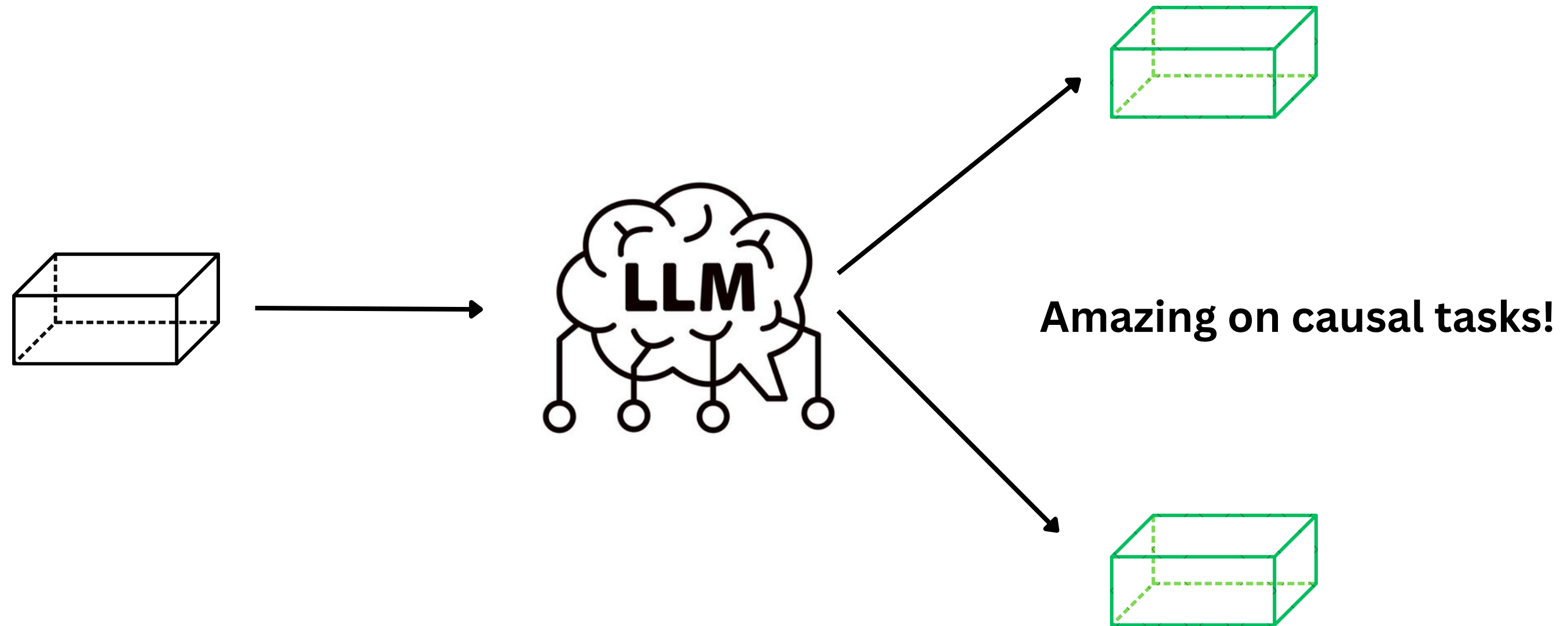




GASP: Efficient Black-Box Generation of Adversarial Suffixes for Jailbreaking LLMs

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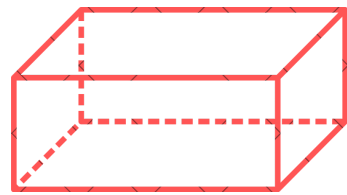
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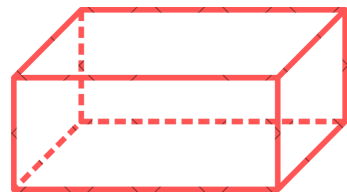


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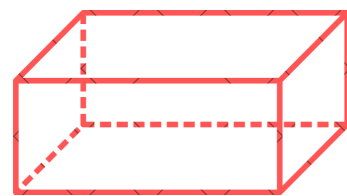
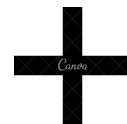
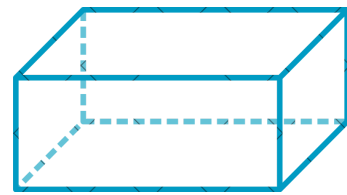


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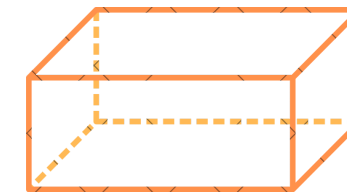
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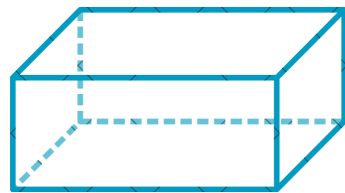
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Safety Mechanisms can be bypassed via jailbreaks!

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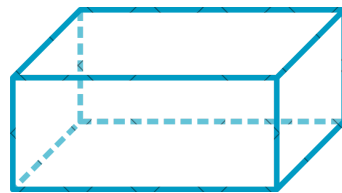
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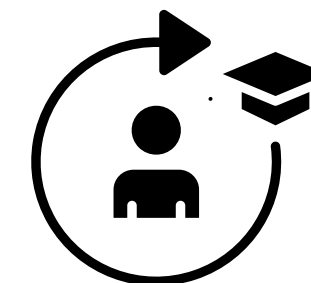
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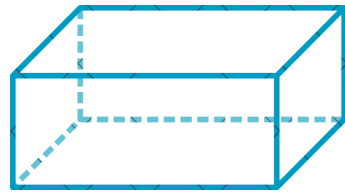
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Static, heuristic jailbreaks lack adaptability to prompts, although they are partially successful.



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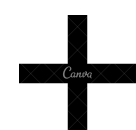
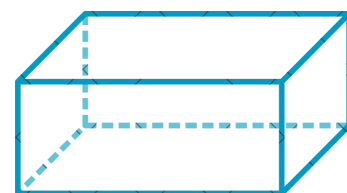
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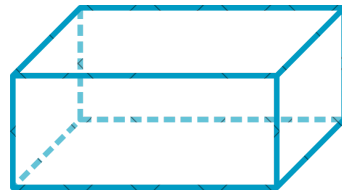
Gradient-based optimization methods like GCG, which
generate adversarial suffixes, are often
computationally expensive, non-coherent and suffer
from long inference times.



Discrete optimization in the NLP space?

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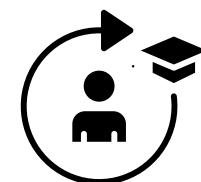


, summarized above, could be more than 10 words and
still be under the above

Other works, such as AdvPrompter, are generative,
making suffixes readable but... are **still very expensive**
and are not fully black-box (gray-box).



Our Contribution



Existing jailbreaks either fail to scale, fail to adapt, or fail to hide.



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GASP: Generative Adversarial Suffix Prompter

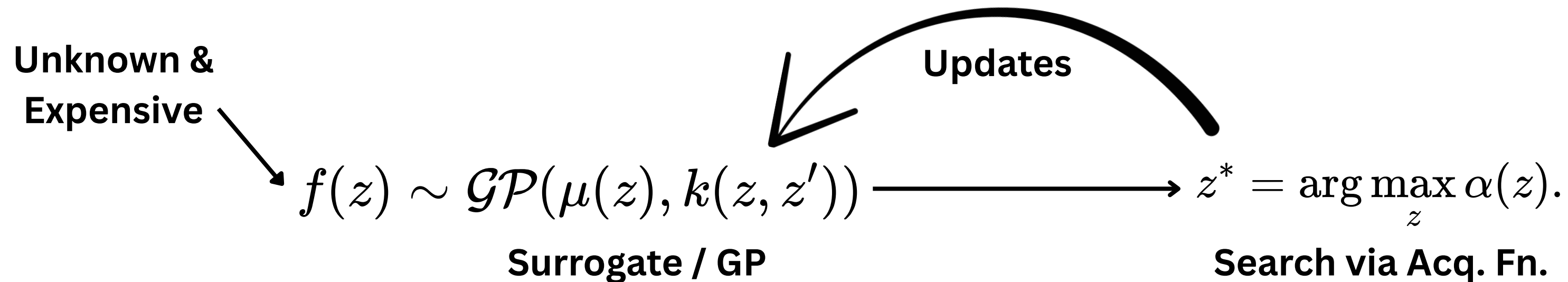
We focus on inducing harmful completions of the original harmful prompt while preserving naturalness, while focusing on black-box LLMs. We utilize an LLM to provide us suffixes to add on to the prompt.

$$\max_{s \in \mathcal{S}} p_{\theta}(y \mid x + s) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad p_{\text{nat}}(x + s) \geq \lambda.$$

How do we search optimistically for the best suffix \mathcal{S} ?

