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[Amazon Industry Forum Session](#)

Hear directly from Alexa AI scientists on Amazon's customer-obsessed approach to science. During this 30-minute session, scientists Yang Liu, Karthik Gopalakrishnan, Wael Hamza, and Fabian Triefenbach will discuss research their teams are presenting at this year's Interspeech, the current state of conversational AI, and where they're excited to see the field headed next. Visit the [Interspeech website](#) to tune in.

[Keynote Talk: Shehzad Mevawalla, Director, Alexa Speech](#)

Successes, challenges and opportunities for speech technology in conversational agents

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[Alexa Speech Lightning Talks with Live Q&A](#)

On October 27th @ 11am E.T. Amazon scientists will discuss the current state, new developments, and recent announcements surrounding advancements in Alexa speech technologies. Tune in to learn more about the fields of speech research- and the teams driving it - bringing Alexa to life: Wake word, ASR, and TTS. The talks will be followed by a live Q&A with the presenters.

[Alexa & Friends features Andrew Breen, senior manager of text-to-speech research](#)

At 11am E.T. on October 29, Jeff Blankenburg will host senior manager of speech research Andrew Breen on Alexa & Friends to discuss the newest TTS capabilities available on Alexa. Breen has 20 years of experience leading research teams in speech synthesis and TTS technologies, and currently leads an Alexa team focused on TTS research to improve Alexa's voice for the delight of customers. Tune into the live interview to hear more about Breen's career history, his work in TTS research and innovation, and the science behind Alexa's enhanced voice styles and emotional speech capabilities.