Evaluating the Pros of the Java Completable Futures Framework

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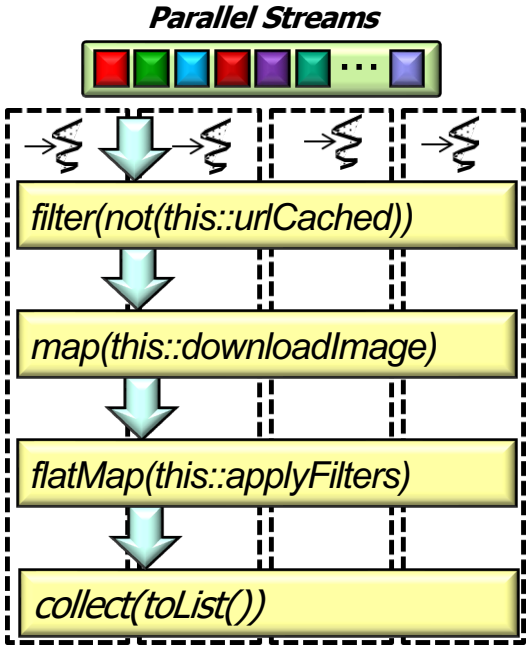

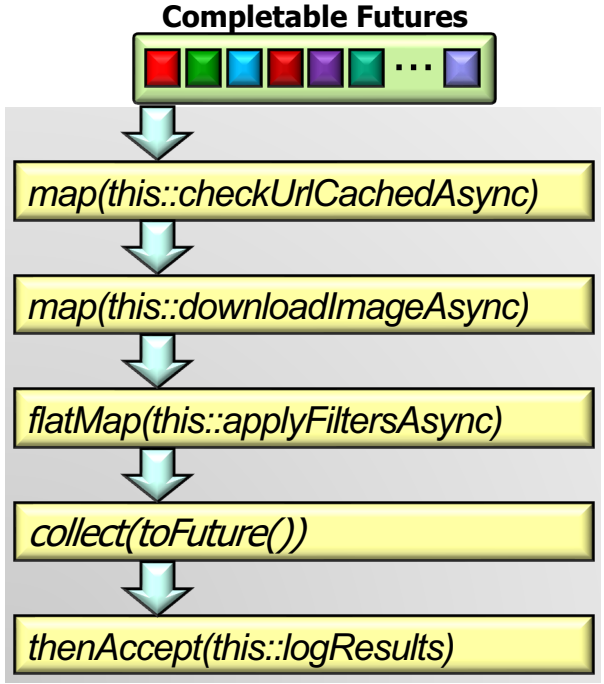

See github.com/douglascraigschmidt/LiveLessons/tree/master/ImageStreamGang

