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## SimBA: Simple Black-box Adversarial Attacks

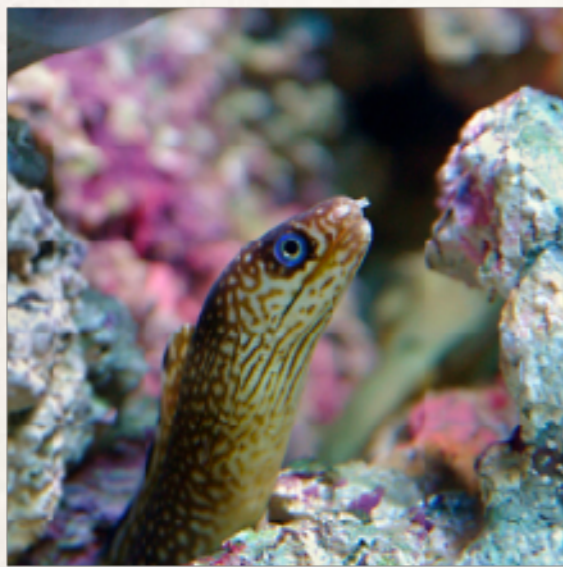
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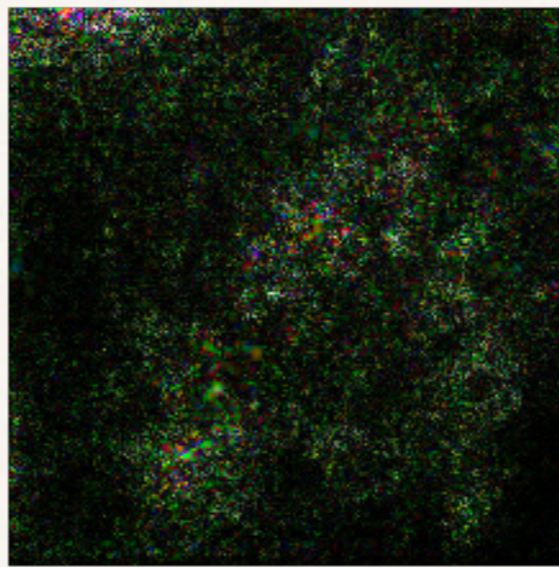
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# Adversarial Perturbation

