

# DESIGN INTEGRATION OF DEDICATED OUTDOOR AIR SYSTEM WITH VARIABLE REFRIGERANT FLOW SYSTEM

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# OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION



- ***Background and Need***
  - » Variable Refrigerant Flow, VRF, systems
  - » Dedicated Outdoor Air systems, DOAS
  - » Identified as best option
  
- ***DOAS Configurations***
  - » Study, comparison and identification of DOAS configurations for each Indian climate zone
  
- ***Psychrometric and Theoretical Analysis***
  - » Selected of preferred DOAS configuration
  
- ***Conclusions and Recommendations***



# BACKGROUND AND NEED



- ***Integrating VRF systems with DOAS***
  - » Application of inverter driven variable speed compressors in VRF outdoor units offer good part load efficiency compared to VRV system
  - » Introduction of fresh Outdoor Air in conditioned space will limit load and energy required
  
- ***Objective***
  - » Identify optimal DOAS configurations to integrate with VRF systems



# LITERATURE REVIEW



Sr #	Paper	Schematic	Feature
1.	Wu et al. (2009)		Theoretically investigated heat and mass transfer in DEC areas
2.	Heidarinejad et al (2008)		$\epsilon_{\text{cross flow heat exchanger}} \sim 55 \text{ to } 61\%$
3.	Fernández-Seara et al. (2011)		$\epsilon_{\text{exhaust heat recovery systems}} \sim \text{around } 60\%$
4.	Rane and Chavan (2014)	<p>Rotating Contacting Device, RCD Indian patent # 205362</p> <p>9 enhanced passage Al extrusion Indian patent # 1349/MUM/2013</p>	<p>RCD + Plastic Heat Exchanger, PHE for 45 cfm</p> <p><math>\epsilon_{\text{PHE}} = 82.6\%</math>,  <math>\epsilon_{\text{WBT}} = 101.5\%</math>  <math>U_o = 18.0 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}</math>  <math>dp_{\text{ea}} = 39.2 \text{ Pa}</math>  <math>dp_{\text{oa}} = 17.6 \text{ Pa}</math></p>

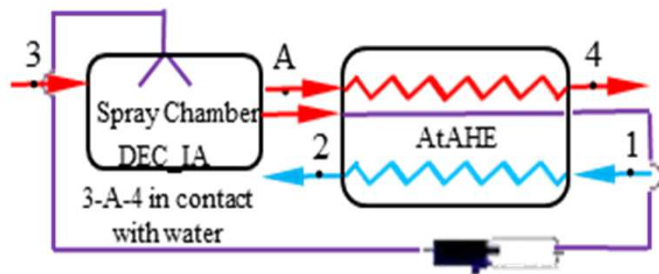


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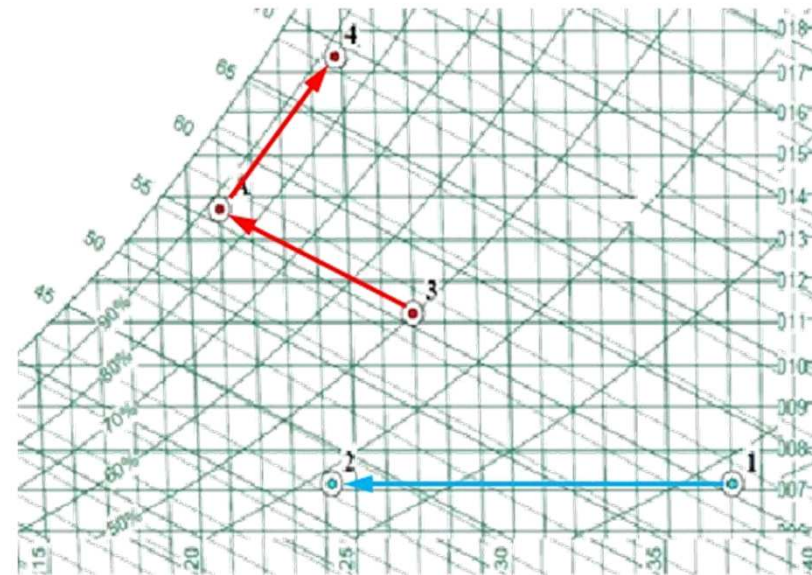
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- 1 OA
- 2 OA after sensible cooling
- 3 IA
- A IA after Evaporative Cooling
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Water gets sprinkled in Spray chamber to evaporatively cool IA and flows concurrently with IA to further humidify it



