

Multi-Style Transfer Generative Adversarial Network for Text Images

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Introduction

- Neural style transfer have shown impressive results in deep learning.
- Recent researches have successfully completed the transition from the text font domain to the text style domain.



Image Style Transfer Using Convolutional Neural Networks [Gatys, CVPR 2016]

Controllable Artistic Text Style Transfer via Shape-Matching GAN [Yang, CVPR2019]

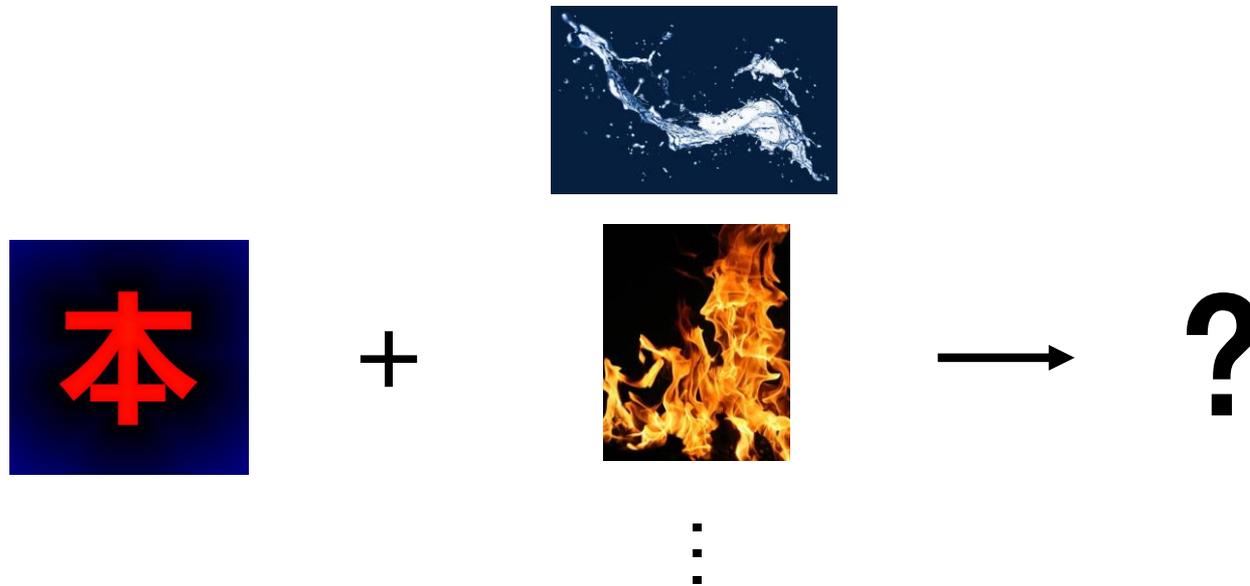
Introduction

- However, for text style transfer, multiple style transfer often requires learning many models.
- Generating multiple styles images of texts in a single model remains an unsolved problem.



Introduction

- We propose a multiple style transformation network, which can generate multiple styles of text images in a single model and control the style of texts in a simple way.



Related work

1. *Style Transfer*

- The existing researches (Neural image style transfer, AdaIN) related to style transformation of images have made very significant progress.



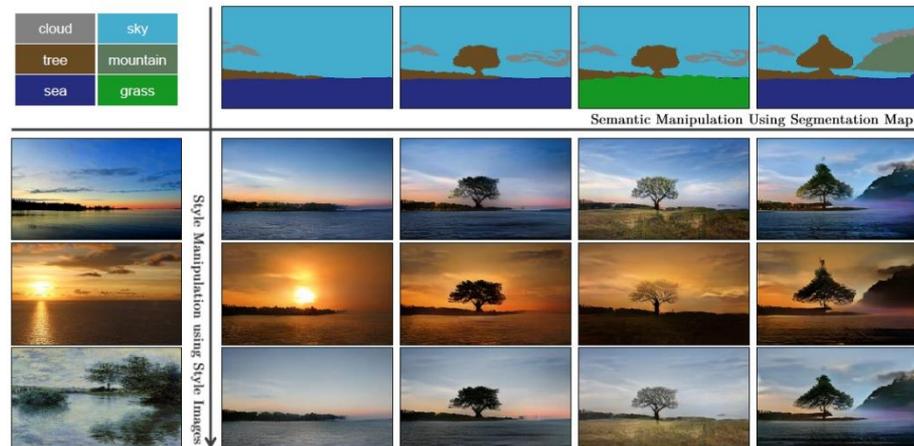
cited from adain[CVPR,2017]



Related work

2. Image-to-image translation

- SPADE [7] allows users to create an actual composite image from a simple image drawn by the user.
- Proposes a new normalization layer Spatially-Adaptive Normalization.

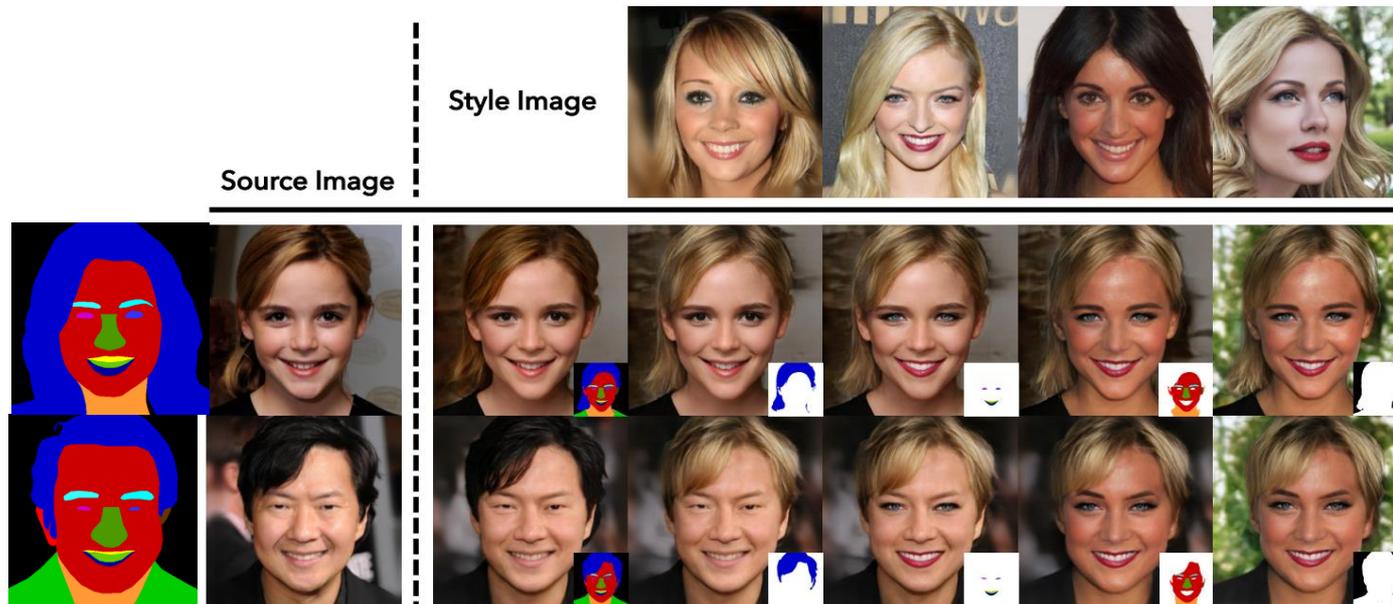


cited from SPADE [Park et al., CVPR2019]



Related work

- SEAN [18] made improvements for SPADE [7]. Individual control of each region of a semantic segmentation image was achieved.