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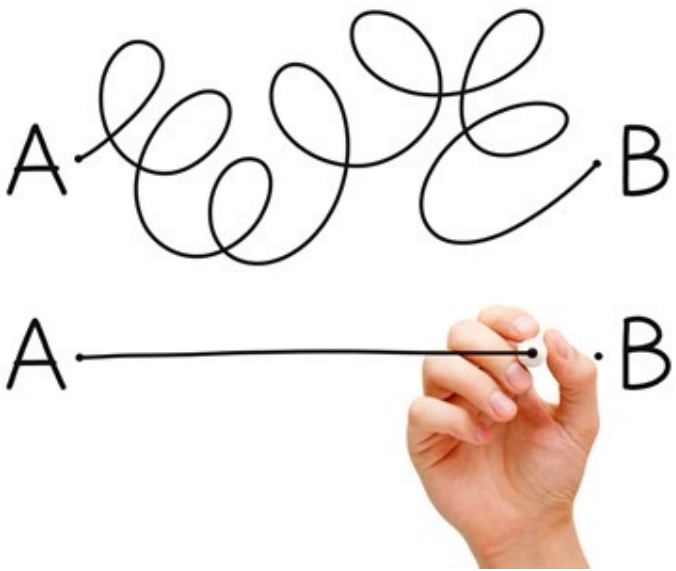

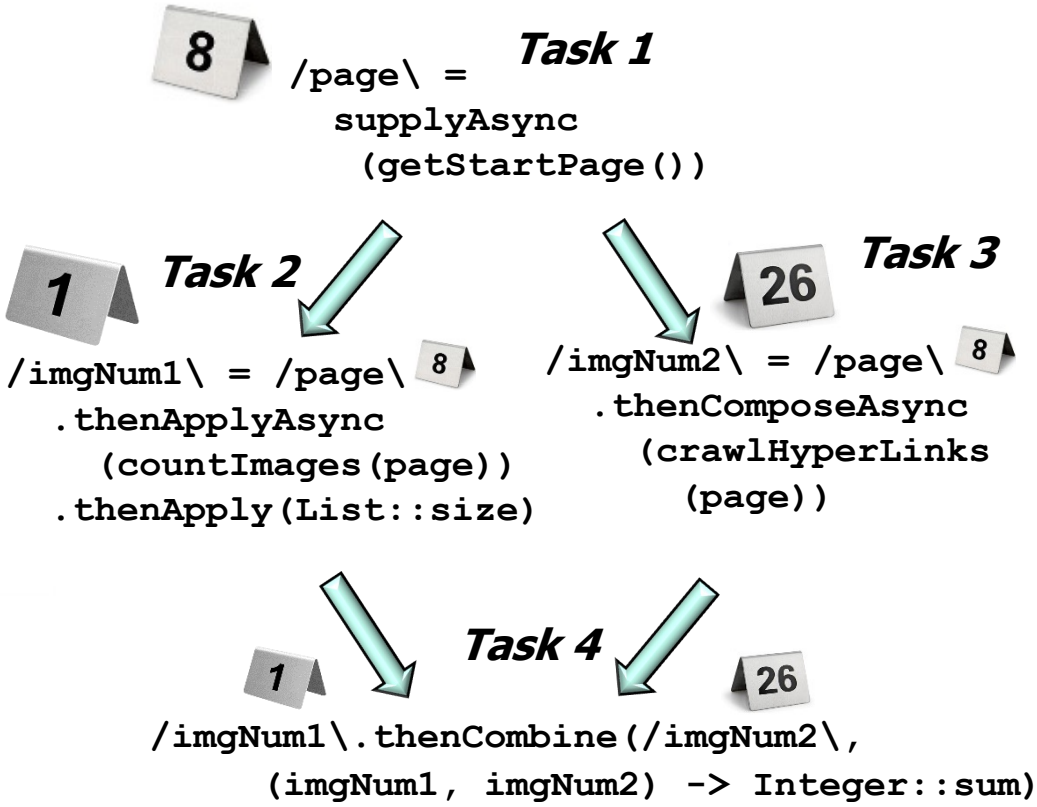

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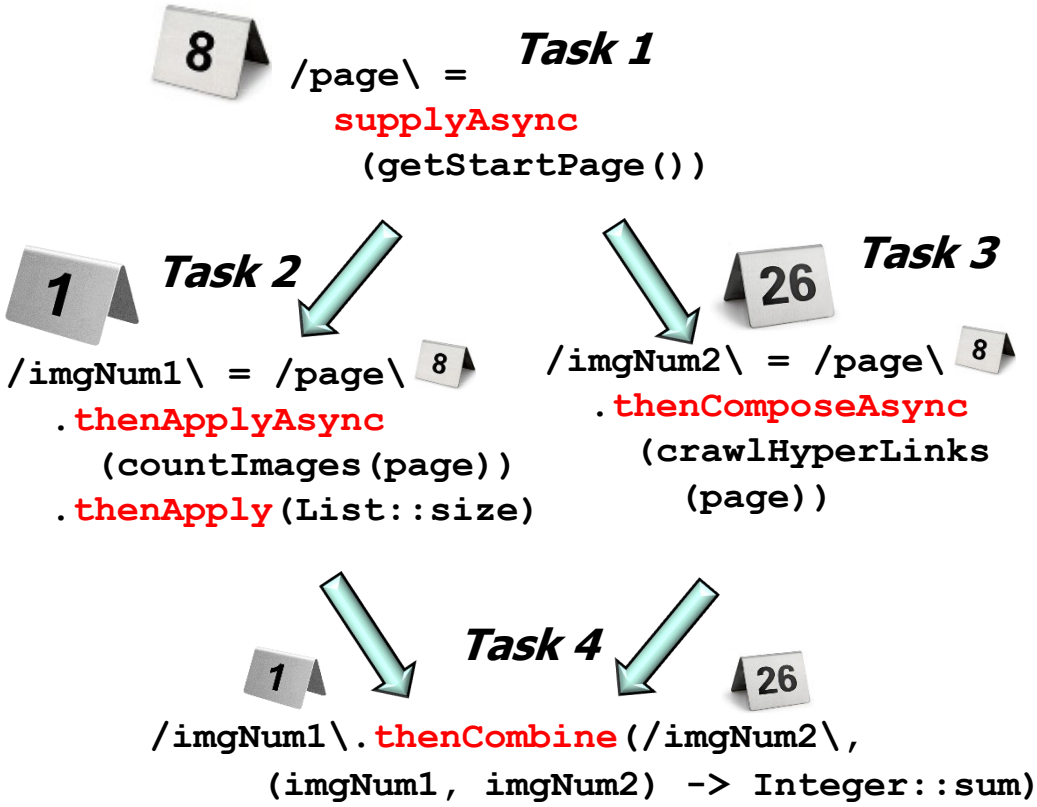

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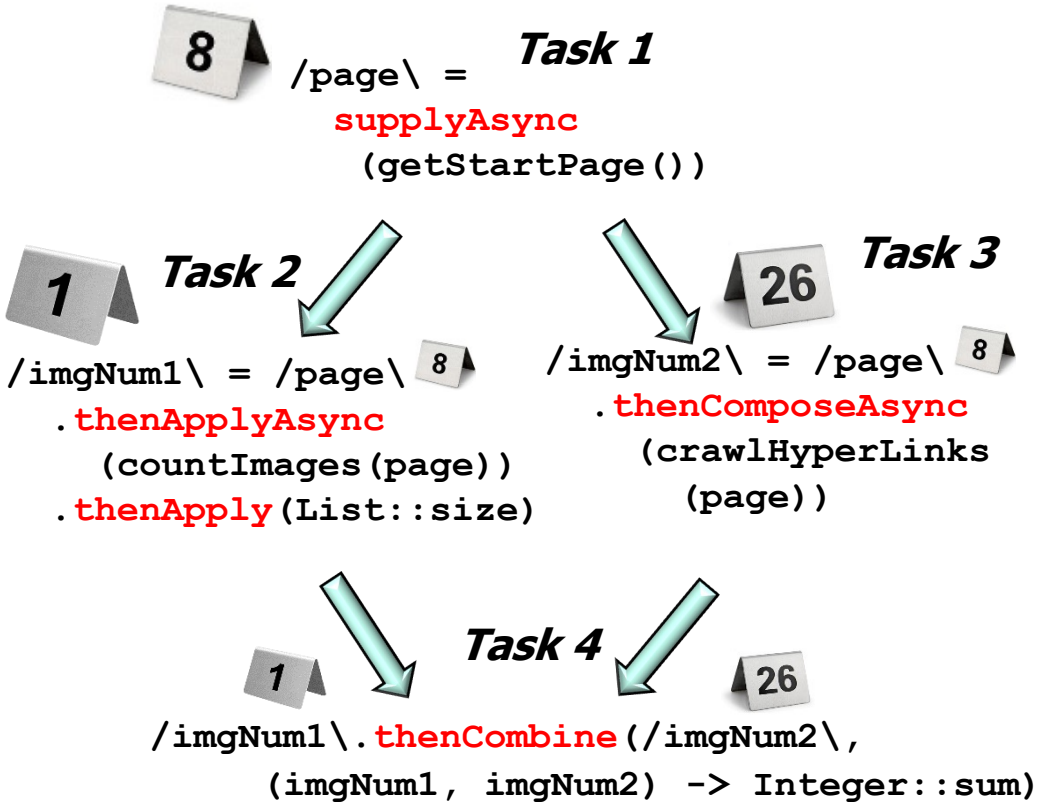