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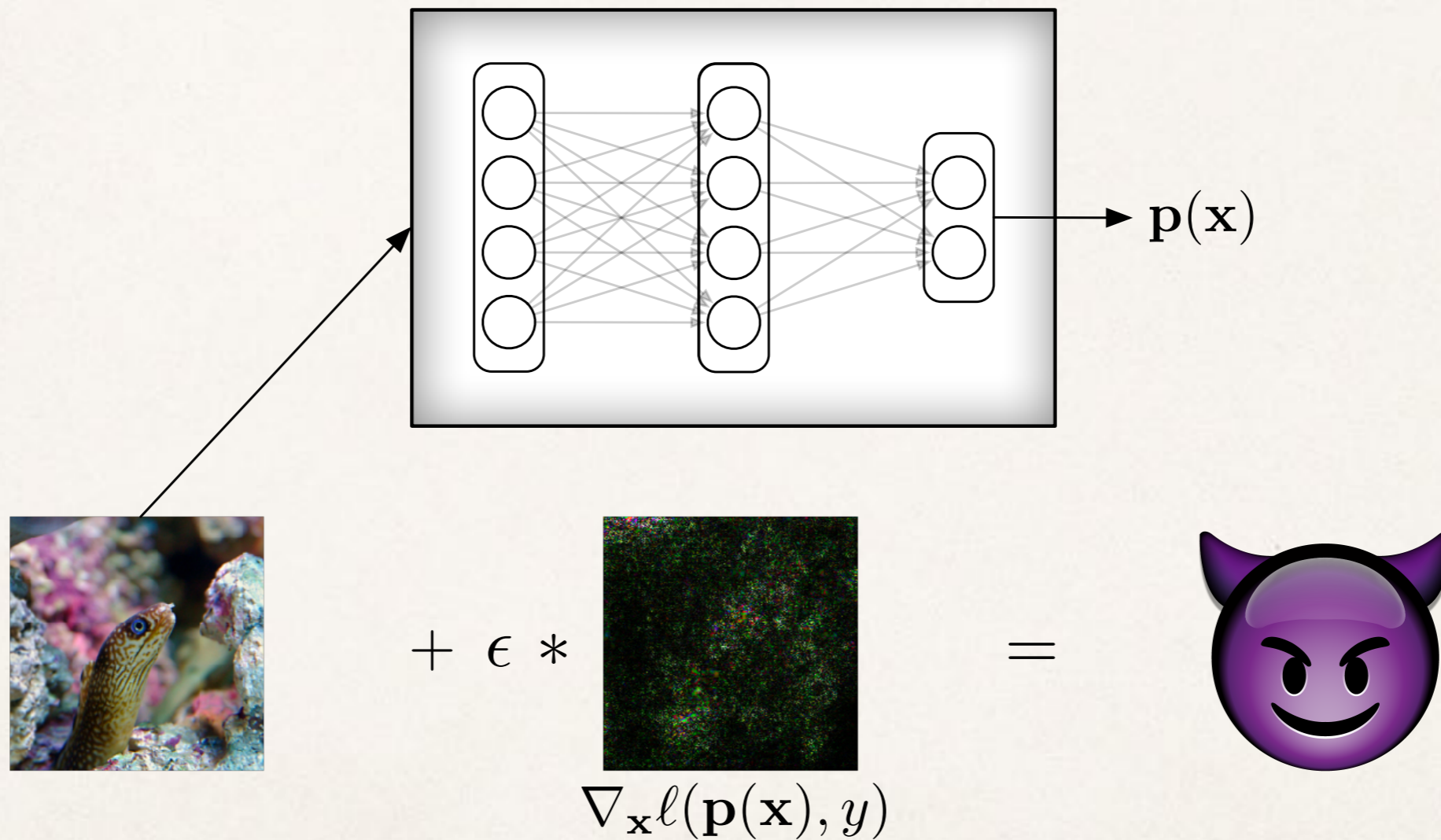
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99.99% Goldfish

- ❖ Small (imperceptible) change in input that alters model decision
- ❖ Security implications for critical applications

