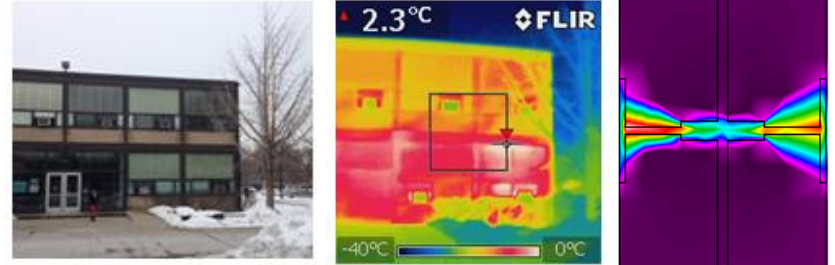


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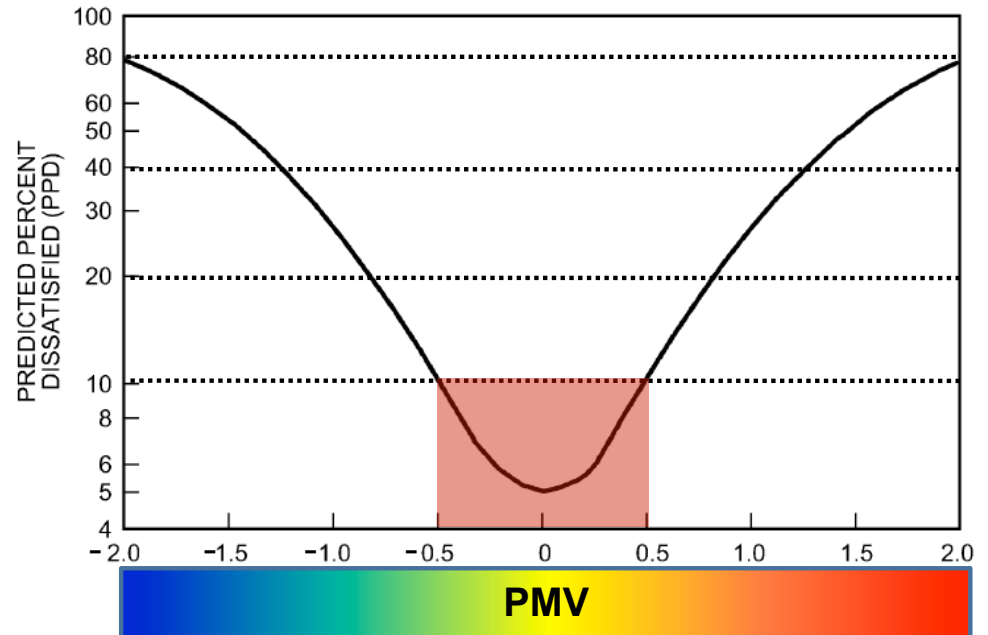
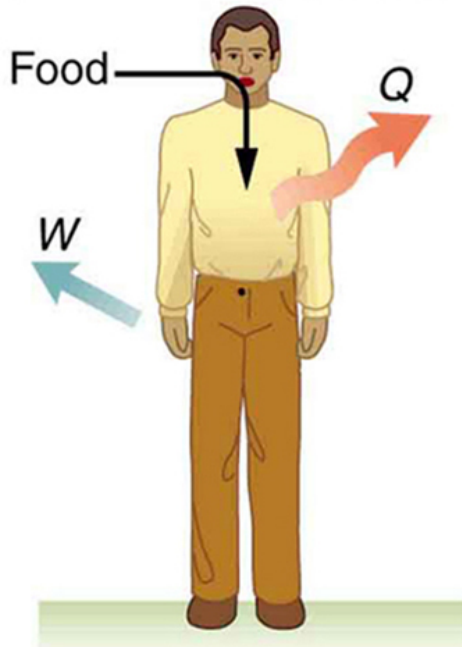
Last time

- Human thermal comfort

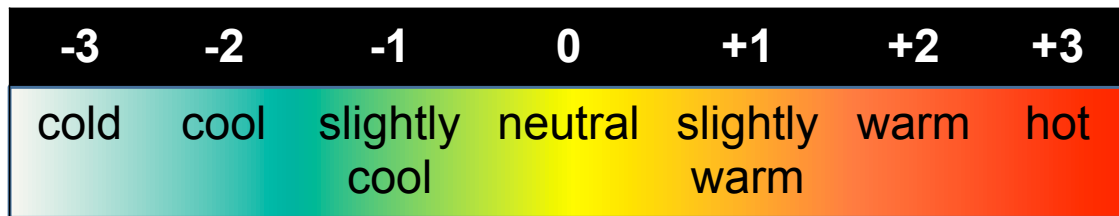
$$A_D = 0.202m^{0.425}l^{0.725}$$

$$\dot{Q} = MA_{skin}$$

A_D = DuBois surface area, m^2
 m = mass, kg
 l = height, m



$$1 \text{ met} = 18.4 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2} = 58 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}$$



ASHRAE comfort zone: CBE Thermal Comfort Tool

CBE Thermal Comfort Tool

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Compare

Ranges

Select method:

PMV method

Air temperature

24.6 °C

Use operative temperature

Mean radiant temperature

26 °C

Air speed

0.07

Humidity

50

Metabolic rate

1.3

Clothing

0.55

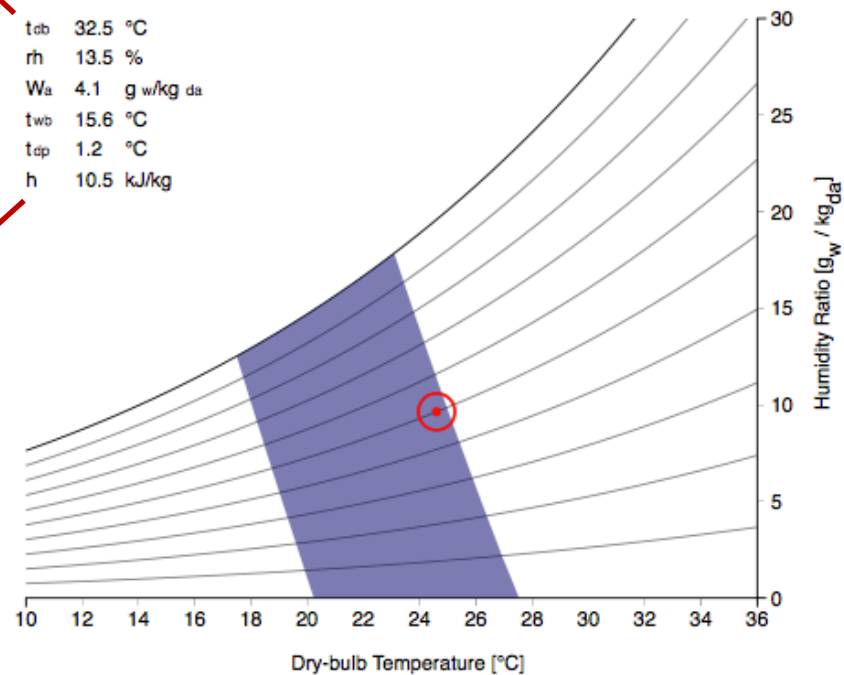
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rh 13.5 %
W_a 4.1 g w/kg da
t_{wb} 15.6 °C
t_{dp} 1.2 °C
h 10.5 kJ/kg

✓ Complies with ASHRAE Standard 55-2010

PMV 0.44
PPD 9%
Sensation Neutral
SET 26.7°C

Psychrometric chart (air temperature)

t_{db} 32.5 °C
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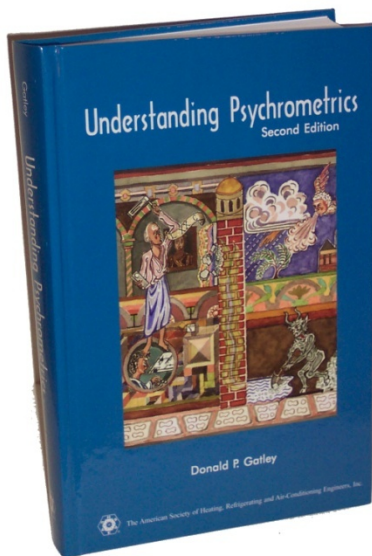
1:50 - 73°F 93% RH

2:20 - 76°F 37% RH

3:05 75°F 39% RH

Psychrometrics

Psychrometrics is the science and engineering of air/vapor mixtures



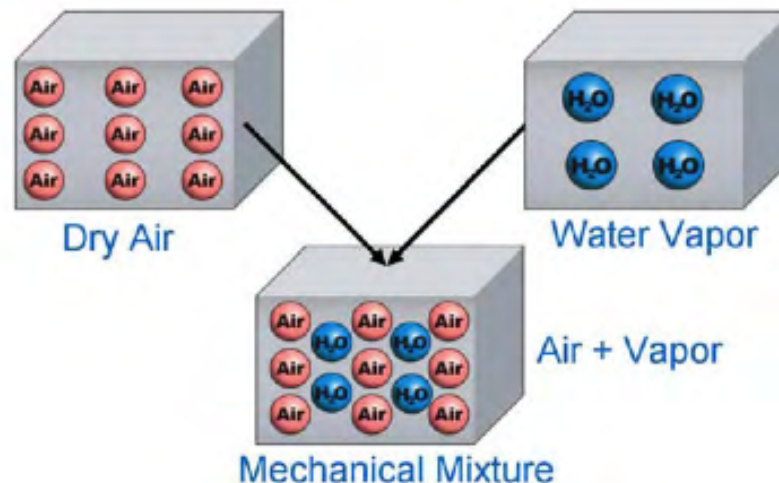
- For architectural engineers and building scientists, the vapor is **water vapor**
- We use psychrometrics to relate the thermodynamic and physical properties of moist air

Applying psychrometrics

- We need to understand **air temperature** and **moisture content** to understand **human thermal comfort**
 - In **hot, humid** weather we design HVAC systems to **remove** moisture by dehumidification/cooling
 - In **dry, cold** weather, we **add** moisture by humidifiers
- We are also concerned about moisture for energy use, structural, aesthetic, and indoor air quality reasons
- Psychrometrics also involves learning how to use and combine a variety of moist air parameters

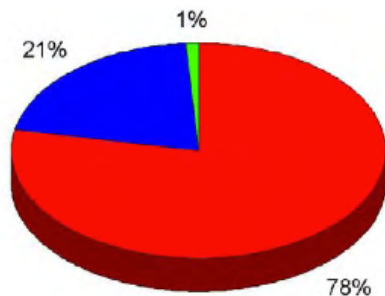
Some definitions for psychrometrics

- **Atmospheric air** contains:
 - Many gaseous components
 - Water vapor
 - Contaminants (particulate matter and gaseous pollutants)
- **Dry air** is atmospheric air with all of the water vapor removed
- **Moist air** is a two-component mixture of dry air and water vapor



Standard composition of dry air

Gas	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Volume %
Nitrogen (N ₂)	32.000	78.084
Oxygen (O ₂)	28.016	20.946
Argon (Ar)	39.444	0.9340
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	44.010	0.03697
Neon (Ne)	20.179	0.00182
Helium (He)	4.002	0.00052
Methane (CH ₄)	16.042	0.00014
Krypton	83.800	0.00010



■ Nitrogen ■ Oxygen ■ Other Gases

Where does water fit in?

Standard composition of **moist** air

Gas	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Volume %
Nitrogen (N ₂)	32.000	78.084%
Oxygen (O ₂)	28.016	20.946%
Water (H₂O)	18.015	0 to 4%
Argon (Ar)	39.444	0.9340%
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	44.010	0.03697%
Neon (Ne)	20.179	0.00182%
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Key terms for describing moist air

- To describe and deal with moist air, we need to be able to describe the relative portions of dry air and water vapor
- There are several different measures...
- Which one you use depends on what data you have to start with and what quantity you are trying to find
- If you know **two psychrometric properties**, you can usually get all the others

Key terms for describing moist air

Key terms to learn today:

1. Dry bulb temperature
2. Vapor pressure
3. Saturation
4. Relative humidity
5. Absolute humidity (or humidity ratio)
6. Dew point temperature
7. Wet bulb temperature
8. Enthalpy
9. Density
10. Specific volume

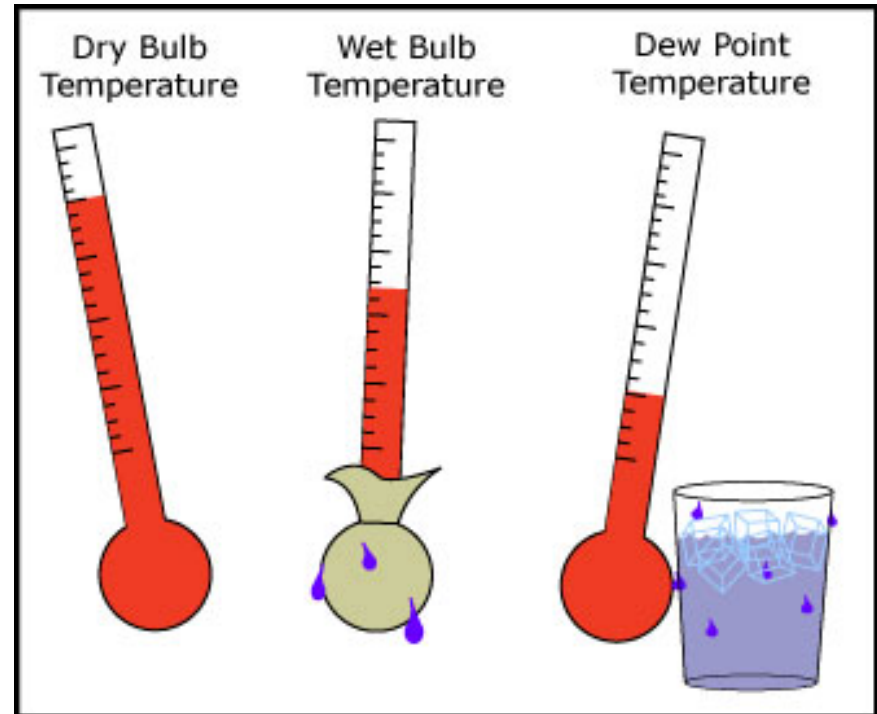
Three different temperatures: T , T_{dew} and T_{wb}

The standard temperature, T , we are all familiar with is called the **dry-bulb** temperature, or T_d

- It is a measure of internal energy

We can also define:

- **Dew-point** temperature, T_{dew}
 - Temperature at which water vapor changes into liquid (condensation)
 - Air is maximally **saturated** with water vapor
 - **Wet-bulb** temperature, T_{wb}
 - The temperature that a parcel of air would have if it were cooled to saturation (100% **relative humidity**) by the evaporation of water into it
- ✓ The energy needed to evaporate liquid water (heat of vaporization) is taken from the air in the form of sensible heat and converted to latent heat, which lowers the temperature at constant enthalpy



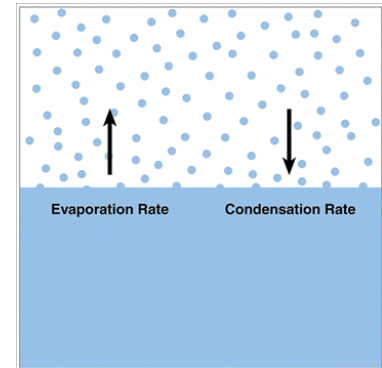
*Units of Celsius, Fahrenheit, or Kelvin

Key concepts: Vapor pressure and Saturation

- Air can hold moisture (i.e., **water vapor**)
- **Vapor pressure** is the pressure exerted by a vapor in thermodynamic equilibrium with its condensed phases

$$p_w$$

*Units of pressure, psia (Pa or kPa)
(aka "**partial pressure**")



- The amount of moisture air can hold in vapor form before condensation occurs is dependent on temperature
 - We call the limit **saturation**

$$p_{ws}$$

*Units of pressure, psia (Pa or kPa)
(aka "**saturation vapor pressure**")



Key concept: Relative humidity, ϕ

- **Relative humidity** (RH, or ϕ) is the ratio of the vapor pressure of water vapor in a sample of air to the **saturation** vapor pressure at the dry bulb temperature of the sample
- Relative humidity \neq absolute humidity!



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

Key concept: Saturation vapor pressure, p_{ws}

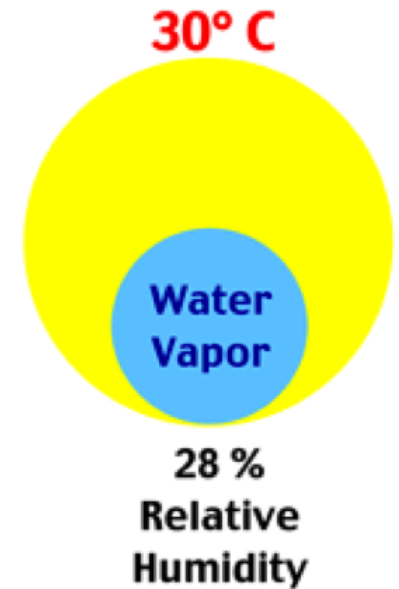
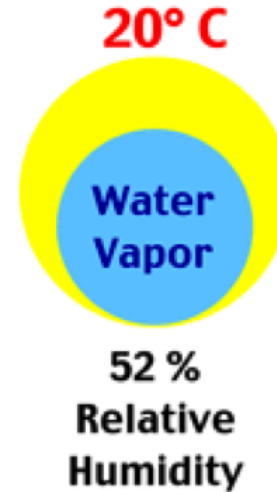
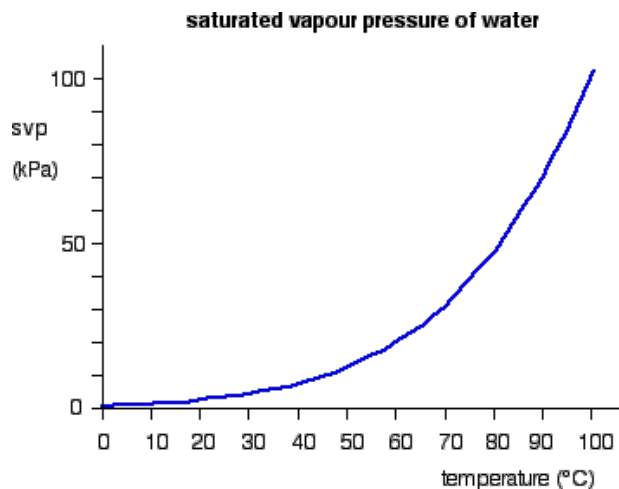
- The **saturation vapor pressure** is the partial pressure of water vapor at saturation (p_{ws}) *Units of pressure, **Pa** (or **kPa**) and **psia**
 - Cannot absorb any more moisture at that temperature
- We can look up p_{ws} in tables (as a function of T)
 - Table 3 in Chapter 1 of the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals
- We can also use empirical equations

Temp., °F t	Absolute Pressure p_{ws} , psia	Specific Volume, ft ³ /lb _w			Specific Enthalpy, Btu/lb _w			Specific Entropy, Btu/lb _w ·°F			Temp., °F t
		Sat. Solid v_i/v_f	Evap. v_{ig}/v_{fg}	Sat. Vapor v_g	Sat. Solid h_i/h_f	Evap. h_{ig}/h_{fg}	Sat. Vapor h_g	Sat. Solid s_i/s_f	Evap. s_{ig}/s_{fg}	Sat. Vapor s_g	
-13	0.009177	0.01741	28990	28990	-164.91	1220.33	1055.42	-0.3375	2.7321	2.3946	-13
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Relative humidity and temperature

- **Relative humidity** (RH, or ϕ) is a function of temperature

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



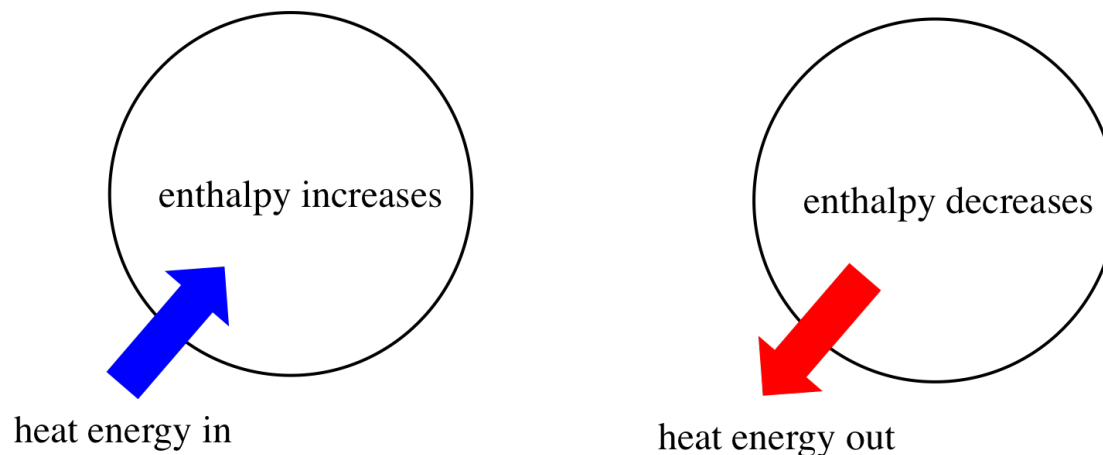
Key concept: Humidity ratio, W

- The **humidity ratio** is a measure of the **mass of water vapor** present in a parcel of air (a measure of *absolute humidity*)
- The humidity ratio is simply the mass of water vapor that exists in a parcel of mass of *dry air*
 - Units of mass of water vapor per mass of dry air
 - kg/kg ($\text{kg}_w/\text{kg}_{da}$)
 - g/kg ($\text{g}_w/\text{kg}_{da}$)
 - lb/lb ($\text{lb}_w/\text{lb}_{da}$)

$$W = \frac{\text{mass of water vapor}}{\text{mass of dry air}} \quad \left[\frac{\text{kg}_w}{\text{kg}_{da}} \right] \left[\frac{\text{lb}_w}{\text{lb}_{da}} \right]$$

