

# What do the 100 GREATEST METAL ALBUMS sound like?

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.

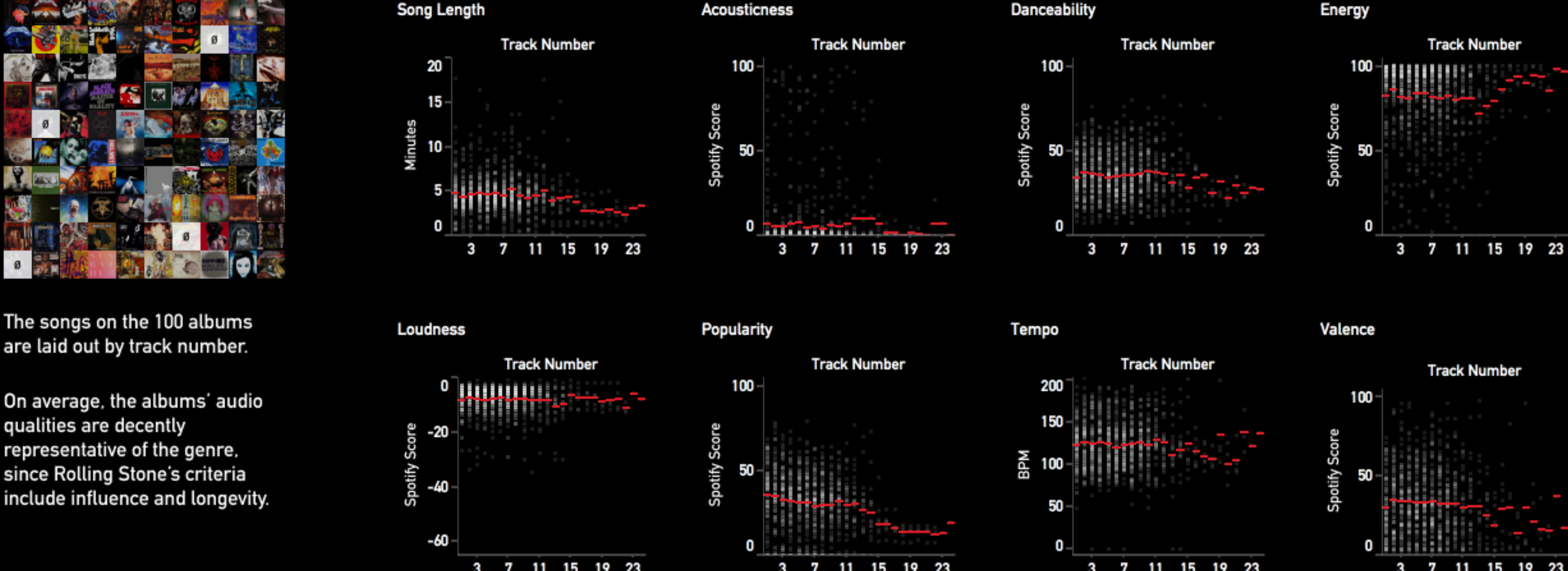
- Song Length** How long a track is.
- Acousticness** Score of how likely a track is acoustic.
- Danceability** Score of how suitable a track is for dancing.
- Energy** Score of how intense and active a track feels.
- Loudness** Overall loudness of a track in decibels (dB).
- Popularity** Score of how often a track is played and how recent those plays are.
- Tempo** Overall estimated tempo of a track in beats per minute (BPM).
- Valence** Score of the musical positiveness conveyed by a track.

