

Moneta: Ex-Vivo GPU Driver Fuzzing by Recalling In-Vivo Execution States

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GPU Drivers are Vulnerable

Security Bulletin: NVIDIA GPU Display Driver - October 2024

27 High Severity CVEs

DETAILS

This section summarizes the potential vulnerabilities that this security update addresses and their impact. Descriptions use [CWE™](#), and base scores and vectors use [CVSS v3.1](#) standards.

NVIDIA GPU DISPLAY DRIVER

CVE ID	Description	Vector	Base Score	Severity	CWE	Impacts
CVE-2024-0126	NVIDIA GPU Display Driver for Windows and Linux contains a vulnerability which could allow a privileged attacker to escalate permissions. A successful exploit of this vulnerability might lead to code execution, denial of service, escalation of privileges, information disclosure, and data tampering.	AV:L/AC:L/PR:H/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H	8.2	High	CWE-20	Code execution, denial of service, escalation of privileges, information disclosure, and data tampering
	NVIDIA GPU Display Driver for Windows					

Fuzzing Device Drivers

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3: openat(AT_FDCWD, "/dev/nvidia0", 0_RDWR) = 49
4: ioctl(49, REGISTER_FD, ...) = 0
5: ioctl(48, MEMORY_ALLOC, ...) = 0
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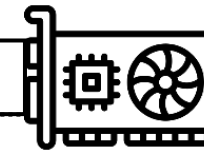
User-mode

Kernel-mode

Peripheral

GPU Driver

GPU



Inter-Syscall Dependency Challenge

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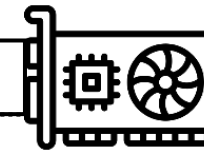
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Value Dependency

Ordering Dependency

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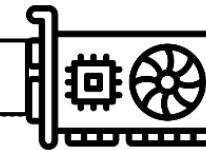
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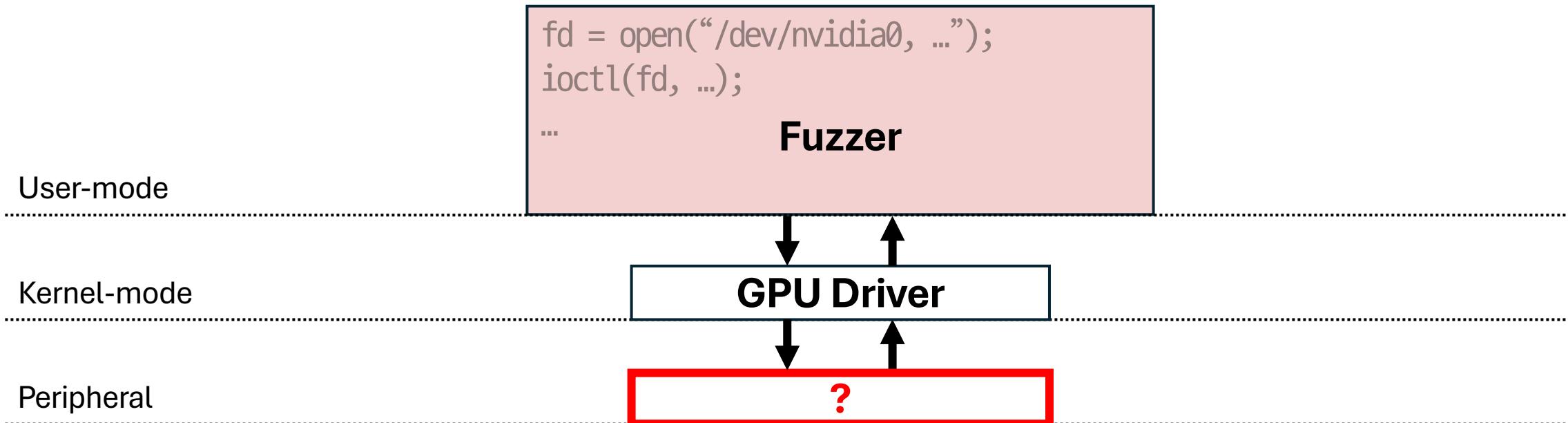
GPU Driver

Peripheral

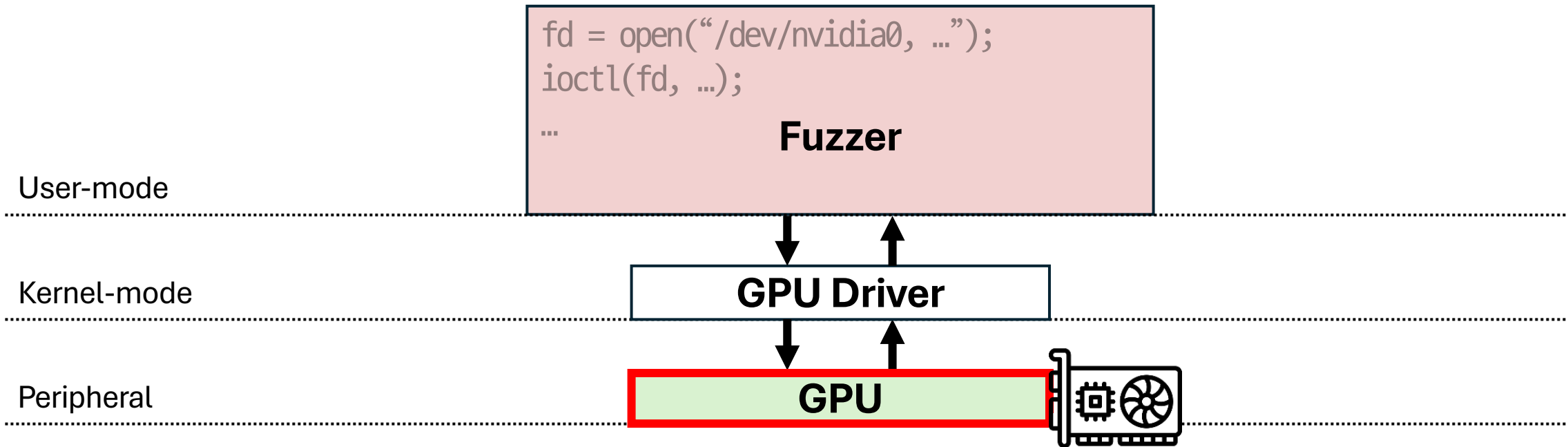
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Hardware Dependency Challenge

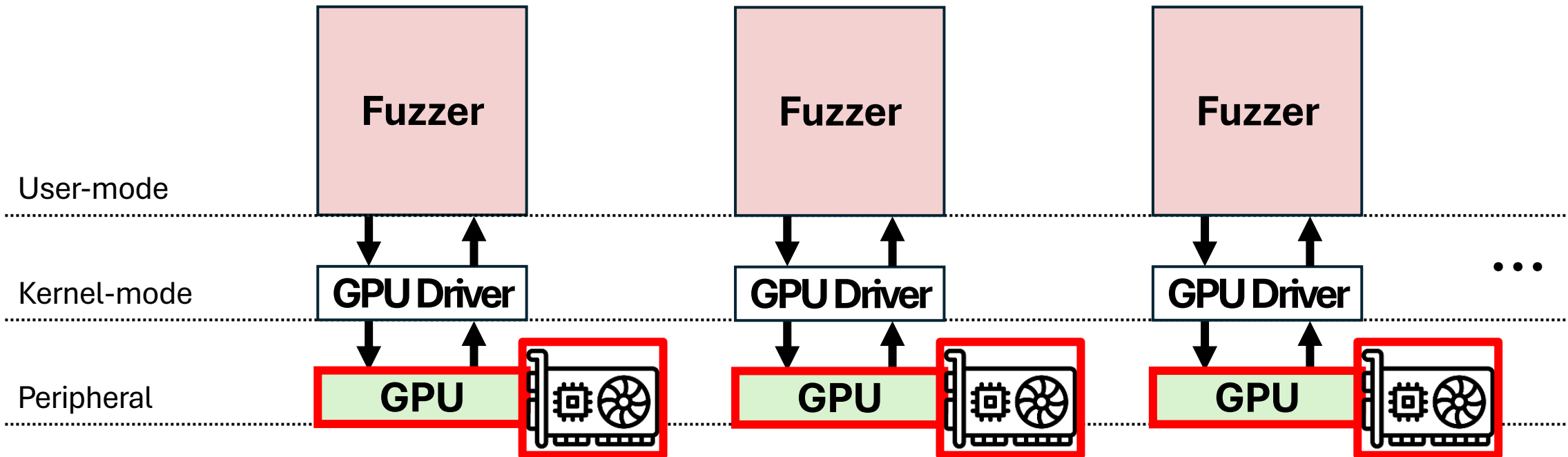


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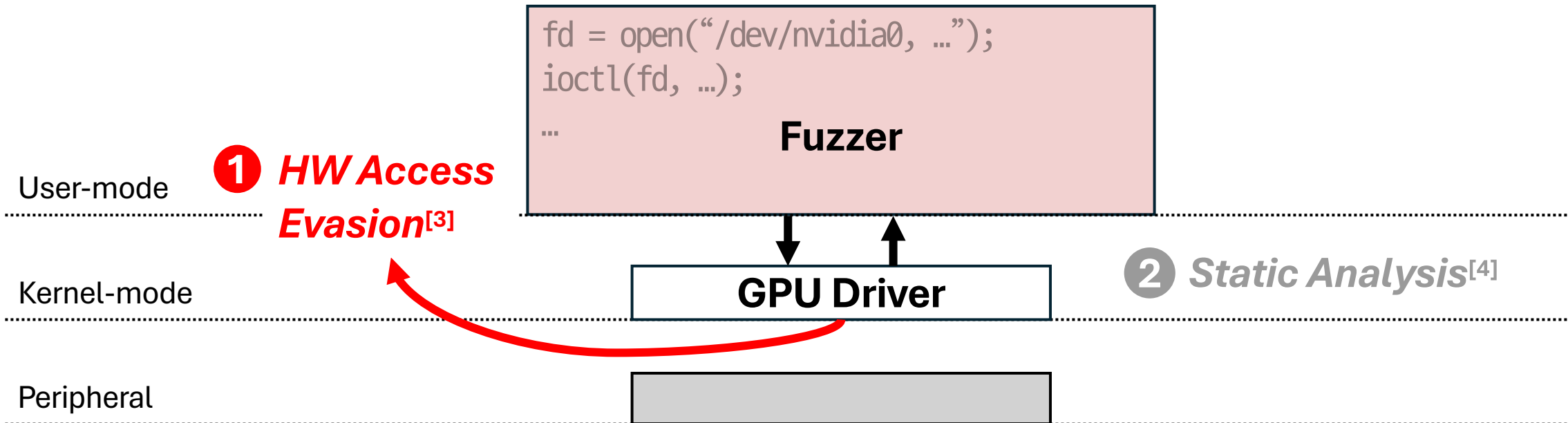


Downside of In-vivo Approaches^[2]

Hard to scale!



