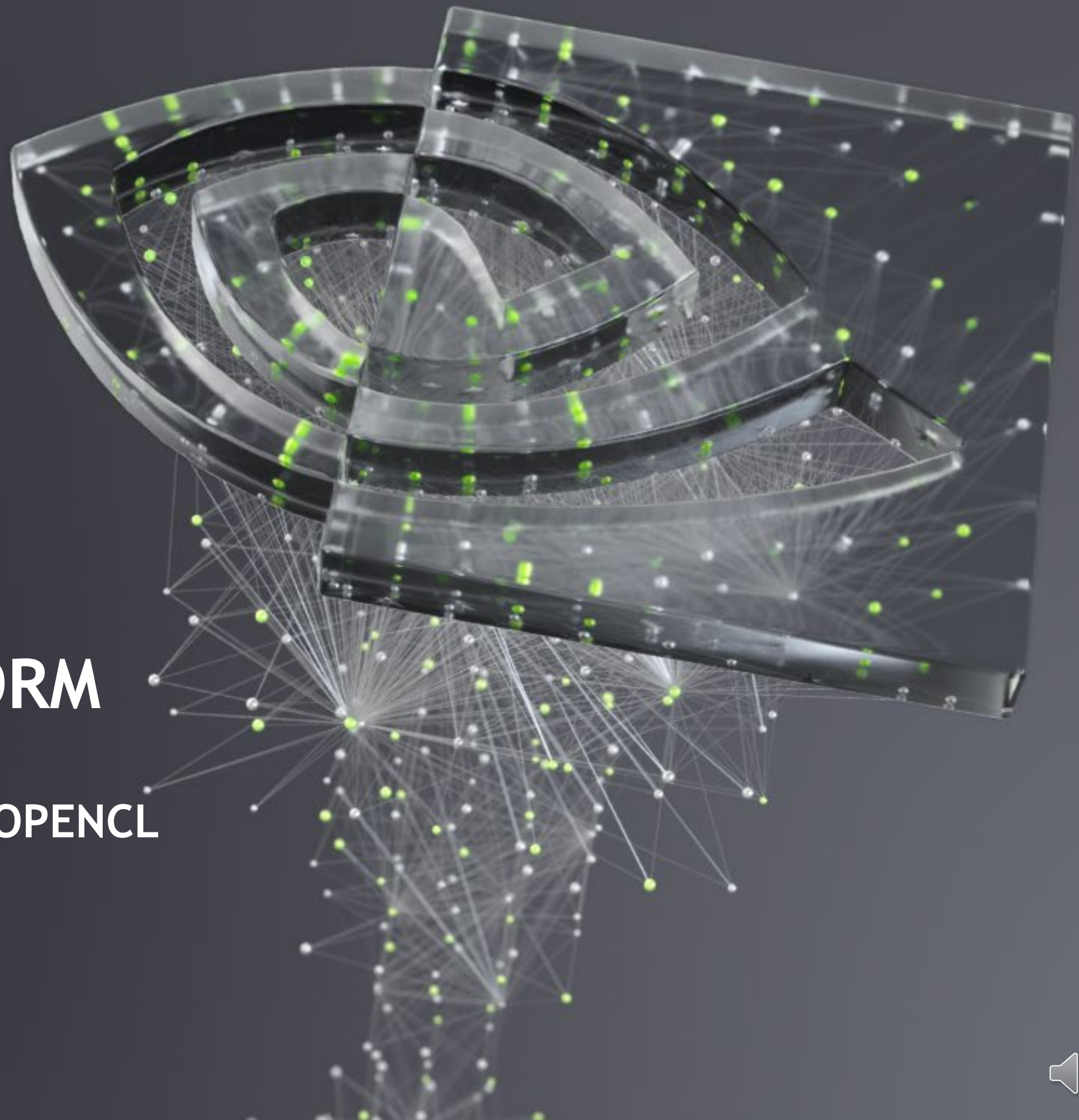




# KHRONOS CROSS-PLATFORM STANDARDS UPDATE

VULKAN, ANARI, OPENXR, GLTF AND OPENCL

Neil Trevett, GTC, March 2020  
VP NVIDIA, Khronos President





# AGENDA

## Latest updates on key Khronos open standards

That are of most interest to the GTC audience  
Vulkan, ANARI, SPIR-V, OpenXR, glTF and OpenCL

*On Khronos format slides*

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## NVIDIA and Khronos Standards

How NVIDIA is supporting and deploying  
Khronos Open Standards

*On NVIDIA format slides*

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# Khronos Connects Software to Silicon

Open interoperability standards to enable software to effectively harness the power of multiprocessors and accelerator silicon



>150 Members ~ 40% US, 30% Europe, 30% Asia

3D graphics, XR, parallel programming, vision acceleration and machine learning

Non-profit, member-driven standards-defining industry consortium

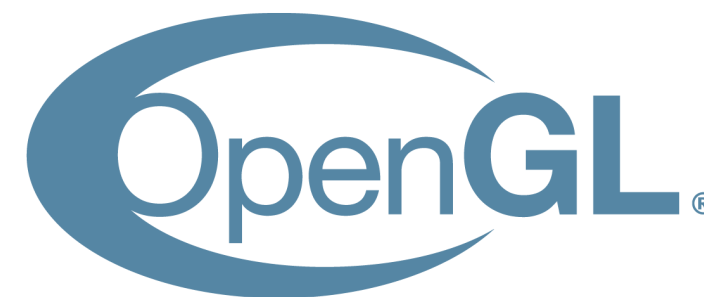
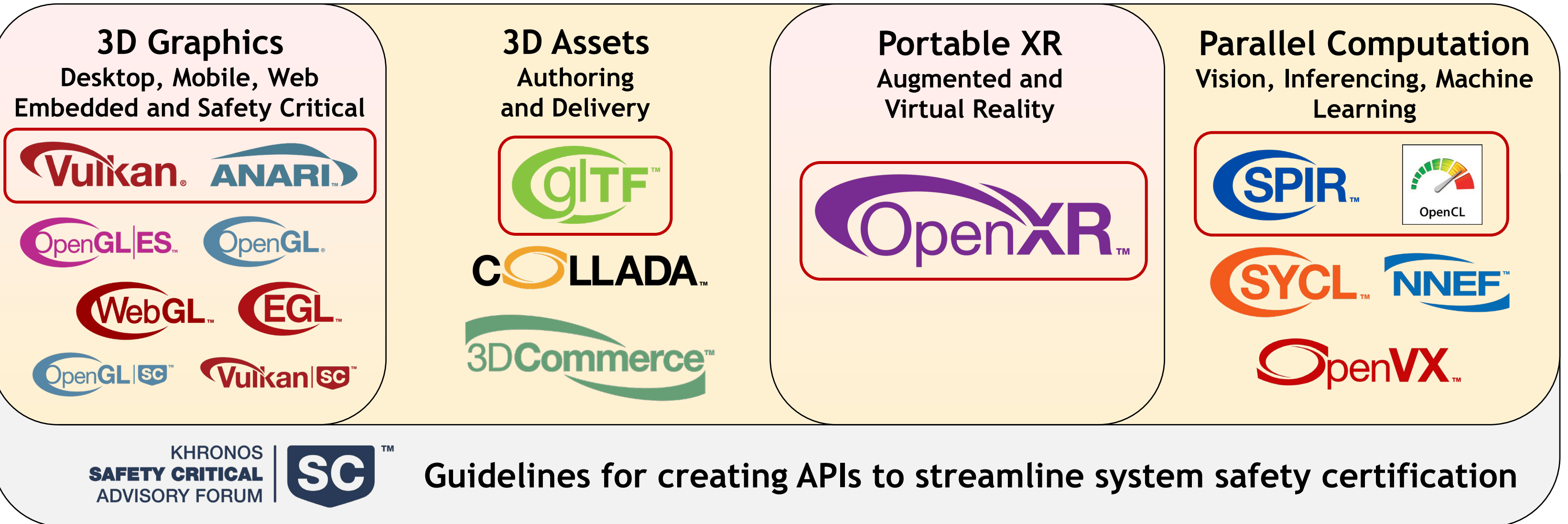
Open to any interested company

All Khronos standards are royalty-free

Well-defined IP Framework protects participant's intellectual property



# Khronos Active Initiatives



**NVIDIA is fully committed  
to continuing to support OpenGL**  
Exploring expanded interop with Vulkan  
New functionality is primarily Vulkan-focused





# Pervasive Vulkan



## Desktop and Mobile GPUs



## Platforms



Desktop



Android  
(Android 7.0+)  
(Vulkan 1.1 required on Android Q)



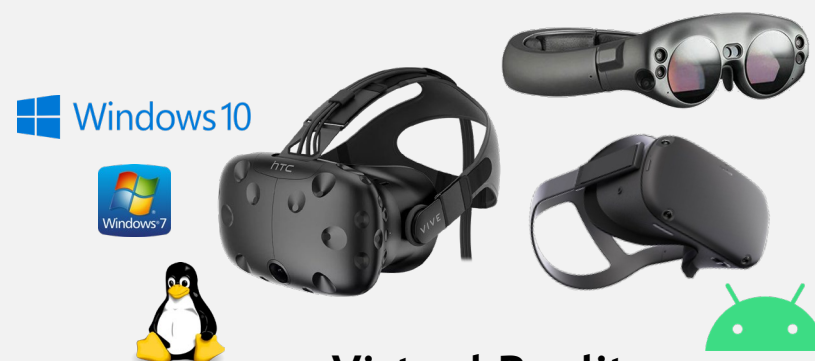
Apple  
(via porting  
layers)