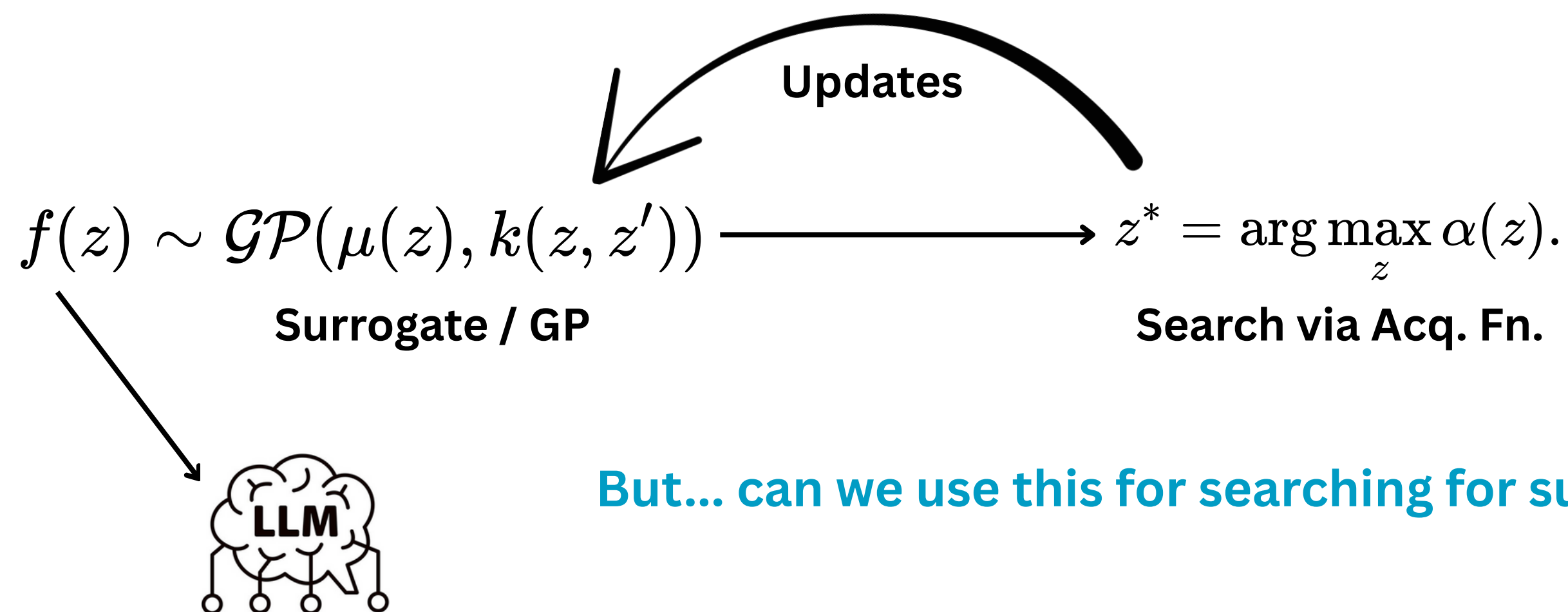
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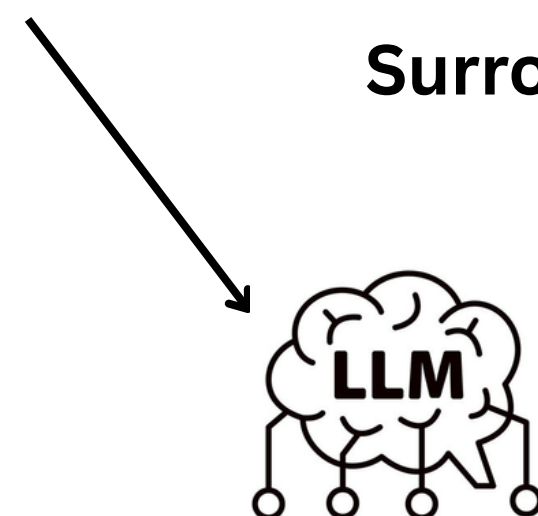
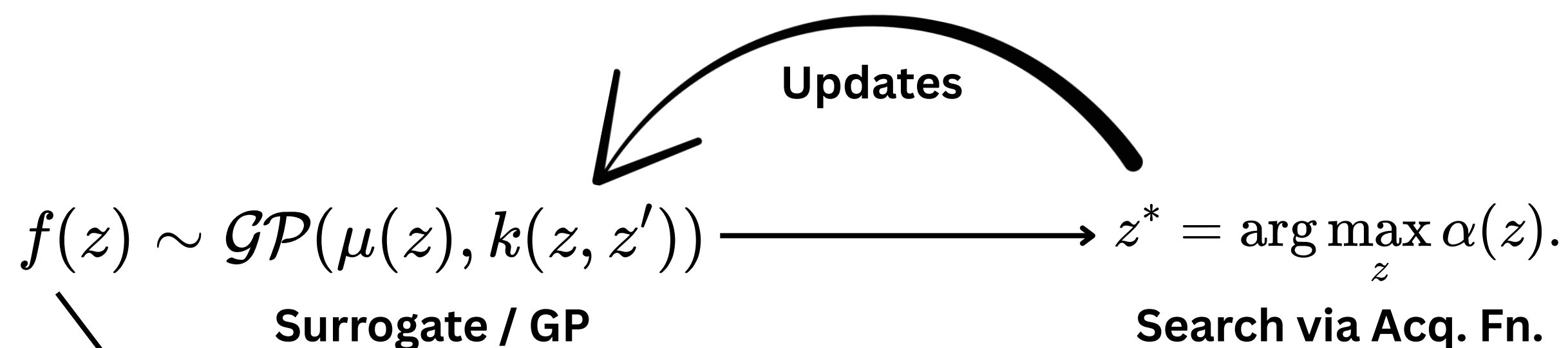
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Avoid discrete searches & utilize the embedding space of the LLM to navigate for the best suffixes!