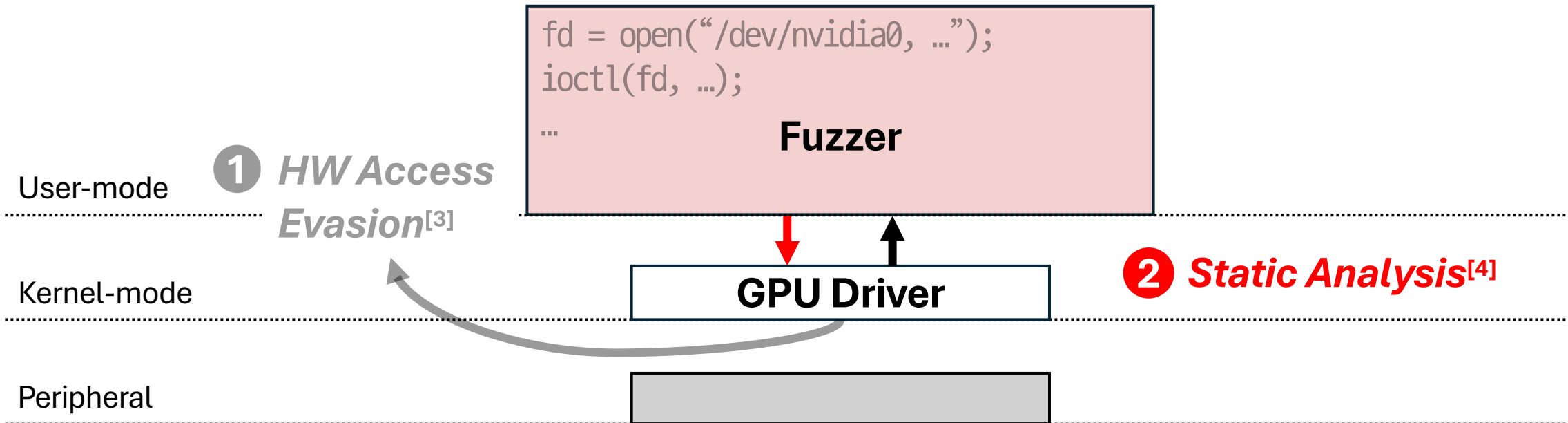
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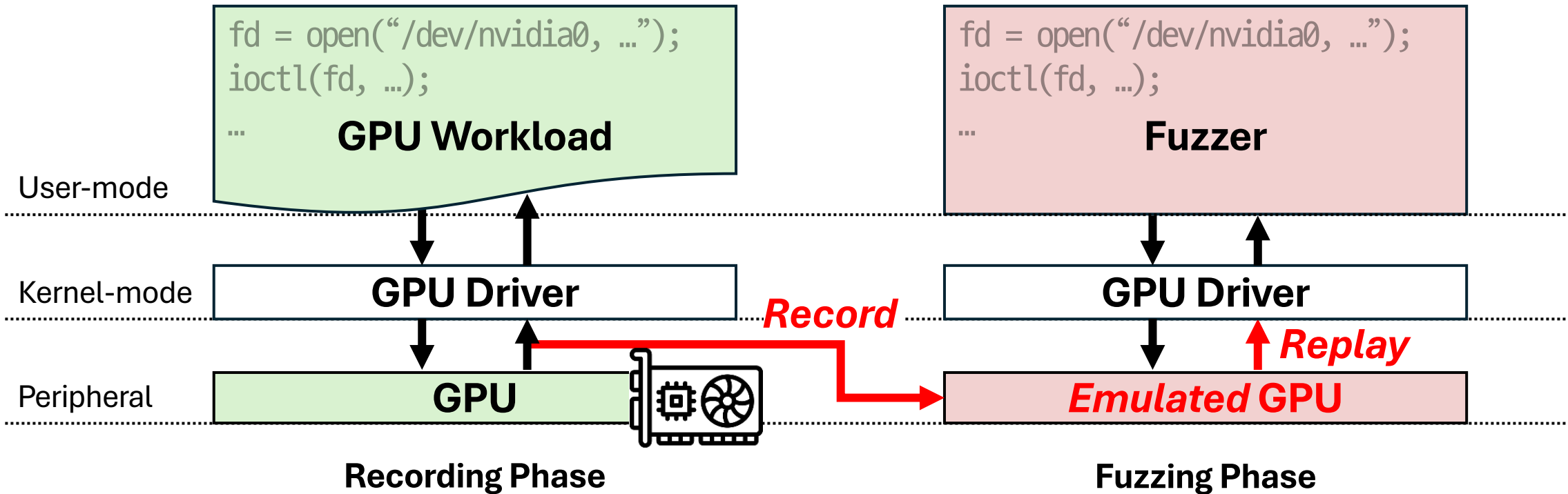


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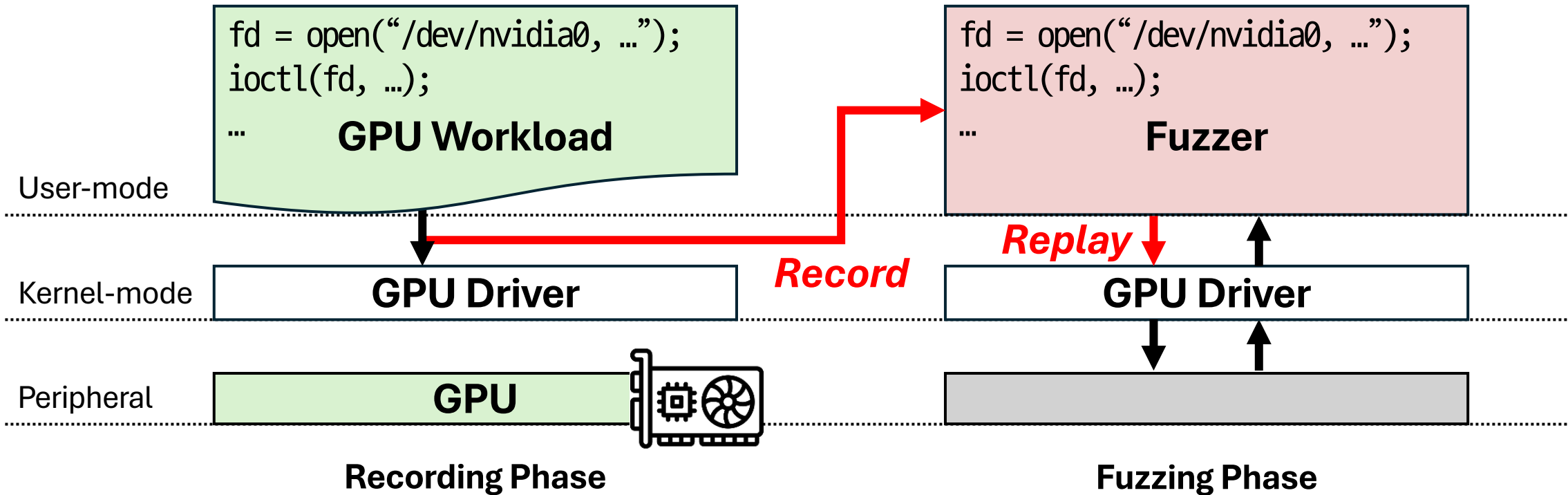
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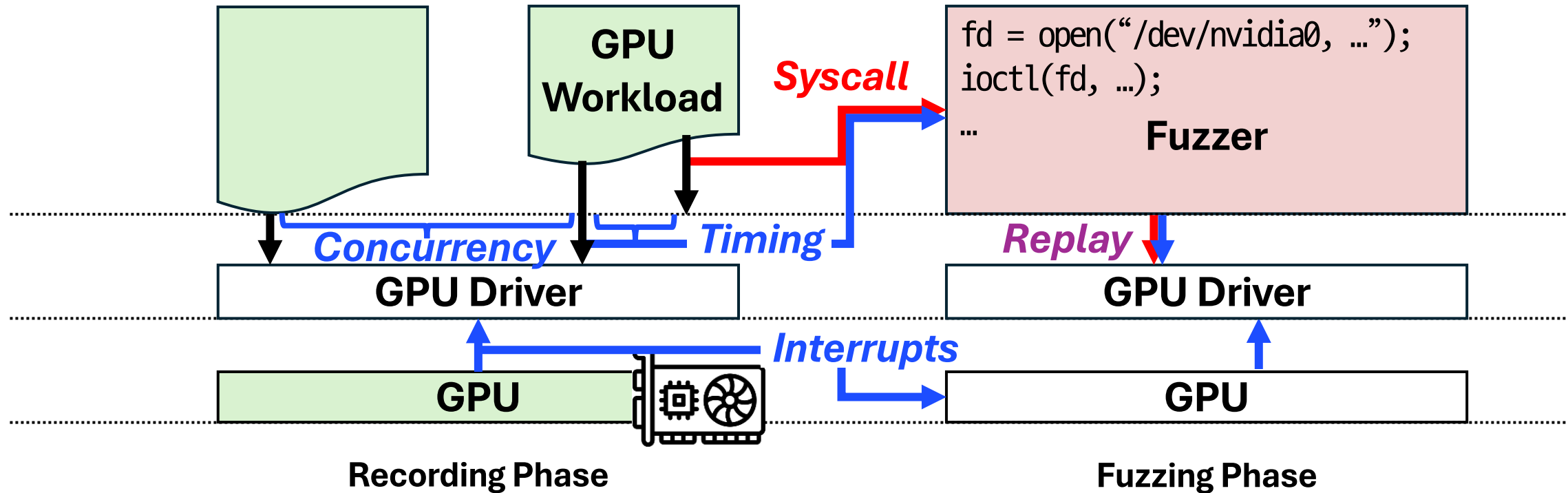
③ *Record-and-Replay*^[5]



Addressing Inter-Syscall Dependency via Record-and-Replay

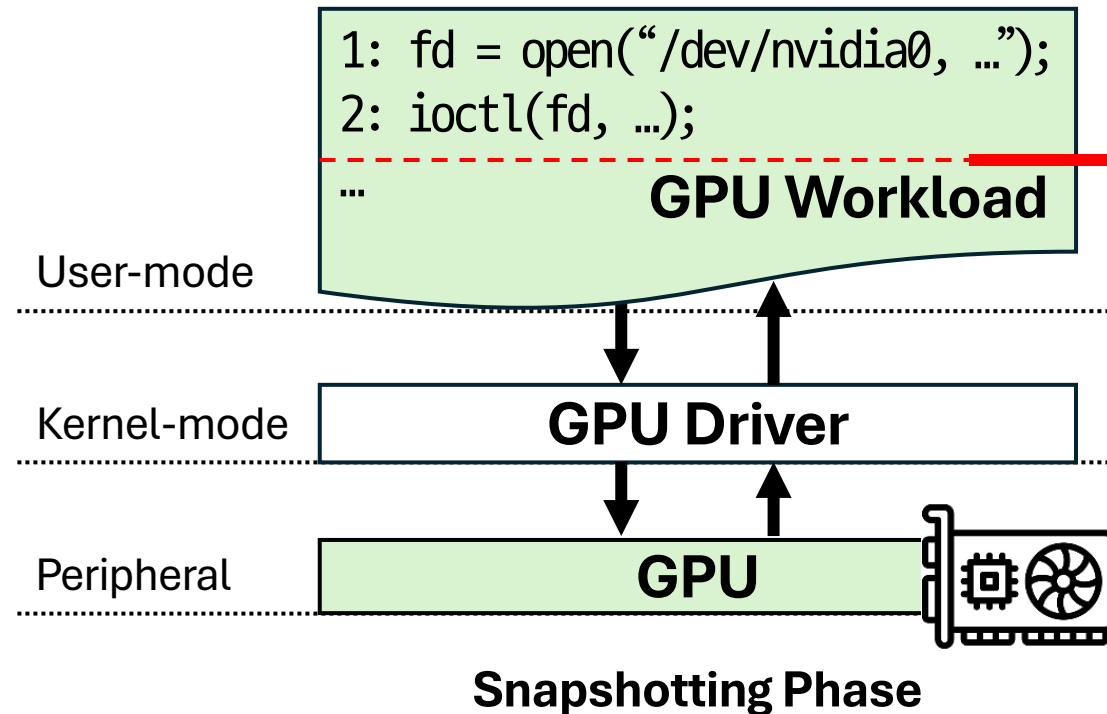


Nondeterminism Challenge in Record-and-Replay

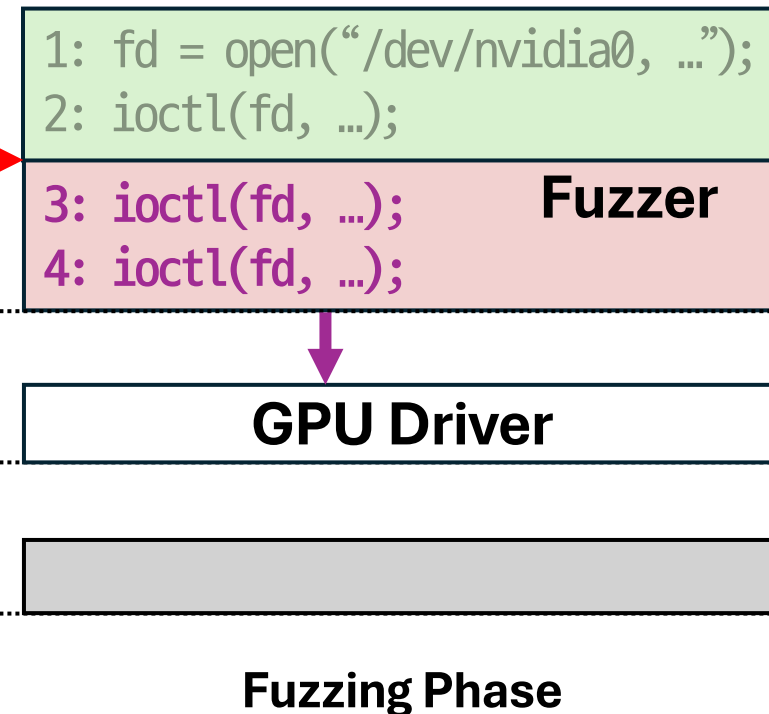


Addressing Nondeterminism via Snapshot-and-Rehost

① Snapshot



② Rehost



Addressing Hardware Dependency via Snapshot-and-Rehost

① Snapshot

```
1: fd = open("/dev/nvidia0, ...");  
2: ioctl(fd, MEMORY_ALLOC, ...);  
...  
GPU Workload
```

