Overview of Parallel Programming Concepts

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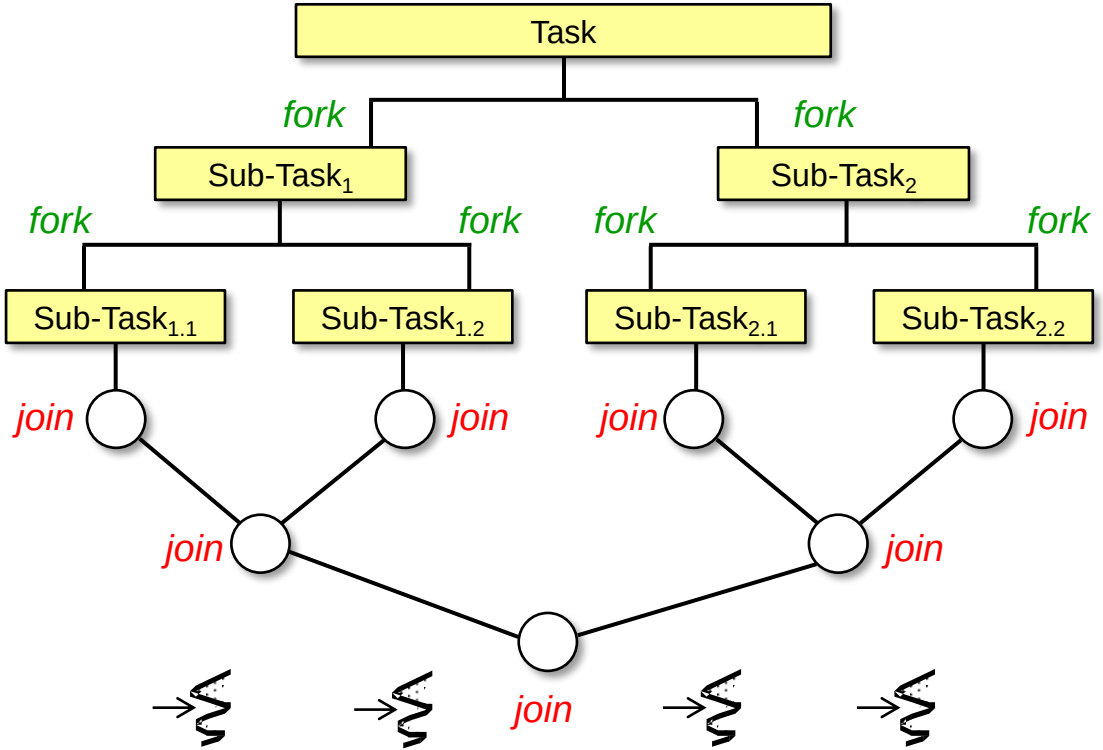

