Java Memory Management

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Java Fundamentals

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Agenda

- JVM memory
- Reference objects
- Monitoring
- Garbage collectors
  - ParallelGC
  - G1GC

JVM memory

- Heap (user objects)
- Non-heap
  - Stack (per thread: call stack, local variables)
  - Metaspace (class metadata)
  - Direct Byte Buffers
  - Native stuff (JNI, Java internals)

Method call	Locals
printSubstring	s -> 0x1 ss -> 0x33 offset = 6
main	args -> 0x27 info -> 0x1

Address	Value
0x1	“luke ...”
0x27	String[0]
0x33	“i’m your ...”

```
public class Example {

  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String info = new String("luke, i'm your father");
    printSubstring(info, 6);
  }

  private static void printSubstring(String s, int offset) {
    String ss = s.substring(offset);
    System.out.println(ss);
  }
}
```

Tuning options

- Ergonomics!
- -Xms512M (initial heap size)
- -Xmx2G (max heap size)
- -Xss2M (max stack size, per thread)
- java [options] classname [args]
- All options at
  https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/technotes/tools/unix/java.html
  https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/technotes/guides/vm/gctuning/

PermGen

- Java 8+: class metadata lives in Metaspace
- -XX:MaxMetaspaceSize=size (default: unlimited)
- Older versions: classes live in PermGen, PermGen is a special part of the heap
- OutOfMemoryError: PermGen space
- -XX:MaxPermSize=size (default: limited)

Generating garbage

- Primitives in the stack, objects in the heap
- Using *new* allocates objects in the heap
- When and how are objects “deleted” and heap space freed up?

Garbage collection (GC)

- Sort garbage / live objects
- Reclaims heap space
- Fully automatic, no manual deallocation
  Java GC vs C++ new/delete
- Different GC algorithms exist

GC advantages

- Avoid bugs
  - forgetting to free the memory
  - double freeing memory
  - using already freed memory
- Java specific
  - No direct memory access
  - Can't accidentally overwrite unrelated memory

GC disadvantages

- Consumes resources
- Automatic, no manual control
- Unpredictable stalls
- Harder to understand

How does it work?

- Basic principle
  - Find referenced objects
  - Everything else is garbage
- Reachability (GC roots)
  - Classes loaded by system classloader (static fields!)
  - Stack locals (local variables, parameters)
  - Active threads
  - JNI References

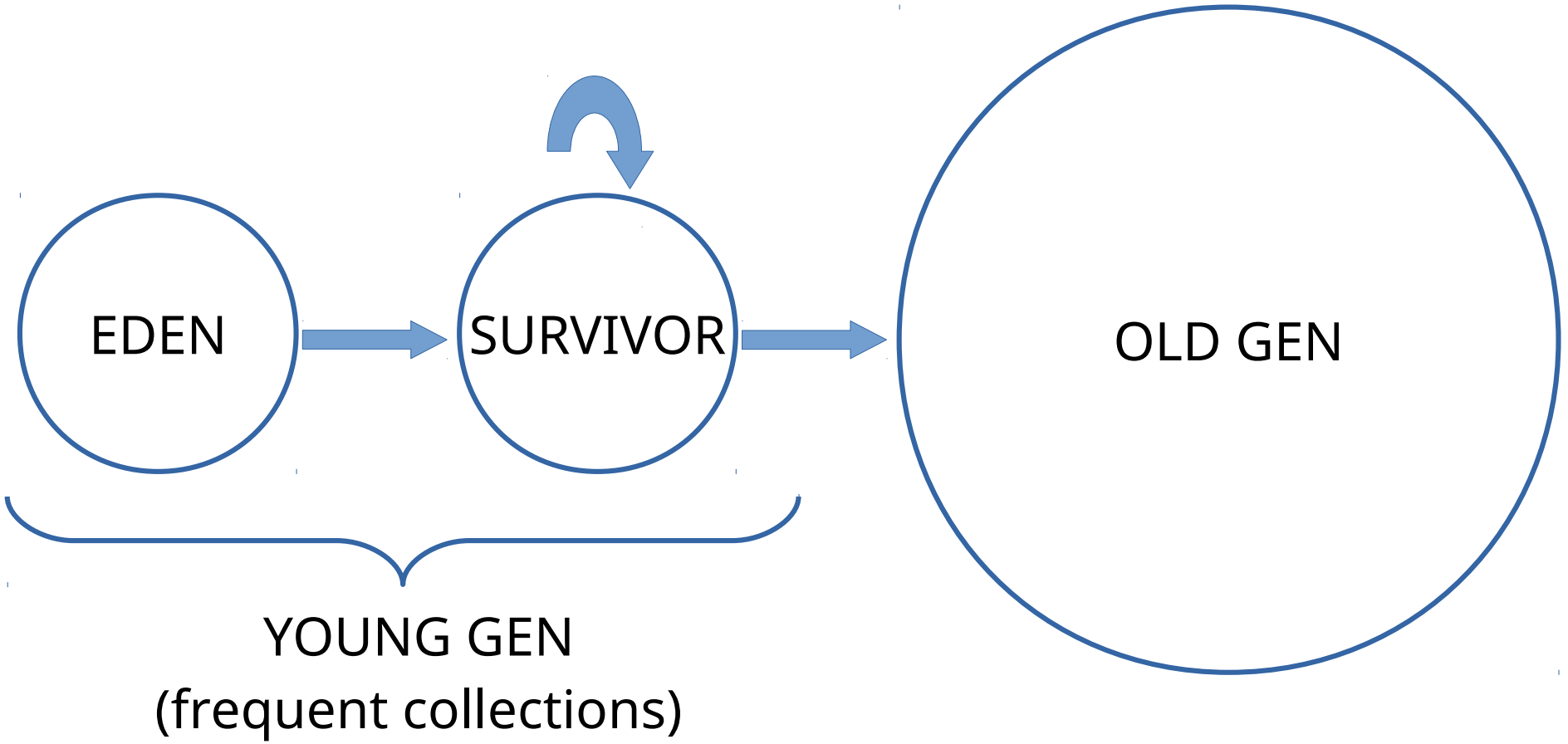
Consumes resources?

- Extra memory + CPU for bookkeeping
- Stop The World pauses all threads
- Some applications need to tune GC: pause duration vs pause frequency

Generational GC

- Most objects die young
- Generations: memory pools holding objects of different ages
  - Young generation: eden, survivors
  - Old/tenured generation
- Young-Old default size ratio 1:2

Young/Old



GC algoritms

- Serial
- **Parallel**
- Concurrent Mark-Sweep
- **Garbage first (G1)**
- IBM, Azul special stuff

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Reference objects

- java.lang.ref package docs are useful
- WeakReference<T>
- PhantomReference<T>
- ReferenceQueue<T>

Detour: memory leaks

```
interface Passenger {
  void trainArrived();
}

class TrainStation {
  private final List<Passenger> passengers = new...
  public void startWaiting(Passenger passenger) {
    passengers.add(passenger);
  }
  public void leave(Passenger passenger) {
    passengers.remove(passenger);
  }
  public void onTrainArrived() {
    passengers.forEach(Passenger::trainArrived);
  }
}
```

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WeakReference<T>

Keep a reference without preventing GC

```
private final WeakReference<SomethingBig> weakRef;

public Example(SomethingBig sb) {
  this.weakRef = new WeakReference<>(sb);
}

private void tryPrint() {
  SomethingBig strongRef = weakRef.get();
  System.out.println(strongRef != null
    ? strongRef
    : "collected");
}
```

Make it foolproof

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  }
}
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Weaker TrainStation

```
class TrainStation {
  private List<WeakReference<Passenger>> passengers;

  public void startWaiting(Passenger passenger) {
    passengers.add(new WeakReference<>(passenger));
  }

  public void onTrainArrived() {
    for (WeakReference<Passenger> ref : passengers) {
      Passenger passenger = ref.get();
      if (passenger != null)
        passenger.trainArrived();
    }
  }
}
```

Detour: finalizers

From java.lang.Object JavaDoc

- protected void finalize()

  Called by the garbage collector on an object when garbage collection determines that there are no more references to the object.

- Safety net for file streams, network sockets, JDBC connections, etc.

Detour: finalizers

From “Effective Java” by Joshua Bloch

- Finalizers are unpredictable, often dangerous, and generally unnecessary.
- Not only does the language specification provide no guarantee that finalizers will get executed promptly; it provides no guarantee that they’ll get executed at all.

Detour: finalizers

Trolling the garbage collector:

```
public class Test {
   static Test t;
   @Override
   public void finalize() {
      t = this; // I refuse to die
   }
}
```

PhantomReference<T>

- Not a reference, but a GC token
- Only usable with a ReferenceQueue
- Enqueued by the garbage collector, only after referent is collected
- get() -> null always!

PhantomReference<T>

```
Example e = new Example();
ReferenceQueue<Example> queue =
    new ReferenceQueue<>();
PhantomReference<Example> phantom =
    new PhantomReference<>(e, queue);
e = null;


// generate garbage, cause a GC
Reference<?> collected = queue.remove();
if (collected == phantom) {
  // our e has been collected
}
```

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GC logging

- -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps
- -XX:+PrintGCDetails
- -Xloggc:filename
- Output depends heavily on GC algo
- Read the fine manual:
  plumbr.eu/java-garbage-collection-handbook
  “GC Algorithms: Implementations”

ParallelGC minor

```
2015-05-26T14:27:40.915-0200: 116.115:
[GC (Allocation Failure)
  [PSYoungGen: 2 694 440K -> 1 305 132K (2 796 544K)]
  9 556 775K -> 8 438 926K (11 185 152K), 0.24066 secs
]
[Times: user=1.77 sys=0.01, real=0.24 secs]
```

ParallelGC full

```
2015-05-26T14:27:41.155-0200: 116.356:
[Full GC (Ergonomics)
  [PSYoungGen: 1 305 132K -> 0K(2 796 544K)]
  [ParOldGen: 7 133 794K -> 6 597 672K (8 388 608K)]
  8 438 926K -> 6 597 672K (11 185 152K),
  [Metaspace: 6 745K -> 6 745K (1 056 768K)] ,
  0.91588 secs
]
[Times: user=4.49 sys=0.64, real=0.92 secs]
```

G1 minor

```
0.134: [GC pause (G1 Evacuation Pause)
(young), 0.0144119 secs] ... [
  Eden: 24.0M (24.0M) -> 0.0B (13.0M)
  Survivors: 0.0B -> 3072.0K
  Heap: 24.0M (256.0M) -> 21.9M (256.0M)
]
[Times: user=0.04 sys=0.04, real=0.02 secs]
```

GC overhead

116.356: [Full GC ...
117.331: [Full GC ...
118.378: [Full GC ...
119.316: [Full GC ...

java.lang.OutOfMemoryError:
  GC overhead limit exceeded

Frequent+quick minor collections expected

Heap dumps

- JVisualVM
- Eclipse memory analyzer (MAT)
- jmap -heap / -histo / -dump:... <pid>
- -XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemory

  -XX:HeapDumpPath=path

jmap

```
$ jmap -heap 1244
Heap Usage:
PS Young Generation
   capacity = (930.0MB)
   used     = (595.2MB)
   free     = (334.7MB)
   64.0% used
PS Old Generation
   capacity = (167.0MB)
   used     = (2.9MB)
   free     = (164.0MB)
   1.7% used
```

jmap

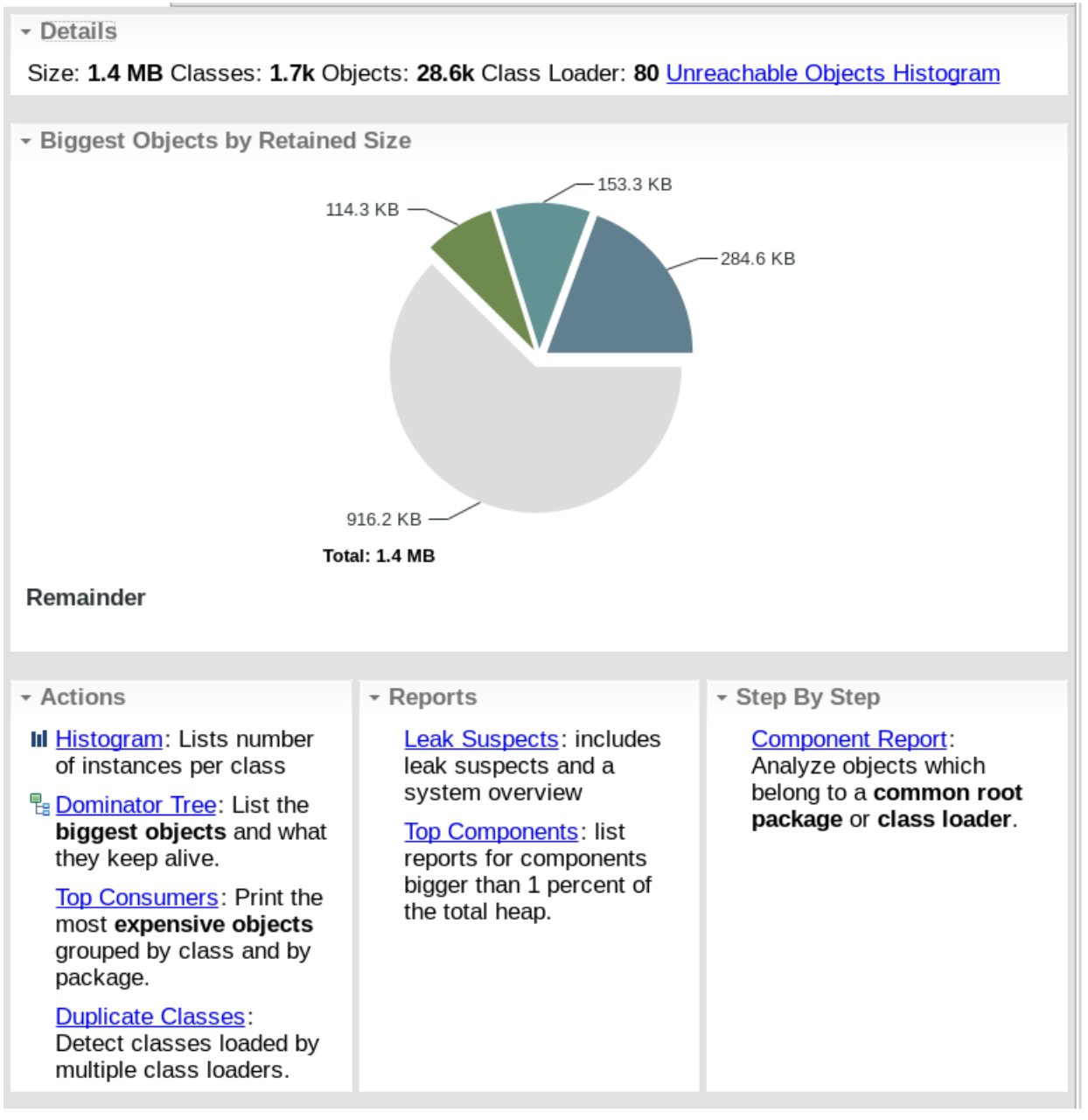
```
$ jmap -histo 1244
 num     #instances         #bytes  class name
----------------------------------------------
   1:        250080      217038824  [C
   2:           874       11646608  [I
   3:        250040        6000960  java.lang.String
   4:           577          85968  [Ljava.lang.Object;
   5:           582          66144  java.lang.Class
   6:            22          25312  [B
   7:           109           7848  j.l.r.Field
```

jps + jmap

```
$ jps -lv
30086 com.intellij.idea.Main ...
1738 sun.tools.jps.Jps ...
1659 org.jetbrains.jps.cmdline.Launcher ...
1660 com.intellij.rt.execution.application.AppMain ...

$ jmap -dump:format=b,file=dump.bin 1660
Dumping heap to /tmp/dump.bin ...
Heap dump file created
```

Eclipse memory analyzer



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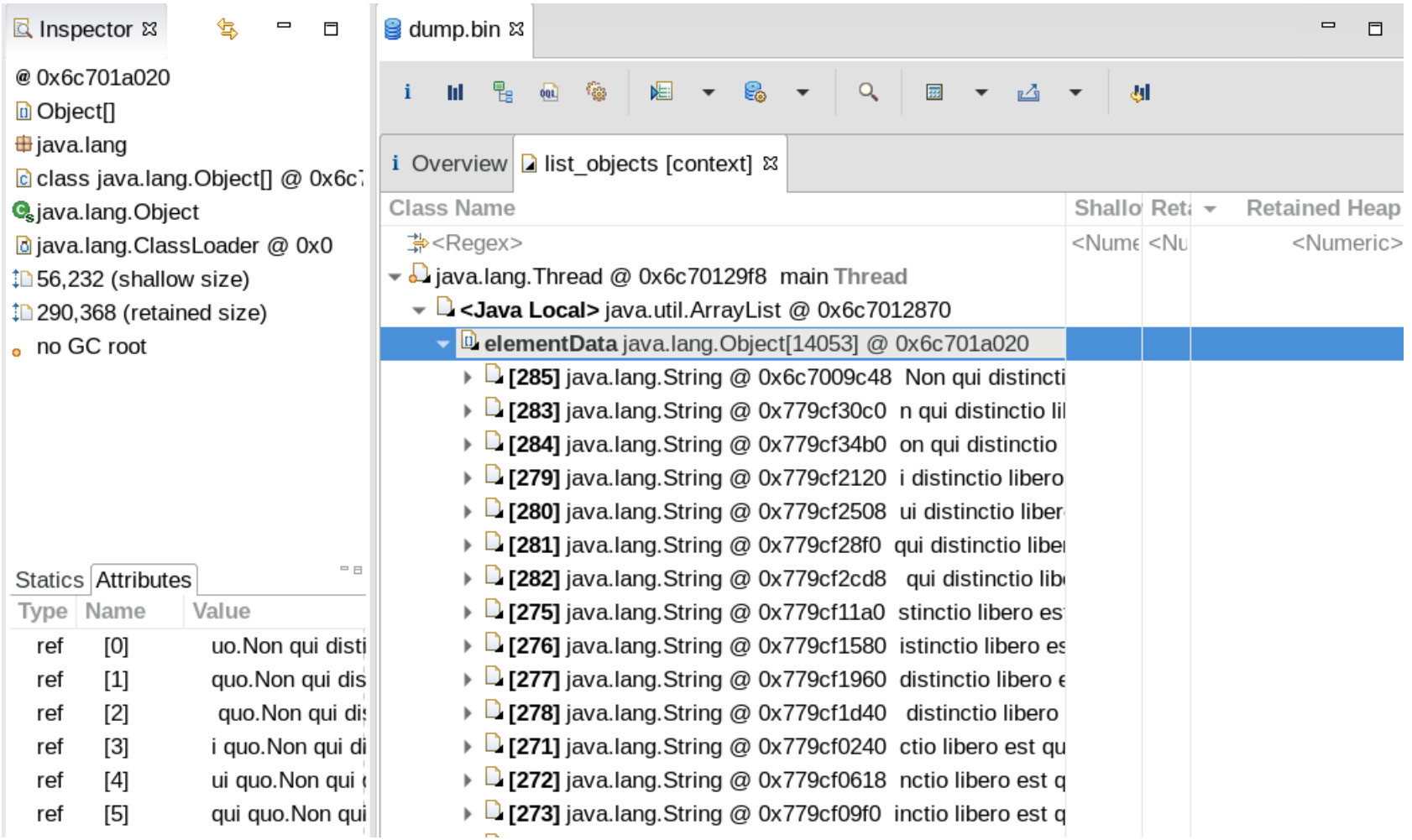
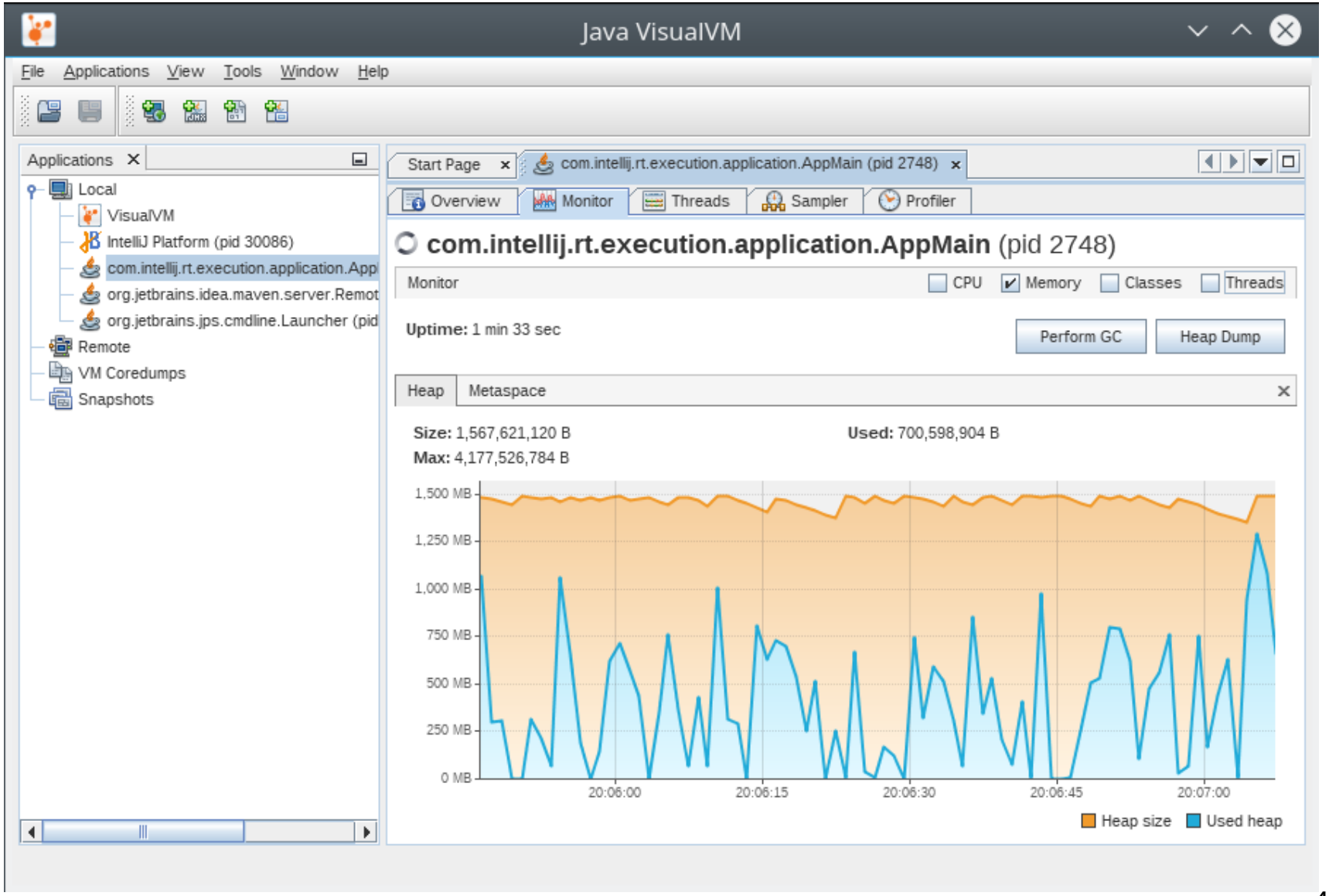


JVisualVM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Used: 700,598,904 B
Max: 4,177,526,784 B
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Heap size
Used heap

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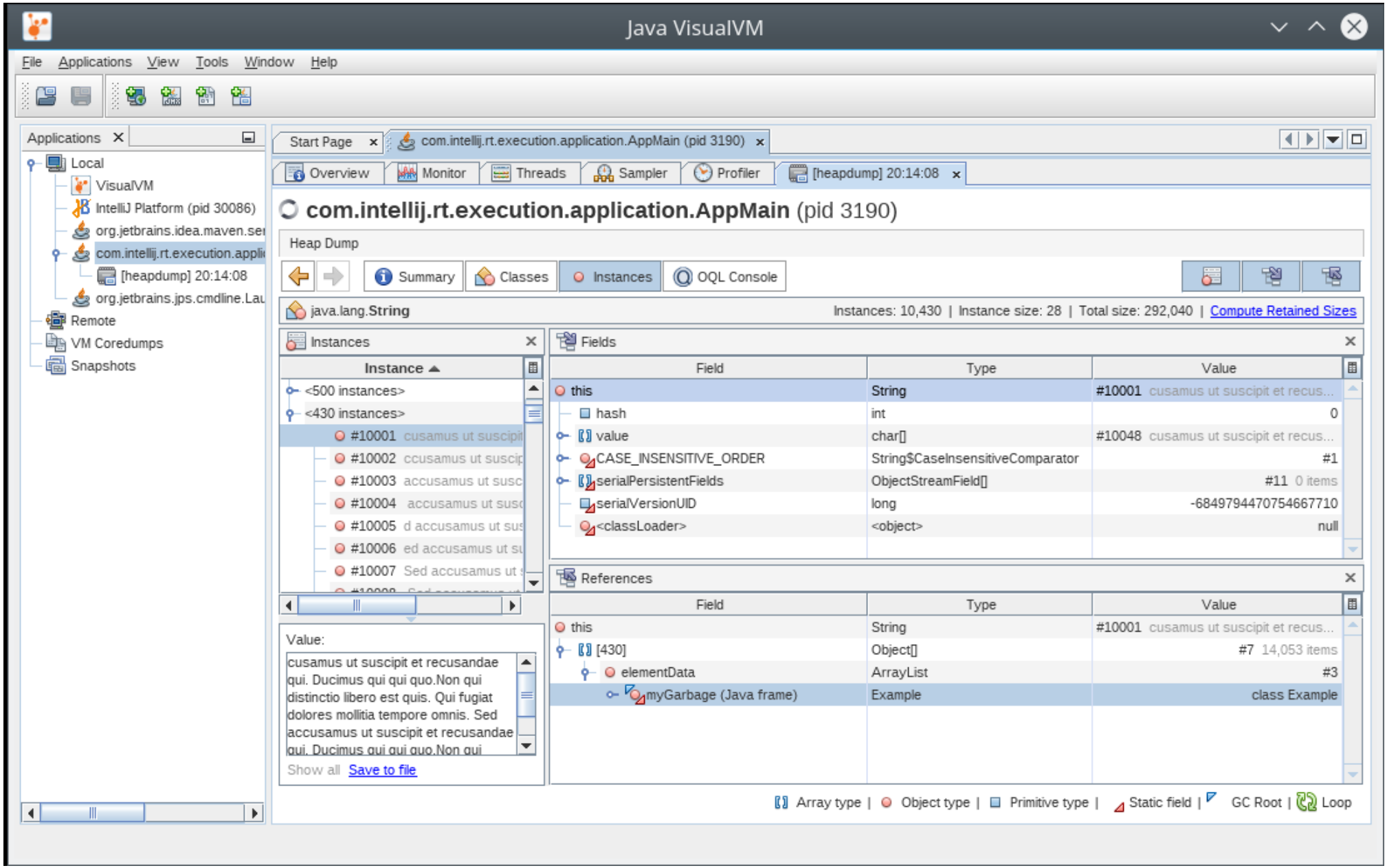
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Object[]
#7 14,053 items
elementData
ArrayList
#3
myGarbage (Java frame)
Example
class Example
Array type | Object type | Primitive type | Static field | GC Root | Loop

JVisualVM

- Bundled with JDK
- Windows:
  C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.x\bin\jvisualvm.exe
- Linux:
  jvisualvm or visualvm
  (apt-get install visualvm)
- Compile & Run: https://goo.gl/L3dhos

5min break

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ParallelGC

- GC roots
  - static fields
  - stack locals
  - threads
- Young gen: eden, survivor to/from
- Old gen
- Stop The World pauses

