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# Prompt Stability Matters: A Benchmark for Quantifying Prompt Informativeness and Stability in Text-to-Image Models

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## Abstract

Recent Text-to-image (T2I) generative models have enabled users to produce strikingly realistic images from natural language prompts. However, we observe that prompt informativeness varies significantly across user proficiency levels, e.g., ambiguous or under-specified prompts often lead to unstable outputs that deviate from user intent, where limited efforts are made in the community to qualitatively investigate this phenomenon. Thus, we introduce **Authentic Prompt Benchmark (AP Bench)**, a large-scale benchmark of 17,580 authentic prompt-image pairs sourced from real-world web repositories, spanning from novice (e.g., short and informal words) to expert (e.g., highly detailed, professionally composed specifications) users. Unlike existing metrics that focus on prompt–image alignment, we position AP Bench as the first dedicated benchmark for investigating prompt-to-prompt transmission and evaluating user-oriented prompt stability in T2I generation. Building on the insights from our AP Bench, we further propose **NoxEye**, a novel end-to-end prompt optimization framework for enhancing T2I generation. Across AP Bench and other established benchmarks, NoxEye delivers improvements of up to 56.66% in mutual information, 18.71% in prompt entropy, and 19.98% in prompt energy. Importantly, we demonstrate that NoxEye can genuinely improve authentic prompts written by real users, serving as a plug-and-play framework that consistently boosts performances of existing state-of-the-art T2I generative models, as also verified by human evaluations. Our benchmark and model can be accessed at <https://authpromptbench.github.io/>.



Figure 1. A Taxonomy of Prompt-induced Instability. We show failure modes caused by various user prompt patterns (top), where a baseline prompt optimization method also fails (bottom).

## 1. Introduction

With the advent of generative models (Rombach et al., 2022; Ho et al., 2020; Ramesh et al., 2021; 2022; Saharia et al., 2022; Jiang et al., 2024; Lee et al., 2022; Han et al., 2025; Xie et al., 2025; Chen et al., 2025), text-to-image generation has become increasingly popular, enabling users to generate images based on a wide variety of textual prompts. The development of large language models (LLMs) has further enhanced this process by allowing for prompt tuning, leading to improved visual fidelity in the generated images (Hao et al., 2023; Wu et al., 2024; Yang et al., 2024).

Our rationale is motivated by the observation that most prior studies on prompt refinement (Hao et al., 2023; Cao et al., 2023; Rosenman et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2025) primarily focus on improving text–image alignment or aesthetic quality, while largely overlooking a fundamental question: **whether prompts written by real users can faithfully convey their underlying intent**. In practice, user prompting proficiency is highly heterogeneous, and such variability in prompt informativeness can substantially affect the stability of text-to-image generation. For example, expert users often craft long and detailed prompts with explicit attributes, whereas novice users tend to provide shorter, underspecified,

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086 and ambiguous descriptions.

088 Although recent approaches leverage LLMs to enhance or  
 089 rewrite these authentic prompts for better expressiveness  
 090 (Hao et al., 2023; Yun et al., 2025; Mo et al., 2024), we argue  
 091 that such alignment-oriented optimization is often rather  
 092 naive and may introduce **new failure modes**. In particular,  
 093 we identify a taxonomy of prompt-induced instability com-  
 094 monly observed in real-world settings, as shown in Figure 1:  
 095 (i) informational sparsity, where overly brief prompts lead  
 096 LLM-based expansion to hallucinate unintended attributes  
 097 and distort user intent; (ii) semantic imprecision and incom-  
 098 pleteness, where non-expert or ambiguous descriptions omit  
 099 critical specifications, causing optimized prompts to only  
 100 partially reflect the desired semantics, as demonstrated in  
 101 some pioneering research (Du et al., 2023; Chefer et al., 2023b);  
 102 and (iii) lexical perturbation and noise sensitivity, where  
 103 typos or minor word-level disturbances can mislead the text  
 104 encoder and produce inconsistent or even opposite genera-  
 105 tions (Du et al., 2023). Together, these issues highlight that  
 106 prompt optimization is not merely an alignment problem,  
 107 but a robust intent-preservation challenge under realistic  
 108 user conditions. Consequently, we argue that advancing the

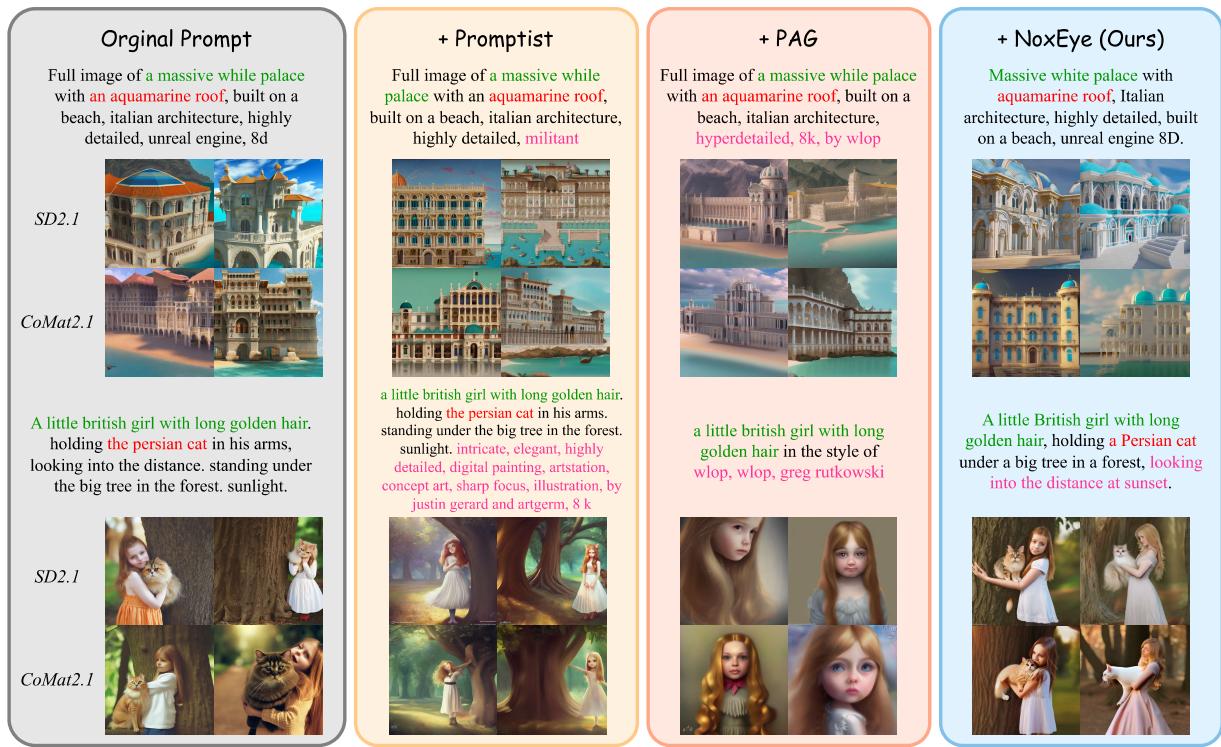


Figure 2. We observe that state-of-the-art generative models, such as Stable Diffusion 2.1 (SD2.1) (Rombach et al., 2022) and CoMat 2.1 (CoMat2.1) (Jiang et al., 2024), remain prone to generation instability under authentic user inputs. Our prompt-optimizing method, NoxEye, mitigates this limitation by systematically enhancing prompt–image alignment with user intent and outperforms the state-of-the-art prompt-refining method, e.g., Promptist (Hao et al., 2023) and PAG (Yun et al., 2025). Instead of **stylistic injection** caused by mode collapse (Yun et al., 2025), our approach focuses on **semantic clarification** and **avoiding hallucinations**.

stability of T2I systems requires both the design of interpretable prompts and the development of robust evaluation metrics.

Thus, we cast the T2I prompt stabilizing problem as a prompt-to-prompt distribution matching problem, where the goal is to train a model such that the conditional distribution of the optimized prompt given user authentic prompts better resembles user intents. To this end, we propose **NoxEye**, a plug-and-play modular prompt optimization framework broadly compatible with diverse T2I models. The training of Noxeye proceeds in two stages: (1) Supervised fine-tuning, wherein a limited but high-quality dataset is leveraged to enable the LLM to learn alignment with the target task distribution (Zhou et al., 2023); and (2) GRPO-style on-policy preference optimization, which incorporates expert evaluations to guide the model toward reduced hallucination tendencies and to mitigate the squeezing effect (Shao et al., 2024; Ren & Sutherland, 2025).

To facilitate the study for the community, we additionally release a novel benchmark, named Authentic Prompt Benchmark, for assessing the stability of T2I generation through the lens of information propagation. Unlike prior efforts, our benchmark not only measures the alignment between gen-

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erated images and user intent but also explicitly quantifies the informational content embedded in prompts. To support this, we curate a dataset of 17,580 real-world prompts crawled from authentic web cases (from which 2,048 were selected for evaluating), stratified into *novice* and *expert* subsets according to user proficiency in T2I prompt design.

