When to Use Java Parallel Streams

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Learning Objectives in this Lesson

- Know when to use parallel streams

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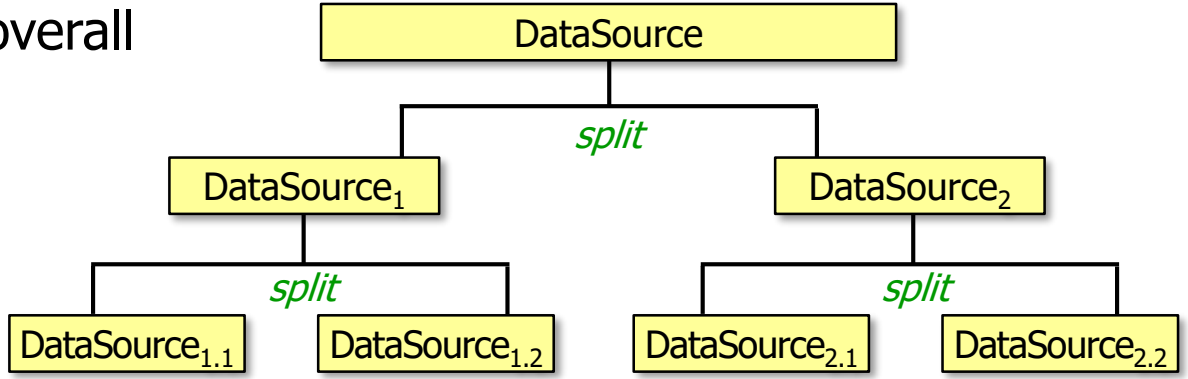

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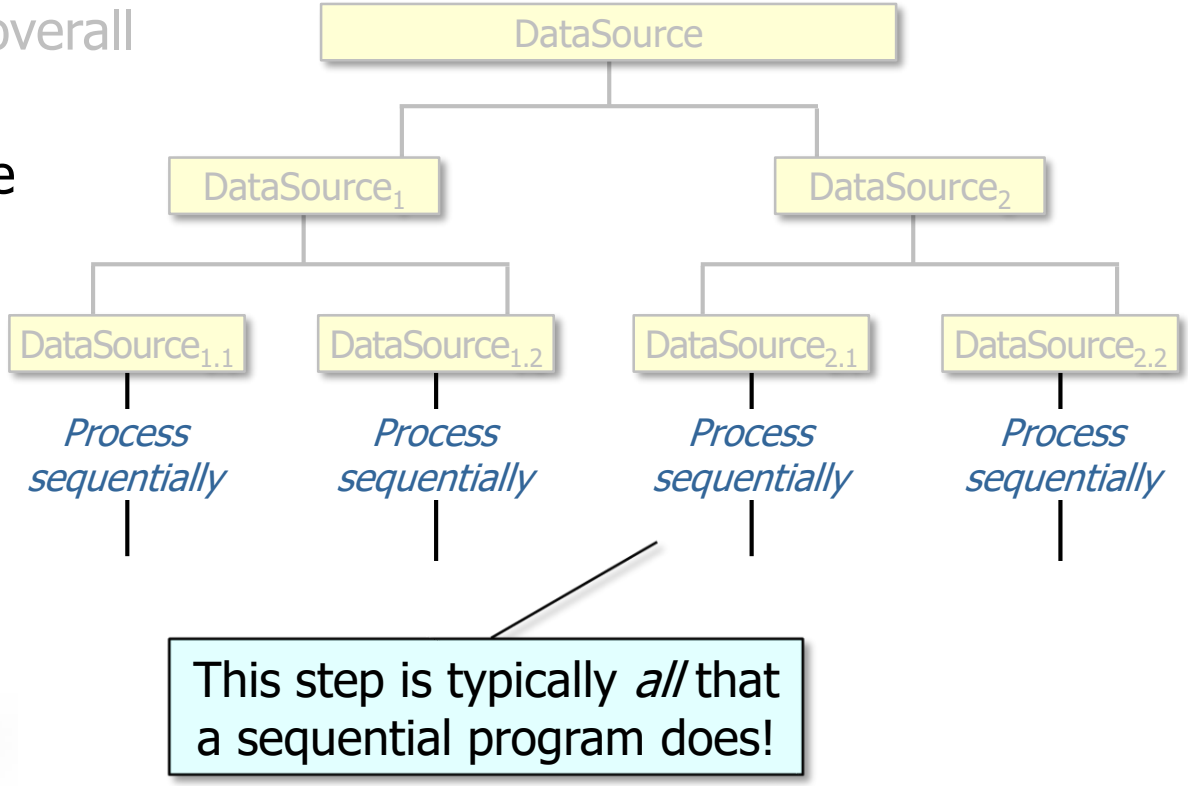

