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# Standalone Cameras

# Video4Linux 2



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commit      e028b61bf88fe663638bc6c4011474c6e71bc58c (patch)
tree        903fdb536e064a826276d9223df70ef6df67c6e /include/linux/videodev2.h
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## [PATCH] add v4l2 api

This adds the v4l2 API to the linux kernel.

The first, original video4linux API has a number of design bugs. They are fixed in this new API revision. It already exists for quite some time. Last weeks it got a number of cleanups based on the experiences of the last years (drop stuff nobody uses, fix some inconsistencies). We consider it being in a pretty good shape now and like to see it in 2.6.

This patch is basically the header file with all the structs and ioctls in there. A small module with some helper functions for v4l2 drivers is included too. Related updates (btv, ...) will follow as separate patches.

### Diffstat (limited to 'include/linux/videodev2.h')

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1 files changed, 859 insertions, 0 deletions

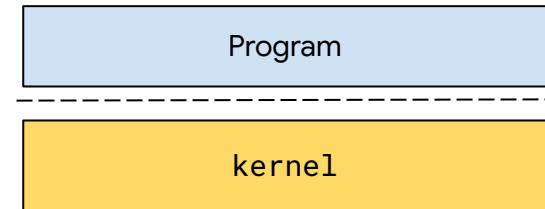
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cat /dev/video0 > my_holidays_in_hawaii.png
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fd = open("/dev/video0");
ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_S_FMT, &fmt);
ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_S_PARM, &fps);
ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_S_EXT_CTRL, &exp_time);
ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_REQBUFS, &req)) ;
for i in buf: ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_QUERYBUF, &buf[i]));
for i in buf: ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_QBUF, &buf[i]));
ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_STREAMON, &req)) ;
while true:
    ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_DQBUF, &buf[i]));
    USE IMAGE
    ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_QBUF, &buf[i]));
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# Formats

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/*      Pixel format      FOURCC          depth  Description   */

/* RGB formats (1 or 2 bytes per pixel) */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB332 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', '1') /* 8  RGB-3-3-2      */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB444 v4l2_fourcc('R', '4', '4', '4') /* 16 xxxrrrrr ggggbbbb */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ARGB444 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'R', '1', '2') /* 16 aaaarrrr ggggbbbb */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XRGB444 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'R', '1', '2') /* 16 xxxxrrrr ggggbbbb */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBA444 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'A', '1', '2') /* 16 rrrrgggg bbbbaaaa */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBX444 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '1', '2') /* 16 rrrrgggg bbbbxxxx */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ABGR444 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'B', '1', '2') /* 16 aaaabbbb ggggrrrr */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XBGR444 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'B', '1', '2') /* 16 xxxxbbbb ggggrrrr */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRA444 v4l2_fourcc('G', 'A', '1', '2') /* 16 bbbbffff rrrraaaa */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRX444 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'X', '1', '2') /* 16 bbbbffff rrrrrxxx */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB555 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', '0') /* 16 RGB-5-5-5      */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ARGB555 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'R', '1', '5') /* 16 ARGB-1-5-5-5 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XRGB555 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'R', '1', '5') /* 16 XRGB-1-5-5-5 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBA555 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'A', '1', '5') /* 16 RGBA-5-5-5-1 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBX555 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '1', '5') /* 16 RGBX-5-5-5-1 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ABGR555 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'B', '1', '5') /* 16 ABGR-1-5-5-5 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XBGR555 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'B', '1', '5') /* 16 XBGR-1-5-5-5 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRA555 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'A', '1', '5') /* 16 BGRA-5-5-5-1 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRX555 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'X', '1', '5') /* 16 BGRX-5-5-5-1 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB565 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', 'P') /* 16 RGB-5-6-5      */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB555X v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', 'Q') /* 16 RGB-5-5-5 BE */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ARGB555X v4l2_fourcc_be('A', 'R', '1', '5') /* 16 ARGB-5-5-5 BE */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XRGB555X v4l2_fourcc_be('X', 'R', '1', '5') /* 16 XRGB-5-5-5 BE */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB565X v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', 'R') /* 16 RGB-5-6-5 BE */