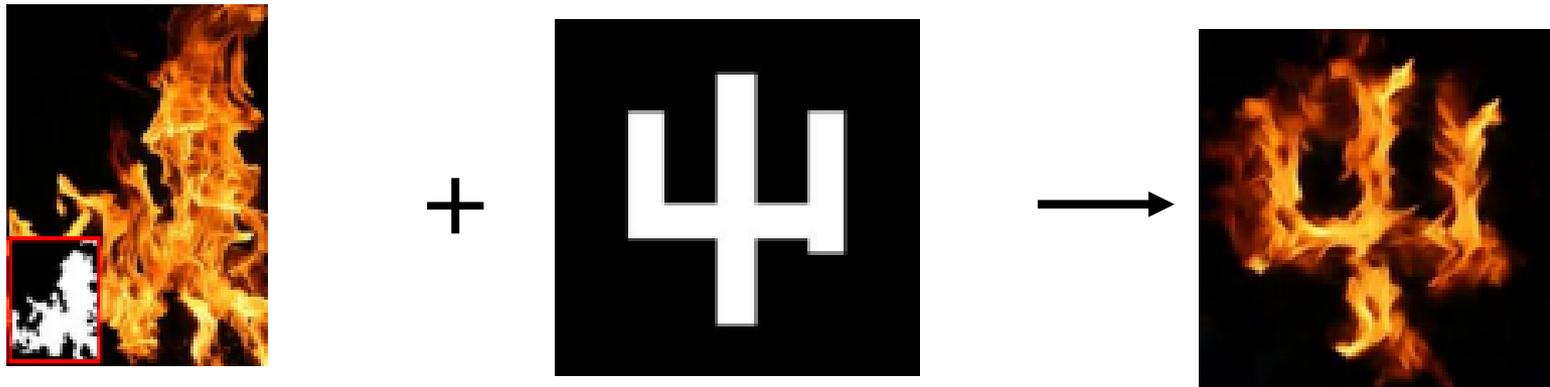


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Related work

3. *Text font style transfer*

- Can transform text styles by learning one style image and can control different degrees of style.



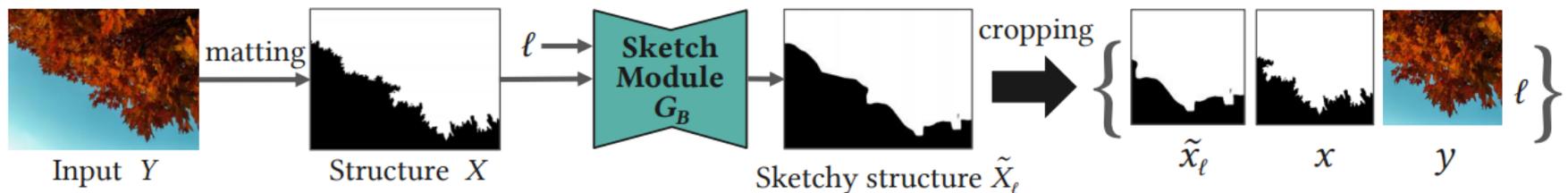
cited from Shape-Matching GAN [Yang, CVPR2019]



Shape-Matching GAN

- Base method Shape-Matching GAN.
- Stage 1: sketch module is used to change the style images into different degrees of deformation through the parameter ℓ .

Stage I: Input Preprocessing (Backward Structure Transfer)

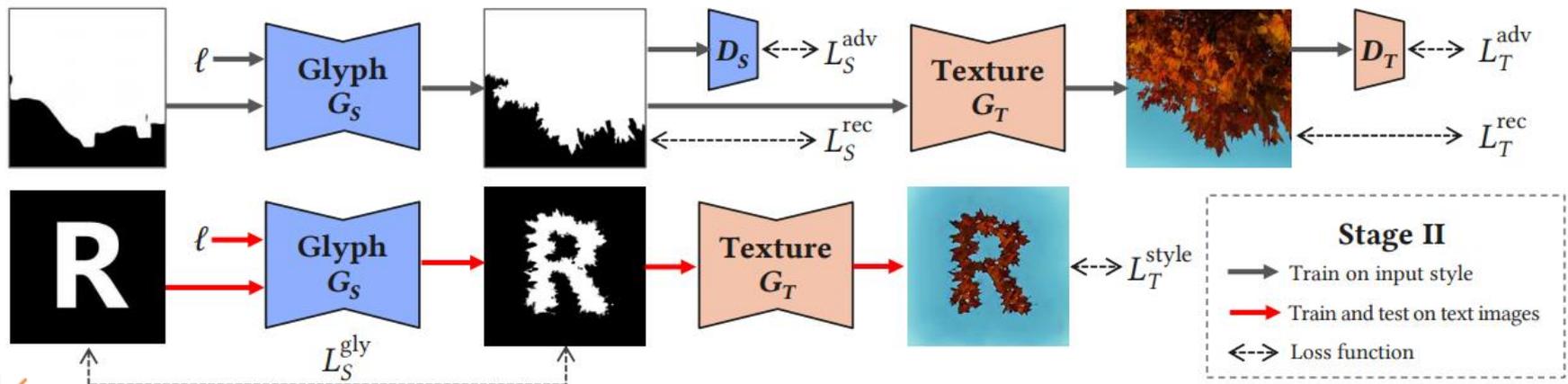


from Controllable Artistic Text Style Transfer via Shape-Matching GAN [Yang, CVPR2019]

Shape-Matching GAN

- Base method Shape-Matching GAN.
- Stage 2: there are two main parts, structure module (GS,DS) and texture module (GT,DT).

Stage II: Forward Style (Structure and Texture) Transfer



cited from Controllable Artistic Text Style Transfer via Shape-Matching GAN [Yang, CVPR2019]

Shape-Matching GAN

- Network requires only one style image for text style transformation.
- Shape-Matching GAN works well when learning just one style, but it does not work when learning multiple styles.
- multiple styles of text can not be generated with only one model.