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  - Enables async programs to appear like sync programs

```
BigFraction unreduced = BigFraction
  .valueOf(new BigInteger
                ("84612255360669882"),
           new BigInteger
                ("18802723413348219 6"),
           false); // Don't reduce!

Supplier<BigFraction> reduce = () ->
  BigFraction.reduce(unreduced);

CompletableFuture
  .supplyAsync(reduce)
  .thenApply(BigFraction
               ::toMixedString)
  .thenAccept(System.out::println);
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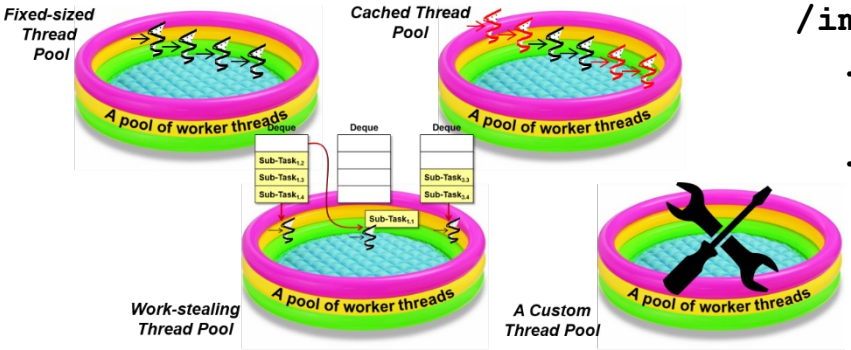

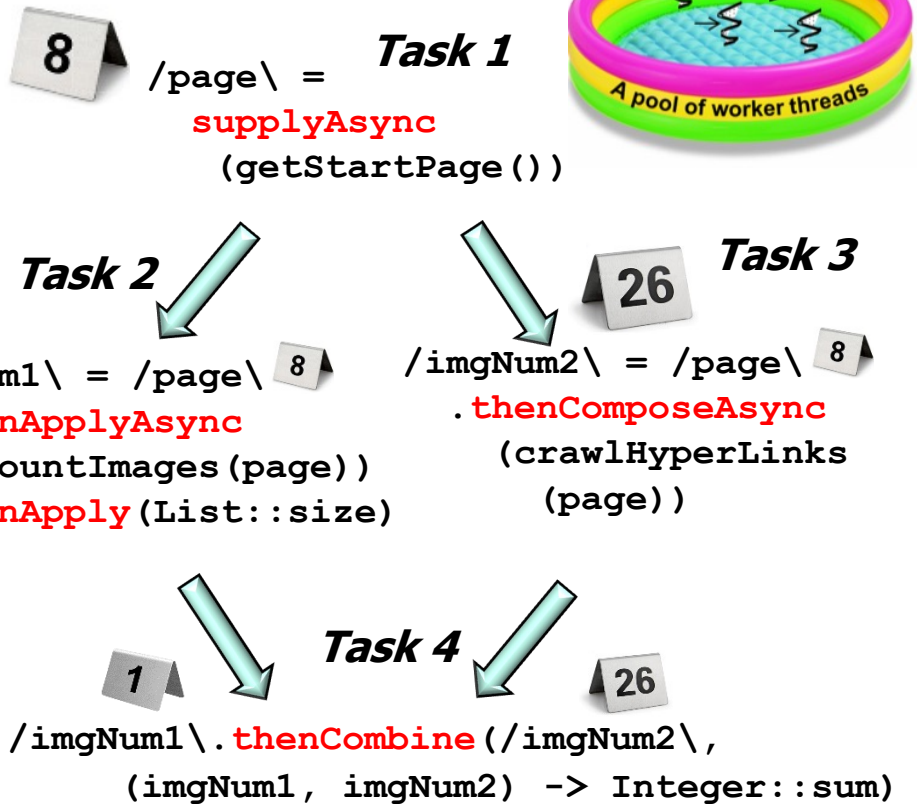

