

Rise-fall-rise intonation and secondary QUDs

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Main aim: To explain this distribution, in terms of the core meaning of RFR.

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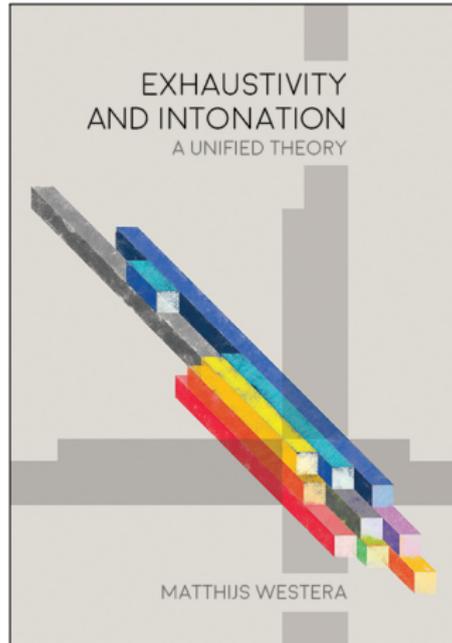
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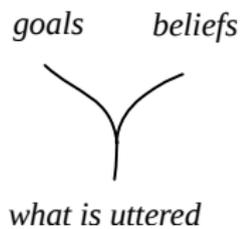
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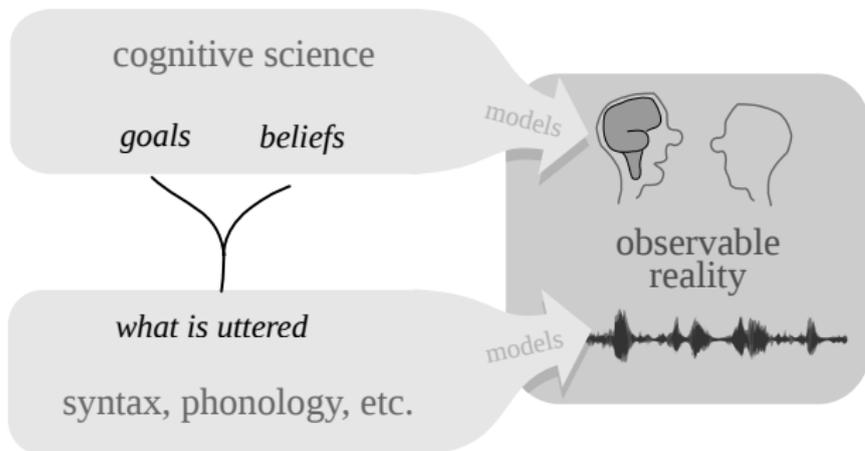
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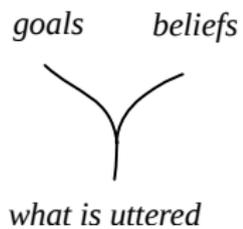
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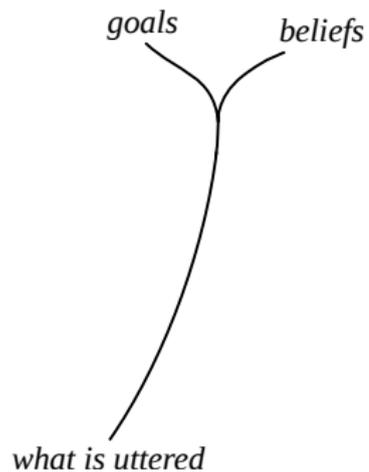
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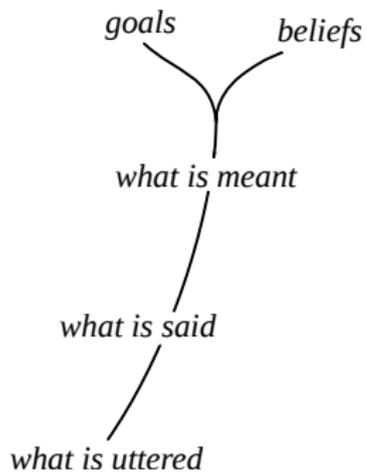
