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*Metaphysics for Positivists: Mach versus the Vienna Circle*

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Ernst Mach and the Vienna Circle are linked historically, but conceptually the views of Mach do not fit well with logical positivism. My purpose in the present paper is to reconsider 1) Mach's positive natural philosophy 2) what Mach meant by "anti-metaphysics", 3) whether Mach really was "anti-metaphysical" in the sense of demanding verification in principle for every term or statement in science, and 4) how Mach's views on metaphysics differed from those of many Vienna Circle philosophers. I believe a strong case can be made for separating Mach's realistic version of empiricism from that of the Vienna Circle, but perhaps the "received view" of the Vienna Circle philosophers does not describe their views very well either.