On the variation of *um-zu*-clauses in German

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In this talk, I examine subordinate clauses introduced by the complementizer *um* 'in order to' in German. Mainly, I show that *um* can introduce three distinct clause types: i) content rationale clauses expressing a goal, ii) speech act rationale clauses modifying the goal of a speech act, and iii) mirative clauses encoding speaker's exceeded expectations. I argue that i)–iii) differ at the syntax-semantics interface and in terms of how much not-at-issue content they convey, leading to the conclusion that they adjoin at three distinct structural heights.