### Process for Pune during Summer

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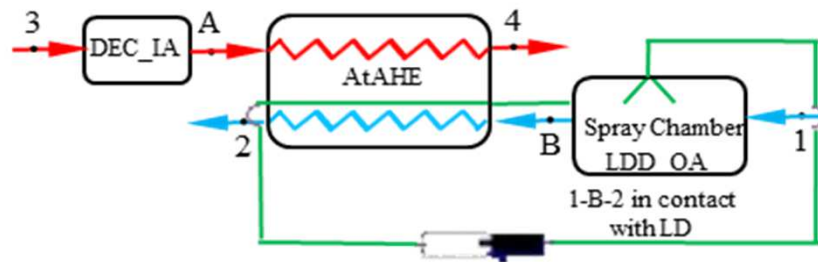


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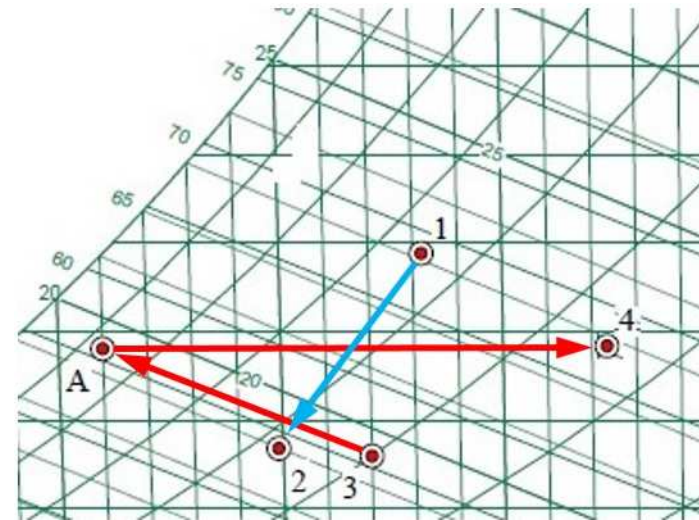
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Process for Bangalore during Monsoon

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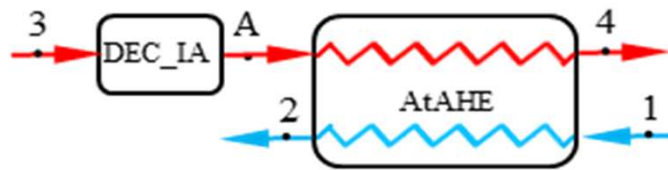


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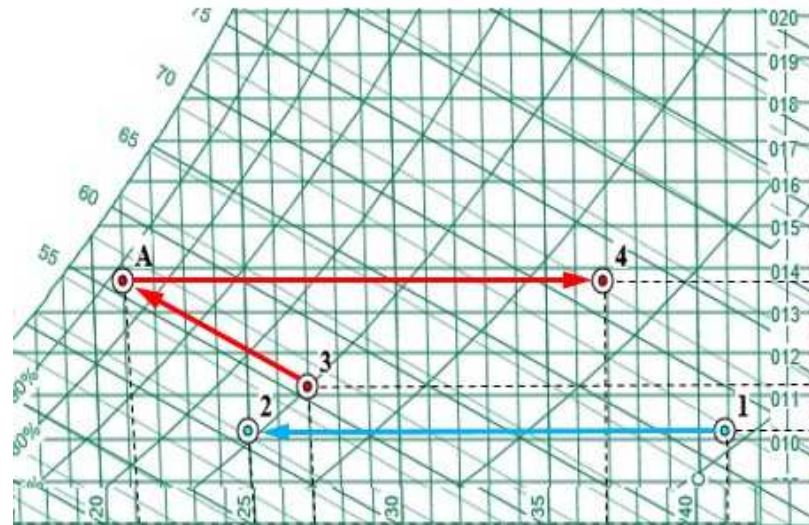