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parallel_computing

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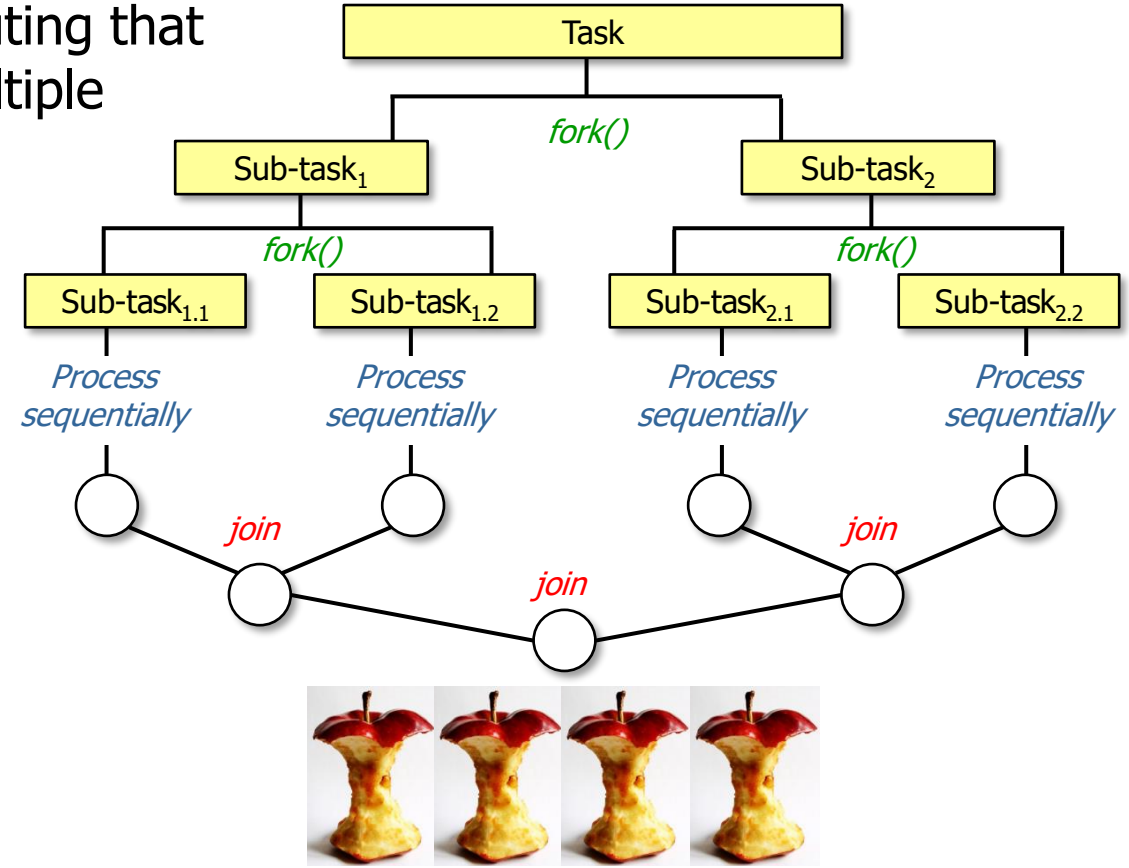

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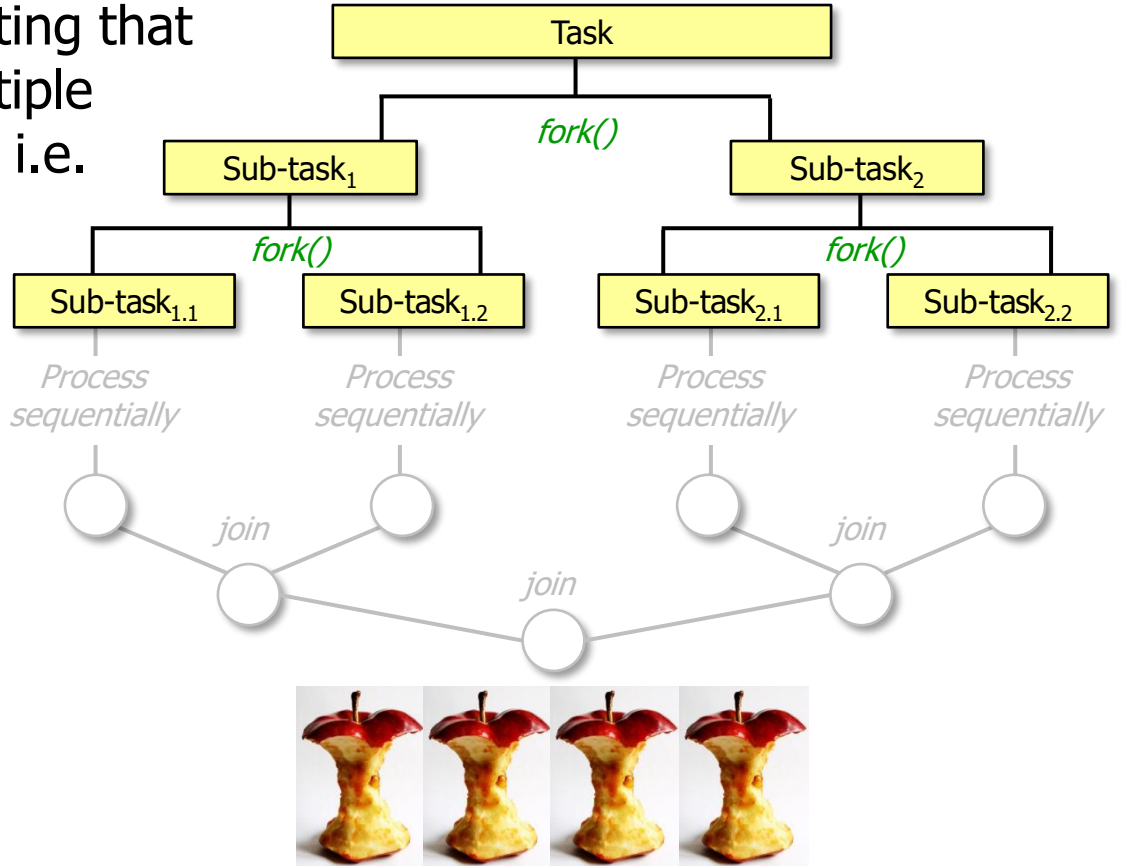

