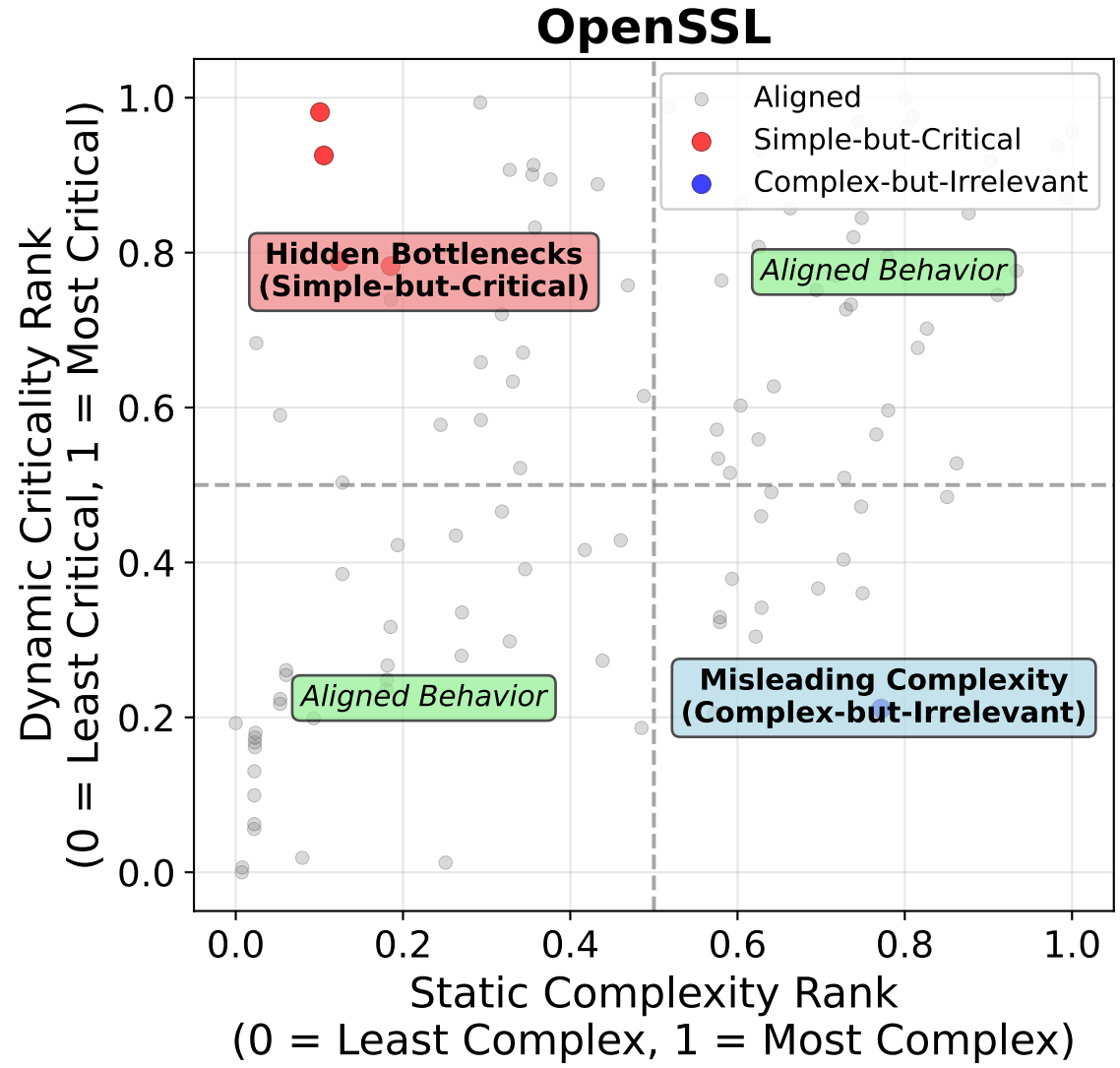