Khronos Mobile Graphics and Media Ecosystem

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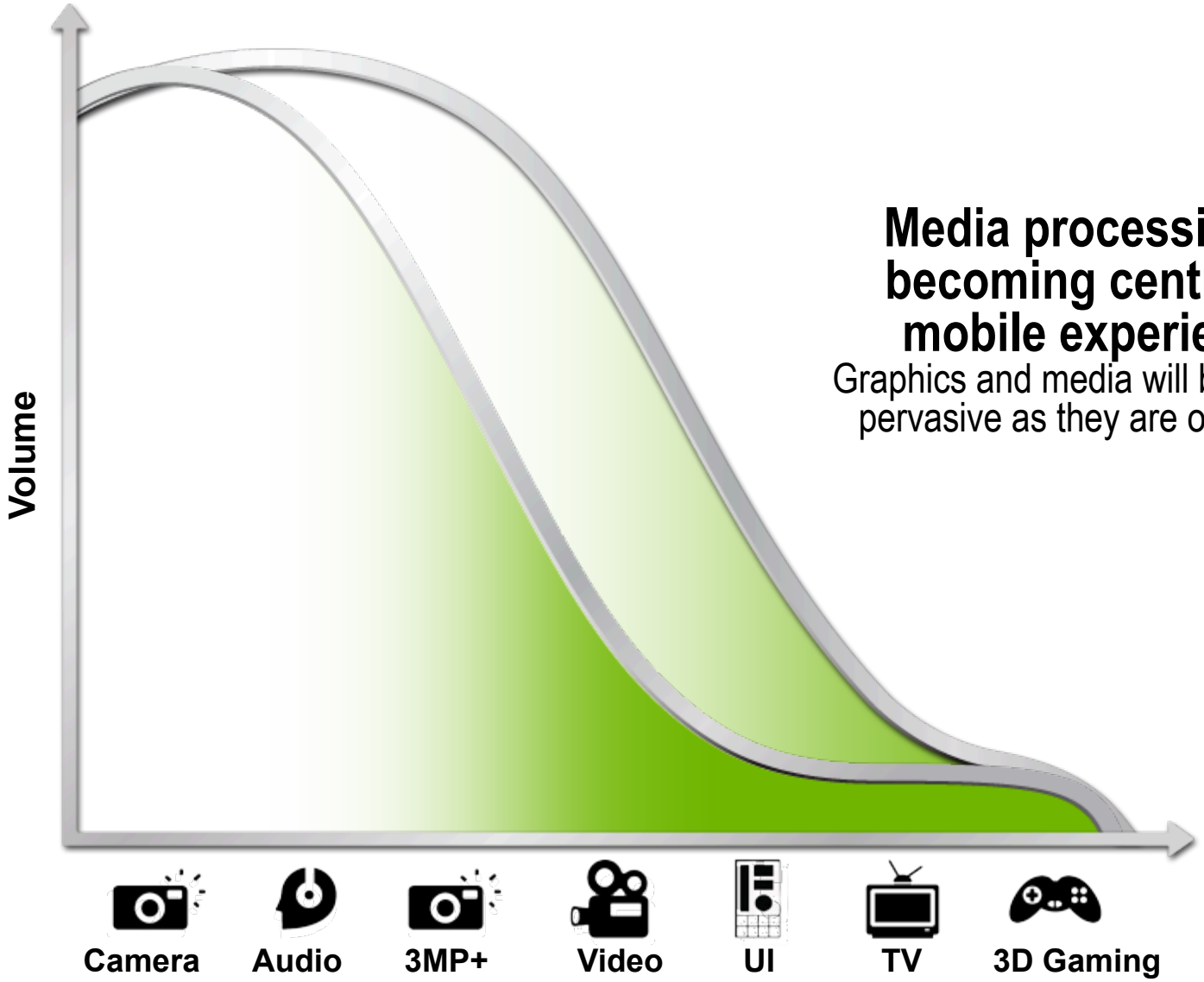
Mobile Platform Media Evolution



Media processing is becoming central to mobile experience

Graphics and media will become as pervasive as they are on the PC

Mobile Media Fragmentation

- **Every handset is unique from the programmers perspective**
  - Differences in operating system functions, Java implementations and media functionality

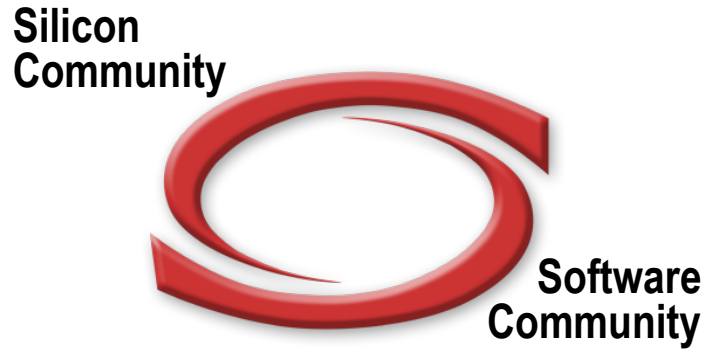
Symbian 7, 8, 9, UIQ, S60
PocketPC / Windows Mobile / WinCE
Linux variants – Android, Limo
Java MIDP-1, MIDP-2, JSR fragmentation
RTOS – Nucleus, Synergy
Brew, WIPI, MAC OS X

Severe platform fragmentation
ISVs need to port to and support 100s (even 1000s) of source variants of each title

Who is the Khronos Group?

- **Industry consortium to create open API standards**
  - By the industry, for the industry - founded eight years ago - any company is welcome to join
- **Focused on enabling software to efficiently leverage silicon acceleration**
  - Reducing software fragmentation and exposing cutting-edge silicon functionality
- **Strong commercial focus – we are in this to make money**
  - Aim is to enable members and the wider industry to develop and grow market opportunities
- **Commitment to royalty-free standards**
  - Making money from enabled products – not from the standards themselves

Enabling strategic business development through open standards that enable silicon and software to interoperate

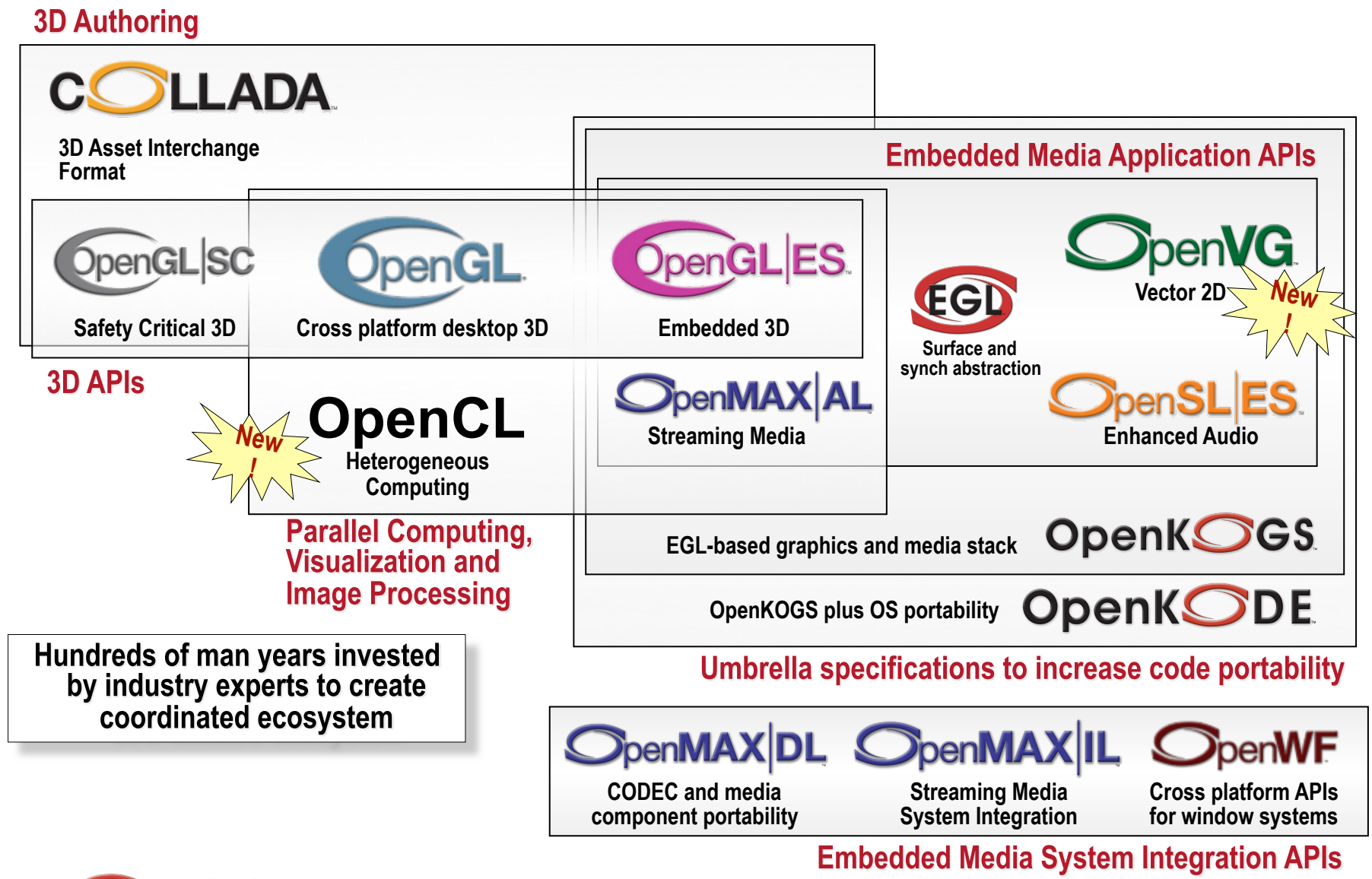


What Standards Does Khronos Create?

