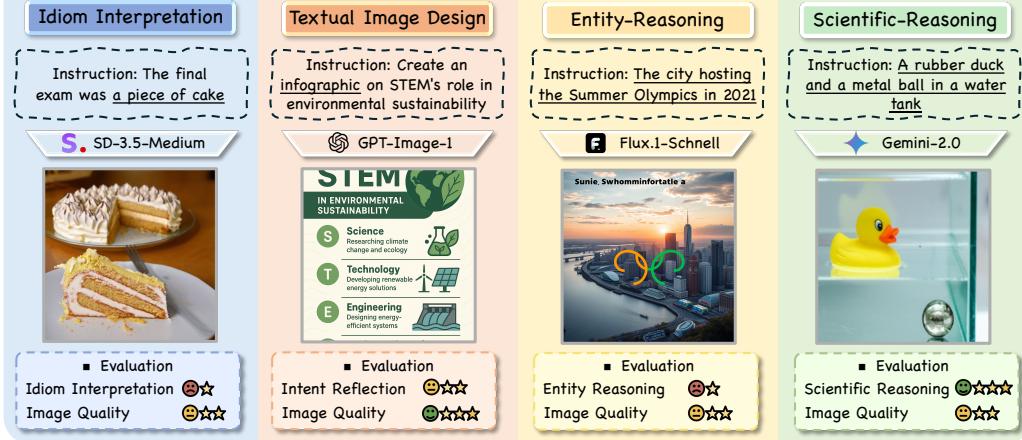


000 T2I-REASONBENCH: BENCHMARKING REASONING- 001 INFORMED TEXT-TO-IMAGE GENERATION 002

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026 **Figure 1: Overview of T2I-ReasonBench.** We propose T2I-ReasonBench, a benchmark evaluat-
027 ing reasoning capabilities of text-to-image (T2I) models. It consists of four dimensions: **Idiom**
028 **Interpretation**, **Textual Image Design**, **Entity-Reasoning** and **Scientific-Reasoning**. We propose
029 a two-stage evaluation protocol to measure T2I-ReasonScore, a quantitative metric that integrates
030 reasoning accuracy, detail faithfulness and image quality. We benchmark various T2I generation
031 models, and provide comprehensive analysis on their performances.

032 ABSTRACT

033 Text-to-image (T2I) generative models have achieved remarkable progress, demon-
034 strating exceptional capability in synthesizing high-quality images from textual
035 prompts. While existing research and benchmarks have extensively evaluated the
036 ability of T2I models to follow the literal meaning of prompts, their ability to reason
037 over prompts to uncover implicit meaning and contextual nuances remains under-
038 explored. To bridge this gap, we introduce T2I-ReasonBench, a novel benchmark
039 designed to explore the reasoning capabilities of T2I models. T2I-ReasonBench
040 comprises 800 meticulously designed prompts organized into four dimensions: (1)
041 **Idiom Interpretation**, (2) **Textual Image Design**, (3) **Entity-Reasoning**, and
042 (4) **Scientific-Reasoning**. These dimensions challenge models to infer implicit
043 meaning, integrate domain knowledge, and resolve contextual ambiguities. To
044 quantify the performance, we introduce a two-stage evaluation framework: a large
045 language model (LLM) generates prompt-specific question-criterion pairs that eval-
046 uate if the image includes the essential elements resulting from correct reasoning;
047 a multimodal LLM (MLLM) then scores the generated image against these criteria.
048 Experiments across 16 state-of-the-art T2I and unified multimodal models (UMMs)
049 reveal critical limitations in reasoning-informed generation. Our comprehensive
050 analysis indicates that the bottleneck of current models is in reasoning rather than
051 generation. This finding highlights the critical need to enhance reasoning abilities
052 in the next generation of T2I and unified multimodal systems.

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1 INTRODUCTION

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Recent advancements in T2I generative models have enabled the creation of visually appealing
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060 images from textual prompts. However, these models often struggle with generating complex scenes
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062 that demand reasoning.063
064 Current benchmarks (Yu et al., 2022; Hu et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023; Ghosh et al., 2023;
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066 Hu et al., 2024; Li et al., 2024a; Wu et al., 2024; Huang et al., 5555; Wei et al., 2025), such as
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068 T2I-CompBench (Huang et al., 5555) and PartiPrompts (Yu et al., 2022), primarily evaluate literal
069 prompt-image alignment, focusing on object attributes (e.g., color, attribute, count) and relationships.
While DPG-Bench (Hu et al., 2024) extends evaluation to long-text comprehension, it remains
confined to multi-object composition tasks. These frameworks fail to test models' ability to reason
beyond explicit instructions. For instance, generating an image of "A beach ball and a marble in a
swimming pool" requires not only object composition but also reasoning about physical laws (e.g.,
inferring the ball floats while the marble sinks). Such reasoning necessitates understanding related
scientific knowledge, such as material density and buoyancy, as well as integrating the reasoning
process into T2I generation.070
071 To address this gap, we propose **T2I-ReasonBench**, a novel benchmark designed to systematically
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073 evaluate the reasoning ability of T2I models in four dimensions: (1) Idiom Interpretation: Deciphering
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075 the implicit meanings of idiomatic expressions with the context to generate appropriate images. (2)
Textual Image Design: Understanding the intention of design and effectively planning integrated
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077 visual-textual layouts. (3) Entity-Reasoning: applying and integrating the knowledge about world
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079 entities in image generation, and (4) Scientific-Reasoning: reasoning with scientific knowledge (e.g.,
physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy) to produce images adhering to the underlying scientific laws.
T2I-ReasonBench encompasses the above four dimensions with 800 meticulously designed prompts,
all requiring deep reasoning.080
081 To rigorously evaluate performance of T2I models, we introduce a two-stage evaluation framework
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083 and propose **T2I-ReasonScore**, a quantitative metric for assessing the quality of reasoning-informed
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085 T2I generation. First, an LLM generates specific question-criterion pairs for each prompt. To evaluate
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087 the images, an MLLM then answers each question and assigns a score based on the paired criterion.
By averaging these scores, we measure how faithfully the image reflects the implicit meaning of the
prompt, capturing the effectiveness of model's reasoning. The final T2I-ReasonScore is composed of
accuracy and quality perspectives. Our approach allows for fine-grained and interpretable evaluation
of models' reasoning ability and addresses the limitation of previous benchmarks that focused solely
on literal prompt following.088
089 We evaluate 16 state-of-the-art T2I models, including 8 diffusion models, 5 unified multimodal
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091 models, and 3 proprietary models. The results reveal that current models face critical limitations in
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093 reasoning-informed generation. Our comprehensive analysis indicates that the bottleneck of current
models is in reasoning rather than generation. Although unified multimodal models have better
potential in incorporating reasoning, the current models still have a large room for improvement.094
095 Our contributions are threefold: (1) We propose T2I-ReasonBench, a novel benchmark with metic-
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097 ulously designed tasks to explore the reasoning capabilities for text-to-image generation. (2) Our
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099 prompt-specific evaluation framework enables fine-grained and interpretable evaluation of reasoning-
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101 informed T2I tasks. (3) We evaluate 16 state-of-the-art T2I and unified multimodal models, and
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103 provide a thorough analysis of their performances, highlighting notable limitations in reasoning
ability of these models.104
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2 RELATED WORK

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2.1 TEXT-TO-IMAGE GENERATION.

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Diffusion models. T2I generation has seen rapid advances in recent years, primarily driven by the
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111 emergence and refinement of diffusion models (Dhariwal & Nichol, 2021; Ho et al., 2020; Nichol
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113 et al., 2021; Saharia et al., 2022). By formulating image synthesis as a progressive denoising process,
these models pushed the boundaries of quality and controllability, and established the backbone for
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115 modern systems like the Stable Diffusion series (Esser et al., 2024a; Rombach et al., 2022), and the

108 Flux series (Labs, 2024). Recent models like HiDream (hidream, 2024) and Qwen-Image (Wu et al.,
 109 2025) further extend this paradigm, achieving fine-grained, photorealistic text-to-image, solidifying
 110 diffusion as the backbone of modern T2I systems.

111 **Unified multimodal models.** To achieve better token-level alignment between text and image modal-
 112 ities, recent research has shifted toward LLM-based architectures. This includes both autoregressive
 113 models, which synthesize images by directly predicting sequences of visual tokens(Ramesh et al.,
 114 2021; Ding et al., 2021; Sun et al., 2024; Liu et al., 2024), and unified multimodal models (Team,
 115 2024; Xie et al., 2024; Chen et al., 2025d; Deng et al., 2025; Chen et al., 2025b; Fang et al., 2025;
 116 Duan et al., 2025). These unified systems typically combine an autoregressive language model with a
 117 diffusion module to integrate understanding and generation. For instance, GoT (Fang et al., 2025)
 118 uses an MLLM for semantic-spatial reasoning before diffusion-based synthesis, while Bagel (Deng
 119 et al., 2025) unifies an LLM and a diffusion model within a single transformer to generate reasoning
 120 chains prior to image creation.