User-mode

Kernel-mode

Peripheral

GPU Driver**GPU**

Snapshotting Phase

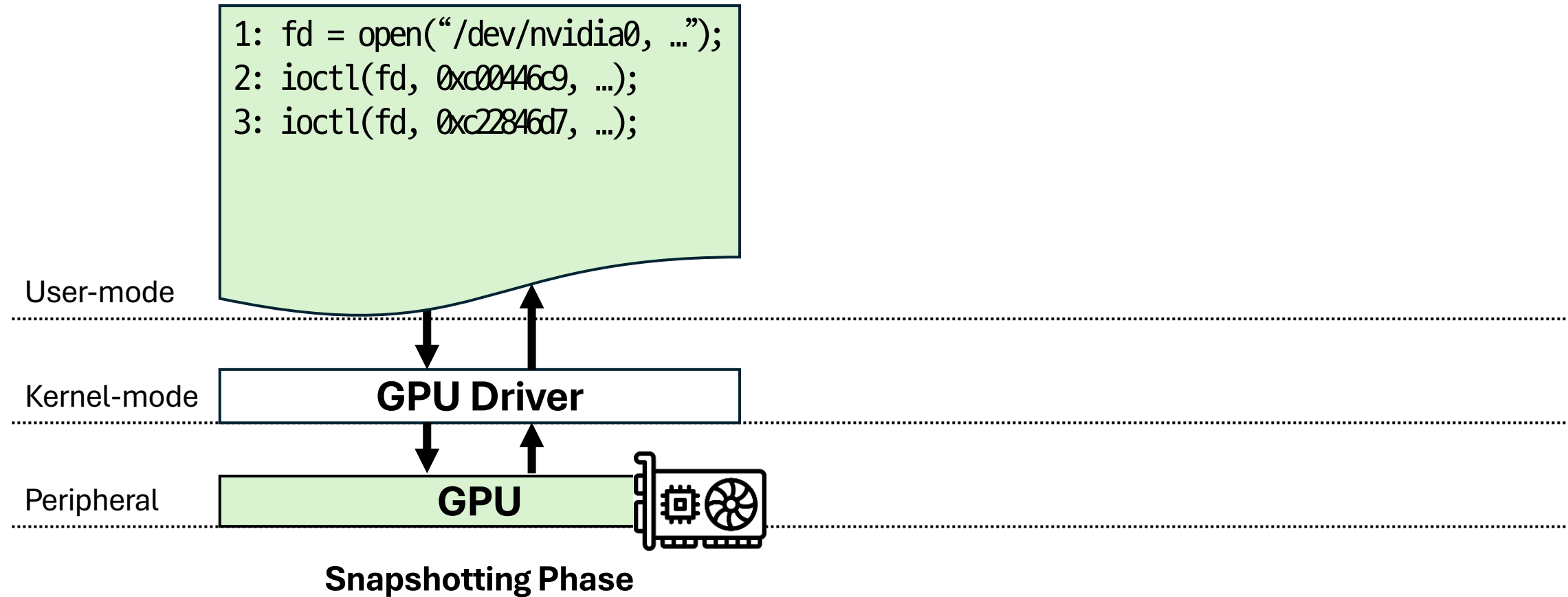
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GPU Driver

