

DRB-GAN: A Dynamic ResBlock Generative Adversarial Network for Artistic Style Transfer

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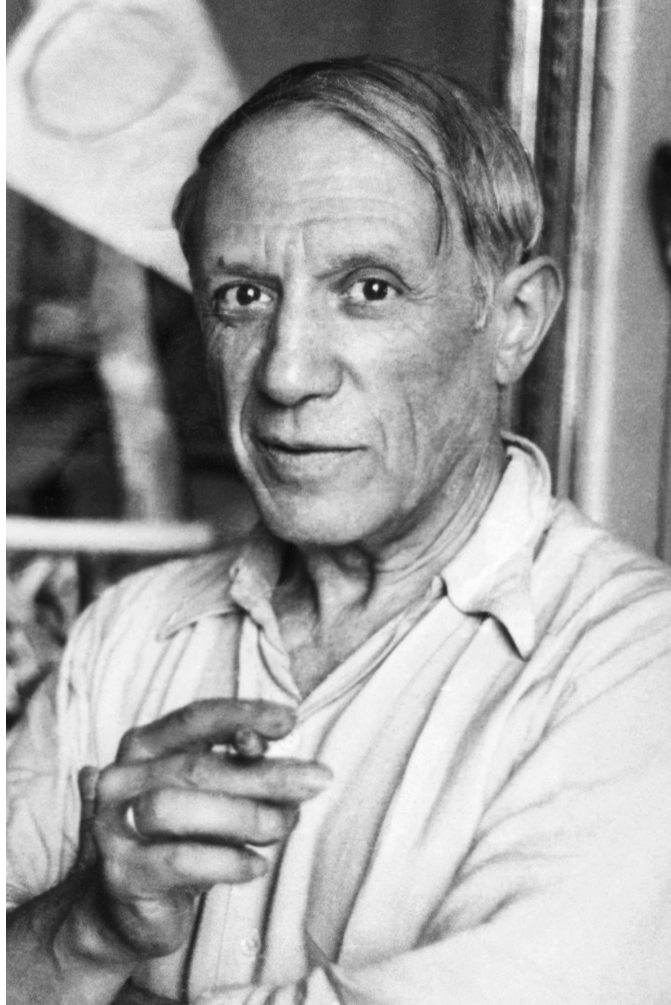
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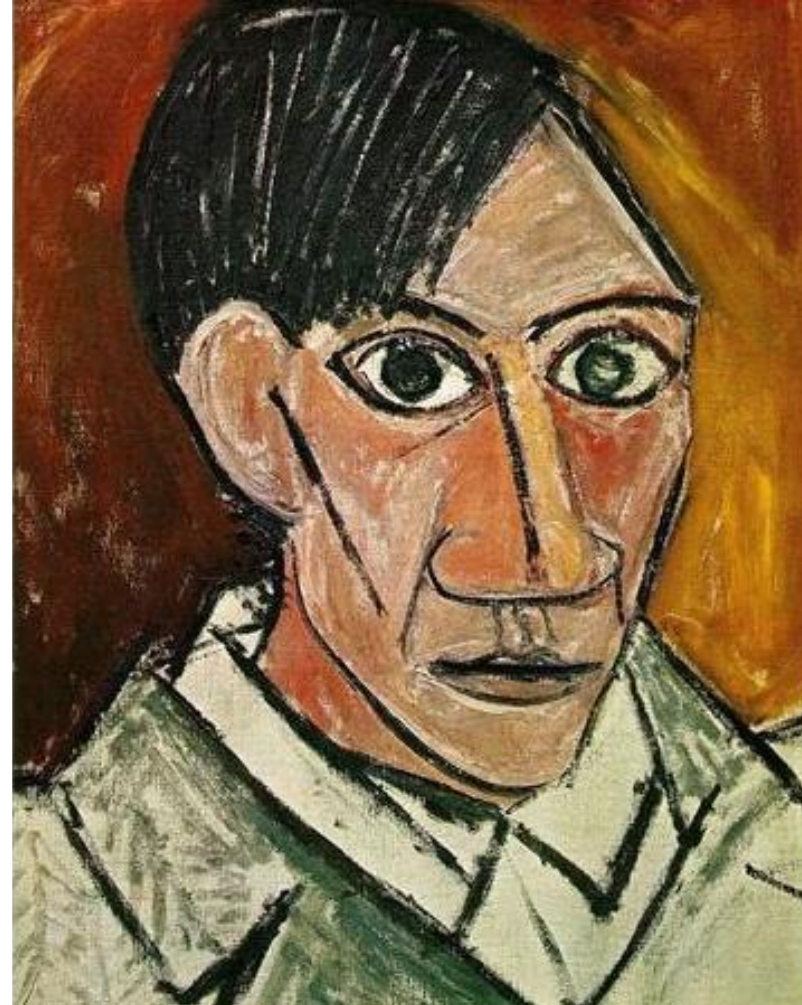
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Artistic style transfer



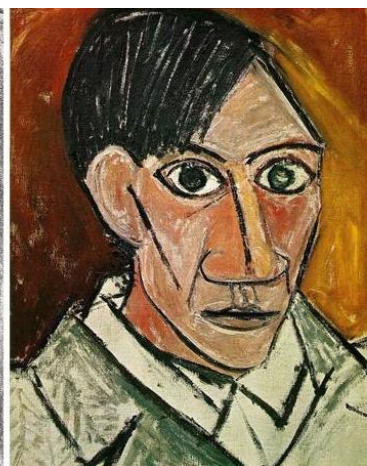
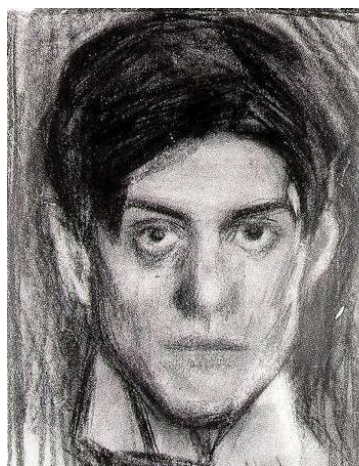
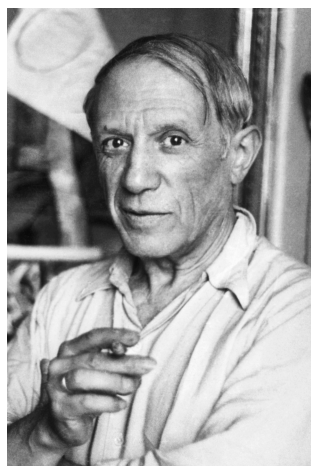
Picasso