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Process for Ahmedabad during Summer

$$Q_{oa} = 1.39 \text{ kW}, mf_{wc} = 0.3 \text{ g/s}$$

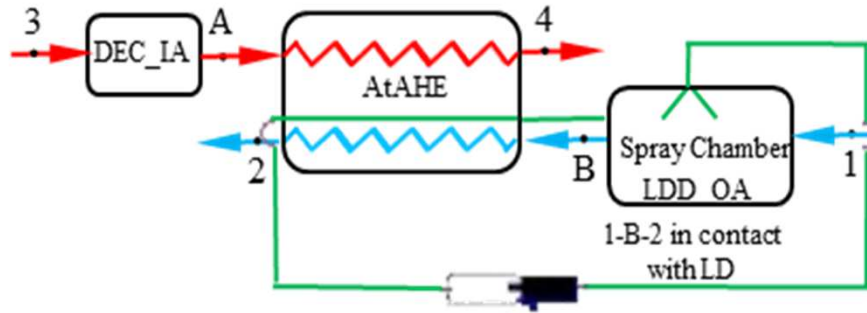


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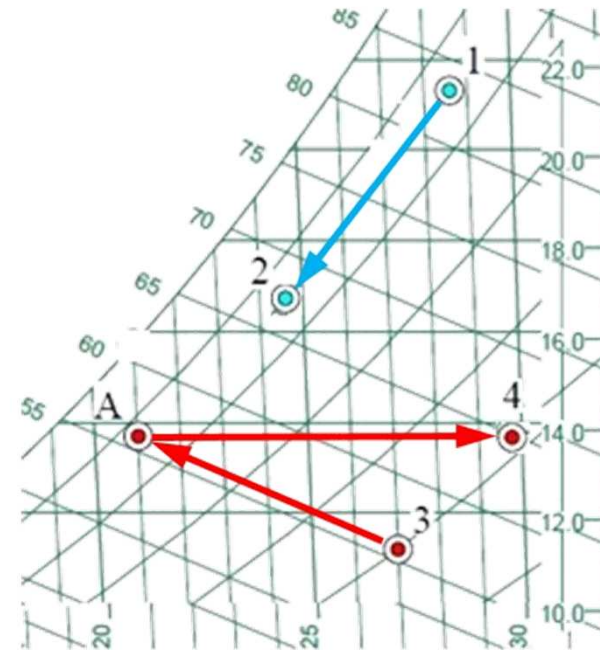
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Process for Jaipur during Monsoon

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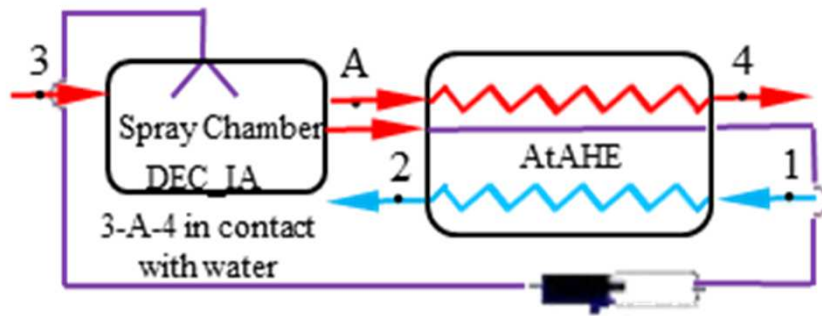
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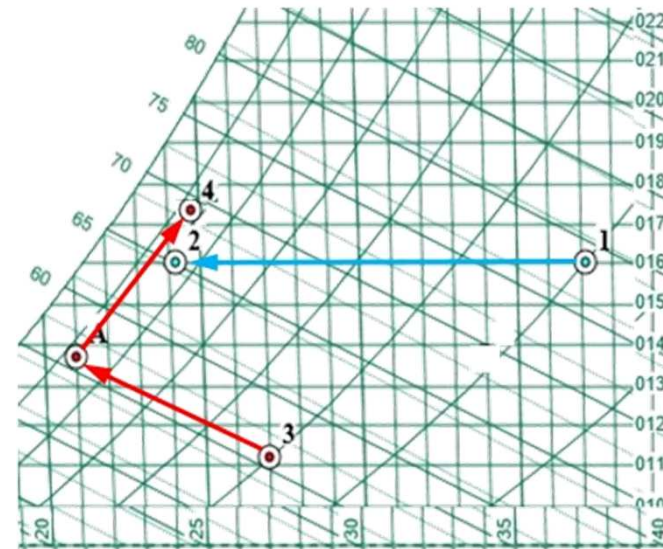
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**Process for Chennai during Summer**

