Reviewer's report

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This paper provides a nice overview of the SMG.

Discretionary revisions:

1. It would be nice to see a list (either in appendix or online) of members of the SMG, particularly at the first meeting.

2. The list of important contributions and the text on important contributions is slightly out of sync, and I think I'd add more here. Make it clear, too, that the I2 stat was developed by the SMG.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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