

# Gas Turbine Nitrogen Oxide Emission Reduction

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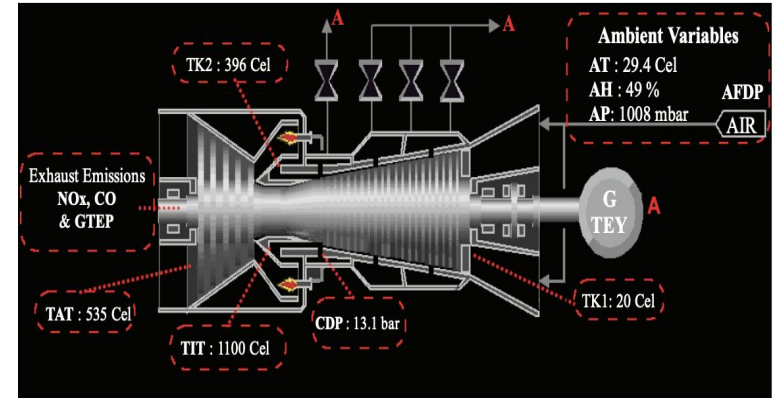


# Introduction



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- Air pollution is responsible for around 11.65% of death in our population according to Our World In Data.
- Our Dataset
  - The UCI Machine Learning Repository dataset contains information on Turkish gas turbine carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide emission.
  - Dataset contains measures related to the turbine and the surrounding environment.
  - 7158 observations, 11 variables



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# Objective

- Create a model that aims to identify ways to reduce nitrogen oxide emission in relation to the turbine and the environment.
- Through analysis, we will find significant factors related to emission of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

**Table 1.** Basic statistical information of data used in the study.

| Variable                       | Abbr.           | Unit              | Min     | Max     | Mean    |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Ambient temperature            | AT              | °C                | -6.23   | 37.10   | 17.71   |
| Ambient pressure               | AP              | mbar              | 985.85  | 1036.56 | 1013.07 |
| Ambient humidity               | AH              | (%)               | 24.08   | 100.20  | 77.87   |
| Air filter difference pressure | AFDP            | mbar              | 2.09    | 7.61    | 3.93    |
| Gas turbine exhaust pressure   | GTEP            | mbar              | 17.70   | 40.72   | 25.56   |
| Turbine inlet temperature      | TIT             | °C                | 1000.85 | 1100.89 | 1081.43 |
| Turbine after temperature      | TAT             | °C                | 511.04  | 550.61  | 546.16  |
| Compressor discharge pressure  | CDP             | mbar              | 9.85    | 15.16   | 12.06   |
| Turbine energy yield           | TEY             | MWH               | 100.02  | 179.50  | 133.51  |
| Carbon monoxide                | CO              | mg/m <sup>3</sup> | 0.00    | 44.10   | 2.37    |
| Nitrogen oxides                | NO <sub>x</sub> | mg/m <sup>3</sup> | 25.90   | 119.91  | 65.29   |