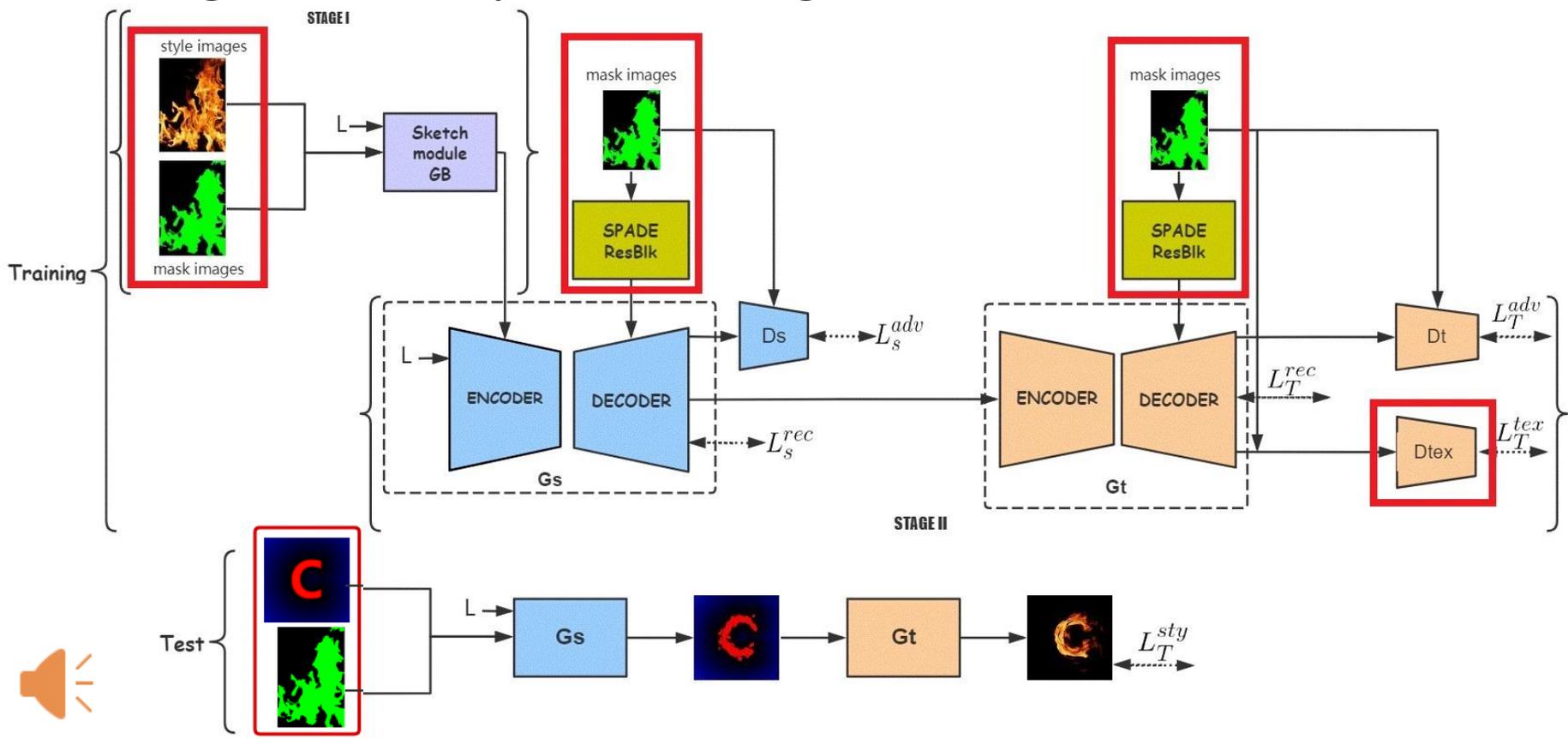
Proposed method

- we propose a multiple style transformation network for text style transfer based on Shape matchingGAN.
- our main idea:
 - 1.add conditions.
 - 2.optimize the network.



