

Challenges in conversational entrainment  
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Conversational entrainment (alignment, adaptation,...) is the tendency of interlocutors to be(come) similar to each other in various aspects of their verbal and non-verbal behaviour. This phenomenon offers valuable insights into the nature of linguistic representations and processes, and, when effectively implemented, holds the potential to enhance the naturalness and efficiency of human-machine spoken interactions. However, research conducted over the past 10–15 years in spoken interactions highlights considerable complexity in this quest. The talk will review some of the challenges in potential paths forward.