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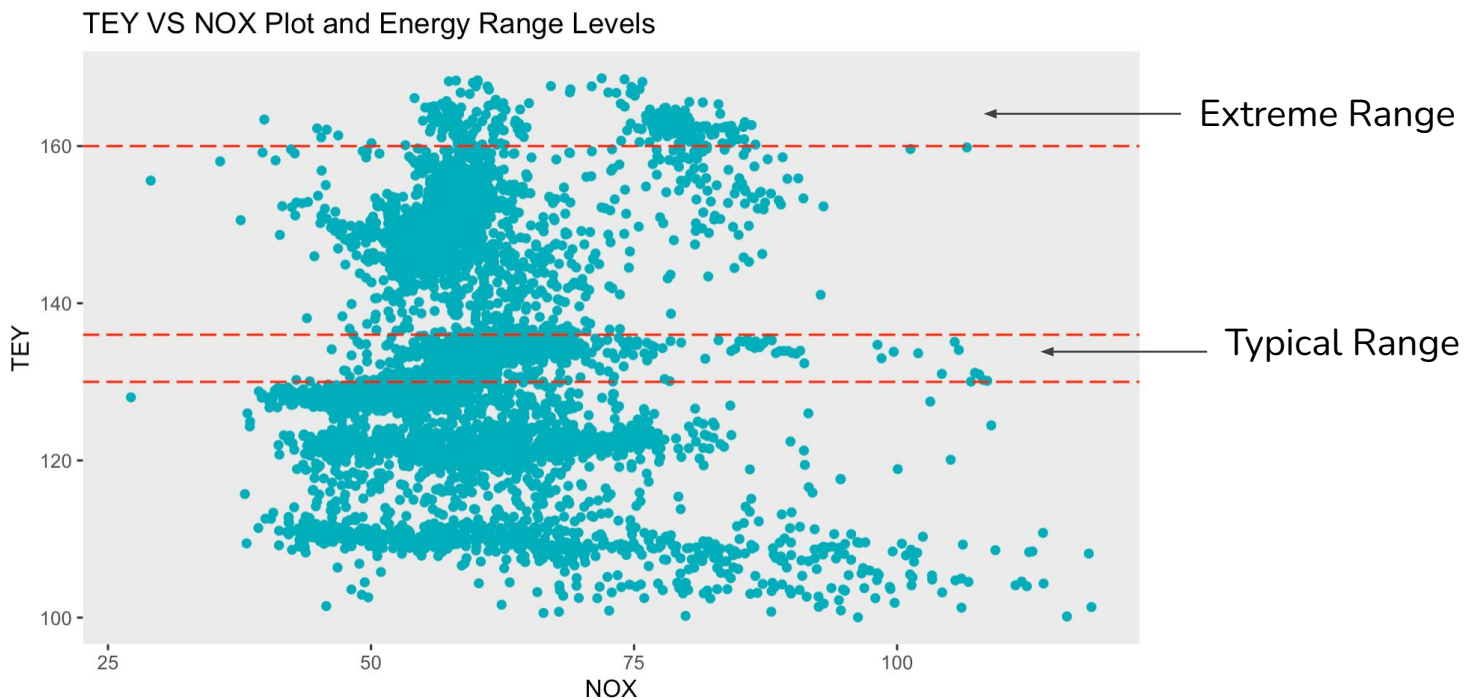
# **Data Preparation & Exploration**



# Data Preparation

- Removed CO to address the following research objectives:
  - Analyze the relationship between NOx and other predictors to order to reduce pollution
  - Identify relationships between turbine energy yield ranges and pollution
    - low energy [0 - 130 megawatts/hour]
    - middle lower energy [130 - 136 megawatts/hour]
    - middle upper energy [137 - 160 megawatts/hour]
    - high energy [160+ megawatts/hour]
- Split data into different ranges of TEY
- Split data into Train and Test groups