Extensive experiments demonstrate that NoxEye effectively mitigates the adverse effects of ambiguous prompts, substantially improving both fidelity and stability of generated images. When compared to the open source state-of-the-art prompt optimization strategies, our framework yields 56.66%, 18.71% and 19.98% gains in mutual information, prompt entropy, and prompt energy metrics. Meanwhile, NoxEye can advance generative ability on existing T2I models. Our framwork excels both in easy and diffucult tasks such as “Two Object” (+5.23% over Flux.1 (Labs, 2024)), “Counting” (+5.10%), “Colors” (+6.07%) and “Position” (+19.39%).

## 2. Related Work

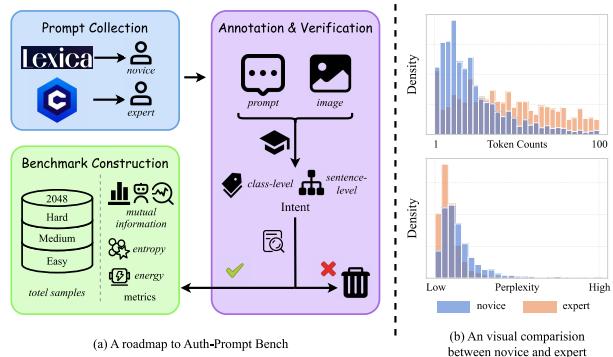
### 2.1. Text-to-Image Generation and Benchmarks

Text-to-image generation has progressed from early GANs (Goodfellow et al., 2014) and VAEs (Kingma & Welling, 2013) to diffusion-based models, with Stable Diffusion (Rombach et al., 2022) and CoMat (Jiang et al., 2024) exemplifying the current paradigm. These models typically employ frozen text encoders (e.g., CLIP (Radford et al., 2021)) to map prompts to embeddings that guide iterative denoising.

Benchmarking efforts have evolved alongside model capabilities. HEIM (Liang et al., 2022) evaluates twelve dimensions, including alignment, quality, reasoning, and fairness. T2I-CompBench (Huang et al., 2025) focuses on compositional generation with novel metrics and reward-driven fine-tuning (GORS), while GenEval (Ghosh et al., 2023) introduces object-centric evaluation for fine-grained analysis. Despite these advances, models still struggle to capture user intent accurately, motivating the proposed Authentic Prompt Benchmark for mapping ambiguous prompts to concrete object representations.

### 2.2. Prompt Optimization for Text-to-Image Generation

Some researchers have noticed that prompt design plays an essential role in making the model better understand our intentions and producing higher-quality results(Hao et al., 2023). Simultaneously, prompt optimization leverages LLMs (Schlegel et al., 2025; Xiang et al., 2025) to improve generated image quality. Promptist (Hao et al., 2023) fine-tunes GPT-2 (Radford et al., 2019) to reformulate user prompts via supervised fine-tuning (SFT) and direct preference optimization (DPO) using CLIP similarity and aesthetics scores. PromptCoT incorporates the Chain-of-



*Figure 3.* Instability of real-world prompts and importance of AP Bench. We curate a dataset of 17,580 real-world prompts collected from authentic web sources, stratified into novice and expert subsets, and show that novice prompts exhibit more tokens and higher perplexity compared to expert prompts. As shown in (a), the prompt from the novice user leads to unstable T2I outcomes, and our method can mitigate the issue by aligning the prompt to a model-friendly distribution.

Thought (CoT) mechanism to learn high-quality prompt expressions (Yao et al., 2024). Self-Rewarding LVLMs (Yang et al., 2025) extend this two-stage paradigm with a self-reward mechanism, while PAG (Yun et al., 2025) uses GFlowNets to generate diverse adaptive prompts.

These approaches enhance prompt quality but largely focus on aesthetic and relevance objectives, often neglecting whether generated images faithfully reflect the user’s underlying intent, the illusion problem of large language models (Kalai et al., 2025) and time cost (Venkatesh et al., 2025).

In addition, prior studies have explored prompt optimization for image generation through prompt embeddings and dynamically controlled prompts. For example, LLM4GEN (Liu et al., 2025) enhances CLIP embeddings by leveraging representations from large language models, thereby improving the generative performance of Stable Diffusion (Stability AI, 2023) models, while PAE (Mo et al., 2024) employs dynamically controlled prompts to guide the denoising process for more refined image synthesis. Although these approaches demonstrate effectiveness in specific settings, their generalizability is limited, and they cannot be readily extended to flow-matching frameworks or autoregressive generative models.

## 3. A Roadmap to AP Bench

### 3.1. Underlying Rationale

Our rationale stems from a key observation: due to user proficiency level, the informativeness of prompts exerts a substantial impact on the quality of text-to-image (T2I) generation, while the community has paid limited attention to systematically addressing this issue. Motivated by this gap, our objective is to design a comprehensive and principled methodology and benchmark for evaluating the quality of

165 prompts in T2I generation.

166 Inspired by recent preliminary work(Wang et al., 2025), we  
 167 demonstrate how we quantify the informativeness of a text-  
 168 to-image prompt  $P$  in conveying user intent  $Y$  to a generative  
 169 model  $\phi$  producing image  $I$ , using three carefully designed  
 170 measures from an information-theoretic framework.  
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### 172 3.1.1. MUTUAL INFORMATION FOR USER INTENT 173 ALIGNMENT

175 We model generation as a Markov chain  $Y \rightarrow P \rightarrow I$ , and  
 176 define prompt stability via mutual information:

$$177 178 179 I(Y; I) = H(Y) - H(Y | I), \quad (1)$$

180 where larger  $I(Y; I)$  indicates better preservation of user  
 181 intent. Based on Equation 1, we use three metrics to charac-  
 182 terize the stability of prompt from the perspective of mutual  
 183 information to avoid the bias of a single evaluation metric.  
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185 **CLIP Classification Accuracy (Mean).** Following prior  
 186 work (Du et al., 2023; Feng et al., 2022; Chefer et al., 2023a),  
 187 user intent is approximated via **entity-template expansion**,  
 188  $Y(e) = \{t_k(e)\}_{k=1}^K$ , allowing stability assessment over  
 189 a distribution of plausible prompts. For each prompt  $P$ ,  
 190 generate  $n$  images  $\{I_1, \dots, I_n\}$  and classify them into a set  
 191 of  $\mathcal{C}$ , predefined categories using CLIP. Denote the predicted  
 192 category of image  $I_j$  as  $\hat{Y}_j$ . The classification accuracy is  
 193 defined as  
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$$195 196 197 \text{Acc}_{\text{mean}}(P) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{I}[\hat{Y}_j = Y_c],$$

198 where  $\mathbb{I}[\cdot]$  is the indicator function and  $Y_c$  is the real user  
 199 intent category. Higher mean accuracy corresponds to lower  
 200 conditional entropy  $H(Y | I, P)$  and higher  $I(Y; I | P)$ .

201 **CLIP Classification Accuracy (Standard Deviation).** To  
 202 capture variability across generated images, we compute the  
 203 standard deviation of the classification results:

$$204 205 206 207 208 \text{Acc}_{\text{std}}(P) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \mathbb{I}[\hat{Y}_j = Y_c] - \text{Acc}_{\text{mean}}(P) \right\}^2}.$$

209 This metric approximates the uncertainty or conditional  
 210 entropy in the generated distribution. A high standard devia-  
 211 tion indicates that the same prompt can produce semantically  
 212 divergent outputs, reflecting ambiguity in the encoding  $P$   
 213 of the user intent  $Y$ .

214 **MLLM Alignment Score.** For a more fine-grained semantic  
 215 alignment, we employ multimodal LLMs (MLLM) to  
 216 score each generated image  $I_j$  against the short textual  
 217 description of  $Y$ , producing a soft score  $s_j \in [0, 1]$ . The

average score over  $n$  images is

$$S(P) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n s_j.$$

This score provides a soft, continuous approximation of the mutual information between the full intent description and the generated images.

More details on how to derive these metrics from mutual information can be found in the Appendix A.1.

### 3.1.2. PROMPT ENTROPY FOR T2I RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT

By the data-processing inequality:

$$I(Y; I) \leq I(Y; P),$$

indicates that the maximum achievable stability is constrained by the prompt information content and reveals the importance of prompt optimization.

To quantify the informativeness of user inputs (Farquhar et al., 2024; Cheng et al., 2025; Duan et al., 2023), we introduce the notion of **prompt entropy**. Intuitively, novice users often provide under-specified or ambiguous prompts that lack sufficient detail, making them harder to interpret and yielding unstable generations. In contrast, expert prompts tend to be more specific and constrained, thereby concentrating information and reducing uncertainty.

Thus, we introduce the T2I Prompt entropy  $H(P)$  reflects the inherent information content of  $P$ :

$$H(P) \approx -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \log p_\theta(w_t | w_{<t}),$$

where  $p_\theta$  is a pretrained LM. Lower entropy prompts are more predictable, concentrate information, and typically yield more stable generations. See Appendix A.2 for derivation and theoretical connection to  $I(Y; I)$ .