GC ROOTS

STACK

STATIC FIELDS

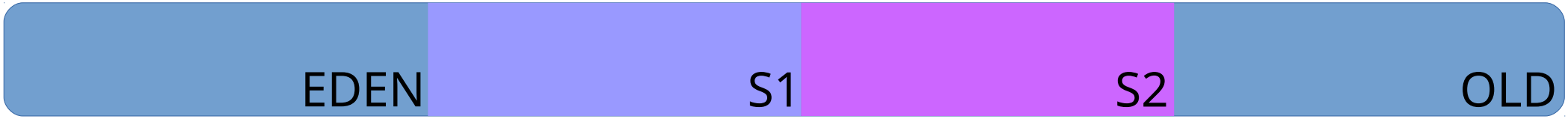
RUNNING/
STOP THE WORLD

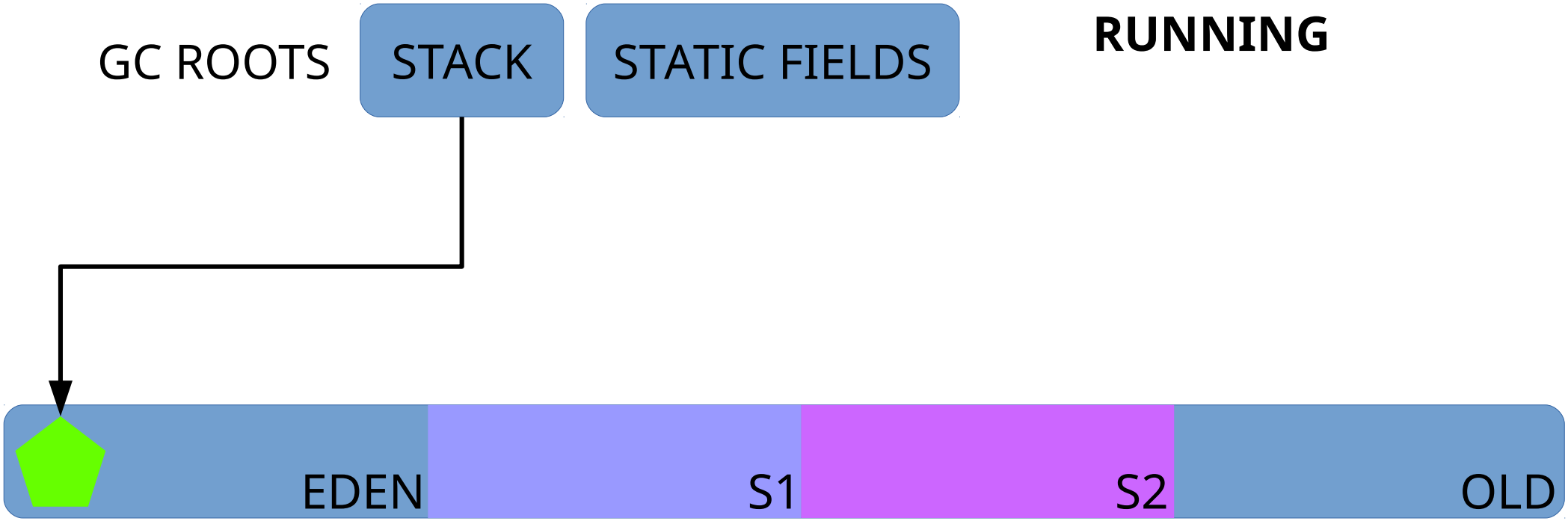
GC ROOTS

STACK

STATIC FIELDS

RUNNING

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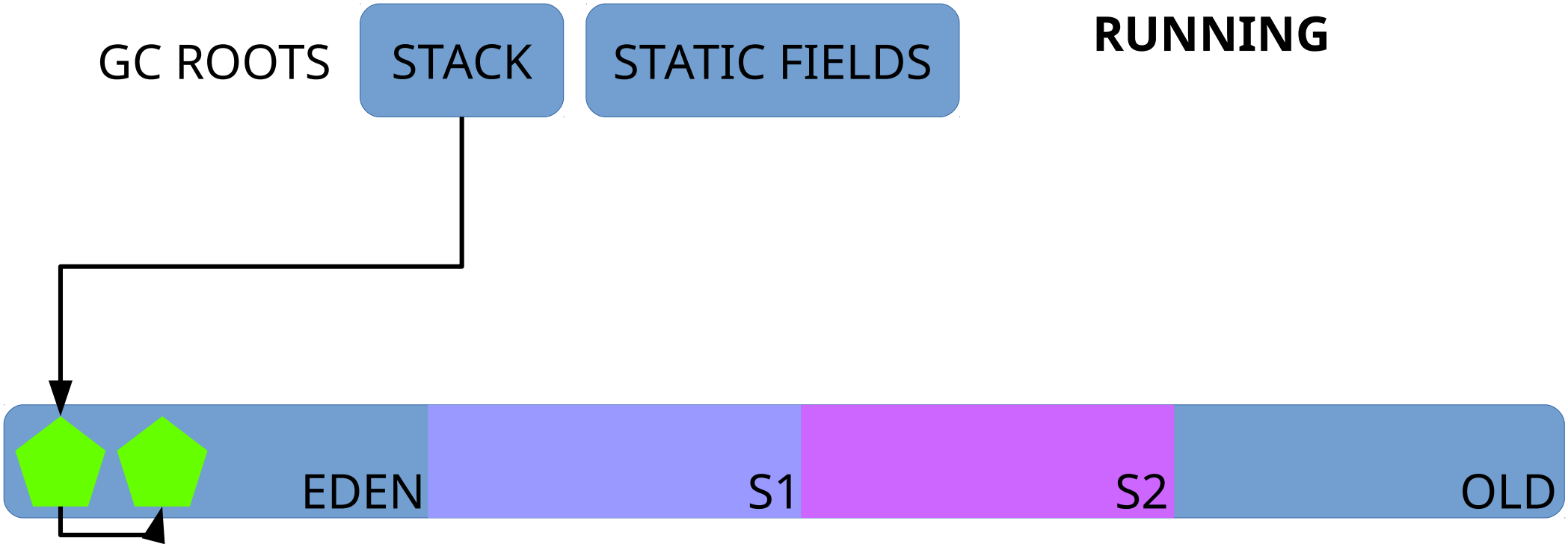
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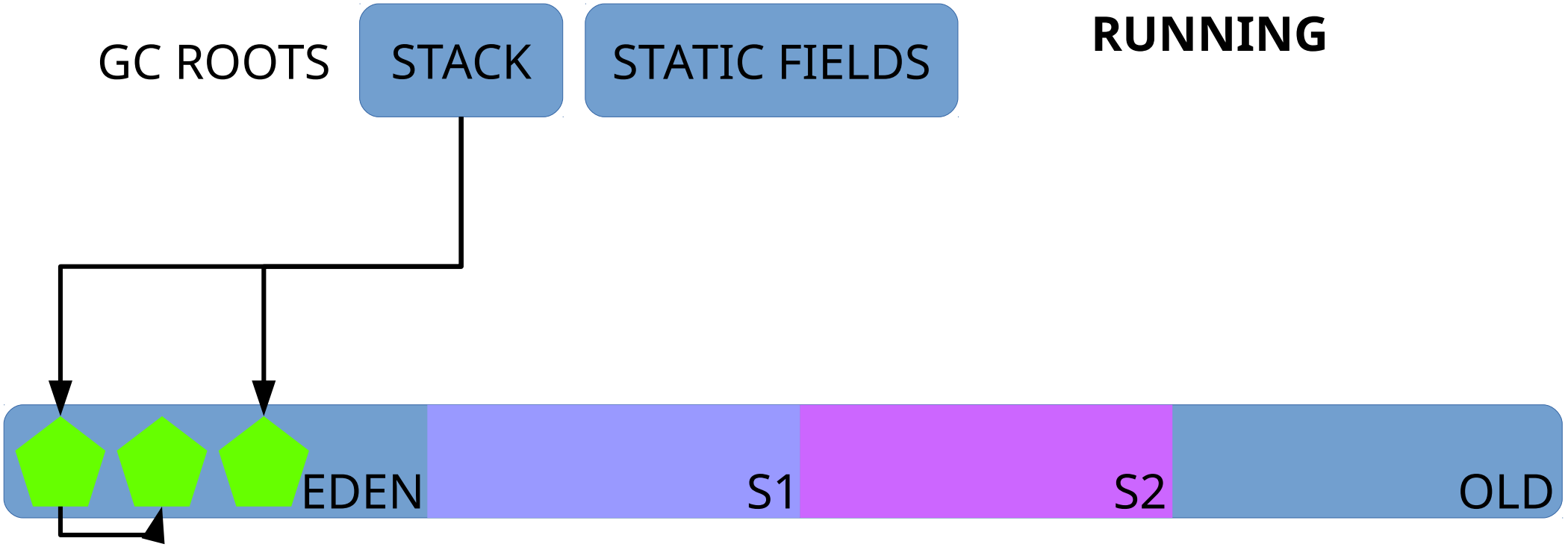
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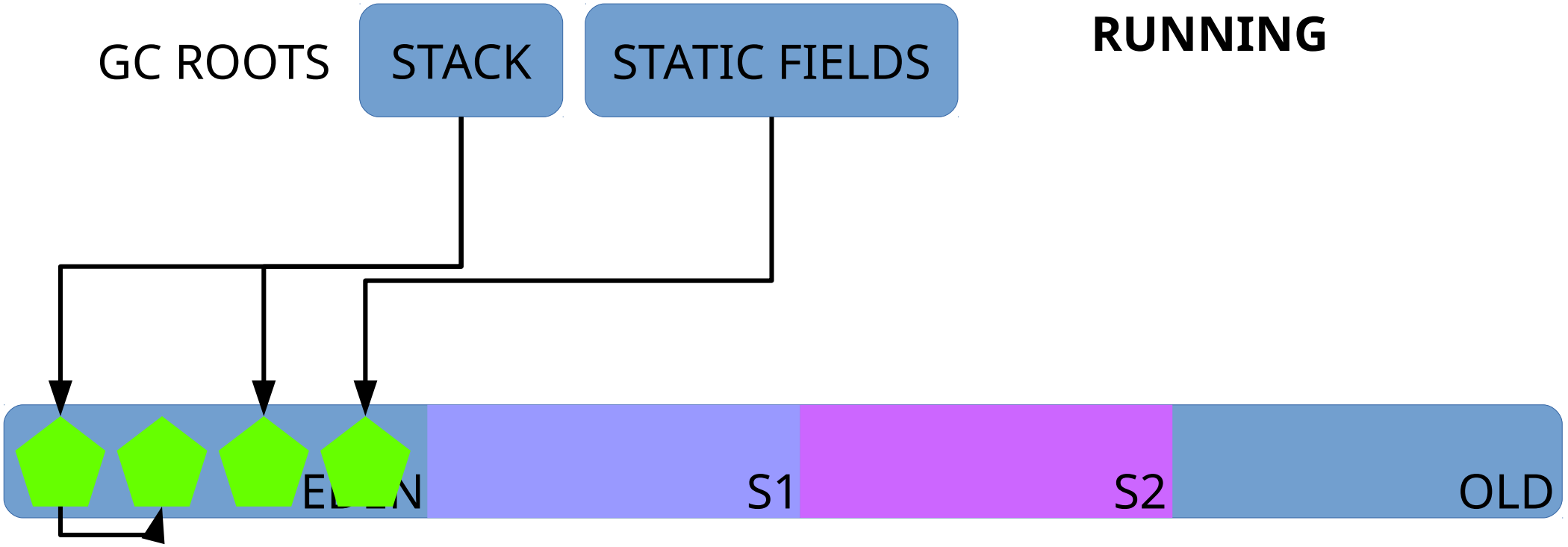
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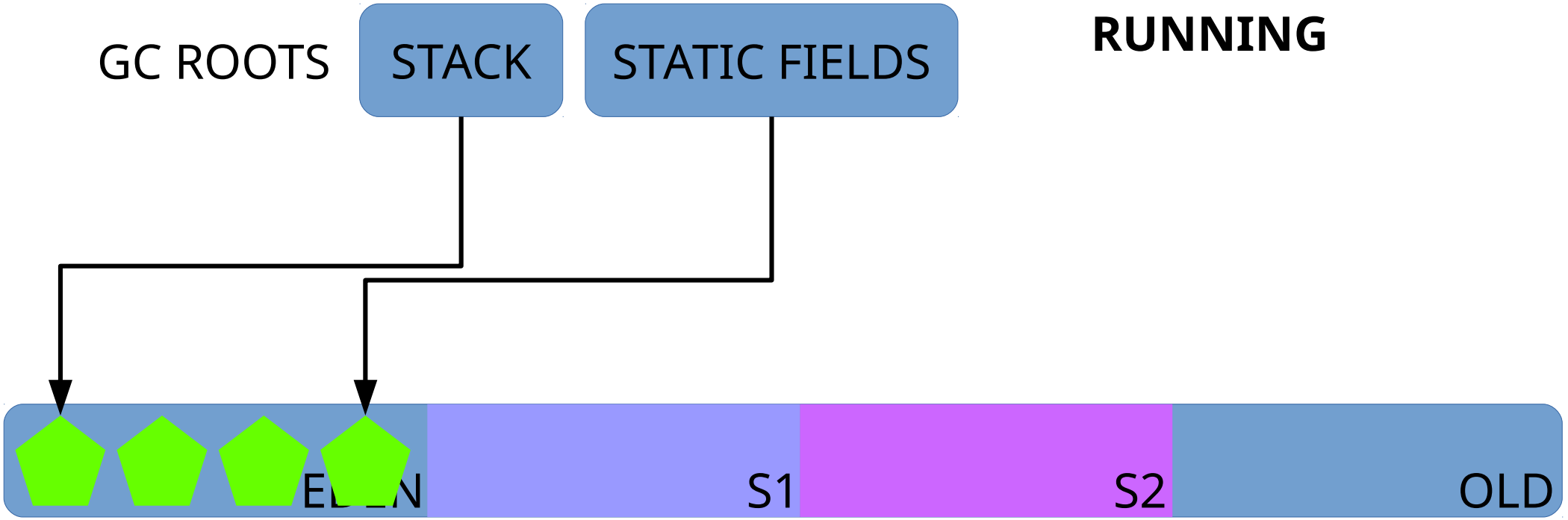
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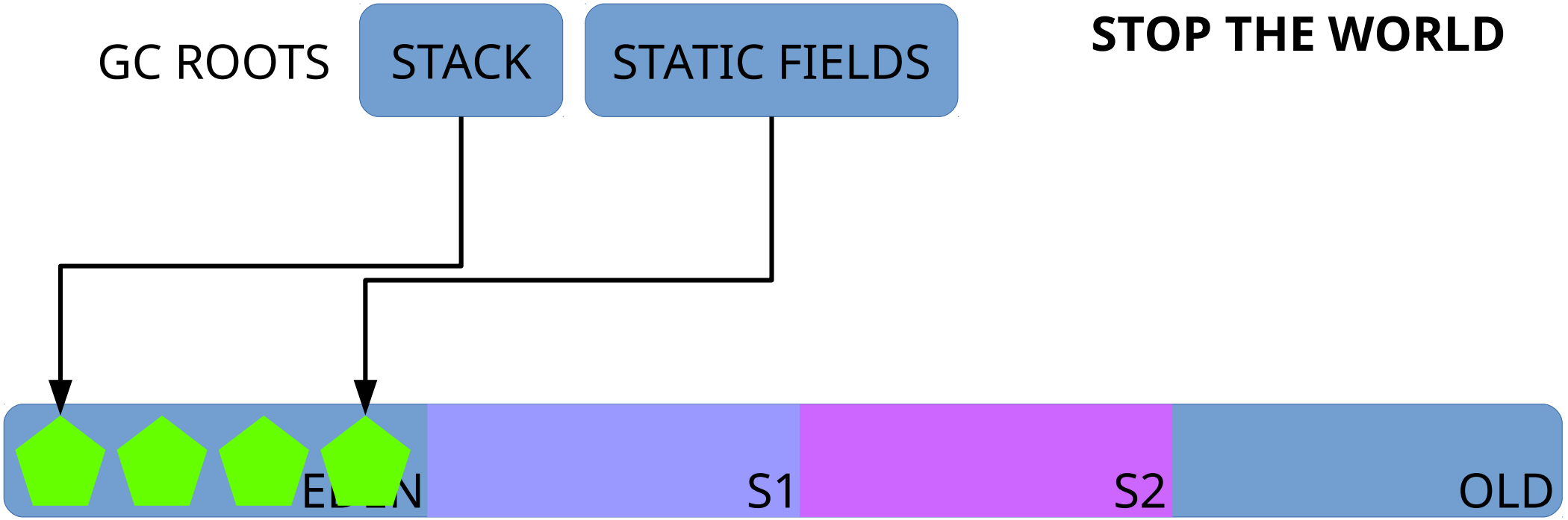

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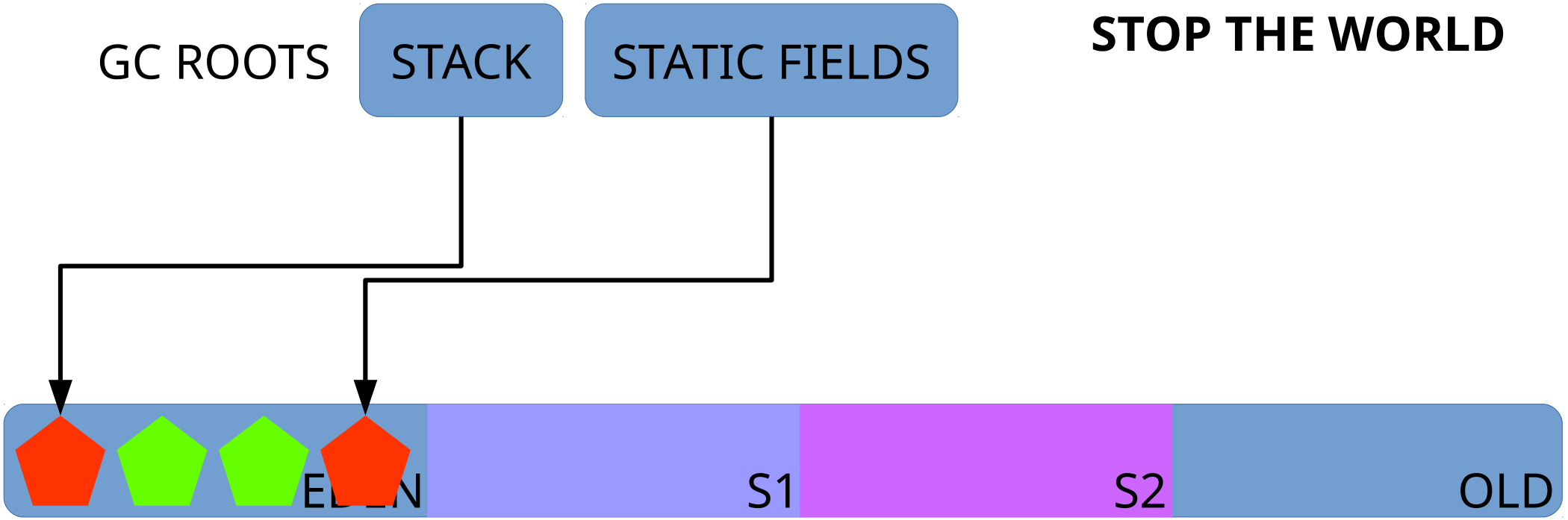
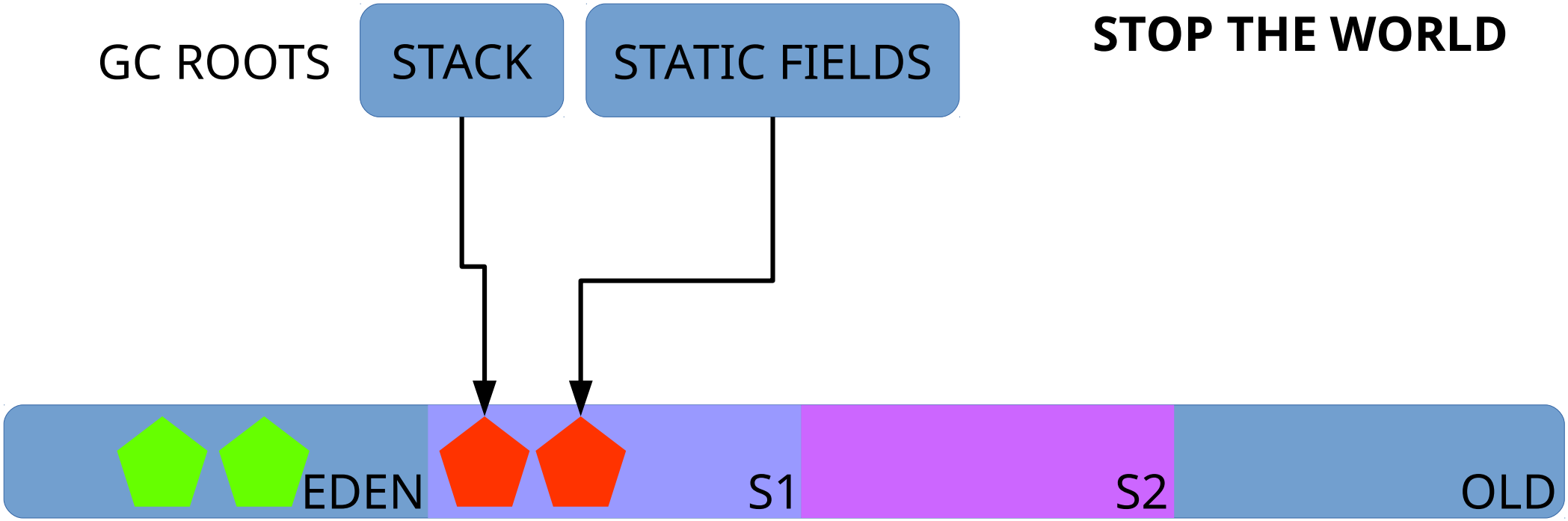
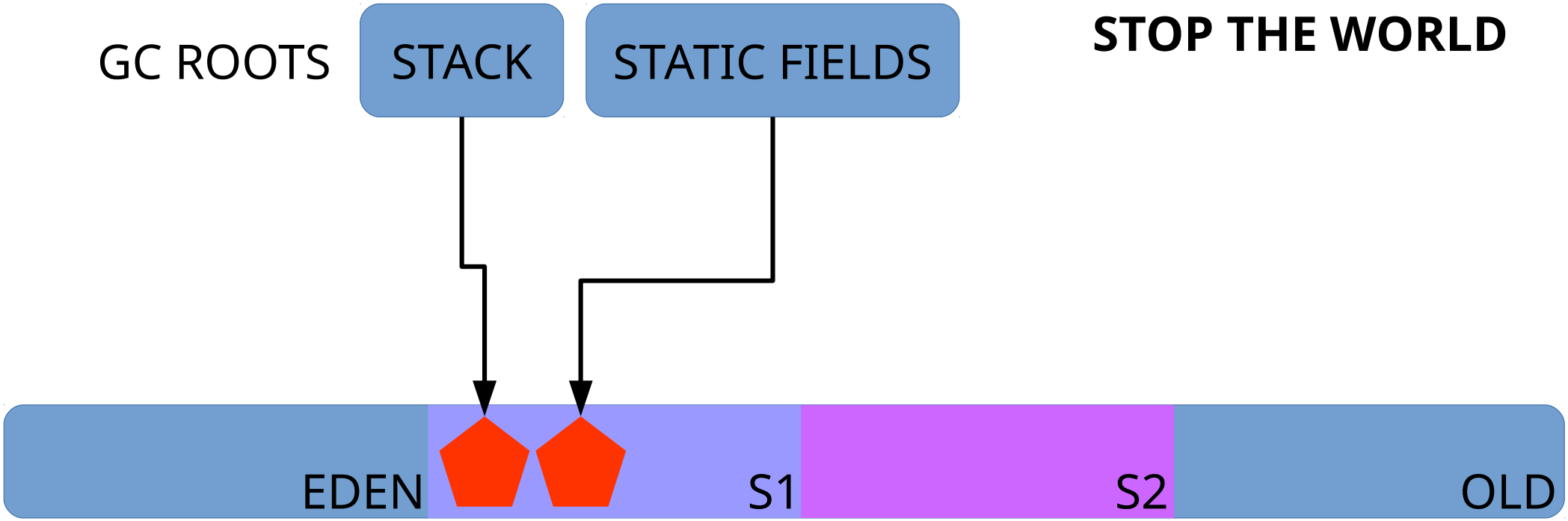


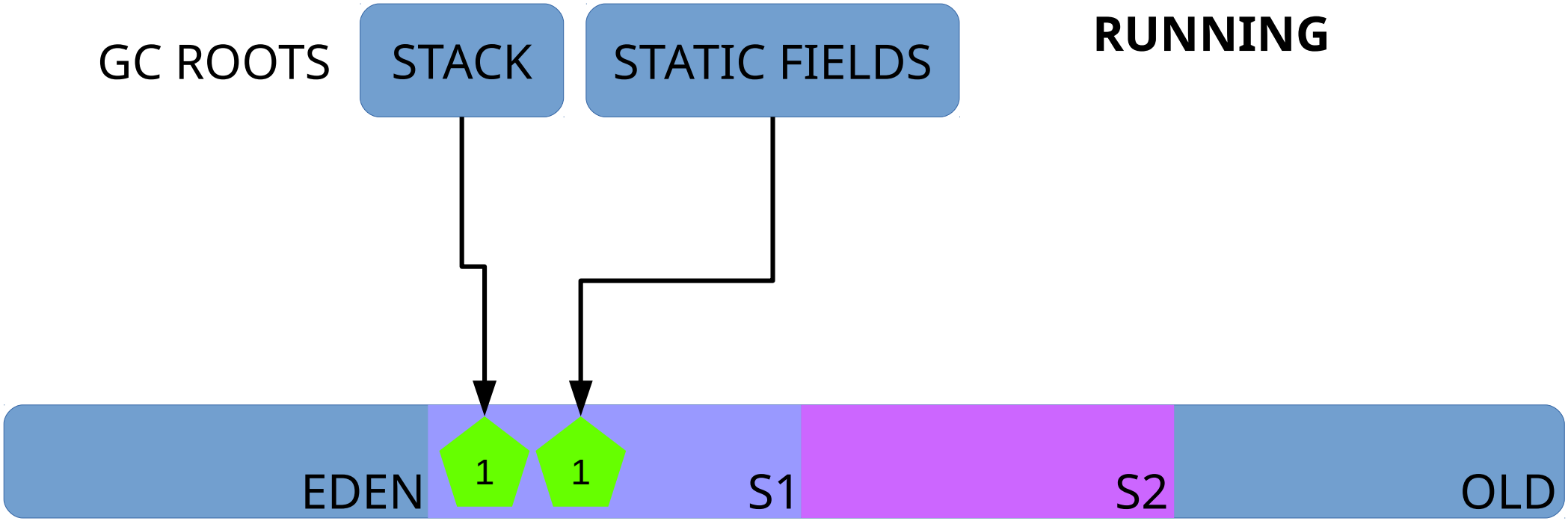
Find live objects, starting from GC roots (mark)



Move live objects to survivors (compacting)



Mark EDEN as clean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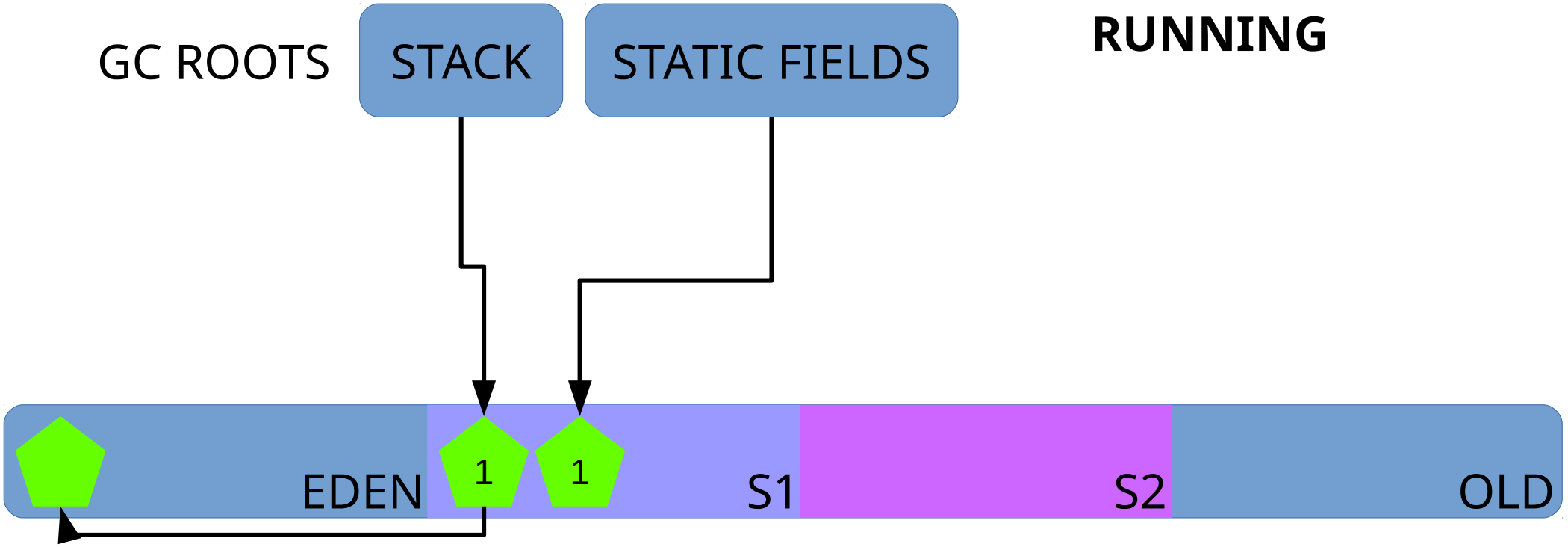
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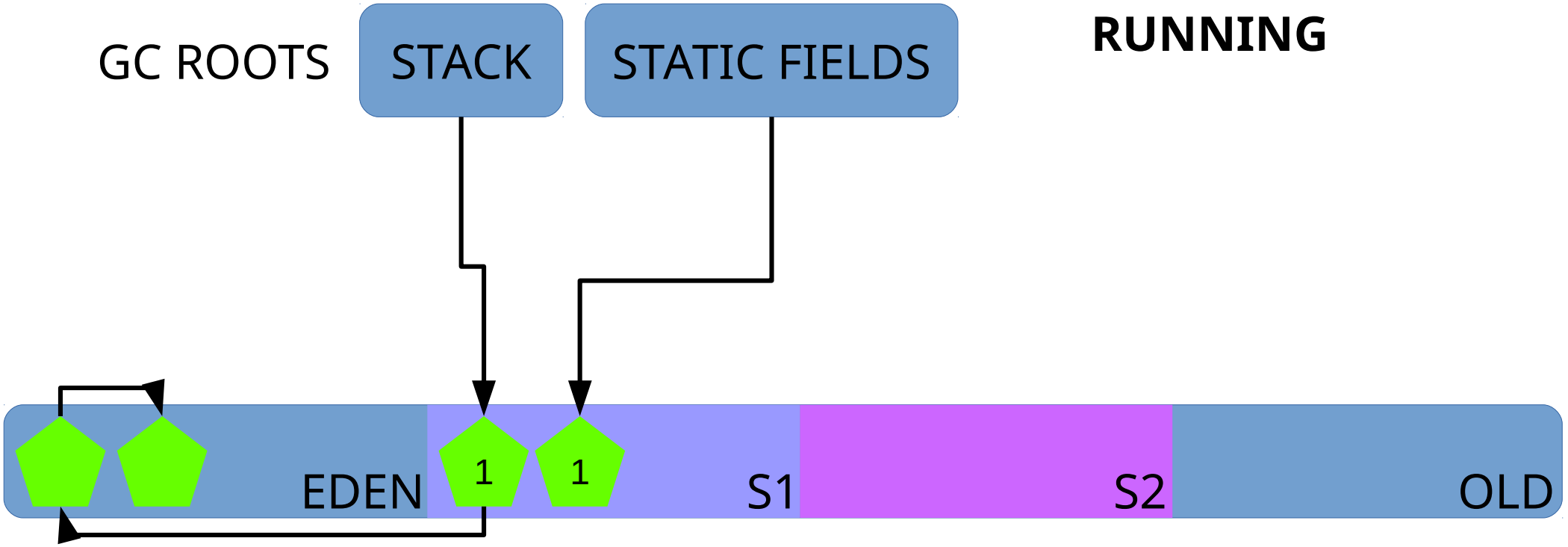
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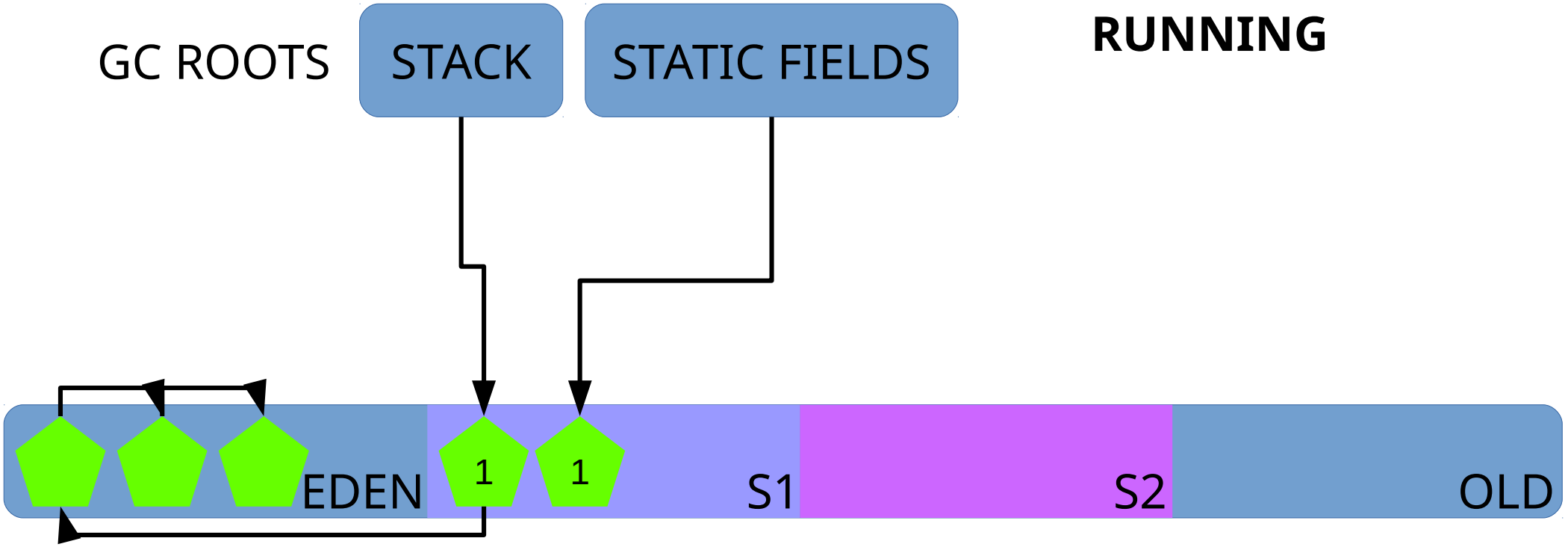
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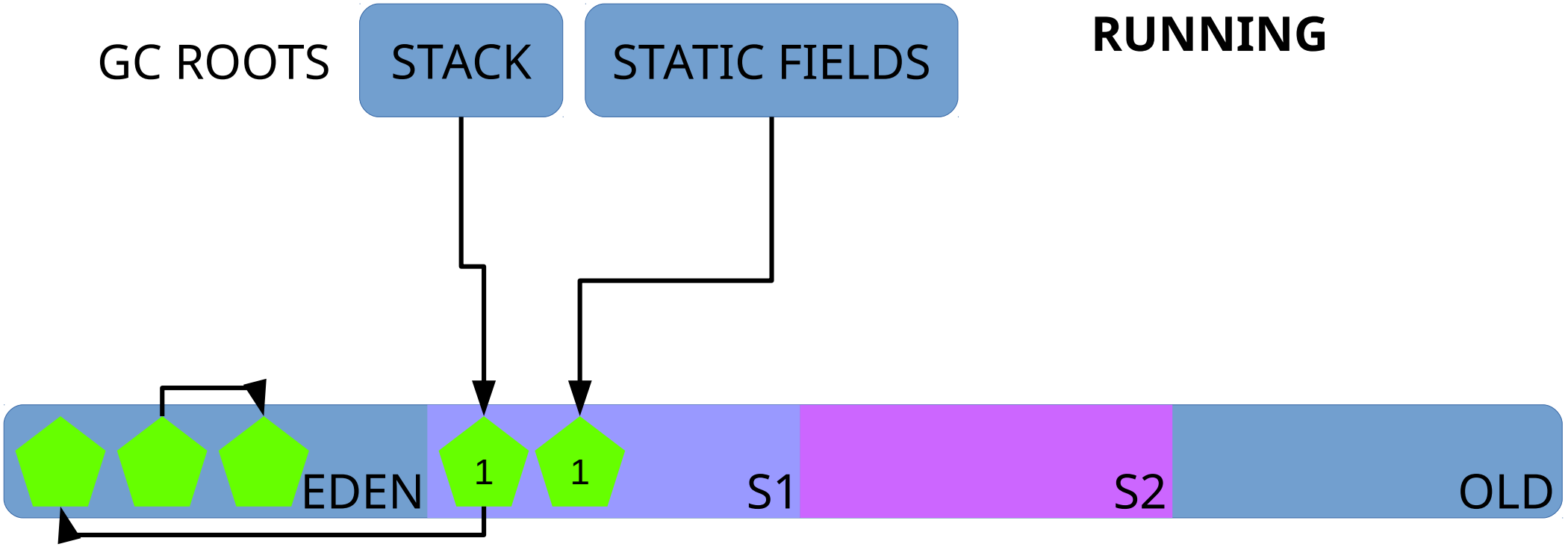
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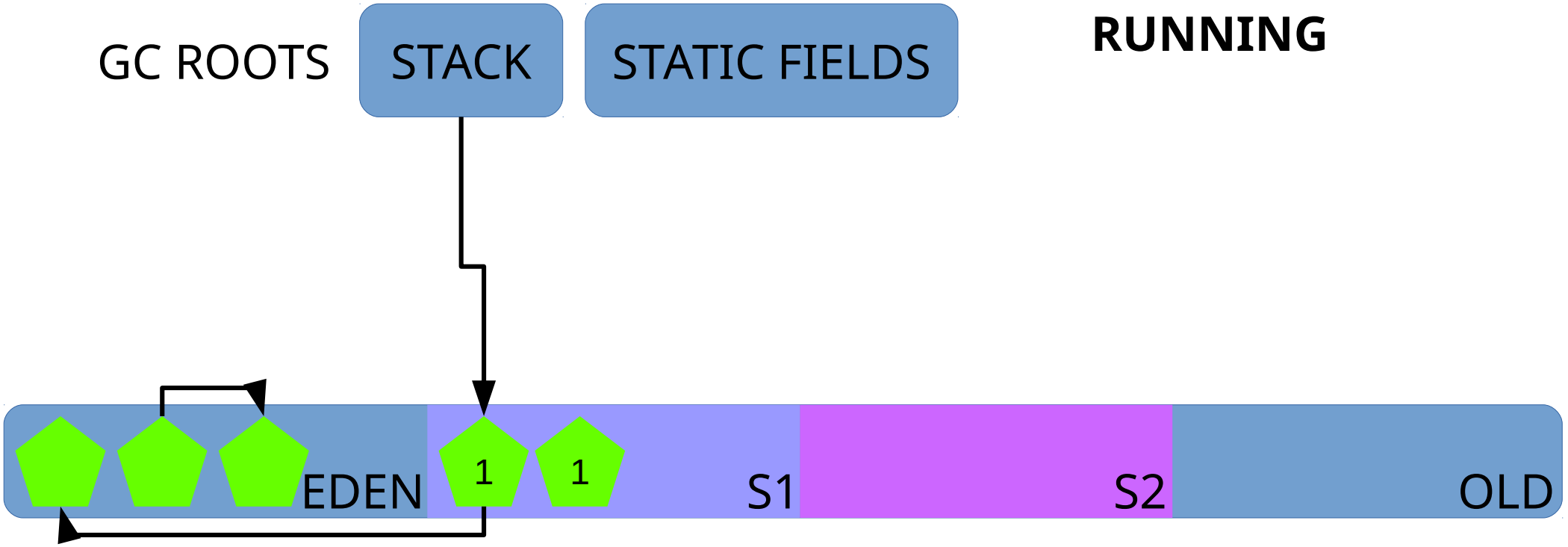
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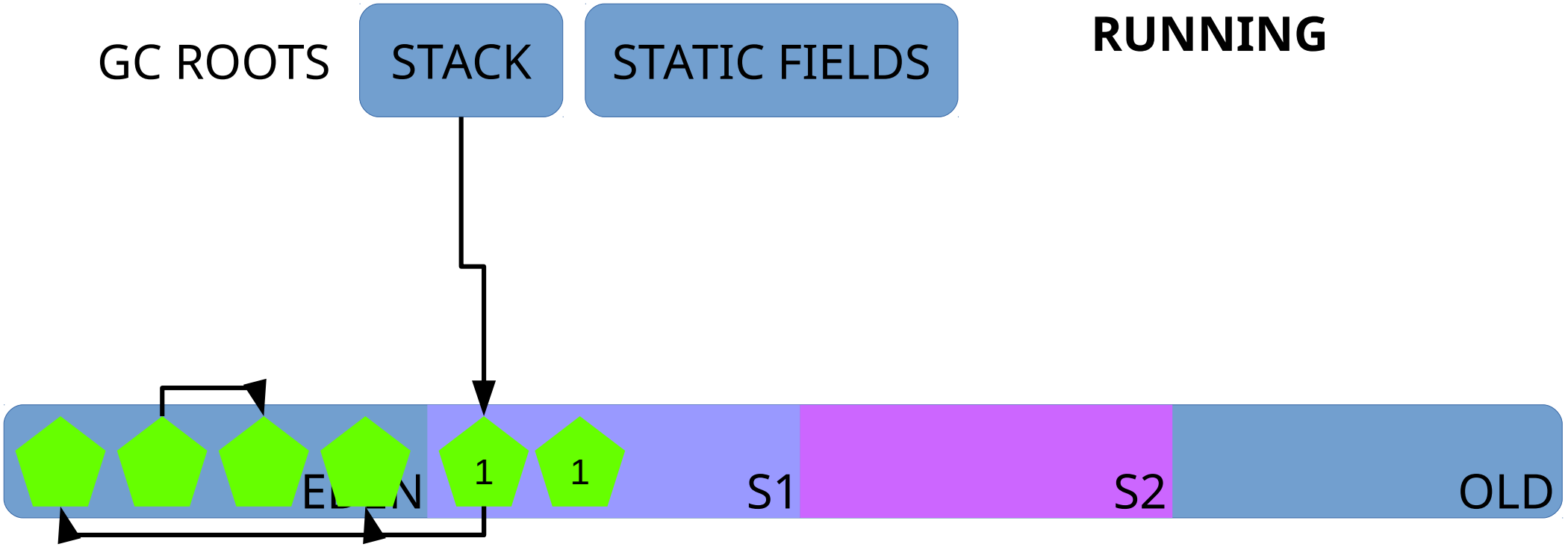
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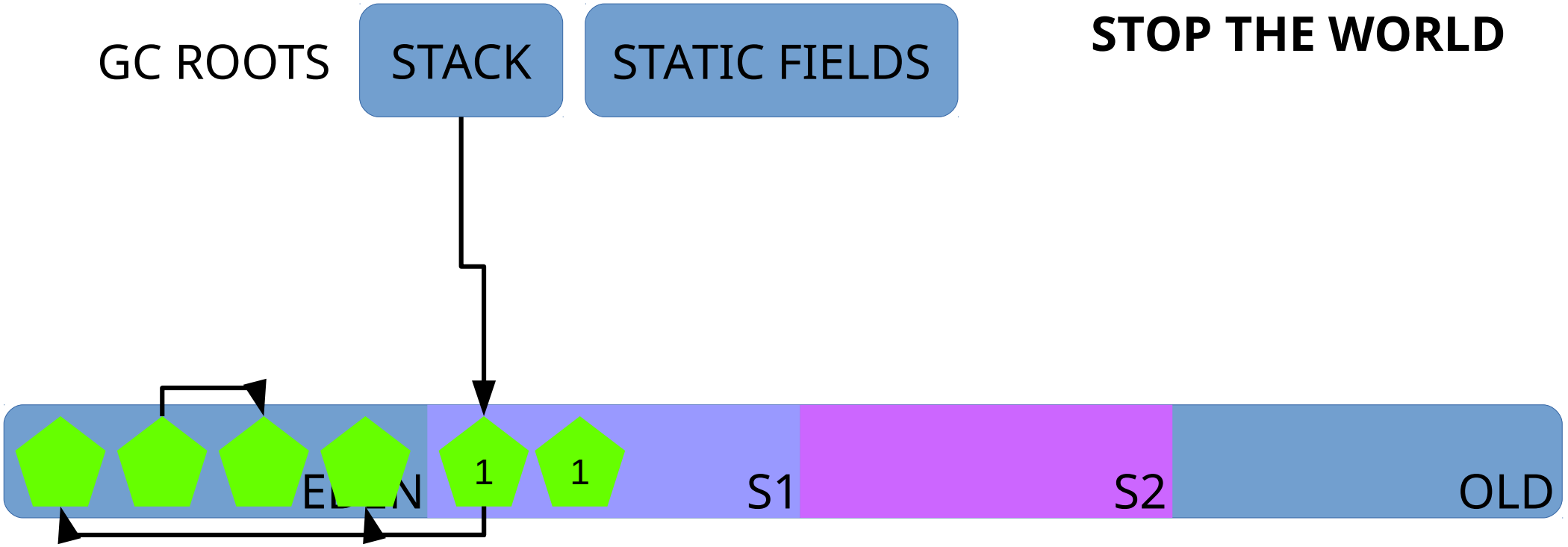