Media Players



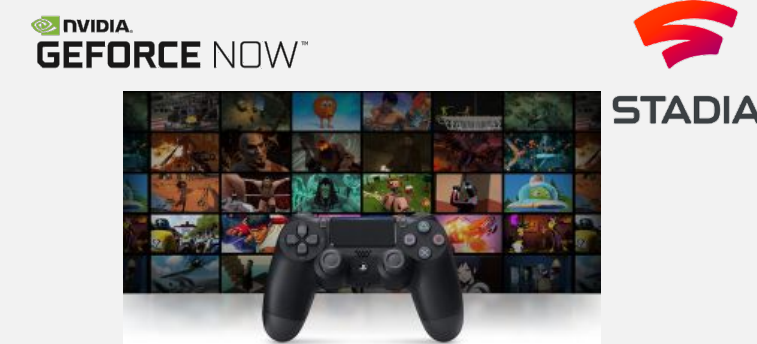
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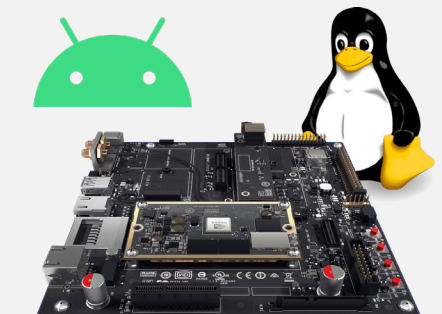
Virtual Reality



Cloud Services



Game Streaming



Embedded

## Engines

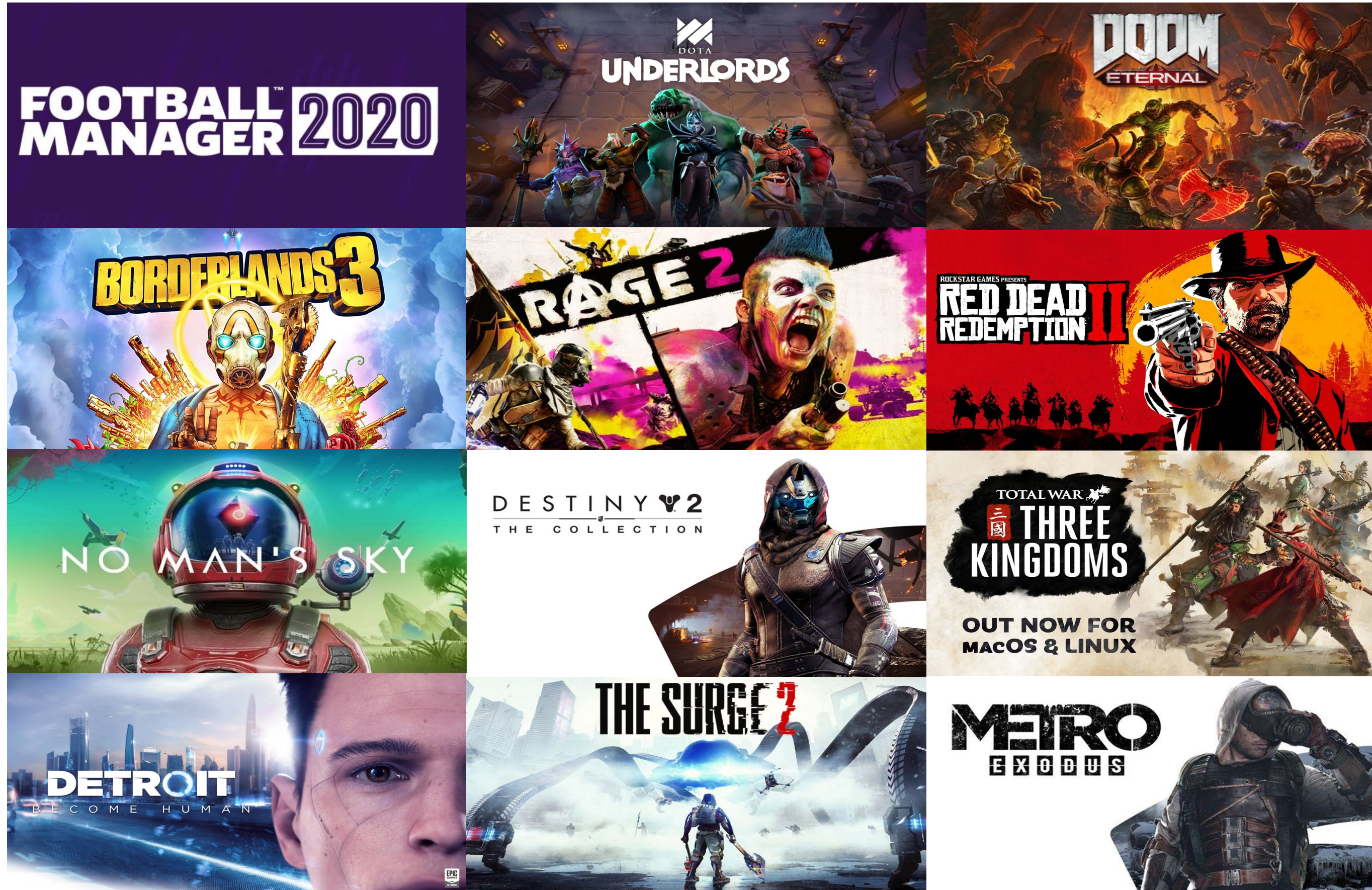


Note: The version of Vulkan available will depend on platform and vendor

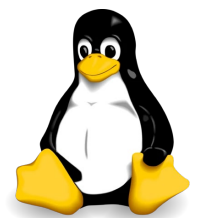




# Vulkan AAA Content



 Windows 10



 NVIDIA  
GEFORCE NOW™

macOS





# Vulkan Roadmap

## Vulkan 1.1 Extensions

Maintenance updates plus additional functionality

- Timeline semaphores
- DX/HLSL compatibility
- Bindless resources
- Reduced precision arithmetic
- Formal memory model
- Buffer references
- SPIR-V 1.5



January 2020

## Roadmap Discussions

- Ray Tracing
- Variable Rate Shading
- Accelerated Video Encode/Decode
- Machine Learning Primitives
- Mesh Shaders



**NVIDIA**

DLSS 2.0 smart scaling can be used with Vulkan applications

Does not need per application training



# Vulkan Ray Tracing

## Set of Extensions to Vulkan, GLSL and SPIR-V

Seamlessly integrates ray tracing into Vulkan 1.X

## Familiar Ray Tracing Pipeline Architecture

Straightforward porting between Vulkan Ray Tracing and DXR

- including re-use of ray tracing shaders written in HLSL

	Vulkan Ray Tracing	DX12 / DXR
Ray Tracing Pipelines	Yes	Yes
Ray Queries	Optional	DXR 1.1 Inline raytracing
Language for Ray Tracing Shaders	GLSL or HLSL	HLSL
Pipeline Libraries	Yes	Yes
Build Acceleration Structure on Host	Optional	No
Deferred Host Operations	Optional	No
Capture/Replay Support for Tools (e.g. RenderDoc)	Optional	No



The industry's first open, cross-vendor, cross-platform standard for ray tracing acceleration

Can be accelerated on existing GPU compute and dedicated ray tracing cores

Extensions are Provisional  
Launched 17th March 2020

Open to developer feedback  
before finalization

<https://KHR.io/vkRayProvFeedback>



**NVIDIA**

Straightforward port from NVIDIA VKRay vendor extension to KHR extensions

Shipping beta drivers today

Example code coming soon

<https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/>



# Vulkan Ray Tracing and Shading Languages

## HLSL and Vulkan with DXC

Microsoft's DXC HLSL compiler was open sourced in Jan 2017  
Google and others have added SPIR-V code generation to DXC  
with Microsoft's knowledge and approval  
Vulkan developers can now choose between GLSL and HLSL!

