

STABLE DIFFUSION + CONTROLNET

Basic info

- Our goal is to optimize the ControlNet 1.0 model canny2image pipeline. (https://github.com/lllyasviel/ControlNet).
- To limit the GPU memory usage smaller than 8G during inference, image resolution is 256 * 384.
- Target GPU is A10.
- We use PD score to compare the optimized pipeline generated image and the origin pytorch pipeline generated image. PD score computed as follow

```
block_idx = InceptionV3.BLOCK_INDEX_BY_DIM[2048]
model = InceptionV3([block_idx]).to("cuda")

def PD(base_img, new_img):
    inception_feature_ref, _ = fid_score.calculate_activation_statistics([base_img], model, batch_size = 1, device="cuda")
    inception_feature, _ = fid_score.calculate_activation_statistics([new_img], model, batch_size = 1, device="cuda")
    pd_value = np.linalg.norm(inception_feature - inception_feature_ref)
    pd_string = F"Perceptual distance to: {pd_value:.2f}"
    print(pd_string)
    return pd_value
```

The closer the two images are, the lower their pd score will be.



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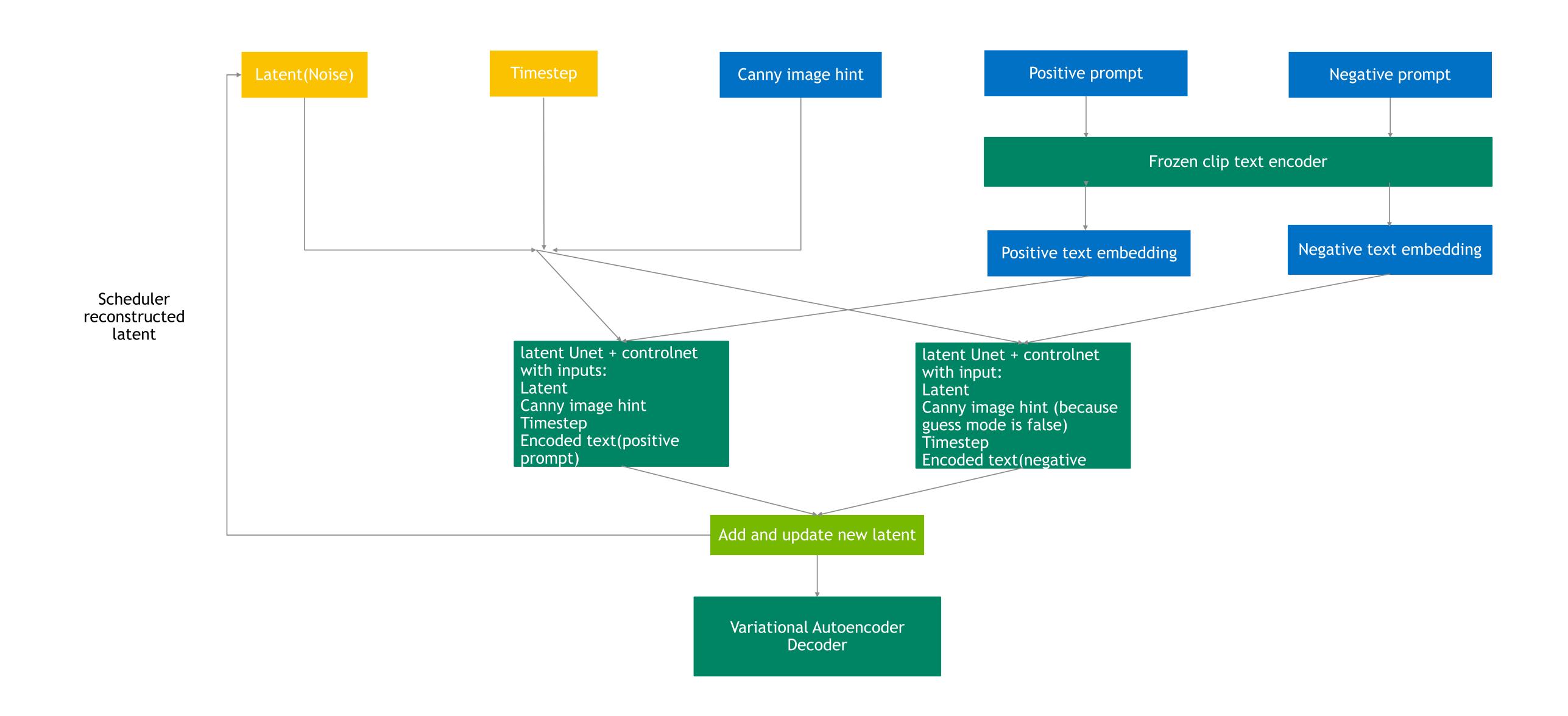
scoring formula for this competition

- According to our experience:
 - Fp32 trt engine perceptual score is around 1.0.
 - Fp16 trt engine perceptual score is around 4.0.
 - Int8 trt engine perceptual score is around 8.0.
- We hope the int8 trt engine pipeline have the highest score. Therefore, when the perceptual score is less than 8, the players can see their scores increase significantly as the inference speed increases.
- What we didn't well considered is that reducing the number of iterations can also accelerate inference while ensuring that the perceptual score is less than 8. The acceleration effect is even better than int8.
- Our scoring formula is not perfect then. Therefore, we revealed to all the players that they could directly reduce the number of iterations to accelerate the inference.
- I will use 20 reconstruction steps as an example to introduce the pipeline optimization method.



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Pipeline structure



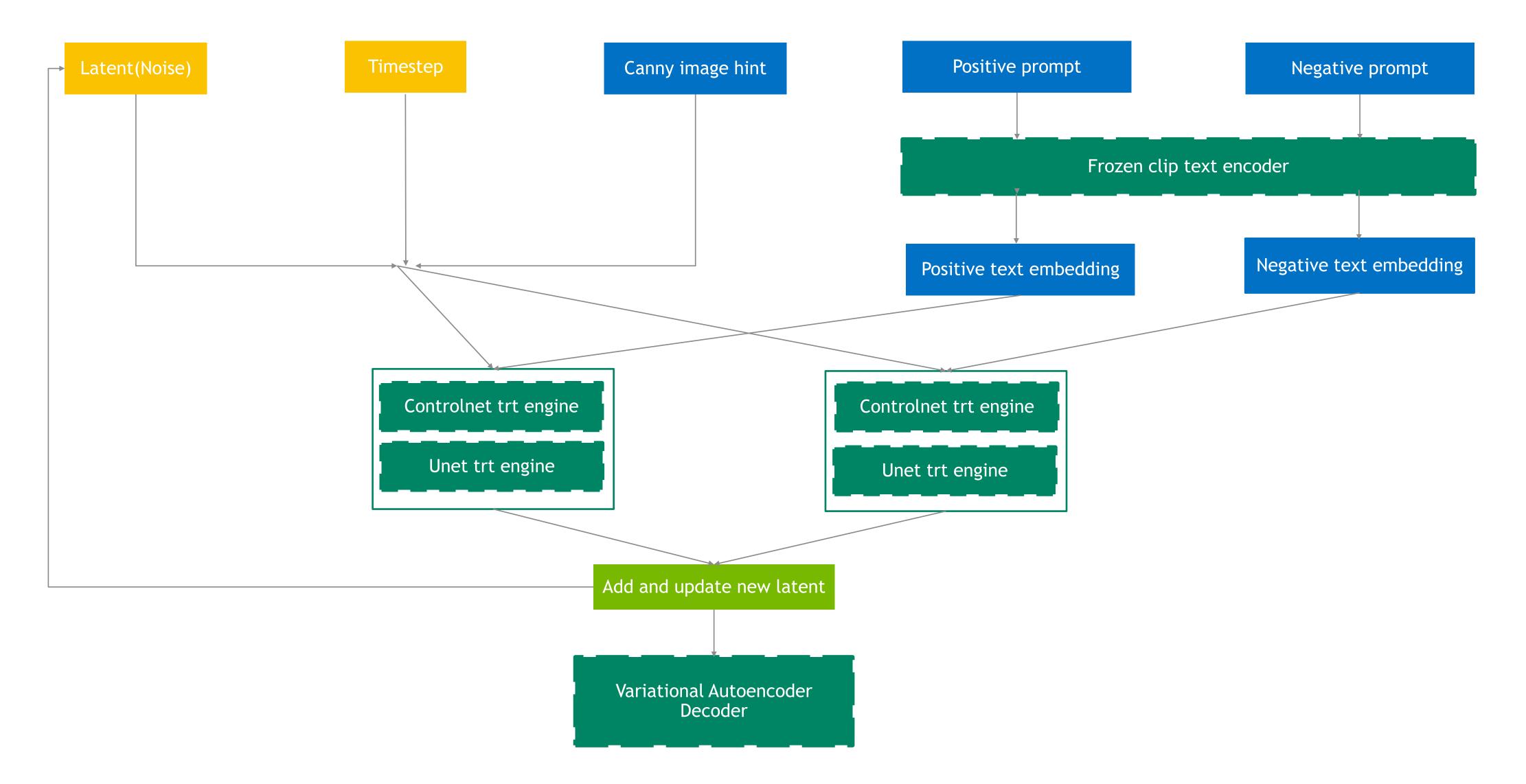
The pipeline inputs are: Latent, timestep, canny image hint, positive prompt and negative prompt. In the reconstruct loop, Latent and timestep will be updated every time (20 times in total in our case).

