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PART 1: THE OFFENSE

Technical Logic and Modeling Commitments

1. Problem Framing (Why this approach exists)

The Problem
Standard AI systems optimize for probability. Regulatory and legal contexts require certainty. In these settings, it is not sufficient to claim we are “87% confident” that something is compliant.

The Approach
This work uses a neuro-symbolic pipeline. Large language models are limited to information extraction and candidate generation. Ontological structures govern admissibility, classification, and downstream reasoning.

Separation of probabilistic interpretation vs. deterministic judgment.

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2. Core Modeling Distinction (BFO)

Key Distinction
Compliance is not only about function (what a system is currently doing). It is also about disposition (what a system is capable of doing, whether or not that capability is realized).

Ontological Framing
I model this explicitly within the BFO framework, using BFO as the upper ontology and CCO, IAO, and RO where appropriate, because regulatory risk attaches to capability, not just deployed behavior.

Within this structure, the model distinguishes between:

- Realized functions (current operational behavior)
- Dispositions / latent risks (capabilities that inhere regardless of realization)

“Isn’t this overkill if the feature is disabled?”

Regulatory classification attaches to capability, not runtime configuration. Disposition captures that distinction formally.

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3. Why Similarity Is Insufficient for Regulatory Classification

Core Claim
Similarity-based retrieval optimizes for relevance. Regulatory reasoning requires admissibility.

In regulatory contexts, a near match is not "almost correct." It is categorically wrong.

The question is not what a system resembles semantically.
The question is what the system is, under a formally grounded regulatory ontology.

"Couldn't RAG handle this with better prompts?"

RAG can surface candidates, but it cannot enforce logical necessity or prevent probabilistic leakage into compliance judgments.

PART 2: THE CODE

Implementation and Verification Layers

A. SHACL — The Validator

Role
SHACL functions as a quality-control and constraint layer that operationally approximates closed-world validation.

Purpose

- **Enforces local constraints**
- **Prevents orphaned entities**
- **Blocks hallucinated structures before they enter the reasoning layer**

I use SHACL here to impose local closure without breaking global ontological reuse.

"Why not OWL-only constraints?"

OWL preserves openness; SHACL provides validation.

B. SPARQL — The Auditor

Role
SPARQL ASK queries are used as audit instruments rather than generative mechanisms.

Reasoning
ASK queries return a boolean True or False, producing a non-constructive result suitable for audit and regulatory traceability.

If a query returns TRUE, the violation is logically established based on:

- **The system artifact**
- **The regulatory universal**
- **Their formal intersection**

Auditability

PART 3: THE DEFENSE

Anticipating Technical and Logical Challenges

My role in this system is architectural. I define modeling commitments, inference paths, and classification logic. AI tooling is used as a syntax engine; semantic correctness comes from the ontology.

“Why not define global domain and range constraints?”

Properties like `iao:is_about` are reused across contexts. Global constraints introduce conflicts. Typing is enforced locally via SHACL.

OWL operates under the Open World Assumption. SHACL is used to close the world for validation without sacrificing OWL expressivity.

PART 4: THE STRATEGIC MOAT

From Technical Correctness to Real-World Survival

1. Product–Market Fit

[Slide 16 – Why Glass-Box Compliance Scales]

Generative systems fail because they hallucinate. In low-stakes domains this is tolerable. In high-stakes domains it is not.

The value here is not generation.
The value is eliminating hallucination where the cost of being wrong is existential.

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2. Forward-Deployed Method

Ontology efforts fail when they are correct but disconnected from operational reality.

Failure modes are mapped directly to BFO classes and constraints, aligning engineering with regulatory exposure.

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3. Interface of Truth

[Slide 12 – LLMs as Candidate Generators, Not Judges]

Executives and regulators cannot interact with SPARQL or SHACL.

A translation layer converts formal reasoning into interpretable decision signals without weakening the logic.

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4. Focus Areas and Economics

[Slide 17 – Black-Box vs. Glass-Box]

Retail tolerates hallucination. Defense and healthcare do not.

Correctness functions as insurance.

We are not selling software.
We are selling the end of hallucination.