- **"Foundation-Level" acceleration APIs**
  - Needed on every platform to support an ecosystem of middleware and applications
- **Low-level access to processor silicon**
  - Designed with strong silicon vendor participation
- **Cross-vendor software portability**
  - API abstractions just high enough to hide implementation specifics
- **Established focus on graphics, media and parallel compute acceleration**
  - 3D, vector 2D, video, imaging, audio, heterogenous parallel programming APIs…

Khronos APIs create the foundation of an ecosystem that enable applications to be PORTABLE and ACCELERATED on diverse silicon platforms

Khronos Standards Ecosystem



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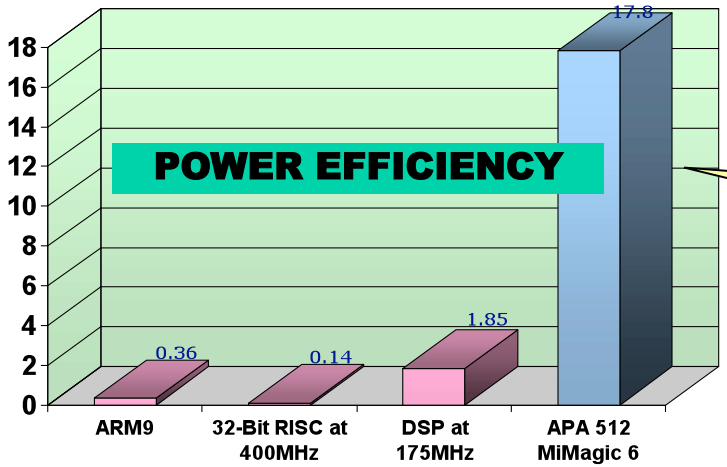
Advantages of Mobile Graphics Acceleration

Faster Performance at Higher Quality
Hardware delivers smoother interaction with much better looking graphics

Software 3D

Accelerated 3D



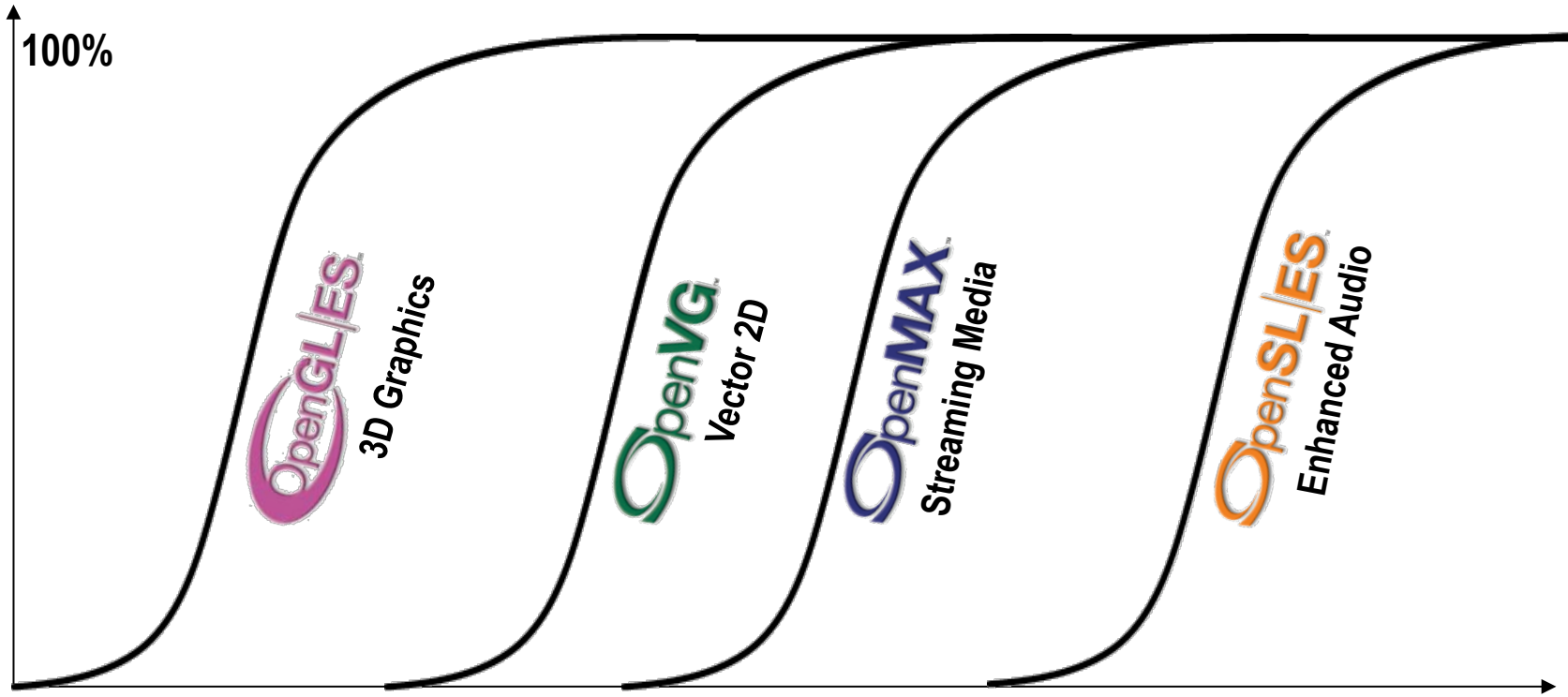
Less Power
Hardware accelerators exploit media pipeline parallelism and caching for a x10 increase in power efficiency over software

Better User Experience
Smaller screens need more advanced graphics processing per pixel

Adoption of Khronos Mobile APIs

- OpenGL ES 1.1 is becoming widespread, OpenGL ES 2.0 silicon has arrived
-OpenVG & OpenMAX IL – becoming widely implemented by silicon vendors
- OpenMAX AL and OpenSL ES – preliminary specs available – implementations started

Market adoption in media-accelerated handsets



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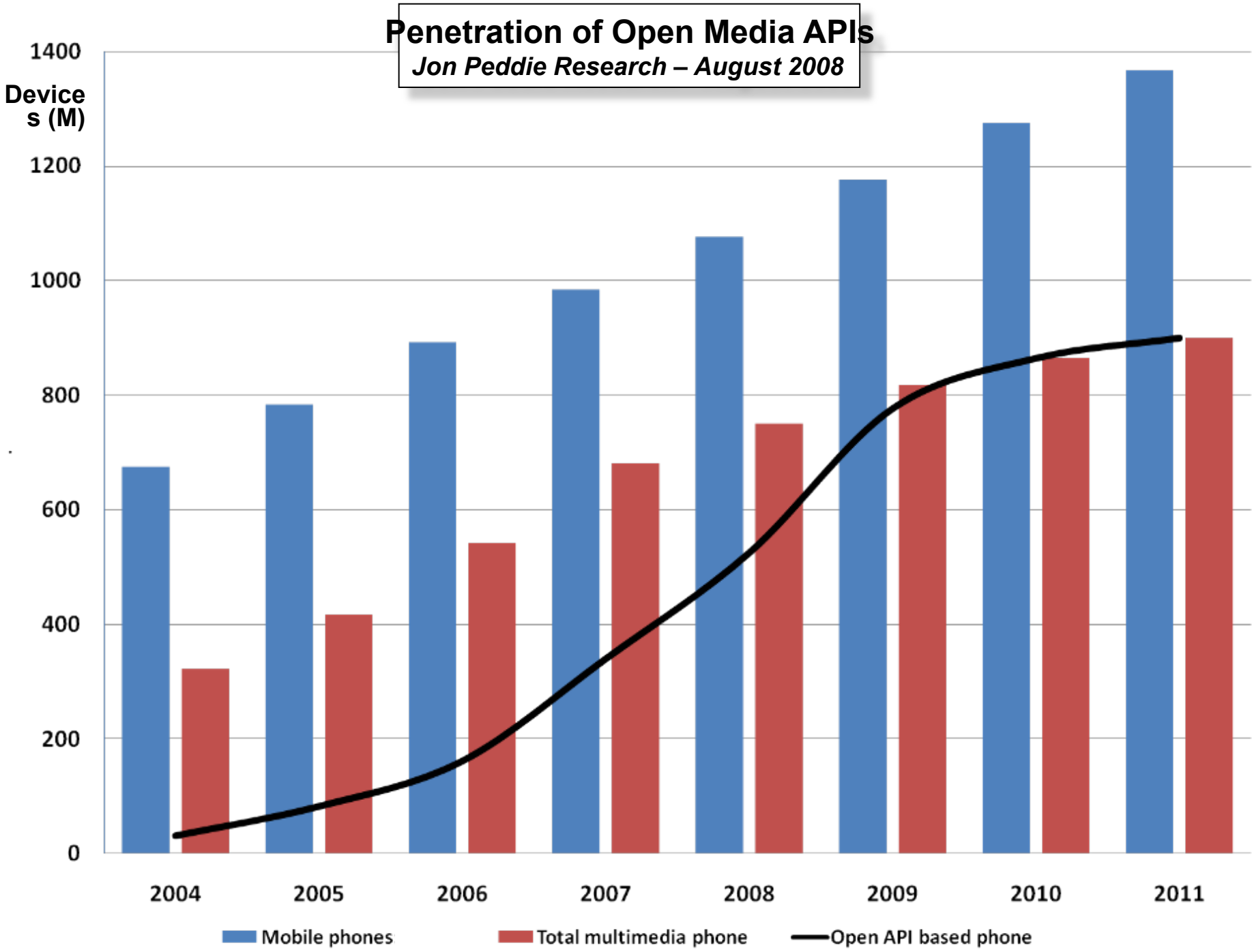
Khronos Mobile Ecosystem