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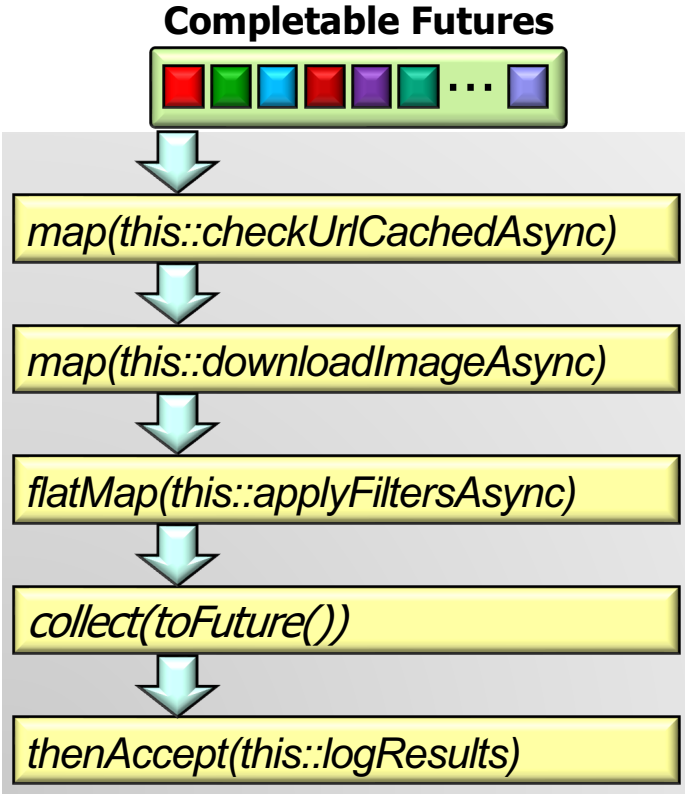

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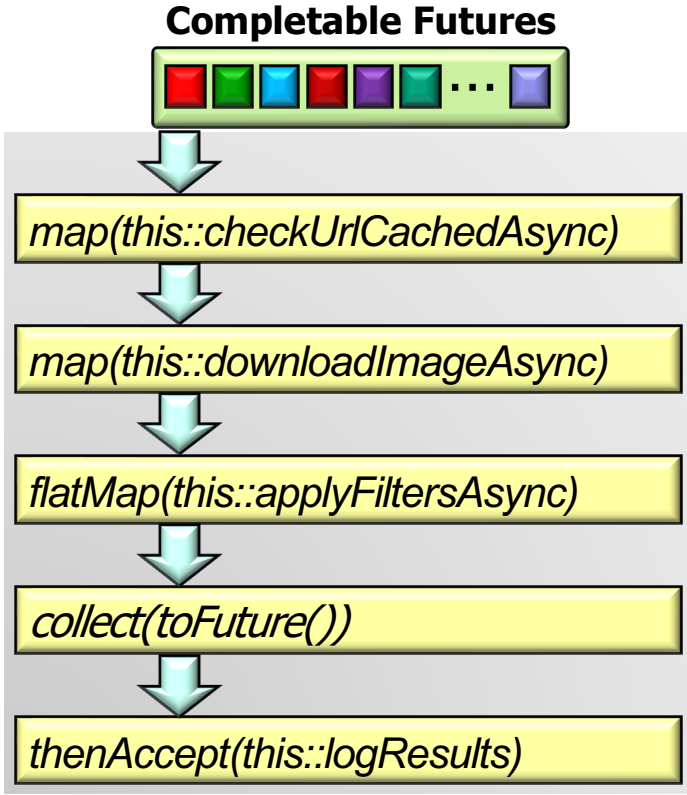

See docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/essential/concurrency/collections.html