Picasso's self-portrait

Artistic style transfer

The Evolution of Picasso's self portrait



Age 18

Age 25

Age 90

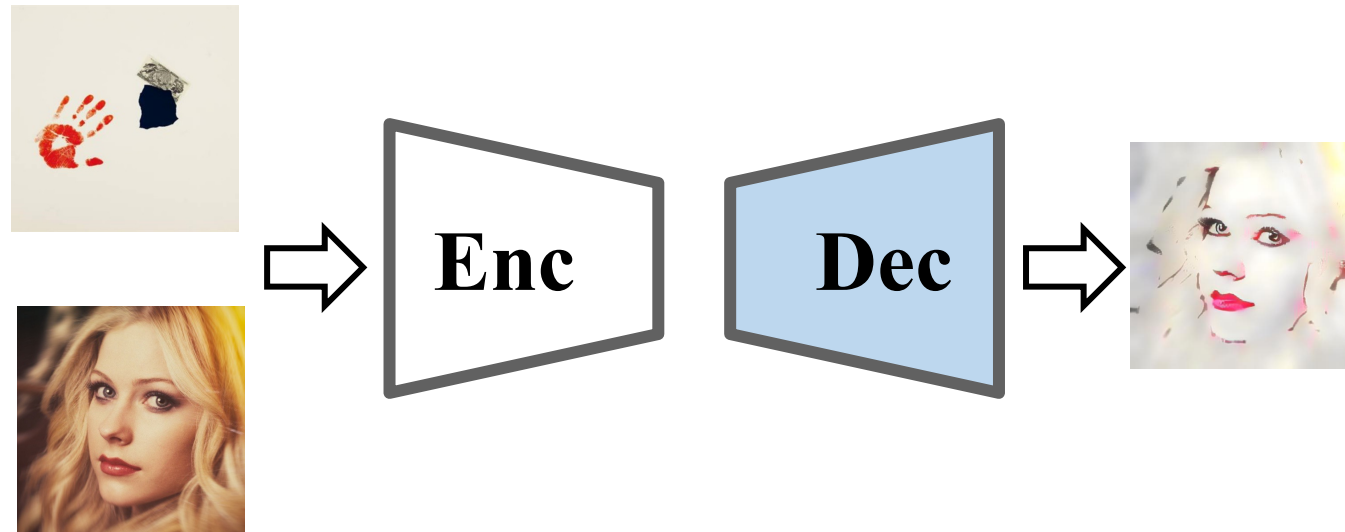


Style: Surrealism



Art collection

Arbitrary style transfer

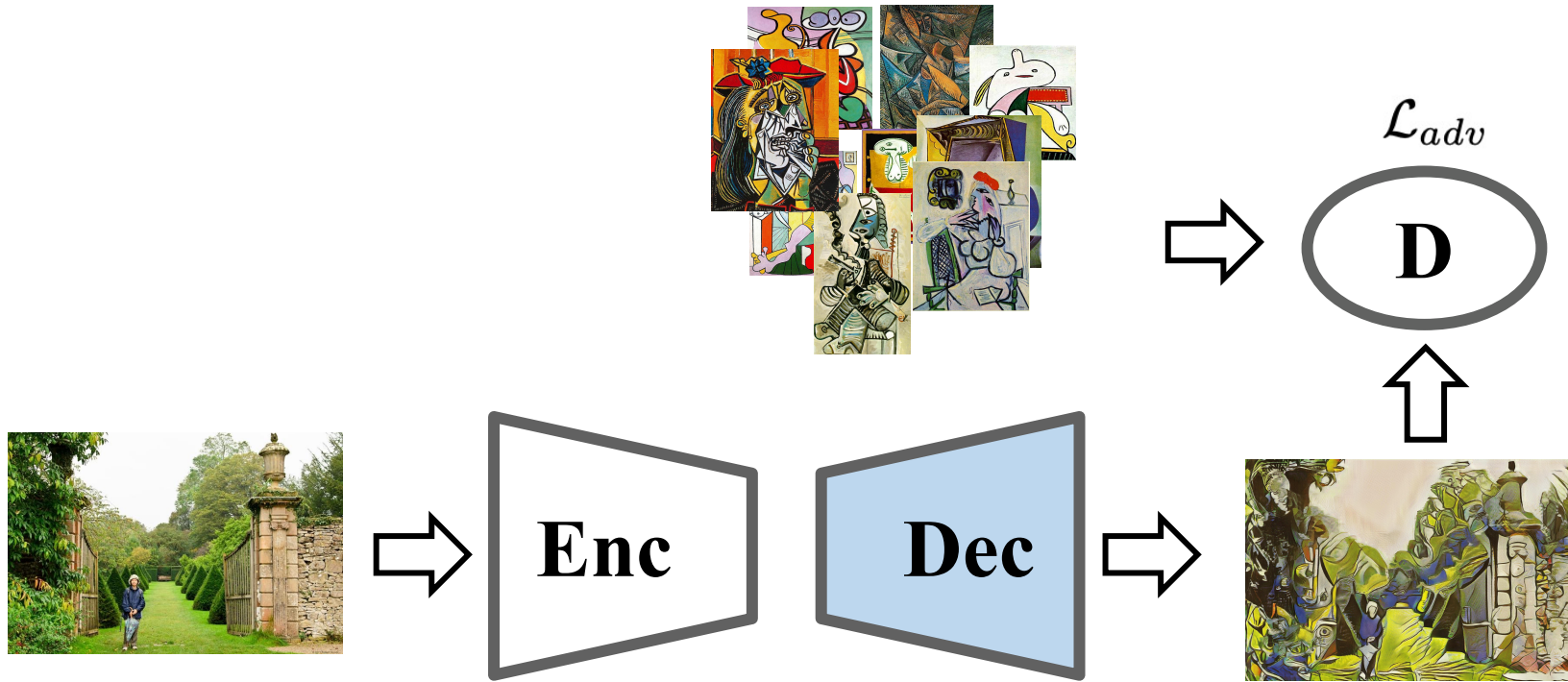


- Cannot benefit from other style images sharing similar style.
- Cannot well obtain style consistency and maintain content structure similarity.

[1] Arbitrary style transfer (Huang et al., 2017)

[2] Neural style transfer (Gatys et al., 2016)

Collection style transfer



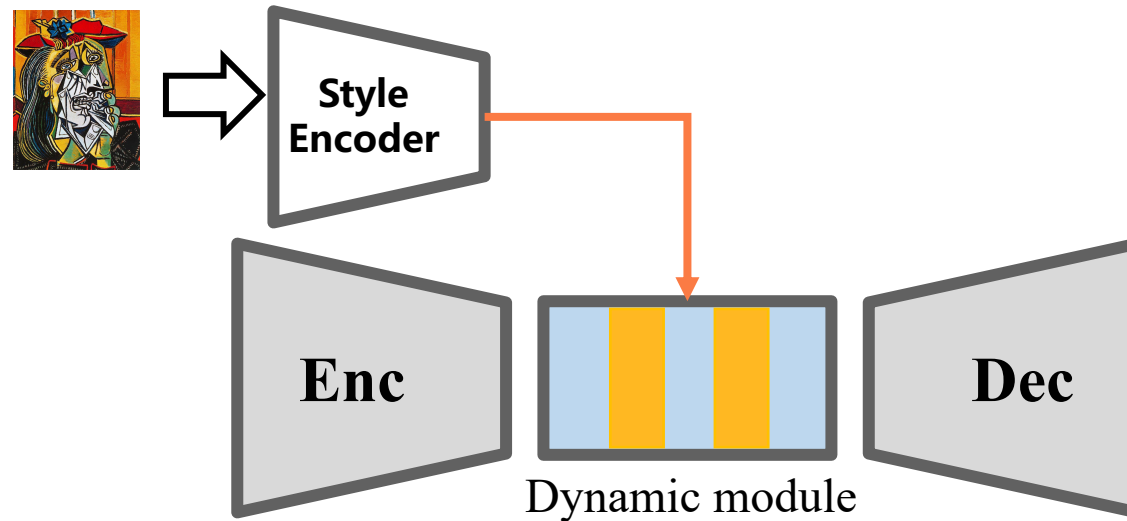
- Recognize and transfer the dominant style clues;
- Lack the flexibility of exploring style manifold.

[1] Adaptive Style Transfer (Sanakoyeu et al., 2018)

[2] CycleGAN (Zhu et al., 2017)

