

# Ghosting the hardware

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# Who am I?

- Rémi Duraffort
- Principal Tech Lead at Linaro
- OSS developer since 2007
  - VLC media player
  - v8 js engine
  - PRoot/CARE
  - LAVA, lavacli, meta-lava, DummySys, lavafed, ...
  - TuxRun, Tuxsuite, ...
  - Kisscache

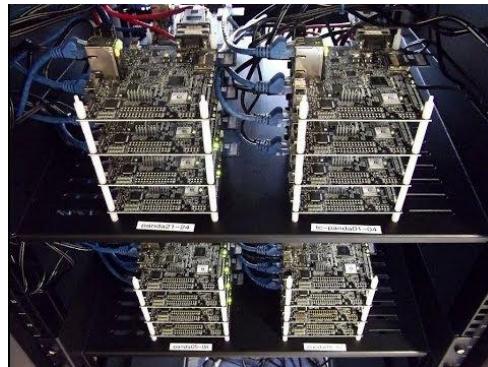


# LAVA

Linaro Automated Validation Architecture

# LAVA

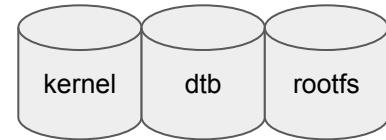
- Linaro Automated Validation Architecture
- Test execution system: testing software on real hardware
  - Deploy, Boot and Test
- Usages
  - Boot testing: kernelci
  - System level testing: LKFT
  - Bootloader/firmware testing
- Supports 364 device-types



**LAVA**

[linaro.org/lava](http://linaro.org/lava)

