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LITERAL MEANING — FIGURES

Figure 1.1: the standard approach

Figure 1.2: an alternative approach
Minimalism

sentence meaning

saturation

what is said_{min}

optional processes

what is communicated

The Availability-based approach

sentence meaning

primary pragmatic processes (saturation and optional processes such as free enrichment)

what is said_{prag}

secondary pragmatic processes

what is communicated
m-nonliteral

p-literal

p-nonliteral

(indirect speech acts, conversational implicatures...)

sense elaboration

sense extension

below threshold

above threshold

(figureative uses)

Figure 5.1: nonliteral uses

contextualised senses → linguistic meaning → contextualised senses

(abstraction) (modulation)

Figure 9.1: abstraction and modulation

THE TRADITIONAL PICTURE:

Past uses → abstraction → linguistic meaning → contextual sense

context

modulation

MEANING ELIMINATIVISM:

Past uses → abstraction/modulation → contextual sense

Context