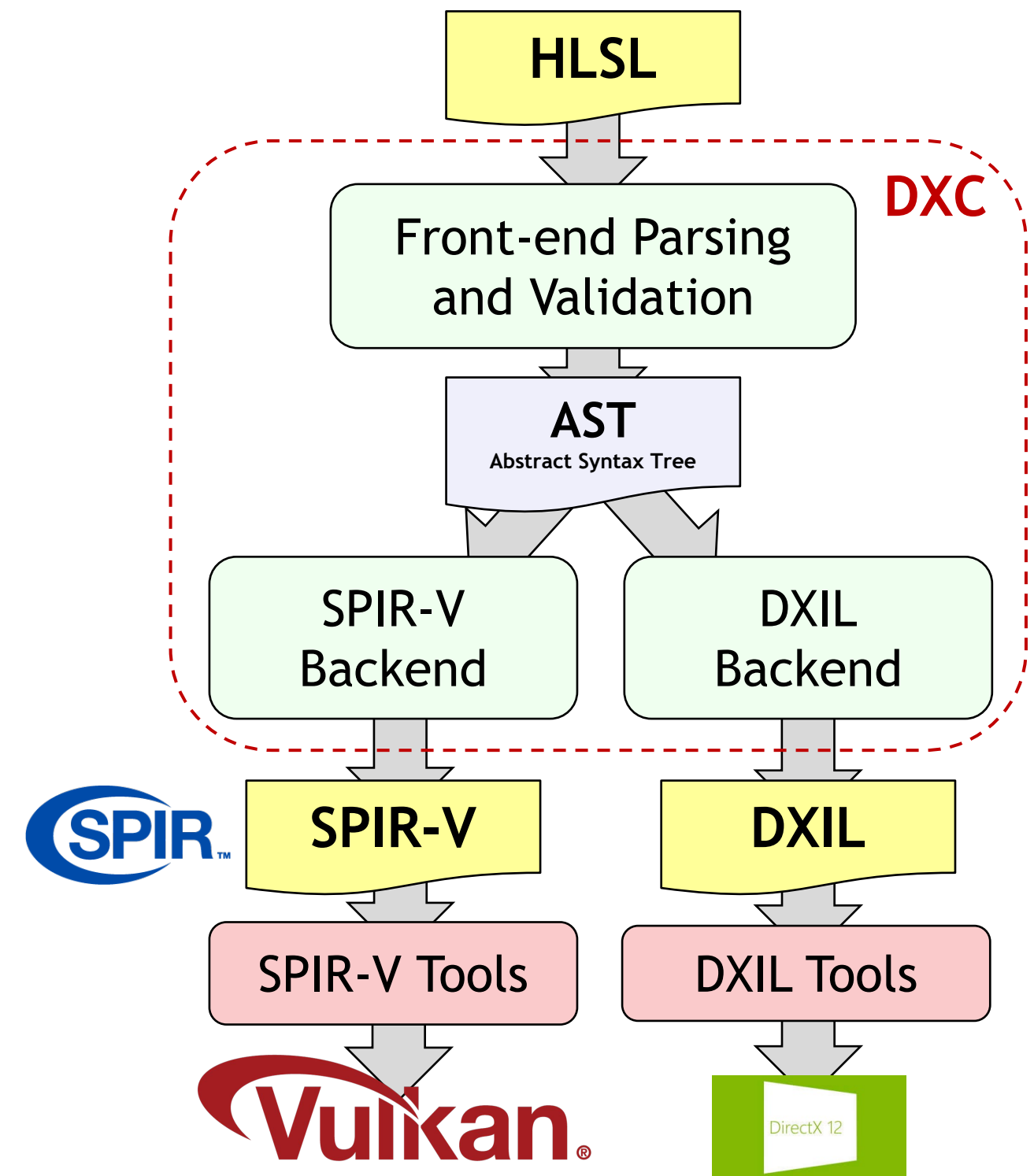
## Vulkan Ray Tracing includes GLSL and SPIR-V Extensions

Enabling compiled GLSL/SPIR-V shaders to operate in a  
Ray Tracing Pipeline - similar to HLSL features used in Direct3D's DXR

## HLSL for Vulkan Ray Tracing

NVIDIA added code generation to DXC to generate SPIR-V for the  
NVIDIA VKRay ray tracing vendor extension from HLSL  
Vulkan Ray Tracing Extensions supported in HLSL soon

Developers can port HLSL shaders  
with minimal changes between Vulkan Ray Tracing and DXR



# NVIDIA AND VULKAN

**NVIDIA deeply engaged in Vulkan and driving extend/consolidate cycle**

NVIDIA shipped Vulkan 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2 on day of spec releases

Shipped beta Vulkan Ray Tracing extensions on day of spec release

Increased Vulkan support in NSIGHT 2020.2 development tool - close parity now with DX12

**NVIDIA chairing multiple Vulkan initiatives at Khronos**

Ray Tracing: contributed NVIDIA VKRay to catalyze Vulkan Ray Tracing KHR extensions

Vulkan Portability: bringing layered Vulkan to Apple, WebGPU, silicon without native drivers etc.


Machine Learning: low-level inferencing primitives





# Open Source Layering Projects

Fighting Platform Fragmentation



<i>Layers Over</i>	Vulkan	OpenGL	OpenCL	OpenGL ES	DX12	DX9-11
Vulkan		Zink	clspv clvk	GLOVE Angle	vk3d	DXVK WineD3D
OpenGL	gfx-rs Ashes			Angle		WineD3D
DX12	gfx-rs	Microsoft 'GLOn12'	Microsoft 'CLOn12'			Microsoft D3D11On12
DX9-11	gfx-rs Ashes			Angle		
Metal	MoltenVK gfx-rs		<i>clspv over MoltenVK?</i>	MoltenGL Angle		

Vulkan is effective  
porting layer for API  
portability and stack  
simplification

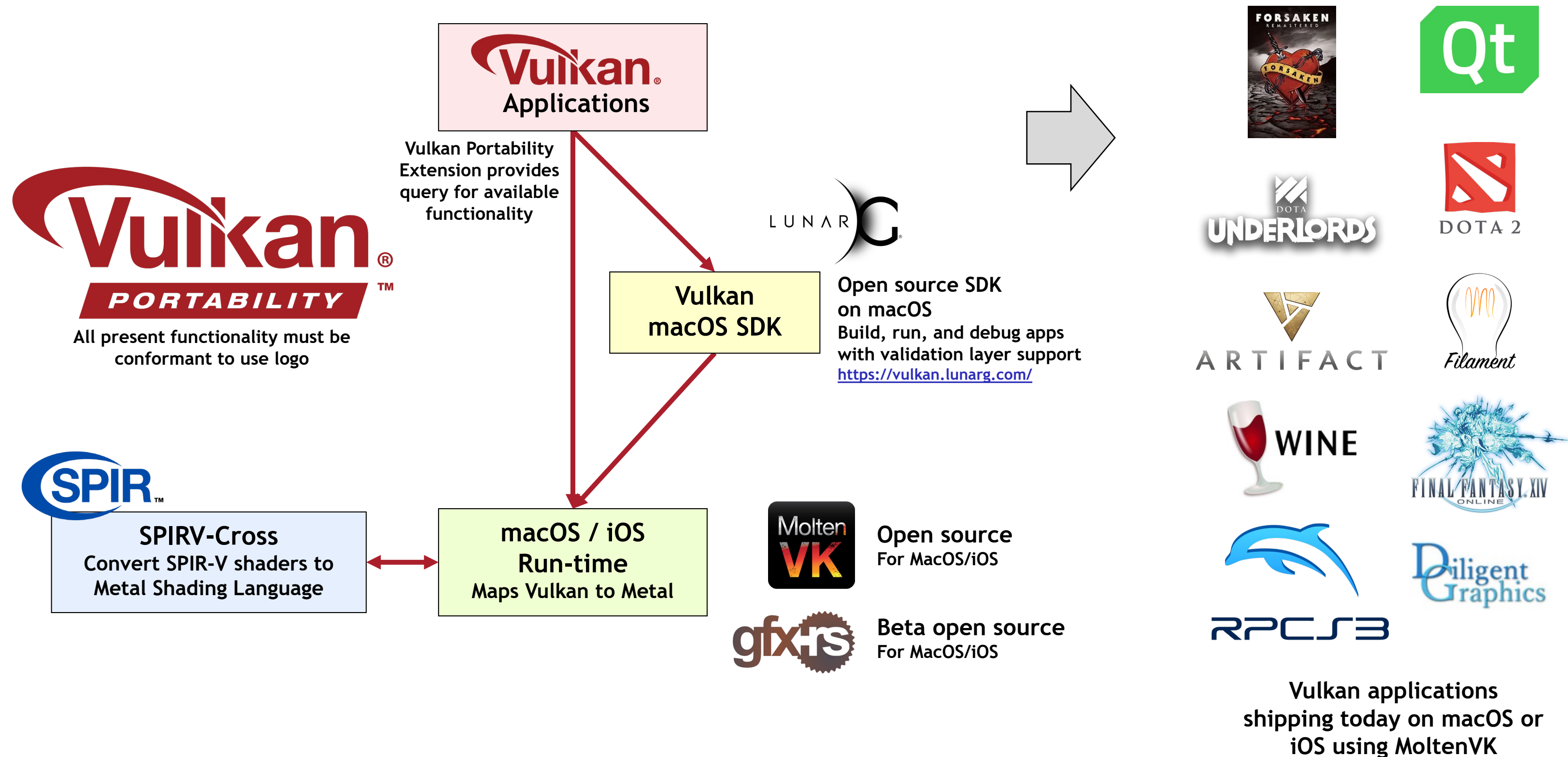
'Vulkan everywhere'!  
Even if no native  
drivers on platform



Working towards  
'OpenCL  
Everywhere'!