## SOURCES

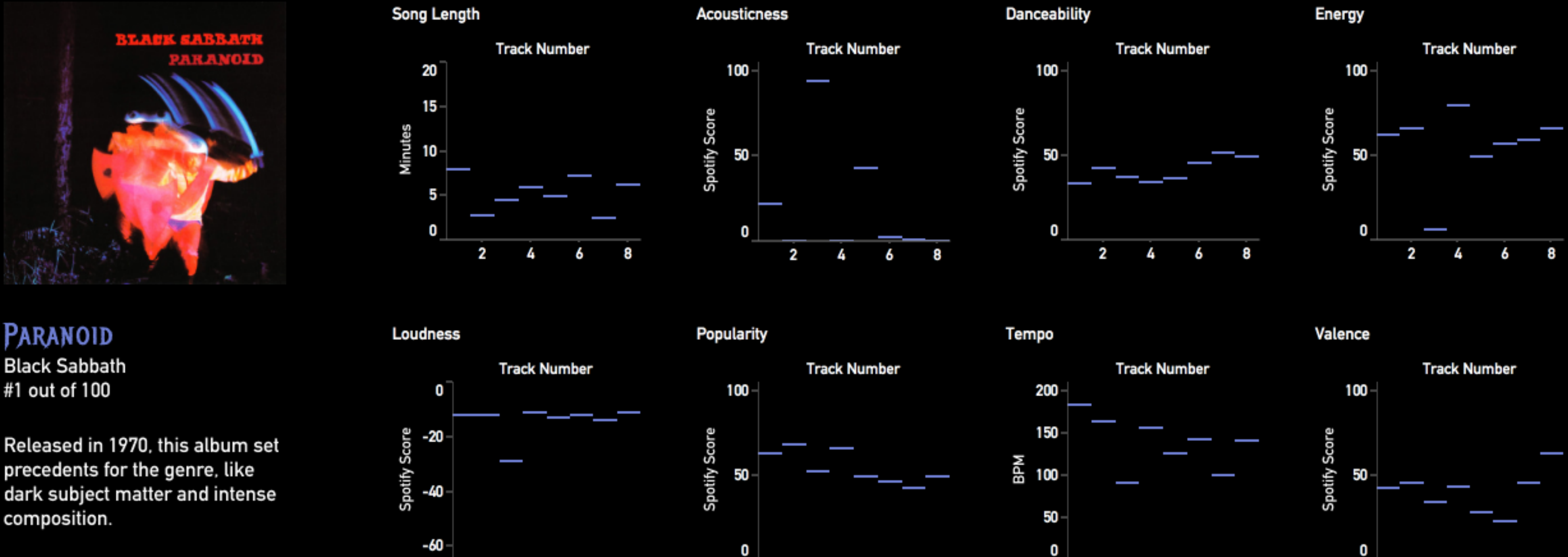
- [Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Metal Albums of All Time](#)
- [Sean Miller's dataset at data.world](#)
- [Spotify for Developers](#)

