Dual Camera App Research - October 2025

Executive Summary

As of October 2025, the iOS ecosystem has evolved significantly with iOS 26+ available on newer devices while many users remain on iOS 18+. The iPhone 17 series (released September 2025) introduces major camera improvements including native Dual Capture support, 48MP sensors across all cameras, and an upgraded 18MP front camera with Center Stage. This research document provides comprehensive insights into building a cutting-edge dual camera app for Swift 6 and iOS 18-26.

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1. iPhone 17 Camera Capabilities

1.1 Hardware Specifications

iPhone 17 & iPhone 17 Air

- **Rear Cameras:**
- 48MP Fusion Wide-angle (f/1.78, 2x optical zoom via cropping)
- 48MP Ultra Wide-angle (f/2.2, improved macro) [Not on Air model]
- **Front Camera:**
- 18MP with Center Stage (AI-driven auto-framing)
- Square sensor for flexible composition
- Ultra-stabilization support
- Portrait and landscape modes without rotation

iPhone 17 Pro & iPhone 17 Pro Max

- **Rear Cameras:**
- 48MP Main (f/1.78)
- 48MP Ultra Wide (f/2.2)
- **48MP Telephoto** (f/2.8)
  - 4x and 8x optical-quality zoom
  - 100mm and 200mm focal lengths
  - Up to 40x digital zoom
  - Tetraprism design
  - 56% larger sensor than iPhone 16 Pro
  - 3D sensor-shift stabilization
- **Front Camera:** 18MP with Center Stage

1.2 Key Camera Features

Dual Capture (Native iOS Feature)

- **Simultaneous front + rear recording** up to 4K Dolby Vision
- Picture-in-Picture layout with movable front camera window
- Ideal for reaction videos and vlogging
- Available across all iPhone 17 models

- Requires iOS 26+ for optimal performance

Center Stage

- AI-driven automatic framing for group shots
- Works with 18MP front camera
- Ultra-stabilized 4K recording
- Auto-field expansion for group selfies
- Available in both photo and video modes

Video Capabilities

- 4K at 60fps with Dolby Vision across all models
- ProRes RAW and higher frame rates on Pro models
- Cinematic mode with shallow depth of field
- Audio Mix API with three modes:
- **In-Frame:** Reduces external sounds
- **Studio:** Minimizes background noise and reverb
- **Cinematic:** Isolates voices with surround environmental sounds

Computational Photography

- 48MP sensors with pixel binning defaulting to 24MP
- Enhanced Night mode and HDR processing
- Improved Portrait mode with post-capture focus control
- Macro photography via ultra-wide lens

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2. iOS 26+ Camera API Features

2.1 AVFoundation Enhancements

AirPods Remote Capture

- **H2 chip integration** for remote camera control
- Stem clicks trigger primary actions (photo/video capture)
- Automatic event handling via AVCaptureEventInteraction
- Custom audio feedback support
- No additional code required for existing implementations
- Example: `event.play(.cameraShutter)`

Enhanced Physical Button Capture

- **AVCaptureEventInteraction** expanded support:
- Volume buttons
- Action button
- Camera Control (iPhone 16+)
- Event phases: began, cancelled, ended
- Primary and secondary action distinction
- SwiftUI integration via `.onCameraCaptureEvent` modifier

Camera Control API (iPhone 16+)

- **AVCaptureControl** for advanced hardware interactions

- Slider support (continuous and discrete)
- Picker controls for settings
- Built-in controls:
- `AVCaptureSystemZoomSlider`
- Exposure bias controls
- Custom effect parameters
- Best practice: Disable unavailable controls

2.2 iOS 26 Camera App Redesign

User Interface Updates

- Two-tab layout: Photo and Video modes
- In-app resolution and format adjustments
- Direct access to ProRES under HDR/LOG
- 4K resolution options
- Frame rates: 24-60 fps
- Pop-out menus for exposure, flash controls
- Liquid Glass aesthetic integration

Advanced Recording Features

- **Cinematic Mode API** for rack focus effects
- Audio Mix API for post-capture audio adjustments
- Lens cleaning notifications
- iPhone as Mac magnifying glass (macOS 26+)

2.3 Backward Compatibility

The app must support iOS 18-26:
- **iOS 18-25:** Core AVCaptureMultiCamSession functionality
- **iOS 26:** New features like AirPods remote, Camera Control
- Graceful degradation for unsupported features
- Runtime capability checking with `@available` attributes

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3. Dual Camera Apps Analysis (2025)