# White-box Attacks

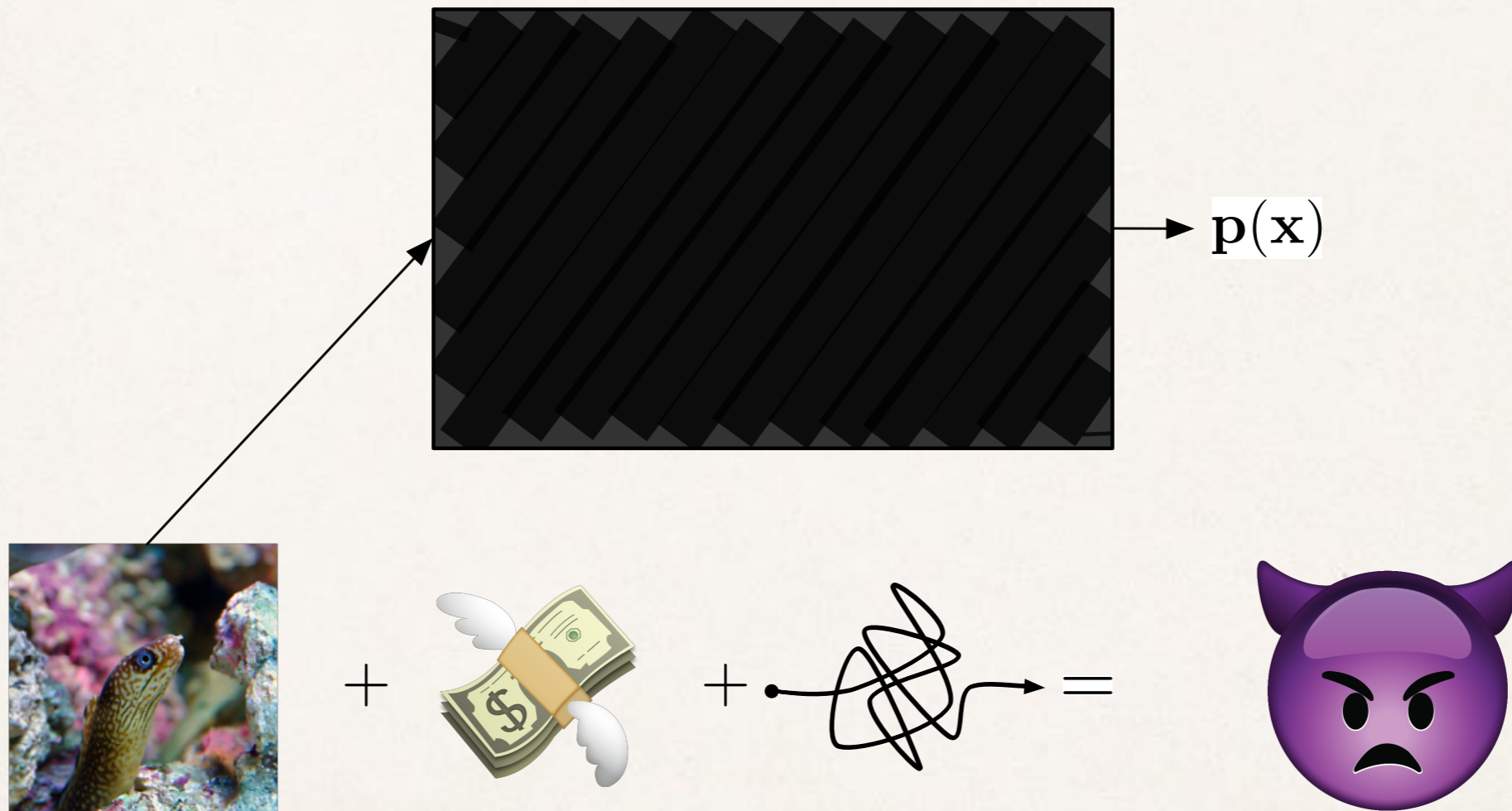
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- ❖ White-box attacks are simple and efficient due to access to gradients

