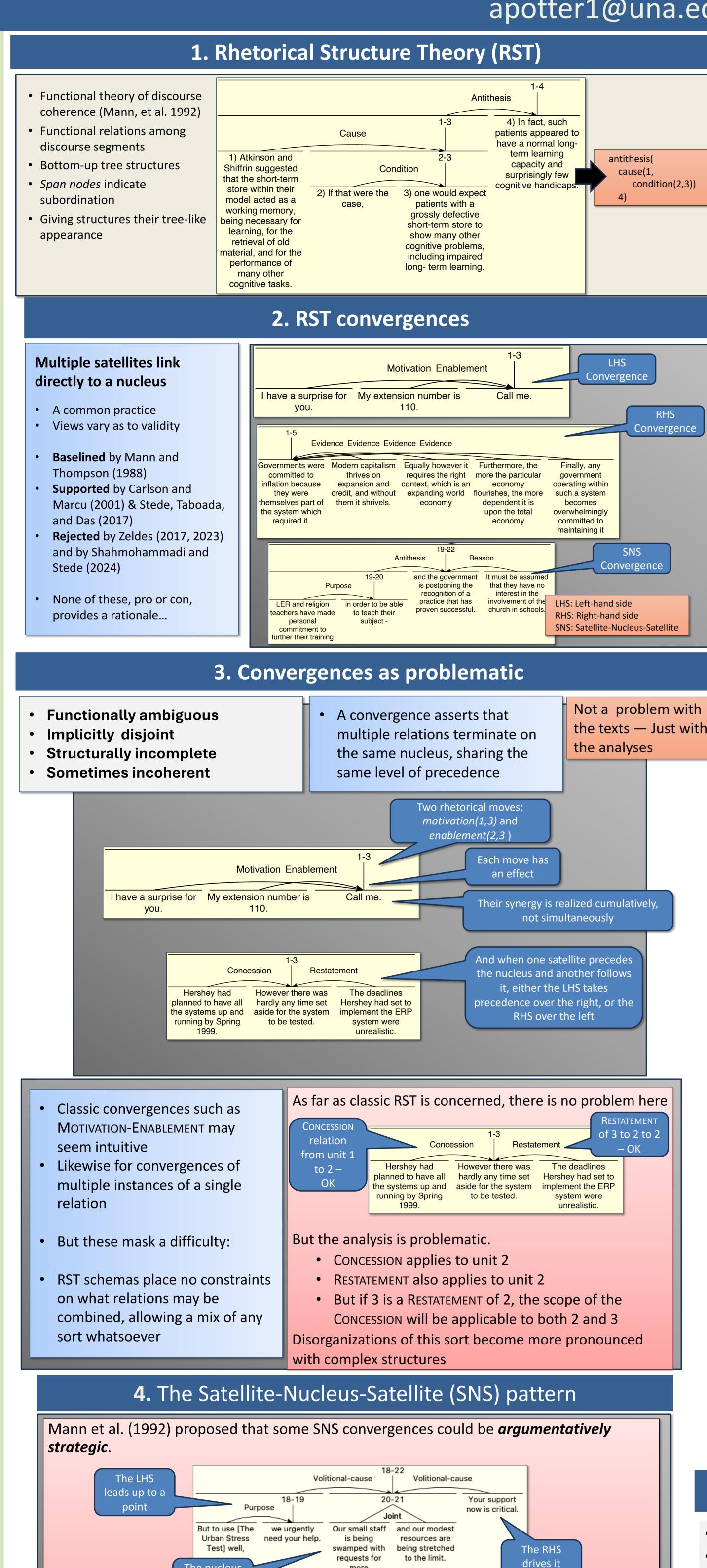


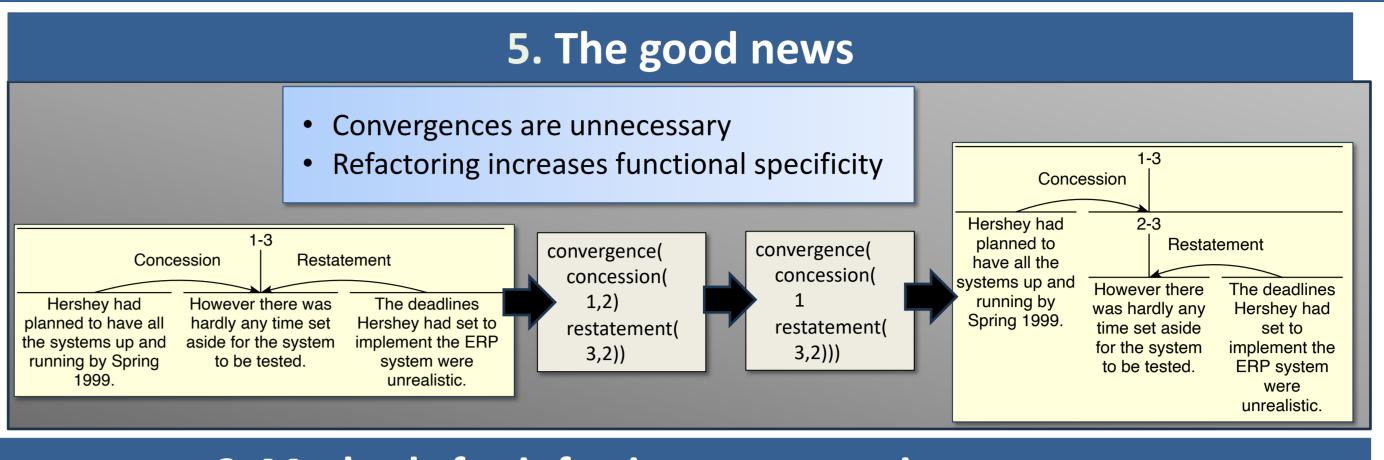
# **Breaking Ties: Some Methods for Refactoring** RST Convergences



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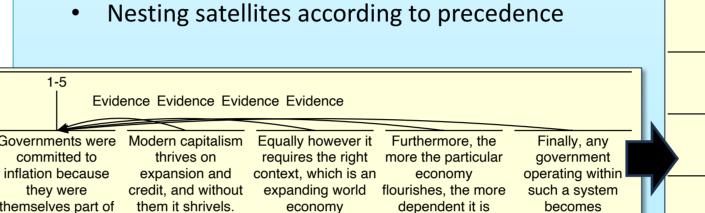


#### 6. Methods for inferring asymmetric structures

- Chaining
  - Each satellite feeds into the satellite next closest to the nucleus.
  - Did not usually result in plausible analyses
- Listing

the system which

- Restructured using the LIST relation