# Energy Ranges for Analysis





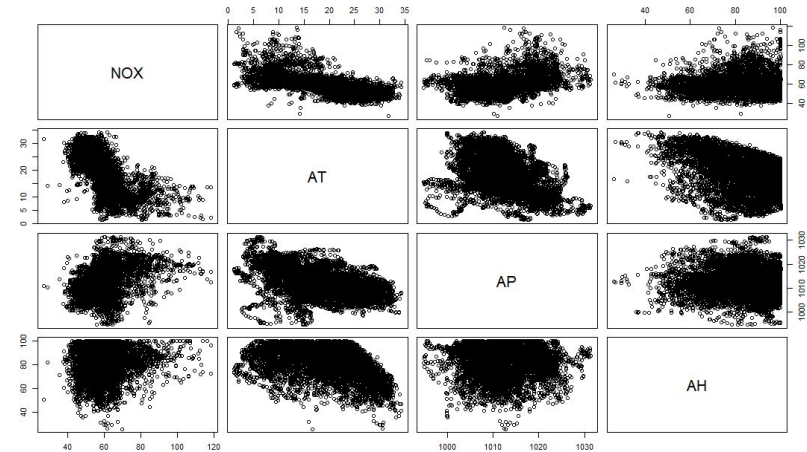
# Data Exploration

## Multicollinearity:

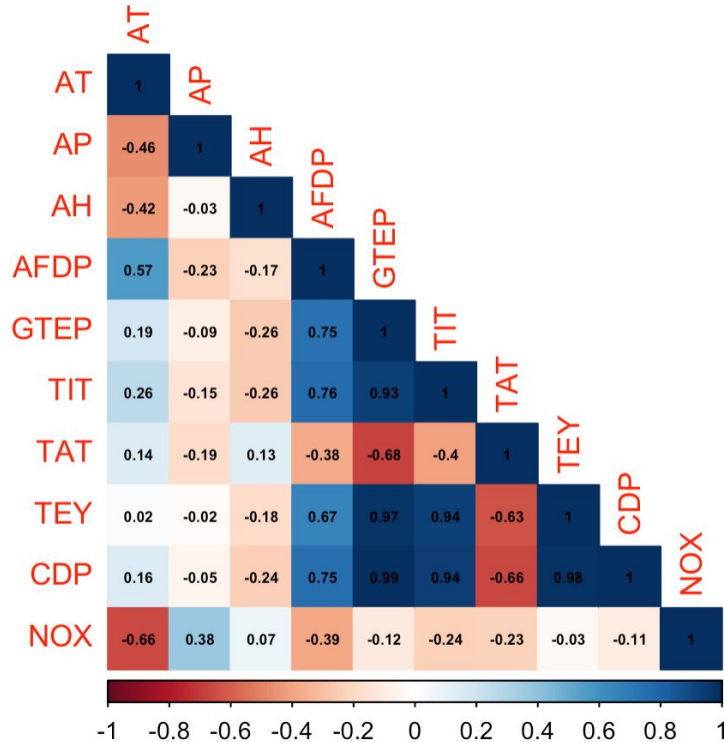
- Checked the correlation between the ambient variables and NOX
- Including the ambient variables, it accounted for the multicollinearity issue using VIF analysis.

## Outliers:

- Outliers for all 4 ranges were observed through cook's distance and diagnostic plots
- Outliers were not removed prior to modeling



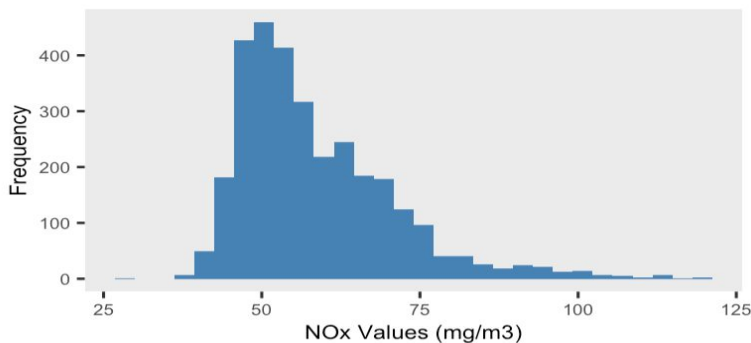
# Correlations



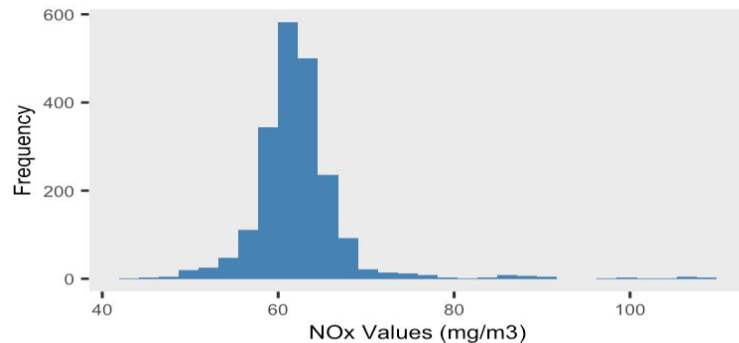
| Variable Name | Correlation with NOx |
|---------------|----------------------|
| AFDP          | -0.3852846           |
| GTEP          | -0.1174178           |
| CDP           | -0.1098818           |
| TAT           | -0.2273953           |
| TIT           | -0.2366259           |
| TEY           | -0.03187826          |
| AT            | -0.6567065           |
| AP            | 0.3784665            |
| AH            | 0.07064628           |

# NOx Distribution for All Ranges

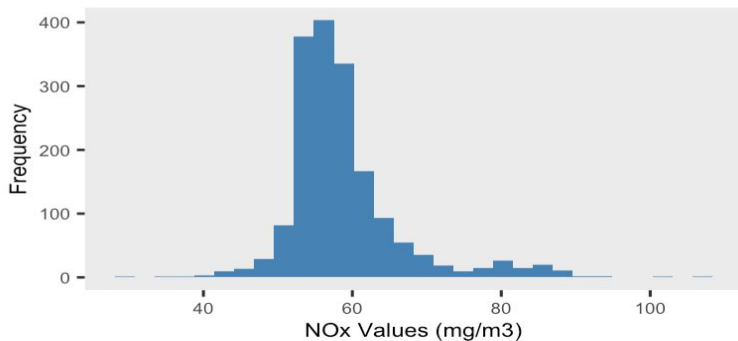
Distribution of NOx Values From Low TEY Range