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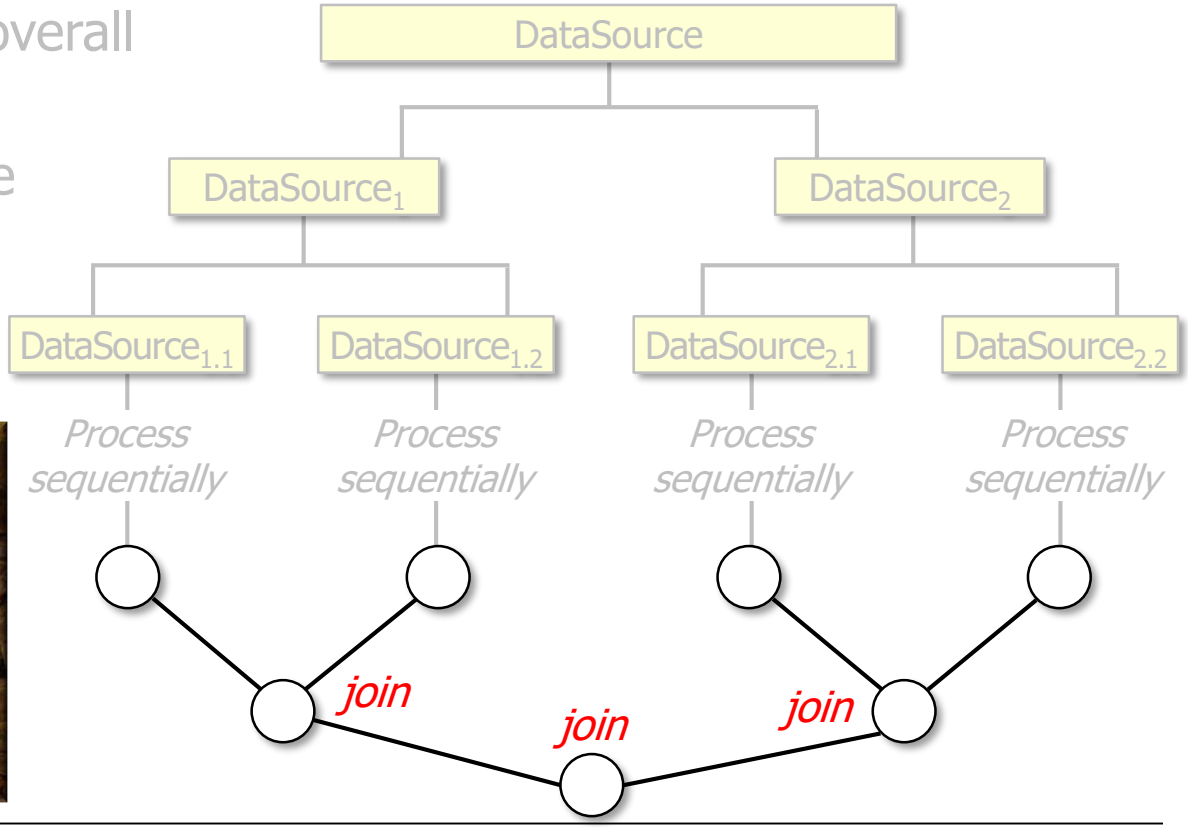

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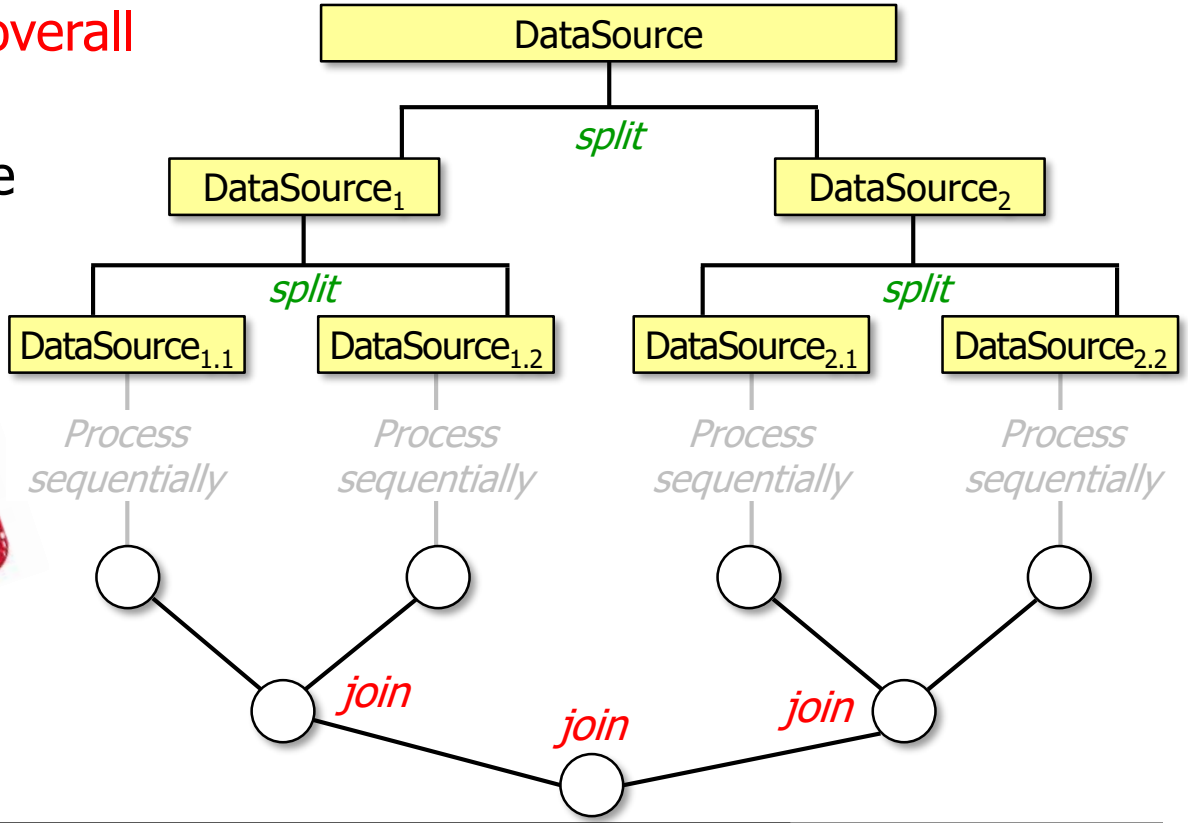