# Vulkan Portability on macOS and iOS



# ANARI - Analytic Rendering API

Working Group  
Announced  
3rd March 2020

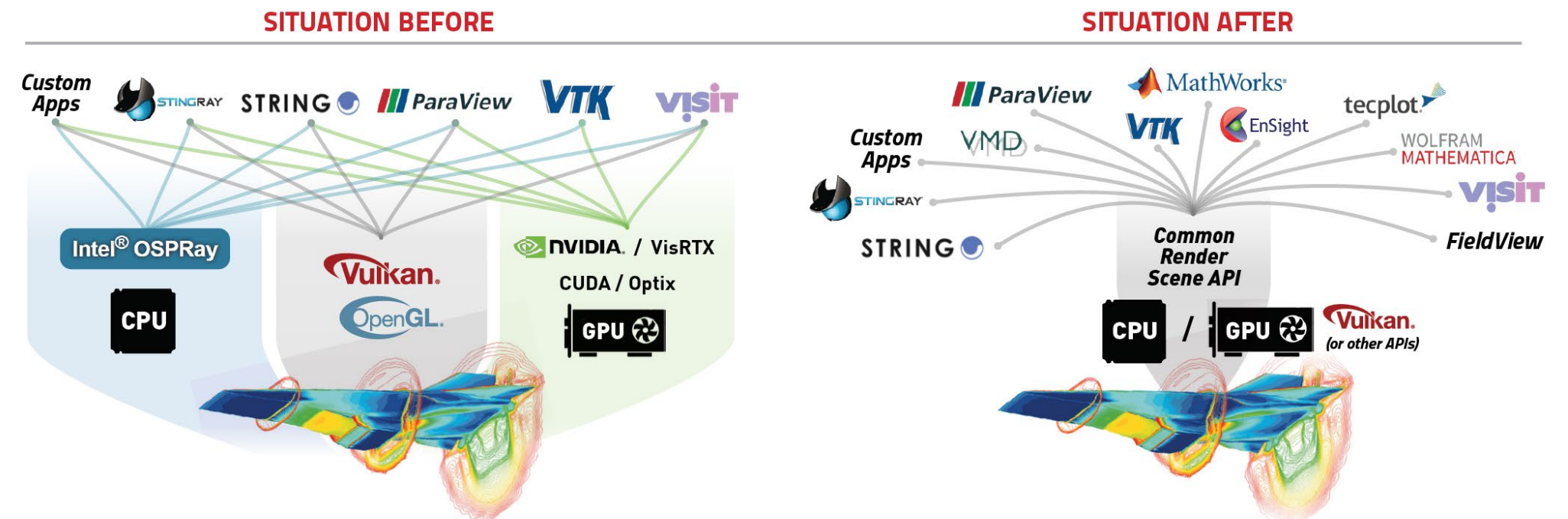
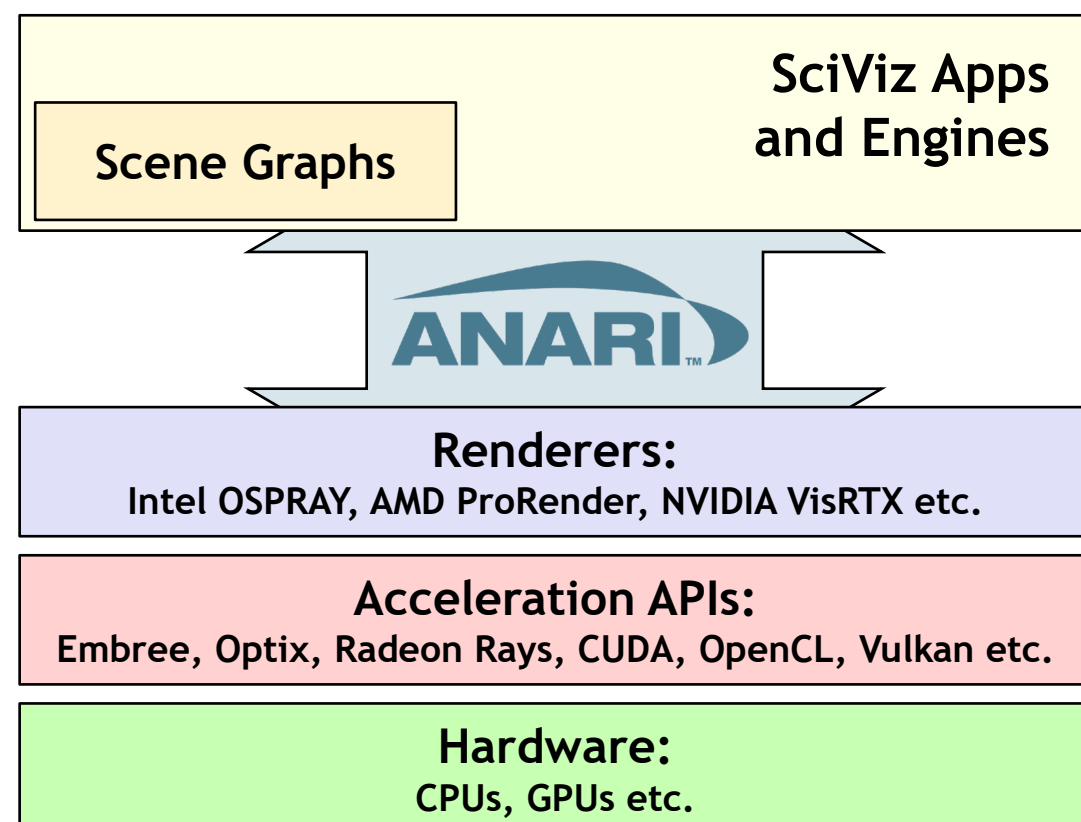
## Scientific Visualization Portability