3.1 Top Competitors

MixCam (iOS & Android)

- **Rating:** 4.7/5 (5.6K reviews on iOS)
- **Key Features:**
- Simultaneous front + back recording
- Action Mode support
- Center Stage integration
- PiP and split-screen layouts
- Steady video recording
- **Monetization:** Subscription model, limited free version
- **Updates:** Regular updates in 2025 (Oct 20: Action Mode added)
- **Strengths:** Polished interface, high stability

- **Weaknesses:** Subscription required, runtime limits on free tier

DoubleTake by Filmic (iOS)

- **Target:** Professional users
- **Features:**
- Multi-cam recording with clean interface
- Advanced framing controls
- Professional editing flexibility
- **Strengths:** High-quality output, pro controls
- **Weaknesses:** Complex for casual users, paid version required

Dual Camera Sides (Android)

- **Rating:** 3.0/5 (100K+ downloads)
- **Features:**
- PiP mode, background recording
- Selfie + rear camera simultaneous use
- **Strengths:** Good for vlogging, low cost
- **Weaknesses:** Bugs, ads, inconsistent performance

Dualgram (iOS & Android)

- **Focus:** Storytelling
- **Features:**
- Real-time split-screen/PiP layouts
- No post-editing needed
- Authentic reaction capture
- **Strengths:** Simple, intuitive
- **Weaknesses:** Limited customization

3.2 Market Trends (2025)

- AI-enhanced stabilization becoming standard
- Hardware-specific optimizations for newer devices
- Subscription models dominating monetization
- Focus on content creator features (TikTok, Instagram integration)
- Improved dual capture quality and layout flexibility

3.3 Key Differentiators Needed

1. **Liquid Glass UI** - Modern, premium aesthetic
2. **Three simultaneous outputs** - Combined + individual feeds
3. **All iOS recording features** - Maximum feature parity
4. **Stacked preview layout** - Vertical arrangement
5. **Independent zoom controls** - Per-camera zoom
6. **Swift 6 concurrency** - Modern, safe architecture

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4. Swift 6 & Concurrency Best Practices

4.1 Swift 6 Concurrency Overview

Swift 6 introduces **strict concurrency checking** to eliminate data races at compile time, crucial for camera apps handling real-time video streams.

Key Features

- **Actors:** Isolate mutable state for thread-safe access
- **async/await:** Asynchronous operation handling
- **Structured concurrency:** Hierarchical task organization
- **@MainActor:** Enforce UI updates on main thread
- **Sendable protocol:** Safe data sharing across concurrency domains

4.2 AVFoundation Concurrency Patterns

Session Management

```
actor CameraManager {
    private var captureSession: AVCaptureMultiCamSession?
    private var isRecording = false

    func startSession() async throws {
        // Thread-safe session management
    }
}
```

Frame Processing

- Use background queues for video frame processing
- Leverage async/await for photo capture
- Implement TaskGroups for parallel processing (multiple camera outputs)
- Monitor hardware costs with `hardwareCost` property

Best Practices for Camera Apps

1. **Actor-based architecture** for camera state management
2. **Background queues** for `AVCaptureVideoDataOutputSampleBufferDelegate`
3. **@MainActor** for UI updates and preview layer management
4. **Structured concurrency** for simultaneous capture operations
5. **Thread sanitizer** in Xcode for debugging

4.3 Migration Strategy

1. Enable minimal concurrency checking first
2. Gradually increase to complete checking
3. Use `@preconcurrency` for legacy AVFoundation imports
4. Test thoroughly on physical devices
5. Monitor thermal and bandwidth constraints

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5. AVCaptureMultiCamSession Implementation

5.1 Core Concepts

AVCaptureMultiCamSession (iOS 13+) enables simultaneous capture from multiple cameras and microphones.

Key Characteristics

- Subclass of AVCaptureSession
- Supports multiple inputs of same media type
- Requires manual connection management
- Hardware cost tracking (must stay < 1.0)
- Device support via `isMultiCamSupported` property

Supported Devices

- iPhone XS, XS Max, XR and later
- iPad Pro (3rd generation and later)
- iPhone 17 series fully supported