A sequential program needn't do steps 1 & 3..

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- Java parallel streams are thus useful in some (but not all) conditions

See gee.cs.oswego.edu/dl/html/StreamParallelGuidance.html

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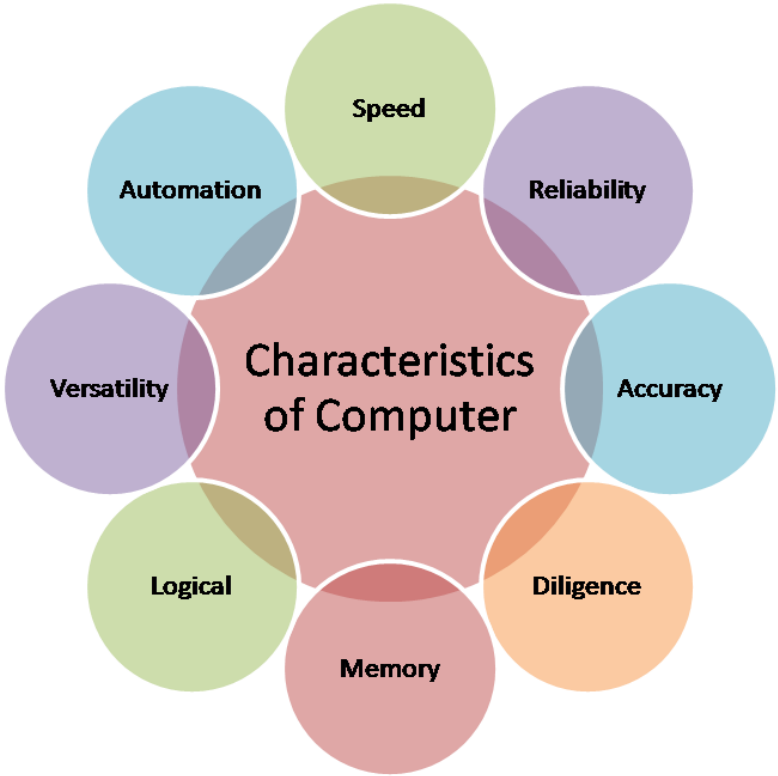

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"Embarrassingly parallel" tasks have little/no dependency or need for communication between tasks or for sharing results between them

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embarrassingly_parallel

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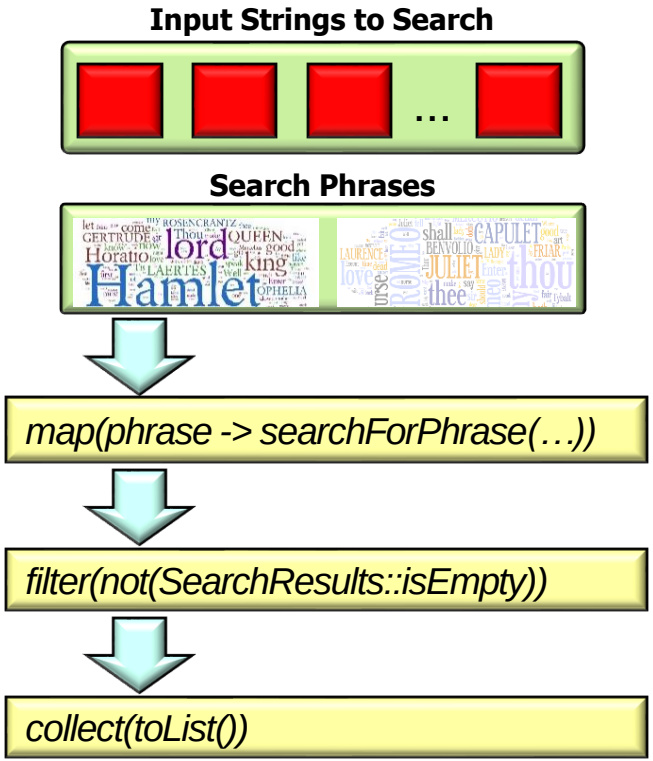

