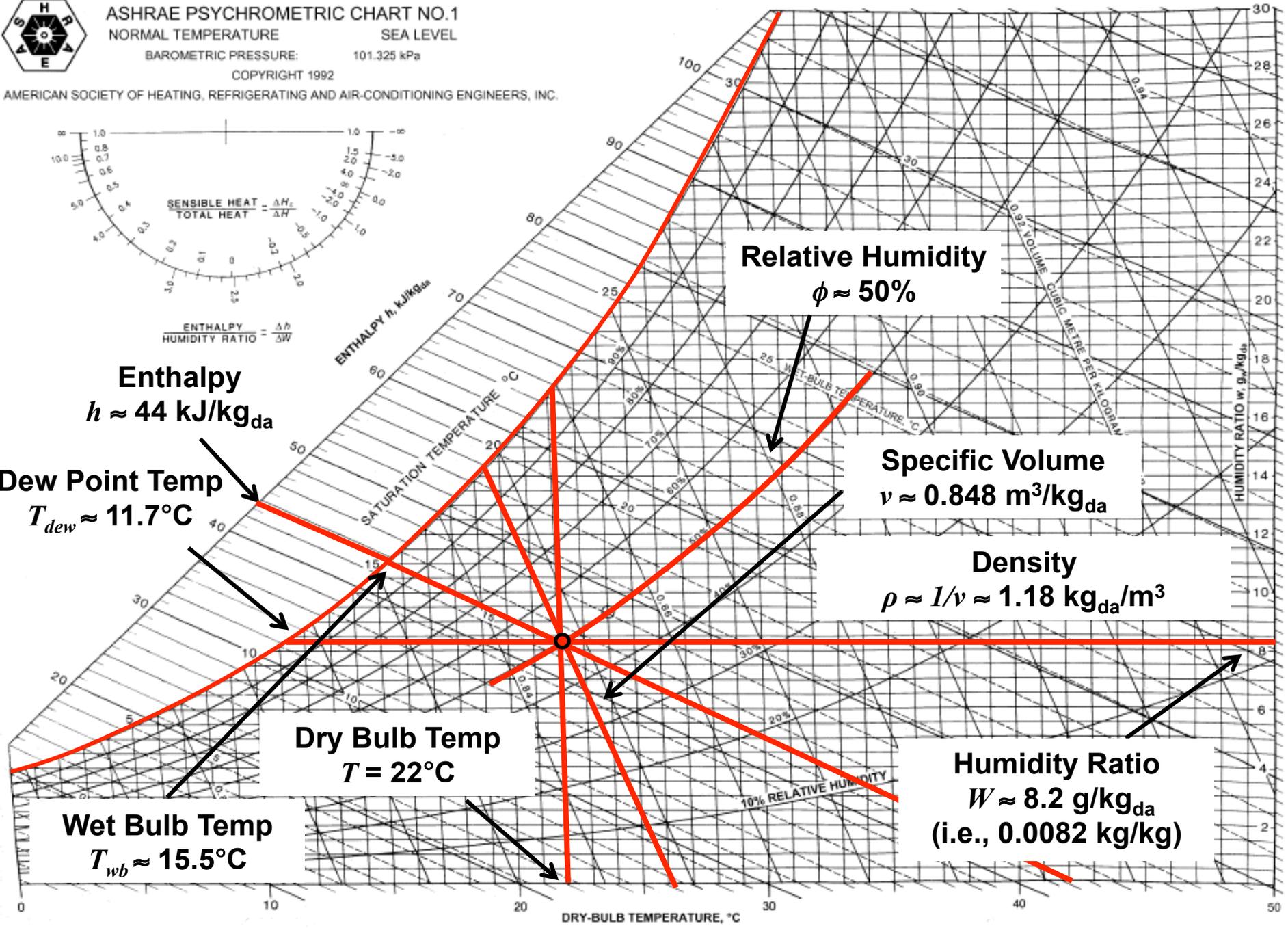
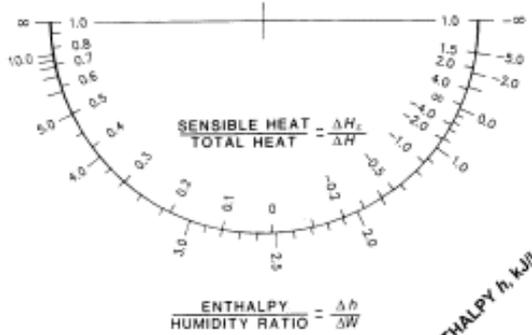
$$h \approx 1.006T + W(2501 + 1.86T)$$

\*where  $T$  is in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$



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Relative Humidity  
 $\phi \approx 50\%$

Specific Volume  
 $v \approx 0.848 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}_{da}$

Density  
 $\rho \approx 1/v \approx 1.18 \text{ kg}_{da}/\text{m}^3$

Humidity Ratio  
 $W \approx 8.2 \text{ g}/\text{kg}_{da}$   
 (i.e., 0.0082 kg/kg)

Enthalpy  
 $h \approx 44 \text{ kJ}/\text{kg}_{da}$

Dew Point Temp  
 $T_{dew} \approx 11.7^\circ\text{C}$

Dry Bulb Temp  
 $T = 22^\circ\text{C}$

Wet Bulb Temp  
 $T_{wb} \approx 15.5^\circ\text{C}$

DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE, °C

HUMIDITY RATIO  $w$ , g/kg<sub>da</sub>

0.94  
0.92 VOLUME CUBIC METRE PER KILOGRAM  
0.90

10% RELATIVE HUMIDITY

ENTHALPY  $h$ , kJ/kg<sub>da</sub>

SATURATION TEMPERATURE °C

WET-BULB TEMPERATURE, °C

# Revisit another example from two classes ago

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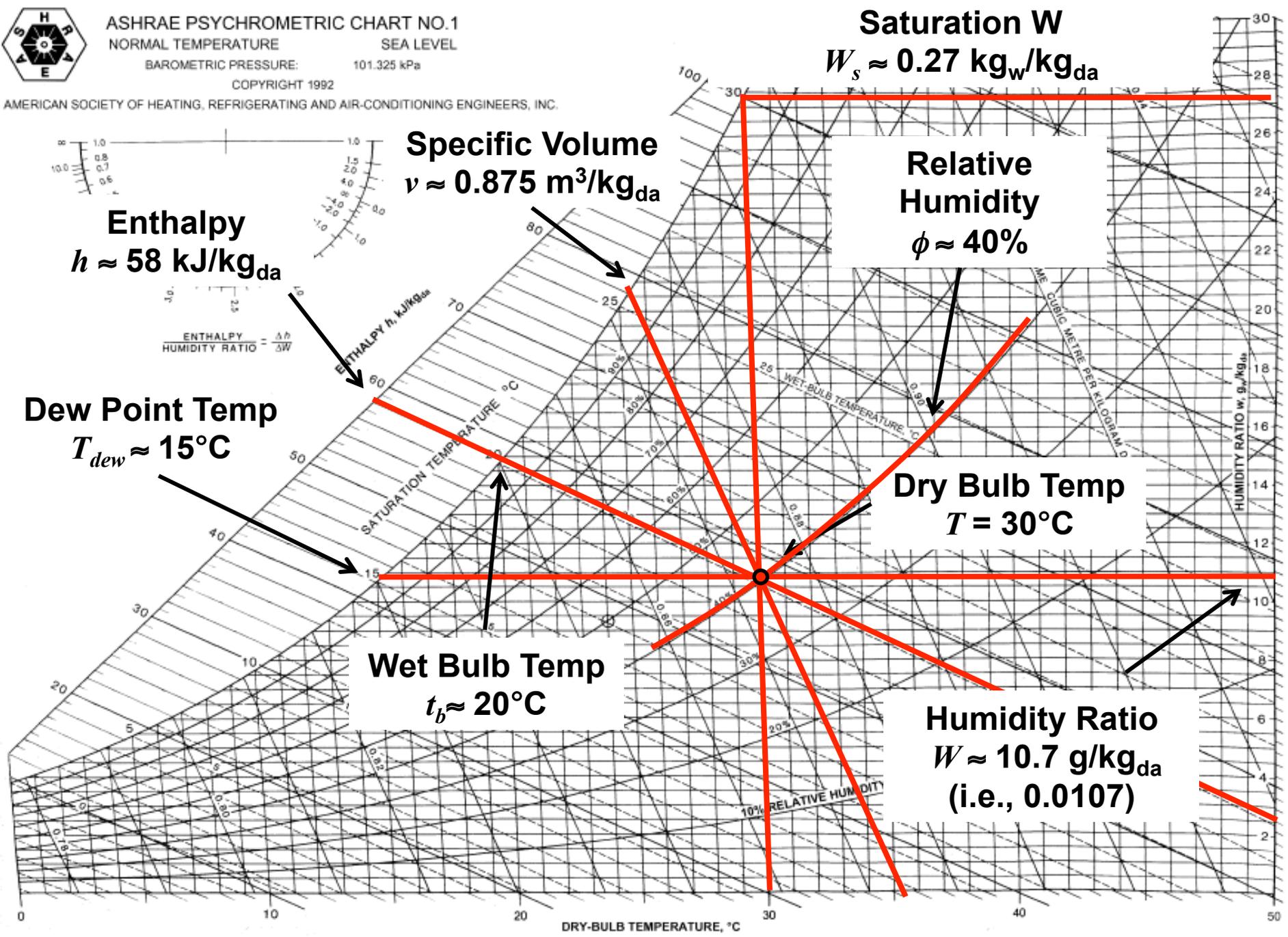
Moist air exists at 30°C dry-bulb temperature with a 15°C dew point temperature

Find the following:

- (a) the humidity ratio,  $W$
- (b) wet-bulb temperature,  $T_{wb}$
- (c) enthalpy,  $h$
- (d) specific volume,  $v$
- (e) relative humidity,  $\phi$

Also:

- (f) degree of saturation,  $\mu$
- (g) density,  $\rho$



# Humidity ratio

$$W = 0.622 \frac{p_w}{p - p_w} \Bigg|_{@T=30^\circ C} \quad \text{Assume } p = 101.325 \text{ kPa (sea level)}$$

- For a known  $T_{dew} = 15^\circ C$ , we know that the actual humidity ratio in the air,  $W$ , is by definition the same as the saturation humidity ratio,  $W_s$ , at an air temperature of  $15^\circ C$

$$W_{@T=30^\circ C} = W_{s@T=15^\circ C} = 0.622 \frac{p_{ws}}{p - p_{ws}} \Bigg|_{@T=15^\circ C}$$

Temp., °C <i>t</i>	Absolute Pressure <i>p<sub>ws</sub></i> kPa
14	1.5989
15	1.7057

$$p_{ws@15C} = 1.7057 \text{ kPa}$$

$$W_{@T=30^\circ C} = W_{s@T=15^\circ C} = 0.622 \frac{1.7057}{101.325 - 1.7057} = 0.01065 \frac{\text{kg}_w}{\text{kg}_{da}}$$

# Degree of saturation

- Need the saturation humidity ratio @  $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$ :  $\mu = \left[ \frac{W}{W_s} \right]_{@T=30^\circ\text{C}}$

$$W_{s@T=30^\circ\text{C}} = 0.622 \frac{p_{ws}}{p - p_{ws}} \Big|_{@T=30^\circ\text{C}}$$

Temp., °C <i>t</i>	Absolute Pressure <i>p<sub>ws</sub></i> , kPa
30	4.2467
31	4.4966

$p_{ws@15^\circ\text{C}} = 4.2467 \text{ kPa}$

$$W_{s@T=30^\circ\text{C}} = 0.622 \frac{4.2467}{101.325 - 4.2467} = 0.02720 \frac{\text{kg}_w}{\text{kg}_{\text{da}}}$$

$$\mu = \frac{W}{W_s} = \frac{0.01065}{0.02720} = 0.39$$

# Relative humidity

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$$\phi = \frac{p_w}{p_{ws}}$$

- From previous:

$$p_{w@T=30^\circ C} = p_{ws@T=15^\circ C} = 1.7057 \text{ kPa}$$

$$p_{ws@T=30^\circ C} = 4.2467 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\phi = \frac{1.7057}{4.2467} = 0.40 = 40\%$$

# Enthalpy

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$$h \approx 1.006T + W(2501 + 1.86T)$$

\*where  $T$  is in °C

$$h \approx 1.006(30) + (0.01065)(2501 + 1.86(30)) = 57.4 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}$$

## Specific volume and density

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$$v \approx 0.287042(T + 273.15)(1 + 1.6078W) / p$$

$$v \approx 0.287042(30 + 273.15)(1 + 1.6078(0.01065)) / (101.325)$$

$$v \approx 0.873 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}_{\text{da}}}$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{v}(1 + W) = \frac{1}{0.873}(1 + 0.01065) = 1.157 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

# Wet-bulb temperature

- Wet-bulb temperature is the  $T_{wb}$  that fits this equation:

$$W = \frac{(2501 - 2.326T_{wb})W_{s@T_{wb}} - 1.006(T - T_{wb})}{2501 + 1.86T - 4.186T_{wb}} = 0.01065$$

where:  $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$   
 $T_{wb} = ?^\circ\text{C}$

$$W_{s@T_{wb}=?} = 0.622 \frac{p_{ws}}{p - p_{ws}} \Big|_{@T_{wb}=?}$$

## Procedure:

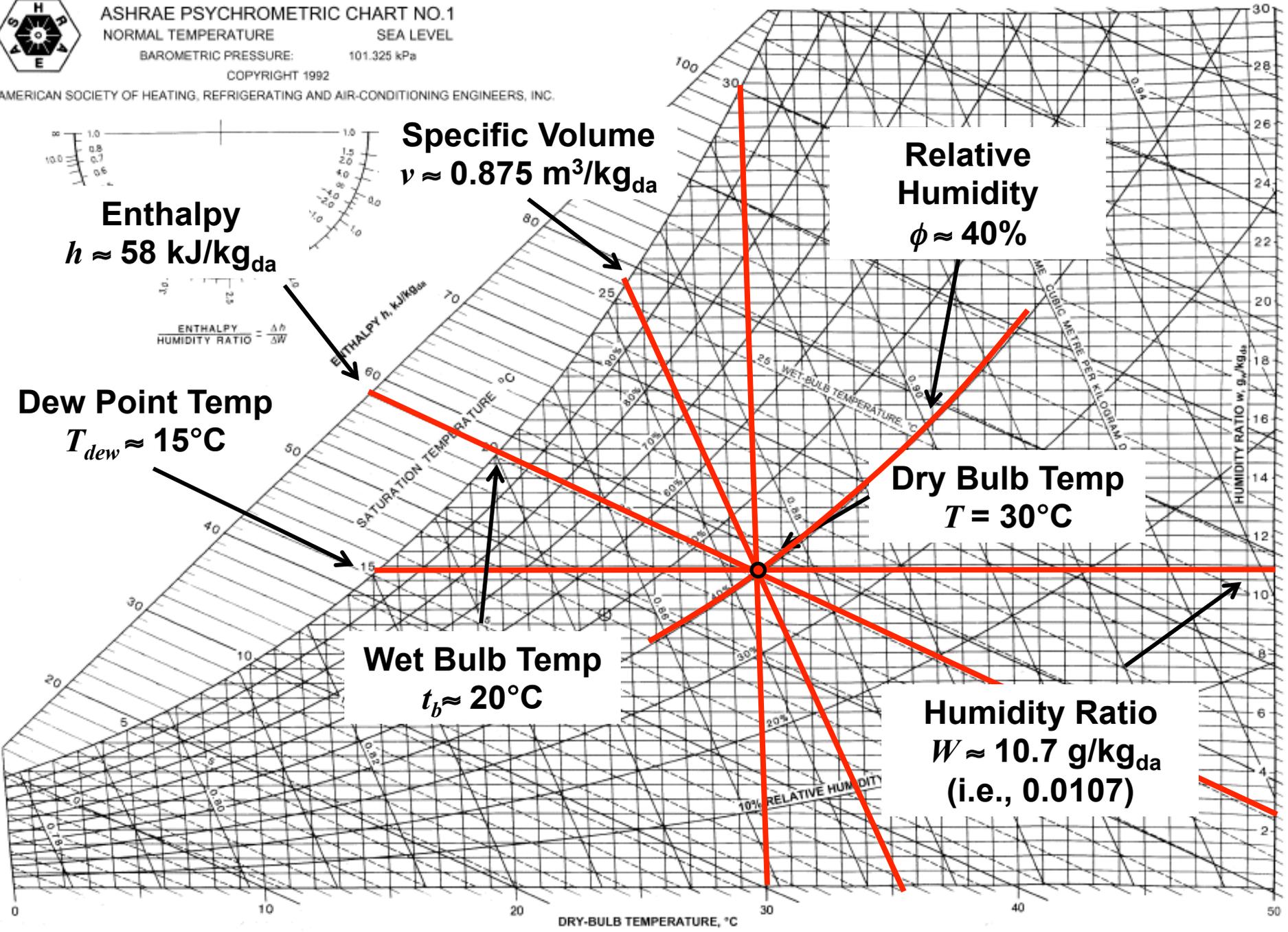
- Guess  $T_{wb}$ , calculate  $p_{ws}$  for that  $T$ , calculate  $W_s$  for that  $T$ 
  - Repeat until  $W$  calculated based on those values (and original  $T$ ) in equation above is equal to actual  $W$  (0.01065 in our case)

$$T_{wb} = 20.1^\circ\text{C}$$



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**Dew Point Temp**  
 $T_{dew} \approx 15^\circ\text{C}$