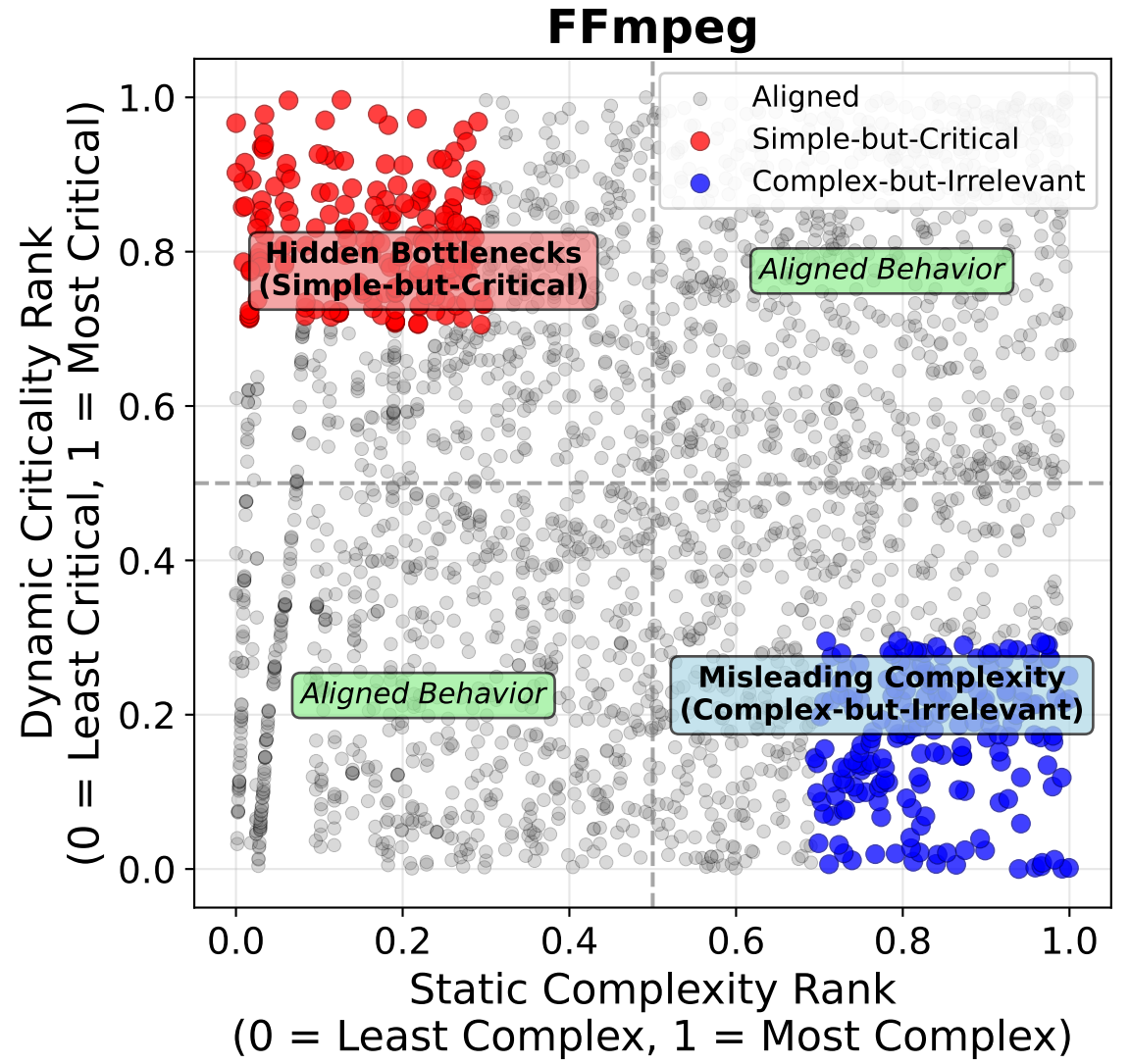