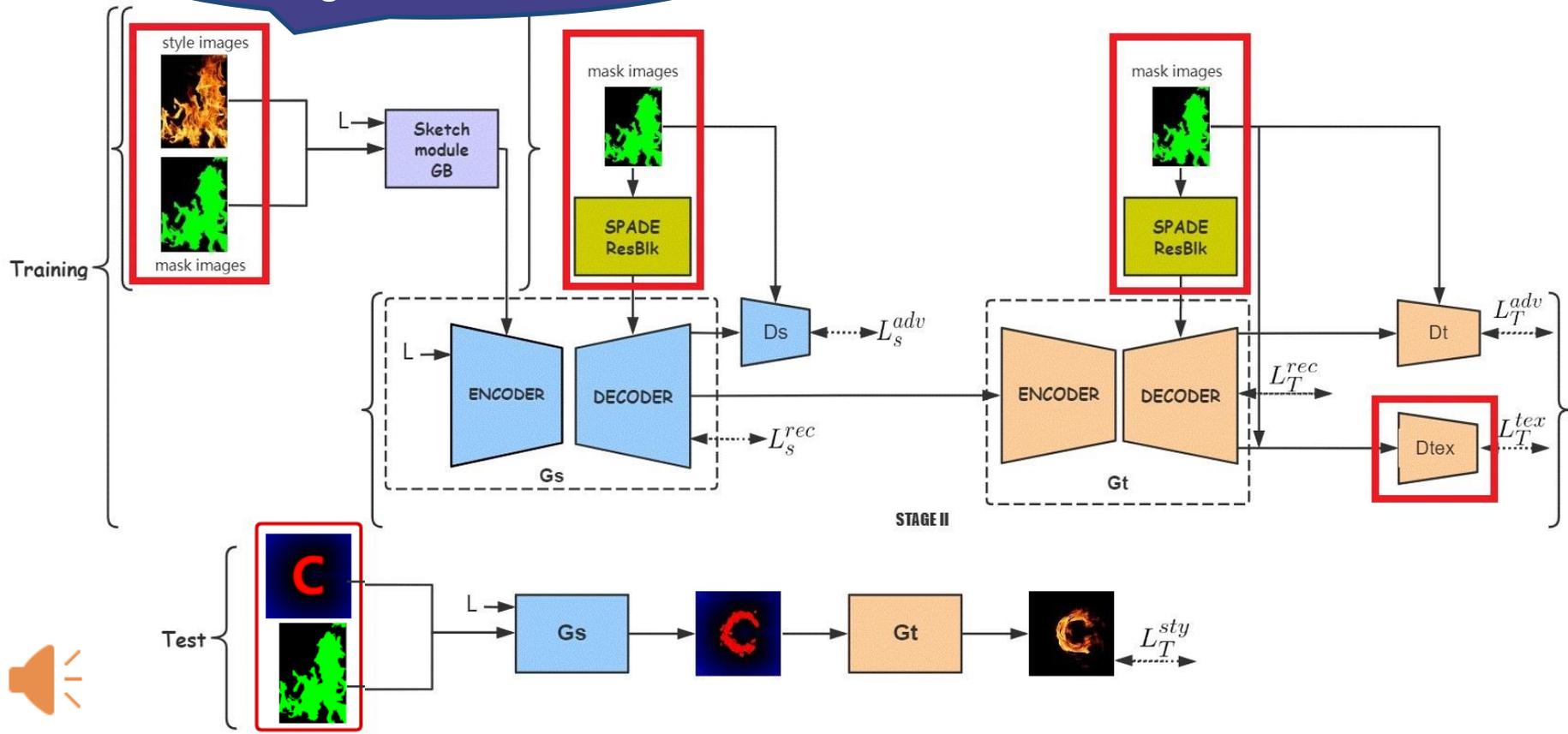
Proposed method

- The red line shows the network structure that we have changed for Shape-MatchingGAN.



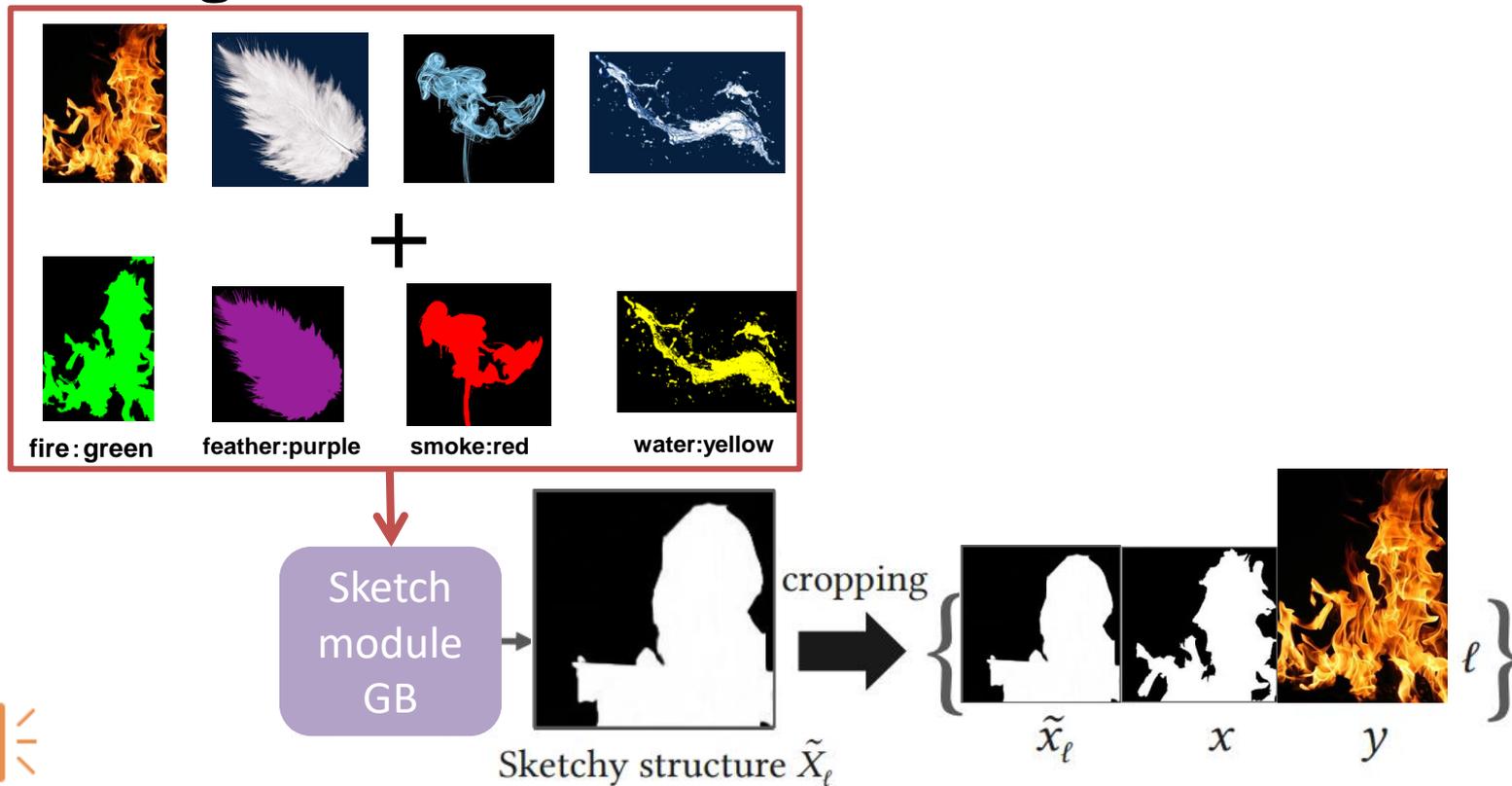
Conditional input

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 - 1. put the mask images as conditions