Key concept: **Enthalpy**

- **Enthalpy** is a measure of the amount of energy in a system
 - Units of Joules or BTU (or J/kg or BTU/lb)
- The enthalpy of moist air is the total enthalpy of the dry air plus the water vapor mixture per mass of moist air
- Includes:
 - Enthalpy of dry air, or **sensible** heat
 - Enthalpy of evaporated water, or **latent** heat



Key concept: Density and specific volume

Air density

- Density is a measure of the mass of moist air per unit volume of air
- Includes mass of dry air + water vapor

$$\rho = \frac{\text{mass of moist air}}{\text{volume of moist air}} \quad \left[\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \right] \left[\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3} \right]$$

Specific volume

- Specific volume is the volume of unit mass of dry air at a given temperature, expressed as m³/kg (inverse of dry air density)

$$v = \frac{\text{volume of dry air}}{\text{mass of dry air}} \quad \left[\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}_{\text{da}}} \right] \left[\frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{lb}_{\text{da}}} \right]$$

The Psychrometric Chart

- There are both simple and complex ways to estimate these properties
 - Equations and tables (more complex, save for next lecture)
 - Graphically using ...
- **The Psychrometric Chart**
 - Plots dry bulb temperature (T) on the x-axis and humidity ratio (W) on the y-axis
 - Shows relationships between T and W and relative humidity, wet-bulb temperature, vapor pressure, specific volume, and enthalpy
 - Charts are unique at each value of atmospheric pressure (p)
- Both SI and IP versions are on BB in the ASHRAE materials folder



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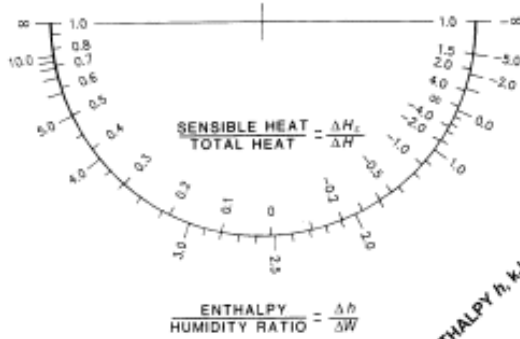
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BAROMETRIC PRESSURE:

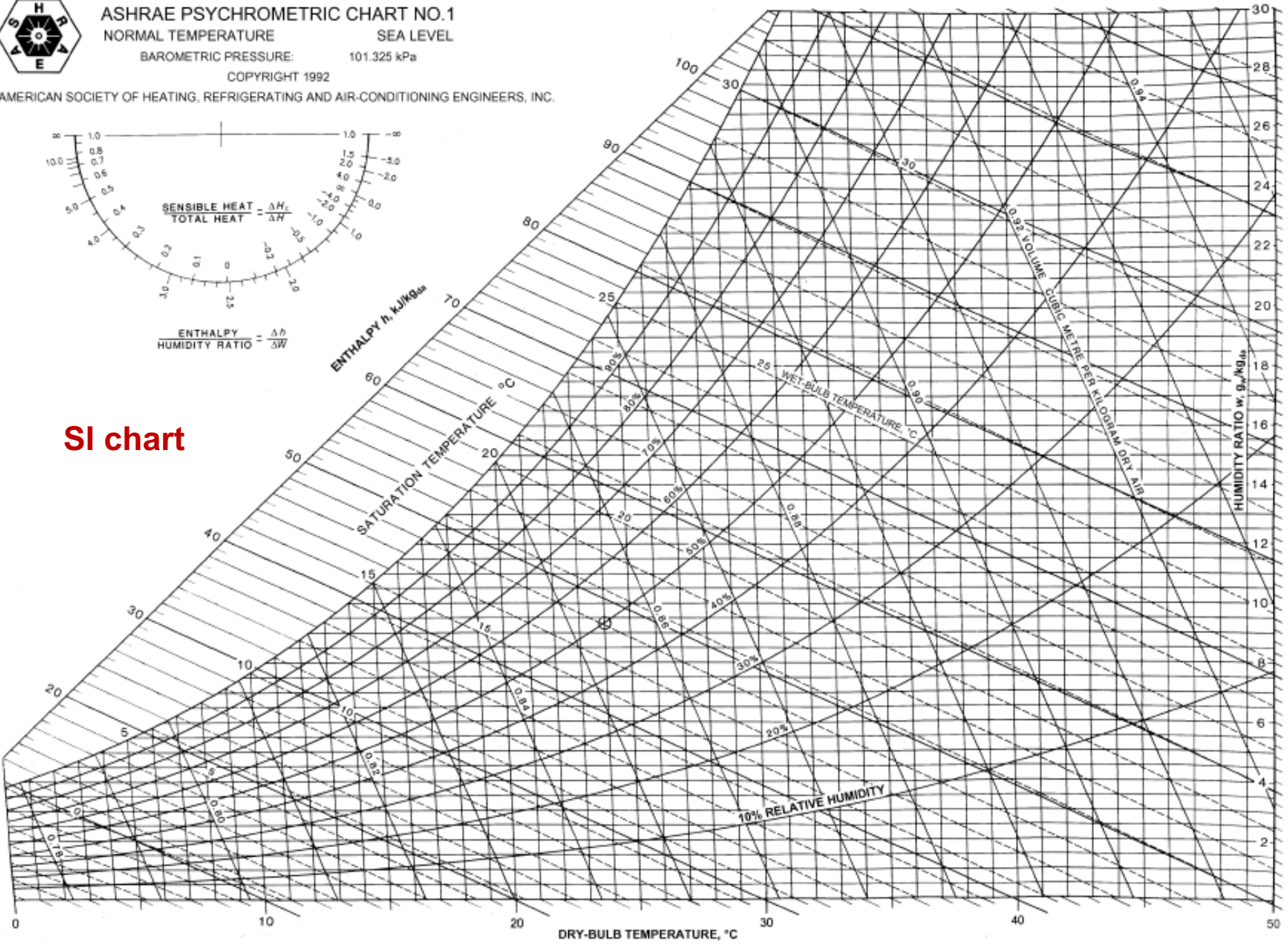
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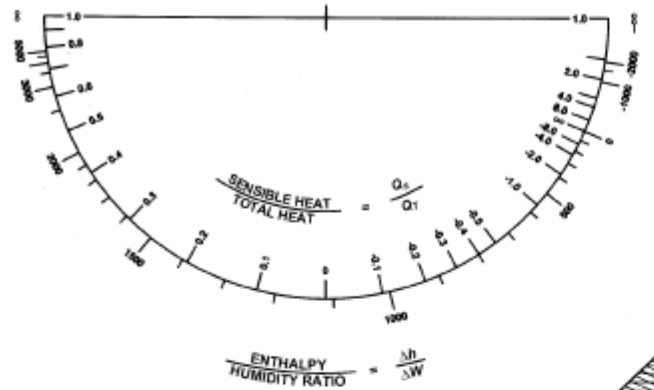
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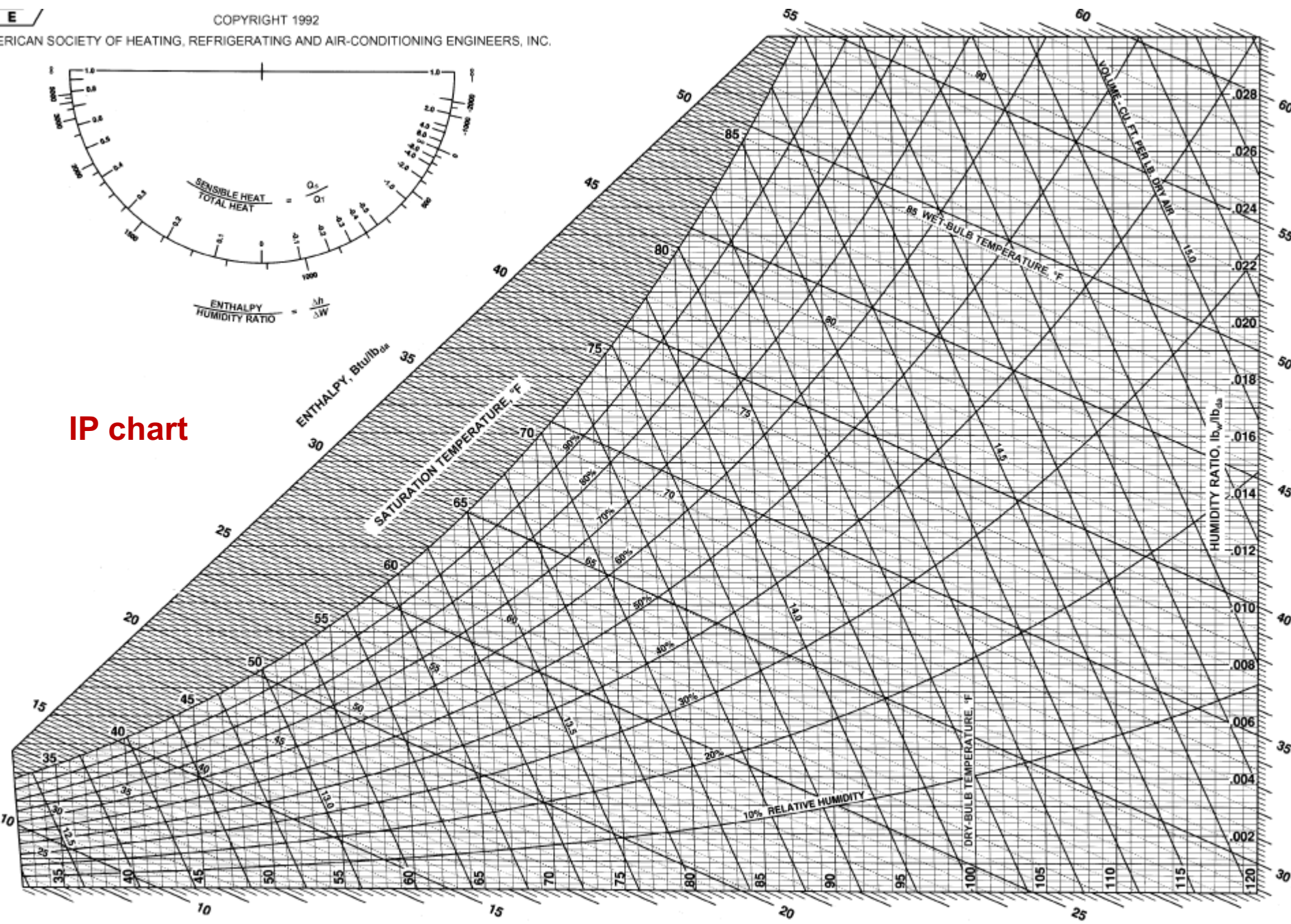


SI chart





IP chart



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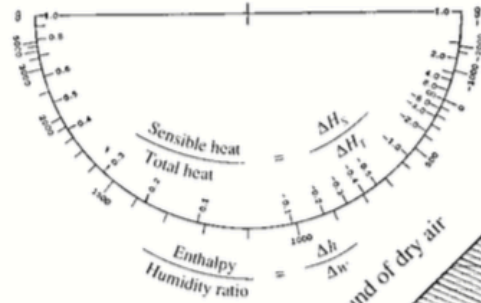
Normal temperature

Barometric pressure 29.921 inches of mercury

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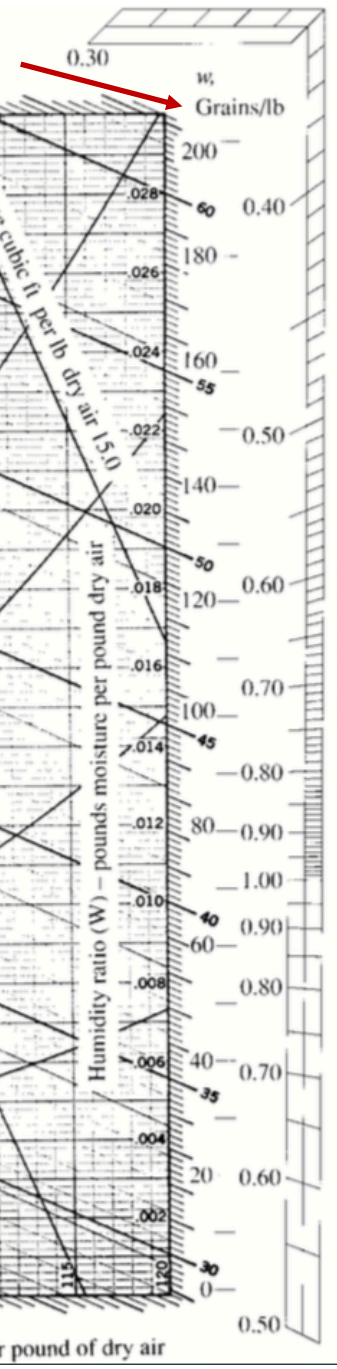


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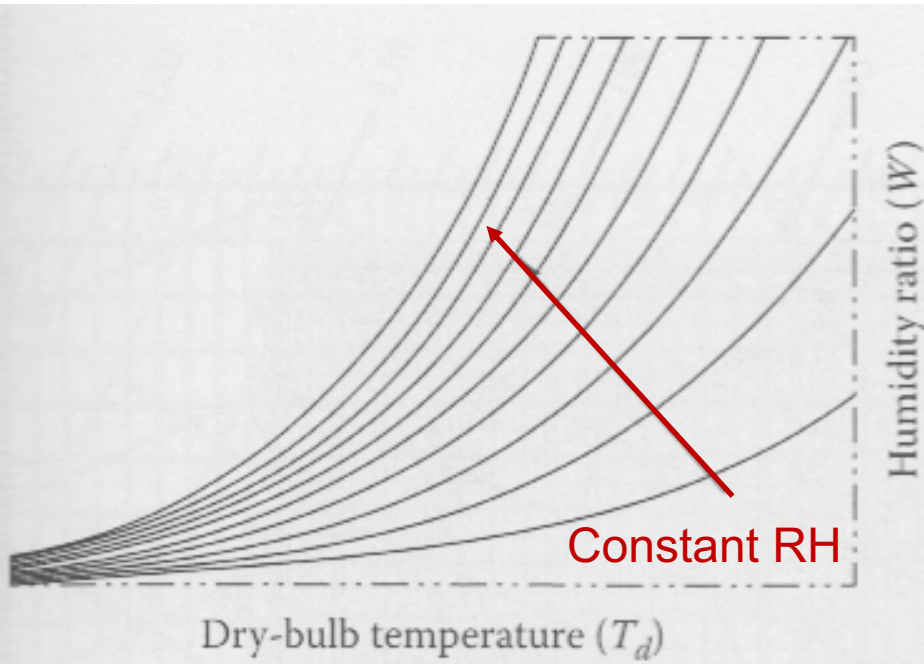
Alternate IP chart (Wang)