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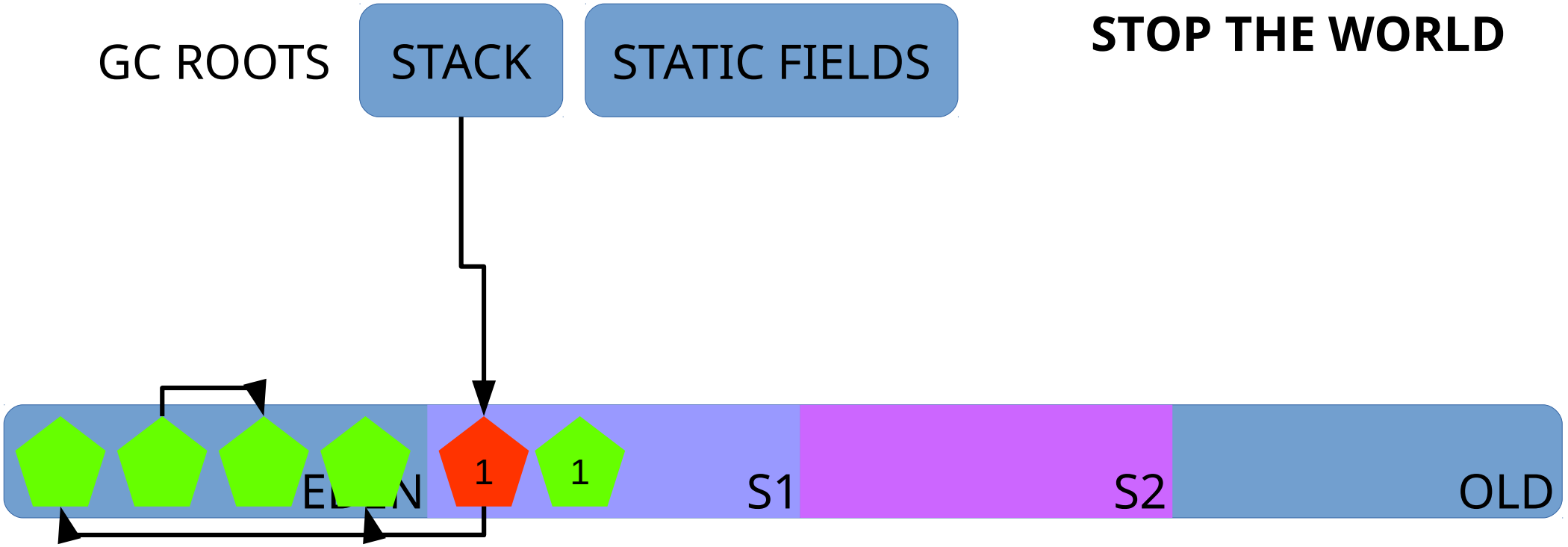

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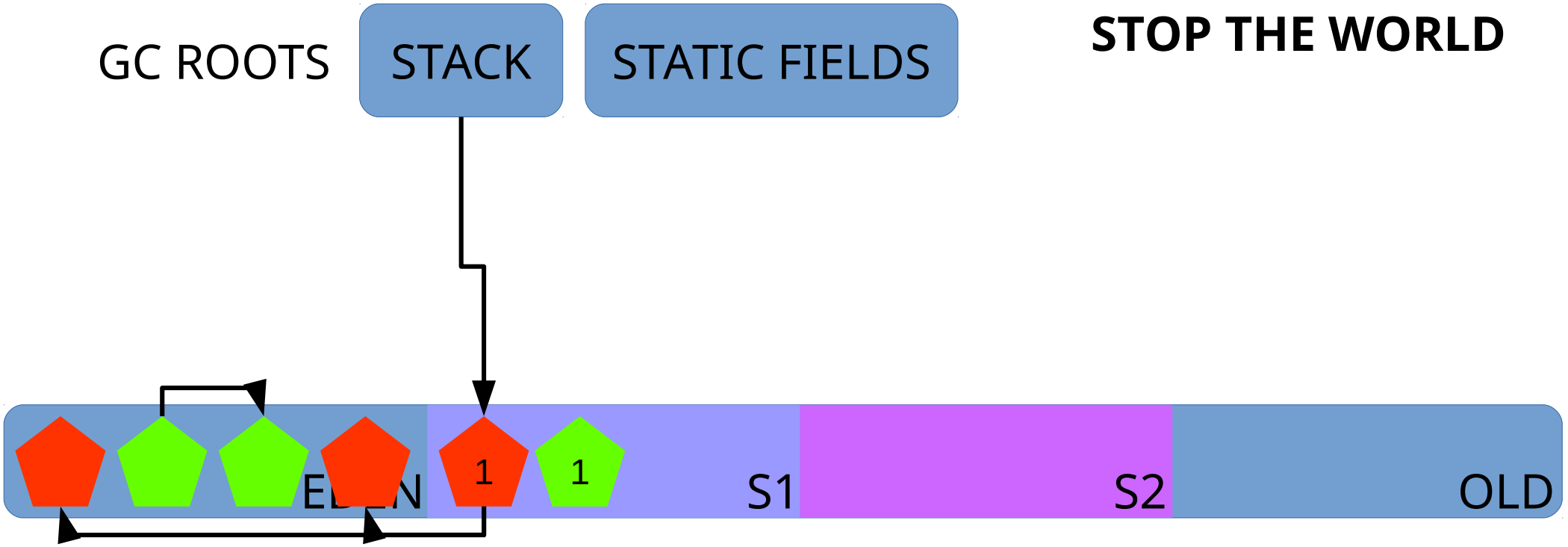

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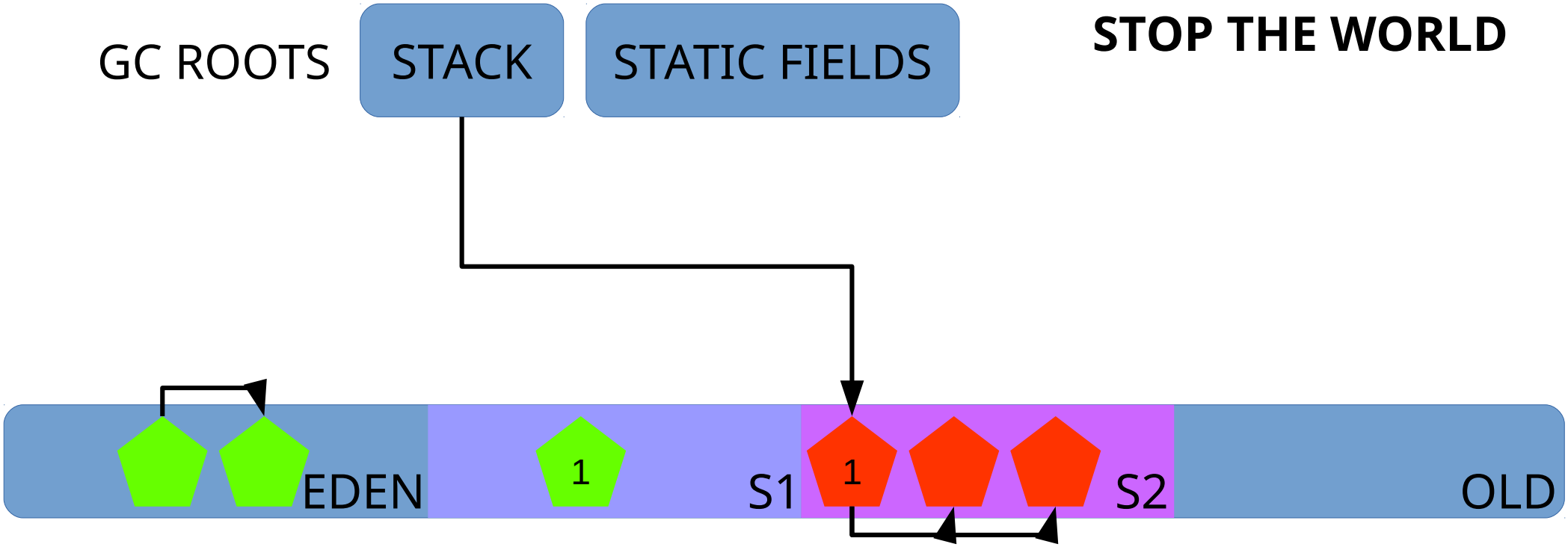

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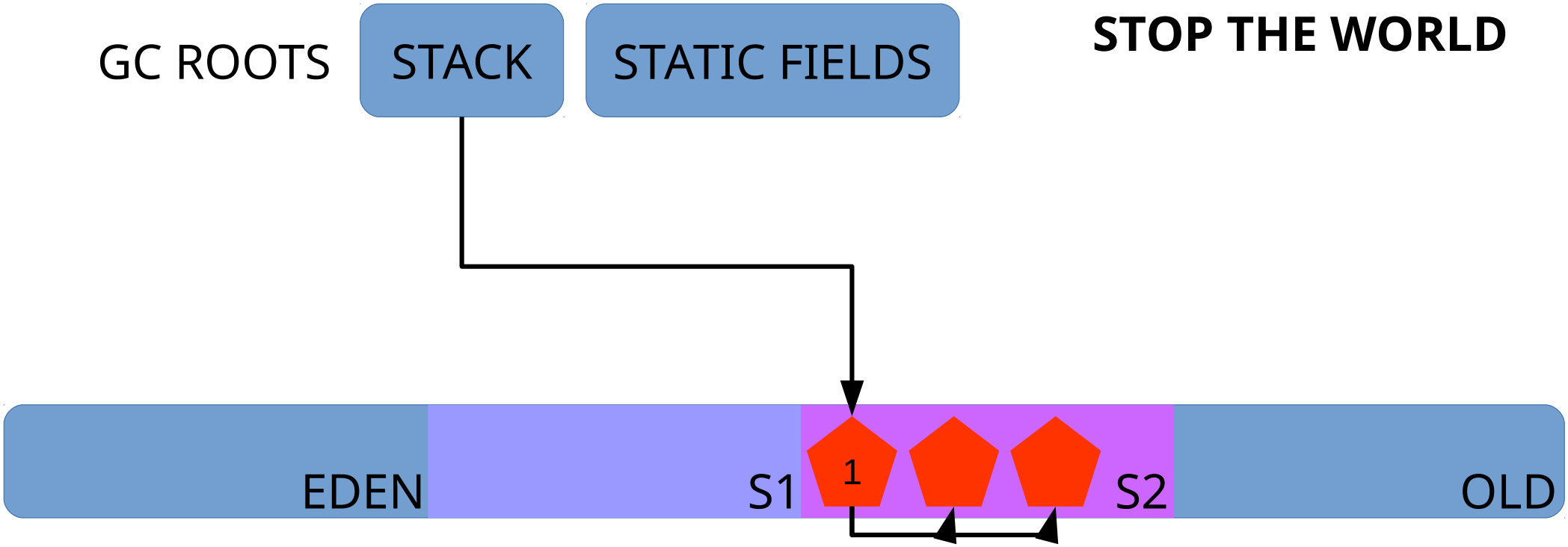

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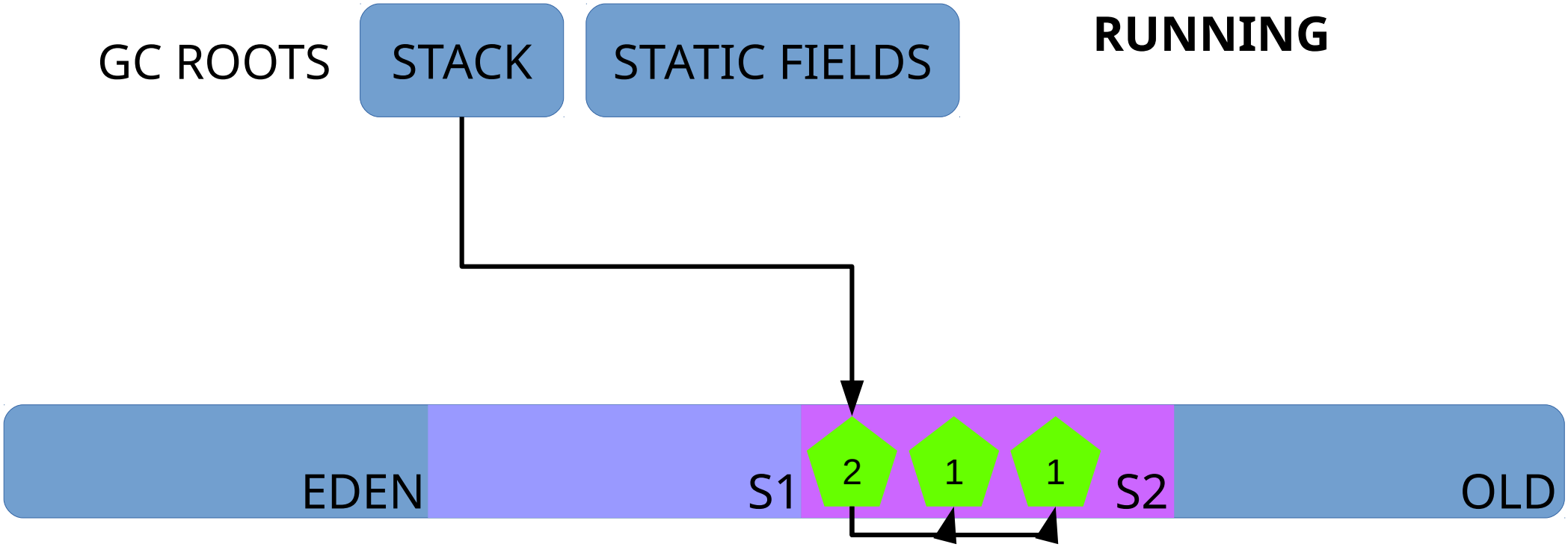
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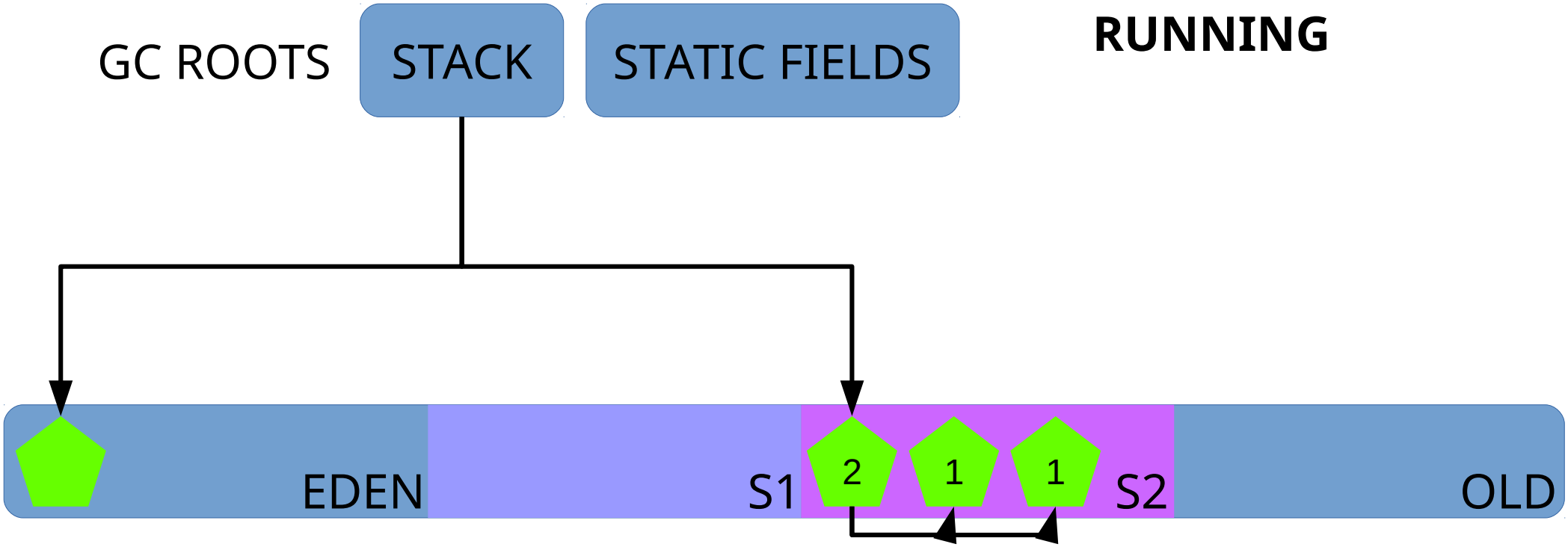
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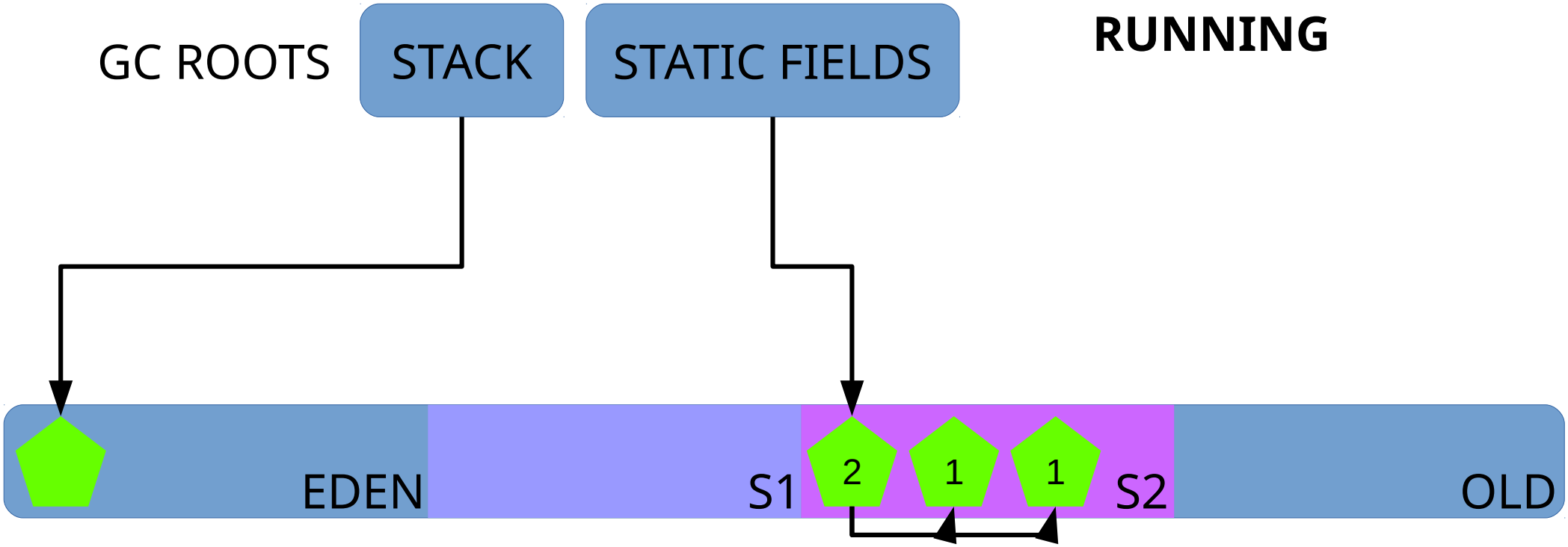
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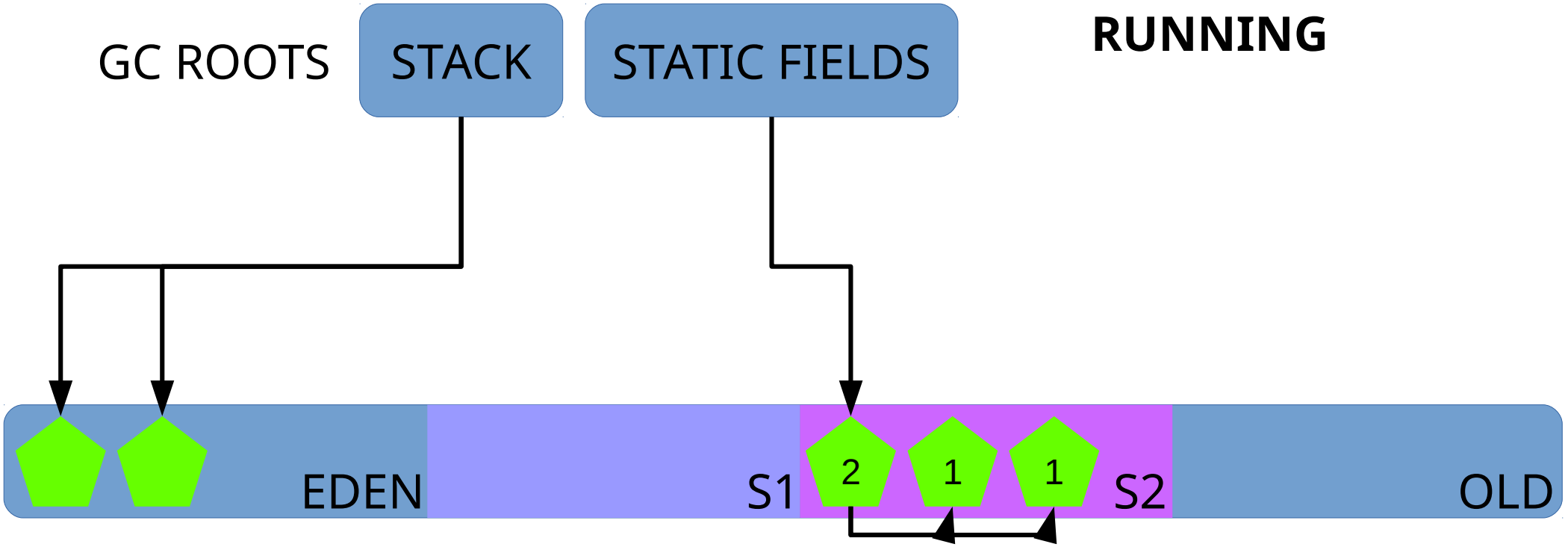
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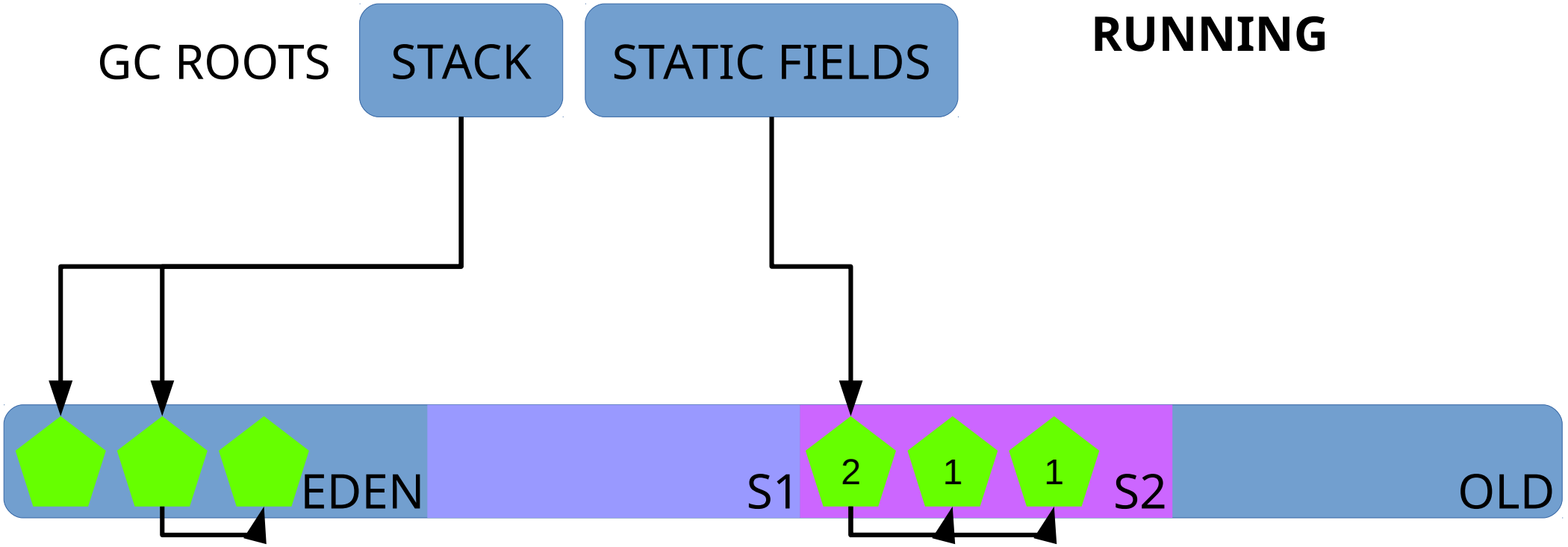
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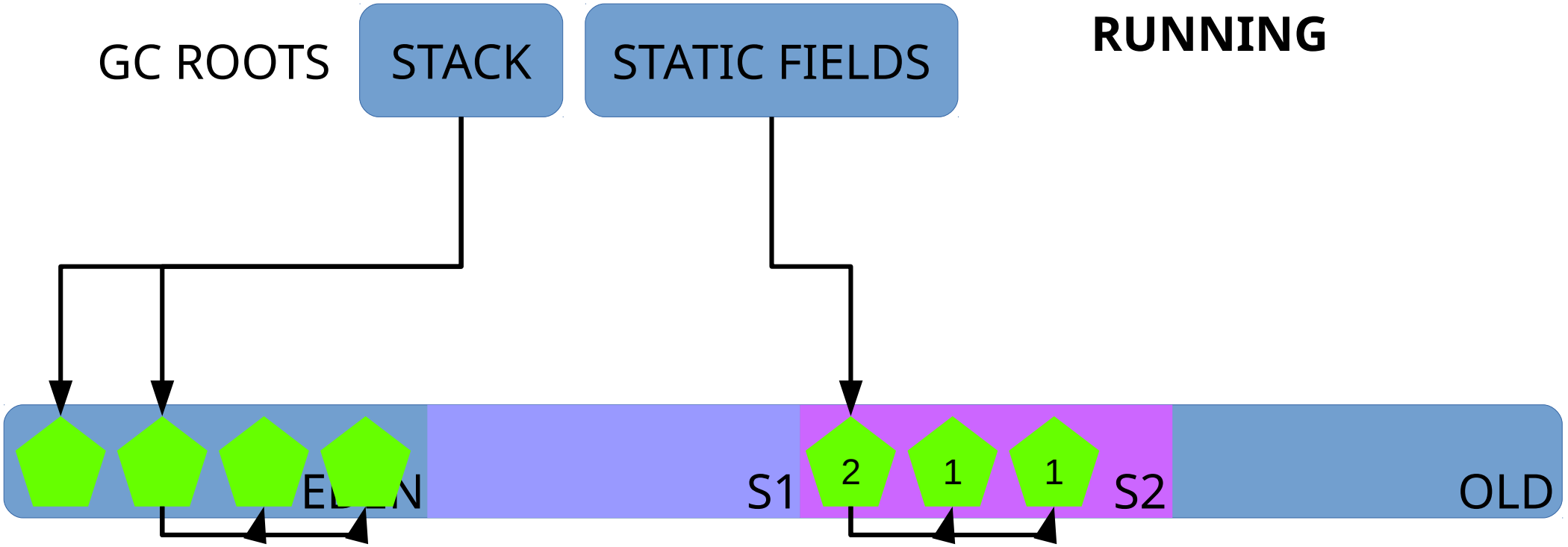
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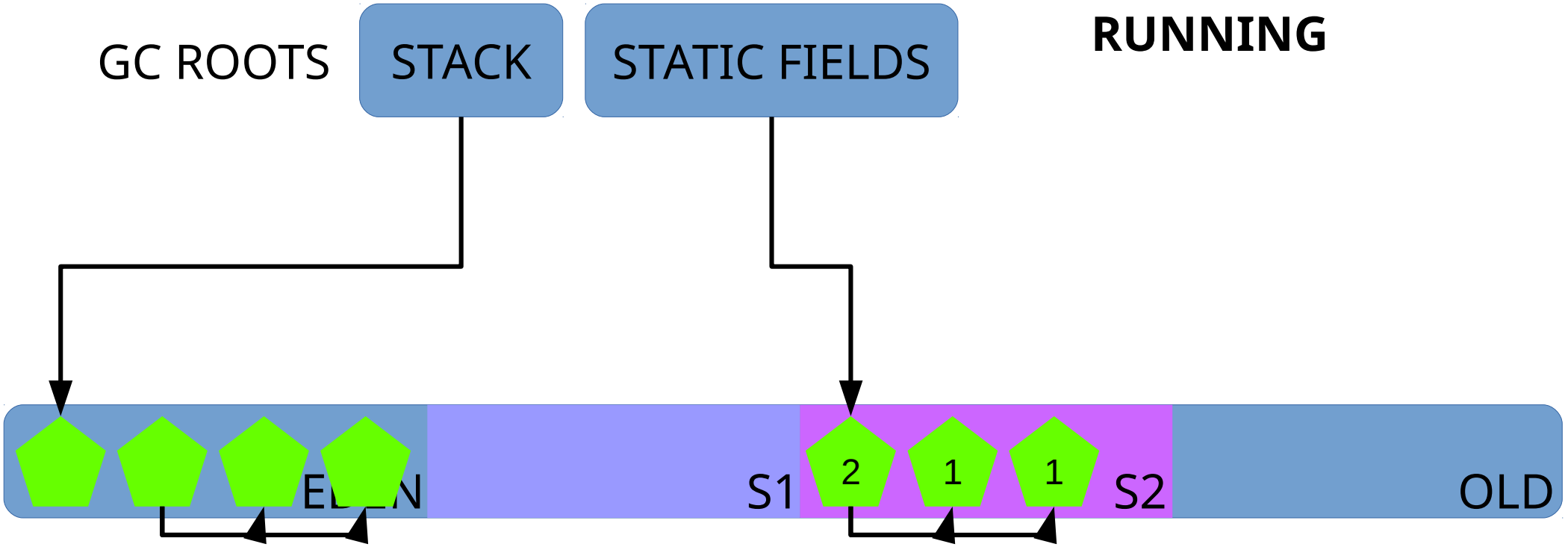
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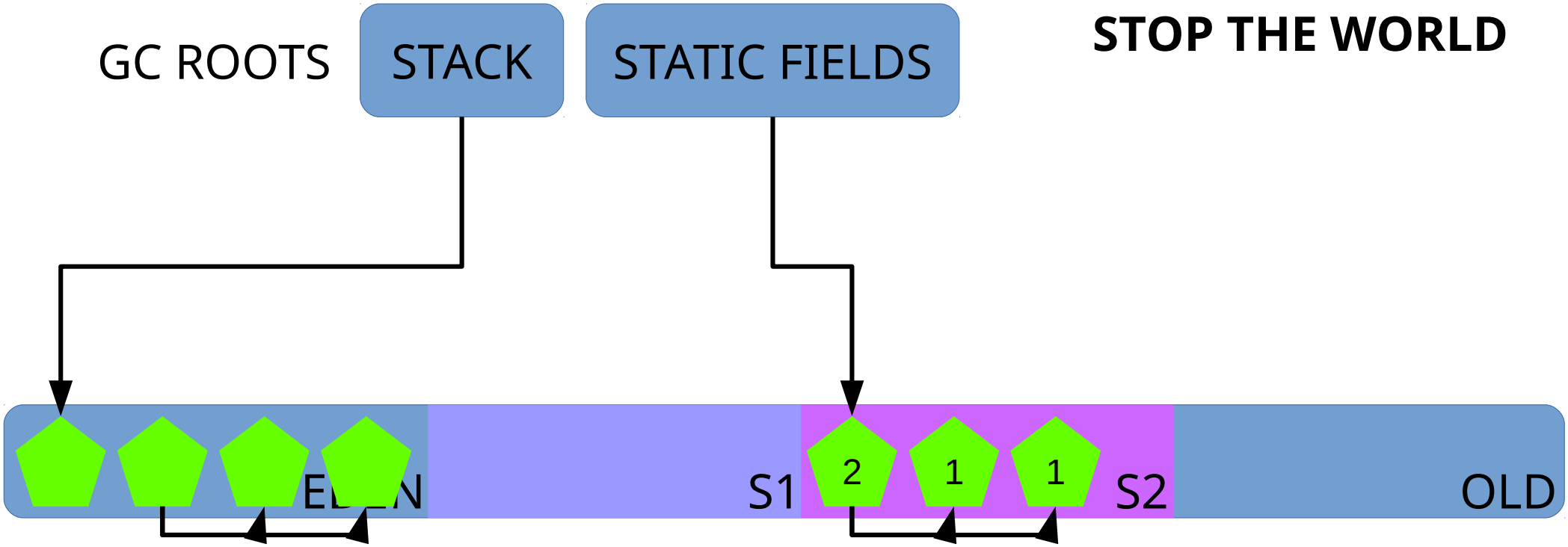

