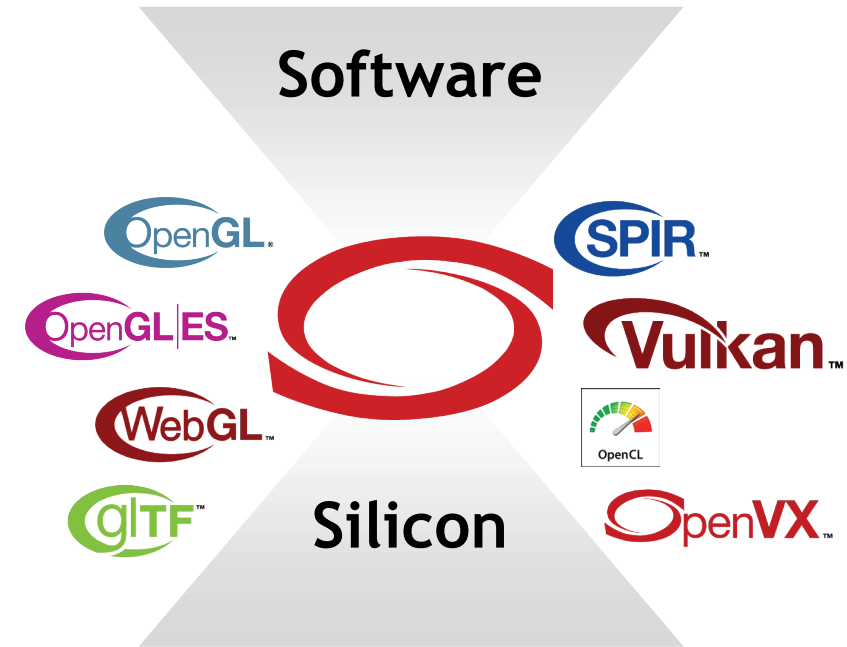


# OpenVX Ecosystem Overview

OpenVX Workshop, Embedded Vision Summit, May 2016

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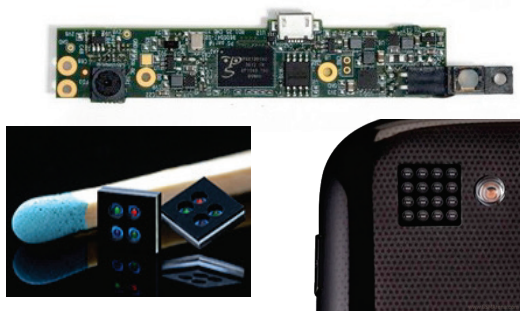
# Khronos Open Standards



Khronos is an Industry Consortium of over 100 companies creating royalty-free, **open standard APIs** to enable software to access hardware acceleration for **graphics, parallel compute and vision**

# Vision Pipeline Challenges and Opportunities

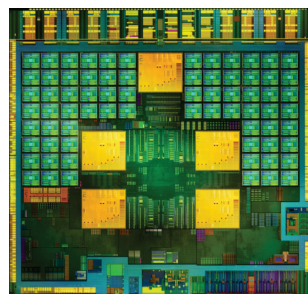
## Growing Camera Diversity



Flexible sensor and camera control to **GENERATE** an image stream



## Diverse Vision Processors



Use efficient acceleration to **PROCESS** the image stream



## Sensor Proliferation



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Combine vision output with other sensor data on device

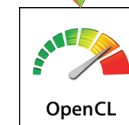


# Accelerated Vision API Jungle

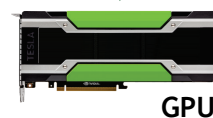
Vision Frameworks  
Neural Net Libraries