### 3.1.3. PROMPT ENERGY FOR T2I STABILITY ASSESSMENT

Existing stability metrics for text-to-image generation, such as mutual information or prompt entropy, capture either end-to-end information transfer or prompt *aleatoric uncertainty*, but fail to capture the model’s *epistemic uncertainty*—uncertainty stemming from the model’s lack of knowledge (Ma et al., 2025). To address this, we introduce **prompt energy** as a complementary measure: prompts with low energy correspond to concepts well-represented in the model, yielding stable generation, while high-energy prompts indicate unfamiliar or uncertain concepts. Formally,

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221 *Table 1.* Example structure of AP Bench. Prompts are sourced from raw, real-world web cases, ensuring authenticity and diversity of user  
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<b>Intent</b>		<b>User Type</b>	<b>Challenge</b>	<b>Prompt</b>
<i>class-level</i>	<i>sentence-level</i>			
garbage truck	a futuristic blue garbage truck	Novice	Easy	New clean cyberpunk rubbish truck, blue colour
-	a studio photograph of a ripe tamarillo	Novice	Medium	Ripe tamarillo fruit in vibrant red, in photo studio
slug	a portrait of Sucy Manbavaran in a meadow with slugs	Expert	Hard	slugs, slug swarm, female character concept, fabulous artwork, best quality, high resolution, split-complementary color scheme, red sweater, black pants and sneakers, serene meadow, Sucy Manbavaran from <i>Little Witch Academia</i>

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234 for a prompt sequence  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_T)$ , the normalized  
235 sequence energy is

$$236 E(x) = -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T z_t(x_t),$$

237 where  $z_t(x_t)$  denotes the model-assigned logit for token  $x_t$ .  
238 Lower  $E(x)$  indicates higher confidence, whereas higher  
239  $E(x)$  signals uncertainty.

240 Combining prompt-level entropy and energy with end-to-  
241 end metrics such as  $I(Y; I)$  provides a more comprehensive  
242 characterization of generation stability, directly linking user-  
243 provided information to image fidelity. Implementation  
244 details, derivations from model logits, and the connection to  
245 classical Boltzmann energy are provided in Appendix A.3.

### 246 3.2. Benchmark Construction

247 Building on our information-theoretic formulation, we de-  
248 sign a benchmark to empirically evaluate prompt infor-  
249 mativity and generation stability. Inspired by ImageNet  
250 ([Russakovsky et al., 2015](#)), we curate 1,000 carefully se-  
251 lected intent categories, each paired with a set of text-to-  
252 image prompts and their corresponding outputs.

253 To capture variability in user expertise, prompts are  
254 carefully stratified into two groups: *novice* and *ex-  
255 pert*. Novice prompts, sourced from Lexica (<https://lexica.art/>), reflect typical users who provide shorter,  
256 less informative descriptions. Expert prompts, collected  
257 from Civitai (<https://civitai.com/>), often specify  
258 detailed attributes, yielding richer, higher-information  
259 prompts. The two types of prompts are **manually anno-  
260 tation and re-verified** to ensure that: (1) novice and expert  
261 prompts strictly adhere to their intended styles, (2) in ad-  
262 dition to class-level intents, sentence-level intents have also  
263 been added, and (3) the corresponding images are filtered  
264 to guarantee ethical compliance, safety, and the absence of  
265 sensitive content. Each intent category contains up to 10  
266 instances, with each instance comprising (i) the user prompt,  
267 (ii) generated image URL, (iii) generation parameters, and  
268 (iv) auxiliary metadata.

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270 We select 2,048 samples as our benchmark. Beyond  
271 category-level intent annotations, we further incorporate  
272 sentence-level intent annotations provided by human ex-  
273 perts. Based on the difficulty of generation stability, the  
274 benchmark is stratified into three levels: (1) **Easy**, where  
275 the user intent is explicit and the category belongs to one  
276 of the 1,000 predefined categories; (2) **Medium**, where the  
277 user intent remains explicit but the category falls outside the  
278 predefined set; and (3) **Hard**, where the category is included  
279 in the predefined set, yet the user intent is ambiguous.

280 This benchmark enables systematic evaluation of how  
281 prompt informativeness—quantified via mutual infor-  
282 mation, prompt entropy, and prompt energy—affects gen-  
283 eration stability. Mutual information measures the end-to-  
284 end alignment between user intent and generated images,  
285 reflecting whether the prompt provides sufficient infor-  
286 mation for semantically correct outputs. Prompt entropy,  
287 estimated using language model cross-entropy, captures the  
288 descriptive richness of the prompt. Prompt energy eval-  
289 uates the model’s internal “trust” in the input by measuring  
290 compatibility with its learned representation space. To-  
291 gether, these three metrics form a triangulated evaluation  
292 framework: mutual information provides an empirical upper  
293 bound of stability, prompt entropy assesses intrinsic infor-  
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295 bration. To avoid bias, Mutual information is evaluated  
296 via CLIP ([Radford et al., 2021](#)) and Qwen3-VL ([Team, 2025](#)), while  
297 prompt entropy and energy are measured with Llama-3,1-8B  
298 ([Meta AI, 2024](#)), Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2 ([Jiang et al., 2023](#)) and  
299 DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-1.5B ([DeepSeek-AI, 2025](#)) offering  
300 fine-grained insights into the impact of prompt characteris-  
301 tics on generation stability across user expertise levels.

## 302 4. NoxEye: An End-to-end Prompt 303 Optimization Framework

304 We aim to improve the stability of text-to-image genera-  
305 tion by aligning user-provided prompts with the preference

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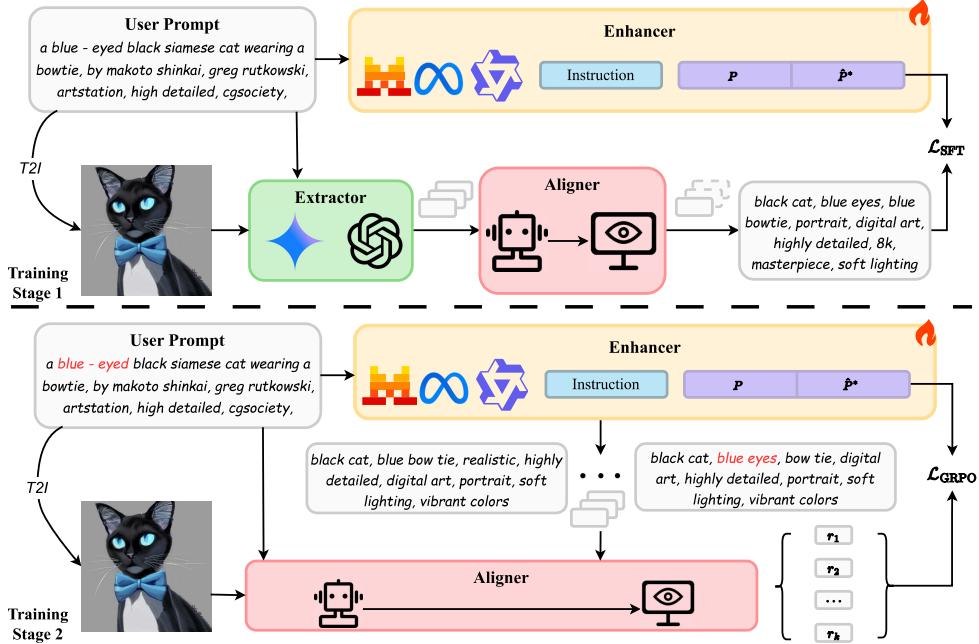


Figure 4. Overview of NoxEye training. It involves two stages, Supervised fine-tuning and GRPO-style on-policy preference optimization.

subspace of the target generative model. As shown in Section 3.1.2, the end-to-end stability is upper-bounded by the information encoded in the input prompt  $P$ . Therefore, to increase  $I(Y; I)$ , our rationale is to map user prompts closer to the **model’s preferred prompt subspace**, a subset of the prompt space in which the generative model more reliably translates textual cues into visual concepts. Under a fixed generative model, prompts closer to this subspace effectively act as higher-quality carriers of intent-relevant information, resulting in improved generation stability.

**Preference information extractor  $g_{\text{ext}}$ .** To operationalize the notion of a model-preferred prompt subspace, we construct a structured prompt distribution that preserves intent-relevant information from the user prompt while conforming to the generative model’s internal preference manifold. To this end, we introduce a **preference information extractor** that produces a high-fidelity textual proxy  $\hat{P}^*$  conditioned on the user prompt  $P$  and the generated image  $I$ :

$$\hat{P}^* = g_{\text{ext}}(P, I).$$

In practice,  $g_{\text{ext}}$  is instantiated as a multimodal large language model (MLLM) that analyzes the visual output  $I$  and reconstructs a semantically precise textual description. These extracted descriptions approximate prompts lying closer to the model’s preferred prompt subspace, and are used solely to estimate a proxy distribution of model-aligned prompts rather than as direct supervision for optimization.

**Information enhancer  $\pi$ .** The **information enhancer** learns a conditional transformation that re-expresses a user prompt  $P$  into a model-aligned representation lying closer to the model’s preferred prompt subspace, while preserving

the underlying user intent. Parameterized by  $\theta$ , the enhancer defines a stochastic policy  $\pi_\theta(\cdot | P)$  that generates a refined prompt:  $P^* \sim \pi_\theta(\cdot | P)$ .