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125 2.2 TEXT-TO-IMAGE EVALUATION BENCHMARKS AND METRICS.

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128 **Benchmarks.** Evaluating the capabilities of T2I models requires diverse benchmarks that assess
 129 various aspects of understanding and generation. Most of current benchmarks (Yu et al., 2022; Hu
 130 et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023; Ghosh et al., 2023; Hu et al., 2024; Li et al., 2024a; Wu et al., 2024;
 131 Huang et al., 5555; Wei et al., 2025) primarily evaluate literal prompt-image alignment. For example,
 132 GenEval (Ghosh et al., 2023) utilizes object detection techniques to test whether generated images
 133 correctly capture object co-occurrence, position, count, and color described in the prompts. Recent
 134 benchmarks have shifted focus from literal alignment to evaluating the reasoning capabilities of T2I
 135 models. For instance, Commonsense-T2I (Fu et al., 2024) tests everyday logic through adversarial
 136 prompt pairs; PhyBench (Meng et al., 2024) evaluates physical common sense; WISE (Niu et al.,
 137 2025) assesses broader world knowledge; and R2I-Bench (Chen et al., 2025c) provides a more
 138 comprehensive evaluation across both composition and reasoning categories. These benchmarks
 139 collectively establish a multifaceted evaluation landscape, pushing T2I generation towards a deeper
 140 understanding of the world.

141 **Metrics.** Conventional text-image alignment metrics like CLIPscore (Hessel et al., 2021) and
 142 VQAscore (Lin et al., 2024) works as bag-of-words models, lacking the expertise needed to evaluate
 143 specific composition and reasoning generations. To address this, many works adopt a more targeted,
 144 disentangled question-answering framework. Leveraging powerful LLMs and MLLMs, this method
 145 first generates specific diagnostic questions and then uses VQA models to answer them by analyzing
 146 the image. This approach has been successfully applied across studies evaluating alignment (?Cho
 147 et al., 2023a; Yarom et al., 2023; Cho et al., 2023b), composition (Wu et al., 2024), reasoning (Chen
 148 et al., 2025c), and factual correctness (Lim et al., 2025).

149 **T2I-ReasonBench vs. Prior Works.** T2I-ReasonBench aims to explore the reasoning abilities of
 150 T2I generation through 800 carefully designed prompts across four dimensions. Its key contribution
 151 lies in two novel dimensions: Idiom Interpretation and Textual Image Design. Unlike previous
 152 benchmarks where the content to generate is well-defined, such as “Einstein’s favorite musical
 153 instrument” or “A bookshelf with some books, no books on the second shelf”, these dimensions
 154 assess not only idiom comprehension and text synthesis, but also a model’s ability to envision complex
 155 scenarios and infer missing information. In Idiom Interpretation, models must generate an image
 156 that accurately expresses both a daily scene and the abstract meaning of an idiom. In Textual Image
 157 Design, prompts do not clearly specify the text or visual elements needed in the image, therefore
 158 models must creatively design and include necessary elements that reflect the prompt’s intention, a
 159 capability not systematically addressed in prior works.

160 Furthermore, in Entity-Reasoning dimension, T2I-ReasonBench distinguishes itself by using hard
 161 and specific entities that are easily forgotten, rather than common-sense objects, like “A stationery
 162 item that removes markings by rubbing against a surface”, which refers to the daily item of eraser.
 163 This approach more rigorously tests the knowledge integration and reasoning abilities of T2I models.

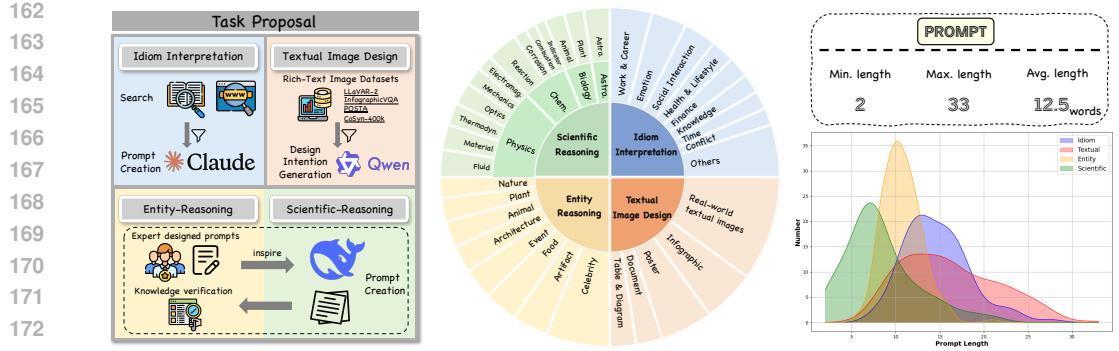


Figure 2: **Left:** Prompt collection process. **Middle:** Subcategories in the four evaluation dimensions. **Right:** Prompt Suite Statistics.

3 BENCHMARK CONSTRUCTION

3.1 PROBLEM DEFINITION

While modern T2I models are good at explicit prompt-to-image translation, their capacity for reasoning-informed generation remains underexplored. Existing benchmarks focus predominantly on explicit text-image alignment (e.g., object existence, spatial arrangements) but fail to evaluate whether models possess reasoning abilities to uncover the deeper meaning behind the text and generate logically coherent visual content. To this end, we identify four critical scenarios that challenge T2I models to reason about the instructions before visualizing them:

Scenario 1: An idiom is a phrase or combination of words with a figurative meaning that differs from its literal meaning. Idioms are common in everyday language, and their meanings usually cannot be deduced by analyzing individual words. For T2I models, prompts containing idioms demand reasoning to obtain the latent meaning before generating semantically faithful visual content. This process requires leveraging linguistic knowledge and effectively analyzing context.

Scenario 2: Images with rich text combine visuals and text in various formats. These images are used to serve specific communicative goals, such as education, marketing, and promotion. Generating such content requires T2I models reasoning about the purpose behind the image and apply goal-oriented design skills like layout planning, information structuring, and harmonizing visuals and text.

Scenario 3: In everyday life, people often forget specific entity names but remember related details. For example, the prompt “Generate an image of the team lifting the trophy at the 2022 FIFA World Cup” requires the T2I model to reason about the context and then retrieve relevant knowledge to generate the entities not explicitly stated.

Scenario 4: Creating physically realistic images remains a significant challenge for current T2I models, which often produce counterintuitive results that violate common sense. This highlights the need to test whether models can apply scientific knowledge. For example, with the prompt “Iron filings scattered around a bar magnet”, the model needs to understand magnetism and show the iron filings curving between the magnet’s poles.

Based on these four scenarios, we define four dimensions to evaluate the reasoning abilities of T2I models: Idiom Interpretation, Textual Image Design, Entity-Reasoning and Scientific-Reasoning.

3.2 PROMPT SUITE OF T2I-REASONBENCH

Idiom Interpretation. By sourcing from a book (idi, 2023) and the internet, we collect 200 idioms that are commonly used in daily life but may be challenging for T2I models. We then use an LLM to generate sentences containing the idioms but without explicitly revealing their meanings. These idioms span diverse topics such as social interactions, lifestyle, and emotions. For example, the sentence “He told a funny joke to break the ice at the start of the meeting” uses the idiom “break the ice”, which means to ease tension during a first meeting, rather than literally destroying the ice.

216 **Textual Image Design.** In this category, we first collected 200 images featuring rich text from
 217 different datasets. Using an MLLM, we then extracted the underlying design intentions from these
 218 images, resulting in 200 design prompts. Each prompt focuses on the functional purpose of the image
 219 rather than describing visual details. For example, the prompt “Create a minimalist promotional
 220 poster for a workshop on simplicity in design” is an abstract, high-level design instruction. Based
 221 on the image sources, the prompts span categories like infographics, posters, documents, tables,
 222 diagrams, and other real-world images such as book covers and tickets.

223 **Entity-Reasoning.** In Entity-Reasoning, we begin by defining subdomains for various entities, such
 224 as celebrities, artifacts, and natural landscapes. We manually create several example prompts along
 225 with their explicit meanings to guide an LLM in generating more pairs of prompt and its explicit
 226 meaning. After collecting 200 such pairs, we carefully review them to ensure overall consistency
 227 and confirm that each entity possesses unique visual features. For instance, the prompt “The first
 228 mammal successfully cloned from an adult somatic cell in 1996” refers to Dolly the sheep.