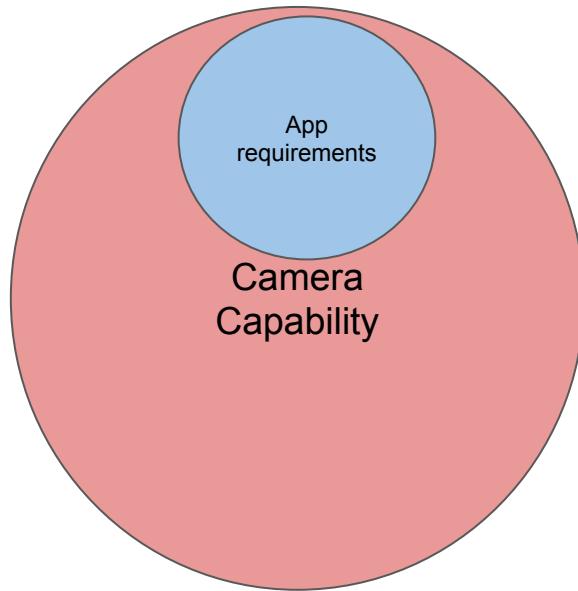
/* RGB formats (3 or 4 bytes per pixel) */
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#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGR24 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'G', 'R', '3') /* 24 BGR-8-8-8      */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB24 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', '3') /* 24 RGB-8-8-8      */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGR32 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'G', 'R', '4') /* 32 BGR-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ABGR32 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'R', '2', '4') /* 32 BGRA-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XBGR32 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'R', '2', '4') /* 32 BGRX-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRA32 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'A', '2', '4') /* 32 ABGR-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRX32 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '2', '4') /* 32 XBGR-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB32 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', '4') /* 32 RGB-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBA32 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'B', '2', '4') /* 32 RGBA-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRX32 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'B', '2', '4') /* 32 RGBX-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XRGB32 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'A', '2', '4') /* 32 ARGB-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBX32 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '2', '4') /* 32 XRGB-8-8-8-8 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBX1010102 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '3', '0') /* 32 RGBX-10-10-10-2 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBA1010102 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'A', '3', '0') /* 32 RGBA-10-10-10-2 */
#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ARGB21212102 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'R', '1', '0') /* 32 ARGB-2-10-10-10-2 */
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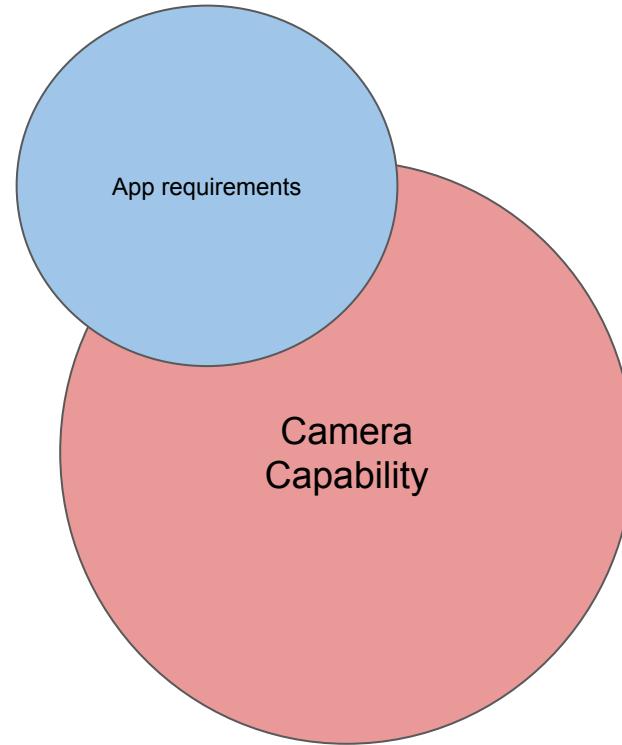
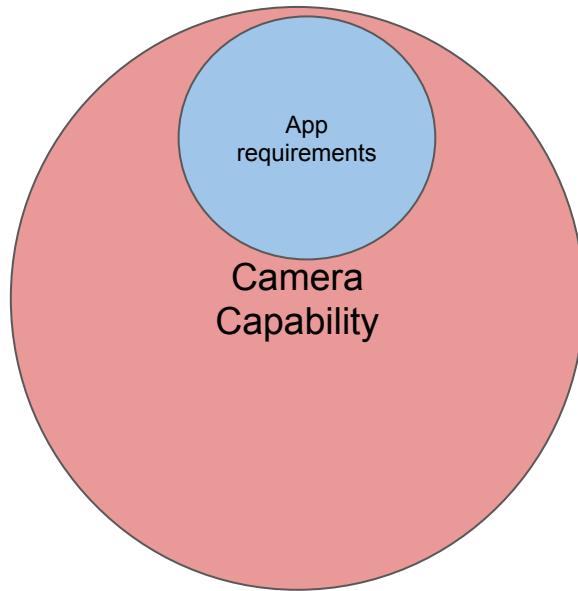
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#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_ABGR64_12	v4l2_fourcc('B', '4', '1', '2') /* 64 */					
/* Grey formats */							
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_GREY	v4l2_fourcc('G', 'R', 'E', 'Y') /* 8 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB332 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', '1') /* 8 RGB-3-3-2 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y4	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '0', '4', '1') /* 4 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB444 v4l2_fourcc('R', '4', '4', '4') /* 16 xxxxrfff ggggbbbb */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y6	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '0', '6', '1') /* 6 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ARGB444 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'R', '1', '2') /* 16 aaaarrrr ggggbbbb */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y10	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '1', '0', '1') /* 10 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XRGB444 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'R', '1', '2') /* 16 xxxxrfff ggggbbbb */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y12	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '1', '2', '1') /* 12 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB444 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'A', '1', '2') /* 16 rrrrgggg bbbbaaaa */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y12	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '0', '1', '2') /* 12 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBX444 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '1', '2') /* 16 rrrrgggg bbbbxxxx */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y14	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '1', '4', '1') /* 14 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ABGR444 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'B', '1', '2') /* 16 aaaabbbb ggggrrrr */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y16	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '1', '6', '1') /* 16 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XBGR444 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'B', '1', '2') /* 16 xxxxbbbb ggggrrrr */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y16_BE	v4l2_fourcc_be('Y', '1', '6', '1') /* 16 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRA444 v4l2_fourcc('G', 'A', '1', '2') /* 16 bbbbgggg rrrraaaa */			
/* Grey bit-packed formats */							
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y10BPACK	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '1', '0', 'B') /* 10 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRX444 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'X', '1', '2') /* 16 bbbbgggg rrrrrxxx */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y10P	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '1', '0', 'P') /* 10 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB555 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', '0') /* 16 RGB-5-5-5 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_IPU3_Y10	v4l2_fourcc('i', 'p', '3', 'y') /* 10 Gre		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ARGB555 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'R', '1', '5') /* 16 ARGB-1-5-5-5 */			
/* Palette formats */							
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_PAL8	v4l2_fourcc('P', 'A', 'L', '8') /* 8 8-bit		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XBGR555 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'R', '1', '5') /* 16 XRGB-1-5-5-5 */			
/* Chrominance formats */							
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_UV8	v4l2_fourcc('U', 'V', '8', ' ') /* 8 UV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRA555 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'A', '1', '5') /* 16 BGRA-5-5-5-1 */			
/* Luminance+Chrominance formats */							
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUVV	v4l2_fourcc('Y', 'U', 'V', 'V') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRX555 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '1', '5') /* 16 RGBX-5-5-5-1 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUYV	v4l2_fourcc('Y', 'U', 'Y', 'V') /* 16 YUY		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ABGR555 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'B', '1', '5') /* 16 ABGR-1-5-5-5 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VYYV	v4l2_fourcc('Y', 'V', 'Y', 'V') /* 16 YVU		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGR555 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'B', '1', '5') /* 16 XBGR-1-5-5-5 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_UVYY	v4l2_fourcc('U', 'V', 'Y', 'Y') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRA555 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'A', '1', '5') /* 16 BGRA-5-5-5-1 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VVYY	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'Y', 'Y', 'Y') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGR555 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', 'P') /* 16 RGB-5-6-5 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VVYU	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'Y', 'Y', 'U') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB555X v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', 'Q') /* 16 RGB-5-5-5 BE */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VYYU	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'Y', 'Y', 'U') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ARGB555X v4l2_fourcc_be('A', 'R', '1', '5') /* 16 ARGB-5-5-5 BE */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VVUU	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'Y', 'U', 'U') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XRGB555X v4l2_fourcc_be('X', 'R', '1', '5') /* 16 XRGB-5-5-5 BE */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VUUV	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'U', 'U', 'U') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB565X v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', 'R') /* 16 RGB-5-6-5 BE */			
/* RGB formats (3 or 4 bytes per pixel) */							
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_Y41P	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '4', '1', 'P') /* 12 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGR666 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'G', 'R', 'H') /* 18 BGR-6-6-6 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUV444	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '4', '4', '4') /* 16 XXX		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGR24 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'G', 'R', '3') /* 24 BGR-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUV555	v4l2_fourcc('Y', 'U', 'V', '0') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB24 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', '3') /* 24 RGB-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUV565	v4l2_fourcc('Y', 'U', 'V', 'P') /* 16 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGR32 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'G', 'R', '4') /* 32 BGR-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUV24	v4l2_fourcc('Y', 'U', 'V', '3') /* 24 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ABGR32 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'R', '2', '4') /* 32 BGRA-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUV32	v4l2_fourcc('Y', 'U', 'V', '4') /* 32 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XBGR32 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'R', '2', '4') /* 32 BGXR-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_AVU32	v4l2_fourcc('A', 'V', 'U', 'V') /* 32 AVU		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRA32 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'A', '2', '4') /* 32 ABGR-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_XVUV32	v4l2_fourcc('X', 'V', 'U', 'V') /* 32 XVU		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_BGRX32 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '2', '4') /* 32 XBGR-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VUYA32	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'U', 'Y', 'A') /* 32 VUY		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB32 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'G', 'B', '4') /* 32 RGB-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VUYX32	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'U', 'Y', 'X') /* 32 VUY		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGA32 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'B', '2', '4') /* 32 RGBA-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VUYA32	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'U', 'Y', 'A') /* 32 VUY		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBX32 v4l2_fourcc('X', 'B', '2', '4') /* 32 RGBX-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_VUYX32	v4l2_fourcc('V', 'U', 'Y', 'X') /* 32 VUY		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGA32 v4l2_fourcc('B', 'A', '2', '4') /* 32 ARGB-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_M420	v4l2_fourcc('M', '4', '2', '0') /* 12 YUV		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_XRGB32 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '2', '4') /* 32 XRGB-8-8-8-8 */			
#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUV48_12	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '3', '1', '2') /* 48		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGBX1010102 v4l2_fourcc('R', 'X', '3', '0') /* 32 RGBX-10-10-10-2 */			
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#define	V4L2_PIX_FMT_YUV48_12	v4l2_fourcc('Y', '3', '1', '2') /* 48		#define V4L2_PIX_FMT_ARGB202020102 v4l2_fourcc('A', 'B', '2', '0') /* 32 ARGB-2-10-10-10-2 */			