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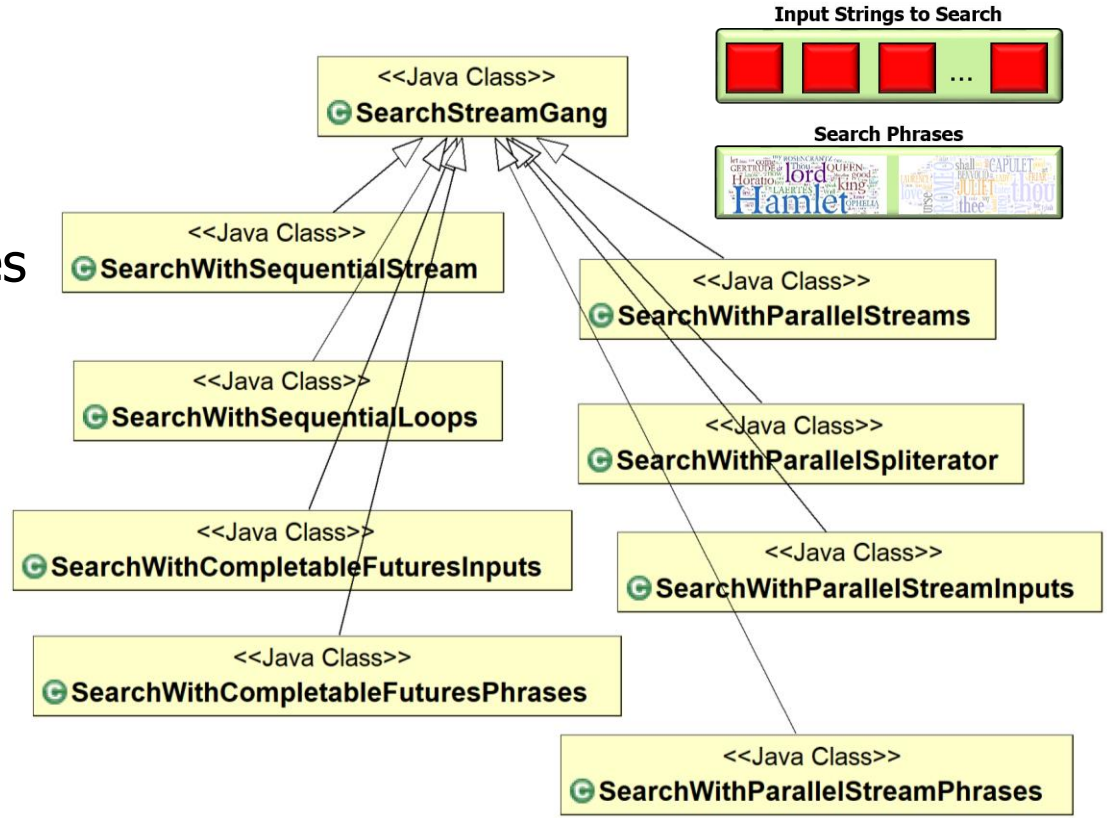

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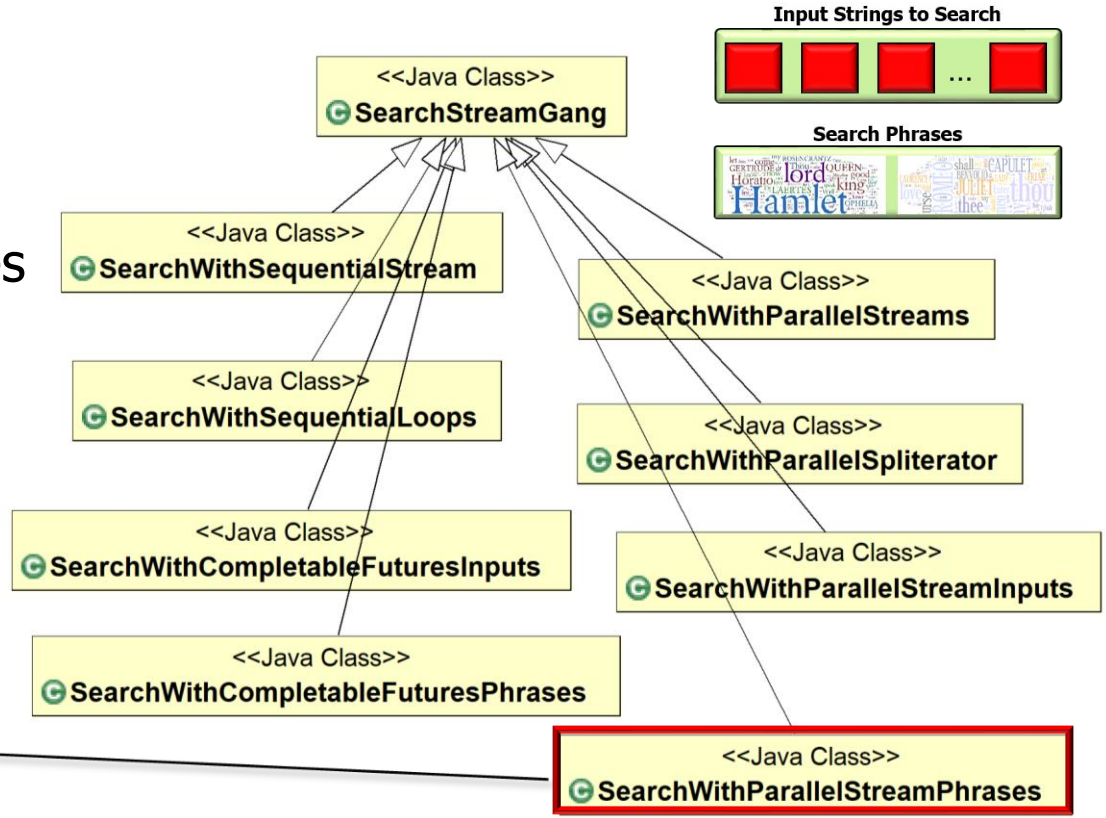

