

# EXPLORING OPENMP TARGET OFFLOADING FOR THE GRAPHCORE ARCHITECTURE

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# CAN WE FULLY SUPPORT OPENMP IN GRAPHCORE'S IPU ARCHITECTURE?



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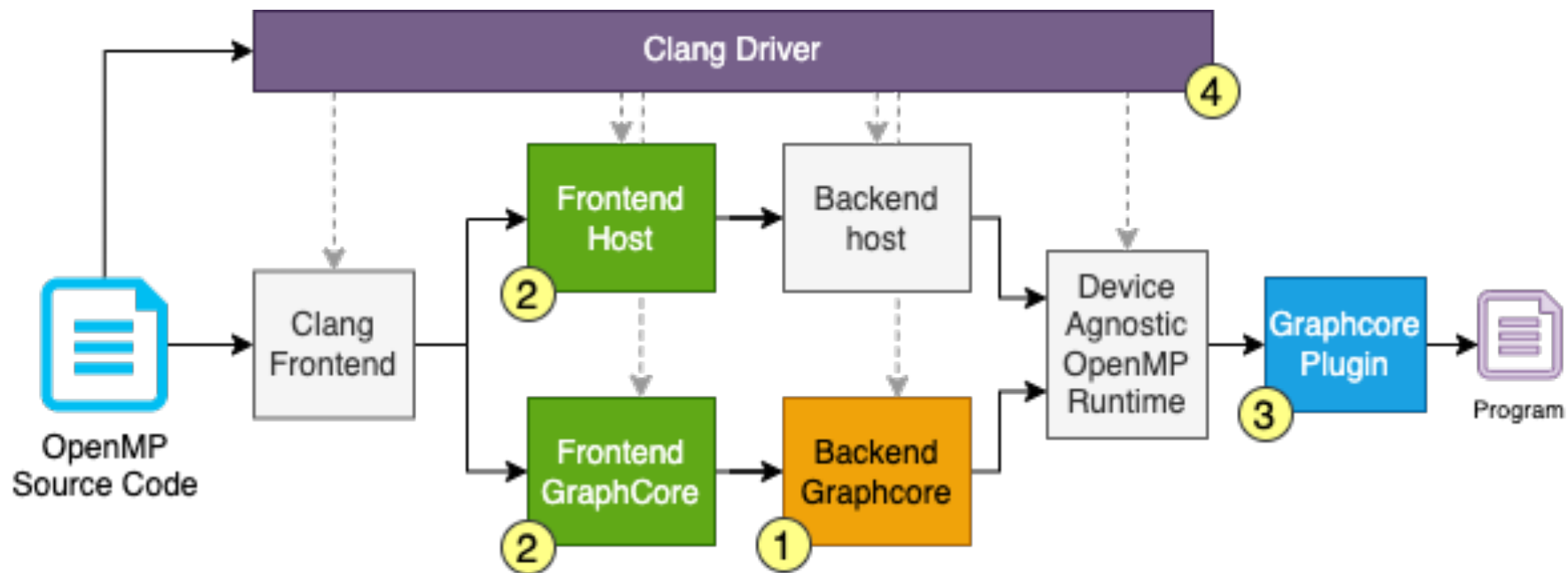
# WHY?

## This is a small exploratory project...

- Evaluate OpenMP's ability for heterogeneity
- Evaluate using a dataflow-inspired architecture with OpenMP
- Allow scientific code to use AI accelerators in their code base:
  - OpenMP is already used for most applications
  - This could enable the use of surrogate models and similar
  - Can the IPU run both class of computation?