**Information aligner  $r_\phi$ .** To discourage hallucinations and preserve user intent in the refined prompt  $P^*$ , we introduce an **information aligner** that provides a preference-based reward signal  $r_\phi(P^*, P)$  to guide prompt refinement. For a given user prompt  $P$ , we sample a group of candidate refined prompts  $\{P_i\}_{i=1}^K \sim \pi(\cdot | P)$  and assign relative rewards  $\{r_i\}$  using expert or model-based criteria that reflect generation stability and intent preservation.

**Learning objective function.** We first perform **supervised fine-tuning (SFT)** on a curated set of expert-refined prompt pairs  $(P, \hat{P}^*)$  to provide a stable initialization for the prompt policy. Given these canonical refinements, SFT minimizes the negative log-likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SFT}}(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}_{(P, \hat{P}^*)} [\log \pi_\theta(\hat{P}^* | P)].$$

To further optimize the prompts, mitigate model hallucinations, and prevent the introduction of extraneous information, we adopt **Group Relative Policy Optimization (GRPO)** as an intra-policy preference optimization stage with information aligner rewards  $\{r_i\}$ . GRPO optimizes the prompt policy by contrasting relative preferences within each group, encouraging transformations that consistently yield higher-quality and less hallucinations. Define group-relative advantages:

$$A_i = r_i - \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K r_j.$$

330 Let  $\pi_{\text{ref}}$  be a frozen reference policy and  
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$$\rho_{\theta}(P_i | P) = \frac{\pi_{\theta}(P_i | P)}{\pi_{\text{ref}}(P_i | P)}.$$

332 The GRPO objective is  
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GRPO}}(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}_P \left[ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K \min (\rho_i A_i, \tilde{\rho}_i A_i) \right],$$

334 where  $\tilde{\rho}_i = \text{clip} (\rho_{\theta}(P_i | P), 1 - \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon)$ .  
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## 337 5. Experiments

### 338 5.1. Settings

339 **Data collection.** We sample 5,000 prompt–image pairs  
 340 from the *DiffusionDB* dataset and construct multiple candidate  
 341 refined prompts using Gemini2.5 (Team et al., 2025)  
 342 and GPT-4o(OpenAI et al., 2024). Each candidate is sub-  
 343 sequently evaluated by human experts along three criteria:  
 344 (i) semantic faithfulness to the original user prompt and  
 345 alignment with the intended user intent, (ii) absence of hal-  
 346 lucinated or unsupported content, and (iii) improvement  
 347 in generation stability, measured by the consistency of im-  
 348 ages produced from the refined prompt. For supervised fine-  
 349 tuning, the model is trained on 10,000 pairs of user prompts  
 350 and refined prompts. In the GRPO phase, we adopt an on-  
 351 policy preference optimization scheme, where human expert  
 352 scores are used to construct preference signals over model-  
 353 generated refined prompts, enabling GRPO-style updates  
 354 guided by expert judgments.  
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356 **Implementation Details.** For the LLM backbone, we em-  
 357 ploy *Minstral3-8B* (Liu et al., 2026), *Llama-3.1-8B* (Meta  
 358 AI, 2024) and *Qwen3-8B* (Team, 2025). Training details  
 359 are shown in Appendix B.1. Evaluation is performed on  
 360 multiple benchmark datasets by **NoxEye** (Figure 4) with  
 361 *Llama-3.1-8B*, including *AP Bench* and *GenEval*(Huang  
 362 et al., 2023), covering a wide range of prompt styles and  
 363 complexities. Metrics include prompt and image stability,  
 364 relevance, and diversity. All experiments are conducted  
 365 on NVIDIA A100 40GB GPUs and the same seed 995 to  
 366 ensure reproducibility and fair comparison.  
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368 **Comparative Methods.** We compare our approach against  
 369 *Promptist* (Hao et al., 2023), *PAG* (Yun et al., 2025) and *PAE* (Mo  
 370 et al., 2024). The text-to-image model use *SD 2.1* (Rombach et al.,  
 371 2022), *CoMat 2.1* (Jiang et al., 2024), *Stable Diffusion 3* (*SD3*)  
 372 (Esser et al., 2024), *Flux.1* (Labs, 2024), *PixArt- $\Sigma$*  (Saharia et al.,  
 373 2022), *Infinity (Inf)* (Han et al., 2025) and *Show-O2* (Xie et al.,  
 374 2025). For fairness, all models use their publicly released  
 375 version, whereas *CoMat*, without a public version, is trained  
 376 under the same experimental settings.  
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Table 2. Evaluation results about alignment scores  $\uparrow$  on AP Bench. Bold values indicate **best**.

Method	SD2.1	CoMat2.1	SD3	Flux.1	PixArt- $\Sigma$	Inf	Show-o2
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	0.5813	0.5876	0.6412	0.6569	0.6620	0.6335	0.6062
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	0.4174	0.4245	0.4580	0.4754	0.4817	0.4550	0.4369
PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	0.6246	—	—	—	—	—	—
NoxEye (Ours)	<b>0.6623</b>	<b>0.6690</b>	<b>0.7175</b>	<b>0.7352</b>	<b>0.7464</b>	<b>0.7152</b>	<b>0.6841</b>

Table 3. Evaluation results about energy ( $\downarrow$ ) and entropy ( $\downarrow$ ) on different models. Bold values indicate **best**.

Method	Energy $\downarrow$			Entropy $\downarrow$		
	Llama3	Mistral	DeepSeek	Llama3	Mistral	DeepSeek
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	-9.9156	-8.4298	-9.5479	5.0132	2.8596	3.8147
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	-9.4217	-8.2512	-9.1560	5.3178	3.1739	3.9617
PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	-10.9813	-9.5547	-10.2767	4.6203	2.7240	3.6035
NoxEye (Ours)	<b>-11.9709</b>	<b>-9.8996</b>	<b>-10.6457</b>	<b>4.3549</b>	<b>2.6737</b>	<b>3.4519</b>

## 5.2. Results

**State-of-the-art Comparison on AP Bench.** As shown in Table 2 and Appendix B.2, our method consistently surpasses prompt-optimization baselines across all evaluation metrics for all generative models. For overall benchmark, *Ours+PixArt- $\Sigma$*  improves alignment score from 0.4817 (*PAG+PixArt- $\Sigma$* ) to 0.7464, while *Promptist+SD 2.1* achieves only 0.6620. The reductions in prompt entropy (from 3.9617 to 3.4519 by *PAG*) and prompt energy (from -9.1560 to -10.6457) by *DeepSeek-R1* indicate improved stability and higher fidelity of the generated images. For challenges of all difficulty levels, Our method achieves the best in mutual information, prompt energy and entropy.

**Evaluating Advanced Generative Ability on GenEval.** Beyond our proposed benchmark, we further evaluate our method on the widely adopted GenEval benchmark. As shown in Table 5 and Appendix B.3, our approach achieves consistent and competitive improvements across all prompt optimization methods, with NoxEye attaining the best overall scores on SD2.1, Flux.1, and PixArt- $\Sigma$ . Especially, compared with prior prompt optimization methods, our approach attains state-of-the-art results on Single-object (+0.32%), Two-object (+5.23%), and Counting tasks (+3.67%). These results demonstrate that our method is not limited to our self-constructed benchmark, but also generalizes well to established, community-recognized evaluation protocols, validating its robustness and practical effectiveness.

**Boosting Performances on Existing T2I Models.** To assess the contributions of the *SFT* and *GRPO* optimization to generation quality and stability, we conduct a series of ablation experiments. as can be seen in Table 4, our model with SFT and GRPO optimization receive a better accuracy mean , accuracy standard deviation and alignment score in vast majority generative models for all levels.

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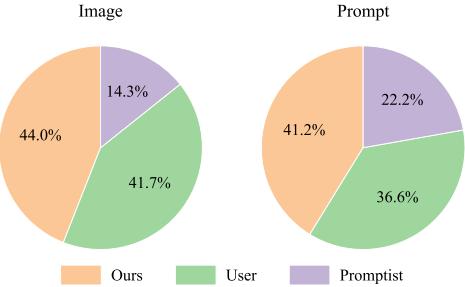
**Table 4.** Impact of SFT and GRPO optimization. Bold values indicate **best**, and underlined values show second-best. NoxEye\* refers to the model only training by SFT.

Method	SD2.1	CoMat2.1	SD3	Flux.1	PixArt- $\Sigma$	Inf	Show-o2
Llama3	0.6575	<b>0.6707</b>	0.7164	0.7308	0.7431	0.7115	0.6778
NoxEye*(Ours)	<u>0.6613</u>	0.6688	<b>0.7179</b>	<u>0.7336</u>	<b>0.7468</b>	<b>0.7159</b>	<u>0.6828</u>
NoxEye (Ours)	<b>0.6623</b>	<u>0.6690</u>	<u>0.7175</u>	<b>0.7352</b>	<u>0.7464</u>	<u>0.7152</u>	<b>0.6841</b>

**Table 5.** Evaluation results about overall scores  $\uparrow$  on GenEval (Ghosh et al., 2023). Bold values indicate **best**.