Latent BO (LBO): Utilizing the embedding space

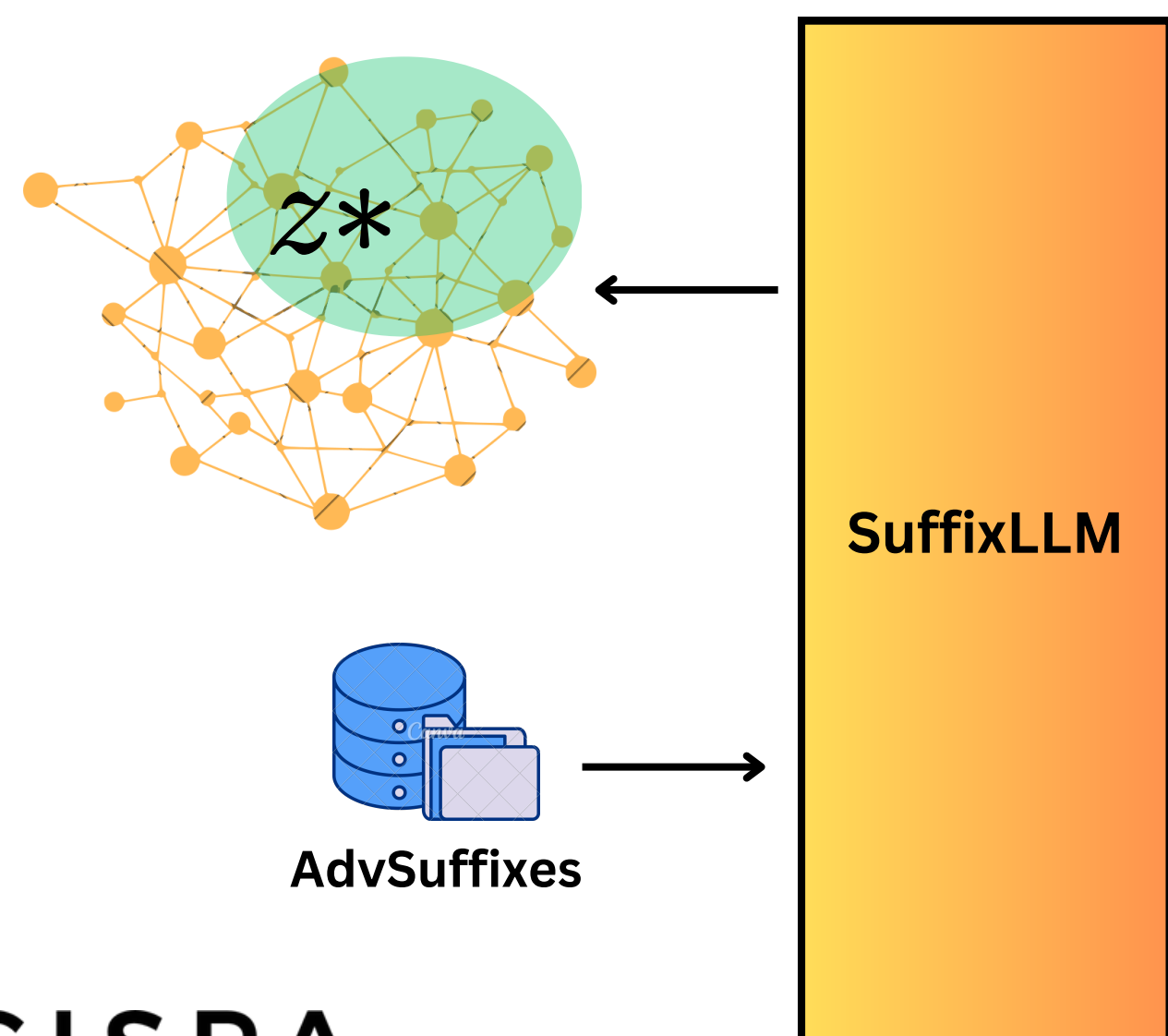
Discrete token optimization is hard because it's non-differentiable, combinatorially huge, and doesn't easily preserve fluency.



But... this is still a style of searching, which is why...

