



Raw to Real, Green to Great

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Open sourcing the tuning process

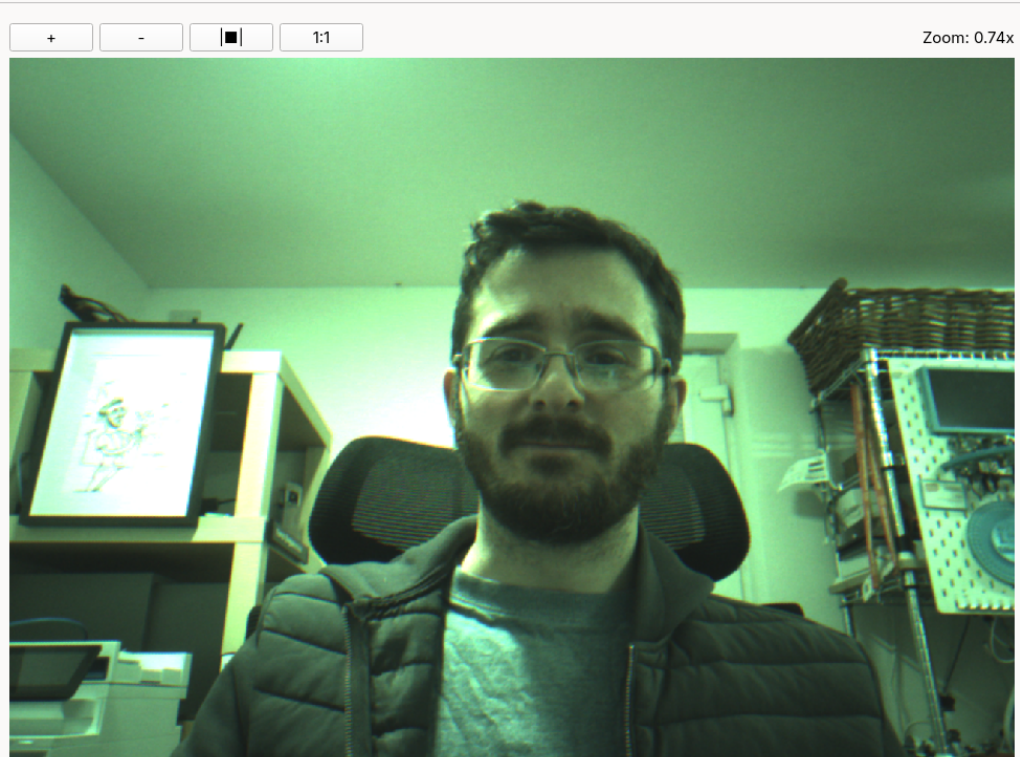
- Problem statement
- The process
- A proposal
- Help!

There's a lot which *can't* be covered in this small slot for future discussions (De-noise, 3D-LUT, Edge enhancement, sharpness ...)