**Enthalpy**  
 $h \approx 58 \text{ kJ/kg}_{da}$

**Specific Volume**  
 $v \approx 0.875 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}_{da}$

**Relative Humidity**  
 $\phi \approx 40\%$

**Dry Bulb Temp**  
 $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$

**Wet Bulb Temp**  
 $t_b \approx 20^\circ\text{C}$

**Humidity Ratio**  
 $W \approx 10.7 \text{ g/kg}_{da}$   
 (i.e., 0.0107)

# PSYCHROMETRIC PROCESSES

# Use of the psychrometric chart for *processes*

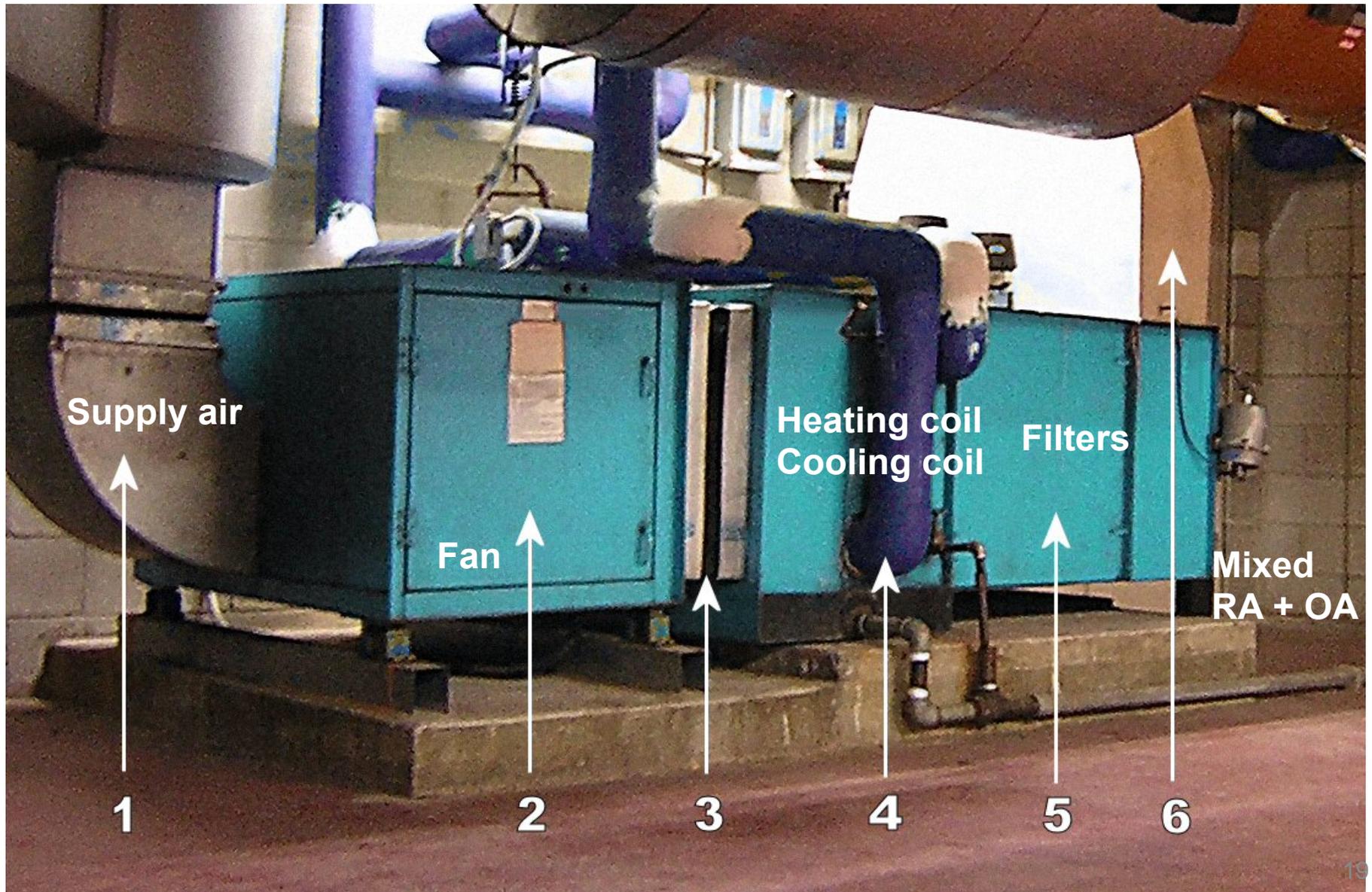
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We can use the psychrometric chart not only to describe **states** of moist air, but for a number of **processes** that are important for building science and HVAC applications

Examples:

- Sensible cooling or heating
- Warming and humidification of cold, dry air
- Cooling and dehumidification of warm, humid air
  - Sensible + latent cooling
- Evaporative cooling
- Mixing of airstreams

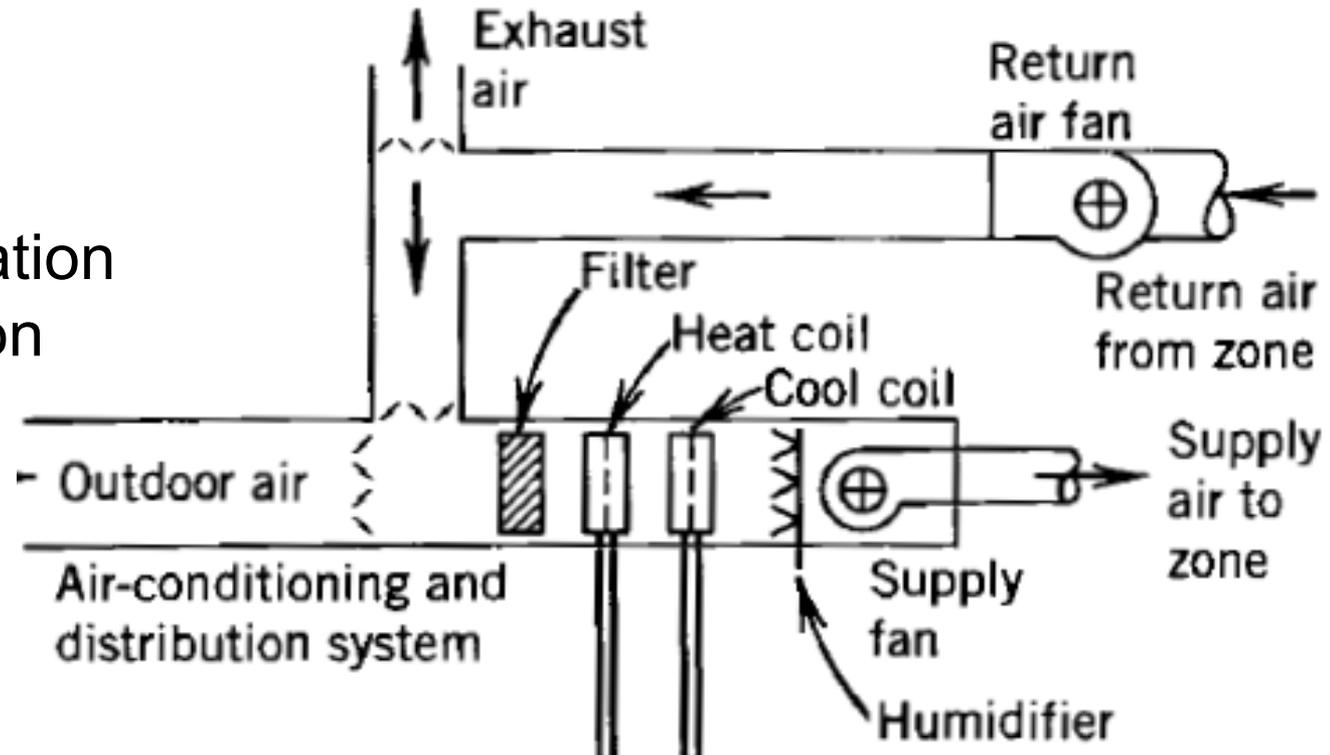
# Typical commercial HVAC system air handler



# Typical forced air distribution system

## Common processes:

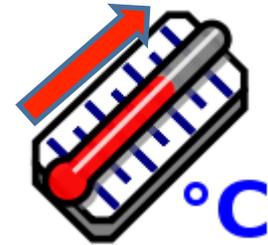
- Air mixing
- Heating
- Cooling
- Dehumidification
- Humidification



# Sensible and latent heat

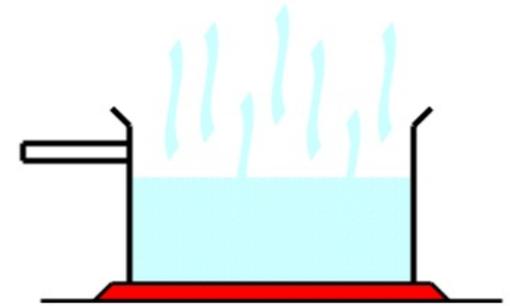
- **Sensible** heat transfer

- Increases or decreases temperature of a substance without undergoing a phase change



- **Latent** heat transfer

- Heat transfer required to change the phase of a substance (e.g., heat req'd to change liquid to vapor)



$$Q_{total} = Q_{sensible} + Q_{latent}$$

$$Q_{total} = \dot{m}_{air} (h_{exit} - h_{inlet})$$

# Sensible heat transfer equation

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$$Q_{sens} = \dot{m} c_p (T_{exit} - T_{inlet}) = \dot{V} \rho c_p (T_{exit} - T_{inlet})$$

$Q_{sens}$  = Rate of sensible heat xfer [Btu/hr or ton or W]

$\dot{m}$  = mass rate of air flow [lbm/hr or kg/s]

$\dot{V}$  = volumetric flow rate of air [ft<sup>3</sup>/hr or cfm or m<sup>3</sup>/s]

$\rho$  = density of air [lbm/ft<sup>3</sup> or kg/m<sup>3</sup>]

$c_p$  = specific heat of air [Btu/(lbm-F) or J/(kg-K)]

$T_{exit}, T_{inlet}$  = exit and inlet temperature [°F or °C]

$Q_{sens} > 0$  for heating

$Q_{sens} < 0$  for cooling

# Latent heat transfer equation

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$$Q_{lat} = \dot{m}_w h_{fg}$$

$Q_{lat}$  = rate of latent heat transfer [Btu/hr or ton or W]

$Q_{lat}$  is positive for humidification processes

$\dot{m}_w$  = rate of evaporation/condensation [lbm/hr or kg/s]

$h_{fg}$  = enthalpy of vaporization [Btu/lbm or J/kg]

also called latent heat of vaporization

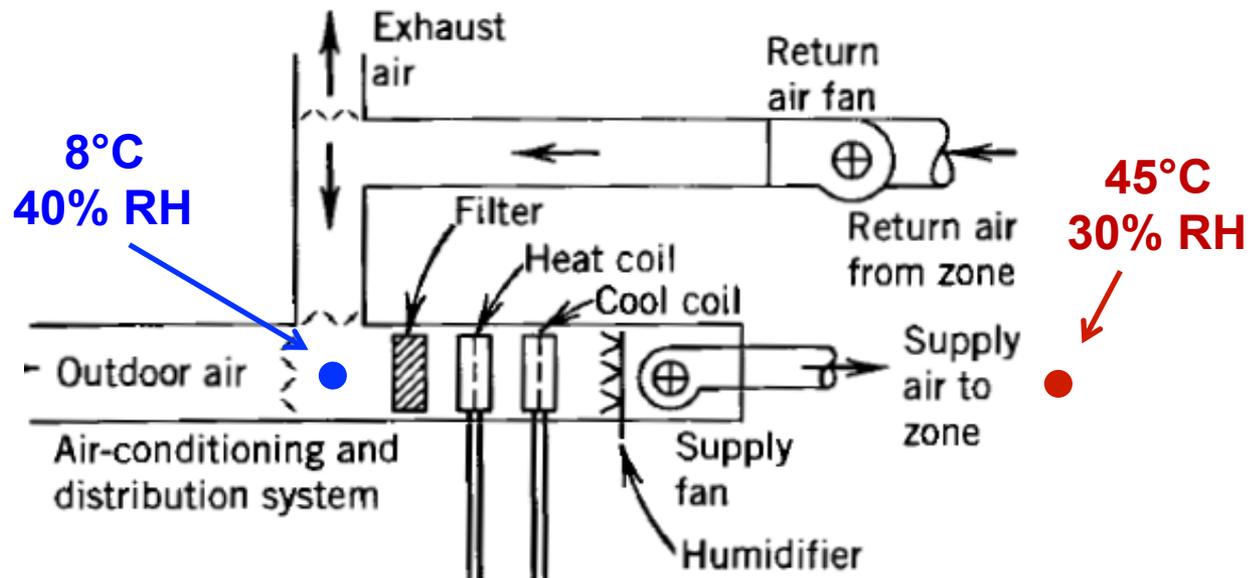
( $h_{fg} = 2260$  kJ/kg for water)

# Heating and humidification of cold, dry air

- Example: Heating and humidifying coils
  - Process: Adding moisture and heat (sensible + latent heating)

