## Towards Trustworthy Integration of Generative AI in the MBSE Development Lifecycle



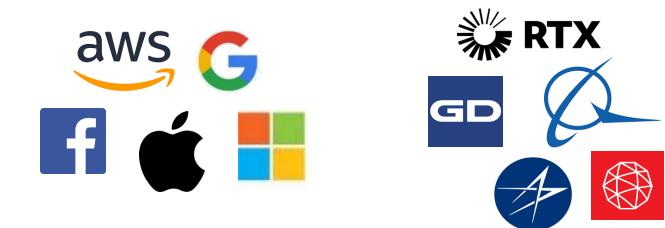
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### **DARPA PROVERS**

#### **Pipelined Reasoning of Verifiers Enabling Robust Systems**

Develop automated, scalable **formal methods** tools that are integrated into *traditional* development pipelines

Enable *traditional* product engineers to incrementally produce and maintain **high-assurance** national security systems



#### Barriers to formal methods adoption

- Scalability to support real-world systems
- The UI targets formal-methods experts, creating a learning curve for others.
- Lack of commercially licensed / supported tools
- Formal methods skillset required
  - Property specification language

Explainable counterexamples

**GenAl's Potential**: Accelerates system development — but trust, correctness, and consistency must be non-negotiable.

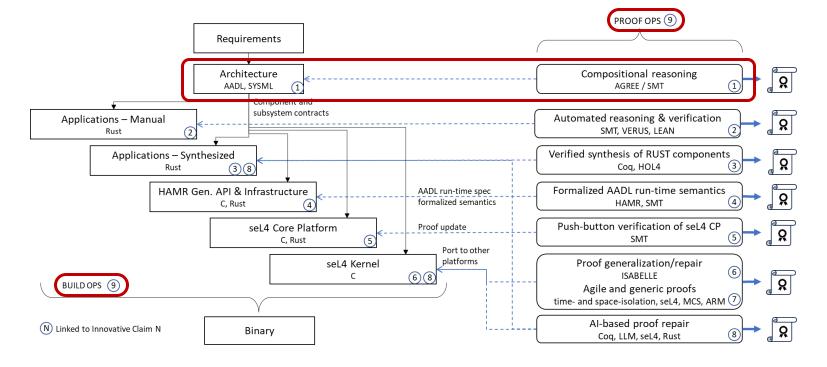


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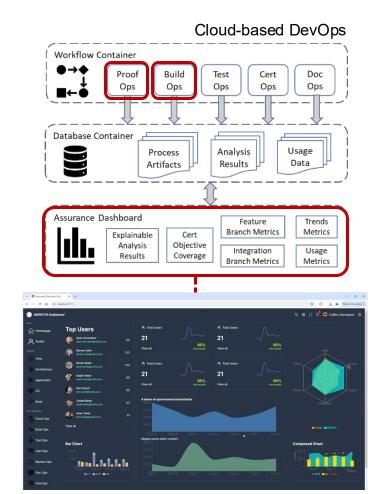
#### INSPECTA

#### Industrial-Scale Proof Engineering for Critical Trustworthy Applications



#### Role of AGREE Copilot ( AGREE-Dog ):

 $\rightarrow$  Creates a trust fabric for AI-accelerated **MBSE** engineering.