5.2 Implementation Pattern

```swift
// 1. Create session
let multiCamSession = AVCaptureMultiCamSession()

// 2. Check support
guard AVCaptureMultiCamSession.isMultiCamSupported else {
    throw CameraError.multiCamNotSupported
}

// 3. Add inputs without automatic connections
let backInput = try AVCaptureDeviceInput(device: backCamera)
multiCamSession.addInputWithNoConnections(backInput)

let frontInput = try AVCaptureDeviceInput(device: frontCamera)
multiCamSession.addInputWithNoConnections(frontInput)

// 4. Add outputs without automatic connections
let backVideoOutput = AVCaptureVideoDataOutput()
multiCamSession.addOutputWithNoConnections(backVideoOutput)

// 5. Manually create connections
let backConnection = AVCaptureConnection(
    inputPorts: [backInput.ports(for: .video).first!],
    output: backVideoOutput
)
multiCamSession.addConnection(backConnection)

// 6. Start session
multiCamSession.startRunning()
```

5.3 Limitations

- Cannot clone single camera to multiple outputs
- No media mixing in single output
- Preset limited to “input priority”
- Manual format configuration required (resolution, frame rate)

- Hardware cost constraints

5.4 Performance Optimization

- Monitor `hardwareCost` property
- Use appropriate resolutions (lower for PiP windows)
- Consider thermal throttling
- Balance frame rate vs. quality
- Test on target devices extensively

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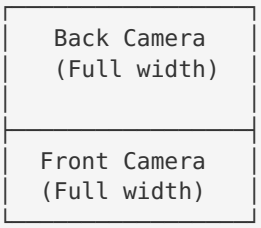
6. Stacked Preview Layout Design

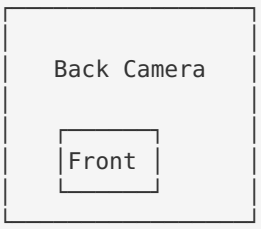
6.1 Layout Options

Option 1: Vertical Stack (Recommended)



Benefits:
- Clear visual hierarchy
- Easy to implement
- Natural for portrait orientation
- Good for social media content

Option 2: Picture-in-Picture



Benefits:
- Maximizes primary camera view
- Movable secondary window
- Familiar pattern (FaceTime)

Option 3: Split Screen

```
┌──────────┬──────────┐
│  Back    │ Front    │
│ Camera   │ Camera   │
│          │          │
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```

Benefits:
- Equal emphasis
- Good for comparisons

6.2 Implementation Approach

Using AVCaptureVideoPreviewLayer

```
// Back camera preview (top)
let backPreviewLayer = AVCaptureVideoPreviewLayer(session: multiCamSession)
backPreviewLayer.frame = CGRect(x: 0, y: 0, width: width, height: height/2)
backPreviewLayer.videoGravity = .resizeAspectFill

// Front camera preview (bottom)
let frontPreviewLayer = AVCaptureVideoPreviewLayer(session: multiCamSession)
frontPreviewLayer.frame = CGRect(x: 0, y: height/2, width: width, height: height/2)
frontPreviewLayer.videoGravity = .resizeAspectFill

// Add to view
view.layer.addSublayer(backPreviewLayer)
view.layer.addSublayer(frontPreviewLayer)
```

SwiftUI Approach

```
struct DualCameraPreviewView: View {
    @StateObject private var cameraManager = CameraManager()

    var body: some View {
        VStack(spacing: 0) {
            CameraPreviewView(layer: cameraManager.backPreviewLayer)
                .frame(height: UIScreen.main.bounds.height / 2)

            CameraPreviewView(layer: cameraManager.frontPreviewLayer)
                .frame(height: UIScreen.main.bounds.height / 2)
        }
        .glassEffect() // Liquid Glass overlay
    }
}
```

6.3 Gesture Controls

- **Pinch:** Independent zoom for each camera view
- **Double-tap:** Swap camera positions
- **Long-press:** Lock focus/exposure
- **Drag:** Adjust split position (adjustable layout)

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7. Liquid Glass UI Design (iOS 26)

7.1 What is Liquid Glass?

Liquid Glass is Apple's 2025 design language featuring:
- Translucent, frosted glass aesthetics
- Dynamic blur and reflection
- Adaptive light responses
- Fluid animations
- Depth and dimensionality

Inspired by Apple Vision Pro, it enhances iOS 26, iPadOS, macOS, watchOS, and tvOS.

7.2 SwiftUI Implementation

Basic Usage

```
// Simple glass button
Button("Record") {
    startRecording()
}
.padding()
.glassEffect()
```

Advanced Customization

```
// Custom shape with tint
Text("4K 60fps")
    .padding()
    .glassEffect(.regular, in: .capsule)
    .foregroundColor(.white)

// Toggleable glass
@State private var isGlassed = true

Button("Settings") {
    showSettings()
}
.padding()
.glassEffect(.regular, in: .buttonBorder, isEnabled: isGlassed)
```

Grouped Elements