## HOW ARE ALBUMS STRUCTURED?

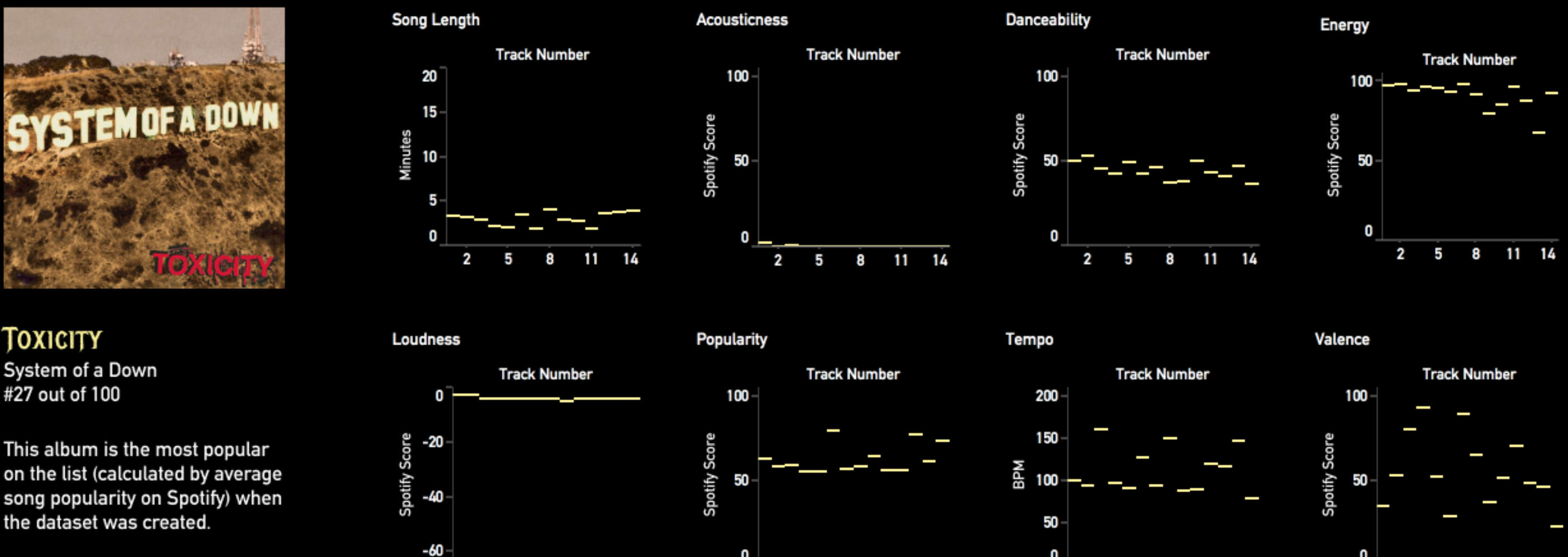
The **average** of all 100 albums



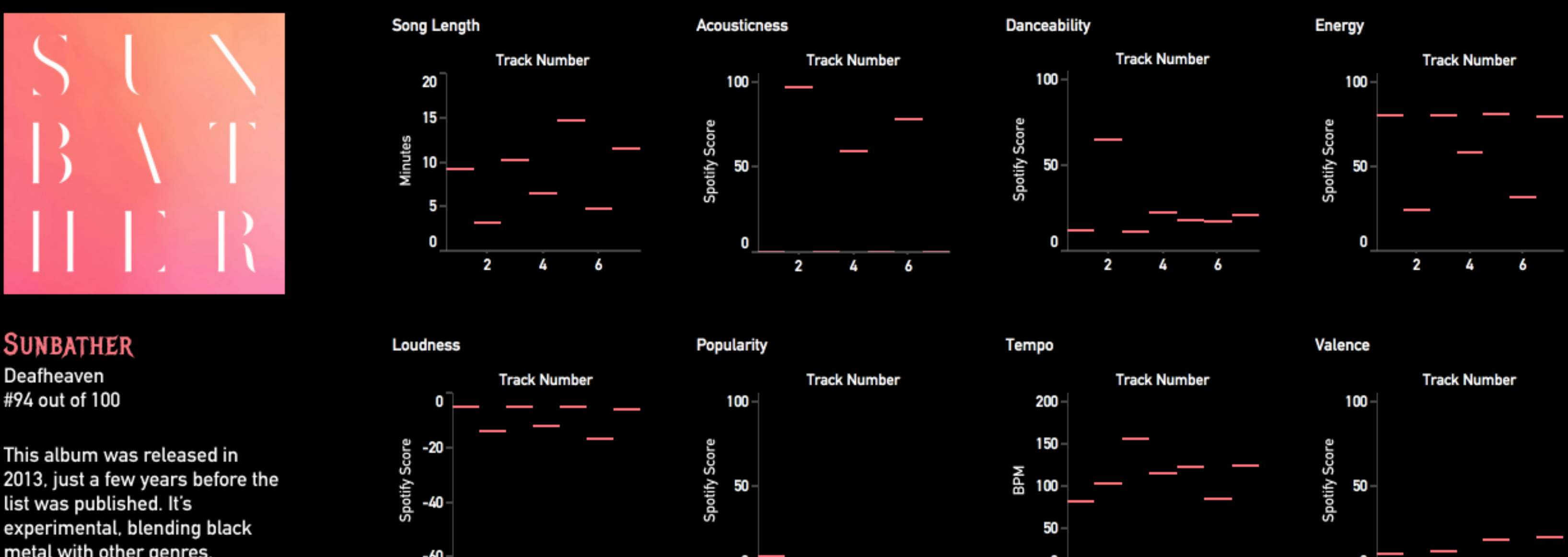
The **#1** album



The **most listened-to** album

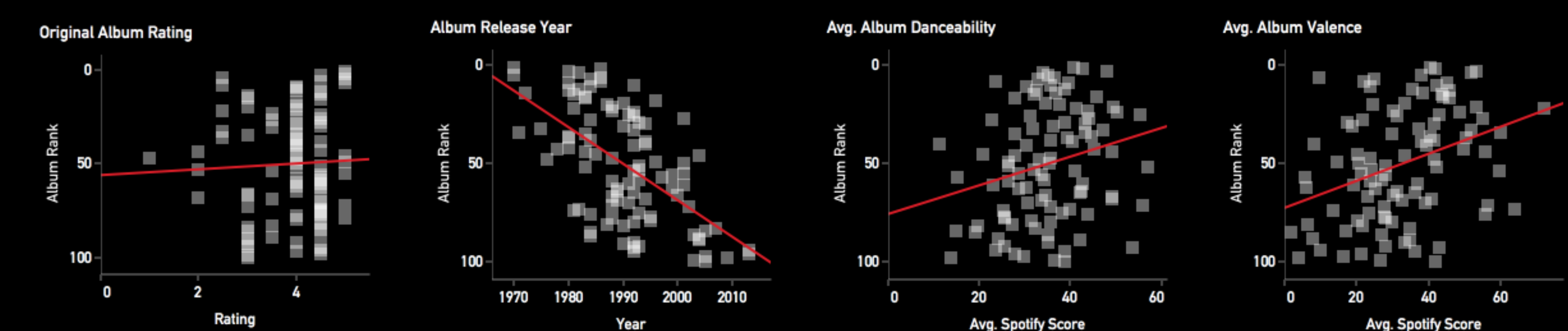


The **most recent** album



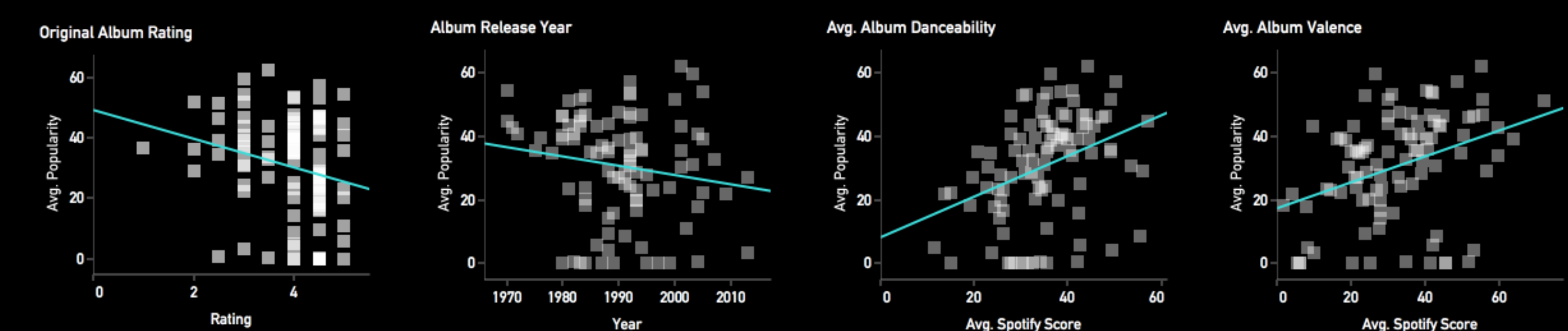
## WHAT MAKES A GOOD ALBUM?

Factors related to album **rank**...



Rolling Stone and AllMusic's initial reviews don't correlate strongly with album rank, in contrast with earlier release years, higher danceability, and more positive mood.

... do not necessarily translate to **popularity**.



When it comes to popularity, ratings even have a negative correlation. Additionally, release year is not as strong of a factor.