Language-based  
Acceleration Frameworks



Explicit  
Kernels



GPU



FPGA





DSP



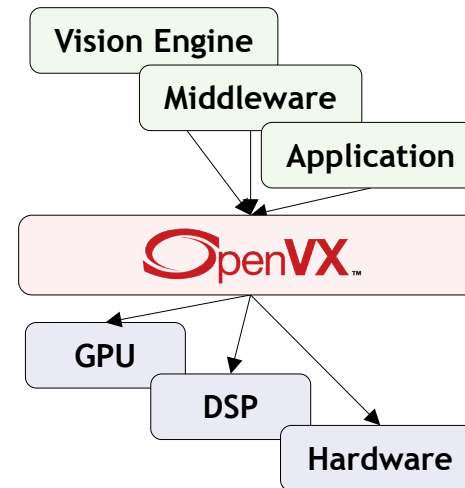
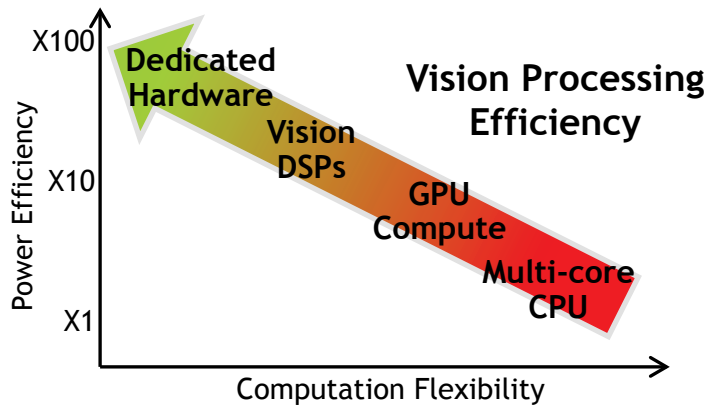
Dedicated  
Hardware

# OpenVX and OpenCV are Complementary

		
<b>Implementation</b>	Community driven open source library	Open standard API designed to be implemented by hardware vendors
<b>Conformance</b>	Extensive OpenCV Test Suite but no formal Adopters program	Implementations must pass defined conformance test suite to use trademark
<b>Consistency</b>	Available functions can vary depending on implementation / platform	All core functions must be available in all conformant implementations
<b>Scope</b>	Very wide 1000s of imaging and vision functions Multiple camera APIs/interfaces	Tight focus on core hardware accelerated functions for mobile vision - but extensible Uses external/native camera API
<b>Efficiency</b>	Memory-based architecture Each operation reads and writes to memory	Graph-based execution Optimizable computation and data transfer
<b>Typical Use Case</b>	Rapid experimentation and prototyping - especially on desktop	Production development & deployment on mobile and embedded devices
<b>Embedded Deployment</b>	Re-usable code	Callable API

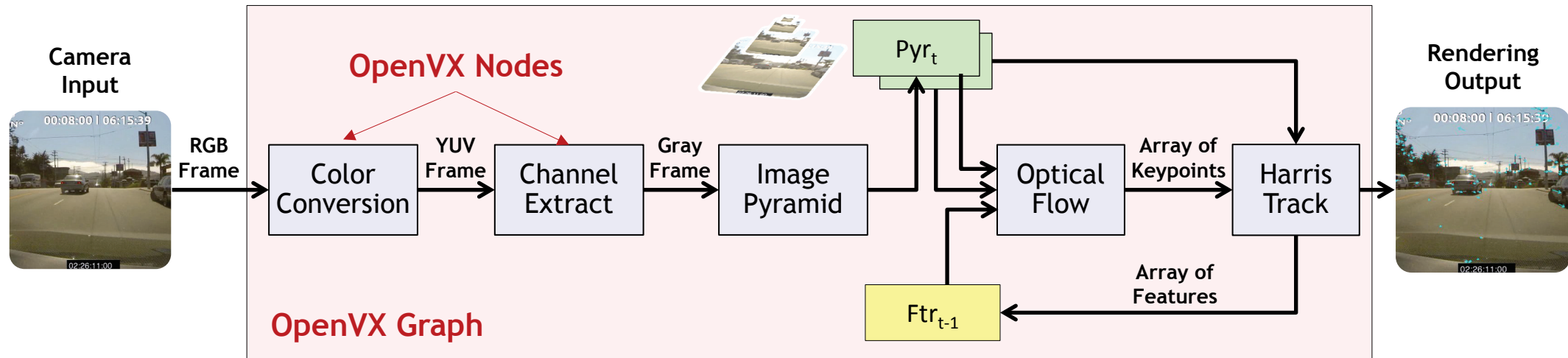
# OpenVX - Low Power Vision Acceleration

- Precisely defined API for production deployment of vision acceleration
  - Targeted at real-time mobile and embedded platforms
- Higher abstraction than OpenCL for performance portability across diverse architectures
  - Multi-core CPUs, GPUs, DSPs and DSP arrays, ISPs, Dedicated hardware...
- Extends portable vision acceleration to very low power domains
  - Doesn't require high-power CPU/GPU Complex or OpenCL precision
  - Low-power host can setup and manage frame-rate graph



# OpenVX Graphs

- OpenVX developers express a graph of image operations ('Nodes')
  - Nodes can be on any hardware or processor coded in any language
- Graphs can execute almost autonomously
  - Possible to Minimize host interaction during frame-rate graph execution
- Graphs are the key to run-time optimization opportunities...