grains/lb:
1 lb = 7000 grains

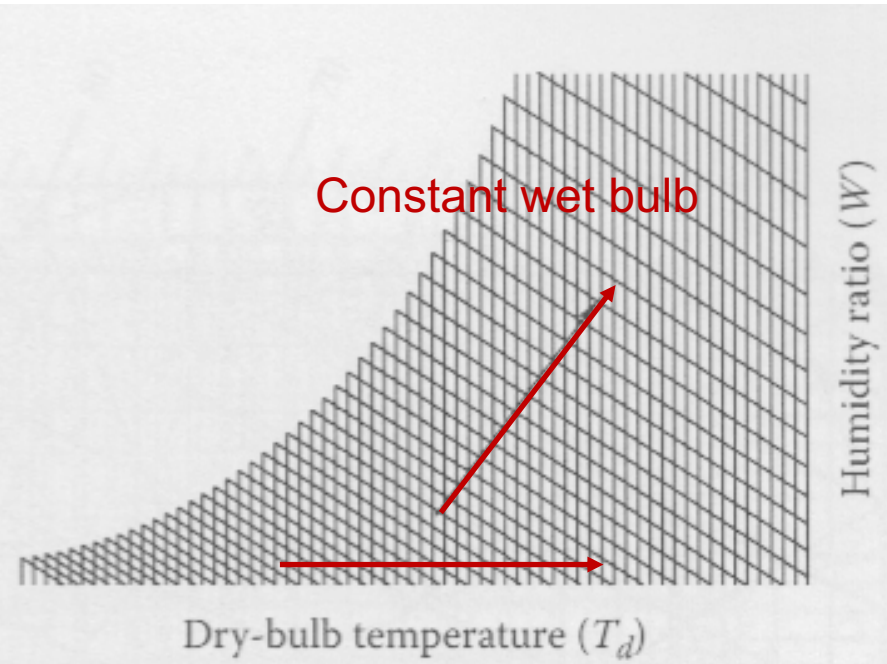


Deciphering the psychrometric chart

Lines of constant RH



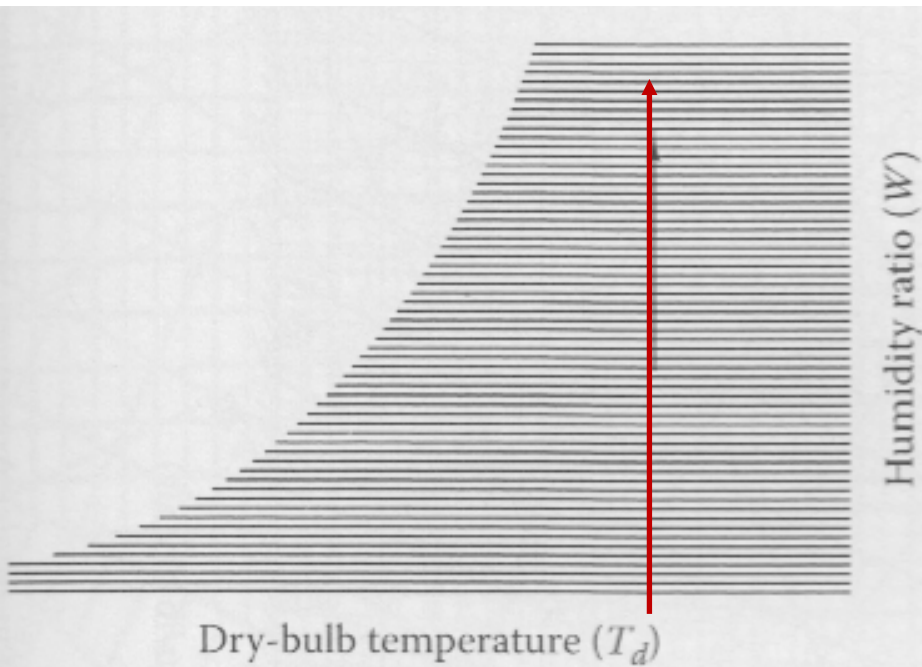
Lines of constant wet-bulb and dry-bulb



Constant dry bulb temperature

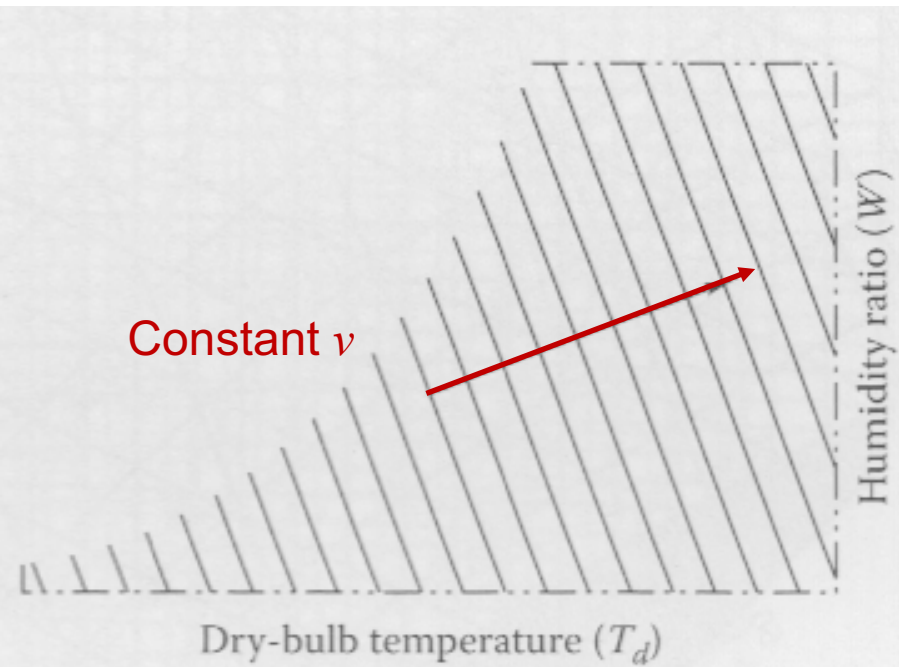
Deciphering the psychrometric chart

Lines of constant humidity ratio



Constant W

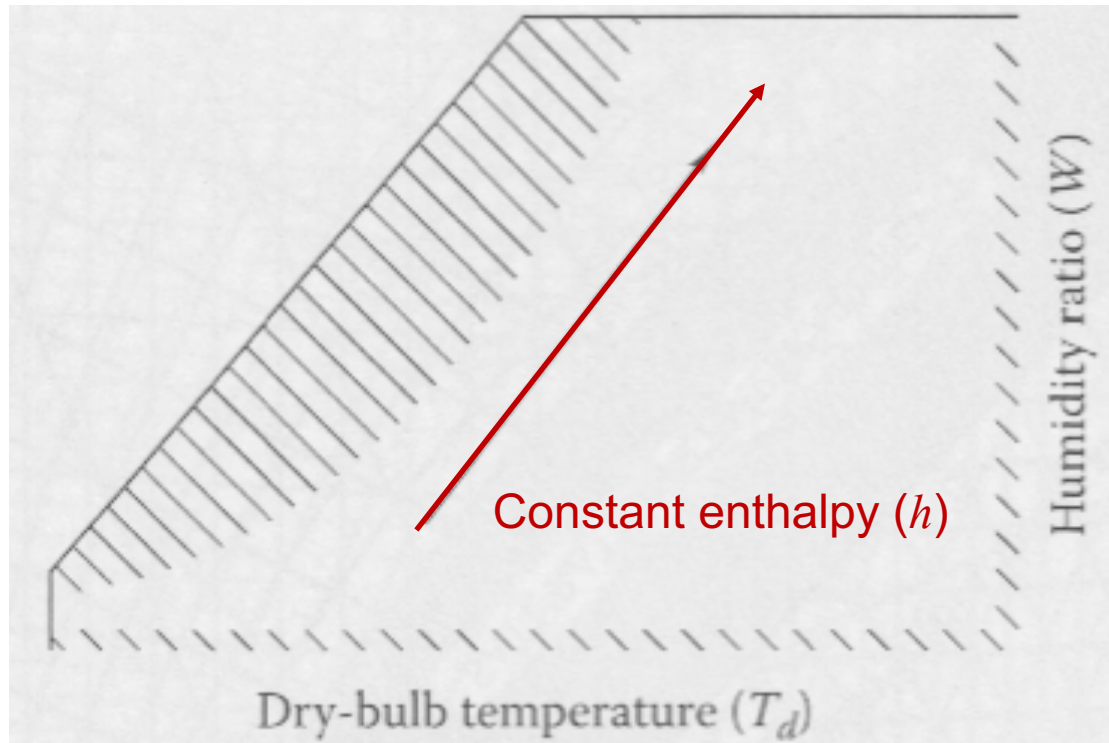
Lines of constant specific volume



Constant v

Deciphering the psychrometric chart

Lines of constant enthalpy



Some psychrometric examples

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) dry air density, ρ



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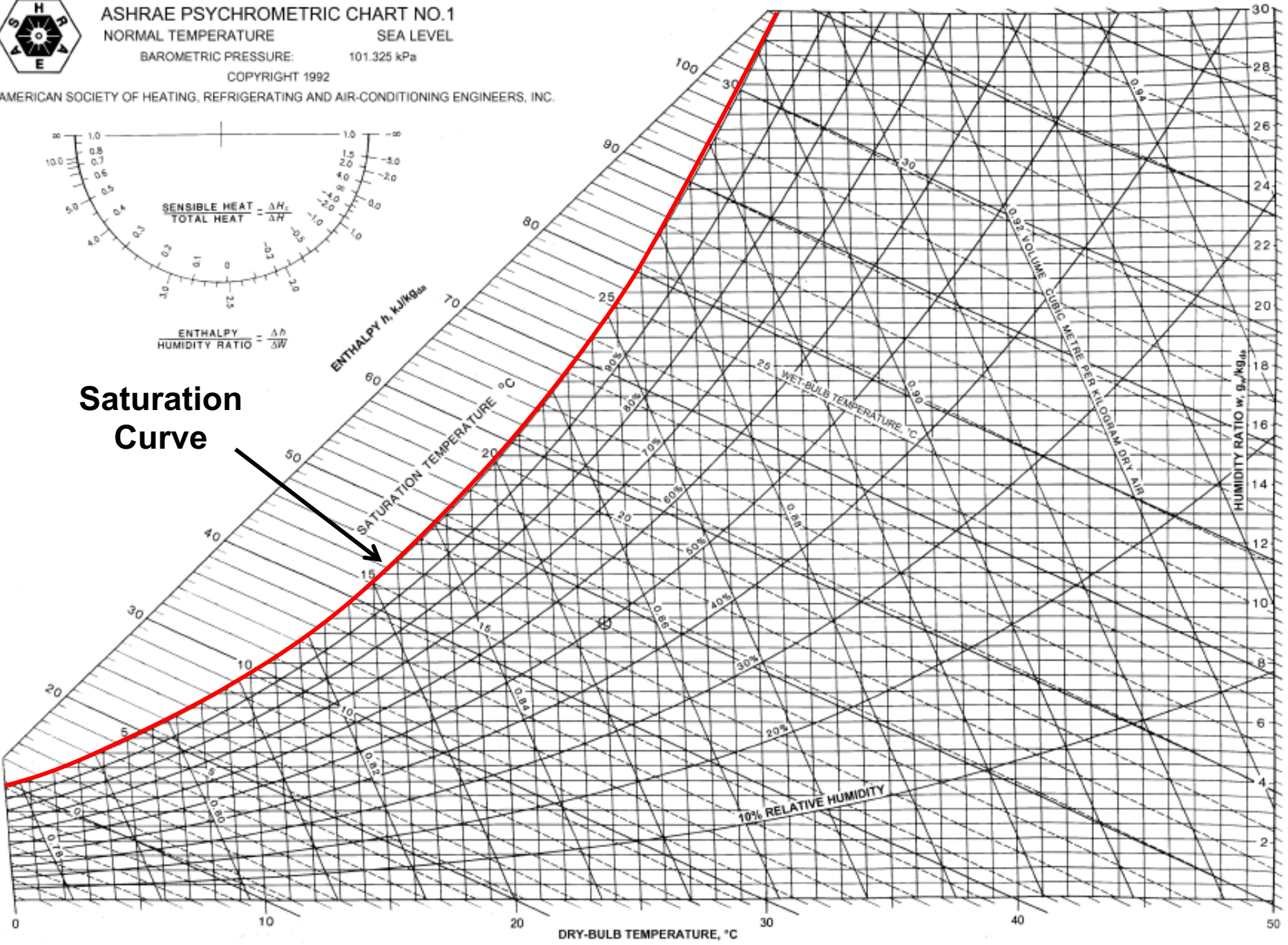
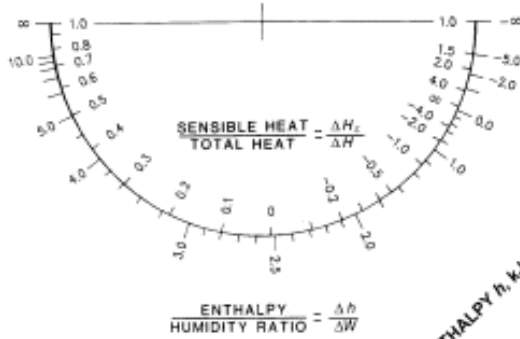
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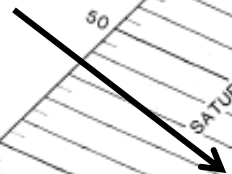
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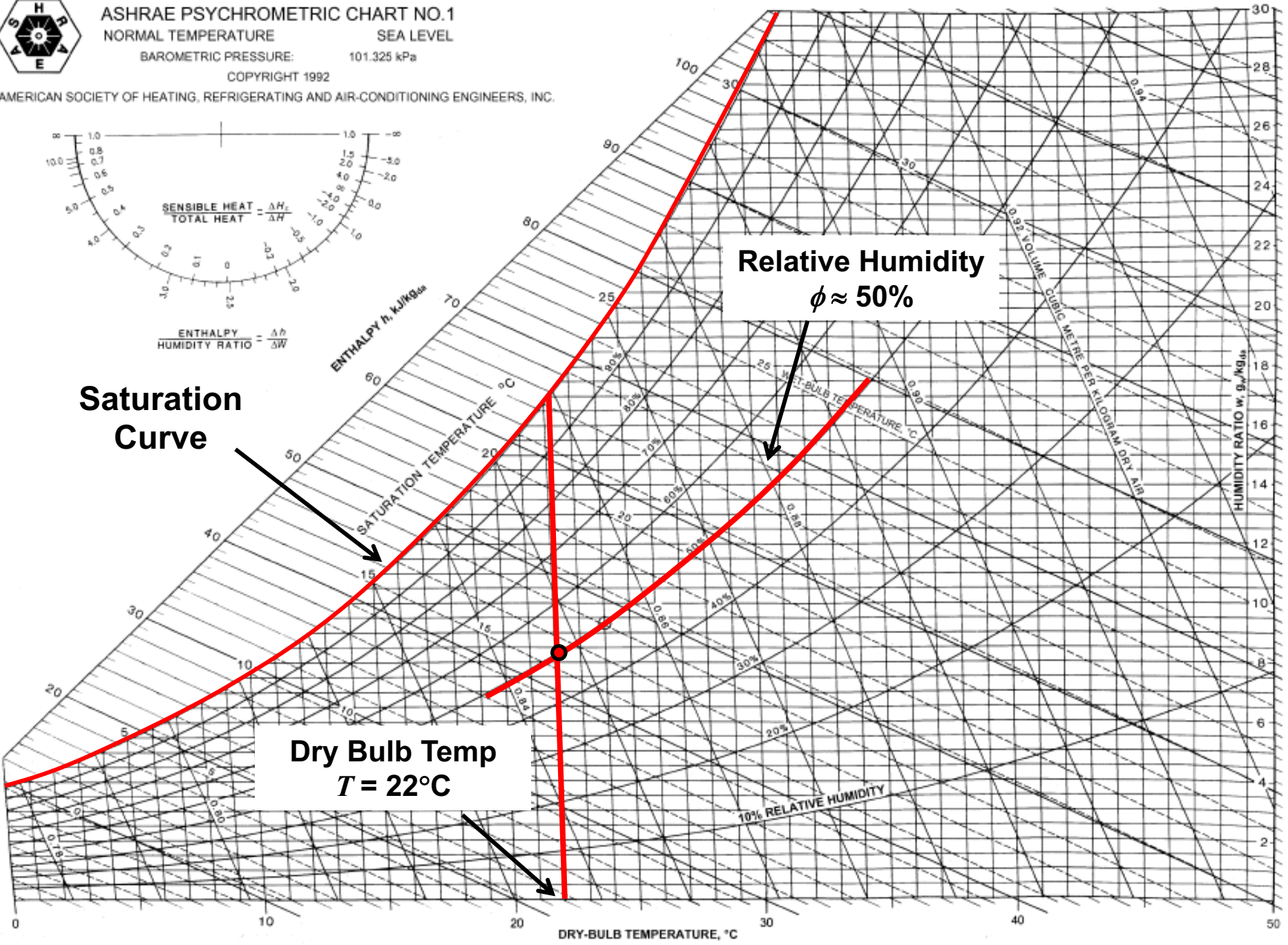
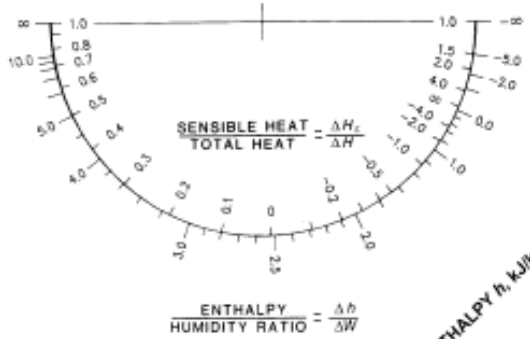
Saturation Curve





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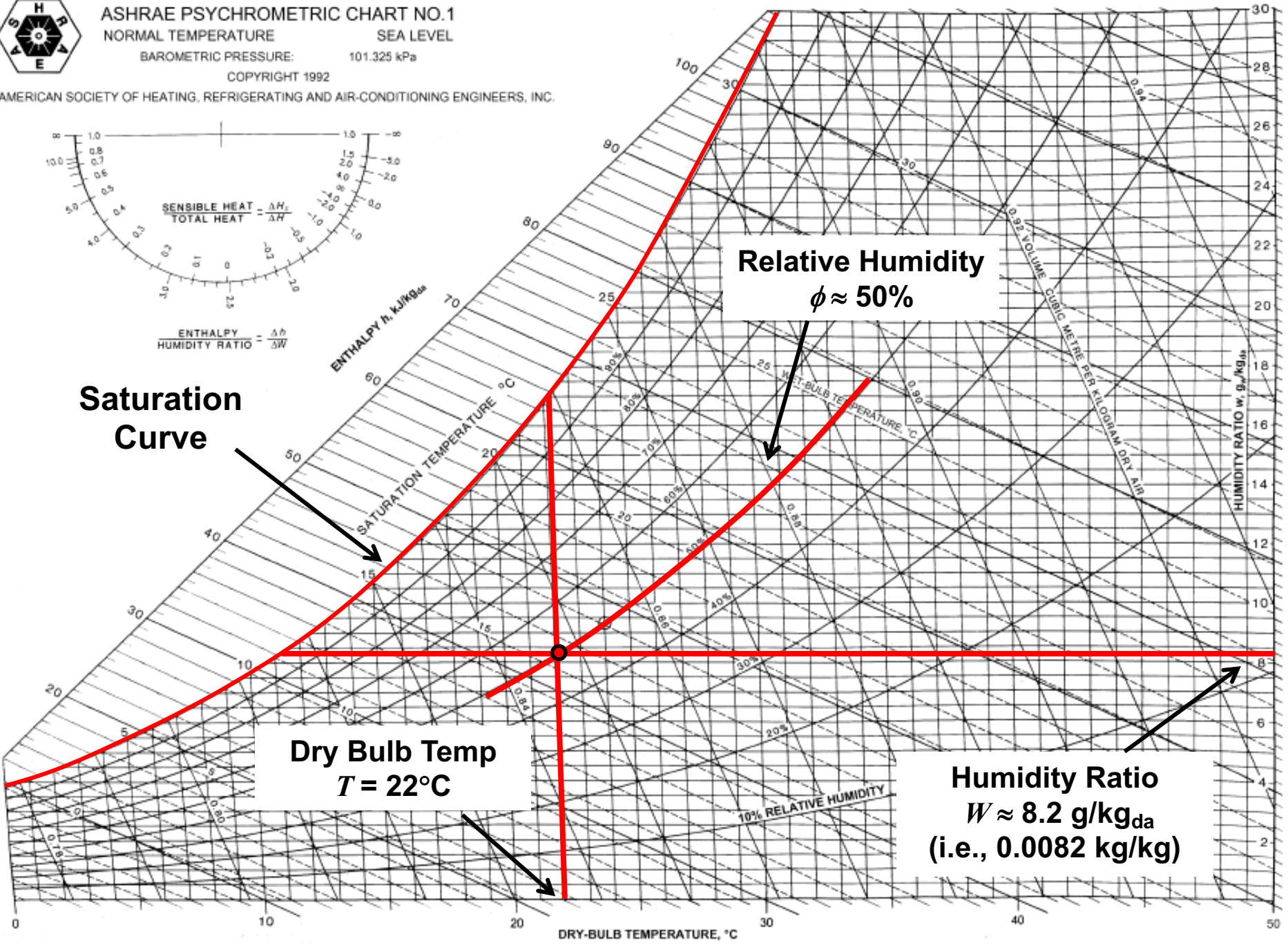
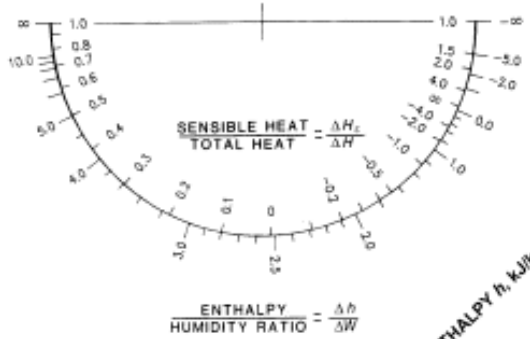
Dry Bulb Temp
 $T = 22^\circ\text{C}$

Relative Humidity
 $\phi \approx 50\%$



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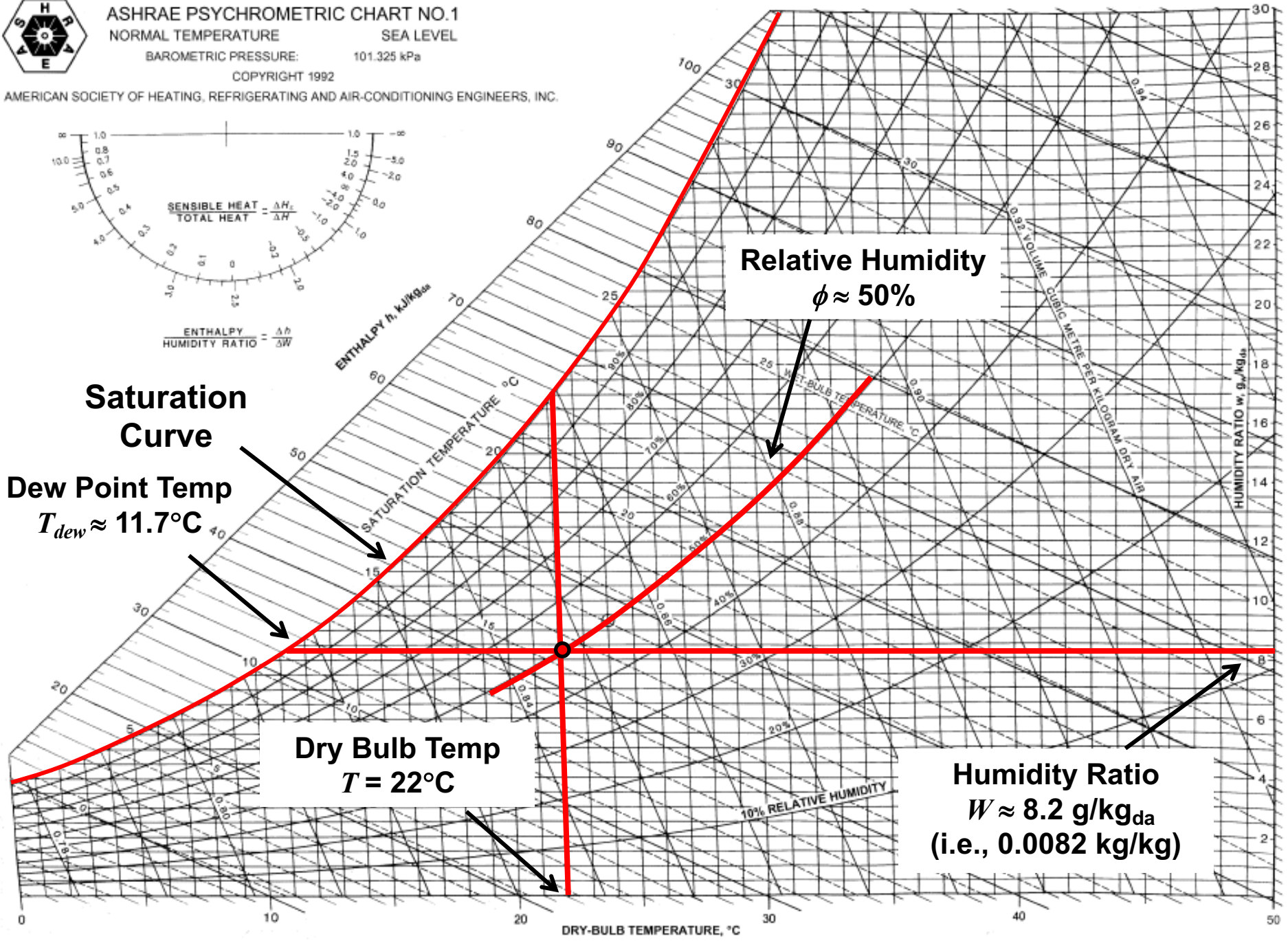
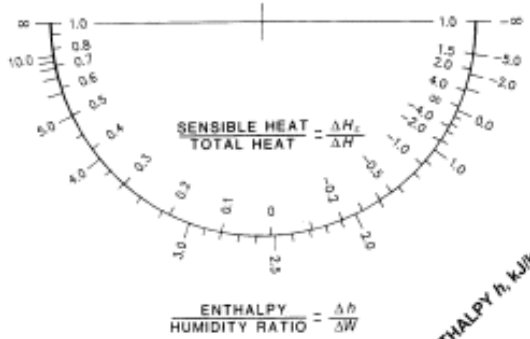
Dry Bulb Temp
 $T = 22^\circ\text{C}$

