Managing Object Placement

- System knows how to "find" objects efficiently:
 (collection, index) → processor
- Applications can specify a custom mapping or use simple runtimeprovided options (e.g. blocked, round-robin)
- Distribution can be static or dynamic!
- Key abstraction: application logic doesn't change, even though performance might



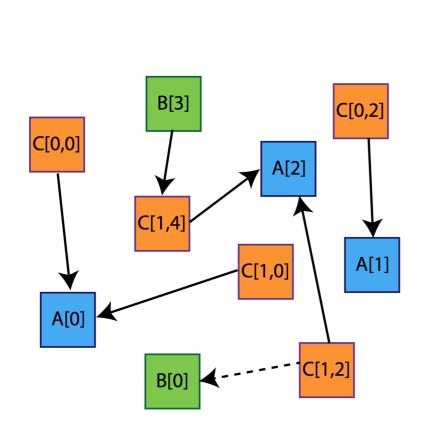
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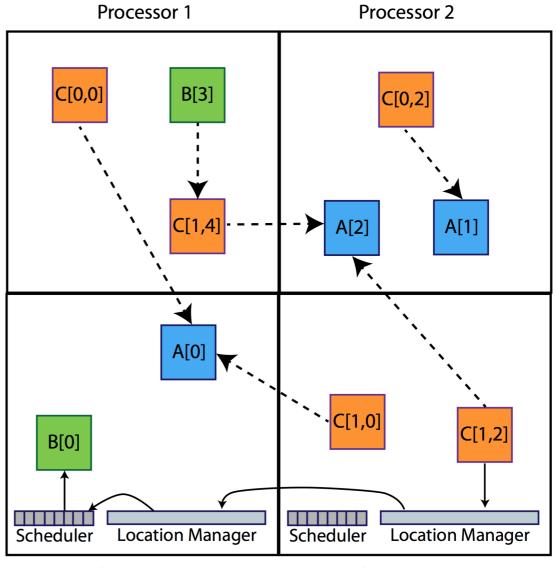
- Application logic development decoupled from any notion of processors or object mapping
- Separation in time: make it work, then make it fast
- Division of labor: domain specialist writes object code, CS specialist writes mapping
- Portability: different mappings for different systems, scales, or configurations





Collections of Objects









Broadcast

- A message to each object in a collection
- The chare array proxy object is used to perform a broadcast
- It looks like a function call to the proxy object
- From the main chare that created a chare array:
 CProxy_Hello helloArray =
 CProxy_Hello::ckNew(helloArraySize);
 helloArray.foo();
- From a chare array element that is a member of the same array:

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thisProxy.foo();
```

From any chare that has a proxy p to the chare array

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p.foo();
```





Reduction

- Combines a set of values: sum, max, concat, ...
- Usually reduces the set of values to a single value
- Combination of values requires an operator
- The operator must be commutative and associative
- Each object calls contribute in a reduction





Reduction: Example

```
mainmodule reduction {
  mainchare Main {
    entry Main(CkArgMsg* msg);
    entry [reductiontarget] void done(int value);
  array [1D] Elem {
                                   Entry Method Attribute
    entry Elem(CProxy Main mProxy);
```





Reduction: Example

```
#include "reduction.decl.h"
const int numElements = 49;
class Main : public CBase Main {
public:
   Main(CkArgMsg* msg) { CProxy Elem::ckNew(thisProxy,
numElements); }
   void done(int value) { CkPrintf("value: %d\n", value); CkExit(); }
};
                                               Output
class Elem : public CBase Elem {
                                               value: 1176
public:
                                               Program finished.
   Elem(CProxy_Main mProxy) {
      int val = thisIndex;
      CkCallback cb(CkReductionTarget(Main, done), mProxy);
      contribute(sizeof(int), &val, CkReduction::sum_int, cb);
#include "reduction.def.h"
```



