

In June 2017, Rolling Stone magazine published a list of THE 100 GREATEST METAL ALBUMS OF ALL TIME.

Later, Sean Miller created a dataset for the list using Spotify's audio qualities. 4 albums are not included because they were not on Spotify.

How long a track is. Song Length

Acousticness Score of how likely a track is acoustic. Score of how suitable a track is for dancing. Danceability Score of how intense and active a track feels. Energy Loudness Overall loudness of a track in decibels (dB).

Popularity Score of how often a track is played and how recent those plays are. Tempo Overall estimated tempo of a track in beats per minute (BPM). Score of the musical positiveness conveyed by a track. Valence

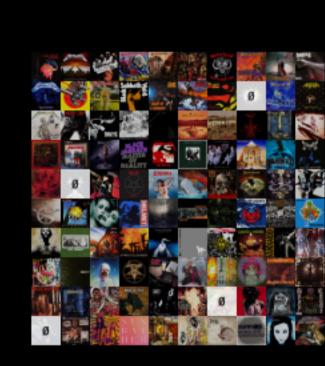
Sources

Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Metal Albums of All Time Sean Miller's dataset at data.world Spotify for Developers

HOW ARE ALBUMS STRUCTURED?

Song Length

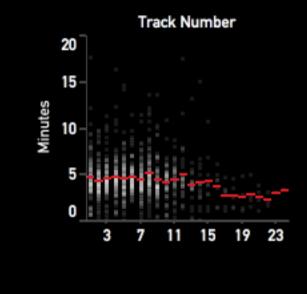
The average of all 100 albums

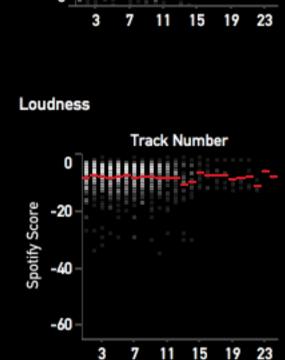


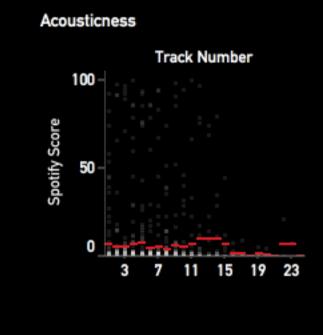
are laid out by track number.

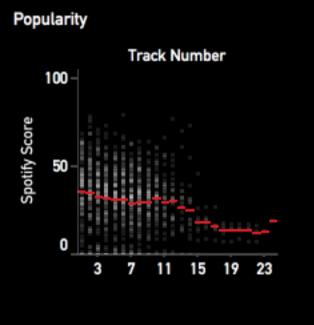
The songs on the 100 albums

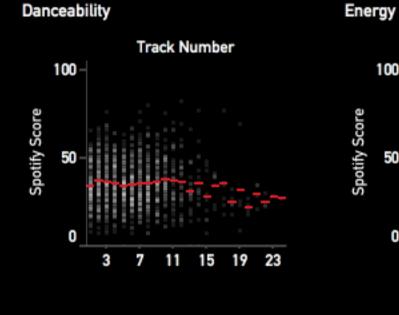
On average, the albums' audio qualities are decently representative of the genre. since Rolling Stone's criteria include influence and longevity.