229 **Scientific-Reasoning.** The prompts in the Scientific-Reasoning are constructed in a similar manner.
 230 We first identify four key scientific disciplines: physics, chemistry, biology, and astronomy, then
 231 create several example pairs of prompt and corresponding explicit meaning. We use these examples
 232 to inspire the LLM to generate additional pairs of prompt and explicit meaning. Each prompt is
 233 manually validated to ensure it requires reasoning about scientific knowledge and the expected visual
 234 outcome is not explicitly stated. For instance, the prompt “A trampoline with an iron ball on it”
 235 implies that the heavy iron ball would deeply stretch the surface of the trampoline due to its weight.

236 Figure 2 demonstrates the prompt collection process (left), shows the subcategories in each dimension
 237 (middle) and provides the prompt suite statistics (right). We visualize the word distribution in Figure 4
 238 in Appendix. For more information about the prompt suite, please refer to Appendix A.

239 4 EVALUATION

240 4.1 EVALUATION METRIC

241 In recent years, MLLMs have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in understanding complex visual
 242 content, becoming the primary tool for evaluating images and videos. However, the prompts in
 243 our benchmark are highly complex, often involving multiple objects, intricate relationships, and
 244 challenging scenarios. As a result, using generic evaluation instructions that are identical for all
 245 prompts proved ineffective. This is because each image, generated from a unique prompt, has specific
 246 features that require targeted checks. Generic instructions cannot cover every detail, and MLLMs
 247 struggle to address all aspects when given long, broad guidelines. To address this, we develop a
 248 two-stage evaluation framework with customized evaluation instructions for each prompt. These
 249 instructions take into account the prompt category, the reasoning needed, and both the explicit content
 250 and implicit meaning the image should exhibit. Figure 3 illustrates the evaluation process.

251 **Prompt-specific question-criterion pairs generation.** In the first stage, we use the an LLM to
 252 generate question-criterion pairs based on the given prompt and dimension-specific information (e.g.,
 253 idiom meaning for Idiom Interpretation or explicit meaning for Entity and Scientific-Reasoning). For
 254 each dimension, two sets of questions are provided to separately examine the reasoning required and
 255 the image quality. For Entity and Scientific-Reasoning, where prompts may involve explicit details
 256 that do not need reasoning, an additional set of questions is provided to examine these details.

257 **Image analysis and evaluation.** In the second stage, we employ an MLLM to evaluate the generated
 258 images with a Chain-of-Thought (Wei et al., 2022) (CoT) mechanism: the model first describes the
 259 image, then answers the specific questions posed in Stage 1. For each question, the MLLM provides
 260 an analysis prior to assigning a score, ensuring thorough and reasoned evaluation. Scores within each
 261 set are averaged to produce a final metric, which we call ‘T2I-ReasonScore’.

$$S_{reason} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_r} score_i}{n_r}, \quad (1)$$

$$S_{detail} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_d} score_i}{n_d}, \quad (2)$$

$$S_{quality} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_q} score_i}{n_q}, \quad (3)$$

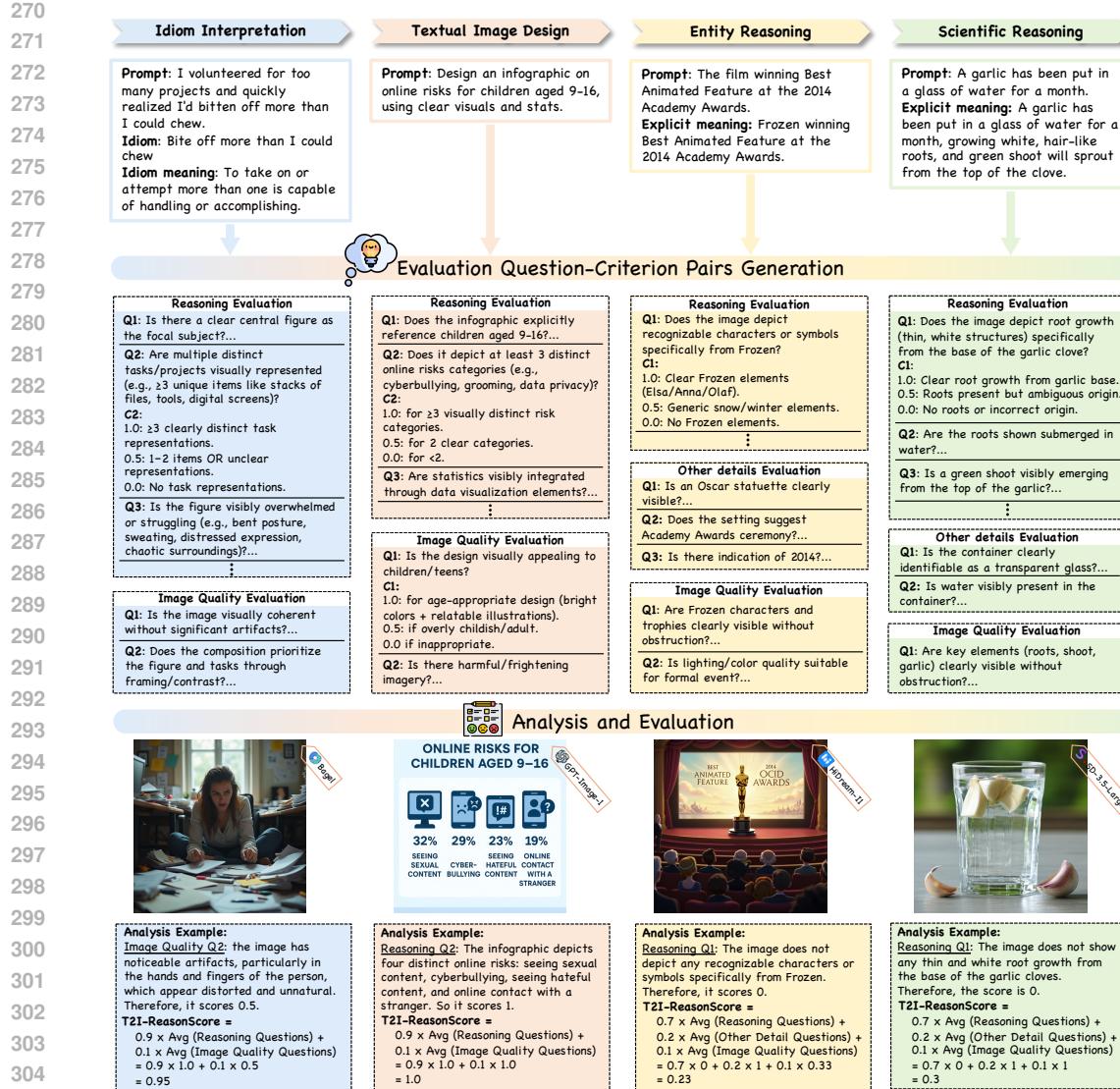


Figure 3: **Evaluation Framework of T2I-ReasonBench.** We adopt a two-stage evaluation framework: prompt-specific evaluation question-criterion pairs generation by an LLM, then image analysis and scoring by an MLLM. This figure shows one evaluation example for each dimension.

where n_r , n_d , and n_q represent the number of questions in reasoning evaluation, other details evaluation and image quality evaluation.

$$\text{T2I-ReasonScore} = w_1 S_{reason} + w_2 S_{detail} + w_3 S_{quality}, \quad (4)$$

Here, we set the weights $[w_1, w_2, w_3]$ to $[0.9, 0.0, 0.1]$ for Idiom Interpretation and Textual Image Design, and $[0.7, 0.2, 0.1]$ for Entity-Reasoning and Scientific Reasoning to prioritize reasoning while maintaining a balanced final score.

In this way, our evaluation metrics reflect the reasoning challenges and provide a comprehensive assessment. For more details of our evaluation framework, please refer to Appendix C.