# WHAT DO WE NEED FROM LLVM?

## OpenMP compilation pipeline

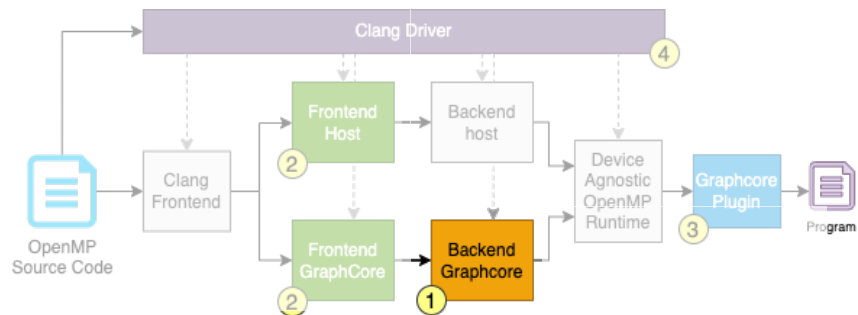


# 1. BACKEND

## LLVM-IR -> IPU Assembly

### POPC COMPILER:

- LLVM Based
- Good documentation
- But, closed source:
  - Using driver options, we discover it possible to create simple vertex
  - We can bypass the front end

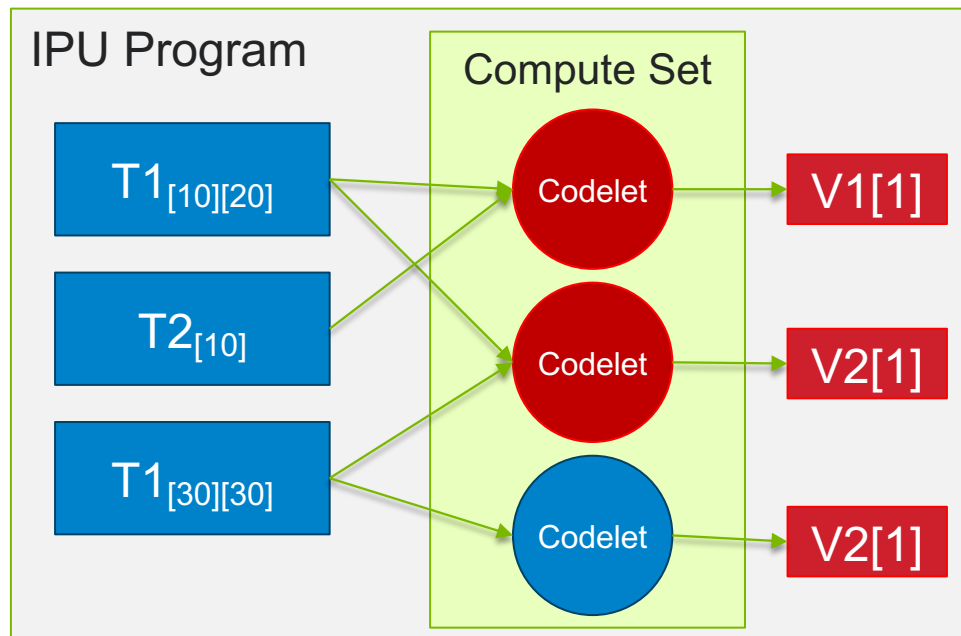
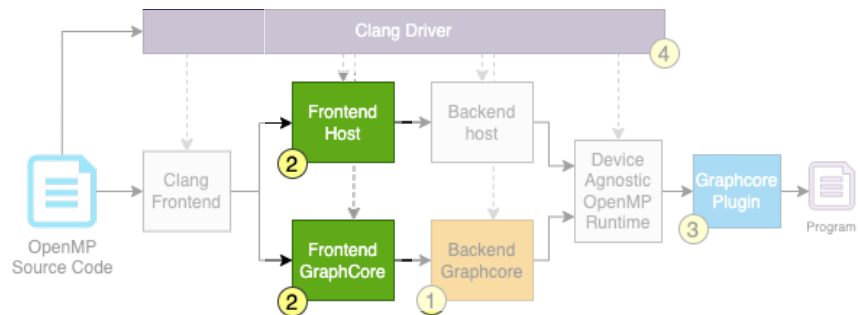