**Q1: What is the enthalpy change required?**

**Q2: What is the split between sensible and latent load?**

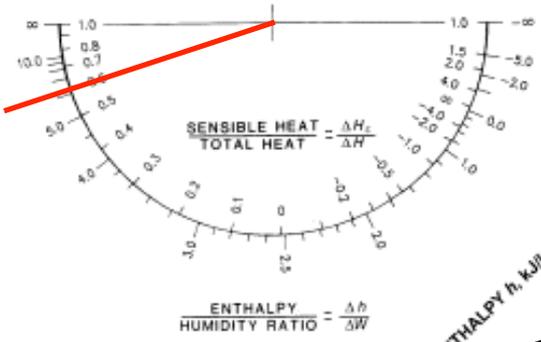




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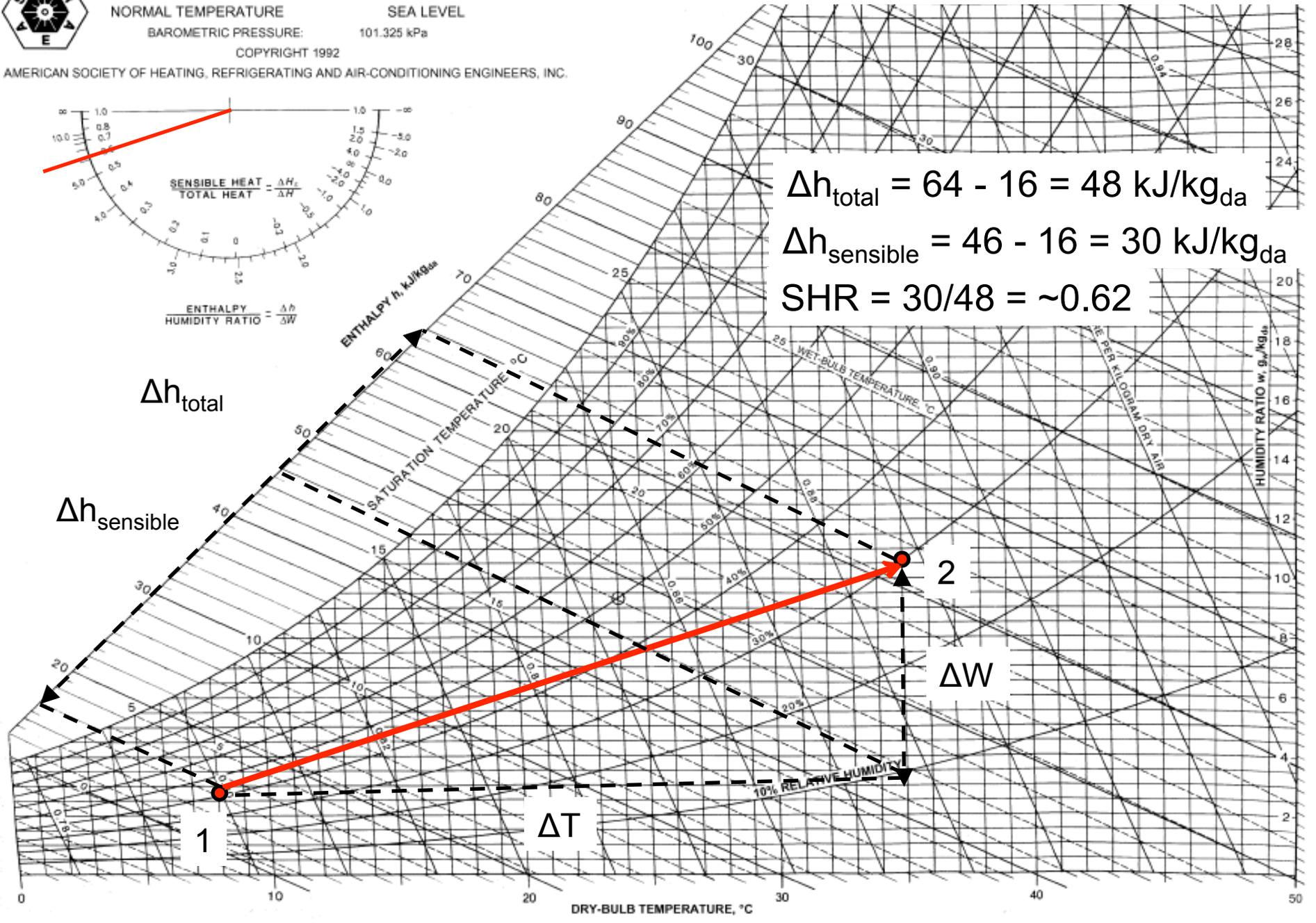
# Warming and humidification of cold, dry air



$$\Delta h_{\text{total}} = 64 - 16 = 48 \text{ kJ/kg}_{\text{da}}$$

$$\Delta h_{\text{sensible}} = 46 - 16 = 30 \text{ kJ/kg}_{\text{da}}$$

$$\text{SHR} = 30/48 = \sim 0.62$$



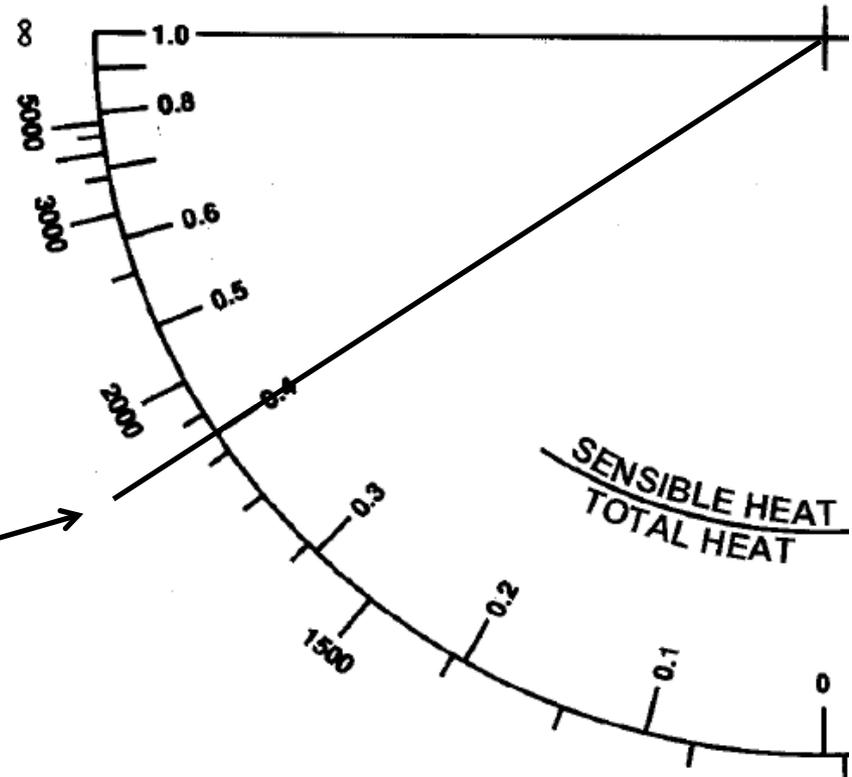
# Sensible heat ratio (SHR)

- The sensible heat ratio is defined as:

$$SHR = \frac{\dot{q}_{sens}}{\dot{q}_{total}} = \frac{\dot{q}_{sens}}{\dot{q}_{sens} + \dot{q}_{latent}} = \frac{\Delta h_{sens}}{\Delta h_{total}}$$

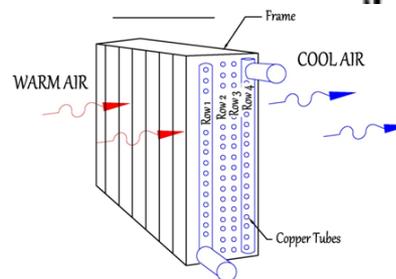
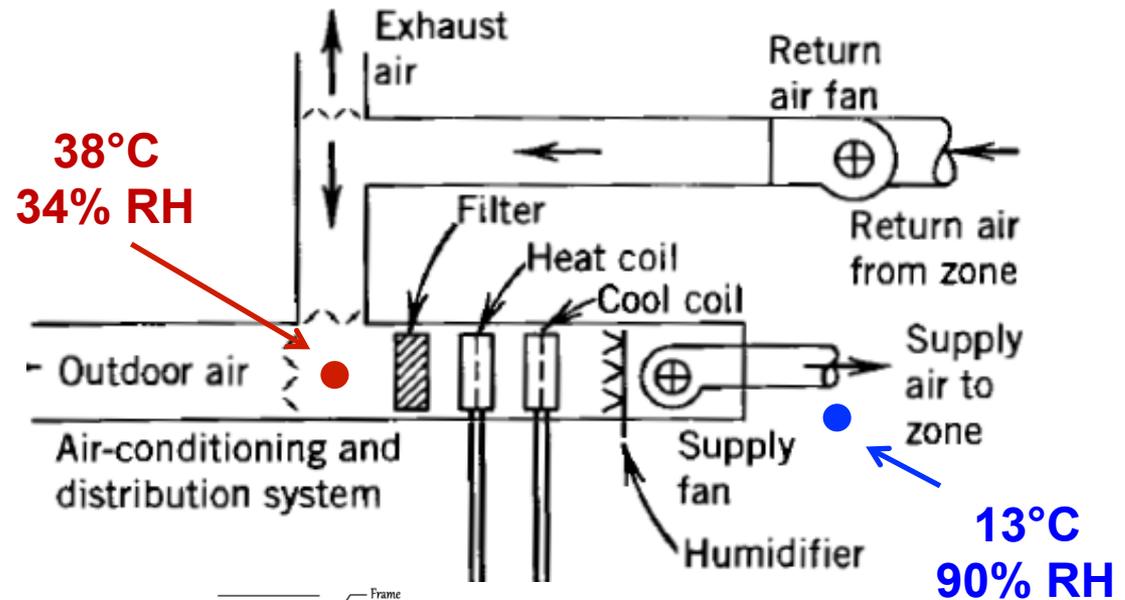
- Allows for understanding sensible load relative to latent load
- Typical SHR: 0.6 to 0.9

Here is a process with an SHR  $\approx 0.4$



# Cooling and dehumidification of **warm**, humid air

- Example: Cooling coil
- Removing both moisture and heat
  - Sensible + latent **cooling**

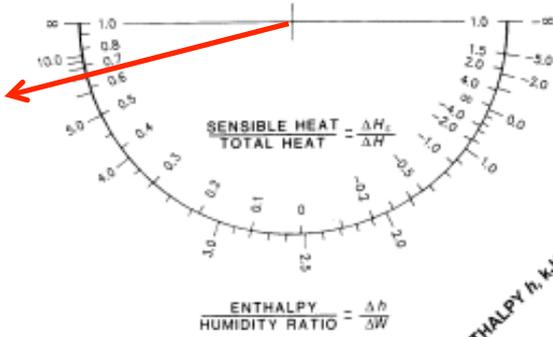




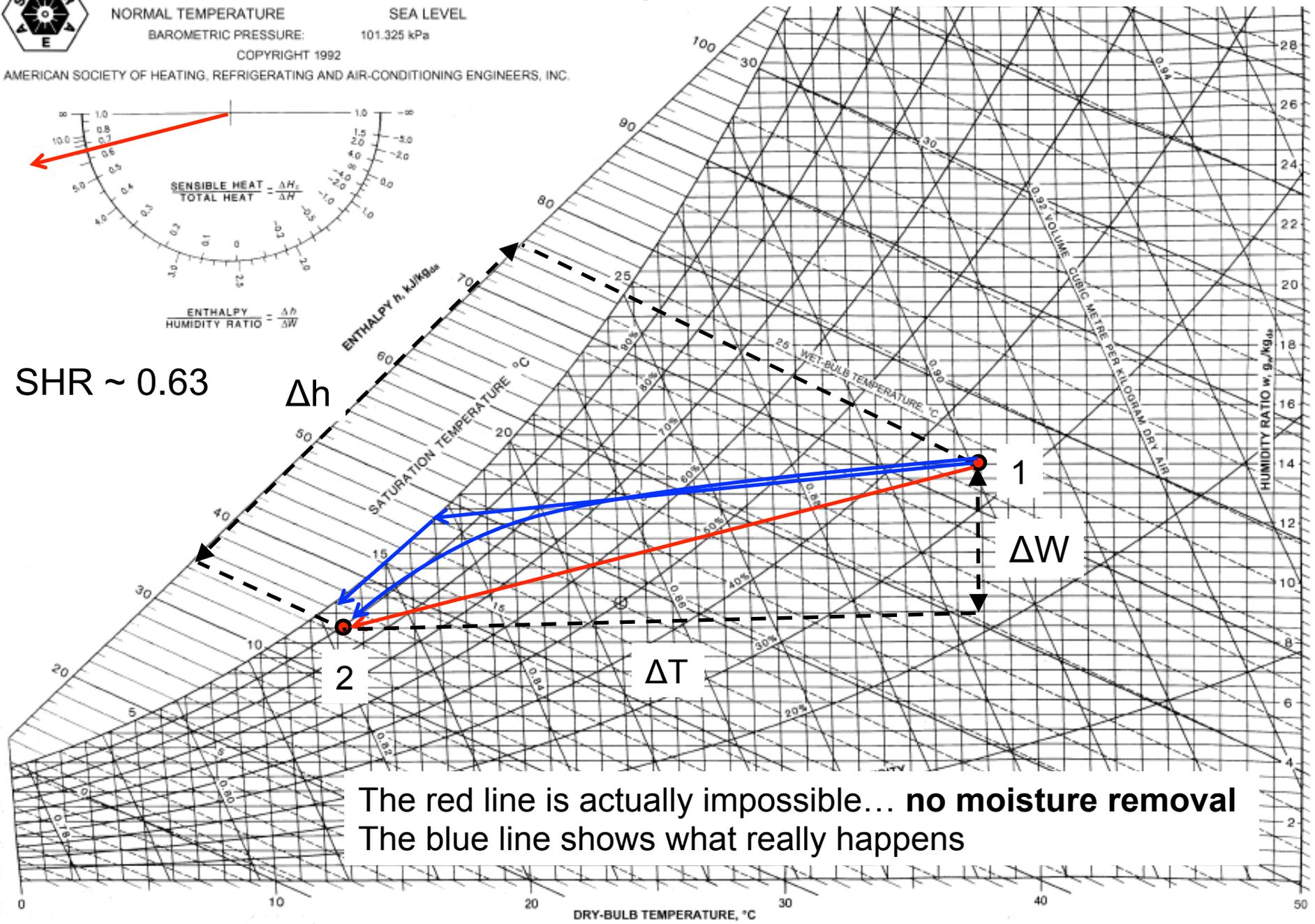
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# Cooling and dehumidification of warm, humid air

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SHR ~ 0.63



The red line is actually impossible... no moisture removal  
 The blue line shows what really happens

## Example: *Sensible* cooling

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- Moist air is cooled from 40°C and 30% RH to 30°C
  - Q1: Does the moisture condense?
  - Q2: What is the RH at  $W$  at the process end point?
  - Q3: What is the rate of sensible heat transfer if the airflow rate is 1000 ft<sup>3</sup>/min?