# Without LAVA



zsh % \_

```
% power on board  
% telnet localhost 2000  
<enter>  
=> dhcp  
=> setenv serverip 10.3.1.1  
=> [...]  
=> bootm 0x01000000 - 0x03f00000  
[...]  
raspberrypi3 login: root  
# run-test.sh  
[...]  
% power off board
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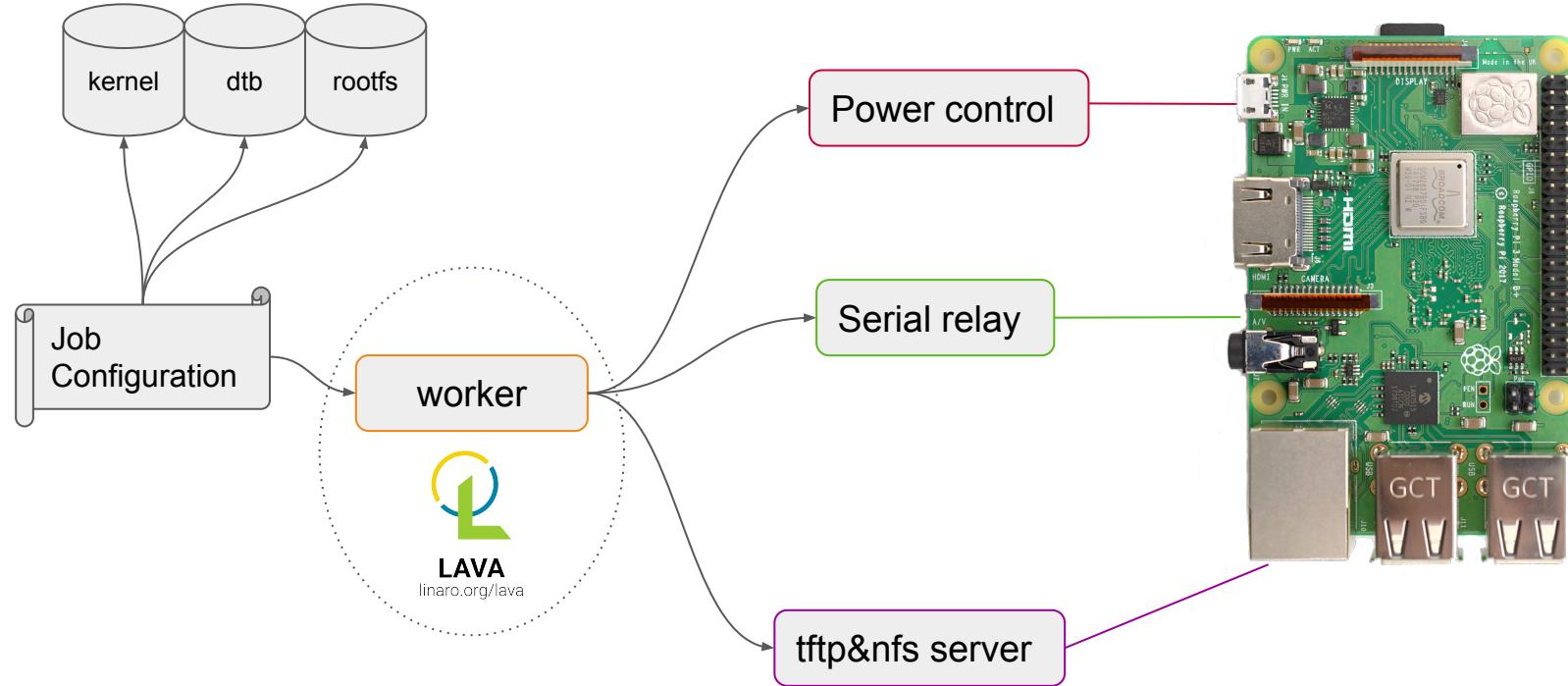
Serial relay

Power control

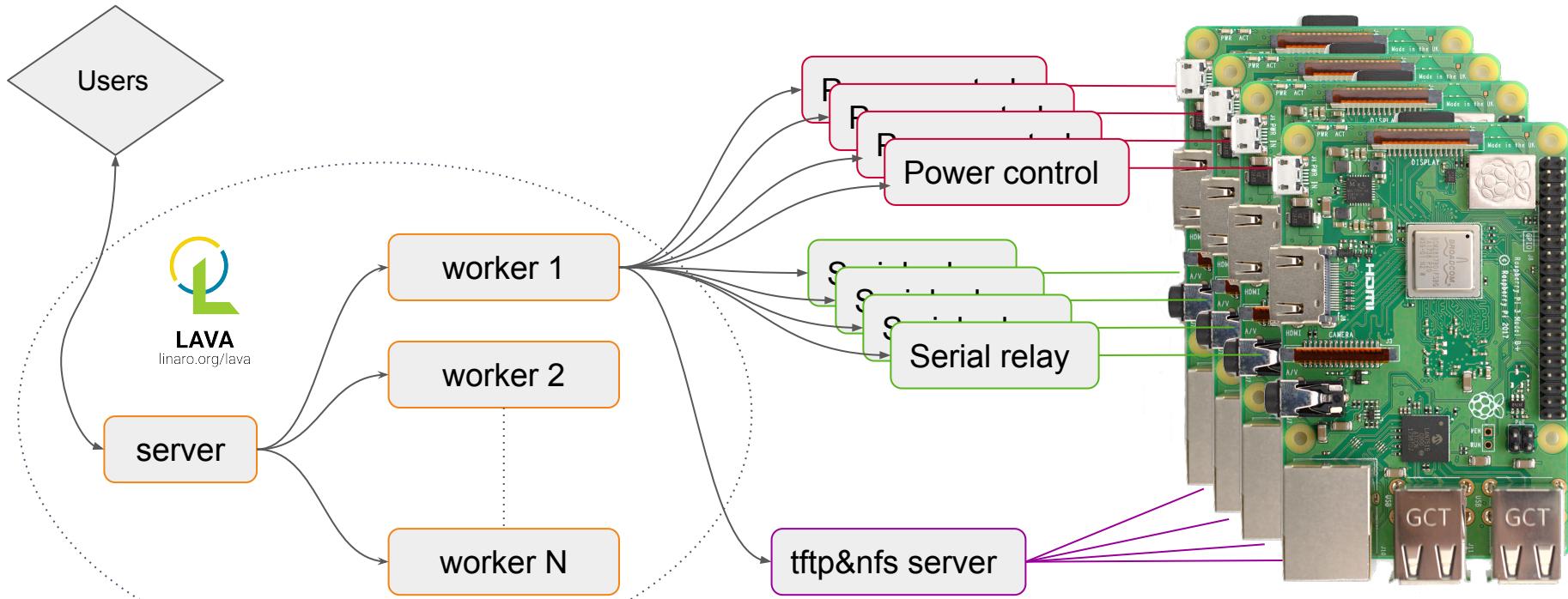
tftp&nfs server



# With LAVA



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# Roles

## Server

- Web UI and APIs
- Visible to user
- Not connected to DUTs
- Storing logs/jobs/results/...
- Scheduling jobs
- Sending notifications
- ...

## Workers

- Control the DUTs
- Not accessed by LAVA users
- Deploy resources
- Power on/off
- Interact with serial
- ...

# Supported device-types: 364

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# Supported methods