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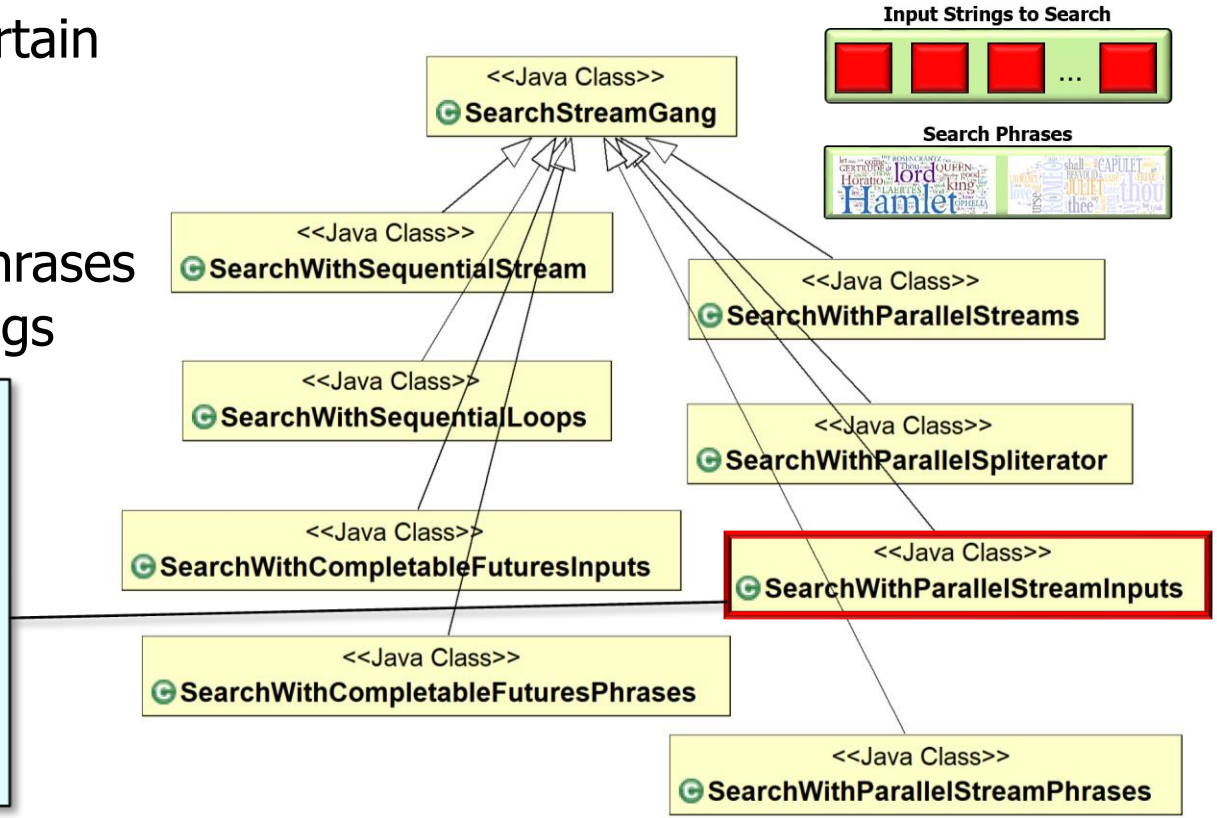