Insights

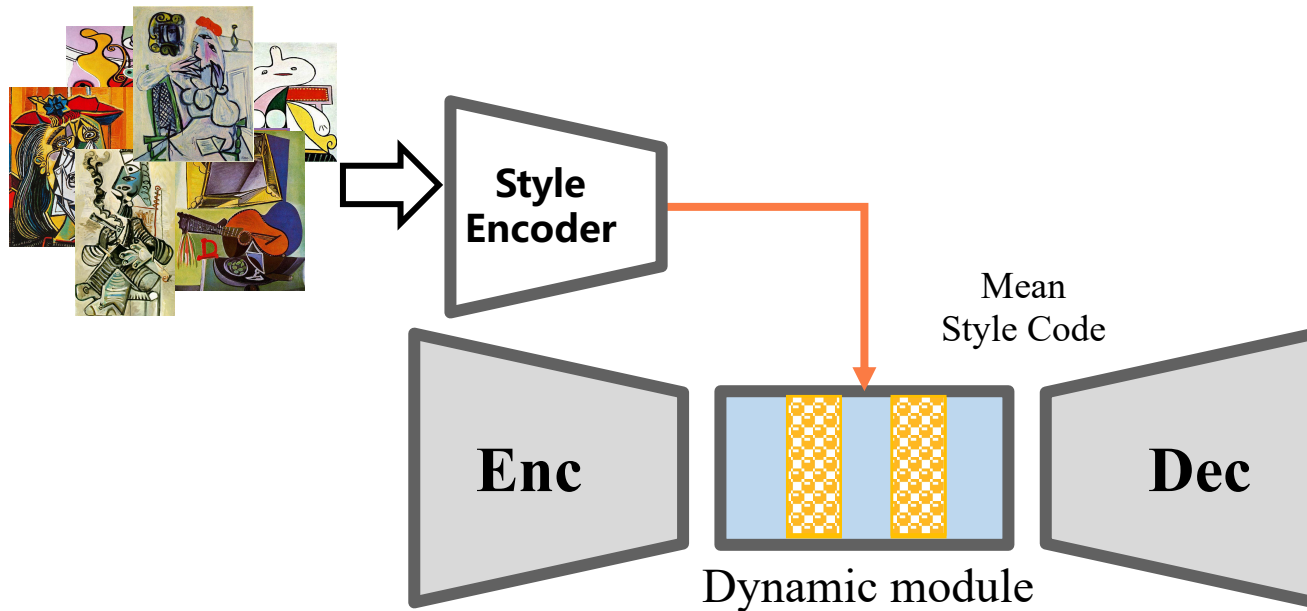
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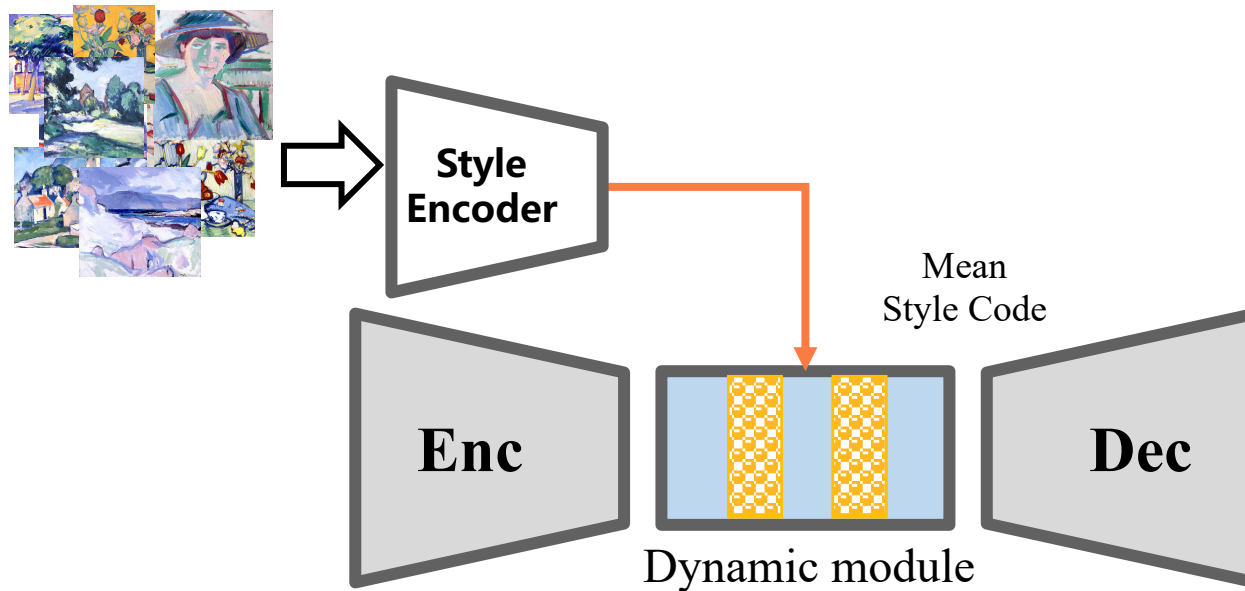
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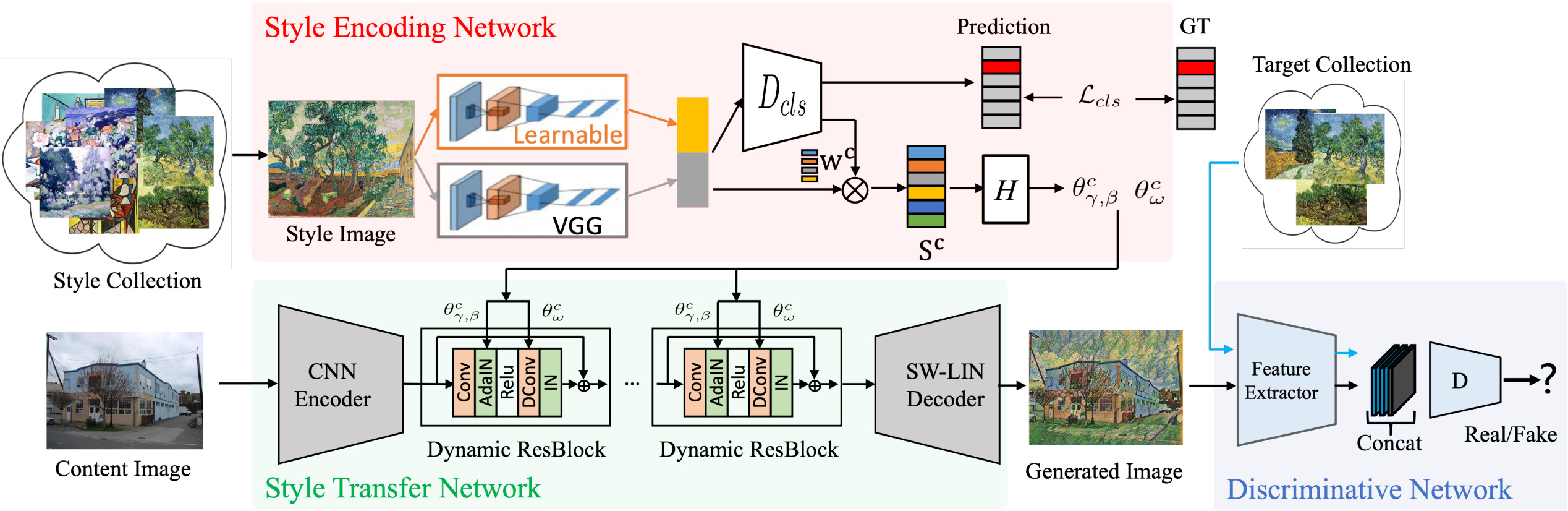
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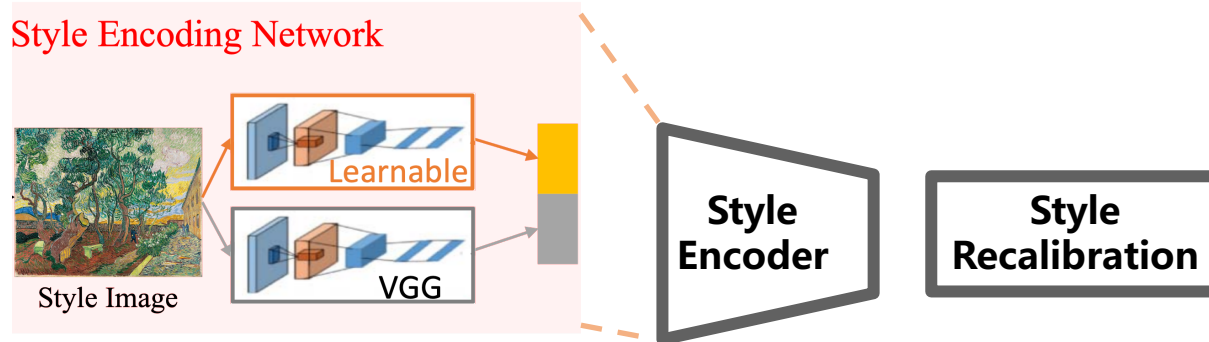
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DRB-GAN



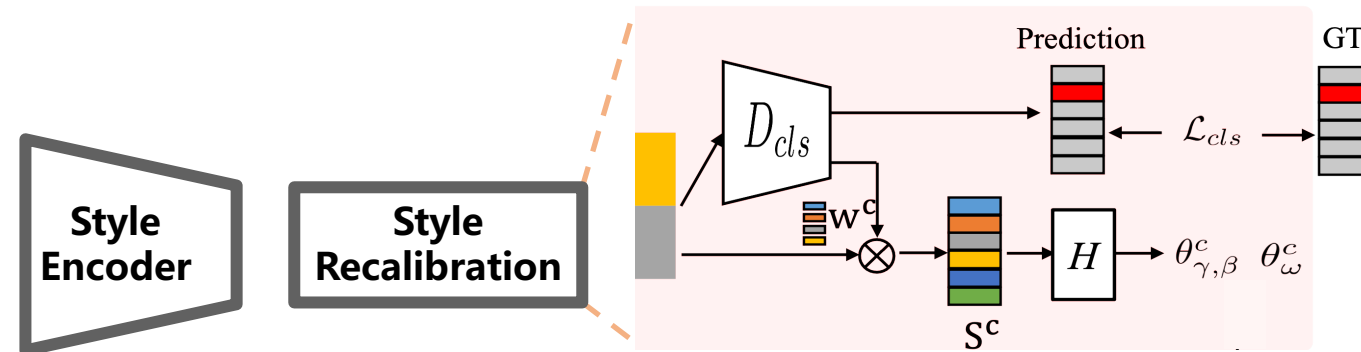
- Three Components: style encoding network, style transfer network and discriminative network.