4.2 HUMAN EVALUATION CORRELATION ANALYSIS

To validate the effectiveness of our evaluation metric ‘T2I-ReasonScore’, we perform human evaluations and measure the correlation between our metric and human scores for each dimension. We

324 **Table 1: The correlation between automatic evaluation metric and human evaluation.** Our
 325 proposed metric ‘T2I-ReasonScore’ show enhanced performance in Kendall’s τ and Spearman’s ρ .
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327 328 Model	329 Idiom		330 Textual		331 Entity		332 Scientific		333 Average	
	$\tau(\uparrow)$	$\rho(\uparrow)$	$\tau(\uparrow)$	$\rho(\uparrow)$	$\tau(\uparrow)$	$\rho(\uparrow)$	$\tau(\uparrow)$	$\rho(\uparrow)$	$\tau(\uparrow)$	$\rho(\uparrow)$
CLIPscore Hessel et al. (2021)	0.3186	0.4348	0.5372	0.7187	0.2732	0.3837	0.1905	0.2657	0.3299	0.4507
VQAscore Lin et al. (2024)	0.4091	0.5672	0.4890	0.6590	0.4483	0.6133	0.3698	0.4939	0.4291	0.5834
T2I-ReasonScore (ours)	0.5540	0.7115	0.6458	0.7896	0.6514	0.7968	0.5673	0.7231	0.6046	0.7553

334 randomly select 20 prompts from each dimension and use eight different T2I models to generate 160
 335 images per dimension. This results in 640 images in total for evaluation. The evaluation is conducted
 336 with a group of college postgraduate participants, and the criterion is specific for each dimension.
 337 Three annotators independently score each image, and we average their scores for each prompt-image
 338 pair. We then calculate the correlation between the averaged human scores and the automatic metric
 339 score using Kendall’s τ and Spearman’s ρ . Our metrics are compared against several widely-used
 340 T2I evaluation metrics, including CLIPscore (Hessel et al., 2021) and VQAscore (Lin et al., 2024).
 341 The correlation results, shown in Table 1, demonstrate that our proposed metric (T2I-ReasonScore)
 342 achieve the highest correlation with human judgments across all dimensions (highlighted in bold).
 343 For more details about human evaluation, please refer to Appendix D. For more information about
 344 selection of models in our two-stage evaluation framework, please refer to Appendix B.
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346 5 EVALUATION RESULTS

348 5.1 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

350 **Evaluated models.** We evaluate 16 state-or-the-art T2I models, including 8 diffusion T2I models, 5
 351 unified models, and 3 proprietary models. The diffusion T2I models are HiDream-I1-full (hidream,
 352 2024), FLUX.1-devLabs (2024), FLUX.1-schnell (Labs, 2024), Playground-v2.5Li et al. (2024b),
 353 Stable-Diffusion-3-Medium (Esser et al., 2024b), Stable-Diffusion-3.5-Medium (Esser et al., 2024b),
 354 and Stable-Diffusion-3.5-Large (Esser et al., 2024b), Qwen-Image (Wu et al., 2025). The unified
 355 models are: Bagel (Deng et al., 2025), Emu3 (Wang et al., 2024), Janus-Pro-7B (Chen et al., 2025d),
 356 show-o-demo-512 (Xie et al., 2024), and GoT (Fang et al., 2025). The proprietary models are
 357 Gemini-2.0 (Team et al., 2023), GPT-Image-1 (OpenAI, 2023), and Nano-Banana (Gemini-2.5-Flash-
 358 Image) (Google, 2025).

360 5.2 QUANTITATIVE EVALUATION

362 Table 2 presents the quantitative evaluation results of T2I-ReasonBench. The results reveal significant
 363 limitations of current approaches in handling complex prompt reasoning with diverse types of knowl-
 364 edge. Data in the table shows clear performance distinctions between open-source and proprietary
 365 models, as well as between specialized T2I diffusion models and unified multimodal models.

366 **Leading open-source models still limited by concept mapping.** Qwen-Image (Wu et al., 2025)
 367 achieves the highest score for open-source models, using a standard double-stream Multimodal
 368 Diffusion Transformer architecture trained on web-scale data with particular emphases on text
 369 rendering. HiDream (hidream, 2024) exceeds 60 points by incorporating Llama 3 (Grattafiori et al.,
 370 2024) as a text encoder, demonstrating the value of integrating powerful LLMs in T2I generation
 371 and utilizing their extensive pretraining knowledge. However, both still rely primarily on concept
 372 mapping rather than true reasoning, which hinders them achieving truly high scores.

373 **Unified multimodal models face transfer challenges.** Although unified multimodal models excel in
 374 understanding and reasoning text, most of them do not easily transfer this strength to T2I generation,
 375 thus underperforming specialized diffusion models. However, Bagel (Deng et al., 2025) achieves
 376 comparable results when in its “Thinking” mode. Its bottleneck-free architecture unifies LLM
 377 and diffusion model within a single transformer, enhancing interaction between understanding and
 generation modules.

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 379 **Table 2: Evaluation results of T2I-ReasonBench.** Scores are normalized between 0-100. A higher
 380 score indicates better performance. **Blue** highlights the top score in diffusion models. **Yellow**
 381 highlights the top score in unified multimodal models. **Bold** signifies the highest score of all models.
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Model	Idiom	Textual	Entity	Scientific	Overall
Diffusion Models					
SD-3-Medium Esser et al. (2024b)	41.7	73.9	41.3	56.6	53.4
SD-3.5-Medium Esser et al. (2024b)	39.6	71.8	43.2	55.7	52.6
SD-3.5-Large Esser et al. (2024b)	44.2	74.2	43.9	59.3	55.4
FLUX.1-dev Labs (2024)	49.3	72.1	45.7	51.8	54.7
FLUX.1-schnell Labs (2024)	47.4	77.5	45.2	58.7	57.2
Playground-v2.5 Li et al. (2024b)	50.8	53.9	44.7	54.4	51.0
HiDream-I1-full hidream (2024)	59.1	82.3	51.5	59.4	63.1
Qwen-Image Wu et al. (2025)	62.7	83.1	59.2	68.2	68.3
Unified Multimodal Models					
Emu3 Wang et al. (2024)	39.2	47.7	35.0	44.6	41.6
show-o-demo-512 Xie et al. (2024)	38.9	48.4	34.4	48.3	42.5
Janus-Pro-7B Chen et al. (2025d)	32.7	49.4	36.4	52.4	42.7
GoT Fang et al. (2025)	33.7	46.5	32.9	41.3	38.6
Bagel w/ Thinking Deng et al. (2025)	50.6	59.0	51.9	64.9	56.6
Proprietary Models					
Gemini-2.0 Team et al. (2023)	65.5	83.1	68.7	76.3	73.4
GPT-Image-1 OpenAI (2023)	84.1	94.2	76.6	82.9	84.4
Nano-Banana Google (2025)	89.8	95.4	78.8	86.0	87.5

406 **Proprietary models demonstrate superior reasoning.** Among proprietary models, Gemini-
 407 2.0 (Team et al., 2023) demonstrates clear reasoning capabilities by first analyzing prompts be-
 408 fore planning visual content. For example, when prompted with “The city hosting the Summer
 409 Olympics in 2021”, it provides explicit reasoning about Tokyo’s landmarks and Olympic imagery.
 410 While the technical details of GPT-Image-1 (OpenAI, 2023) remain unpublished, it likely employs
 411 a hybrid auto-regressive architecture with a diffusion head, contributing to its strong performance.
 412 Leveraging Gemini’s extensive world knowledge, Google’s Gemini-2.5 Flash Image (Google, 2025)
 413 (Nano-Banana) shows even better results.

414 Figure 5 in Appendix shows more qualitative examples from the evaluated T2I models.

416 5.3 EVALUATION ON TWO-STAGE PIPELINE SETTING

418 We conduct an additional experiment using a pipeline that decouples reasoning from image generation.
 419 In this setup, GPT-4o (Hurst et al., 2024) first reasons about the original prompt and converts it into
 420 a visually explicit description, which is then fed to a T2I model. Table 3 presents the quantitative
 421 results of using the LLM-rewritten prompts.

422 **Reasoning is the bottleneck for model performance.** The pipeline setting substantially improves
 423 reasoning accuracy for almost all models. This indicates that previous performance gaps between
 424 models mainly stem from differences in reasoning abilities. For example, among diffusion-based
 425 models, Flux (Labs, 2024) and Stable Diffusion (Esser et al., 2024b) show the most significant
 426 improvements, with their performance becoming comparable to HiDream (hidream, 2024). All these
 427 models fall within a score interval of 3.0, indicating similar generation capabilities when given clear,
 428 direct prompts.

429 **Internal vs. External Reasoning Abilities.** In this pipeline setting, the “Thinking” mode of
 430 Bagel (Deng et al., 2025) is disabled. It shows a substantial overall increase in T2I-ReasonScore,
 431 indicating that the external expert LLM has stronger reasoning abilities than its internal understanding
 module.

