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Logical Models of Reasoning
with Vague Information
Highlights from LOMOREVI

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Plan of the Talk

Three parts:

- ▶ What has LoMoReVI been about?
What have LoMoReVIans achieved?
- ▶ A glimpse at a particular set of results:
Giles's dialogue game — extensions and applications
- ▶ Final remarks — mainly on interdisciplinarity

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- ▶ P. Hájek: Comments on Interpretability, Decidability and Other Topics on Fuzzy Logic. *J. of Logic and Computation*, to appear.
- ▶ F. Montagna, C. Noguera: Arithmetical Complexity of First-Order Predicate Fuzzy Logics over Distinguished Semantics. *Journal of Logic and Computation* 20(2): 399-424, 2010.
- ▶ M. Baaz, A. Ciabatoni, C. Fermüller: Theorem Proving for Prenex Gödel Logic with Δ : Checking Validity and Unsatisfiability. Submitted [extends two earlier conference papers].
- ▶ [Handbook of Mathematical Fuzzy Logic](#)
P. Cintula, P. Hájek, C. Noguera (Eds.)
Two-volume set [summarizes the state of the art](#) of the area;
11 chapters – 5 of them (co)authored by LoMoReVlans. To appear.

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“Understanding Vagueness —
Logical, Philosophical, and Linguistic Perspectives”

P. Cintula, C. Fermüller, L. Godo, P. Hájek (eds):

- ▶ 15 papers on vagueness across all relevant areas:
philosophy, linguistics, logics, computer science, mathematics
- ▶ special feature:
comments and replies to papers – also cross-disciplinary
- ▶ to be published soon by College Publications

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Dialogue states: $[A_1, \dots, A_m \parallel B_1, \dots, B_n]$

To obtain a logic we additionally need

- ▶ **winning conditions** for atomic states
- ▶ **regulations** defining admissible runs of a game

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Constraints on runs of a dialogue like the following suffice:

- (R_{\supset}) if **you** attack **my** assertion of $A \supset B$ by claiming A , then I have to assert also B at some state

No particular regulation for the **order** of moves is required!

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