## deploy:

- tftp
- nbd
- flasher
- fastboot
- mps
- docker
- vexpress ums
- ...

## boot

- cmsis
- dfu
- uboot
- pyocd
- fastboot
- docker
- qemu
- grub
- iso installer
- ...

## test

- git repository
- interactive
- minimal
- multinode
- docker shell

# Why testing LAVA?

CI in the CI

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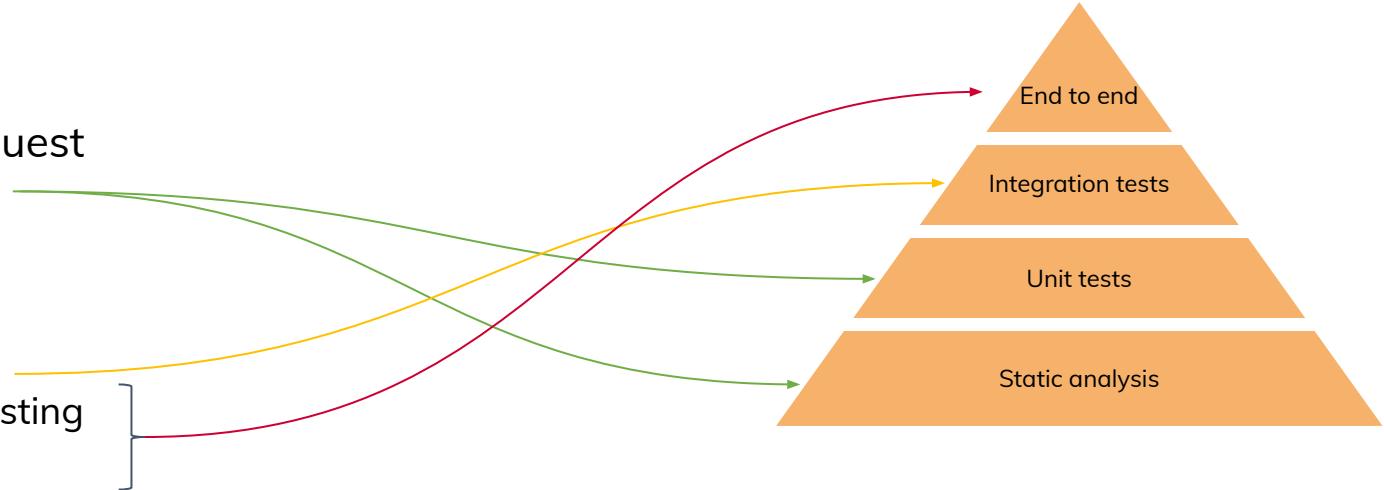
- Should be obvious
  - It's a (complex) software => It has bugs
- CI should be reliable
  - CI software should be rock solid
  - Bugs in CI
    - False positive
      - Loose developer trust
        - Developers ignore the CI
    - False negative
      - Not reporting errors
        - Shipping buggy (but tested) software

# Testing LAVA?

CI in the CI

# Testing strategy

- While developing
  - Manual testing