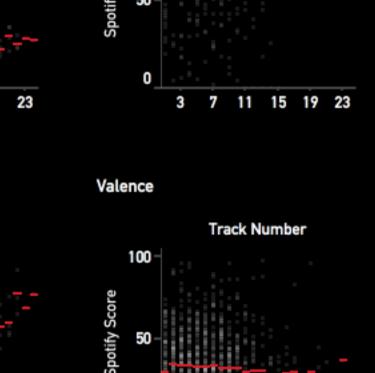


Track Number

3 7 11 15 19 23

Tempo

200



11 15 19 23

Track Number

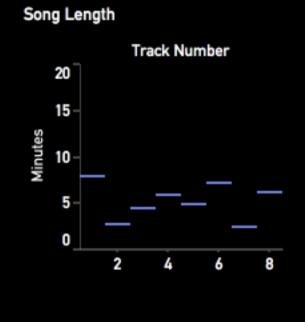
The #1 album

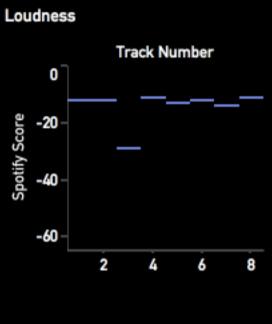


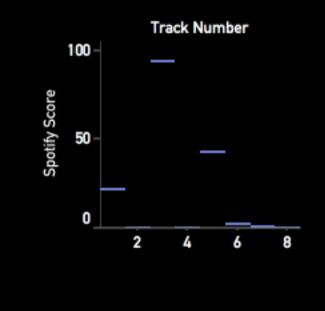
PARANOID Black Sabbath #1 out of 100

composition.

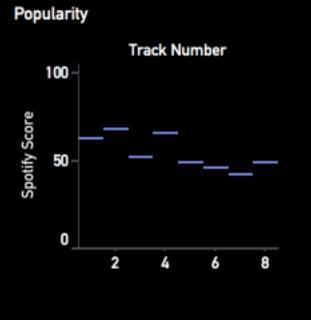
Released in 1970, this album set precedents for the genre, like dark subject matter and intense

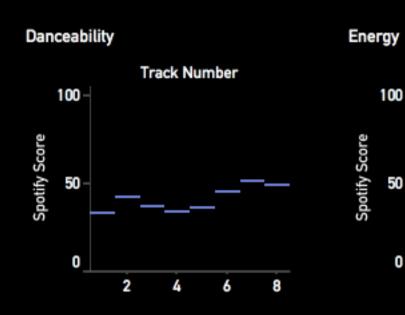






Acousticness





Tempo

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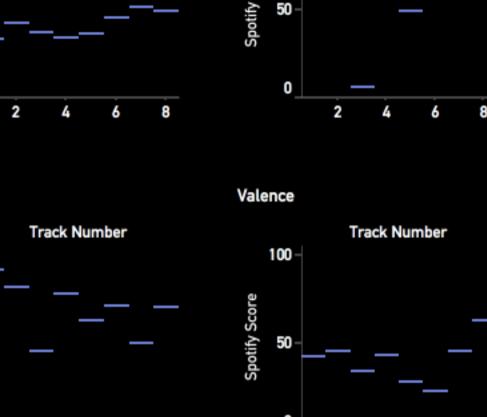
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Danceability

