Reduction of Adjective Clauses to Adjective Phrases

An adjective clause can be reduced to a phrase ONLY when the adjective pronoun is used as the subject of the clause.

1. The woman who is talking to Mary is her sister.
   - [The verb in the adjective clause is ‘be’ (progressive).]
   - The woman who is talking to Mary is her sister.

2. The theory that was introduced at the meeting was innovative.
   - [The verb in the adjective clause is ‘be’ (passive).]
   - The theory that was introduced at the meeting was innovative.

3. Ann was the only teacher who was in charge of the curriculum.
   - [The verb in the adjective clause is ‘be’ (simple).]
   - Ann was the only teacher who was in charge of the curriculum.

4. Uranium is a heavy element that consists of more than 200 protons.
   - [The verb in the adjective clause is NOT ‘be’.]
   - Uranium is a heavy element that consists of more than 200 protons. consisting

5. Mr. Aoyama, who is a grammar teacher, lives in Provo.
   - [Commas can be used with adjective phrases.]
   - Mr. Aoyama, who is a grammar teacher, lives in Provo.

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