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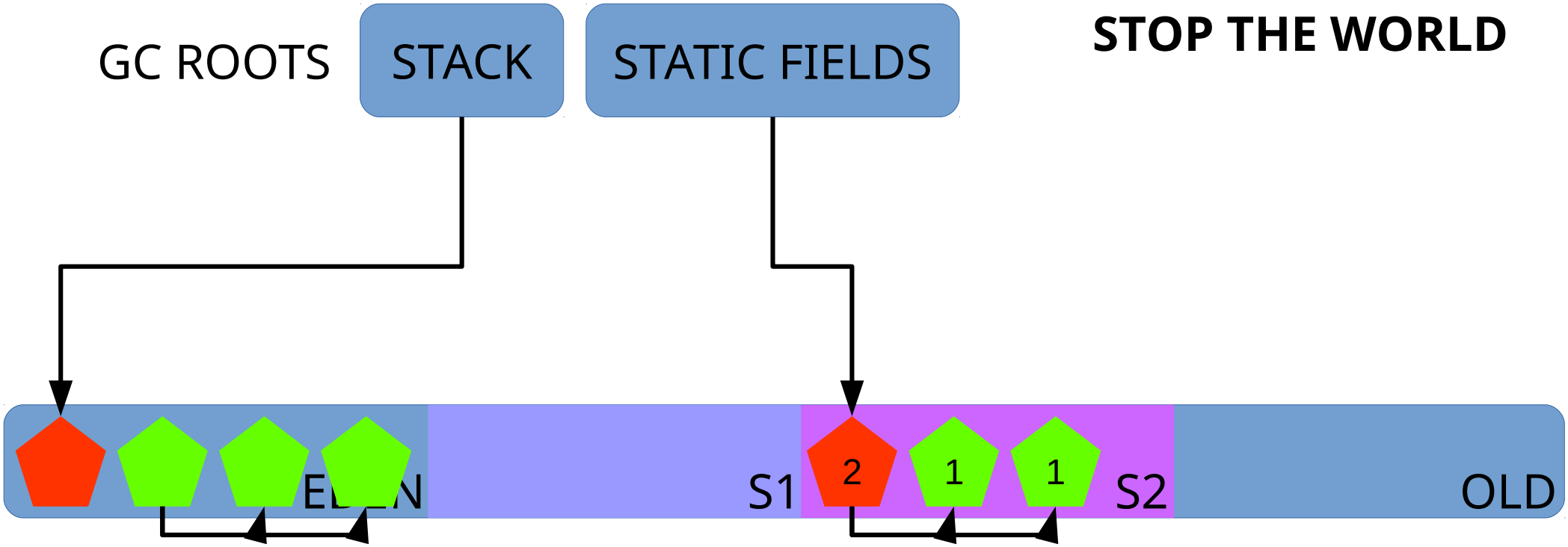

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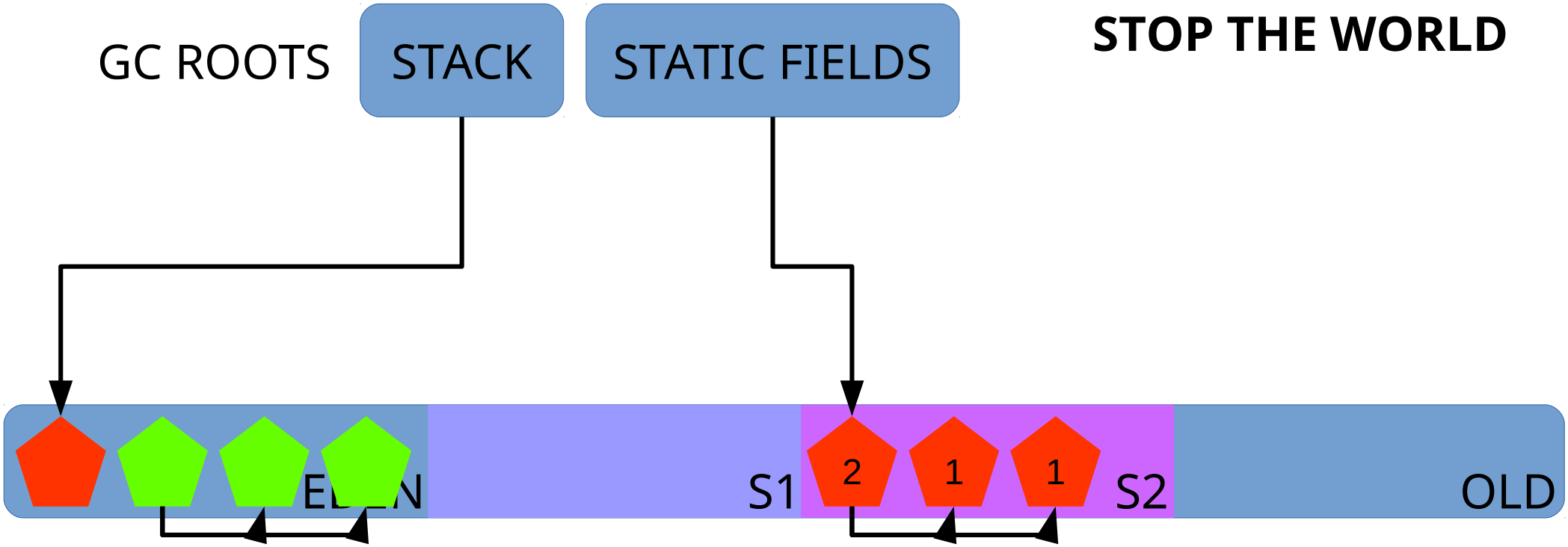

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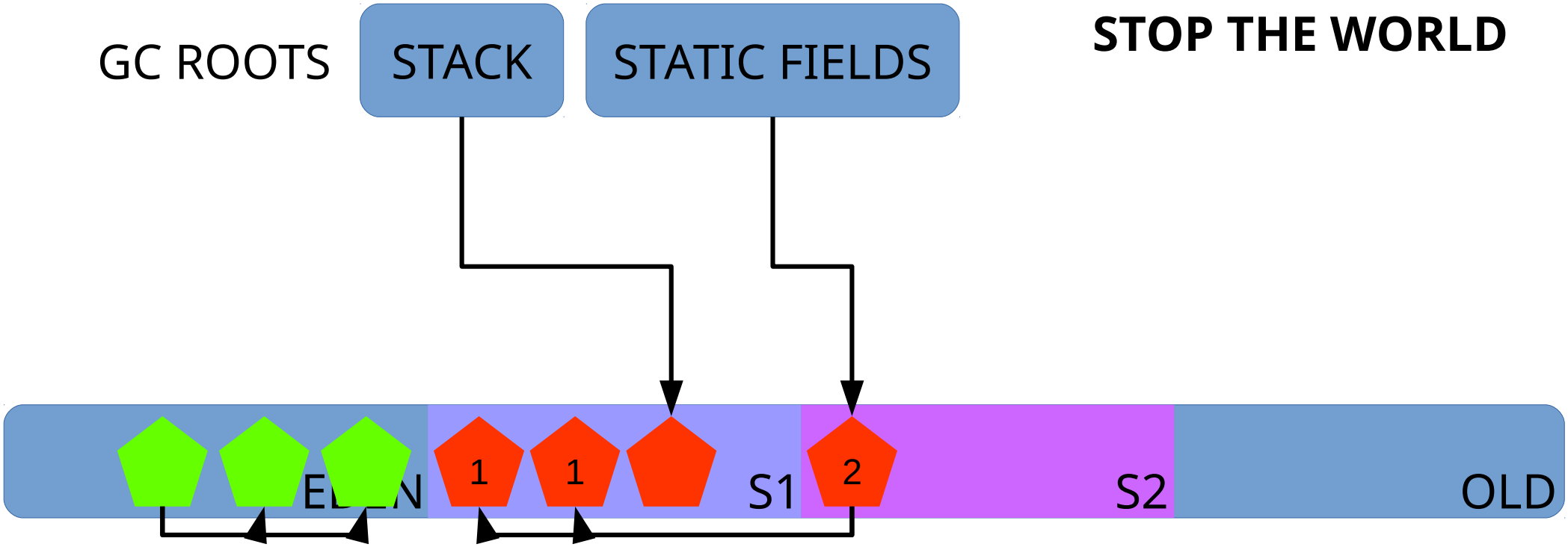

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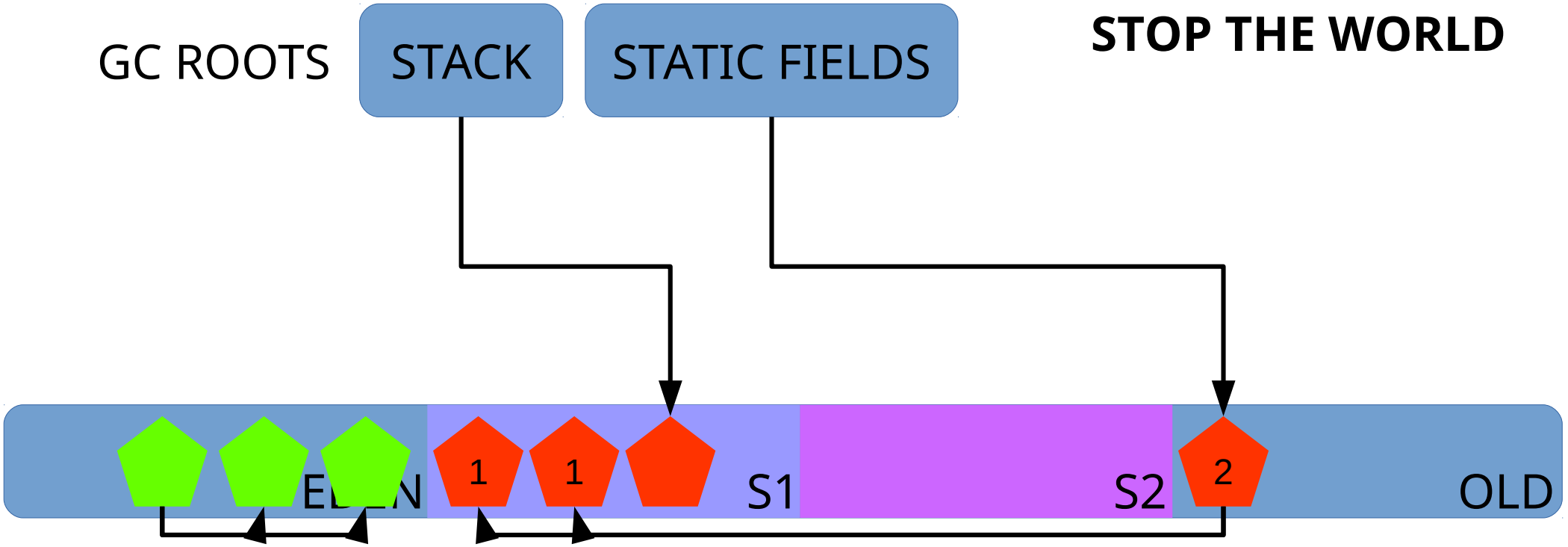

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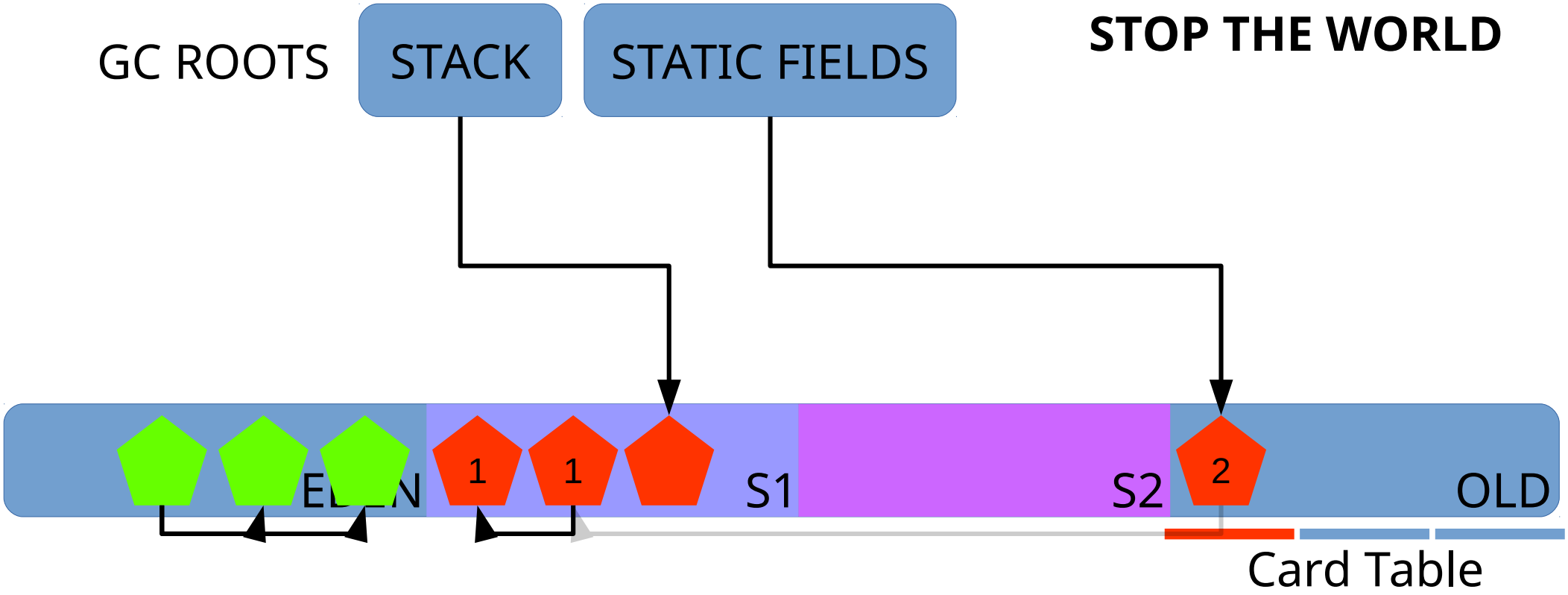
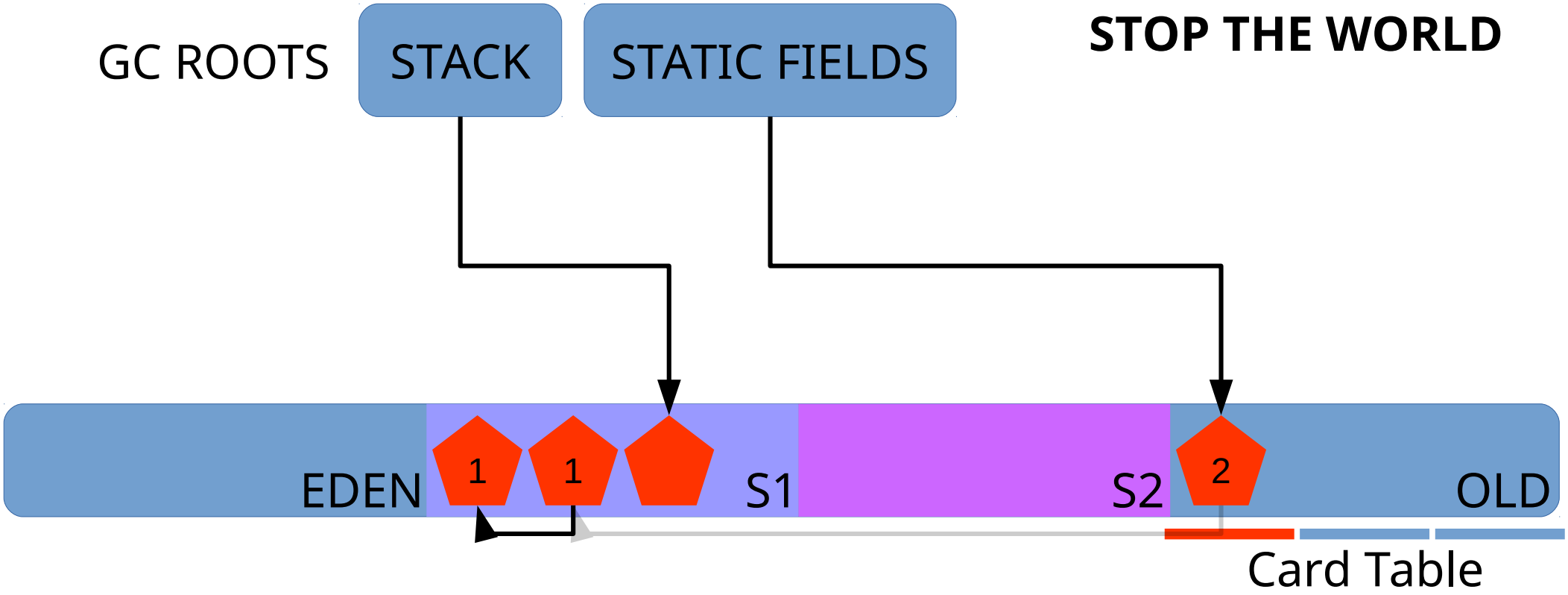


Old Gen has a “Card Table” (card region ~2M)
Identifies regions that reference Young Gen



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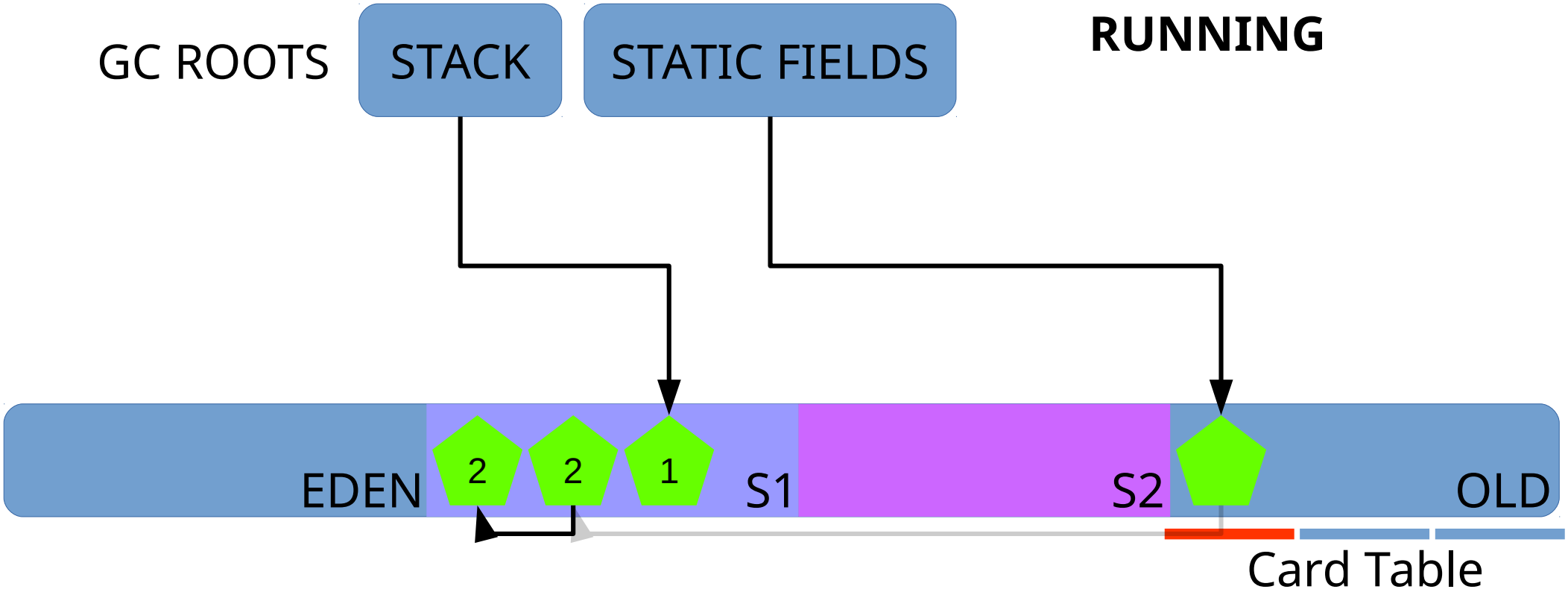
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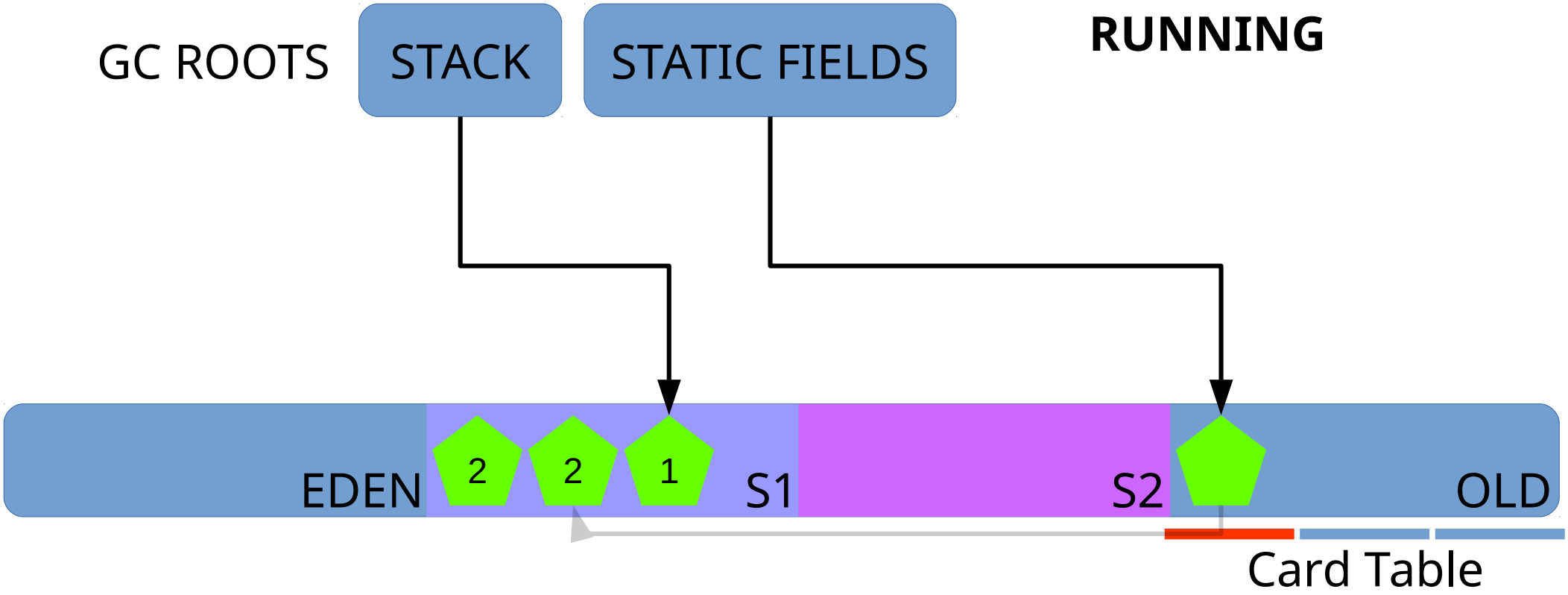
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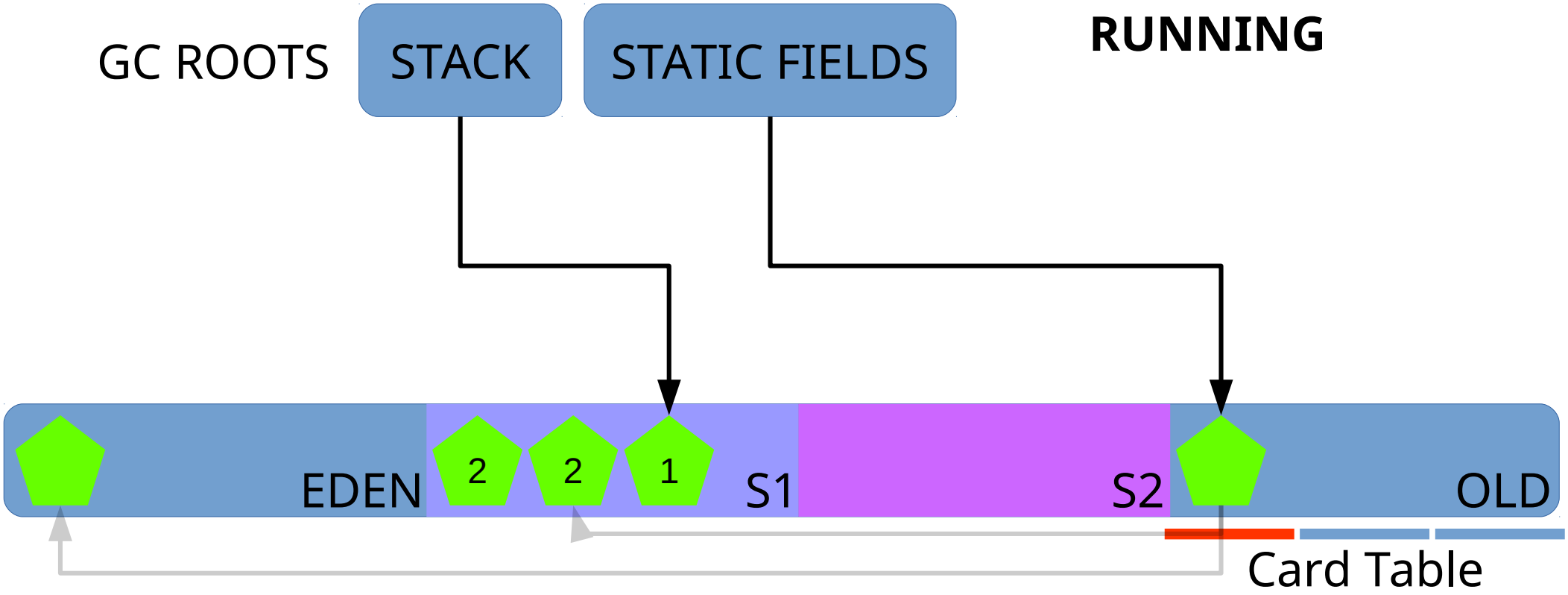
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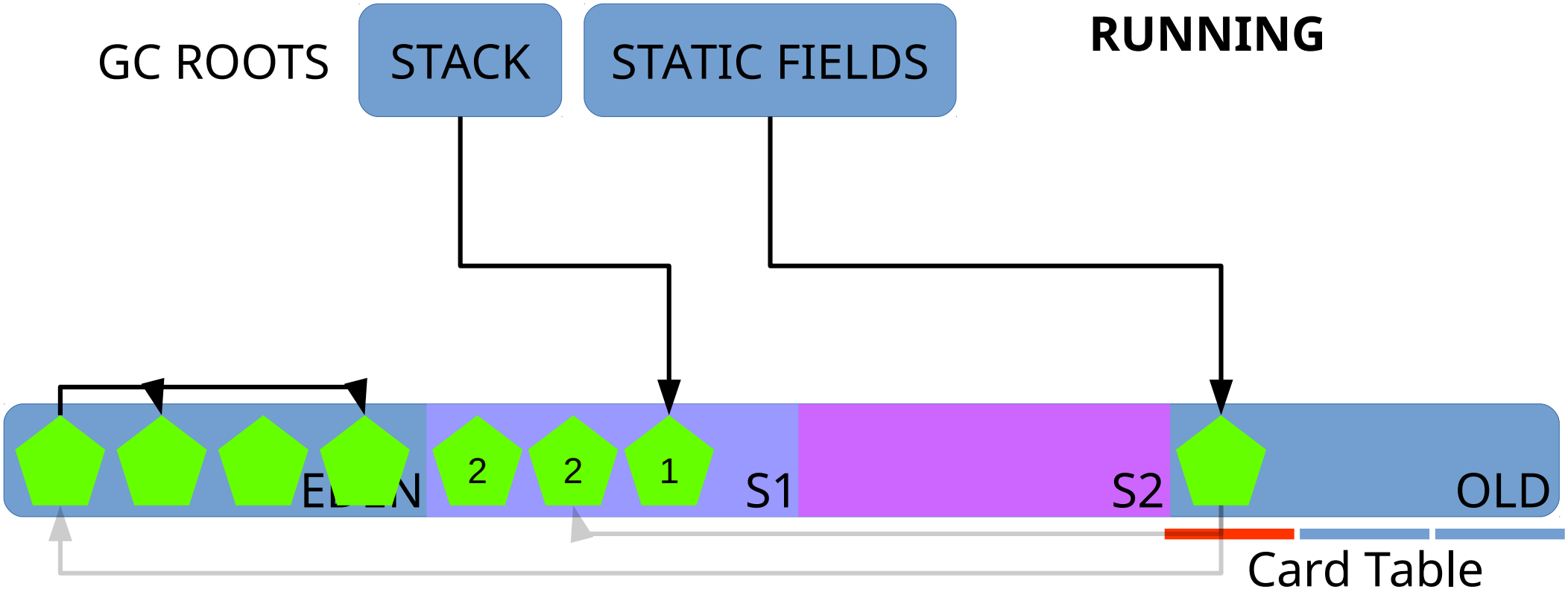
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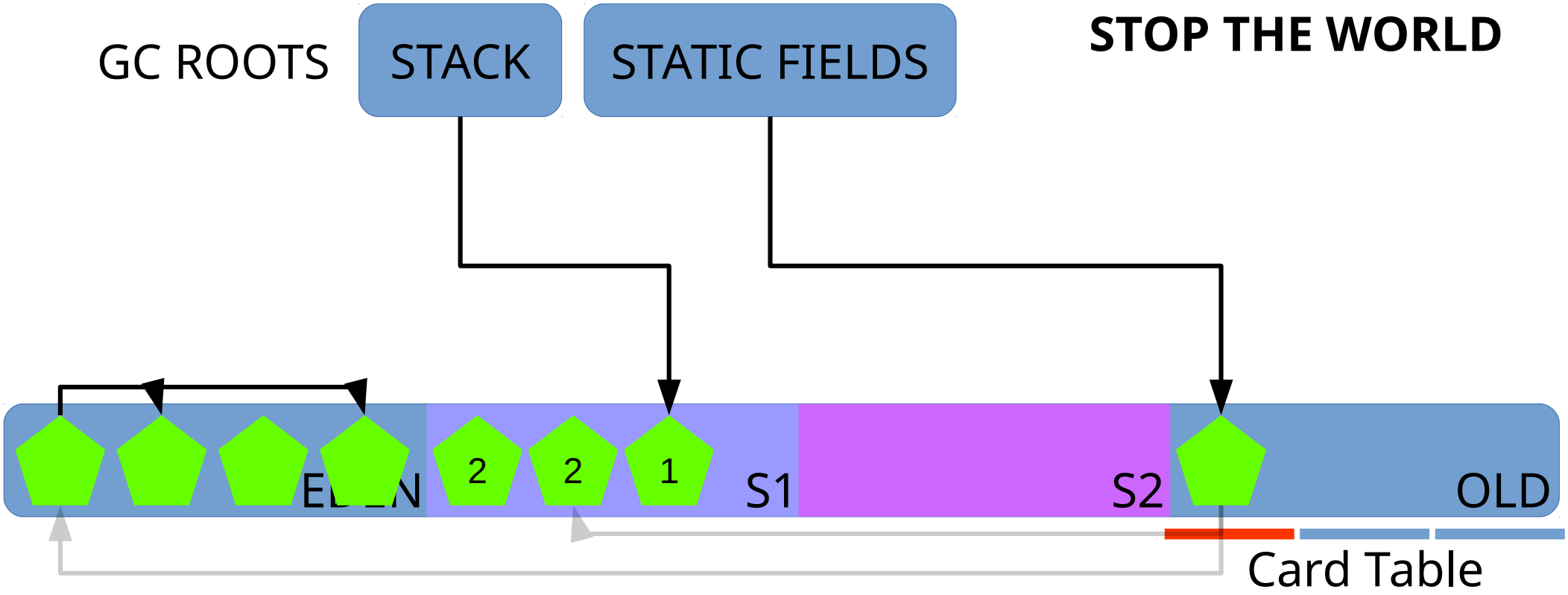