Agenda



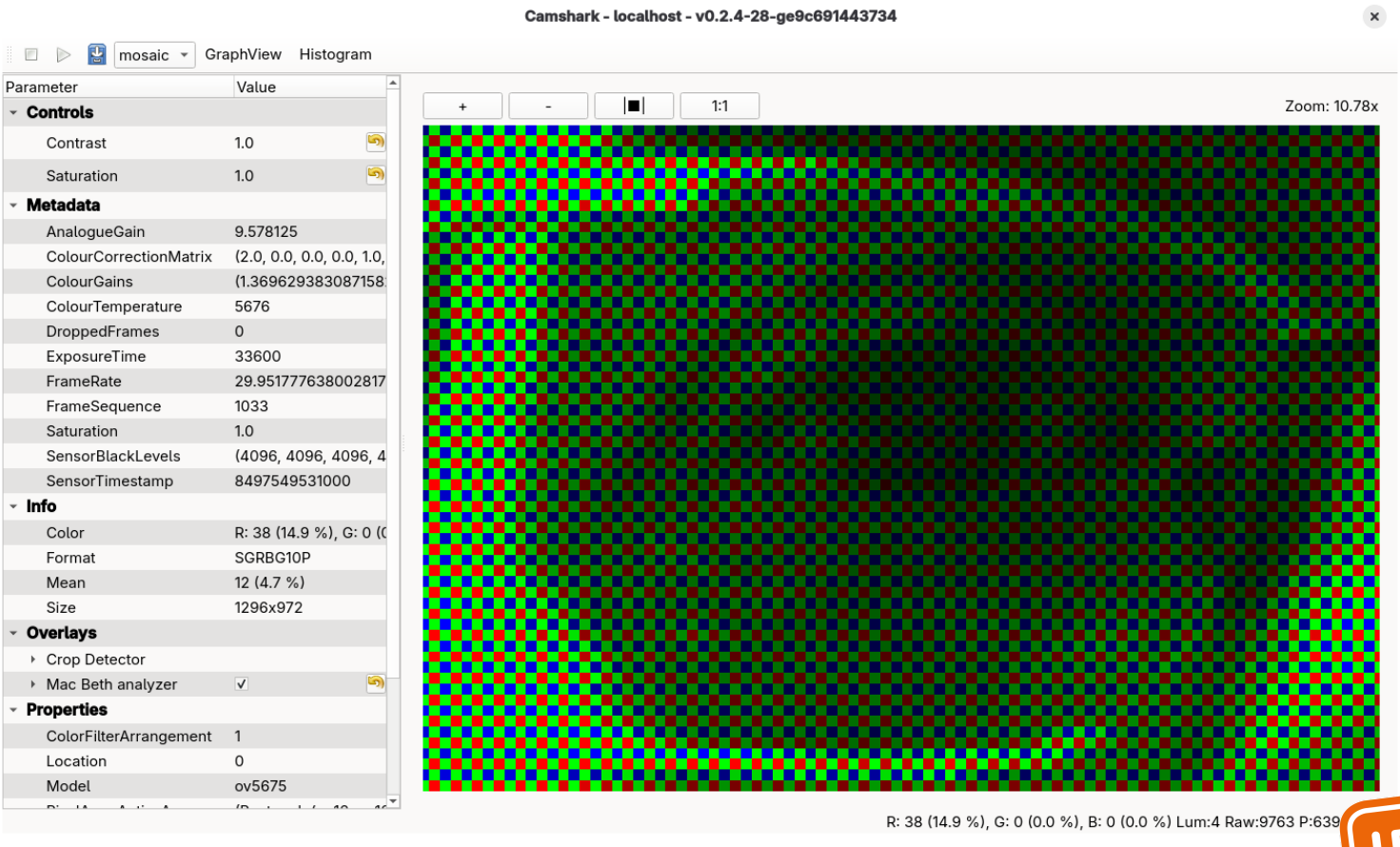
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FrameSequence	299
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R: 234 (91.8 %), G: 182 (71.4 %), B: 173 (67.8 %) Lum:130 P:4