$$Q_{oa} = 1.39 \text{ kW}, mf_{wc} = 0.5 \text{ g/s}$$

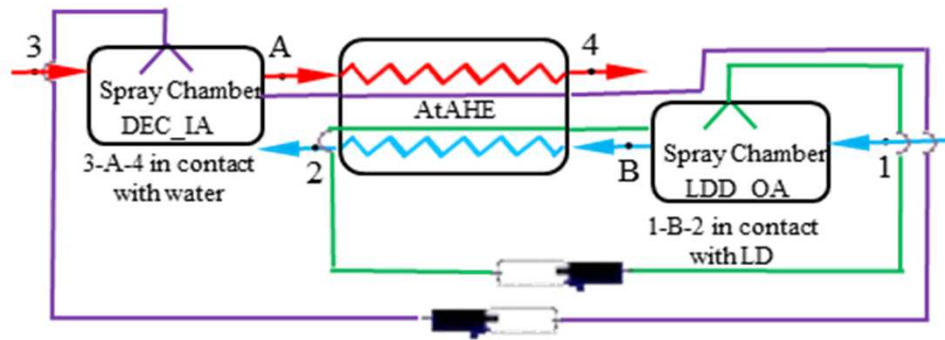


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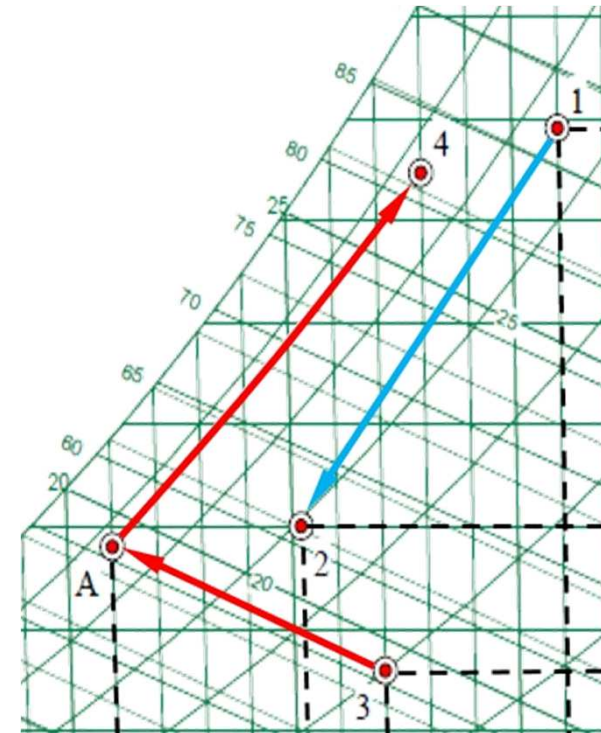
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Process for Mumbai during Monsoon