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



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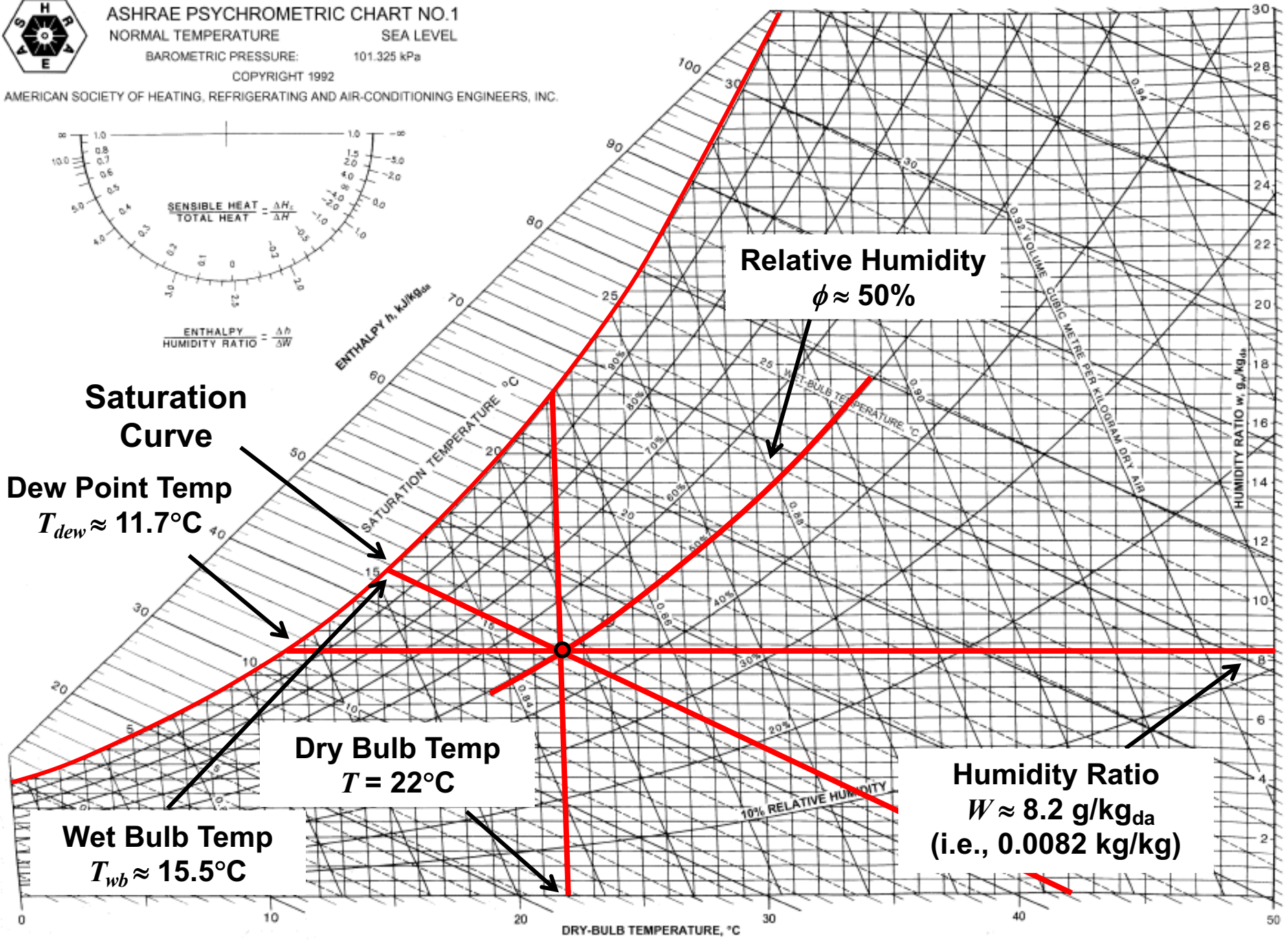
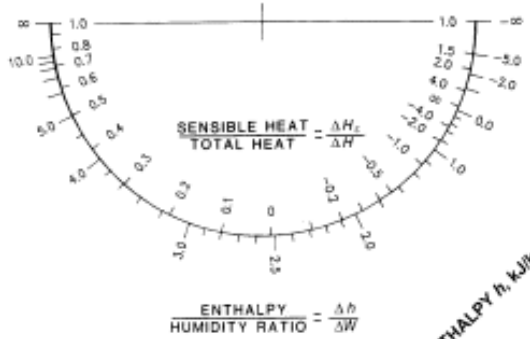
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Relative Humidity
 $\phi \approx 50\%$

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

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

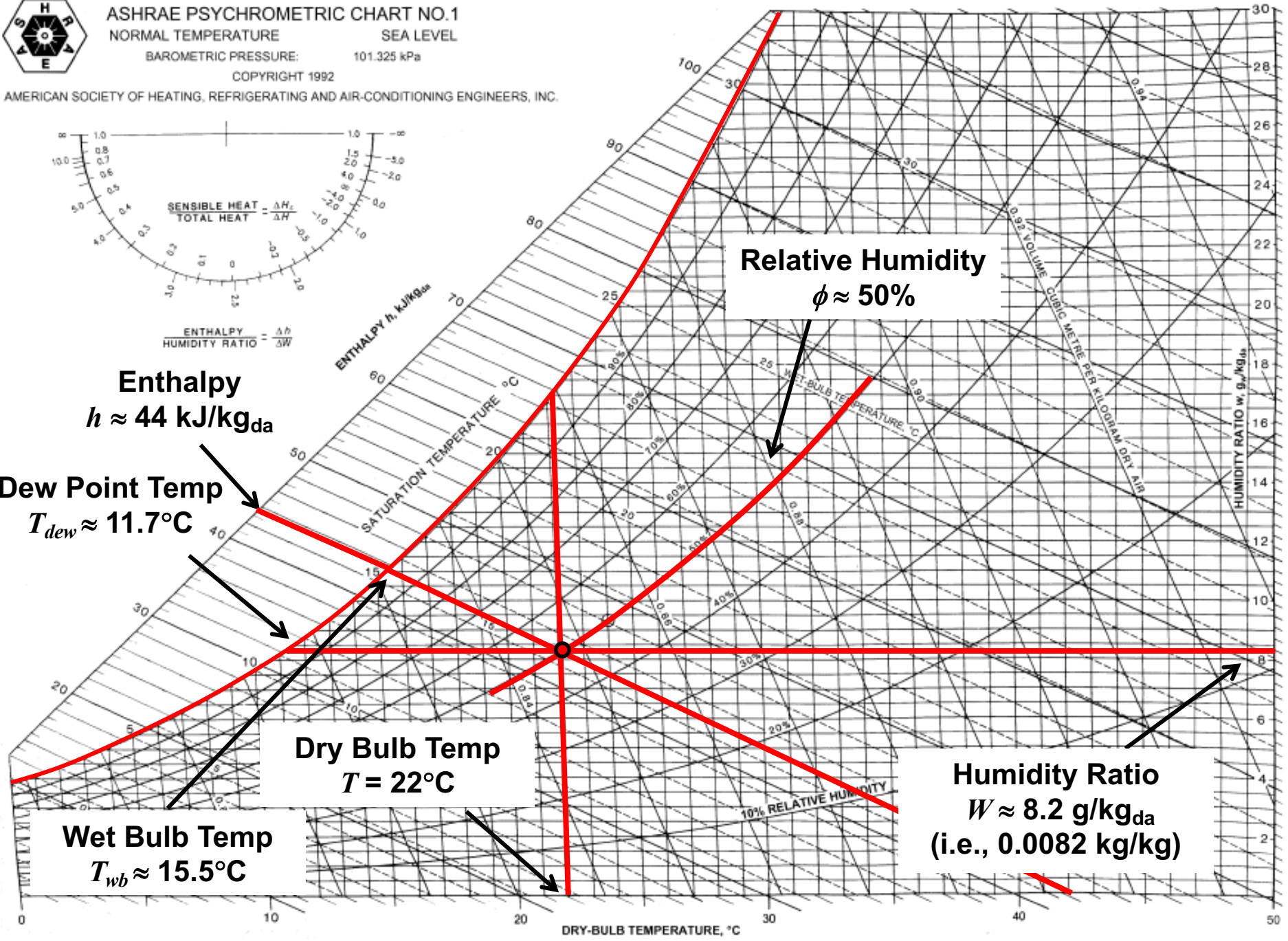
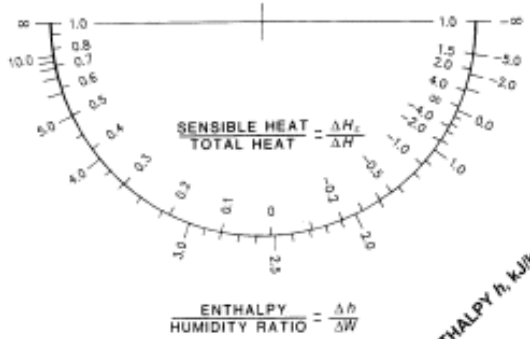
Wet Bulb Temp
 $T_{wb} \approx 15.5^\circ\text{C}$

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



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Relative Humidity
 $\phi \approx 50\%$

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

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

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

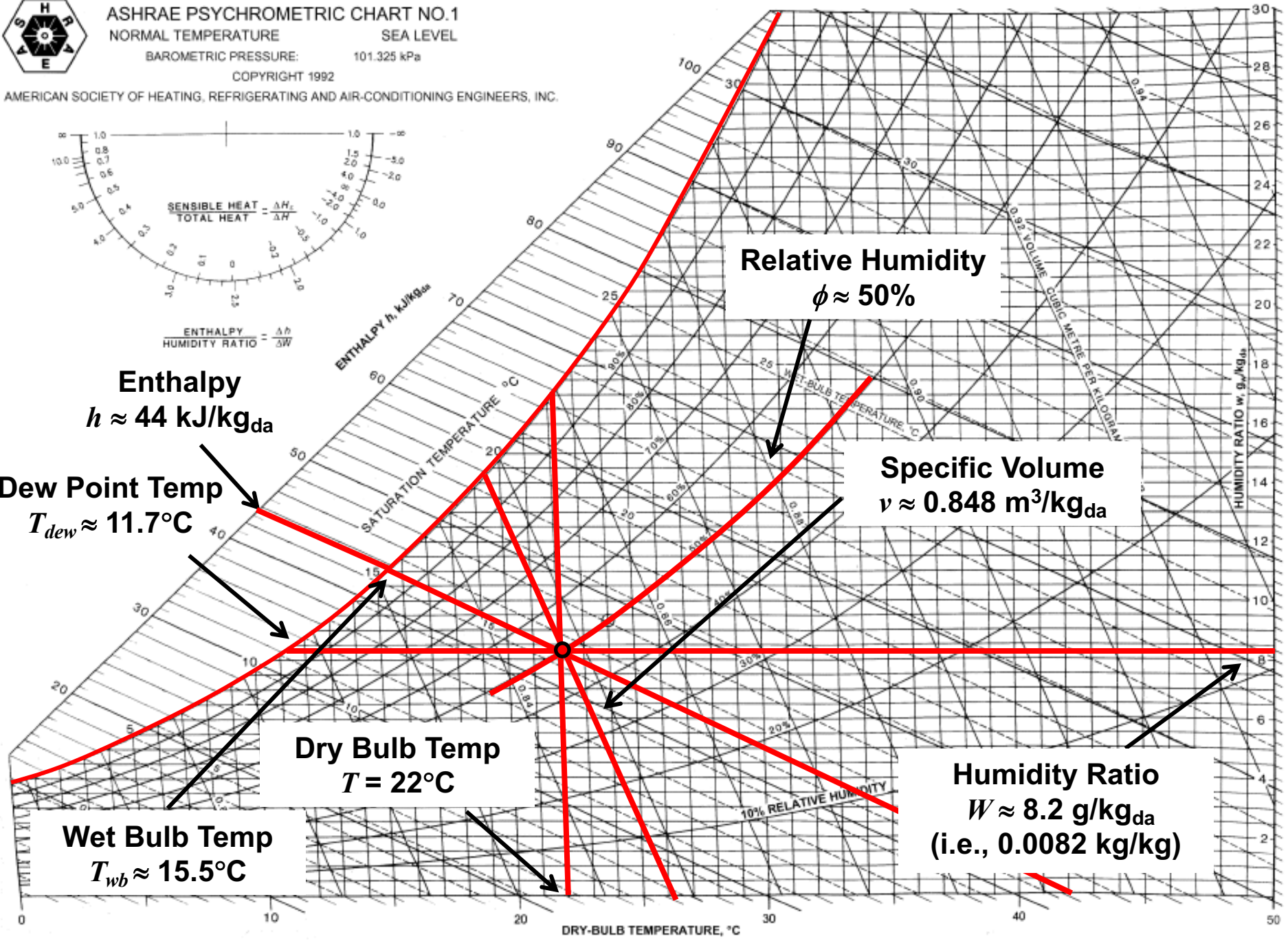
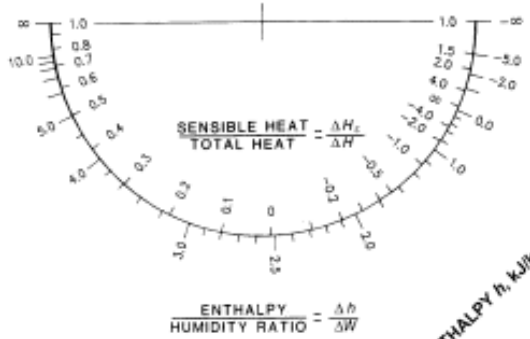
Wet Bulb Temp
 $T_{wb} \approx 15.5^\circ\text{C}$

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



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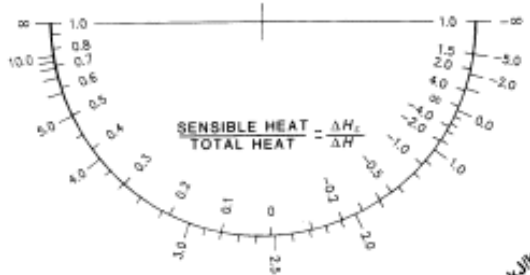
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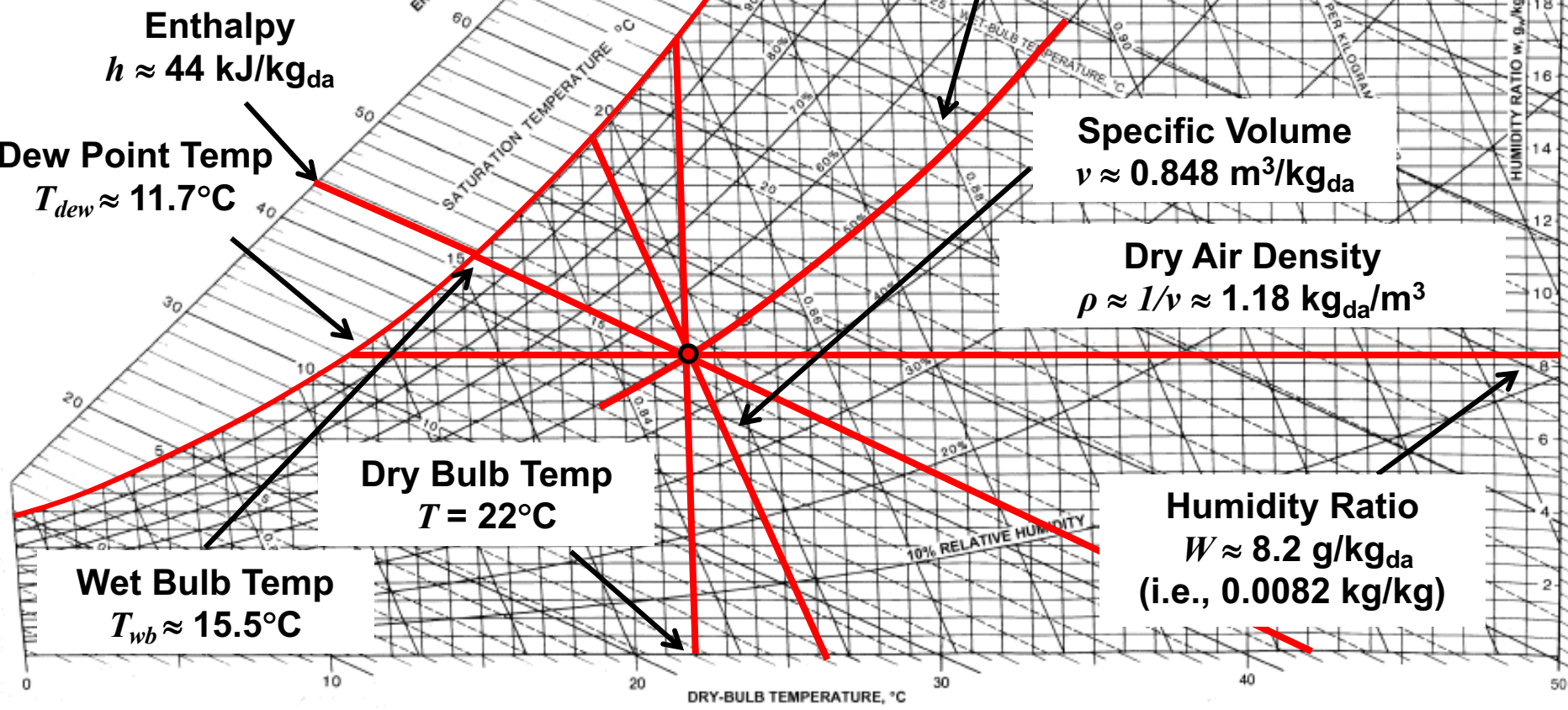
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ENTHALPY HUMIDITY RATIO = $\frac{\Delta h}{\Delta W}$



Relative Humidity $\phi \approx 50\%$

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

Dry Air 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 $T_{wb} \approx 15.5^\circ\text{C}$