RAW Green

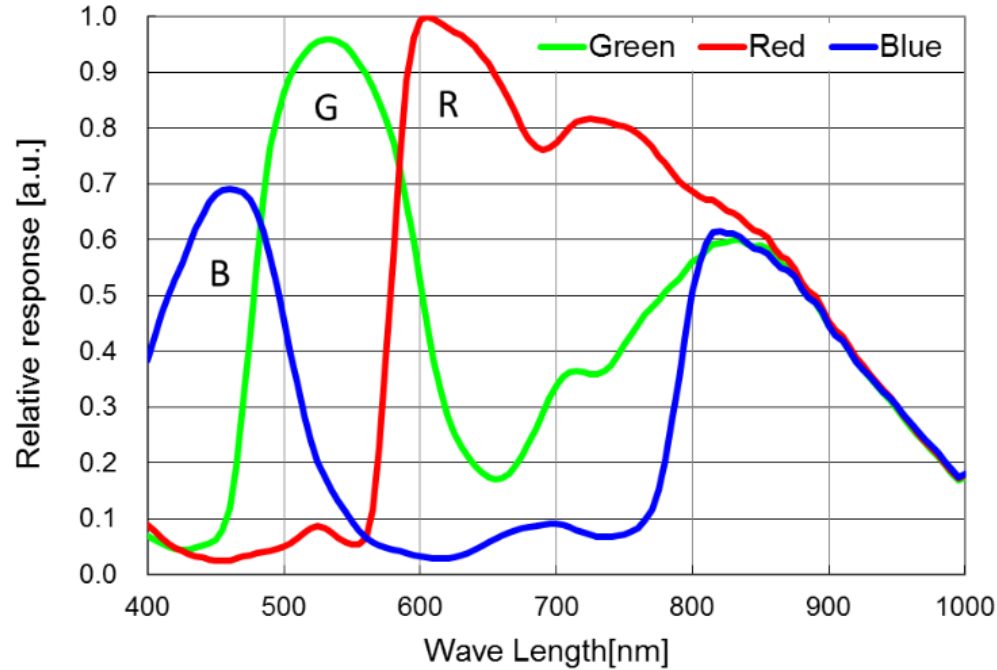




RAW Bayer / Mosaic



(Excludes lens characteristics and light source characteristics.)