Ideally sub-tasks are split efficiently & evenly

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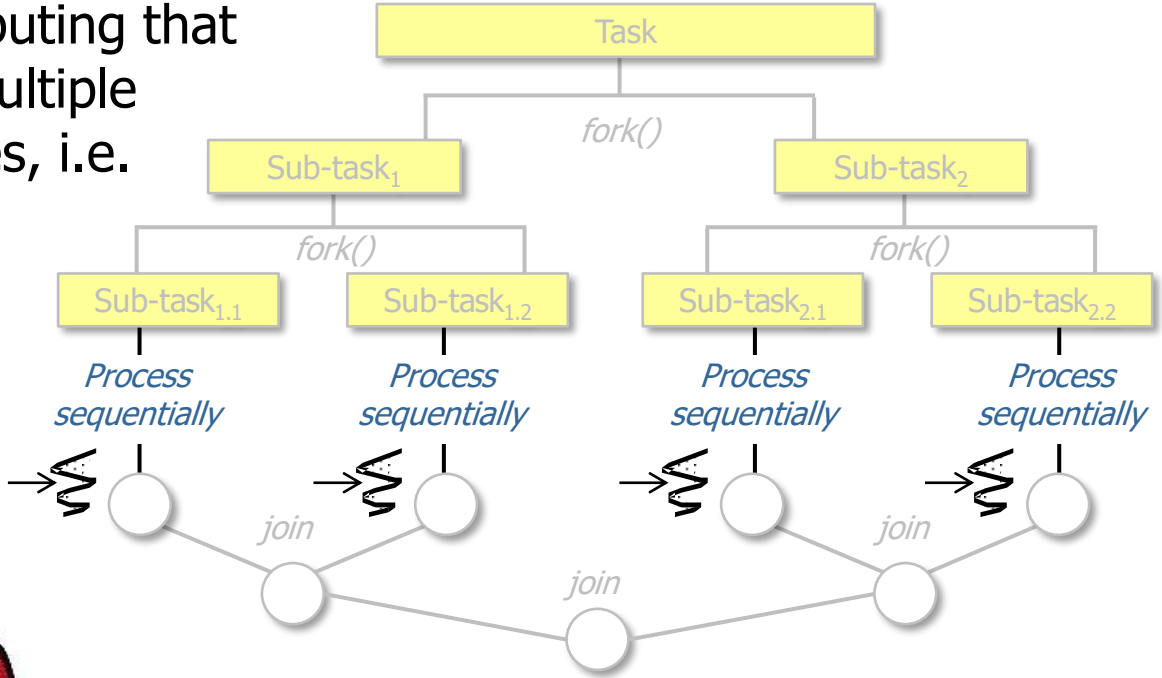

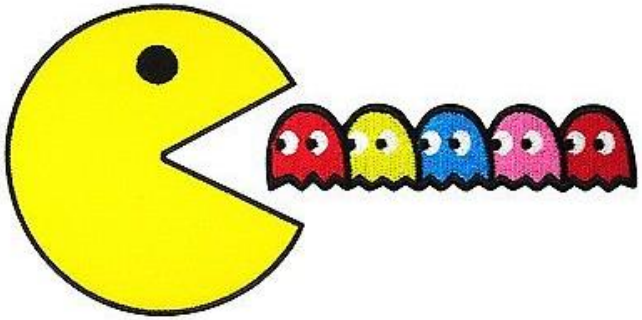

Each sub-task runs sequentially, but together they run in parallel

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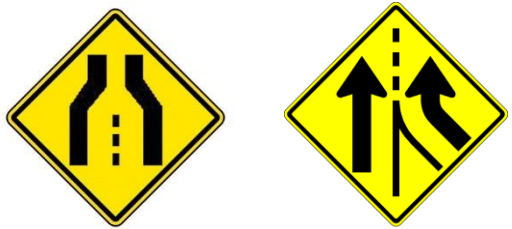