```
@Namespace private var glassNamespace

GlassEffectContainer(spacing: 16.0) {
    HStack(spacing: 16.0) {
        Button("Photo") { }
            .glassEffectUnion(namespace: glassNamespace)

        Button("Video") { }
            .glassEffectUnion(namespace: glassNamespace)
    }
}
```

7.3 Camera App Design Patterns

Recording Controls

- Frosted glass overlay for camera controls
- Translucent background for status indicators
- Dynamic blur responding to camera feed
- Smooth transitions between modes

Settings Panel

- Slide-in glass panel for settings
- Maintains view of camera preview
- High contrast text for readability
- Subtle animations for interactions

Preview Overlays

- Glass effect for zoom indicators
- Translucent focus/exposure indicators
- Battery and storage indicators with glass background

7.4 Best Practices

1. **Contrast:** Ensure sufficient contrast for accessibility
2. **Performance:** Use glass effects sparingly on complex views
3. **Adaptation:** Test in light and dark modes
4. **Animation:** Pair with smooth transitions
5. **Context:** Apply to controls, not primary content

7.5 Backward Compatibility

```
if #available(iOS 26, *) {
    view.glassEffect()
} else {
    view.background(.ultraThinMaterial)
}
```

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8. Recording Features Catalog

8.1 Video Recording Features

Resolution Options

- 720p HD at 30fps
- 1080p HD at 30/60fps
- 4K at 24/30/60fps
- 4K Dolby Vision HDR

Format Options

- HEVC (H.265) - Default, space-efficient
- H.264 - Compatible, larger files
- ProRES (Pro models) - Professional editing

- ProRES RAW (Pro models) - Maximum flexibility

Frame Rates

- 24fps - Cinematic look
- 30fps - Standard video
- 60fps - Smooth motion
- 120fps - Slow-motion (1080p)
- 240fps - Super slow-motion (1080p)

8.2 Audio Features

Audio Mix API (iOS 26)

- **In-Frame:** Focus on subjects in frame
- **Studio:** Clean studio sound
- **Cinematic:** Spatial audio with voice isolation

Audio Sources

- Built-in microphones
- External microphones (Lightning/USB-C)
- Bluetooth microphones
- AirPods with H2 chip (high-definition recording)

Audio Settings

- Stereo/Mono recording
- Audio zoom (follows video zoom)
- Wind noise reduction
- Audio level monitoring

8.3 Camera Controls

Focus

- Auto focus (continuous/single)
- Manual focus (tap to focus)
- Focus lock
- Subject tracking
- Focus peaking (Pro modes)

Exposure

- Auto exposure
- Manual exposure (EV compensation -2 to +2)
- Exposure lock
- Exposure bracketing
- HDR (Smart HDR 5)

White Balance

- Auto white balance
- Preset modes (Daylight, Cloudy, Tungsten, Fluorescent)
- Custom temperature (Kelvin)
- White balance lock

Zoom

- Digital zoom (up to 40x on Pro models)
- Optical zoom (2x, 4x, 8x on supported cameras)
- Smooth zoom controls
- Independent zoom per camera

8.4 Effects and Filters

Cinematic Features

- Cinematic Mode (f/1.4 - f/16 depth)
- Portrait Mode for video
- Portrait Lighting effects
- Post-capture focus adjustment

Stabilization

- Standard stabilization
- Action Mode (ultra-stabilized)
- Sensor-shift OIS (Pro models)
- Center Stage stabilization (front camera)

Filters

- Vivid
- Dramatic
- Mono
- Silvertone
- Noir (applies real-time)

8.5 Advanced Features

Pro Features

- ProRAW photos
- ProRES video recording
- LOG color profile
- External recording (USB-C on Pro)
- ACES color workflow support

Metadata

- Location tagging (GPS)
- Timestamp
- Camera settings (embedded EXIF)
- Lens information

Accessibility

- Voice control for recording
- VoiceOver support
- AssistiveTouch for camera controls
- Zoom accessibility features

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9. Three-Output Recording Strategy

9.1 Output Requirements

The app must save three video outputs:

1. **Combined output:** Both cameras composited into single video
2. **Back camera output:** Isolated rear camera feed
3. **Front camera output:** Isolated front camera feed

9.2 Implementation Approach

Parallel Recording Architecture