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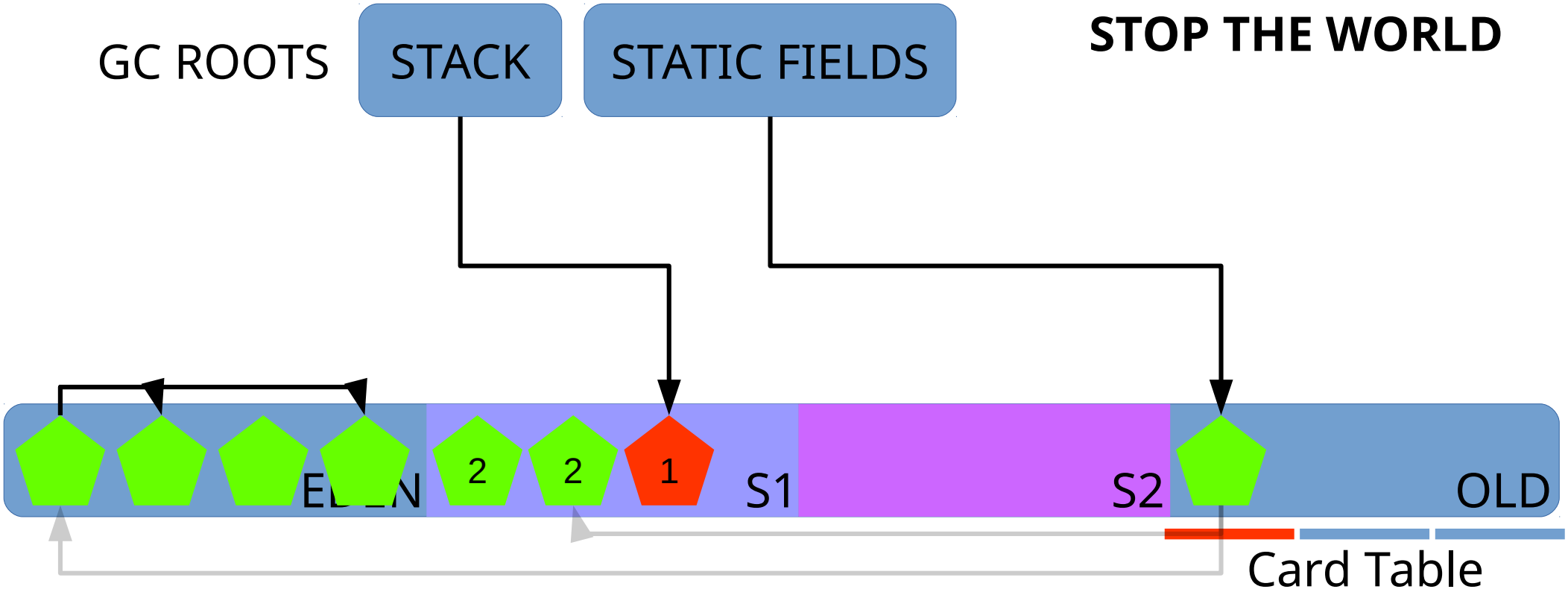

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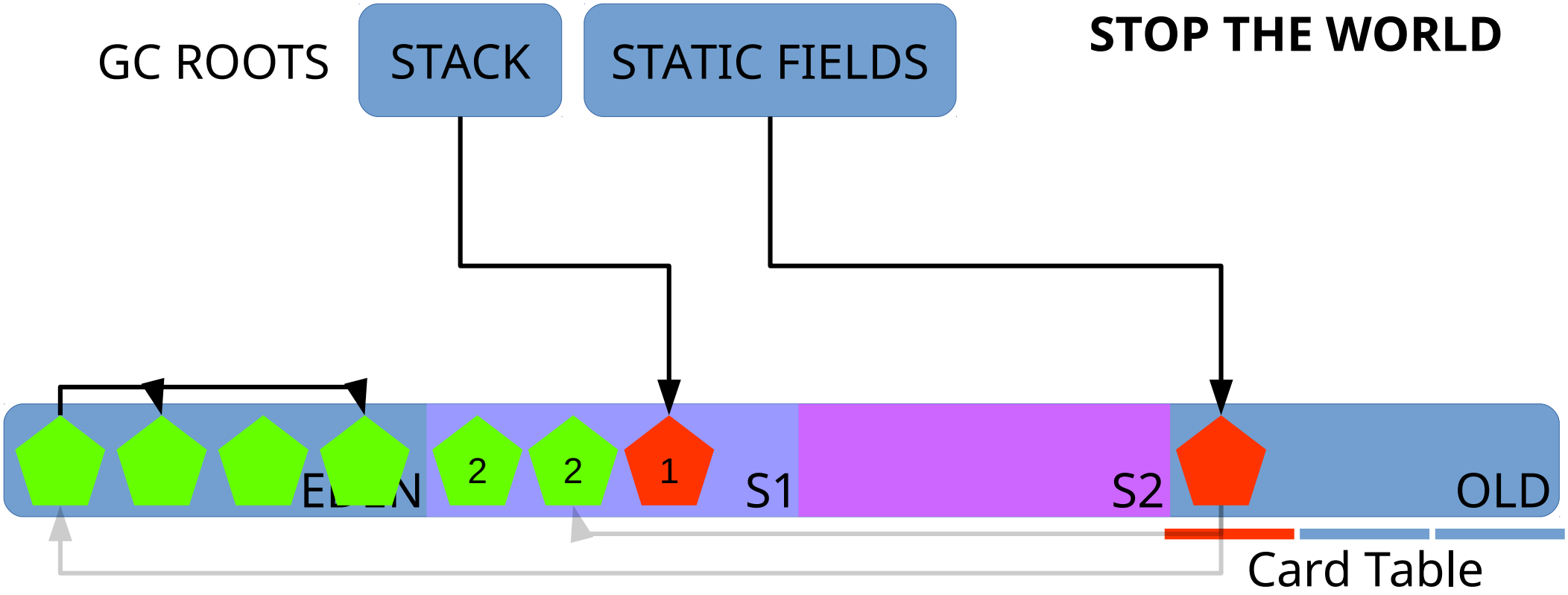

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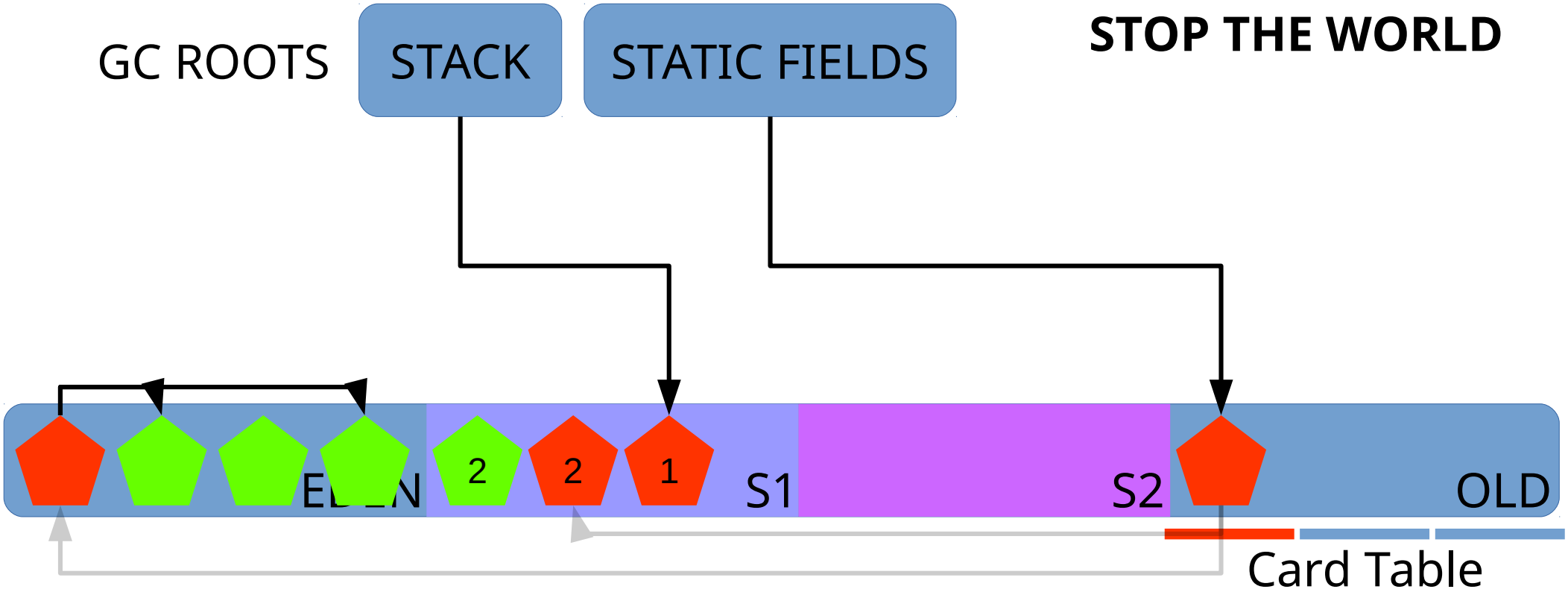

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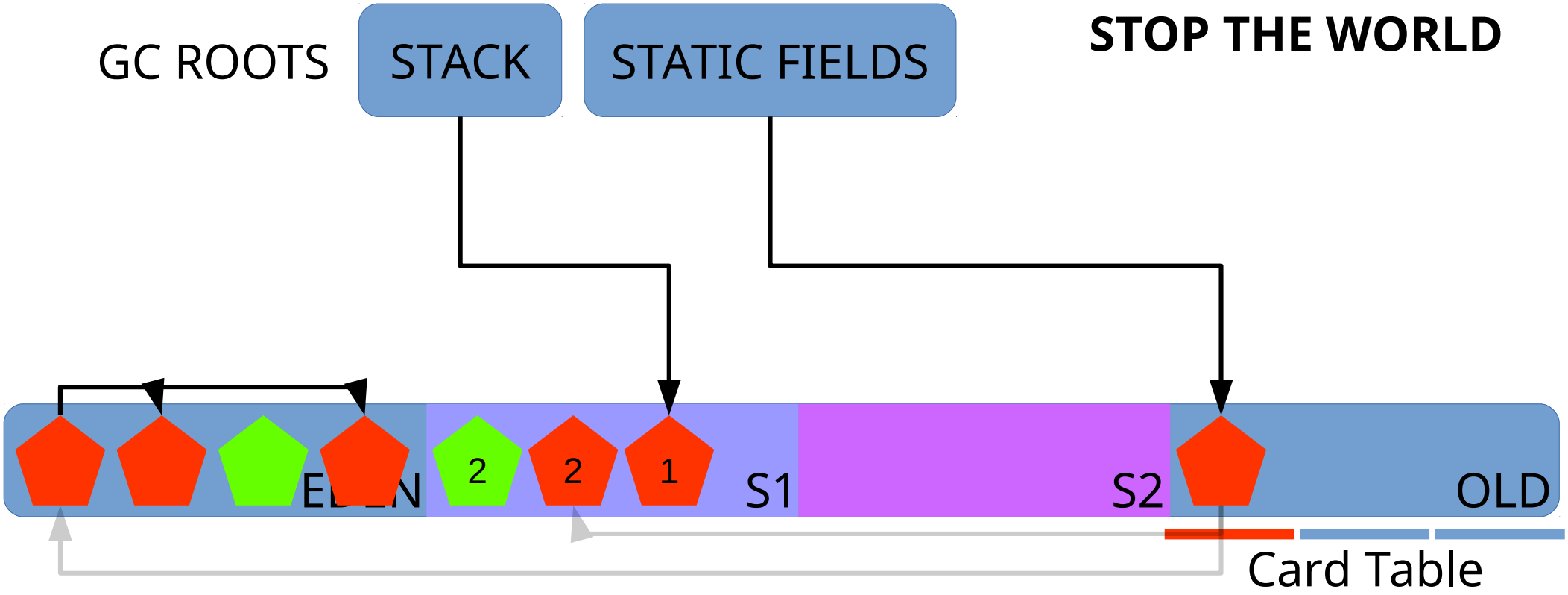

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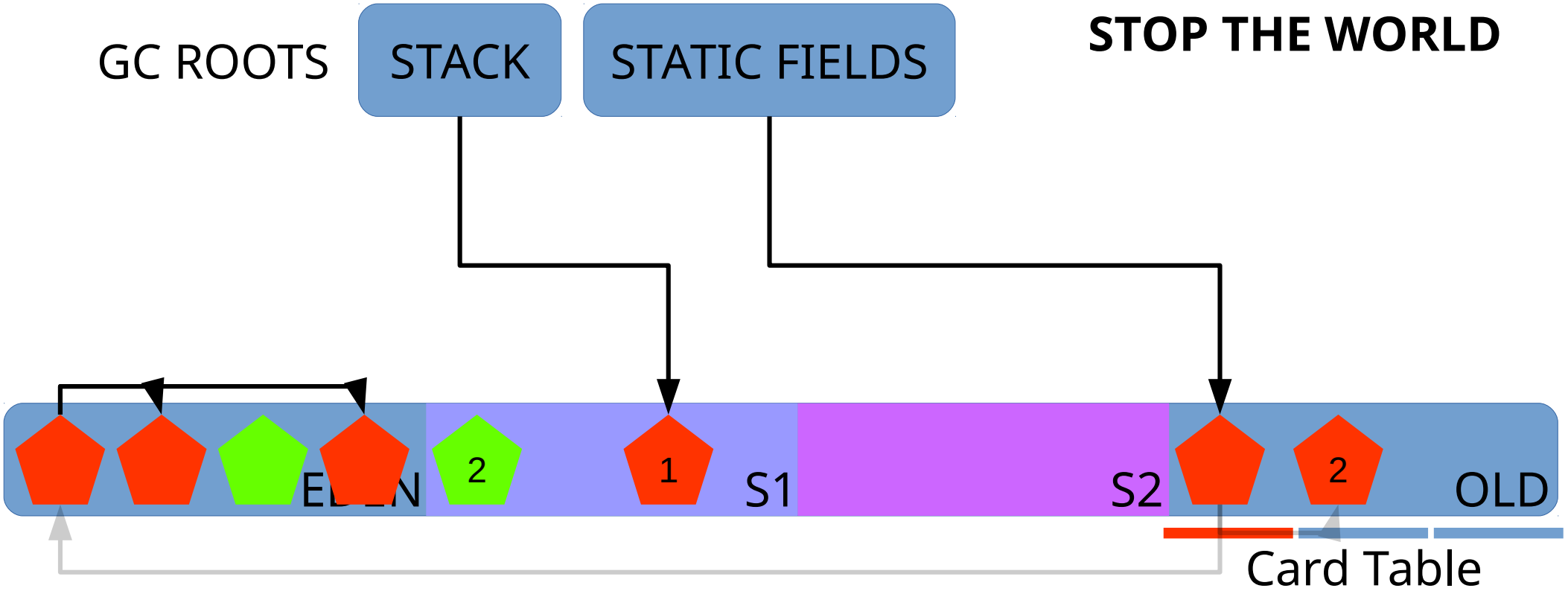

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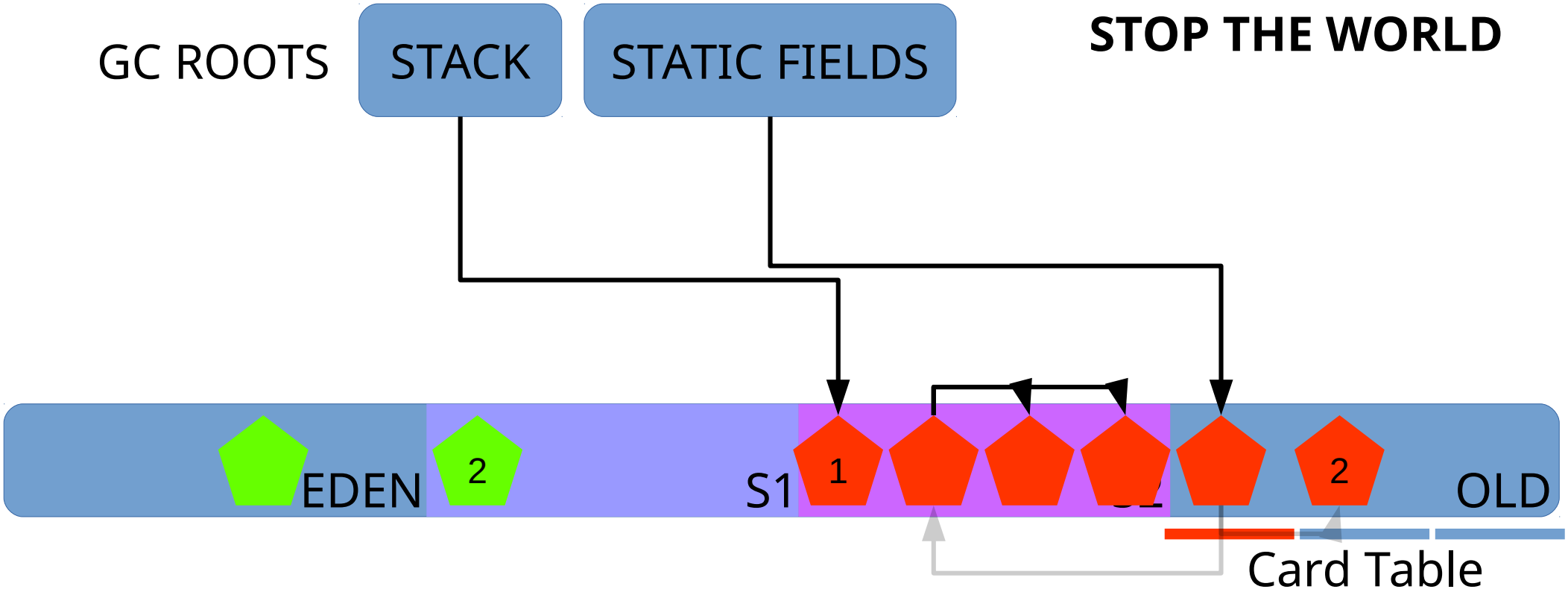

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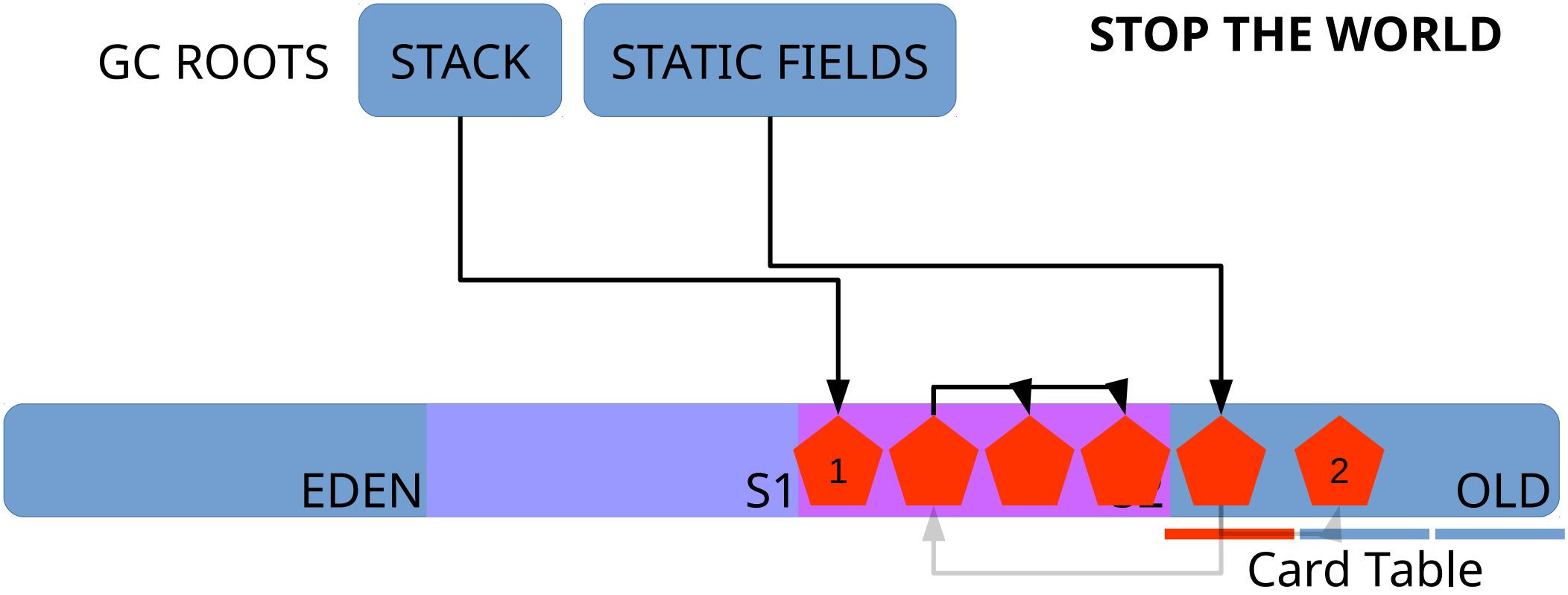

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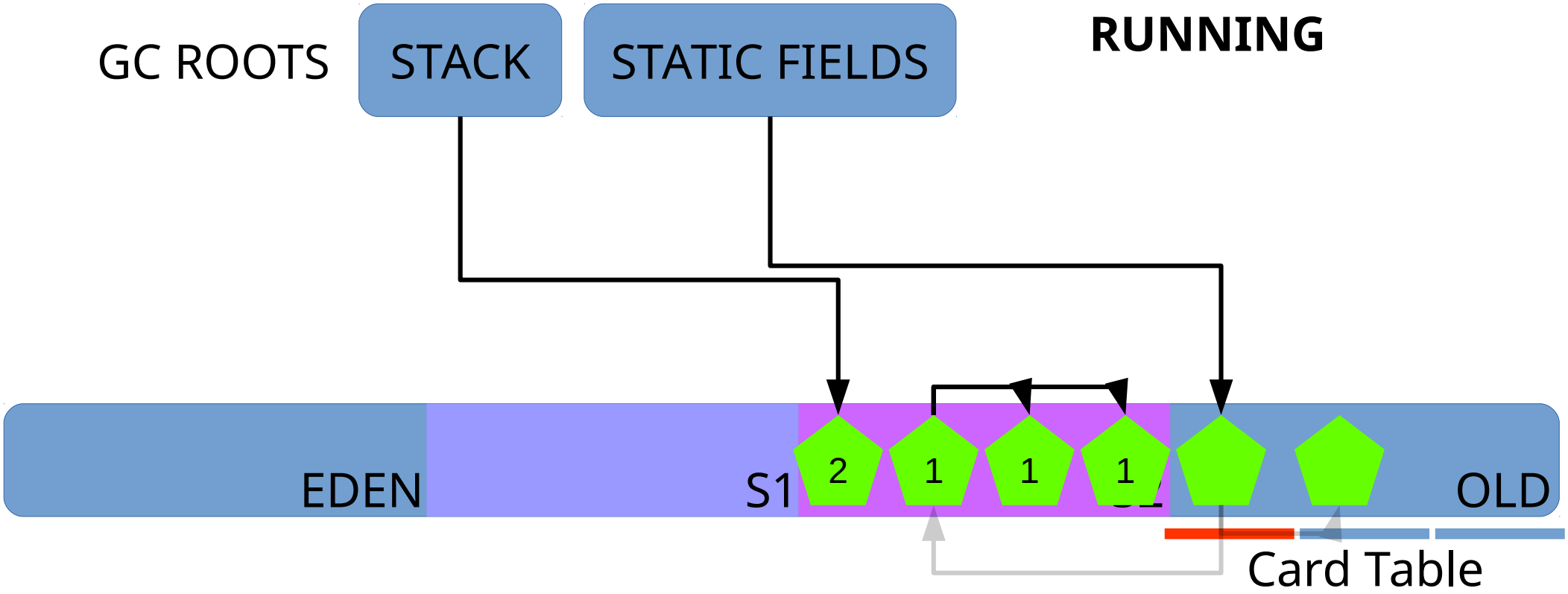
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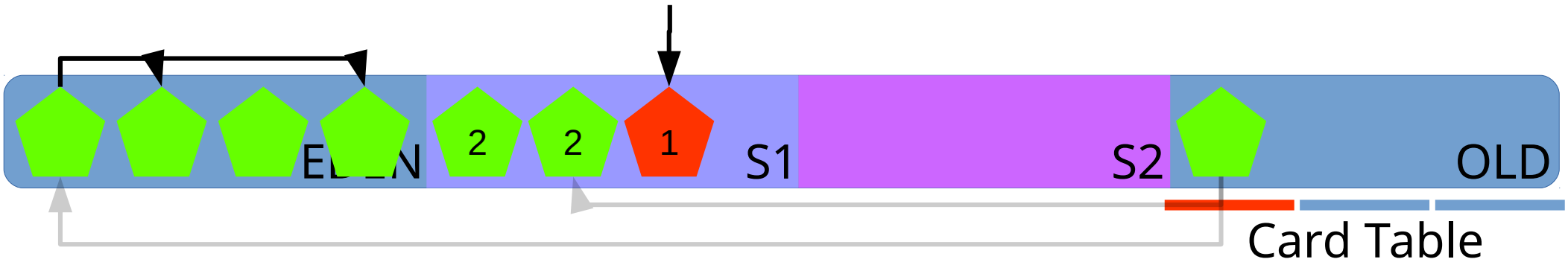
Card Table

Recap: ParallelGC

- Allocate to eden
- Copy live objects to survivors or old
- Clear entire eden + cleared survivor space
- Promote repeat-survivors to Old gen
- Use Card Tables to avoid scanning Old gen
- Use Old objects as GC roots in minor collection
- Full GC when everything is full

ParallelGC insights (1)

- Reference scanning expensive
- size(Old) > size(Young)
- Card Table -> avoid most scanning

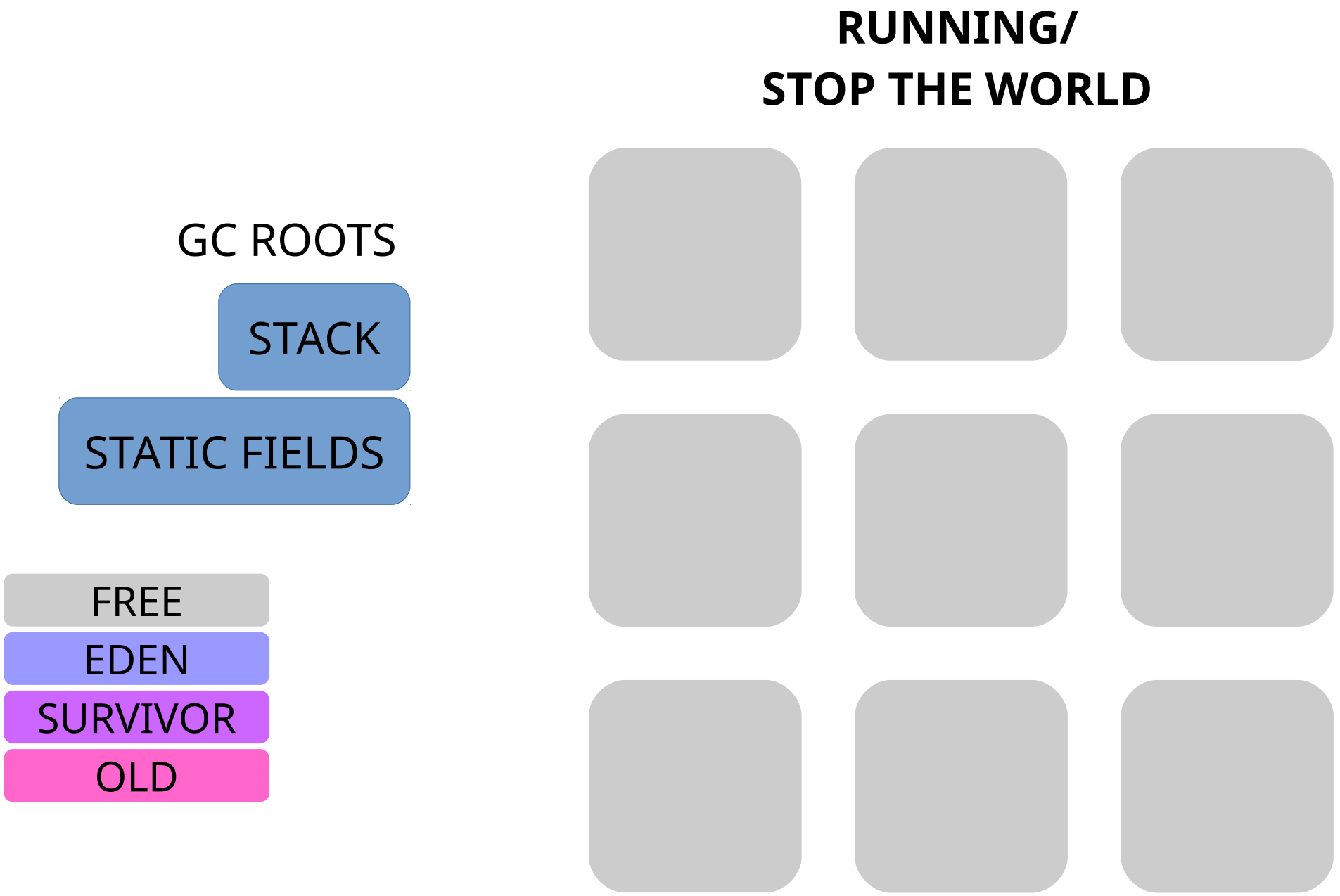


ParallelGC insights (2)

- Objects die young
- Copy only live objects
- Don’t touch Old Gen until Full GC

G1

- Generational: young (eden, survivor), old
- Aims for short Stop The World pauses
- Thousands of non-contiguous regions
- Concurrent marking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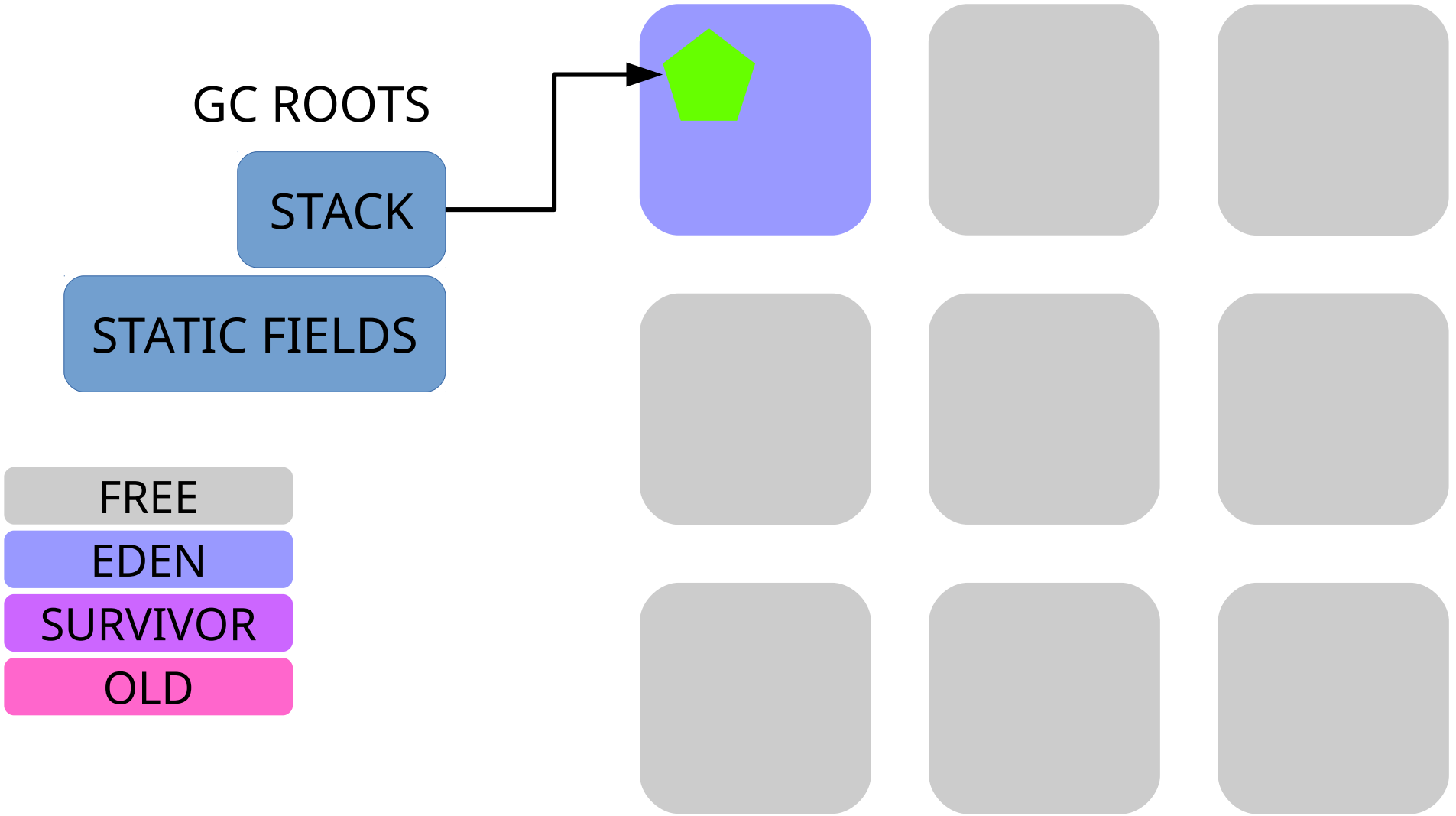

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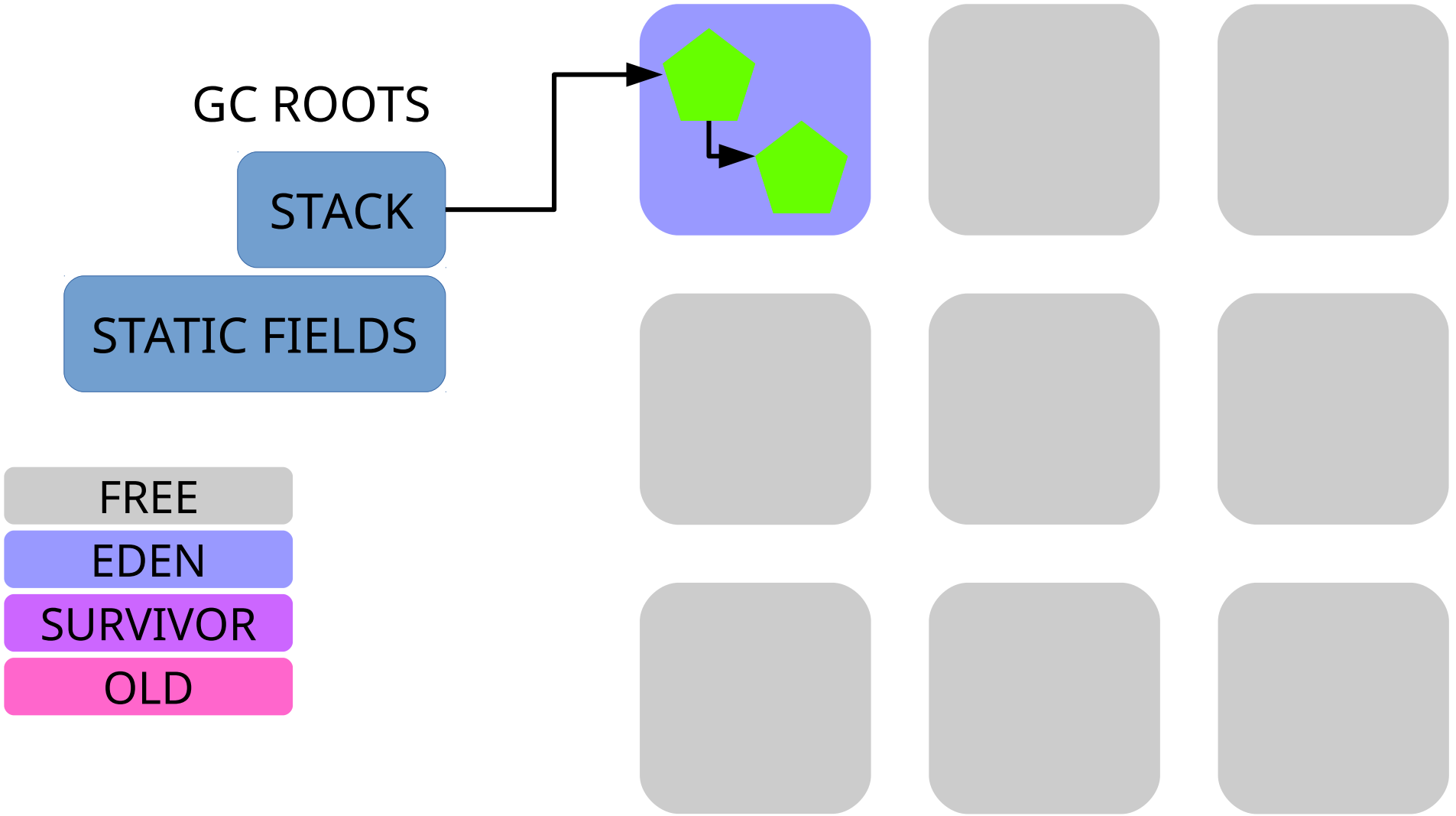