## 2. FRONTEND

### OpenMP -> LLVM-IR

We need to represent

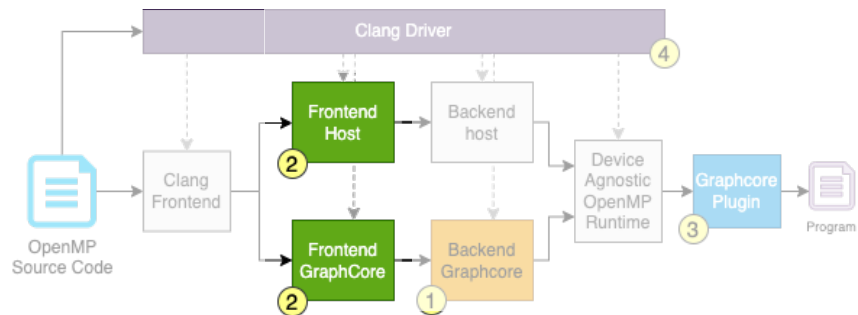
- Vertex (Codelets)
- Compute Set
- Tensors
- IPU program
- Mapping to IPU tiles



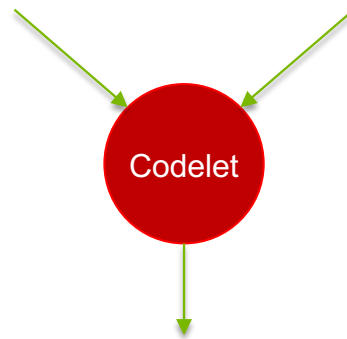
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## OpenMP -> LLVM-IR

### Vertex



```
#pragma omp task depend(in:...) depend(out:...)
{
  /// Codelet compute function
}
```



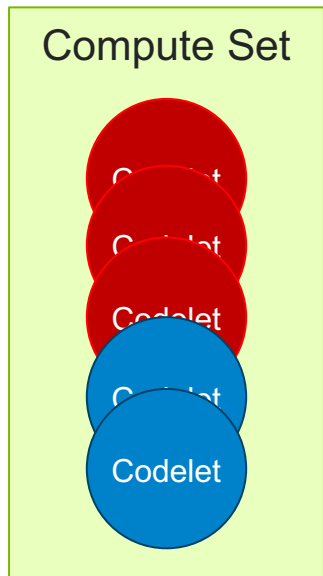
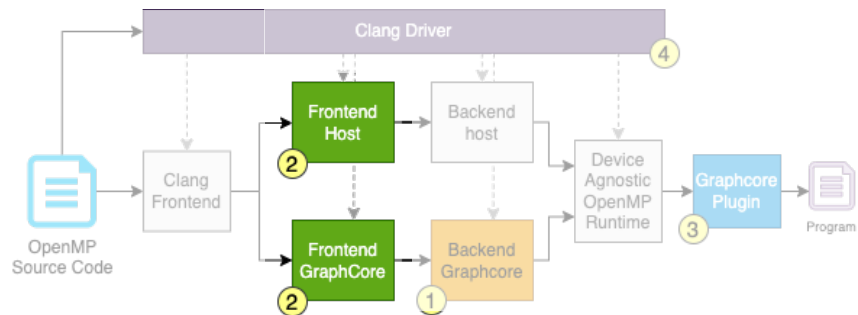
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## OpenMP -> LLVM-IR