Style Encoding Network



- Style encoder: learnable CNN & pretrained VGG.

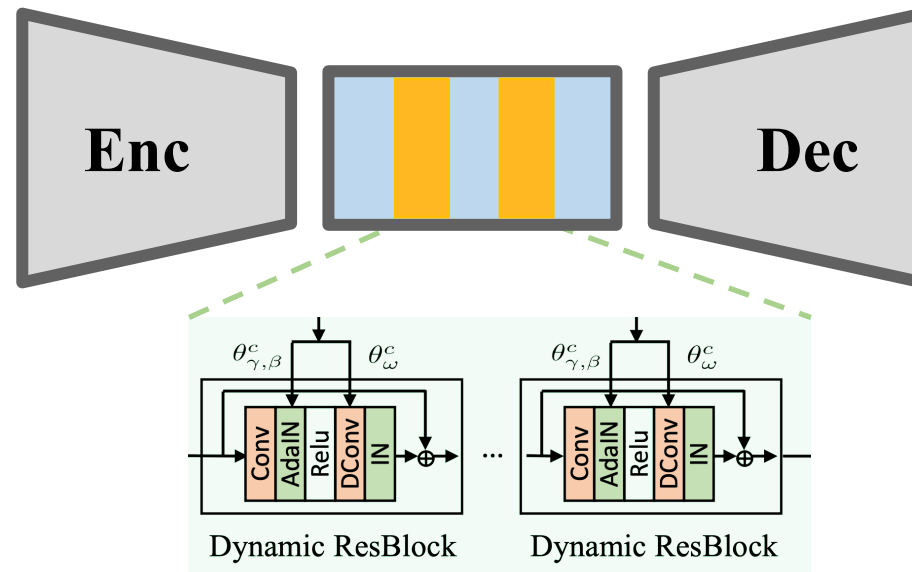
Style Encoding Network



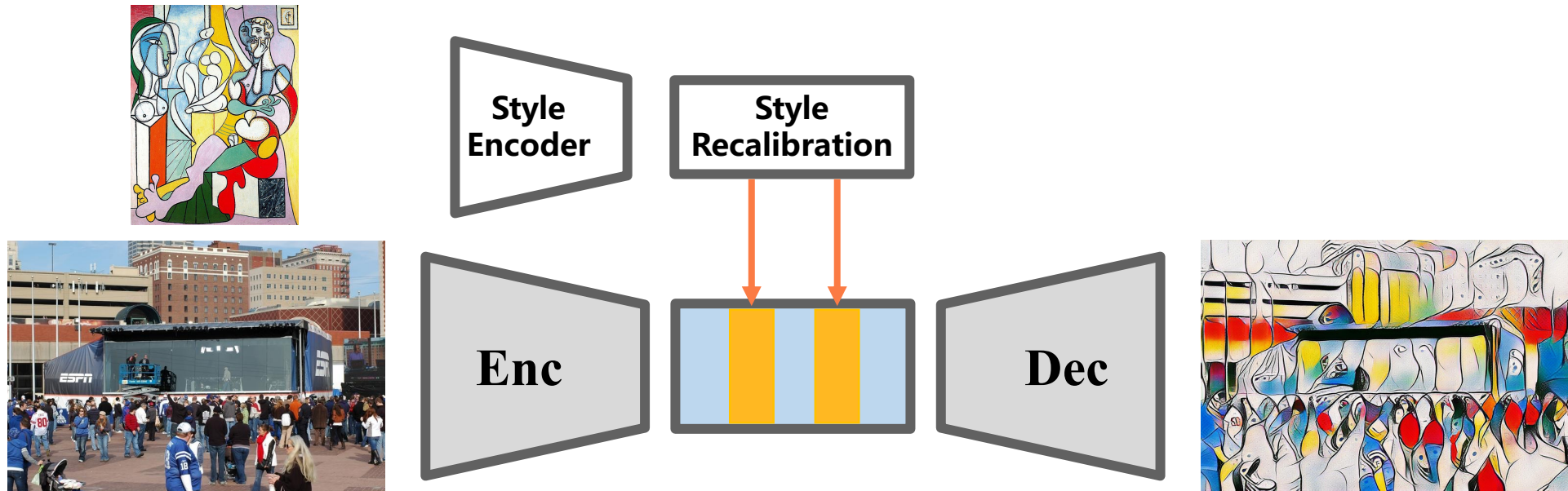
- Style recalibration: refine the style code with the class attention.

Style transfer network

- Dynamic ResBlock: dynamic convolutional layer and AdaIN.



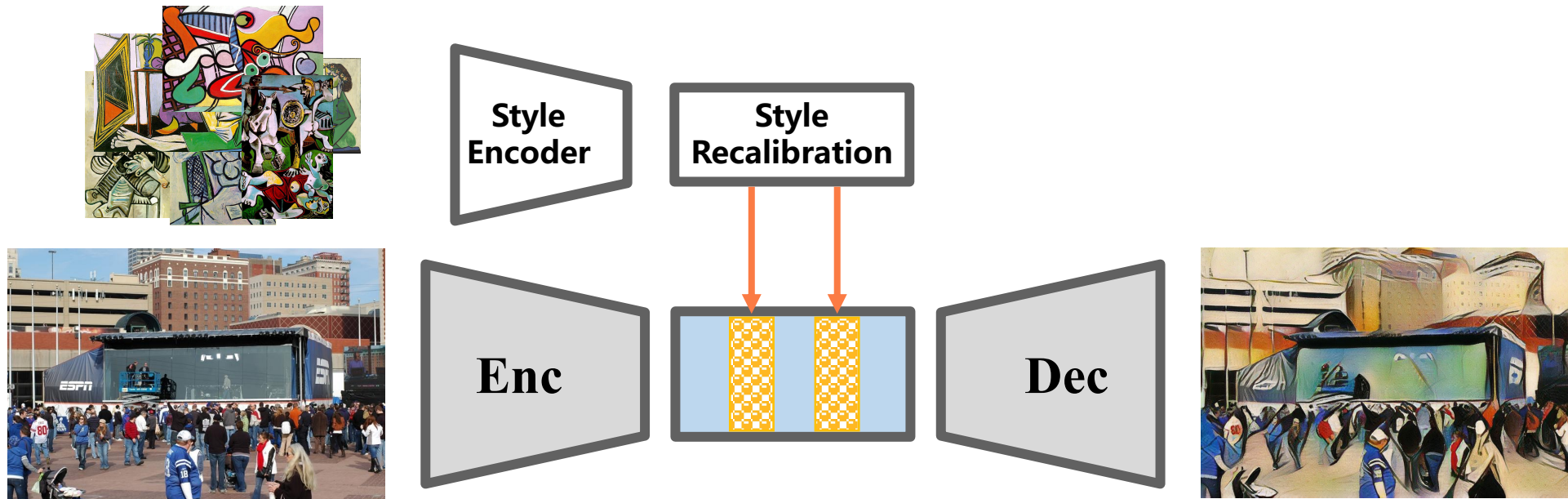
Style code



- “style code” in dynamic ResBlocks:

$$\{\theta_{\omega}^c, \theta_{\gamma, \beta}^c\} = \{H_{\omega}(s^c), H_{\gamma, \beta}(s^c)\}.$$