Fuzzing Phase

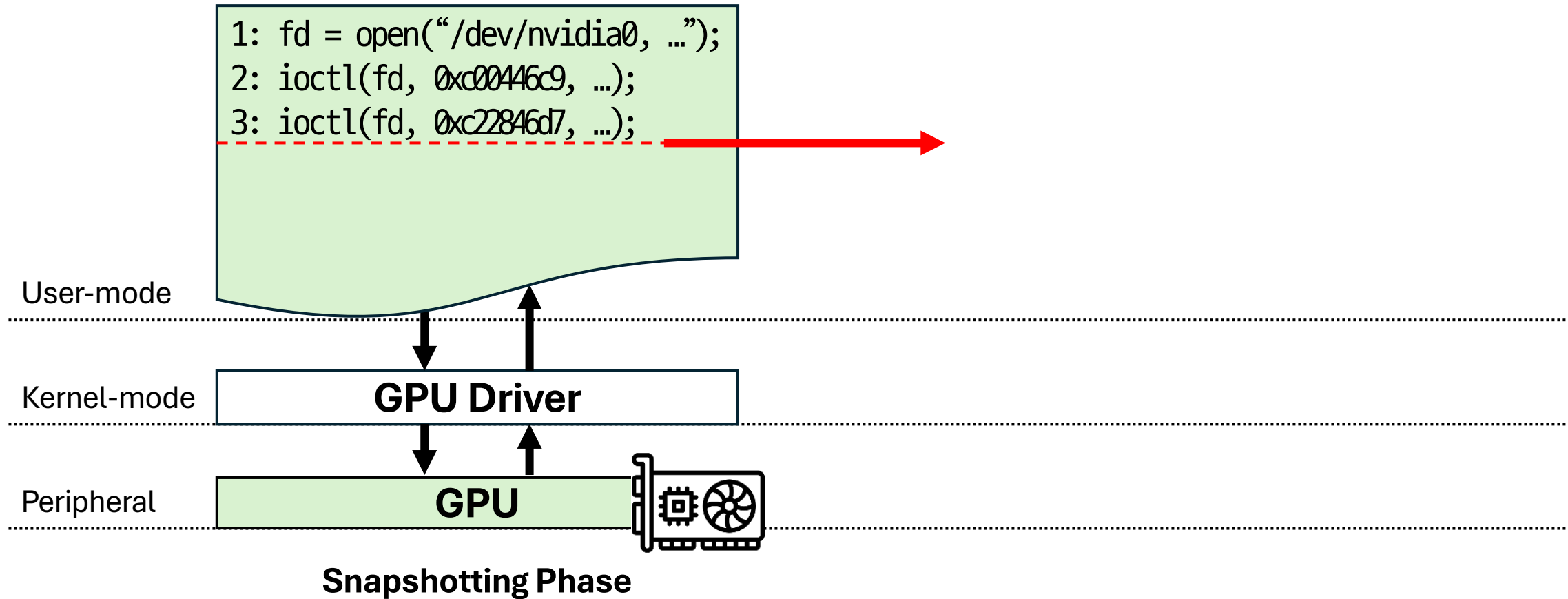
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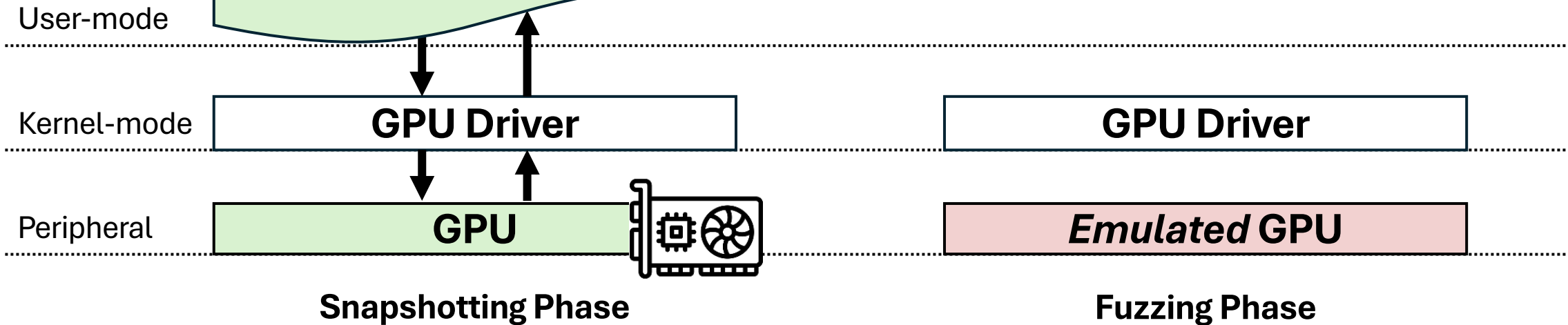
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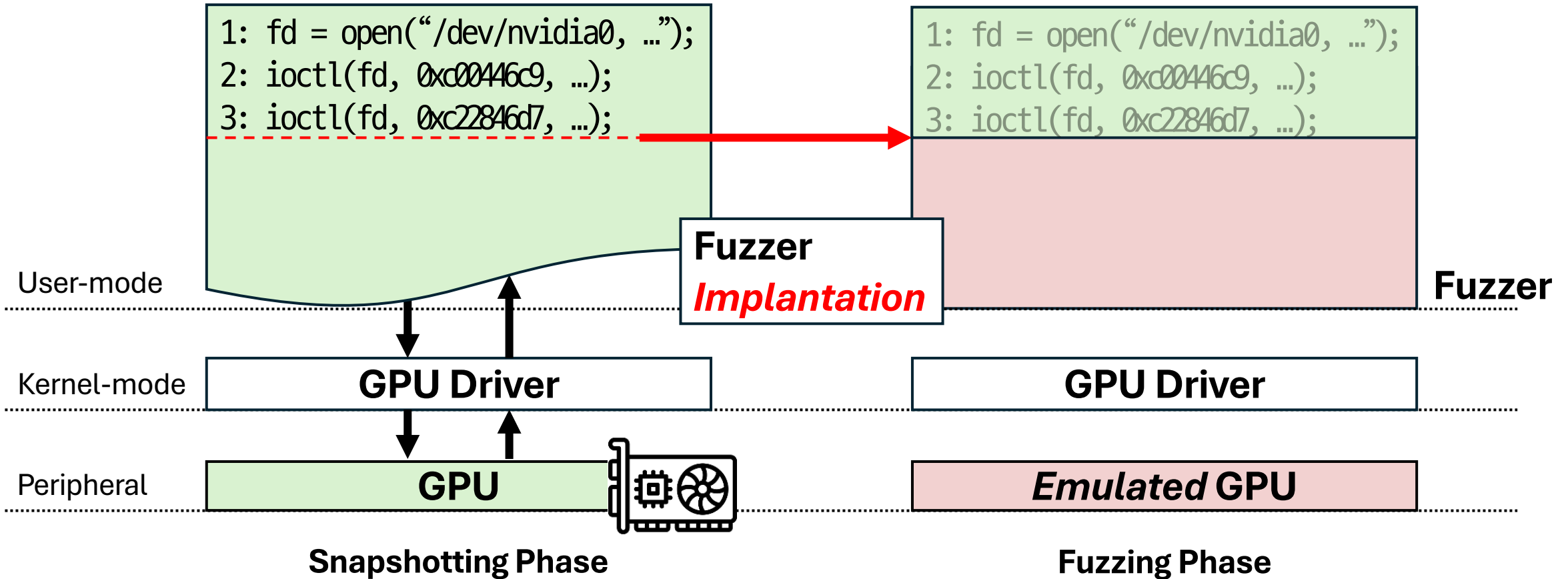
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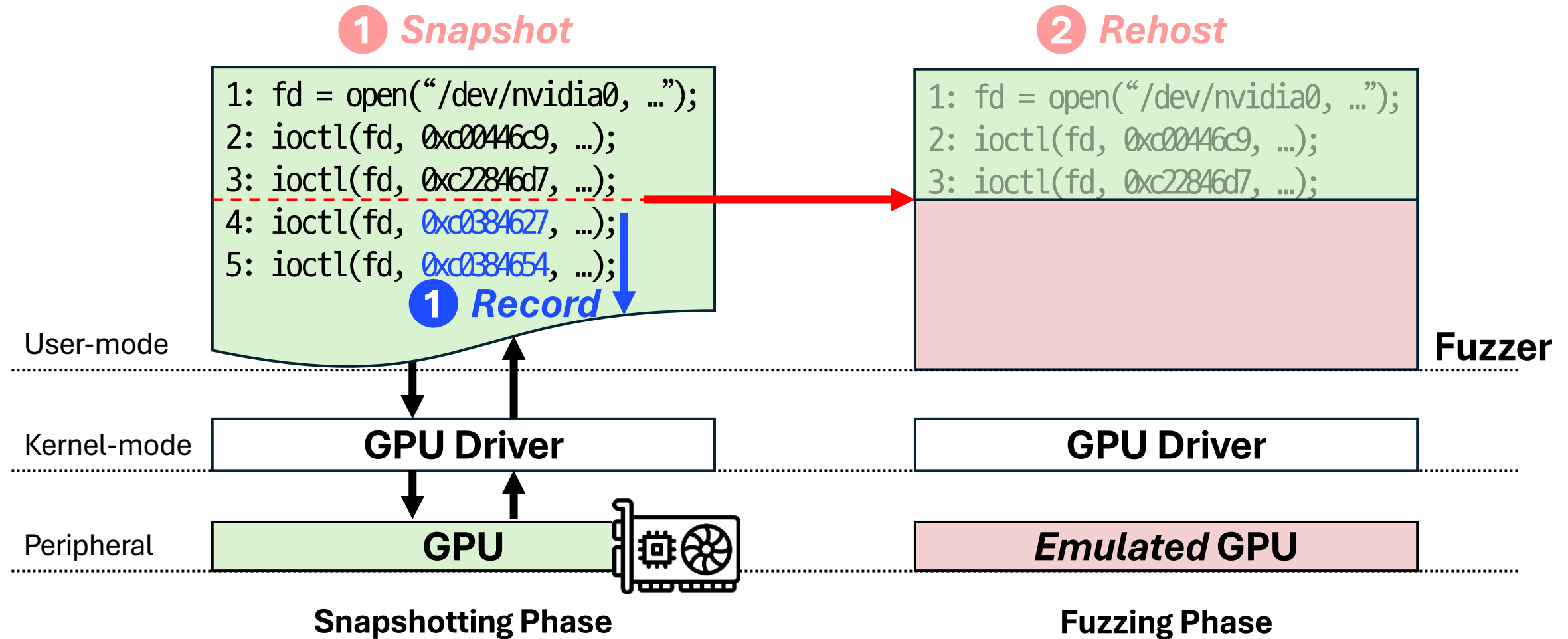
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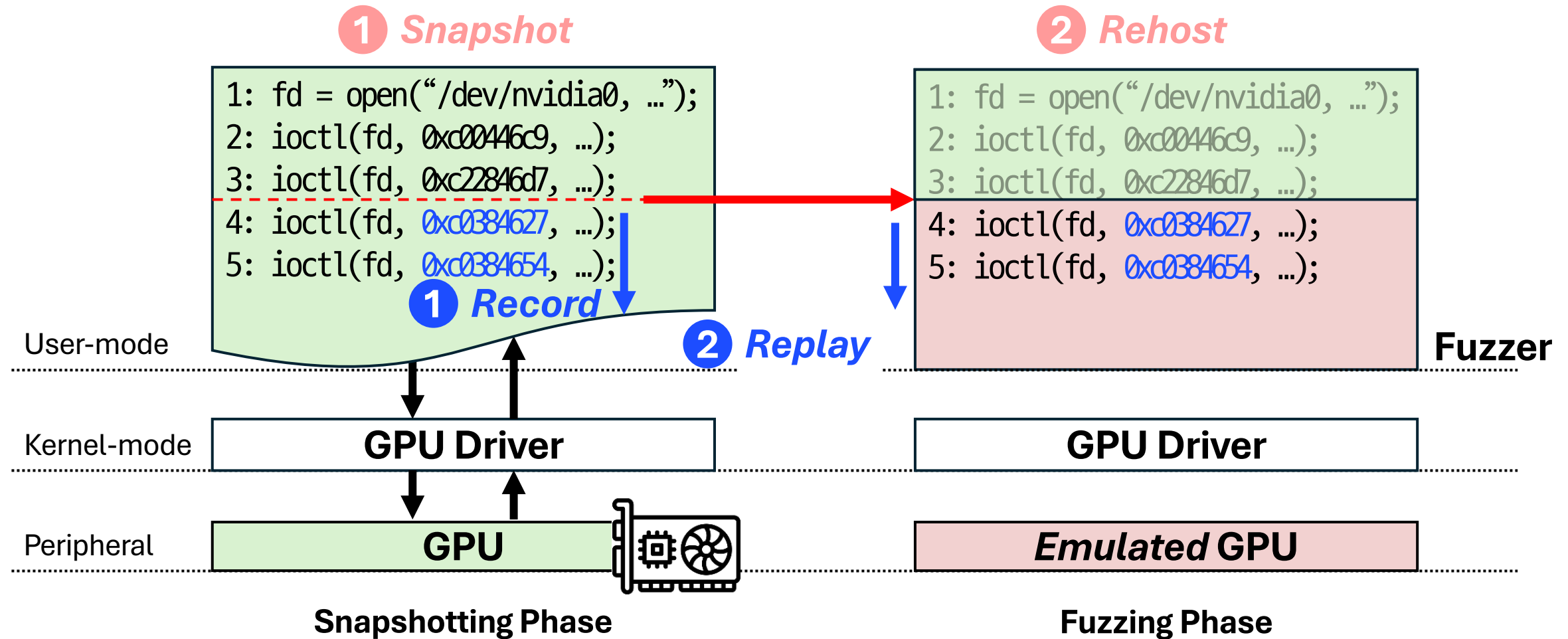
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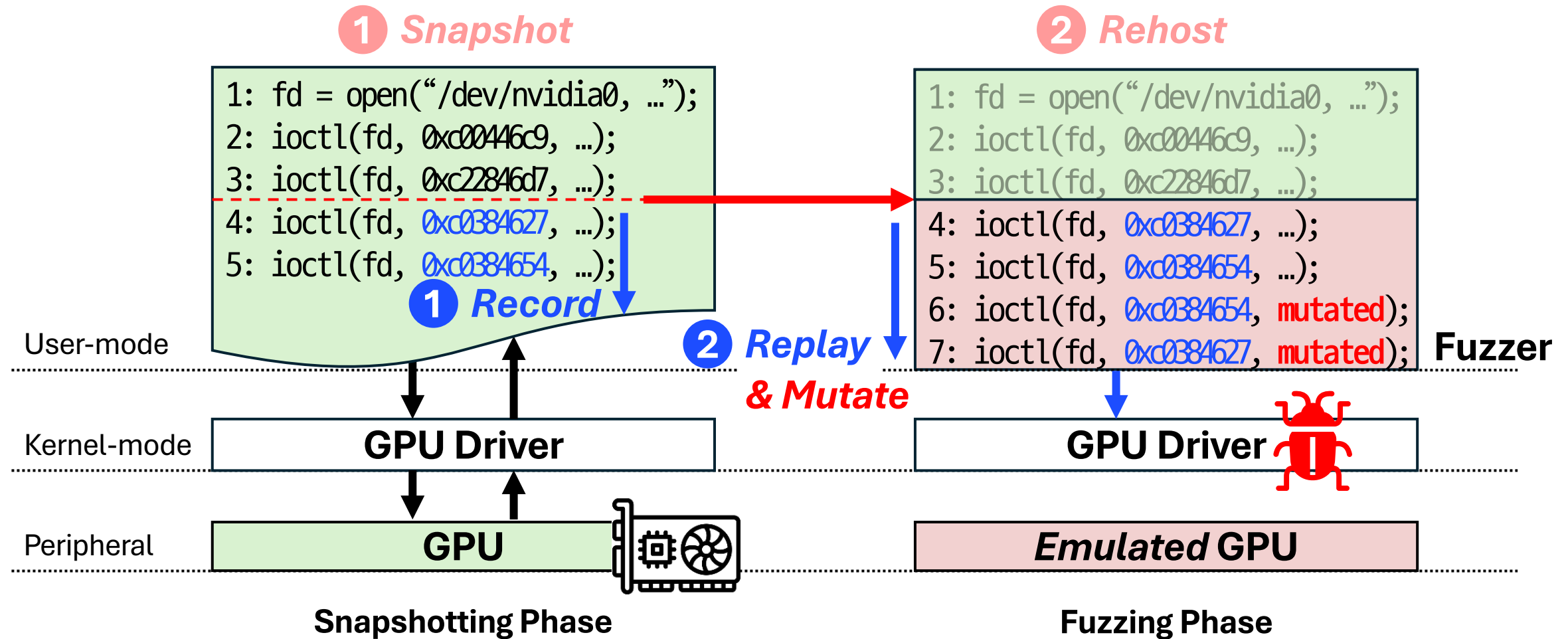
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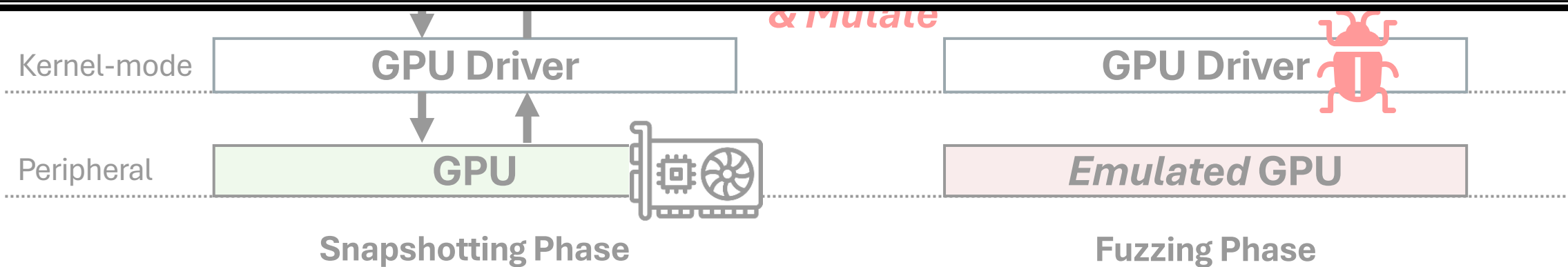
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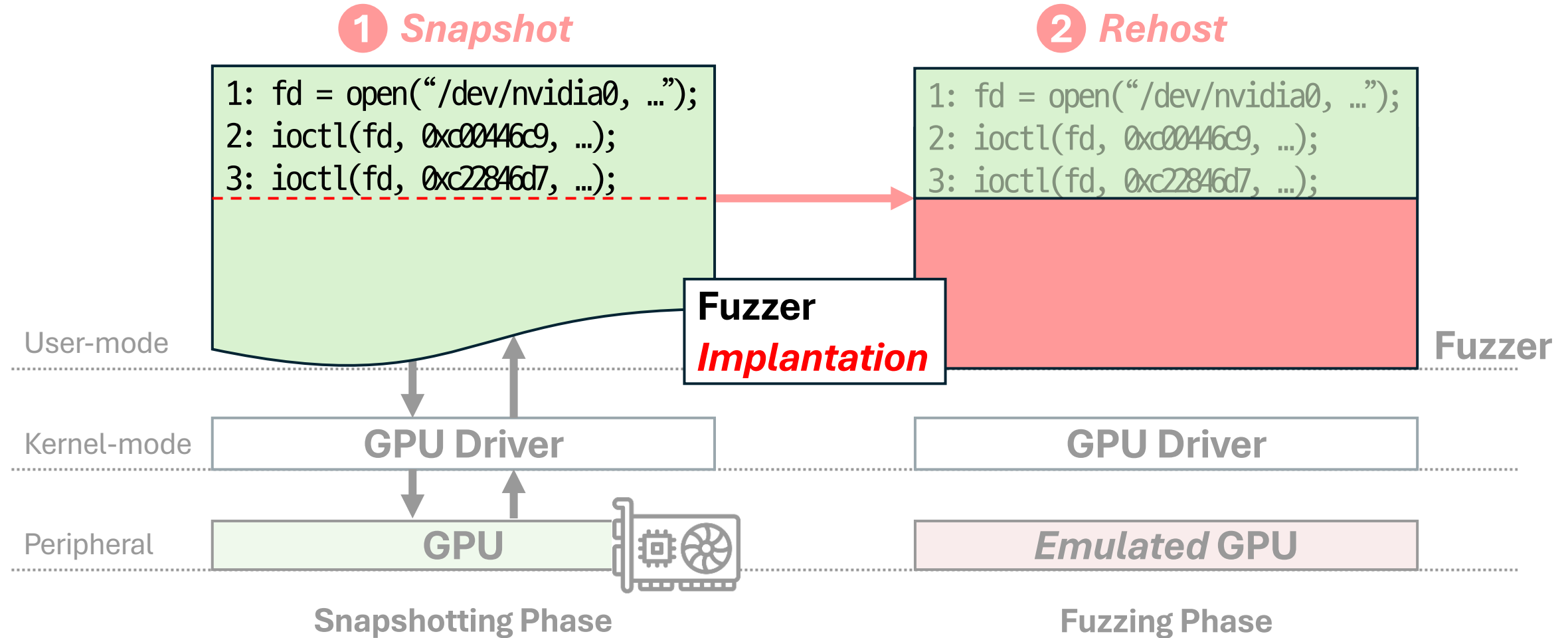
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Combination of SnR and RnR **deterministically recalls** deep driver states while **still being capable** of evolutionary fuzzing.



