

**“What we talk about
when we talk about successful playlist”**

-- Hong Wu (Interview Assignment)

DISCLAIMERS

With limitation/restriction from the given dataset, some estimation/projection are based open data source which may differ from actual Spotify cases. All charts, visualizations and conclusions are pure for demonstrating personal data analysis capabilities.

Assumptions on Data

With provided data dictionary, all data is on daily basis, projection made on time goes by 24 hours, 7 days a week , 31 days per month, simply for calculation convenience, open data is also used.

All scripts, code, and data is available in the following repo

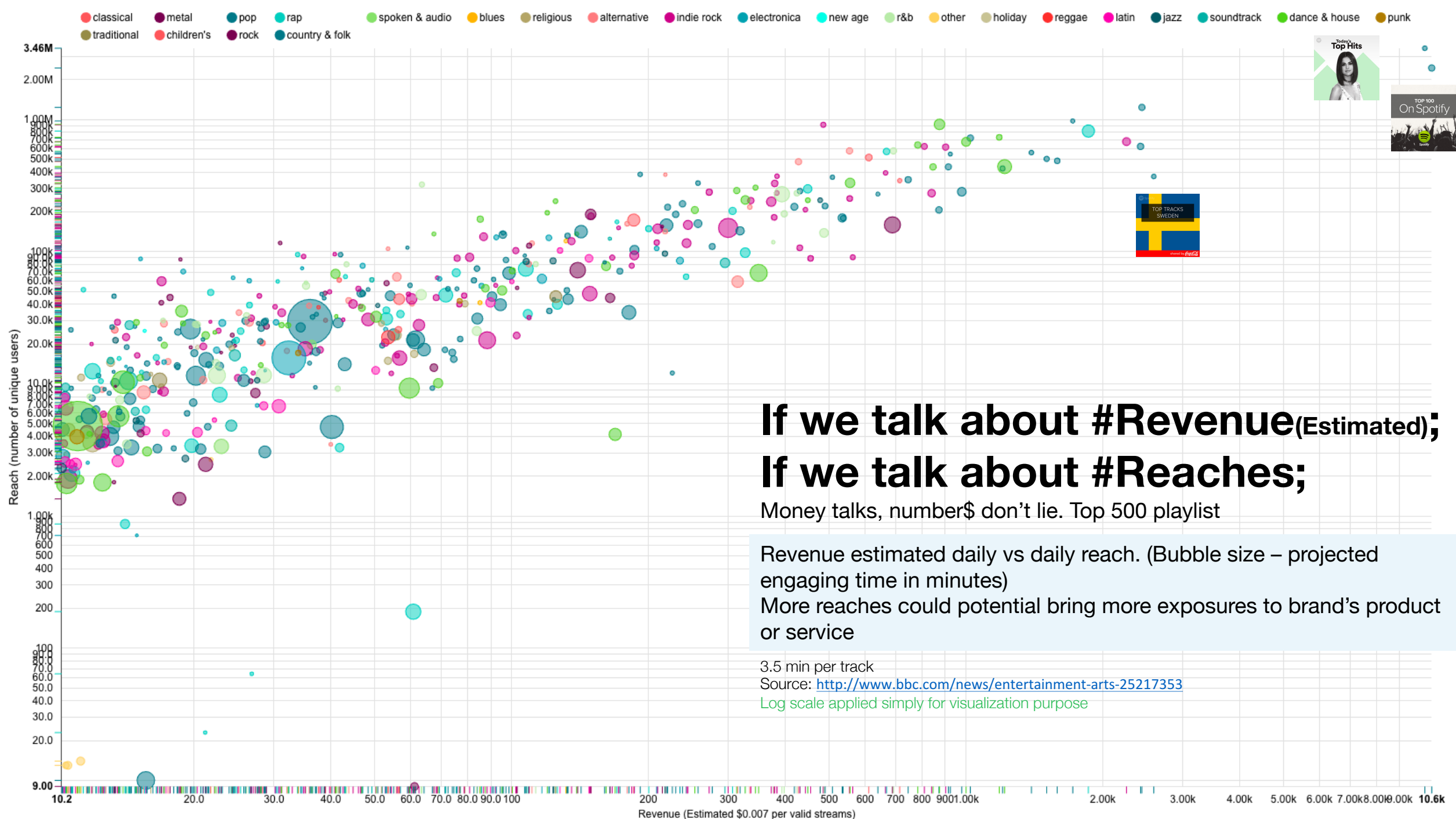
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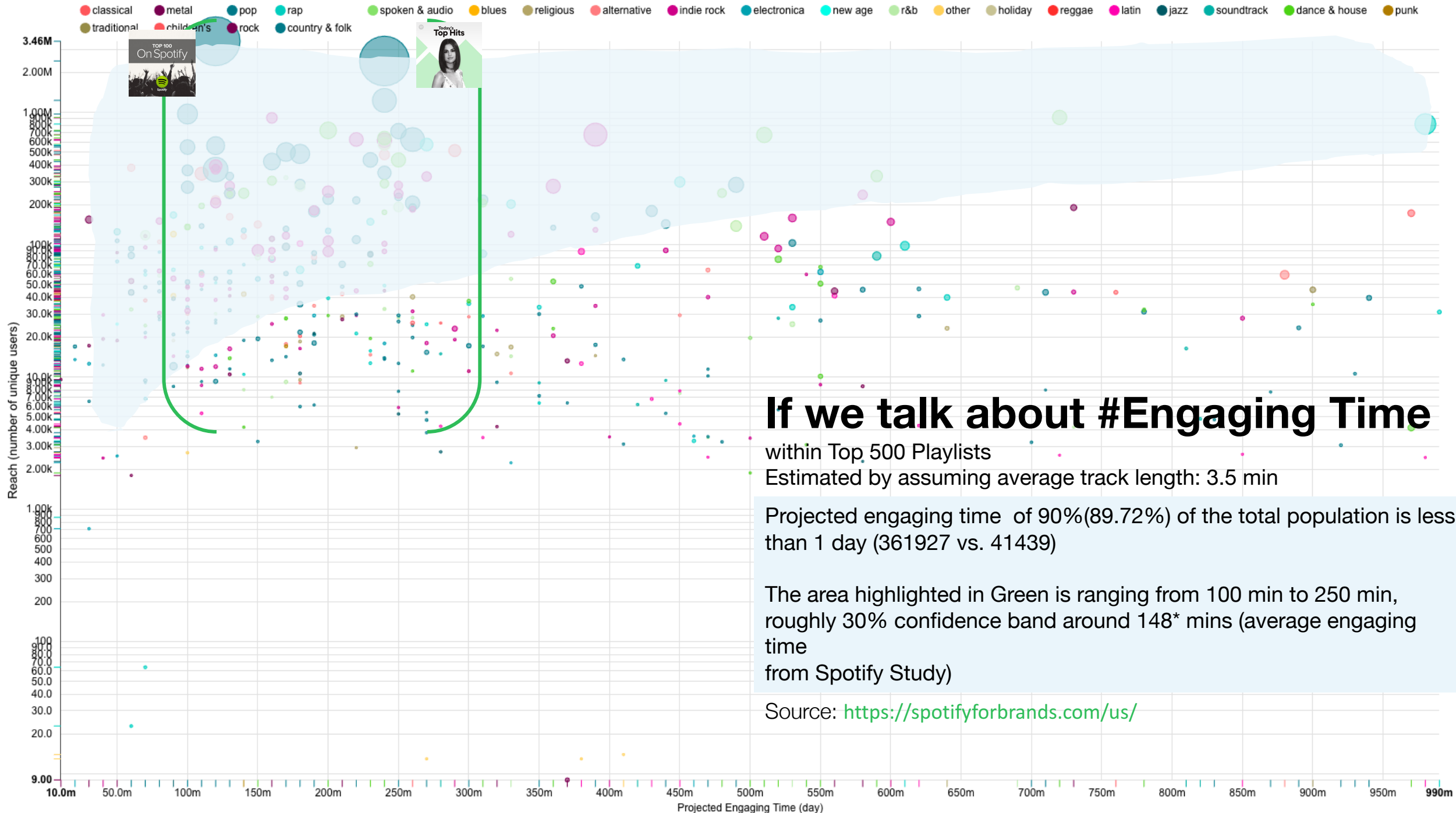
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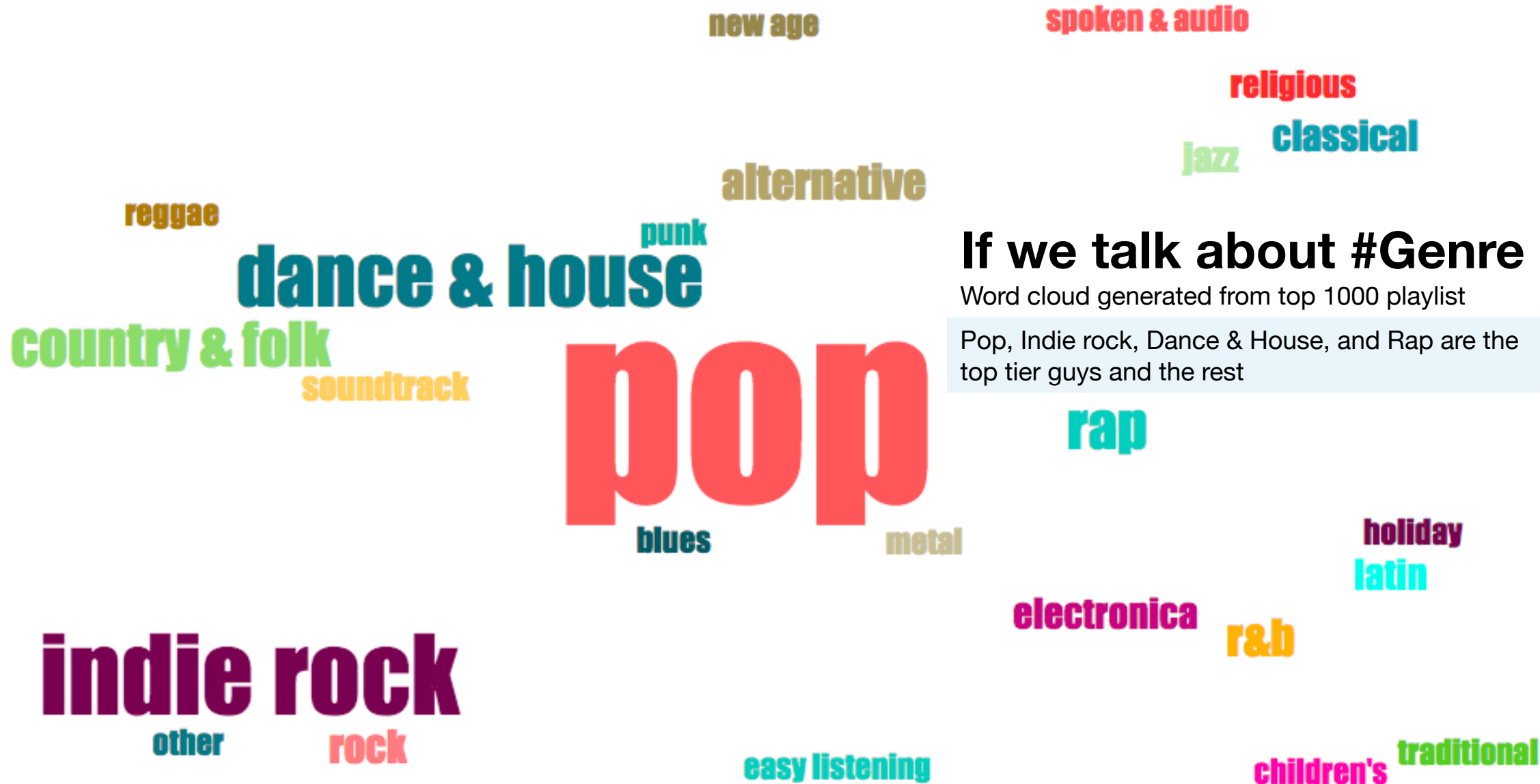
Technical Sheet – Audience: Data/Tech Team

