What Exactly are We Turning Down for Again?

An analysis of happiness in music and the external factors that drive it.

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Hypothesis

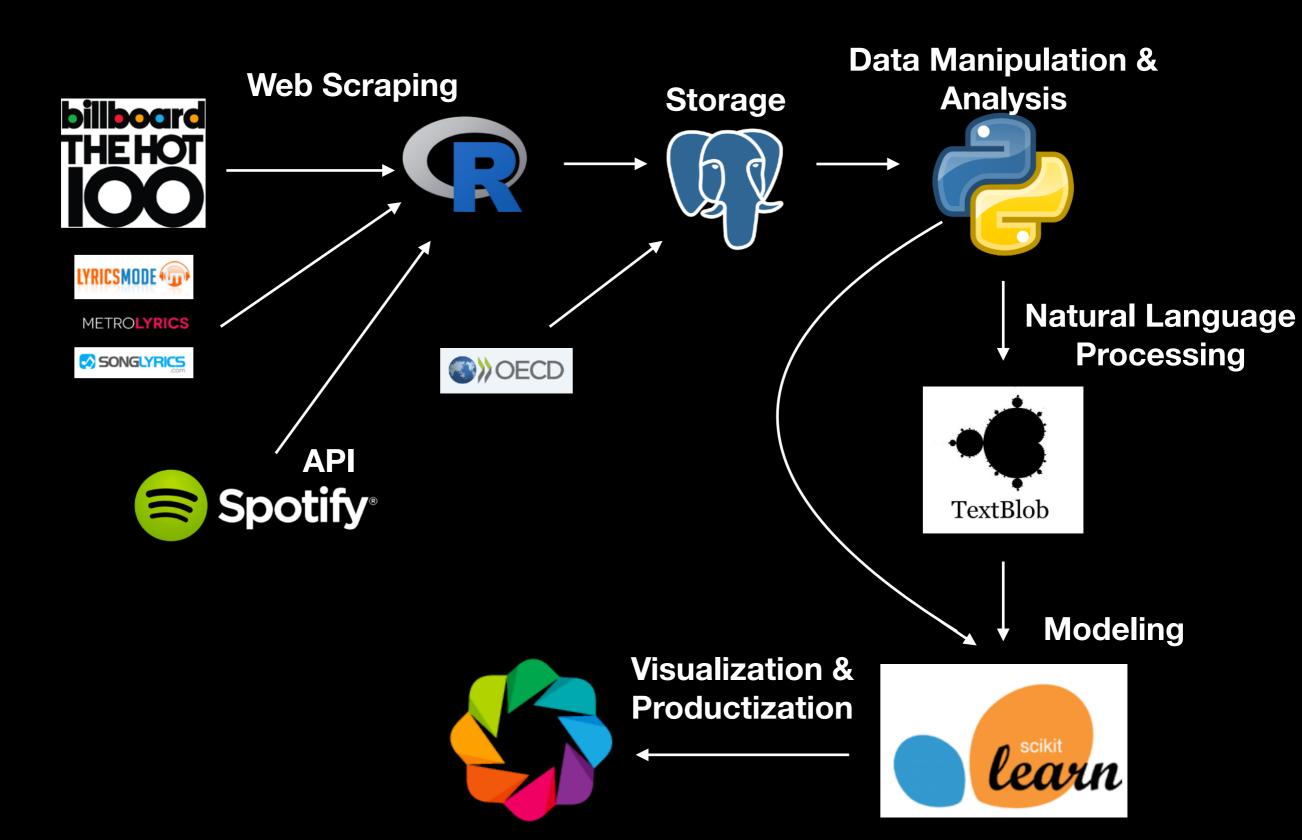
When the national mood is high, people listen to happy music.