Fuzzer Implantation



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User-mode

Kernel-mode

Peripheral

GPU Driver**GPU**

Snapshotting Phase

Moneta Agent**GPU Driver***Emulated GPU*

Fuzzing Phase

Fuzzer Implantation

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Moneta Agent

GPU Driver

GPU Driver

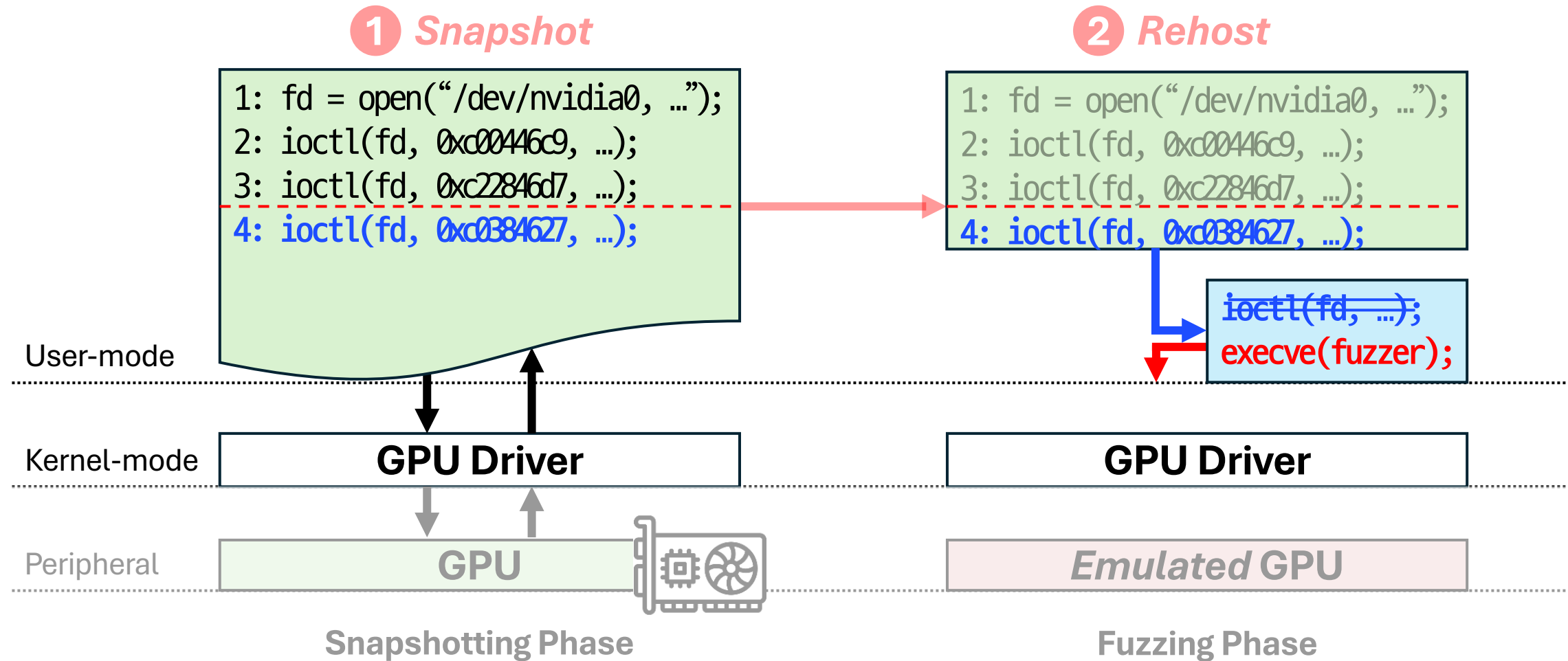
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Emulated GPU

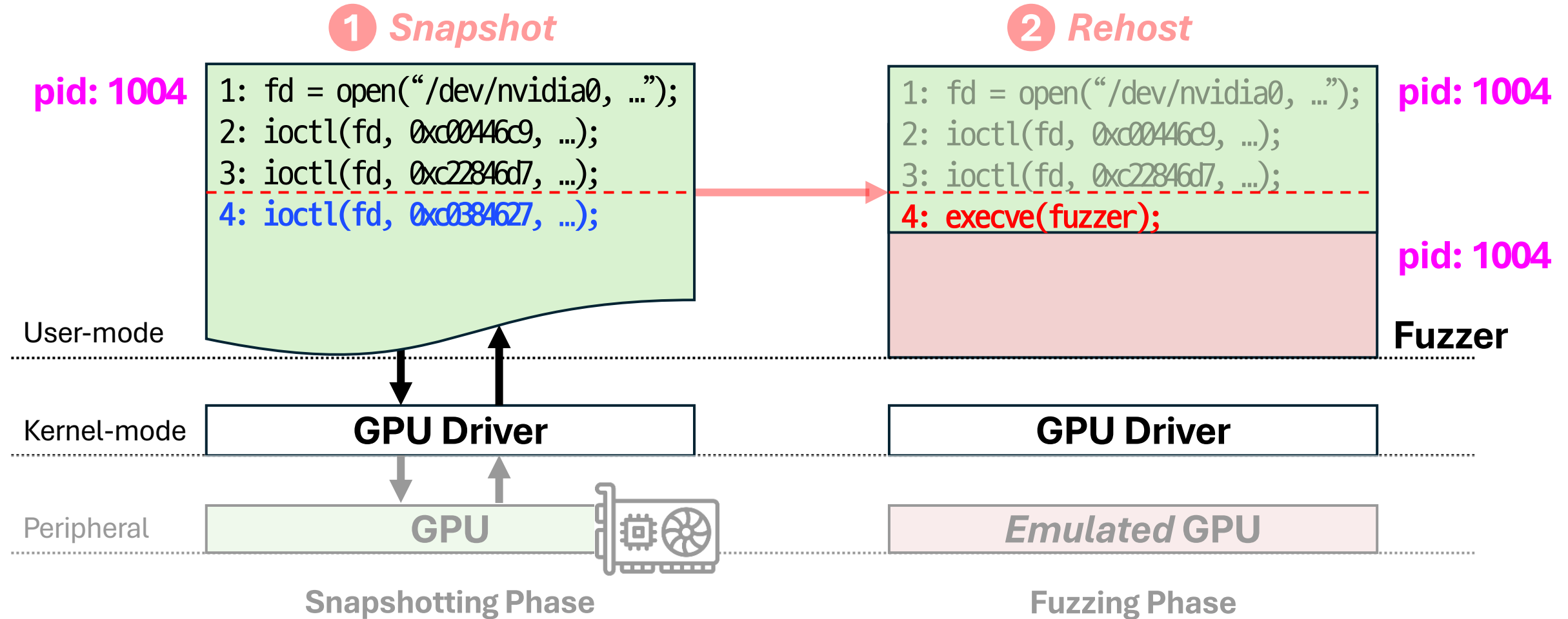
Snapshotting Phase

Fuzzing Phase

Fuzzer Implantation



Fuzzer Implantation



```
NV_STATUS rm_create_mmap_context(...)
{
...
    if ((rmStatus = rmapILockAcquire(RMAPI_LOCK_FLAGS_READ, RM_LOCK_MODULES_OSAPI)) == NV_OK)
    {
        RmClient *pClient;
...
        if (pClient->ProcID != osGetCurrentProcess())
        {
            rmStatus = NV_ERR_INVALID_CLIENT;
        }
...
    }
    return rmStatus;
}
```

File Descriptor Preservation

1 Snapshot

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GPU Driver**GPU****GPU Driver***Emulated GPU***Fuzzer**

Snapshotting Phase

Fuzzing Phase

File Descriptor Preservation

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User-mode

Kernel-mode

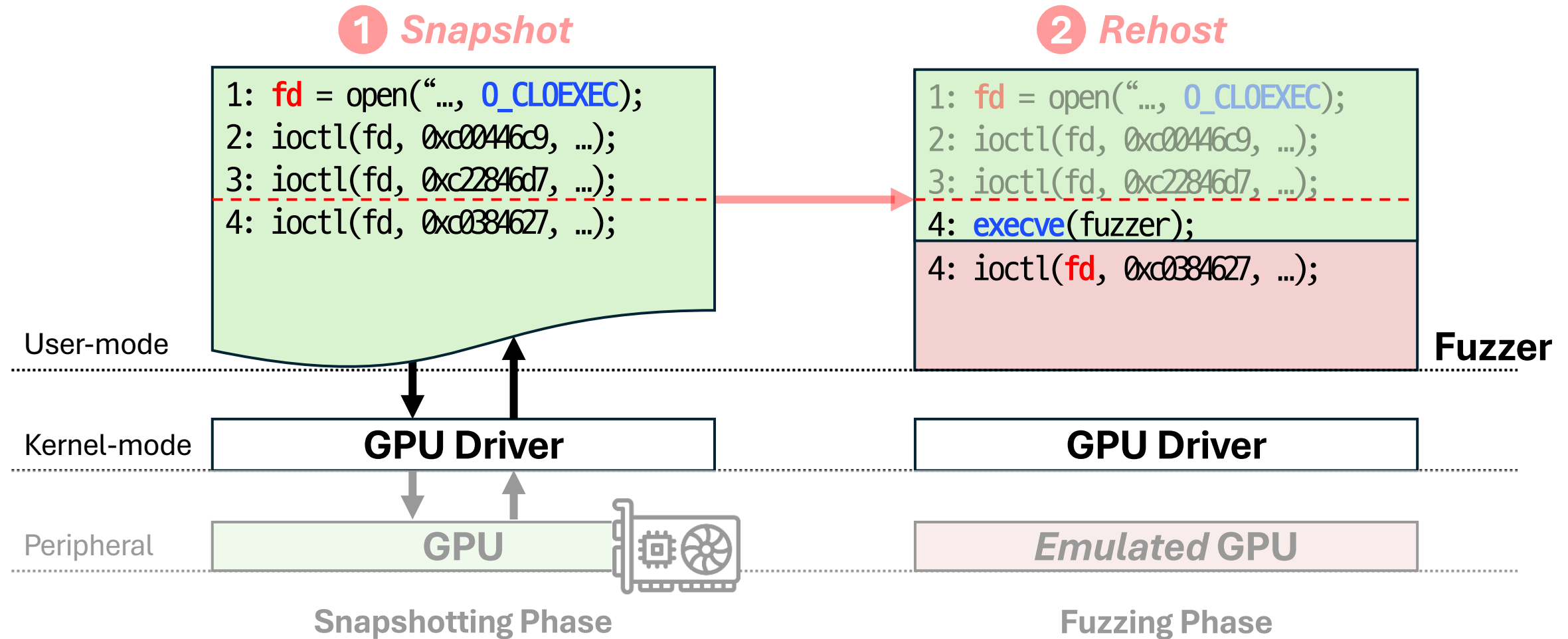
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GPU Driver

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Snapshotting Phase

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Fuzzer**GPU Driver***Emulated GPU*

Fuzzing Phase



File Descriptor Preservation

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O_CLOEXEC

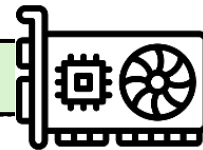
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GPU Driver

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Snapshotting Phase

File Descriptor Preservation

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User-mode

0_CLOEXEC

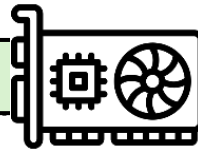
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Kernel-mode

