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## **Kokkos mapping**

#### Hierarchical parallelism

Kokkos	Cuda	HIP	SYCL
<pre>Instance of Kokkos::TeamPolicy<!--* */--></pre>	Grid	Grid, index range	ND-Range
Instance of Kokkos::TeamPolicy * */ ::member_type (one-dimensional only)	Block	Block, work group	Work-group
Instance of Kokkos::TeamThread*Range	Warp	Warp, wavefront	Sub-group
Instance of Kokkos::TeamVector*Range, Kokkos::ThreadVector*Range	Thread	Thread, work item	Work-item

### Memory

Kokkos	Cuda	HIP	SYCL
Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace::memory_space	Global memory	Global memory	Global memory
Kokkos::ScratchMemorySpace (space level 0)	Shared memory	Shared memory	(Shared) local memory
Kokkos::ScratchMemorySpace (space level 1)	Global memory	Global memory	Global memory
Kokkos::SharedHostPinnedSpace	Pinned host memory	Pinned host memory	Unified shared memory (USM) of type host
Kokkos::SharedSpace	Unified virtual memory (UVM)	Unified memory	Unified shared memory (USM) of type shared

#### **Execution**

Kokkos	Cuda	HIP	SYCL
Instance of Kokkos::DefaultExecutionSpace	Stream	Stream	Queue

## **GPU** terminology equivalences

Cuda on NVIDIA	HIP on AMD	SYCL/OpenCL on Intel	Notes
Streaming multiprocessor (SM)	Compute unit (CU)	Compute unit	
Streaming processor	Processing element	Processing element	
Warp	Wavefront, warp	Sub-group	
Thread	Work item	Work-item	
NVPTX	AMDIL	SPIR-V	Not strictly equivalent