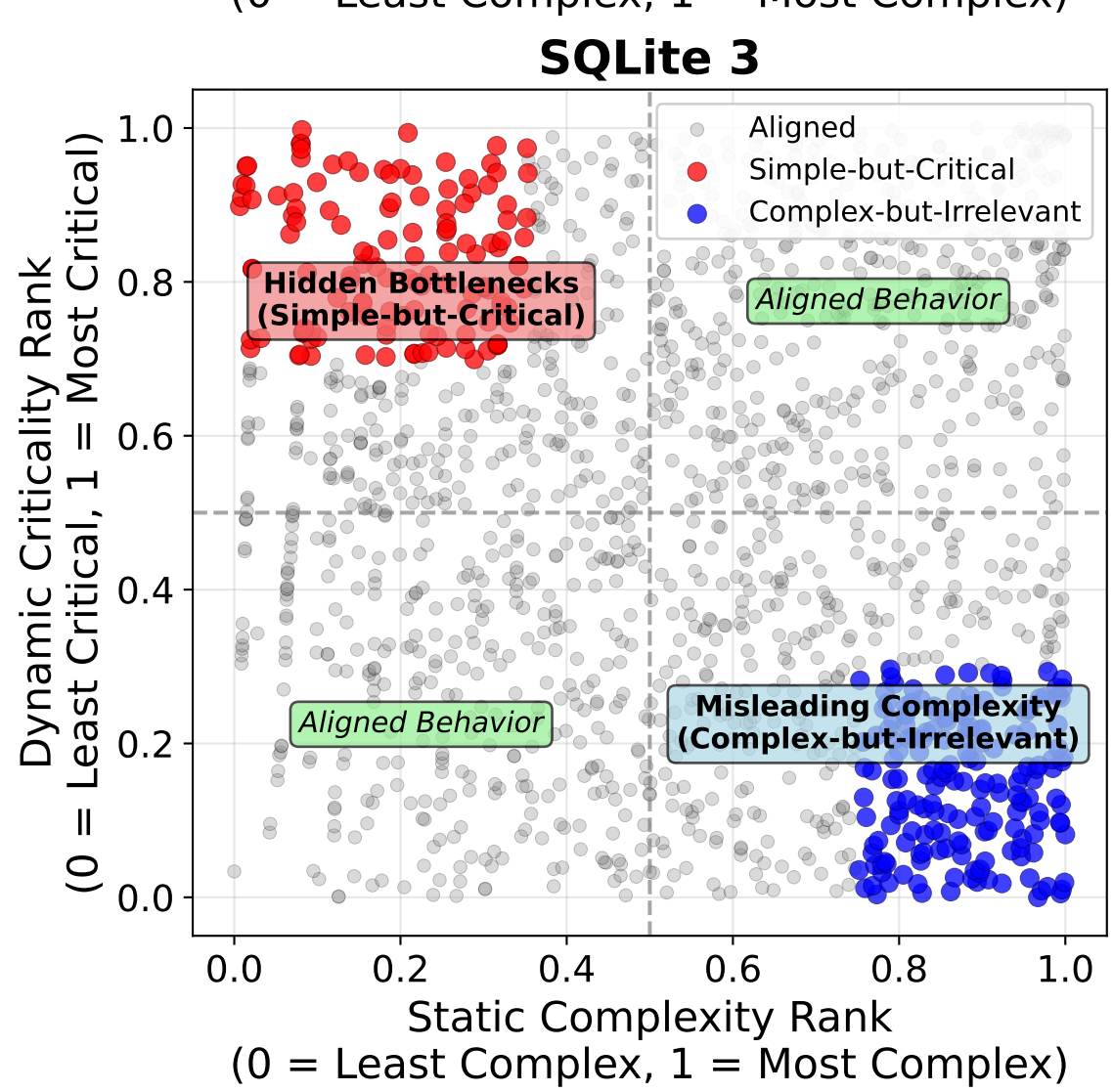