Reviewer's report

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I've gone over the revised paper and the authors' comments. Their changes are reasonable and the paper is stronger for them. In particular, the example they have used is worthwhile and helpfully illustrative of what they are proposing. Nonetheless, I still think that this manuscript is only a preliminary, first step. But it is a field where we hear too many platitudes and clichés and not enough substance or detail. As such, this paper is valuable. Hopefully it will provoke. The authors address this general issue in their new final paragraph and by and large I agree with them (that a small step forward is better than no step at all). So I think it should be published.

The new title is more appropriate.

I still don't see what the diagram has to do with Ref. 13 (which I wrote), but it is not a big issue (and perhaps I'm simply missing some connection that others will see).