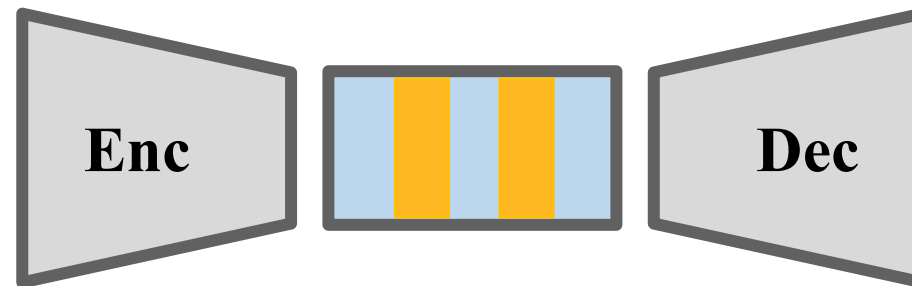
Collection style code



- “collection style code” as a weighted mean of the “style codes”:

$$\{\bar{\theta}_{\omega}^c, \bar{\theta}_{\gamma, \beta}^c\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=0}^K \pi_k \theta_{\omega_k}^c, \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=0}^K \pi_k \theta_{\gamma_k, \beta_k}^c \mid c \sim N \right\}$$

Style transfer network

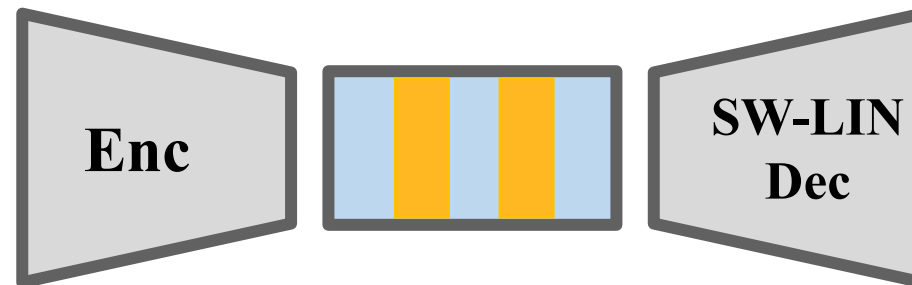


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- Preserve local feature and remove artifacts in generated images.

Style transfer network

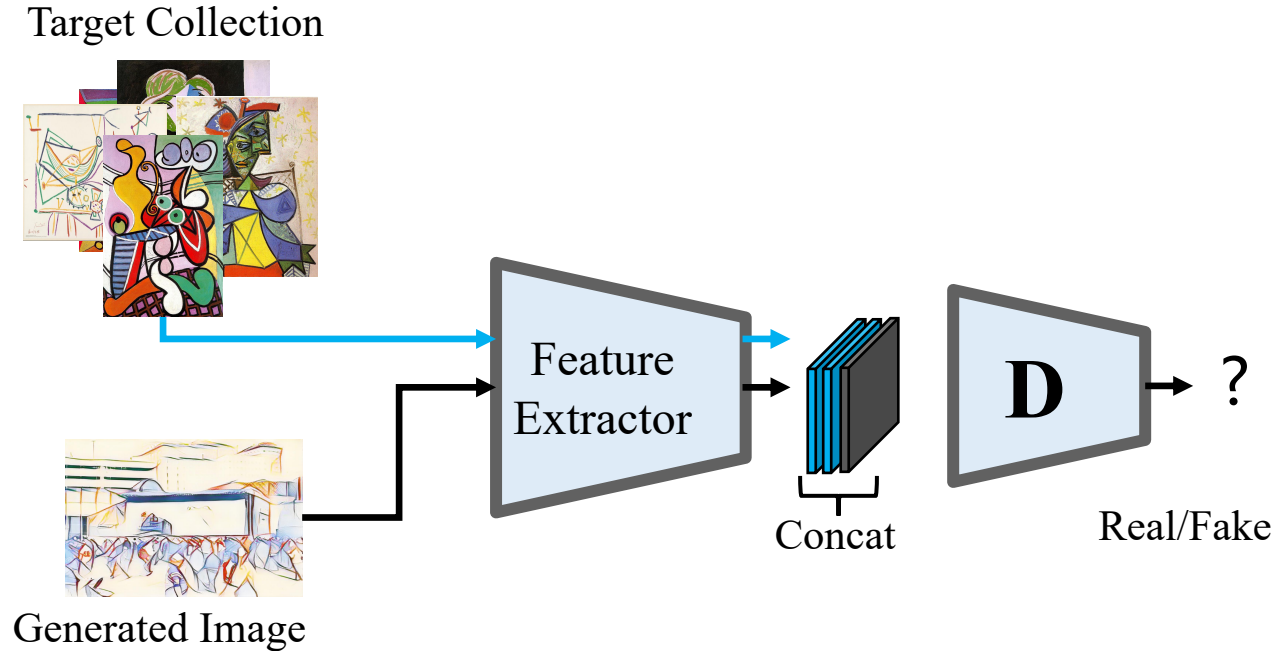
$$\text{SW-LIN}(\gamma, \beta, \rho) = \gamma(\rho\phi_{sw}^c + (1 - \rho)\phi_{sw}^l) + \beta$$

$$\phi_{sw} = \frac{\mathbf{h} - E_{x_i \in sw}[\mathbf{h}(x_i)]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}_{x_i \in sw}[\mathbf{h}(x_i)]}}$$



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Discriminative network :



$$\mathcal{L}_{adv} = E_{y^c, y_i^c \sim Y, c \sim N} [-\log D(y^c, \{y_i^c\}_{i=0}^M)] \\ + E_{\tilde{x}^c \sim G(x), y_j^c \sim Y, c \sim N} [-\log(1 - D(\tilde{x}^c, \{y_j^c\}_{j=0}^M))].$$

- Objective function

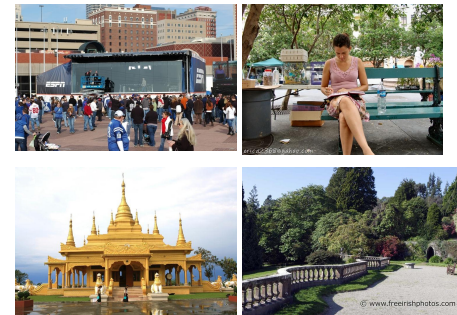
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{adv} + \lambda_{per} \mathcal{L}_{per} + \lambda_{cls} \mathcal{L}_{cls}$$

Comparison with other approaches

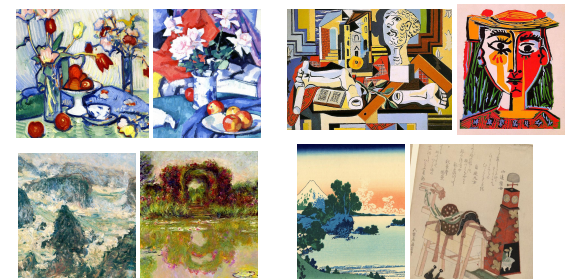
- Dataset
 - Content image: Place365 dataset
 - Style image: Wikiart dataset
- Metrics: Deception rate, inference time and human study.
- Model is trained on 768x768 and inferred on arbitrary resolution.

Method	GPU			Deception rate	Human studies	
	Time (sec)	memory (MiB)	Model		Content score	Style score
Wikiart test				0.626	-	-
Gatys <i>et al.</i>	200	3887	PSPM	0.251	67.1%	0.127
AdaIN	0.16	8872	ASPM	0.061	43.6%	0.019
WCT	5.22	10720	ASPM	0.023	39.2%	0.013
PatchBased	8.70	4159	ASPM	0.063	53.4%	0.043
Johnson	0.06	671	ASPM	0.080	38.5%	0.021
CycleGAN	0.07	1391	PDPM	0.130	43.2%	0.012
AST	0.07	1043	PDPM	0.450	63.9%	0.312
DRB-GAN	0.08	1324	MDPM	0.573	72.2%	0.453