  - ./ci-run
- Each merge request
  - Gitlab CI
- Once a day
  - meta-lava
  - federated testing
  - staging.v.l.o



# A combinatorial issue

364 boards

✗ 16 deploy

✗ 26 boot

✗ 5 test

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**757 120 combinations\***

\* Most case are useless but that's still huge



# Considering a donation?

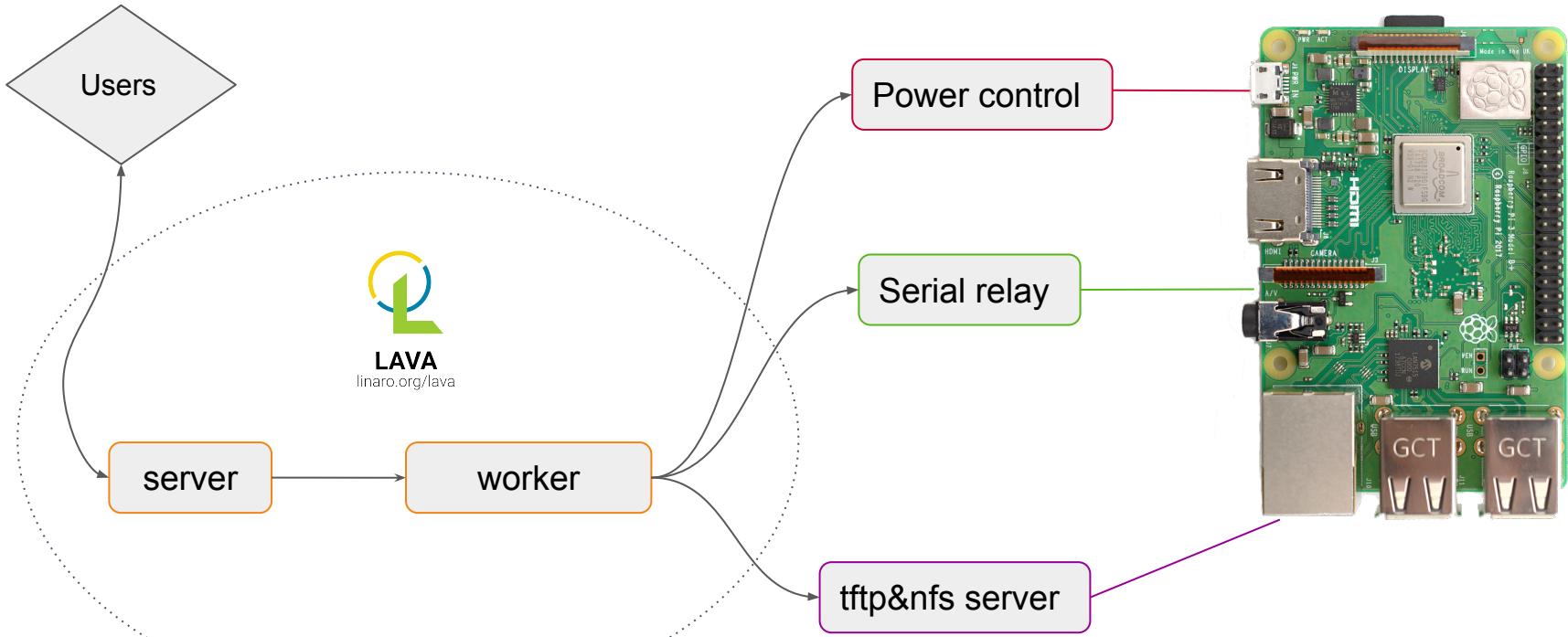


# Considering faking DUTs?

# Testing LAVA: meta-lava

- Goal
  - Testing the full system: from the user, back to the user
    - Including board interaction
  - Without any board
  - Fast & cheap
- Solutions
  - Board emulation
    - CPU intensive
    - Expensive and slow
  - Ghosting the boards!

# LAVA architecture (again)

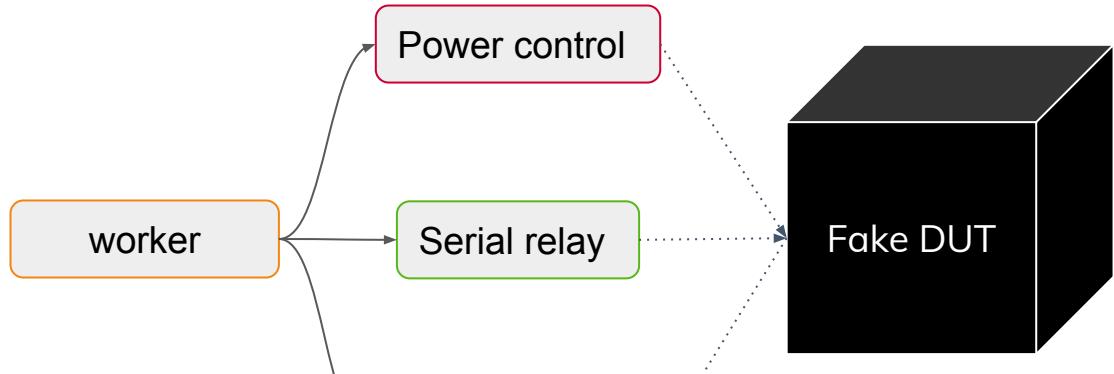


# Ghosting the hardware

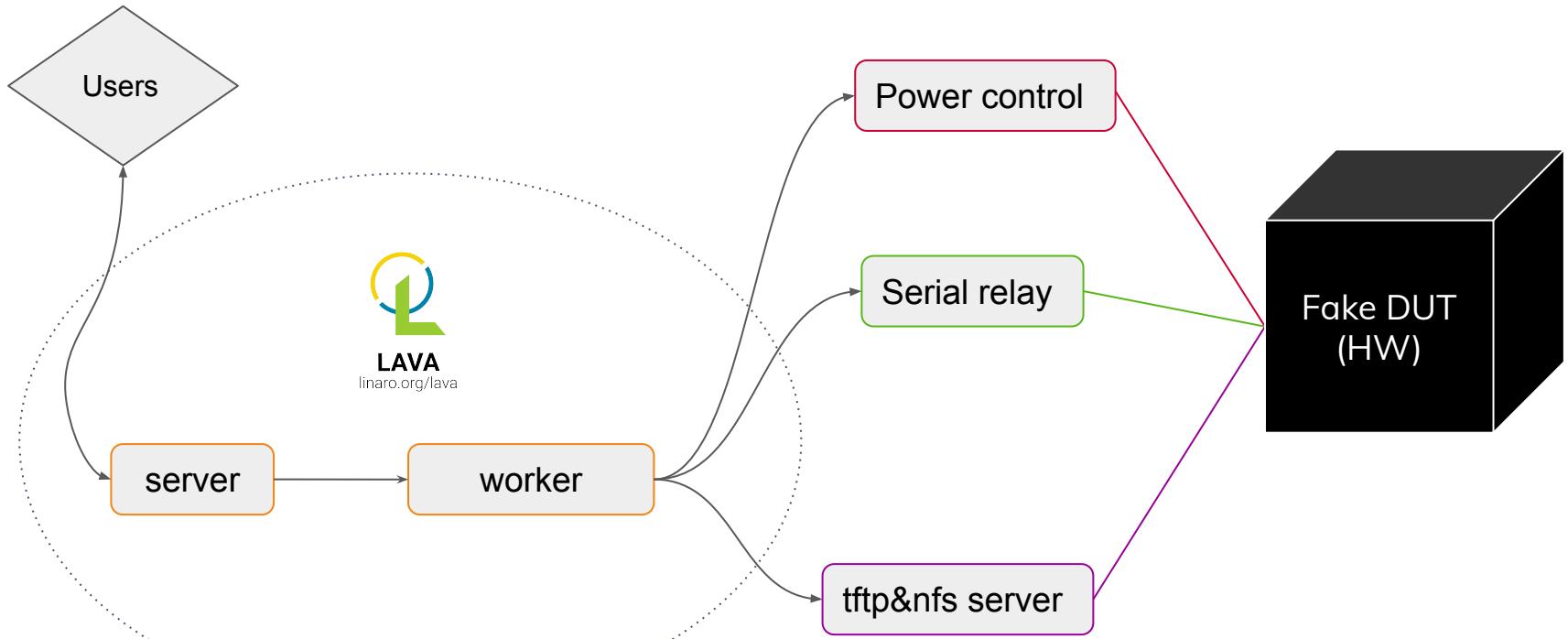
- A **fake DUT** should
