

Vibe Sorcery:

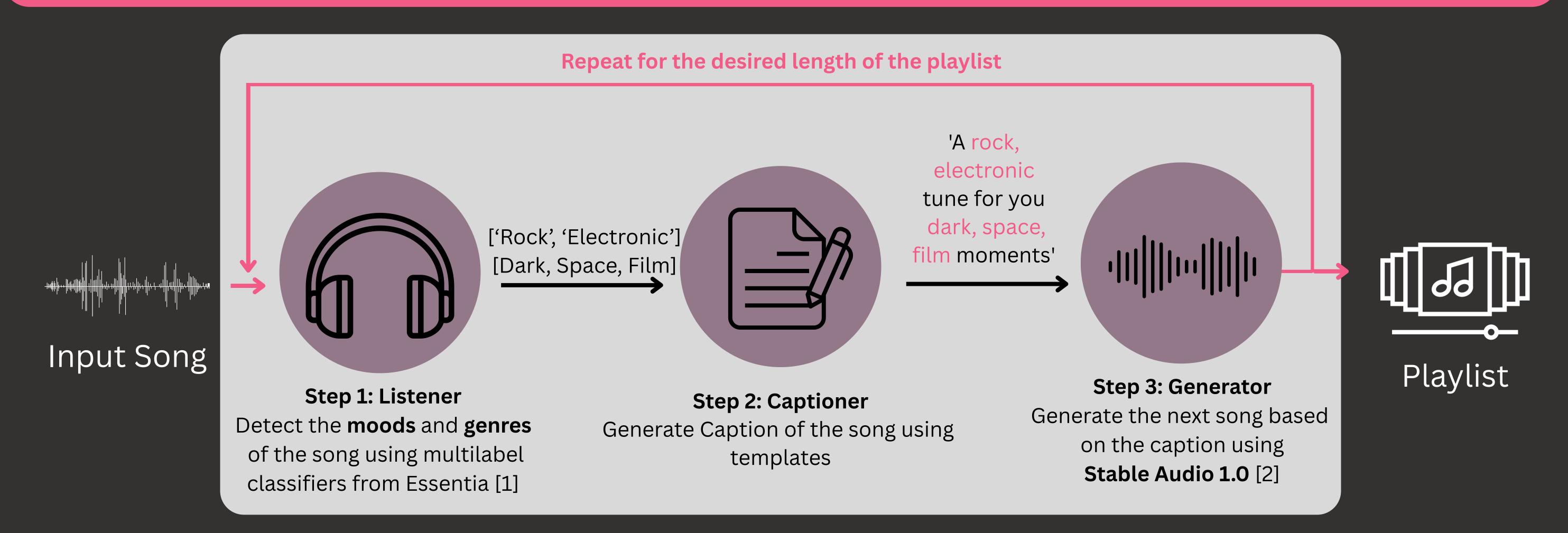
Integrating Emotion Recognition with Generative Music for Playlist Curation

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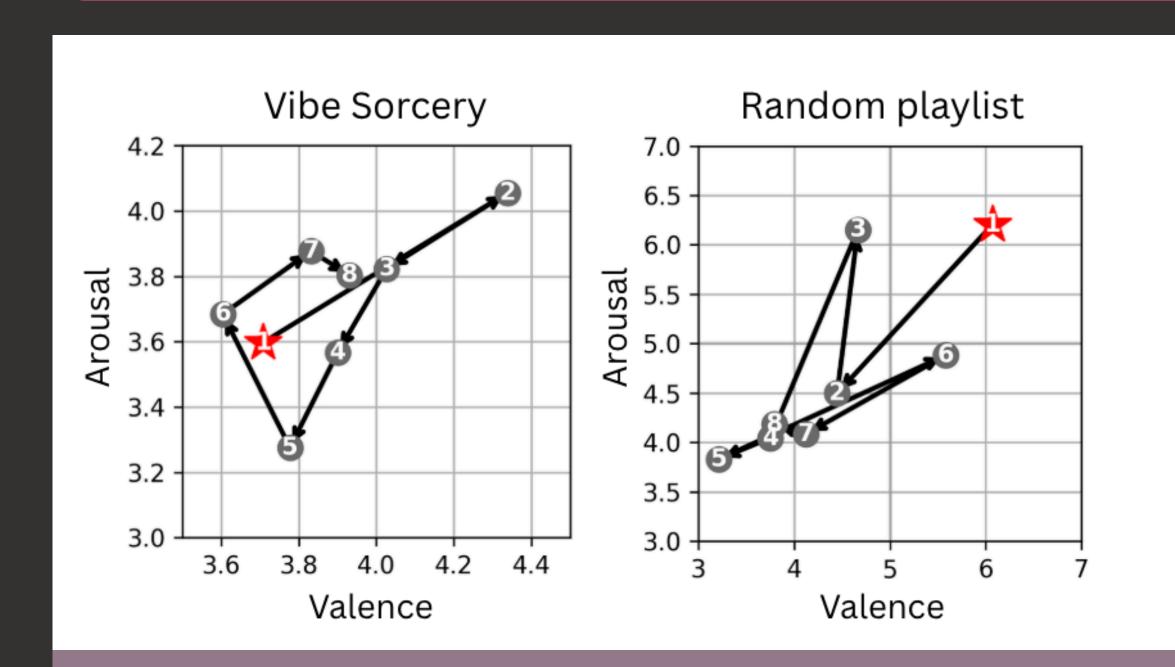
MOTIVATION

- Conventional playlist generators cluster songs by similarity (artist, tempo, timbre), overlooking progression.
- We model playlists as a Markov process, where each track depends only on the previous one.
- By combining emotion recognition with language-prompted generative music, we generate adaptive playlists that follow emotional cues.

METHODOLOGY



RESULTS



Comparison of playlist trajectories in Arousal-Valence plane [3]. **Vibe Sorcery** (left) produces gradual, coherent emotional shifts, while the **random baseline** (right) exhibits more abrupt transitions.

- **Baseline:** 100 songs were created by sampling mood-genre pairs independently, with consecutivity defined only by generation order.
- Evaluation Metric: Average euclidean distance in Arousal-Valence (AV) plane.

Method	Avg. AV Distance
Random Baseline	2.4
Vibe Sorcery	0.82

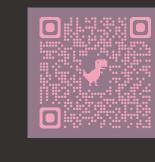
SOME EXAMPLES



Input Song

Playlist

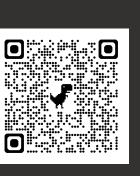












CONCLUSIONS

- Generative music avoids contextual constraints and associations of existing songs.
- Vibe Sorcery produces adaptive, coherent emotional playlists.

FUTURE WORK

- Use LLMs to improve captions
- Optimize thresholds & parameters.
- Human listener evaluation.

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