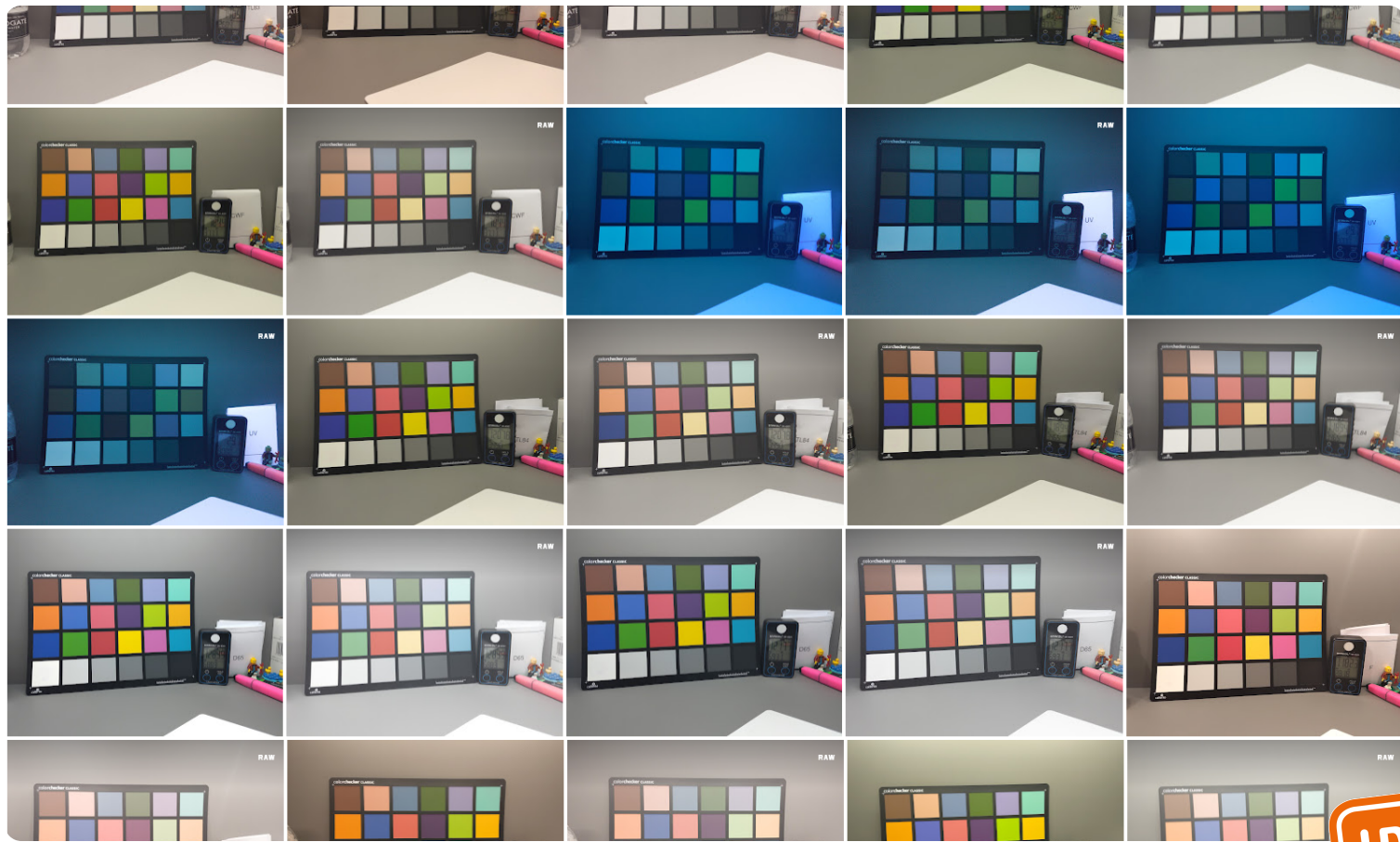
Spectral Sensitivity





Calibration Light Box



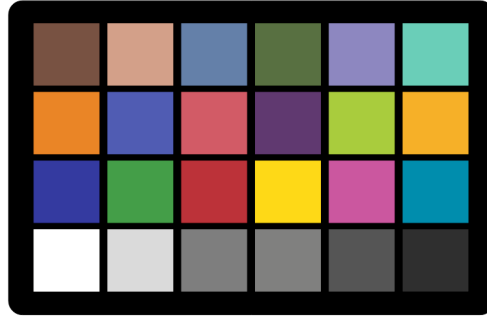


Capture

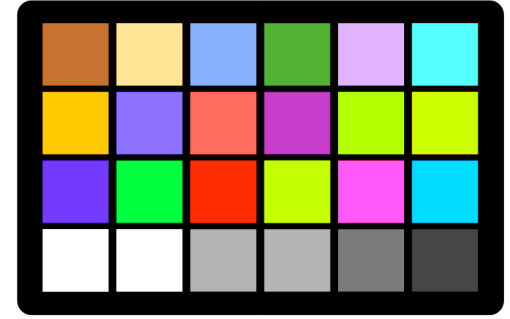




3200k



4000k



6400k

Colour Charts to Delta-E



	R'	G'	B'
R	2.121	-0.525	-0.596
G	-0.853	2.804	-0.951
B	-0.269	-1.148	2.417

2860k

	R'	G'	B'
R	2.182	-0.709	-0.473
G	-0.702	2.764	-1.062
B	-0.252	-0.720	1.971

4650k

	R'	G'	B'
R	2.212	-0.532	-0.679
G	-0.579	3.079	-1.500