- Applicable to single-relation convergences only
- Laddering



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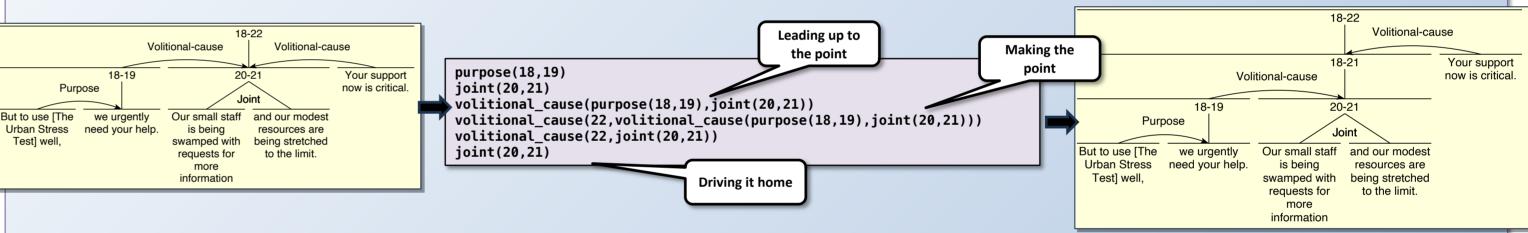
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Evidence

- Handles complex convergences
- On the LHS, the successive relations close in on the
- On the RHS the relations build out from the nucleus.
- Enables expression of the structure as a fully articulated relational proposition
- Generates plausible solutions for LHS and RHS analyses