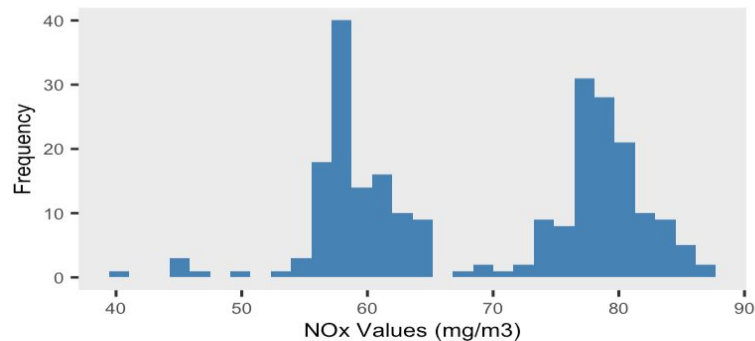
Distribution of NOx Values From Typical TEY Range



Distribution of NOx Values From High TEY Range



Distribution of NOx Values From Extreme TEY Range





# Model Building Process



# Linear Regression Models

| Typical Range Linear Regression |           |       |       |       |      |       |      |       |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Variable                        | Intercept | AFDP  | CDP   | TIT   | TEY  | AT    | AP   | AH    |
| Estimate                        | 153.86    | -3.23 | -5.34 | -0.17 | 0.85 | -0.19 | 0.07 | -0.12 |

| Extreme Range Linear Regression |           |       |       |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Variable                        | Intercept | AFDP  | TIT   | TAT  | TEY  | AT   | AP   |
| Estimate                        | 696.92    | 11.59 | -3.06 | 3.46 | 4.43 | 2.29 | 0.11 |



# Ridge Regression Models

| Typical Range Ridge Regression |           |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |       |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Variable                       | Intercept | AFDP  | GTEP  | CDP   | TIT   | TAT   | TEY  | AT    | AP   | AH    |
| Estimate                       | 383.48    | -3.36 | -0.74 | -4.55 | -0.14 | -0.47 | 0.89 | -0.15 | 0.06 | -0.11 |

| Extreme Range Ridge Regression |           |       |      |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Variable                       | Intercept | AFDP  | GTEP | CDP   | TIT   | TAT  | TEY  | AT   | AP   | AH   |
| Estimate                       | -1253.53  | 11.48 | 0.08 | -2.73 | -0.54 | 2.48 | 2.19 | 1.14 | 0.21 | 0.11 |



# Model Comparison / Shortcomings

| (Typical Energy Range)   | MSPE     | R Squared |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Linear Regression</b> | 18.66805 | 0.3158    |
| <b>Ridge Regression</b>  | 18.67567 | 0.31526   |
| <b>KNN Regression</b>    | 27.71    | N/A       |

Linear

- Multicollinearity
- Normality Issues
- High-Leverage Points
- Poor Model Performance

Ridge

- Lack of Feature Selection
- Homoscedasticity
- Poor Model Performance

KNN

- Poor Model Performance

| (Extreme Energy Range)   | MSPE   | R Squared |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------|
| <b>Linear Regression</b> | 40.21  | 0.653     |
| <b>Ridge Regression</b>  | 30.96  | 0.733     |
| <b>KNN Regression</b>    | 119.95 | N/A       |