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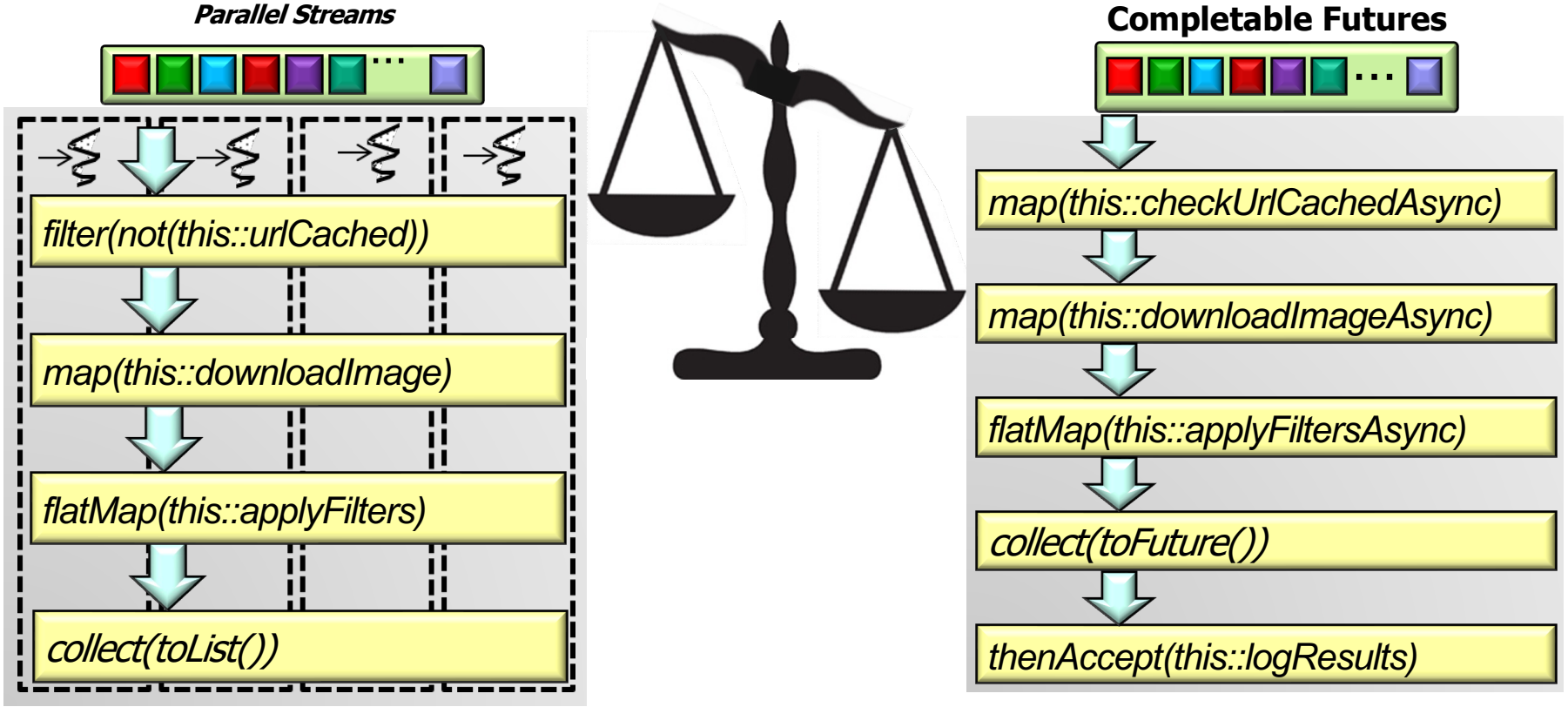

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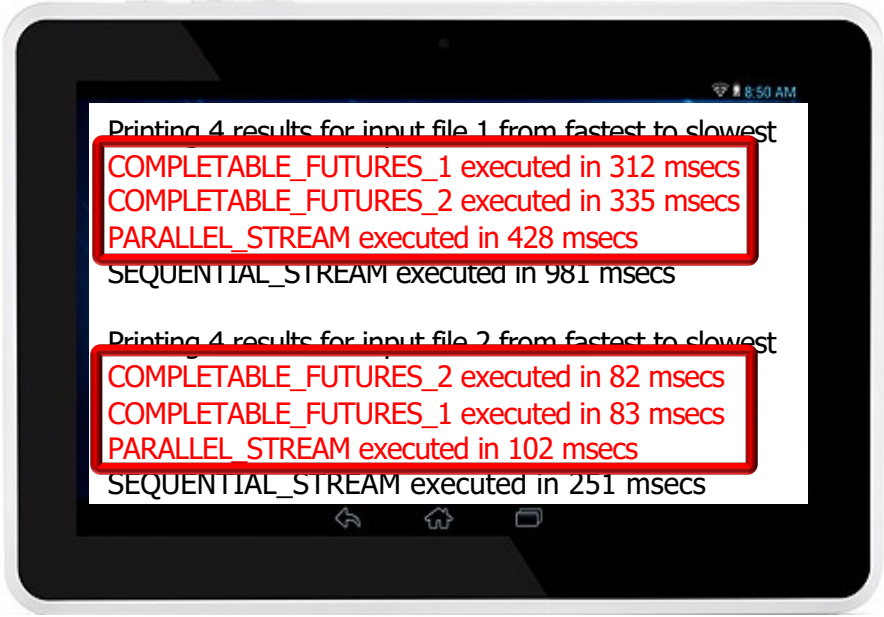

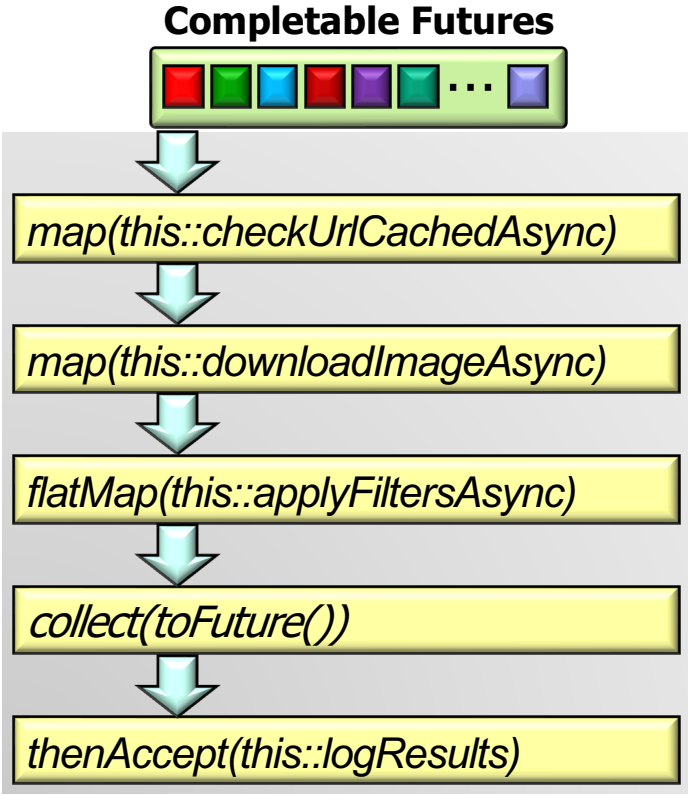

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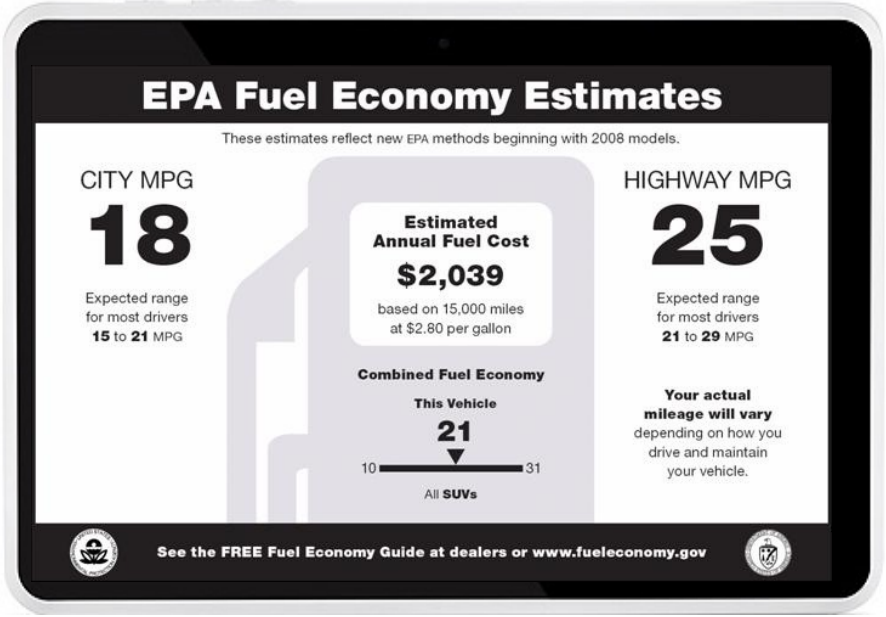