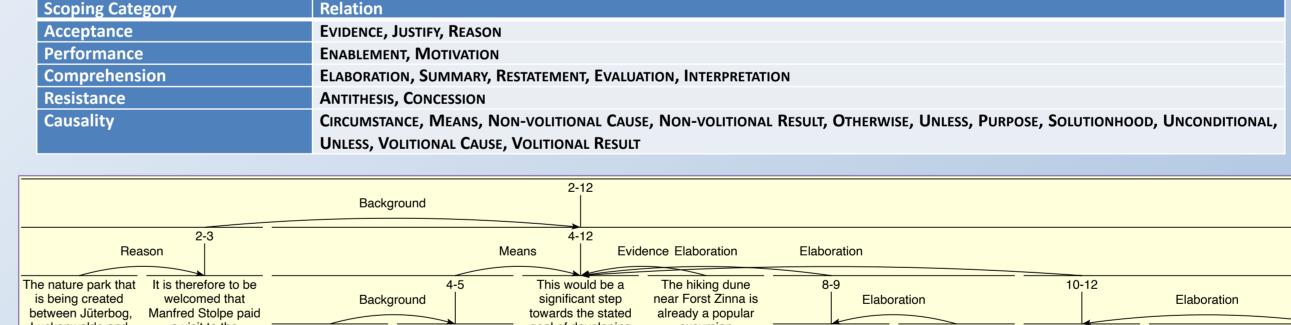
#### 7. Straddling the nucleus

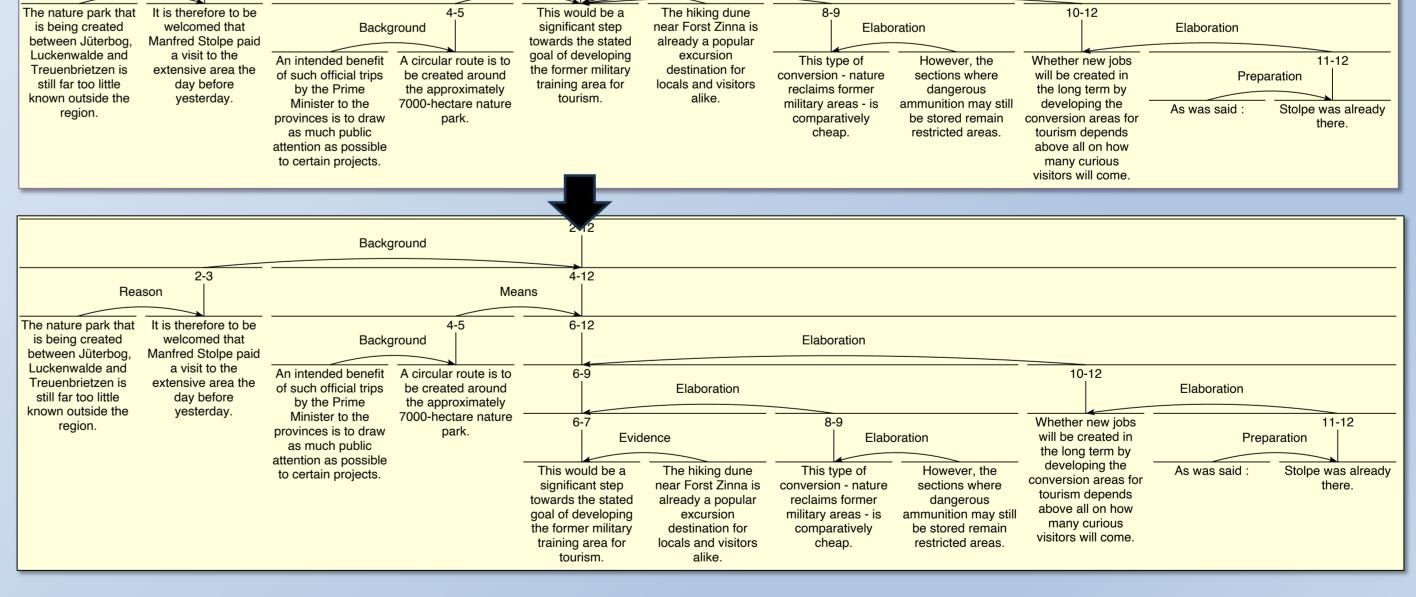
- For **SNS** convergences *scope escalation* determines precedence
- Per M&T, a nucleus is flanked by two satellites of the same relation, implements a presentational mode of
  - leading up to the point, stating the point, driving the point home
- This higher order interpretation suggests an asymmetric structure, one that enacts the dynamic of the argument



#### **Categorical Escalation**

- When convergences from to the same category straddle the nucleus, RHS is usually escalated over LHS
- Otherwise, scope goes to LHS





#### 8. Conclusion

- If convergences are undesirable, why are they so often used?
- RST applications tend to make little use of diagrams per se
- Yet it is the diagrams that make RST distinctive
- An RST diagram is an articulation of the intentional structure of a discourse
- Reading of a diagram is a bottom-up activity
- Span nodes are integral parts of the diagrams
- Refactoring clarifies the process

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The nucleus

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nformation

That strategy, while evident in the text, is unsupported by the symmetrical structure

For RST to do its work, the strategy must be reflected in the structure

Convergent structures conceal this structural functionality

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