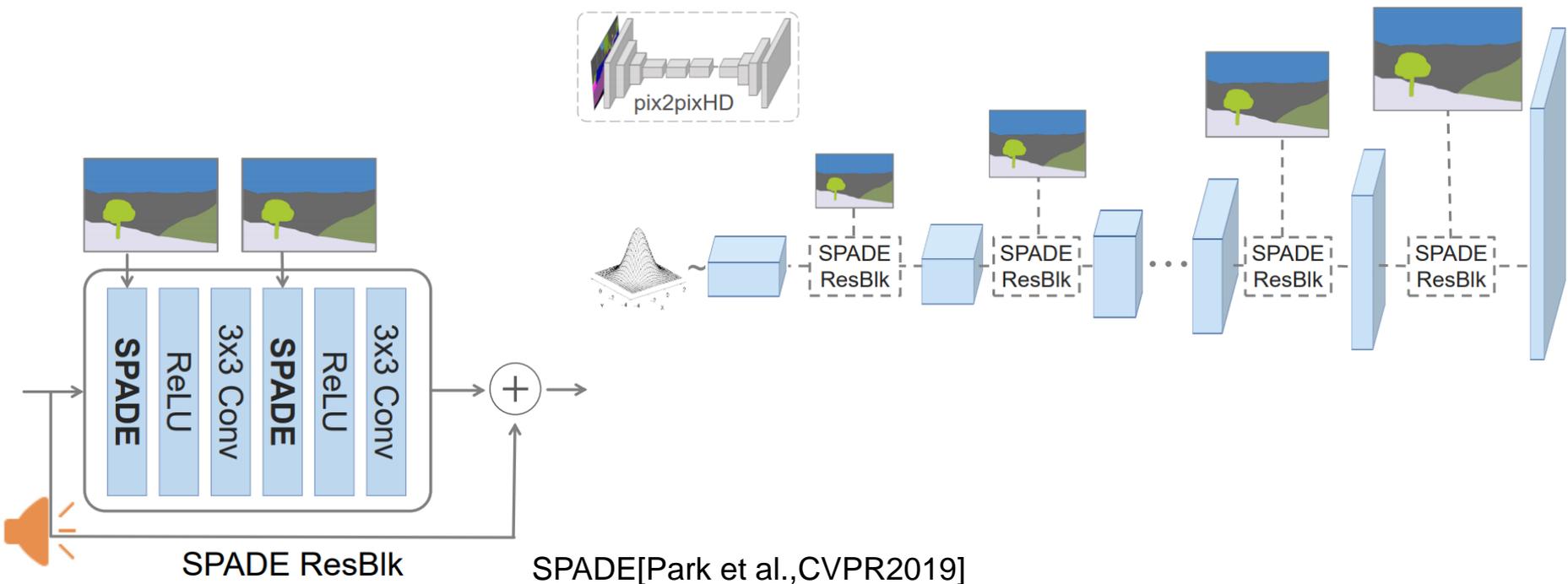
Conditional input

- Input into the network in pairs with the style images.



Multi-style training

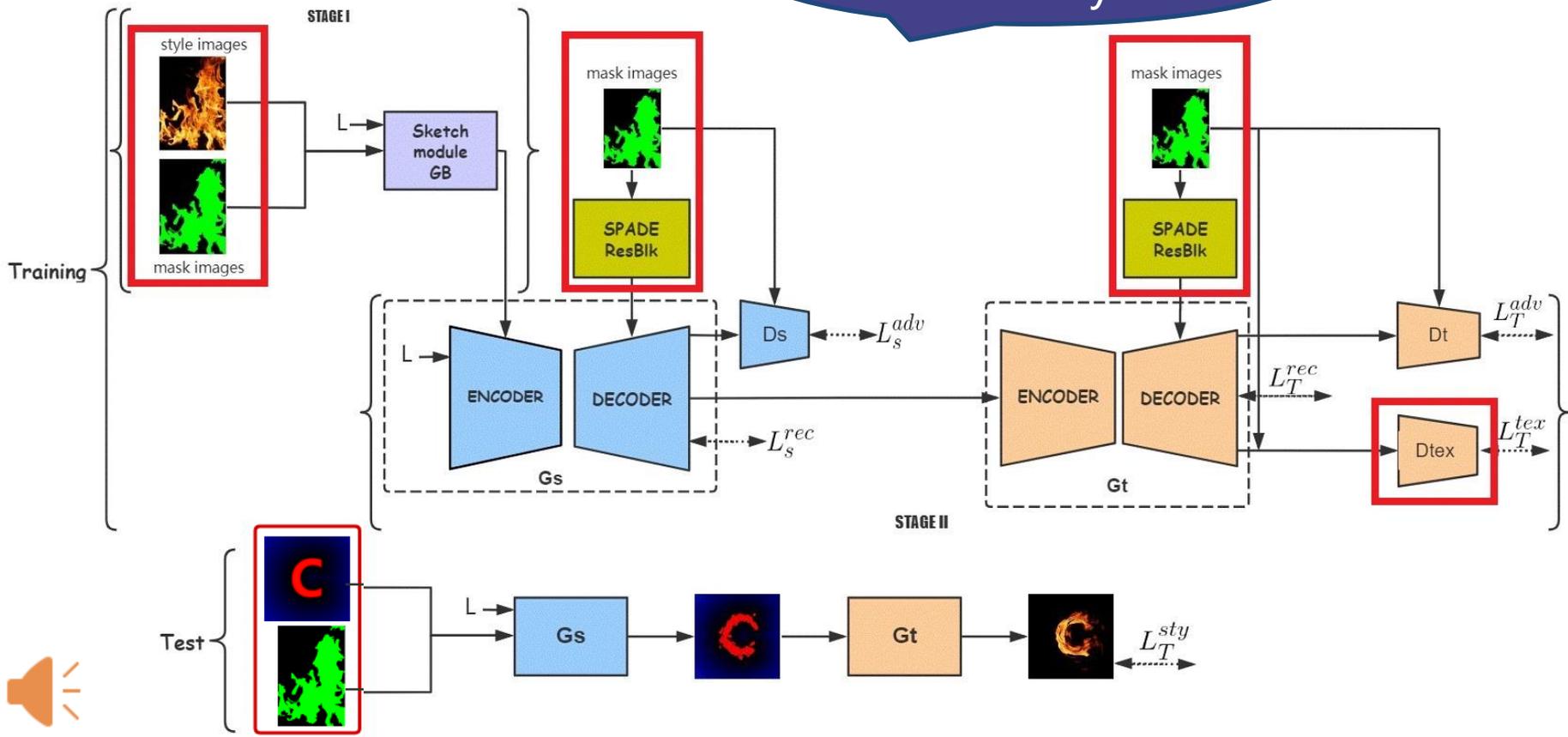
- SPADE layer can effectively prevent the information about mask images from being washed out in the network.