APIs to describe objects in a scene

- the renderer does the rest

Ray tracing was key motivation

- but can drive any renderer



Industry Support





# OpenXR - Cross-Platform Portable AR/VR

## Working Group Participants



Games Engines



Desktop/Console VR



AR



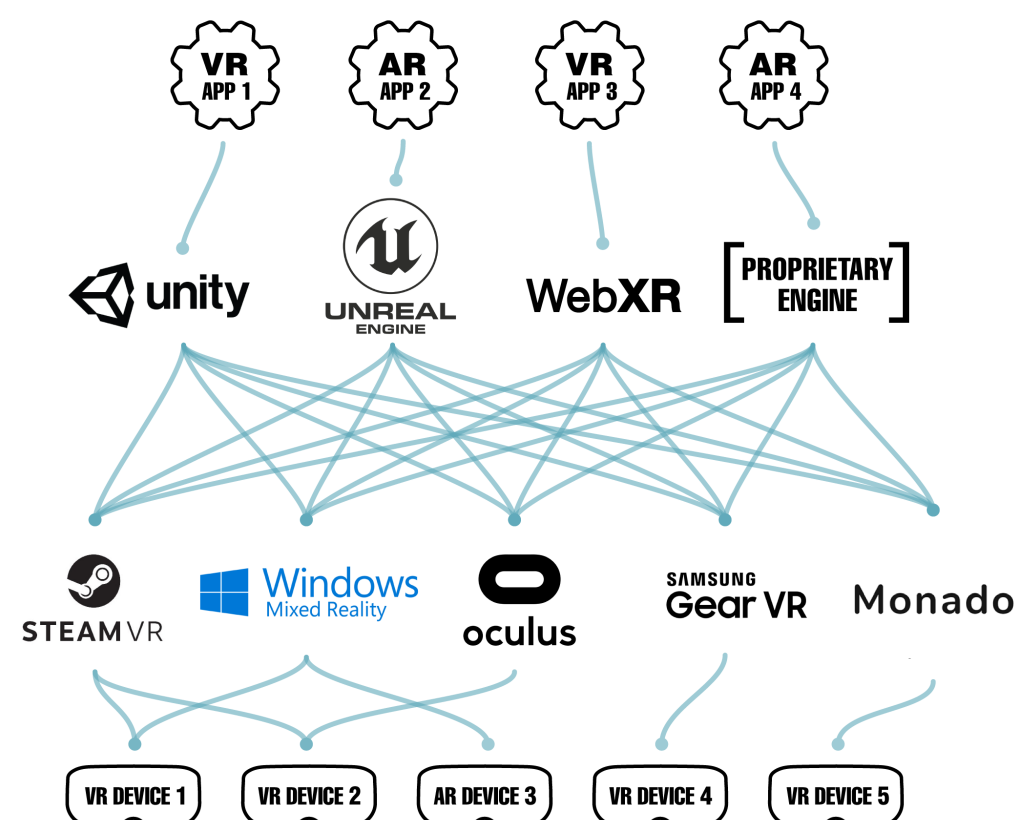
Mobile VR



GPUs

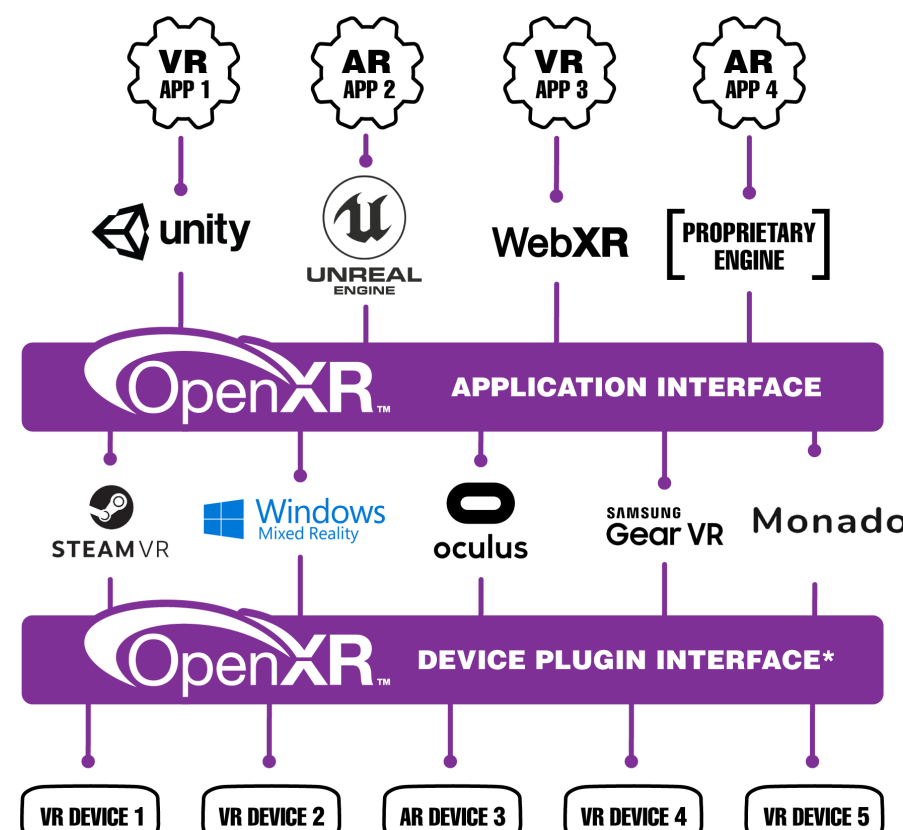


UI Devices



Before OpenXR

XR Market Fragmentation



After OpenXR

Wide interoperability of XR apps and devices

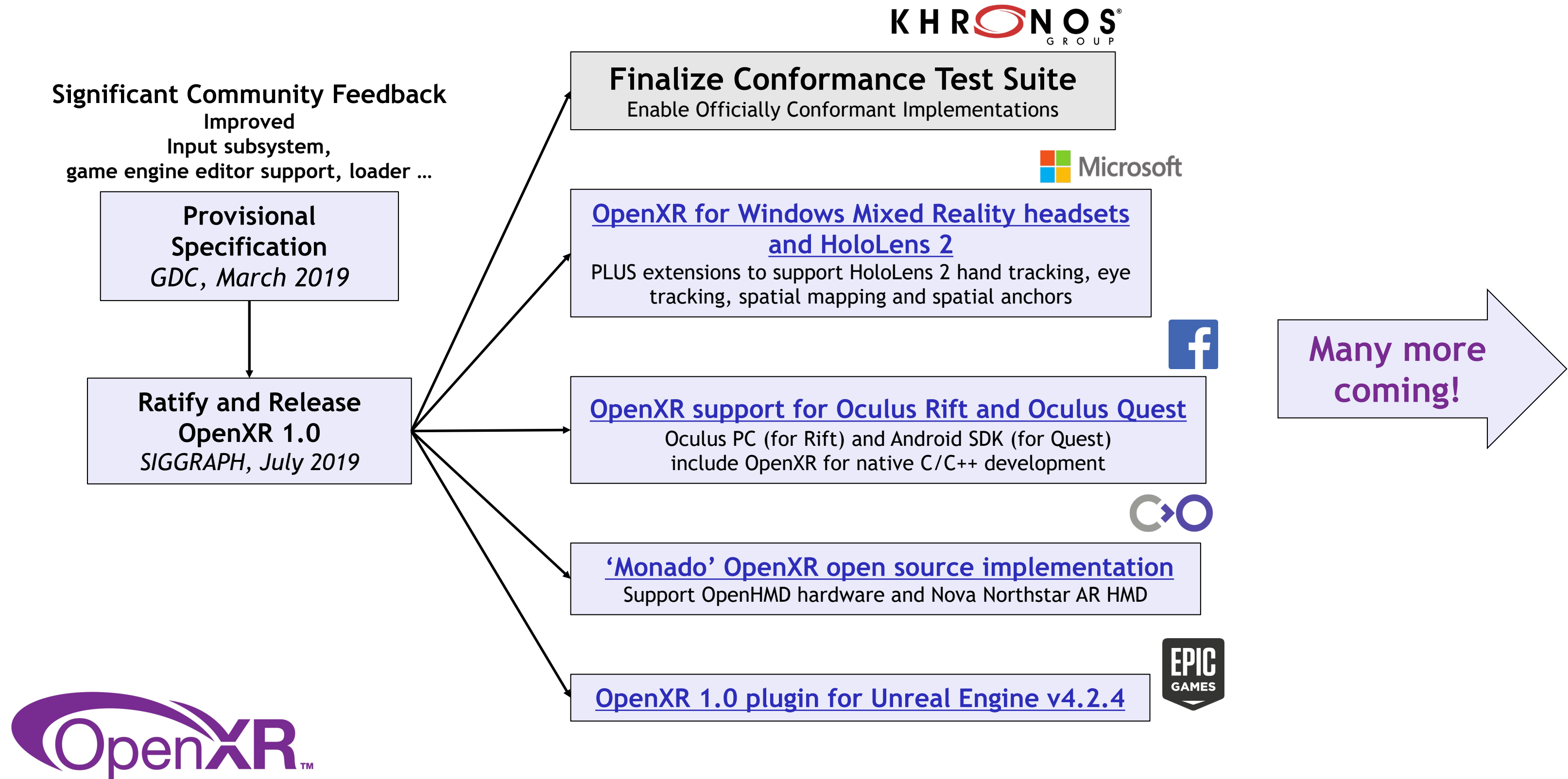
**OpenXR is a collaborative design**

Integrating many lessons from proprietary 'first-generation' XR API designs

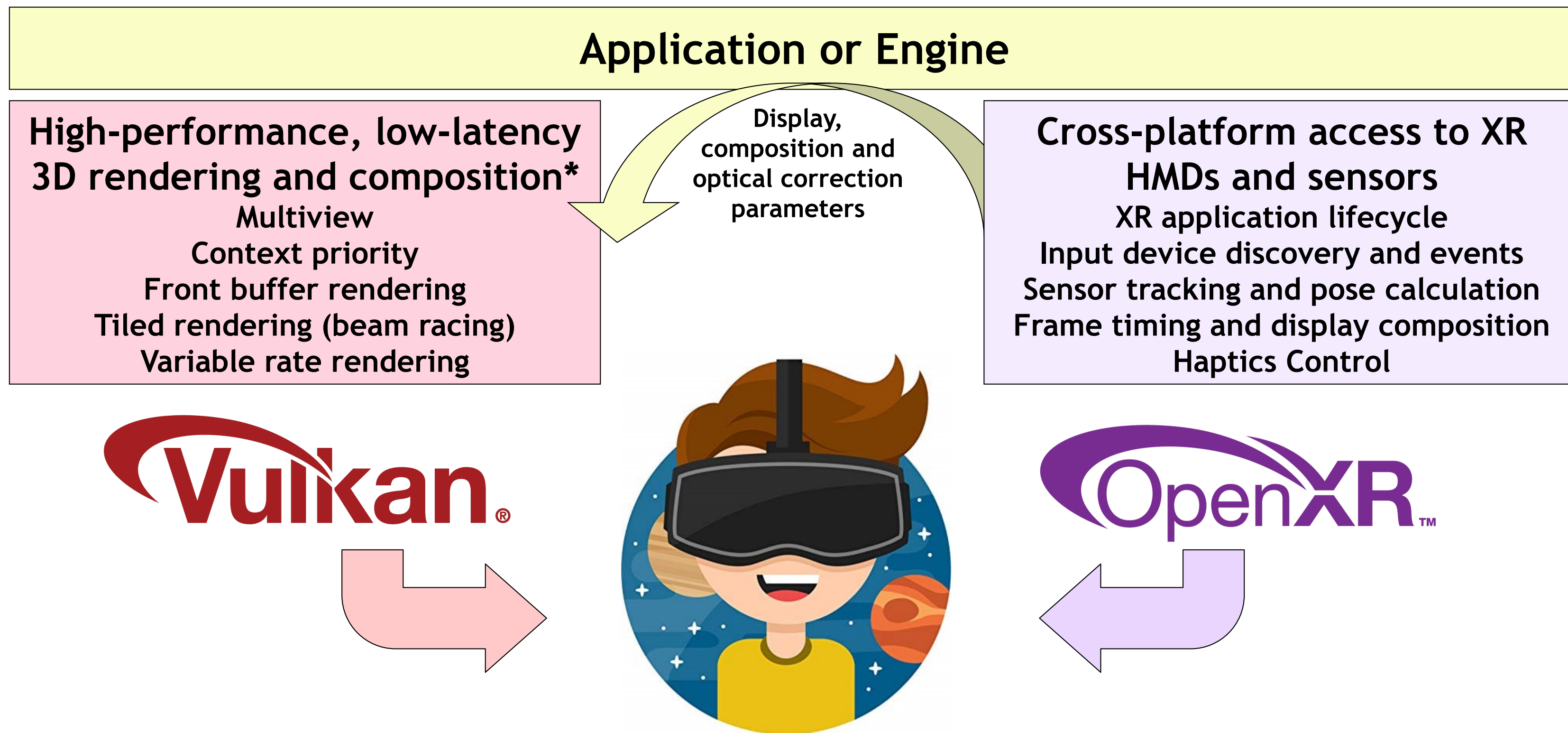
\* OpenXR 1.0 is focused on enabling cross-platform applications. Optional device plugin interface will be supported post V1.0