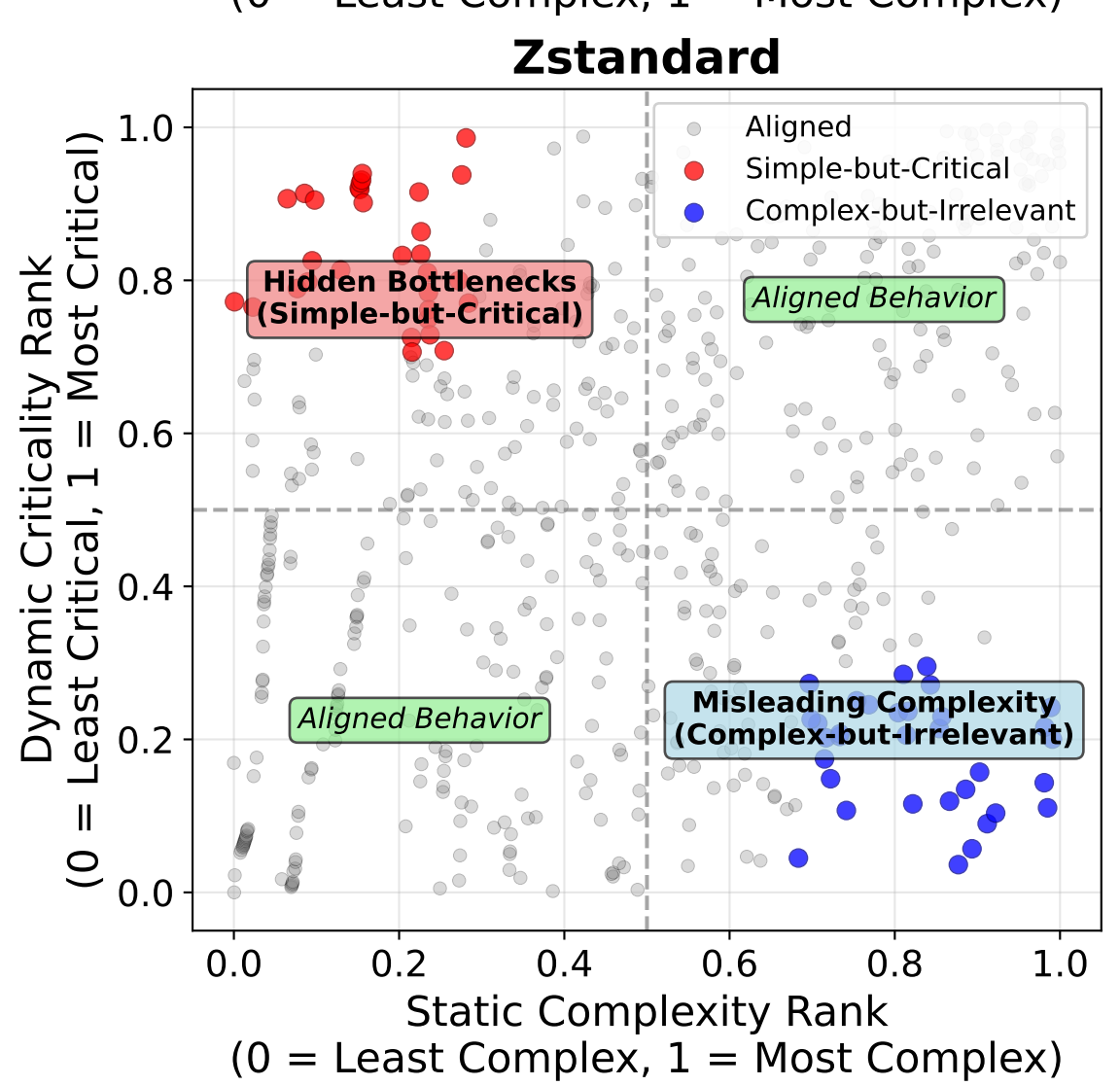The Static-Dynamic Paradox