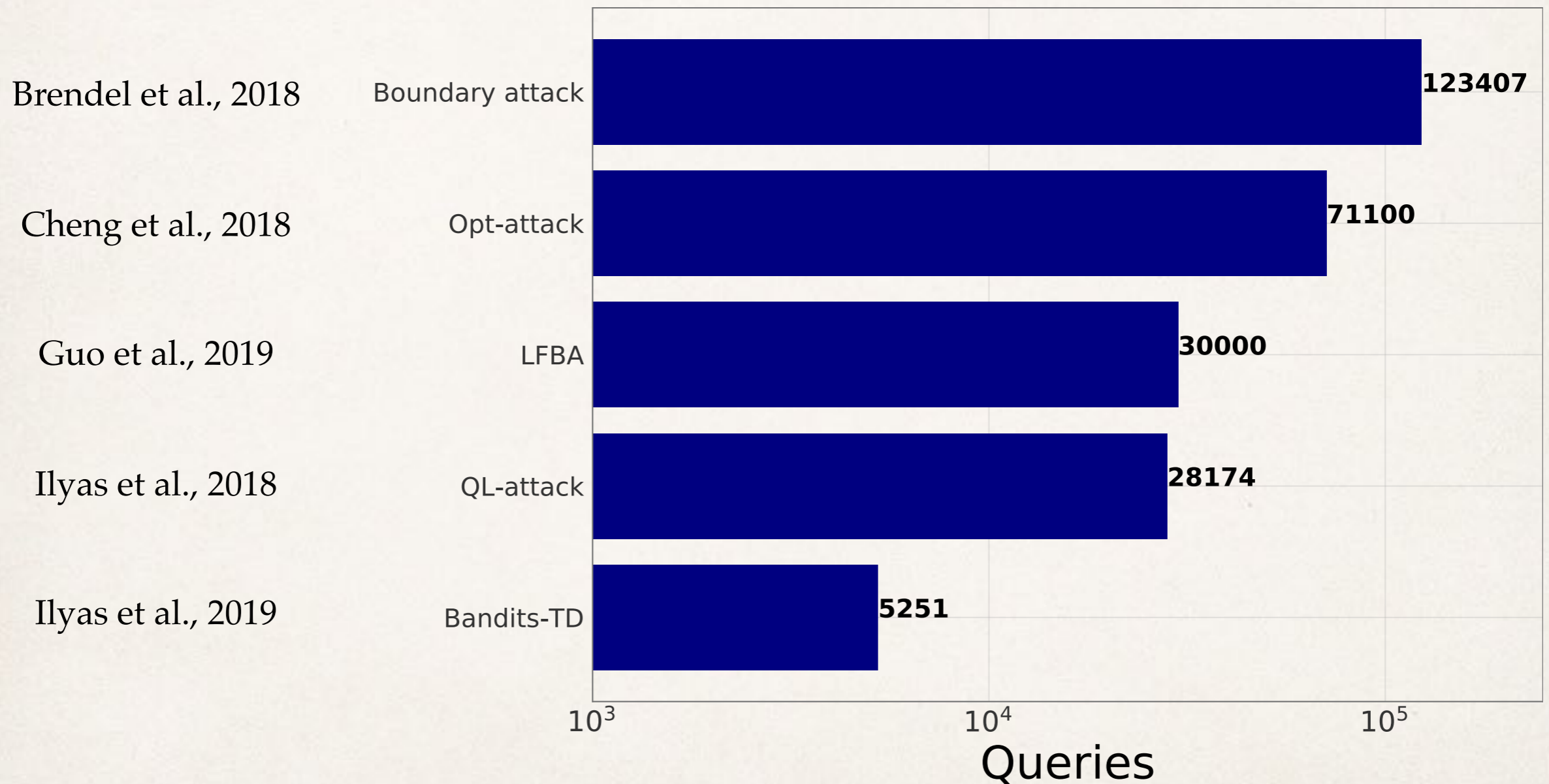
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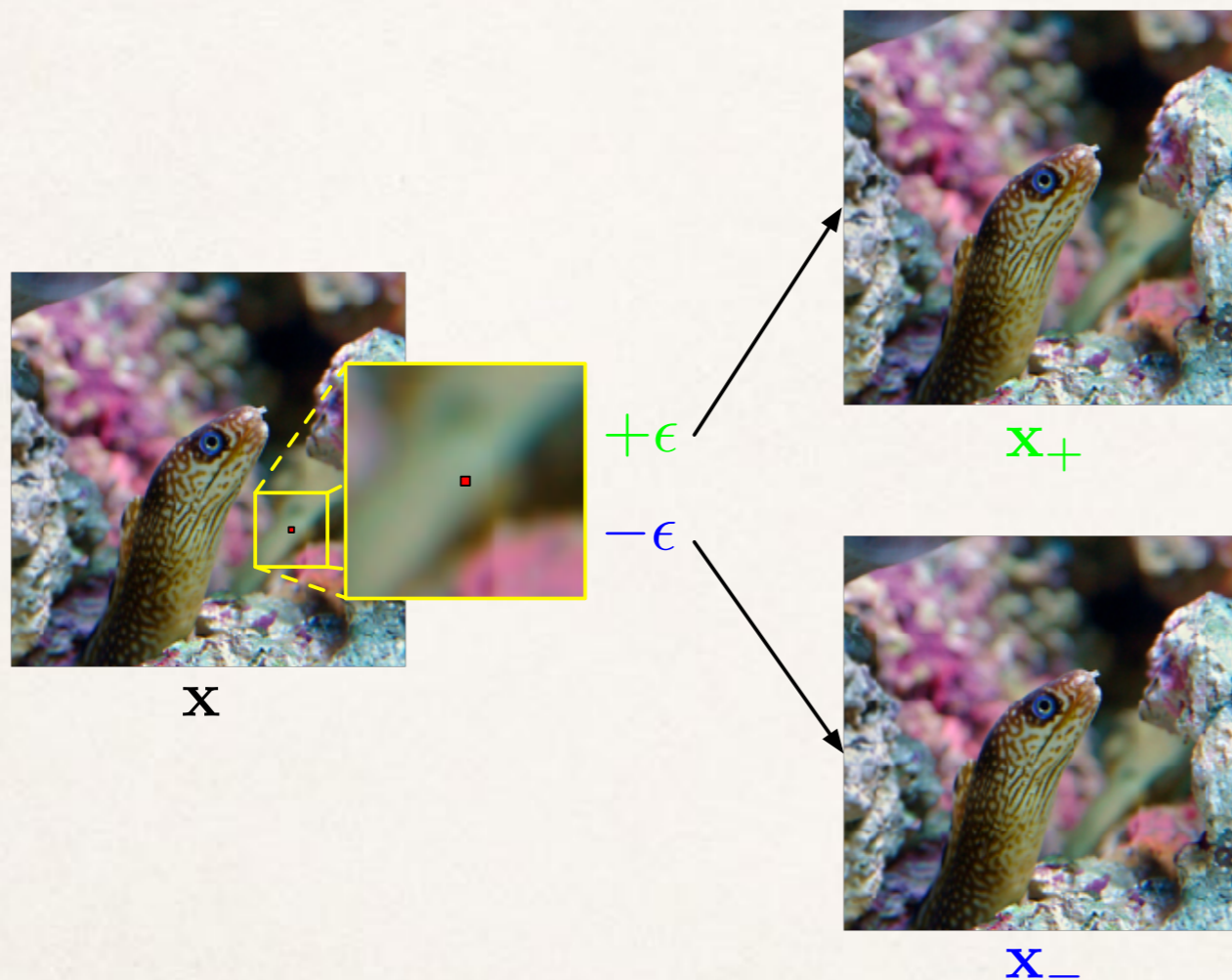