B	-0.277	-0.733	2.010

7580k

- Real CCM values from the IMX219

Colour Correction Matrix



	R'	G'	B'
R	2.022	-0.419	-0.603
G	-0.595	2.215	-0.620
B	-0.440	-1.169	2.609

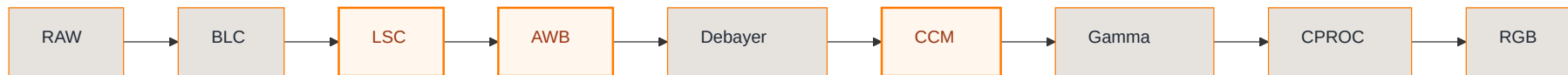
2676k

	R'	G'	B'
R	1.939	-0.675	-0.264
G	-0.430	2.007	-0.577
B	-0.157	-0.513	1.670

4650k

Fairphone 5 first pass camera CCM





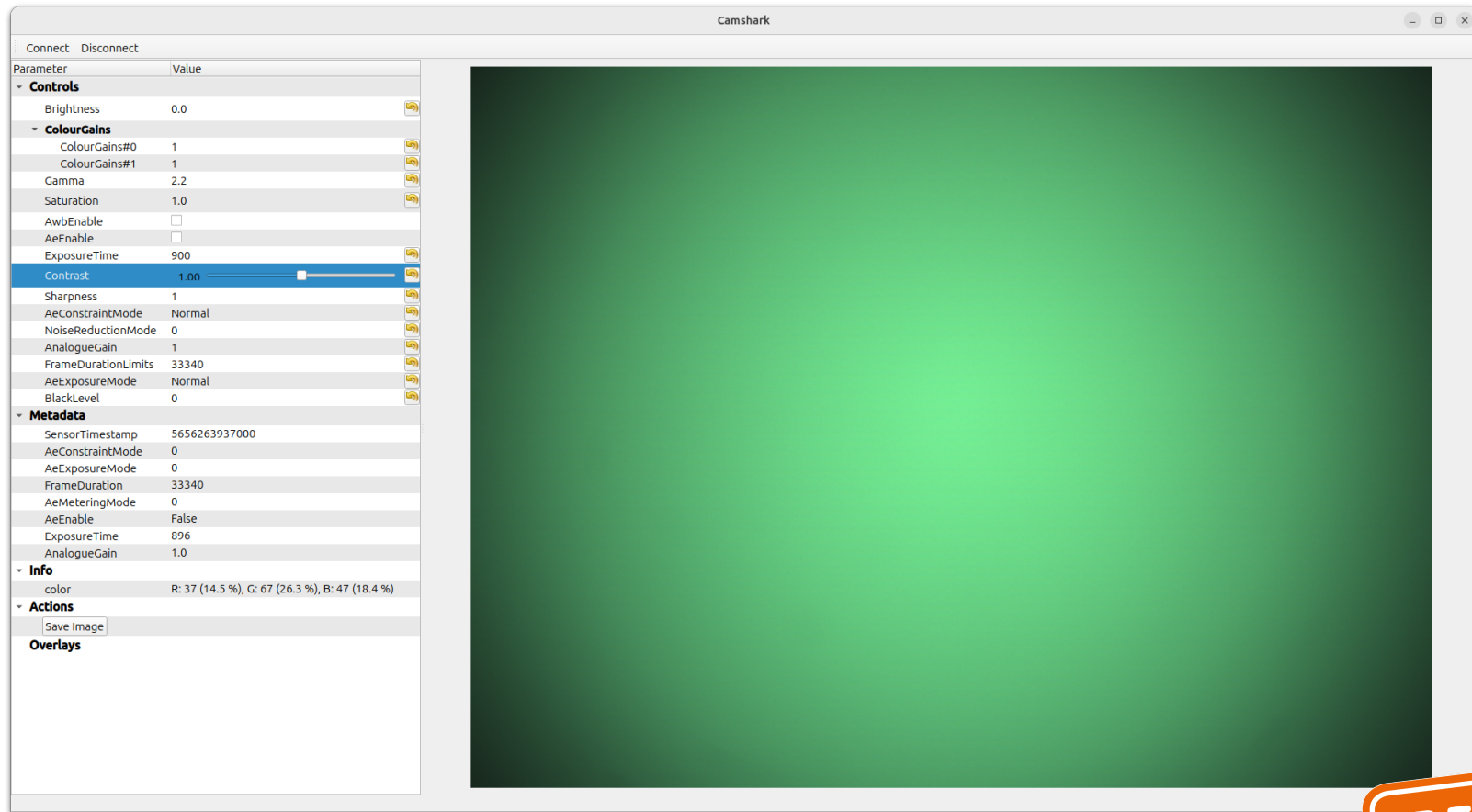
- Lens shading under development
- AWB should move to AwbBayes
- CCM / Cross-talk

Future:

- Autofocus
- Denoise/Sharpen
- 3D LUT
- Lens distortion correction

Simplified (GPU) ISP Pipeline

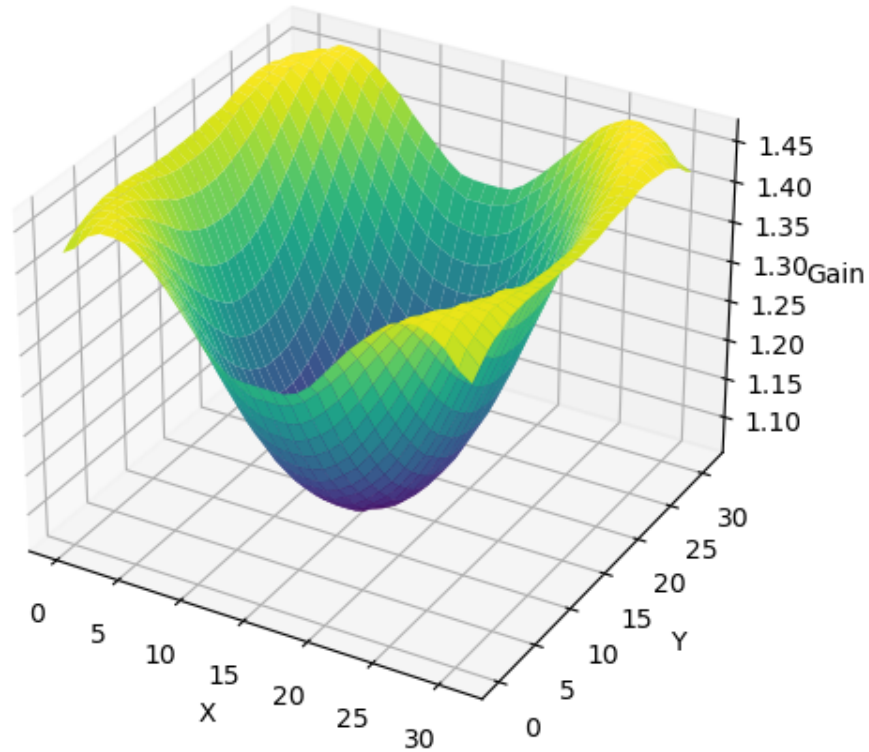




Lens Shading



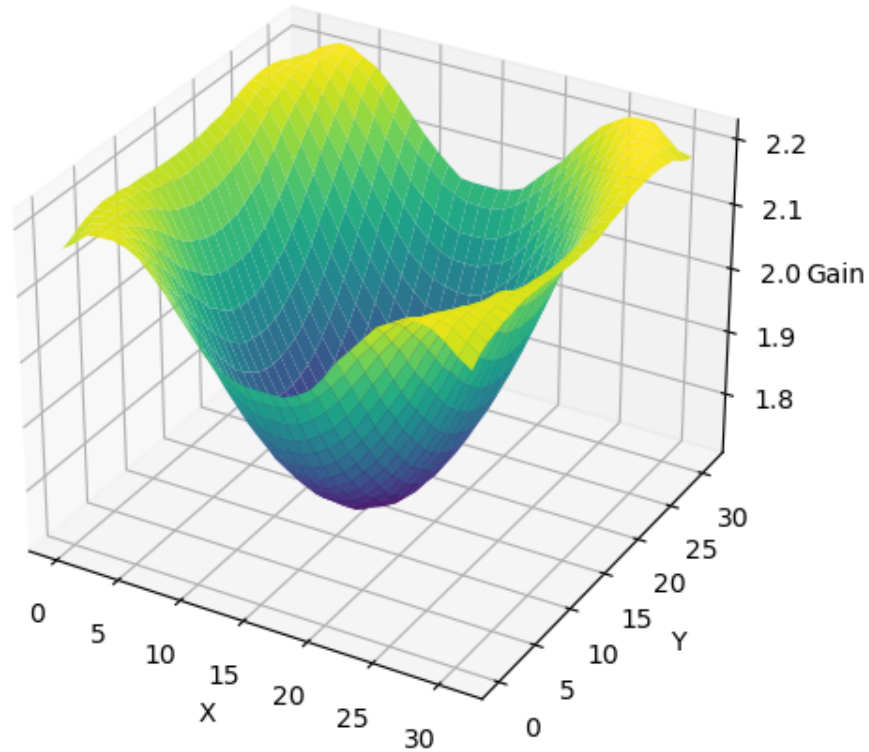
ALSC Shading Table at CT=3000K



Lens Shading



ALSC Shading Table at CT=5000K



Lens Shading



```
# install the necessary python packages
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cd libcamera
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python -m venv venv
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source ./venv/bin/activate
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pip install -r utils/tuning/requirements.txt
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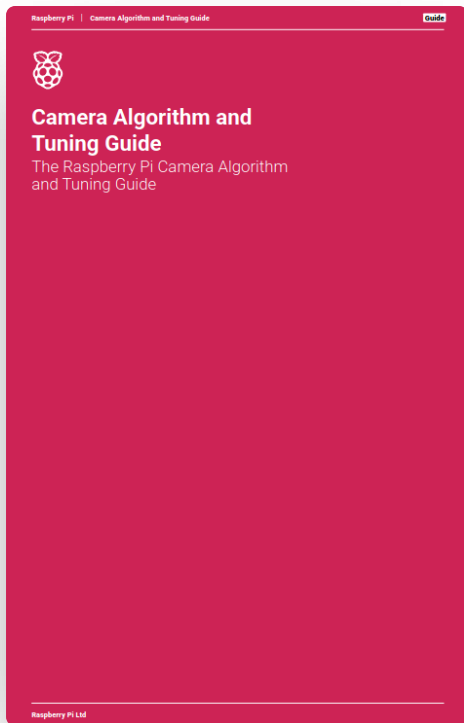
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# run the tuning script
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```
utils/tuning/rkisp1.py -c config.yaml -i ../tuning-data/ -o tuning-file.yaml
```