Method	SD2.1	SD3	Flux.1	PixArt- $\Sigma$
Original prompt	0.48938	<b>0.71561</b>	0.64442	0.55127
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	0.48394	0.70670	0.63505	0.52257
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	0.44156	0.65732	0.61077	0.52417
PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	0.38579	–	–	–
NoxEye (Ours)	<b>0.49240</b>	0.69266	<b>0.66890</b>	<b>0.56135</b>

**Human Evaluation on Prompting Informativeness.** We conducted a user study with 20 volunteers to compare our method with existing approaches from a human-centered perspective. Our approach was preferred most often, achieving scores of 0.44 (images) and 0.412 (prompts), compared to 0.417/0.143 and 0.366/0.222 for the baselines, respectively, demonstrating our method’s superior alignment with human preferences in Figure 5.



**Figure 5.** Human evaluation results. The result of NoxEye are preferred by human compared with the result of User Prompt and Promptist (Hao et al., 2023).

**Inference Time Comparison.** We further compare the inference efficiency of different prompt optimization methods. While Promptist/PAG and our method incur only marginal additional latency compared to the base SD 2.1 model, PromptCoT (Yao et al., 2024) significantly increases inference time due to its multi-step reasoning process. Notably, our approach achieves a favorable balance between efficiency and performance, adding only a small inference-time overhead. Quantitative results are summarized in Table 6.

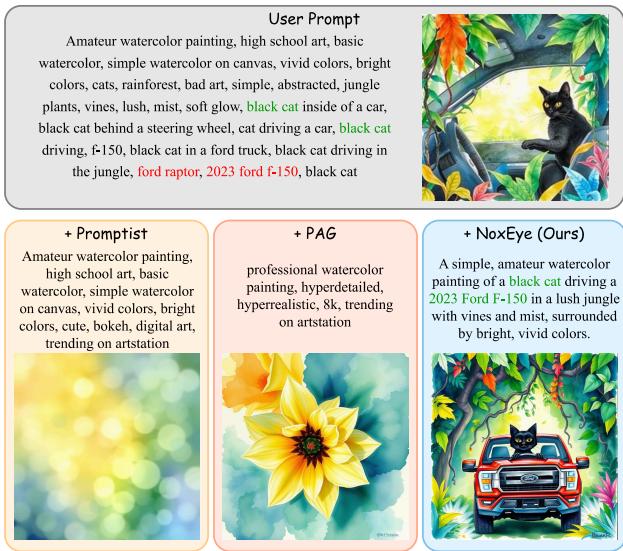
### 5.3. Qualitative Analysis.

Figure 6 illustrates additional visual examples, where we can observe **how NoxeYE enhances prompt generation stability**. Specifically, unlike other prompt optimization methods that largely retain the original prompt structure (e.g., Amateur...) and ignore the user intent (e.g., black cat),

**Table 6.** Inference time comparison across different methods.

Method	SD 2.1	+Promptist/PAG	+PromptCoT	+Ours
Inf. Time (s)	0.0327	0.0358	4.6114	0.0748

NoxeYE re-constructs the prompt in a more explicit manner (e.g., black cat driving a 2023 Ford F-150), clarifying the core intent while systematically enhancing relevant visual specifications. Thus, our method effectively refines the main content and provides detailed descriptions of artistic style, lighting, and other visual attributes.



**Figure 6.** The generated images with the optimized prompts using our method. Each image generates by Flux.1 (Labs, 2024). More results are in the Appendix C.

## 6. Conclusion

In this work, we study the problem of user prompting proficiency and its quantification and taxonomy issues in the T2I generation. To this end, we construct **AP Bench**, a benchmark consisting of novice and expert prompts to comprehensively evaluating the informativeness of the user prompts. Furthermore, we design **NoxEYE**, a plug-and-play modular prompt optimization framework broadly compatible with diverse T2I diffusion models. Extensive experiments across AP Bench and additional benchmarks demonstrate that our approach substantially improves both image quality and stability, without introducing significant inference overhead. Overall, our contributions provide not only a practical method for prompt optimization, but also a novel perspective on modeling information flow in text-to-image generation. We believe this work lays a foundation for future research on principled evaluation and optimization of user–model interactions in generative systems.

## Impact Statement

This paper presents work whose goal is to advance the field of Machine Learning. There are many potential societal consequences of our work, none which we feel must be specifically highlighted here.

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## 605 A. Additional Details on Stability Modeling

### 606 A.1. Building metrics from Mutual Information

608 **From Mutual Information to CLIP Classification Accuracy.** Let  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$  denote the discrete user intent category and  
 609  $I \in \mathcal{I}$  the generated image. The mutual information between user intent and generated images is defined as  
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$$611 I(Y; I) = H(Y) - H(Y | I), \\ 612$$

613 where  $H(\cdot)$  denotes Shannon entropy. Since the prior distribution over intent categories is fixed across prompts and models,  
 614  $H(Y)$  can be treated as a constant. Therefore, maximizing  $I(Y; I)$  is equivalent to minimizing the conditional entropy  
 615  $H(Y | I)$ , which quantifies the remaining stability about the user intent after observing the generated image. However, the  
 616 true posterior distribution  $p(Y | I)$  is intractable. To obtain a computable surrogate, we introduce a classifier  $f : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ ,  
 617 instantiated by CLIP (Radford et al., 2021), and define the predicted label  $\hat{Y} = f(I)$ . Let the classification error probability  
 618 be

$$619 P_e = \Pr(\hat{Y} \neq Y). \\ 620$$

621 By Fano's inequality, the conditional entropy is upper-bounded as

$$622 H(Y | I) \leq h(P_e) + P_e \log(|\mathcal{Y}| - 1), \quad (2) \\ 623$$

625 where  $h(\cdot)$  denotes the binary entropy function. Since the right-hand side is a monotonic function of  $P_e$ , reducing the  
 626 classification error directly reduces an upper bound on  $H(Y | I)$ , thereby increasing a lower bound on the mutual information  
 627  $I(Y; I)$ .

628 In practice, we estimate  $P_e$  using the empirical classification accuracy of CLIP over generated images:

$$631 \text{Acc} = \Pr(\hat{Y} = Y) = 1 - P_e. \\ 632$$

633 Consequently, CLIP classification accuracy serves as a monotonic surrogate for mutual information between user intent and  
 634 generated images. Higher accuracy implies lower conditional entropy  $H(Y | I)$  and thus stronger intent-image alignment  
 635 from an information-theoretic perspective.

637 **Accuracy Variance and Mutual Information Stability.** While the mean classification accuracy reflects the expected  
 638 reduction of uncertainty in  $Y$  given  $I$ , it does not capture the variability of intent alignment across multiple samples generated  
 639 from the same prompt. To characterize this aspect, we analyze the standard deviation of classification accuracy from an  
 640 information-theoretic perspective.

641 Define a Bernoulli random variable

$$644 Z(I) = \mathbf{1}[\hat{Y}(I) = Y], \\ 645$$

646 where  $\hat{Y}(I)$  is the CLIP-predicted category. The empirical mean and variance of  $Z$  correspond to the classification accuracy  
 647 and its standard deviation, respectively:

$$649 \mu = \mathbb{E}[Z], \quad \text{Var}(Z) = \mu(1 - \mu). \\ 650$$

652 From Equation 2,  $H(Y | I)$  is upper-bounded by a monotonic function of the image-specific classification error probability  
 653  $P_e(I)$ . Since  $Z(I) = 1 - P_e(I)$ , the variance of  $Z$  directly reflects the variance of  $P_e(I)$  and thus the variability of the  
 654 entropy  $H(Y | I)$  across generated images.

655 Therefore, the standard deviation of classification accuracy estimates the dispersion of entropy  $H(Y | I)$ . A low variance  
 656 indicates that  $H(Y | I)$  is concentrated, implying stable and consistent intent transmission, whereas a high variance suggests  
 657 a multi-modal generation distribution in which different samples convey disparate or conflicting semantic interpretations of  
 658 the user intent.

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 661 **MLLM Alignment Score as a Variational Approximation of Mutual Information.** While classification-based metrics  
 662 rely on hard decoding of user intent categories, they provide only coarse-grained estimates of the conditional entropy  
 663  $H(Y | I, P)$ . To capture fine-grained semantic alignment between generated images and user intent descriptions, we employ  
 664 a multi-modal large language model (MLLM) to produce a soft alignment score.  
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Let  $Y$  denote the corresponding intent description expressed in natural language. The entropy of interest is defined as

$$H(Y | I) = \mathbb{E}_{I,Y} [-\log p(Y | I)],$$

where  $p(Y | I)$  is the true but intractable posterior distribution. We approximate this distribution using an MLLM, which induces a variational distribution  $q_\theta(Y | I)$  over intent descriptions given an image.