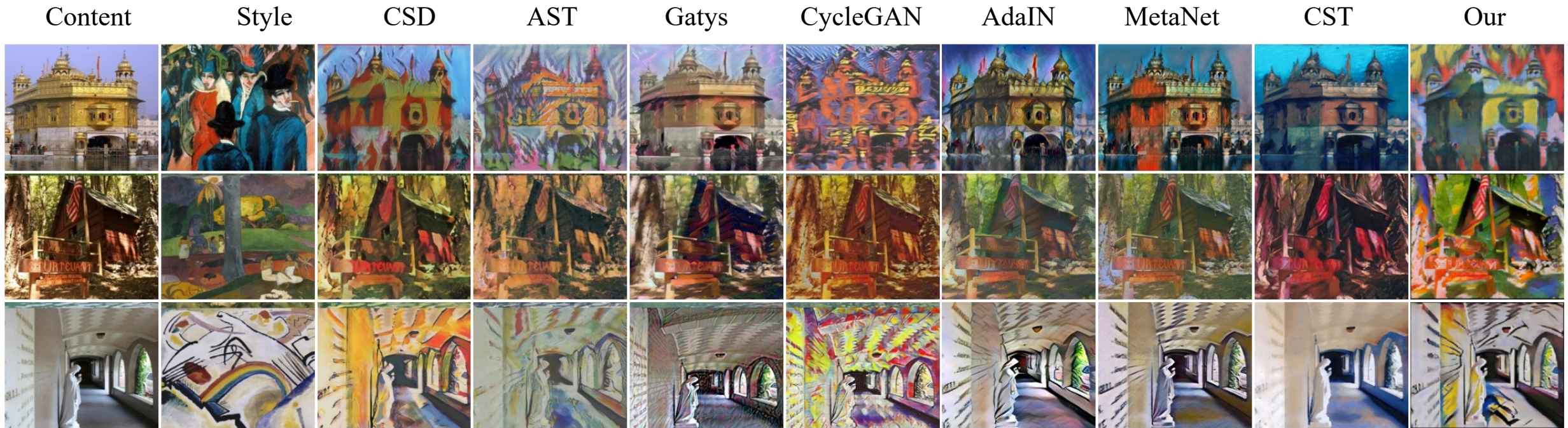
Place365 dataset



Wikiart dataset



Comparison with other approaches



- Our method: no artifacts in the regions and preserve the structural similarity.

Arbitrary style transfer

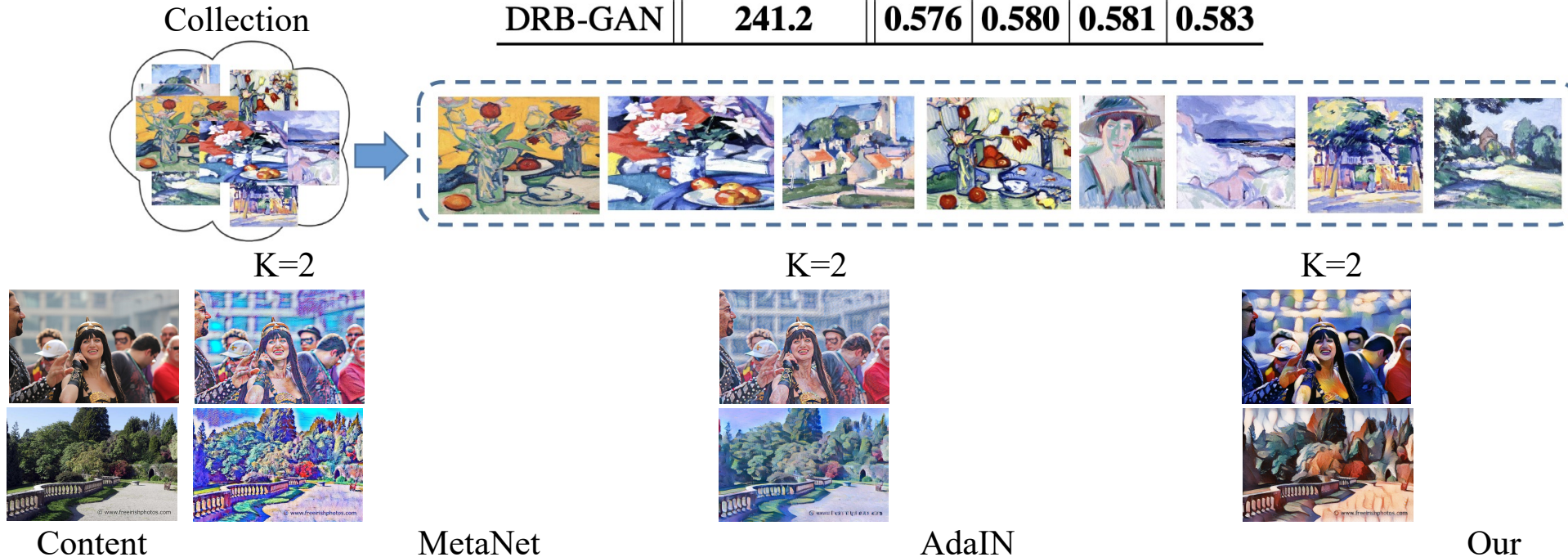


- Style consistency & Content structural similarity.

Collection style transfer

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Setting	Arbitrary Style (SD↓)	Collection style (DS↑)			
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AdaIN	263.4	0.066	0.045	0.013	0.011
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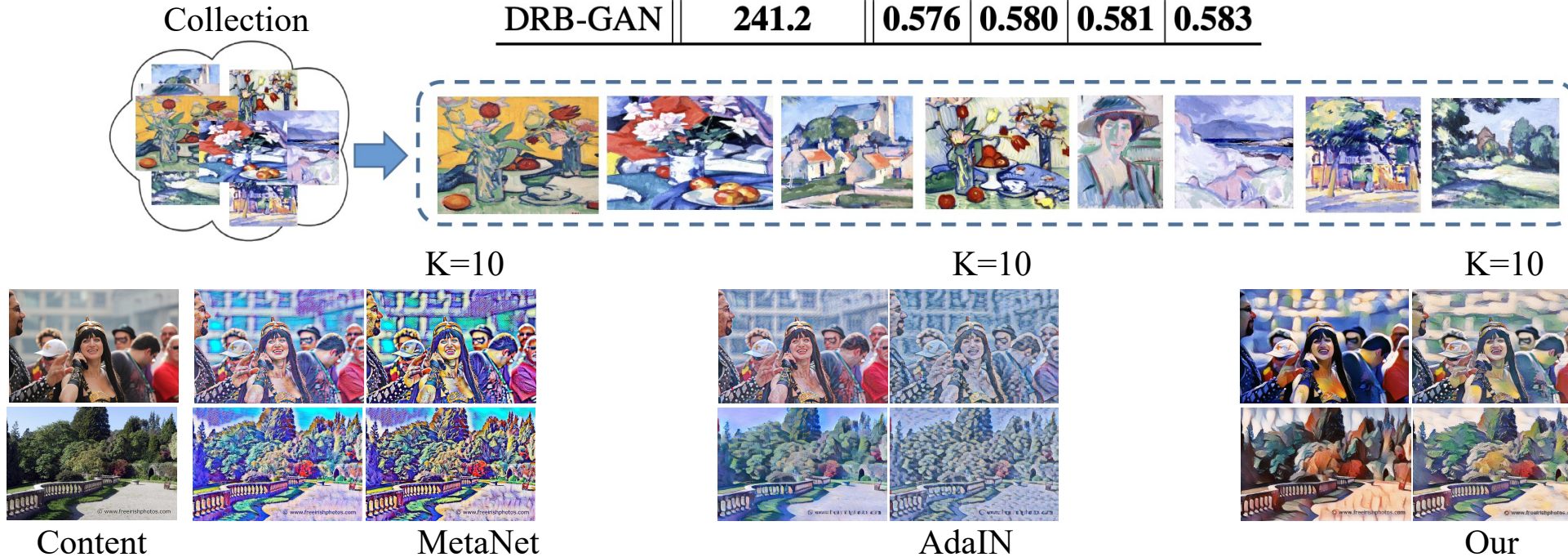