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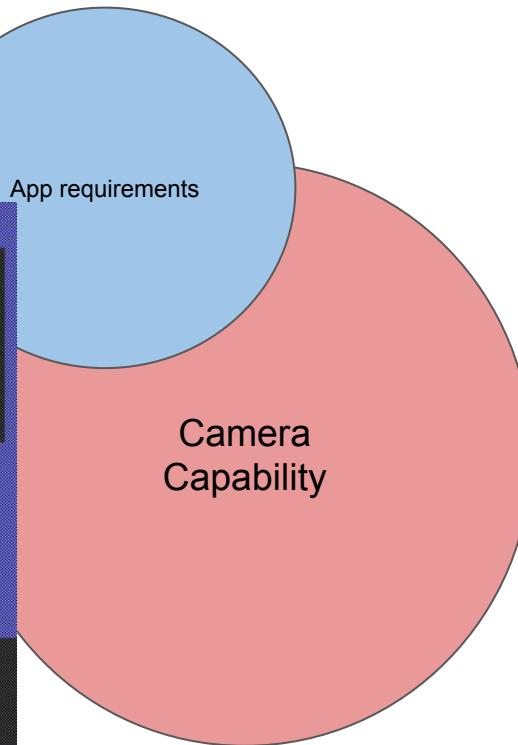
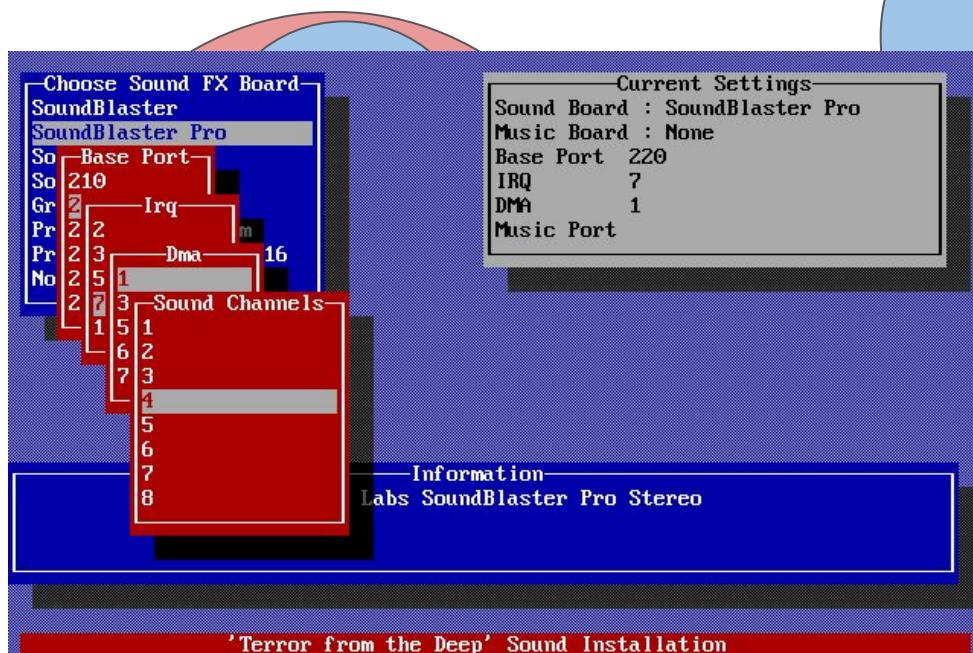
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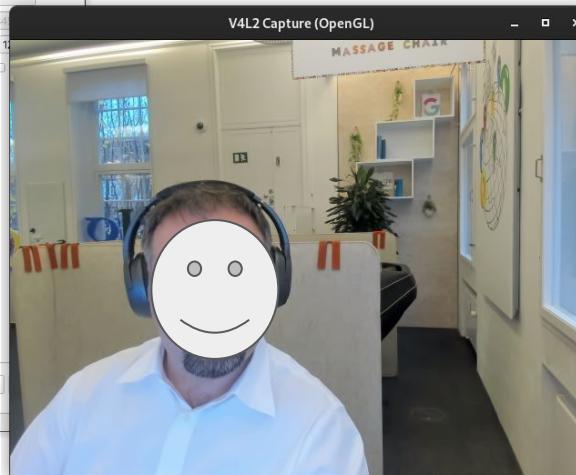
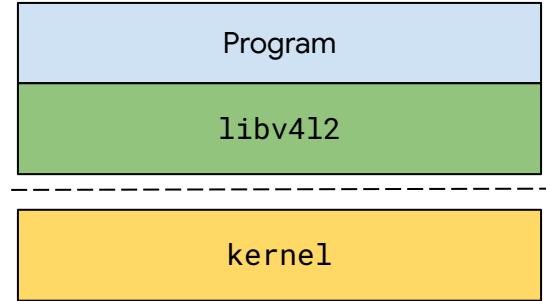
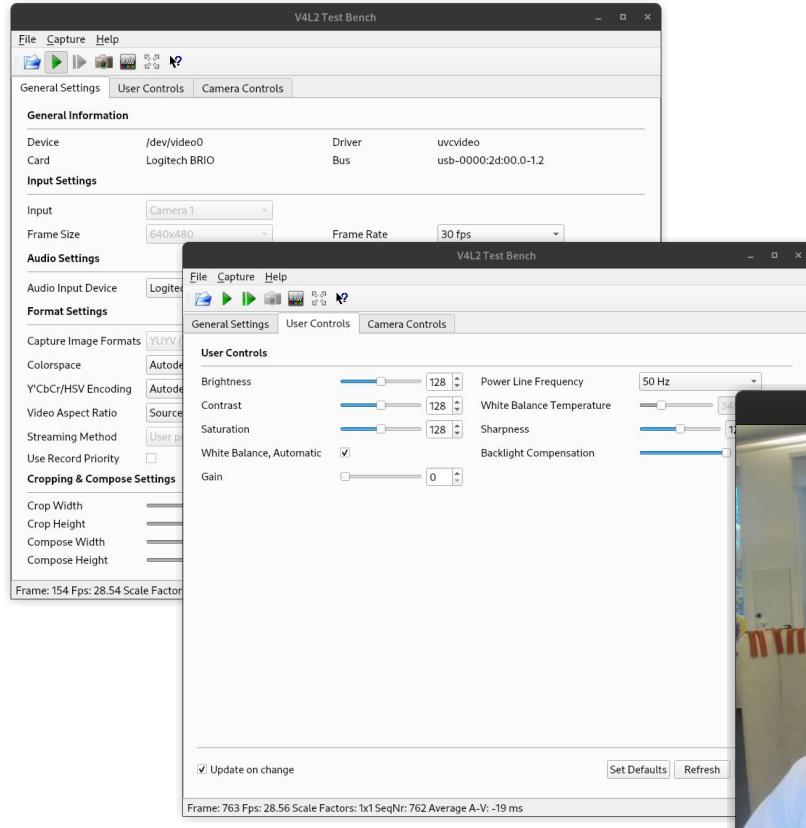
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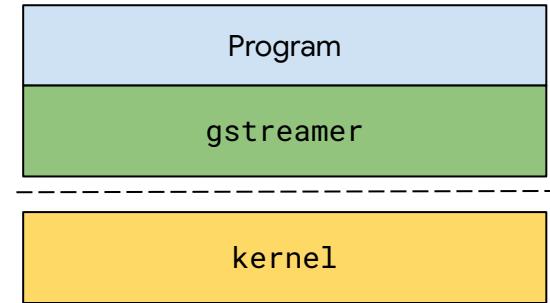
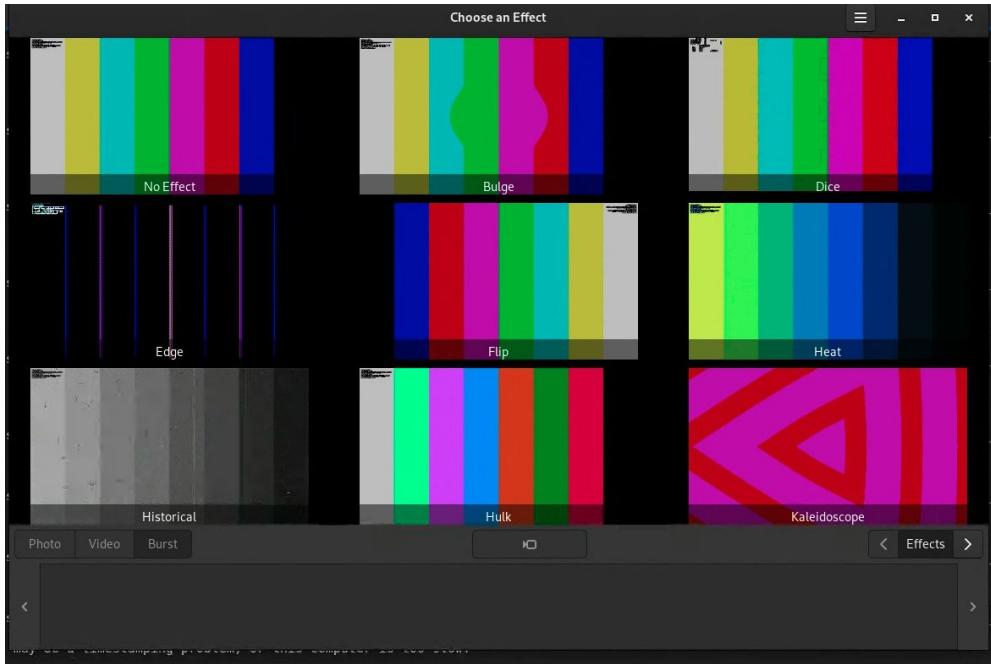
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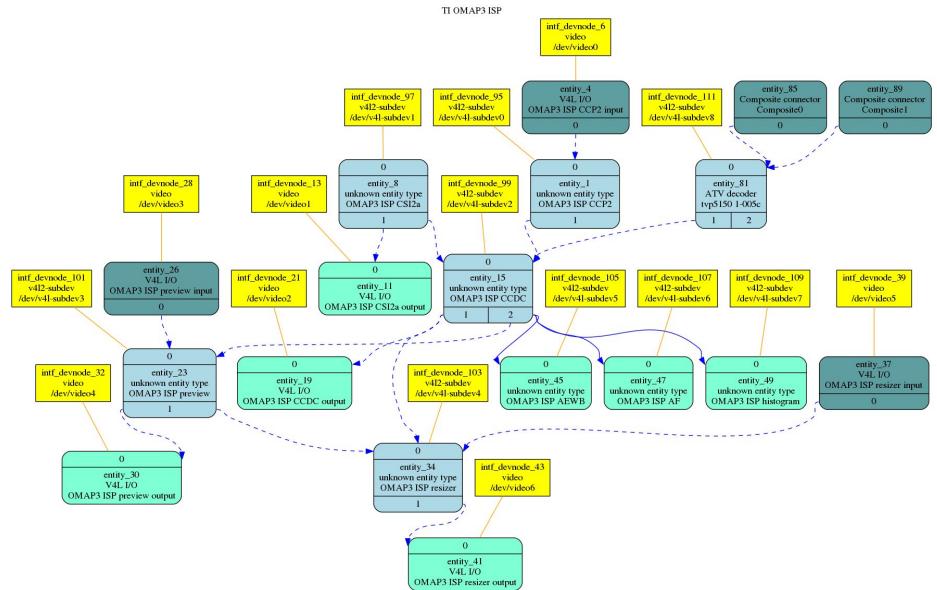
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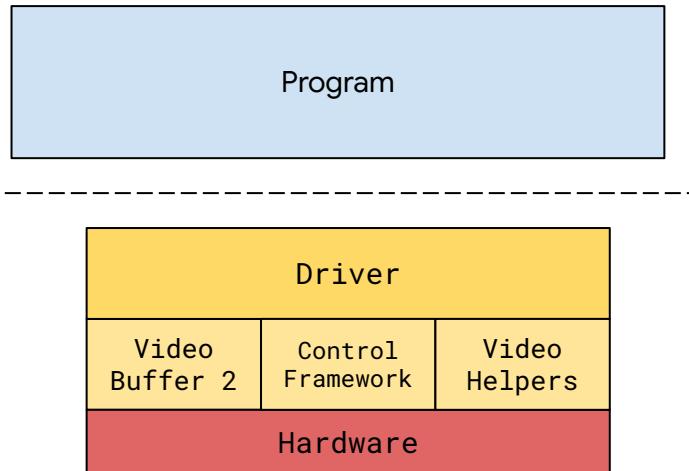
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# Video4Linux 2 (media controller)