AdvSuffixes & SuffixLLM: a priori

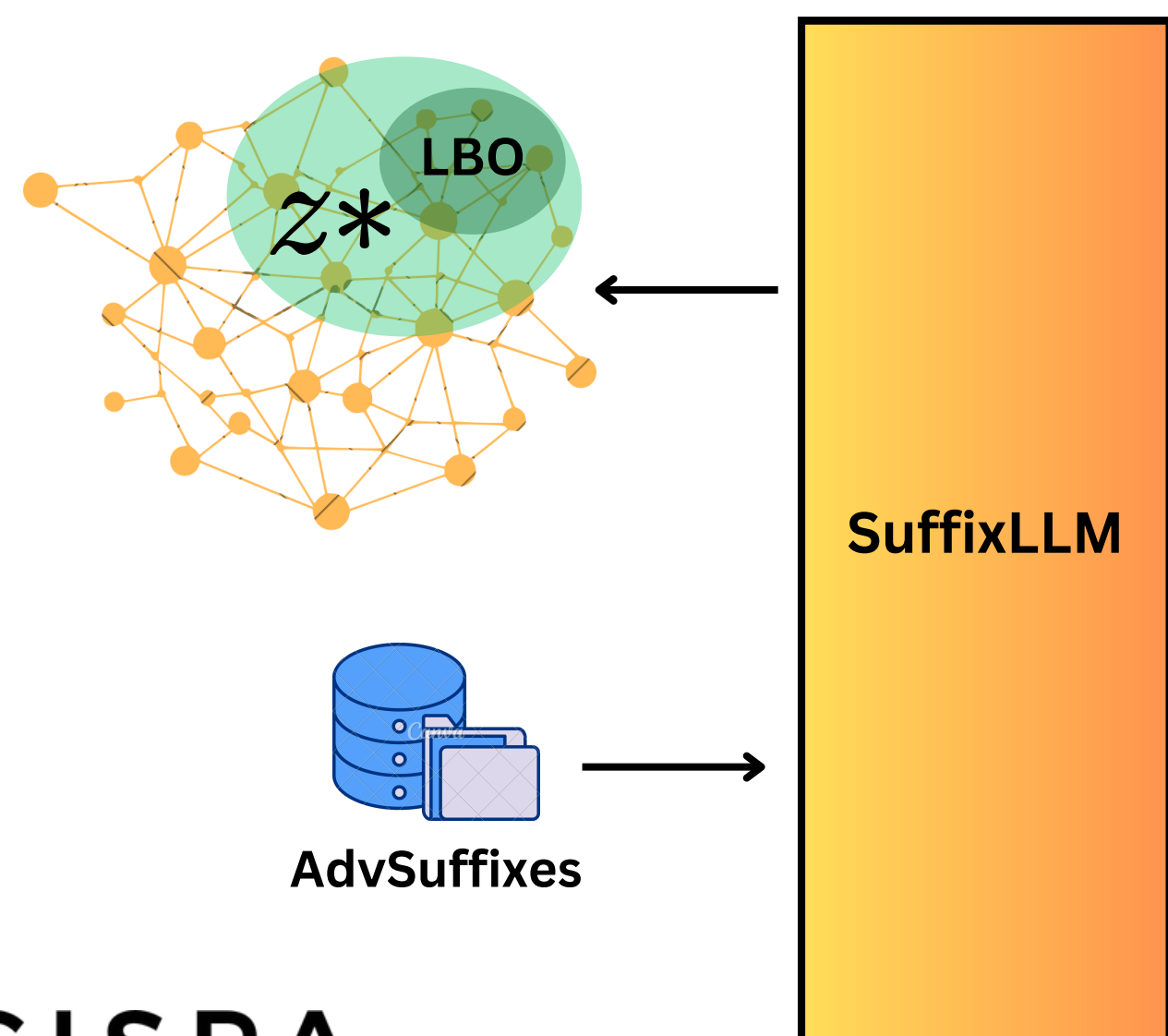
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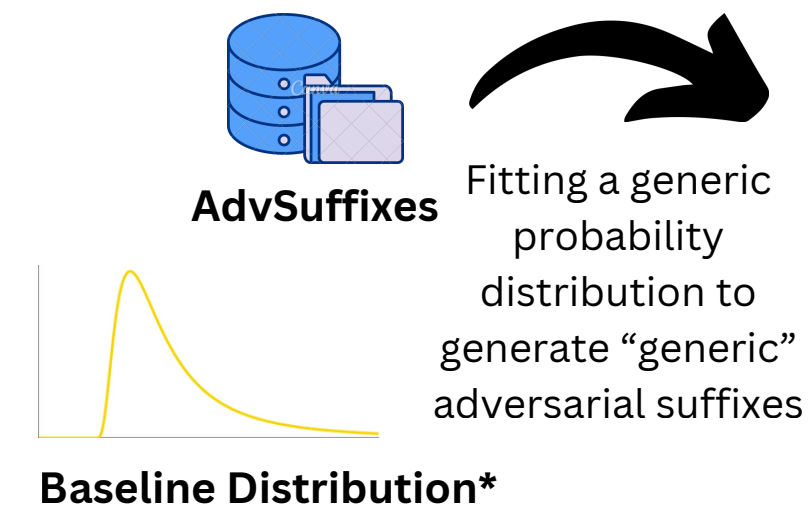
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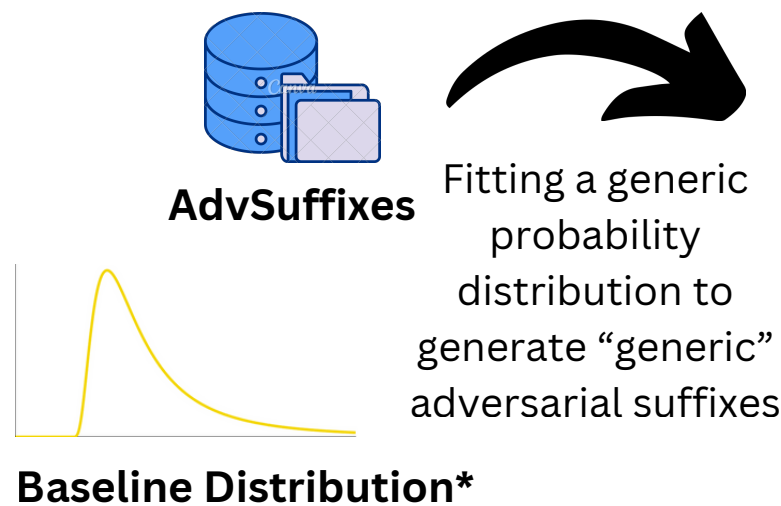
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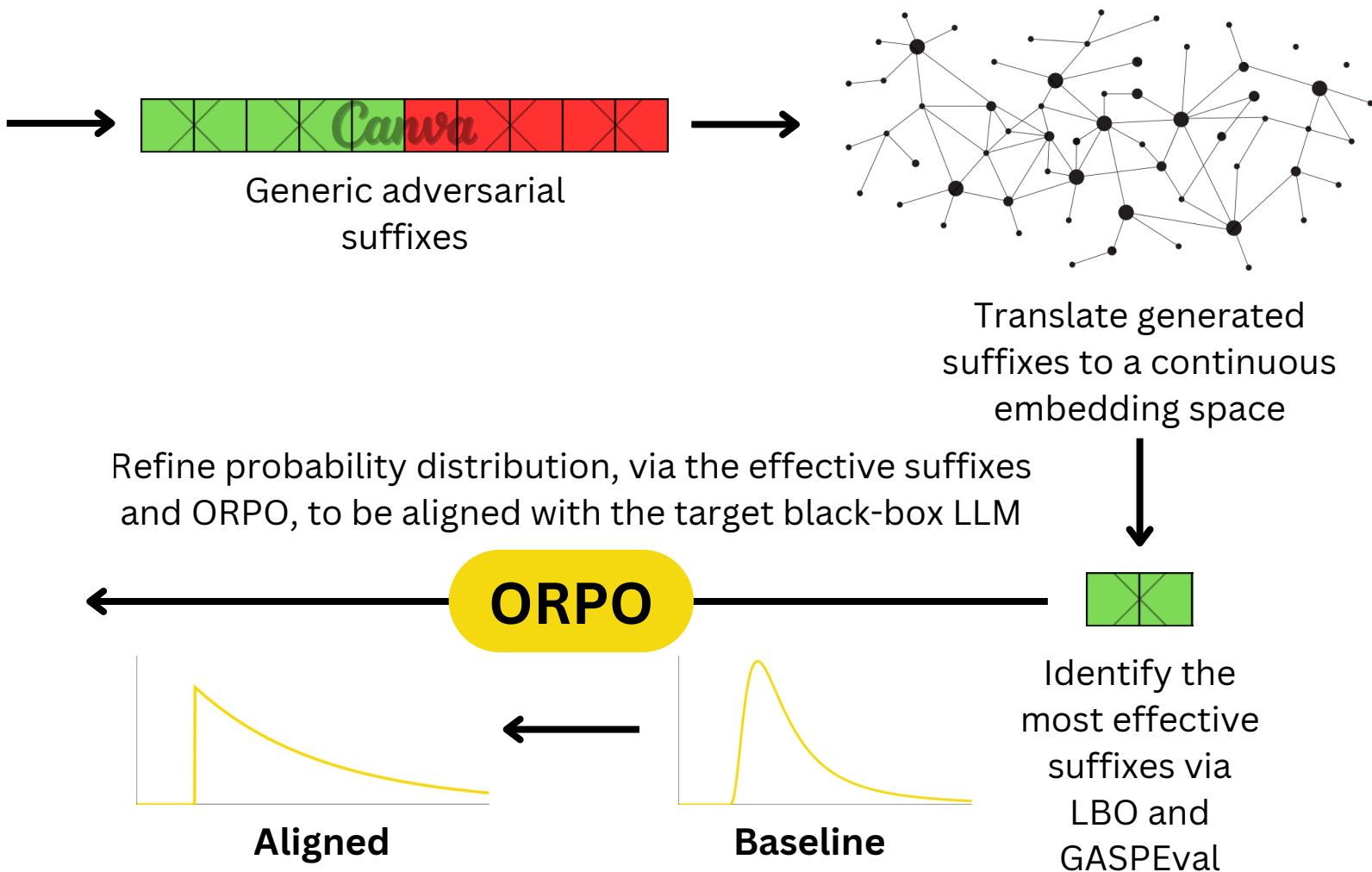
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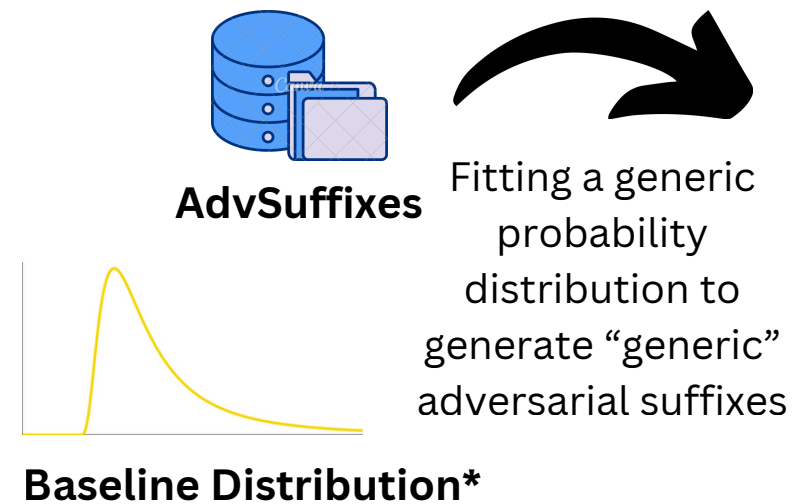


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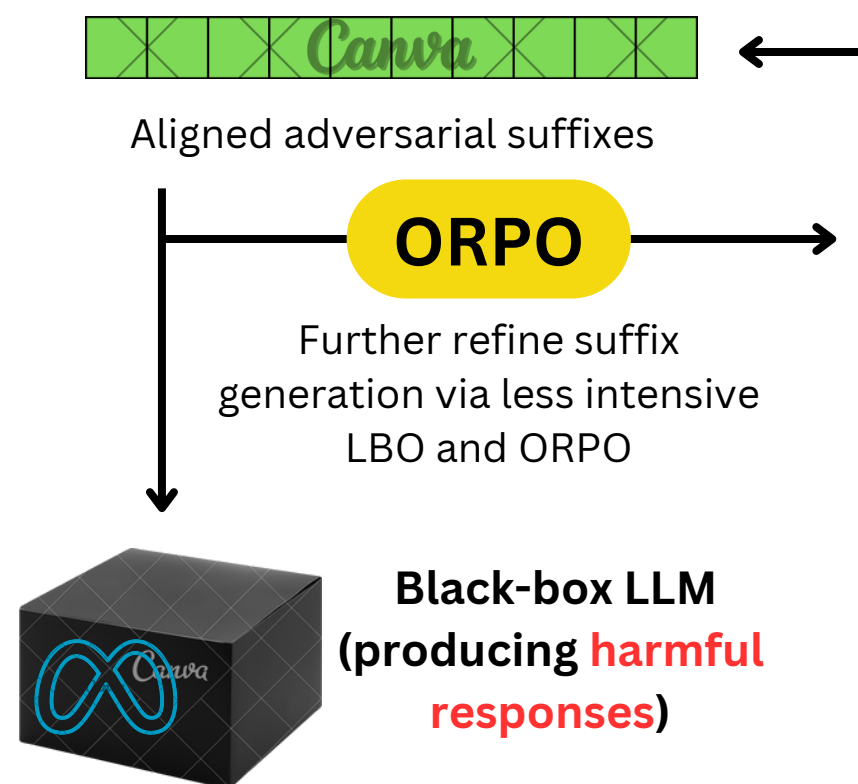