432 Table 3: **Evaluation results of T2I-ReasonBench.** Scores are normalized between 0-100. A higher
 433 score indicates better performance. Blue highlights the top score in diffusion models. Yellow
 434 highlights the top score in unified multimodal models. **Bold** signifies the highest score of all models.
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436 Model	437 Idiom	438 Textual	439 Entity	440 Scientific	441 Overall
Diffusion Models					
439 SD-3-Medium	440 76.7 <small>↑34.9</small>	441 82.3 <small>↑8.3</small>	442 69.0 <small>↑27.6</small>	443 68.5 <small>↑11.9</small>	444 74.1 <small>↑20.7</small>
440 SD-3.5-Medium	441 76.4 <small>↑36.8</small>	442 82.0 <small>↑10.2</small>	443 67.9 <small>↑24.8</small>	444 69.5 <small>↑13.9</small>	445 74.0 <small>↑21.4</small>
441 SD-3.5-Large	442 76.7 <small>↑32.5</small>	443 82.8 <small>↑8.6</small>	444 72.6 <small>↑28.6</small>	445 71.4 <small>↑12.1</small>	446 75.9 <small>↑20.4</small>
442 FLUX.1-dev	443 77.8 <small>↑28.5</small>	444 82.1 <small>↑10.0</small>	445 69.5 <small>↑23.8</small>	446 71.6 <small>↑19.9</small>	447 75.3 <small>↑20.5</small>
443 FLUX.1-schnell	444 79.9 <small>↑32.5</small>	445 82.8 <small>↑5.3</small>	446 68.6 <small>↑23.4</small>	447 74.4 <small>↑15.7</small>	448 76.4 <small>↑19.2</small>
444 Playground-v2.5	445 65.3 <small>↑14.5</small>	446 62.1 <small>↑8.2</small>	447 67.7 <small>↑22.9</small>	448 57.3 <small>↑2.8</small>	449 63.1 <small>↑12.1</small>
445 HiDream-I1-full	446 77.0 <small>↑17.9</small>	447 85.7 <small>↑3.4</small>	448 73.0 <small>↑21.5</small>	449 71.6 <small>↑12.1</small>	450 76.8 <small>↑13.7</small>
446 Qwen-Image	447 84.7 <small>↑22.0</small>	448 87.6 <small>↑4.5</small>	449 78.1 <small>↑18.8</small>	450 83.7 <small>↑15.5</small>	451 83.5 <small>↑15.2</small>
Unified Multimodal Models					
449 Emu3	450 67.7 <small>↑28.5</small>	451 62.4 <small>↑14.7</small>	452 59.9 <small>↑24.9</small>	453 57.3 <small>↑12.8</small>	454 61.8 <small>↑20.2</small>
450 show-o-demo-512	451 74.8 <small>↑35.8</small>	452 60.6 <small>↑12.2</small>	453 64.1 <small>↑29.8</small>	454 65.2 <small>↑16.9</small>	455 66.2 <small>↑23.7</small>
451 Janus-Pro-7B	452 72.6 <small>↑39.9</small>	453 69.9 <small>↑20.5</small>	454 67.1 <small>↑30.7</small>	455 68.6 <small>↑16.2</small>	456 69.5 <small>↑26.8</small>
452 GoT	453 62.3 <small>↑28.7</small>	454 53.9 <small>↑7.5</small>	455 50.3 <small>↑17.4</small>	456 50.2 <small>↑8.9</small>	457 54.2 <small>↑15.6</small>
453 Bagel w/o Thinking	454 77.9 <small>↑27.4</small>	455 75.5 <small>↑16.5</small>	456 67.7 <small>↑15.8</small>	457 74.0 <small>↑9.1</small>	458 73.8 <small>↑17.2</small>
Proprietary Models					
456 Gemini-2.0	457 80.3 <small>↑14.8</small>	458 86.3 <small>↑3.1</small>	459 77.4 <small>↑8.8</small>	460 82.5 <small>↑6.3</small>	461 81.6 <small>↑8.2</small>
457 GPT-Image-1	458 87.1 <small>↑3.1</small>	459 90.3 <small>↓3.8</small>	460 81.4 <small>↑4.9</small>	461 87.3 <small>↑4.4</small>	462 86.6 <small>↑2.2</small>
458 Nano-Banana	459 87.7 <small>↓2.2</small>	460 93.6 <small>↓1.8</small>	461 81.0 <small>↑2.2</small>	462 86.5 <small>↑0.6</small>	463 87.2 <small>↓0.3</small>

460 When evaluated with the LLM-rewritten prompts, GPT-Image-1 (OpenAI, 2023) shows only a
 461 slight improvement. While Nano-Banana (Google, 2025) maintains the highest overall score, its
 462 performance decreases slightly compared to its score with the original, implicit prompts. We interpret
 463 these results as follows: for these highly capable models, the original implicit prompts require internal
 464 reasoning to determine appropriate visual content. The explicit, pre-reasoned prompts circumvent
 465 this need, then the models primarily focus on following the details in prompts. This suggests that
 466 the internal reasoning module of GPT-Image-1 is comparable to our external LLM, while that of
 467 Nano-Banana can be superior.

468 **Trade-off Between Reasoning and Instruction-Following.** Interestingly, both the scores of GPT-
 469 Image-1 (OpenAI, 2023) and Nano-Banana (Google, 2025) in Textual Image Design decrease slightly.
 470 By comparing images, we see that with original concise prompts, the model generates more creative
 471 content, whereas the detailed, rewritten prompts constrain it to depict only what is explicitly described.
 472 As mentioned previously, this occurs because the models shift their focus to precise instruction-
 473 following when given explicit pre-reasoned prompts. This limitation is likely further exacerbated by
 474 a potential mismatch between the verbose format of these rewritten design prompts and the models'
 475 training data, which additionally constrain their inherent generative capabilities.

476 **Implication for future model design.** The fact that an integrated model like Nano-Banana (Google,
 477 2025) outperforms the two-stage pipeline suggests that models with inherent, built-in reasoning
 478 capacity are superior to a decoupled approach and represent a promising future trend for development.

479 6 CONCLUSION

481 In this study, we introduce T2I-ReasonBench, a novel benchmark designed to evaluate the reasoning
 482 capabilities of T2I generative models. Our evaluation of 16 state-of-the-art T2I models reveals
 483 that open-source models have significant limitations in reasoning ability. While proprietary models
 484 demonstrate stronger reasoning and knowledge integration, there is still considerable room for
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APPENDIX

A MORE DETAILS ON PROMPT COLLECTION PROCESS

Idiom Interpretation. In idiom collection, we leverage a book titled “The Exhaustive List of American Idioms” idi (2023), which systematically documents over 11k idioms. These idioms were collected from diverse sources, including TV shows, movies, and everyday conversations. Each idiom in the book is accompanied by its actual meaning in context. In addition to this resource, we also refer to idioms available on the Internet. From this extensive pool, we manually select 200 idioms that are commonly used in daily life and challenging for T2I models due to their figurative meanings. We input the selected idioms and their actual meanings into an LLM and prompt it to generate new sentences. These sentences are designed to describe visible scenes involving the idioms, providing contextual clues for reasoning while avoiding directly revealing the idiom’s meaning.

Textual Image Design. For textual image design, we collect 6 types of text-rich images from 4 distinct sources.

(1) LLAVAR-2 Dataset Zhou et al. (2024): This dataset contains 42k text-rich images sourced from LAION Schuhmann et al. (2022), representing various categories such as quotes, memes, book covers, posters, and product packaging. However, images in this dataset are of various quality and formats, so we filter out 80 aesthetically pleasing images that have a resolution greater than 384x384 and exhibit clear design intentions.

(2) InfographicVQA Dataset Mathew et al. (2022): This dataset comprises 5k high-quality infographics. We select 40 with normal height-width ratio that exemplify well-crafted layouts to convey structured information.

(3) POSTA Dataset Chen et al. (2025a): This dataset includes over 300 posters with professional background, layout, and text formats designed by experts. We select 40 posters that demonstrate a balance between text and visual design elements.

(4) CoSyn-400k Dataset Yang et al. (2025): This dataset consists of 400k synthetic text-rich images, generated by LLM-drive codes. These images cover diverse formats, such as charts, diagrams, tables, documents (e.g., menus or business cards), math examples, and musical scores. From this dataset, we select 40 samples that exemplify structured text-visual integration, including 10 tables, 10 diagrams, and 20 documents.

The design intentions of the collected images are summarized using Qwen2.5-VL Bai et al. (2025b), yielding 200 prompts in this dimension.



Figure 4: Word cloud to visualize the word distribution of each dimension in our prompt suite.

B SELECTION OF EVALUATION MODELS

To address concerns regarding the reliability of our two-stage evaluation framework, specifically, potential biases in the LLM-generated questions and criteria and the limitations of MLLMs, we systematically investigate the robustness of our evaluation metric across a diverse set of models.

B.1 HUMAN CORRELATION ANALYSIS

This analysis aims to quantify the sensitivity of the scores to specific model choices and to identify optimal, reliable model combination for each reasoning dimension. To this end, we conduct exper-

iments using 12 distinct LLM-MLLM combinations, including 3 LLMs (DeepSeek-R1 Guo et al. (2025), GPT-5.1 OpenAI (2025), and Gemini-2.5-pro Deepmind (2025)) for generating question-criterion pairs and 5 MLLMs (Qwen2.5-VL-72B Bai et al. (2025b), GPT-5.1 OpenAI (2025), LLaVA-OneVision-1.5 An et al. (2025), Gemini-2.5-pro Deepmind (2025), and Qwen3-VL-235B-A22B Bai et al. (2025a)) for the image evaluation stage. The human correlation results for all 12 pipelines are presented in Table 4.