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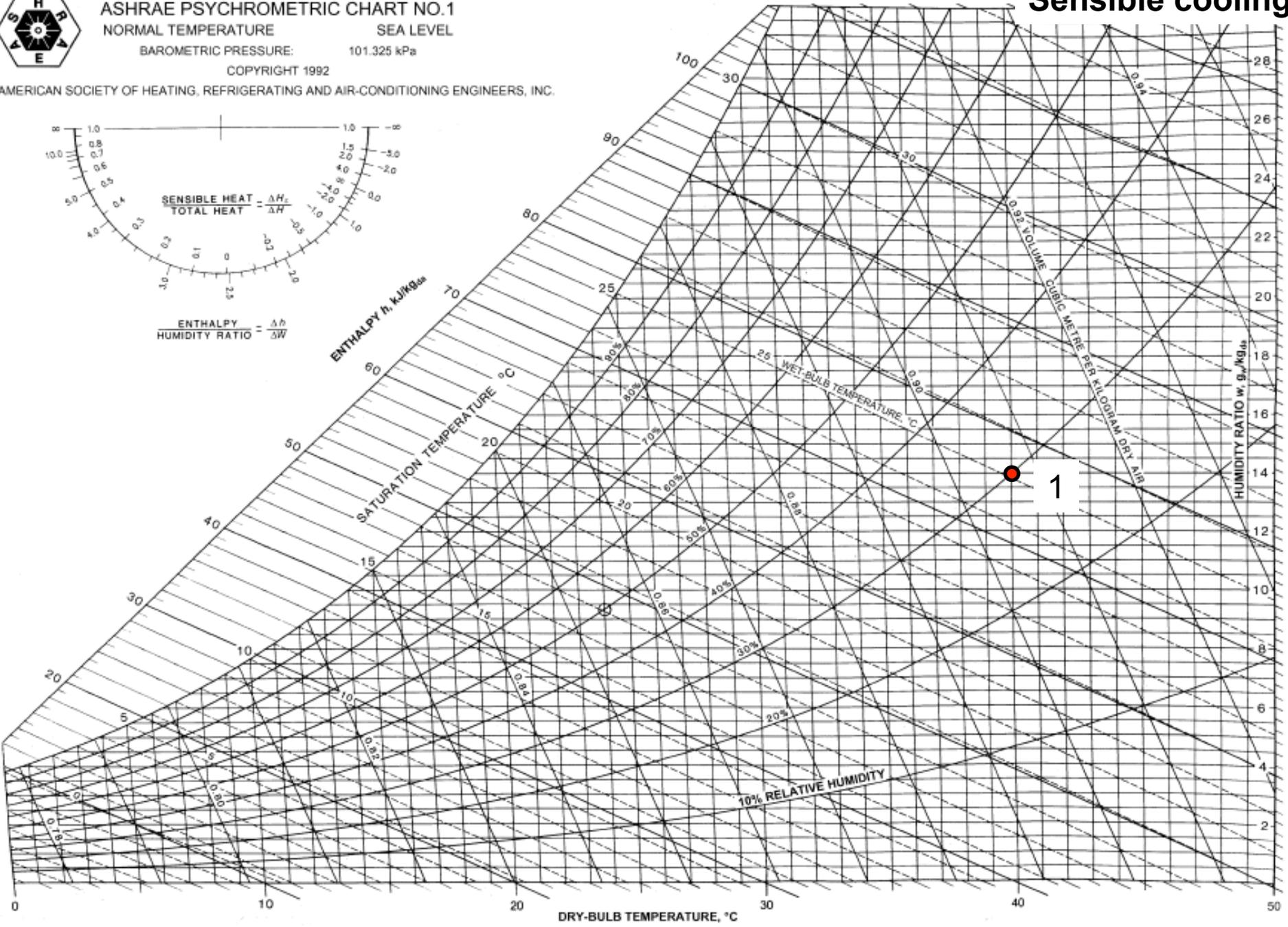
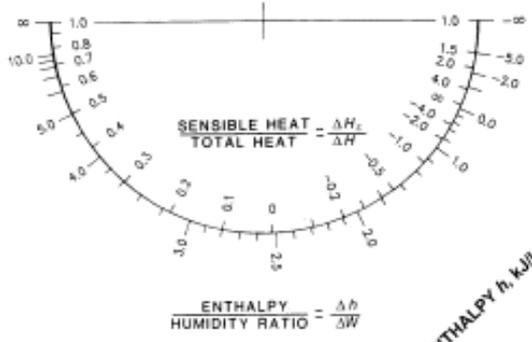
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## Sensible cooling



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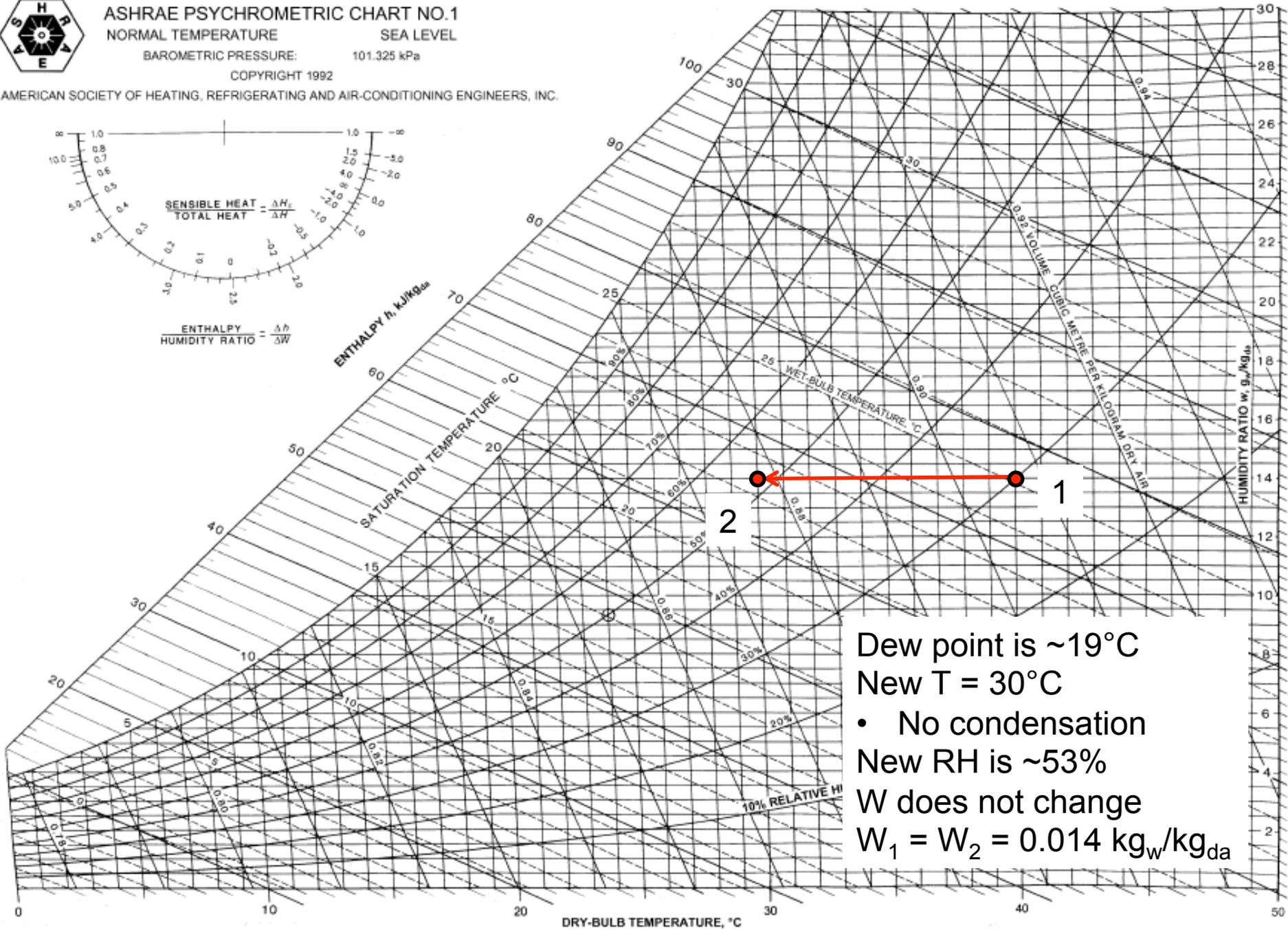
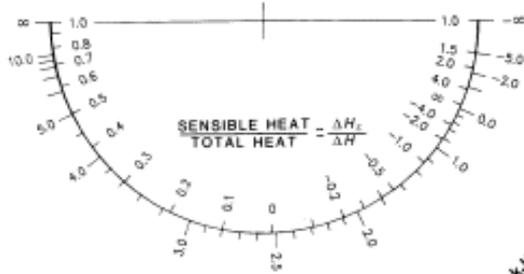
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Dew point is  $\sim 19^\circ\text{C}$   
New  $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$

- No condensation

New RH is  $\sim 53\%$   
 $W$  does not change  
 $W_1 = W_2 = 0.014 \text{ kg}_w/\text{kg}_{da}$



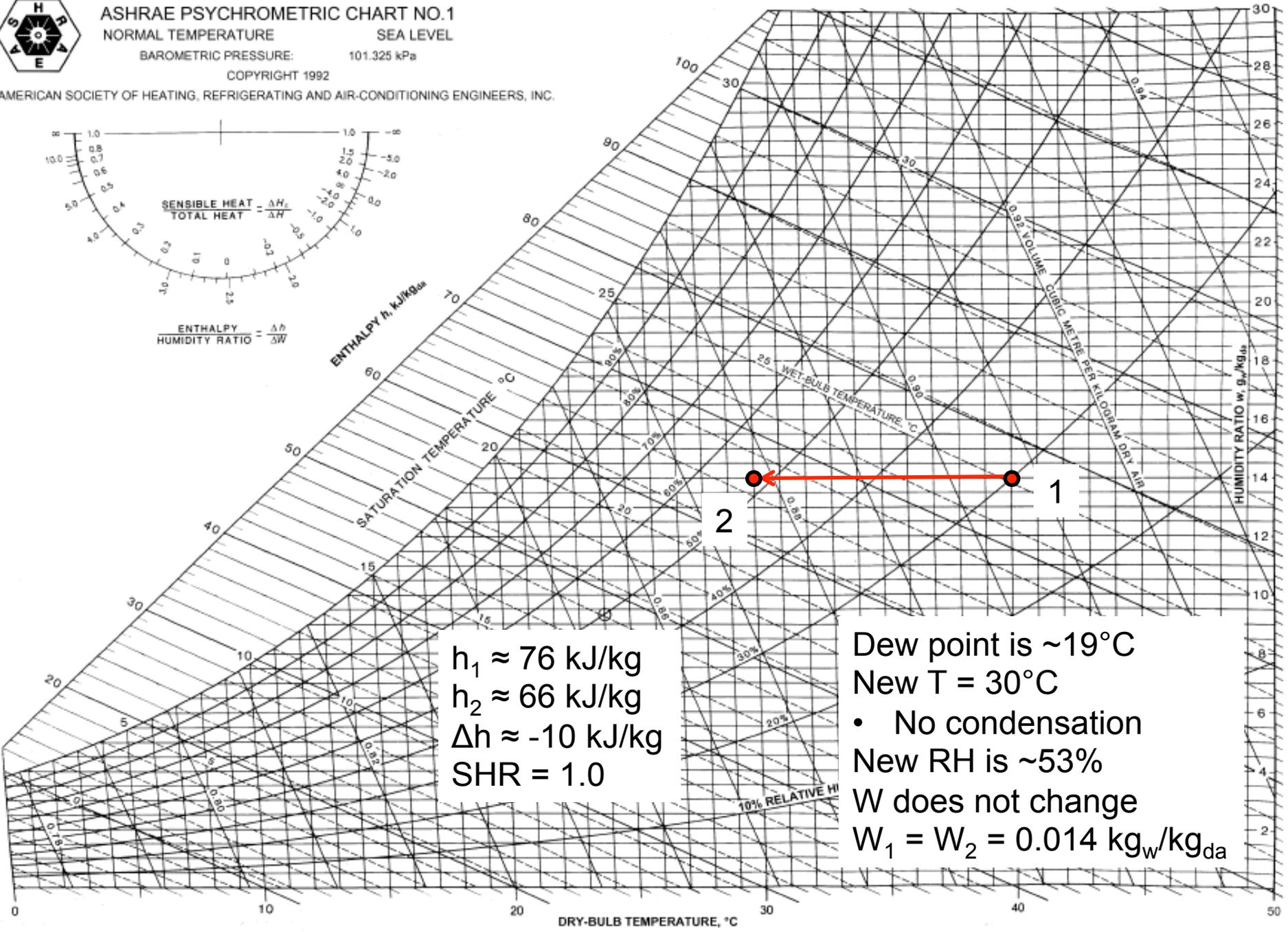
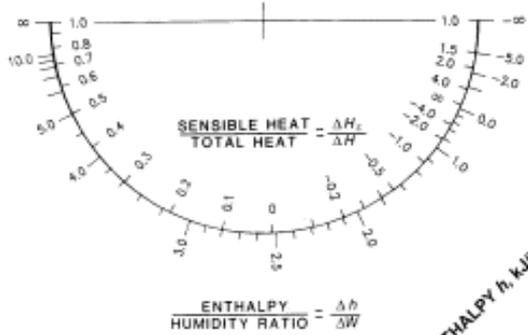
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$h_1 \approx 76 \text{ kJ/kg}$   
 $h_2 \approx 66 \text{ kJ/kg}$   
 $\Delta h \approx -10 \text{ kJ/kg}$   
 $\text{SHR} = 1.0$



Dew point is  $\sim 19^\circ\text{C}$   
 New  $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$   
 • No condensation  
 New RH is  $\sim 53\%$   
 $W$  does not change  
 $W_1 = W_2 = 0.014 \text{ kg}_w/\text{kg}_{da}$