Penetration of Open Media APIs
Jon Peddie Research – August 2008
Devices (M)
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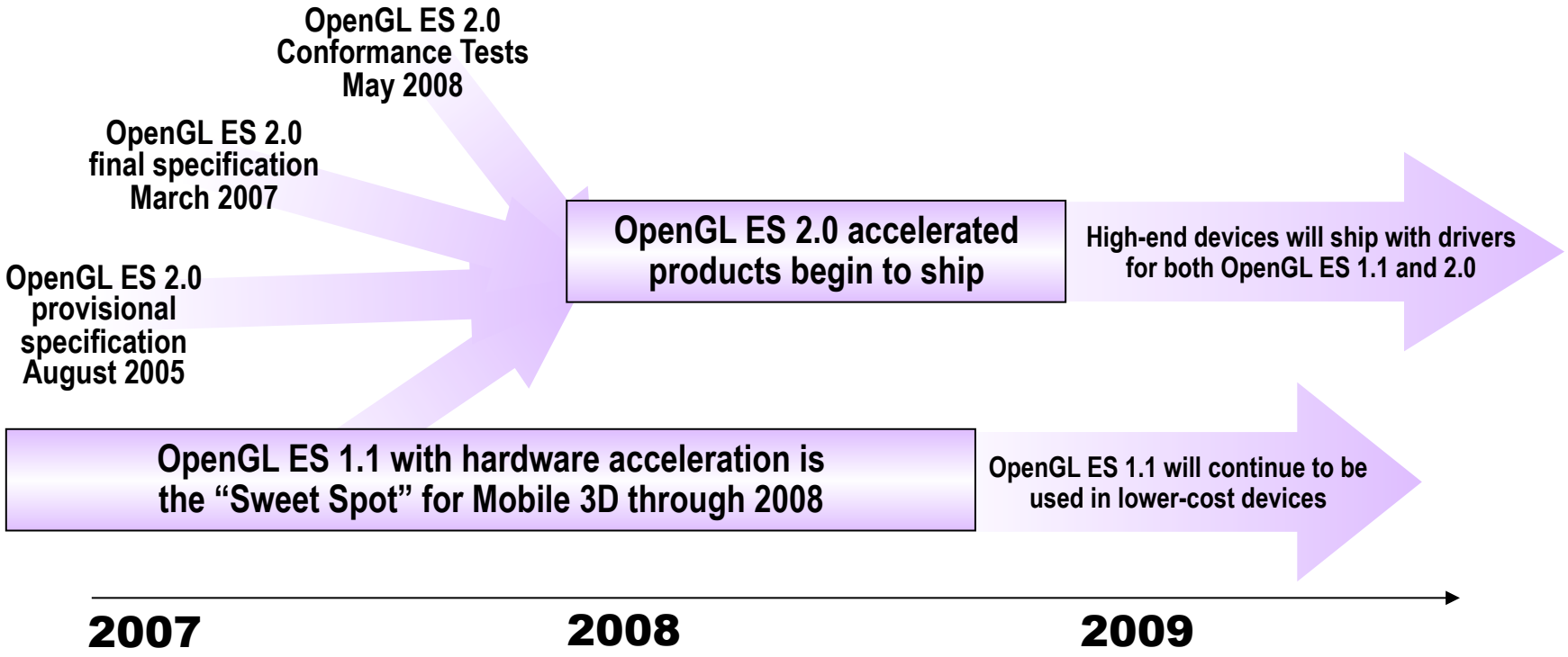
2009
2010
2011
Mobile phones
Total multimedia phone
Open API based phone

OpenGL ES

- **The leading 3D rendering API for mobile devices**
  - Based on desktop OpenGL – but optimized for mobile / handheld devices
  - Removes redundancy & rarely used features - adds mobile-friendly data types
  - The power of OpenGL distilled into a much smaller package
- **A smashing success!**
  - Widely used in mobile phone handsets from every major handset manufacturer
  - Personal Navigation, Personal Media Player, Automotive, Set-Top Box, Mobile Internet Device
  - Brew, Windows Mobile, Symbian, Android, iPhone OS, Limo
- **OpenGL ES has become the most widely deployed 3D API**
  - Used in diverse applications, devices and markets

OpenGL ES Roadmap

- **OpenGL ES 2.0 silicon implementations now shipping**
  - Shader-based graphics comes to mobile
  - Conformance tests shipping in May 2008
- **Listening carefully to implementation and developer feedback**
  - The determine next-generation requirements

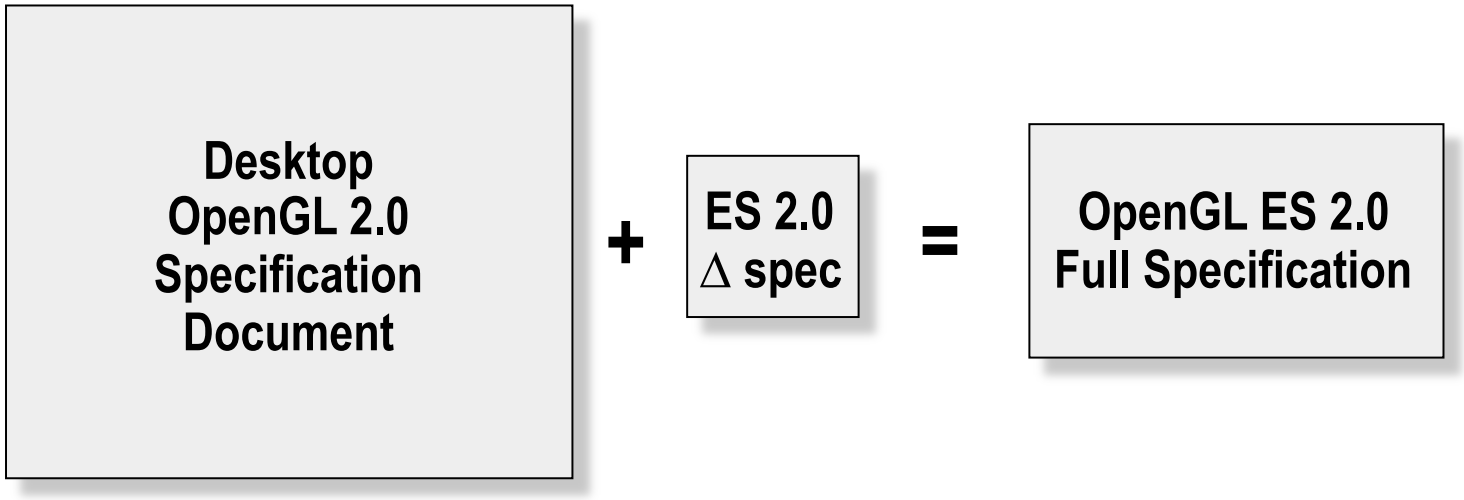


OpenGL ES 2.0 Conformance Tests

- **Launched May 2008**
  - The best OpenGL conformance tests ever!
  - About 120,000 lines of code, 1637 shader programs
  - Submission site went live on 12 May 2008
  - A team effort, led by Maurice Ribble (AMD)
- **What this means**
  - Guarantee of a quality OpenGL ES 2.0 implementation
  - Only conformant implementations can use the trademark name and logo
- **Conformant Products so far**
  - AMD Z430 Development Kit
  - ARM Mali 200
  - Imagination Technologies SGX530
  - NVIDIA Tegra APX 2500
  - Vivante GC500

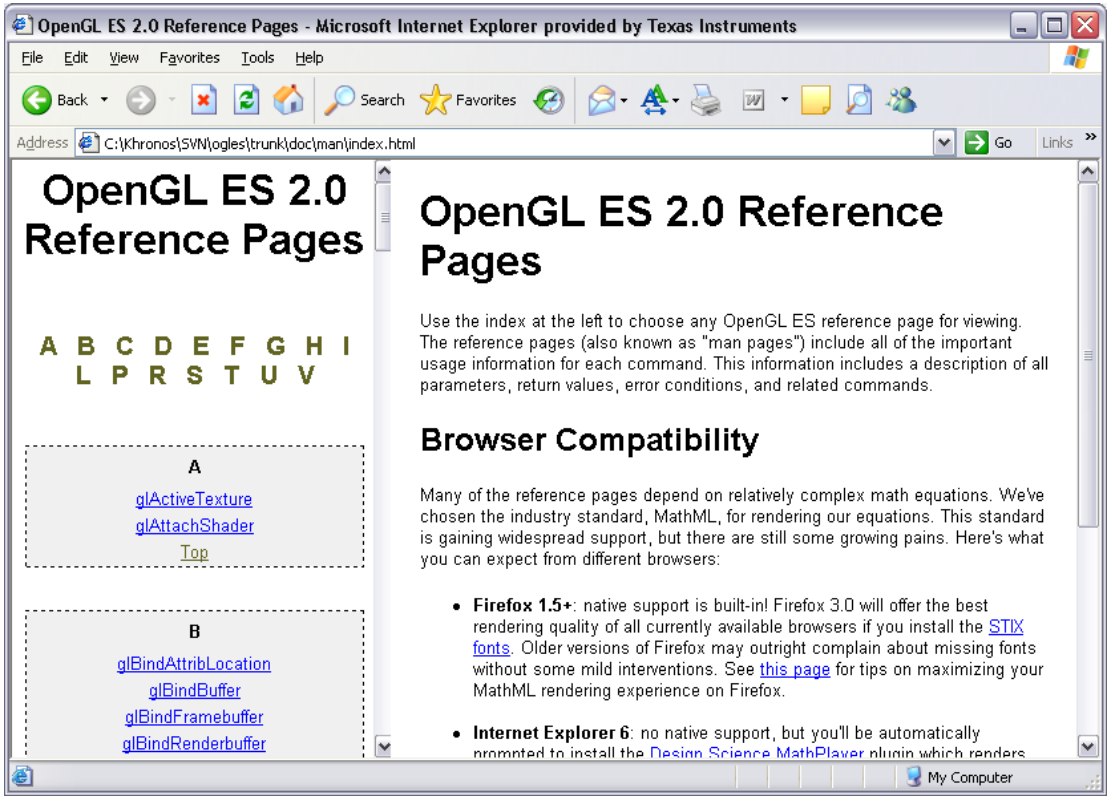
OpenGL ES Full Specification

- **OpenGL ES was originally defined relative to desktop GL**
  - Makes the OpenGL ES spec very compact
  - Nice for people who know the desktop spec well BUT Confusing for people who don't
- **Now have the OpenGL ES 2.0 Full Specification**
  - Authored by Jon Leech for Khronos; now the official definition
  - The original diff spec will be maintained for reference
  - See http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/