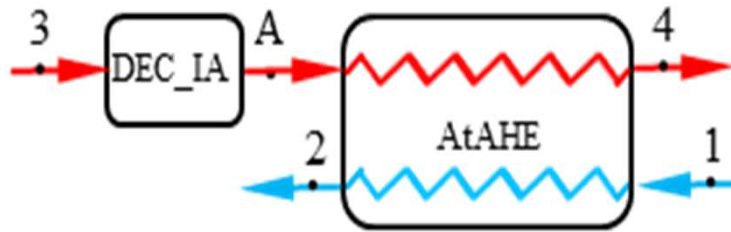
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# COMPOSITE CLIMATE



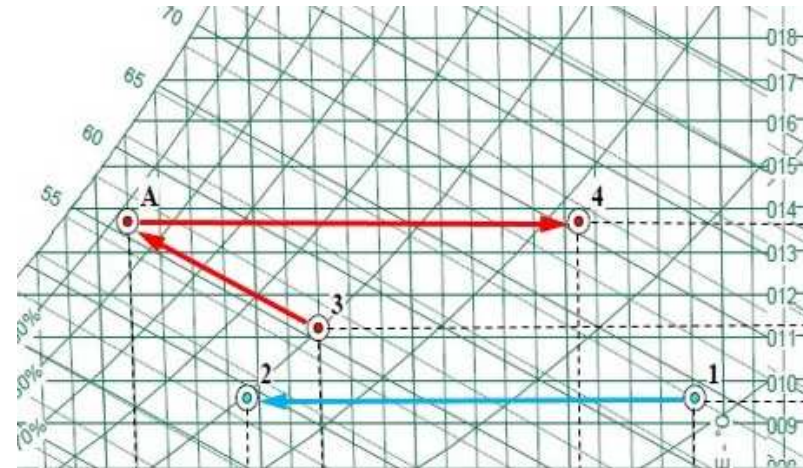
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Process for Hyderabad during Summer

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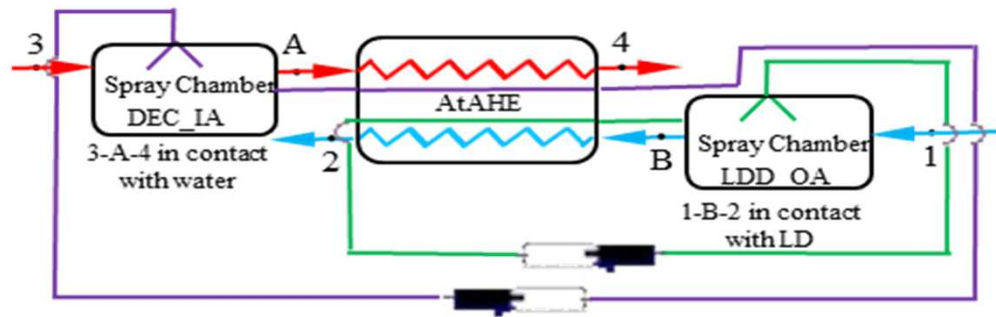


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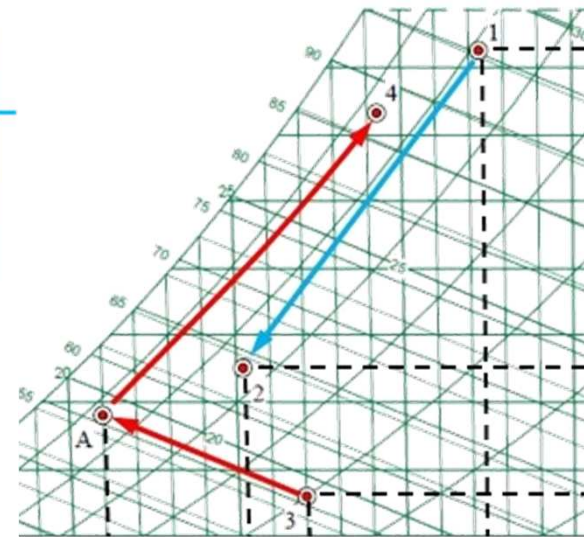
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Process for Delhi during Monsoon