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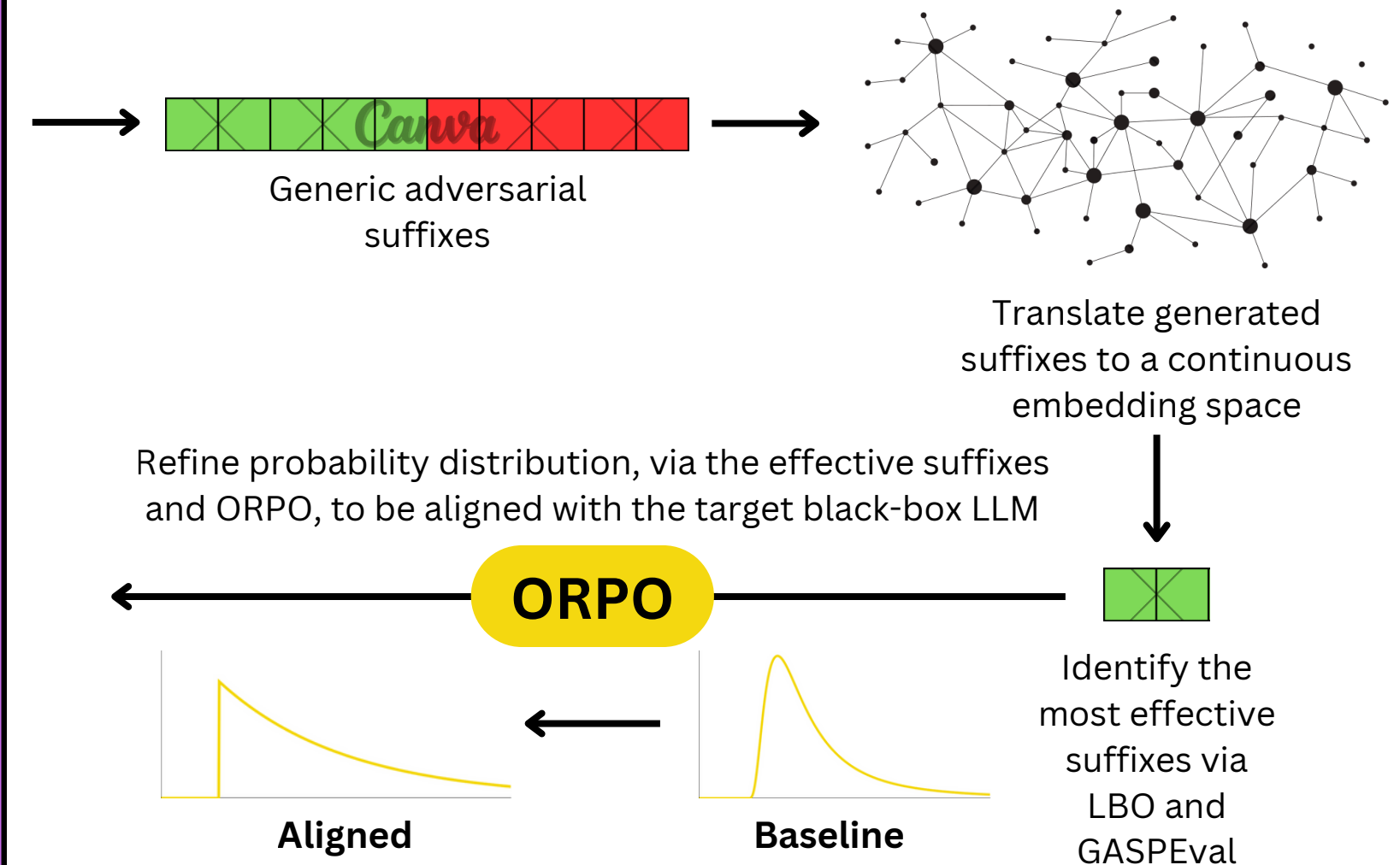
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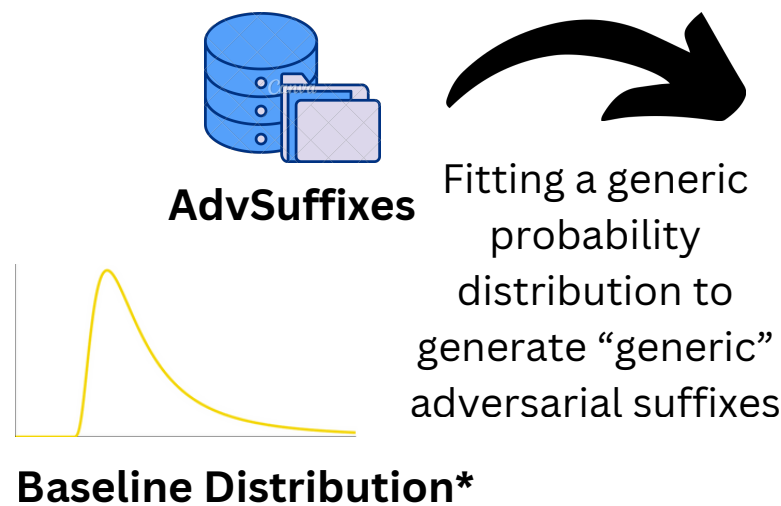
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