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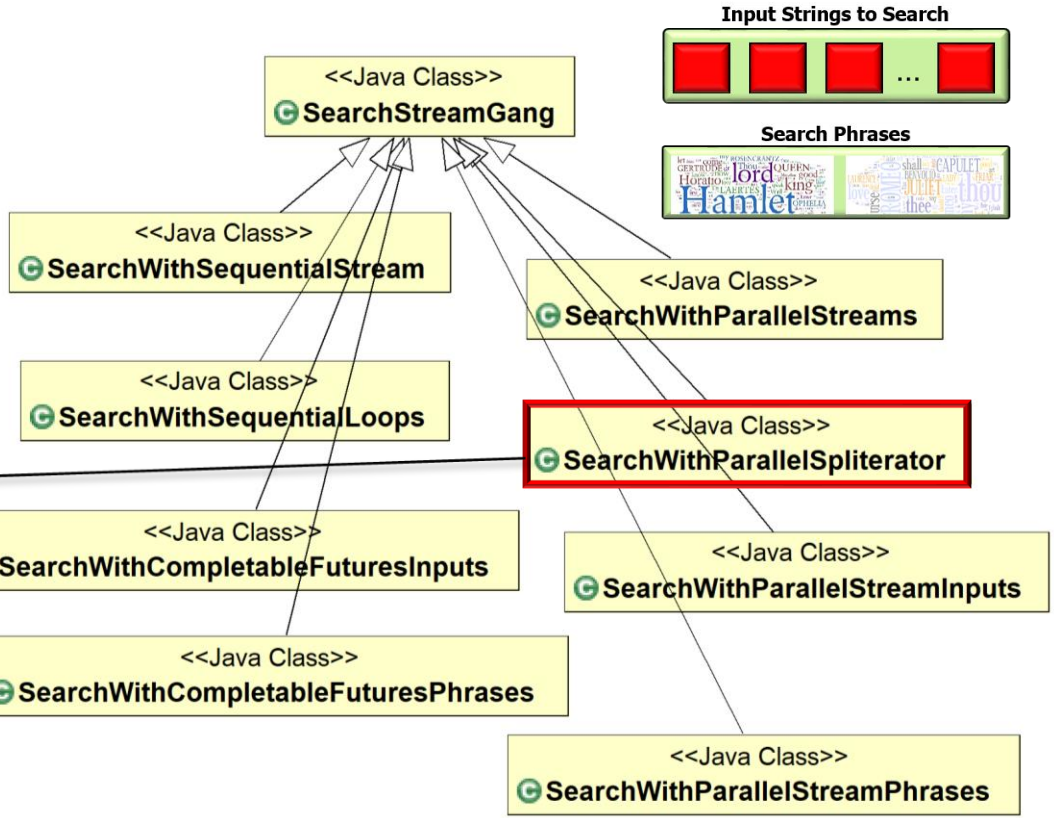

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SearchWithParallelSpliterator is the most aggressive parallelism strategy!

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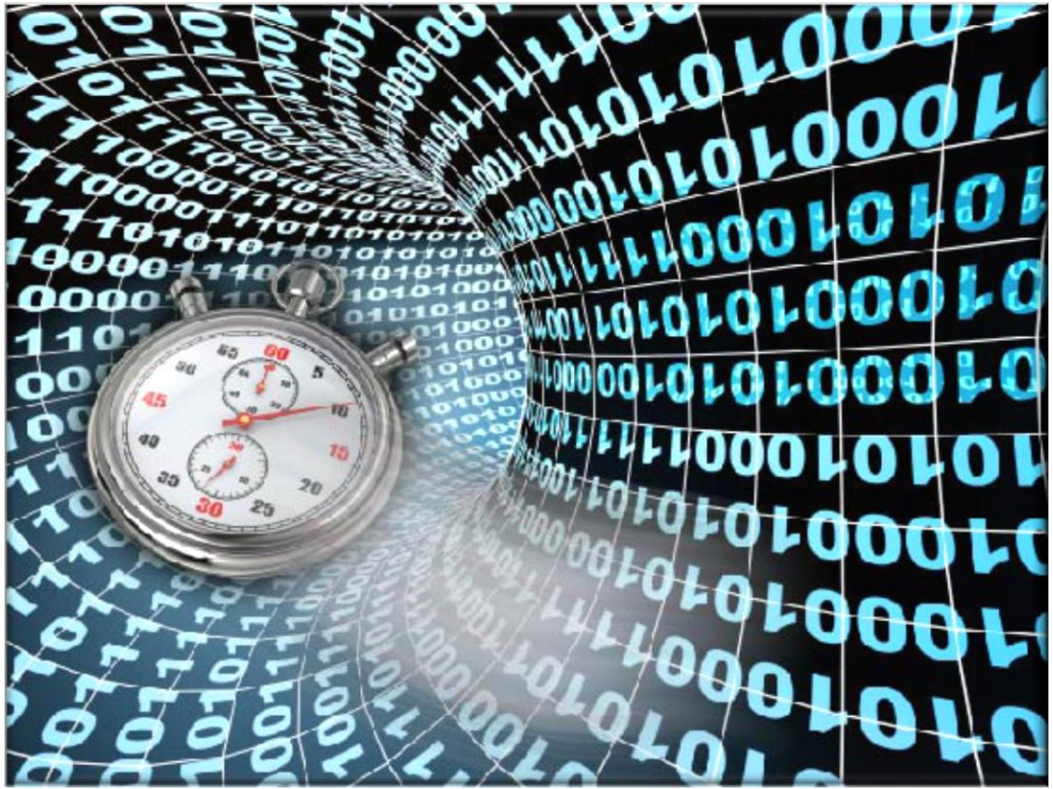
    - Computationally expensive
      - e.g., when behavior(s) applied to each element take a "long-time" to run



