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Figure 1.1: the standard approach

CONSCIOUS

What is communicated

What is said

what is implicated

UNCONSCIOUS

sentence meaning contextual ingredients

of what is said

Figure 1.2: an alternative approach

WHAT IS COMMUNICATED

[top level, consciously available]

What is said

what is implicated

sentence meaning contextual ingredients

of what is said

SUB-PERSONAL LEVEL
Minimalism

The Availability-based approach

(sentence meaning)

saturation

what is said_{min}

optional processes

what is communicated

primary pragmatic processes

(saturation and optional processes
such as free enrichment)

what is said_{prag}

secondary pragmatic processes

what is communicated

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Inference

conscious

unconscious

explicit

effortful

Figure 3.1: A taxonomy of inferences
according to Relevance Theory

Inference

conscious

unconscious

(subpersonal)

explicit reasoning

spontaneous inference

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Figure 5.1: nonliteral uses

- m-nonliteral
  - p-literal
    - (indirect speech acts, conversational implicatures...)
  - p-nonliteral
- sense elaboration
- sense extension (enrichment)
- below threshold
- above threshold (figurative uses)
THE TRADITIONAL PICTURE:

Past uses abstraction linguistic meaning context

modulation contextual sense

MEANING ELIMINATIVISM:

Past uses abstraction/modulation contextual sense