Tempo

Danceability

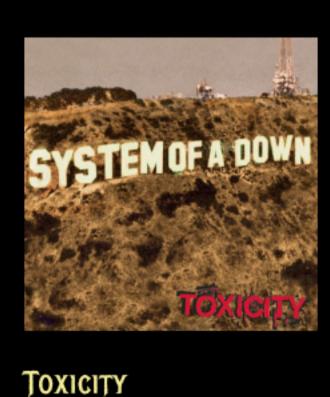
Tempo



Energy

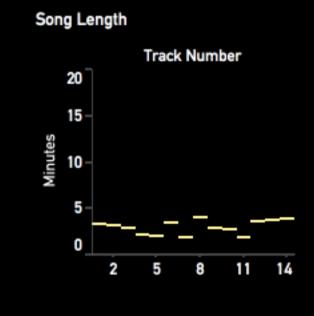
100 -

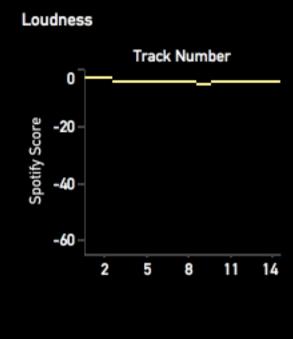
The most listened-to album

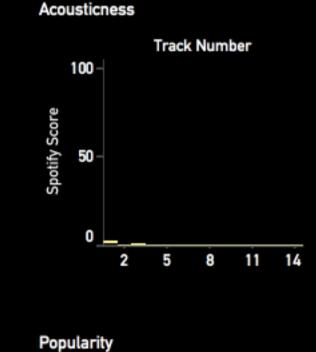


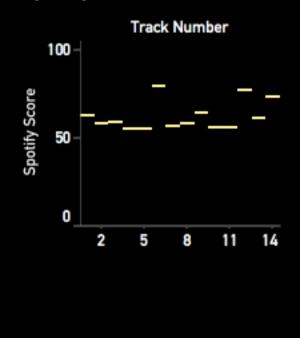
System of a Down #27 out of 100

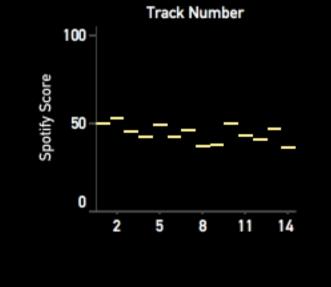
This album is the most popular on the list (calculated by average song popularity on Spotify) when the dataset was created.

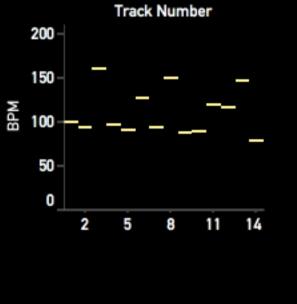


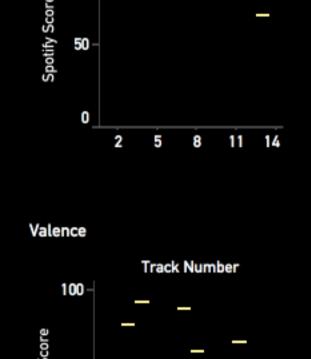












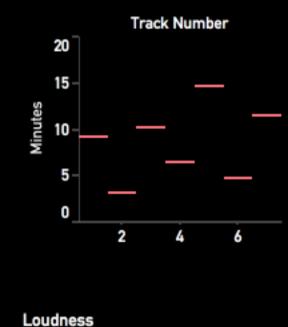
Track Number

The most recent album

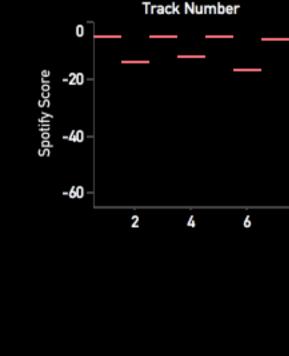


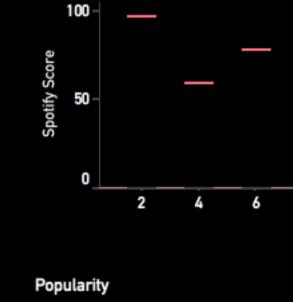
#94 out of 100 This album was released in

2013, just a few years before the list was published. It's experimental, blending black metal with other genres.



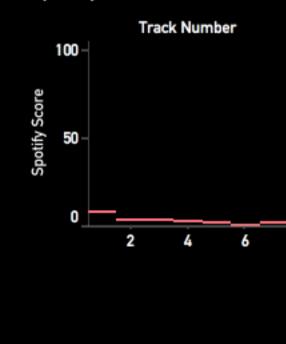
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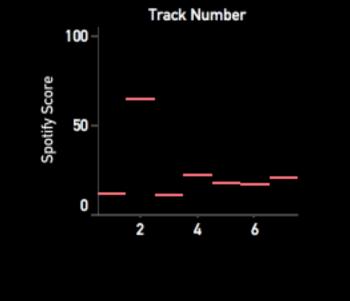