Some psychrometric examples

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, ϕ



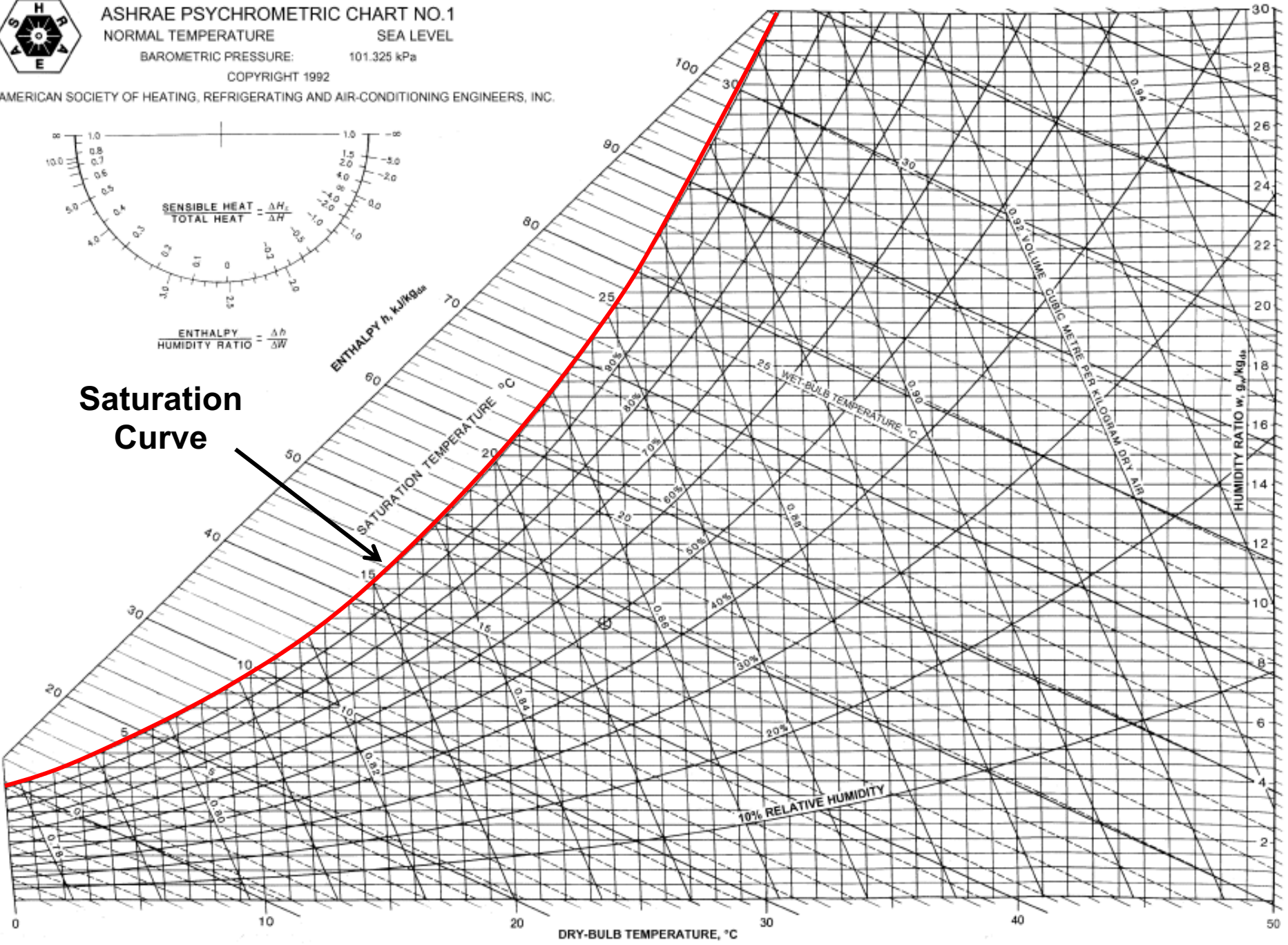
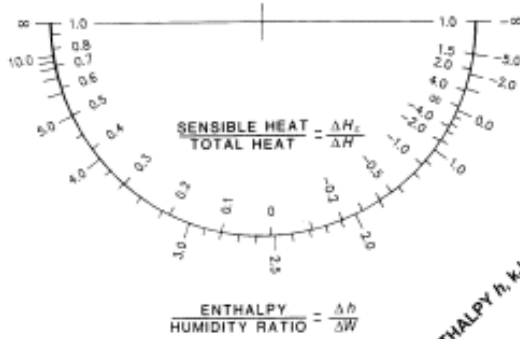
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Saturation Curve





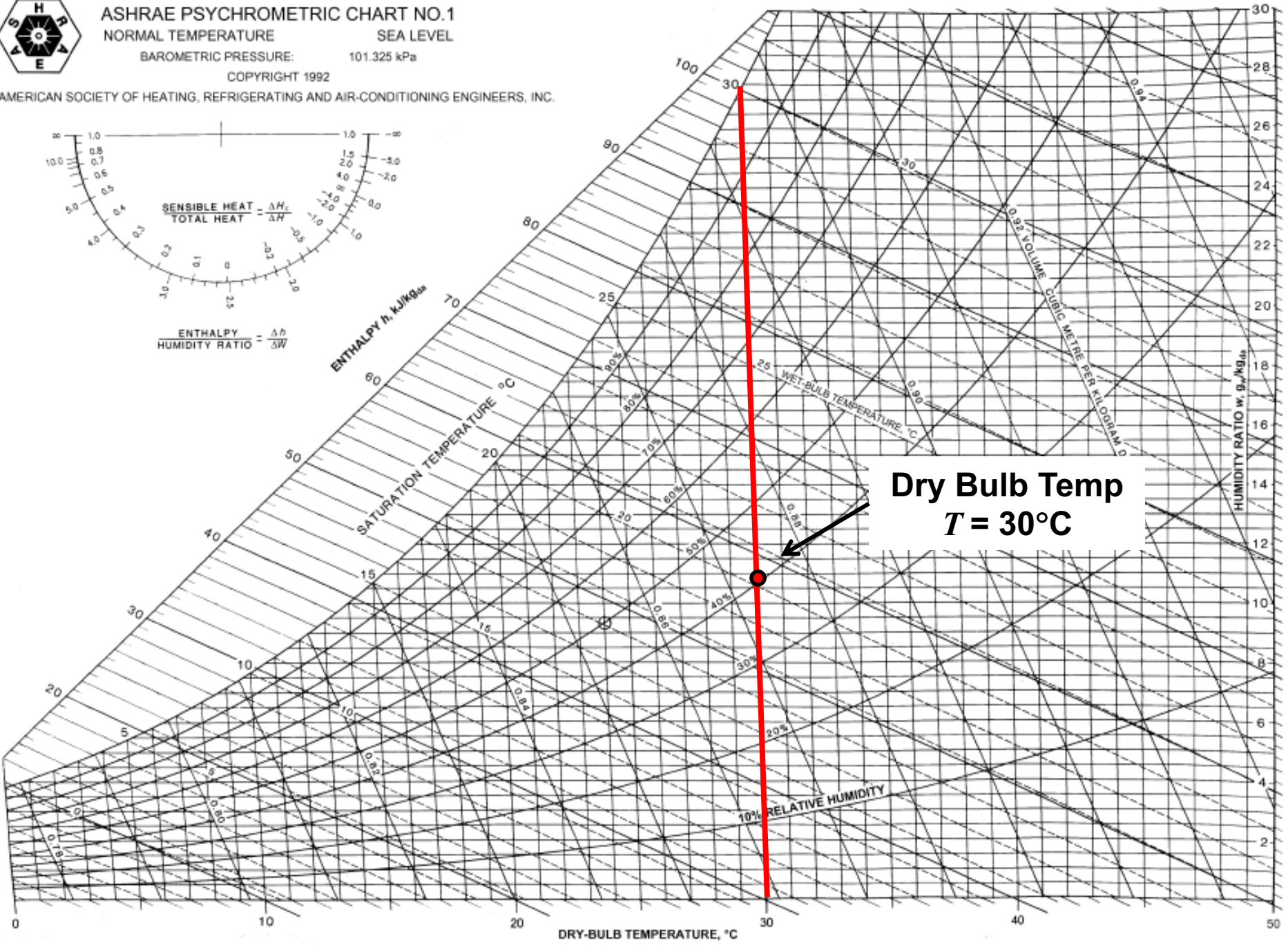
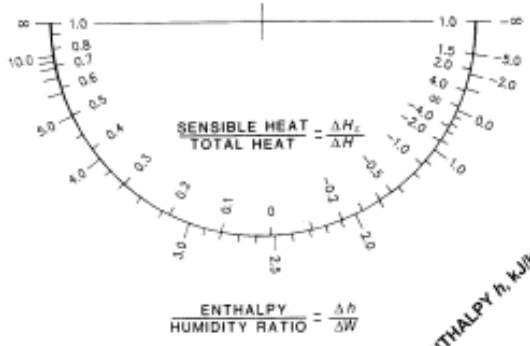
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Dry Bulb Temp
 $T = 30^{\circ}\text{C}$





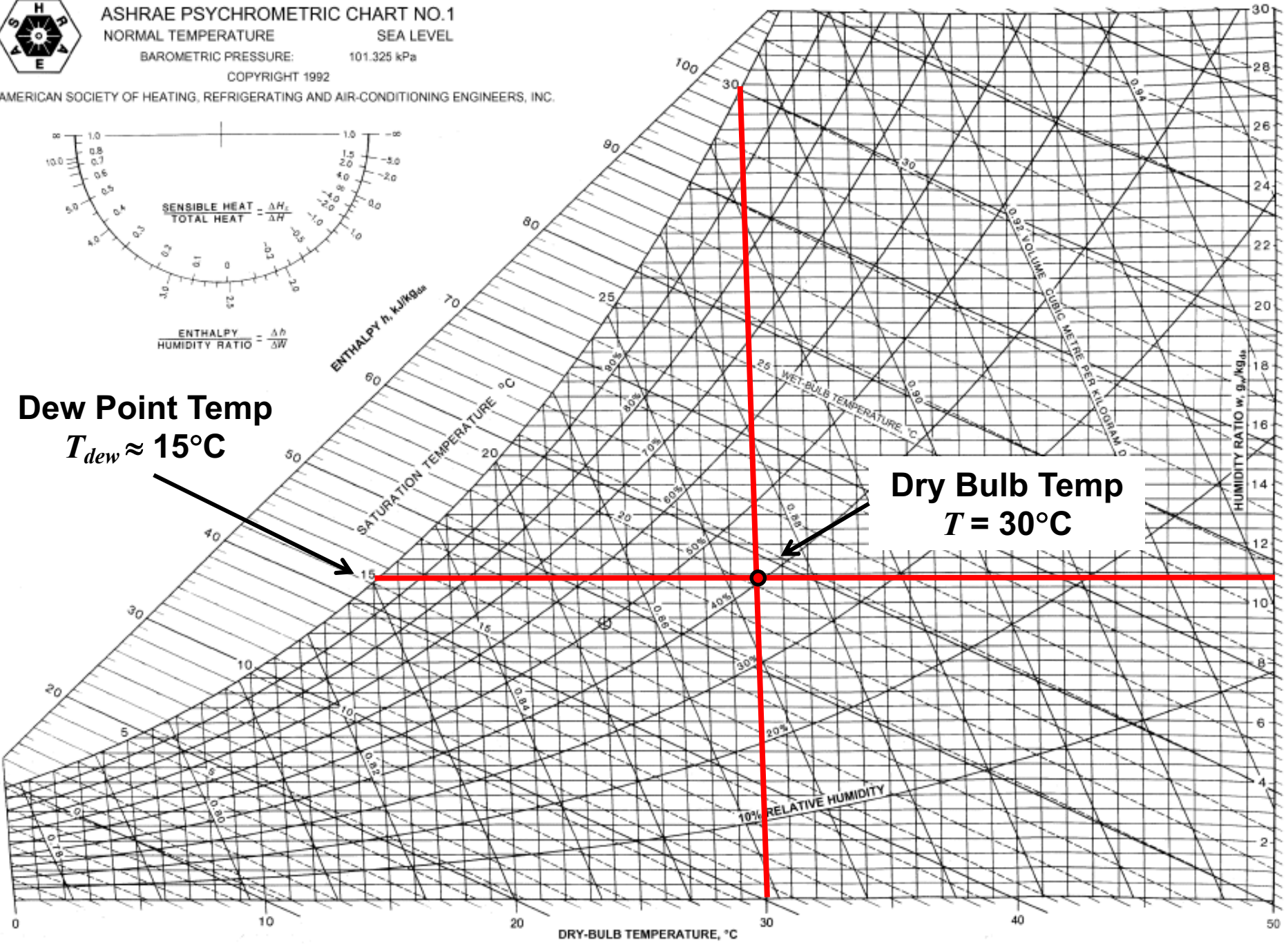
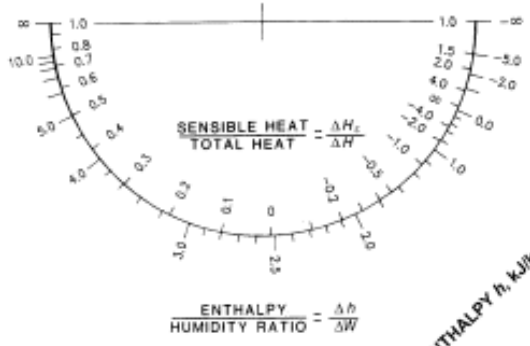
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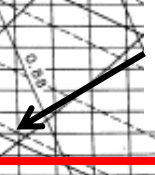
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Dew Point Temp
 $T_{dew} \approx 15^\circ\text{C}$



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





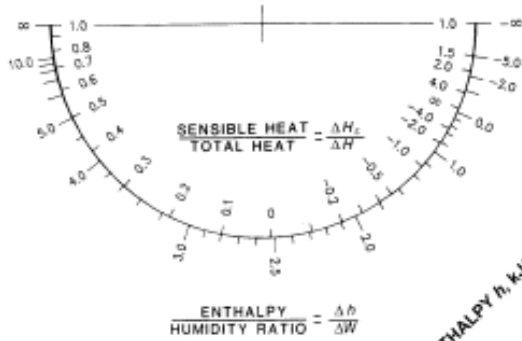
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Dew Point Temp

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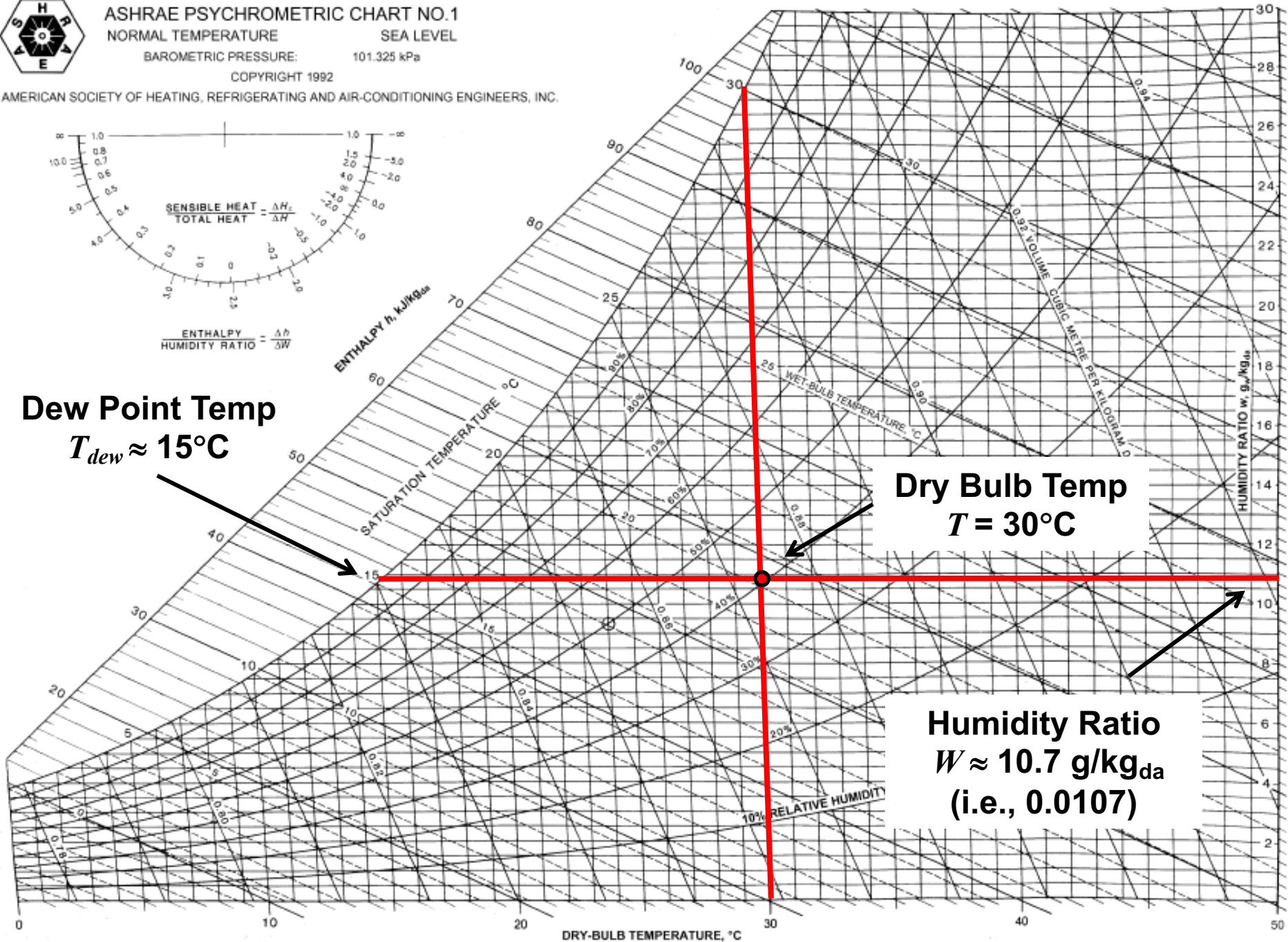
Dry Bulb Temp

$T = 30^\circ\text{C}$

Humidity Ratio

$W \approx 10.7 \text{ g/kg}_{da}$

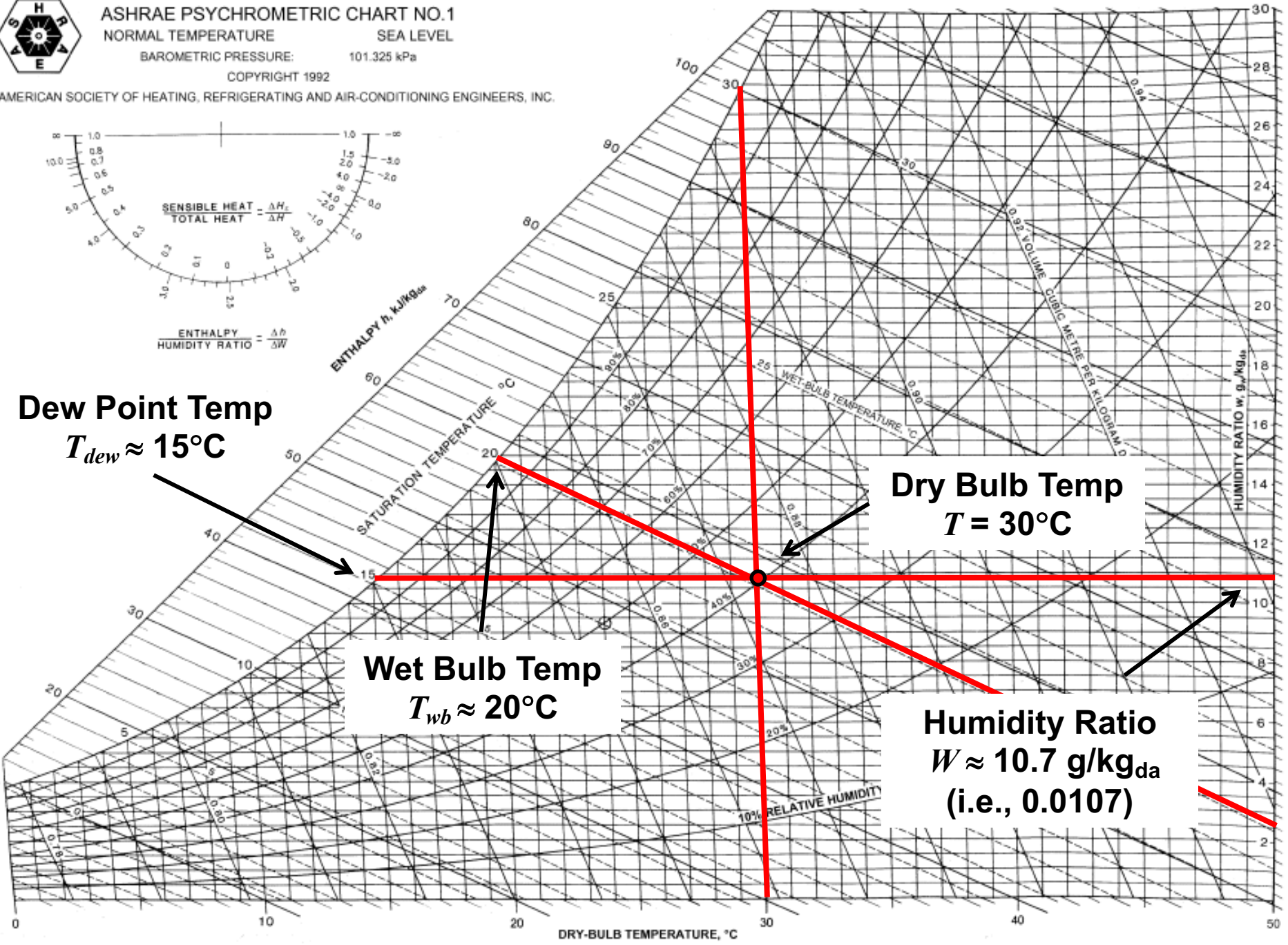
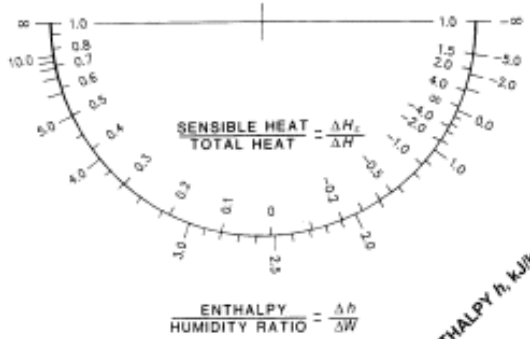
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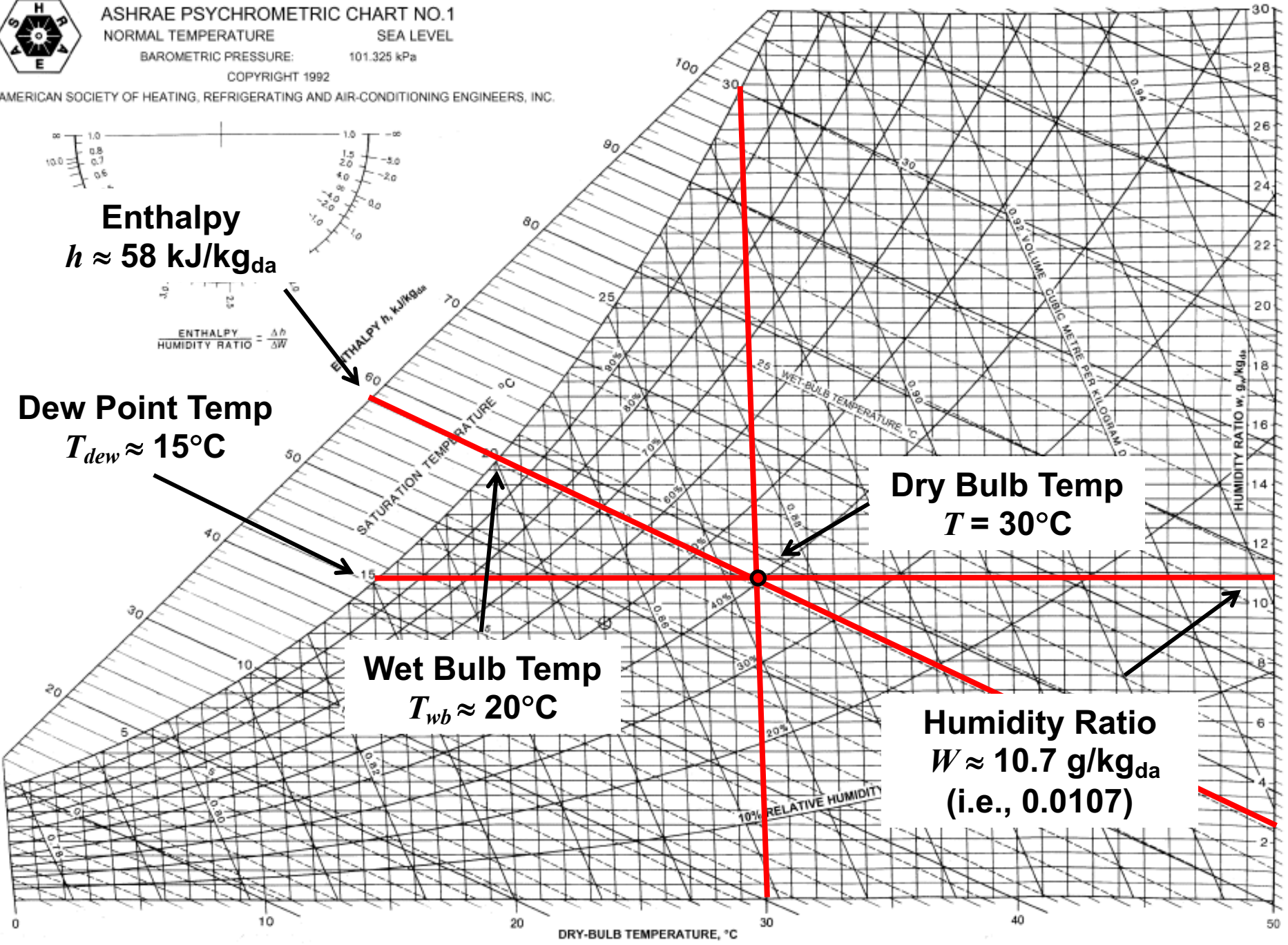
Enthalpy
 $h \approx 58 \text{ kJ/kg}_{da}$