A little bit on Data Processing

- mysql
- Spotify API: <https://developer.spotify.com/web-api/console/get-playlist/#complete>
- Python, superset
- NLTK



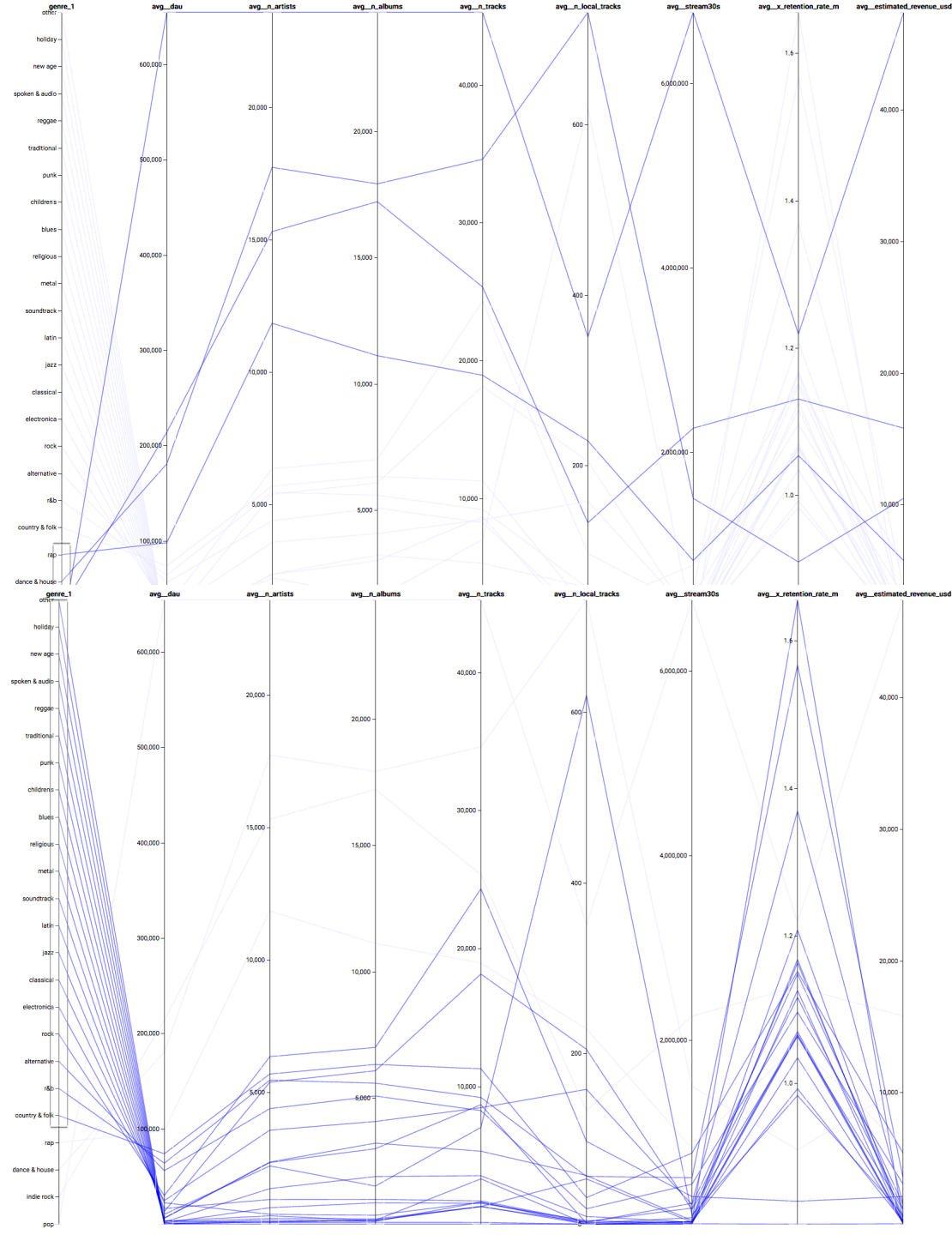




If we talk about #Genre

Word cloud generated from top 1000 playlist

Pop, Indie rock, Dance & House, and Rap are the top tier guys and the rest



If we talk about #Genre

Parallel coordinates generated from top 1000 playlist
Which verifies the result from word cloud:

“More Active user, more valid stream, more engaging time”

DAU is a “good splitter” which indicators “Potential Two Clusters” in terms of common “metrics”:

- {Pop, Indie Rock, Dance & House, Rap}
- Vs. {The rest}

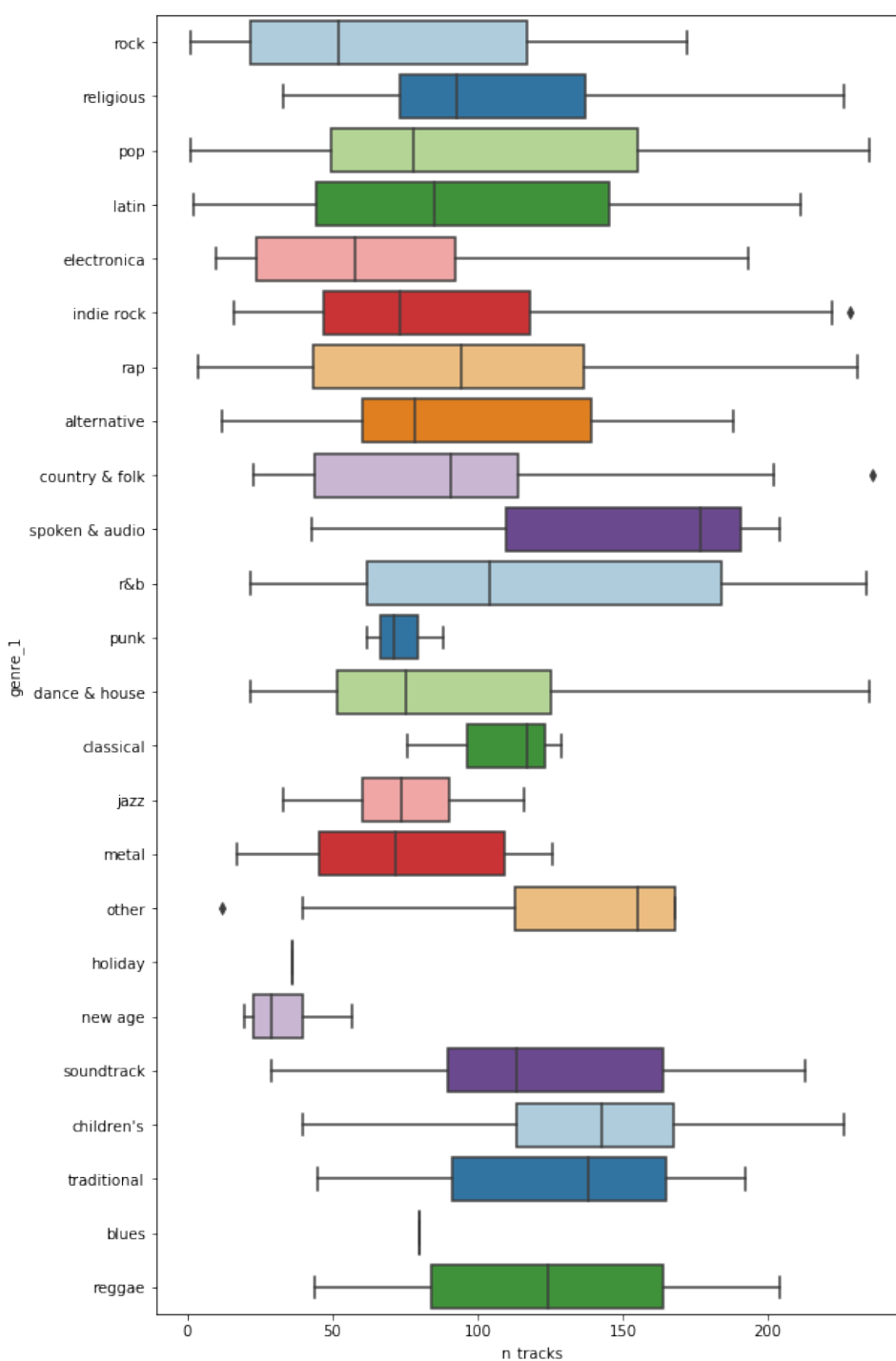
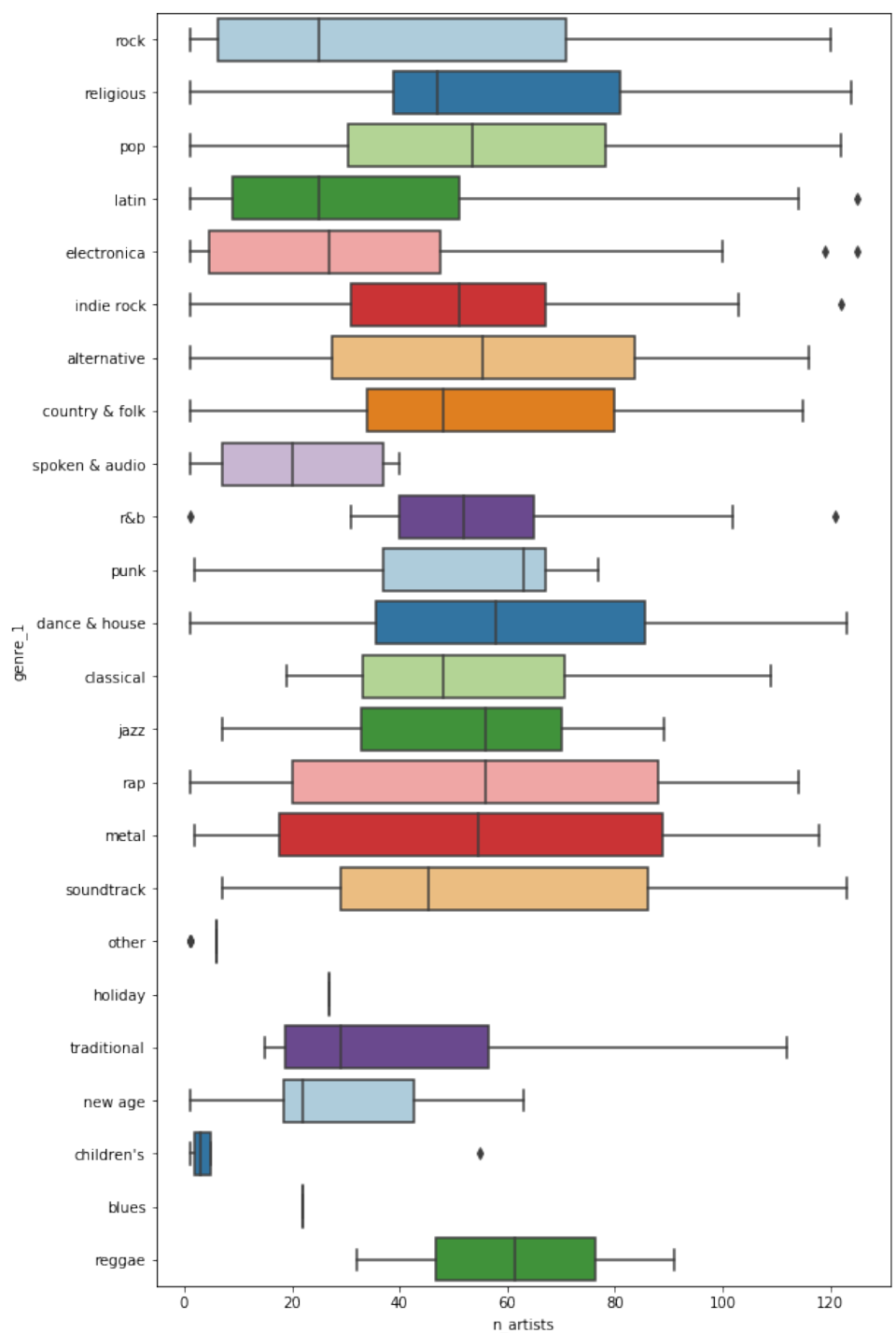