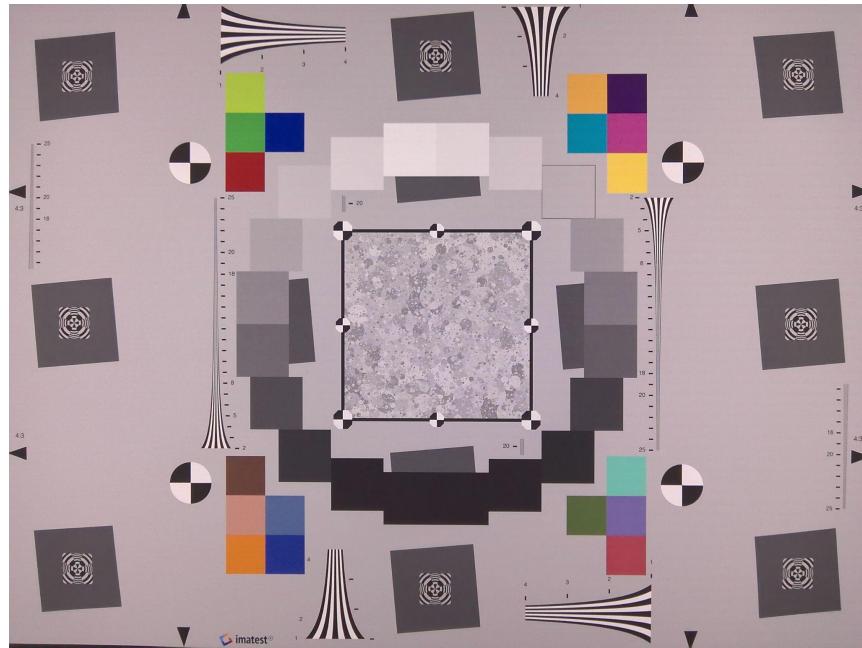
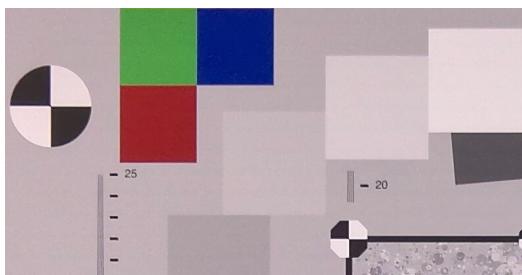
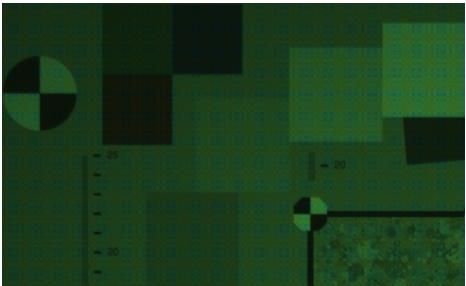
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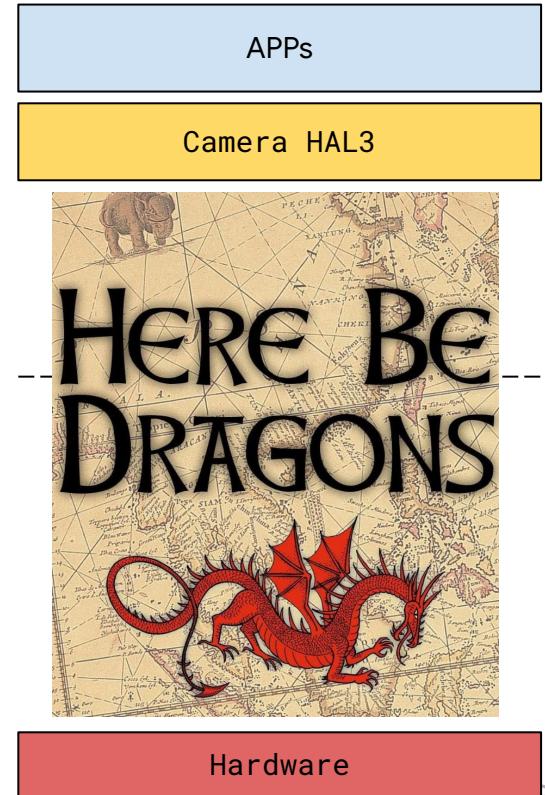
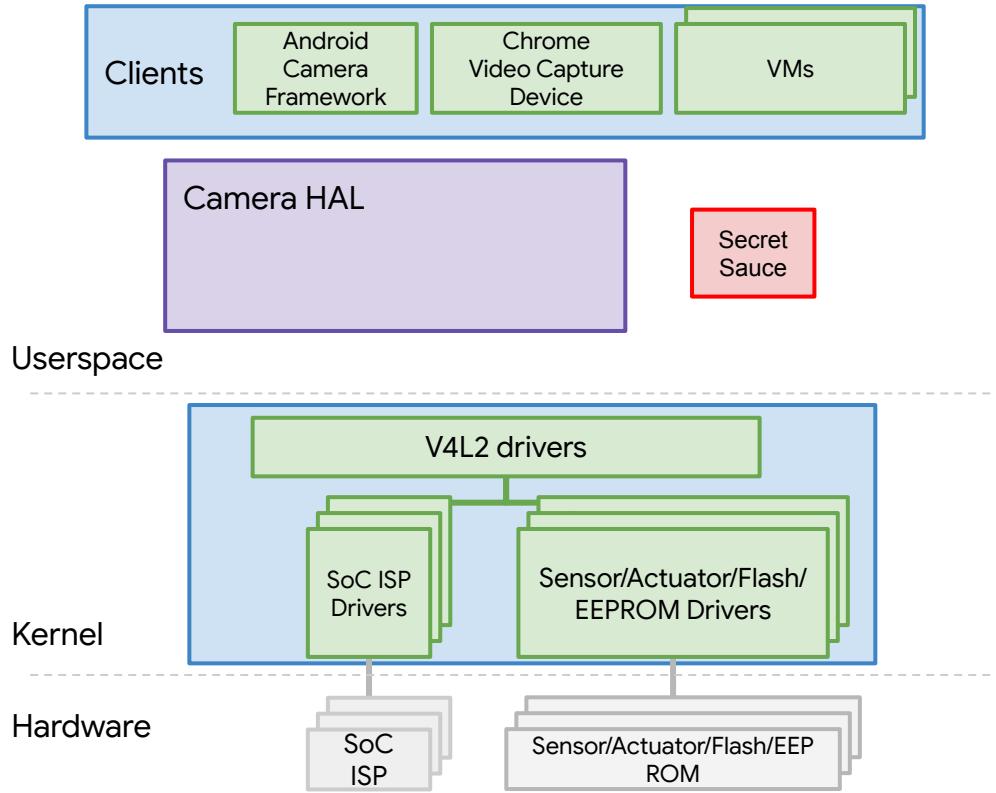
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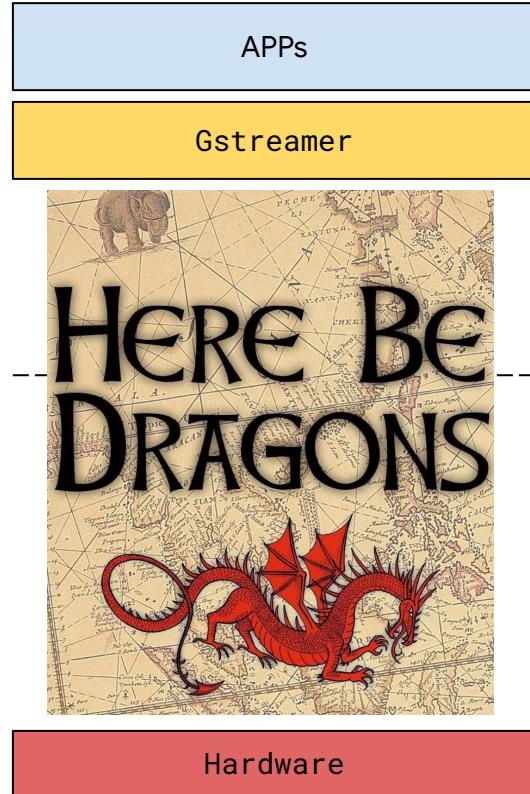
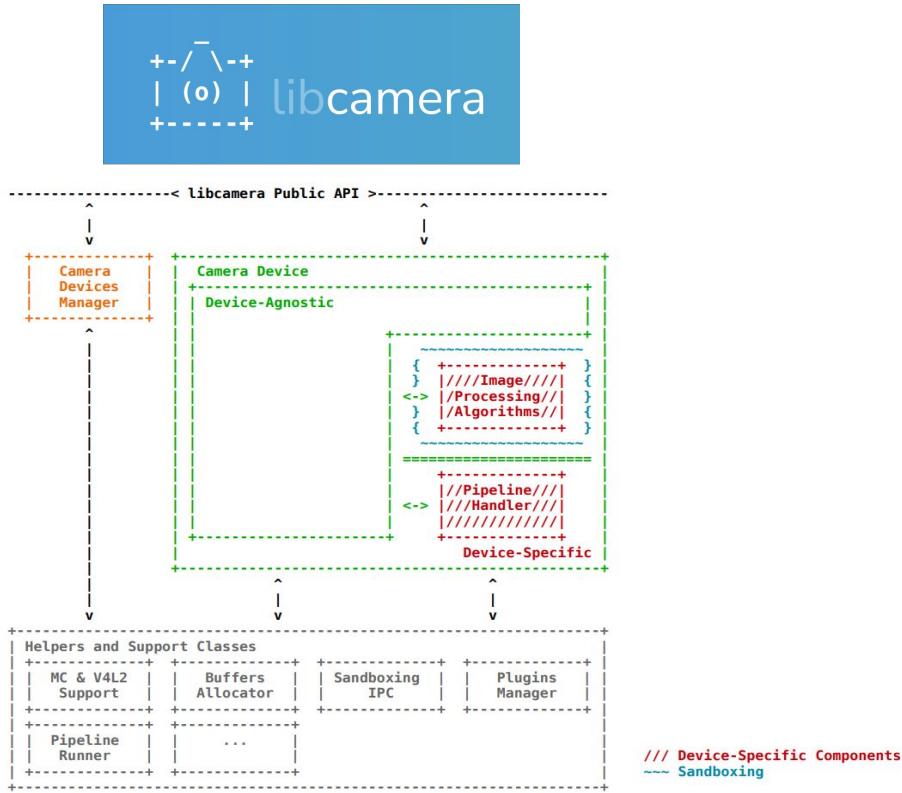
# Secret Sauce