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

Wet Bulb Temp
 $T_{wb} \approx 20^\circ\text{C}$

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

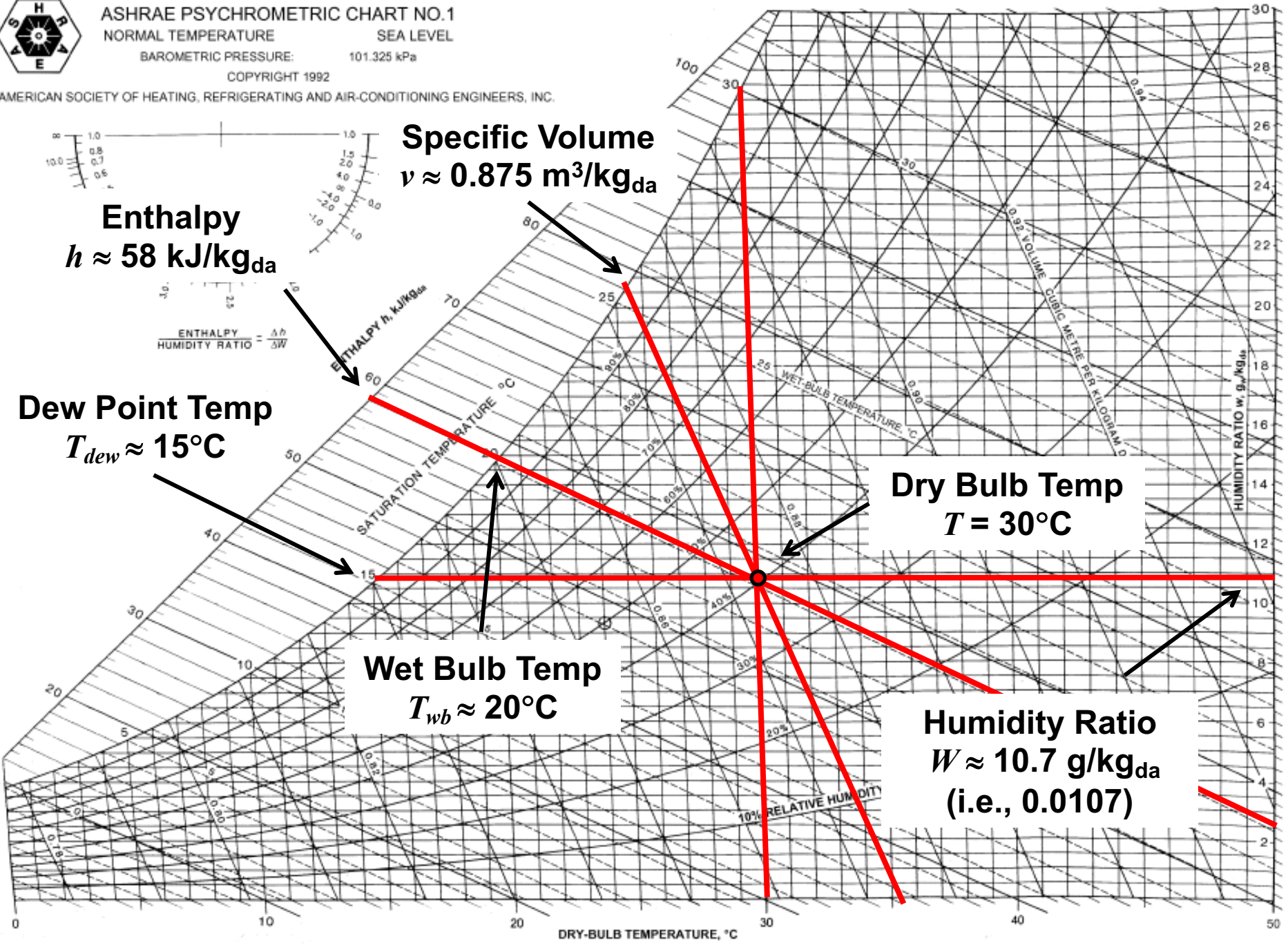
Humidity Ratio
 $W \approx 10.7 \text{ g/kg}_{da}$
 (i.e., 0.0107)





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

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

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

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

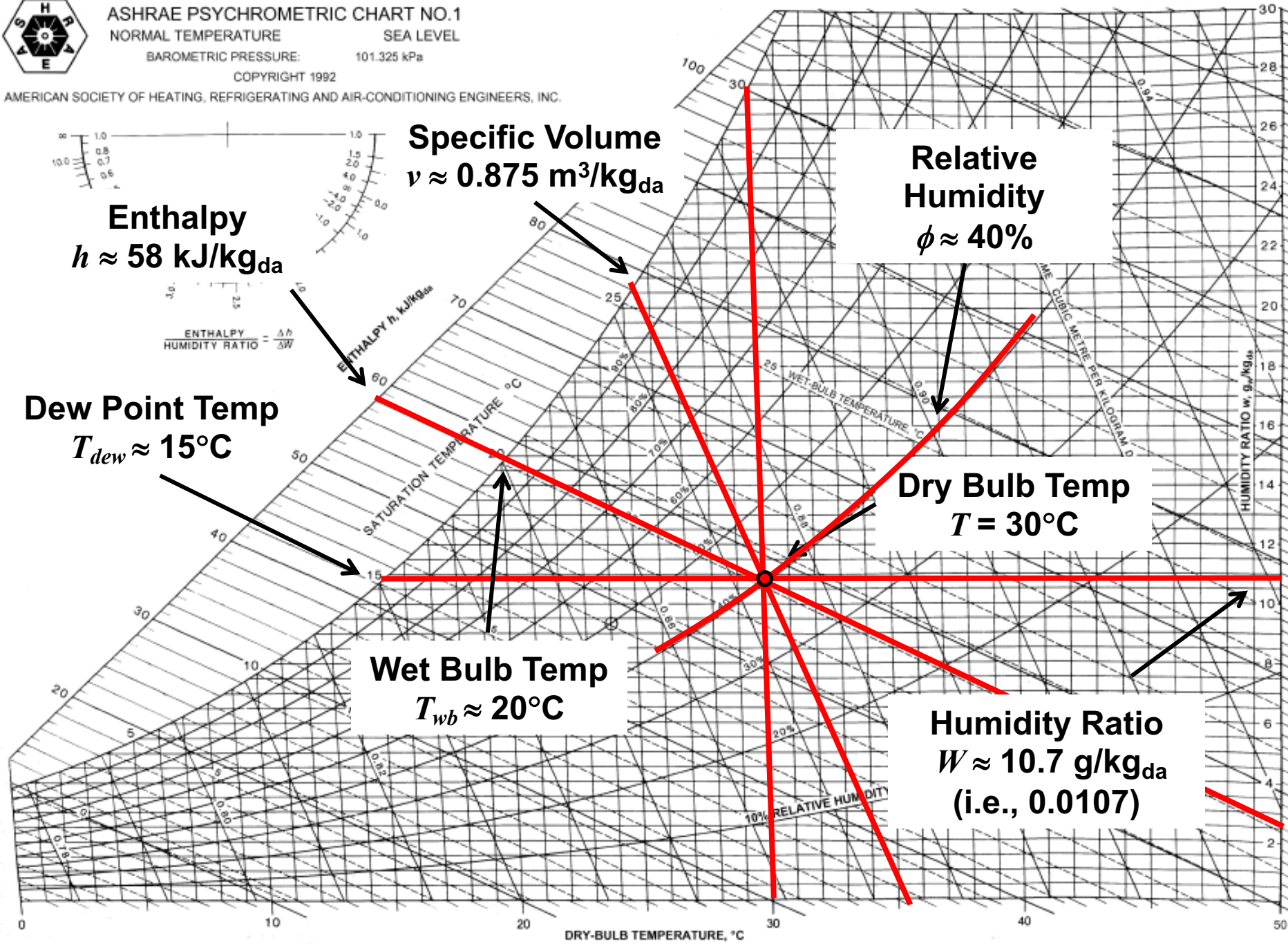
Wet Bulb Temp
 $T_{wb} \approx 20^{\circ}\text{C}$

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

ENTHALPY HUMIDITY RATIO = $\frac{\Delta h}{\Delta W}$

DRY-BULB TEMPERATURE, °C

HUMIDITY RATIO w , g/kg_{da}



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

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

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

Relative Humidity
 $\phi \approx 40\%$

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

Wet Bulb Temp
 $T_{wb} \approx 20^{\circ}\text{C}$

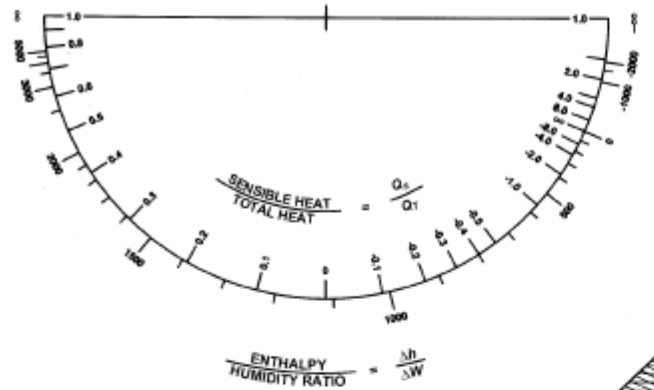
Humidity Ratio
 $W \approx 10.7 \text{ g/kg}_{da}$
(i.e., 0.0107)

Psychrometrics: IP units example

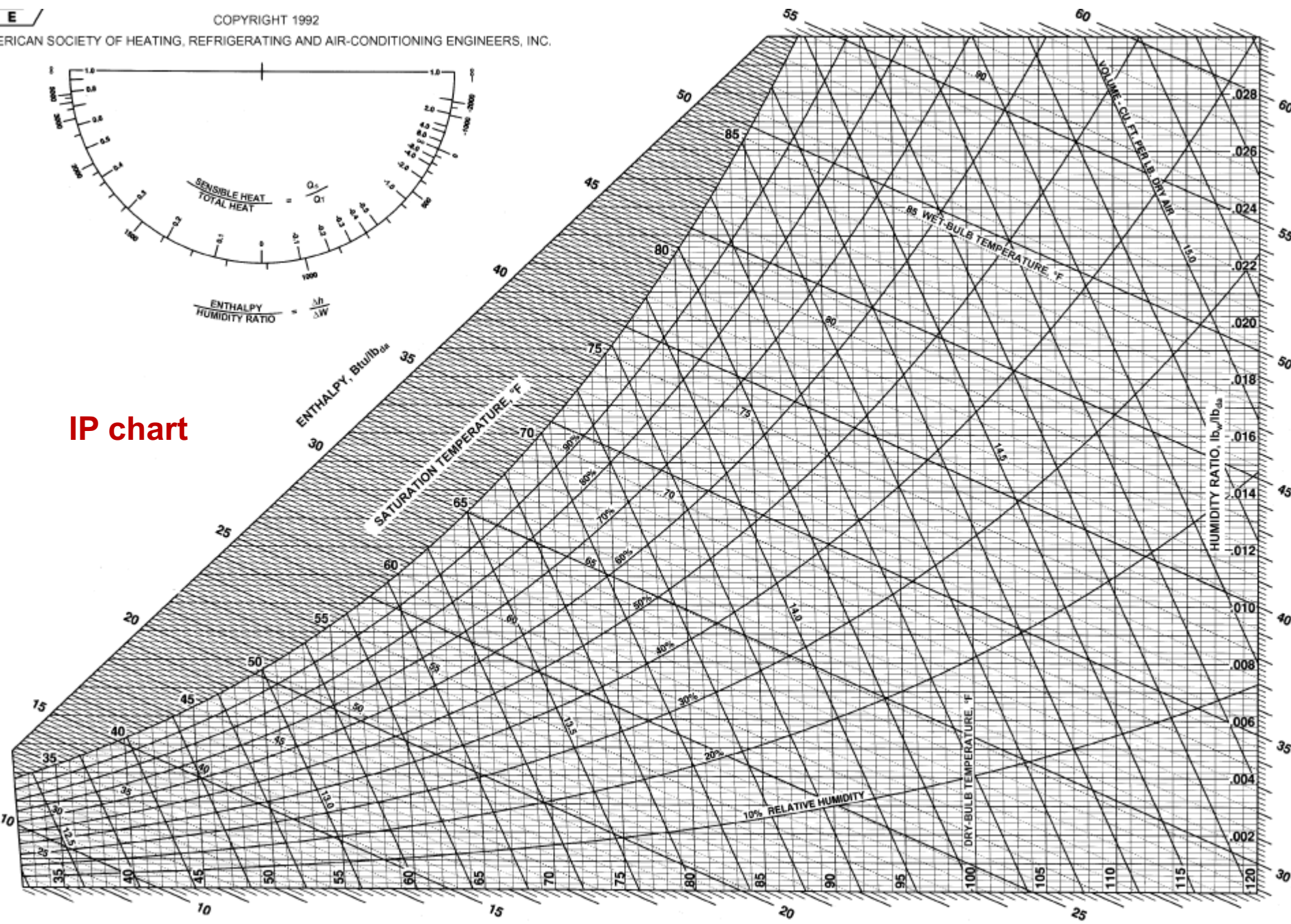
- Moist air exists at 100°F dry bulb, 65°F wet bulb and 14.696 psia

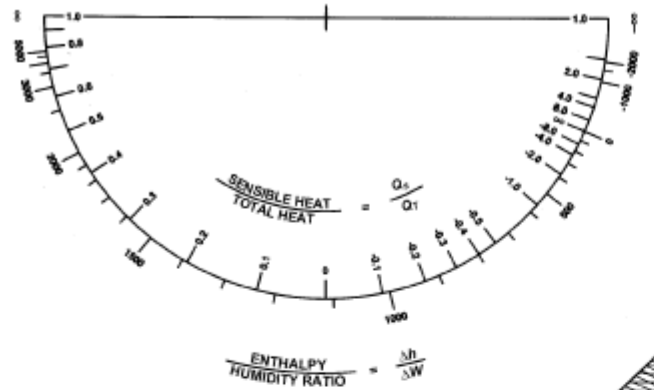
Find:

- a) Humidity ratio
- b) Enthalpy
- c) Dew-point temperature
- d) Relative humidity
- e) Specific volume