If we talk about #Mood

Word cloud generated from top 1000 playlist

Top moods:

- Excited
- defiant
- yearning
- melancholy



If we talk about #Tracks/Artists

Boxplot generate from top 1000 playlist with extreme/anomalies data taken out

We can generalize what a playlist looks like from this perspective, some highlights:

pop: 81 tracks - 60 artist similar number of album

indie rock: 78 tracks - 58 artist similar number of album

dance & house: 83 tracks - 65 artist similar number of album

rap: 95 tracks - 75 artist similar number of album

A formula of a “successful” playlist leading to high engaging and revenue-generation.

NOTE:

Purely from this datasets, and data/metrics perspective along with assumptions

A playlist of

Indie Rock
Pop

around 80ish tracks by 65ish artists bringing

Dance & House

Rap

Excited
Defiant
Yearning
Melancholy

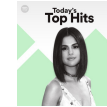
One more thing...

If we talk about #MUSIC
If we talk about #USERS
If we talk about #INTEREST

If we talk about #Tastes

With tokens available, we are able to extract top 5 taste from top 1000 playlists

- {countries, rock, best, parties, mix}
- {pop, hit, music, summer, folk}
- {music, Christian, new, parties, update}
- {playlist, ultimate, workout, best, summer}
- {song, love, classic, new, countries}



Majority of the active users could be characterized as “Explorers”: loves country music, party and its summer!!! which possibly opens new opportunities for Brands and advertiser to do targeted marketing, trying new stuffs, new restaurants, things related to party, travel, concert etc.



**“What we “REALLY” talk about
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Affinity Between Content and Audience