# OpenXR 1.0 Availability



# OpenXR is used with a 3D API

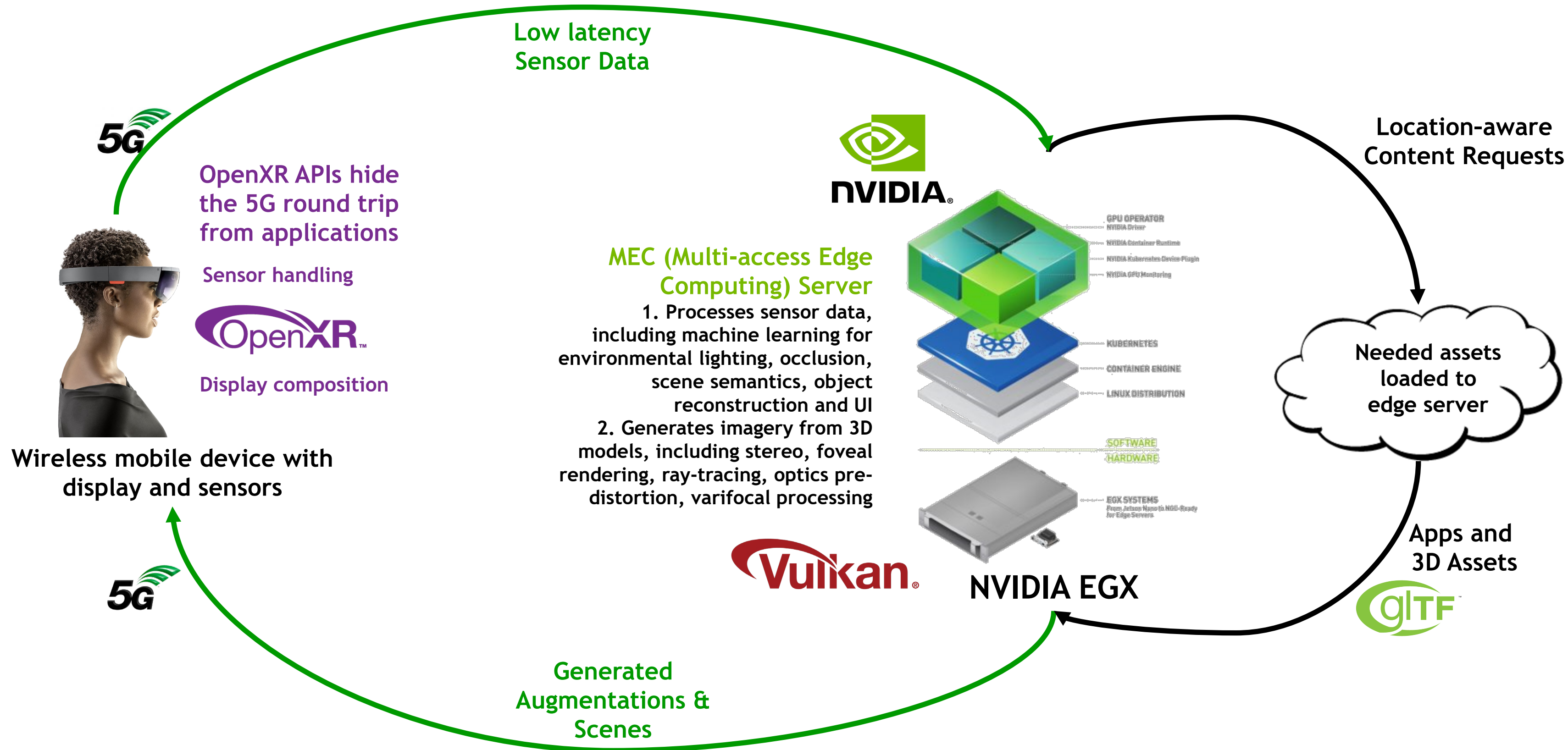


\* OpenXR can be used with other 3D APIs such as Direct3D, OpenGL and OpenGL ES





# OPENXR AND EDGE SERVER APPS





3D Authoring Tools



VR / AR Authoring Tools



3D Scanning Tools



Convertors and Optimizers



Validation and Reference Tools



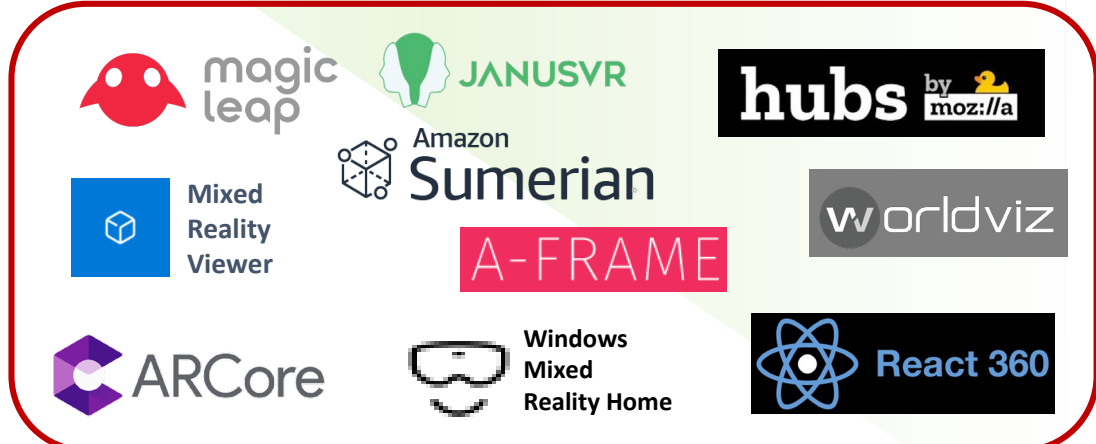
Game Engines



Web Engines



Apps and Engines



VR / AR Apps and Engines

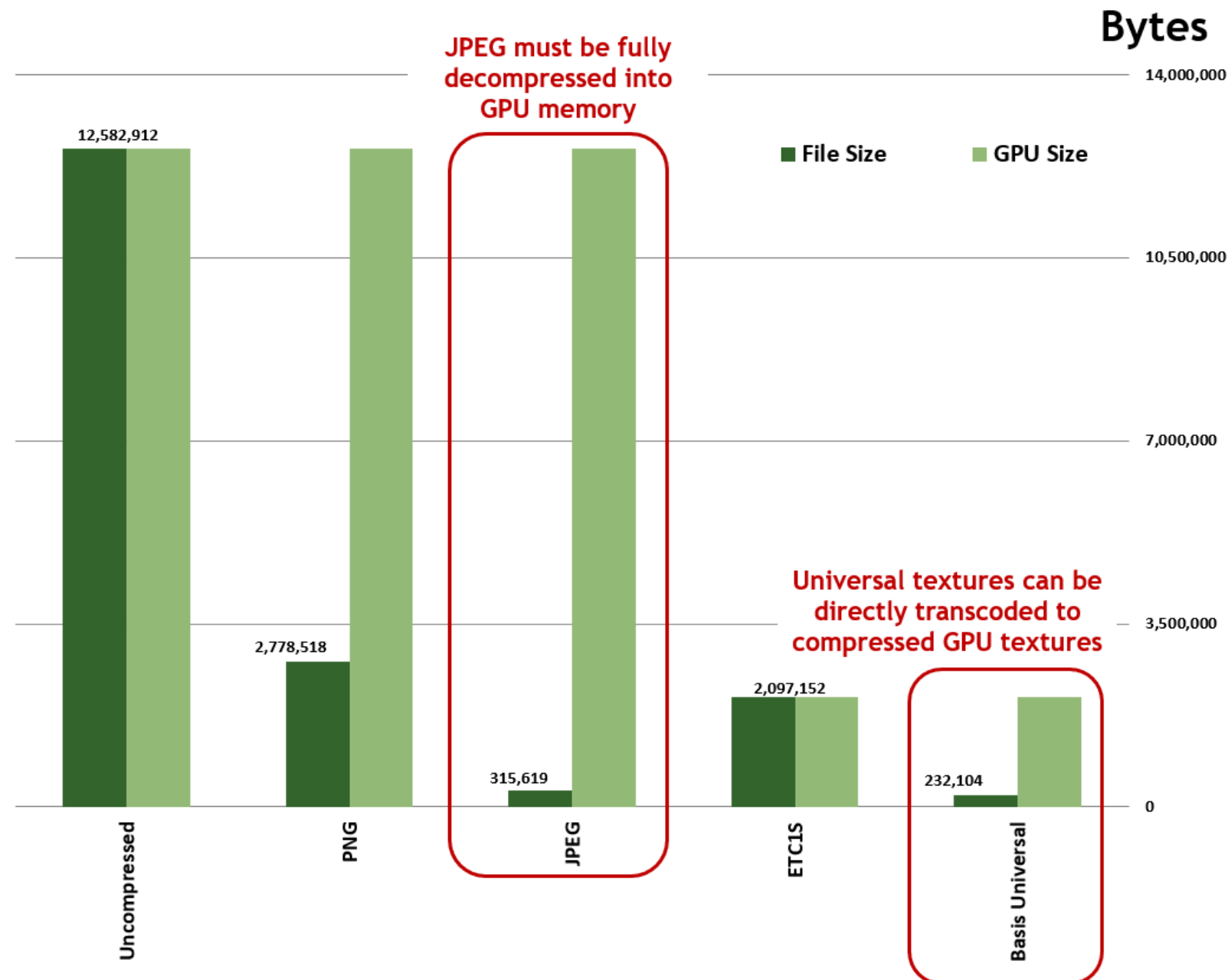


Productivity and Social Apps

# glTF Roadmap



FlightHelmet\_baseColor  
2048 x 2048, RGB



## glTF Universal Textures (imminent)

Basis Universal encoding/transcoding  
KTX2 Container

Working Group is constantly balancing  
feature requests against the 'glTF  
Prime Directive' - remain a universal  
and easy to process delivery format

## Second Generation Physically-Based Rendering (PBR)

Set of coherent extensions  
Clear coat (imminent)  
Absorption/attenuation  
Subsurface scattering  
Anisotropy

Inspiration from Dassault  
Systèmes Enterprise PBR  
Shading Model (DSPBR) and MDL

Wide industry cooperation

## Seeking Requirements

Subdivision surfaces  
Advanced Animation  
LOD and Streaming  
Compressed Point Clouds  
Cross-asset linking  
Enhanced Metadata  
Composability  
Instancing  
CAD/BIM model support  
Encryption and security  
3D Printing



# GPU COMPUTE APIS AT NVIDIA

## Developer Choice



- Heterogeneous compute devices
  - Cross-vendor open standard
- Simpler to program than rendering APIs



- CUDA-X libraries and tools
- Integrated HW/SW roadmap for rapid innovation
  - BUT GPU Only



- Widely available across multiple platforms
- Integrated rendering, data movement and compute
- Explicit hardware control
  - BUT GPU Only