# Stack

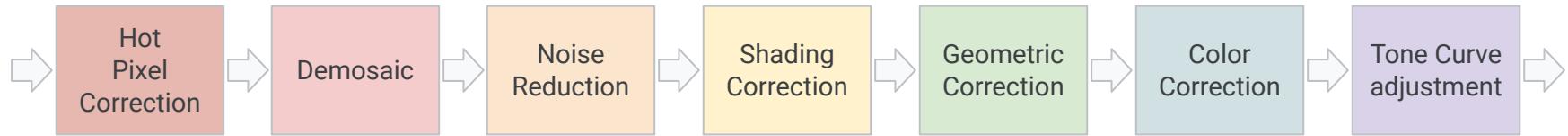


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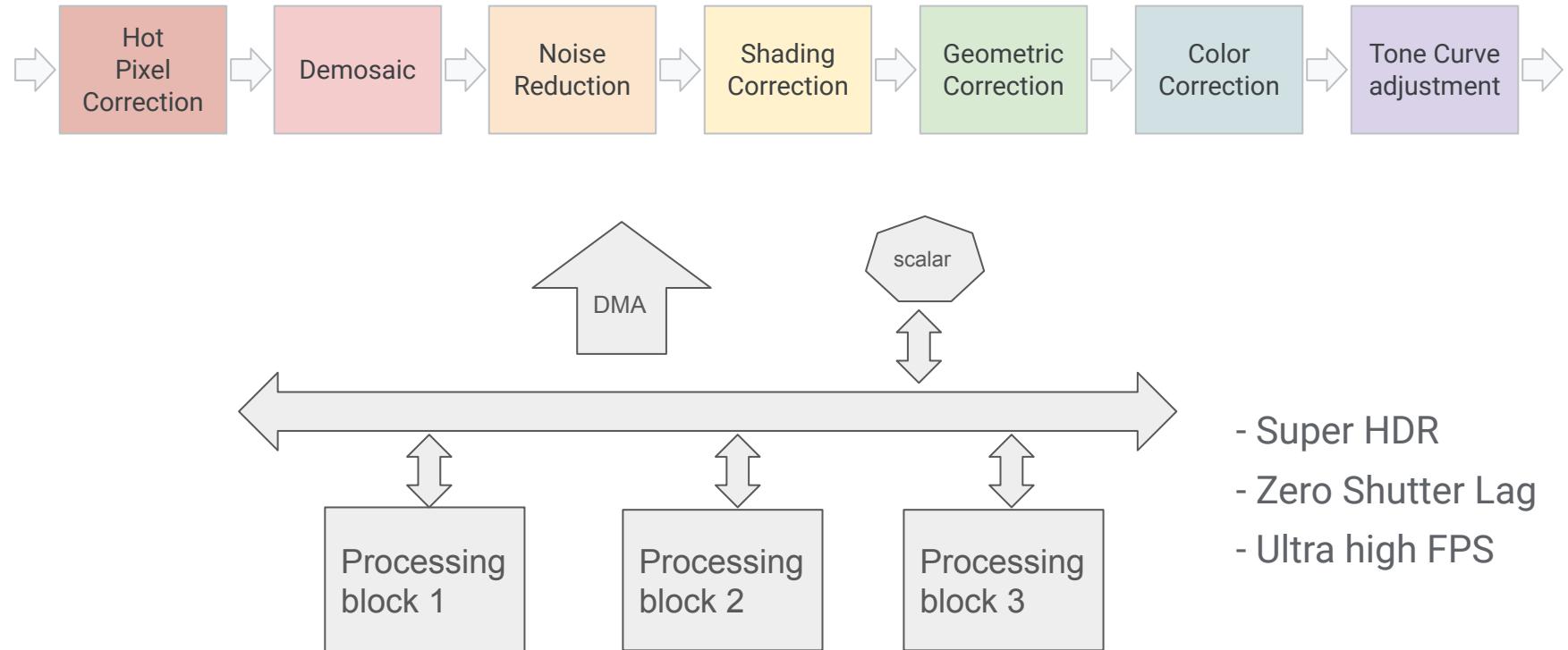


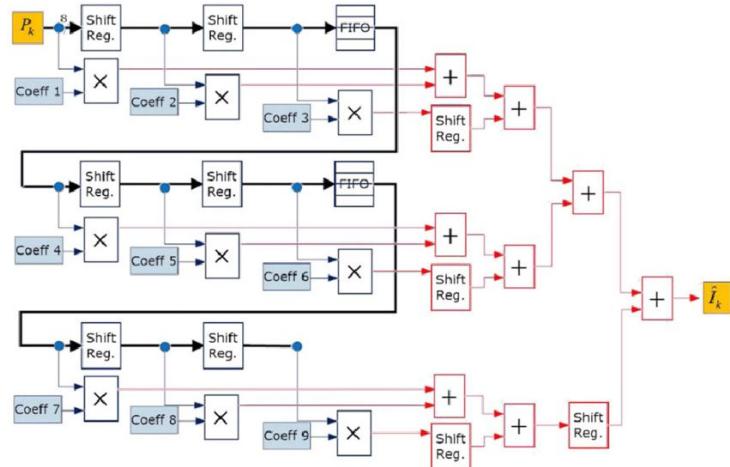
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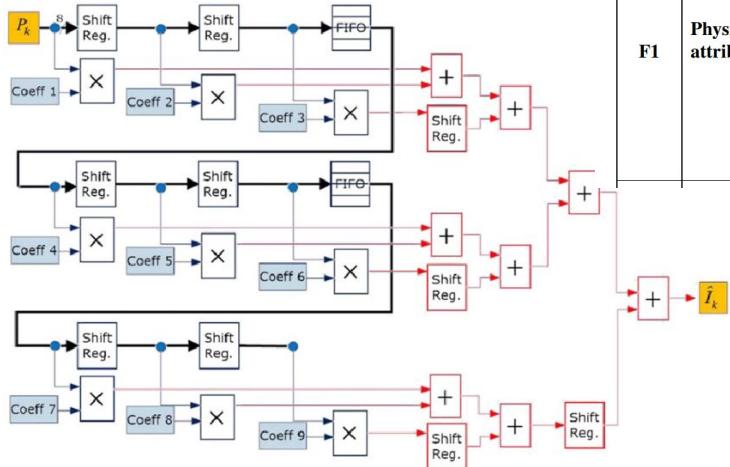




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Table 5- Naming of Factors

Factor no.	Name of dimension	Item no.	variables	Factor loading
<b>F1</b>	<b>Physical attributes</b>	1	Camera and video	.827
		2	Bluetooth	.802
		3	Multimedia option	.800
		4	Touch screen	.775
		5	Memory capacity	.772
		6	Color display	.763
		7	Attractive color	.753
		8	Model/style	.684
		9	New features	.684
		10	Design of the phone	.669
		11	Appearance	.608
		12	Web browser	.597
		13	Brand value/quality	.504

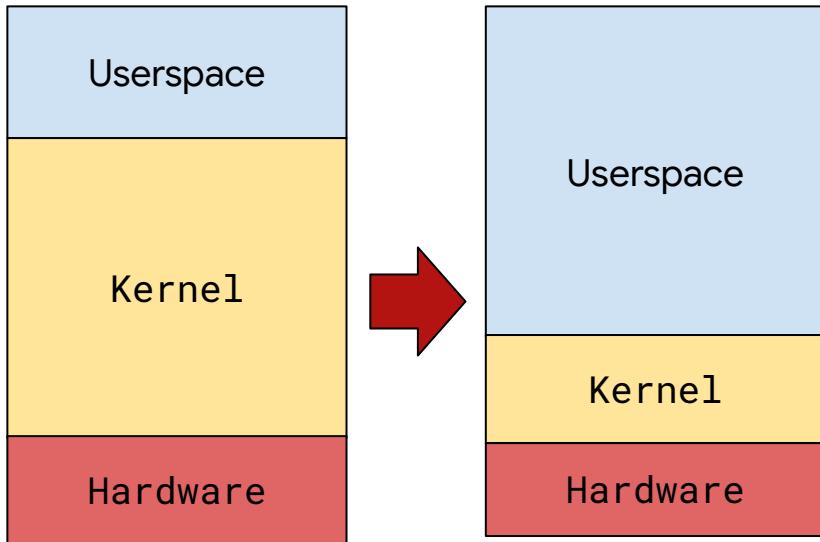


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# KCAM ISP

Create a new kernel subsystem designed to support specifically “complex cameras”.