### Compute set

```
#pragma omp parallel num_threads(num_tiles)
{
  #pragma omp masked filter(...)
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}
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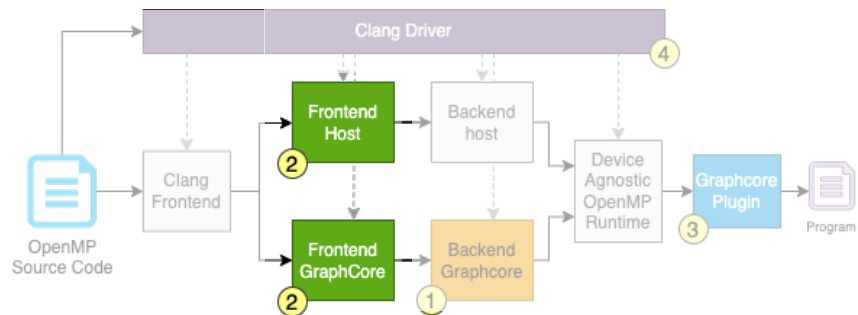




# 2. FRONTEND

## OpenMP -> LLVM-IR

### Tensors



```
int v1, v2;  
float *t1, *t2;  
#pragma omp target map( t1[0:10][0:20], t2[10], v1, v2)  
{  
    float t3[30][30];  
}
```

T1<sub>[10][20]</sub>

T2<sub>[10]</sub>

T1<sub>[30][30]</sub>

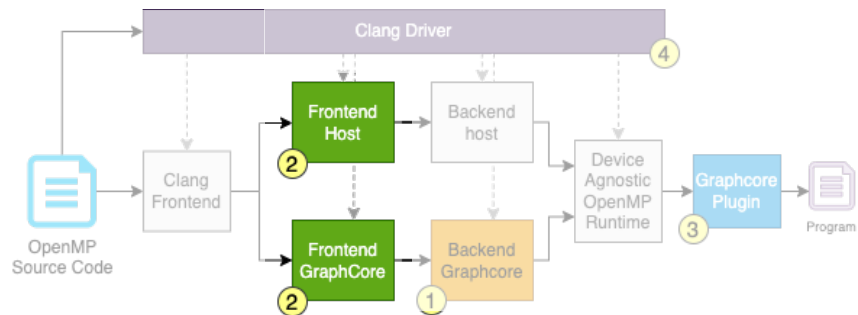
V1[1]

V2[1]

# FRONTEND

## OpenMP -> LLVM-IR

### IPU Program



```
#pragma omp target map(...)
{
  while(v1 < v2) {
    copy(t1, t2);
    #pragma omp parallel
    {... Compute set description ...}
    if (v3 < v4)
      copy(t2, t3);
    else
      copy(t3, t2);
    #pragma omp parallel
    {... Compute set description ...}
  }
}
```

Control flow

Intrinsic functions

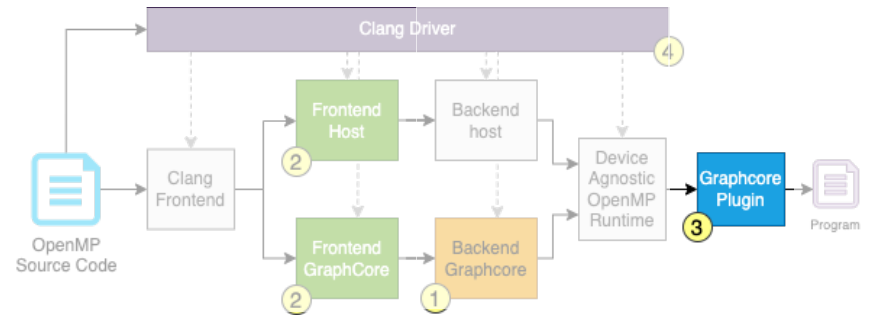
OpenMP Regions

```
while(v1 < v2)
  copy(t1, t2)
  execute(CS1)
  if (v3 < v4)
    copy(t2, t3)
  else
    copy(t3, t2)
  execute(CS2)
```

IPU Program

# 3. PLUGIN

## OpenMP → Poplar



- Using the poplar library
- Modifications will be required for exposing the IPU program API in poplar
  - Plugin has functions tailored for SPMD execution mode



**THANKS!**

**COMMENTS QUESTIONS CONCERNS:**

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