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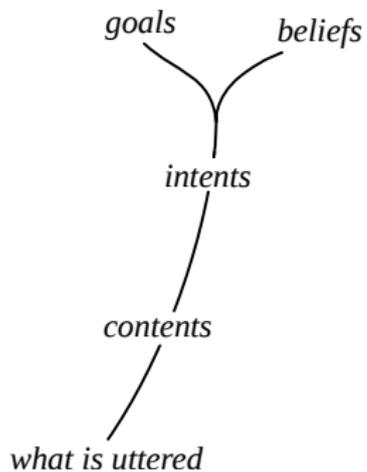
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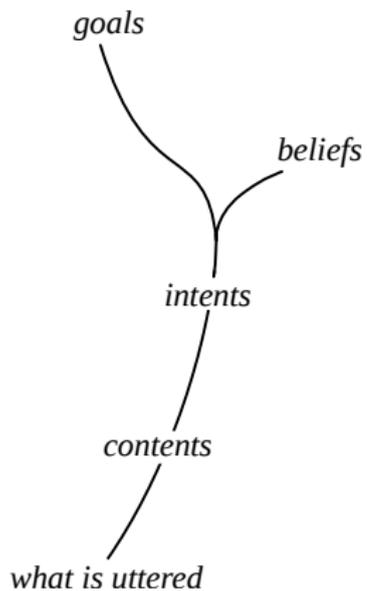
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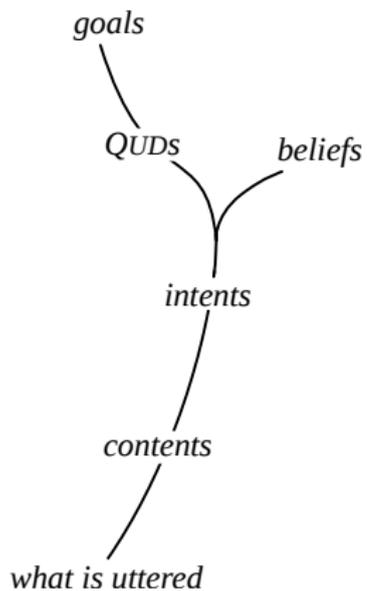
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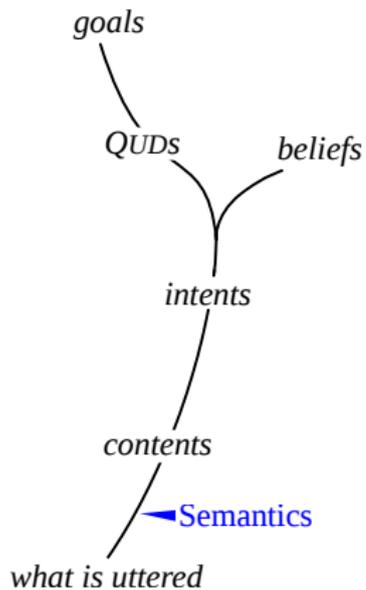
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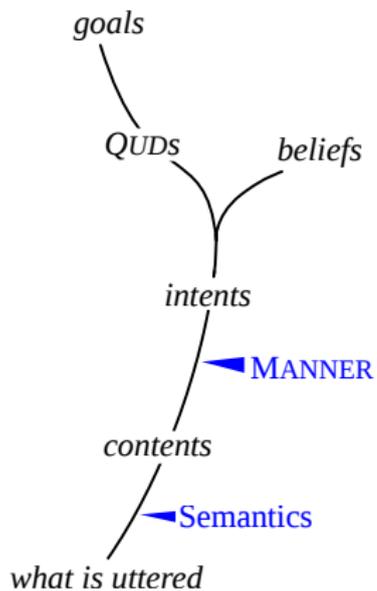
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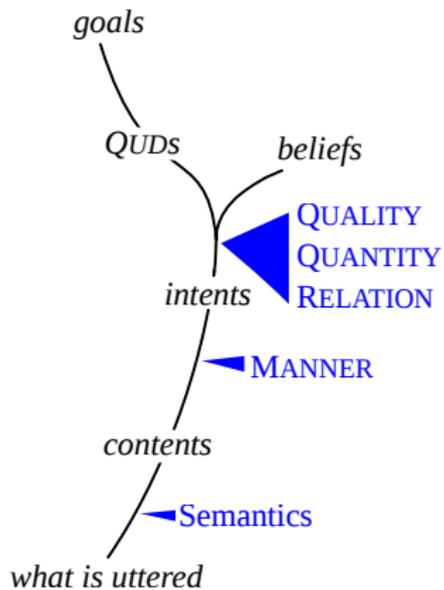
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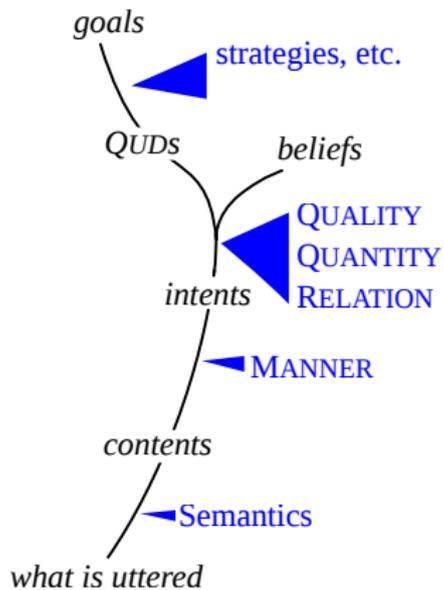
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