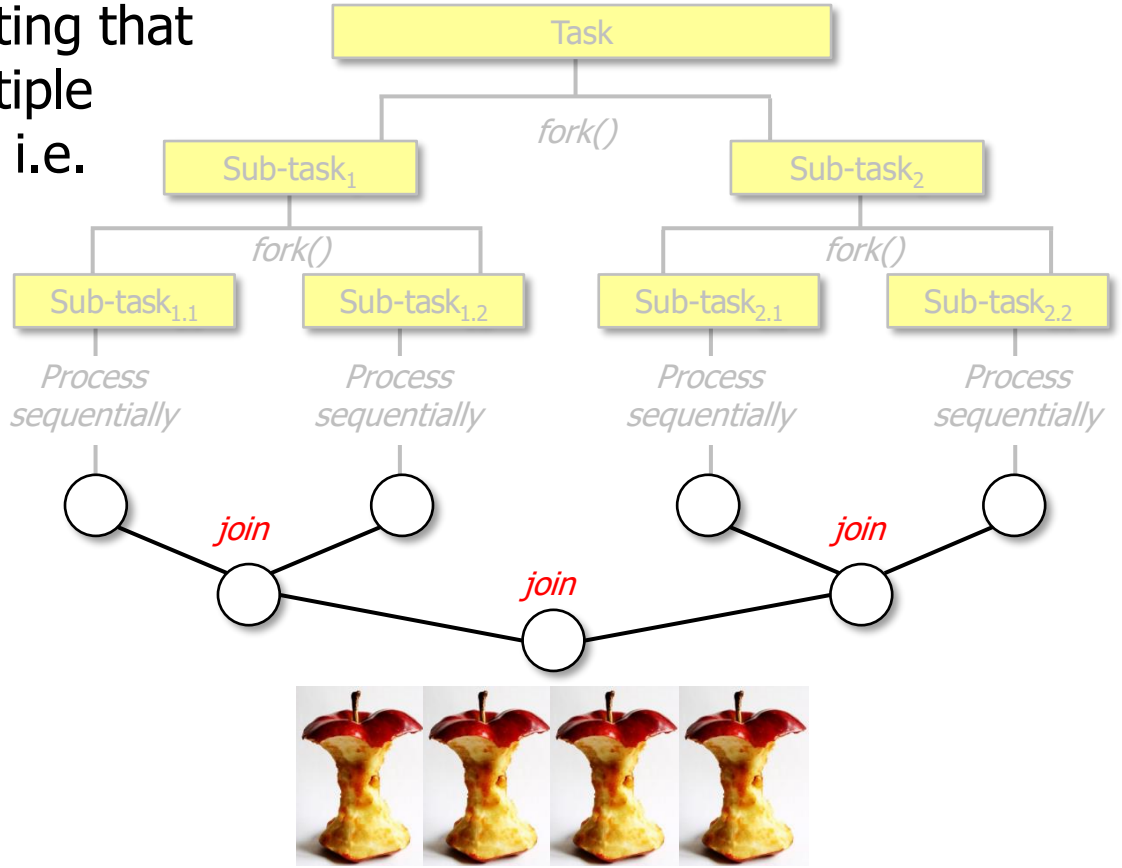

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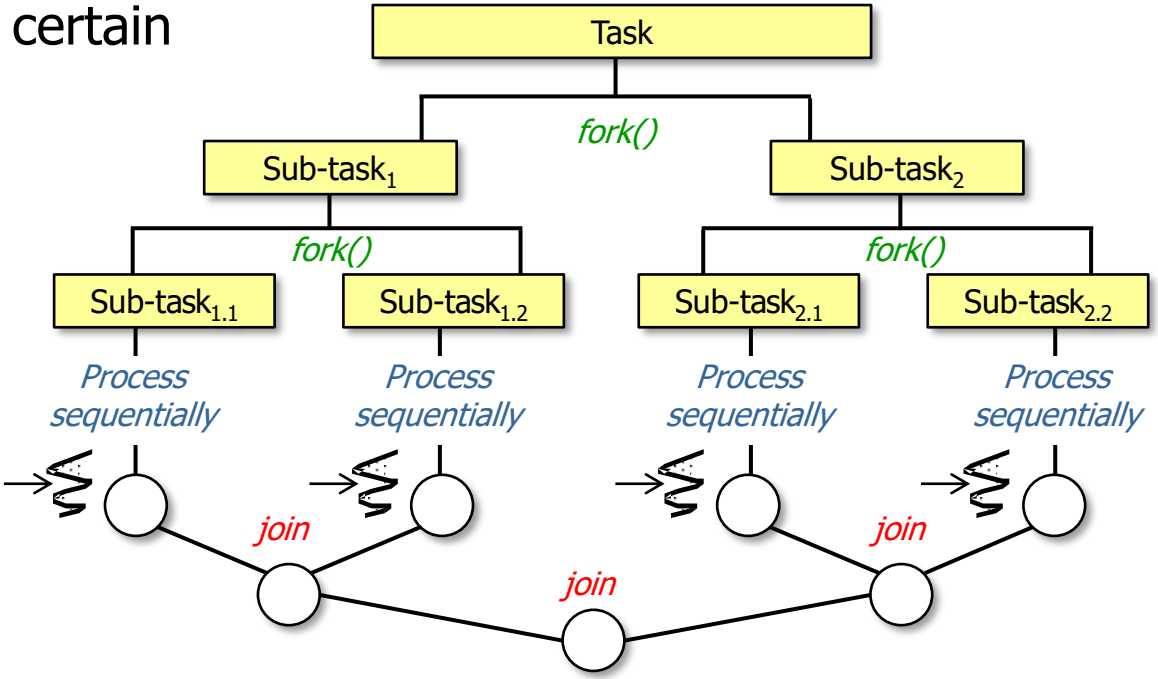