Multi-style training

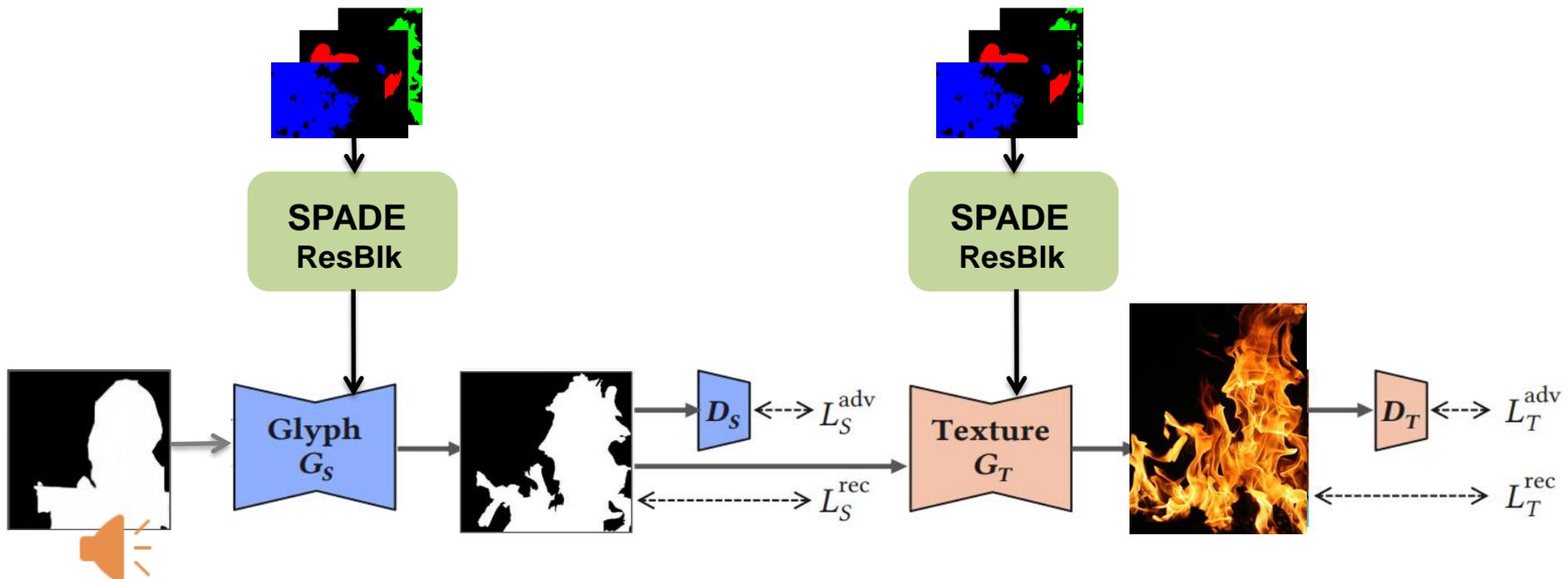
- Implemented the SPADE layer in Shape-Matching GAN.

2.implemented the SPADE layer



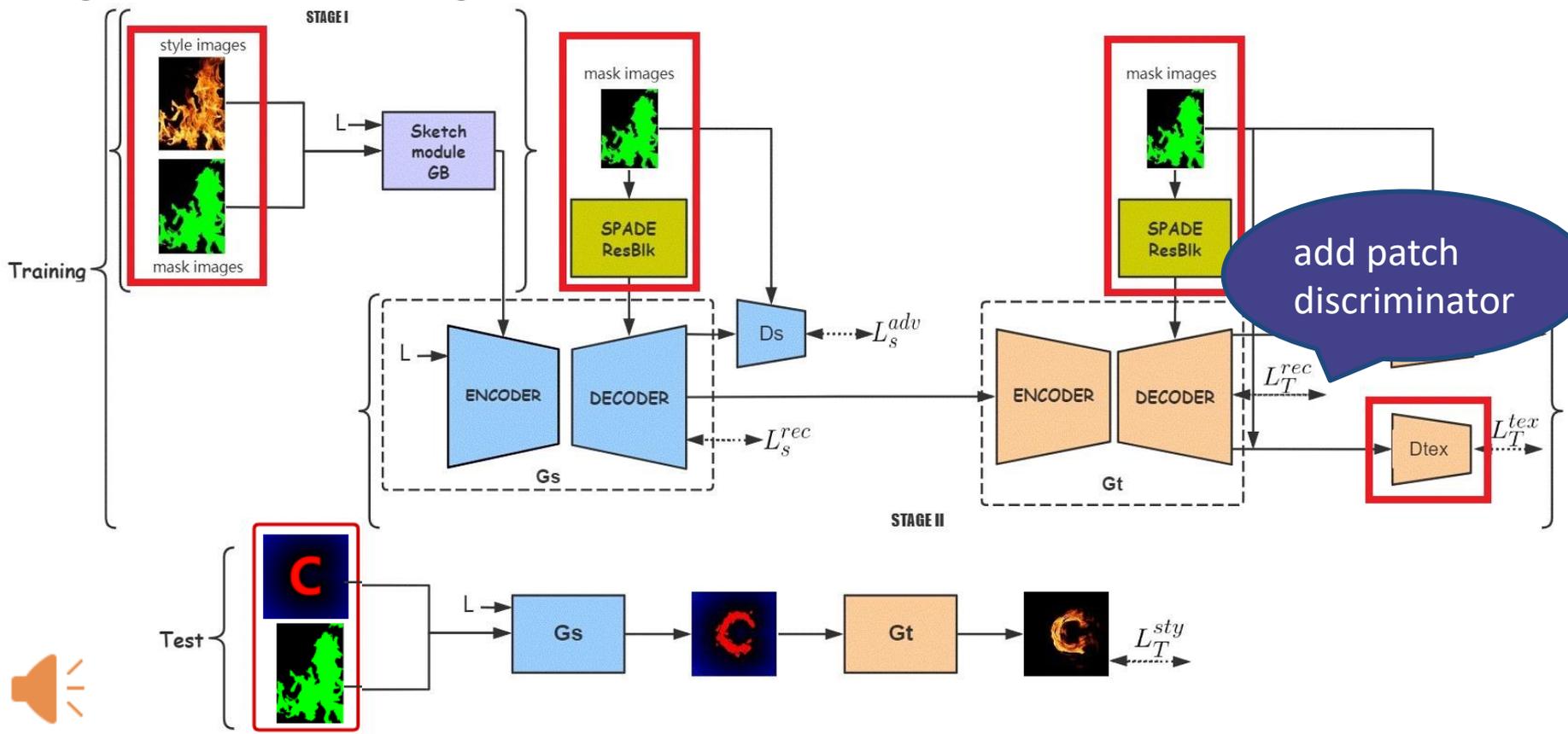
Multi-style training

- The mask of the four kinds of the style images is used as input for SPADE ResBlk.



