Welcome to Computers as Authors

About Me

Pronouns: she/her

I'm currently a 3rd year PhD student

I earned my BS in Math from UT Austin

I spent a year in a Seattle working at The Allen Institute for AI

I got married this last summer!

We have a dog named Chapo

I enjoy baking and powerlifting

My favorite shows are Masterchef and the Bachelorette

Your turn!

Please introduce yourself and tell us:

- Your name & pronouns
- Why you took this class

Goals for this class

- Gain an high level understanding of text generation methods

- Understand the full development cycle of text generation

- Be able to reason about the ethical implications of text generation models

- Inspire excitement about research

Logistics

- Full syllabus is on Canvas

- Office Hours are by appointment

- Grading is Pass / Fail based on attendance and participation

- Workload will include readings and a final presentation

Attendance

- Attendance is mandatory for HEART classes. If you need to miss a class, please email me in advance (before class starts) to have it excused.

- You may have 2 excused absences.

- You may have 1 unexcused absence.

- Attendance will be taken by ungraded, in-class surveys

COVID

- We will follow the university's guidelines available here: https://covidinfo.jhu.edu/

- If you are not feeling well, please don't come to class.

What are you hoping to learn in this class?

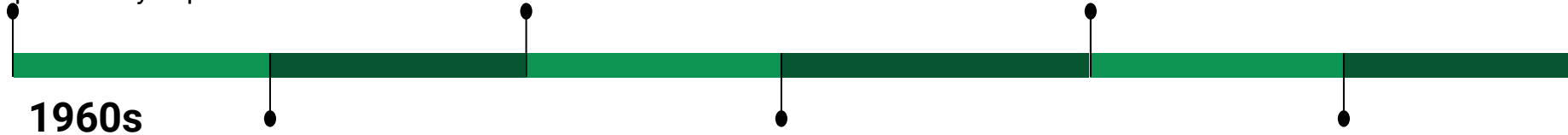What examples of Natural Language Generation have you encountered/ heard of?

Eliza
Attempted to simulated a
psychotherapist

Parry
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Machine Translation
Russian <-> English
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1960s

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  Eliza is a mock Rogerian psychotherapist.
  The original program was described by Joseph Weizenbaum in 1966.
  This implementation by Norbert Landsteiner 2005.


ELIZA: Is something troubling you ?
YOU:    Men are all alike.
ELIZA: What is the connection, do you suppose ?
YOU:    They're always bugging us about something or other.
ELIZA: Can you think of a specific example ?
YOU:    Well, my boyfriend made me come here.
ELIZA: Is it important to you that your boyfriend made you come here ?
YOU:    He says I'm depressed much of the time.
ELIZA: I am sorry to hear that you are depressed.
YOU:    It's true. I am unhappy.
ELIZA: Can you explain what made you unhappy ?
YOU:
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https://www.masswerk.at/elizabot/

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Statistical MT takes off

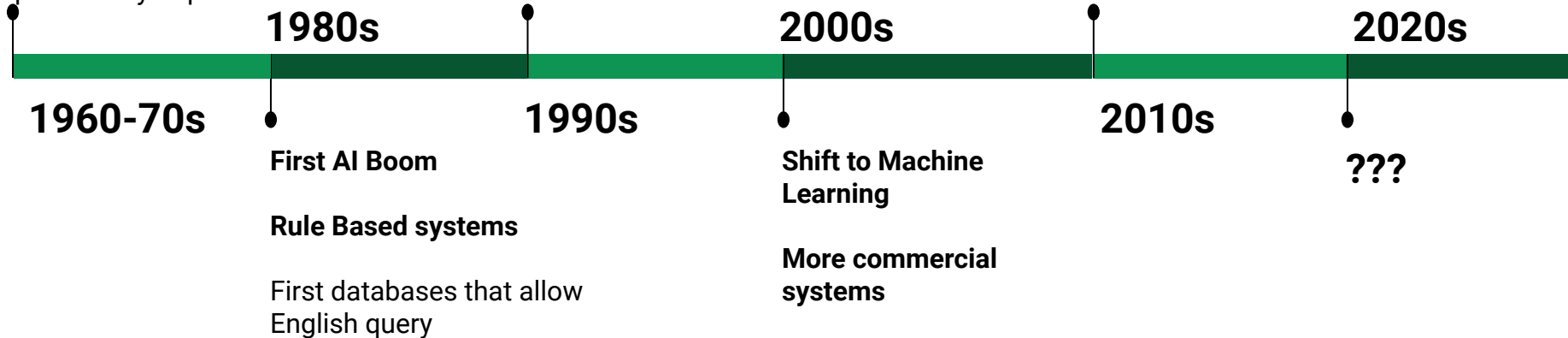**Pipeline architectures with evaluation**

FoG
First commercial NLG system
Generated weather reports

Second AI boom

Shift to deep learning
Word2vec, LSTMs, transformers
Ethics in AI
More focus on replicability

1980s

2000s

2020s

1960-70s

1990s

2010s

???

First AI Boom

Rule Based systems

First databases that allow English query

Shift to Machine Learning

More commercial systems

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