The pipeline includes models: Unet, clip and VAE. In the reconstruction loop, unet will be compute 20 times.



Export unet and controlnet to trt engine

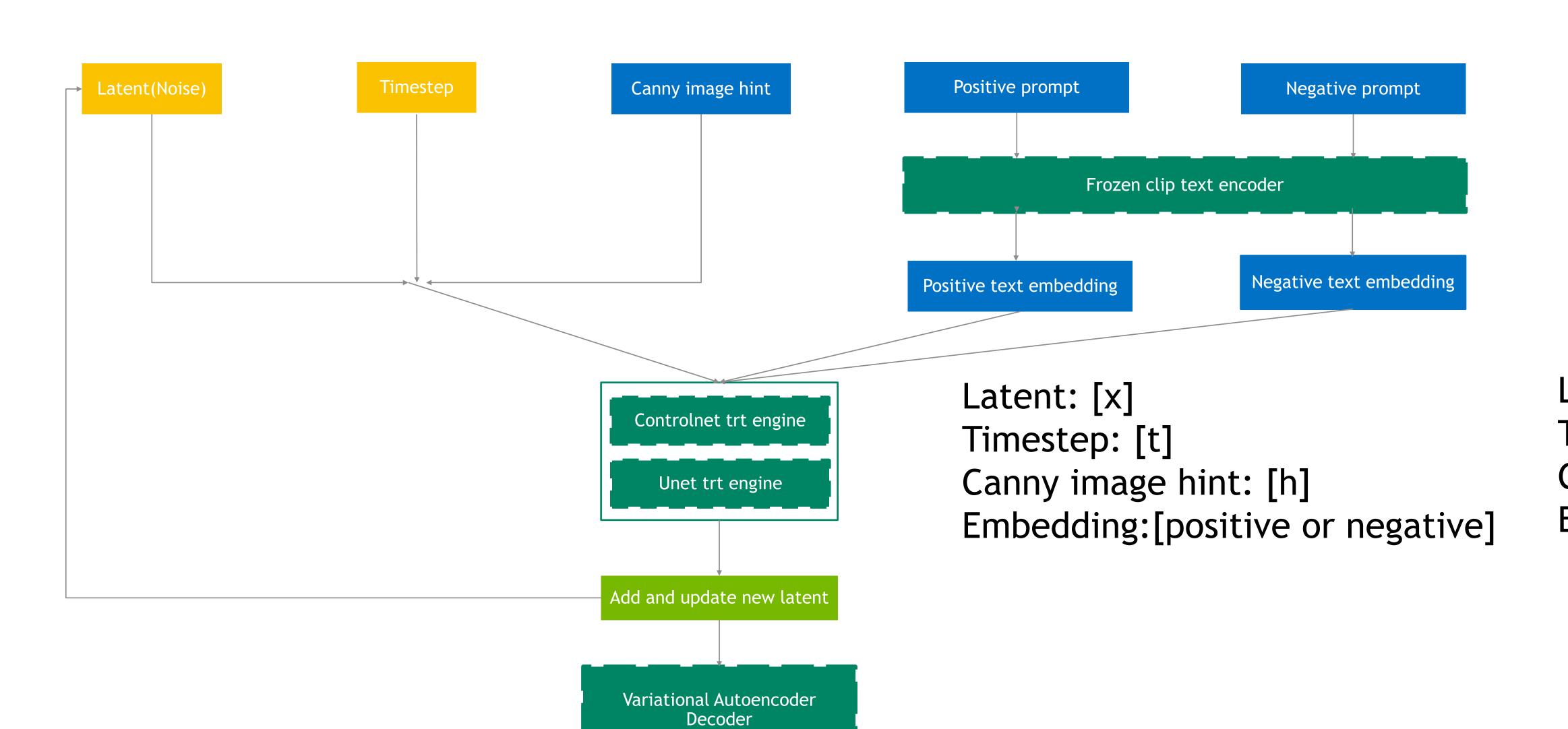
- Convert unet, controlnet, clip and VAE model to fp16 engine.
- Inference conditional and unconditional part separately.
- Clip model has fp32 negative infinite constant input. This will cause NaN outputs in fp16 precision trt engine. Just change them to fp16 negative large number can solve this issue.
- Inference time: 2600ms -> 634ms per image.





Use batch size 2

- Batching always worth a try.
- Inference time: 634 -> 479.16ms per image



Latent: [x,x]

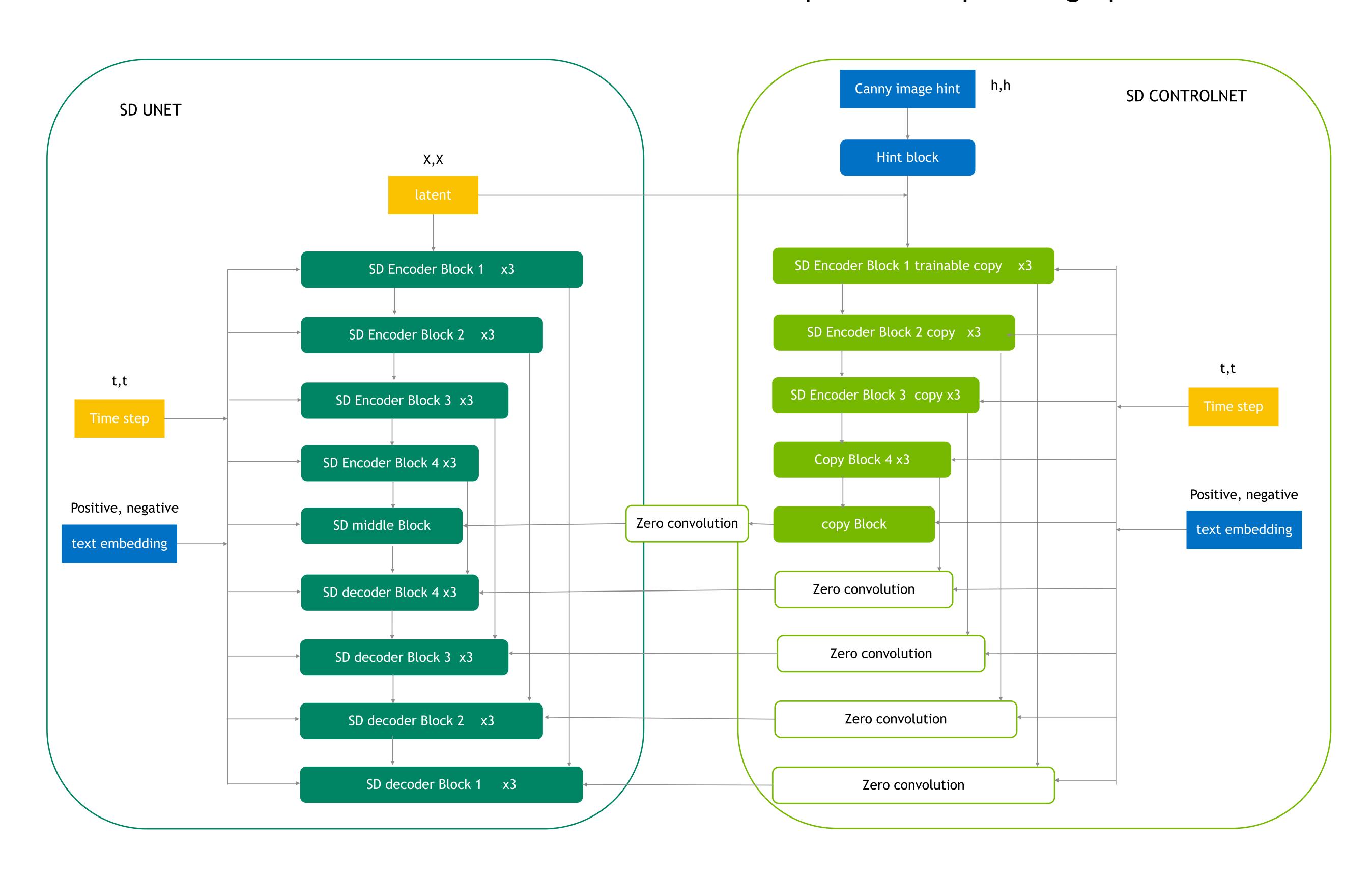
Timestep: [t, t]