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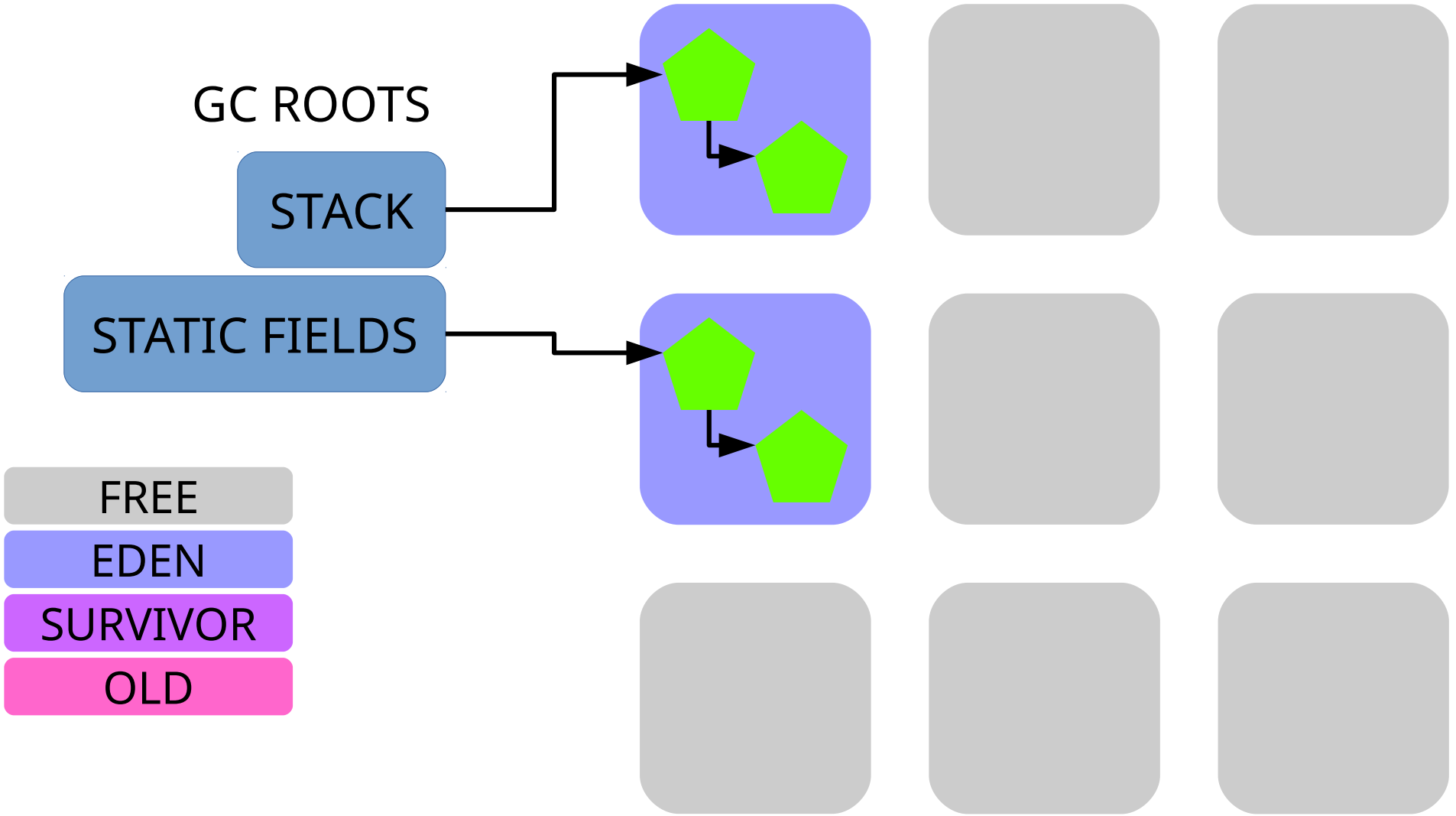

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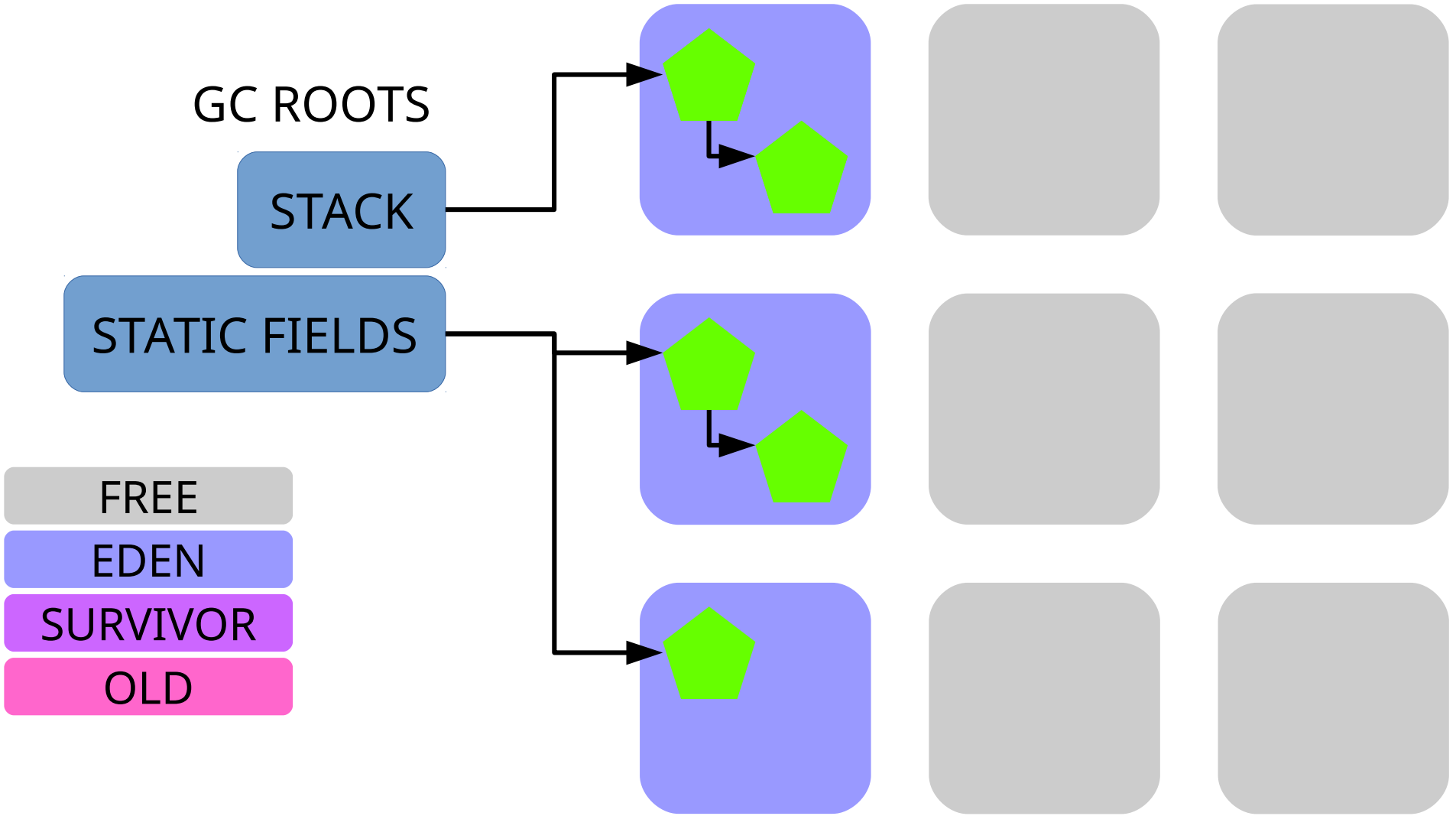

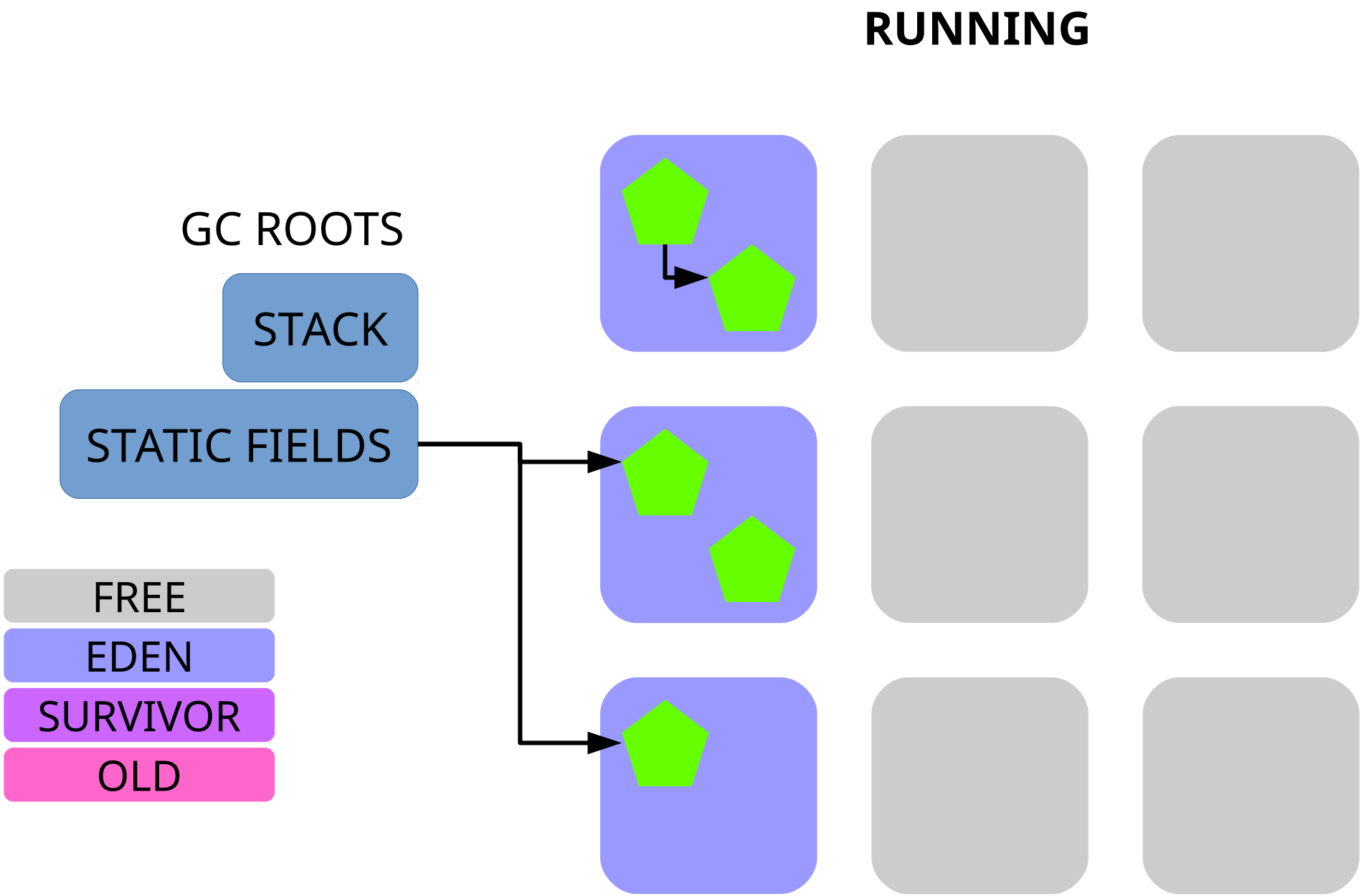
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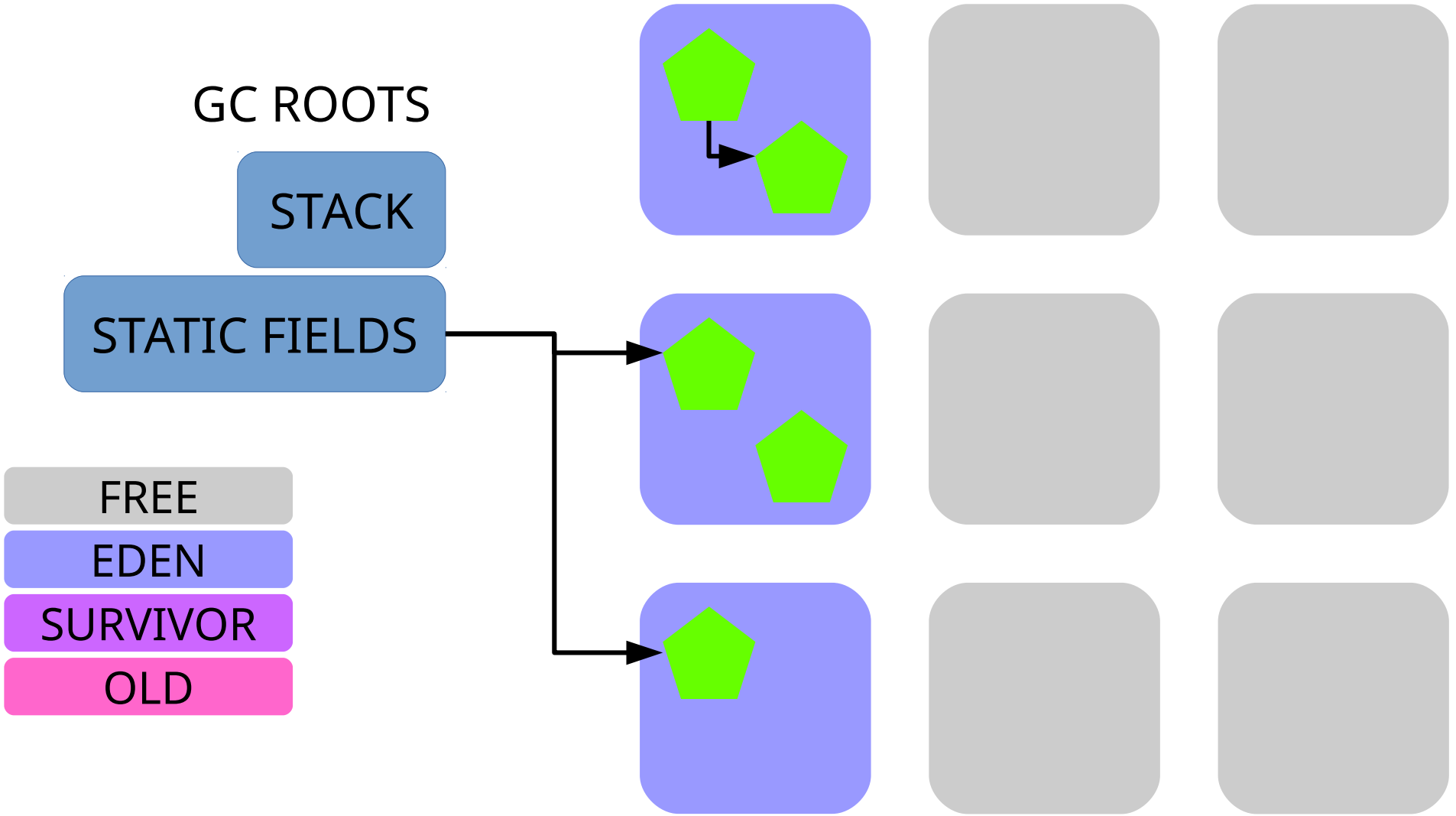

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Collection Set: all young

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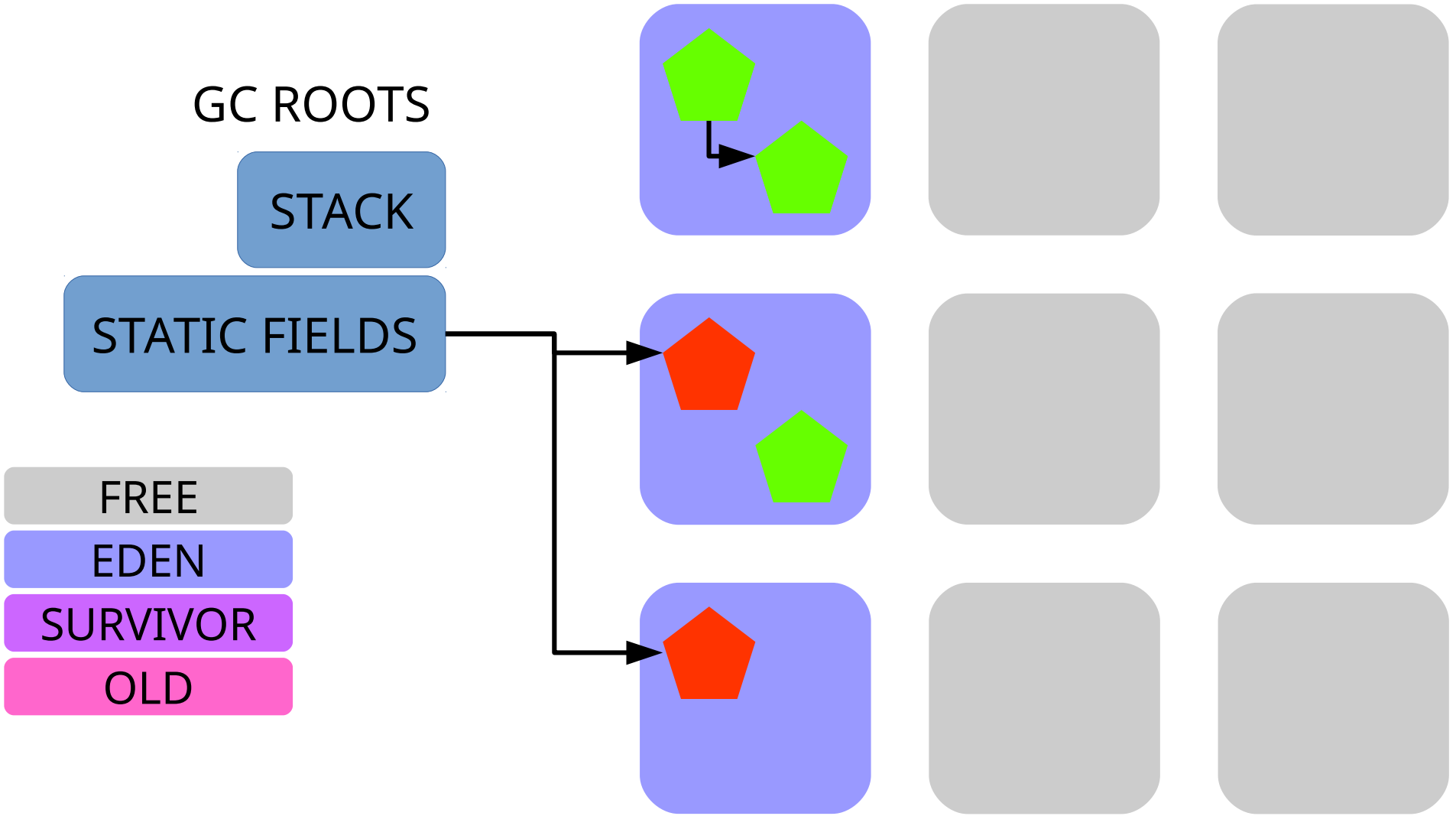

Mark objects reachable from roots

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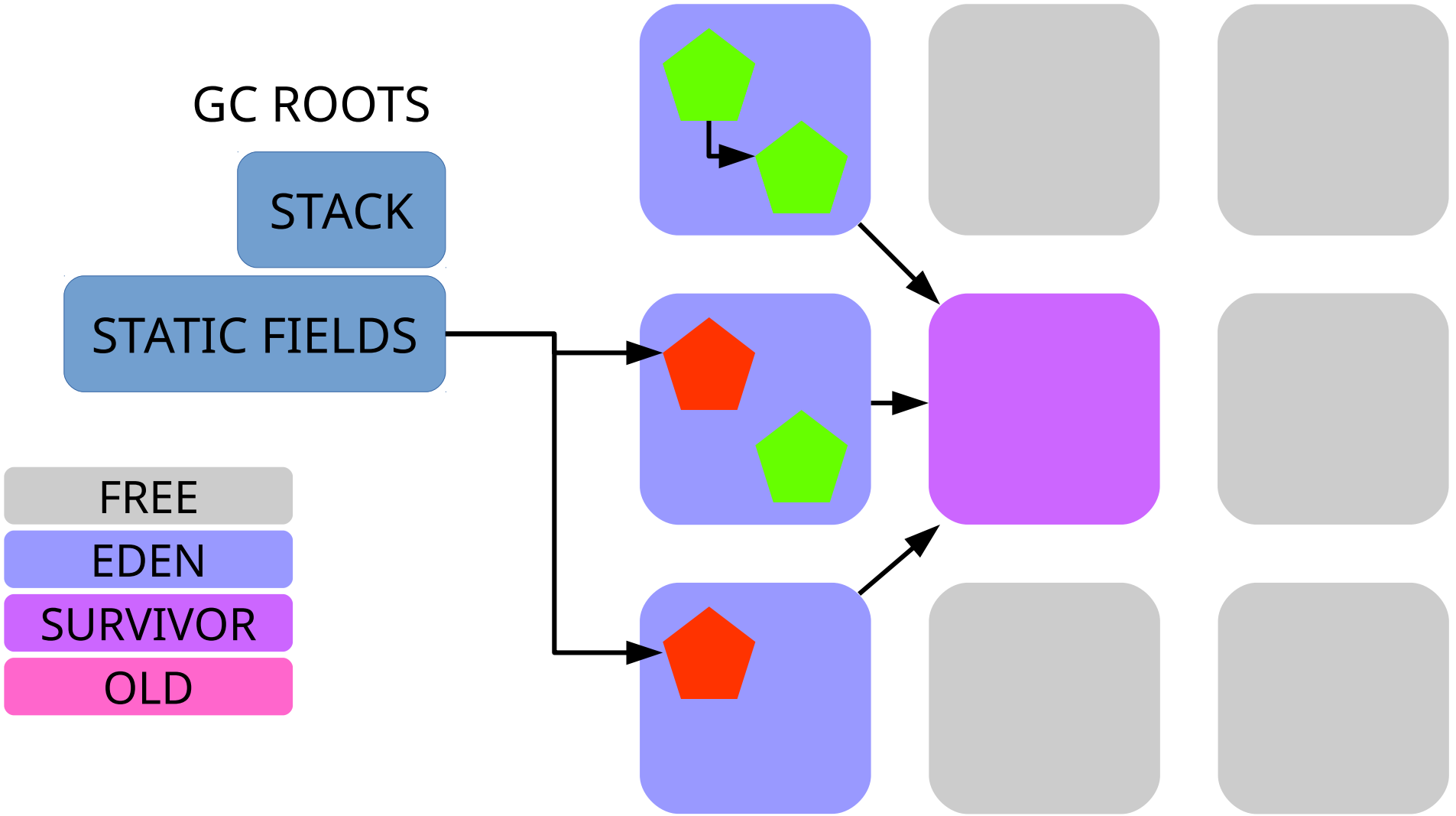

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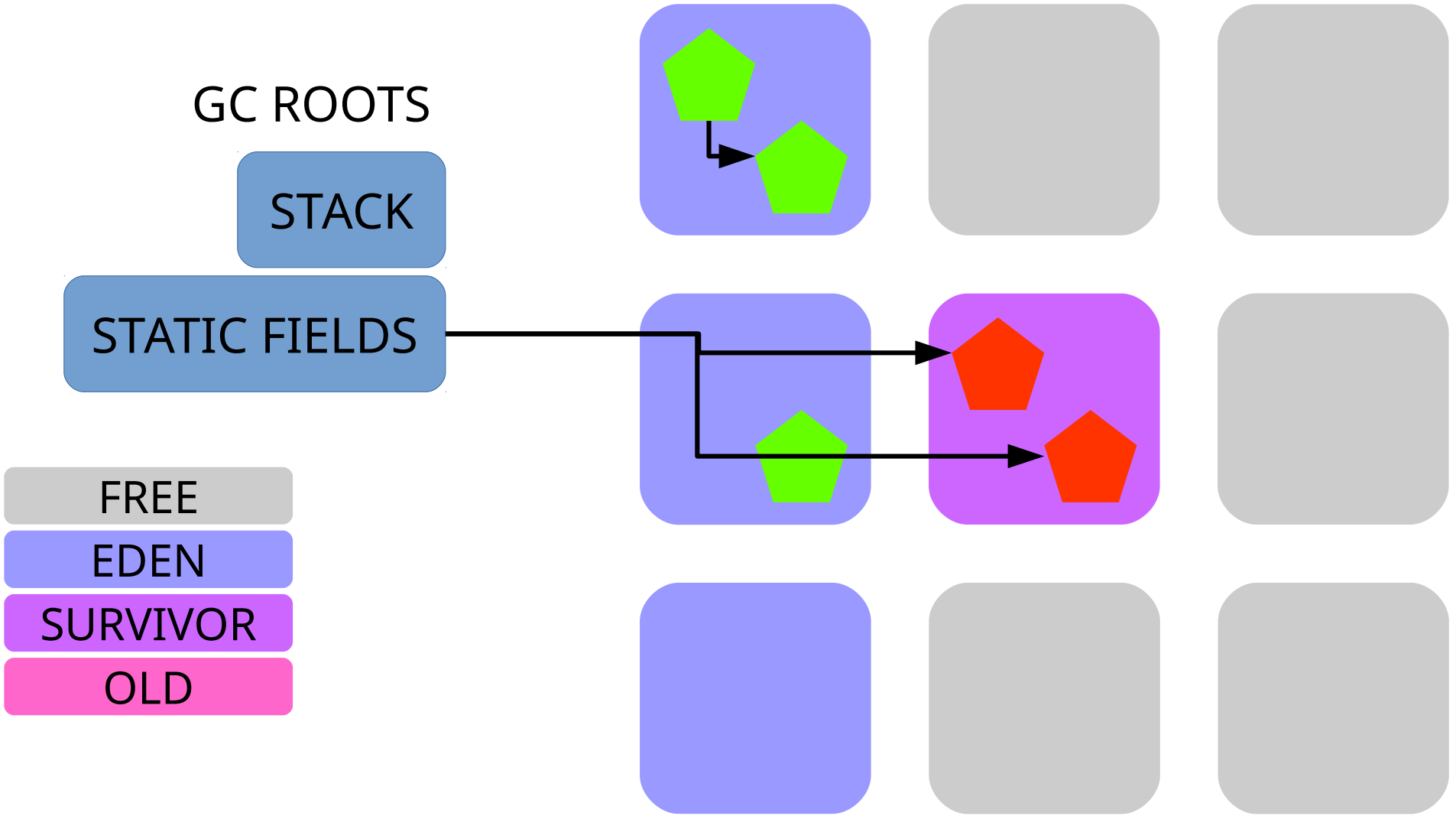

Move to new survivor region

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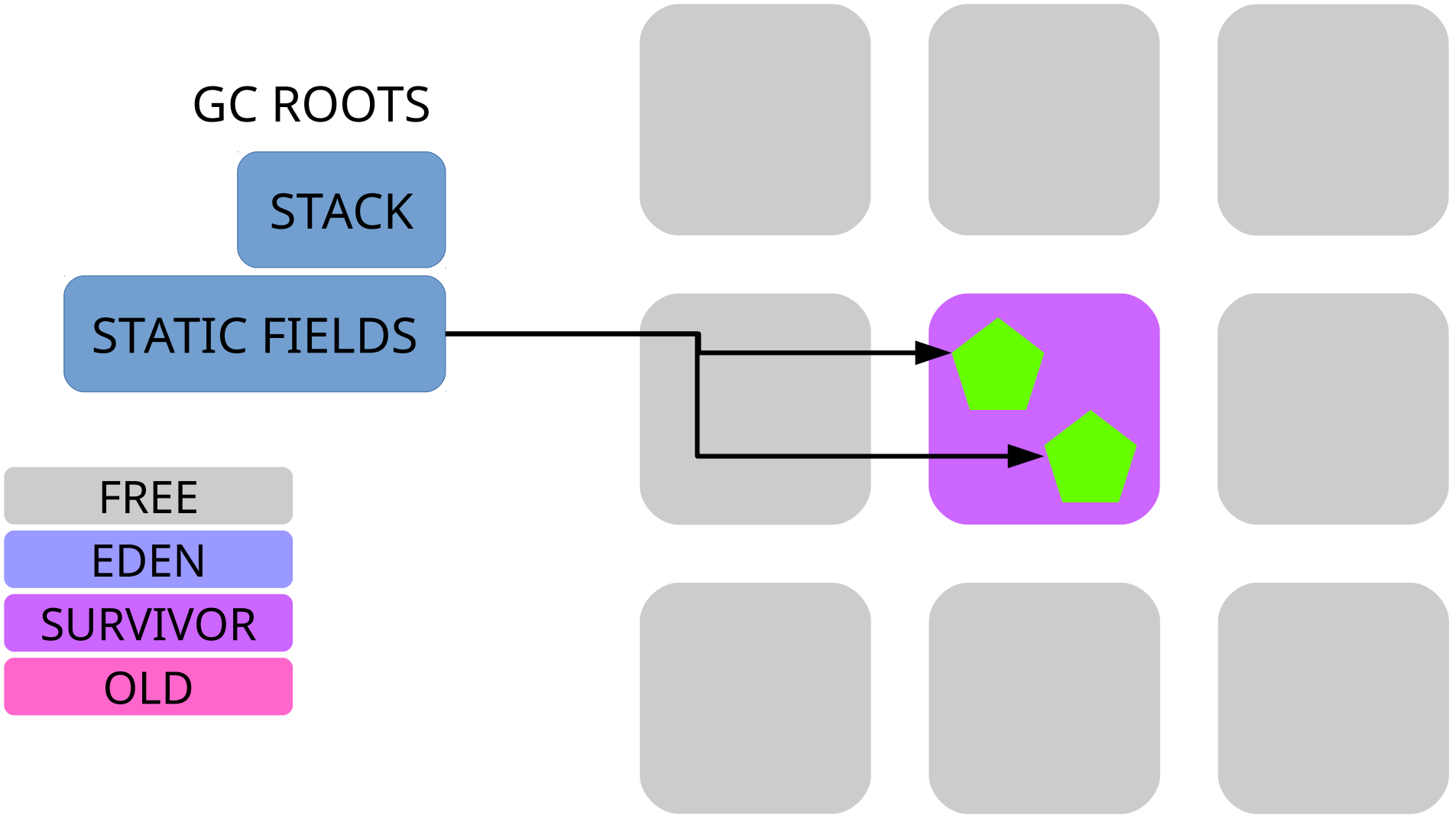
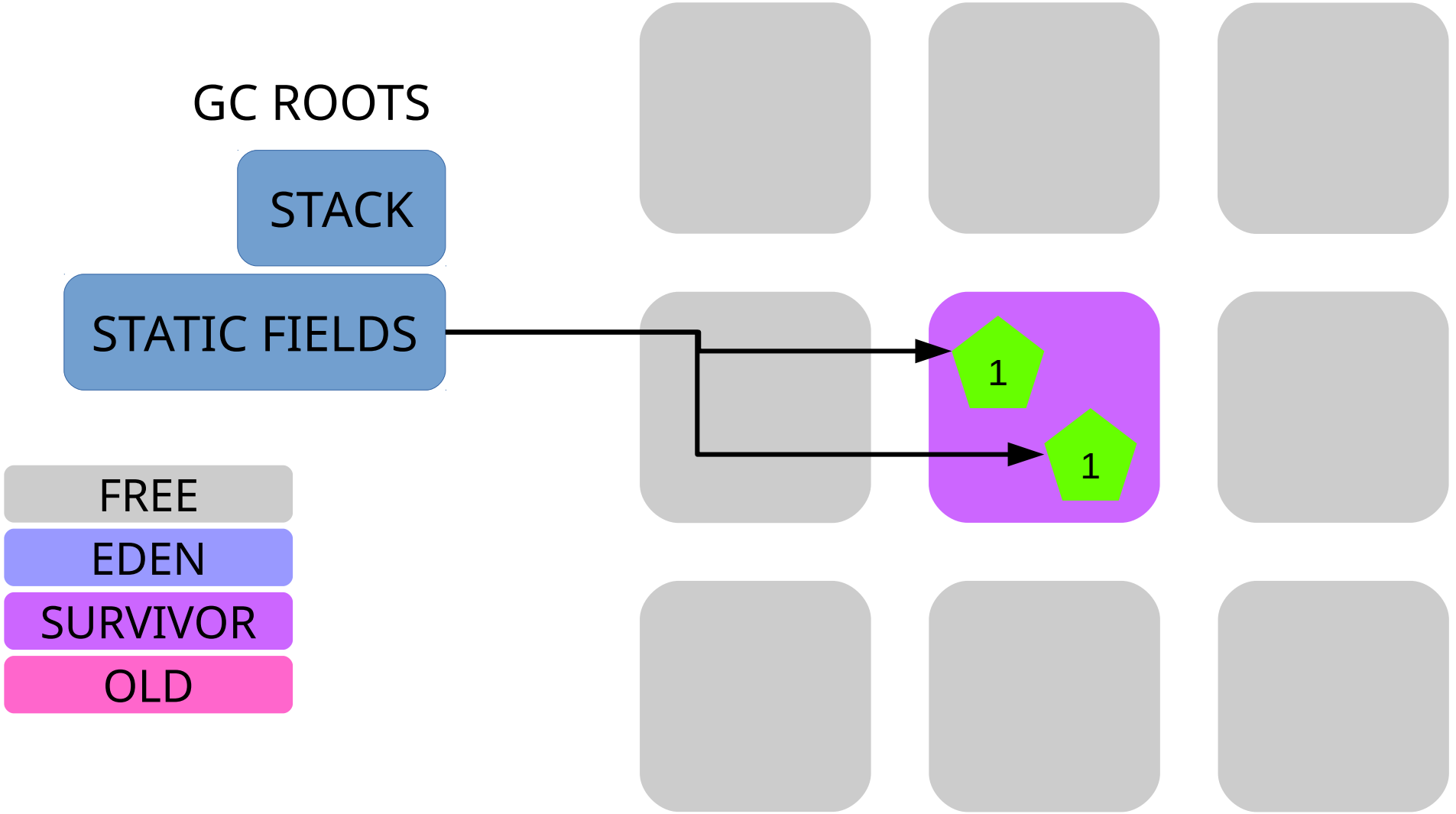