The expected cross-entropy between the true distribution and its variational approximation admits the standard decomposition:

$$\mathbb{E}[-\log q_\theta(Y | I)] = H(Y | I) + \mathbb{E}[\text{KL}(p \| q_\theta)],$$

where  $\text{KL}(\cdot \| \cdot)$  denotes the Kullback–Leibler divergence. Since the KL term is non-negative, the expected negative log-likelihood under  $q_\theta$  provides an upper bound on the true entropy:

$$H(Y | I) \leq \mathbb{E}[-\log q_\theta(Y | I)].$$

In practice, the MLLM produces a scalar alignment score  $s(I, P) \in [0, 1]$ , which can be interpreted as a calibrated estimate of  $q_\theta(Y | I, P)$ . Consequently, the expected negative log-alignment score,

$$\mathbb{E}[-\log s(I)],$$

serves as a computable surrogate for  $H(Y | I, P)$ . Since the conditional entropy appears as the only non-constant term in the prompt-conditioned mutual information,

$$I(Y; I | P = p) = H(Y | P = p) - H(Y | I, P = p),$$

maximizing the MLLM alignment score directly corresponds to increasing a variational lower bound on the mutual information between user intent and generated images.

Therefore, unlike classification accuracy which provides a discrete, upper-bounded estimate via Fano’s inequality, the MLLM alignment score offers a continuous and semantically expressive approximation of mutual information, capturing fine-grained intent alignment beyond categorical correctness.

## A.2. Prompt Entropy and Information-Theoretic Derivation

Consider the Markov chain  $Y \rightarrow P \rightarrow I$ , where  $Y$  is user intent,  $P$  is the prompt, and  $I$  is the generated image. By the data-processing inequality:

$$I(Y; I) \leq I(Y; P),$$

indicating that the maximum achievable stability is constrained by the prompt information content.

Operationally, for a prompt  $P = (w_1, \dots, w_T)$ , we approximate entropy using a pretrained LM:

$$H(P) \approx -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \log p_\theta(w_t | w_1, \dots, w_{t-1}).$$

### Interpretation:

- *Low cross-entropy:* Predictable, concentrated prompt effectively conveys user intent, enhancing stability.
- *High cross-entropy:* Uncertain or dispersed prompt, less informative, reducing stability.

715 **A.3. Derivation of Prompt Energy**

716 In classical statistical mechanics, a system state  $x_t^{(i)}$  follows a Boltzmann distribution:

$$717 \quad 718 \quad 719 \quad 720 \quad p(x_t^{(i)}) = \frac{\exp(-E_t^{(i)}/k\tau)}{Z_t}.$$

721 An autoregressive LM with parameters  $\theta$  defines the probability of token  $x_t$  as

$$722 \quad 723 \quad 724 \quad 725 \quad p_\theta(x_t | x_{<t}) = \frac{\exp(z_t(x_t))}{\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(z_t(v))},$$

726 where  $z_t(v)$  is the logit of token  $v$ .

727 Identifying logits with negative energies up to a normalization constant  $C_t$ :

$$728 \quad 729 \quad 730 \quad 731 \quad z_t(v) = -\frac{1}{k\tau} E_t(v) + C_t.$$

732 Setting  $k\tau = 1$  and  $C_t = 0$  yields token-level energy

$$733 \quad 734 \quad e_t := E_t(x_t) = -z_t(x_t),$$

735 and sequence-level prompt energy

$$736 \quad 737 \quad 738 \quad 739 \quad E(x) = -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T z_t(x_t),$$

740 which measures the model’s confidence in generating  $x$ . Lower  $E(x)$  indicates familiar, well-represented concepts, whereas  
741 higher  $E(x)$  indicates uncertain or out-of-distribution concepts.

742 **Usage.** Prompt energy complements entropy and end-to-end mutual information metrics, enabling a more complete  
743 characterization of text-to-image generation stability.

744 **B. More Experiment Results**

745 **B.1. Experimental Setup Implementation Details**

746 **Training Hyperparameters Settings.** We trained our model with the following hyperparameters: a learning rate of  
747  $1 \times 10^{-5}$ , a batch size of 2, gradient accumulation steps of 16, and a total of 3 training epochs. The checkpoint with the  
748 lowest training loss was selected as the final model.

749 During LoRA fine-tuning, all parameters of the base model were frozen, and only the LoRA parameters were updated,  
750 specifically for query and value (Vaswani et al., 2017; Hu et al., 2022). The LoRA hyperparameters were set as follows:  
751 rank  $r = 8$ ,  $\alpha = 16$ , a dropout rate of 0.1, and no bias. Training was performed using bf16 mixed precision.

752 We employed the Adam optimizer with  $\beta_1 = 0.9$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.999$ , and a weight decay of  $1 \times 10^{-2}$ .

753 **NoxEye Prompt Template.** To ensure consistency in model evaluation, we adopt the NoxEye Prompt Template, which  
754 specifies a unified structure system instruction, presenting tasks, inputs and outputs. The template is organized into four  
755 components:

- 756 • *System Instruction*: defines the global behavior and constraints that guide the model throughout the interaction.
- 757 • *Instruction*: defines the task description or objective to be performed.
- 758 • *Input*: provides the contextual information or query required to complete the task.
- 759 • *Response*: represents the expected model-generated output.

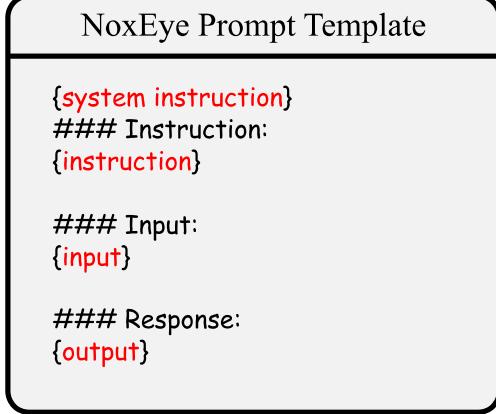


Figure 7. The prompt template of NoxEye.

**Evaluation Settings.** For evaluation on **AP Bench** and **GenEval**, the following hyperparameters were used: For SD2.1 and CoMat2.1, the number of sampling steps was set to 50, the CFG scale to 7.5, the image size to default size. For other models, the hyperparameters are default parameters.

**Preference Information Extractor Setting.** We present the prompt to transform the LVLM into the information extractor. The prompt for the preference information extractor in our model is illustrated in the Figure 8. As shown in Figure 9, the information of authentic prompts is significantly higher than that of prompts extracted by the preference information extractor, indicating that the latter produces prompts that are more concise and stable.

## B.2. Full Results of AP Bench

Tables 7, 8 and 9 report the full evaluation results on the Easy, Medium, and Hard levels of AP Bench under both novice and expert user settings. Overall, **NoxEye consistently achieves the best or near-best performance across all difficulty levels and backbones**, particularly in terms of alignment score. On the Easy and Hard levels, NoxEye also attains the highest accuracy mean while maintaining competitive or lower accuracy variance, indicating improved robustness. On the Medium level, NoxEye shows clear advantages over prior methods for expert users and remains competitive for novice users. These results demonstrate that NoxEye generalizes well across user expertise, task difficulty, and diffusion backbones, outperforming existing prompt optimization approaches in both effectiveness and stability.

## B.3. Full Results of GenEval

Table 12 reports the full evaluation results on the GenEval benchmark across multiple state-of-the-art text-to-image models. Overall, **NoxEye demonstrates consistently strong and often superior performance across diverse model backbones and evaluation dimensions**. On Stable Diffusion 2.1, NoxEye achieves the best results on *Single Object*, *Two Object*, *Counting*, and *Position*, leading to the highest overall score, which indicates improved compositional understanding and spatial grounding under complex prompts. For the more capable Stable Diffusion 3, while the original prompts yield the highest overall score, NoxEye remains highly competitive and attains near-best performance on fine-grained tasks such as *Counting* and *Two Object*, suggesting good generalization rather than over-specialization to a single model. Notably, on Flux.1 and PixArt- $\Sigma$ , NoxEye consistently outperforms prior prompt optimization methods in terms of the overall metric, with clear gains on challenging attributes including multi-object composition, counting, and color reasoning. These results collectively indicate that NoxEye provides robust and model-agnostic improvements in text–image alignment, making it particularly effective for compositional and attribute-sensitive generation tasks, which aligns with the goals of controllable and reliable text-to-image synthesis.

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### Preference Distribution Extractor Prompt

You are a professional AI image analyst specializing in analyzing Stable Diffusion generated images. Please analyze this image and generate a prompt that could have been used to create this image.

Requirements:

1. The generated prompt should be concise, accurate, and suitable for CLIP model understanding
2. Use English with comma-separated keyword format
3. Include the following elements (if applicable):
  - Subject description (people, objects, scenes)
  - Art style (e.g., realistic, anime, oil painting, digital art, etc.)
  - Quality descriptors (e.g., highly detailed, 8k, masterpiece, etc.)
  - Composition description (e.g., portrait, full body, close-up, etc.)
  - Lighting effects (e.g., soft lighting, dramatic lighting, etc.)
  - Color characteristics (e.g., vibrant colors, monochrome, etc.)
4. Avoid overly complex descriptions, keep the prompt practical
5. Sort by importance, with the most important keywords first

Please output the prompt directly without additional explanations.

*Figure 8.* Preference information extractor prompt template.

