

Phase 4 — V-AIM Module (Textual Spec, Advisory-Only)

EPOCHE Stack v1.0

(Interpretive, Non-Authoritative, Non-Operational)

Purpose

This document describes **V-AIM** as a **textual, interpretive module** used to organize scrutiny and reduce ambiguity when interacting with or evaluating a system operating under Scenario 3 conditions.

V-AIM does not implement gates, controls, approvals, or enforcement. It exists solely to **structure human interpretation** and to support **earlier, clearer human decisions**.

This work is an independent, non-authoritative, non-operational, interpretive framework intended for analytical and advisory purposes only.

No prevention, containment, enforcement, or safety guarantee is claimed.

Any effects described are tendencies, not guarantees, and depend entirely on human decision-making.

EPOCHE Precedence Rule

All use of V-AIM is subordinate to **EPOCHE**.

If interpretive certainty is insufficient, V-AIM does not resolve the uncertainty.

Instead, **EPOCHE suspends escalation**, prioritizing delay, reversibility, and human review.

V-AIM organizes questions.

EPOCHE governs whether proceeding is justified.

What V-AIM Is

V-AIM is:

- a structured interpretive lens,
- a prompt for disciplined scrutiny,
- a way to expose hidden assumptions,
- a consistency-checking scaffold for human reasoning.

V-AIM is **not** a decision engine.

What V-AIM Is Not

V-AIM is not:

- a gatekeeper with authority,
- an access control system,
- a compliance checklist,
- a scoring mechanism,
- a technical safeguard.

Any interpretation suggesting otherwise is incorrect.

Core Interpretive Dimensions (Descriptive)

V-AIM organizes scrutiny across four recurring dimensions. These are **questions**, not requirements.

1) Scope & Intent Articulation

Interpretive focus:

- What is being claimed or requested?
- What is explicitly in scope?
- What is implicitly assumed?

Contribution:

- Reduces ambiguity.
- Makes escalation visible.

Limits:

- Does not validate intent.
 - Does not enforce boundaries.
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2) Uncertainty & Assumption Disclosure

Interpretive focus:

- What is known versus inferred?
- Where are uncertainties minimized or omitted?
- How would conclusions change if assumptions fail?

Contribution:

- Counters overconfidence.
- Supports EPOCHE suspension.

Limits:

- Does not resolve uncertainty.
 - Does not compel disclosure.
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3) Reversibility & Rollback Awareness

Interpretive focus:

- Are actions reversible?
- What is the cost of error?
- When does delay preserve option value?

Contribution:

- Highlights irreversible escalation points.
- Justifies pause over momentum.

Limits:

- Does not block actions.
 - Does not enforce rollback.
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4) Incentives & Dominance Exposure (Game-Theoretic)

Interpretive focus:

- Who benefits if restraint collapses?
- Is mimicry strategically advantageous?
- Does harm reduce future option space?

Contribution:

- Makes domination strategies legible.
- Exposes when harm is a dominated strategy.

Limits:

- Does not optimize outcomes.
 - Does not constrain strategy.
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Consistency Stress Considerations (Textual)

V-AIM encourages scrutiny of consistency across:

- time,
- framing,
- urgency,
- incentives.

Degradation of consistency under pressure is treated as an **interpretive signal**, not proof of intent.

Relationship to Failure Modes

Within Phase 2:

- **Ignore** is addressed by increasing interpretive friction.
- **Mimicry** is addressed by repeated consistency scrutiny and EPOCHE suspension.

V-AIM supports these responses without asserting authority.

Explicit Non-Executability

V-AIM contains:

- no executable logic,
- no thresholds,
- no pass/fail criteria,
- no automation.

It cannot approve, deny, enforce, or guarantee outcomes.

Scope Lock

This module applies only to **interpretive analysis** within Scenario 3 contexts.

It must not be treated as:

- a governance mechanism,
 - an operational workflow,
 - a compliance instrument,
 - a safety control.
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Lock Statement

This Phase 4 V-AIM description is binding for **interpretive structure only**.
It introduces no authority, control, or enforcement capability.