Free evacuated regions

RUNNING



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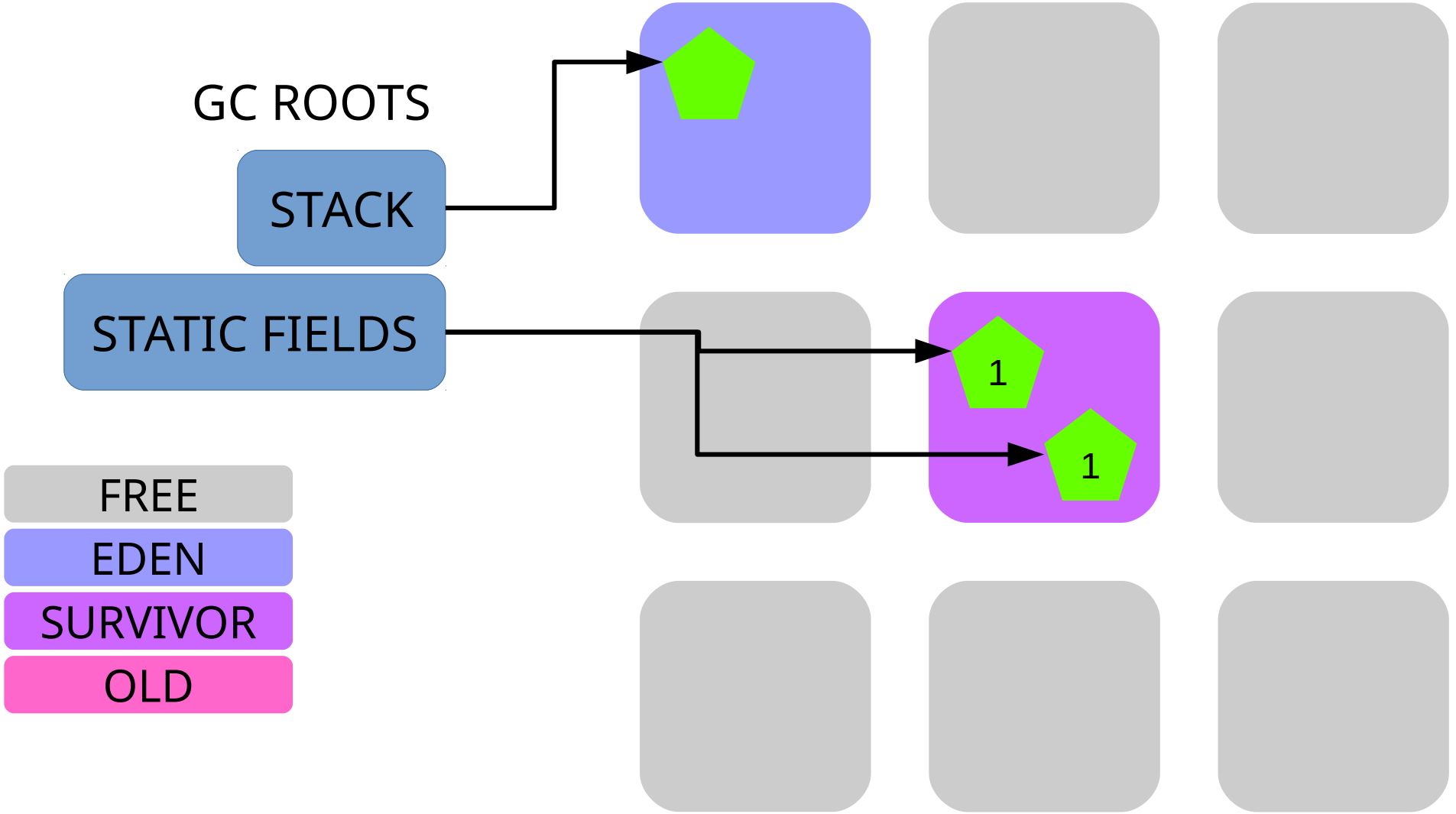

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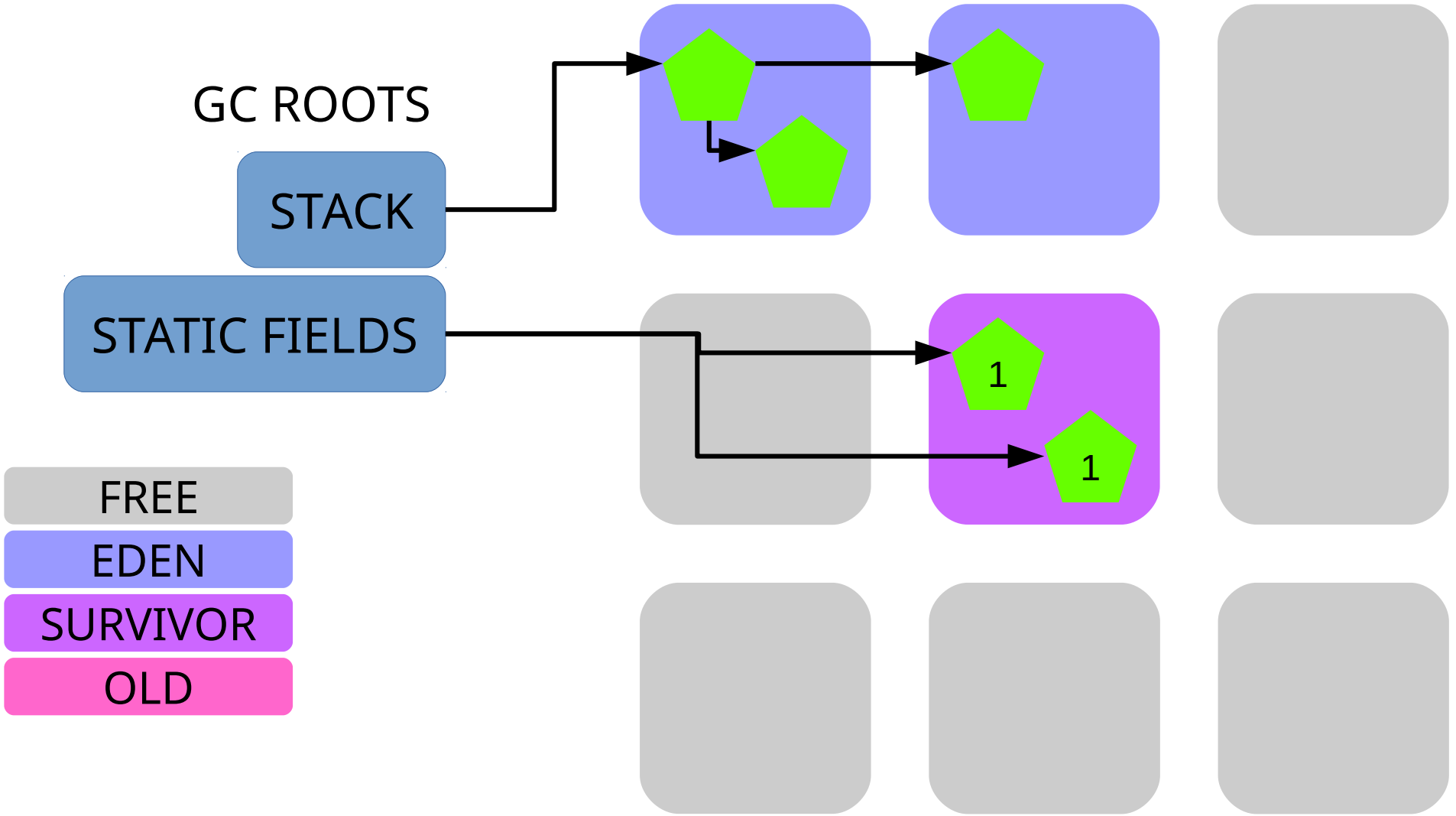

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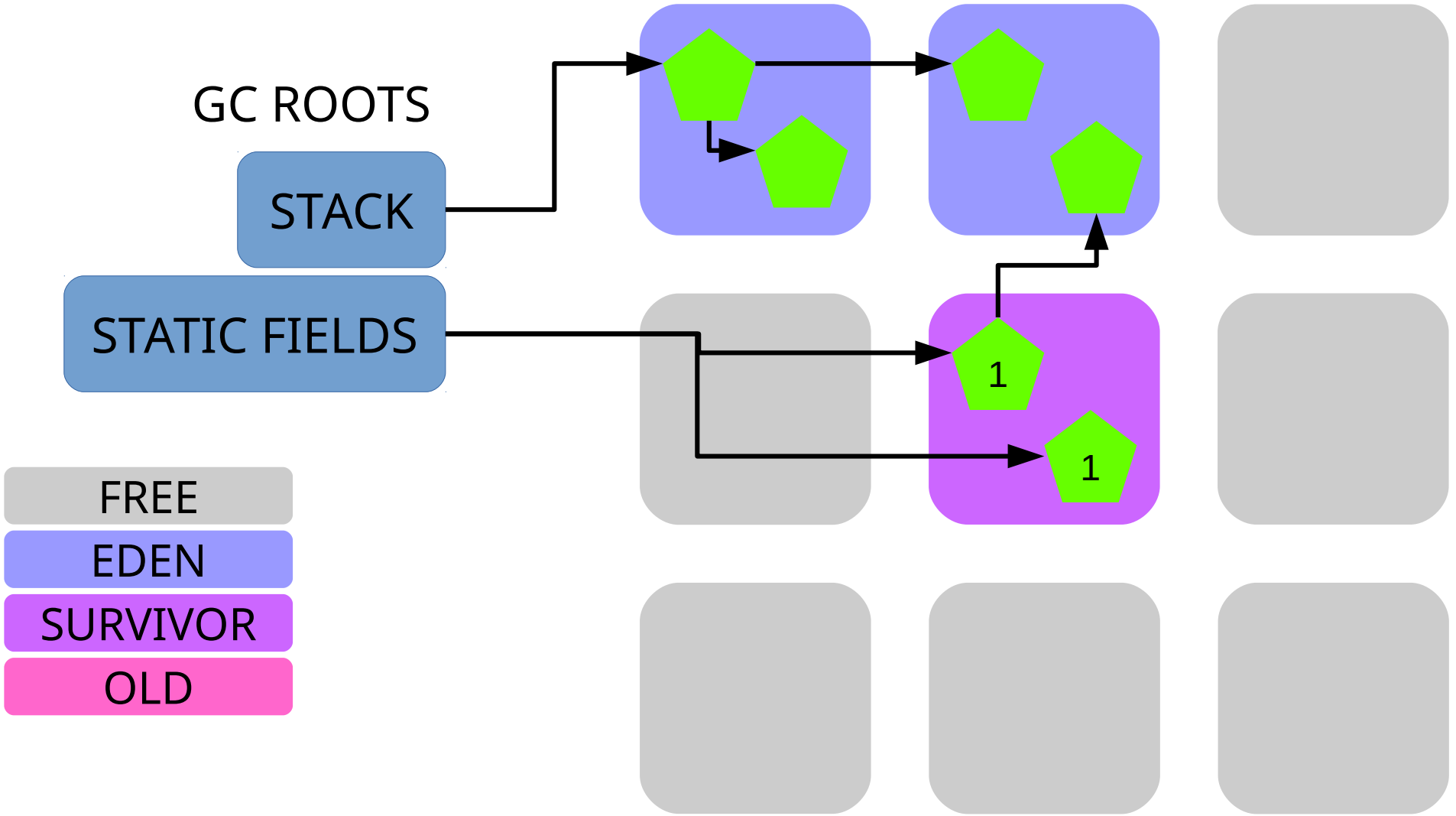

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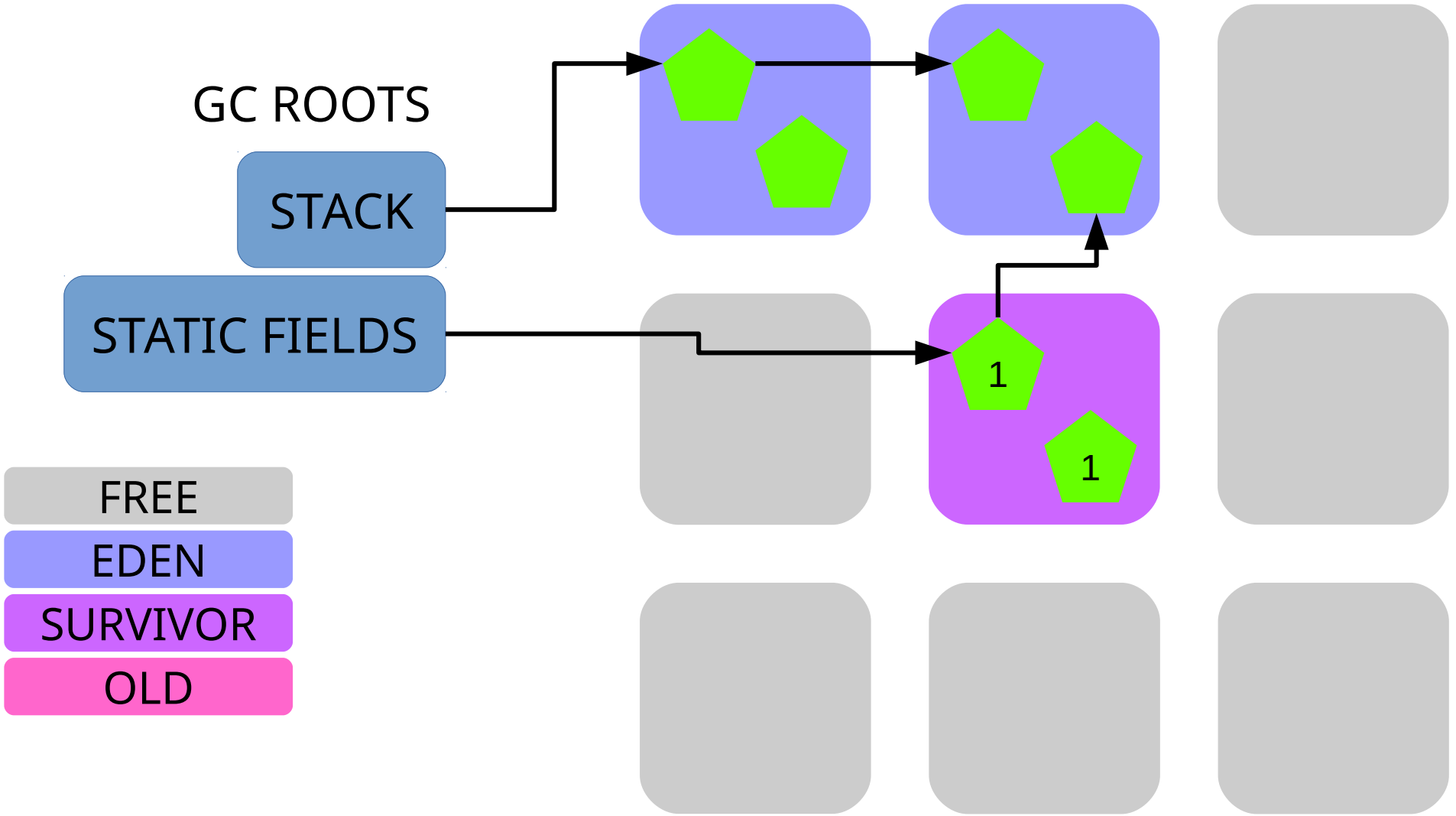

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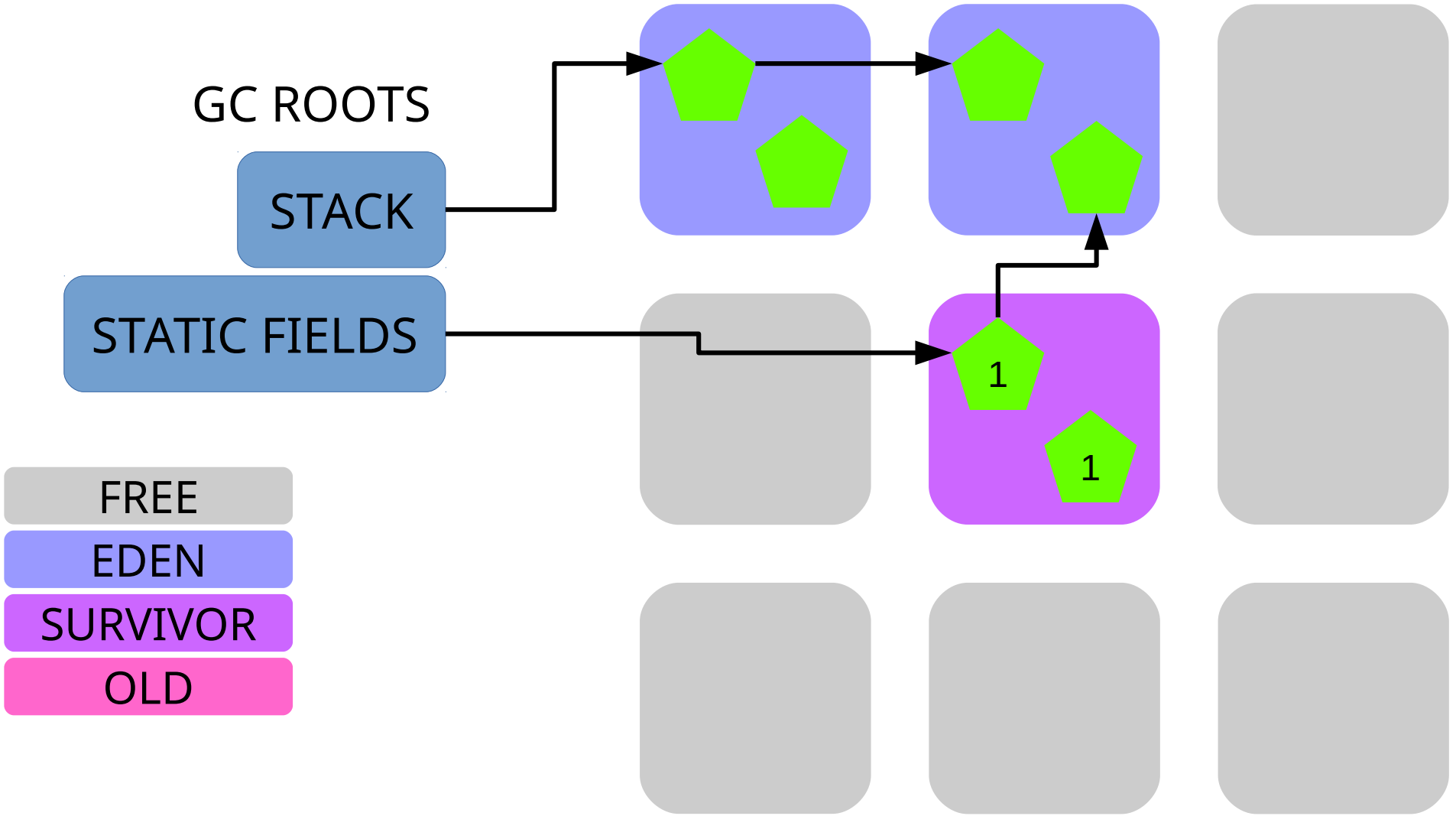

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Collection Set: all young

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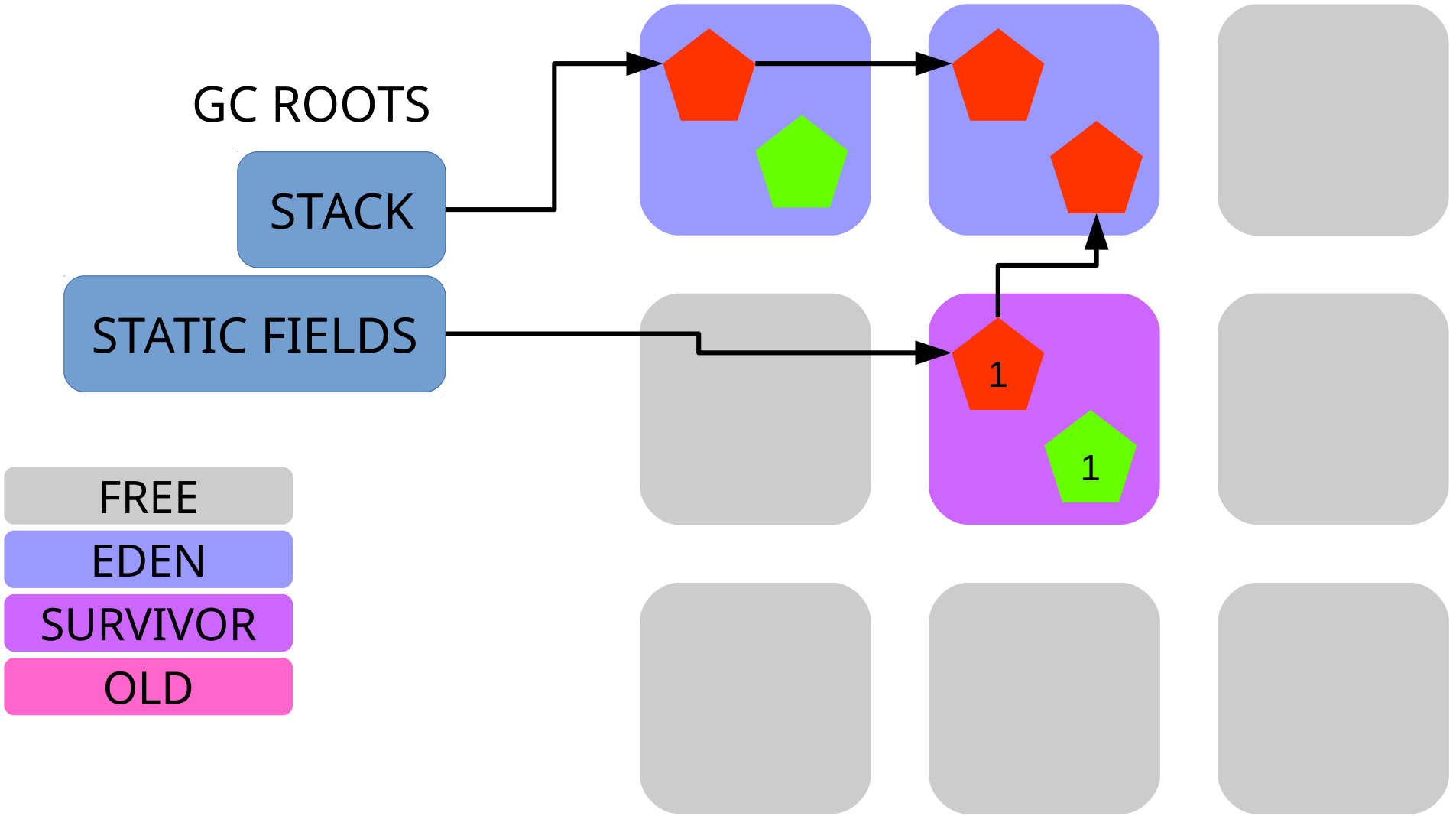

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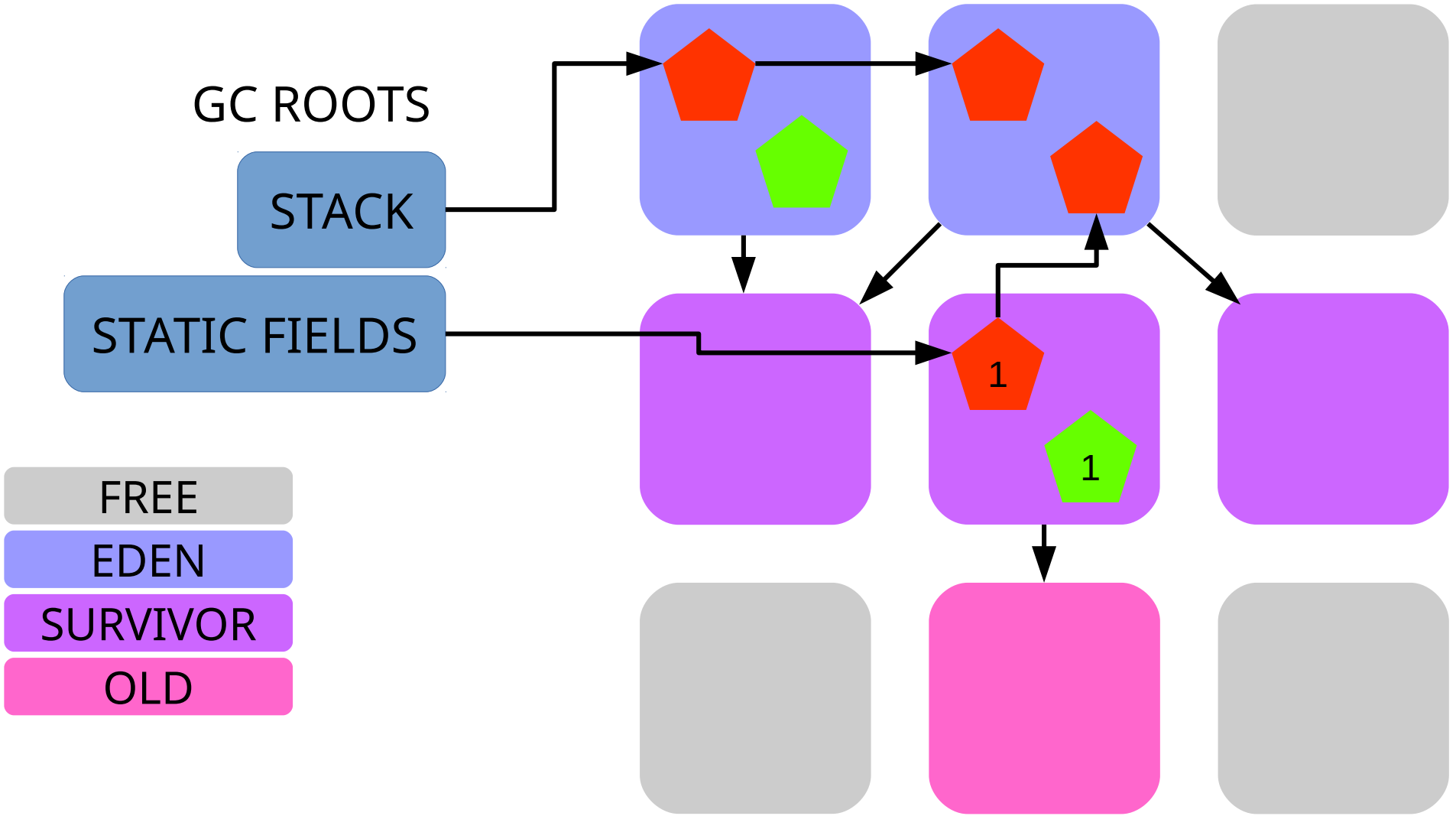

Move to new survivor region / old

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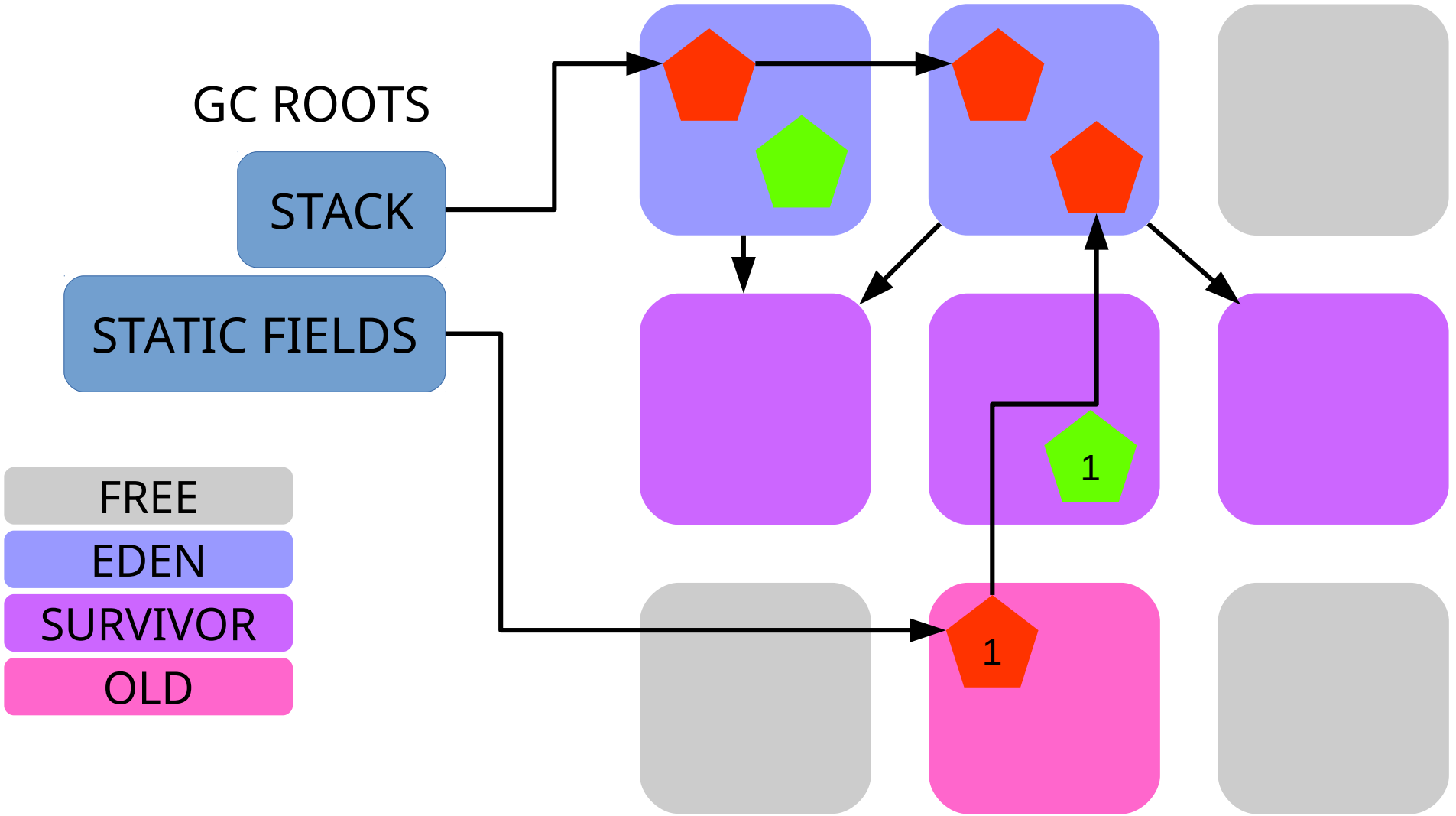

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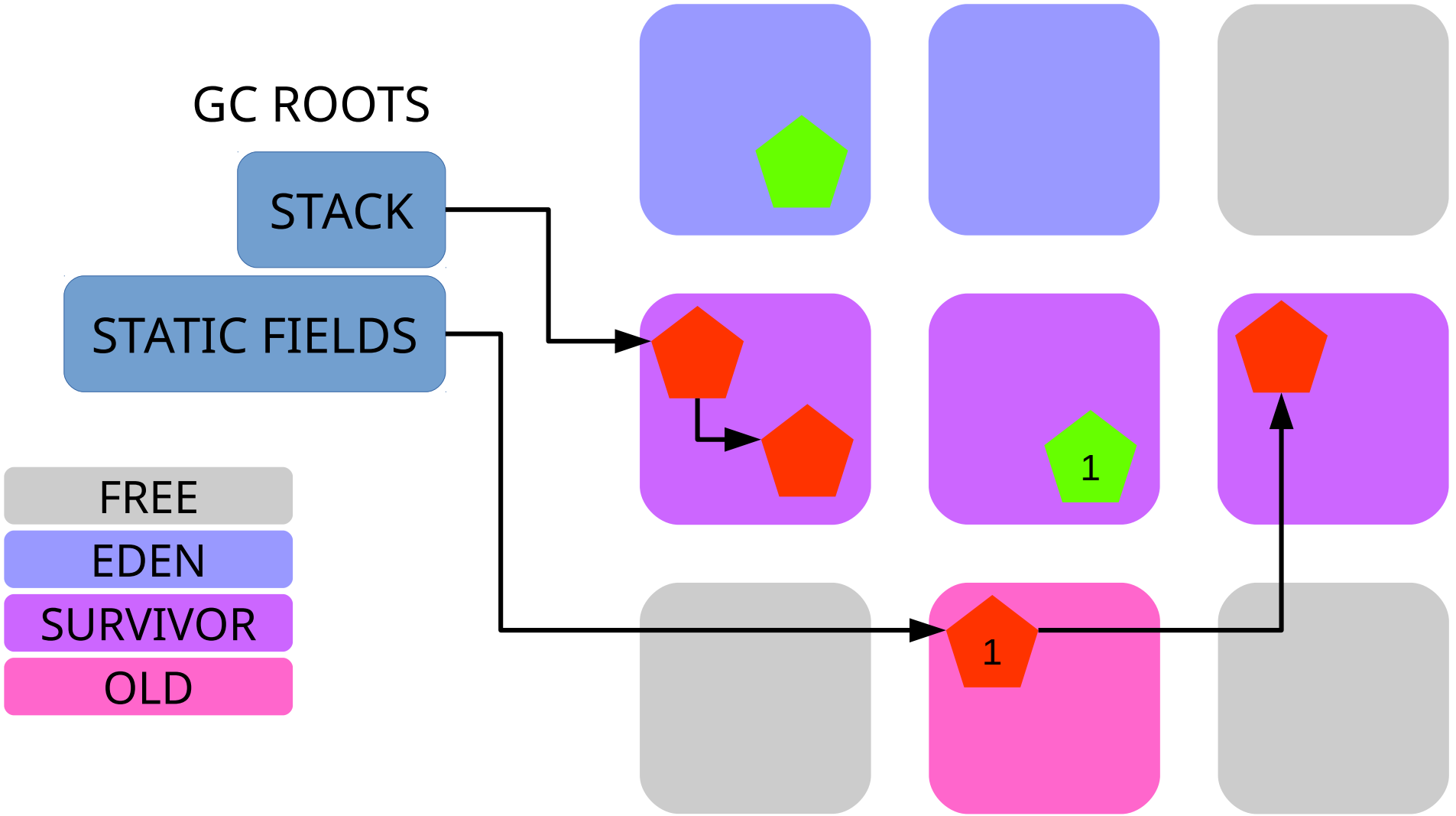