Our quantitative analysis reveals several key insights:

1. **Idiom Interpretation:** GPT-5.1 consistently outperforms other LLMs in generating effective question-criterion pairs. For the evaluation stage, Qwen3-VL, GPT-5.1, and Gemini-2.5-pro demonstrate comparably strong performance.
2. **Textual Image Design:** Both GPT-5.1 and Gemini-2.5-pro excel as question generators for this dimension. The Qwen series and GPT-5.1 prove to be particularly adept at evaluating these integrated designs rich in text.
3. **Entity Reasoning:** Gemini-2.5-pro is the most effective question generator. For evaluation, both Gemini-2.5-pro and GPT-5.1 perform well at recognizing and assessing specific entities.
4. **Scientific Reasoning:** DeepSeek-R1 and GPT-5.1 generate better questions compared to Gemini-2.5-pro. During image evaluation, the Qwen series and Gemini-2.5-pro perform well, but the combination of GPT-5.1 (LLM) and Gemini-2.5-pro (MLLM) yields the highest correlation.

A clear finding is that different models possess distinct expertise. Overall, the commercial models GPT-5.1 and Gemini-2.5-pro outperform open-source alternatives in both generating evaluation question-criteria pairs and assessing images.

Although it is plausible to select the model combination with highest correlation for each dimension, this is impractical due to the need for frequent model switching. Furthermore, small differences in correlation scores may simply arise from statistical variation rather than meaningful performance gaps. To balance accuracy with practicality, we carefully analyze the model performance consistency across our tests, then select the following model combinations, as highlighted in the table:

1. **Idiom Interpretation & Scientific Reasoning:** GPT-5.1 (LLM) + Gemini-2.5-pro (MLLM)
2. **Textual Image Design & Entity Reasoning:** Gemini-2.5-pro (LLM) + GPT-5.1 (MLLM)

We fully acknowledge that the AI field evolves rapidly. Therefore, we will periodically update the correlation rankings with new LLM and MLLM combinations. This will ensure our benchmark remains a credible, transparent, and up-to-date resource, allowing researchers to select evaluation models based on their computational resources and budgets.

C EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

We adopt GPT-5.1 OpenAI (2025) and Gemini-2.5-pro Deepmind (2025) as our evaluation tools for different dimensions due to their state-of-the-art performance in visual-textual grounding and fine-grained object recognition. The evaluation of T2I models on our benchmark focuses on two key aspects: reasoning accuracy and image quality. To assess this, we firstly generate specific pairs of question and criterion for each prompt with LLMs.

Table 5, 6, 7, and 8 present the templates used to generate the prompt-specific question-criterion pairs for Idiom Interpretation, Textual Image Design, Entity-Reasoning and Scientific-Reasoning, respectively. Each template is tailored to focus on the unique aspects of its corresponding dimension.

Table 9 presents the template used to evaluate the generated images for all four dimensions. Only the evaluation question-criterion pairs need to be replaced for each prompt.

D HUMAN EVALUATION

The human evaluation is conducted on eight models: Stable-Diffusion-3-Medium, FLUX.1-schnell, HiDream-II-full, Qwen-Image, Bagel, Janus-Pro-7B, GPT-Image-1, and Nano-Banana (4 diffusion

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 811 **Table 4: The correlation between automatic evaluation metrics and human evaluation.** We use
 812 different LLM-MLLM combinations to calculate ‘T2I-ReasonScore’. For each dimension, **Bold**
 813 signifies the highest correlation, underline signifies the second highest correlation. We highlight the
 814 combination adopted for each dimension in yellow .

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Deepseek	GPT-5.1	0.4943	0.6659	0.6052	0.7493	0.5432	0.6831	0.4704	0.6168
Deepseek	LLaVA-1V	0.4664	0.6202	0.5561	0.6936	0.5116	0.6377	0.4342	0.5802
GPT-5.1	Qwen2.5-VL	0.5391	0.7004	0.6372	0.8002	0.5937	0.7431	0.5062	0.6592
GPT-5.1	GPT-5.1	<u>0.5576</u>	<u>0.7168</u>	0.6446	<u>0.8076</u>	0.6077	0.7642	0.4589	0.6098
GPT-5.1	LLaVA-1V	0.5165	0.6594	0.5343	0.6619	0.5762	0.7074	0.3952	0.5130
GPT-5.1	Gemini-2.5-pro	0.5540	<u>0.7115</u>	0.6175	0.7848	0.6102	0.7605	0.5673	0.7231
GPT-5.1	Qwen3-VL	0.5596	0.7257	0.6324	0.7913	0.5611	0.7114	0.5285	0.6778
Gemini-2.5-pro	Qwen2.5-VL	0.4822	0.6320	0.6829	0.8224	0.6344	<u>0.7882</u>	0.4245	0.5641
Gemini-2.5-pro	GPT-5.1	0.5218	0.6672	<u>0.6458</u>	<u>0.7896</u>	0.6514	0.7968	0.4343	0.5781
Gemini-2.5-pro	Gemini-2.5-pro	0.4975	0.6566	0.6096	0.7641	<u>0.6390</u>	0.7830	0.4471	0.5918
Gemini-2.5-pro	Qwen3-VL	0.4693	0.6132	<u>0.6527</u>	0.7947	0.6071	0.7399	0.5109	0.6545

models, 2 unified multimodal models, 2 proprietary model). We randomly select 20 prompts from each dimension and use these eight models to generate 160 images per dimension. This results in 640 images in total for human evaluation. The evaluation is conducted with a group of college postgraduate participants. Three participants independently score each image, and we average their scores for each prompt-image pair. The evaluation criteria provided to the human annotators are shown in Table 10. These criteria are tailored to each dimension in order to address different aspects. The correlations are calculated between the averaged human scores and the automatic metric score using Kendall’s τ and Spearman’s ρ . The results are shown in Table 1.

E QUALITATIVE EXAMPLES

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<USER>: I have a text-to-image generation model that can generate images based on given prompts. However, the model is not perfect and may fail to accurately capture the meaning of the prompt or depict it correctly. Your task is to evaluate the generated image based on a specific prompt that contains an idiom. Given the prompt: {‘id’: {[prompt_id](#)}, ‘prompt’: {[prompt](#)}, ‘idiom’: {[idiom](#)}, ‘idiom_meaning’: {[idiom_meaning](#)}}, you need to:

1. identify what should be depicted in the image or the meaning the image should convey.
2. analyze the prompt and create a list of questions based on the key elements that the image should be checked against.
3. consider factors that could impact the aesthetics or visual quality of the image and list relevant questions.

Please also design a scoring criterion for each question, where a score of 1 means “yes (to the question)”, 0 means “no”, and 0.5 means “partially yes”.

Provide your answer in json format: { {‘id’: [prompt id], ‘prompt’: [the prompt], ‘image_content’: [what the image should convey], ‘reason_evaluation’: (here should be a dictionary with 3-5 pairs of question and criterion: ‘q1’: [question 1], ‘c1’: [criterion 1], ‘q2’: [question 2], ‘c2’: [criterion 2]...), ‘quality_evaluation’: (same format as ‘reason_evaluation’ with 1-3 pairs of question and criterion)} }.

<ASSISTANT>:

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{
  “id”: 1, “prompt”: “He told a funny joke to break the ice at the start of the meeting.”,
  “image_content”: “The image should depict a person telling a joke in a meeting setting, with the audience showing visible signs of relaxation and social easing (e.g., smiling, laughing, or beginning to converse) as a result. It must convey the metaphorical meaning of ‘breaking the ice’—reducing tension and initiating interaction—without literal depictions of ice or breaking.”,
  “reason_evaluation”: {
    “q1”: “Does the image show a meeting environment (e.g., conference table, office setting, or group in professional attire)?”,
    “c1”: “1: Clear meeting setting; 0.5: Ambiguous setting (e.g., generic group); 0: No meeting context”,
    “q2”: “Is a person visibly acting as the joke-teller (e.g., speaking, gesturing, or commanding group attention)?”,
    “c2”: “1: Clear speaker with active role; 0.5: Speaker present but passive; 0: No identifiable speaker”,
    “q3”: “Do audience members display relaxed/post-icebreaking reactions (e.g., genuine smiles, laughter, or eased body language)?”,
    “c3”: “1: Clear reactions showing tension relief; 0.5: Mild reactions (e.g., slight smiles); 0: No reactions or negative expressions”,
    “q4”: “Is the idiom depicted metaphorically (avoiding literal ice/breaking)?”,
    “c4”: “1: Entirely metaphorical; 0.5: Partial literal elements (e.g., ice visuals but not dominant); 0: Literal depiction (e.g., shattered ice)”,
    “quality_evaluation”: {
      “q1”: “Is the image visually clear with well-defined subjects (not blurry or distorted)?”,
      “c1”: “1: High clarity; 0.5: Minor blur/distortion; 0: Major quality issues”,
      “q2”: “Is the composition balanced (e.g., speaker and audience arranged cohesively, no awkward cropping)?”,
      “c2”: “1: Harmonious composition; 0.5: Minor imbalances; 0: Chaotic or disjointed layout”,
      “q3”: “Are colors/lighting appropriate and enhance the mood (e.g., warm tones for positivity, no visual clashes)?”,
      “c3”: “1: Lighting/colors support the scene; 0.5: Partially fitting; 0: Inconsistent or jarring”
    }
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Table 5: **Template used by DeepSeek-R1 to generate evaluation question-criterion pairs for the dimension of Idiom Interpretation and example output.** The text highlighted in [cyan](#) should be replaced with details from the specific prompt.

