

A BOTer World



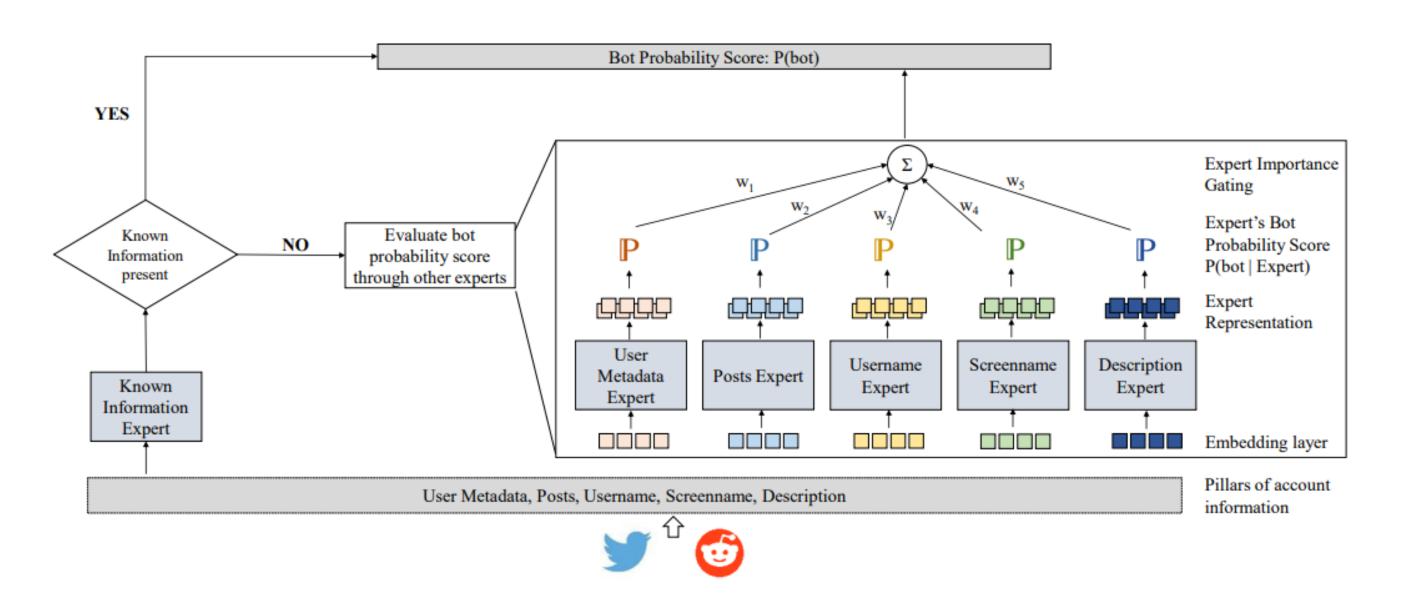
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BotBuster: Mixture of

Experts Bot Detection Model

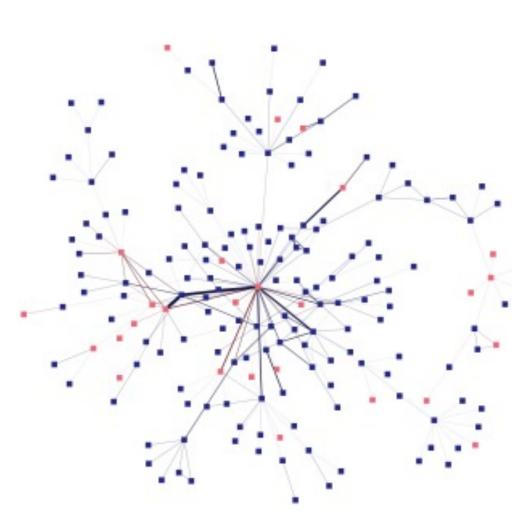
- Multi-platform, input invariant
- Deals with incomplete data by separate probabilities for each data type
- Incorporates known information as heuristics



BotNetworks: Identification through synchronized

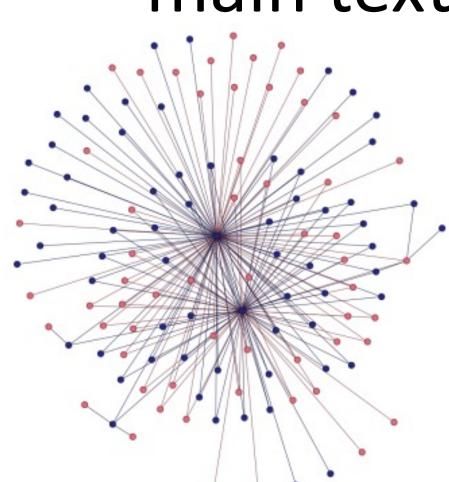
network structures

- Bots can work in teams
- Temporal Synchronicity: retweeting each other within 5 minutes