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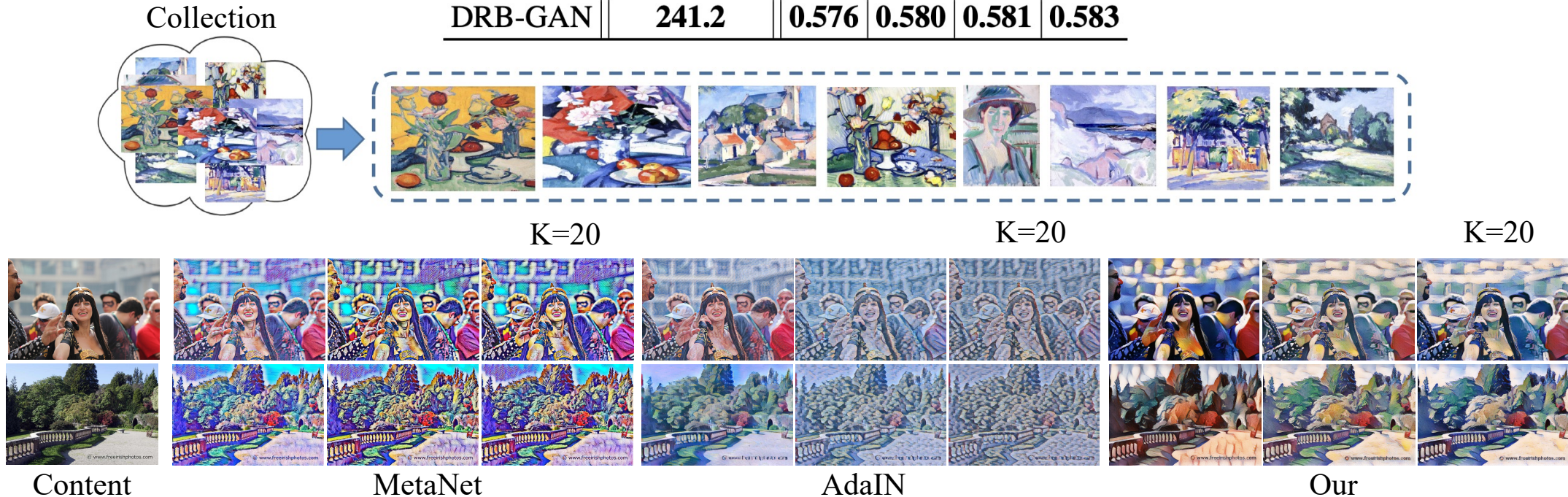


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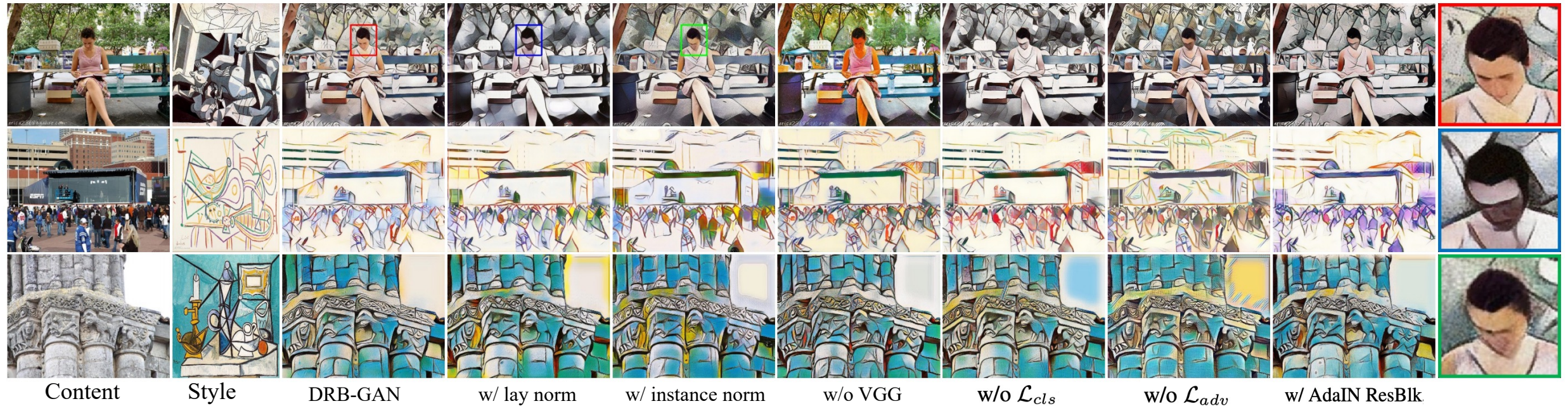
Content

AST

Ours

Collection style transfer

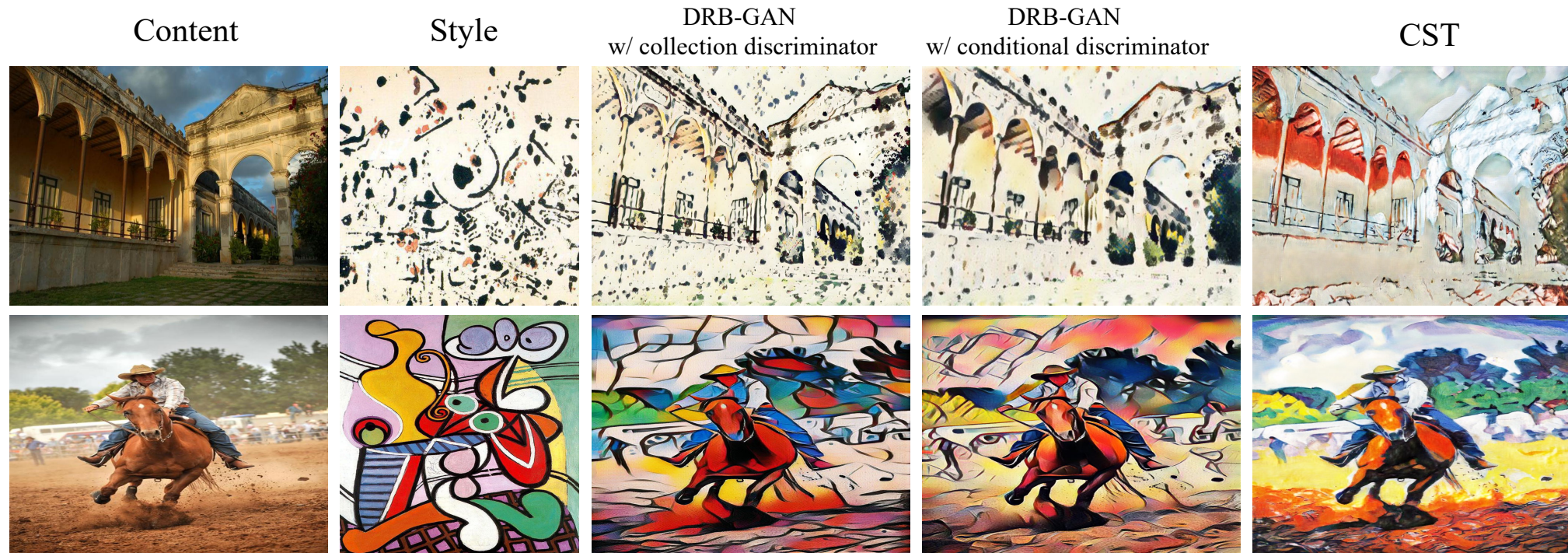
Ablation study



- SW-LIN Decoder: preserve local feature and remove artifacts.
- *w/o \mathcal{L}_{adv}* : improve the style consistency.
- *w/o vgg* : capture the dominant style clues without subtle details.
- *w/o \mathcal{L}_{cls}* : causes slight degradation on stroke size variations.

Discriminative network

- Collection discriminator: improve style consistency.



[1] CST (Jan Svoboda, 2020)

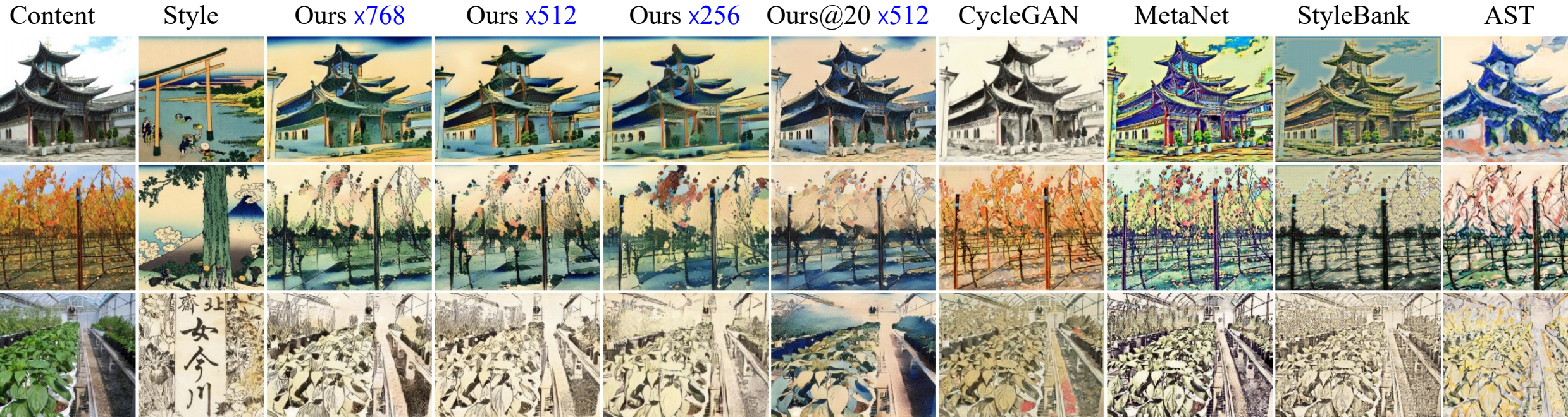
Evaluation with unseen styles



(a) Content (b) DaVinci (c) (d) (e) Chikanobu (f) (g) (h) Seurat (i) (j)

- (c) (f) (i): arbitrary style transfer.
- (d) (g) (j): collection style transfer.

