Modelling at the tissue scale: a concurrent approach

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Concurrent programming

- Design and write software in terms of concurrent activities and how they interact
 - Uses include: network servers, robotic control systems, multiplayer games, media processing...



Concurrency to parallelism

• The **runtime system** divides activities dynamically among the available processors

 - ... so it exploits the natural concurrency of the system you're modelling to execute in parallel

 Modern runtime systems (CCSP, TBB...) look at the interactions to decide how best to do this

... giving you better locality of execution





Distributed simulation

- Building your program out of interacting processes makes it relatively simple to distribute across a cluster of machines
 - Developed techniques to minimise latency effects



Playing games with space

- Spatial interactions are key to our applications
 - Needs to be **accurate** and **fast**
- We use techniques developed for real-time **collision detection** in computer games
 - ... and plan to make our runtime system aware of space for even better scheduling







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Any questions?

