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## 23 Abstract

24 This paper focuses on the development of a dispatch model for cogeneration systems in industrial plants. The proposed model schedules thermal and electrical outputs of the 25 cogeneration units by minimizing total operating costs in the plant while satisfying 26 operational constraints. The work presents a practical model that depends on easily 27 available data in the industrial environment, i.e., efficiency data available from equipment 28 29 manufacturers or machine tests. The power to heat ratio is modeled using equipment 30 efficiency data that depends on the cogeneration unit output. This approach allows to represent feasibility regions and supplementary firings without complex thermodynamic 31 relations that require additional data. In order to illustrate the application of the model in 32 real systems, a potassium production plant in Brazil is studied. This case study involves 33 two cogeneration units with supplementary firings and a boiler. Results indicate that the 34 model allows obtaining a dispatch strategy with reduced operating costs when compared 35 with the traditional planning used by plant operators. Three scenarios are simulated and 36 37 cost savings obtained with the optimised strategy vary between 2.0% and 4.0%, when compared with the corresponding unplanned strategy. 38

Keywords: cogeneration cost model; combined heat and power; economic dispatch;
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