  - Feel like a DUT
  - Look like a DUT
  - Smell like a DUT
  - Sounds like a DUT
  - Taste like a DUT
- But that's not enough:
  - From the **fake DUT point-of-view**, LAVA should:
    - Feel like LAVA
    - Look like LAVA
    - Smell like LAVA
    - Sounds like LAVA
    - Taste like LAVA

# What are the inputs and outputs?

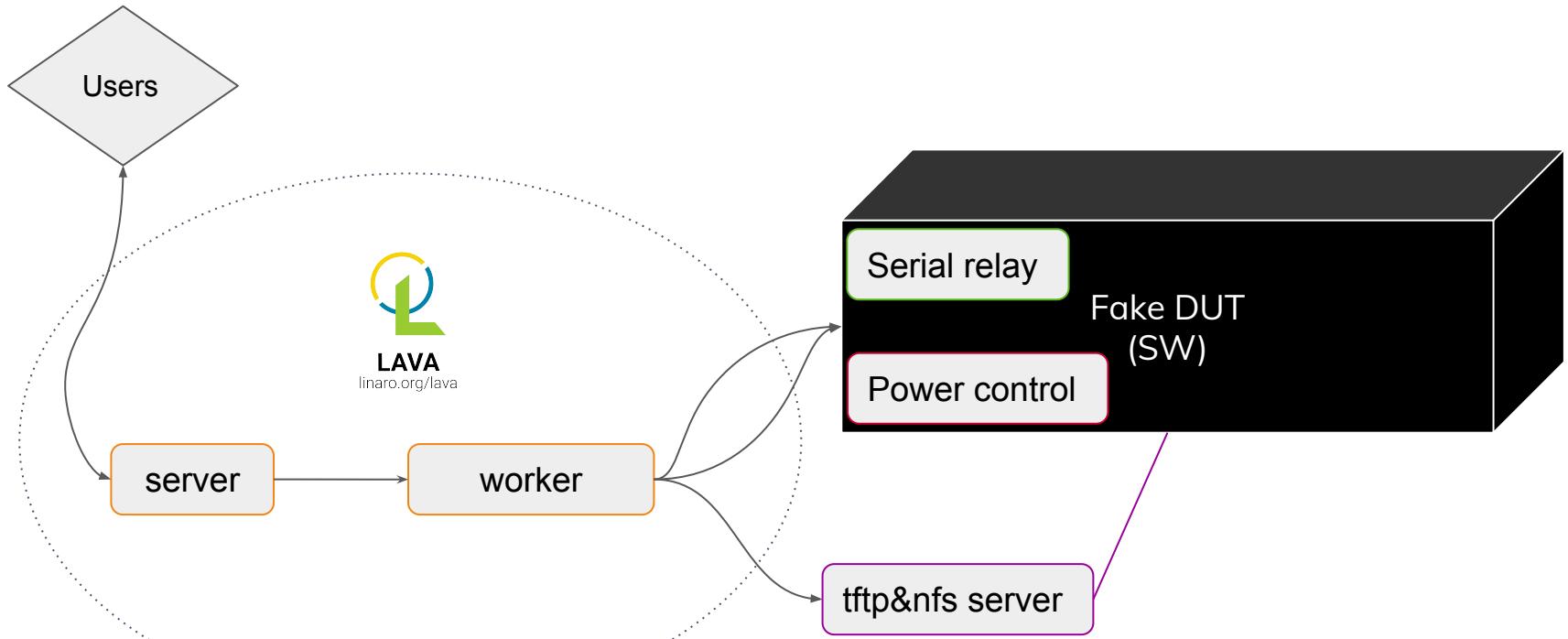
- Power control
  - LAVA: just a command to run
  - DUT: check this was called
- Serial relay
  - LAVA execute a command and read/write to/from stdin/stdout
- tftp/nfs server
  - The DUT should connect to tftp and NFS and check the content.



# Where to mock?



# Where to mock?



# Ghosting the hardware

- Software implementation
- DummySYS
  - Output
    - Like a real board
  - Input
    - Expect the exact sequence
      - Fail if the sequence changed
  - Use tftp&NFS resources
    - Dowload kernel/dtb/ramdisk
    - Mount NFS rootfs
      - Checksum some files

# Demo

# meta-lava

- meta-lava
  - Server docker container
  - Worker docker container
    - With DummySYS
- Testing master every morning
  - 28 device-types
    - Including boards that I've never seen
  - Testing board failures
    - Bootloader errors
      - DummySYS can “fail at bootloader” on every run
    - dhcp failures
    - ...

# meta-lava

- System mocking is fun
  - Test on fake hardware
    - Even hardware that you don't own
    - **Contributions welcomed !!**
  - Run benchmarks
  - ...
- Can find many bugs that unittest won't
- Not that difficult
  - Be creative!
  - Look at the boundaries

# Questions?

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Thank you

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