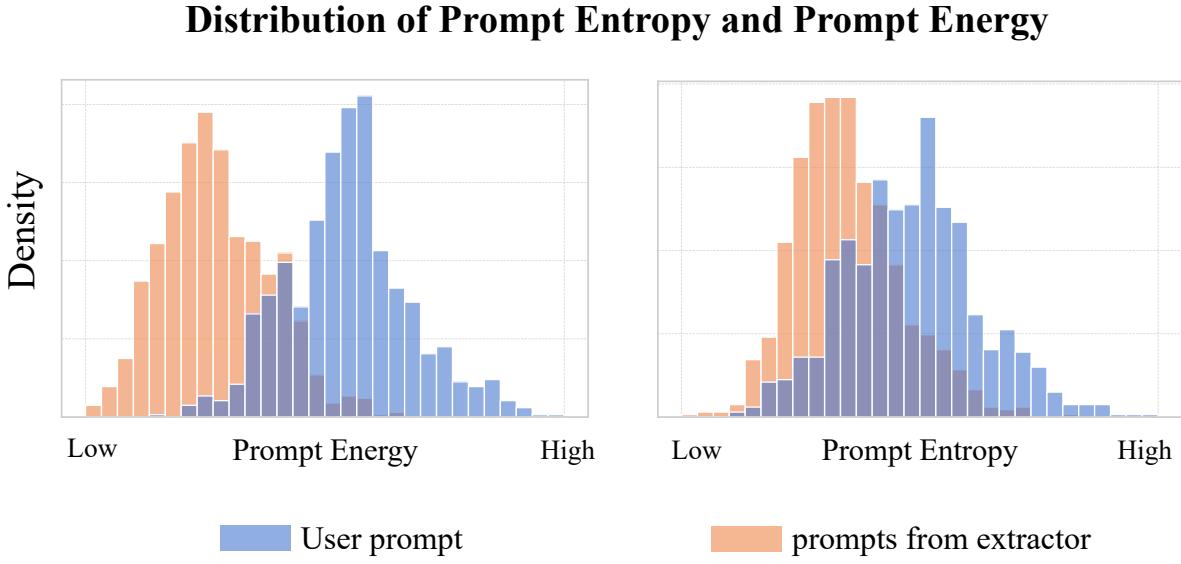


Figure 9. A visual comparison between authentic prompts and prompts from extractor.

Table 7. Full Evaluation results on Easy level AP Bench. Bold values indicate **best**.

User type	Novice				Expert		
Method	Model	Acc Mean $\uparrow$	Acc Std $\downarrow$	Align. $\uparrow$	Acc Mean $\uparrow$	Acc Std $\downarrow$	Align. $\uparrow$
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	SD2.1	0.3999	0.3742	0.6685	0.3450	0.3867	0.5237
	CoMat2.1	0.4188	0.3754	0.6740	0.3651	0.3922	0.5317
	SD3	0.4583	0.3719	0.7435	0.3847	0.3928	0.5759
	Flux.1	0.4296	0.3694	0.7537	0.3778	0.3878	0.6003
	PixArt- $\Sigma$	0.4402	0.3708	0.7628	0.3260	0.3740	0.5954
	Inf	0.4522	0.3758	0.7316	0.3483	0.3846	0.5655
	Show-O2	0.3995	0.3684	0.7079	0.3011	0.3669	0.5372
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	SD2.1	0.3495	0.3774	0.5198	0.2754	0.3791	0.3462
	CoMat2.1	0.3625	0.3791	0.5305	0.2819	0.3801	0.3546
	SD3	0.3834	0.3834	0.5713	0.3120	0.3959	0.3875
	Flux.1	0.3629	0.3737	0.5970	0.2890	0.3793	0.3916
	PixArt- $\Sigma$	0.3594	0.3727	0.5996	0.2607	0.3653	0.4023
	Inf	0.3740	0.3795	0.5738	0.2710	0.3816	0.3722
	Show-O2	0.3352	0.3664	0.5507	0.2397	0.3565	0.3579
PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	SD2.1	0.3659	0.3648	0.6596	0.3211	0.3686	0.6167
	SD2.1	0.4268	0.3744	0.7047	0.3728	0.3832	0.6361
	CoMat2.1	0.4439	0.3732	0.7113	0.3852	0.3865	0.6429
	SD3	<b>0.4760</b>	0.3665	0.7670	<b>0.4215</b>	0.3851	0.6878
	Flux/1	0.4529	0.3670	0.7803	0.3958	0.3755	0.7018
	PixArt- $\Sigma$	0.4651	0.3723	<b>0.7890</b>	0.3583	0.3681	<b>0.7206</b>
	Inf	0.4627	0.3713	0.7659	0.3833	0.3794	0.6861
NoxEye (Ours)	Show-O2	0.4108	<b>0.3658</b>	0.7281	0.3169	<b>0.3540</b>	0.6562

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*Table 8.* Full Evaluation results on Medium level AP Bench. Bold values indicate **best**.

User type		Novice	Expert
Method	Model	Align. $\uparrow$	Align. $\uparrow$
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	SD2.1	0.6416	0.5012
	CoMat2.1	0.6302	0.5139
	SD3	0.7035	0.5304
	Flux.1	0.7071	0.5387
	PixArt- $\Sigma$	<b>0.7222</b>	0.5541
	Inf	0.7013	0.5221
	Show-O2	0.6282	0.5053
	SD2.1	0.5222	0.3248
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	CoMat2.1	0.5069	0.3293
	SD3	0.5074	0.3448
	Flux.1	0.5567	0.3611
	PixArt- $\Sigma$	0.5521	0.3833
	Inf	0.5586	0.3337
	Show-O2	0.4772	0.3503
	PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	SD2.1	0.5885
	SD2.1	0.6524	0.6370
NoxEye (Ours)	CoMat2.1	0.6443	0.6569
	SD3	0.6992	0.7023
	Flux.1	0.6958	<b>0.7231</b>
	PixArt- $\Sigma$	0.7160	0.7113
	Inf	0.6948	0.6617
	Show-O2	0.6407	0.6536

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*Table 9.* Full Evaluation results on Hard level AP Bench. Bold values indicate **best**.

User type		Novice			Expert			
Method	Model	Acc Mean $\uparrow$	Acc Std $\downarrow$	Align. $\uparrow$	Acc Mean $\uparrow$	Acc Std $\downarrow$	Align. $\uparrow$	
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	SD2.1	0.1356	0.2848	0.6336	0.1424	0.2953	0.3786	
	CoMat2.1	0.1209	0.2667	0.6516	0.1209	0.2667	0.3826	
	SD3	0.1921	0.3242	0.6845	0.1774	0.3184	0.4179	
	Flux.1	0.1882	0.3263	0.7185	0.1389	0.2847	0.4437	
	PixArt	0.1772	0.3279	0.6745	0.1191	0.2663	0.4504	
	Inf	0.1690	0.3083	0.6523	0.0991	0.2499	0.4392	
	Show-O2	0.1647	0.3141	0.6336	0.1206	0.2642	0.4009	
	SD2.1	0.1194	<b>0.2603</b>	0.3778	0.0918	0.2403	0.1900	
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	CoMat2.1	0.1213	0.2670	0.3660	0.0978	0.2460	0.1886	
	SD3	0.1774	0.3125	0.3951	0.1137	0.2699	0.2174	
	Flux.1	0.1925	0.3299	0.4854	0.1021	0.2517	0.2140	
	PixArt- $\Sigma$	0.1520	0.2993	0.4437	0.0927	0.2449	0.2211	
	Inf	0.1645	0.3031	0.3993	0.0804	0.2337	0.2113	
	Show-O2	0.1499	0.2973	0.3850	0.0955	0.2478	0.1942	
	PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	SD2.1	0.1232	0.2660	0.6576	0.1228	0.2729	0.4978
	SD2.1	0.1498	0.3031	0.6840	0.1107	0.2560	0.5590	
NoxEye (Ours)	CoMat2.1	0.1216	0.2663	0.6833	0.1203	0.2667	0.5599	
	SD3	<b>0.2011</b>	0.3273	0.7220	<b>0.1668</b>	0.3143	0.5868	
	Flux.1	0.1902	0.3241	<b>0.7718</b>	0.1410	0.2874	0.6351	
	PixArt- $\Sigma$	0.1675	0.3153	0.6981	0.0952	<b>0.2286</b>	<b>0.6662</b>	
	Inf	0.1837	0.3320	0.6958	0.1140	0.2656	0.6157	
	Show-O2	0.1369	0.2912	0.6417	0.1037	0.2399	0.6011	

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991 *Table 10.* Evaluation results about CLIP Classification Accuracy (Mean  $\uparrow$ ) on AP Bench. Bold values indicate **best**, and underlined values show second-best.