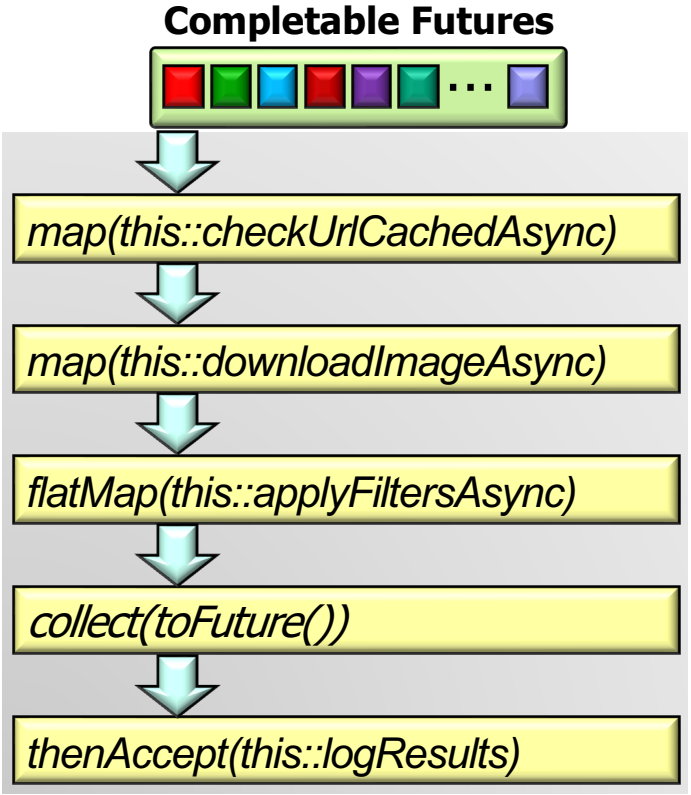

There's no substitute for benchmarking, e.g., java-performance.info/jmh!

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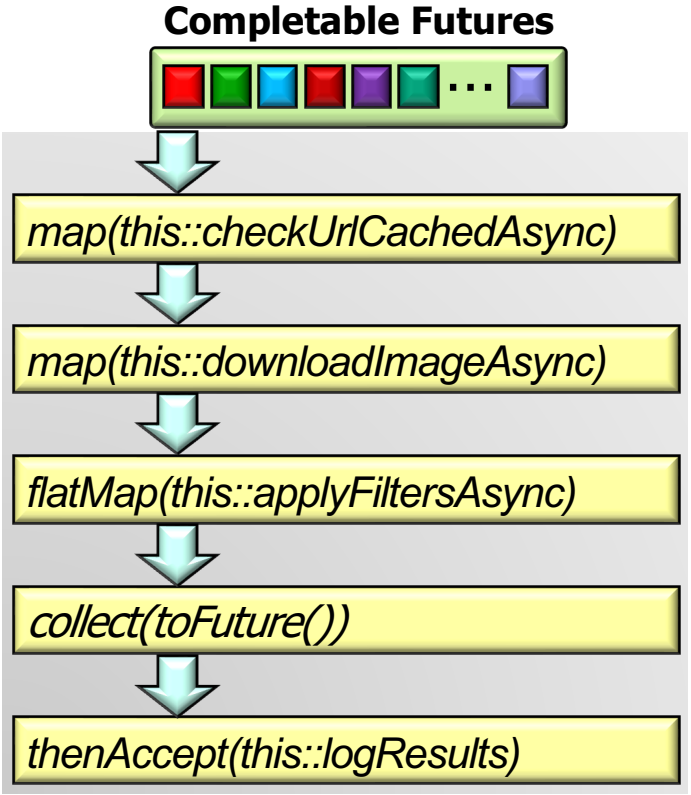

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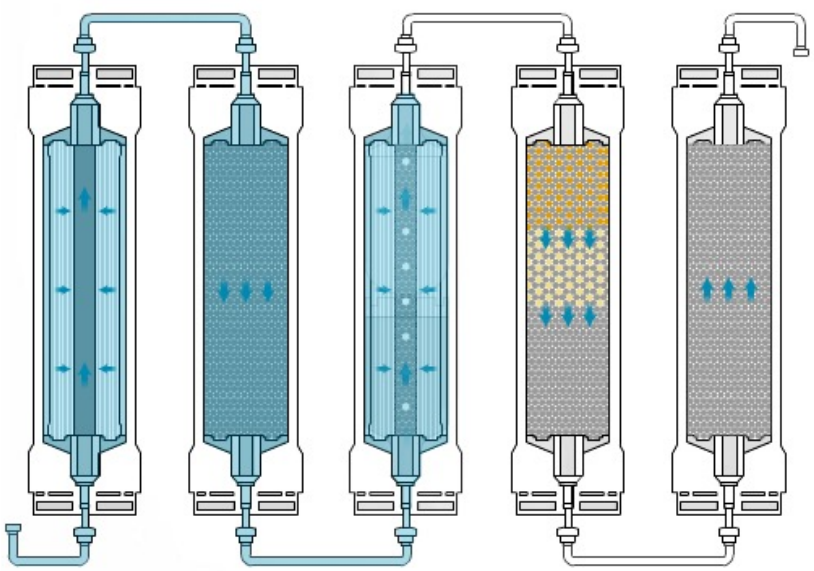