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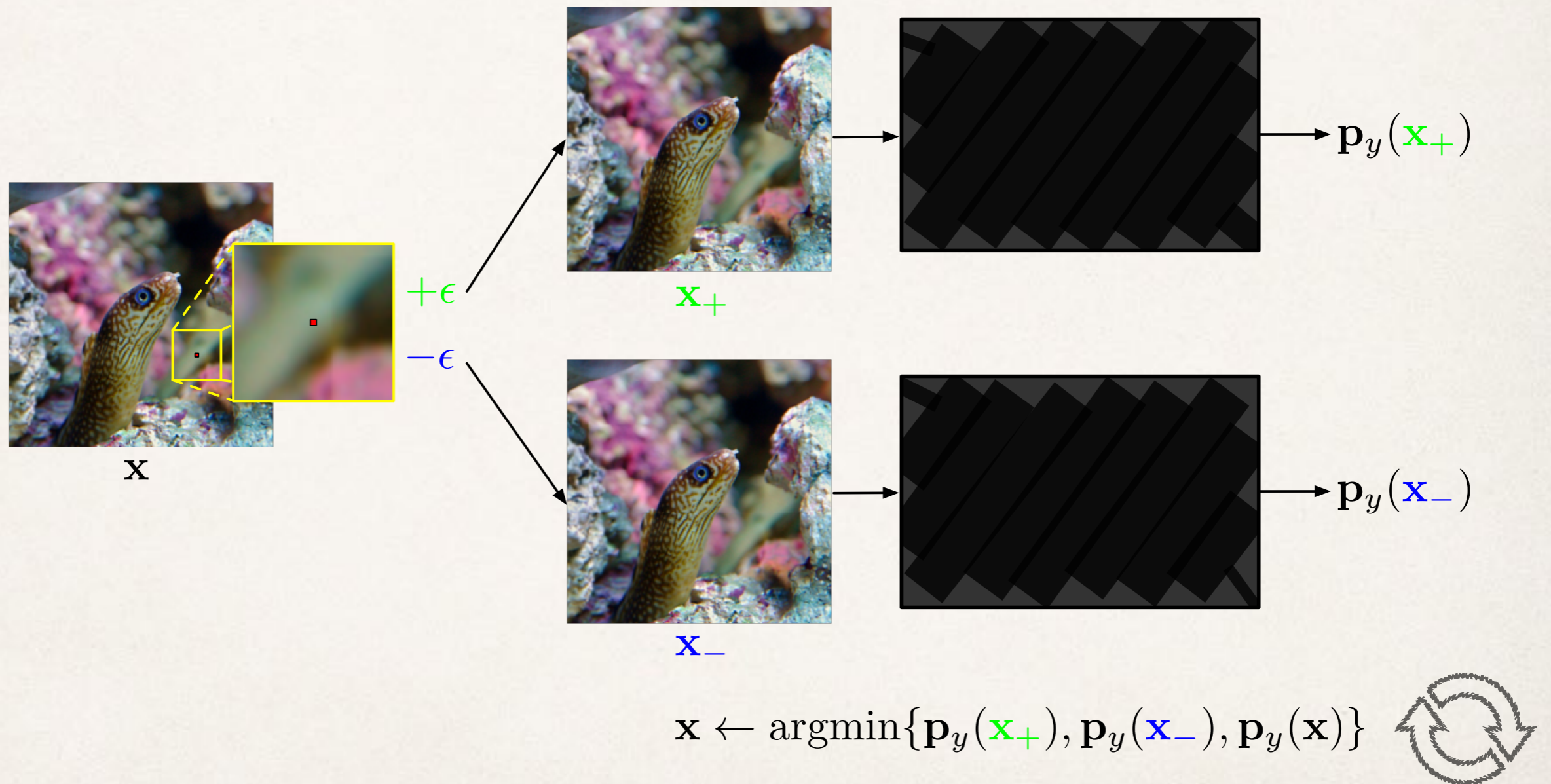
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