**RandomForest / Final Model**





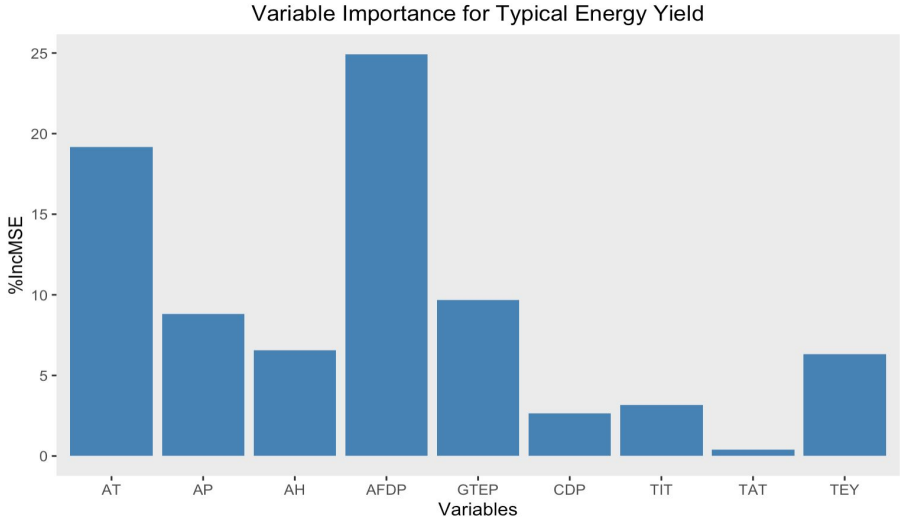
# Why Random Forest

- Resolves multicollinearity issues
- Versatile to unconventional data distributions (2 clusters, bimodal peaks, etc ...)
- Leverages bootstrapping to create better predictions that avoids overfitting and underfitting problems
- Easy to measure the relative importance of each feature for prediction



# Random Forest Typical Energy Range

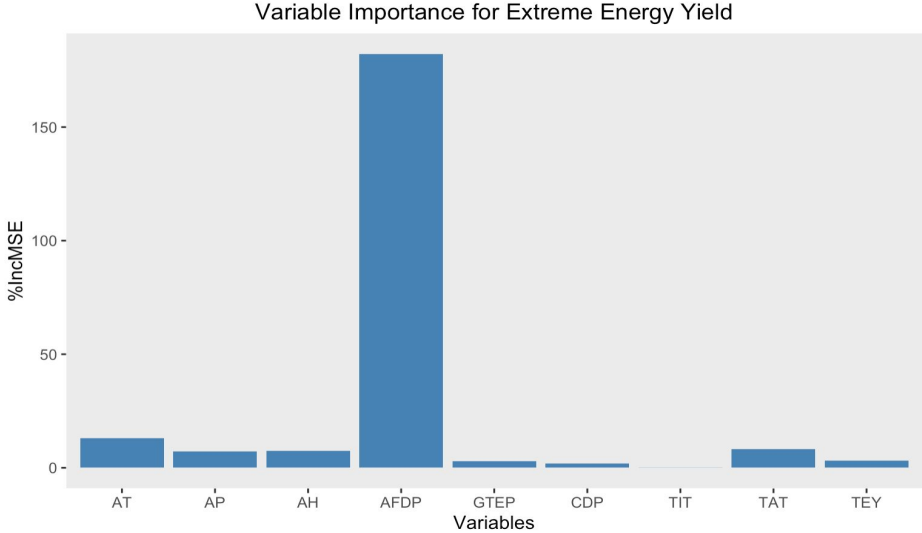
| Estimator |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| MSPE      | R Squared |
| 10.36214  | 0.620075  |



|             | AFDP     | AT      | GTEP    | AP      | AH      | TEY     | TIT     | CDP     | TAT     |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| %IncMSE     | 24.92    | 19.81   | 9.69    | 8.82    | 6.56    | 6.32    | 3.16    | 2.65    | 0.38    |
| Node Purity | 12634.81 | 8597.78 | 3765.17 | 7155.25 | 4811.96 | 4482.14 | 3107.24 | 2277.10 | 1675.36 |

# Random Forest Extreme Energy Range

| Estimator |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| MSPE      | R Squared |
| 6.364047  | 0.9450999 |



|             | AFDP     | AT      | TAT     | AH      | AP     | TEY    | GTEP   | CDP    | TIT   |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| %IncMSE     | 182.16   | 12.98   | 8.28    | 7.81    | 7.04   | 3.27   | 2.86   | 1.94   | 0.06  |
| Node Purity | 13236.81 | 1580.02 | 1883.13 | 1346.26 | 638.38 | 269.36 | 497.39 | 292.61 | 55.06 |