GPU Driver

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Snapshotting Phase

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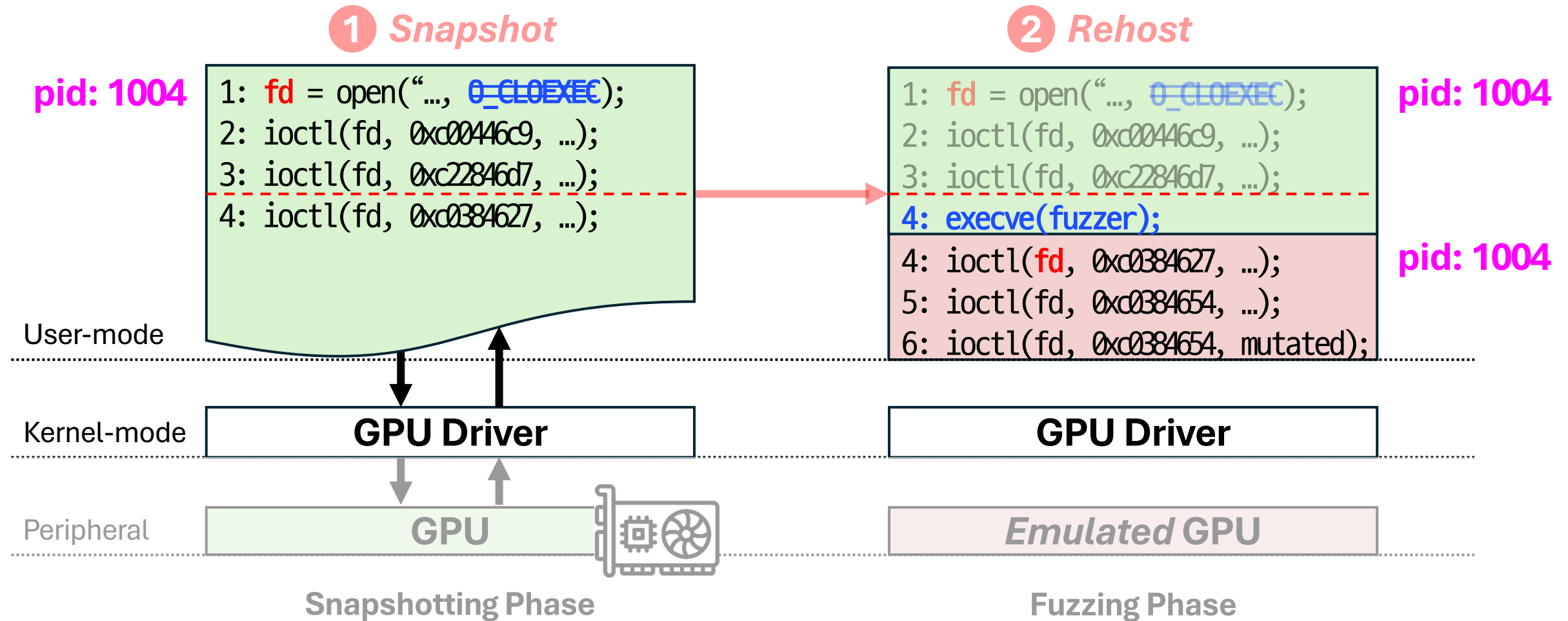
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Fuzzing Phase

Fuzzer Implantation



Fuzzer Implantation

① Snapshot

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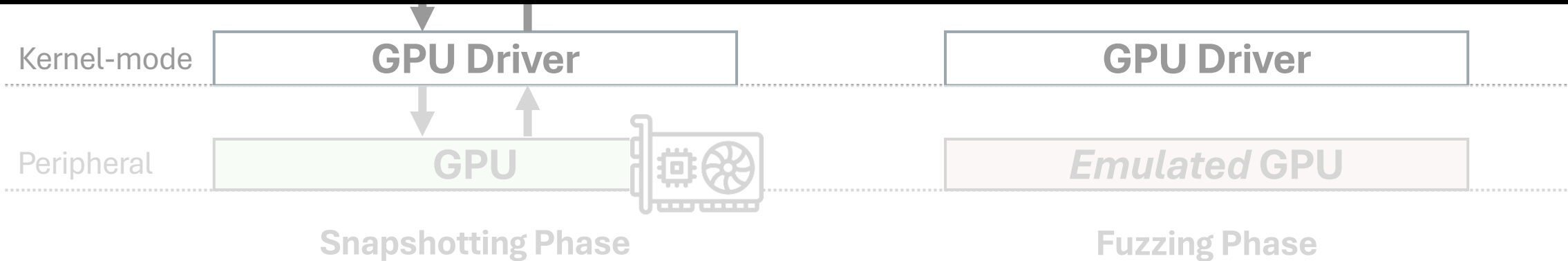
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Our **Fuzzer Implantation** preserves live driver-internal contexts for Moneta's stateful fuzzing.



Supporting Both Discrete and Integrated GPUs

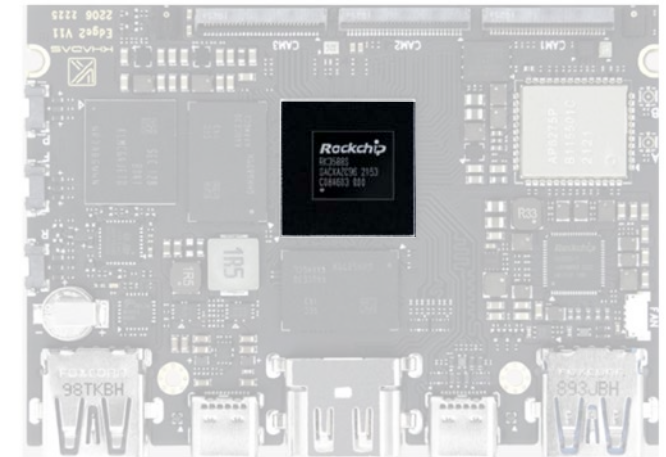


NVIDIA

(Discrete GPUs)



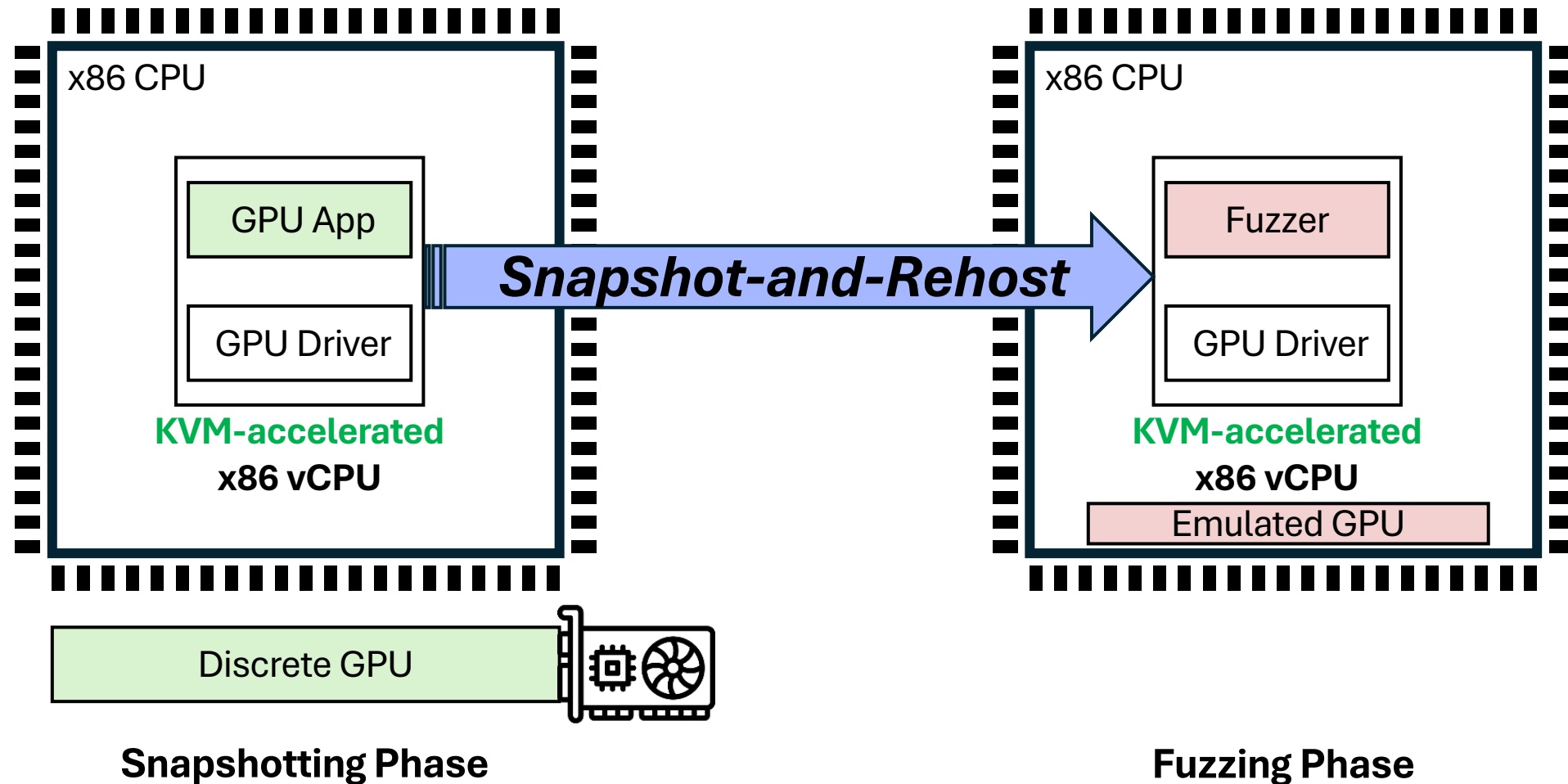
AMD Radeon



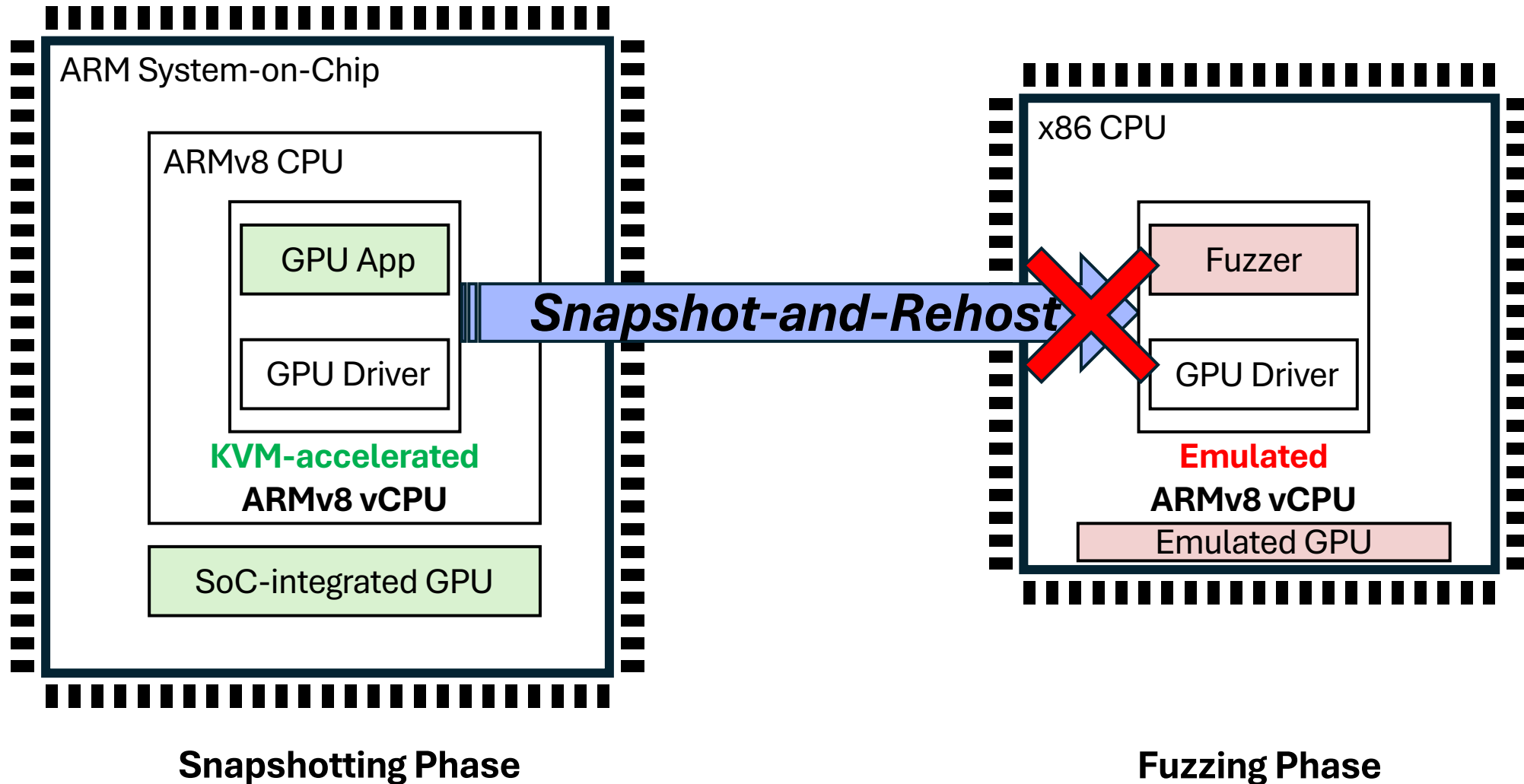
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(Integrated GPU)