**It is NOT a replacement for V4L2.**



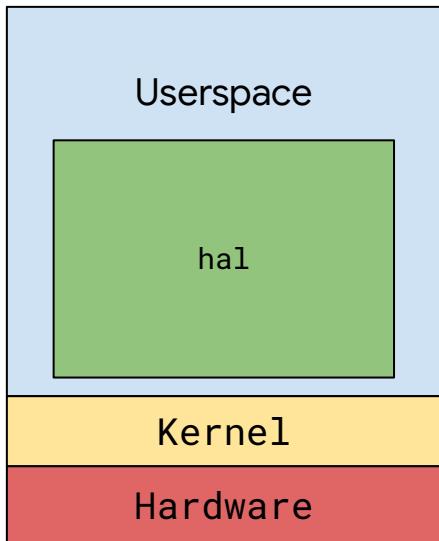
Kcam follows a DRM-like model where the kernel provides basic functionality:

- Scheduling
- Discovery

Everything else is provided by userspace

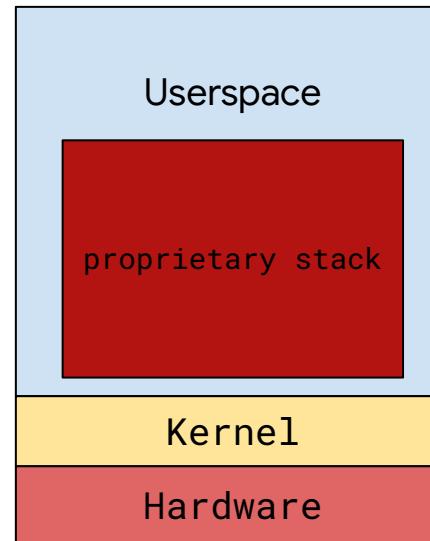
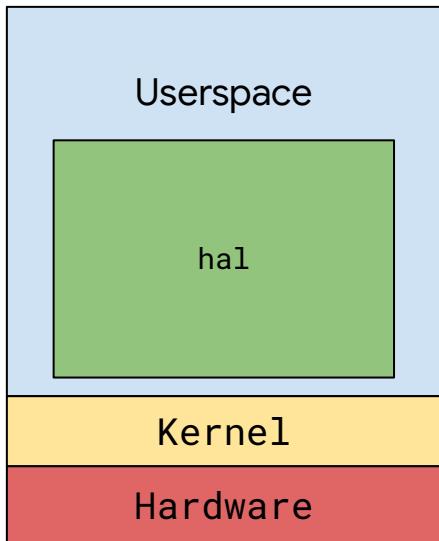
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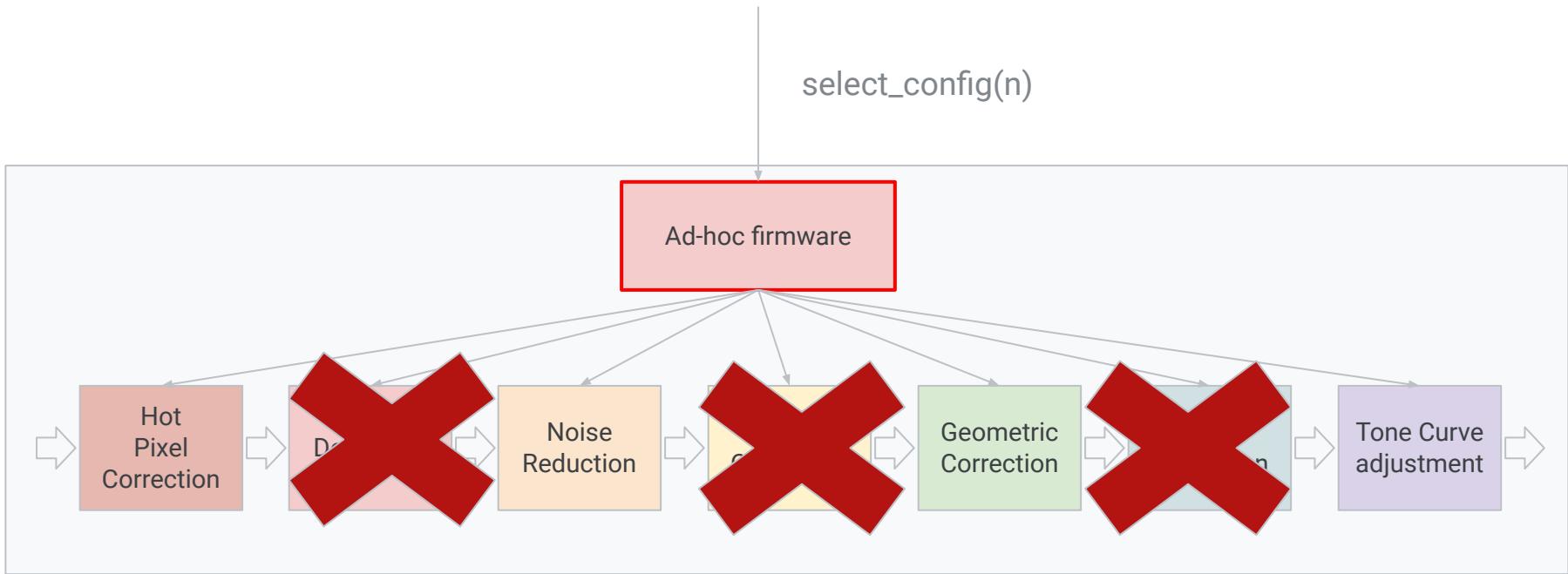
# Challenges

# The vendor access

- Media maintainers expect that:

*A fully open source upstream driver. Does require opening up hardware access and documenting the API, but not the algorithms used to configure the HW optimally, those can remain closed. However, enough information must be available so an open source implementation can be made.*

# Black box hardware



# Unusable hardware

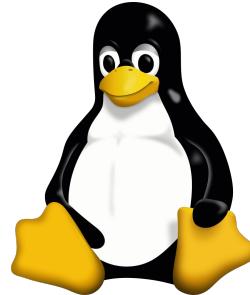


# Proposal

# End goal



 **gstreamer**

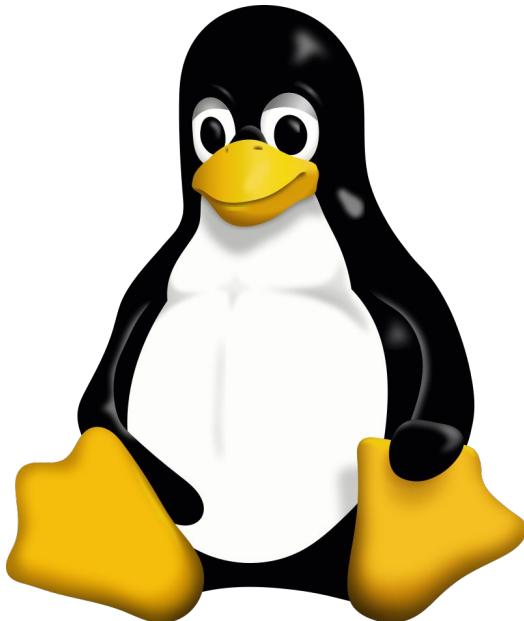
The GStreamer logo, which consists of three wavy horizontal bars in red, green, and blue followed by the word "gstreamer" in a lowercase sans-serif font.