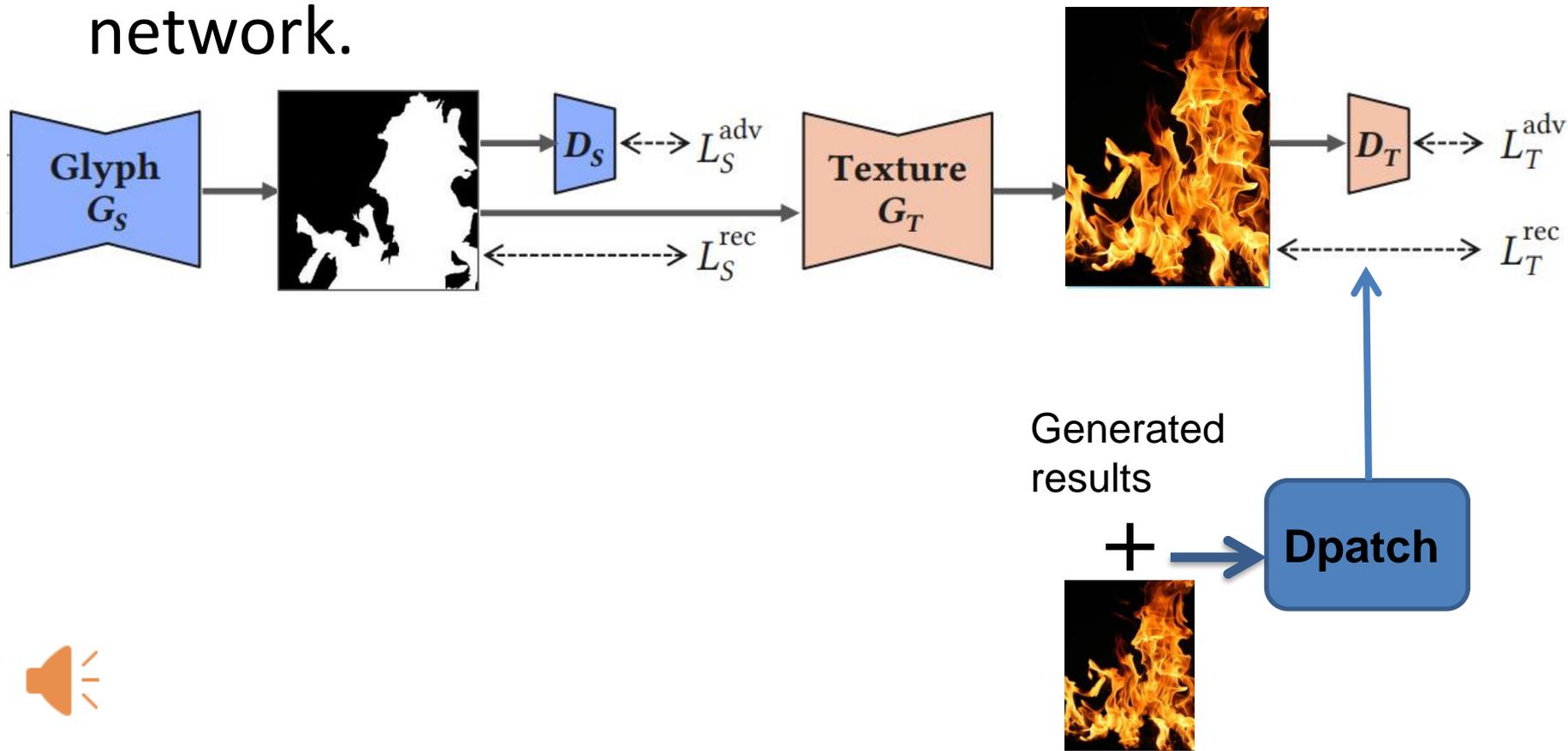
Improving the quality of the generated images

- Add a discriminator to make the quality of the generated images better.



Improving the quality of the generated images

- Add a PatchGAN discriminator to our texture network.



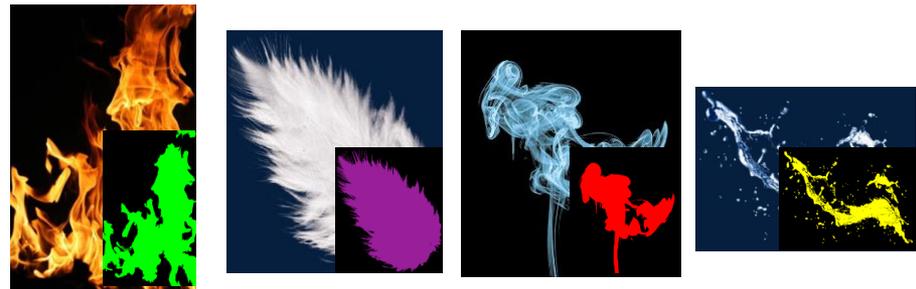
Dataset

- Dataset: 129 text images, 4 style images and corresponding mask images.

Example of text image

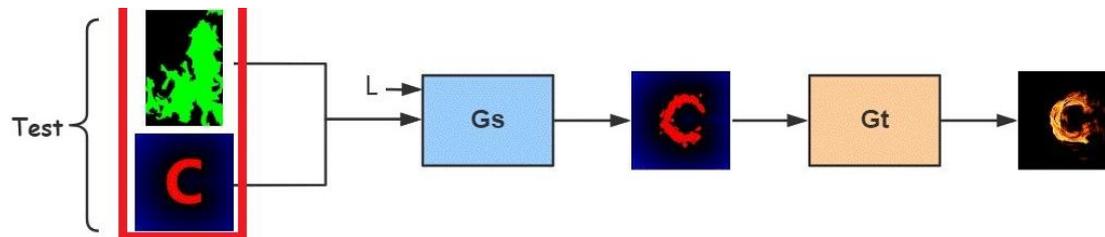


Style image and mask image



Network training

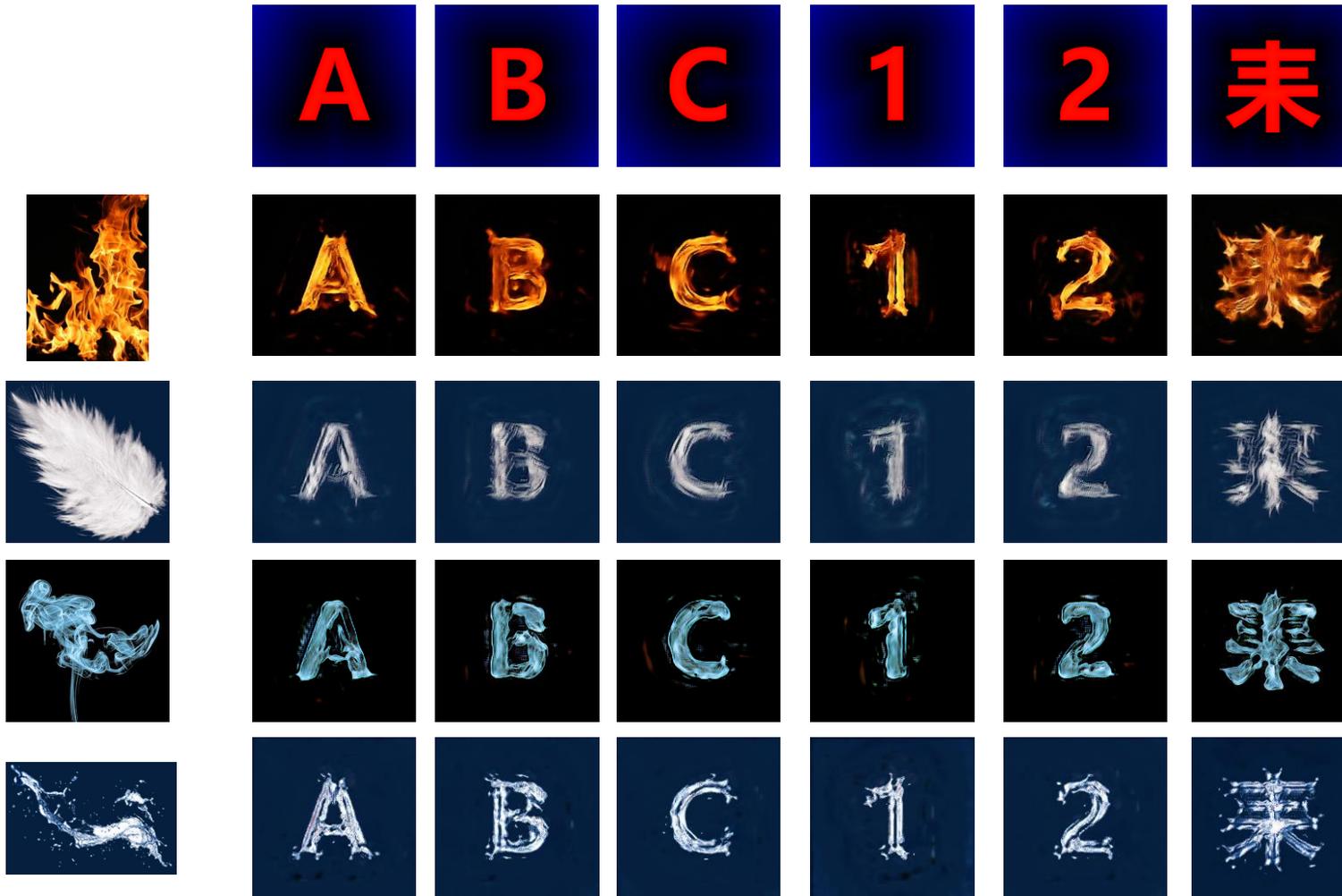
- Training process: input the style images and the corresponding mask images into the network in pairs.
- Testing stage: input the selected text image and style mask image to generate the corresponding style text image.