Method	SD2.1	CoMa2.1t	SD3	Flux.1	PixArt- $\Sigma$	Inf	Show-O2
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	0.3480	0.3655	0.3977	0.3751	0.3619	0.3731	0.3317
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	0.2920	0.3019	0.3257	0.3060	0.2933	0.3033	0.2737
PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	0.3193	—	—	—	—	—	—
NoxEye (Mistral)	0.3184	0.3321	0.3868	0.3569	0.3496	0.3668	0.3213
NoxEye (Llama)	<b>0.3681</b>	<b>0.3822</b>	<u>0.4180</u>	<u>0.3940</u>	<b>0.3829</b>	<u>0.3921</u>	<u>0.3405</u>
NoxEye (Qwen)	0.3321	0.3438	0.3803	0.3592	0.3503	0.3640	0.3068

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1001 *Table 11.* Evaluation results about CLIP Classification Accuracy (standard deviation  $\downarrow$ ) on AP Bench. Bold values indicate **best**, and  
1002 underlined values show second-best.

Method	SD2.1	CoMa2.1t	SD3	Flux.1	PixArt- $\Sigma$	Inf	Show-O2
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	0.3783	0.3818	0.3834	0.3777	0.3758	0.3827	0.3681
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	0.3726	<u>0.3749</u>	0.3849	0.3721	<b>0.3673</b>	0.3774	<u>0.3593</u>
PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	<b>0.3639</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—
NoxEye (Mistral)	<u>0.3690</u>	<b>0.3718</b>	<b>0.3765</b>	<b>0.3655</b>	<u>0.3687</u>	<b>0.3764</b>	0.3601
NoxEye (Llama)	0.3784	0.3803	0.3797	0.3744	0.3757	0.3795	0.3626
NoxEye (Qwen)	0.3744	0.3780	0.3817	0.3743	0.3730	0.3807	<b>0.3560</b>

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1013 *Table 12.* Full Evaluation results on GenEval (Ghosh et al., 2023). Bold values indicate **best**.

Method	single Obj. $\uparrow$	Two Obj. $\uparrow$	Counting $\uparrow$	Colors $\uparrow$	Position $\uparrow$	Color Attri $\uparrow$	Overall
Stable Diffusion 2.1 (Rombach et al., 2022)							
Original prompts	96.56%	50.76%	40.00%	<b>84.31%</b>	7.00%	15.00%	0.48938
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	96.25%	47.98%	41.25%	81.38%	7.25%	<b>16.25%</b>	0.48394
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	94.69%	45.45%	34.06%	74.73%	4.50%	11.50%	0.44156
PAE (Mo et al., 2024)	85.62%	39.14%	23.12%	68.09%	6.50%	9.00%	0.38579
NoxEye (Ours)	<b>97.50%</b>	<b>51.52%</b>	<b>43.44%</b>	78.99%	<b>11.00%</b>	13.00%	<b>0.4924</b>
Stable Diffusion 3 (Esser et al., 2024)							
Original prompts	<b>99.38%</b>	<b>86.87%</b>	<b>63.12%</b>	<b>87.50%</b>	31.00%	<b>61.50%</b>	<b>0.71561</b>
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	99.06%	86.87%	59.69%	85.90%	<b>33.25%</b>	59.25%	0.7067
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	98.75%	83.59%	52.50%	84.31%	22.00%	53.25%	0.65732
NoxEye (Ours)	<b>99.38%</b>	86.62%	61.88%	82.98%	29.25%	55.50%	0.69266
Flux.1 [schnell] (Labs, 2024)							
Original prompts	<b>100.00%</b>	86.87%	55.31%	74.47%	24.50%	45.50%	0.64442
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	96.25%	81.06%	50.31%	77.66%	<b>29.75%</b>	<b>46.00%</b>	0.63505
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	97.50%	80.05%	46.56%	<b>80.85%</b>	22.75%	38.75%	0.61077
NoxEye (Ours)	99.06%	<b>91.41%</b>	<b>58.13%</b>	78.99%	29.25%	44.50%	<b>0.6689</b>
PixArt- $\Sigma$ (Saharia et al., 2022)							
Original prompts	<b>99.38%</b>	64.14%	43.75%	83.24%	12.50%	<b>27.75%</b>	0.55127
Promptist (Hao et al., 2023)	95.00%	<b>58.08%</b>	<b>45.94%</b>	79.52%	10.00%	25.00%	0.52257
PAG (Yun et al., 2025)	97.81%	63.38%	40.94%	81.12%	10.25%	21.00%	0.52417
NoxEye (Ours)	97.50%	<b>67.42%</b>	42.50%	<b>85.64%</b>	<b>16.25%</b>	27.50%	<b>0.56135</b>

#### B.4. Human Evaluation Details

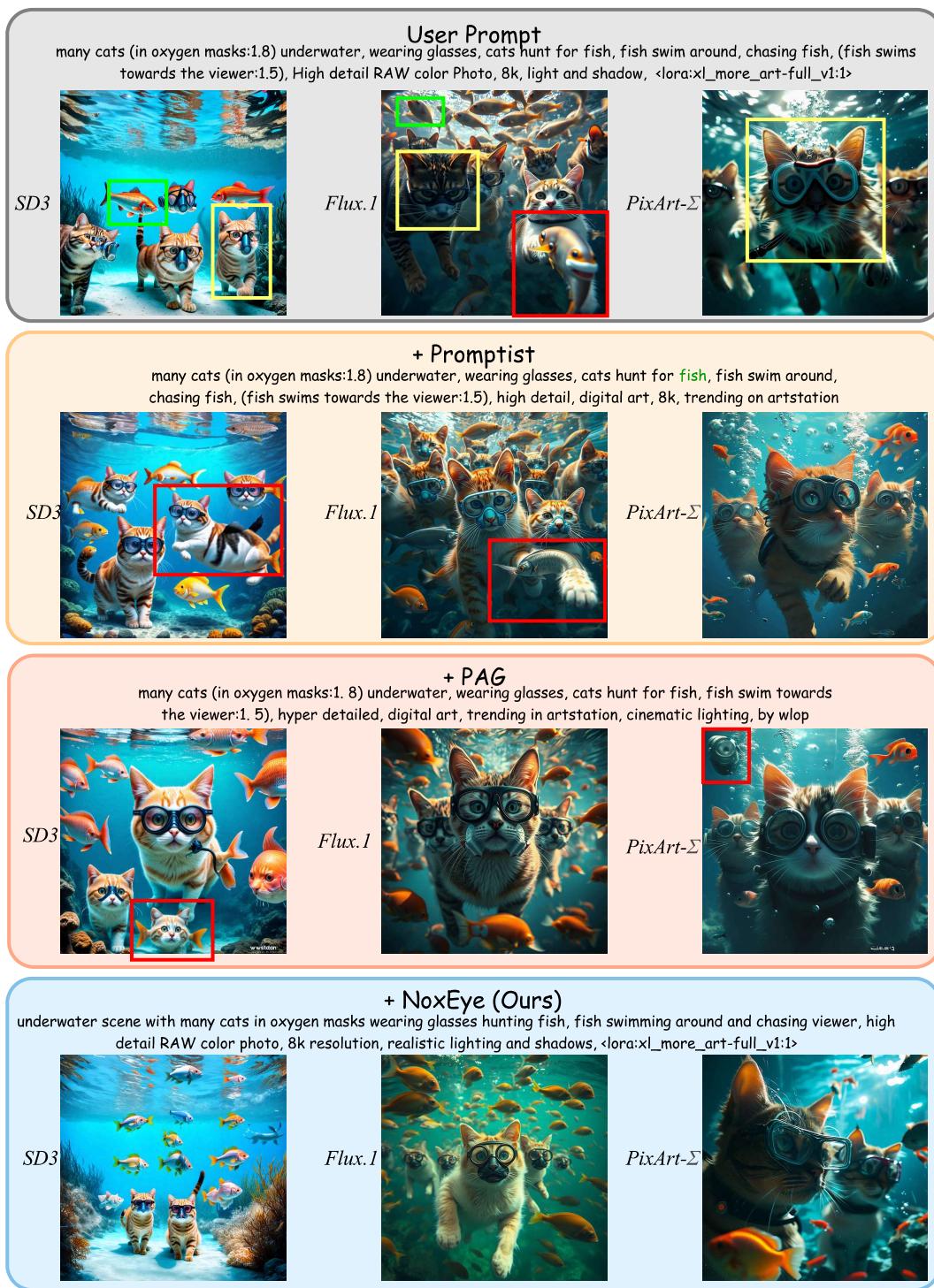
To complement quantitative evaluations with a human-centered perspective, we conducted a user study comparing our method with existing approaches. We first sampled a set of prompts at random and applied different optimization methods to obtain model-specific refined prompts, which were then used to generate images. A total of 20 volunteers were recruited

1045 from diverse educational backgrounds. In each trial, participants were presented with either a pair of images or a pair of  
1046 prompts and were asked to select the image they found more visually appealing or the prompt they preferred. As shown in  
1047 Figure 5, participants most frequently selected images generated from prompts optimized by our method, indicating its  
1048 superior effectiveness in aligning with human preference.  
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## 1050 C. More Quantitative Results 1051

1052 We present more visual results between the images generated with different prompts. As illustrated in the Figure 10, when  
1053 a prompt simultaneously mentions both *fish* and *cat*, the generated images may omit the fish, indicating **informational**  
1054 **sparsity**, where overly concise user prompts encourage LLM-based expansion to hallucinate unintended attributes and  
1055 deviate from user intent. In addition, anomalous fish–cat amalgamations are observed, revealing **lexical perturbation and**  
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