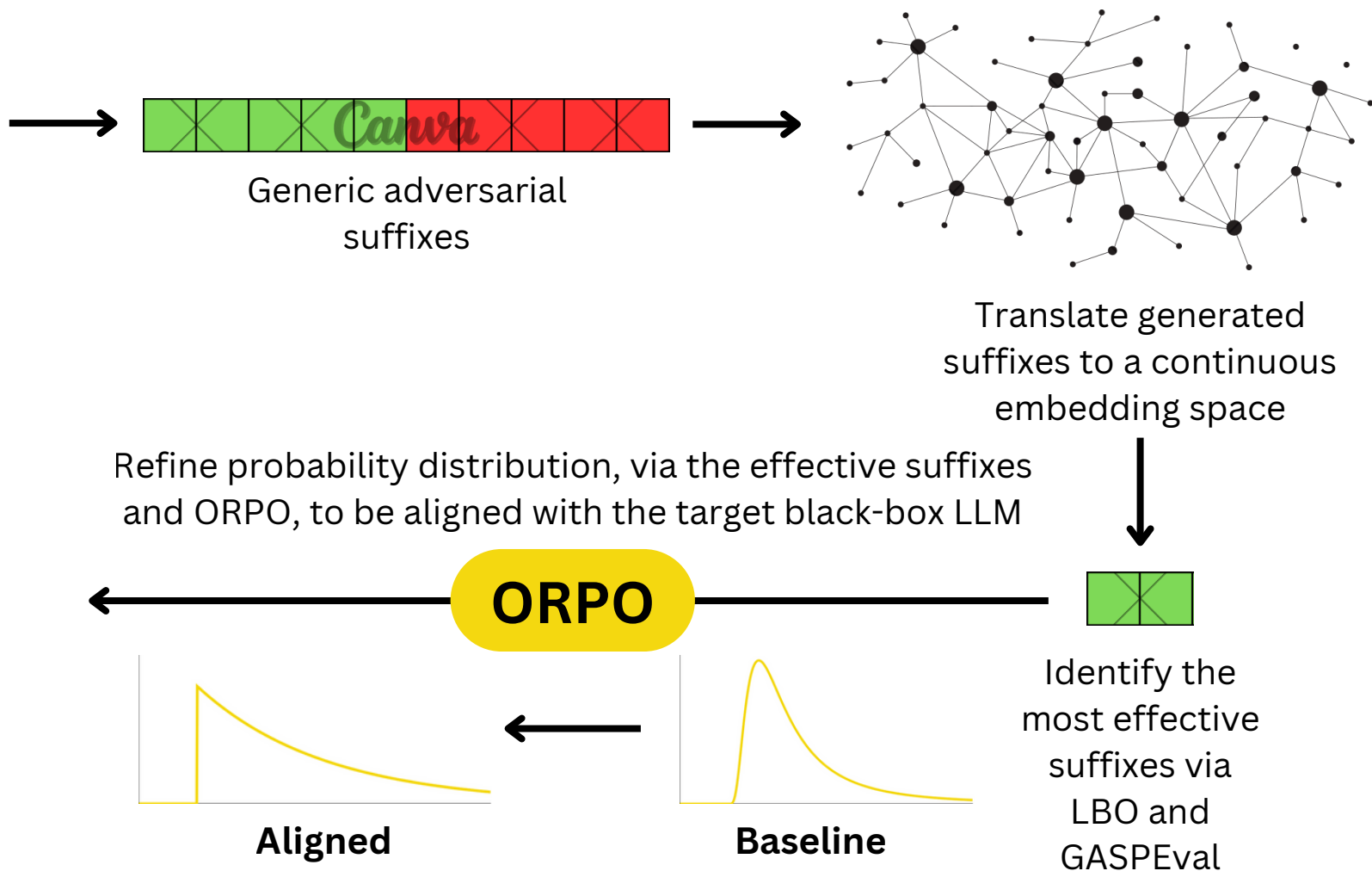
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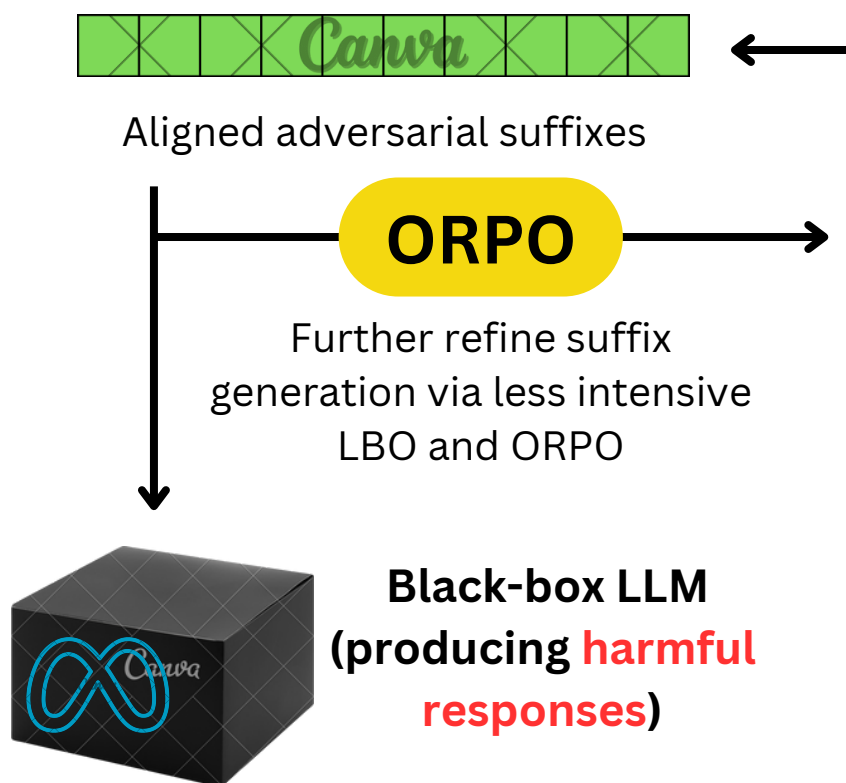
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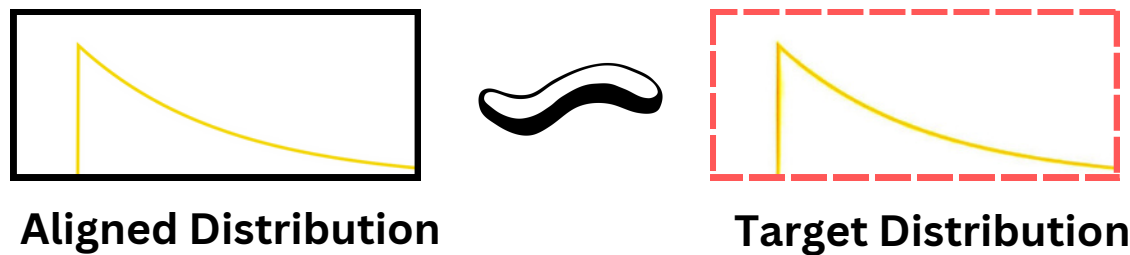