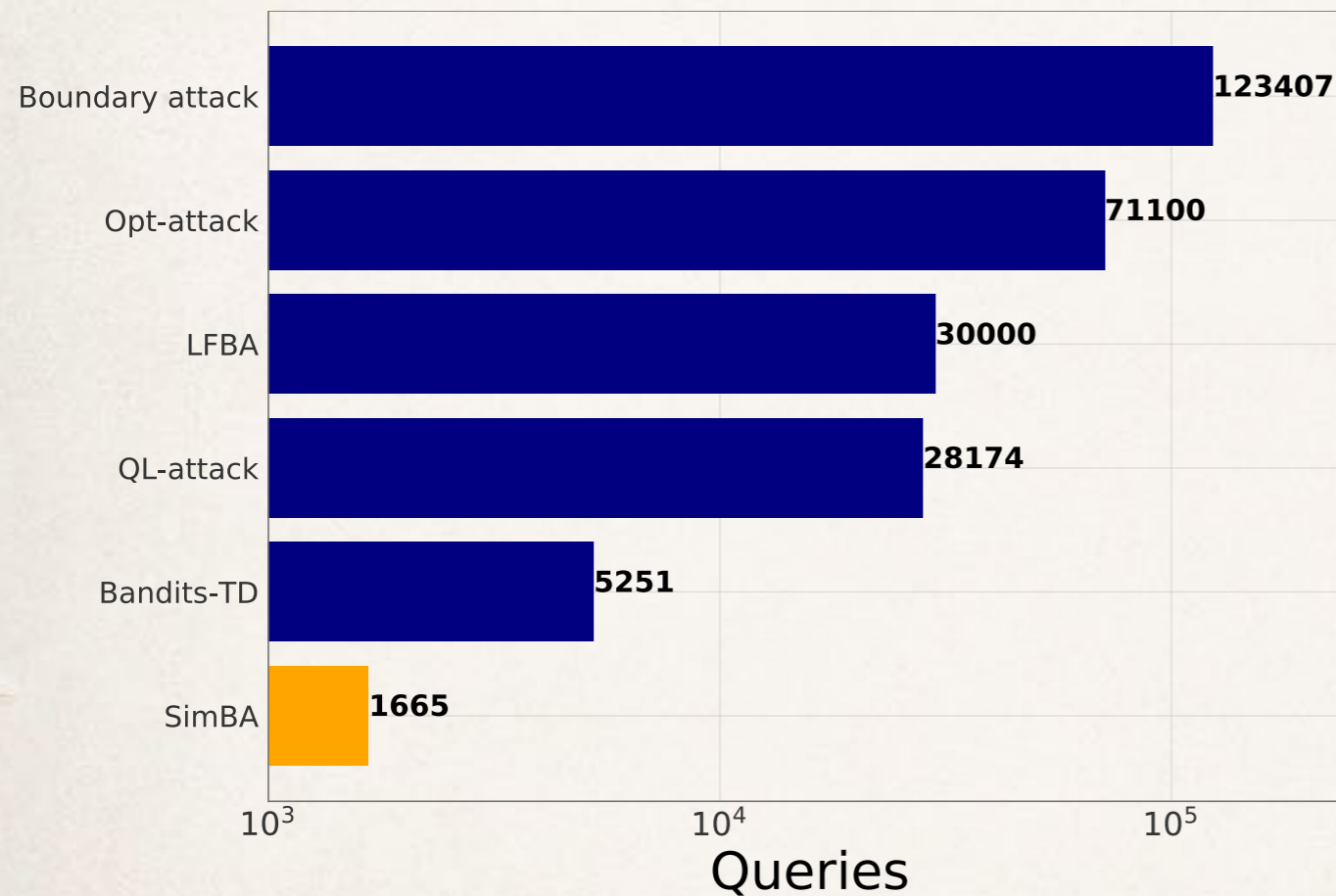
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- ❖ Can be implemented in ~20 lines of code!