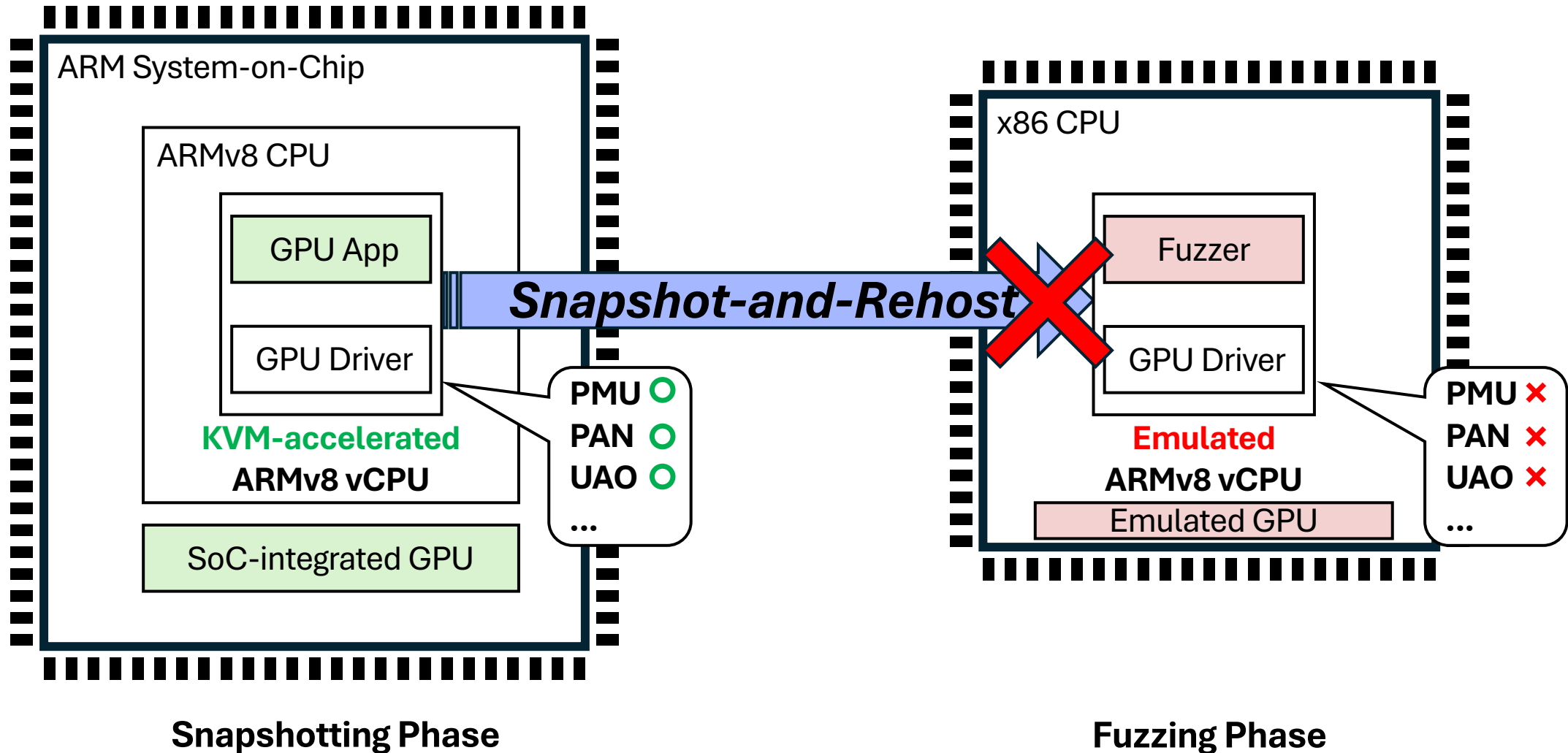
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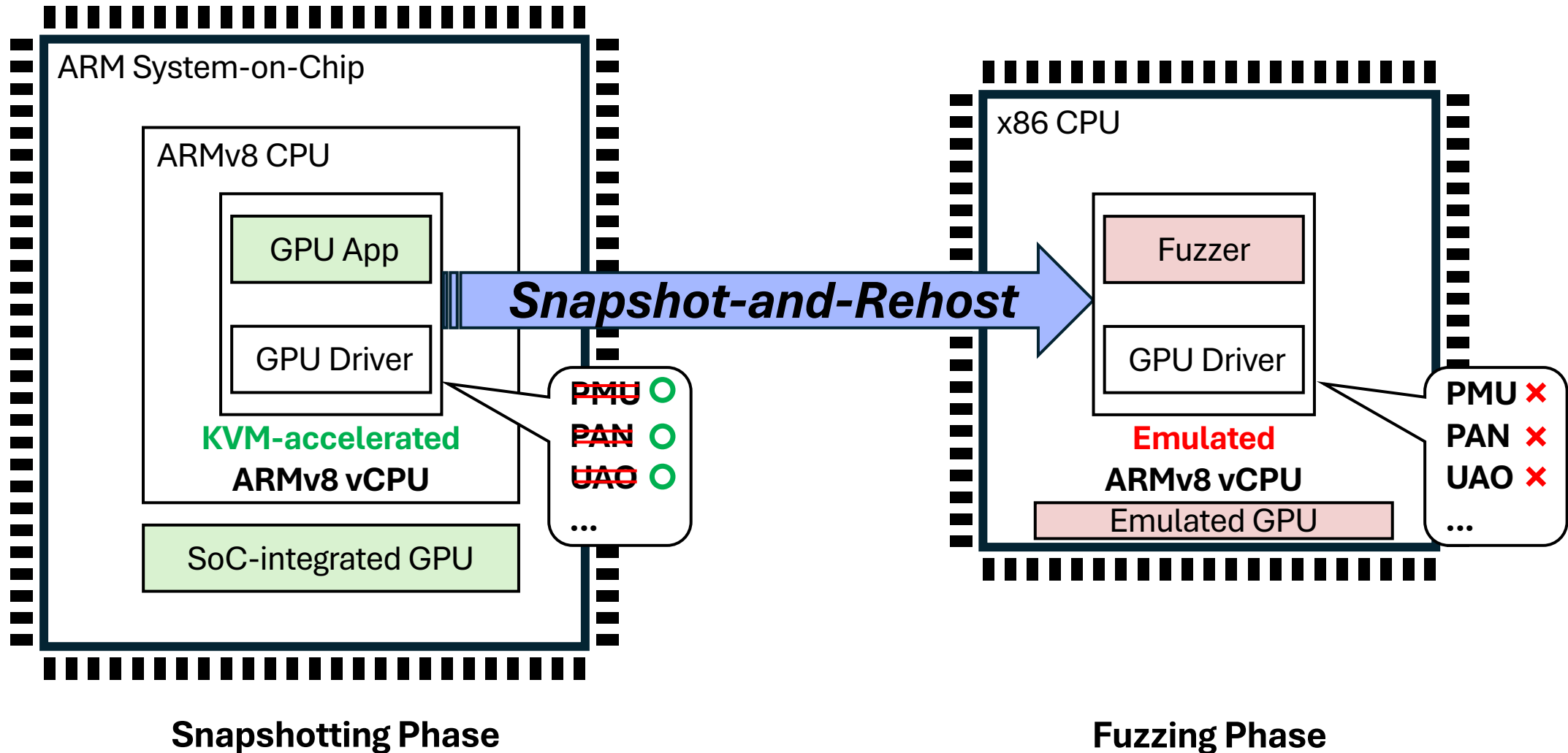
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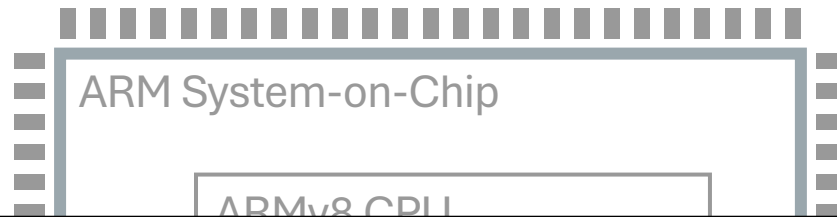
Emulator-Rehostable Virtualization for SoC-Integrated GPUs



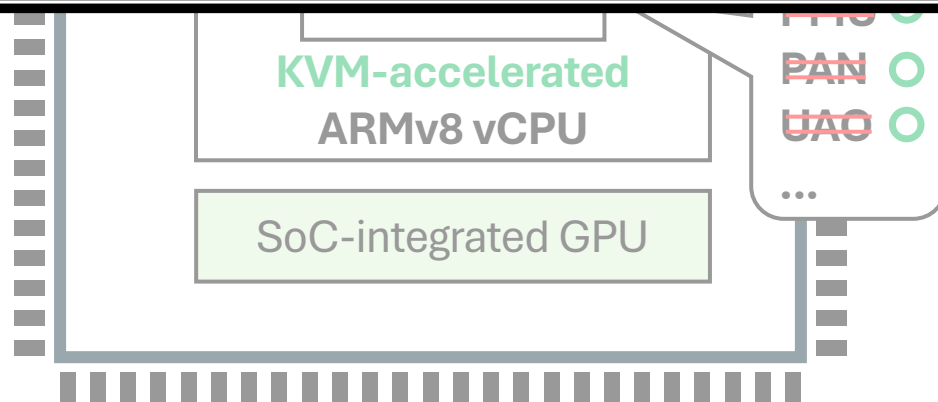
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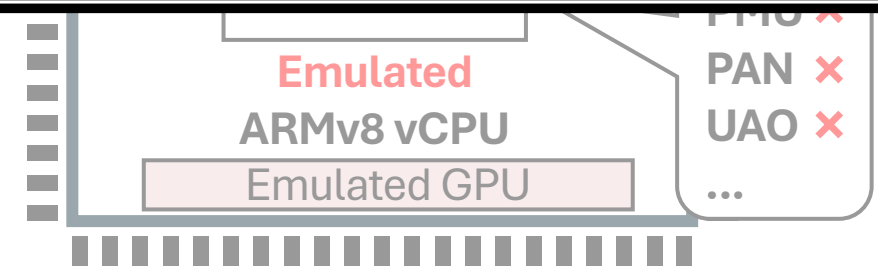
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Emulator-Rehostable Processor Virtualization enables Moneta to fuzz all mainstream GPUs, including both discrete and integrated.



Snapshotting Phase



Fuzzing Phase

Implementation and Experiments

- Implementation of Moneta
 - QEMU 4.0.0 with Linux KVM on x86-64 & AArch64
 - Syzkaller
 - Agamotto^[7]
- Experimental Parameters
 - 128 instance parallel fuzzing on Intel Xeon 835
 - 24hr * 3 runs for each experiments
 - WebGL and OpenCL workloads

[7] Song et al., "Agamotto: Accelerating kernel driver fuzzing with lightweight virtual machine checkpoints." *USENIX Security 20*.