## Example: *Sensible + latent* cooling

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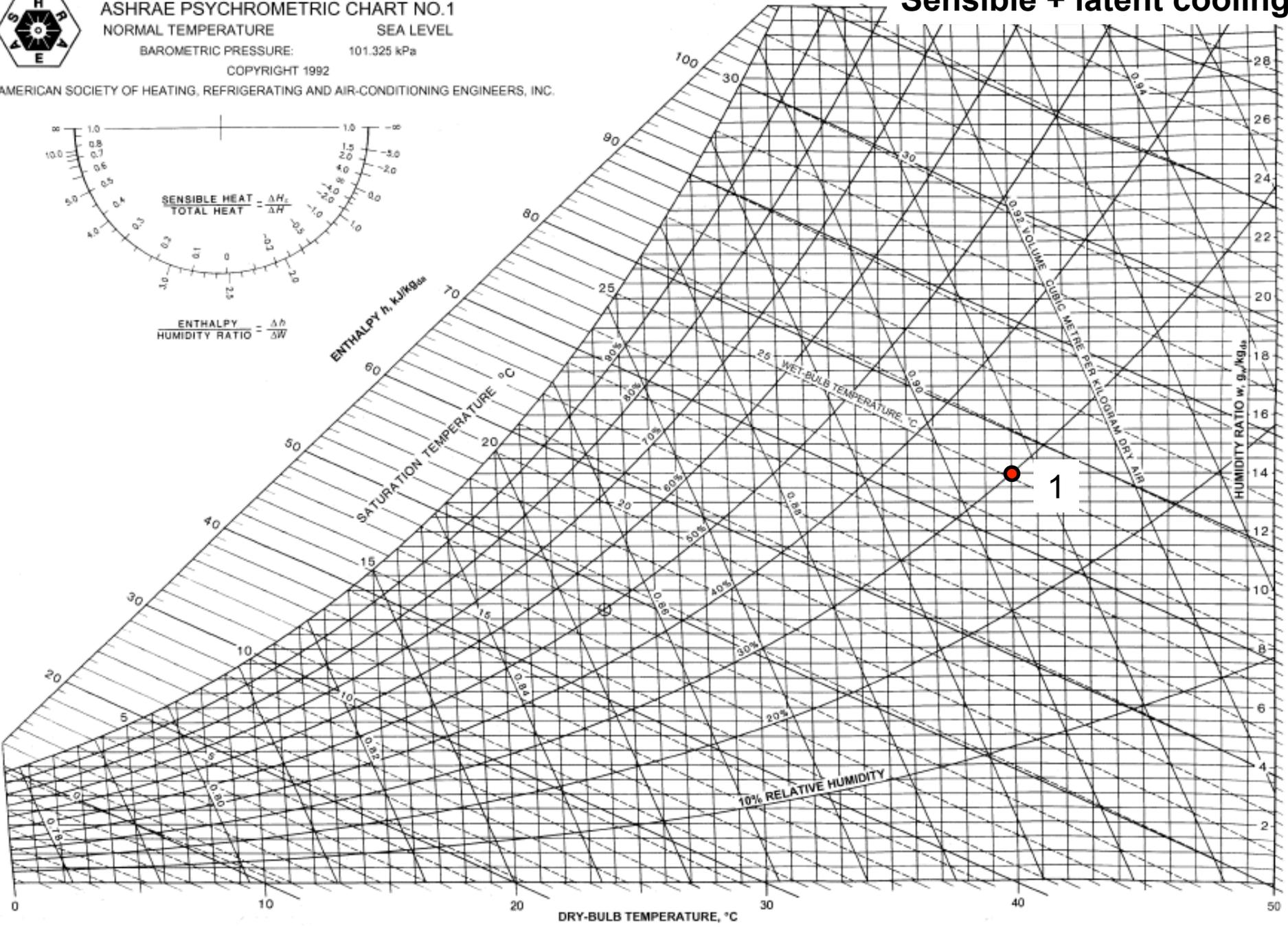
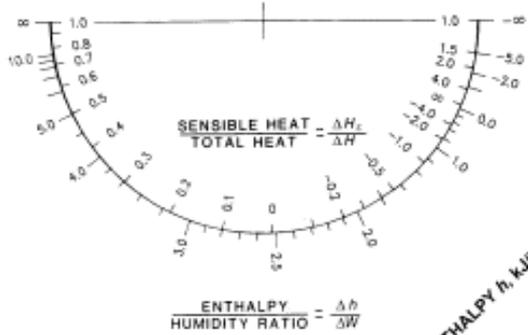
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  - Q2: What is RH at W at the process end point?
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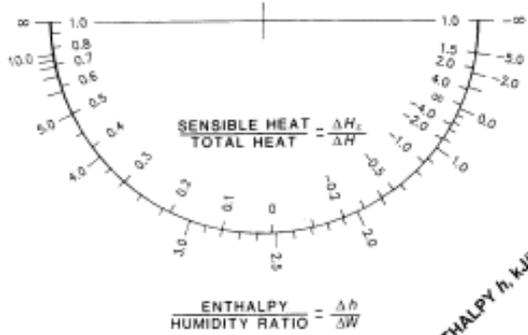
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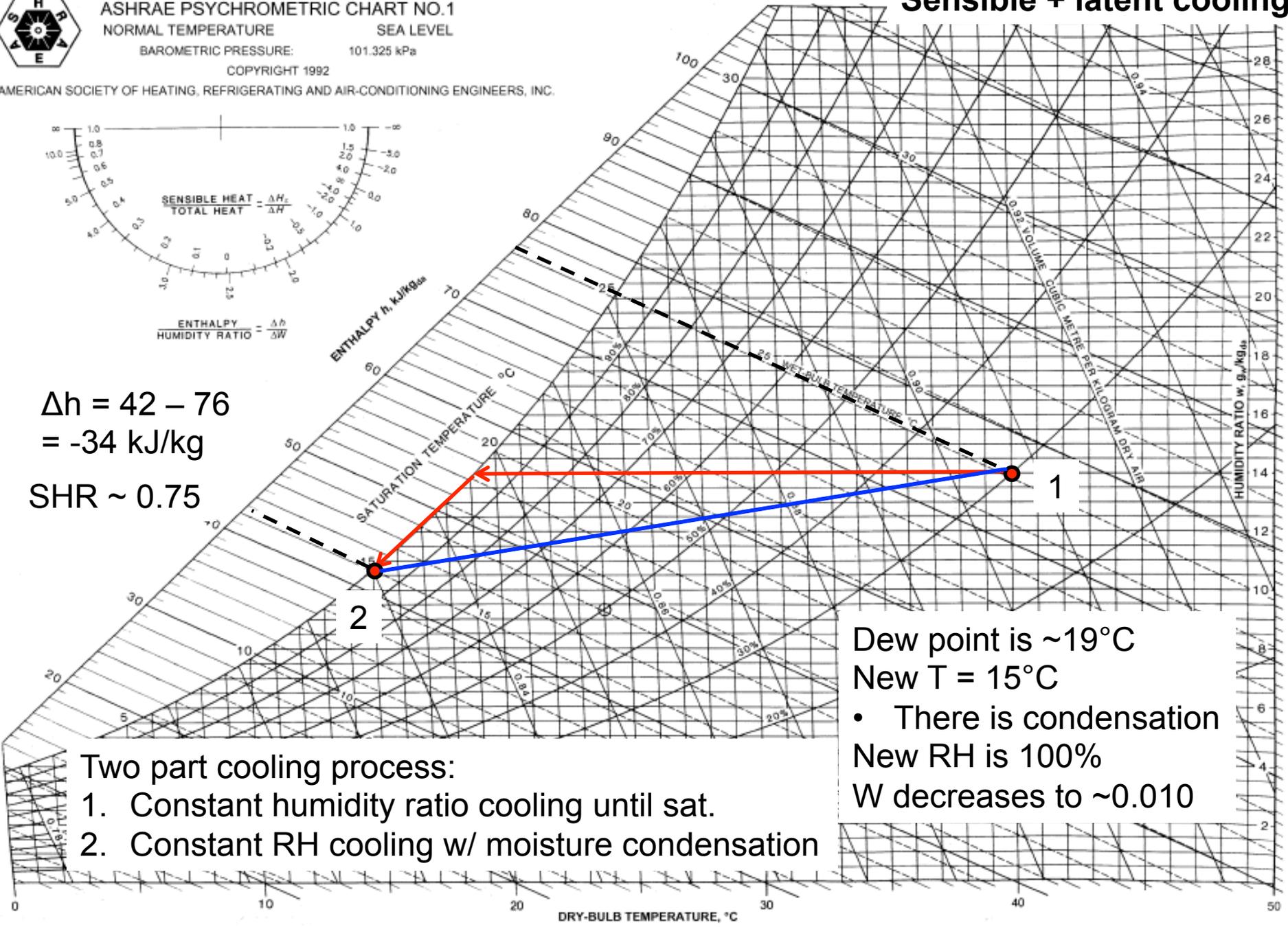
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# Sensible + latent cooling

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$\Delta h = 42 - 76$   
 $= -34 \text{ kJ/kg}$   
 SHR  $\sim 0.75$



Dew point is  $\sim 19^\circ\text{C}$   
 New  $T = 15^\circ\text{C}$   
 • There is condensation  
 New RH is 100%  
 W decreases to  $\sim 0.010$

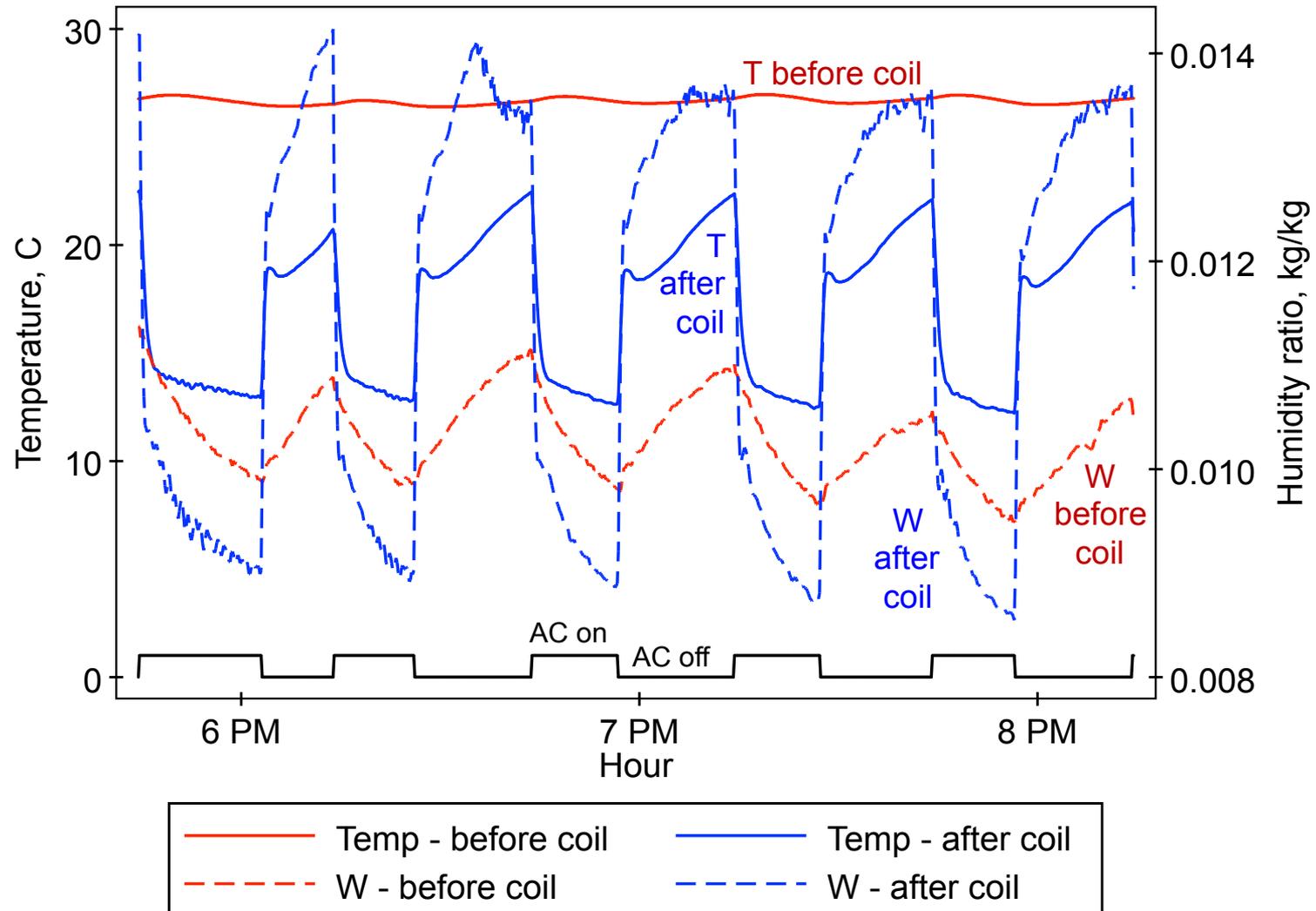
- Two part cooling process:
1. Constant humidity ratio cooling until sat.
  2. Constant RH cooling w/ moisture condensation

DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE, °C

# Real data: ASHRAE RP-1299

## Energy implications of filters

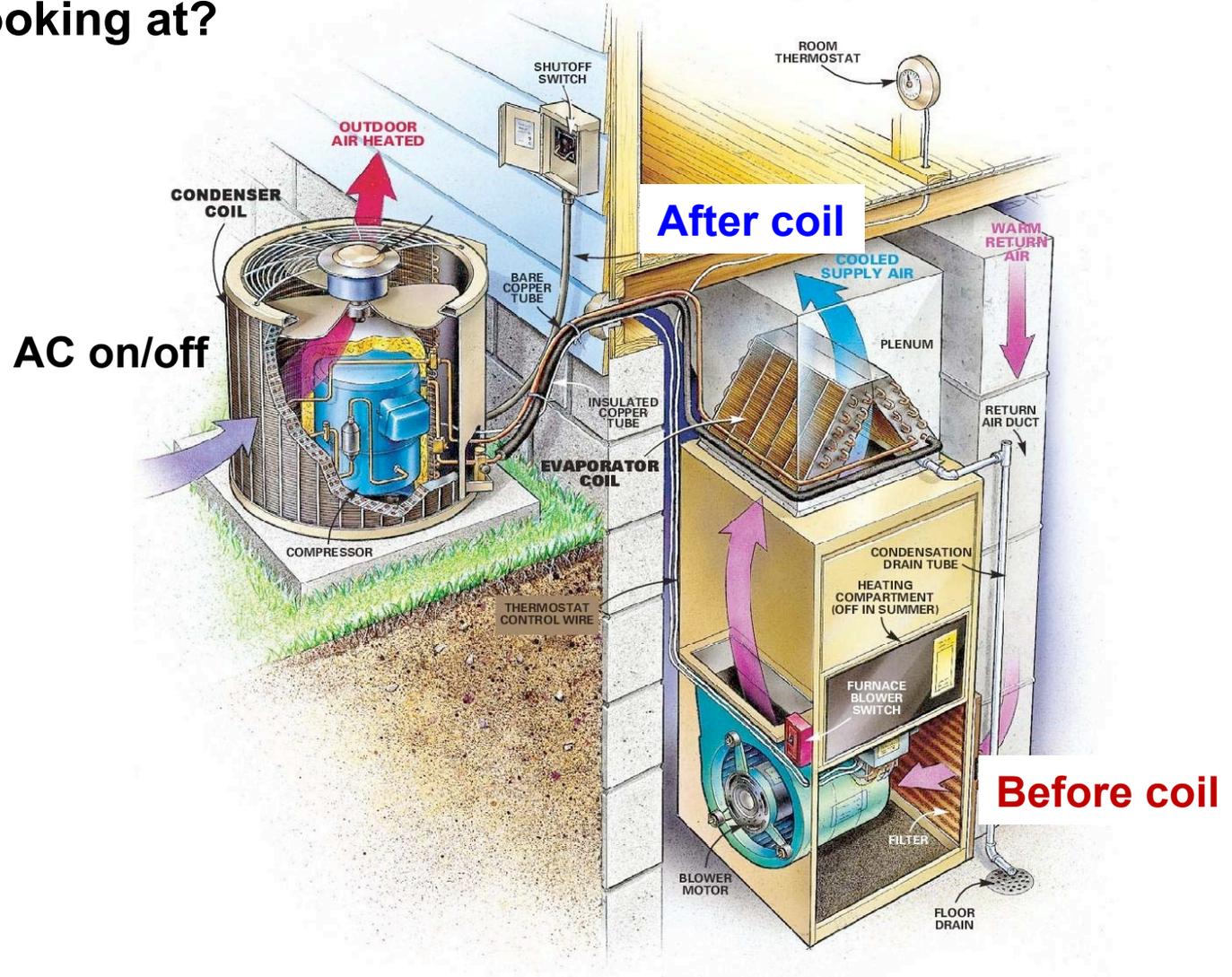
Temperature and humidity ratio differences across AC coils in homes