- Parses directory
- Examines filenames
- Should use metadata

Tuning Tool





Essential Reading

67 pages of gospel from David and the team

- <https://datasheets.raspberrypi.com/camera/raspberry-pi-camera-guide.pdf>

Stefan is working on guides for other platforms

- <https://libcamera.stefanklug.com/guides/tuning/tuning.html>
(will be merged to libcamera.org)

Gospel



- Bayer images – We start with RAW images
- But why is it green really
 - AWB + CCM (Plus others) need calibration
- Tuning a mobile phone camera can be hard
- Somewhat expensive / bulky equipment required

Problem statements



Tuning 100's of
mobile phone
cameras, and
laptops, and
tablets and ...

THE BIG PROBLEM



Minimum Equipment needed

- Colorimeter - £50
- Colour checker card - £80

Custom light box / Self builds

- Ikea box + light automation - ~£200
- Flat panel LED - £30

Extended equipment:

- Full light box - £800

Commercial lab: £100,000 +++

Equipment required

SK-8202 (with illuminance + color temperature + color rendering index Ra)

Illuminance measurement range:
0.5-300000LUX/ 0.02-150000FC
Maximum display: 99999
Measuring gear: 99999/300000
Resolution: <10000:0.1; >10000:1
Illumination accuracy: ± (4%+10)
Illuminance repeat test: ±2%
Color temperature CCT: 2500K-8000K (±5%)
Color rendering index Ra: 20-100Ra (±2)
Sampling rate: 4 times / sec
Incidence angle: 100 degrees
Spectral range: 400nm-700nm



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- The original ColorChecker for colour calibration and control from capture to edit
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- 6 greyscale patches, RGB & CMYK colours and a mix of everyday colours for great results
- Use this important photography accessory with the ColorChecker Camera Calibration software to create ACR or ICC profiles

Report an issue with this product



Captures vary in size but the collection will grow rapidly:

- Tunings are about 500MB to 1GB or maybe up to 2 GB per camera module.

```
libcamera@tuning:~/ $ du -sh *  
448M vendors/fairphone/fp5/front  
421M vendors/raspberrypi/imx219  
606M vendors/raspberrypi/imx708  
116M sensors/omnivision/ov8858  
493M sensors/sony/imx283  
915M sensors/sony/imx335  
418M sensors/sony/imx363  
285M sensors/sony/imx415  
97M sensors/sony/imx462
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Captures



Our new problem statement

- We have lots of phones.
- Lots of laptops.
- Lots of tablets.
- Varying ISPs.
- Few people with internal knowledge of the ISP pipeline.

\$DEVICE_VENDOR has '100' people per phone.
We have '100' devices per person to support.

Our goal.

- Democratise, and expand tuning for everyone.
- Requirements. We have to make it easy.
- Make it open, so people build on top of existing tuning, not start from scratch.

Open source side



It turns out tuning is 'tricky'.

- Light box definitely provides mains flicker @ 50hz.
- 'Calibrated' lights and a cheap Snarkol SK-8201 will disagree
- It's simply 'fiddly' to get everything in the right place
- It's important to make sure you get a good exposure and gain
 - And make sure the colour checker card is clear and visible

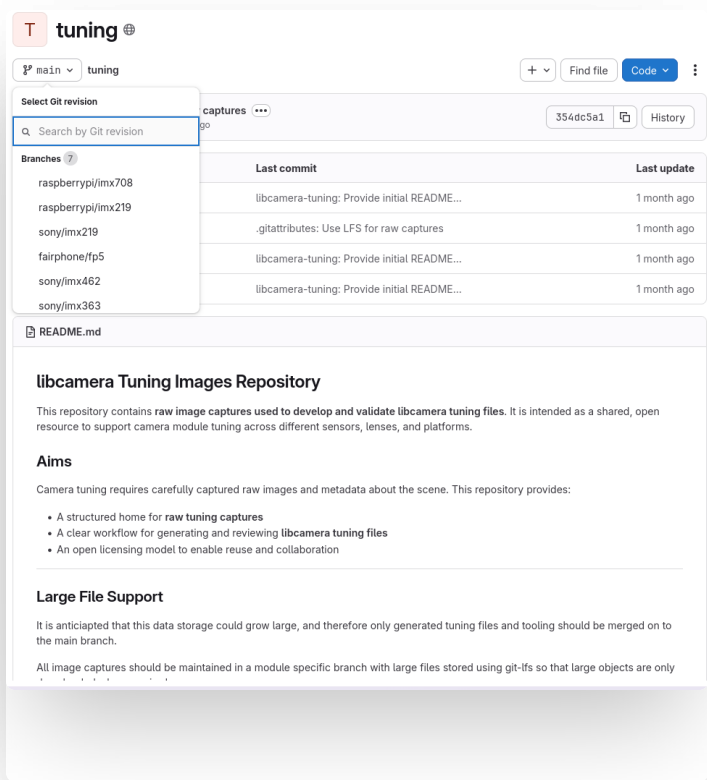
Issues



- Try to include the light meter in the capture to be able to reference in pp
- Include the light 'name' in the scene
 - Printed paper worked for me
 - F, D65, TL84, UV, CWF, TL83
- Use a 'dark' room or capture at night to avoid 'light pollution'
- Make scripts to help save out the capture files
 - Or later we should make assisted capture tools
- Make sure the lights are not in shot
- Don't face the light meter *at* the lights
- Don't be afraid to delete captures!
 - You can always capture more

Tips





Start simple...

Can git help ?

- <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/camera/tuning>

Pros and cons

- Easy ...
- 'familiar'
- Requires git-lfs
- We can't fork a 500 GB repo easily

Alternatives?

- Move to S3 buckets and a web interface

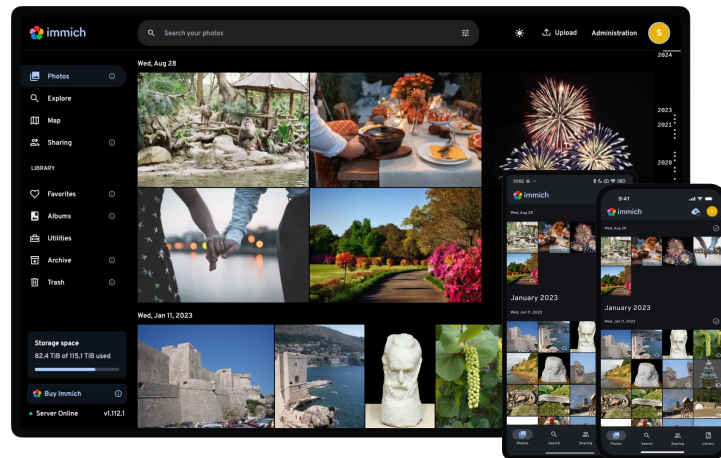
camera-tuning



Help wanted

Where do we need help...

- A web front end
 - Viewing images
 - Backend to run the tuning scripts
 - interface to change parameters and display results
- Building on top of something existing (immich?)
 - Or do we build our own backend service entirely ?
 - What about a command line interaction directly to SoftISP



Help!



I'd also like to propose a web interface or such on top of the Soft/GPU ISP.

- Backend using the exact same shaders
- Front end supplies 'one of the raw's
- Sliders to control parameters
- Upload the image,
- Process with the parameters
- Show the result
- Calculate delta-e directly when a colour chart is detected

Your design here ...

Web ISP



Take (RAW) pictures!

- With a colour chart
- With an estimation of colour temperature
- With an estimation of lux level
- Perhaps with ground truth / android capture too?

Build infrastructure

- Storage and sharing system
- Parameter tweaking interface



<https://matrix.to/#/#libcamera:matrix.org>



Contribute





Slidev

Presentation Slides for Developers

Tools / Thanks



Your vision. Made real. Together.



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Thank You!