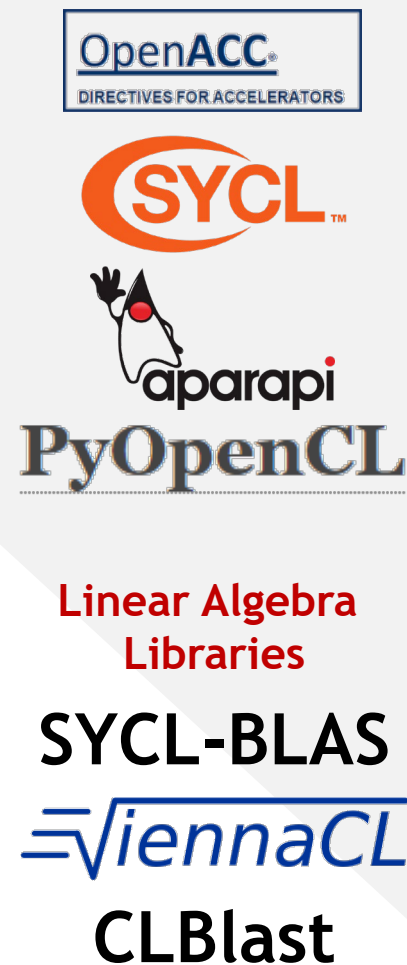
Increasing layering, tooling and interop functionality enabling enhanced development and deployment flexibility

# OpenCL is Widely Deployed and Used

## Desktop Creative Apps



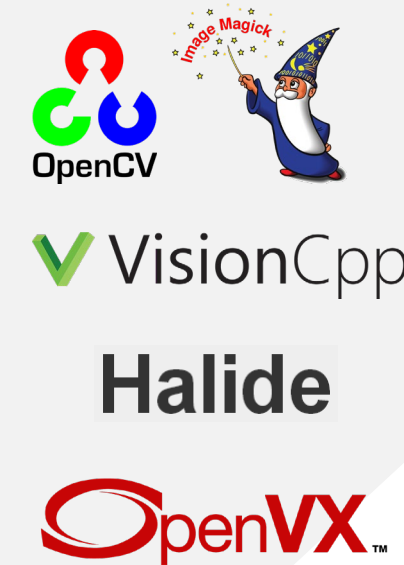
## Parallel Languages



## Machine Learning Libraries and Frameworks



## Vision and Imaging Libraries



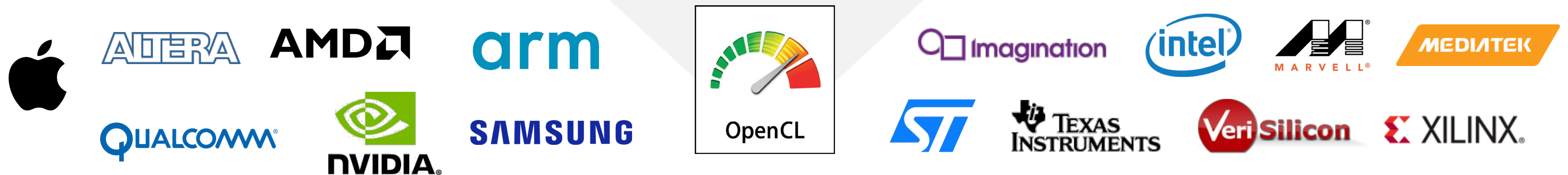
## Machine Learning Compilers



## Math and Physics Libraries

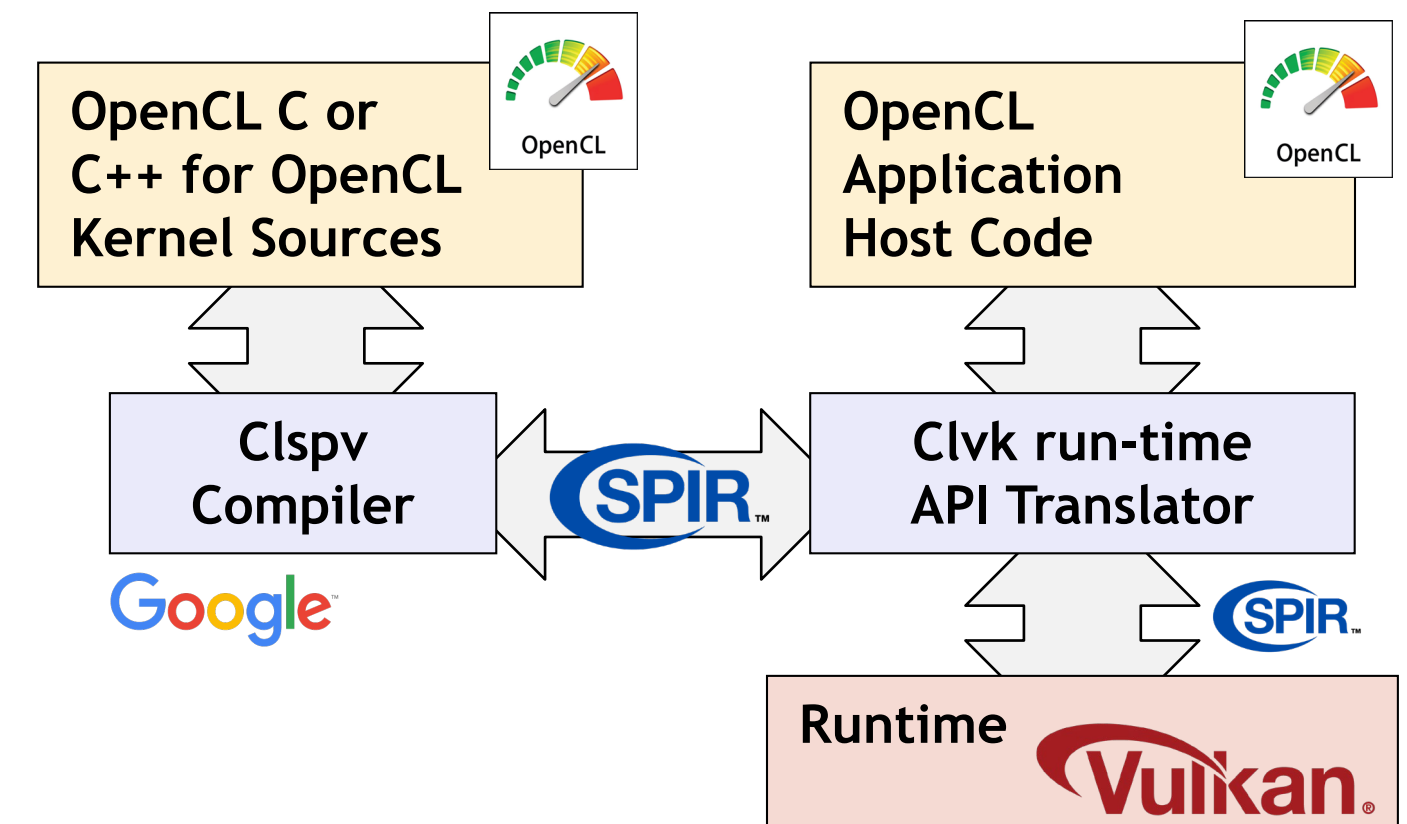
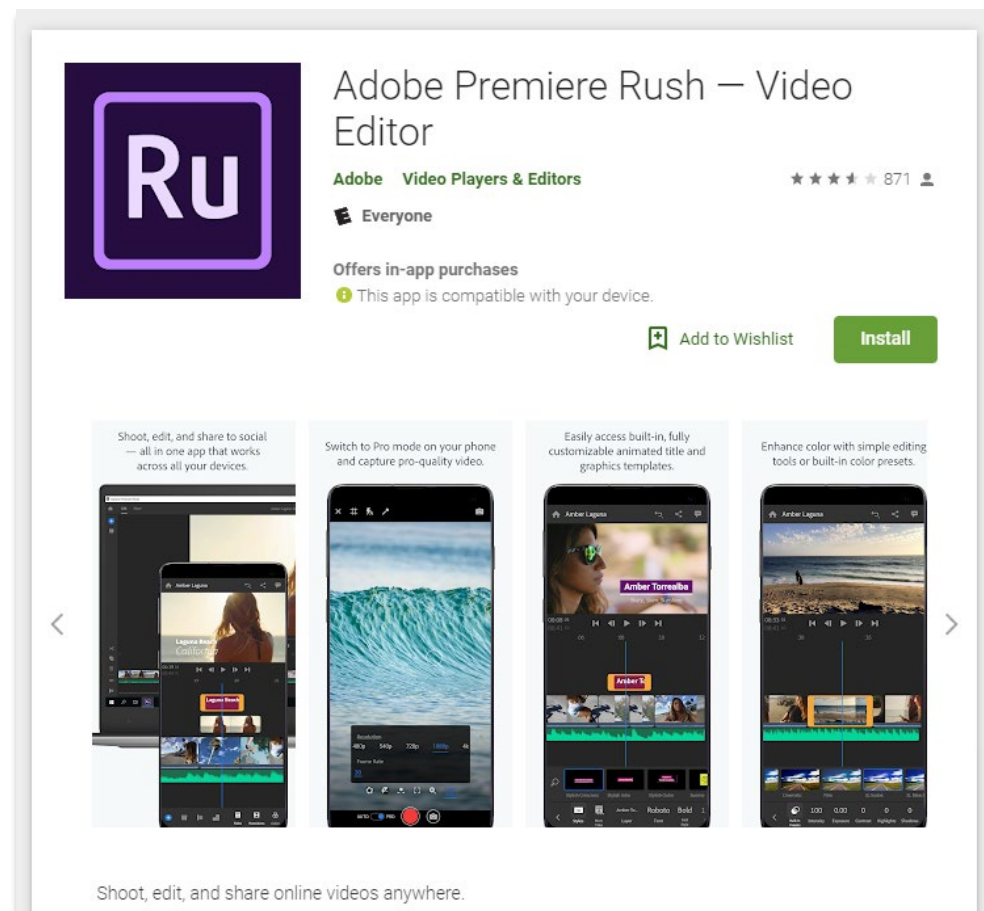