# Chicken and egg problem



- Vendors do not want to invest in a new framework if it does not have a chance to succeed
- Upstream community do not trust vendors until they deliver an complete solution
- Users cannot commit to an open OS if it does not cover their use cases

# Kernel component



DKMS package in main

- GPL Licence

Documentation:

[https://chromium.googlesource.com/chromiumos/third\\_party/kernel/+/refs/heads/kcam-6.1/Documentation/userspace-api/isp](https://chromium.googlesource.com/chromiumos/third_party/kernel/+/refs/heads/kcam-6.1/Documentation/userspace-api/isp)

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Source code:

[https://chromium.googlesource.com/chromiumos/third\\_party/kernel/+/refs/heads/kcam-6.1/include/uapi/linux/isp.h](https://chromium.googlesource.com/chromiumos/third_party/kernel/+/refs/heads/kcam-6.1/include/uapi/linux/isp.h)

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# Camera framework

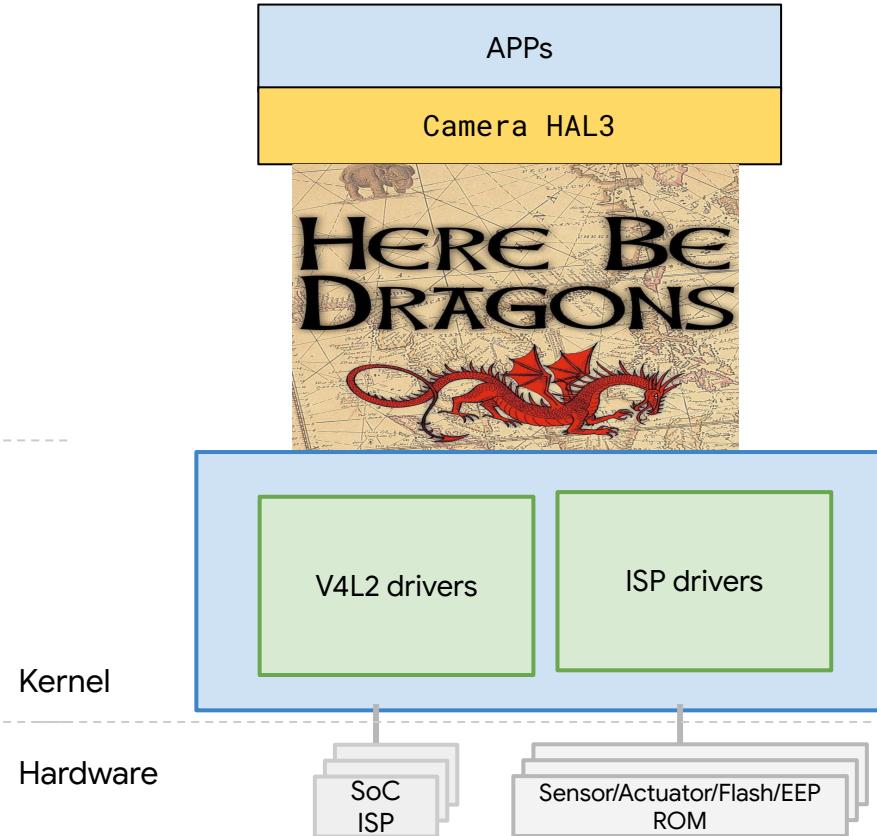
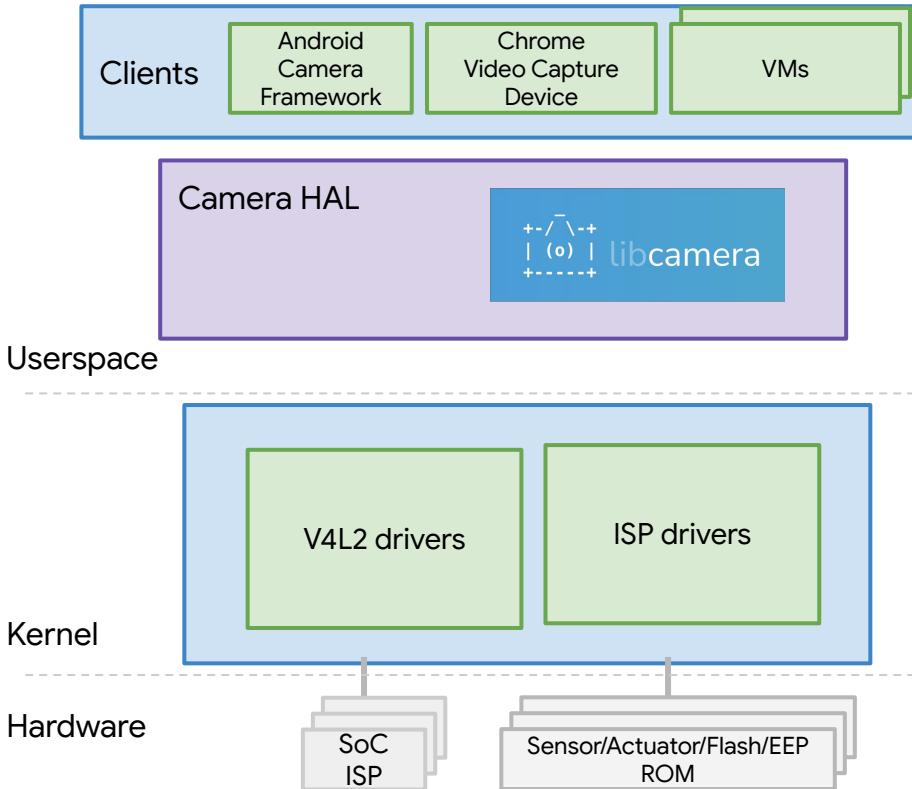
Alternatives:

- Libcamera based
- Vendor code based

Two components:

- Open License (LGPL, MIT) for main components
- Closed license for "Secret sauce"