GPU Configurations

Kernel-Mode GPU Driver	Physical GPU	Kernel-Mode Driver Source Code
NVIDIA	GTX 1650 Super	Official, out-of-tree module ¹
	RTX 3060	
	RTX 4060 Ti	
AMD Radeon	Radeon RX 580	drivers/gpu/drm/amd/amdgpu (Upstream)
ARM Mali	Mali-G610 MP4 (on RK3588s)	drivers/gpu/arm/bifrost (Downstream ²)



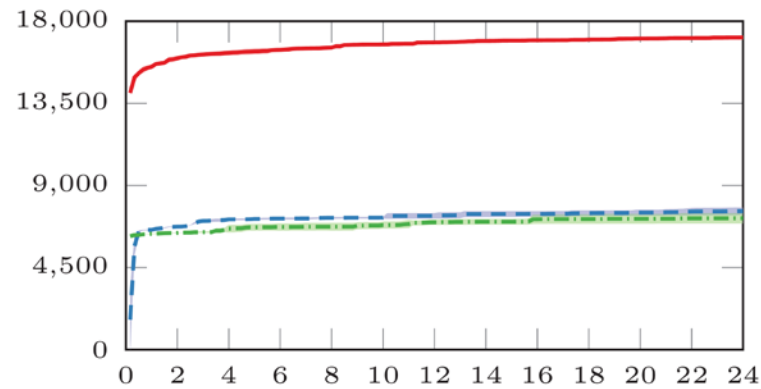
1. <https://github.com/NVIDIA/open-gpu-kernel-modules>

2. <https://github.com/khadas/linux>

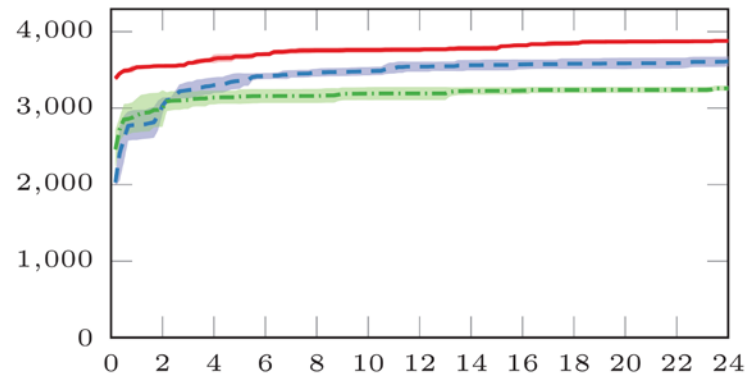
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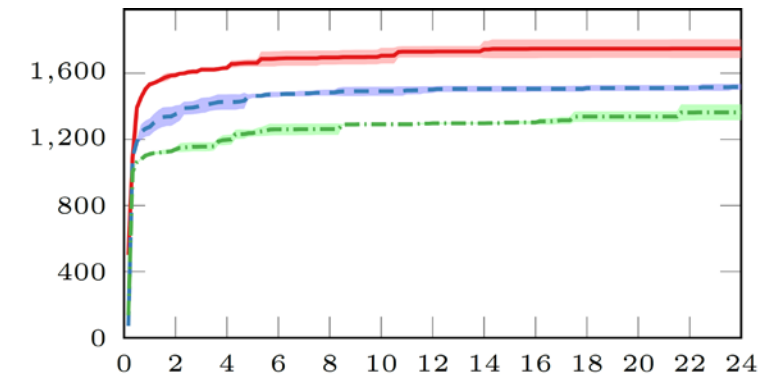
Coverage
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NVIDIA GPU Driver



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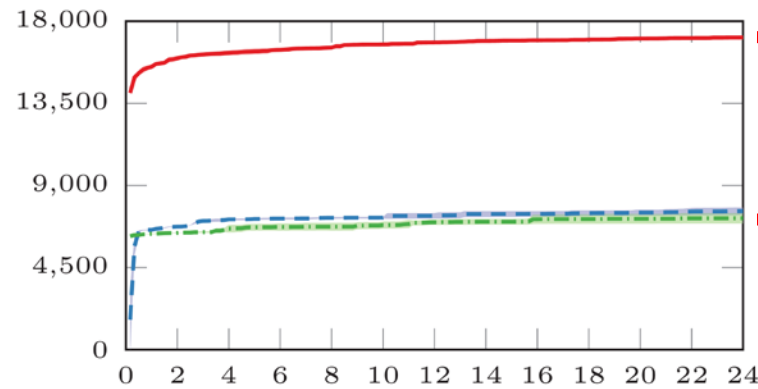
Fuzzing time
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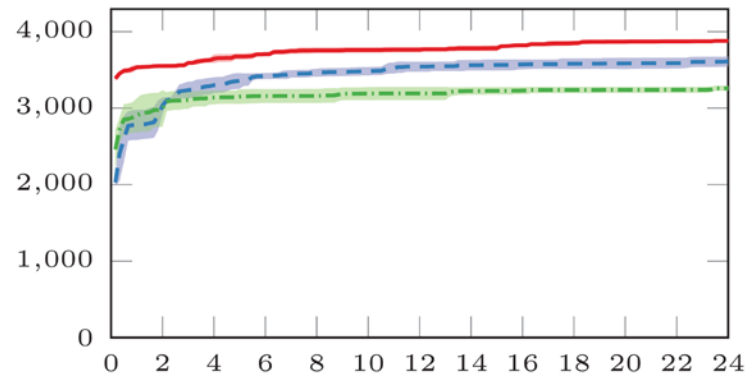
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137.8% increase

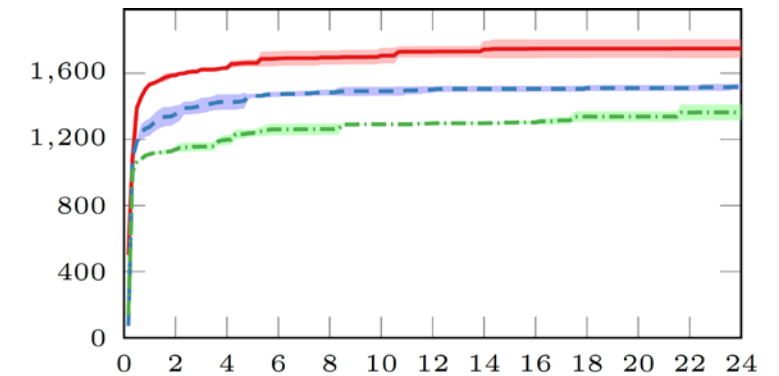


NVIDIA GPU Driver

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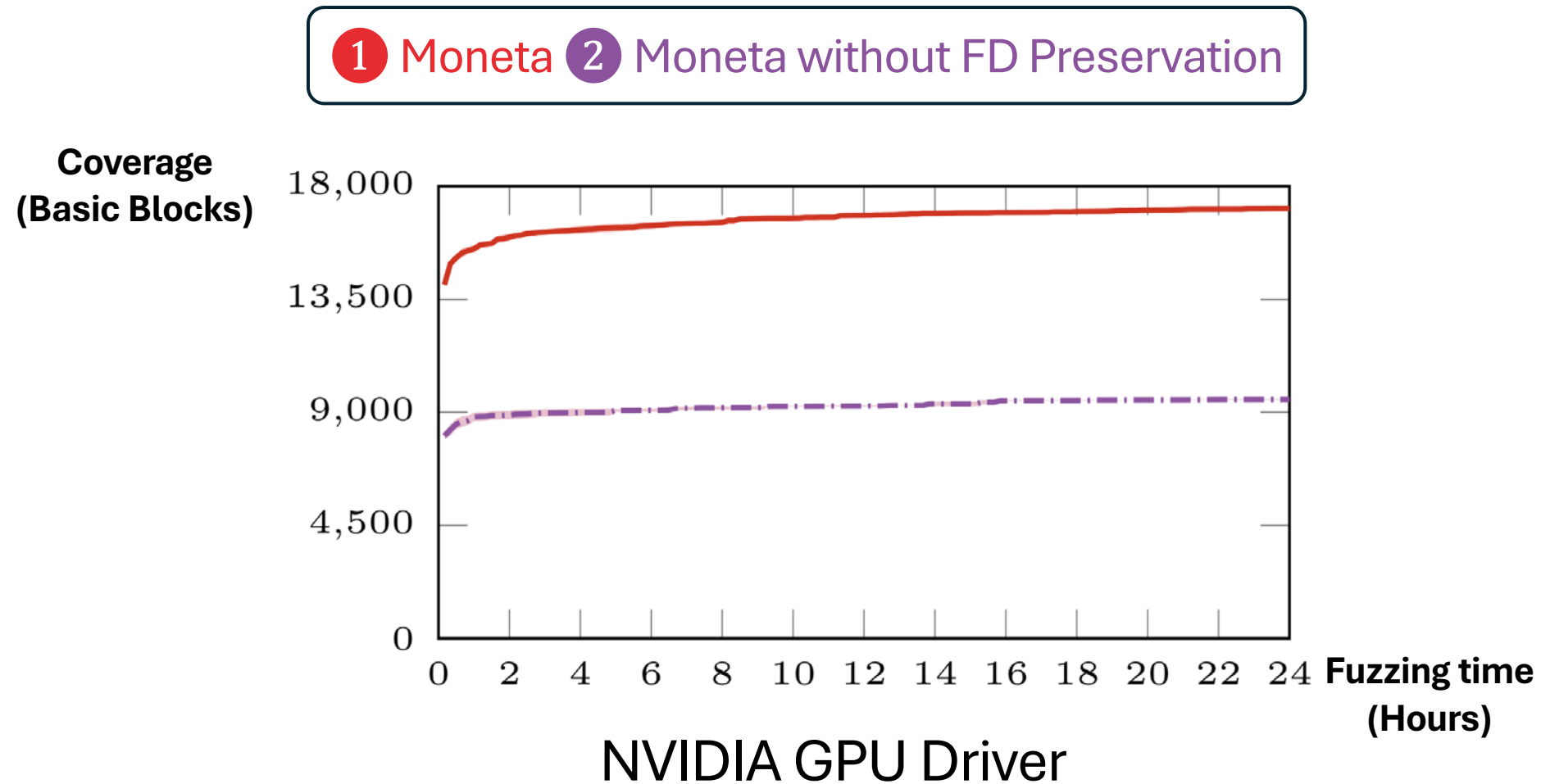


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Ablating Moneta's FD Preservation



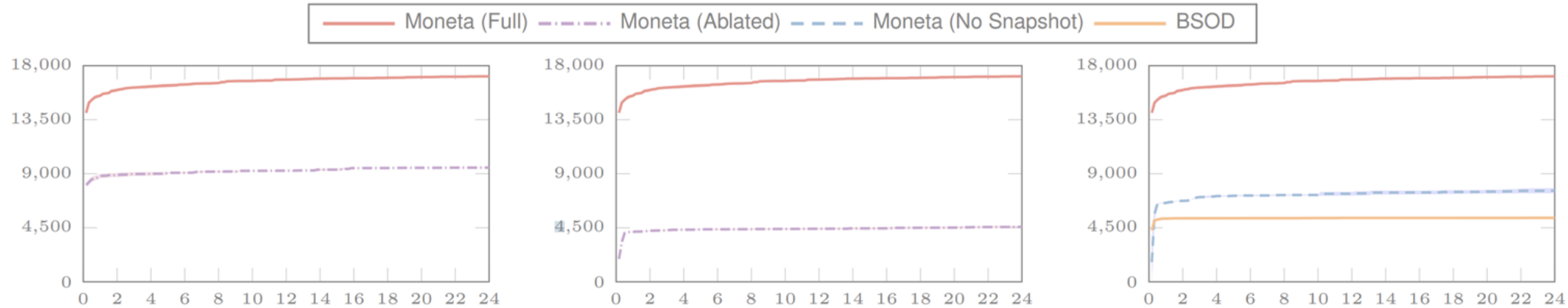
10 Previously Unknown Bugs

GPU Driver	Bug Type	Status
NVIDIA	Slab-out-of-bounds write	CVE-2024-0090
	Slab-out-of-bounds write	
	Slab-out-of-bounds read	CVE-2024-0075 ¹
	Null pointer dereference	
	Null pointer dereference	
AMD Radeon	Use-after-free	CVE-2024-26656
	Slab-use-after-free	CVE-2024-27400 ¹
	Null pointer dereference	CVE-2024-26657
ARM Mali	Shift out-of-bounds	Confirmed
	Shift out-of-bounds	Confirmed

1. These bugs were concurrently found by the respective vendor or other researchers.

Fuzzing Throughput

GPU Driver	Moneta Configuration	Exec/Minute	Total BB Coverage
NVIDIA	Full	35,265	17,115
	No Snapshot	21,297	7,588
	No Snapshot/Replay	26,913	7,198
AMD Radeon	Full	19,949	3,879
	No Snapshot	17,698	3,612
	No Snapshot/Replay	21,586	3,258
ARM Mali	Full	2,332	1,748
	No Snapshot	2,738	1,518
	No Snapshot/Replay	2,995	1,363



More evaluation results available in the paper.
(ablation studies, bug case studies, etc.)

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Conclusion

- We combine SnR and RnR to design an ex-vivo fuzzing system that **deterministically recalls** deep driver states while still being capable of **evolutionary fuzzing**.
- We implement this idea on a prototype system Moneta, which brought max. **137.8% increase** in block coverage compared to state-of-the-art fuzzers.
- We open-sourced Moneta, which found 10 previously unknown bugs with 5 CVEs assigned.

Q&A

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Open-source repo: <https://github.com/yonsei-sslabs/moneta>