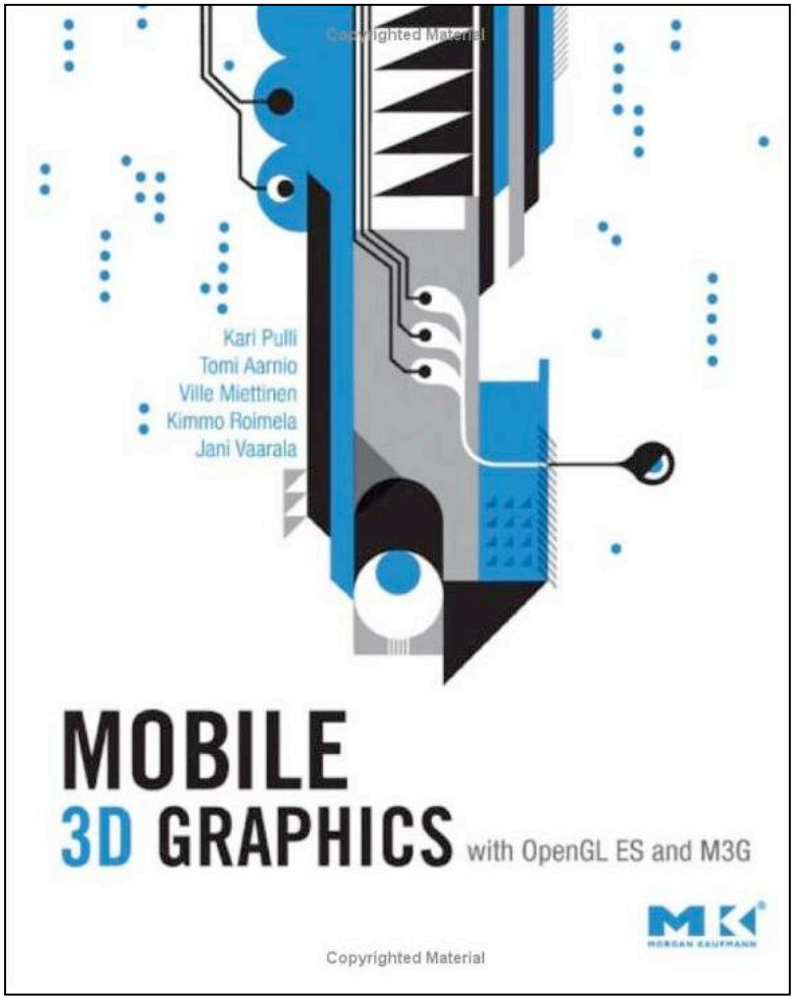
OpenGL ES Man Pages

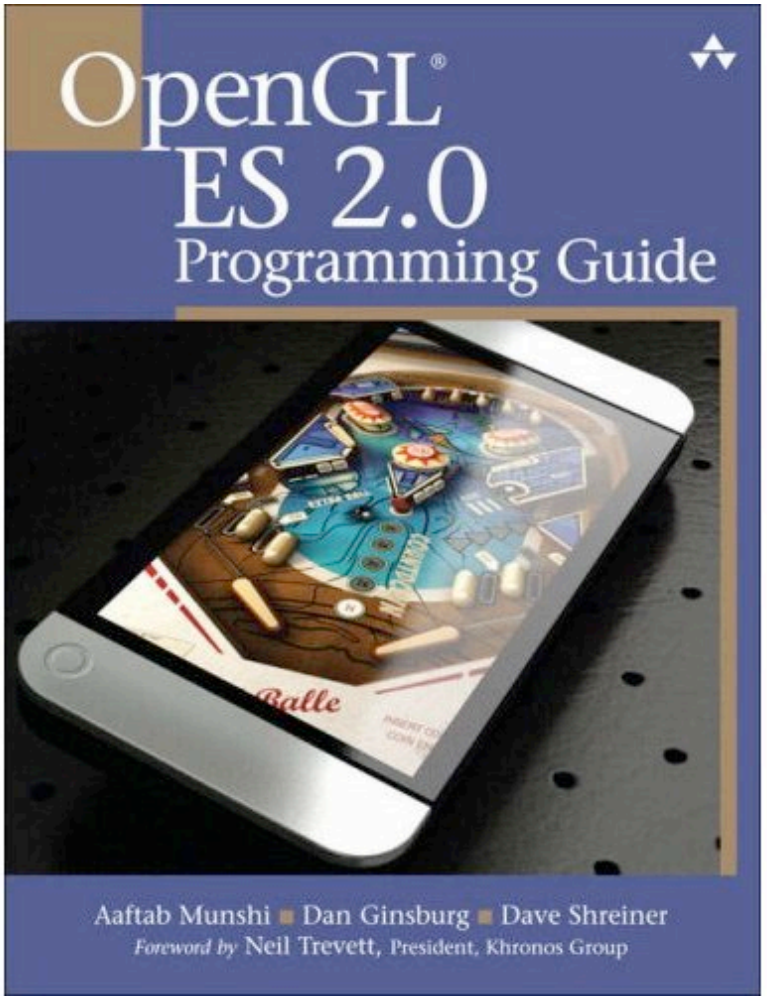
- **OpenGL ES 2.0 pages are on the web now**
  - OpenGL ES 1.1 pages coming soon
- **Created by Benj Lipchak based on OpenGL 2.1 pages**
  - Thanks to the Khronos Promoters for supporting the effort!



http://www.khronos.org/opengles/sdk/docs/man

OpenGL ES Books





OpenGL ES Working Group Priorities

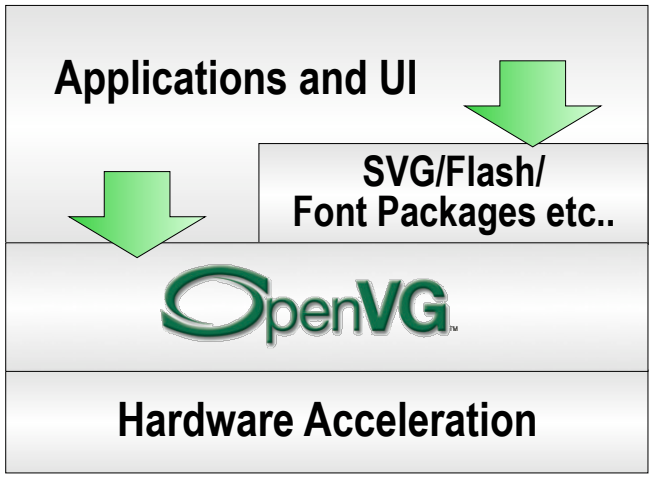
- **Ecosystem Support**
  - Complete OpenGL ES 1.1 man pages
  - ETC1 file format and open-source loader
    - Effort led by Jacob Ström (Ericsson)
  - SDK site
- **Conformance Tests**
  - Updates to both OpenGL ES 2.0 and ES 1.1 tests expected in 4Q 2008
    - ES 1.1 lead – Tom McReynolds (NVidia)
    - ES 2.0 lead – Maurice Ribble (AMD)
- **OpenGL ES 2.0 Extensions**
  - To expose additional hardware capabilities

OpenVG - Accelerated Vector Graphics

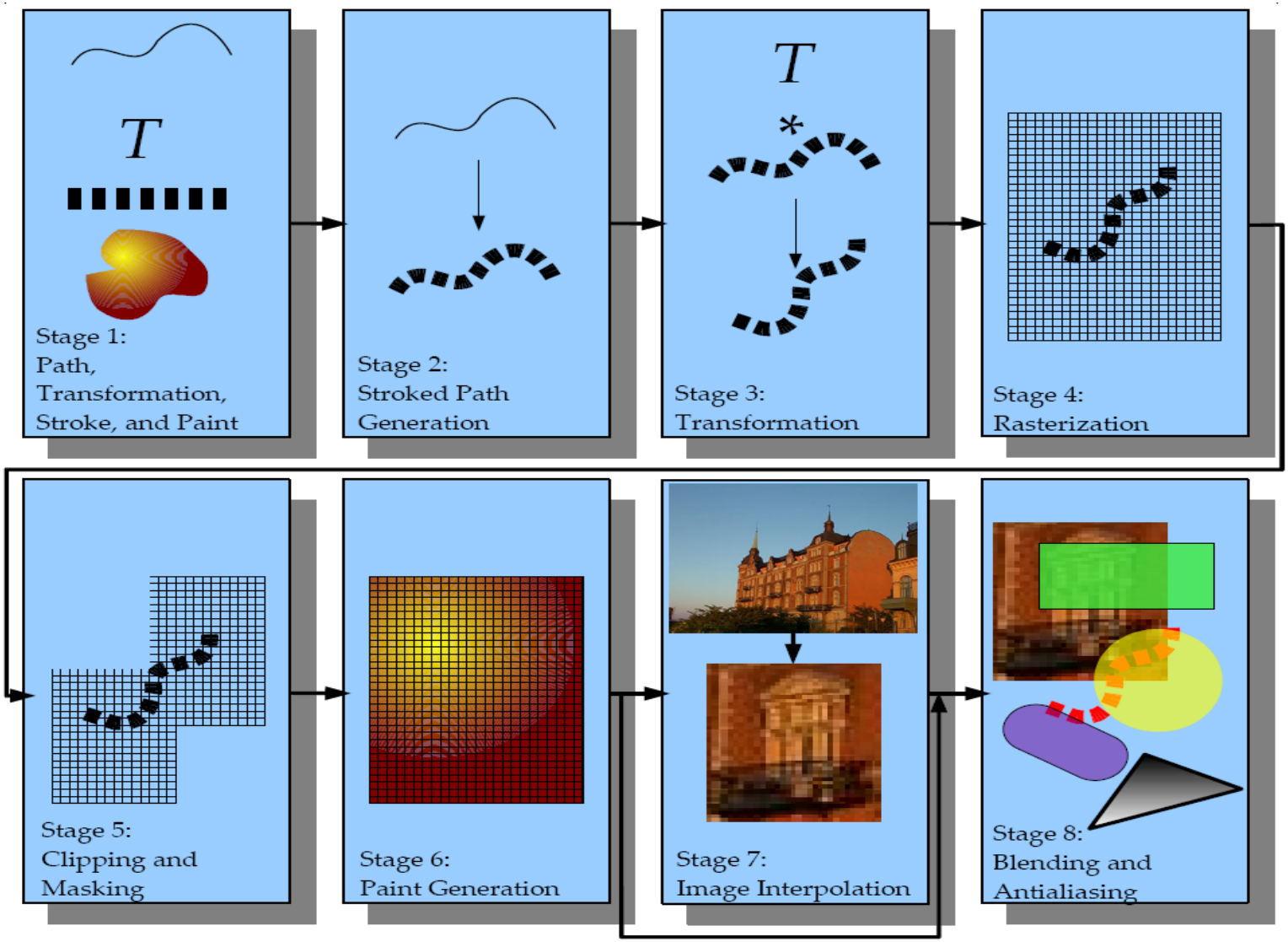
- **OpenVG is the industry's first native Bezier rendering API**
  - Enables a new class of hardware acceleration – Bezier primitives – not polygons
- **Primarily used to accelerate higher-level engines such as Flash and SVG**
  - OpenVG is an OpenGL-style, low-level API – but many artists prefer tools over programming