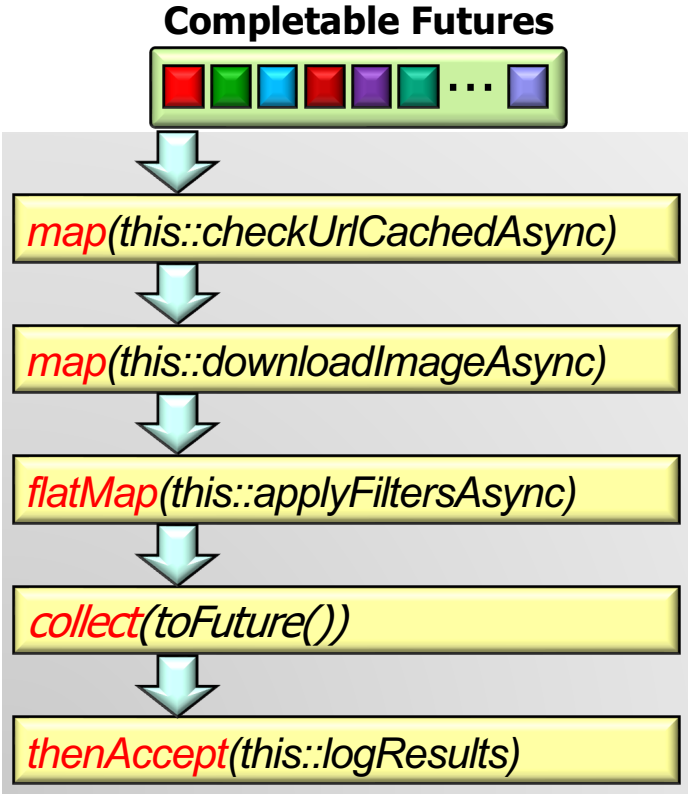

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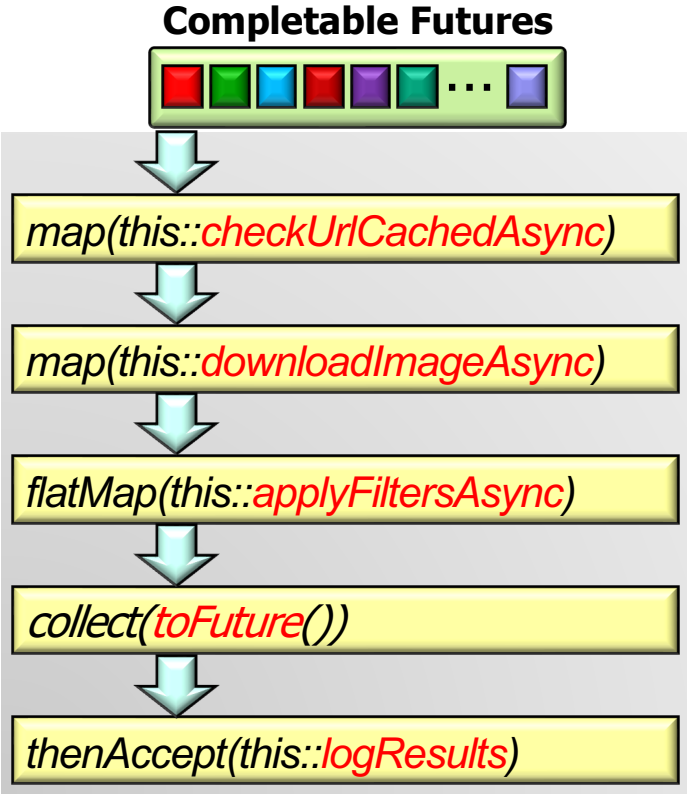

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  - However, combining parallel streams & completable futures is overkill..

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