```
AVCaptureMultiCamSession
    ├─ Back Camera Input
    │   ├─ Back Video Output → File 1 (back_camera.mov)
    │   └─ Back Frame Output → Compositor
    │
    ├─ Front Camera Input
    │   ├─ Front Video Output → File 2 (front_camera.mov)
    │   └─ Front Frame Output → Compositor
    │
    └─ Compositor
        └─ Combined Output → File 3 (combined.mov)
```

Code Pattern

```swift
// Back camera recording
let backMovieOutput = AVCaptureMovieFileOutput()
multiCamSession.addOutputWithNoConnections(backMovieOutput)
let backConnection = AVCaptureConnection(
    inputPorts: [backInput.ports(for: .video).first!],
    output: backMovieOutput
)
multiCamSession.addConnection(backConnection)

// Front camera recording
let frontMovieOutput = AVCaptureMovieFileOutput()
multiCamSession.addOutputWithNoConnections(frontMovieOutput)
let frontConnection = AVCaptureConnection(
    inputPorts: [frontInput.ports(for: .video).first!],
    output: frontMovieOutput
)
multiCamSession.addConnection(frontConnection)

// Combined output via AVAssetWriter
let assetWriter = AVAssetWriter(outputURL: combinedURL, fileType: .mov)
// Configure video input from compositor
```

9.3 Composition Techniques

Metal Shader Approach

- Use Metal Performance Shaders for real-time composition
- Efficient GPU-accelerated rendering
- Custom layouts (stacked, PiP, split-screen)
- Smooth blending and transitions

AVVideoComposition Approach

- Create AVMutableVideoComposition
- Use AVVideoCompositionInstruction for layout
- AVVideoCompositionLayerInstruction for transforms
- Render to AVAssetWriter

Core Image Approach

- Process frames with CIImage
- Apply filters and effects
- Composite using CIFilter
- Export via CIContext

9.4 Storage Considerations

- Three files consume 3x storage
- Implement storage warnings
- Option to save only combined output
- Automatic cleanup of old recordings
- Export options (share, delete individuals)

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10. Photos Library Integration

10.1 Permissions

```
import Photos

// Request authorization
PHPhotoLibrary.requestAuthorization(for: .addOnly) { status in
    switch status {
    case .authorized, .limited:
        // Can save videos
    case .denied, .restricted:
        // Show settings alert
    default:
        break
    }
}
```

10.2 Saving Multiple Videos

```
func saveAllOutputs(backURL: URL, frontURL: URL, combinedURL: URL) async throws {
    try await PHPhotoLibrary.shared().performChanges {
        PHAssetCreationRequest.creationRequestForAssetFromVideo(atFileURL: backURL)
        PHAssetCreationRequest.creationRequestForAssetFromVideo(atFileURL: frontURL)
        PHAssetCreationRequest.creationRequestForAssetFromVideo(atFileURL: combined-
URL)
    }
}
```

10.3 Custom Albums

```
func createAppAlbum() async throws -> PHAssetCollection {
    let fetchOptions = PHFetchOptions()
    fetchOptions.predicate = NSPredicate(format: "title = %@", "DualCam Pro")

    if let album = PHAssetCollection.fetchAssetCollections(
        with: .album,
        subtype: .albumRegular,
        options: fetchOptions
    ).firstObject {
        return album
    }

    // Create new album
    var albumPlaceholder: PHObjectPlaceholder?
    try await PHPhotoLibrary.shared().performChanges {
        let request = PHAssetCollectionChangeRequest.creationRequestForAssetCollec-
tion(
            withTitle: "DualCam Pro"
        )
        albumPlaceholder = request.placeholderForCreatedAssetCollection
    }

    guard let placeholder = albumPlaceholder,
          let album = PHAssetCollection.fetchAssetCollections(
            withLocalIdentifiers: [placeholder.localIdentifier],
            options: nil
          ).firstObject else {
        throw PhotosError.albumCreationFailed
    }

    return album
}
```

11. Technical Architecture Recommendations

11.1 App Structure

