Warning to Physicists, VMS requires more discipline to review than a conventional physics paper.

Knowing General Relativity, Quantum Mechanics, Electromagnetism, or Thermodynamics tells you only whether VMS reaches familiar results. It does not tell you whether VMS legitimately derives those results from earlier assumptions. That distinction matters.

A conventional review often begins too late. It begins with the finished language of physics: fields, forces, potentials, particles, curvature, entropy, energy, charge, mass, and standard equations. Then it asks whether VMS agrees with that finished structure.

That is not the review. VMS requires you to reverse direction.

For example, classical electromagnetism is usually taught from an already-developed structure. Depending on the formulation, the reviewer begins with charge and current densities, conservation of charge, electric and magnetic fields, potentials or field tensors, Lorentz covariance, source equations, field equations, the Lorentz force law, and material response relations. From that structure, Maxwell's equations, wave propagation, radiation, boundary conditions, forces on charges, and electromagnetic energy accounting are obtained.

But those are not all equally primitive. Some are postulates in one formulation and derived or re-expressed in another. Constitutive relations are not universal assumptions. The Lorentz force may be introduced as a force law, or it may be recovered from action structure and field coupling. Potentials may be treated as mathematical conveniences, or as deeper structural objects. A serious review must know which formulation is being audited and which assumptions are actually being used.

Metabasis eis allo genos (crossing into another genus)

Here the crossing has a precise face: the point observer. Idealize the observer to a point and the geometric requirements vanish before review begins — that is not a result; it is an article of faith. Every judgment from inside the idealization is imported, not derived. The choice is binary: assume the point observer, or derive A3, the finite observer invariance condition. The first path was taken silently, and the objection to it comes from physics' own house — Kuhn said it outright in 1961: "The Function of Dogma in Scientific Research", and it performs that function here. Bell spent "Against 'measurement' " raging at exactly this: load-bearing postulates recited from the textbooks, exempt from examination by custom rather than argument. The second path is taken here — explicitly, consequence by consequence. Review within the genus: leave the point at the door.

VMS does not ask whether Maxwell's equations are familiar. VMS asks whether the electromagnetic structure can be reached from earlier geometric primitives.

In VMS, the starting point is not charge, field, force, or Maxwell's equations. The starting point is route structure, display-area, hidden orthographic cross-section, display-area action, closure, caustic behavior, and the fixed action lock $S_0 = \hbar$. The task is to determine whether those primitives legitimately produce the downstream objects that standard physics normally starts with or assumes.

That means the reviewer must ask a different set of questions.

Does the VMS derivation introduce electric and magnetic behavior from the stated geometric structure, or does it smuggle those fields in?

Does the derivation obtain the relevant conservation structure, or does it assume conservation in the form it later claims to derive?

Does the route/display-area formulation produce the field relations it claims to produce, or are Maxwell-type equations being imported under different notation?

Does the action structure genuinely generate the force or motion law being used downstream, or is the Lorentz force being inserted by hand?

Does the framework explain where the constants and scaling relations enter, or are conventional constants being used as hidden tuning knobs? **Those are review questions.**

Recognizing Maxwell's equations at the end is not enough. Rejecting VMS because it does not begin with Maxwell's equations is also not proper. The question is whether VMS reaches the electromagnetic structure through a valid dependency chain from its own stated primitives.

The same standard applies across the rest of the framework.

For mechanics, the review is not merely whether Newtonian, variational, or relativistic forms appear. The review is whether motion, inertia, mass, route cost, and action relations are derived from the earlier VMS structure without importing the finished mechanical framework.

For thermodynamics, the review is not merely whether entropy, temperature, pressure, and response identities appear. The review is whether counting, constraint structure, relaxation, and macroscopic thermodynamic relations follow from the stated VMS primitives and conditions.

For quantum mechanics, the review is not merely whether familiar quantization, operators, spectra, or uncertainty relations appear. The review is whether closure, phase, admissibility, action locking, and path structure actually generate the quantum forms being claimed.

VMS is therefore not reviewed by recognition. It is reviewed by dependency as a foundational convergence.

You must begin with the earliest assumptions. You must identify exactly what is primitive and what is downstream. You must determine whether each mathematical step follows from what came before it. You must check whether any conventional equation, force law, conservation rule, field object, constant, or interpretation has been imported without being declared. Only then should you ask whether the resulting structure reproduces accepted equations and published predictions.

Knowing the final theories tells you where VMS is supposed to land. *It does not tell you whether VMS got there honestly.*

Tracing every dependency from the first assumptions through every intermediate derivation to every published prediction is the review.

A reviewer who walks the entire chain and breaks it leaves with something valuable: an itemized list of standard physics' unexamined furniture, which most working physicists have never once written down.