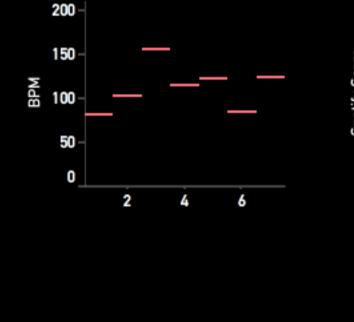


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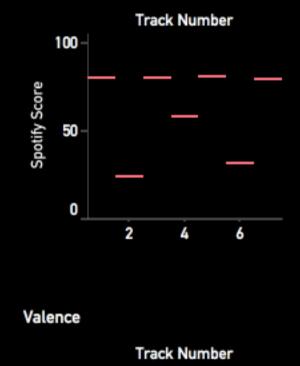
Acousticness







Track Number

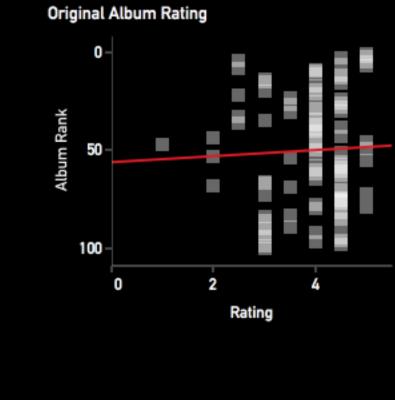


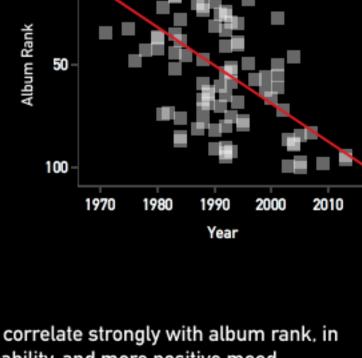
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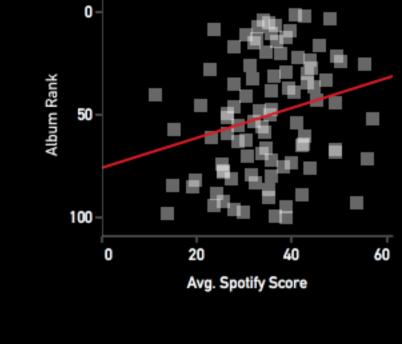
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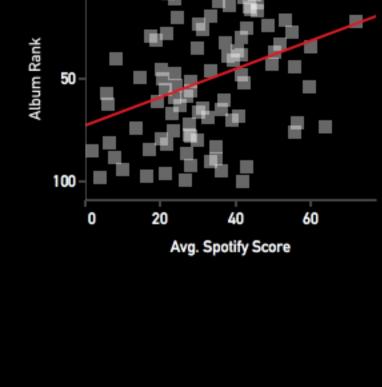
WHAT MAKES A GOOD ALBUM?

Factors related to album rank...





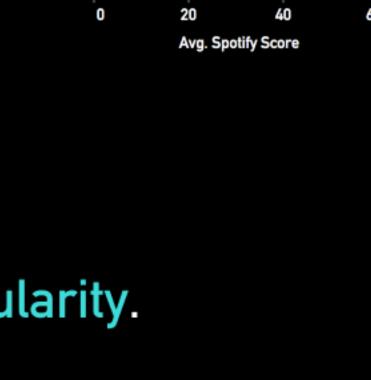


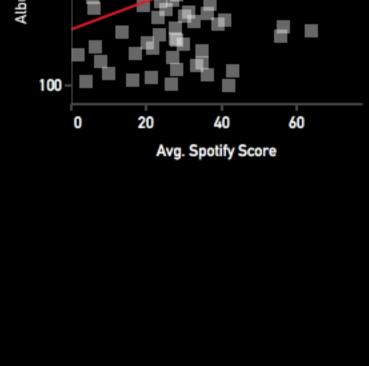


Rolling Stone and AllMusic's initial reviews don't correlate strongly with album rank, in









Avg. Album Valence

Album Release Year Avg. Album Danceability