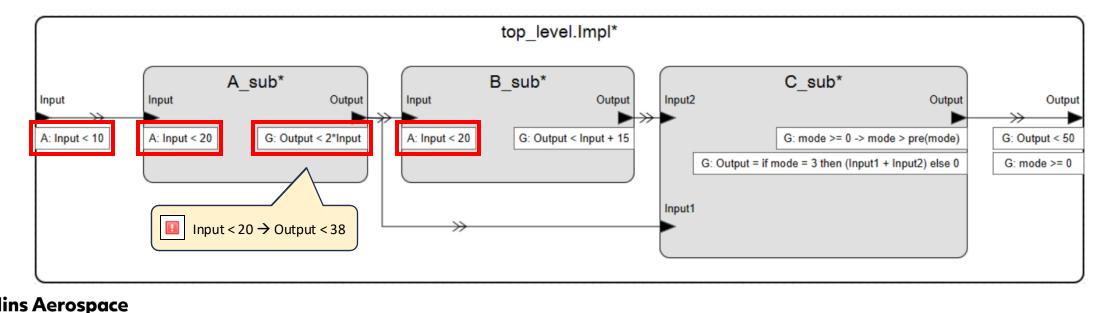




### **Compositional Reasoning with AGREE**

#### **Assume Guarantee Reasoning Environment**

- Assume-Guarantee annex for AADL architecture models
  - Assumptions describe the expectations that a component has on the environment
  - Guarantees describe bounds on the behavior of the component when assumptions are valid
- Compositional analysis to prove correctness of:
  - Component interfaces (component assumptions are satisfied by upstream guarantees)
  - Component implementations (component assumptions and subcomponent guarantees satisfy guarantees)



#### **AGREE Counterexamples** ounterexample Variables for the selected component implementati /ariable Nam Inputs [Target Speed.val] 1499/10 Property Result {Target Tire Pitch.val} -1/103/10 -1/10State Verification for Car.Car\_Impl 1 Invalid, 29 Valid [G car 1] actual speed is less than constant target speed} true false true TOP.AXL..ASSUME.HIST} true true true TOP.CNTRL..ASSUME.HIST] true true true Contract Guarantees 1 Invalid, 2 Valid TOP.SM.,ASSUME.HIST true true true TOP. THROT. ASSUME HIST true true true Subcomponent Assumptions Valid (0s) const tar speed} true false true utputs: 1499/110 1499/121 14990/1331 [G\_car\_1] actual speed is less than constant target speed Invalid (0s) Actual Speed.val) Actual Tire Pitch.val} -1/101/5 -1/10State Signal.val} 0 [G\_car\_2] acceleration is limited Valid (0s) This component consistent THROT consistent 1 2 How can we improve AGREE usability by CNTRL consistent 451/10 0 -1/10 3/10 AXL consistent > 🗸 true true SM consistent making counterexamples more *actionable*? 1/5 -1/10 Component composition > 🗸 Verification for THROT > 🗸 1 2 Verification for CNTRL 1499/121 14990/1331 110 Verification for AXL true Verification for SM -1499/121 -14990/1331 17988/121 -1499/1331 Actionable: Determine and address the root 14990/121 -31479/1331 /11 -1499/121 -14990/1331 -1499/121-14990/133 cause of the counterexample more *quickly* 1 2 true Outputs: [SM.State Out.val]

(THROT.Actuator Input)

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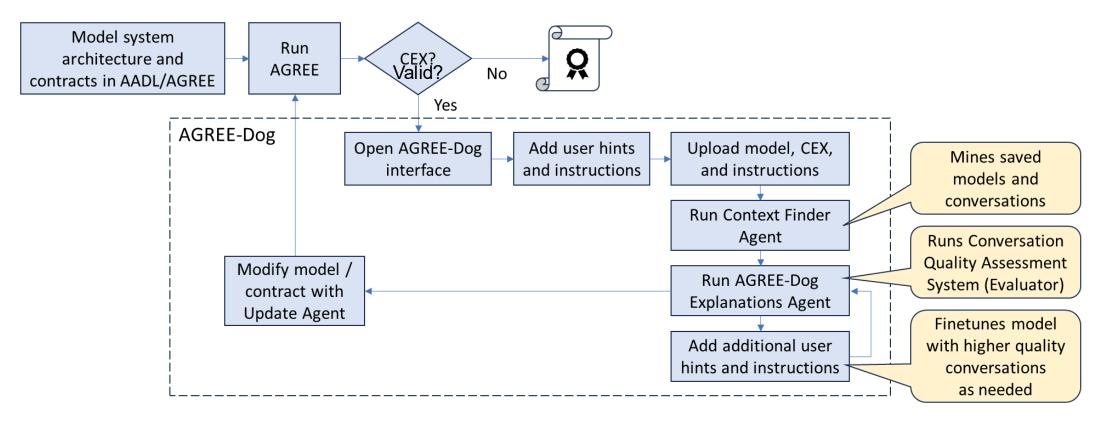
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**Before AgreeDog:** costly and error-prone manual interpretation of counterexamples, requirements, logs, and models — sometimes taking **days or weeks** to complete repairs!