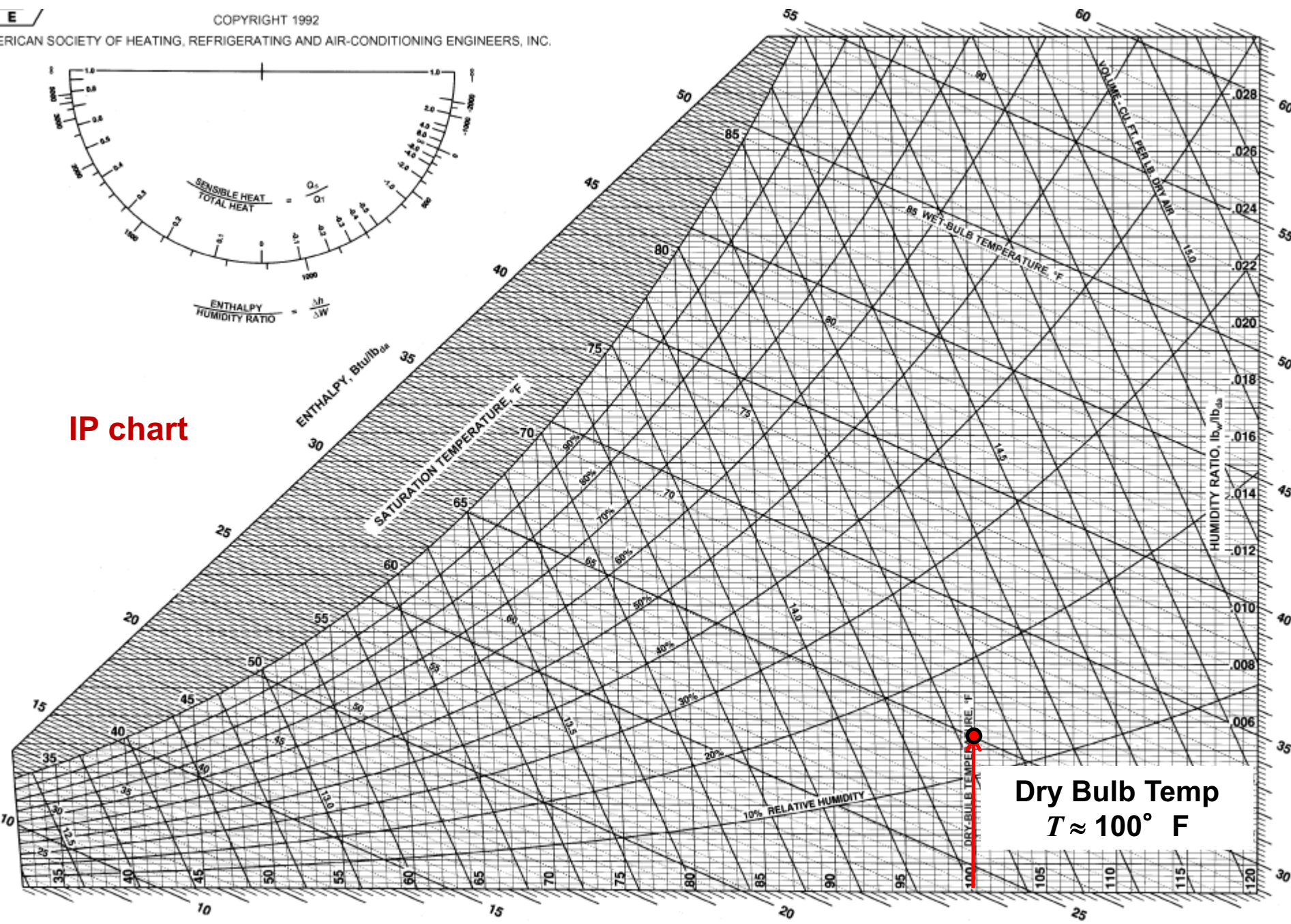


IP chart

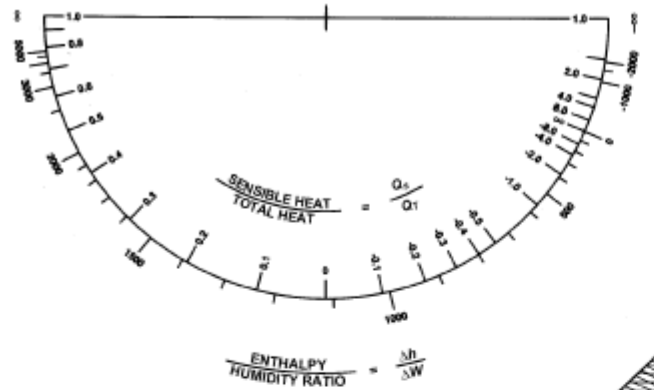




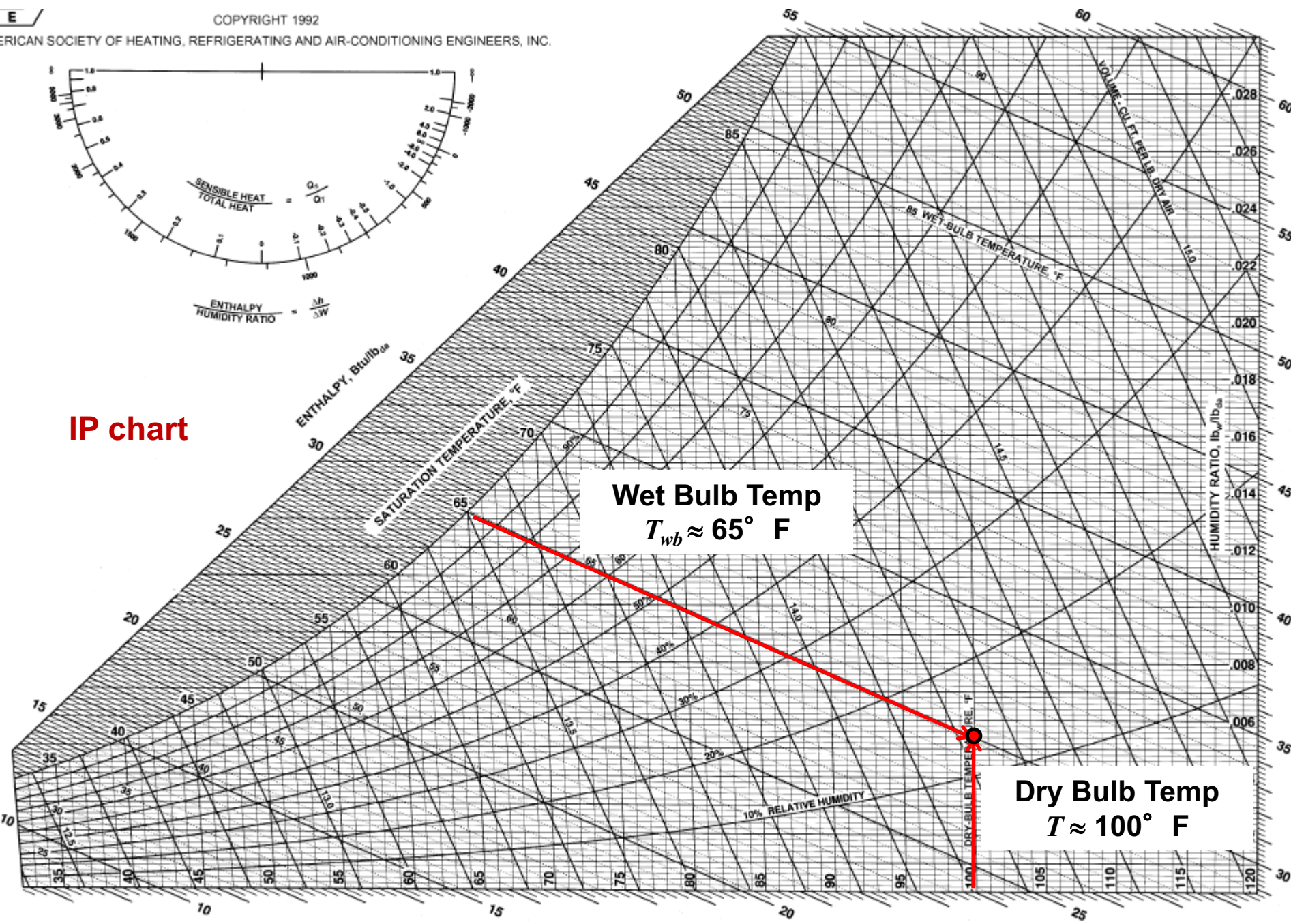
IP chart



Dry Bulb Temp
 $T \approx 100^\circ \text{ F}$

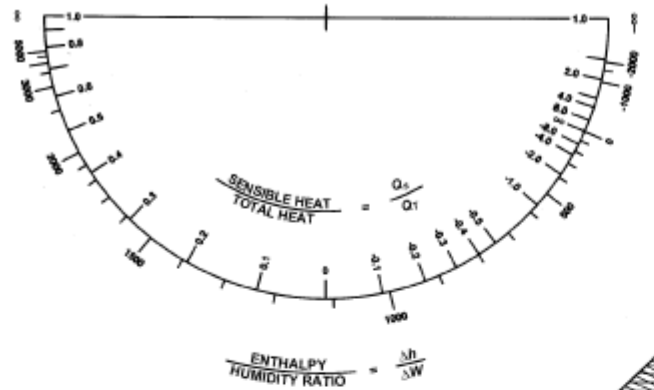


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Wet Bulb Temp
 $T_{wb} \approx 65^\circ \text{ F}$

Dry Bulb Temp
 $T \approx 100^\circ \text{ F}$

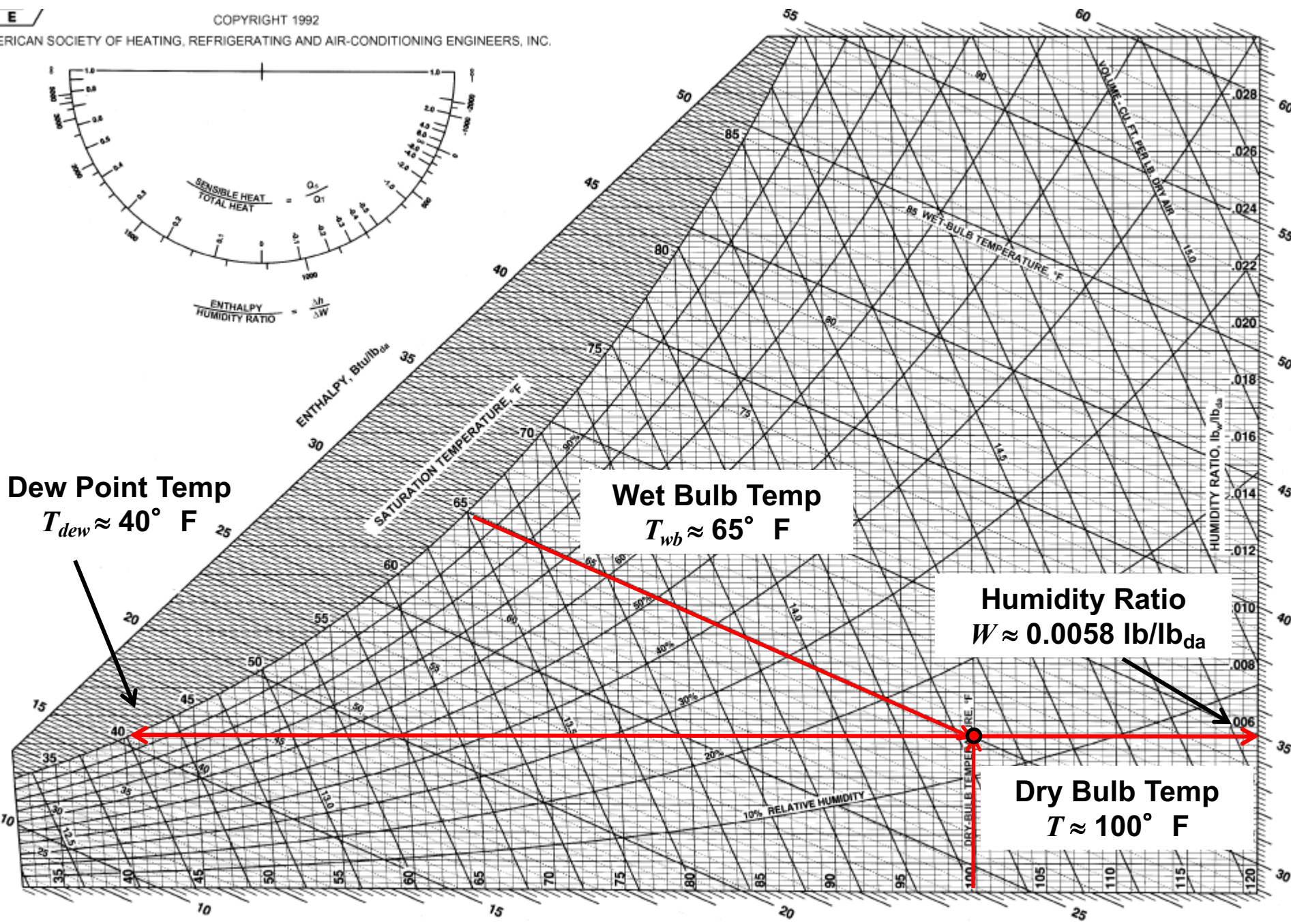


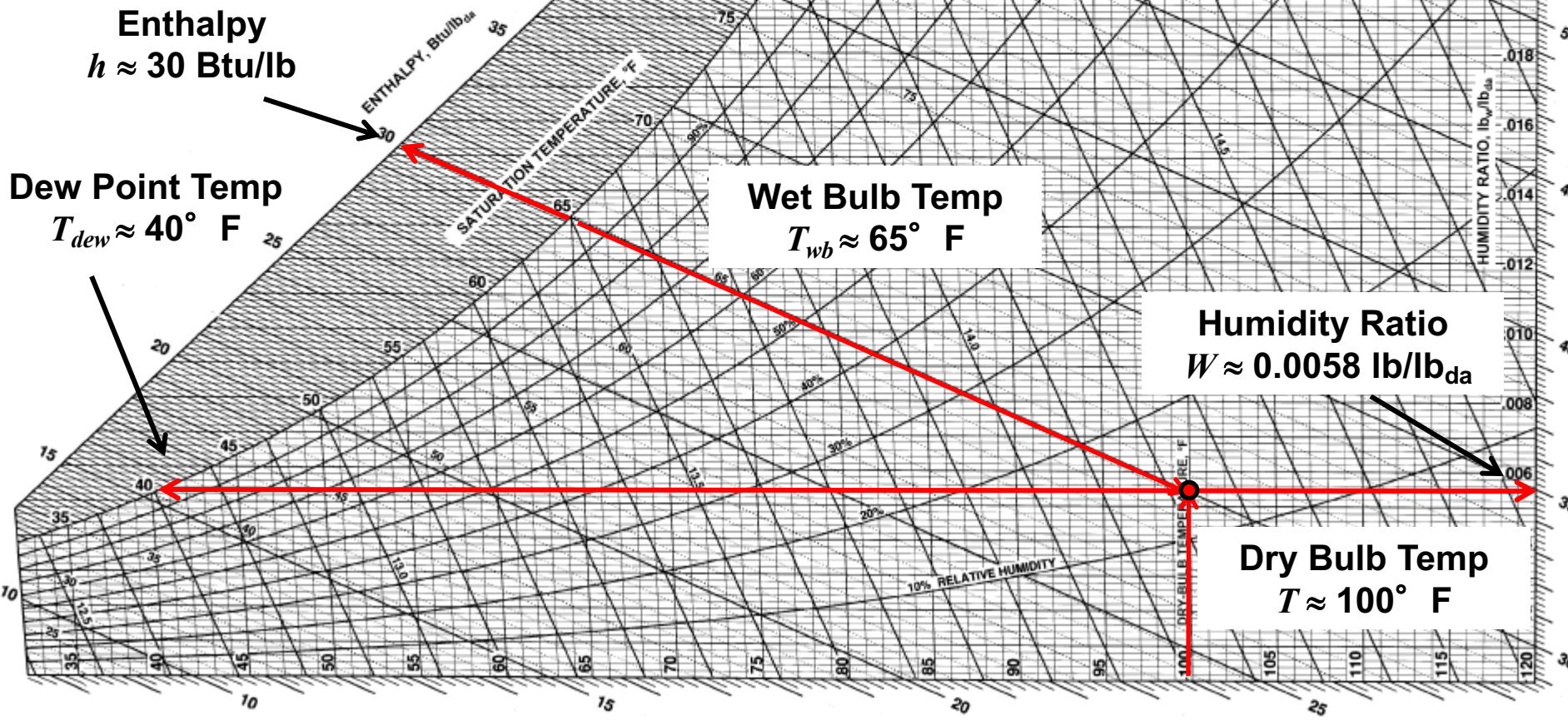
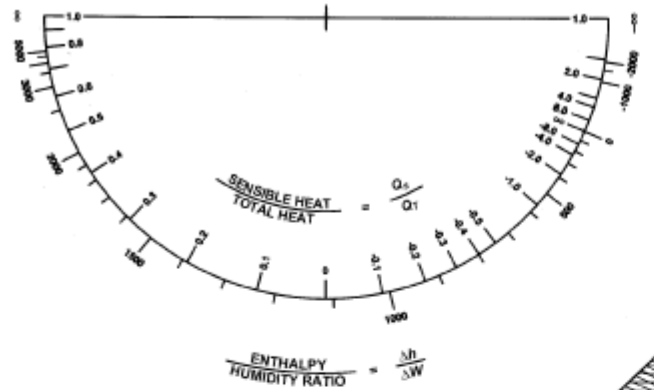
Dew Point Temp
 $T_{dew} \approx 40^\circ \text{ F}$

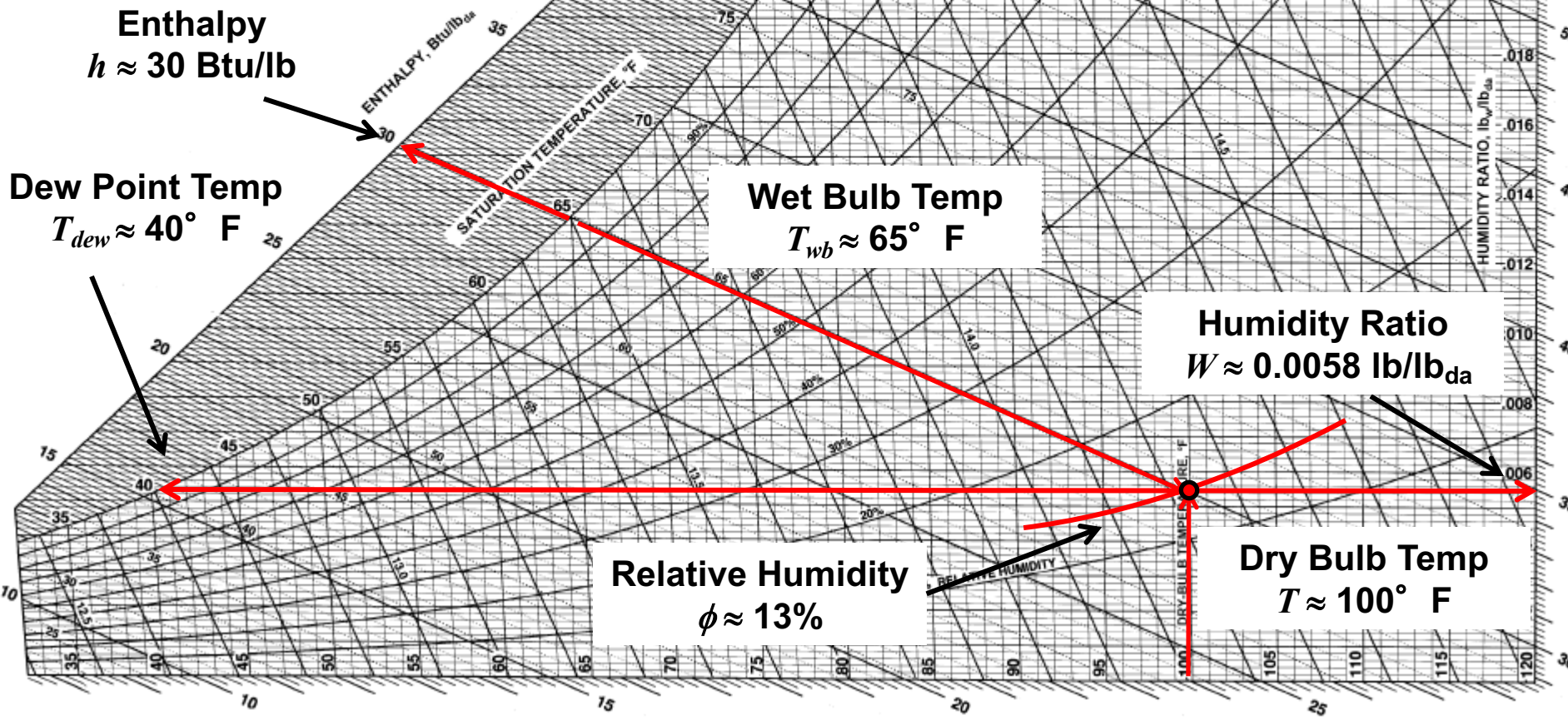
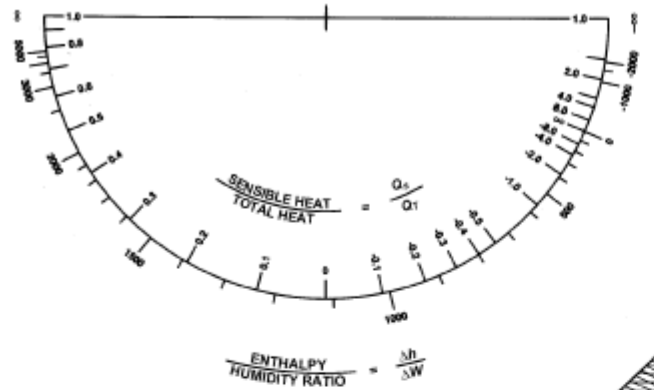
Wet Bulb Temp
 $T_{wb} \approx 65^\circ \text{ F}$