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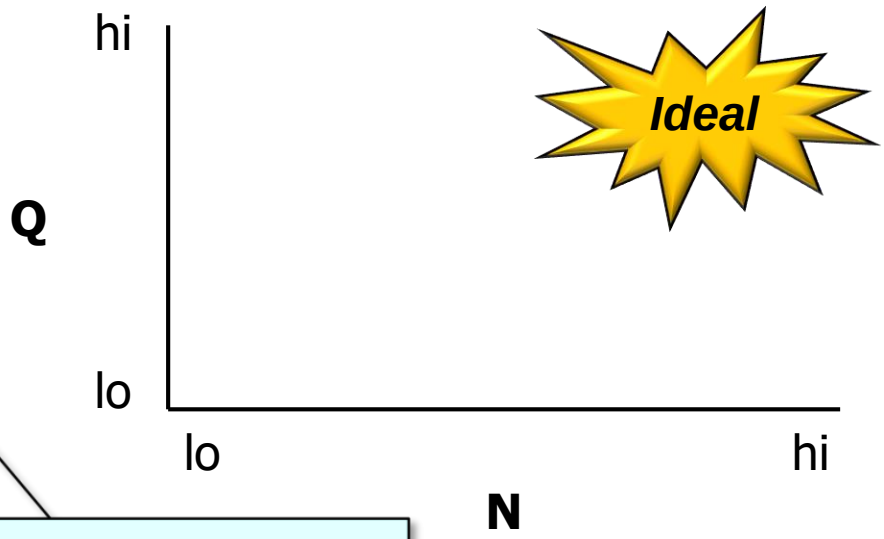

The "NQ" model:

- *N is the # of data elements to process per thread*
- *Q quantifies how CPU-intensive the processing is*

See on-sw-integration.epischel.de/2016/08/05/parallel-stream-processing-with-java-8-stream-api

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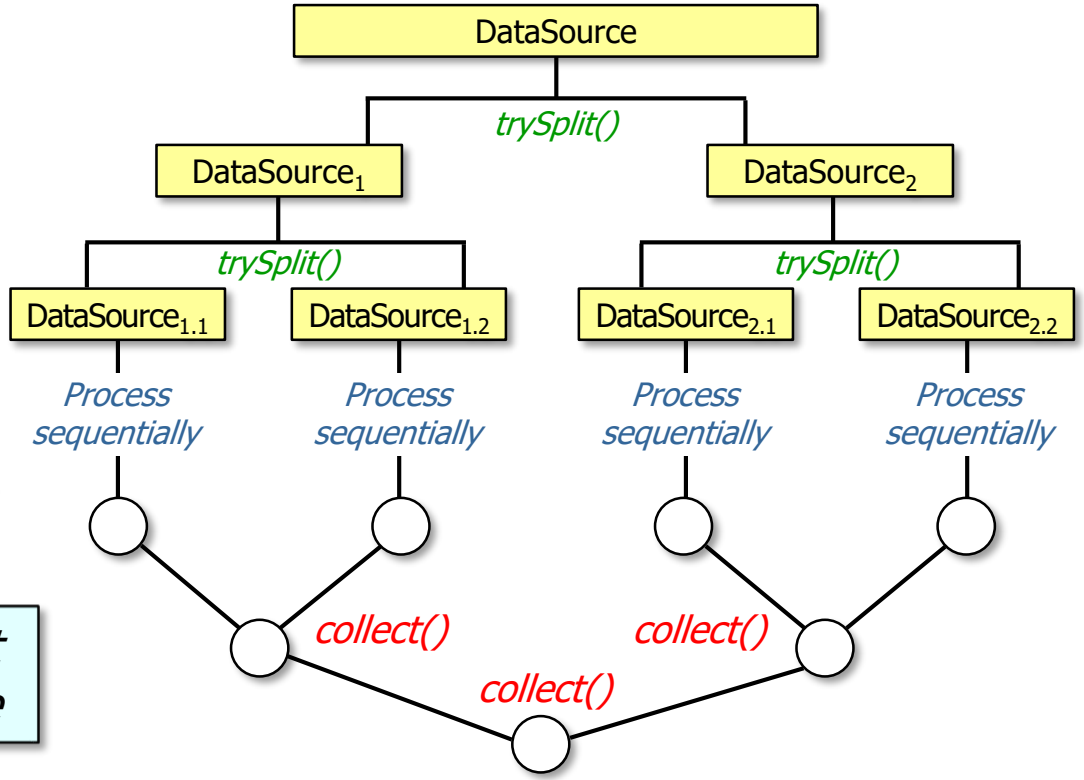