Canny image hint: [h, h]

Embedding:[positive, negative]



STEP 3
Remove duplicate compute in graph

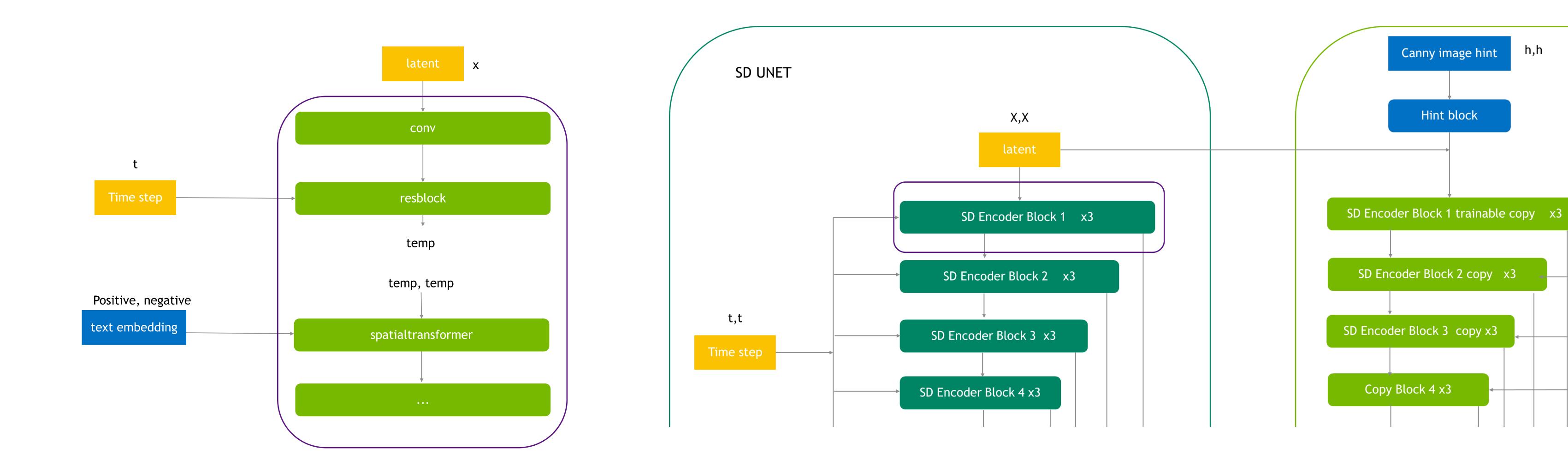


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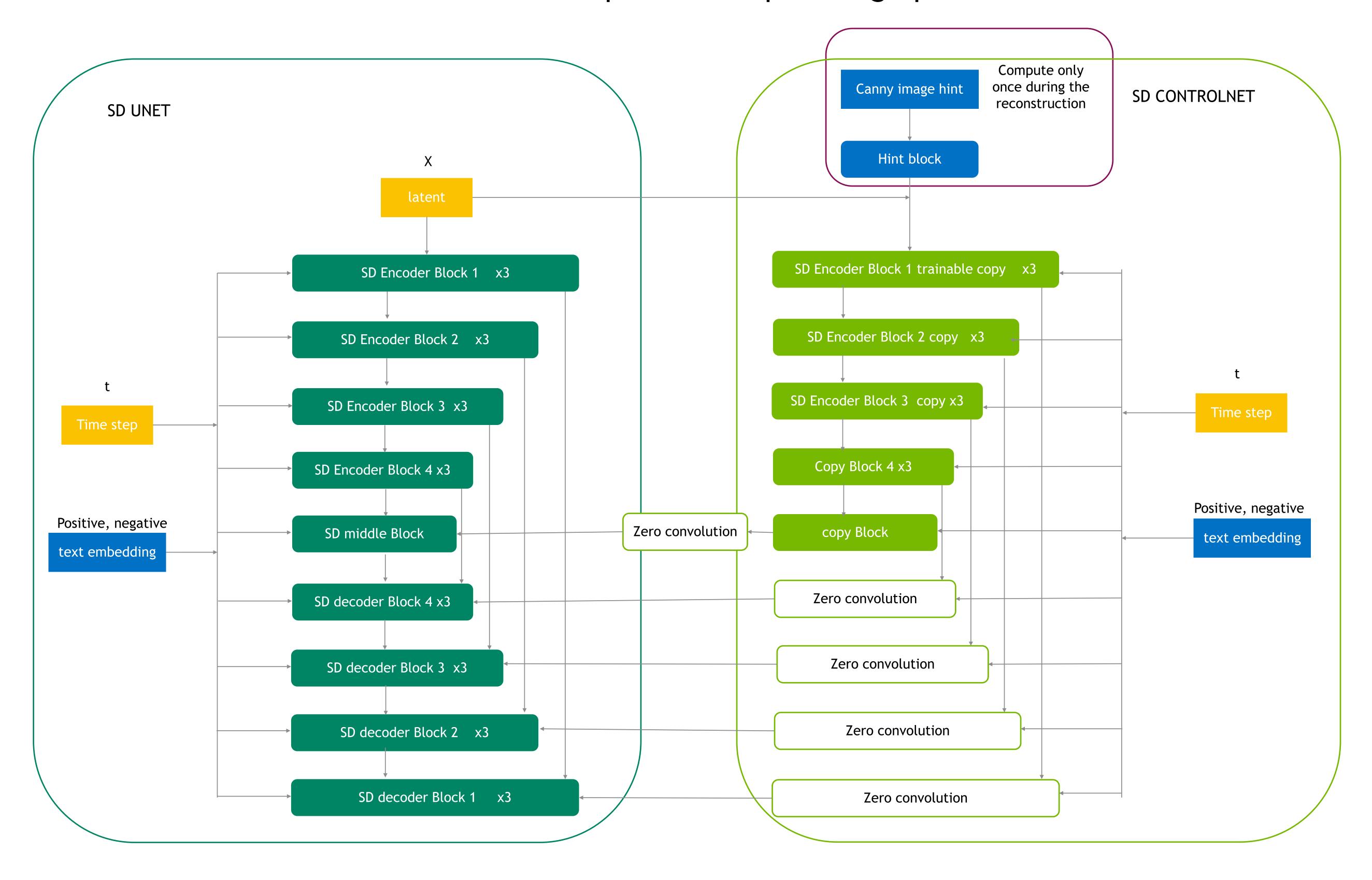
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- According to code, SD Encoder block 1 has node conv -> resblock -> spatialtransformer. Timestep and latent don't need to duplicate before spatialtransformer.