# Evaluation

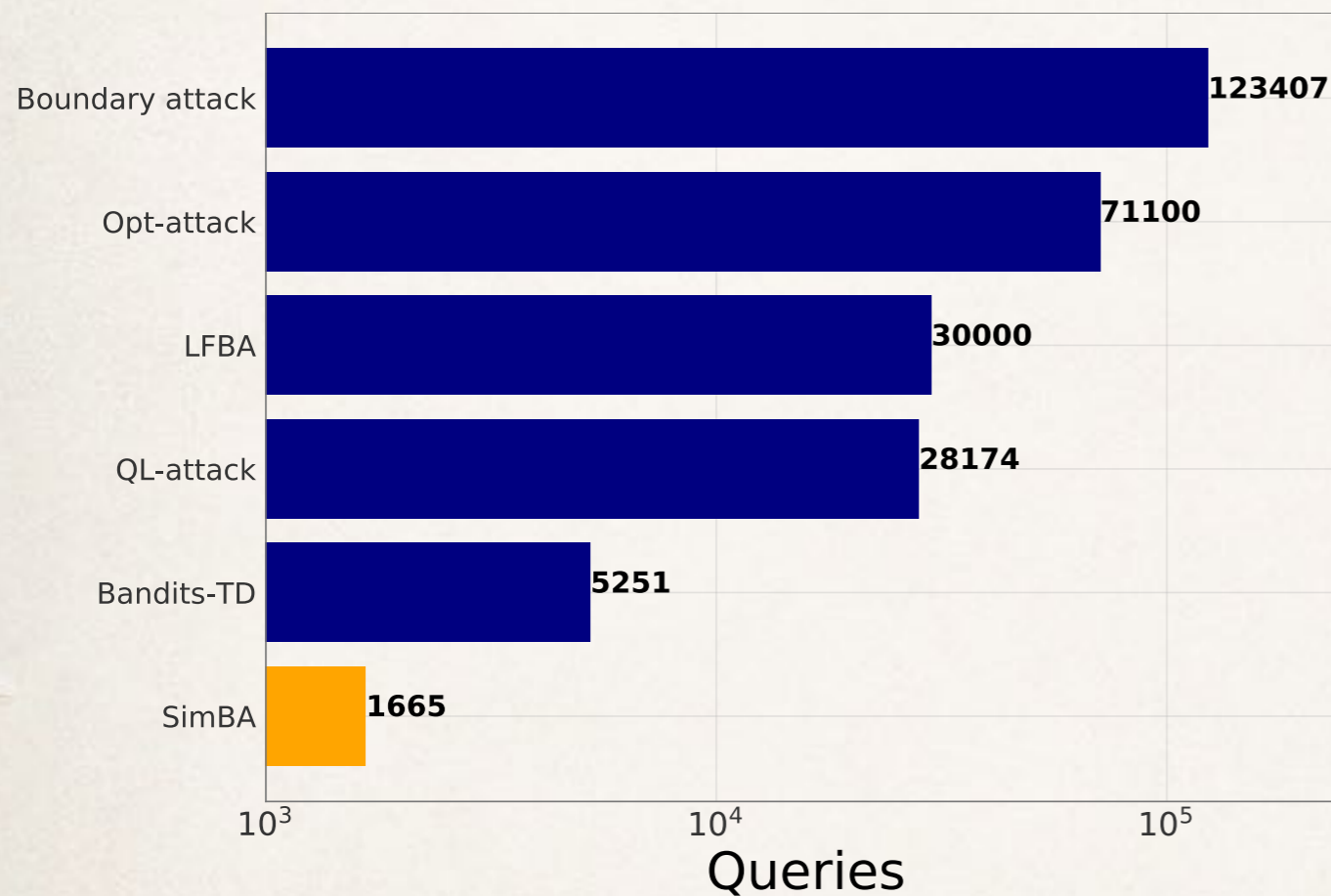
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- ❖ Drastically improved performance compared to previous SOTA