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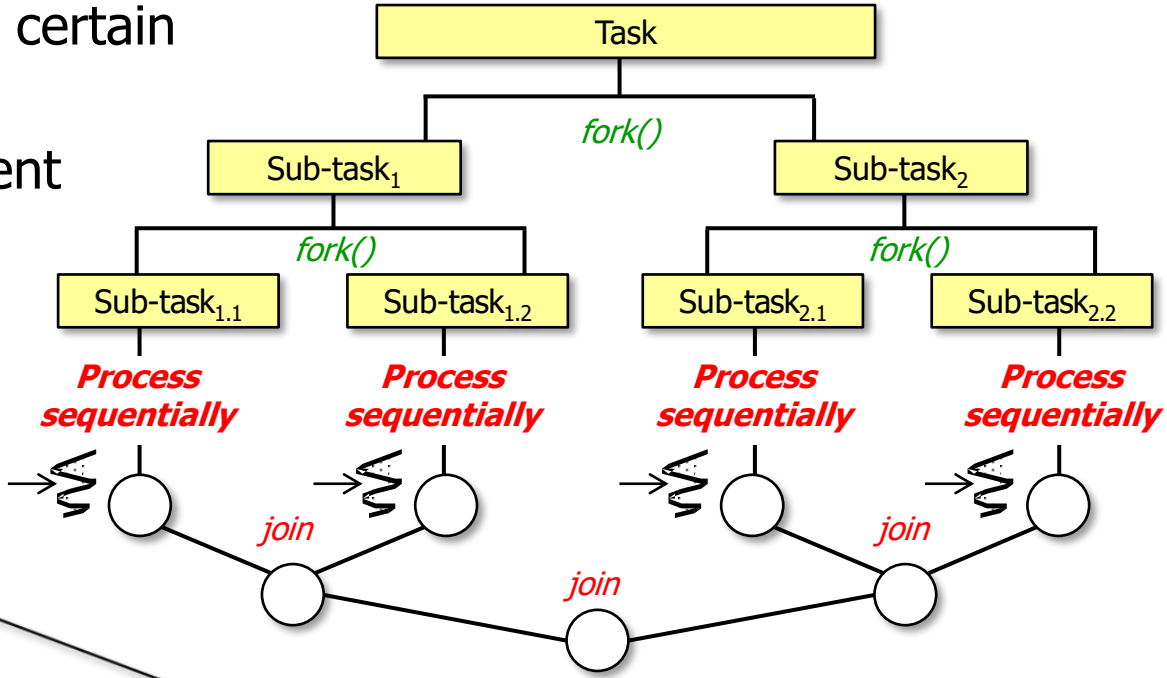