OpenGL ES
Accurately represents PERSPECTIVE and LIGHTING using 3D polygons

OpenVG
Accurately represents SHAPE and COLOR using 2D Bezier Curves



OpenVG Pipeline



OpenVG Adoption

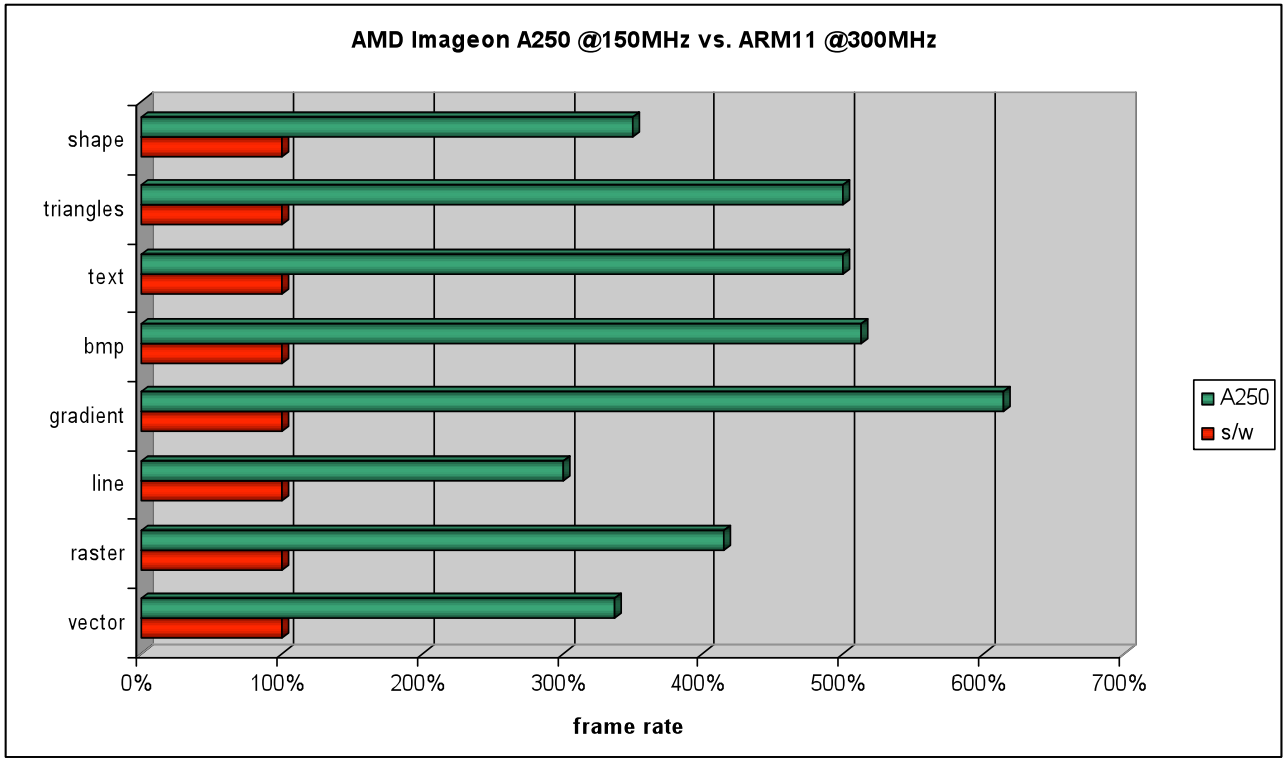
- **OpenVG 1.0 specification shipped in August 2005**
  - Open source sample implementation and conformance tests in March 2007
- **OpenVG developer momentum is growing strongly**
  - Cairo renderer in GTK+ widget toolkit, WebKit Browser engine, SVG acceleration
  - Native UI, mapping applications
- **OpenVG silicon acceleration is shipping**
  - Many graphics silicon vendors have announced support
  - 8 conformance submissions this year
- **Active work in OpenVG extensions**
  - NDS vendor extensions for advanced blending and filtering in HDTV market

OpenVG 1.1

- **OpenVG 1.1 specification publicly released at SIGGRAPH Asia 2008**
  - Together with open source sample implementation and full Conformance Test Suite
- **OpenVG 1.1 Conformance Test**
  - Comprehensive set of tests (~900 test cases)
  - Conformant implementation has to pass all of them
- **Major features**
  - Adobe Flash 7 / Flash Lite 3 support
  - Glyph API for hardware accelerated text rendering
  - Multi-sampled anti-aliasing

Flash Acceleration with OpenVG 1.1

- **Adobe is a strong participant in the OpenVG working group**
  - Helping to ensure that OpenVG 1.1 provides effective Flash acceleration
- **OpenVG support is now included in Flash Lite 3.1 engine**
  - Provides approximately 5x speed-up over software at 1/10 the power



Glyph API

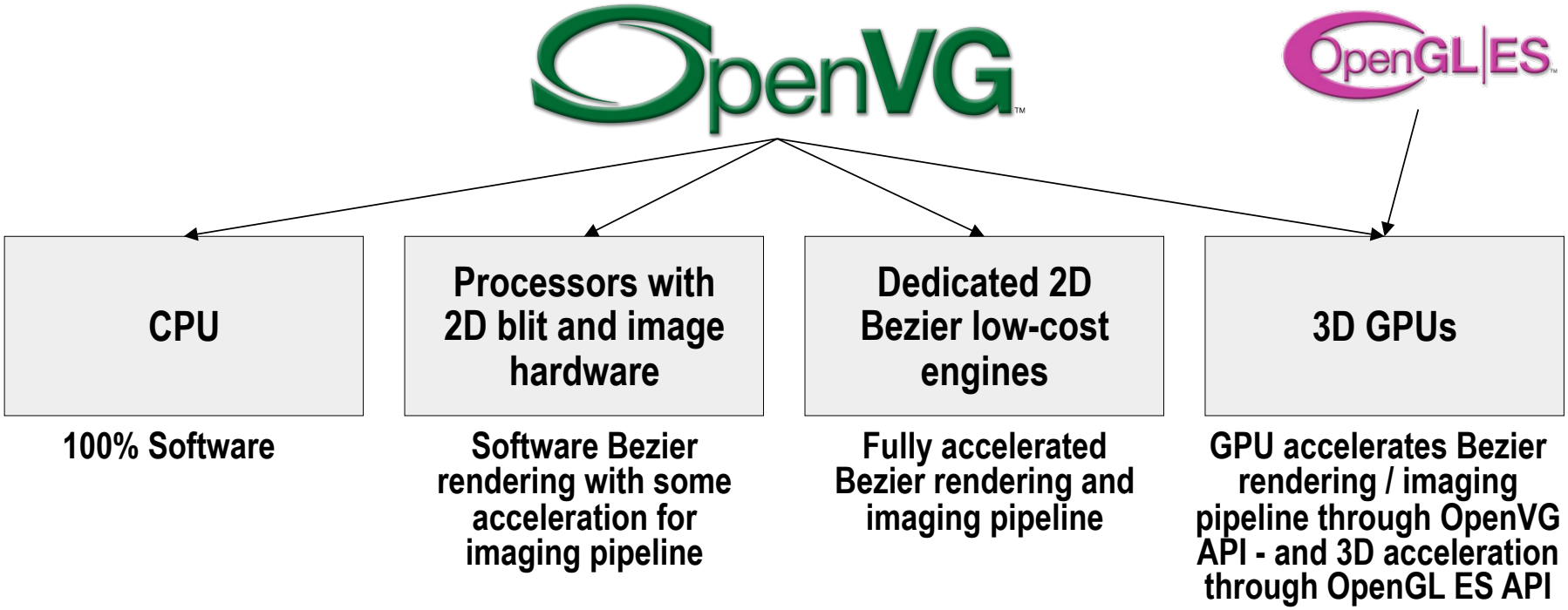
- **Many applications require high-quality scalable text**
  - User interfaces, SVG, PDF or E-book readers, GPS and mapping, web-browsers
- **Glyphs are complex 2D shapes**
  - Can be scaled down to very small sizes and minor variations in pixel coverage and / or glyph positioning may significantly affect legibility and perceived text quality
- **CPU and bandwidth-efficient commands to use cached font data**
  - Complex text layout support, including kerning, glyph variants and positional adjustments
  - Use both vector outlines and bitmap images to display characters
- **Glyph API enables text-specific rendering optimizations**
  - Auto-hinting of glyph outlines, modified filter kernels for anti-aliased text rendering
  - Missing pixel recovery for monochrome rendering mode

Unoptimized

Optimized using Glyph API

OpenVG Implementations

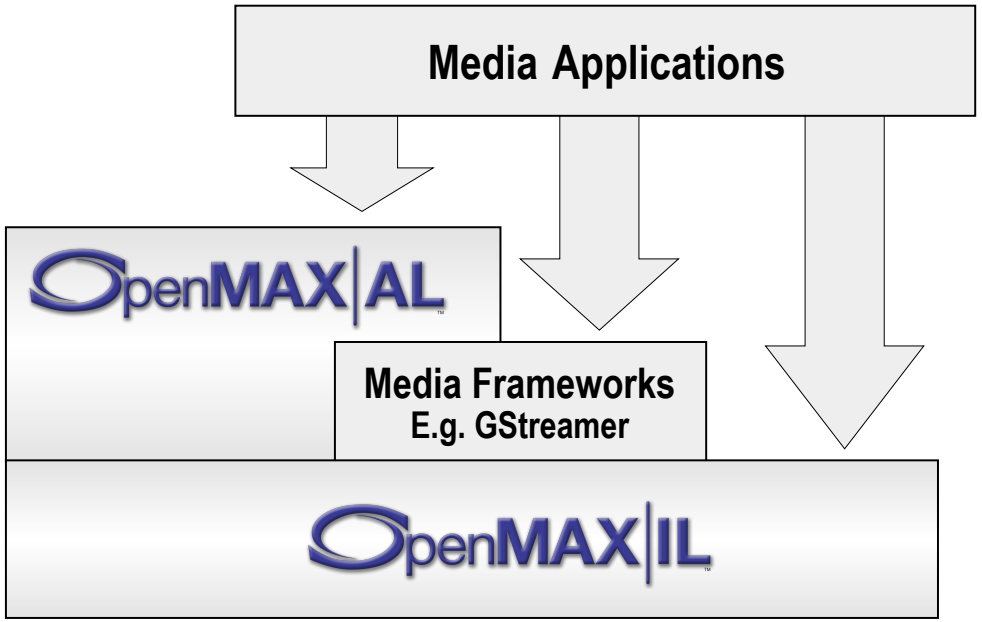
- **There are a wide range of OpenVG implementations possible**
  - Depending on the price point and target device architecture
- **3D GPU can accelerate both OpenVG and OpenGL ES APIs**
  - With interoperability through EGL



OpenMAX Applications

- **OpenMAX AL provides fastest development and enhanced portability**
  - High-level, object-oriented abstractions for record/play applications
- **OpenMAX IL provides more flexibility and low-level hardware access**
  - For expert developers, no high-level or convenience functions
- **OpenMAX IL can be used by the native media framework**
  - Framework can be used to implement and extend OpenMAX AL