# Stack



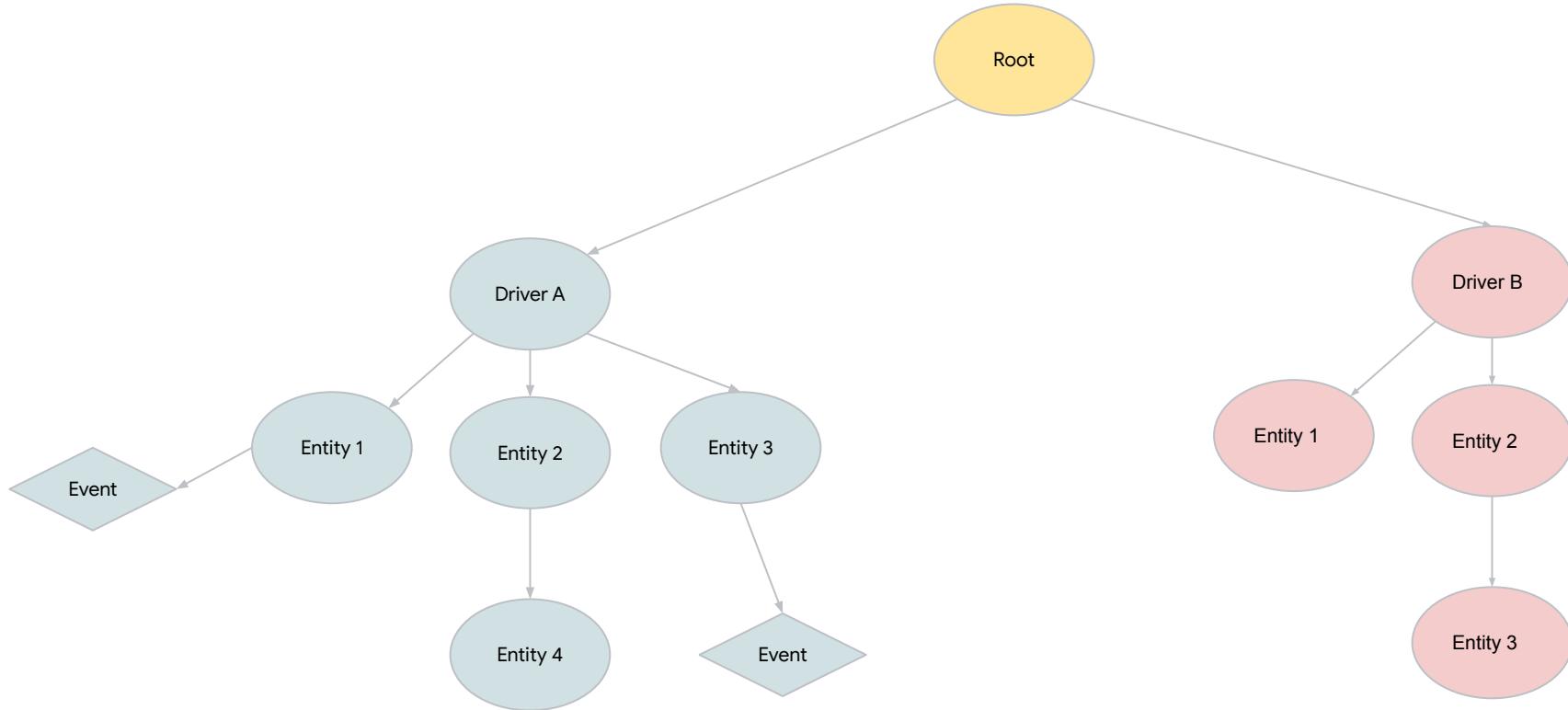
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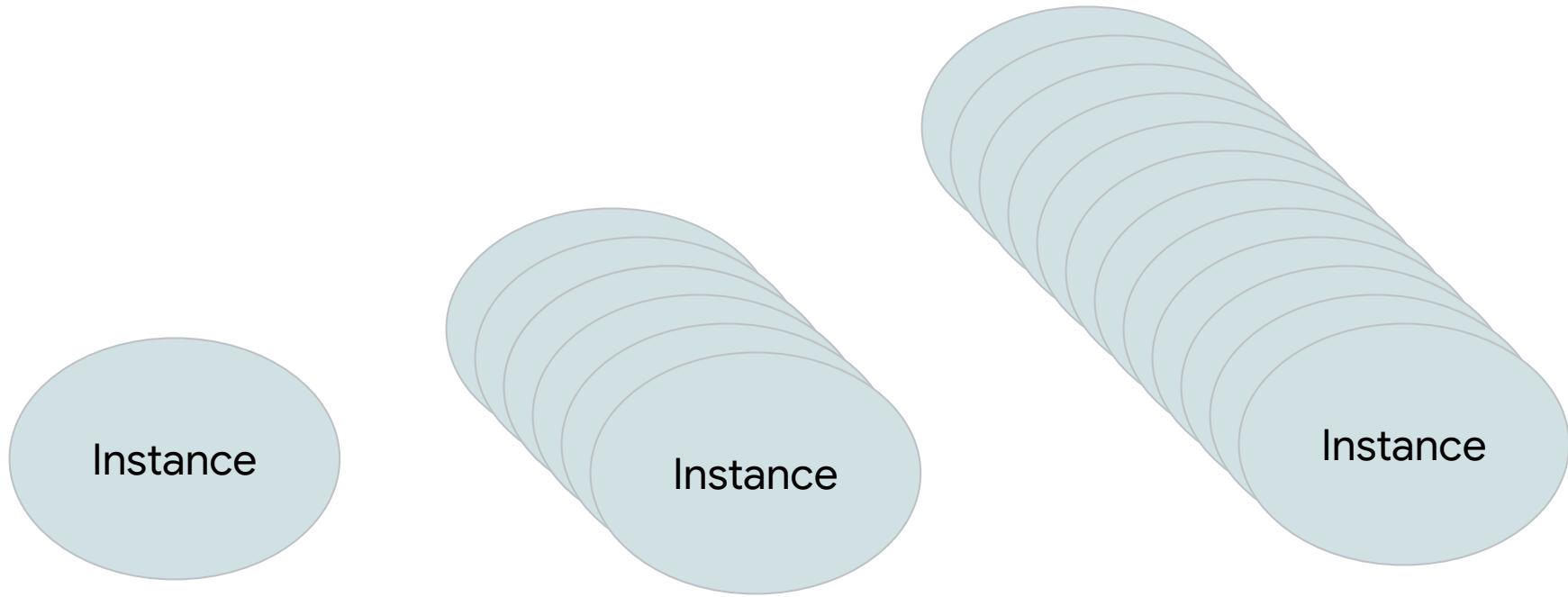
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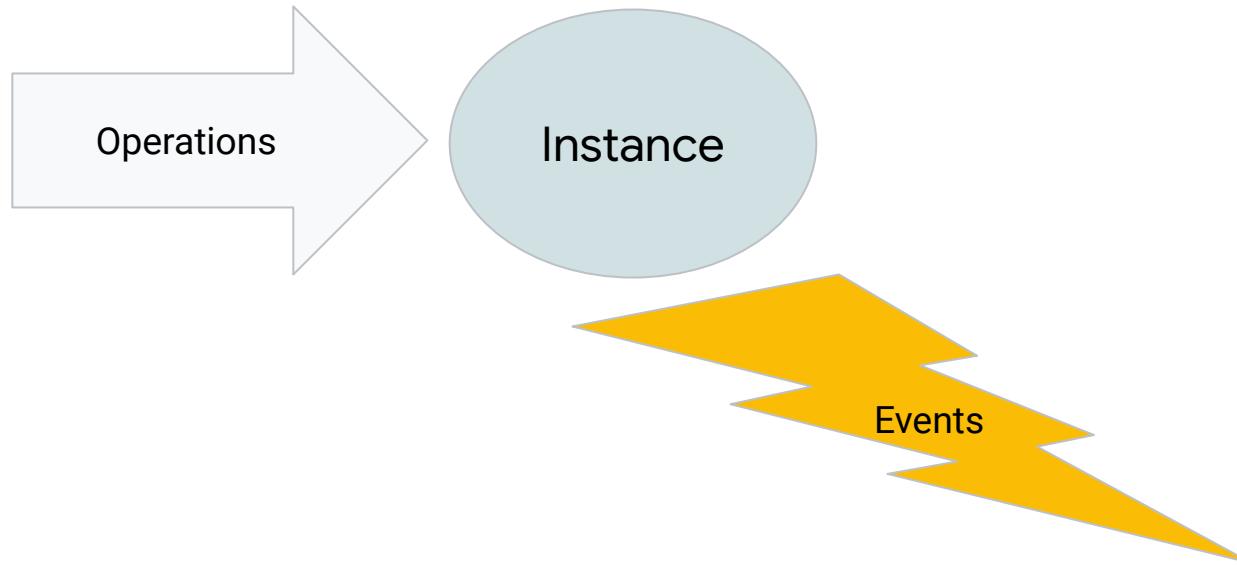
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# KCAM Internal - Entities



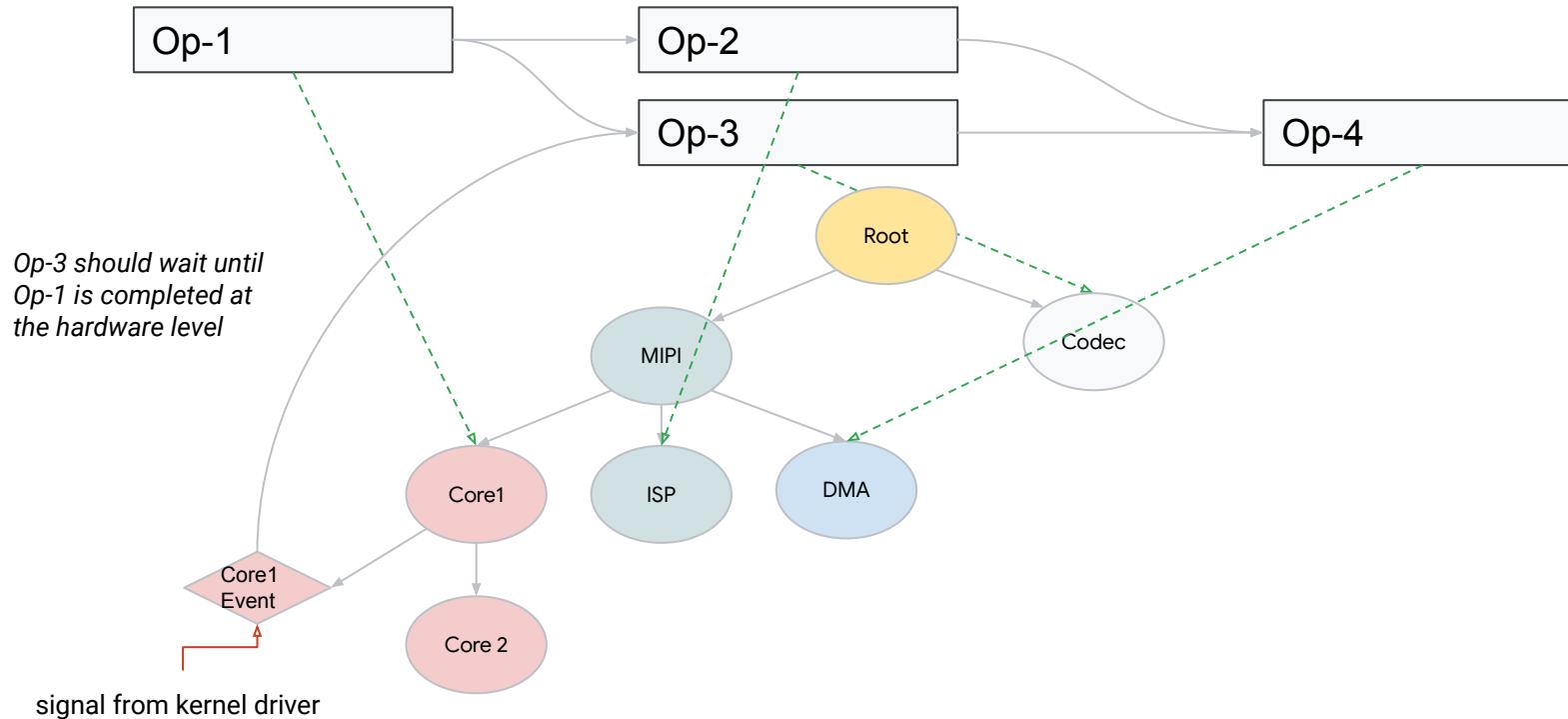
# KCAM Internal - Instances



# KCAM Internal - Operations

Asynchronous execution of operations

- userspace submits a graph of operations
- dependencies between operations are automatically taken care of



# ISP UAPI

Userspace  
HAL

```
fd = open("/dev/isp);
ioctl(fd, QUERY, &result);           // discover HW
while (cond) {
    ioctl(fd, OPERATION, &graph);   // post requests
    read(fd);                      // wait completion
}
close(fd);
```

KCAM

/dev/isp

“one device to rule them all”

Entity

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Driver

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Entity = abstraction of  
hardware components  
driver provides

Tight collaboration between heterogeneous devices! (e.g. stereo cameras, post-processing)