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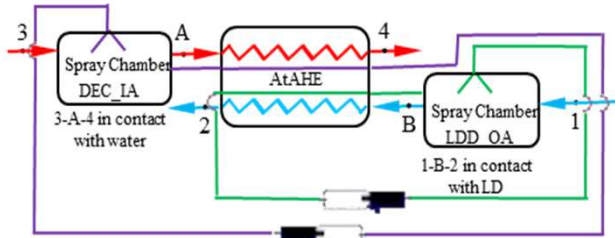


# THEORETICAL ANALYSIS



## Liquid Desiccant Dehumidification and Indirect Evaporative Cooling of OA

Assumptions:  $\epsilon_{\text{humidifier}} = \epsilon_{\text{he}} = 80\%$ ,  $t_{1,db} = 31.0^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t_{3,db} = 27.4^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{vol}_{\text{ia}} = 0.07 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  150 cfm,  $\text{vol}_{\text{oa}} = 0.07 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  150 cfm,  $\text{approach}_{\text{oa}} = 3^\circ\text{C}$



- State points
- 1 OA
  - B Dehumidified OA
  - 2 OA after desiccant dehumidification
  - 3 IA
  - A Indoor Air after Evaporative Precooling
  - 4 Indoor Air after heating and humidification

Process 1 to 2 Desiccant dehumidification and cooling of outdoor air  
 Process 3 to A Indirect evaporative cooling of exhaust air  
 Process A to 4 Direct humidification and heating of exhaust air

Specific Parameters	Units	oa				ia		Water Consumed		
		1	2	3	A	4	IEC	DHH	Total	Units
$t_{db}$	$^\circ\text{C}$	31.0	25.2	27.0	21.0	28.0	0.20	0.6	0.8	g/s
$t_{wb}$	$^\circ\text{C}$	27.4	21.0	19.5	19.5	26.2	0.01	0.04	0.05	kg/min
$t_{dp}$	$^\circ\text{C}$	26.3	19.2	15.7	18.7	25.6	0.71	2.2	2.9	kg/h
$\phi, \text{rh}$	%	76.0	69.3	50.0	86.9	86.9				
W	g/kg <sub>da</sub>	21.8	14.0	11.2	13.6	20.9				
h	kJ/kg	86.9	61.0	55.6	55.6	81.5				
mf	g/s	82.0			82.0					
	kg/min	4.9			4.9					
	kg/h	295			295					
vol	m <sup>3</sup> /s	0.07			0.07					
	cfm	150			150					

### Heat Interactions

$$Q_{\text{oa}} = Q_{12} = mf_{\text{oa}} (h_1 - h_2) = 2.12 \text{ kW}$$

$$= 0.082 \text{ kg/s} (86.9 - 60.9) \text{ kJ/kg}_{\text{da}}$$

$$Q_{\text{ia}} = Q_{3A4} = Q_{A4} = mf_{\text{ia}} (h_4 - h_3) = 2.12 \text{ kW}$$

$$= 0.082 \text{ kg/s} (81.5 \text{ kJ/kg}_{\text{da}} - 55.6 \text{ kJ/kg}_{\text{da}})$$

### Water Consumption

$$mf_{\text{wc}} = mf_{\text{ia}} (W_4 - W_3) = 0.8 \text{ g/s}$$

$$= 0.082 \text{ kg/s} (20.9 - 11.2) \text{ g/kg}_{\text{da}} = 0.048 \text{ kg/min} = 2.86 \text{ kg/h}$$

$$mf_{\text{we,dhh}} = mf_{\text{ia}} (W_4 - W_A) = 0.6 \text{ g/s}$$

$$= 0.082 \text{ kg/s} (20.9 - 13.6) \text{ g/kg}_{\text{da}} = 0.036 \text{ kg/min} = 2.16 \text{ kg/h}$$

$$mf_{\text{we,iec}} = mf_{\text{ia}} (W_A - W_3) = 0.2 \text{ g/s}$$

$$= 0.082 \text{ kg/s} (13.6 - 11.2) \text{ g/kg}_{\text{da}} = 0.012 \text{ kg/min} = 0.71 \text{ kg/h}$$