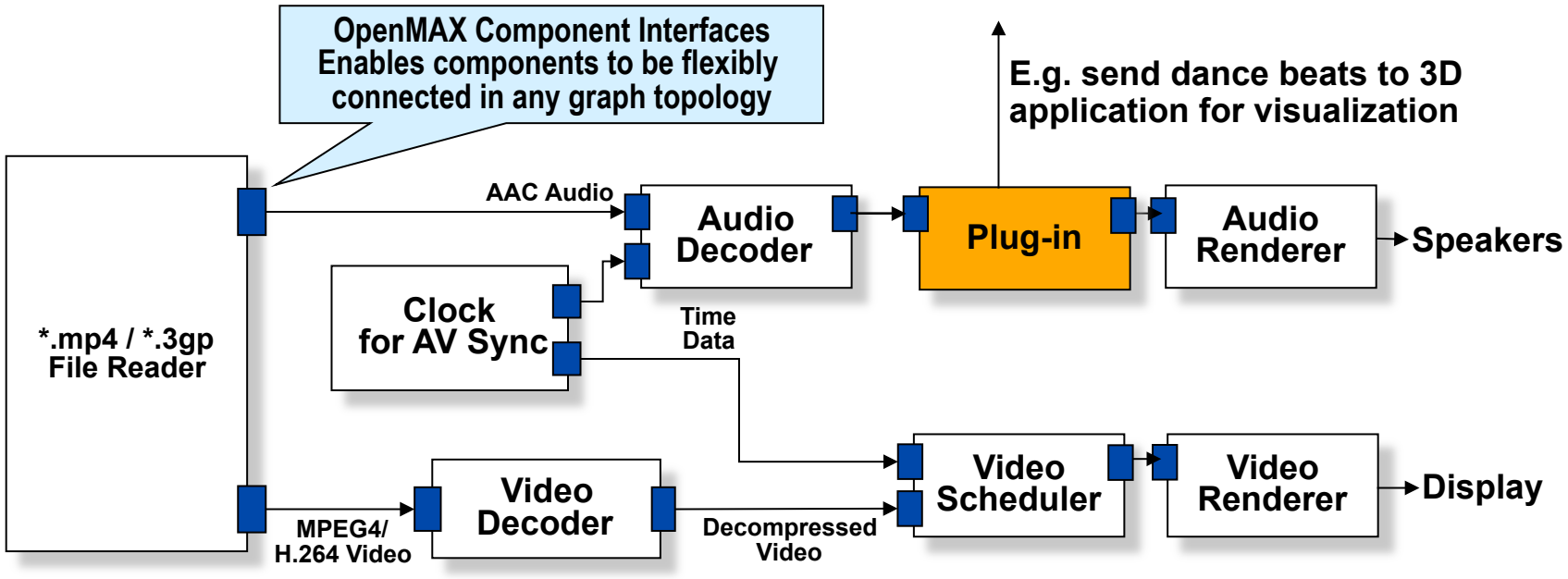
Applications may use OpenMAX AL, OpenMAX IL or the native media framework



OpenMAX AL may be implemented independently and not layered over OpenMAX IL

OpenMAX IL Example Graph

- Standardized component interfaces enable flexible media graphs
- Includes multi-stream synchronization
- Allows for custom plug-ins



Example: MPEG-4 video synchronized with AAC audio decode

Three OpenSL ES Profiles

- **Phone, Music and Game**
  - Sufficient to cover all the market segments of importance to OpenSL ES
- **Some profile overlap**
  - Mostly in basic audio functionality

Game-centric mobile devices
Advanced MIDI functionality, sophisticated capabilities such as 3D audio, audio effects, buffer handling

Music-centric mobile devices
High quality playback and record, support for multiple music codecs, streaming support

Basic mobile phones
Ring tone and alert tone playback (basic MIDI functionality), basic playback, simple 2D games

OpenMAX and OpenSL ES Priorities

- **OpenMAX IL 1.1.2 – released in September 2008**
  - Corrections and clarifications
  - Extension mechanism
- **Several extensions to IL 1.1 in discussion**
  - Imaging, 3D audio, content demuxer, content pipes
- **OpenMAX IL graph-level conformance tests**
  - Due for release early 2009
- **OpenSL ES and OpenMAX AL final specifications and conformance tests**
  - Due for release in early 2009

Mobile Umbrella Specifications

- **Individual APIs define domain specific media acceleration**
  - OpenGL ES for 3D, OpenMAX for video and images etc.
- **Latest mobile applications want to MIX media types**
  - E.g. route live video into a composited 3D user interface
- **For portability of mixed-media need to define how the APIs work *together***
  - E.g. how to transfer video data from OpenMAX into OpenGL ES
- **Umbrella specs define and CONFORMANCE TEST trans-API operation**
  - Creates a reliable, cross-vendor media-stack definition

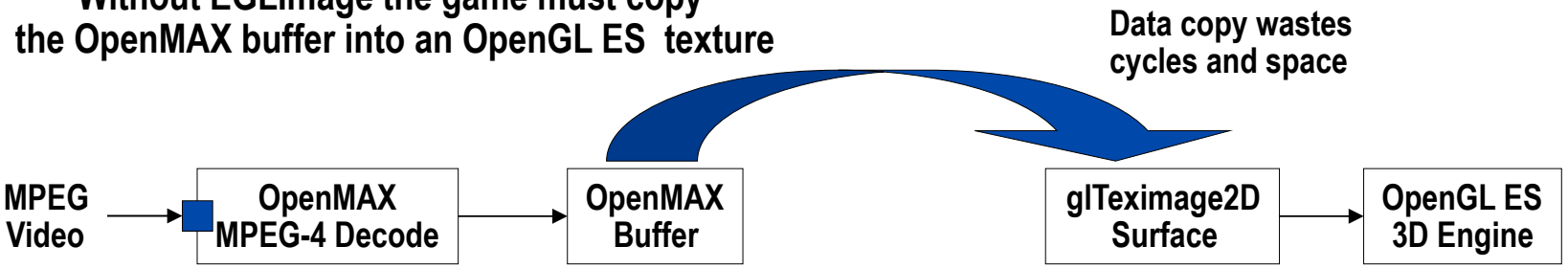
EGL

- **EGL abstracts access to rendering surfaces**
  - Interfaces Khronos rendering APIs to native platform window system
  - A derivative of the WGL Windows abstraction API
- **Emerging role as a communication hub between handheld APIs**
  - Sharing images via EGLImage extensions
  - EGLSync objects for inter-API fences and other signalling
- **Can create rendering surfaces into which multiple client APIs can draw**
  - Enables high-performance, accelerated, mixed-mode 2D and 3D rendering
  - Using OpenGL ES and OpenVG
- **EGL 1.3 was released in December 2006 – supports OpenGL ES**
  - OpenKODE 1.0 uses EGL 1.3 PLUS EGL extensions to integrate OpenVG PLUS
  - Lock Surface EGL extension for direct blitting of software rendering applications to the screen
- **EGL 1.4 integrated OpenVG and Lock Surface into core EGL**
  - In spring 2008

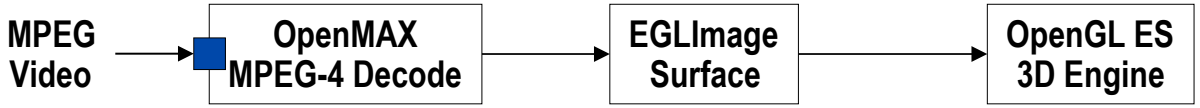
Directions for EGL 1.5

- **Create EGLImage within EGL**
  - Pre-declare uses => guaranteed image compatibility
- **Share images with OpenMAX**
  - Add EGLImage video data formats (YUV)
- **Stream images between APIs**
  - Queue of images with producer/consumer operations
- **EGLSync objects**
  - Inter-API fences and other signalling

Without EGLImage the game must copy the OpenMAX buffer into an OpenGL ES texture

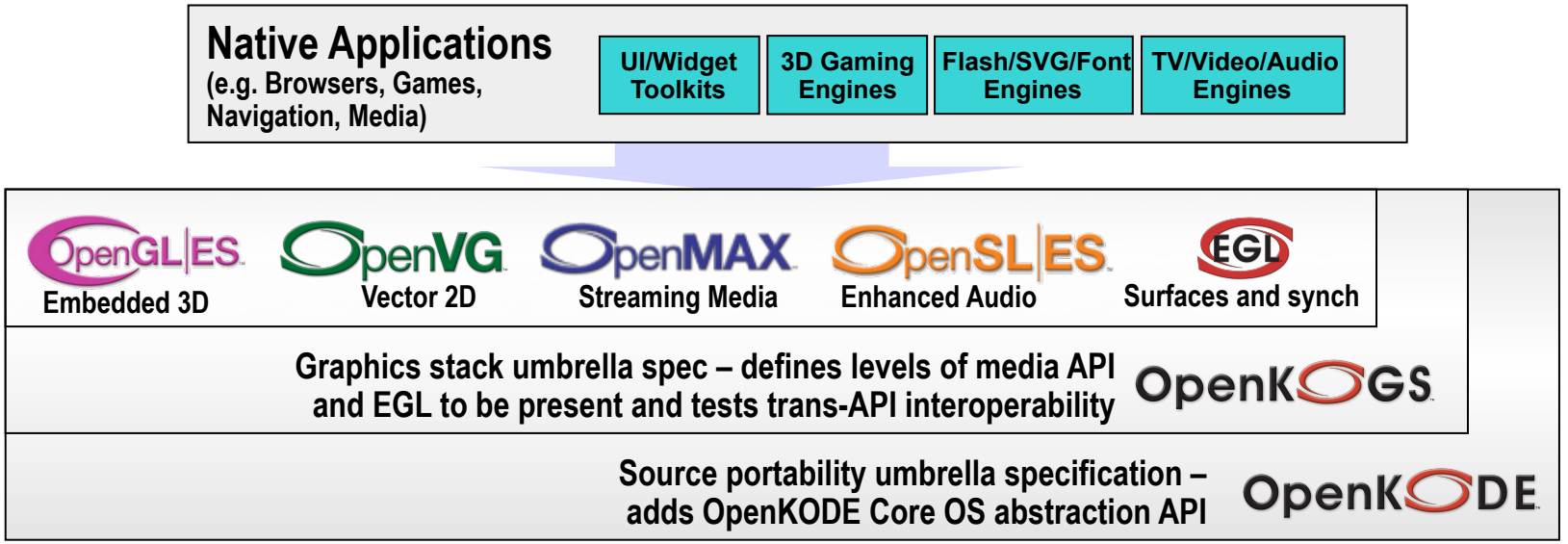


An EGLImage surface can be used as both the destination of the decode and a texture without copying the data



Khronos Mobile Umbrella Specs

- **Platform vendors can choose to ship more than just individual APIs**
  - Provide *conformance tested* multi-API programming platforms
- **1. OpenKOGS – integrated media stack – due in 2009**
  - Defines reliable trans-API interoperability through EGL for OpenGL ES, OpenVG, OpenMAX
- **2. OpenKODE = OpenKOGS *plus* OS abstraction API**
  - OpenKODE Core is Posix-like API for application portability across mobile operating systems
  - Threads, events, utilities, math, timers, files, strings, networking, IO, windowing
  - A lot of mobile OS knowledge encapsulated in the API