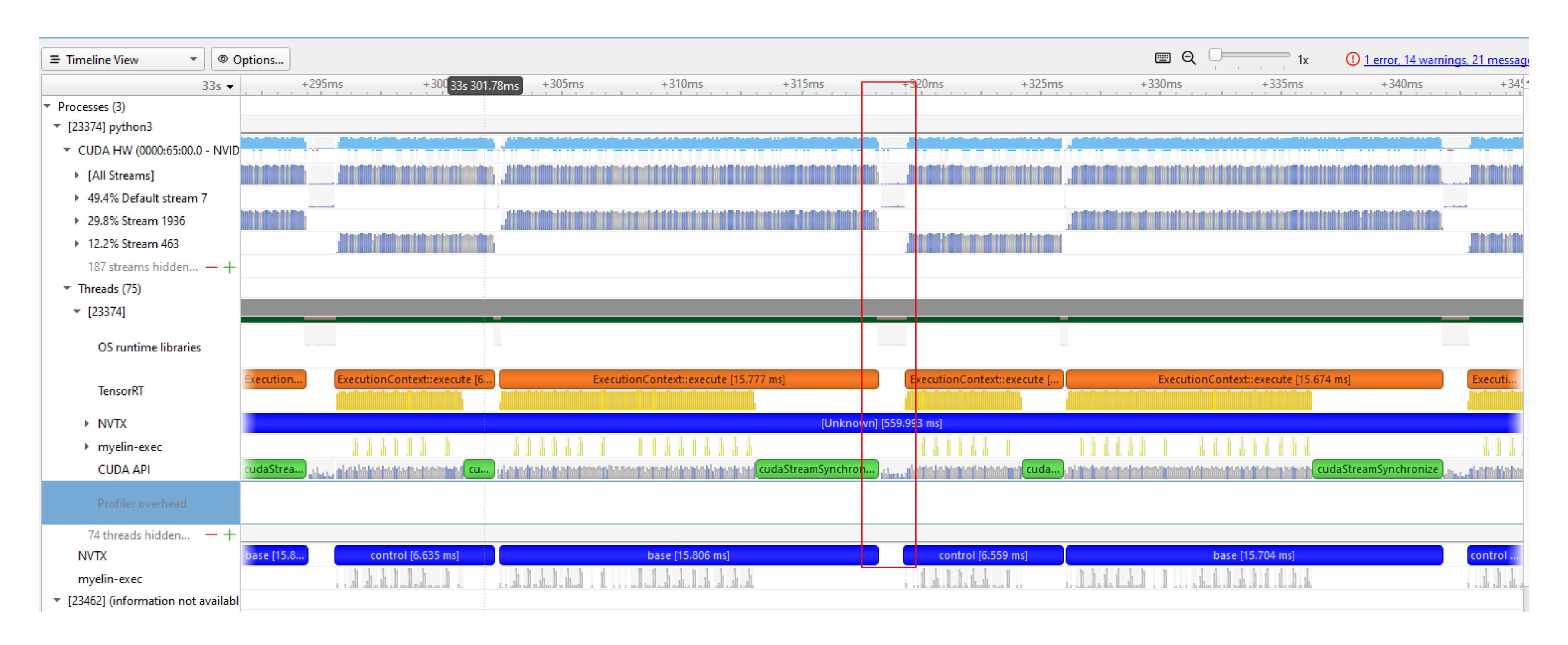
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inference time: 479ms -> 472ms per image





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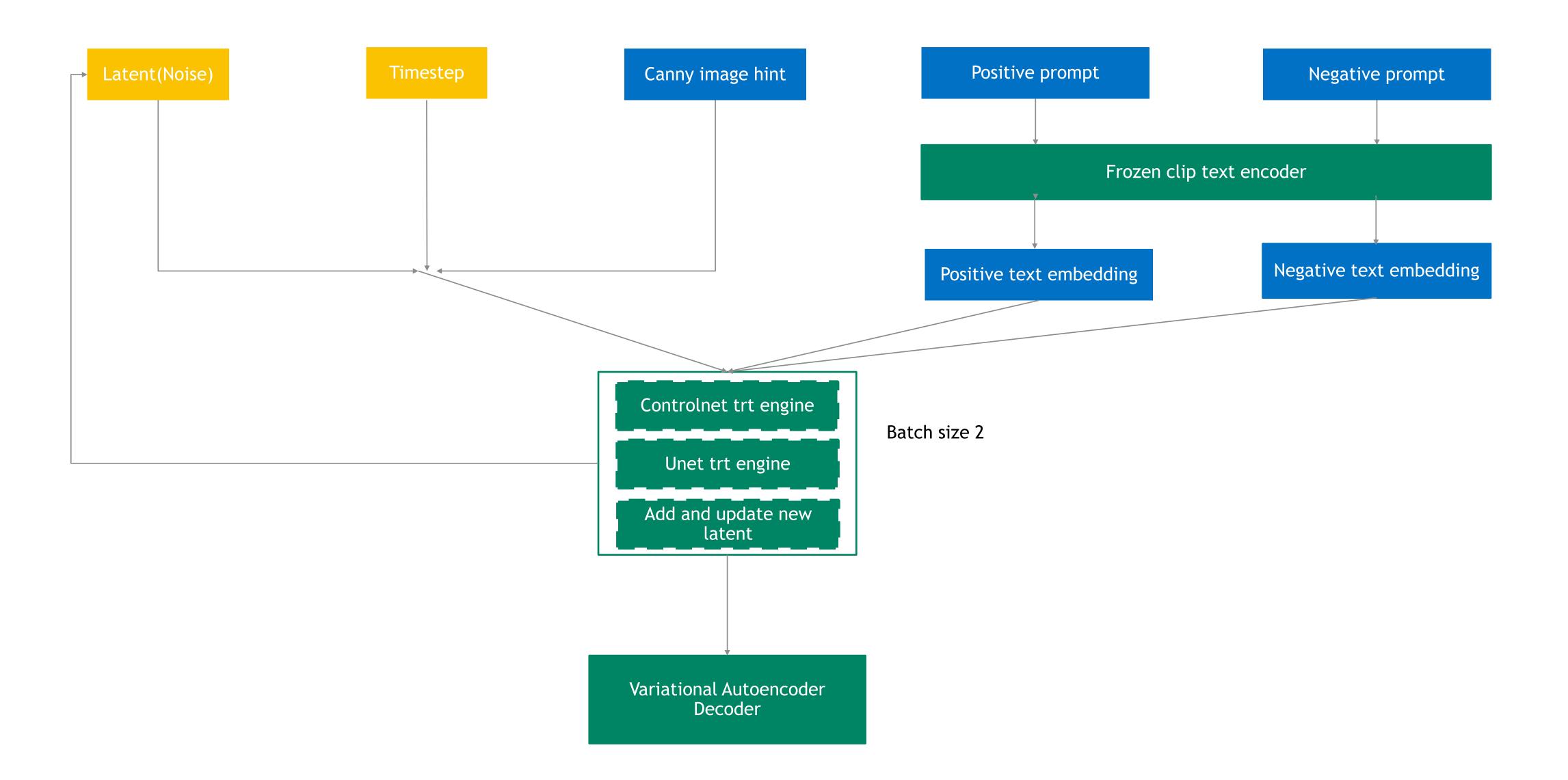