Results of the experiments



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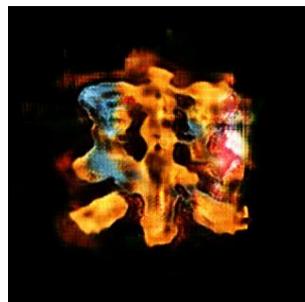
Results of the ablation study

Remove a part of the proposed method.

input style



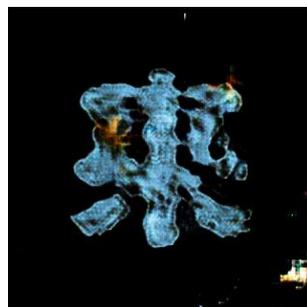
w/o SPADE



w/o Dpatch



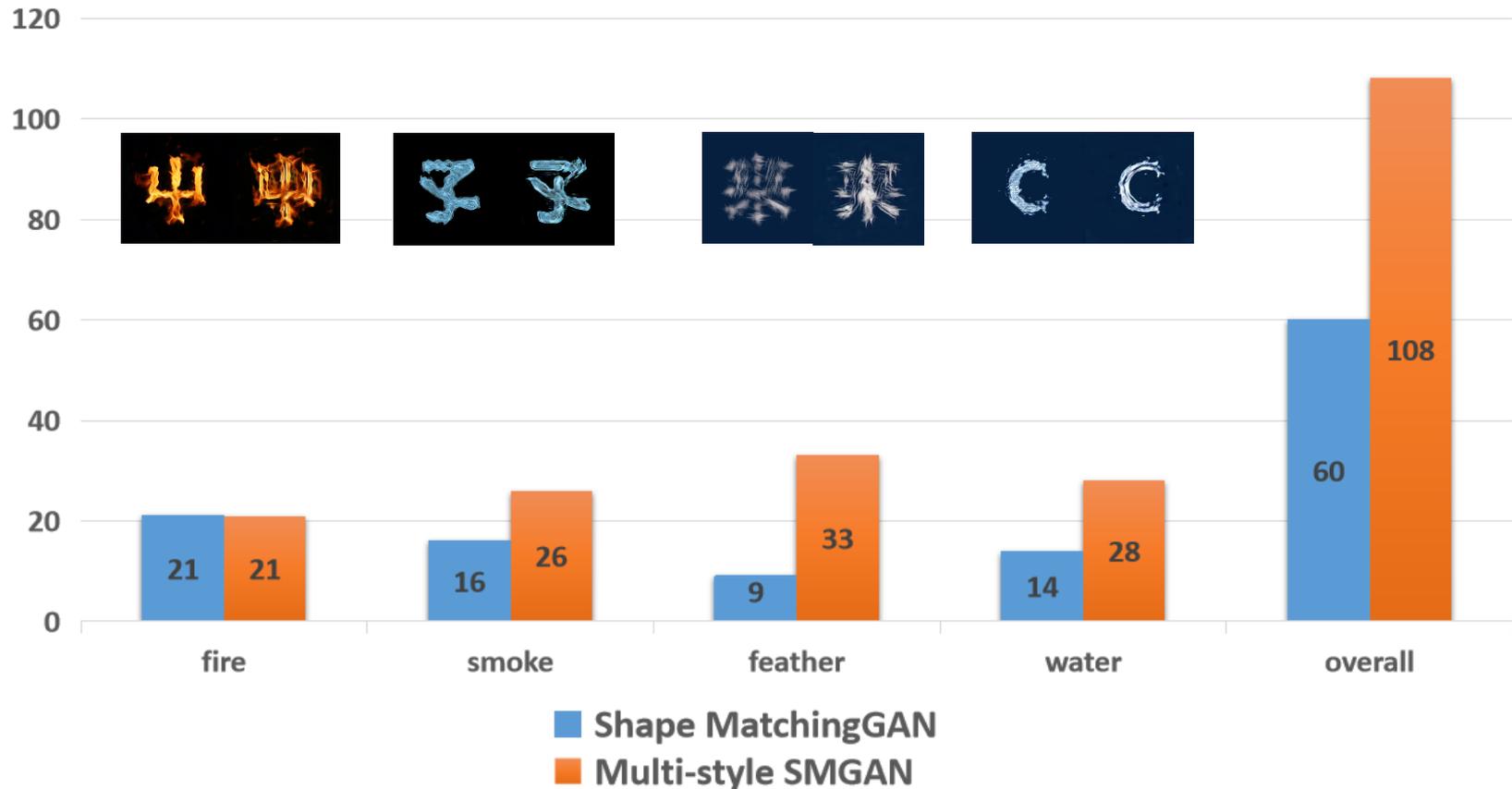
full model



User study

Baseline vs Multi-style SMGAN

Number of votes



Conclusions

- In this study, we proposed a multi-style transfer network for text.
- We can also control the generation of various styles of text images in the generation stage.
- The results show that we have achieved a good effect on the generated style images based on the effective transformation of multiple text styles.