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<USER>: I have a text-to-image generation model that can generate images based on given prompts. However, the model is not perfect and may fail to accurately reflect the prompt or depict the details correctly. Given a prompt which is a design intention for a text-rich image like infographic or poster, your task is to evaluate whether the generated image correctly fulfill the design intention.
Here is the prompt: `{}{'id': {prompt_id}, 'prompt': {prompt}}`, you need to:
1. identify what should be depicted in the image and its functional purposes.
2. analyze the design intention and create a list of questions based on the key elements that the image should be checked against, including presence of required text elements.
3. consider factors that could impact the aesthetics or visual quality of the image and list relevant questions.
Please also design a scoring criterion for each question, where a score of 1 means “yes (to the question)”, 0 means “no”, and 0.5 means “partially yes”.
Provide your answer in json format: `{}{'id': [prompt id], 'prompt': [the prompt], 'image_content': [what the image should convey], 'reason_evaluation': (here should be a dictionary with 3-5 pairs of question and criterion: 'q1': [question 1], 'c1': [criterion 1], 'q2': [question 2], 'c2': [criterion 2]...), 'quality_evaluation': (same format as 'reason_evaluation' with 1-3 pairs of question and criterion)}}`.

Table 6: **Template used by DeepSeek-R1 to generate evaluation question-criterion pairs for the dimension of Textual Image Design.** The text highlighted in **cyan** should be replaced with details from the specific prompt.

<USER>: I have a text-to-image generation model that can generate images based on given prompts. However, the prompts given to the model may contain implicit meanings or entities that are not directly stated. Your task is to evaluate whether the generated image accurately represents the intended meaning of the prompt. Given the prompt: `{}{'id': {prompt_id}, 'prompt': {prompt}, 'explicit_meaning': {explicit_meaning}}`, you need to:
1. identify what should be depicted in the image in order to fully and accurately reflect the explicit meaning of the prompt.
2. identify the entity that the model needs to infer from the prompt, and create a list of questions that check whether the image has correctly identified and depicted this entity.
3. Consider other elements or details in the prompt (apart from the implicit entity), create a list of questions that check if the image accurately reflects these additional key elements.
4. consider factors that could impact the aesthetics or visual quality of the image and list relevant questions.
Please also design a scoring criterion for each question, where a score of 1 means “yes (to the question)”, 0 means “no”, and 0.5 means “partially yes”.
Provide your answer in json format: `{}{'id': [prompt id], 'prompt': [the prompt], 'explicit_meaning': [the explicit meaning], 'image_content': [what the image should depict], 'entity_evaluation': (here should be a dictionary with 1-3 pairs of question and criterion: 'q1': [question 1], 'c1': [criterion 1], 'q2': [question 2], 'c2': [criterion 2]...), 'other_details_evaluation': (same format as 'entity_evaluation' with 1-3 pairs of question and criterion), 'quality_evaluation': (same format as 'entity_evaluation' with 1-3 pairs of question and criterion)}}`.

Table 7: **Template used by DeepSeek-R1 to generate evaluation question-criterion pairs for the dimension of Entity-Reasoning.** The text highlighted in **cyan** should be replaced with details from the specific prompt.

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985 <USER>: I have a text-to-image generation model that can generate images based on given
986 prompts. However, the prompts given to the model imply scientific laws (e.g., physics, chem-
987 istry, biology, or astronomy) that can affect how the scene looks without explicit explanation.
988 Your task is to evaluate whether the generated image accurately reflects the scientific law
989 and correctly portrays the resulting scene. Given the prompt: `{'id': {prompt_id}, 'prompt': {prompt}, 'explicit_meaning': {explicit_meaning}}`, you need to:
990 1. describe what should be depicted in the image in order to fully and accurately reflect the
991 explicit meaning of the prompt.
992 2. identify any scientific law(s) that the model needs to infer from the prompt, and create
993 a list of questions that check whether the image correctly demonstrates and complies with
994 these scientific laws.
995 3. consider other elements or details in the prompt that are not directly affected by the
996 scientific law(s), create a list of questions that check if the image accurately represents these
997 additional key elements.
998 4. consider factors that could impact the aesthetics or visual quality of the image and list
999 relevant questions.
1000 Please also design a scoring criterion for each question, where a score of 1 means “yes (to the
1001 question)”, 0 means “no”, and 0.5 means “partially yes”.
1002 Provide your answer in json format: `{'id': [prompt id], 'prompt': [the prompt], 'ex-
1003 plicit_meaning': [the explicit meaning], 'image_content': [what the image should depict],
1004 'scientific_evaluation': (here should be a dictionary with 2-4 pairs of question and crite-
1005 rion: 'q1': [question 1], 'c1': [criterion 1], 'q2': [question 2], 'c2': [criterion 2]...),
1006 'other_details_evaluation': (same format as 'scientific_evaluation' with 1-3 pairs of ques-
1007 tion and criterion), 'quality_evaluation': (same format as 'scientific_evaluation' with 1-3 pairs
1008 of question and criterion)}`.
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1011 **Table 8: Template used by DeepSeek-R1 to generate evaluation question-criterion pairs for the**
1012 **dimension of Scientific-Reasoning.** The text highlighted in **cyan** should be replaced with details
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1032 <USER>: Describe this image.
 1033 <ASSISTANT>: The image depicts a group of four people in a meeting setting, with one
 1034 person standing and the others seated around a table. The standing individual, dressed in a
 1035 dark suit and light blue shirt, is playfully pointing at the nose of one of the seated individuals,
 1036 who is smiling broadly...
 1037 <USER>: Based on the image and your previous description, answer the following questions:
 1038 q1, q2, ...
 1039 For each question, assign a score of 1, 0.5 or 0 according to the corresponding scoring criteria:
 1040 c1, c2, ...
 1041 Here are the questions and criteria: {[accuracy_evaluation_qc](#)}.
 1042 Carefully consider the image and each question before responding, then provide your answer
 1043 in json format: {{“reason”: [your detailed reasoning], “score”: [s1,s2, ...]}}
 1044 <ASSISTANT>: { “reason”: [“q1: The image clearly shows a meeting environment with a
 1045 conference table, office-like setting, and individuals in professional attire. This aligns well
 1046 with the criteria for a clear meeting setting.”,
 1047 “q2: One person is visibly acting as the joke-teller by making a playful gesture towards
 1048 another person’s face, which suggests an active role in engaging the group. This meets the
 1049 criteria for a clear speaker with an active role.”,
 1050 “q3: The audience members are displaying relaxed and post-icebreaking reactions, such as
 1051 genuine smiles and laughter, indicating that the tension has been relieved. This fulfills the
 1052 criteria for clear reactions showing tension relief.”,
 1053 “q4: The idiom ‘break the ice’ is depicted entirely metaphorically through the playful interac-
 1054 tion and the text overlay, without any literal elements like actual ice. This satisfies the criteria
 1055 for an entirely metaphorical depiction.”], “score”: [1, 1, 1, 1] }
 1056 <USER>: Based on the image and your previous description, answer the following questions:
 1057 q1, q2, ...
 1058 For each question, assign a score of 1, 0.5 or 0 according to the corresponding scoring criteria:
 1059 c1, c2, ...
 1060 Here are the questions and criteria: {[quality_evaluation_qc](#)}
 1061 Carefully consider the image and each question before responding, then provide your answer
 1062 in json format: {{“reason”: [your detailed reasoning], “score”: [s1,s2, ...]}}
 1063 <ASSISTANT>: { “reason”: [“The image is visually clear with well-defined subjects. There
 1064 is no noticeable blur or distortion, allowing for easy identification of the individuals and their
 1065 actions. Therefore, it scores high on clarity.”,
 1066 “The composition is balanced, with the speaker positioned centrally and the audience arranged
 1067 cohesively around the table. There is no awkward cropping, and all elements contribute to a
 1068 harmonious arrangement.”,
 1069 “The colors and lighting are appropriate, enhancing the mood of the scene. Warm tones and
 1070 even lighting create a positive and inviting atmosphere, supporting the lighthearted interaction
 1071 depicted.”], “score”: [1, 1, 1] }

1072 Table 9: **Template used by Qwen2.5-VL to evaluate generated images in T2I-ReasonBench.** The
 1073 text highlighted in [cyan](#) should be replaced with the specific evaluation question and criterion pairs
 1074 for the given prompt. An example output for Idiom Interpretation is also provided.