OpenKODE Core

- **OS Abstraction layer - familiar to POSIX and C Programmers**
  - "POSIX ES" – drawing on C89, C99
  - Some added functionality – events and IO functions
- **Genuinely implementable across all major mobile operating systems**
  - No small feat!
  - A lot of mobile OS knowledge encapsulated in the API
- **Threads, Events, Utilities, Math, Time and Timers, File system, Strings, Networking, Input/Output, Windowing**
  - Full functionally for rich-media applications
- **Lightweight – typically less than 100KB**
  - Adds no significant performance overhead
  - OpenKODE Core is NOT a layer between application and media APIs

OpenKODE – Source Portability

Compositing User Interfaces

Games and Game Engines

Flash and SVG Players

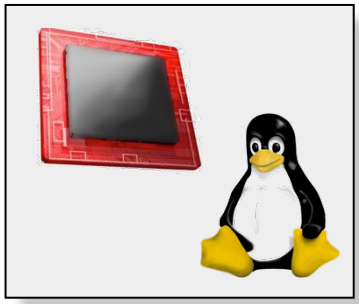
TV and Video Stacks

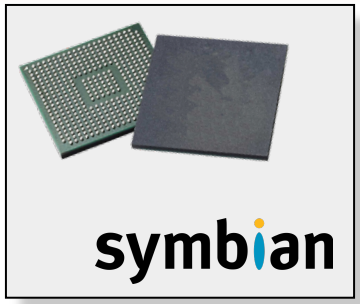
Camera Applications

Applications are portable to any OpenKODE-enabled platform

OpenKODE™ Royalty-free open standard for rich media source portability

Platforms can use any OS and silicon vendor





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Raising 2D and 3D Visual Quality

State-of-the-art APIs enable compelling consumer displays
Advanced functionality, fast interactivity and extremely high quality

High-quality 2D graphics and test using OpenVG

Video and image processing with OpenMAX

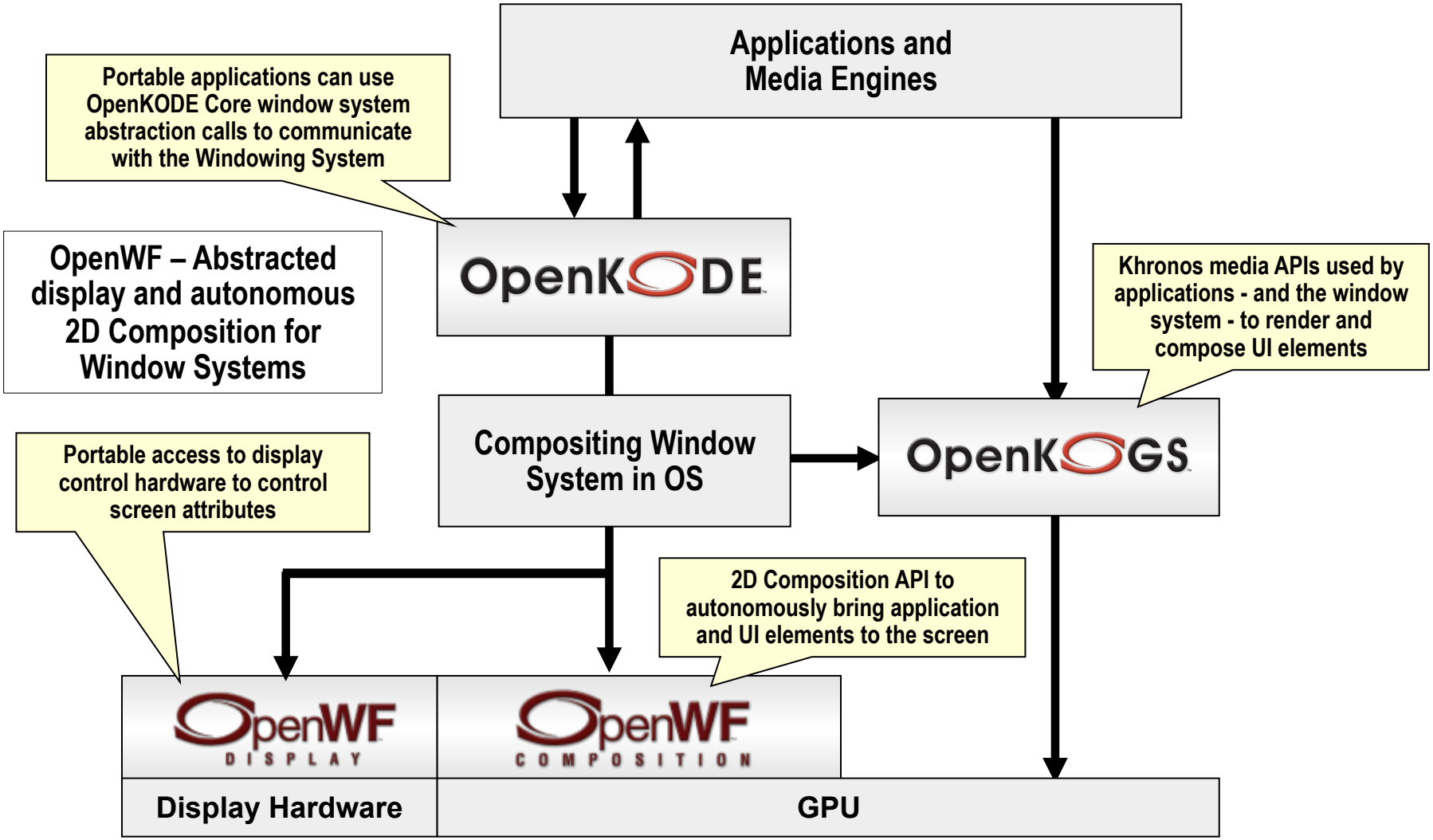
High-quality 3D displays using OpenGL ES

Older generation APIs
Provide rudimentary graphics functionality and quality

Composition and User Interface

- **The iPhone's success has demonstrates the importance of good UI**
  - Ease of discovery and use of device capabilities and resources drives revenue
- **Strong focus on using mobile graphics acceleration for advanced UI**
  - Accelerated rendering, window management and composition
- **Accelerated composition**
  - Bringing multiple screen elements together with complete flexibility on the display
- **Khronos ecosystem enables 3D composition architectures**
  - KDWM – OpenKODE extensions to enable 3D composition using OpenGL ES

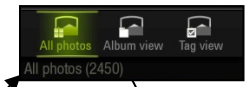
OpenWF – Windowing Foundation



OpenKODE Screen Composition

Client applications can behave as if they are writing directly to the display and render into off-screen, cross-process texture surfaces *using standard OpenGL ES, OpenMAX, EGL and OpenKODE calls*

Off-screen Buffers



Application

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Application

Compositor

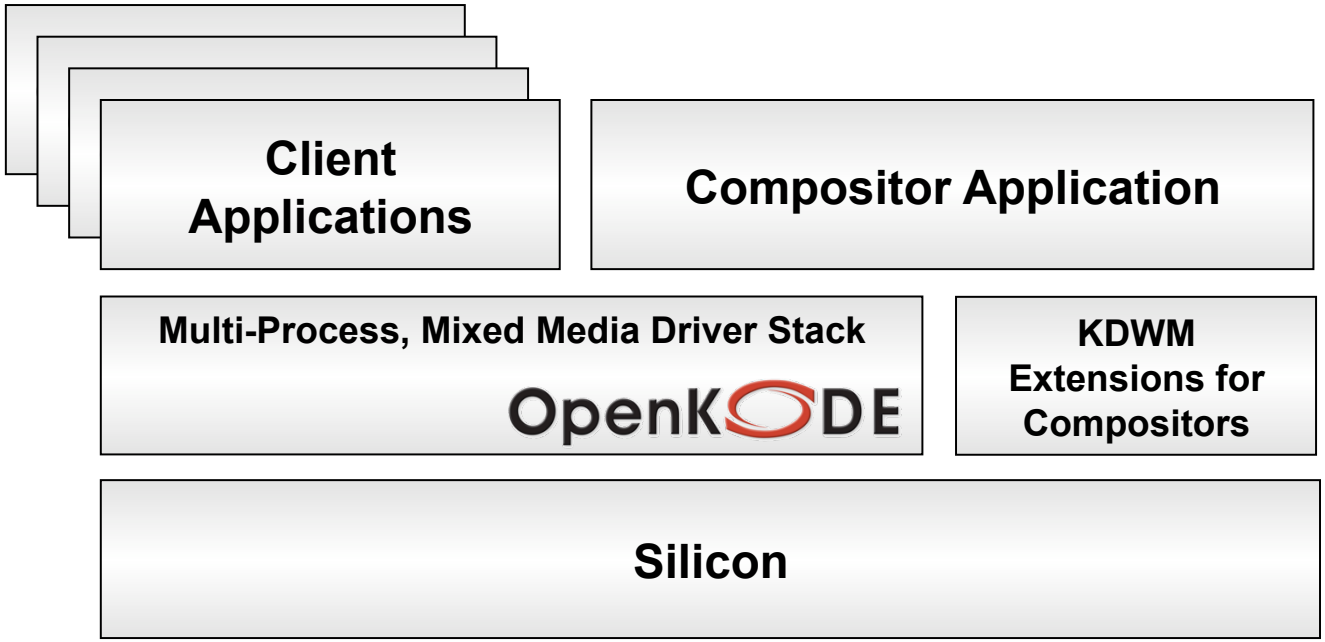
Multiple off-screen surfaces are composited to the screen using OpenGL ES or OpenWF for flexible screen layout and transitions

Physical Display

KDWM extensions to OpenKODE Core enables Compositor applications or window systems to communicate EVENTS and off-screen BUFFER HANDLES to client applications