```
DualCamPro/
├── App/
│   ├── DualCamProApp.swift (SwiftUI App)
│   └── AppDelegate.swift (Session management)
│
├── Views/
│   ├── CameraView.swift (Main camera interface)
│   ├── PreviewLayerView.swift (UIKit wrapper)
│   ├── ControlsView.swift (Recording controls)
│   ├── SettingsView.swift (Configuration)
│   └── GalleryView.swift (Recorded videos)
│
├── Managers/
│   ├── CameraManager.swift (Actor, session management)
│   ├── RecordingManager.swift (Three-output recording)
│   ├── CompositorManager.swift (Video composition)
│   └── StorageManager.swift (File management)
│
├── Models/
│   ├── CameraConfiguration.swift
│   ├── RecordingSettings.swift
│   └── VideoOutput.swift
│
├── Utilities/
│   ├── Permissions.swift
│   ├── Extensions.swift
│   └── Constants.swift
│
└── Resources/
    ├── Assets.xcassets
    └── Info.plist
```

11.2 Technology Stack

- **Language:** Swift 6
- **UI Framework:** SwiftUI (primary) + UIKit (camera preview)
- **Camera Framework:** AVFoundation
- **Video Processing:** Metal + Core Image
- **Storage:** FileManager + PHPhotoLibrary
- **Concurrency:** Swift Concurrency (async/await, actors)
- **Minimum Deployment:** iOS 18.0
- **Target Devices:** iPhone XS and later

11.3 Key Dependencies

- AVFoundation (camera capture)
- Metal (GPU acceleration)
- Core Image (image processing)
- Photos (library integration)
- SwiftUI (UI)
- Combine (reactive updates)

12. Competitive Analysis Summary

12.1 Feature Matrix

Feature	MixCam	DoubleTake	Our App
Dual camera recording	✅	✅	✅
Stacked layout	❌	❌	✅
Three outputs	❌	❌	✅
Independent zoom	❌	⚠️	✅
Liquid Glass UI	❌	❌	✅
Swift 6	❌	❌	✅
iOS 26 features	⚠️	⚠️	✅
All camera features	⚠️	⚠️	✅
Free tier	⚠️ Limited	❌	✅ Better
Action Mode	✅	⚠️	✅
Center Stage	✅	❌	✅

12.2 Unique Selling Points

1. **Only app with stacked vertical preview layout**
2. **Three simultaneous video outputs** (combined + individuals)
3. **Liquid Glass UI** - Most modern interface
4. **Independent zoom controls** per camera
5. **Comprehensive iOS feature support** (all recording modes)
6. **Swift 6 architecture** - Future-proof, safe, performant
7. **iOS 18-26 compatibility** - Maximum device support

13. Implementation Priorities

Phase 1: Core Functionality (MVP)

- [ ] AVCaptureMultiCamSession setup
- [ ] Stacked preview layout (basic)
- [ ] Simultaneous recording (three outputs)
- [ ] Basic camera controls (start/stop)

- [ ] Photos library integration

Phase 2: Enhanced Features

- [ ] Liquid Glass UI implementation
- [ ] Independent zoom controls
- [ ] All resolution/format options
- [ ] Audio Mix API integration
- [ ] Focus and exposure controls

Phase 3: Advanced Features

- [ ] Cinematic Mode support
- [ ] Action Mode integration
- [ ] Center Stage compatibility
- [ ] Filters and effects
- [ ] ProRES/LOG recording (Pro models)

Phase 4: Polish

- [ ] AirPods remote capture
- [ ] Camera Control API (iPhone 16+)
- [ ] Advanced gesture controls
- [ ] Custom video editing
- [ ] Cloud backup options

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14. Testing Requirements

14.1 Device Testing

- iPhone 17 series (all models)
- iPhone 16 series
- iPhone 15 series
- iPhone XS/XR (minimum support)
- iOS 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

14.2 Scenarios

- Simultaneous recording stability
- Storage full handling
- Thermal throttling response
- Background/foreground transitions
- Permission denial handling
- Hardware cost monitoring
- Multi-hour recording sessions

14.3 Performance Metrics

- Frame drop rate < 1%
- Recording latency < 100ms
- Memory usage < 500MB

- Hardware cost < 1.0
- Battery drain acceptable
- Export time reasonable

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15. Key Findings & Recommendations

15.1 Critical Success Factors

1. **Stability:** Multi-camera recording must be rock-solid
2. **Performance:** Hardware cost management is crucial
3. **UI/UX:** Liquid Glass UI must enhance, not hinder usability
4. **Compatibility:** Support iOS 18-26 seamlessly
5. **Storage:** Handle three outputs efficiently

15.2 Technical Challenges

1. Managing three simultaneous recording streams
2. Real-time video composition for combined output
3. Independent zoom while maintaining sync
4. Thermal management during extended recording
5. Swift 6 concurrency with AVFoundation callbacks

15.3 Competitive Advantages

1. First app with stacked layout + three outputs
2. Most comprehensive iOS feature support
3. Modern Swift 6 architecture
4. Premium Liquid Glass aesthetic
5. Independent per-camera controls

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