### Temperature Calculations

$$t_A = t_3 - \epsilon_h (t_{3,db} - t_{3,wb}) = 21.0^\circ\text{C} = 27.0^\circ\text{C} - 0.8 (27 - 19.5)^\circ\text{C}$$

$$t_4 = t_1 - \text{approach}_{\text{oa}} = 28.0^\circ\text{C} = 31.0^\circ\text{C} - 3^\circ\text{C}$$

### Approach

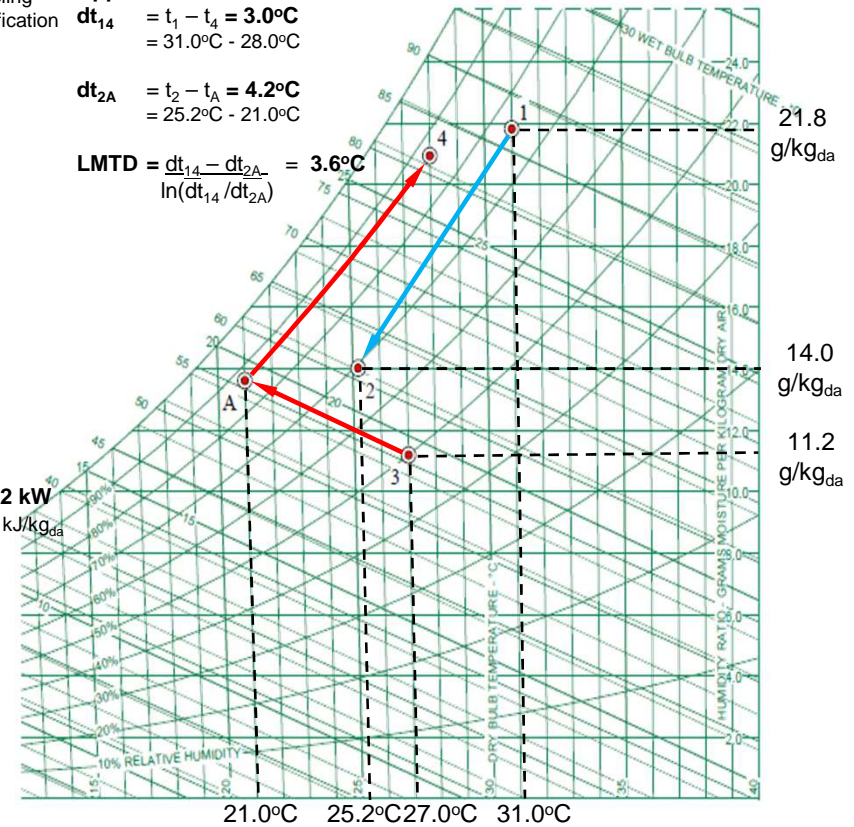
$$dt_{14} = t_1 - t_4 = 3.0^\circ\text{C}$$

$$= 31.0^\circ\text{C} - 28.0^\circ\text{C}$$

$$dt_{2A} = t_2 - t_A = 4.2^\circ\text{C}$$

$$= 25.2^\circ\text{C} - 21.0^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{LMTD} = \frac{dt_{14} - dt_{2A}}{\ln(dt_{14}/dt_{2A})} = 3.6^\circ\text{C}$$





# CONCLUSION

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- ***DOAS + VRF energy efficient to meet ASHRAE stds***
- ***DOAS Configurations for each Indian Climate Zone were identified***
- ***LDD + IEC of OA is identified as best DOAS option for hot and humid conditions***
  - » Versatile DOAS: LDD + IEC option for Monsoon, only IEC can be used for summer
  - » Can handle high outdoor sensible and latent heat load
  - » Can be used for mismatched flow rates of OA and IA
  - » Can handle any kind of internal heat load, reheating not required



# RECOMMENDATIONS

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- ***Design of regeneration and cooling system for Liquid Desiccant***
  - » Regeneration of liquid desiccant through condenser heat recovery
  - » Using solution heat exchangers for cooling strong liquid desiccant solution by exchanging heat with incoming weak desiccant solution



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