Feature Extraction Example Graph

# OpenVX Efficiency through Graphs..

## Graph Scheduling

Split the graph execution across the whole system:  
CPU / GPU / dedicated HW

Faster execution or lower power consumption

## Memory Management

Reuse pre-allocated memory for multiple intermediate data

Less allocation overhead, more memory for other applications

## Kernel Merge

Replace a sub-graph with a single faster node

Better memory locality, less kernel launch overhead

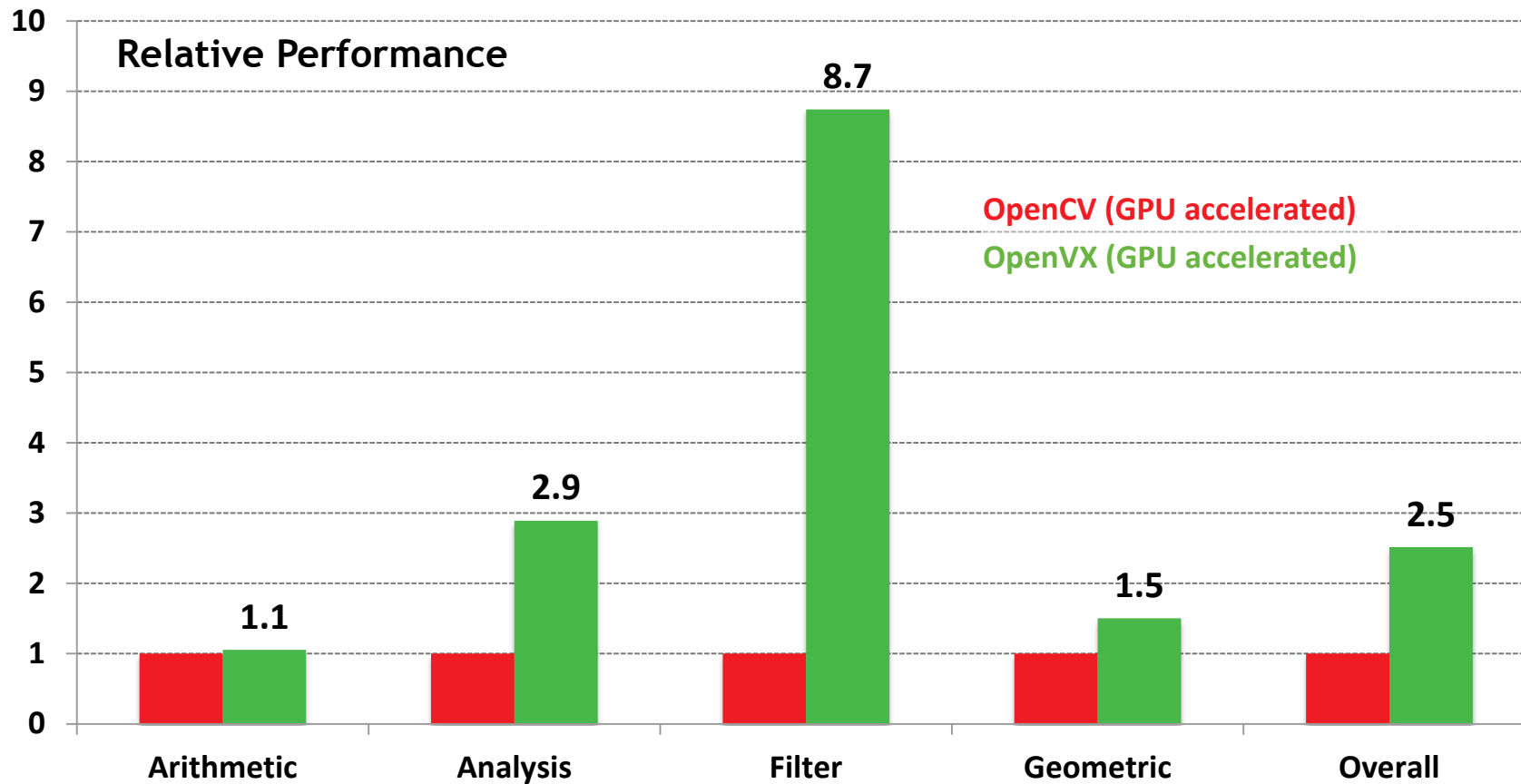
## Data Tiling

Execute a sub-graph at tile granularity instead of image granularity

Better use of data cache and local memory