The GPU idle time is 1.12 ms



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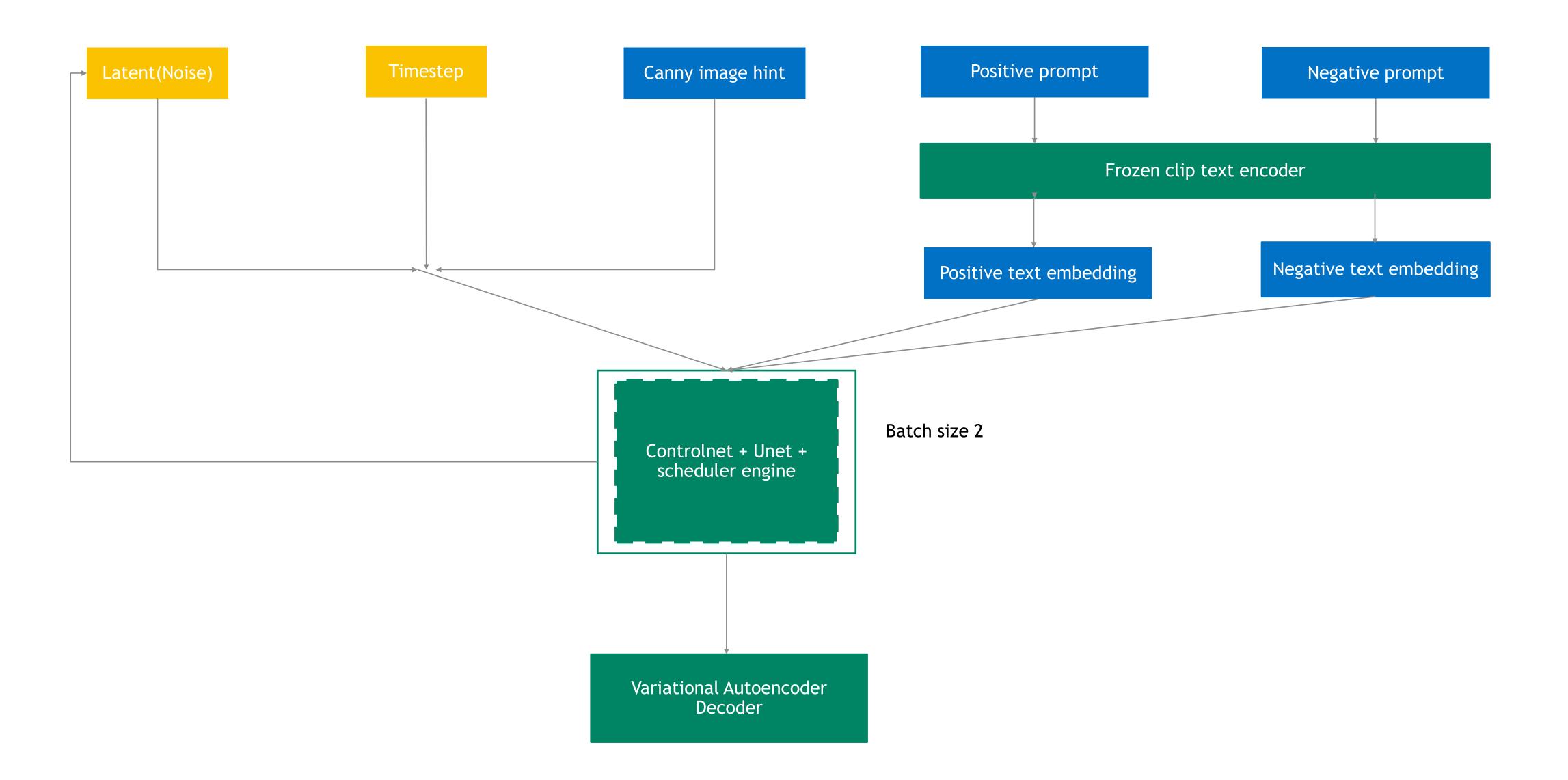
- Our code is adding the conditional and unconditional unet result and update latent in that gpu "spare" time.
- We can move that logic in trt to accelerate it.





Fuse the Controlnet trt engine, Unet trt engine and the scheduler update logic in 1 engine.

- This can also help accelerate the inference, let discuss the reason later.
- Now the inference time is 472ms ->450ms.