## Hardware Implementations



# OpenCL Applications over Vulkan

- Clspv - Google's open source OpenCL kernel to Vulkan SPIR-V compiler
  - Tracks top-of-tree LLVM and clang, not a fork
- Clvk - prototype open source OpenCL to Vulkan run-time API translator
- Used for shipping production apps and engines on Android
  - Adobe Premiere Rush video editor - 200K lines of OpenCL C kernel code
  - Butterfly Network iQ Ultrasound on Android
  - Xiaomi MACE inferencing engine



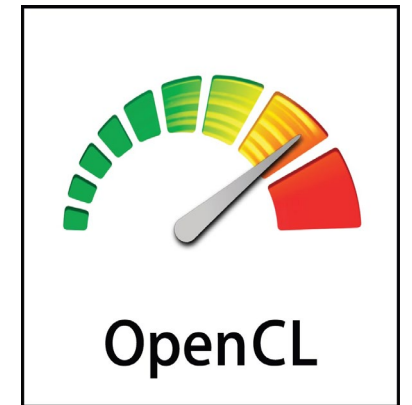
<https://github.com/kpet/clvk>  
<https://github.com/google/clspv>





# NVIDIA AND OPENCL

## Active Investment and Support



NVIDIA Chairs the  
Khronos OpenCL  
Working Group

### Production-class OpenCL 1.2 on Linux and Windows

Active, ongoing improvements in performance and power efficiency for new architectures

Multi-GPU optimizations, multi-command-queue use case tuning

Optimized data transfers and GPU memory allocation

### New Functionality

Half & Half2, arithmetic and conversions - in development

### Expanding OpenCL Interop options

OpenGL and D3D9/10/11 - today. DX12 being planned

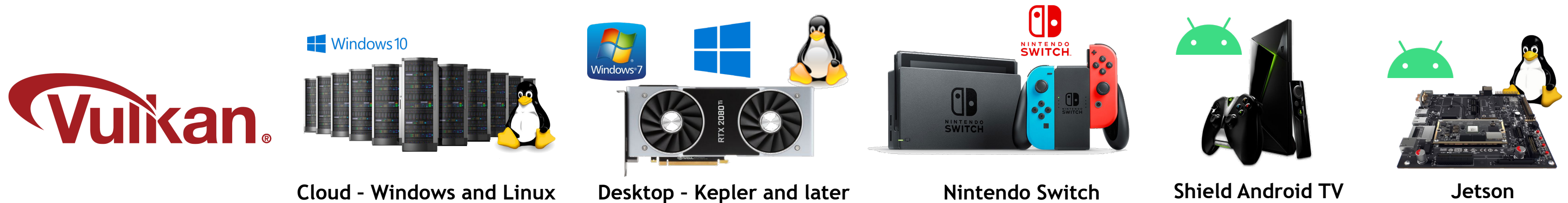
OpenCL/Vulkan interop - aiming for 2H20 - using standard Vulkan external memory interop hooks

NVIDIA driving Vulkan/OpenCL interop extension at Khronos

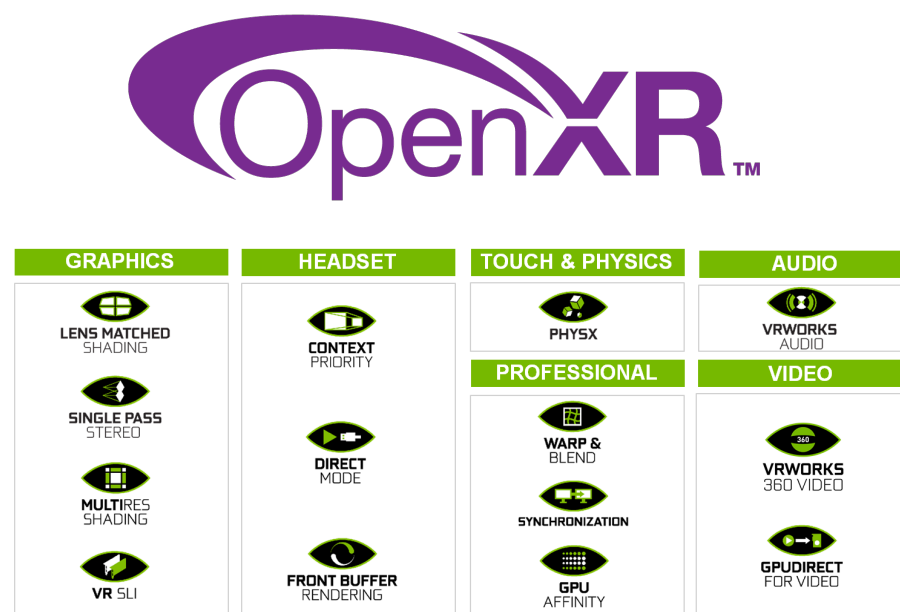
### Providing guidance for deploying OpenCL apps over Vulkan

Leveraging the open source SPIR-V compiler

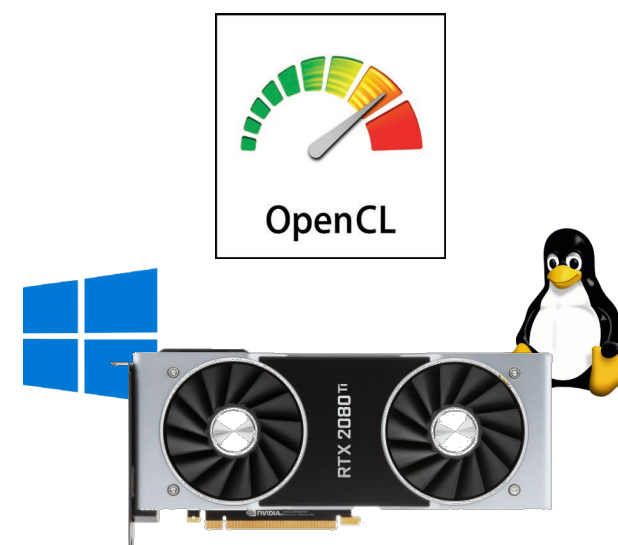
# NVIDIA AND KHRONOS API STANDARDS



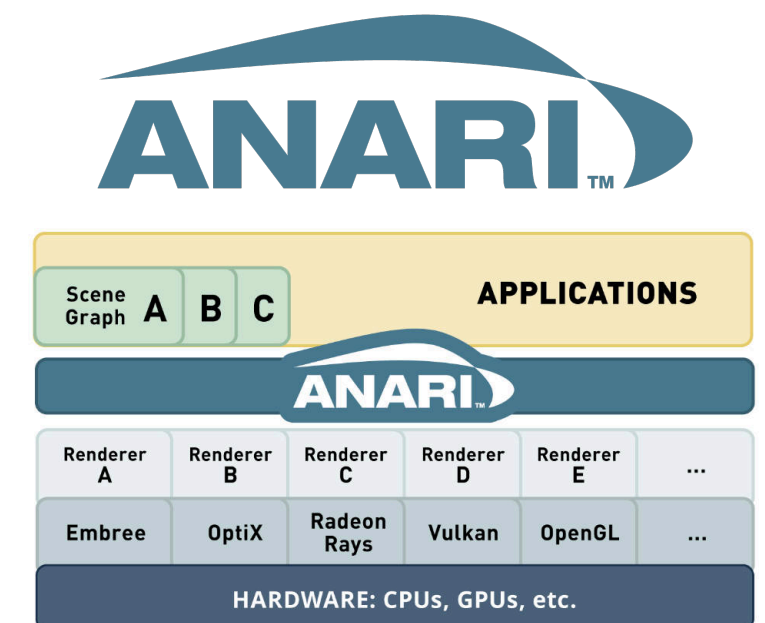
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 NVIDIA chairing multiple Vulkan initiatives at Khronos: Ray Tracing, Machine-Learning, Vulkan Portability etc.  
 Increased Vulkan support in NSIGHT graphics development tools  
<https://developer.nvidia.com/Vulkan>



Actively working to help evolve OpenXR to complement VRWorks and enable EGX Edge Server AR  
<https://developer.nvidia.com/vrworks>



Production-class OpenCL 1.2 on Linux and Windows  
 Active improvements in efficiency and performance  
 Vulkan Interop in development  
<https://developer.nvidia.com/opengl>



NVIDIA initiated industry cooperation  
 Portable Analytic Rendering API  
 NVIDIA chairing the working group  
<https://www.khronos.org/anari>



# How To Get Involved!

- More information at other GTC recorded sessions
  - [S21770] NVIDIA Vulkan Features Update - including Vulkan 1.2 and Ray Tracing
  - [S22694] Ray Traced Reflections in Wolfenstein Youngblood
- Any company or organization is welcome to join Khronos!
  - For a voice and a vote in any of these standards - membership starts at \$3,500
- OR request an invite to Vulkan, OpenCL, OpenXR Advisory Panels
  - No fee, execute Khronos NDA and IP Framework, provide requirements and spec feedback
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