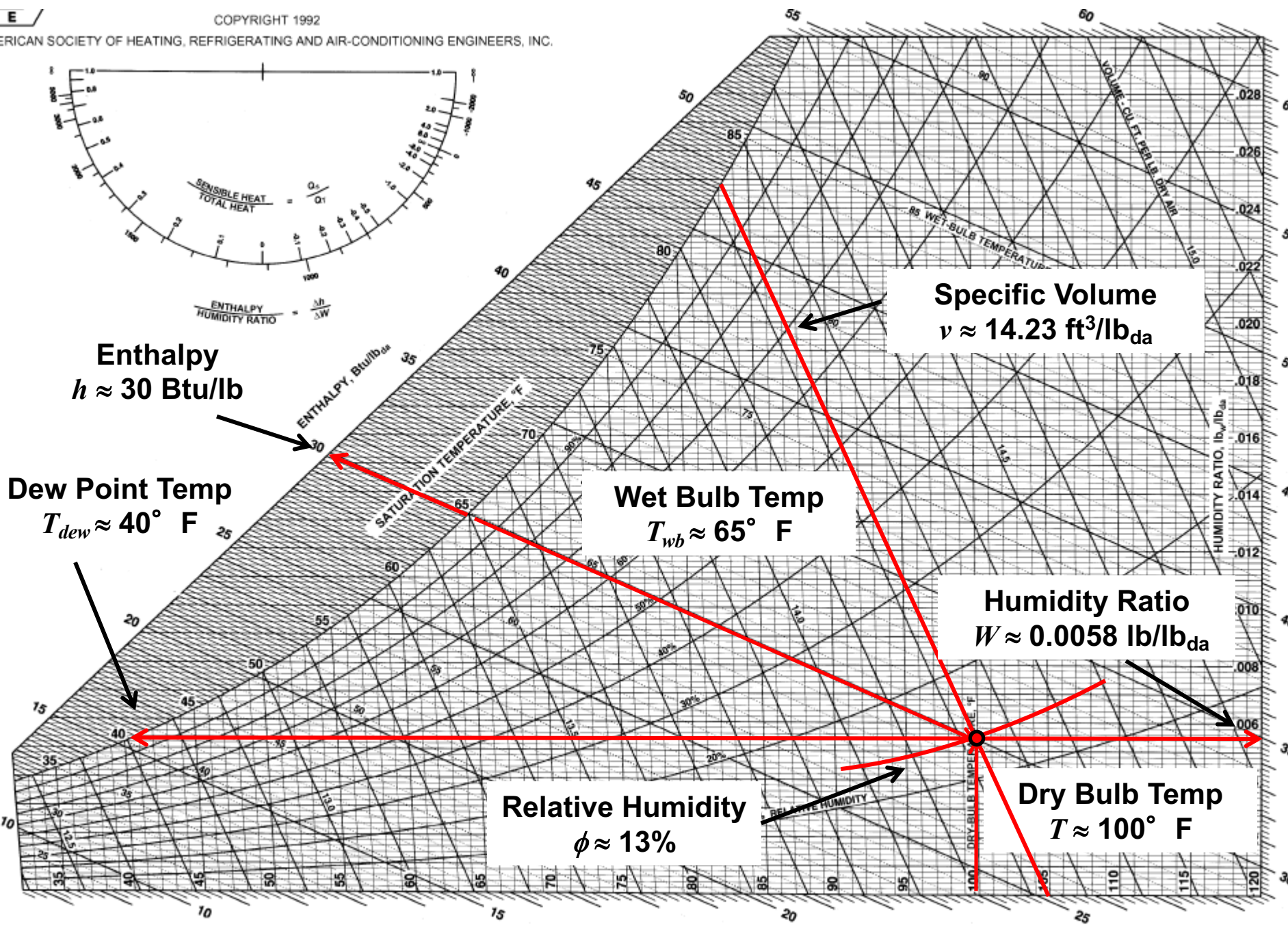
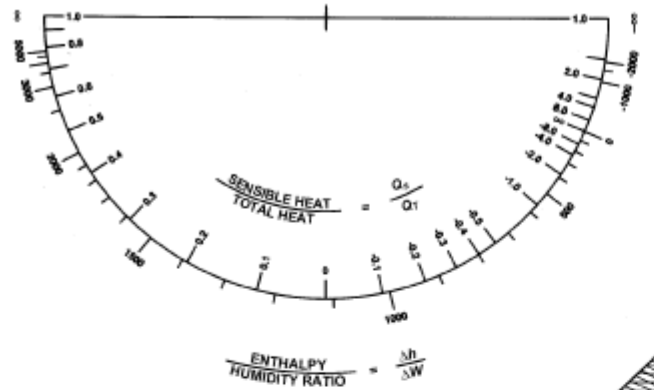
Humidity Ratio
 $W \approx 0.0058 \text{ lb/lb}_{da}$

Dry Bulb Temp
 $T \approx 100^\circ \text{ F}$









Enthalpy
 $h \approx 30$ Btu/lb

Dew Point Temp
 $T_{dew} \approx 40^\circ$ F

Wet Bulb Temp
 $T_{wb} \approx 65^\circ$ F

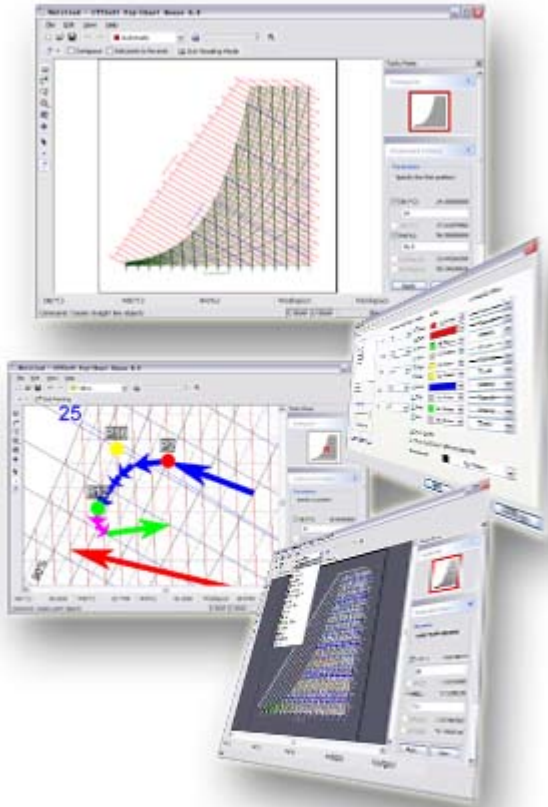
Specific Volume
 $v \approx 14.23$ ft³/lb_{da}

Humidity Ratio
 $W \approx 0.0058$ lb/lb_{da}

Relative Humidity
 $\phi \approx 13\%$

Dry Bulb Temp
 $T \approx 100^\circ$ F

Applying psychrometrics

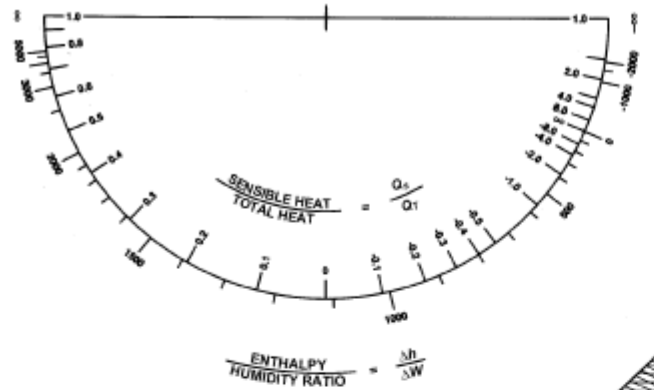


- We can also use psychrometric charts or software
 - Psych and Psychpro
 - Very popular psych chart and analysis software
 - I think at least one of these is in the AM 218 lab
- There are a bunch of online calculators as well
 - <http://www.psychrometric-calculator.com>
 - <http://www.sugartech.co.za/psychro/>
 - <http://www.wolframalpha.com/examples/Psychrometrics.html>
- And smart phone apps too
- You can also make your own (i.e., in Excel)
 - You will have a HW problem where you have to do this

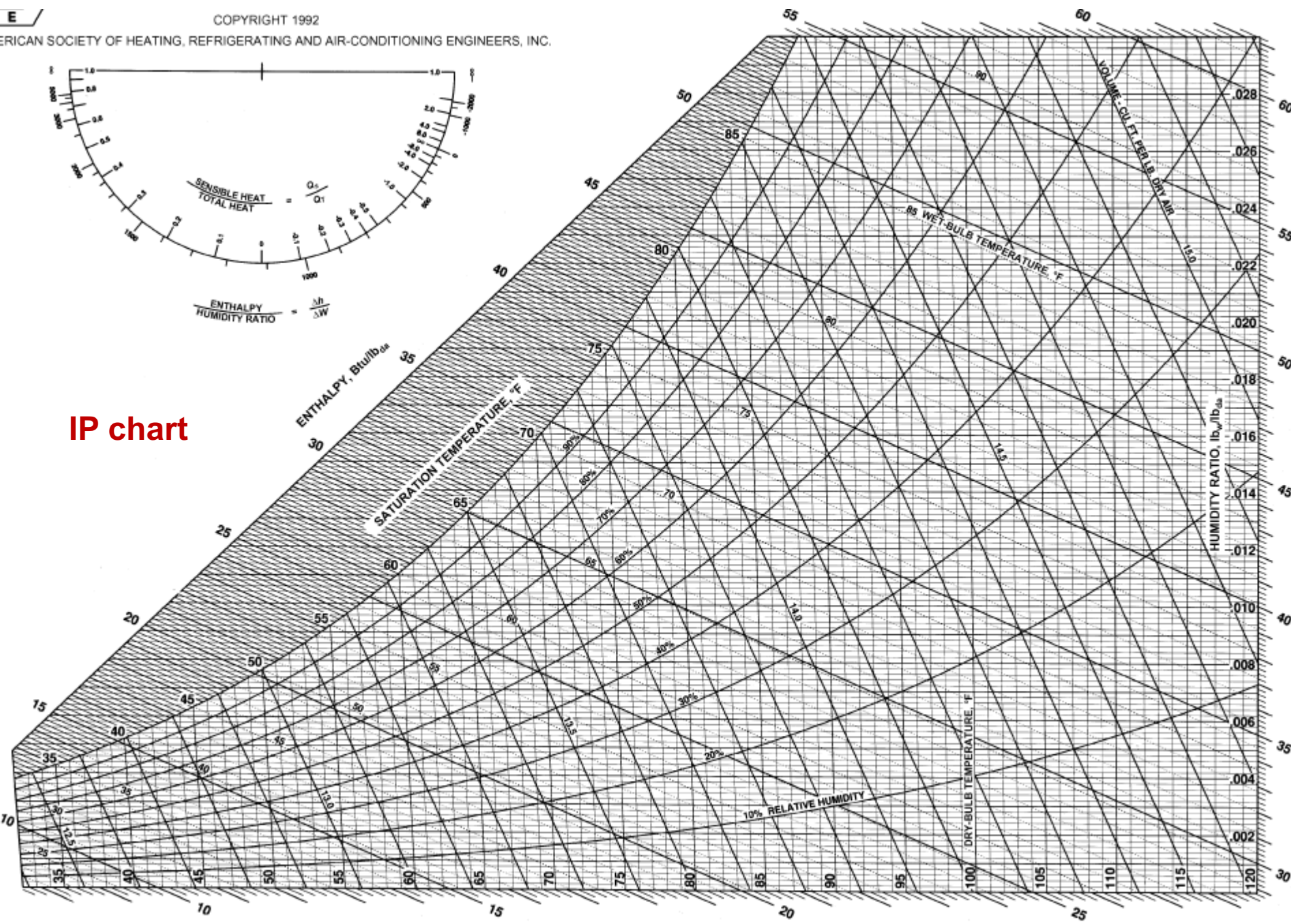
Psychrometrics also involves learning how to use and combine those quantities to determine things like sensible and latent heating and cooling loads (i.e., **processes**) (covered in a future lecture)

Using these parameters

- Question:
 - What is the mass of water vapor in this classroom right now?



IP chart



PSYCHROMETRIC EQUATIONS

Psychrometric equations

- When we need more precise answers, or when we need to automate engineering calculations, we must:
 - Use the underlying **equations** that govern moist air properties and processes and make up the psychrometric chart
- This begins by treating air as an **ideal gas**

Treating air as an ideal gas

- At typical temperatures and pressures within buildings, air and its constituents act approximately as ideal gases
- Each gas i in the mixture, as well as the entire mixture, will follow the ideal gas law:

Ideal Gas Law (Boyle's law + Charles's law)

$$pV = nRT$$

p = pressure (lb/ft²)

V = volume (ft³)

n = number of moles (#)

R = gas constant (lb_f·ft/(lb_{mol} R))*

T = absolute temperature (R)

*Units on R vary with units of pressure

Air as an ideal gas

- We can treat air as a composition of ideal gases
 - A bunch of ideal gases acting as an ideal gas
- For individual gases (e.g., N₂, O₂, H₂O, CO₂, constituent *i*):

$$P_i V = n_i RT$$

P_i = partial pressure exerted by gas *i*
 n_i = # of moles of gas *i*
 R, V, T = gas constant, volume, temperature

$$P_i = \frac{n_i}{V} RT$$

Rearrange so that n_i/V is the molar concentration

$$P_i = y_i P_{tot}$$

P_{tot} = total pressure of air (atm, Pa, psia, etc.)
 y_i = mole fraction of gas *i* in air (moles *i* / moles air)

Air as an ideal gas

- Air as a composite mixture

$$P_i = y_i P_{tot}$$

$$P_{tot} = \sum P_i = \sum \frac{n_i}{V} RT = \frac{RT}{V} \sum n_i = \frac{RT}{V} n_{tot}$$

$$PV = nRT$$

Universal gas constant

- The universal gas constant relates energy and temperature
 - It takes many forms depending on units

Universal gas constant

$$PV = nRT$$

Value of R	Units ($V P T^{-1} n^{-1}$)
8.314	J/(K·mol)
8.314	m ³ ·Pa/(K·mol)
0.08206	L·atm/(K·mol)
8.205×10 ⁻⁵	m ³ ·atm/(K·mol)
1545.349	ft·lb _f /(R·lb _{mol})
1.986	Btu/(lb _{mol} ·R)

Dalton's law of partial pressures for psychrometrics

- In an ideal gas, the total pressure can be considered to be the sum of the partial pressures of the constituent gases

$$p = p_{N_2} + p_{O_2} + p_{H_2O} + p_{CO_2} + p_{Ar} + \dots$$

- We can consider moist air as dry air combined with water vapor and break the pressure into only two partial pressures:
 - Dry air (da)
 - Water vapor (w)

$$p = p_{da} + p_w$$

Dalton's law of partial pressures for psychrometrics

- We can analyze the dry air, the water vapor, and the mixture of each gas using the ideal gas law and assuming they are all at the same temperature

$$p_{da} v_{da} = R_{da} T \quad \& \quad p_w v_w = R_w T \quad \& \quad p v = R T$$

- For each individual gas, a mole fraction (Y_i) can be defined as the ratio of the partial pressure of gas i to the total pressure

$$\frac{n_i}{n} = \frac{p_i}{p} = Y_i$$

Specific gas constants

- To work with air and water vapor we can also work with specific gas constants (which are functions of molecular weight)
- Dry air (no water vapor): $MW_{da} = 28.966 \text{ g/mol}$

$$R_{da} = \frac{R}{MW_{da}} = \frac{1545.349 \frac{\text{ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f}{\text{°R} \cdot \text{lb}_{\text{mol}}}}{28.966 \frac{\text{lb}_{\text{m,da}}}{\text{lb}_{\text{mol}}}} = 53.35 \frac{\text{ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f}{\text{°R} \cdot \text{lb}_{\text{da}}}$$

- Water vapor alone: $MW_w = 18.015 \text{ g/mol}$

$$R_w = \frac{R}{MW_w} = \frac{1545.349 \frac{\text{ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f}{\text{°R} \cdot \text{lb}_{\text{mol}}}}{18.015 \frac{\text{lb}_{\text{m,w}}}{\text{lb}_{\text{mol}}}} = 85.78 \frac{\text{ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f}{\text{°R} \cdot \text{lb}_w}$$

$$pv = \frac{p}{\rho} = R_i T$$

Specific gas constant:

$$R_i = \frac{R}{MW_i}$$

Note IP units:
1 g/mol = 1 lb_m/lb_{mol}

Air pressure variations

- The barometric (atmospheric) pressure and temperature of air vary with both altitude and local weather conditions
 - But there are standard values for pressure as a function of altitude that are normally used
- At sea level, the standard temperature is 59°F and the standard pressure is 14.696 psia (i.e. 101.325 kPa or 1 atm)
 - Temperature is assumed to decrease linearly with altitude
 - Pressure is more complicated

$$p = 14.696(1 - 6.8754 \times 10^{-6}Z)^{5.2559}$$

The equation for temperature as a function of altitude is

$$t = 59 - 0.00356620Z$$

where

Z = altitude, ft

p = barometric pressure, psia

t = temperature, °F

$$p \nu = \frac{p}{\rho} = RT$$

Air pressure variations

Table 1 Standard Atmospheric Data for Altitudes to 30,000 ft

Altitude, ft	Temperature, °F	Pressure, psia	
-1000	62.6	15.236	
-500	60.8	14.966	<i>Chicago, IL</i>
0	59.0	14.696	
500	57.2	14.430	
1,000	55.4	14.175	
2,000	51.9	13.664	<i>Denver, CO</i>
3,000	48.3	13.173	<i>Big Sky, MT</i>
4,000	44.7	12.682	
5,000	41.2	12.230	
6,000	37.6	11.778	<i>Breckenridge, CO</i>
7,000	34.0	11.341	
8,000	30.5	10.914	
9,000	26.9	10.506	
10,000	23.4	10.108	
15,000	5.5	8.296	
20,000	-12.3	6.758	
30,000	-47.8	4.371	

Source: Adapted from NASA (1976).

Specifying the state of moist air



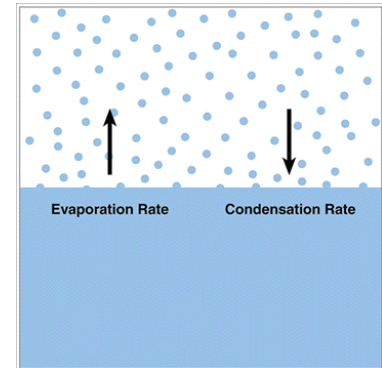
In order to specify the state of moist air, we need total atmospheric pressure, p , the air temperature, T , and at least one other property

- W , ϕ , h , p_w , or T_{dew}
- We can use the psychrometric chart
- We can also use the **underlying equations** for greater accuracy and automation

Remember: Vapor pressure and Saturation

- Air can hold moisture (i.e., **water vapor**)
- **Vapor pressure** is the pressure exerted by a vapor in thermodynamic equilibrium with its condensed phases

p_w *Units of pressure, psia (Pa or kPa)
(aka “**partial pressure**”)



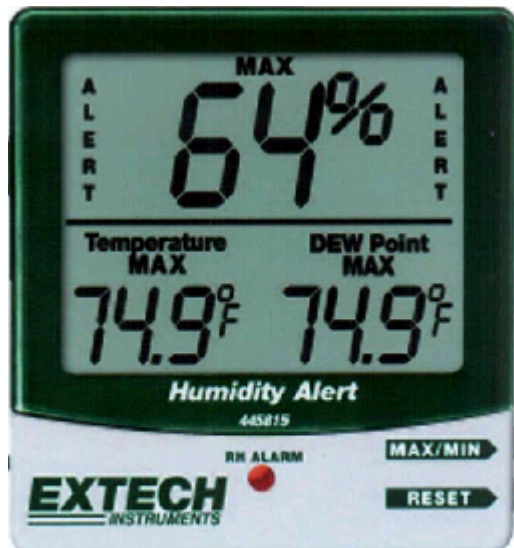
- The amount of moisture air can hold in vapor form before condensation occurs is dependent on temperature
 - We call the limit **saturation**

p_{ws} *Units of pressure, psia (Pa or kPa)
(aka “**saturation vapor pressure**”)



Relative humidity, ϕ (RH)

- The relative humidity ratio, ϕ , is the mole fraction of water vapor (x_w) relative to the water vapor that would be in the mixture if it were saturated at the given T and P (x_{ws})
 - We can also describe RH by partial pressures (ideal gas)
- Relative humidity is a common measure that relates well to how we perceive moisture in air



$$\phi = \left[\frac{x_w}{x_{ws}} \right]_{T,P} = \frac{p_w / p_{tot}}{p_{ws} / p_{tot}} = \frac{p_w}{p_{ws}}$$

p_{ws} for $32^\circ\text{F} < T < 392^\circ\text{F}$ (IP units)

For p_{ws} , the saturation pressure over **liquid water**:

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

where

$$C_8 = -1.044\ 039\ 7\ \text{E}+04$$

$$C_9 = -1.129\ 465\ 0\ \text{E}+01$$

$$C_{10} = -2.702\ 235\ 5\ \text{E}-02$$

$$C_{11} = 1.289\ 036\ 0\ \text{E}-05$$

$$C_{12} = -2.478\ 068\ 1\ \text{E}-09$$

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

Note:

These constants are only for IP units
SI units are different

Units:

p_{ws} = saturation pressure, psia

T = absolute temperature, $^\circ\text{R} = ^\circ\text{F} + 459.67$

p_{ws} for $-148^{\circ}\text{F} < T < 32^{\circ}\text{F}$ (IP units)

For p_{ws} , the saturation pressure over **ice**:

$$\ln p_{ws} = \frac{C_1}{T} + C_2 + C_3 T + C_4 T^2 + C_5 T^3 + C_6 T^4 + C_7 \ln T$$

where

$$C_1 = -1.021\ 416\ 5\ \text{E}+04$$

$$C_2 = -4.893\ 242\ 8\ \text{E}+00$$

$$C_3 = -5.376\ 579\ 4\ \text{E}-03$$

$$C_4 = 1.920\ 237\ 7\ \text{E}-07$$

$$C_5 = 3.557\ 583\ 2\ \text{E}-10$$

$$C_6 = -9.034\ 468\ 8\ \text{E}-14$$

$$C_7 = 4.163\ 501\ 9\ \text{E}+00$$

Note:

These constants are only for IP units
SI units are different

Units:

p_{ws} = saturation pressure, psia

T = absolute temperature, $^{\circ}\text{R} = ^{\circ}\text{F} + 459.67$

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Units:

$$\left[\frac{\text{lb}_w}{\text{lb}_{da}} \right]$$

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where: $p_{tot} = p_{da} + p_w = 14.696$ psia @ sea level