Cuda graph

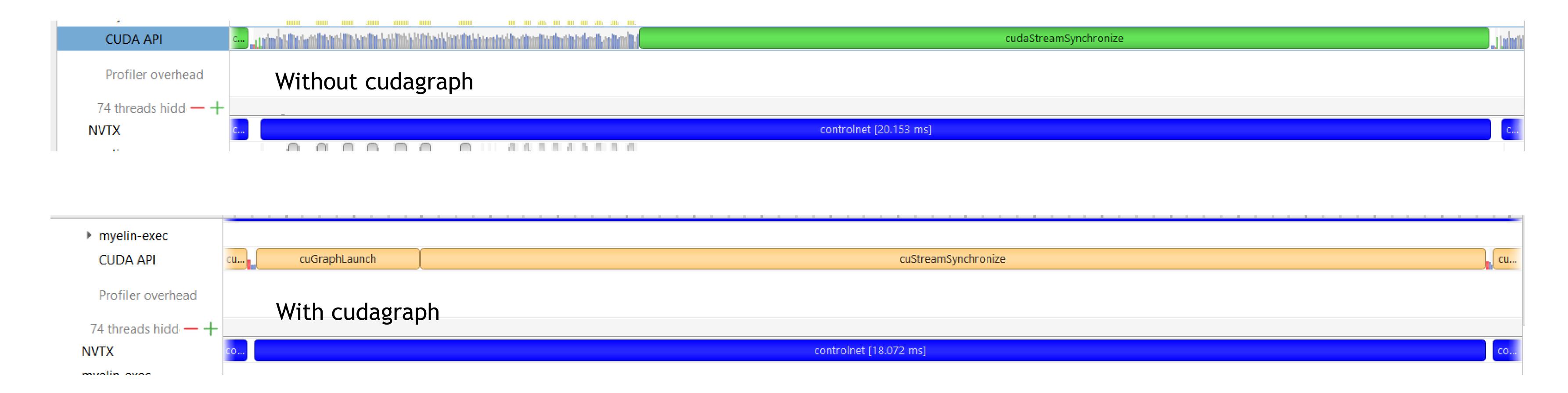
- There are overheads associated with the submission of each operation to the GPU <u>CUDA Graphs</u> provide a mechanism to launch multiple GPU operations through a single CPU operation.
- We also can use cuda graph in TensorRT.
- When we use cuda graph, the engine input and output address should not be changed.

```
class cudagraph engine():
         def __init__(self, engine, context, tensor_list, stream):
             # , self.stream = cudart.cudaStreamCreate()
             self.stream = stream
             for i in range(len(tensor list)):
8
                 name = engine.get binding name(i)
                 context.set tensor address(name, tensor list[i].data ptr())
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             context.execute async v3(self.stream)
             # cudart.cudaStreamSynchronize(stream)
             cudart.cudaStreamBeginCapture(self.stream, cudart.cudaStreamCaptureMode.cudaStreamCaptureModeGlobal)
             context.execute_async_v3(self.stream)
14
             _, graph = cudart.cudaStreamEndCapture(self.stream)
             _, self.instance = cudart.cudaGraphInstantiate(graph, 0)
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         def infer(self):
             cudart.cudaGraphLaunch(self.instance, self.stream)
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Do cuda graph work?

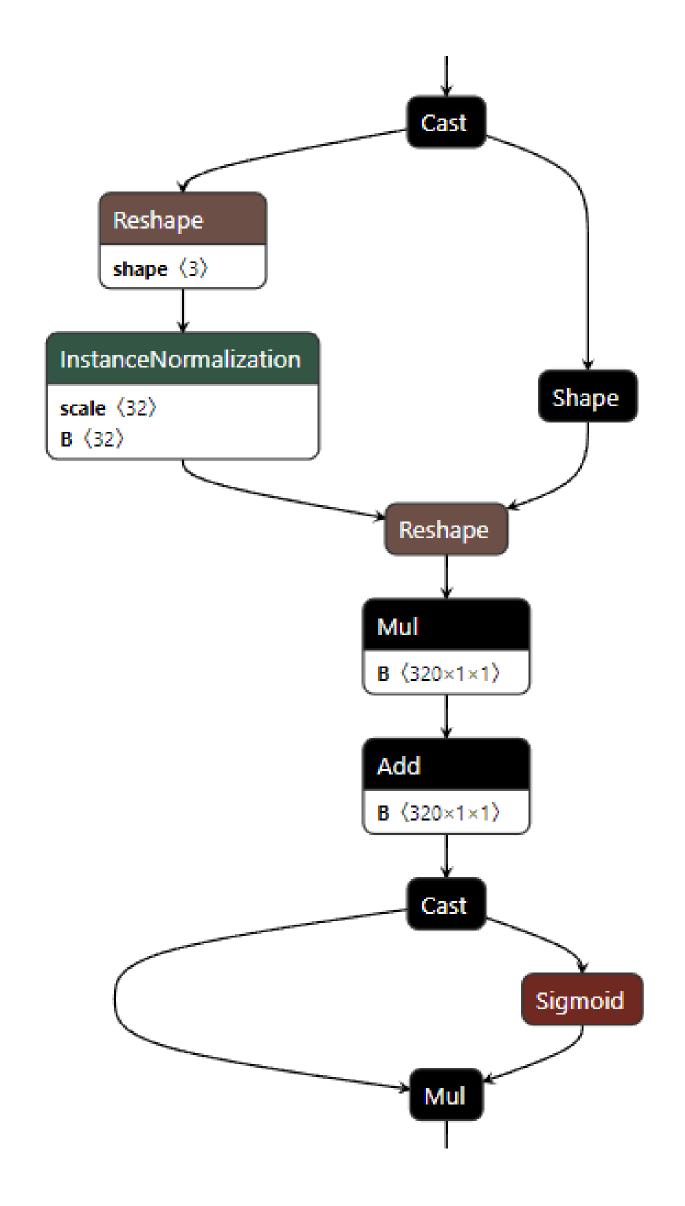
- Whether cudagraph can help accelerate our model can be tested by using trtexec "--useCudaGraph".
- In our case, cudagraph can accelerate our model.
- With cudagraph, inference time is 450ms->425ms.
- By the way, "--cuda-graph-trace=node" need to be added when we profile a pipeline with cudagraph using nsys.

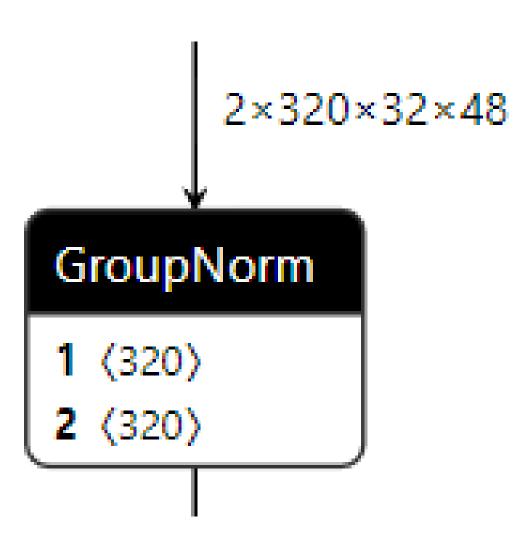




Does plugin work?

- According to our player's code. The GroupNorm plugin can accelerate the inference time.
- After adding the GroupNorm plugin, inference speed become 425ms->404ms.

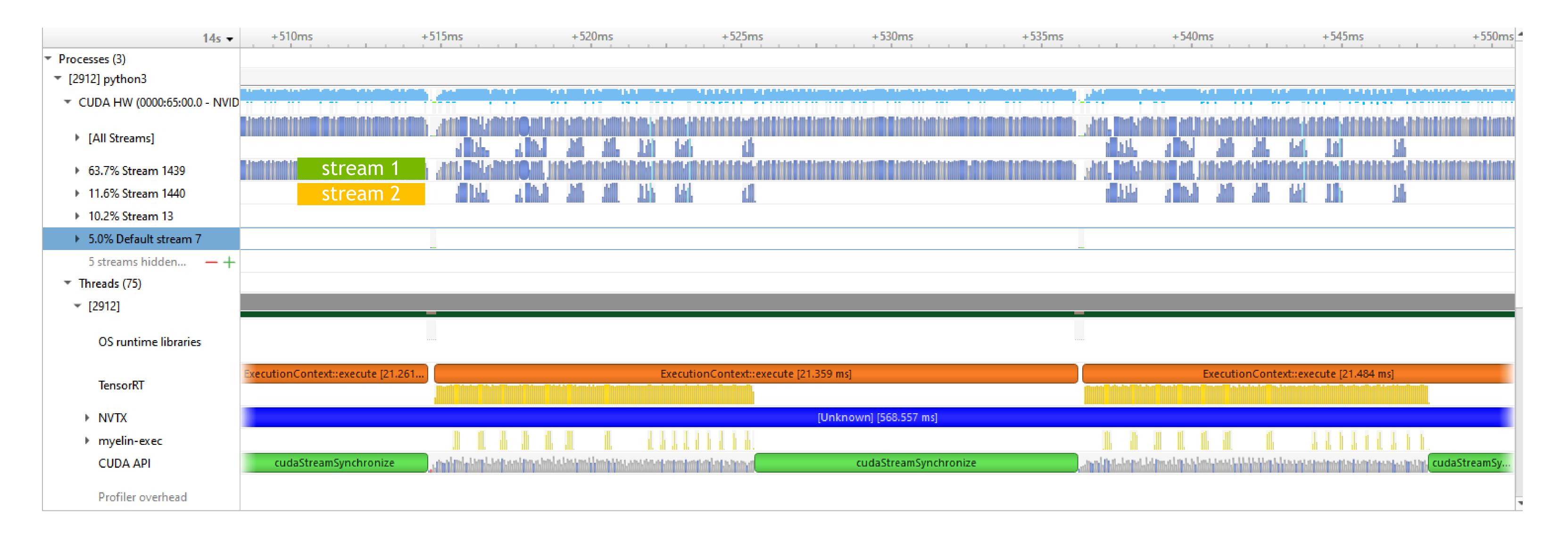