Making the Metrics

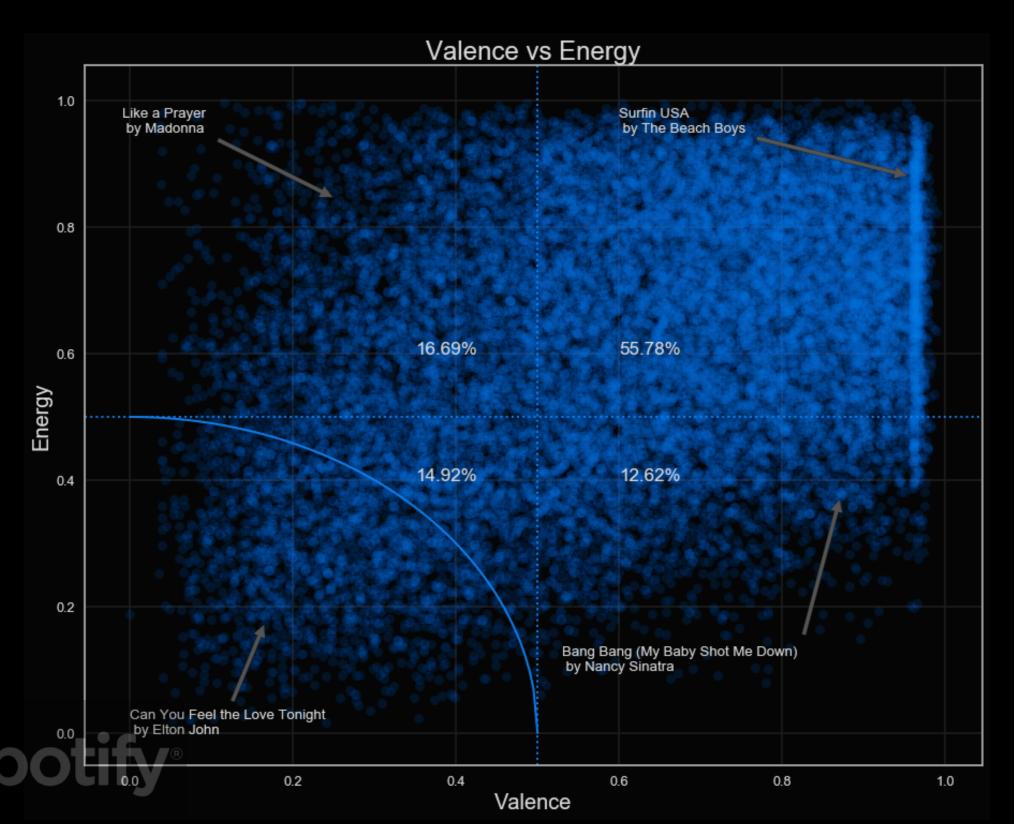
National Mood = Consumer Confidence Index

$$HappyIndex = \frac{EnergyValenceDistance+TextPolarity}{2}$$

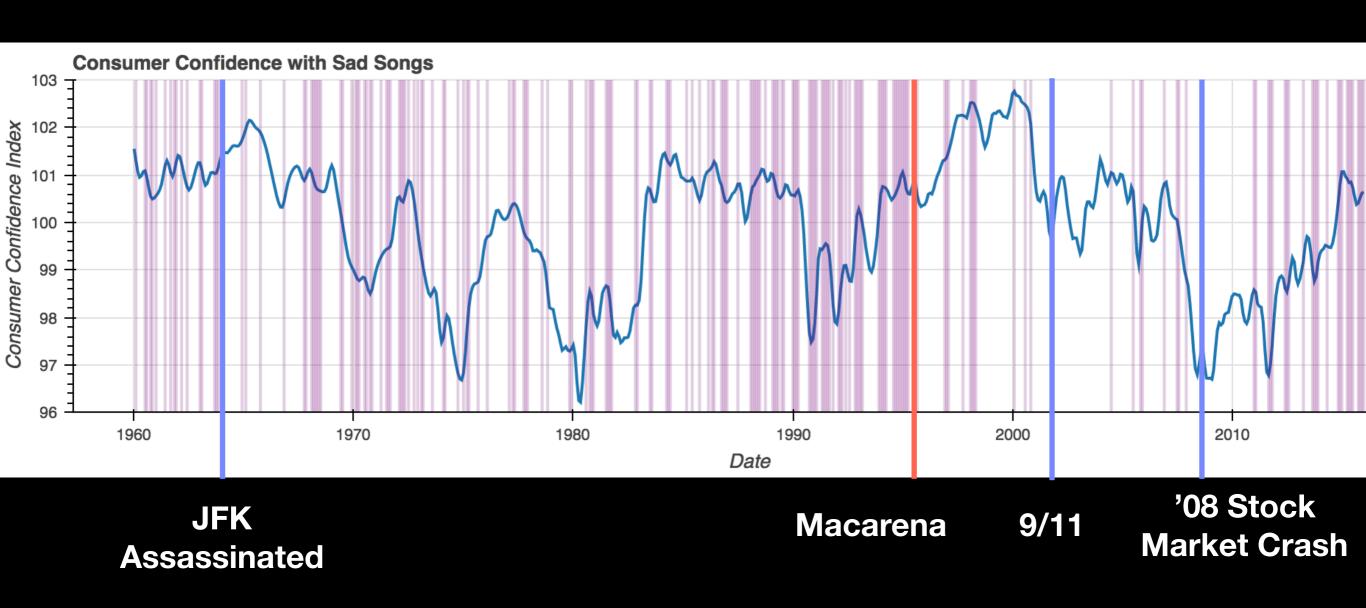
Tools & Process



Musical Happiness



We Listen to Happy Music in Times of Tragedy





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