"Embarrassingly parallel" tasks have little/no dependency or need for communication between tasks or for sharing results between them

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embarrassingly_parallel

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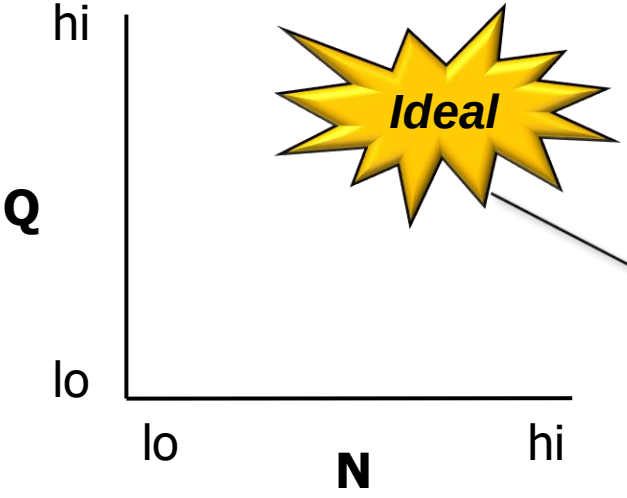

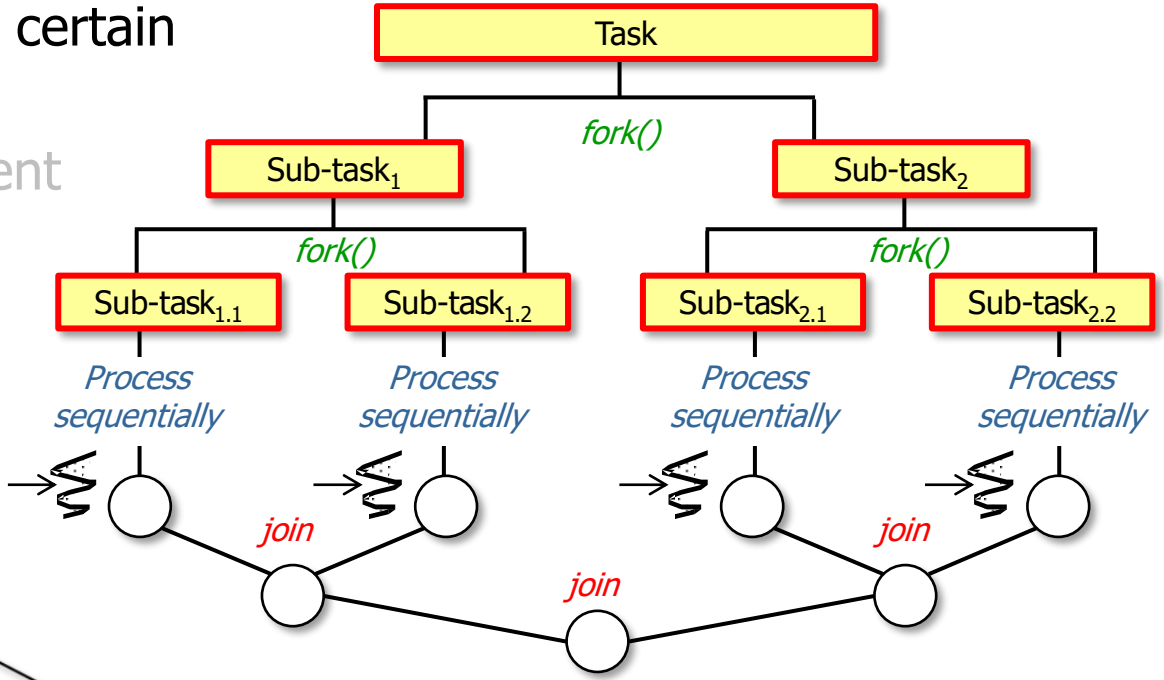

- *N is the # of data elements to process per thread*
- *Q quantifies how CPU-intensive the processing is*