STEP 8 Multi stream.

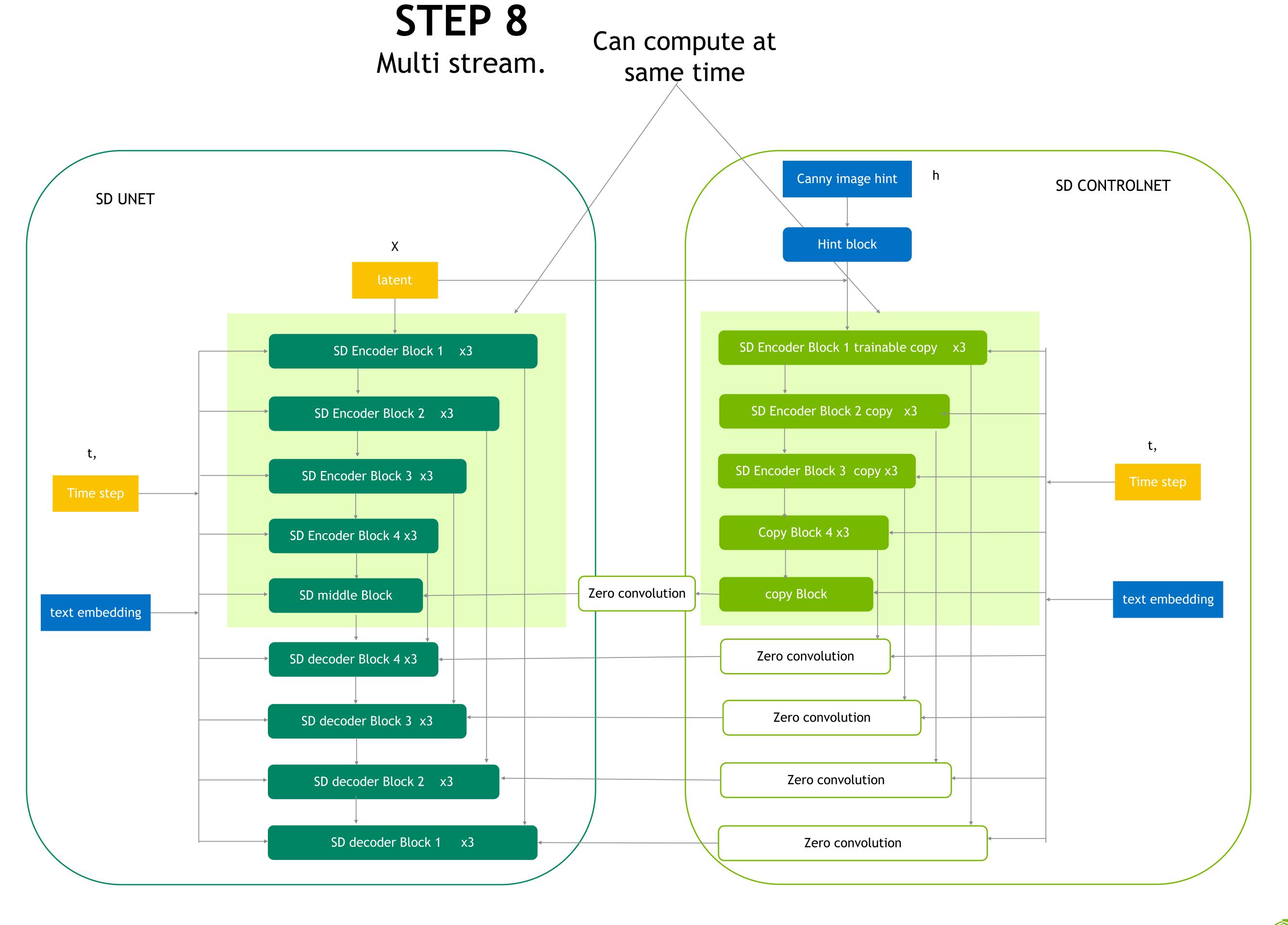
- Why step 5 (put all the compute in one engine can accelerate inference)?
 - One of the reasons is that TensorRT will try multi-stream during building engines when there are layers which can be computed at same time.
 - https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/tensorrt/developer-guide/index.html#within-inference-multi-streaming
 - Let's look at the nsys timeline.





• Which layers can be computed at same time?

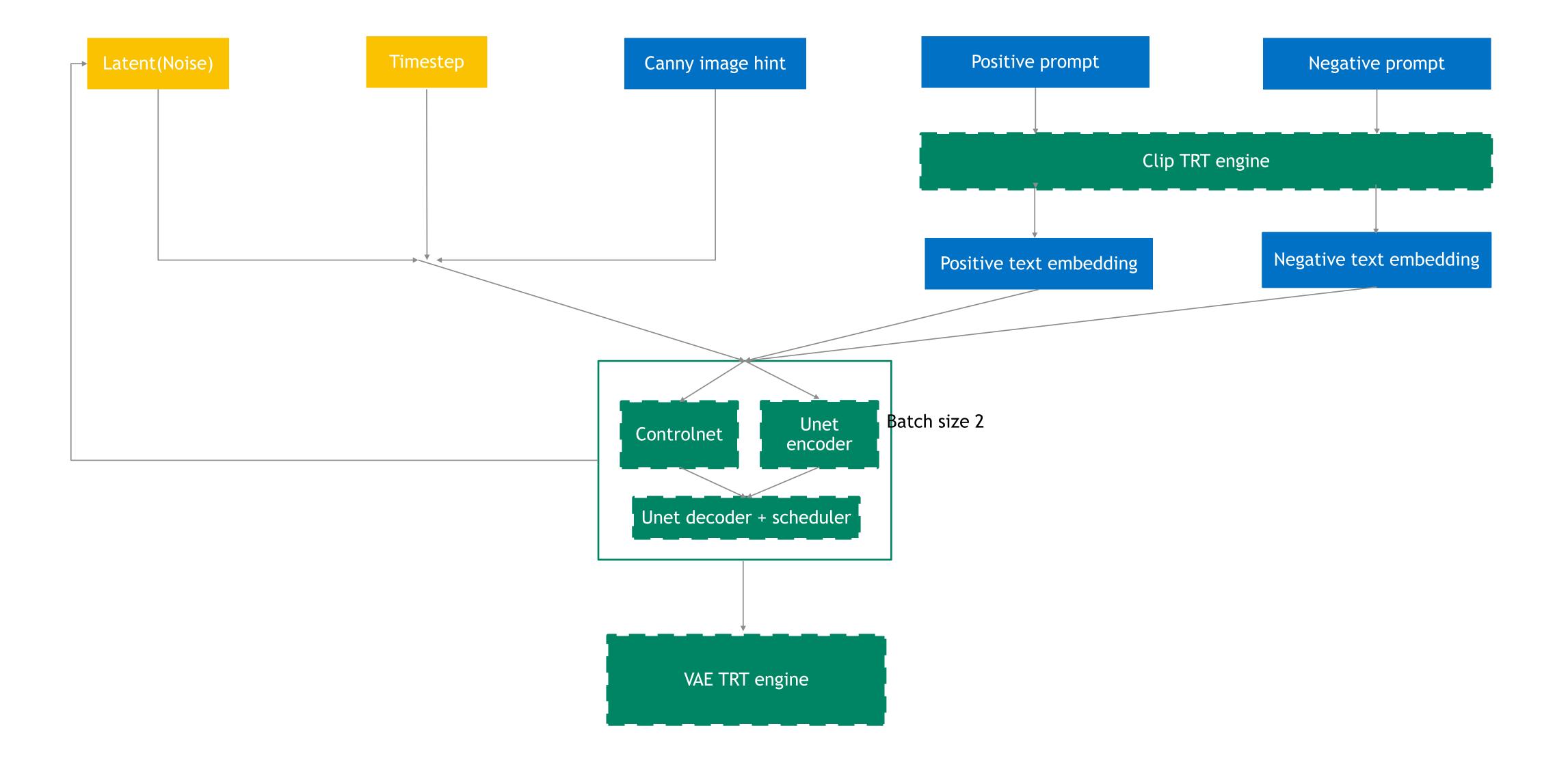
 SD UNET encoder and SD Controlnet have no dependency between each other.





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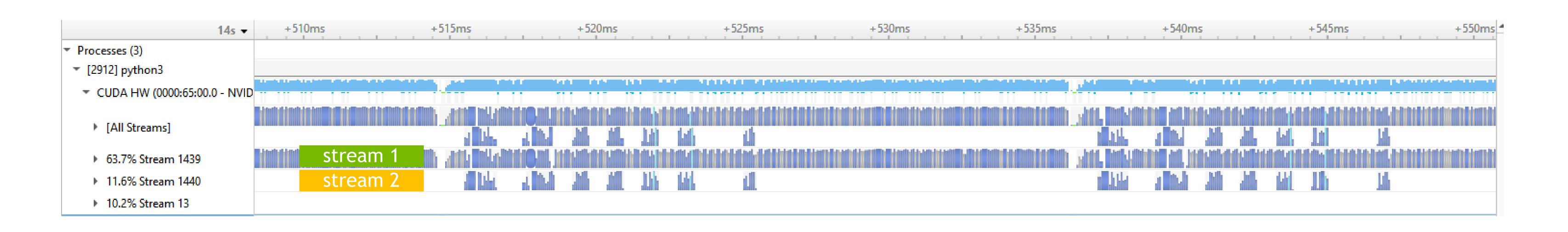
- We increase the parallelism by split the big one engine to 3 engines: constrolnet, SD UNET encoder and SD UNET decoder + scheduler logic. Then inference them on different stream. Controlnet and SD UNET can be launched at same time.
- Inference time is: 404ms->393ms.

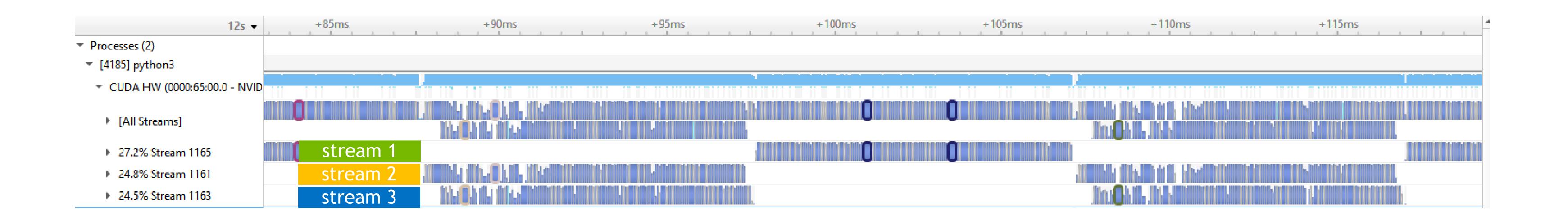




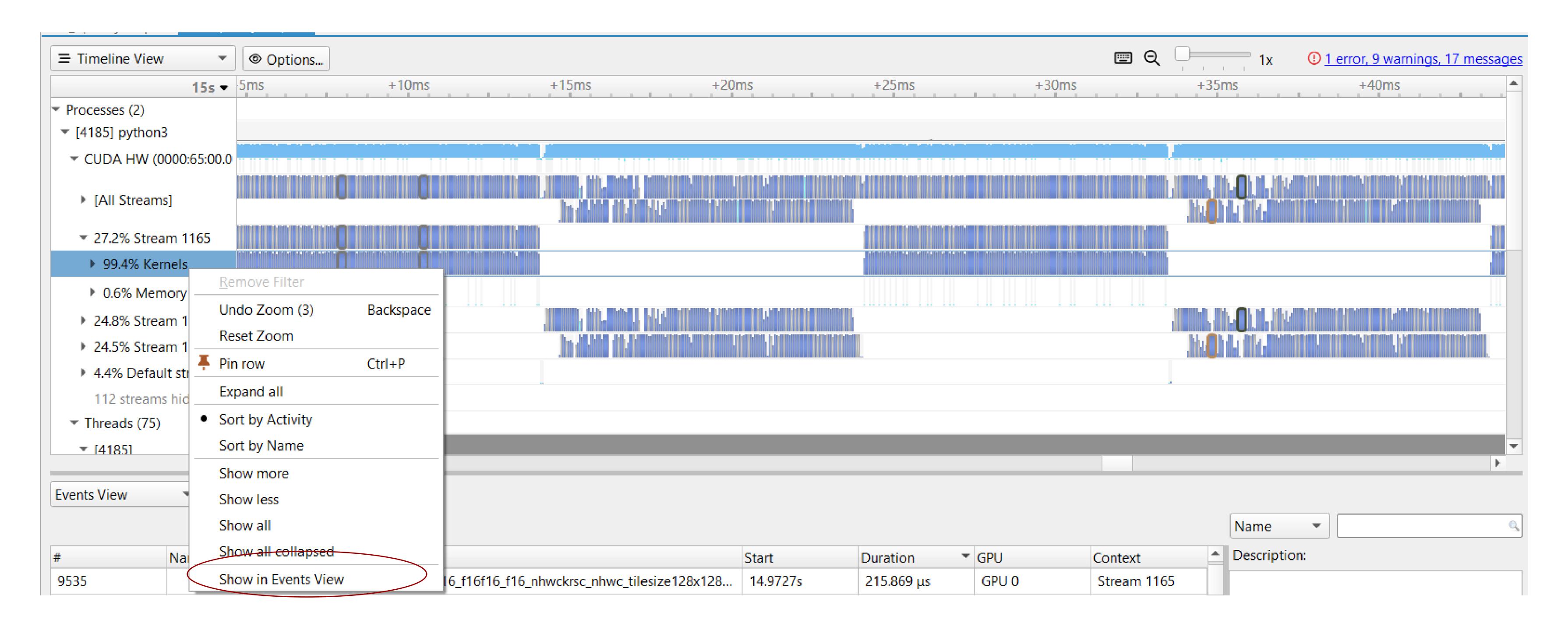
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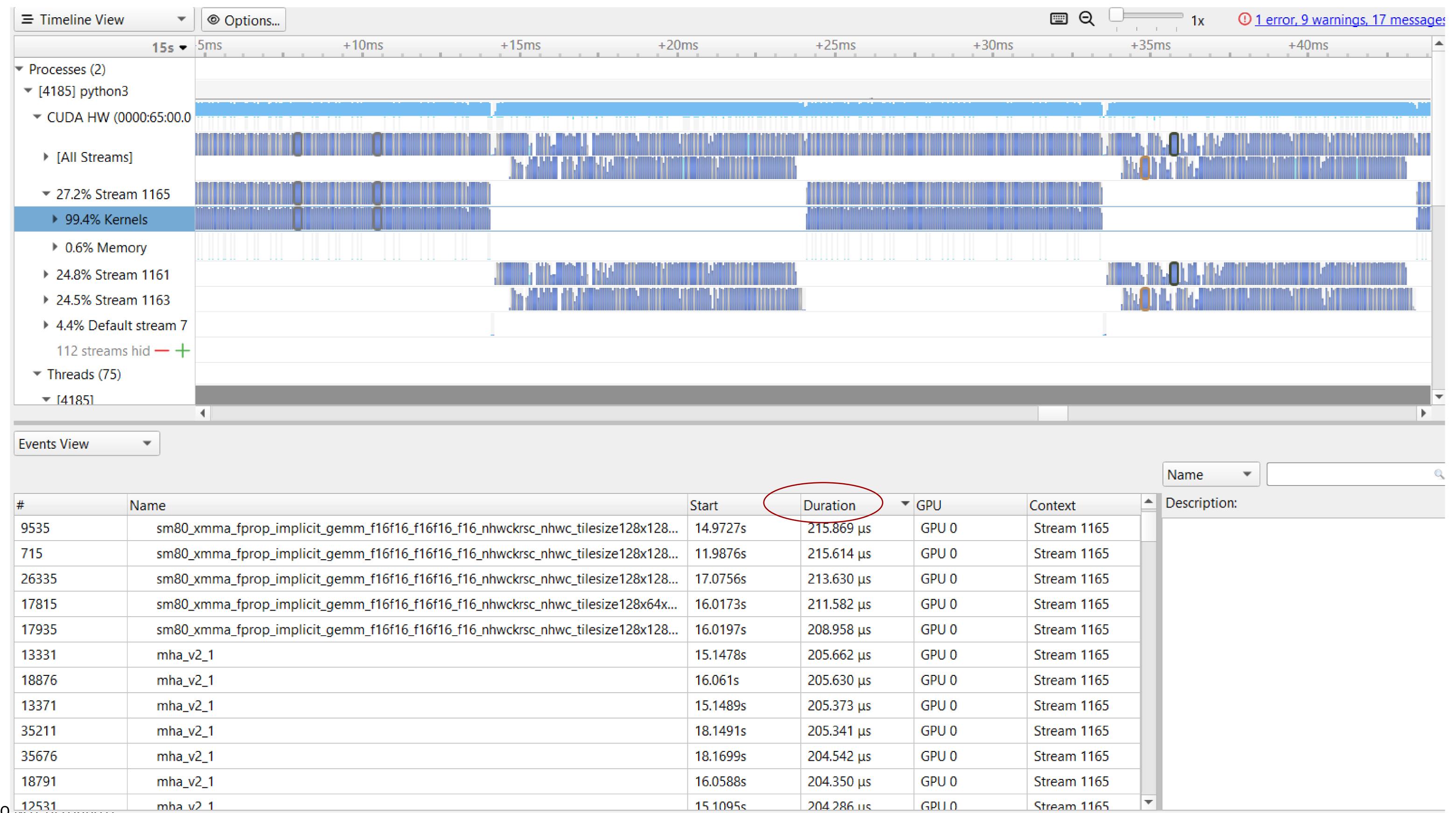












STEP 9

#	Name	Start	Duration	▼ GPU	Context
9955	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x128	14.9915s	225.661 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
9415	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x64x	14.9703s	218.366 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
1015	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x64x	12.0038s	218.365 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
26215	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x64x	17.0731s	216.477 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
9535	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x128	14.9727s	215.869 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
715	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x128	11.9876s	215.614 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