# Real data: ASHRAE RP-1299

## Energy implications of filters

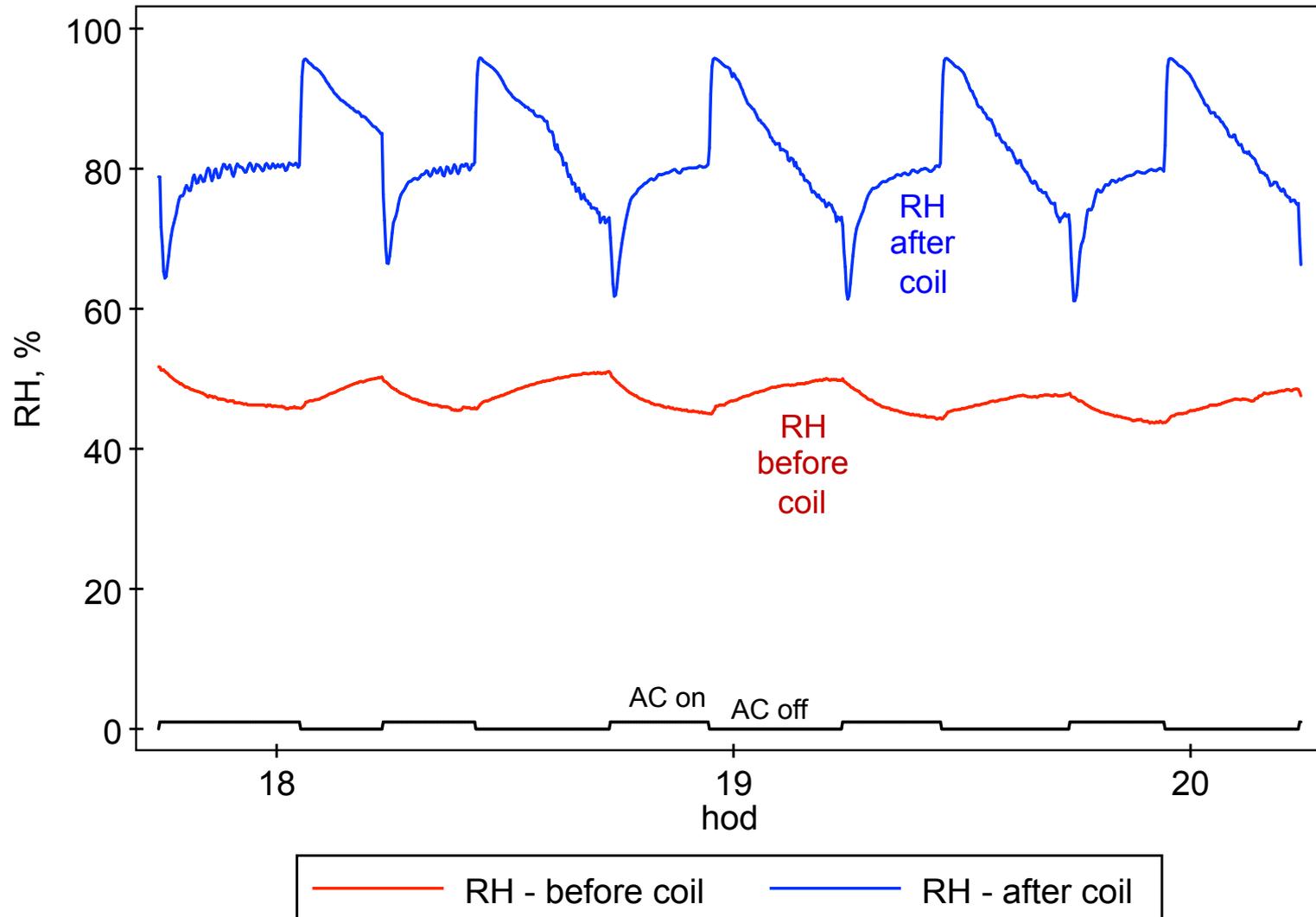
What are we looking at?



# Real data: ASHRAE RP-1299

## Energy implications of filters

Relative humidity differences across AC coils in homes

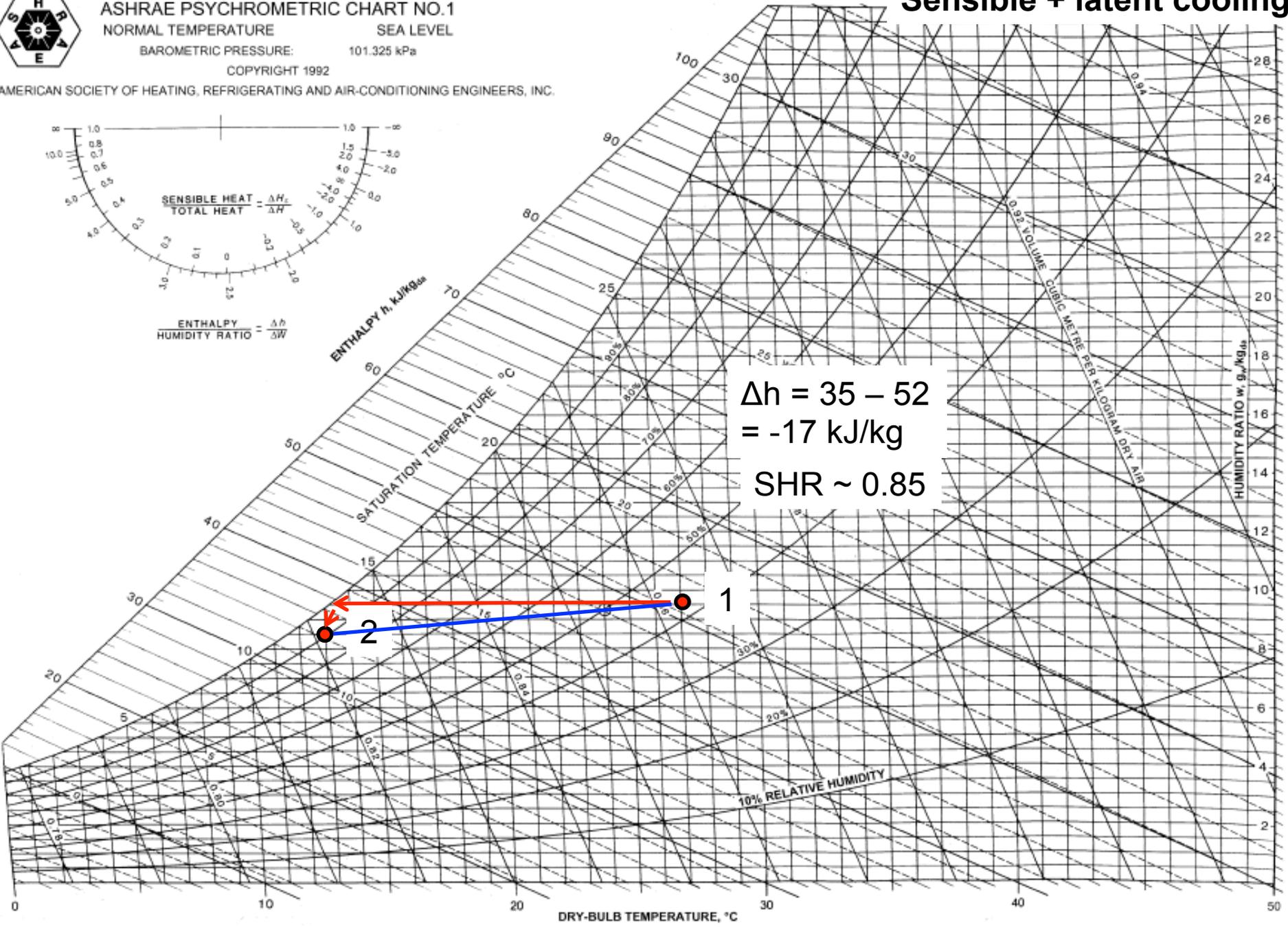
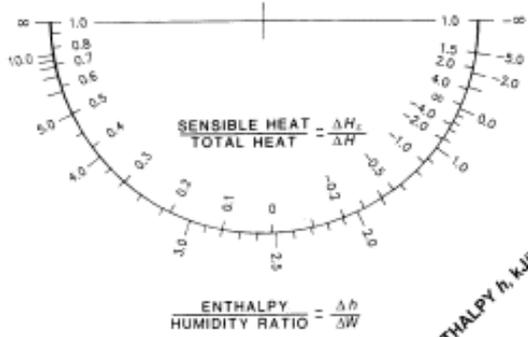




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# Sensible + latent cooling

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$\Delta h = 35 - 52$   
 $= -17 \text{ kJ/kg}$   
 SHR  $\sim 0.85$

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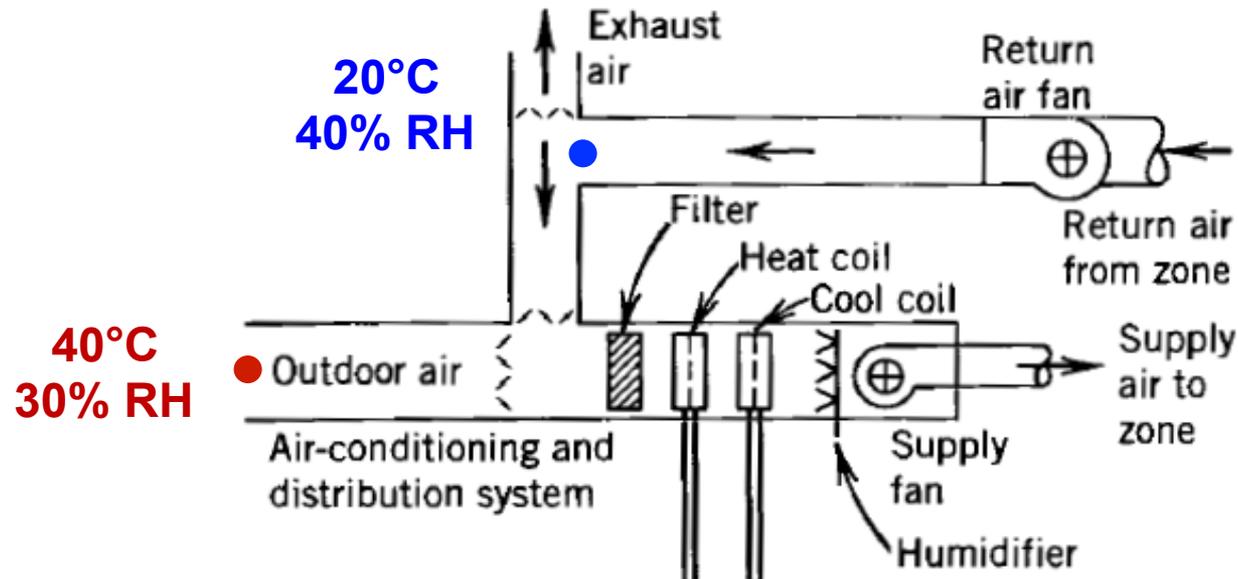
# Mixing of air streams

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- Often in HVAC systems we mix airstreams adiabatically
  - **Adiabatically** = Without the addition or extraction of heat
  - e.g. outdoor air mixed with a portion of return/recirculated air
- For most parameters, the outlet conditions end up being the weighted-averages of the input conditions
  - Dry bulb temperature
  - Humidity ratio
  - Enthalpy
  - (not wet-bulb temperature or RH though)

# Mixing of airstreams example

- Hot, humid outdoor air is mixed with recirculated indoor air at an outdoor air fraction of about 35%
  - Q1: What is T, W, RH, and h at the mixed condition?

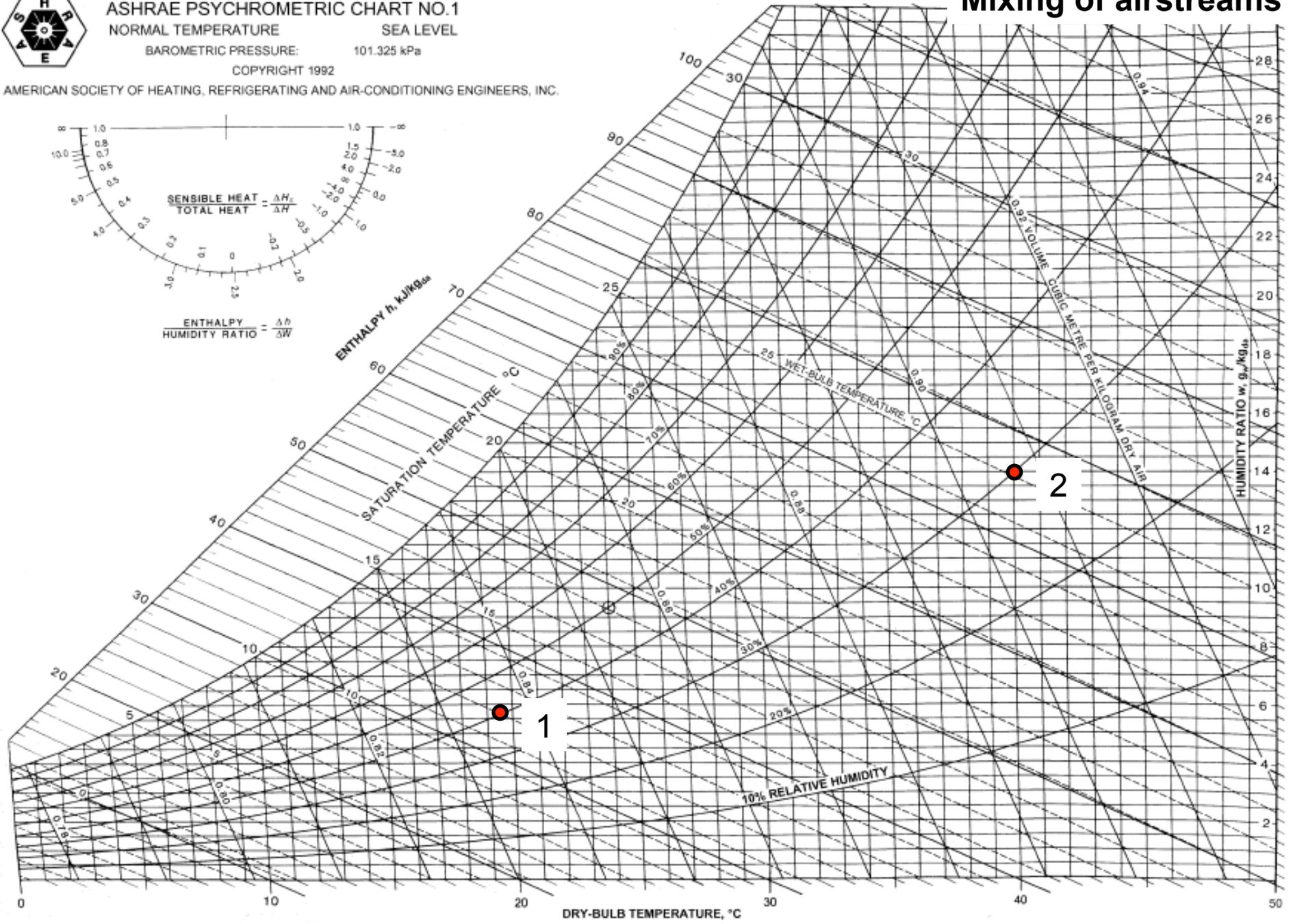
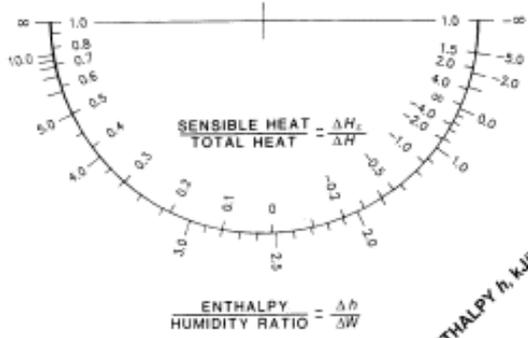