Evaluation with different resolutions



- Style consistency.
- Structural similarity.

HD Stylization



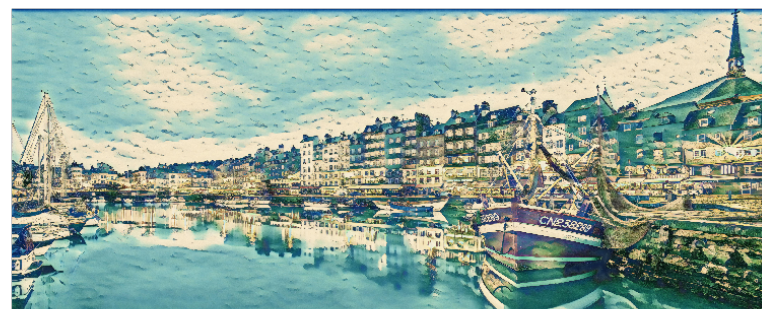
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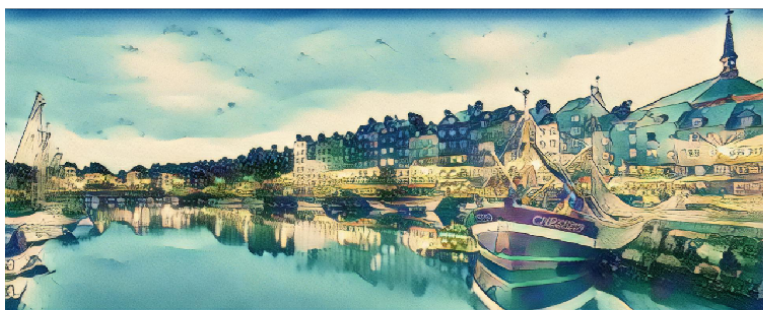
Style



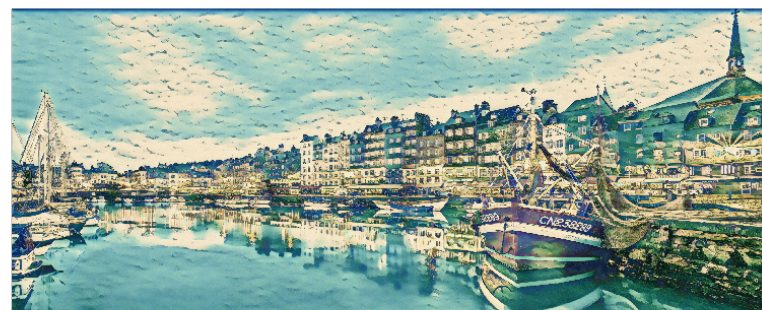
1024x2560



3072x7680

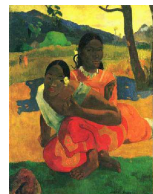


768x1920



2048x5120

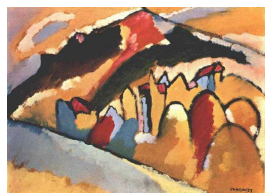
Four-Way Style Interpolation



Gauguin



Content



Kandinsky



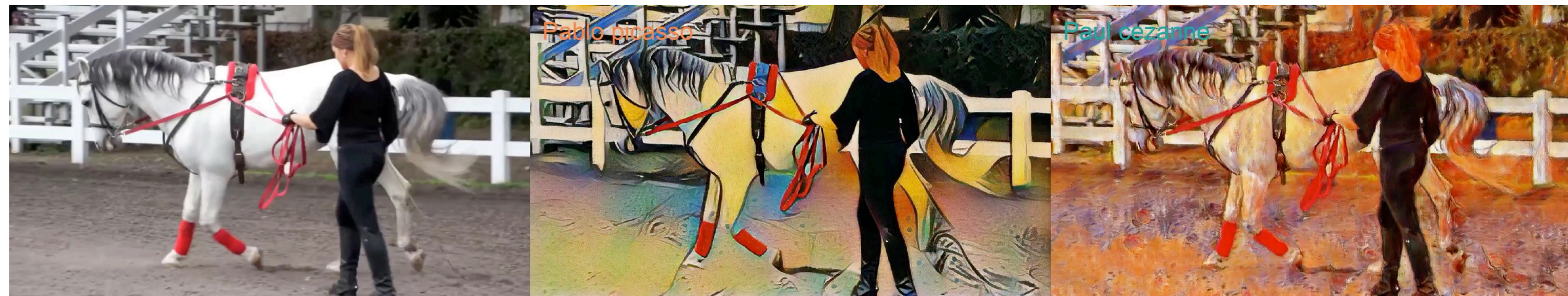
Picasso



Van Gogh

- Our model creates a smooth manifold structure.

Video Style Transfer @1920x1080



Input video

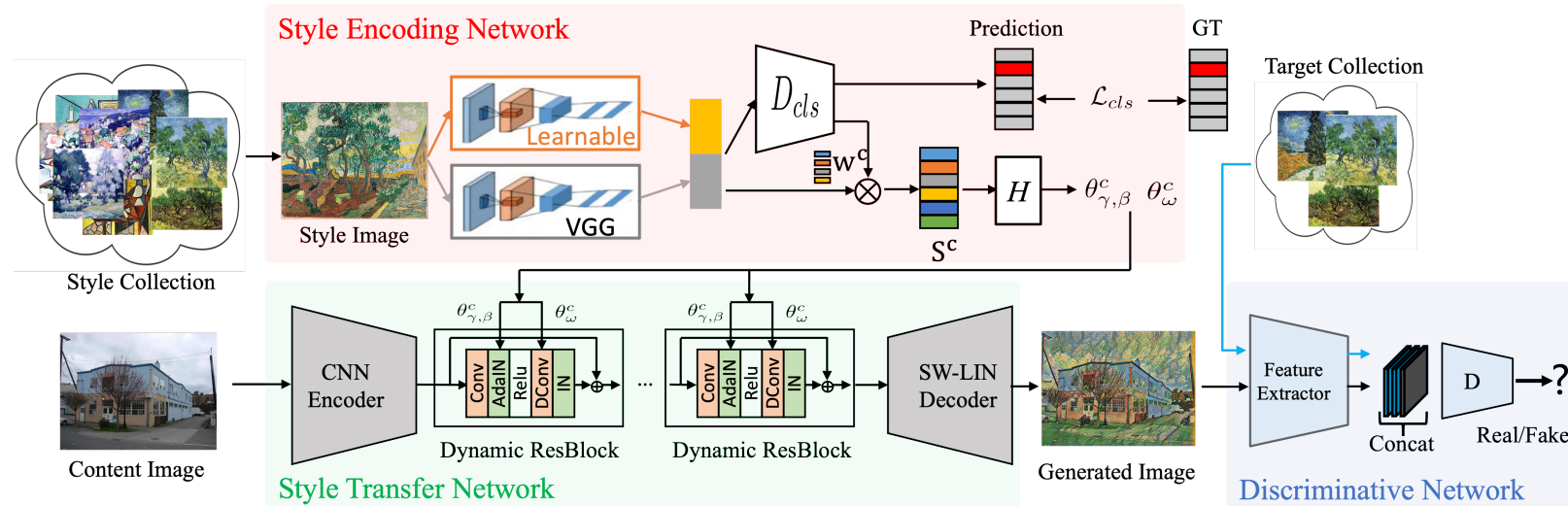
Collection style transfer

Style interpolation in arbitrary style transfer

- All stylizations come from one trained model.

Conclusions

- A unified Model that handle arbitrary style transfer and collection style transfer.
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QR Code for our project:

<https://github.com/xuwenju123/DRB-GAN>



Thank you!