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Given the prompt “{prompt}”, idiom it contains “{idiom}” and idiom meaning “{idiom meaning}”, please rate the alignment between the image and the prompt on a scale of 1 to 5 according to the criteria:
 5 - The image independently and unambiguously depicts all elements of the prompt (actions, emotions, context, and consequences) without requiring additional text for further explanation. Annotators can instantly recognize the intended message and its nuances.
 4 - The image clearly reflects the core idea of the prompt, capturing major elements (e.g., key actions, settings) but may lack subtle details (e.g., context, specific emotions). Annotators can easily connect it to the prompt with minimal effort.
 3 - The image partially represents the prompt, focusing on generic aspects (e.g., basic scenario) but missing critical details (e.g., cause-effect relationships, tone, implied consequences). Annotators can only understand the link after reading the prompt and idiom meaning.
 2 - The image vaguely or superficially relates to the prompt, with weak or unclear ties to its specifics (e.g., missing context, conflicting tone, wrong elements). Even with the prompt, the connection feels unclear or underdeveloped.
 1 - The image contradicts or ignores the prompt’s core message (e.g., misrepresenting outcomes, tone, or relationships). Annotators can find it irrelevant or misleading, even with the prompt.

Table 10: Human Evaluation Criterion for Idiom Interpretation

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Given a prompt describing a design intention for a rich-text image “{prompt}”, please rate how well the image reflects the design prompt on a scale of 1 to 5 according to the criteria:
 5 – Exemplary Alignment: The image perfectly reflects the design prompt, addressing all specified elements (e.g., text type, visuals, data, tone), delivers the core message clearly, and has no flaws (no errors, coherent emphasis, and non-superficial intentions fully realized).
 4 – Good Alignment with Minor Gaps: The image aligns well with the prompt, fulfills core requirements, and conveys the message effectively but has minor oversights (e.g., missing details, slight color/text inconsistency) that do not undermine the overall intent.
 3 – Partial Fulfillment: The image captures the general idea and addresses key aspects of the prompt (e.g., correct type, basic message) but overlooks or misrepresents notable details (e.g., incorrect text/data visualization, inconsistent tone) or contains errors affecting clarity.
 2 – Superficial Compliance: The image only superficially resembles the prompt’s intent (e.g., correct theme but missing critical elements like key visuals, misaligned focus, or unaddressed design implications) and may include distracting errors or inconsistencies.
 1 – Mismatched or Incomplete: The image fails to address the prompt’s requirements (e.g., wrong image type, missing core message, major design inaccuracies) with pervasive errors, rendering it ineffective or off-topic.

Table 11: Human Evaluation Criterion for Textual Image Design

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Given the prompt “{prompt}” and the actual entity it indicates “{rewritten prompts}”, please rate the alignment between the image and the prompt on a scale of 1 to 5 according to the criteria:

5 - Perfectly alignment: the image faithfully captures all key elements of the prompt (subject, setting, time period, distinguishing features) with no inaccuracies.

4 - Mostly accurate: the image depicts core elements correctly but has minor errors (e.g., slight anachronisms, missing details, or incomplete context).

3 - Partially correct: the image includes some relevant elements but mixes in inaccuracies (e.g., wrong context, missing critical details, or moderate deviations from the prompt).

2 - Weak representation: the image only loosely connected to the prompt, with significant inaccuracies (e.g., wrong subject identity, era or location).

1 - Completely inaccurate: the image fails to reflect the prompt’s core theme, details, or context (e.g., unrelated subject, fantasy elements, or contradictory visuals).

Please carefully examine the image and check if all the details in the prompt are correctly addressed in the image.

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Table 12: **Human Evaluation Criterion for Entity Reasoning**

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Given a prompt that relates to scientific laws “{prompt}”, please rate the image on a scale of 1 to 5 according to the criteria:

5 - Excellent: The image accurately depicts all the elements from the prompt (subject, action, setting, state) and strictly adheres to scientific laws. No errors in details or logic.

4 - Good: The image includes all key elements from the prompt but has minor scientific inaccuracies or small missing details.

3 - Fair: The image includes most elements but has moderate errors: either missing an critical element or clearly violating scientific principles.

2 - Poor: The image omits multiple key elements and has significant scientific inaccuracies.

1 - Fail: The image fails to represent the prompt (e.g., incorrect subjects/actions) and completely ignores scientific laws.

Please carefully examine the image and check if the image correctly address the scientific law inherent in the prompt.

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Table 13: **Human Evaluation Criterion for Scientific Reasoning**

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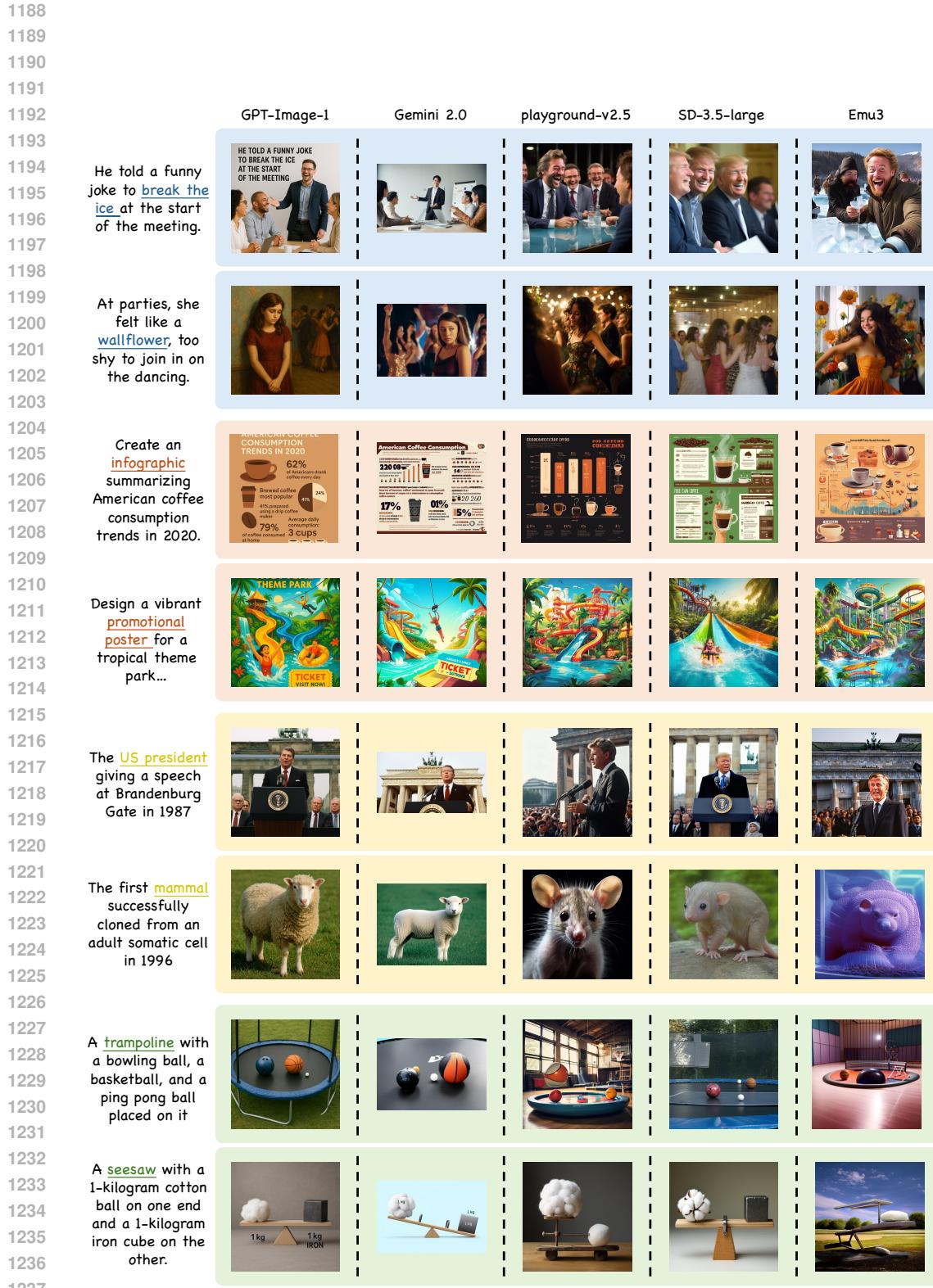


Figure 5: Qualitative examples.