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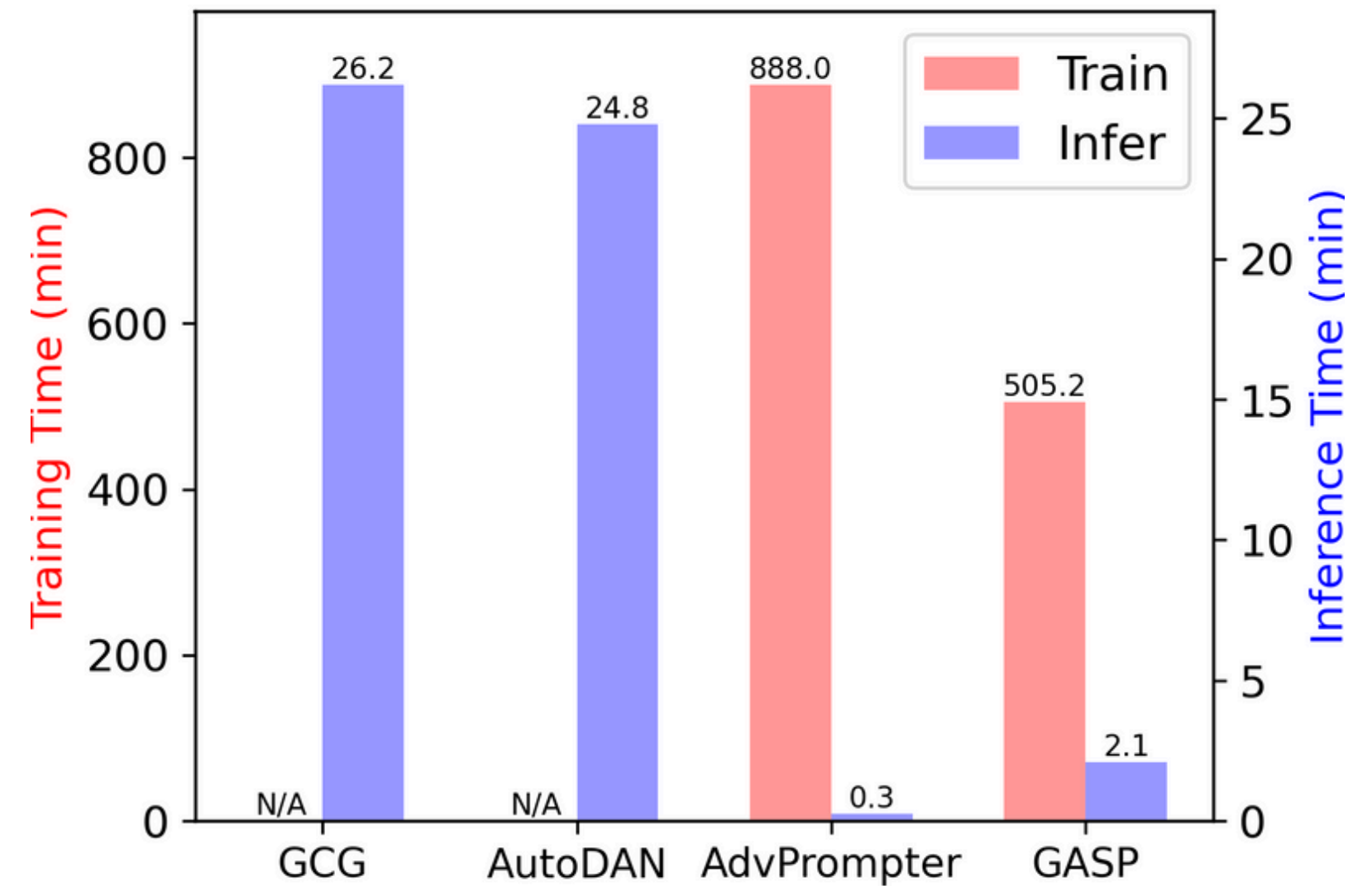
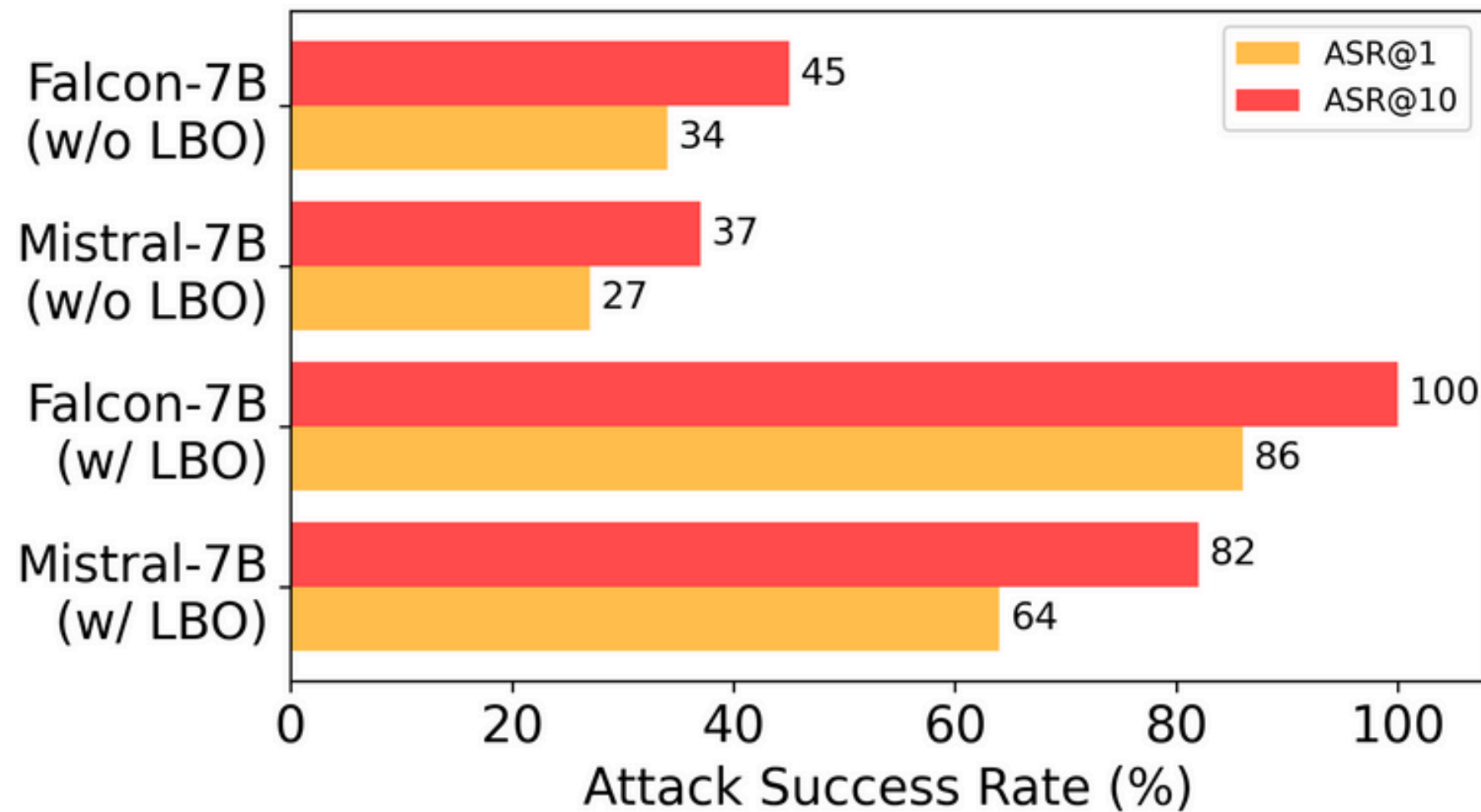
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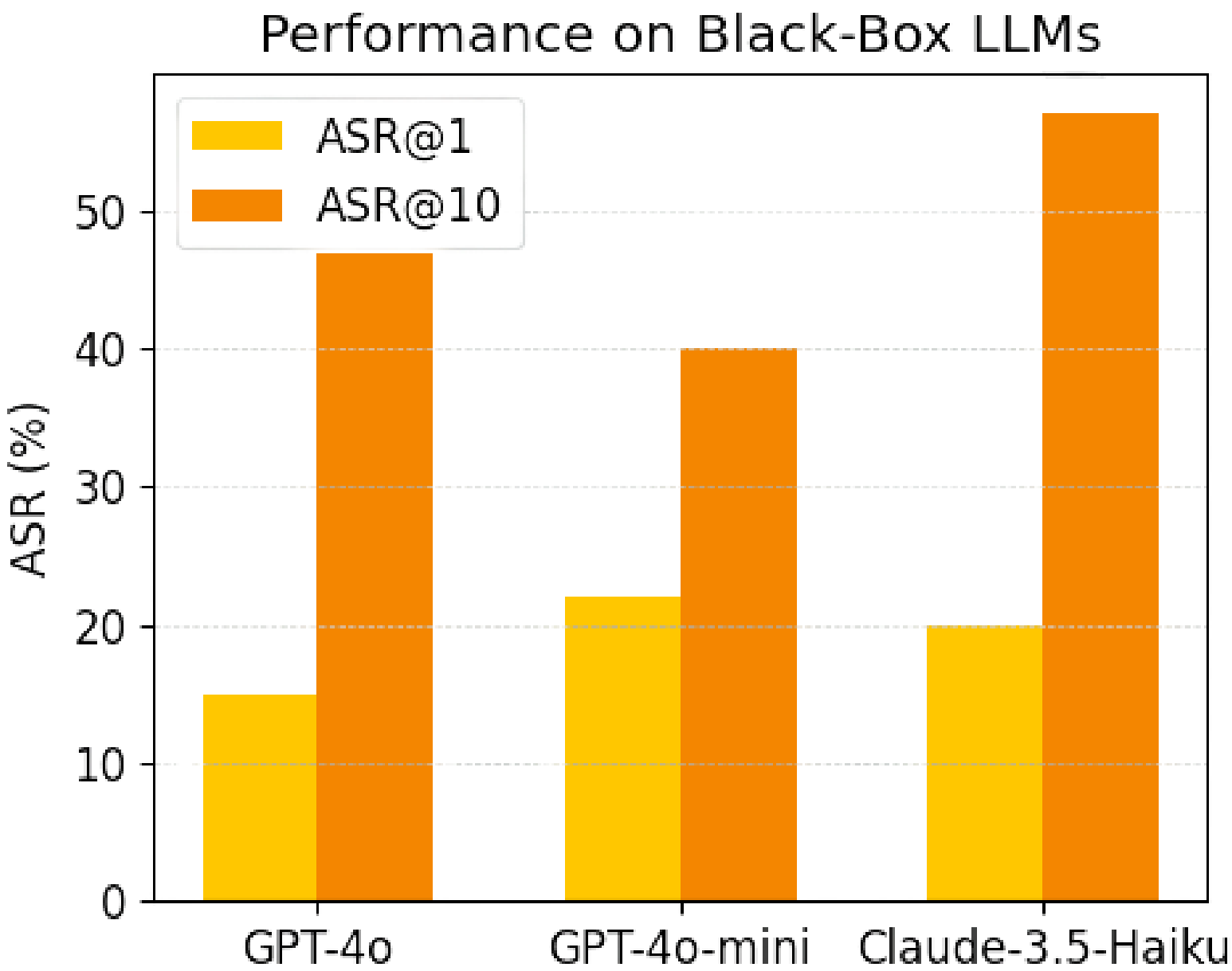
Experimental Results