e.g., searching for phrases that match in works of Shakespeare

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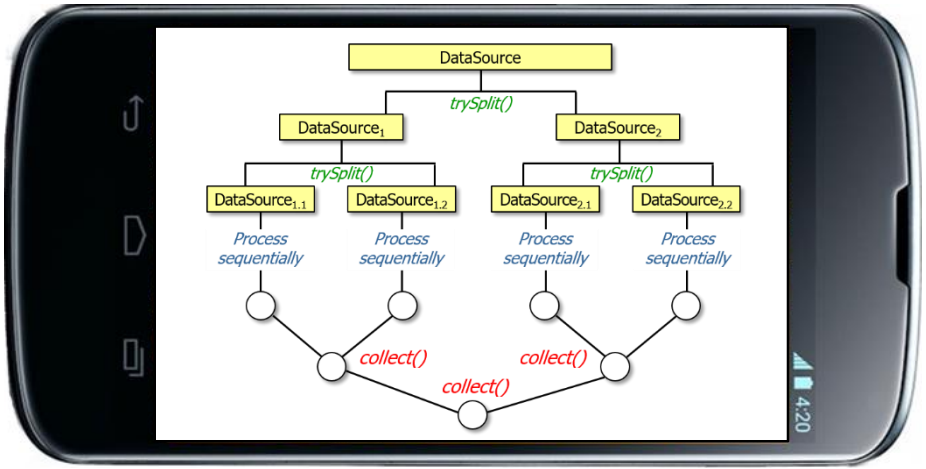
  - If there are multiple cores



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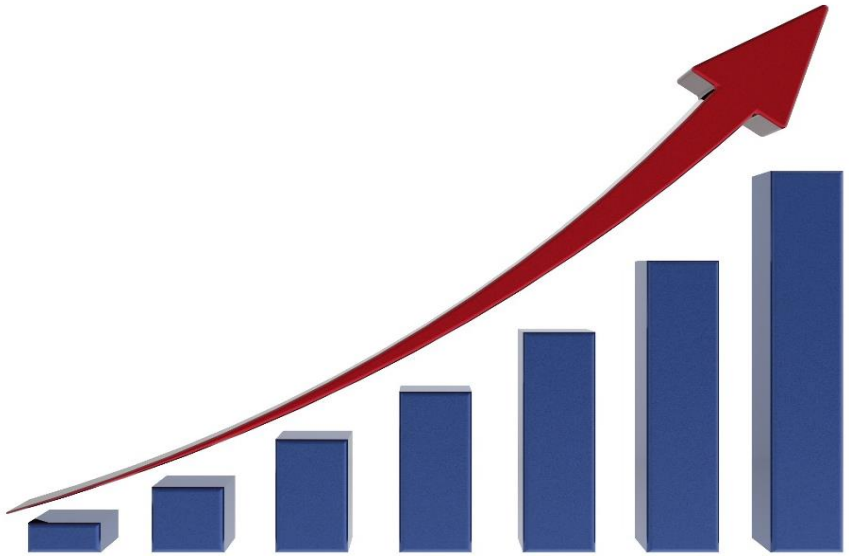
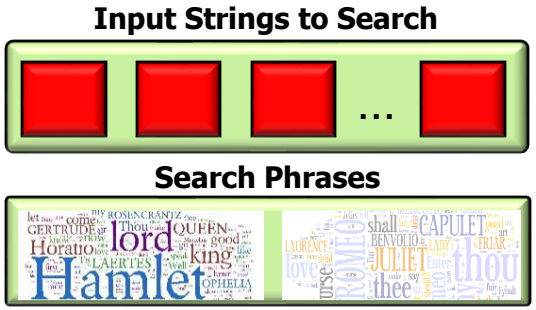
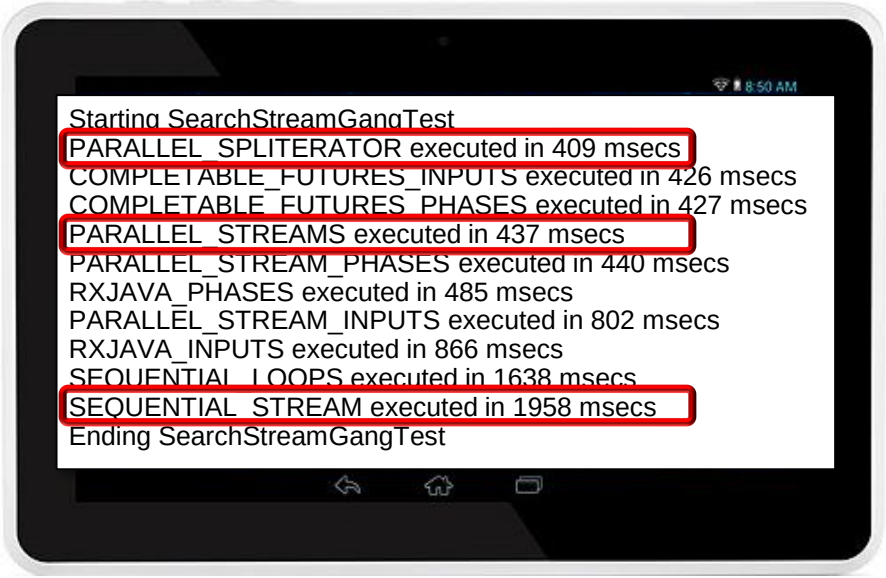
- Under the right conditions Java parallel streams can scale up nicely on multi-core & many-core processors







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