### **Toward Trusted Gen AI in the MBSE Lifecycle**

- Early trials of AGREE-Dog—have reduced system-level repair cycles from days/weeks to minutes/seconds, delivering substantial time savings.
   Deward by CBT 4e, O2, and CBT 4.1 multimedal models.
- Powered by GPT-4o, O3, and GPT-4.1 multimodal models.





### **Toward Trusted Gen Al in the MBSE Lifecycle**

GREE-Dog	AGREE-Dog
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✓ Submit with Context  Save  Feedback Loop  Insert	<ul> <li>OLoad additional contextOUse Osate2</li> <li>OInclude import chainODon't include import chain</li> <li>GPT-O3 reasoning (128k tk) GPT-4.1 multi-modal (1 m tk) GPT-40 multi-modal (1 m tk)</li> </ul>
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Copilot Logs	<ul> <li>Enable Git push</li> <li>Disable Git push</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>[20:31:46] INFO: Requirement file provided: ./sys_requirements.csv</li> <li>[20:31:46] INFO: Contents of sys_requirement.txt loaded successfully.</li> <li>[20:31:46] INFO: Starting the Dash server</li> <li>[20:31:51] INFO: Re-read AADL model file: /home/amertahat/AgreeDog/uploaded_dir/Car/packages/Car.aadl</li> <li>[20:31:51] INFO: Re-read requirements file: ./sys_requirements.csv</li> <li>[20:31:51] INFO: New counterexample detected: cex10807709049446947555.xls</li> <li>[20:31:51] INFO: New counterexample file detected: cex10807709049446947555.xls. Prompt updated with latest files.</li> </ul>	U Shutdown Server