26335	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x128	17.0756s	213.630 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
17815	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x64x	16.0173s	211.582 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
17935	sm80_xmma_fprop_implicit_gemm_f16f16_f16f16_f16_nhwckrsc_nhwc_tilesize128x128	16.0197s	208.958 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
13331	mha_v2_1	15.1478s	205.662 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
18876	mha_v2_1	16.061s	205.630 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
13371	mha_v2_1	15.1489s	205.373 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
35211	mha_v2_1	18.1491s	205.341 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
35676	mha_v2_1	18.1699s	204.542 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
18791	mha_v2_1	16.0588s	204.350 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
12531	mha_v2_1	15.1095s	204.286 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
35171	mha_v2_1	18.148s	204.254 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
2076	mha_v2_1	12.0479s	204.094 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
12576	mha_v2_1	15.1106s	204.094 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165
38151	mha_v2_1	18.2863s	204.029 μs	GPU 0	Stream 1165

- Can we further accelerate the pipeline.
- Use Tensorrt 9.1 to inference the model.
- Inference time is 393ms -> 390 ms.



Move the scheduler logic out.

- Fuse the scheduler logic can improve the performance, but we need to rebuild engine whenever we need to change the scheduler.
- So, we move the scheduler out and following method can help to accelerate the scheduler:
 - Precompute all the parameters which can be compute before reconstruction.
 - Move all the parameters on cuda before reconstruction.
 - Try torch script(https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/generated/torch.jit.script.html)
- The inference speed is 390ms -> 392ms now.



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