# Example Relative Performance

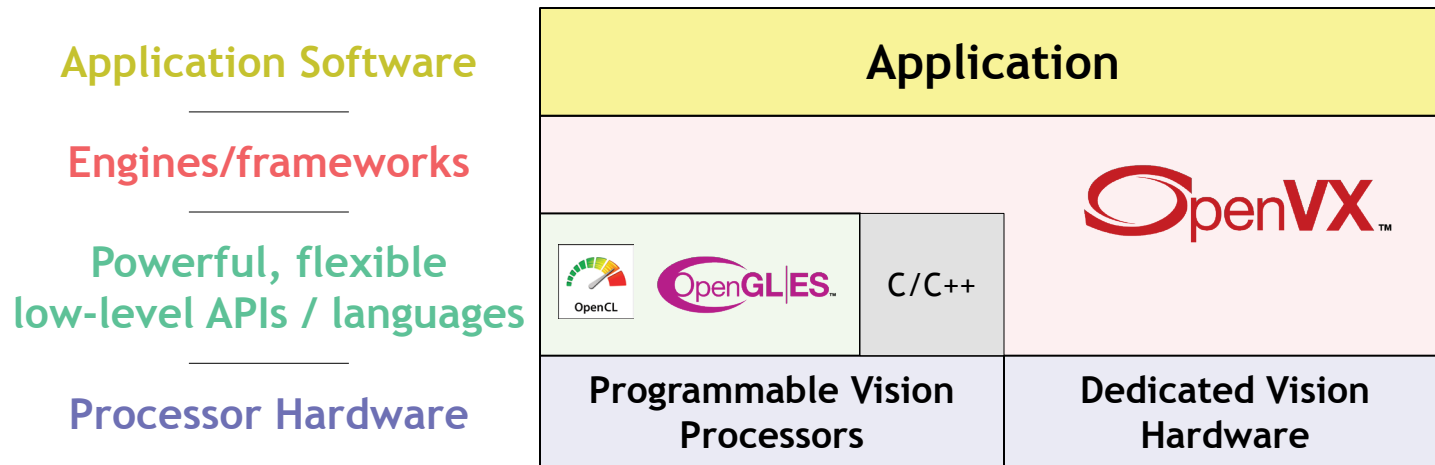


**NVIDIA**  
implementation  
experience.  
Geometric mean of  
>2200 primitives,  
grouped into each  
categories,  
running at different  
image sizes and  
parameter settings

# Layered Vision Processing Ecosystem

Implementers may use OpenCL or Compute Shaders to *implement* OpenVX nodes on programmable processors

And then developers can use OpenVX to enable a developer to easily *connect* those nodes into a graph

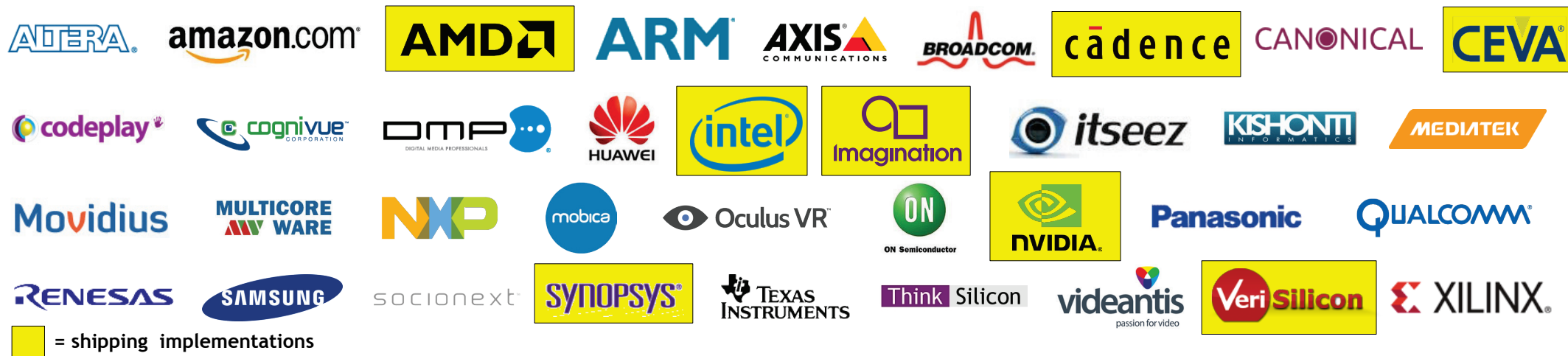


OpenVX enables the graph to be *extended* to include hardware architectures that don't support programmable APIs

