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# MINIMAL ARGUMENTATION

## A RESEARCH PROJECT

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## THE LEADING QUESTIONS

- What is (makes) the “argumentativity” of a discourse, a speech or a text?
- What makes of a discourse an argumentative one ?



## TWO COMMON TENDENCIES

### IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF ARGUMENT « IN THE WILD »

- ***Finding too many arguments***
- ***Finding too little arguments***

(Compared to what ?)



## DISPERSION

- **Dispersion of the results of the analysis (identification step)**
- **Dispersion of the global understanding**

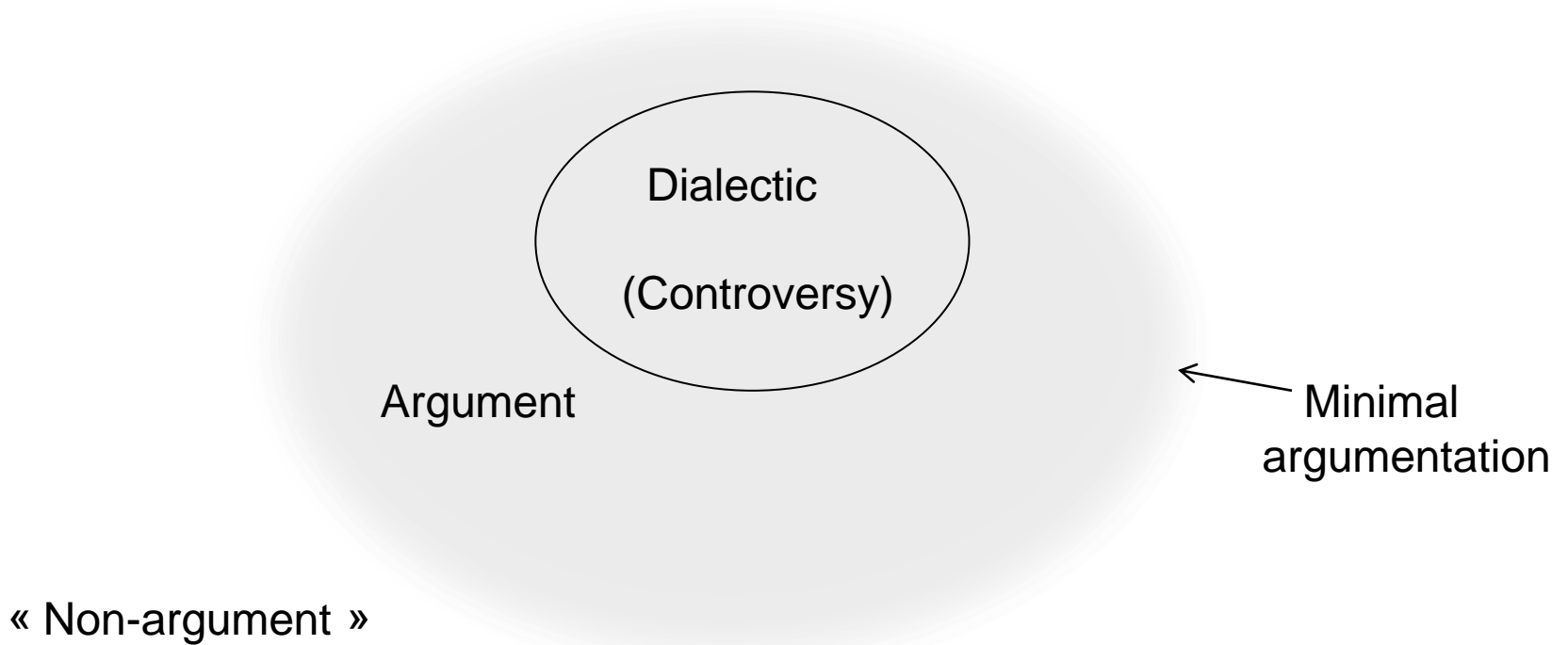


## THE PARADIGMATIC DIALECTICAL MODEL

- Face-to-face
- Opponent, skeptic, “ignoramus”
- Explicit points of view
- Explicit procedural rules
- Well identified arguments
- Agreement on the conclusion
- Goodwill



## A METAPHOR





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- The verbal expression is unclear or confusing.
- The interlocutors are not in tune.
- Has a story always an argument?





**Thank you for your attention !**

If you are interested, come and see me.

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