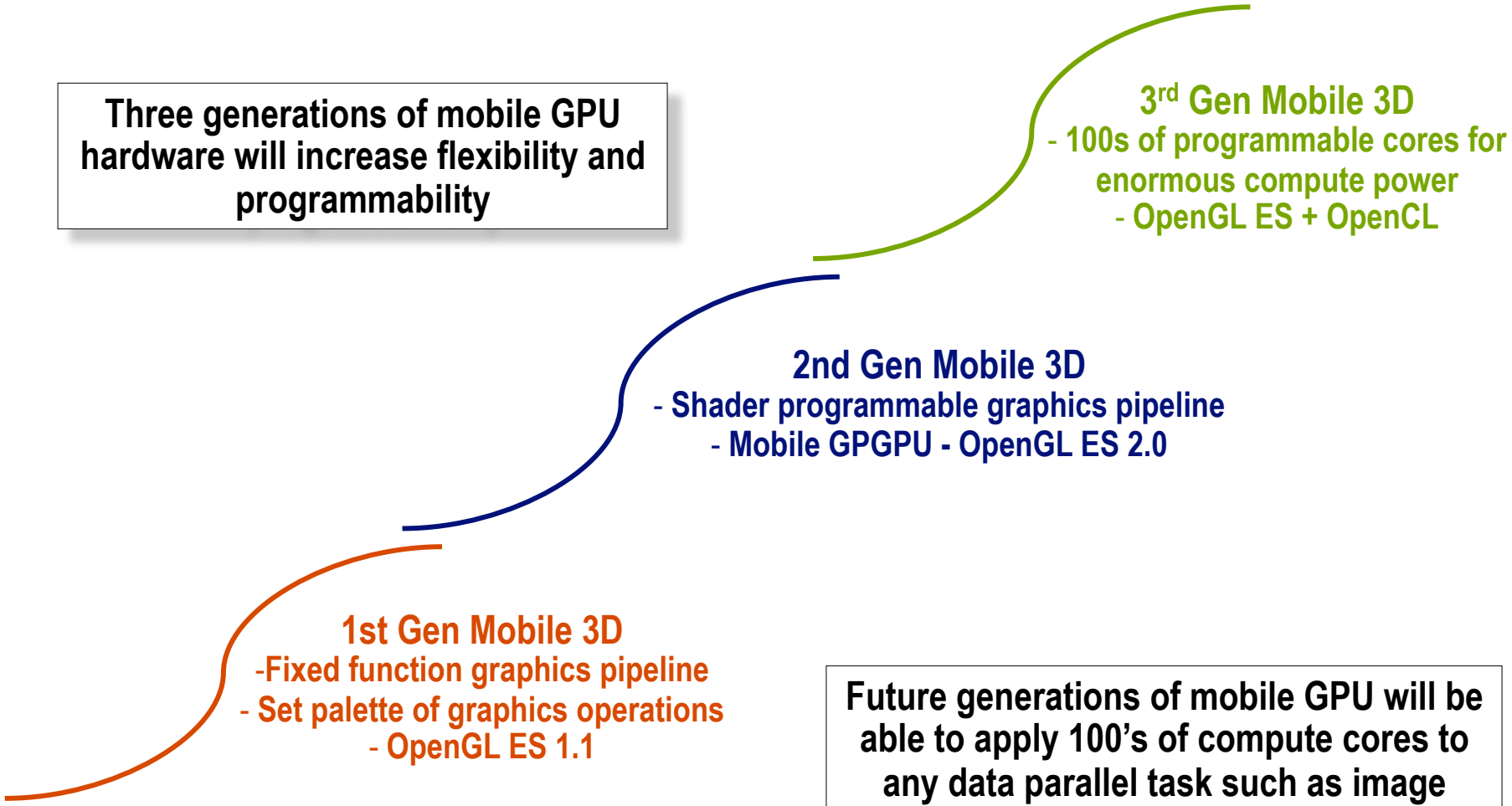
3D UI Composition Initiative

- **KDWM – "the Compositors OpenKODE"**
  - Extensions to OpenKODE Core - based on existing EGL and OpenKODE mechanisms
  - Off-screen surface allocation and cross process surface handle communication
  - Cross-process event dispatch
  - Proposed by NVIDIA as OpenKODE Core extension



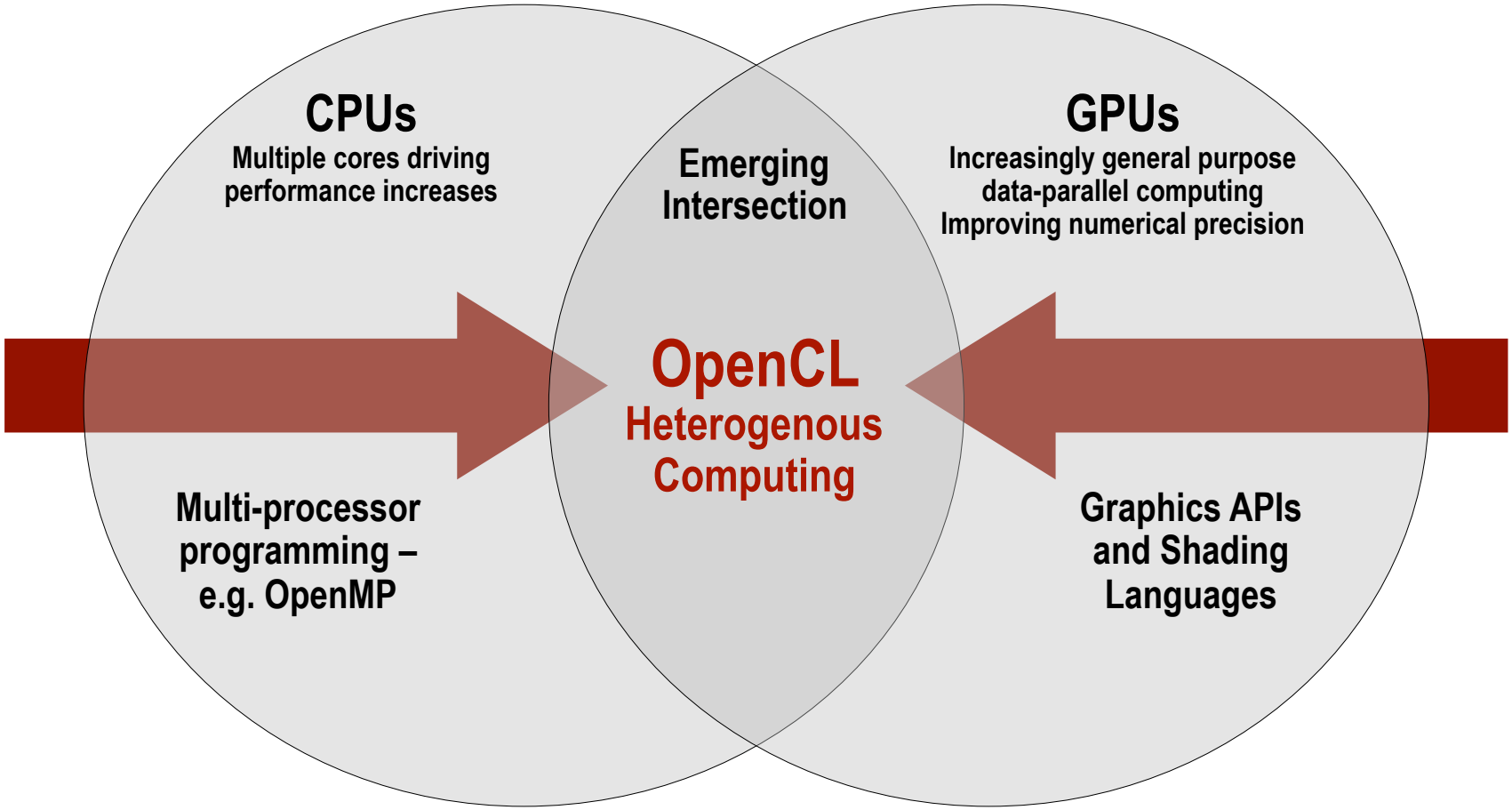
Tomorrow:
A Supercomputer in the Palm of your Hand

Three generations of mobile GPU hardware will increase flexibility and programmability



Future generations of mobile GPU will be able to apply 100's of compute cores to any data parallel task such as image processing and augmented reality

Processor Parallelism



OpenCL – Open Computing Language

Open, royalty-free standard for portable, parallel programming of heterogeneous parallel computing CPUs, GPUs, and other processors

OpenCL Objectives

- **Grow the market for parallel computing**
  - For vendors of systems, silicon, middleware, tools and applications
- **Open, royalty-free standard for heterogeneous parallel computing**
  - Unified programming model for CPUs, GPUs, Cell, DSP and other processors in a system
- **Cross-vendor software portability to a wide range of silicon and systems**
  - HPC servers, desktop systems and handheld devices covered in one specification
- **Support for a wide diversity of applications**
  - From embedded and mobile software through consumer applications to HPC solutions
- **Create a foundation layer for a parallel computing ecosystem**
  - Close-to-the-metal interface to support a rich diversity of middleware and applications
- **Rapid deployment in the market**
  - Designed to run on current latest generations of GPU hardware

OpenCL Working Group

- **Diverse industry participation**
  - Processor vendors, system OEMs, middleware vendors, application developers
- **Many industry-leading experts involved in OpenCL's design**
  - A healthy diversity of industry perspectives
- **Apple initially proposed the working group**
  - And served as specification editor
- **Here are some of the other companies in the OpenCL working group**

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Using OpenCL with OpenGL (ES)

- **Both standards under one IP framework**
  - Enables very close collaborative design
- **Efficient, inter-API communication**
  - While still allowing both APIs to handle the types of workloads for which they were designed
- **OpenCL can efficiently share resources with OpenGL (ES)**
  - Textures, Buffer Objects and Renderbuffers
  - Data is shared, not copied
- **Applications can select compute device(s) to run OpenGL and OpenCL**
  - Efficient queuing of OpenCL and OpenGL commands into the hardware
  - Flexible scheduling and synchronization
- **Examples**
  - Vertex and image data generated with OpenCL and then rendered with OpenGL
  - Images rendered with OpenGL and post-processed with OpenCL kernels
  - etc. etc.

OpenCL 1.0 Embedded Profile

- **Enables OpenCL on mobile and embedded silicon**
  - Relaxes some data type and precision requirements
  - Avoids the need for a separate “ES” specification
- **OpenCL will be tightly integrated with OpenGL ES and OpenMAX**
  - Enabling advanced applications e.g. augmented reality

A GPS phone processes images to recognize buildings and landmarks and uses the internet to supply relevant data

Why Are Khronos Standards Key?

- **"Foundation Level" APIs to enable software to effectively use silicon**
  - State-of-the-art, fundamental functionality needed on every platform
  - Non-proprietary – application portability across many platforms
- **Architected to be cost and power efficient**
  - Ideal for embedded markets
- **Hundreds of man years invested**
  - Beyond any single company now to produce specifications of this breadth and depth
  - Leverage the investment of the silicon industry in creating standards-based drivers sets
- **Royalty-free**
  - Khronos is committed to generating market opportunities for its members and the industry
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