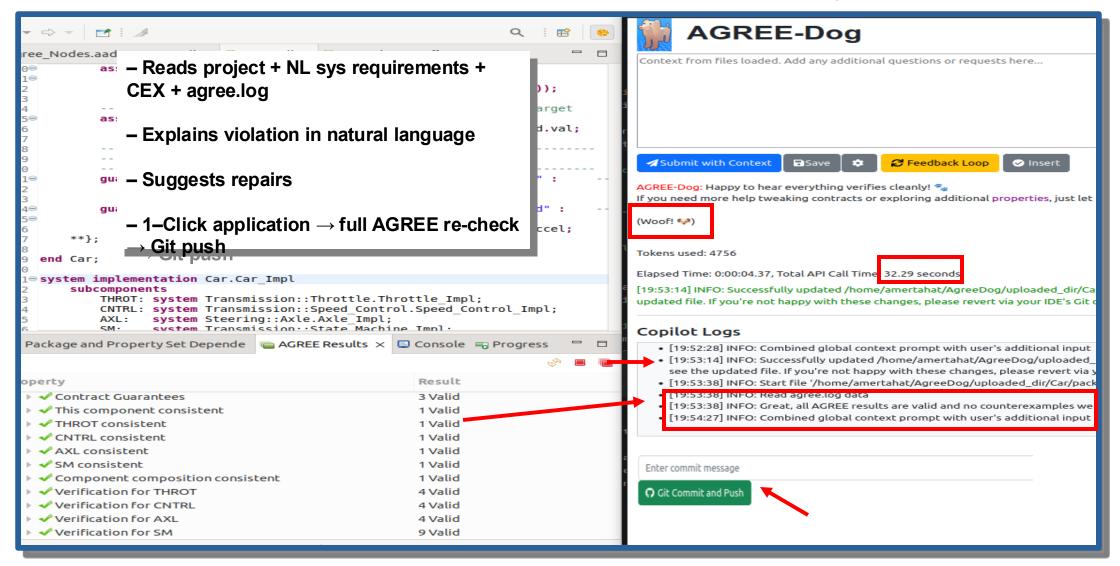


### **AGREE-Dog: Counterexample Analysis and Resolution**

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	end Car;		### Counter-example	
	<ul> <li>system implementation Car.Car_Impl subcomponents THROT: system Transmission::Throttle.Th CNTRL: system Transmission::Speed_Contr AXL: system Steering::Axle.Axle Impl;</li> </ul>	### Summary:		* And y 515 1, 10, 9.09090909090909 21, 0, 0
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	<pre>end Car.Car_Impl; end Car; Stop-Here</pre>	requirement, we ensure consistency and eliminate t	he	10 and `Target_Speed.val` is 0. Here, the s violated because `10 > 0`. <b>Detection</b>
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	[G_car_2] acceleration is limited	Valid (0s)	•	ion over which the `Actual_Speed` is being
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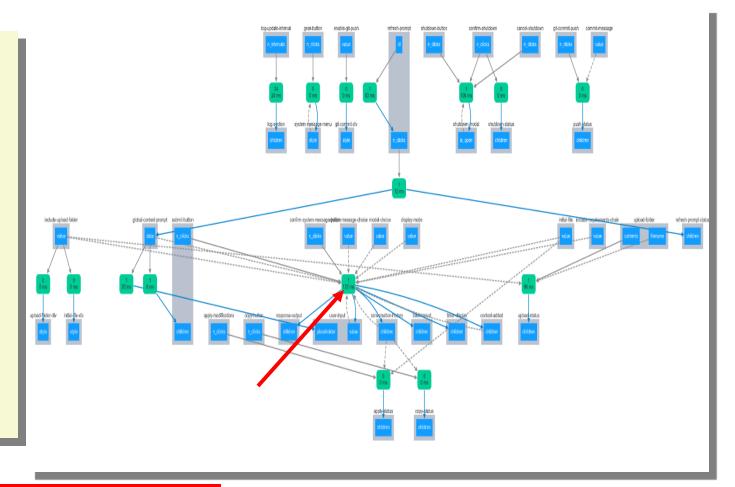


### AgreeDog System Call-Graph Complexity

**Traditional Workflow:** Tens of interdependent calls & manual back-and-forth

#### AGREE-Dog Approach:

- Collapses complex interactions into a single recommendation step
- Minimizes manual navigation of callgraphs and dependencies
- $\rightarrow$  Dramatic reduction in user effort via push-button UI.



AGREE-Dog significantly automates 16 DevOp and ProofOp → drastic user effort reduction



### **Ongoing Experimental Evaluations:**

- Test bed: We created 13 test scenarios for an autonomous-vehicle (Car) AADL model—each scenario comprising 400 LoC models, <100 LoC CEX, <100 LoC sys requirements, and agree Logs. Total ~10,000 LoC
- **× Fault Injection:** We injected faults into three key components (Top-level Control System, Steering, and Transmission) and ran a full **AGREE-Dog** repair "conversation" for each.