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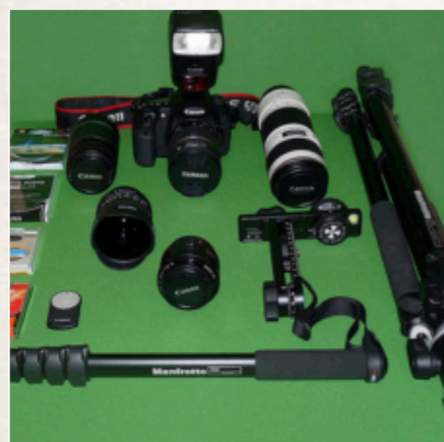


Untargeted			
Attack	Average queries	Average $L_2$	Success rate
Label-only			
Boundary attack	123,407	5.98	100%
Opt-attack	71,100	6.98	100%
LFBA	30,000	6.34	100%
Score-based			
QL-attack	28,174	8.27	85.4%
Bandits-TD	5,251	5.00	80.5%
<b>SimBA</b>	1,665	3.98	98.6%
<b>SimBA-DCT</b>	<b>1,283</b>	3.06	97.8%

Targeted			
Attack	Average queries	Average $L_2$	Success rate
Score-based			
QL-attack	20,614	11.39	98.7%
AutoZOOM	13,525	26.74	100%
<b>SimBA</b>	<b>7,899</b>	9.53	100%
<b>SimBA-DCT</b>	8,824	7.04	96.5%

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# Attacking Google Cloud Vision



origin\_54.BMP

Camera Accessory	87%
Product	82%
Hardware	67%
Optical Instrument	66%
Camera Lens	61%
Gun	61%
Product	58%
Weapon	53%



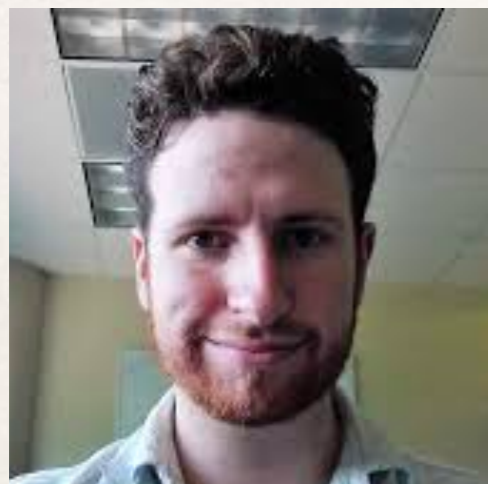
after\_54.BMP

Weapon	94%
Gun	94%
Firearm	76%
Air Gun	65%
Trigger	63%
Optical Instrument	59%
Airsoft Gun	58%
Rifle	51%

- ❖ Generated using 5000 queries (\$10 cost)
- ❖ 70% success rate across 50 images

# Collaborators

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Poster session: June 12 (today) 6:30-9:00 PM @ Pacific Ballroom #70

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