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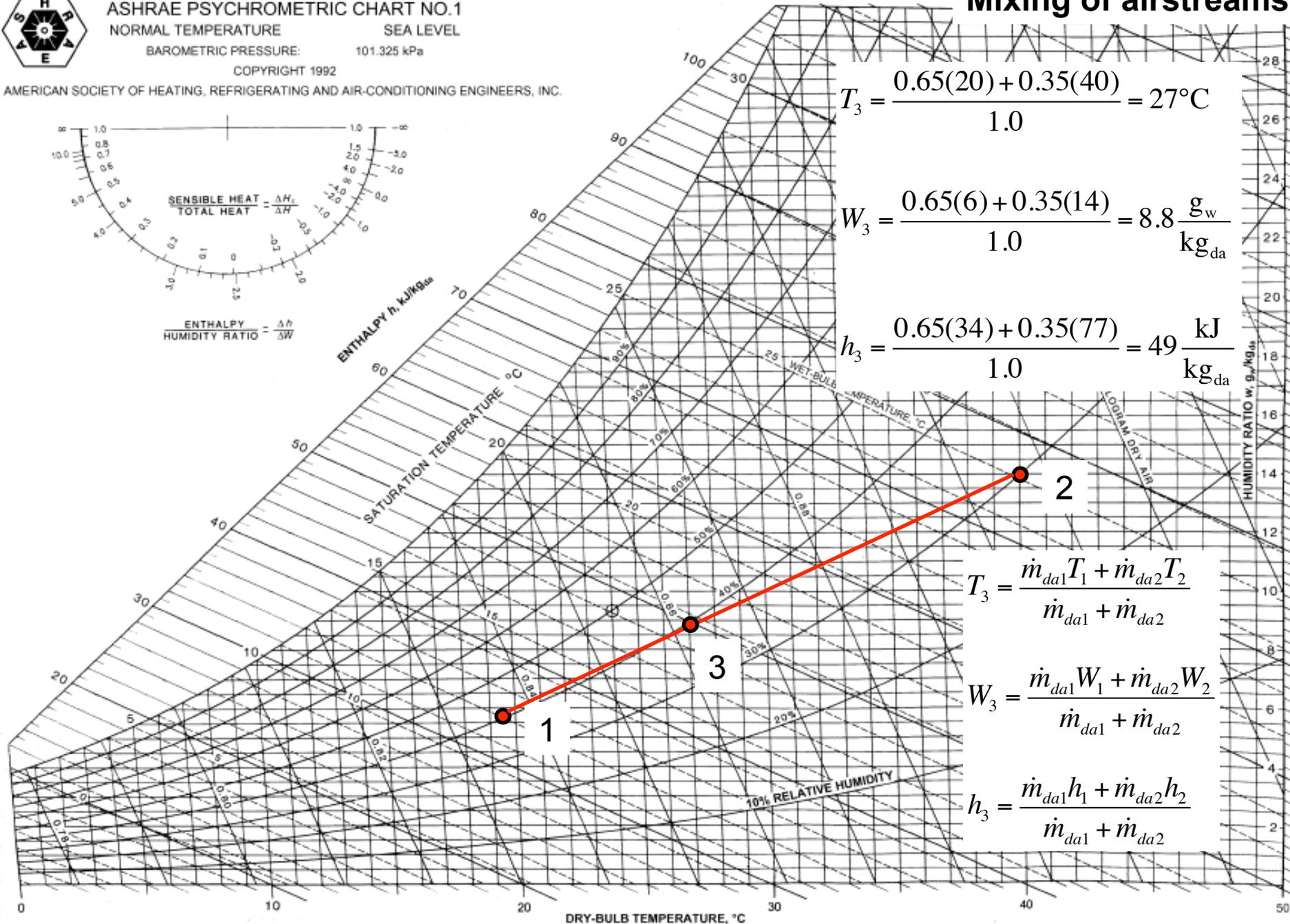
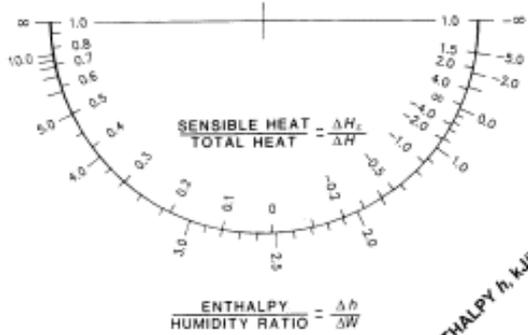




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$$T_3 = \frac{0.65(20) + 0.35(40)}{1.0} = 27^\circ\text{C}$$

$$W_3 = \frac{0.65(6) + 0.35(14)}{1.0} = 8.8 \frac{\text{g}_w}{\text{kg}_{da}}$$

$$h_3 = \frac{0.65(34) + 0.35(77)}{1.0} = 49 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}_{da}}$$

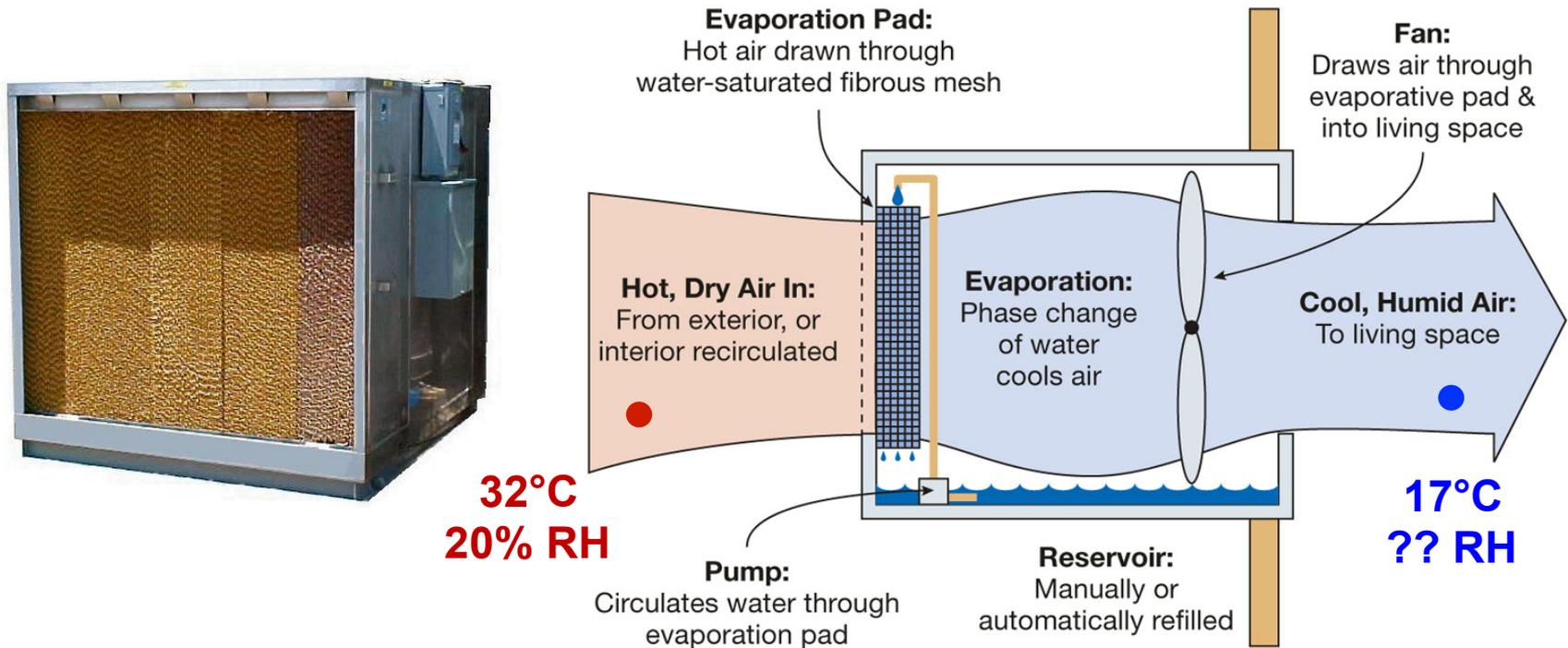
$$T_3 = \frac{\dot{m}_{da1}T_1 + \dot{m}_{da2}T_2}{\dot{m}_{da1} + \dot{m}_{da2}}$$

$$W_3 = \frac{\dot{m}_{da1}W_1 + \dot{m}_{da2}W_2}{\dot{m}_{da1} + \dot{m}_{da2}}$$

$$h_3 = \frac{\dot{m}_{da1}h_1 + \dot{m}_{da2}h_2}{\dot{m}_{da1} + \dot{m}_{da2}}$$

# Evaporative cooling example

- Hot, dry outdoor air is cooled with an evaporative cooler, or “swamp cooler”
  - Q1: What is RH and W of the supply air?
  - Q2: Why would we choose this system?

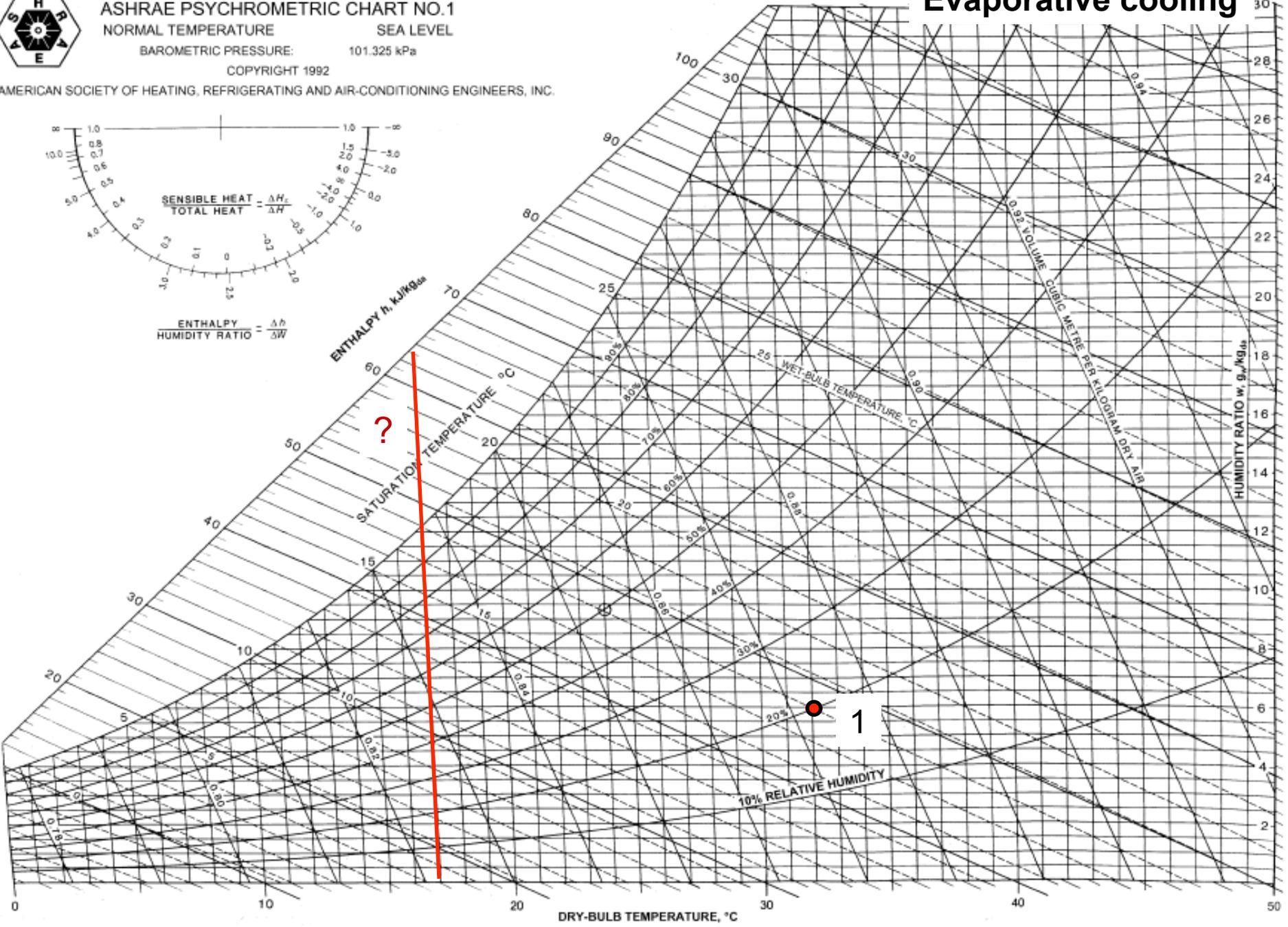
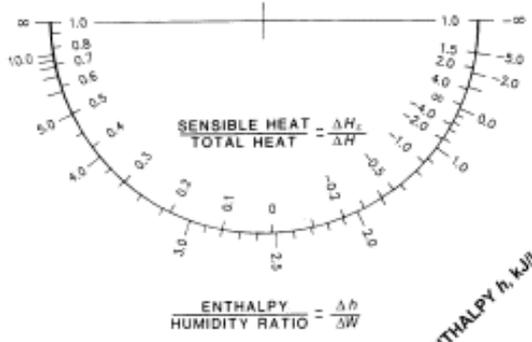