### Key Impact & Scalability

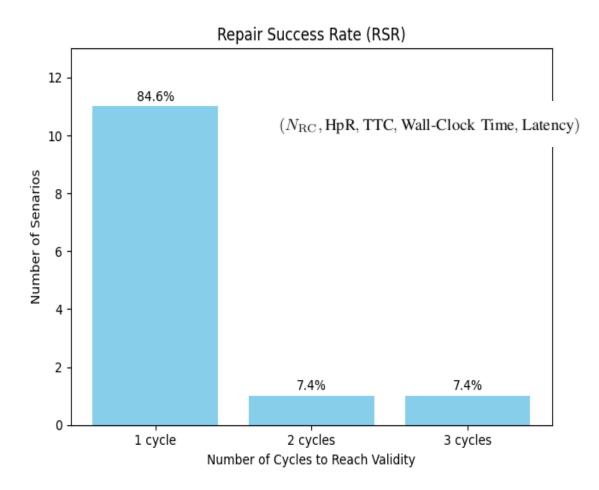


TABLE I: Structural Metrics Summary. Token values rounded to the nearest hundred.

Metric	Result		
System Validity	100%		
Repair Success Rate (Fig. 5)	11/13 (84.6%) in 1 cycle; 1/13 in 2 cycles; 1/13 in 3 cycles		
Human Input Ratio (HpR)	< 0.1% of total tokens		
AGREE-Dog Input	> 99.9% of total tokens		
Token Use (per test suite)	4.8k, 5.5k, 22k tokens		

TABLE II: Temporal Metrics Summary. Time values rounded to the nearest second.

Metric	Result
Wall-Clock Time (WCT)	Mean: 2:09 min; Median: 1:39 min
Latency (per cycle)	Mean: 22 s; Range: 4–33 s

 Key Observation: Human input dropped below 0.1% of the workflow—yet we still achieved 100% system-wide validity, demonstrating a dramatic reduction in manual effort.

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### Challenges

- Contextual constraints
  - GenAl struggles with accurate AGREE model explanations due to limited context, causing hallucinations
  - AGREE-Dog Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) System adjusts context dynamically, reducing hallucinations and improving explanation accuracy.
- Model repair
  - Repairs can generate multiple solutions, some of which violate system requirements
  - AGREE-Dog deploys Agree.log validity analysis and follows predefined requirements to ensure repairs respect system constraints. (MMU is useful)
- Evaluation
  - Manual evaluation limits scalability for large models
  - A Conversational Quality Assessment System (CQAS) automates performance tracking



### **Current Limitations**

- Manual Solver Selection
  - Users must still choose between JKind, SMT solvers.
  - We are developing a multi-agent router that intelligently selects solvers based on context, performance, and explainability.
- Model repair
  - We are testing multiple-root causes for cex generation, across more complex systems.
  - The AGREE-Dog more automated navigation between system files.
  - Judge Worker orchestration: feasibility study.
- RL Integration In Progress
  - Repair adaptation via reinforcement learning is in early stage.
  - We are incorporating conversation history into our recommendation system and fine-tuning datasets.



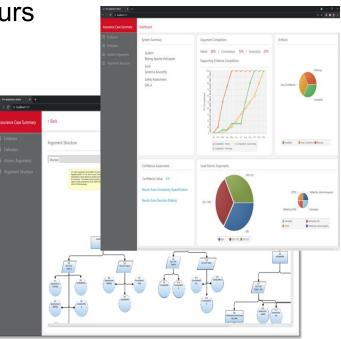
#### Conclusions

#### • Summary

- AGREE-Dog: Push-Button System-Wide Formally Valid Repairs Explainable
- Traceable Rapid Human-in-the-Loop
- Validation cycles reduced from days/weeks to minutes/hours

#### • Up Next:

- Federated/Organizational agents & solver orchestration
- CQAS (evaluation metrics)
- SysMLv2 migration: Embed AGREE-Dog
   like Copilot into next-gen modeling environments
- Assurance patterns dashboard





#### Resources

AGREE-Dog Video Demo: https://www.youtube.com/watchv=2cKRm9fuifs **INSPECTA** project page:  $\succ$ https://loonwerks.com/projects/inspecta.html AGREE-Dog source code: <u>https://github.com/loonwerks/AgreeDog</u> > AGREE-Dog-Plugin source code: https://github.com/loonwerks/AgreeDog-plugin.git



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