The OpenVX graph enables implementers to *optimize* execution across diverse hardware architectures and drive to lower power implementations

# OpenVX 1.0 Shipping, OpenVX 1.1 Released!

- Multiple OpenVX 1.0 Implementations shipping - spec in October 2014
  - Open source sample implementation and conformance tests available
- OpenVX 1.1 Specification released 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 at Embedded Vision Summit
  - Expands node functionality AND enhances graph framework
  - Sample source and conformance tests will be updated to OpenVX 1.1 in 1H16
- OpenVX is EXTENSIBLE
  - Implementers can add their own nodes at any time to meet customer and market needs

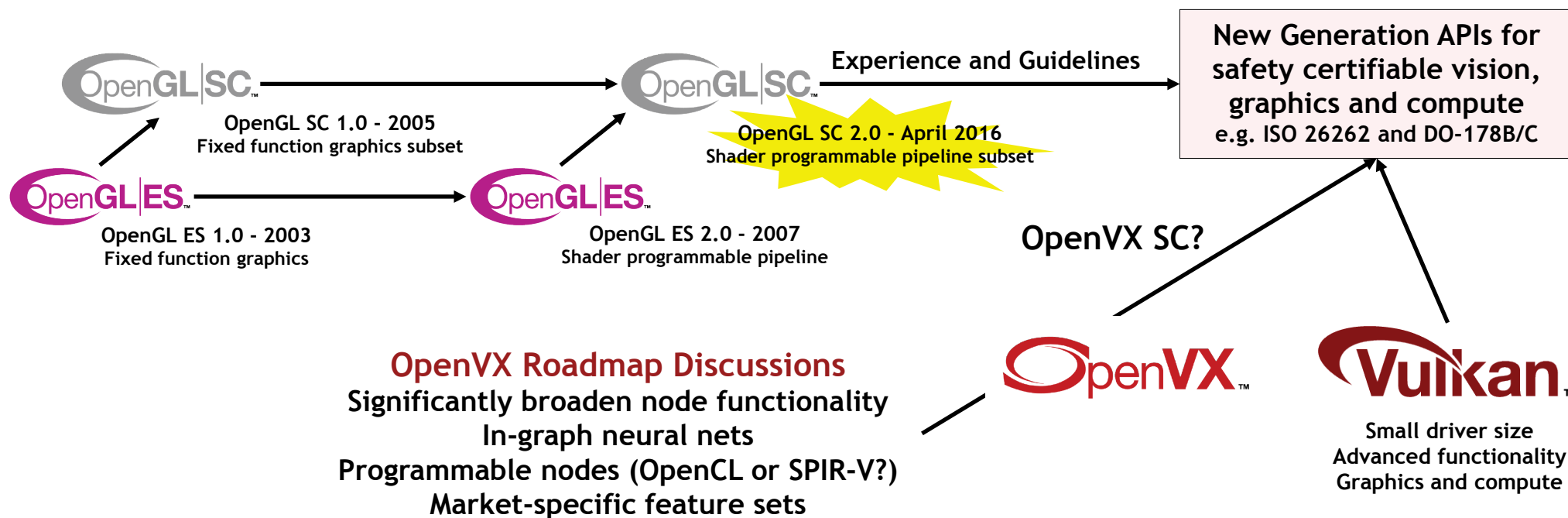


# What's New in OpenVX 1.1?

- **Expanded node functionality AND enhanced graph framework**
  - Plus many minor improvements and clarifications
- **Laplacian pyramids**
  - Computational photography use cases
- **Targets - for execution flexibility on heterogeneous devices**
  - Application can control on which accelerator to run nodes
- **Median, erode and dilate image filters**
  - Including custom patterns
- **Improved read and write data to and from OpenVX objects**
  - Easier to use and less error prone
- **Improved API for extending OpenVX with user kernels**
  - More convenience and flexibility



# OpenVX Roadmap and Safety Critical APIs



# Thank You for Coming Today!

- PDF Quick Reference Cards available for all versions of Khronos specifications
  - <https://www.khronos.org/files/openvx-11-reference-card.pdf>
- OpenVX Forums!
  - <https://forums.khronos.org/showthread.php/13063-Khronos-Releases-OpenVX-1-1-Specification>
- Please give us your feedback on today's workshop
  - We want to work to make these days as useful as possible
- Please talk to us about what you would like to see in the OpenVX roadmap
  - We are genuinely interested in your input!
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