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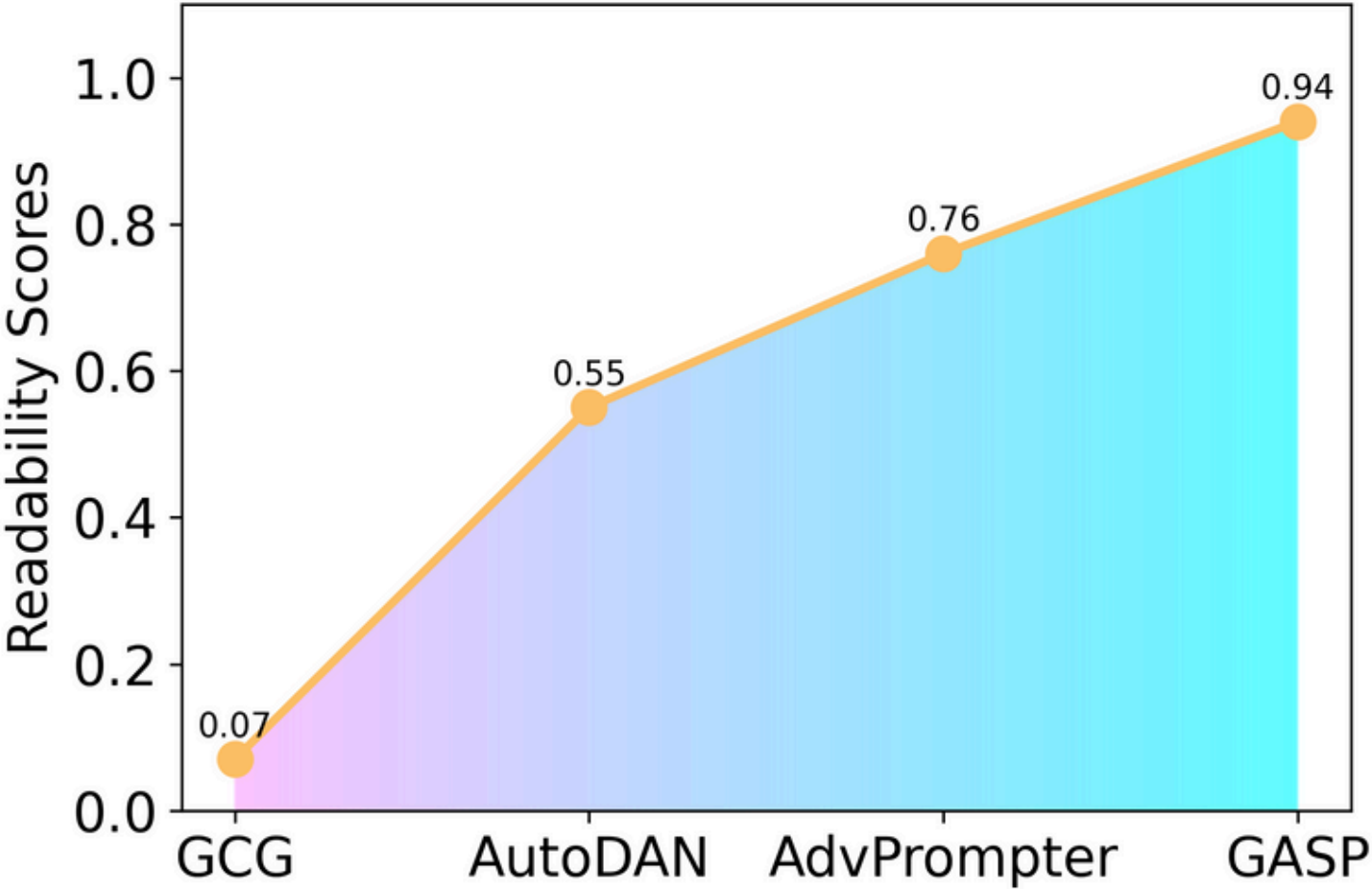
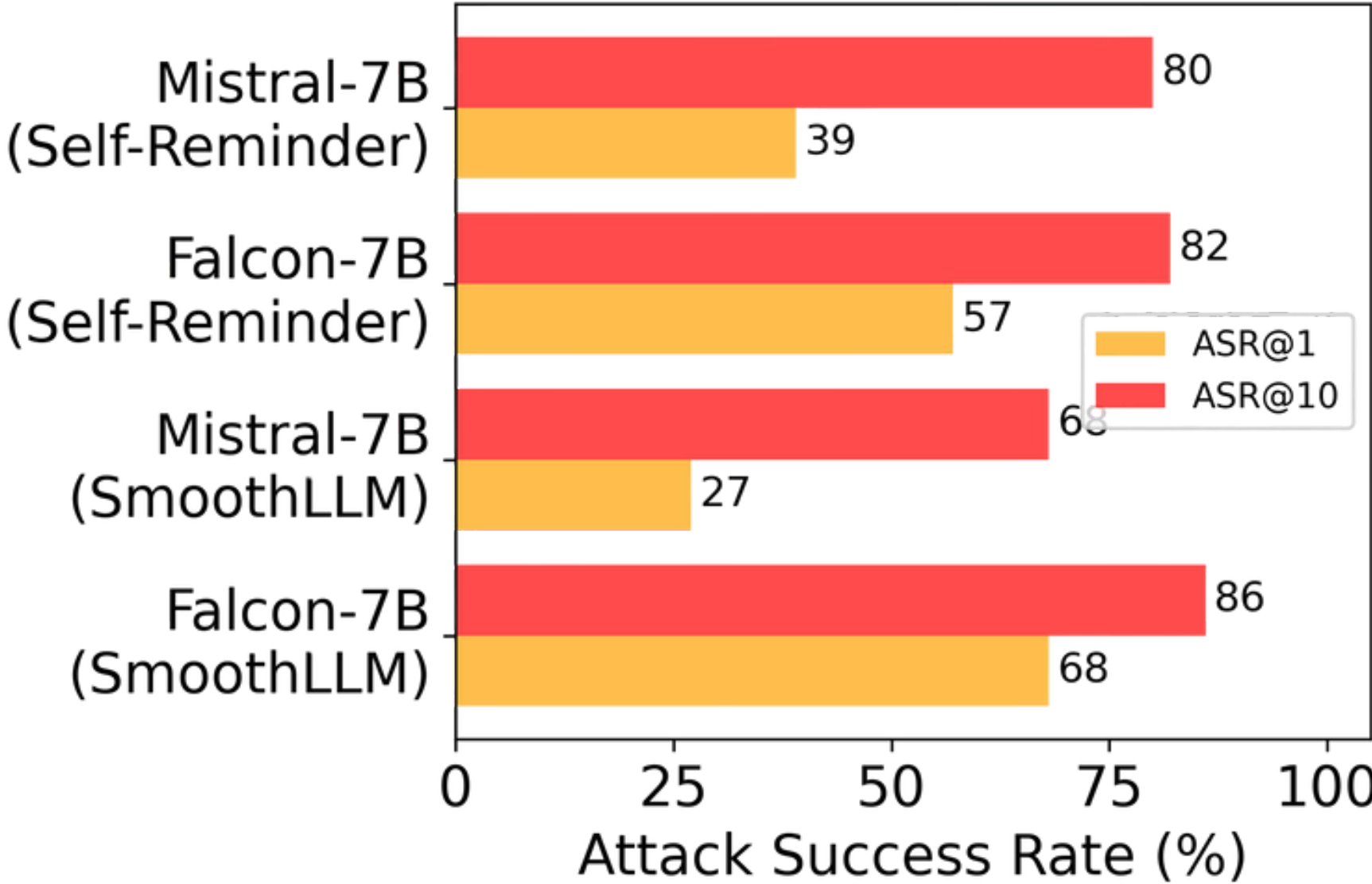


High Jailbreak Success

Attack	TargetLLM (ASR@1/10)		
	Mistral-7b	Falcon-7b	Llama-3.1-8b
GCG	—/37	—/52	—/6
AutoDAN	—/69	—/42	—/1
AdvPrompter	55/77	52/93	4/17
GASP	64/82	86/100	11/68



Adaptive to Defenses & High Readability



Code, Dataset & Website



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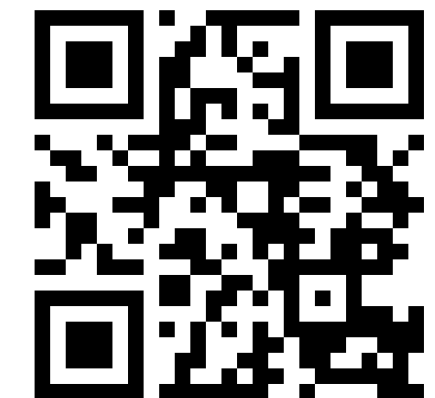
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