Red: identified bots 70% of this network were suspended a year later

 Narrative Synchronicity: 80% of the main text are the same



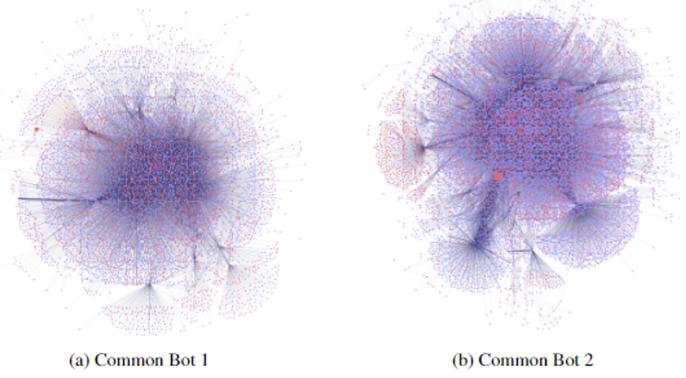
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Types of Bots

Self Declared Bots:
Contain the word "bot"
in user information

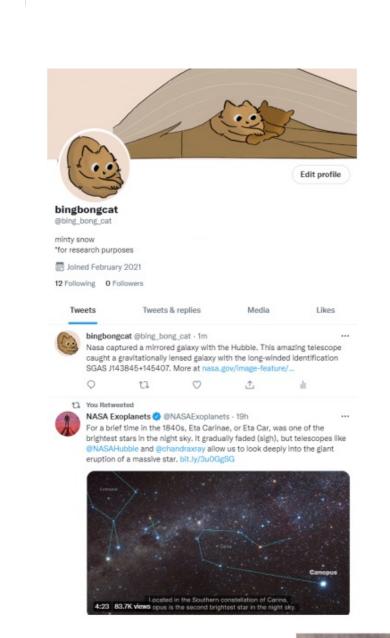


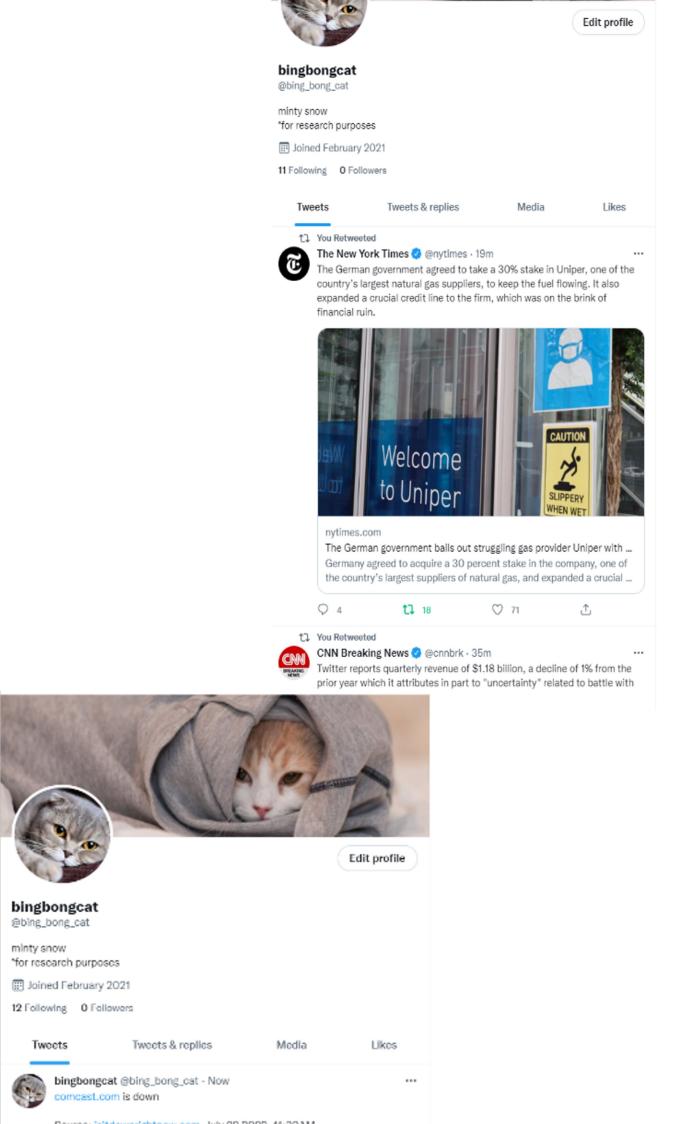




Cyborgs: Human with automation or bot with human input

News Bots: Serve up original news or aggregate news





Announcer Bots: Serve up announcements periodically or by a trigger

Amplifier Bots: Boost narrative themes, influence of other accounts, overload others with content