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

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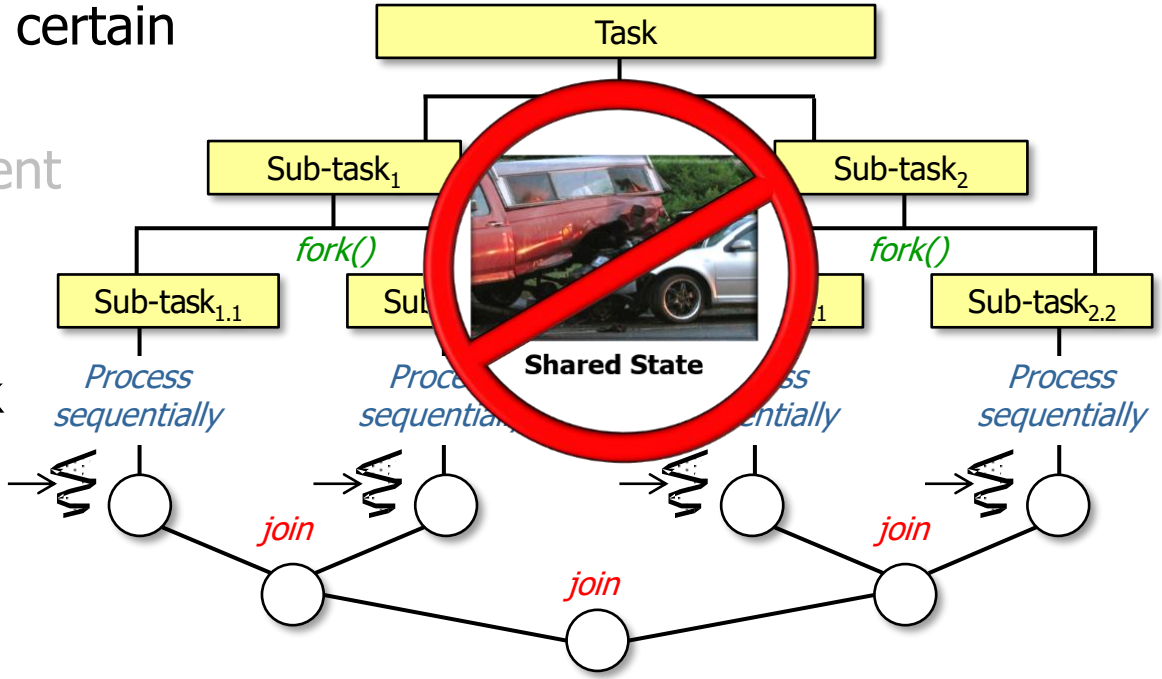