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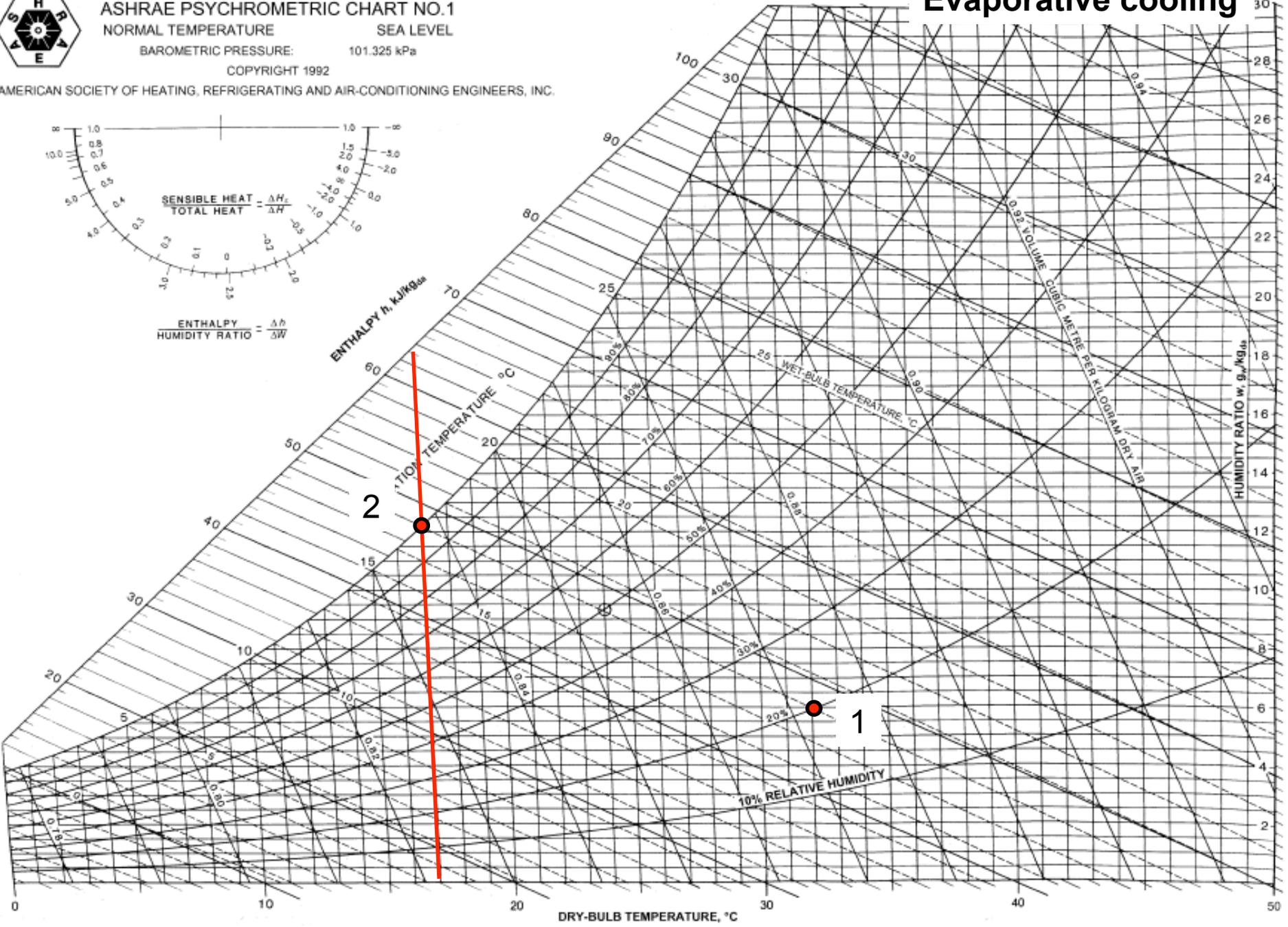
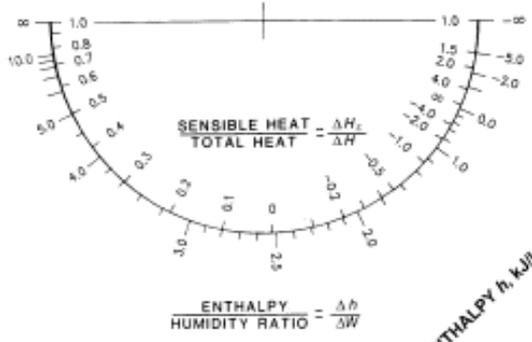
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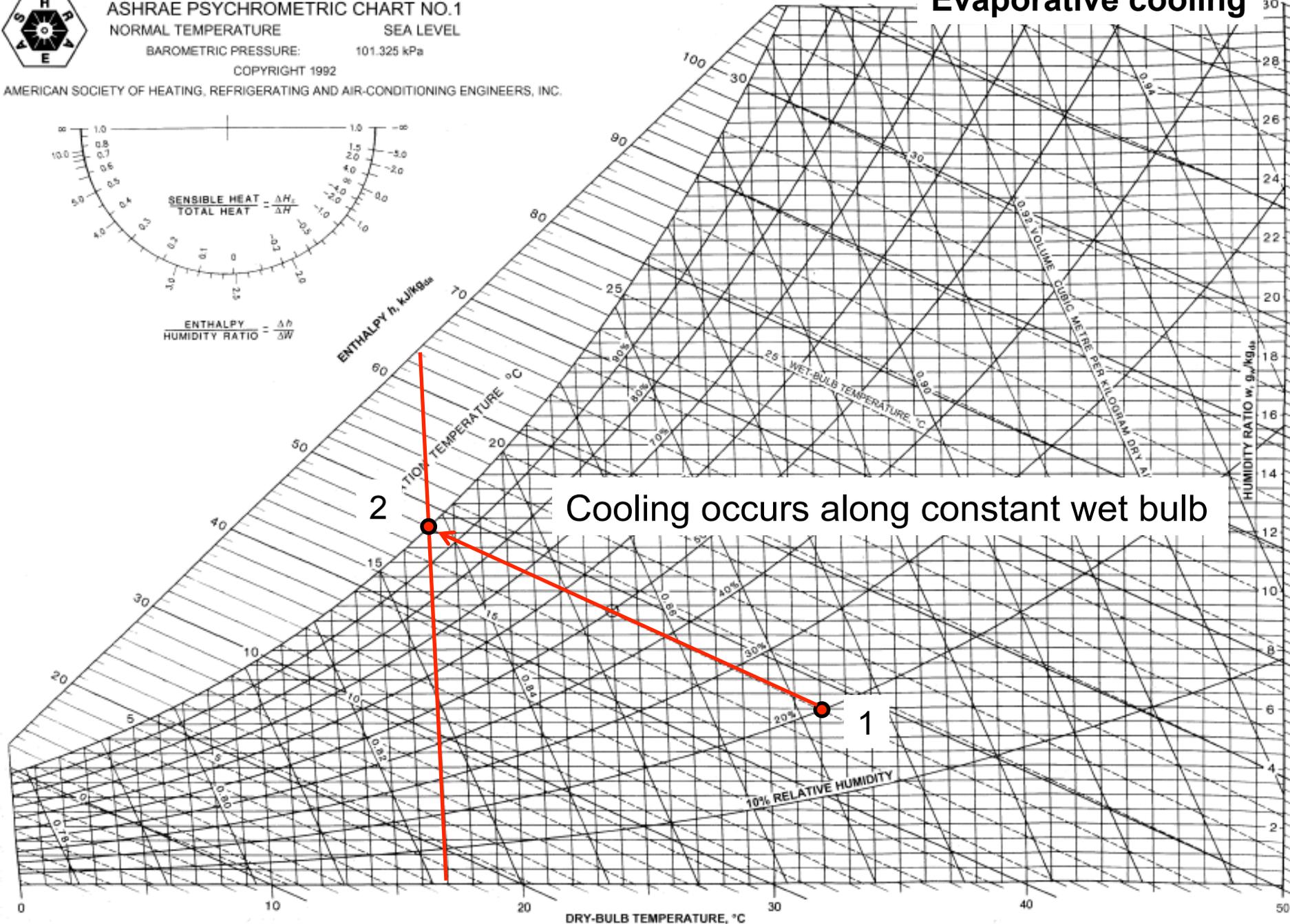
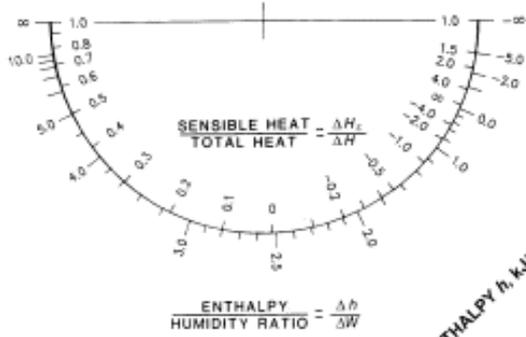




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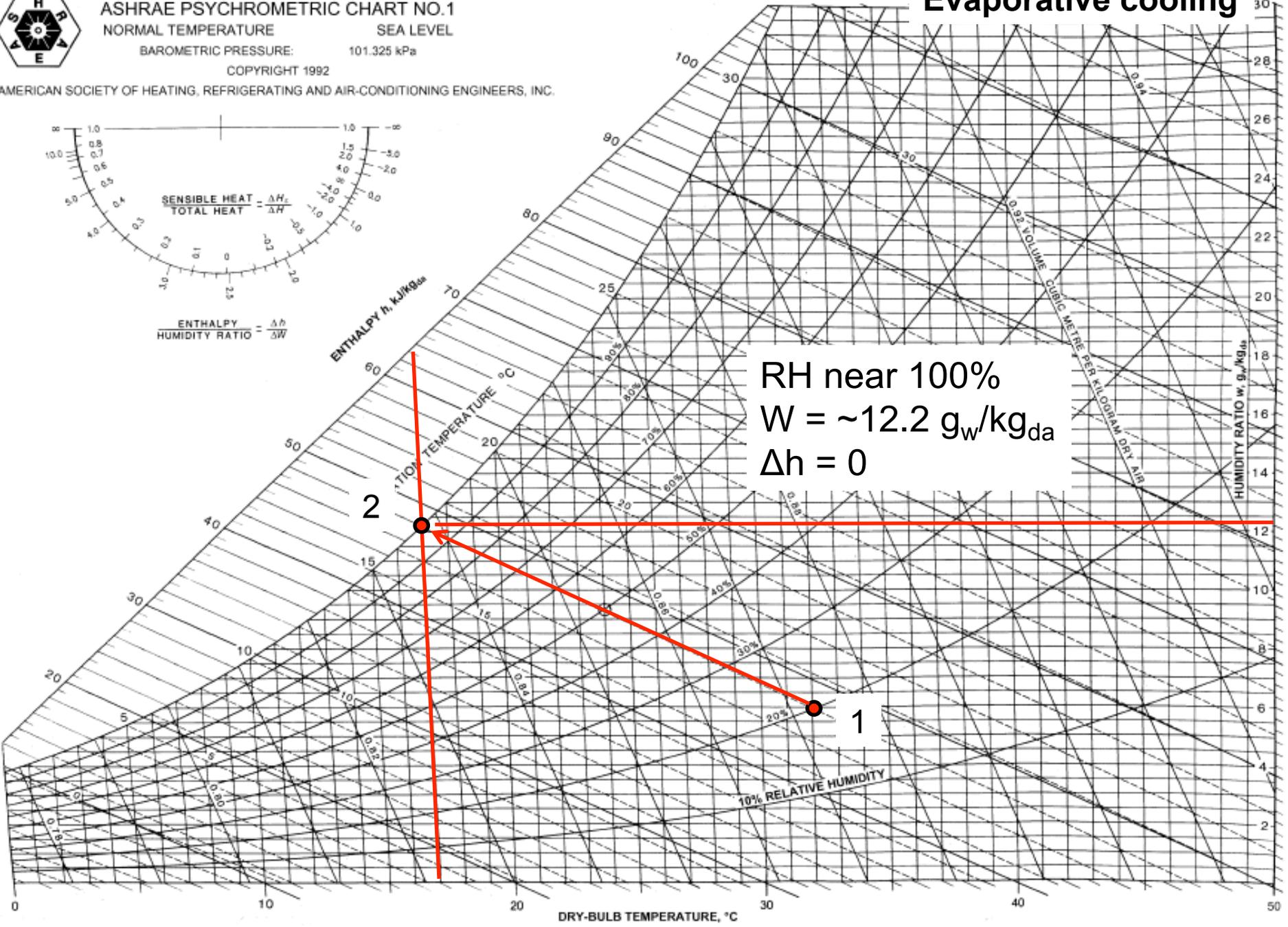
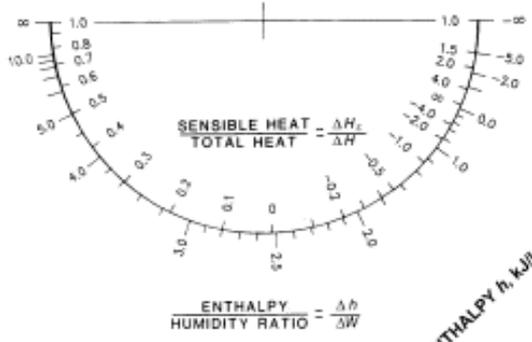
Cooling occurs along constant wet bulb



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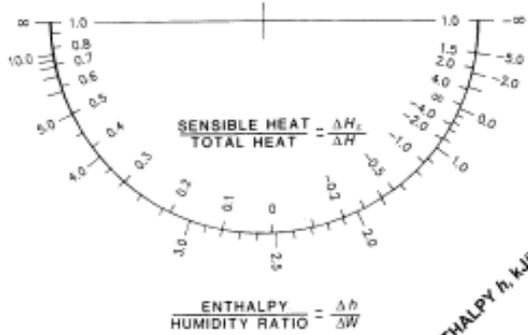


RH near 100%  
 $W = \sim 12.2 \text{ g}_w/\text{kg}_{da}$   
 $\Delta h = 0$

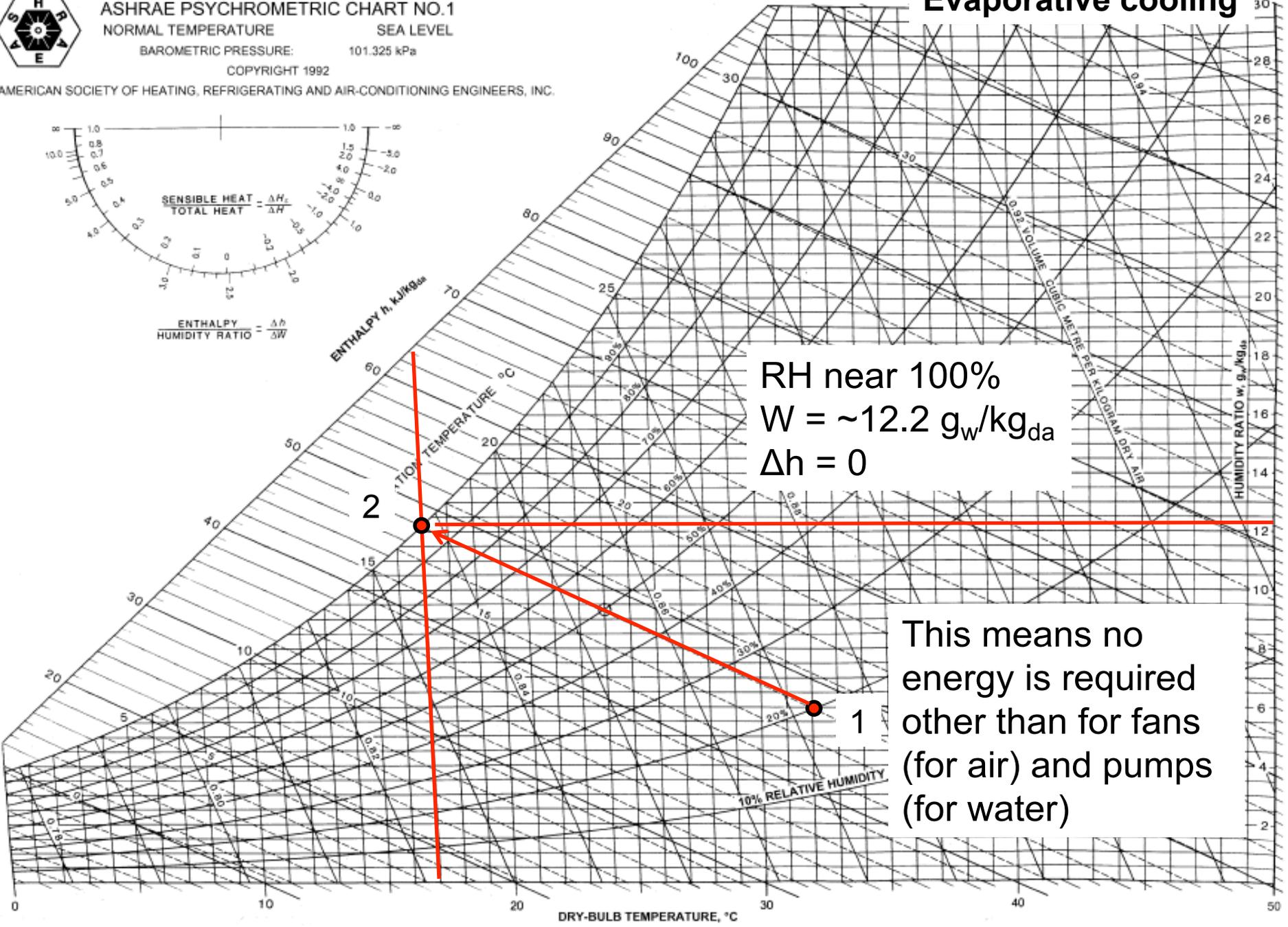


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# Evaporative cooling



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 $\Delta h = 0$

This means no energy is required other than for fans (for air) and pumps (for water)