# Suggestions/Conclusion

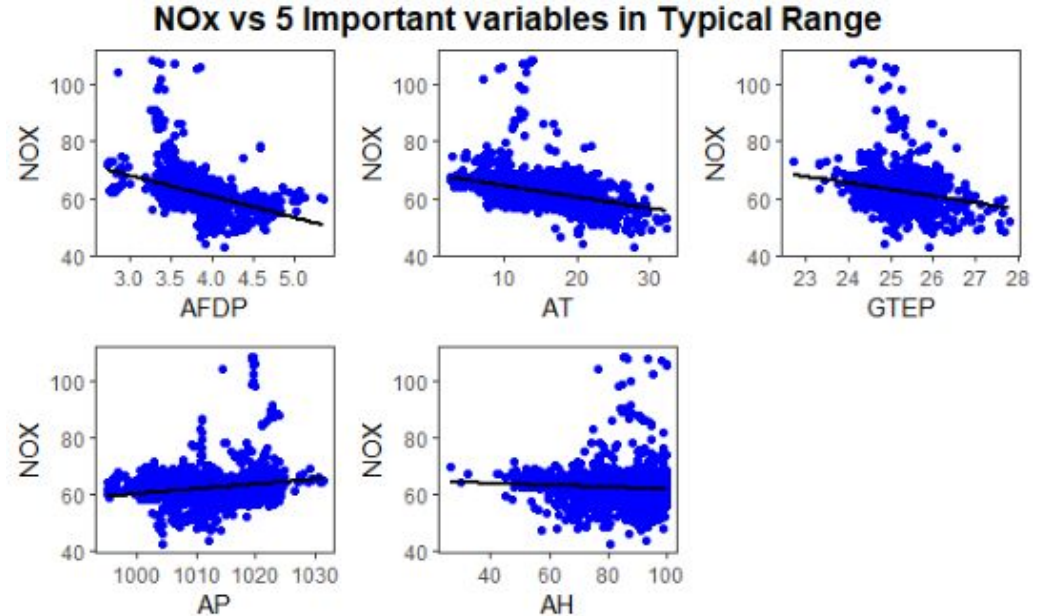
# Suggestions to Decrease NOx (Typical Range)

- **Significant Variables**

- AFDP, AT, GTEP, AP, AH

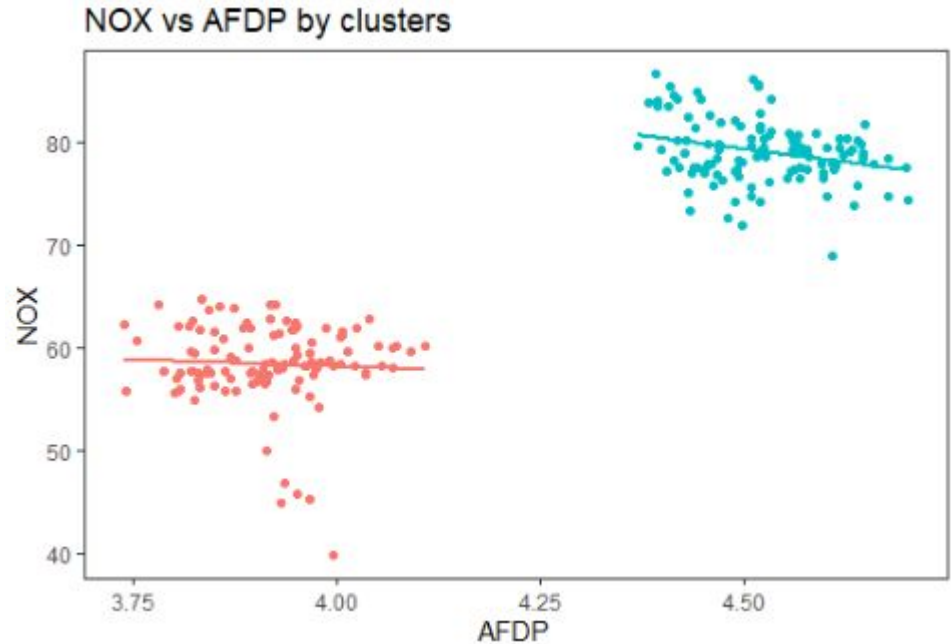
- **Suggestions**

- Increase: AFDP, GTEP,
- Ambients: Prefer higher AT and AH, lower AP



# Suggestions to Decrease NOx (Extreme Range)

- **Suggestions on AFDP**
  - Negative relationship between NOx and AFDP by clusters
  - Recommend to maintain AFDP lower than 4.25





# Conclusion / Scientific Reasoning

- Typical Energy Range: Increase AFDP and GTEP
  - Filter pressure drop corresponds to a filter's air flow rate
  - Higher the pressure drop, the more restrictive the filter is to air flow. This could potentially decrease NO<sub>x</sub> levels as a result (airfilterusa)
- Extreme Energy Range: Reduce AFDP, as the cluster at level 4 shows lower NO<sub>x</sub>
  - High energy → high temperature (Particles would have a higher kinetic energy)
  - High temperature accelerates the rate of combustion and results in a high flue gas temperature (Li et al., 2012)
  - High flue gas temperature effects:
    - Drives reactions to the formation nitrogen rather than NO<sub>x</sub>



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**Questions?**