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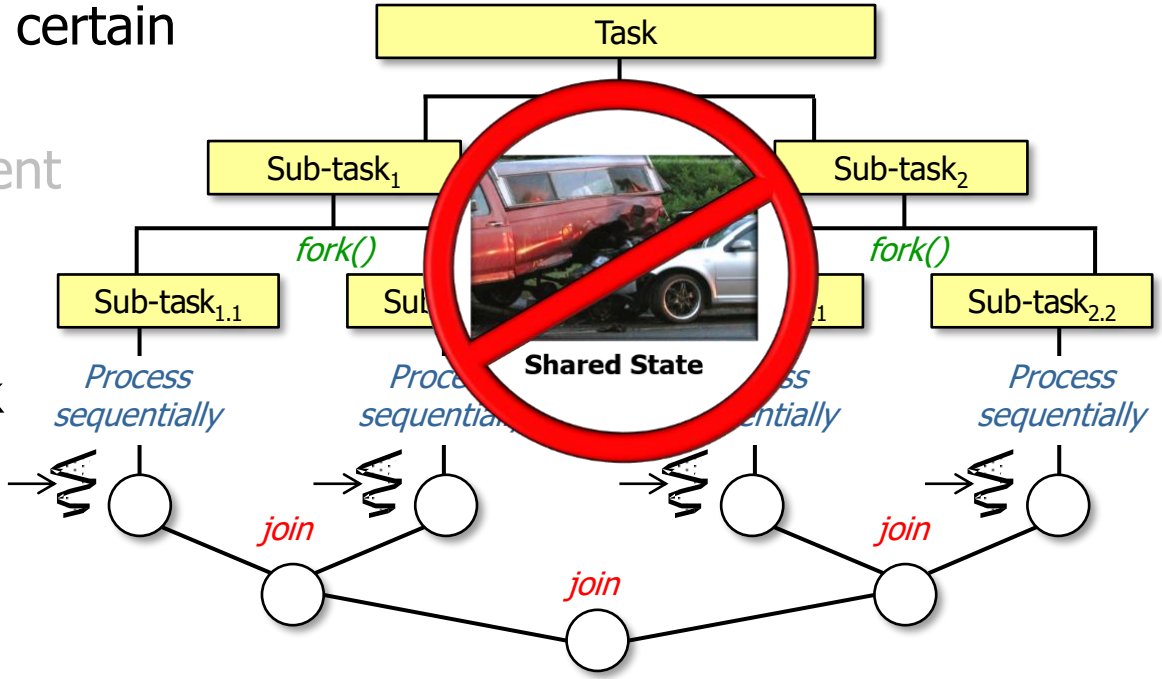

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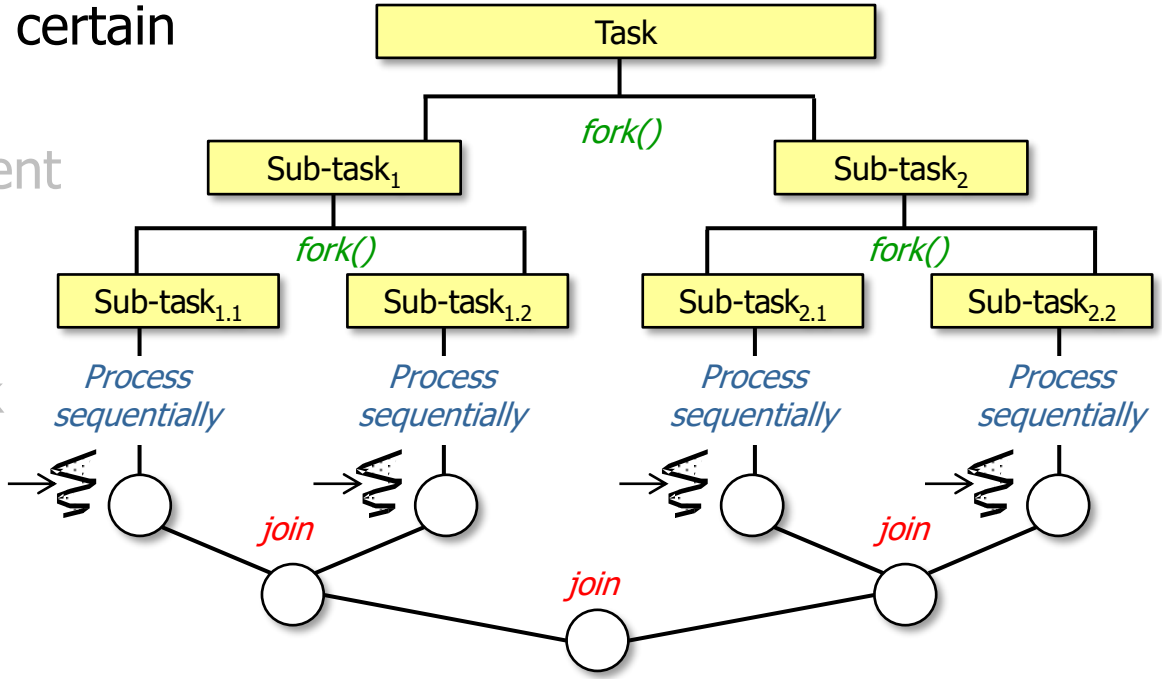
  - When there are many cores and/or processors



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