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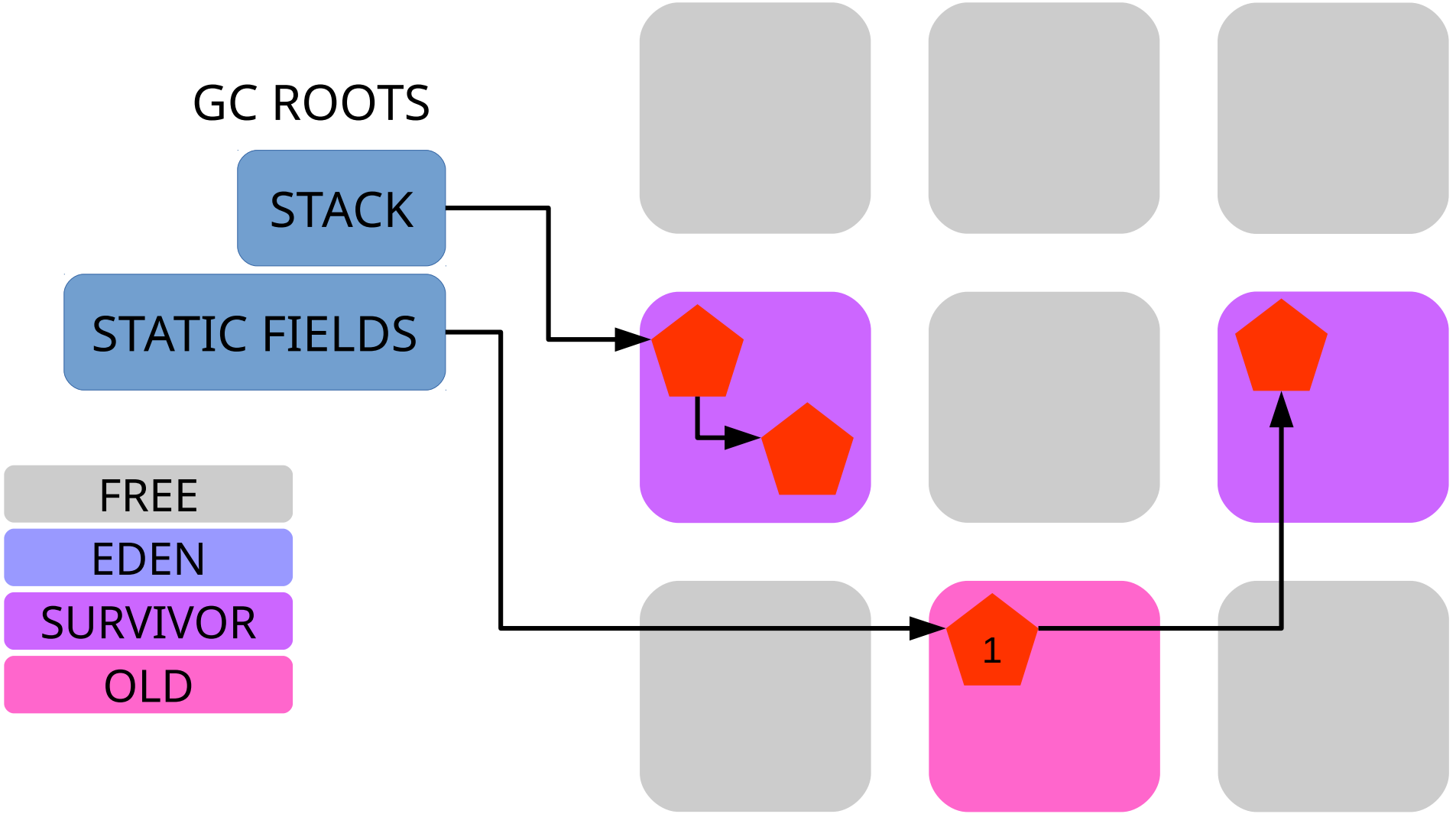

Free evacuated regions

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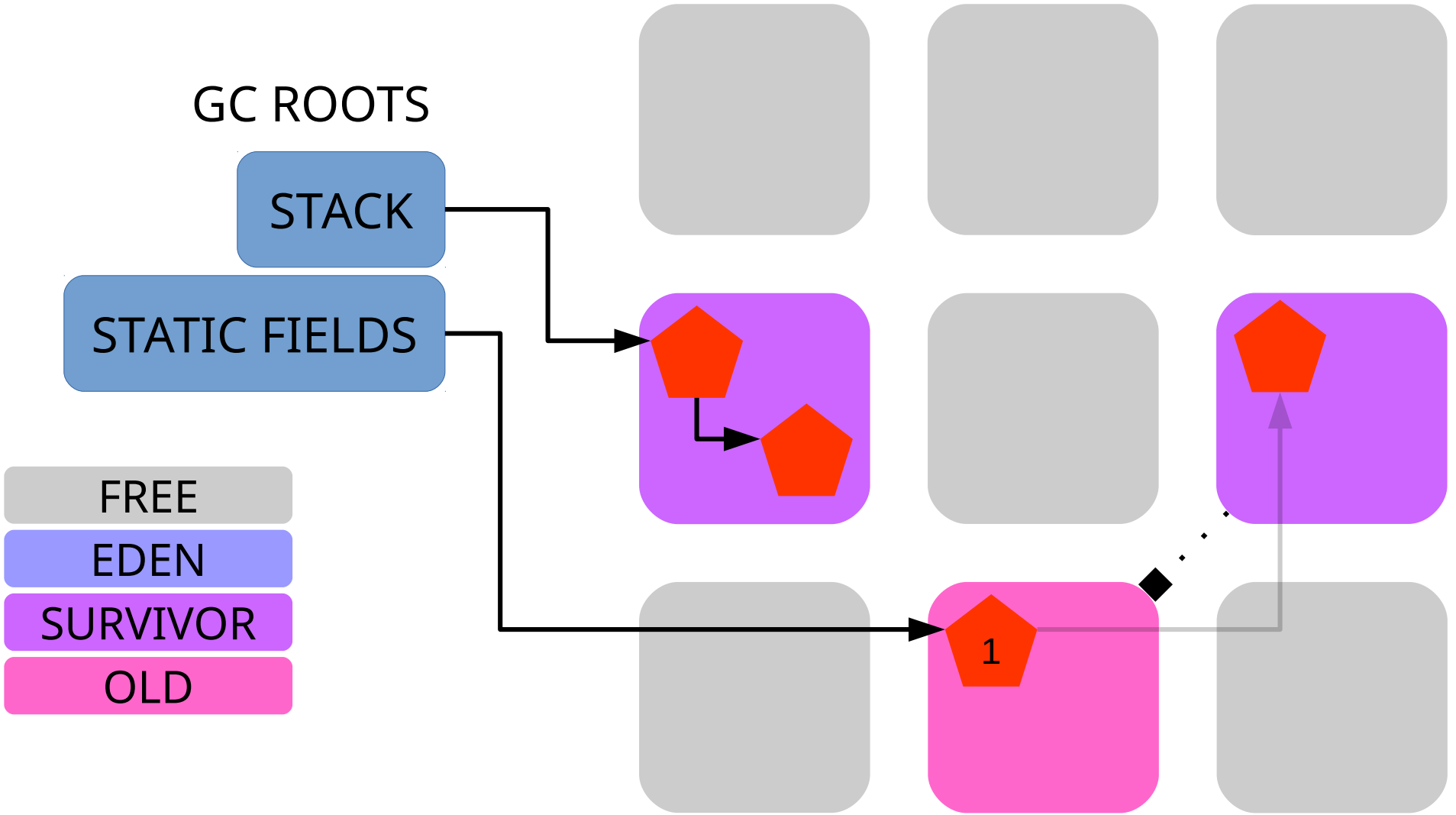

Update RSets (Per region Card Table on steroids)

old->old, old->young

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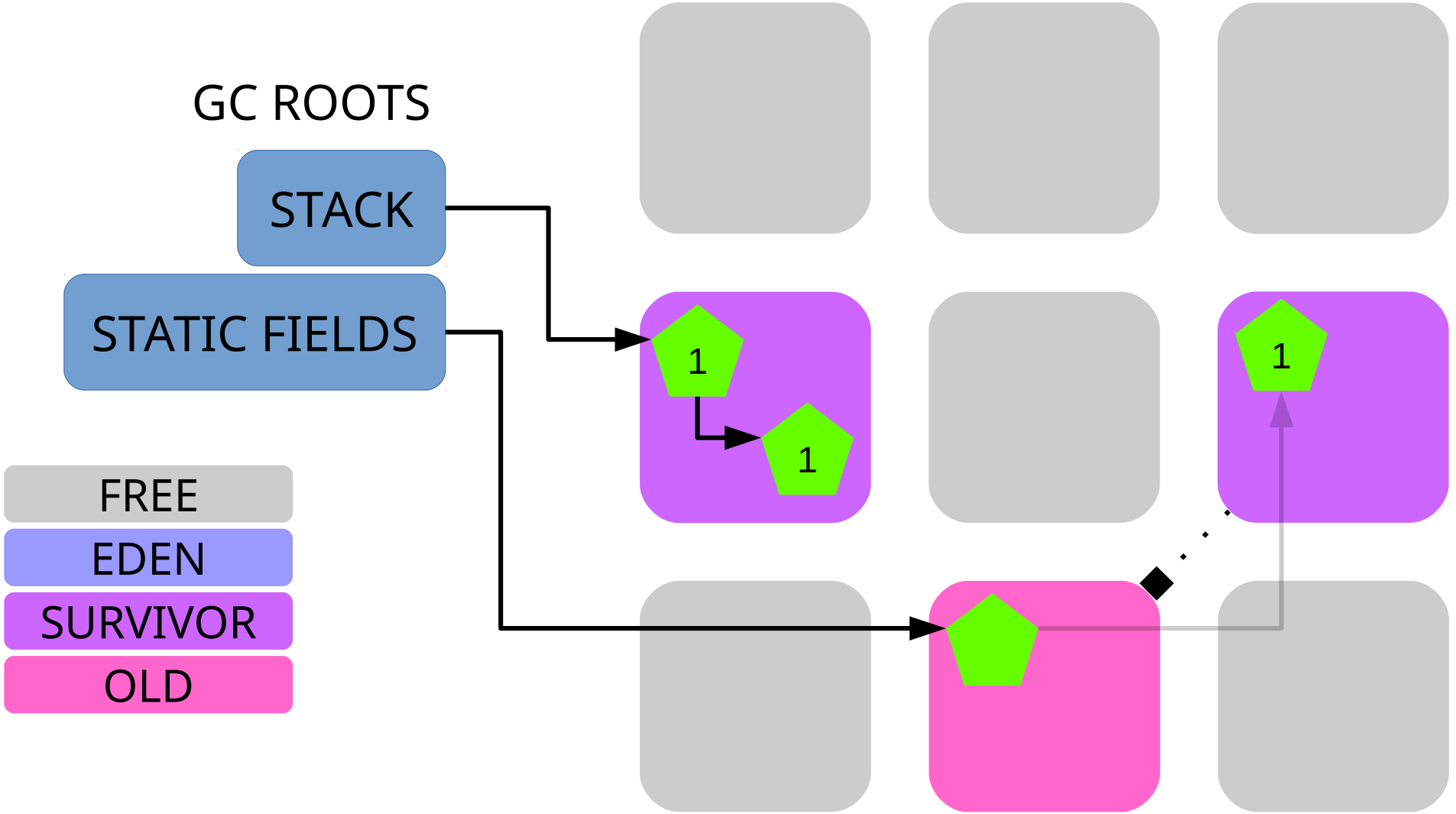

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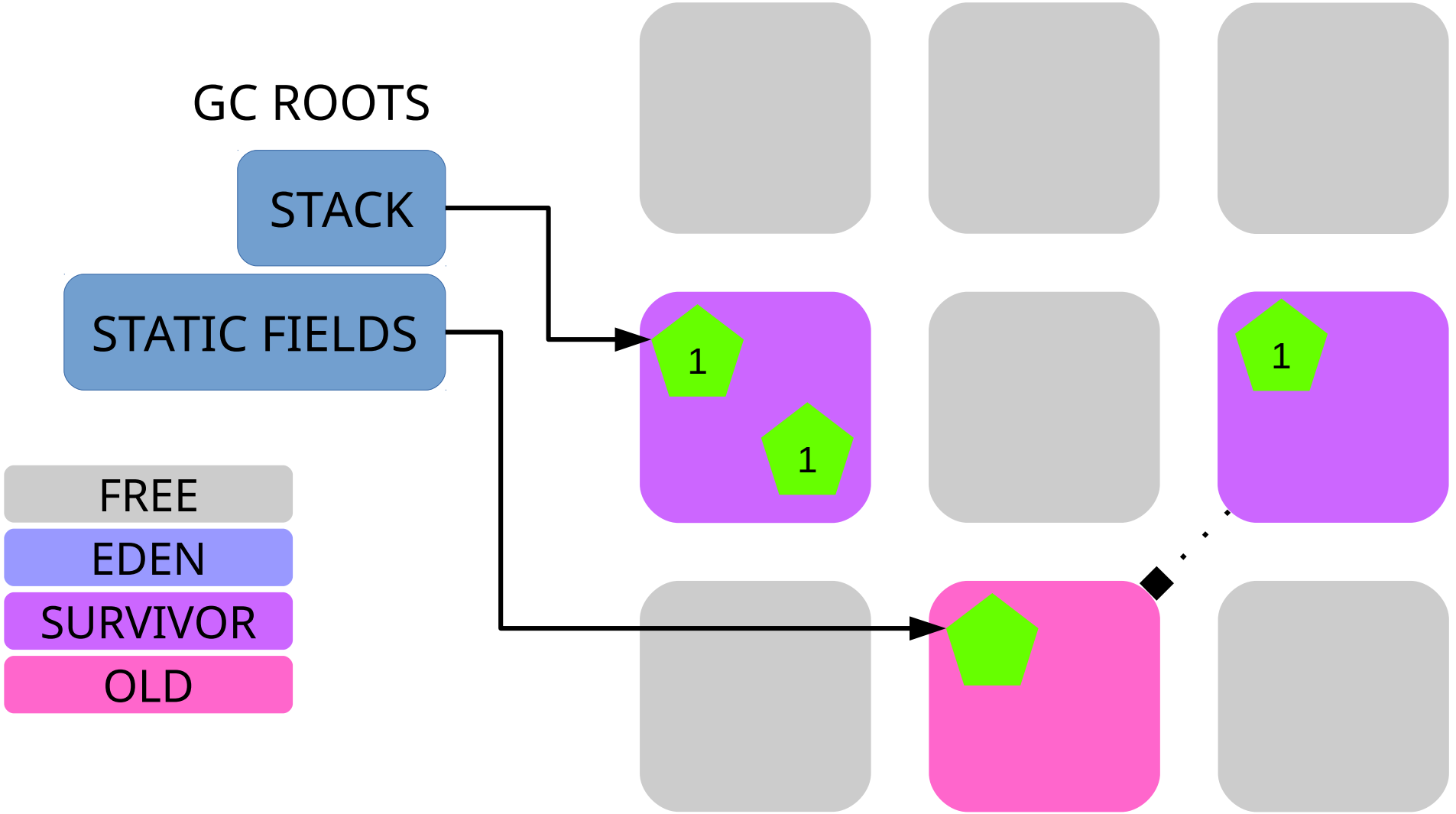

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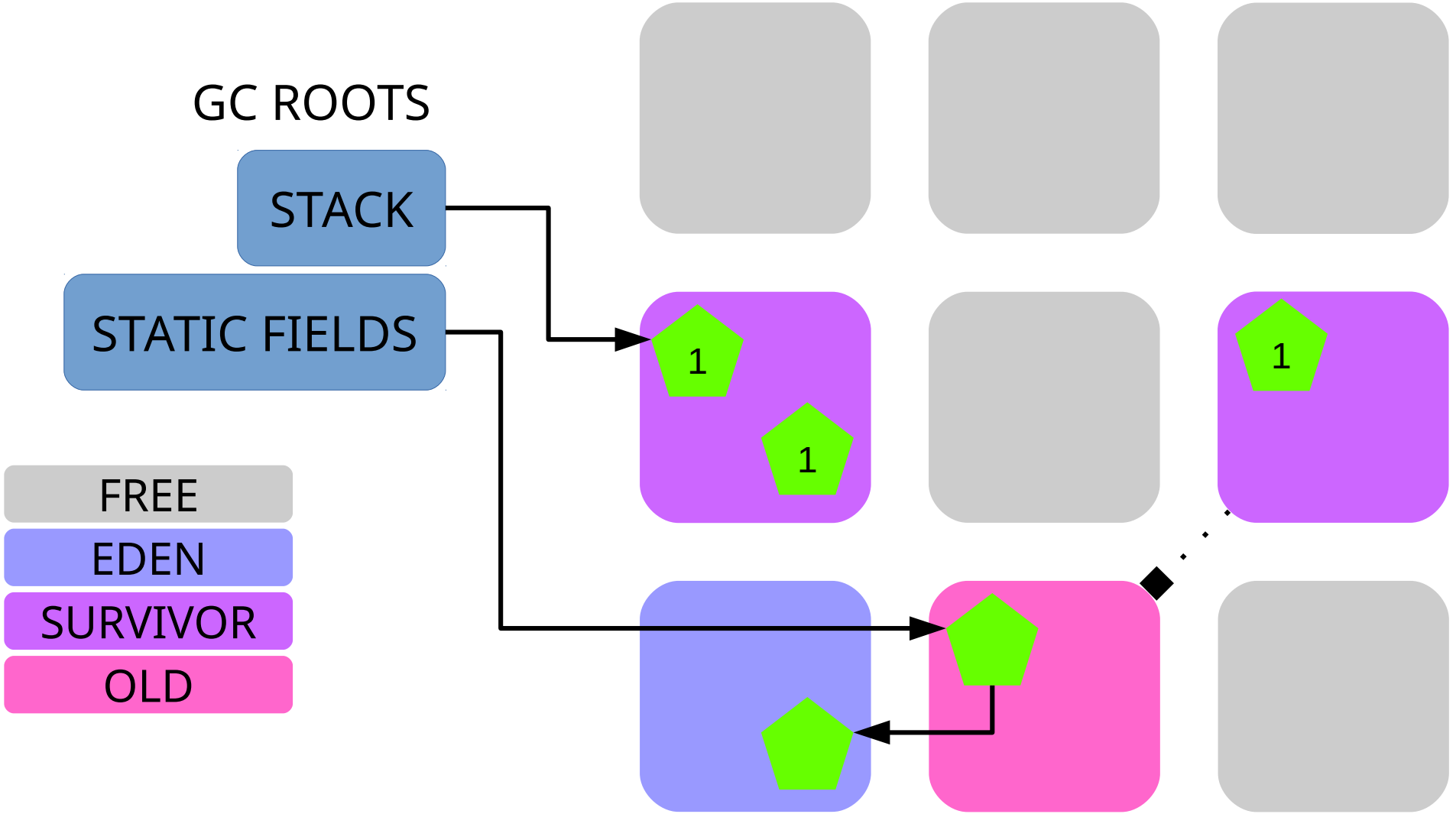

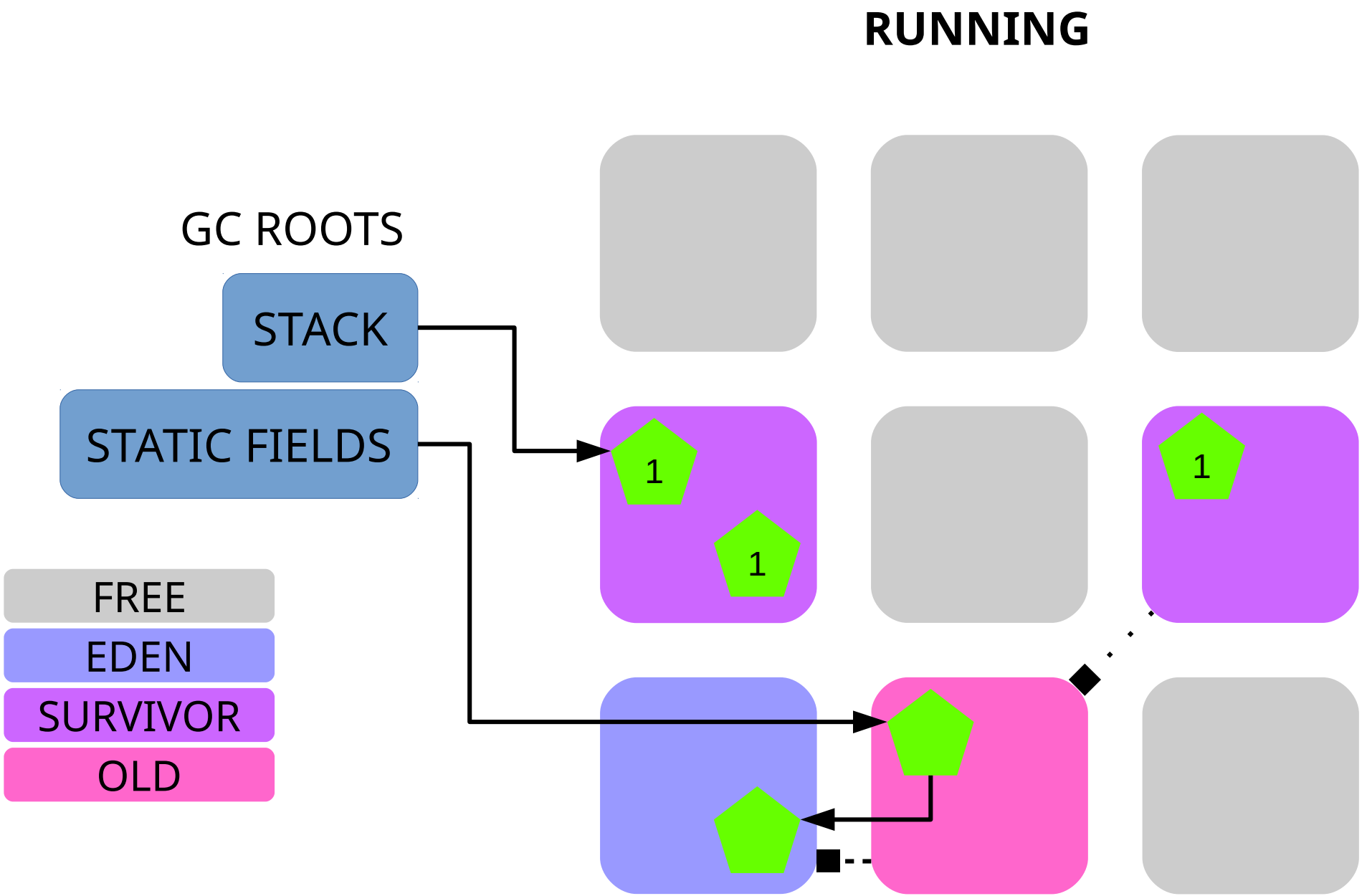

Update RSet: old->young

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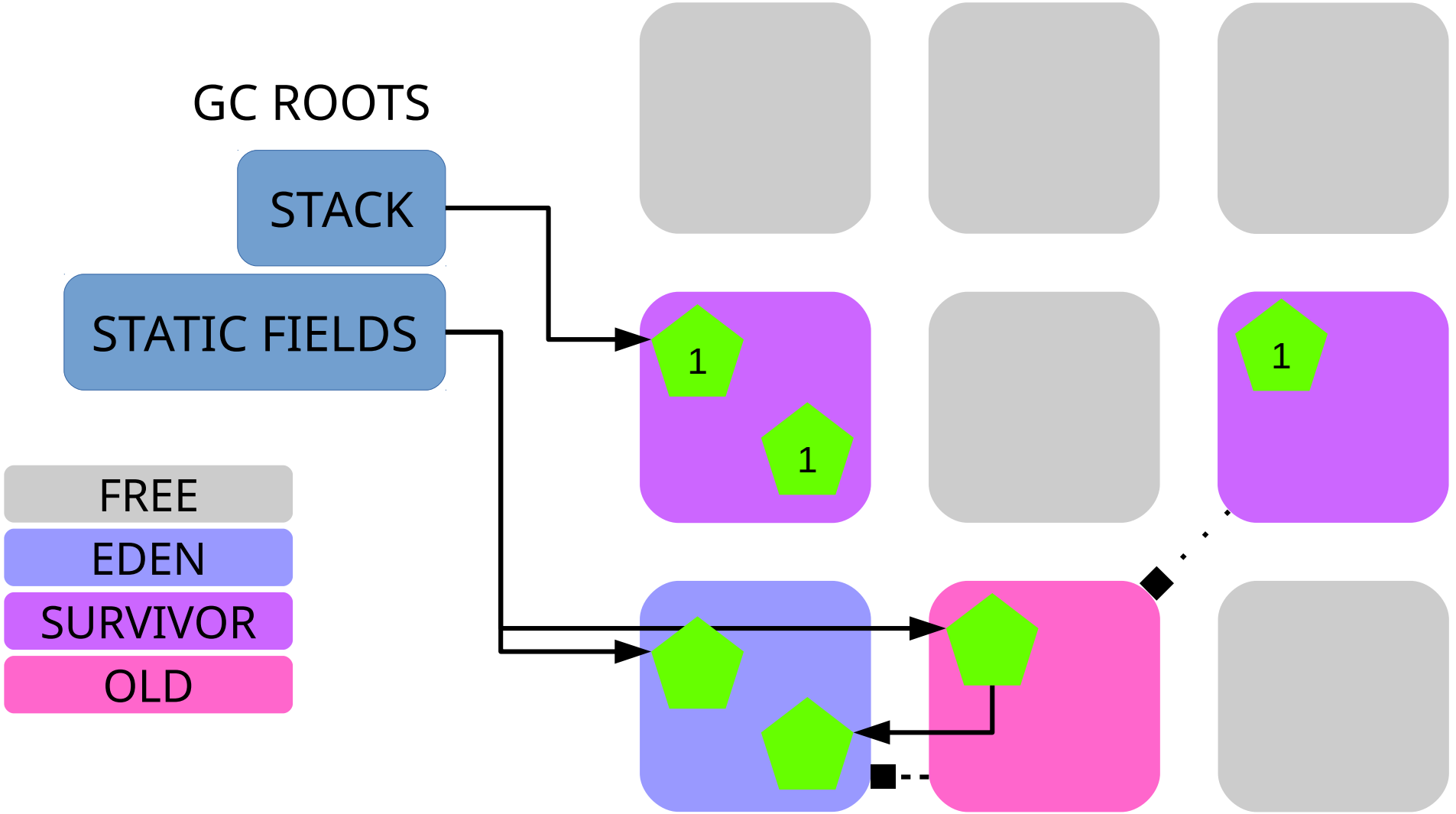

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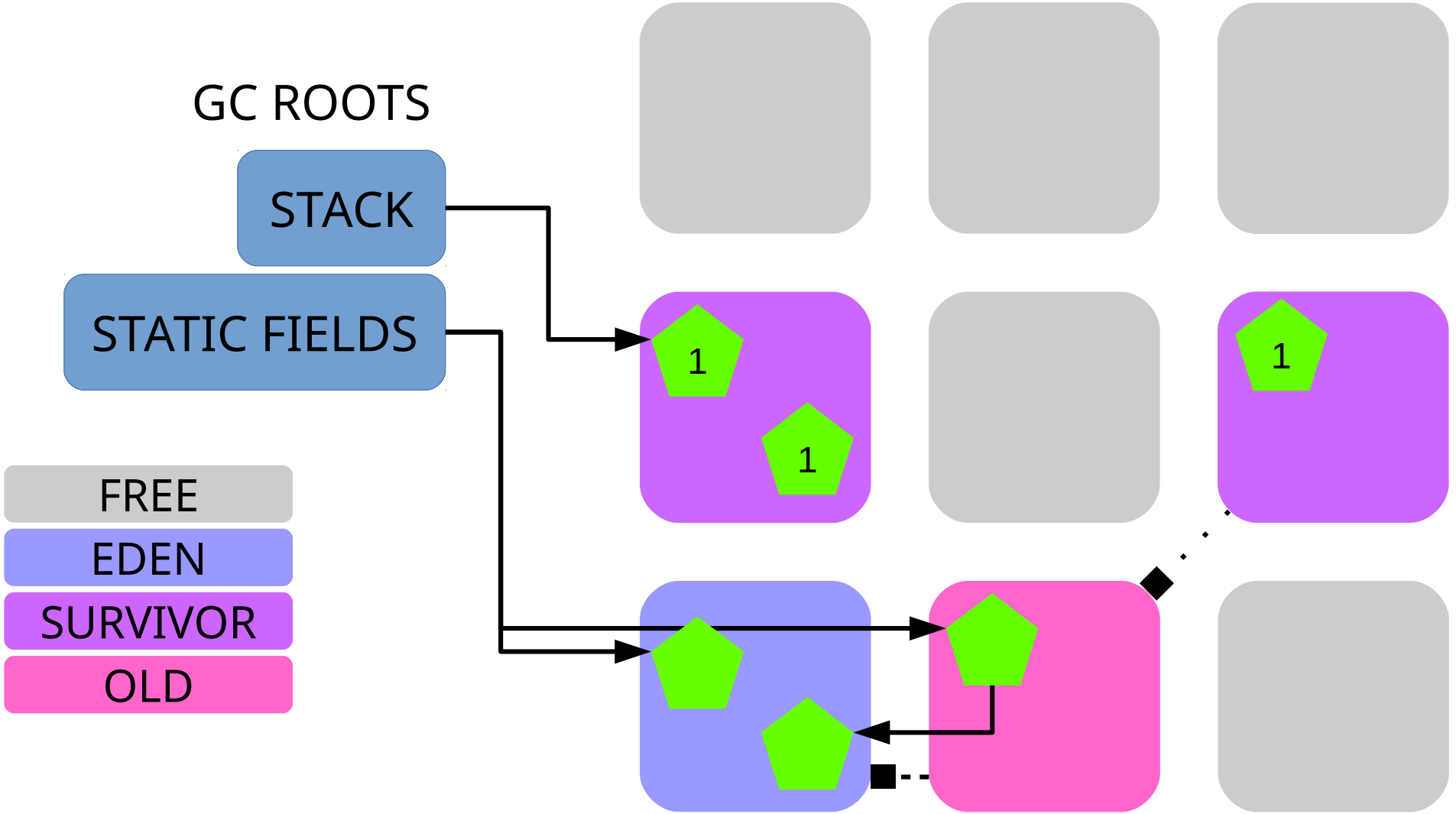

[GC pause (G1 Evacuation Pause) (young) ..]
Collection Set: all young

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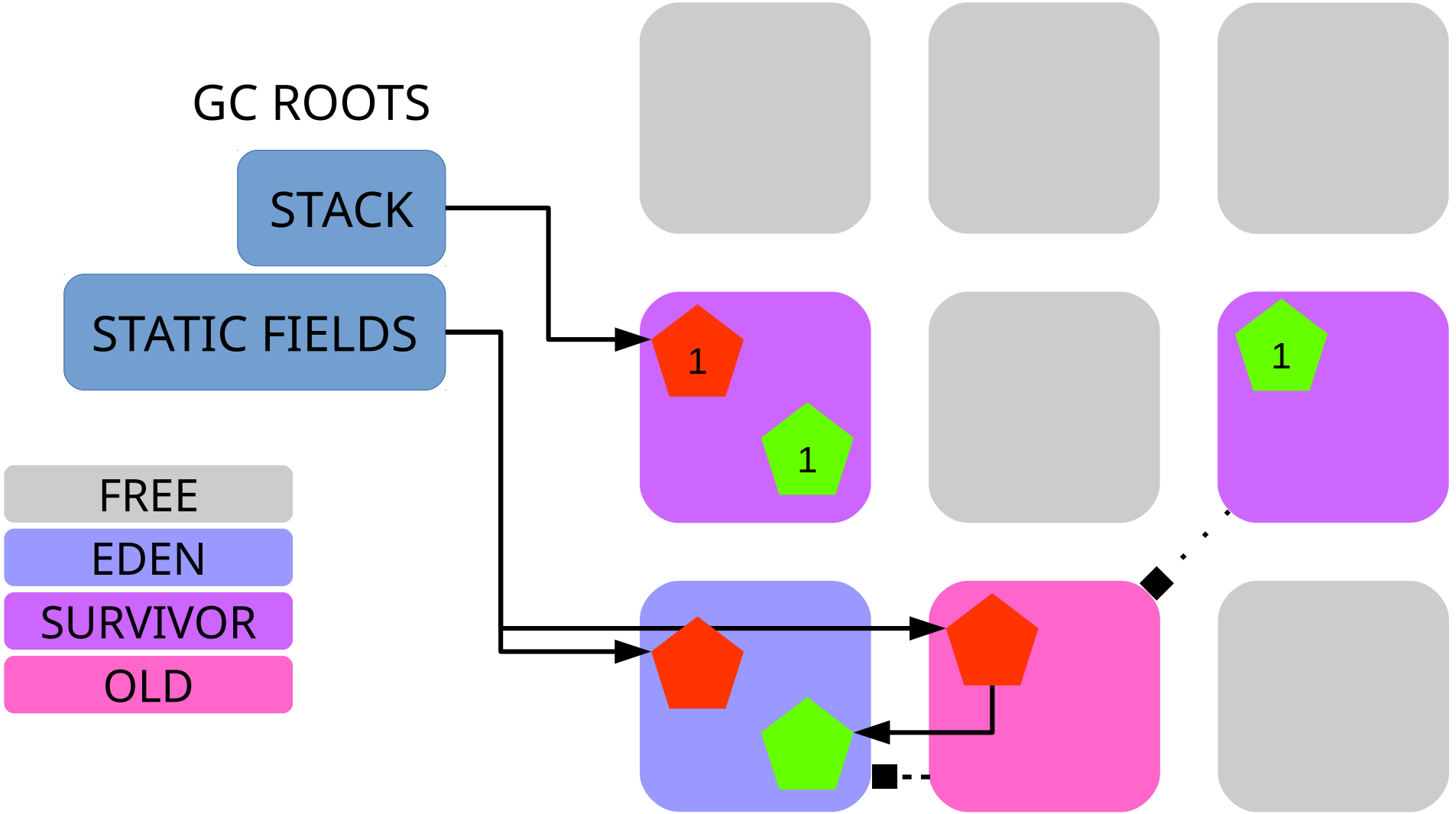

Mark objects reachable from roots

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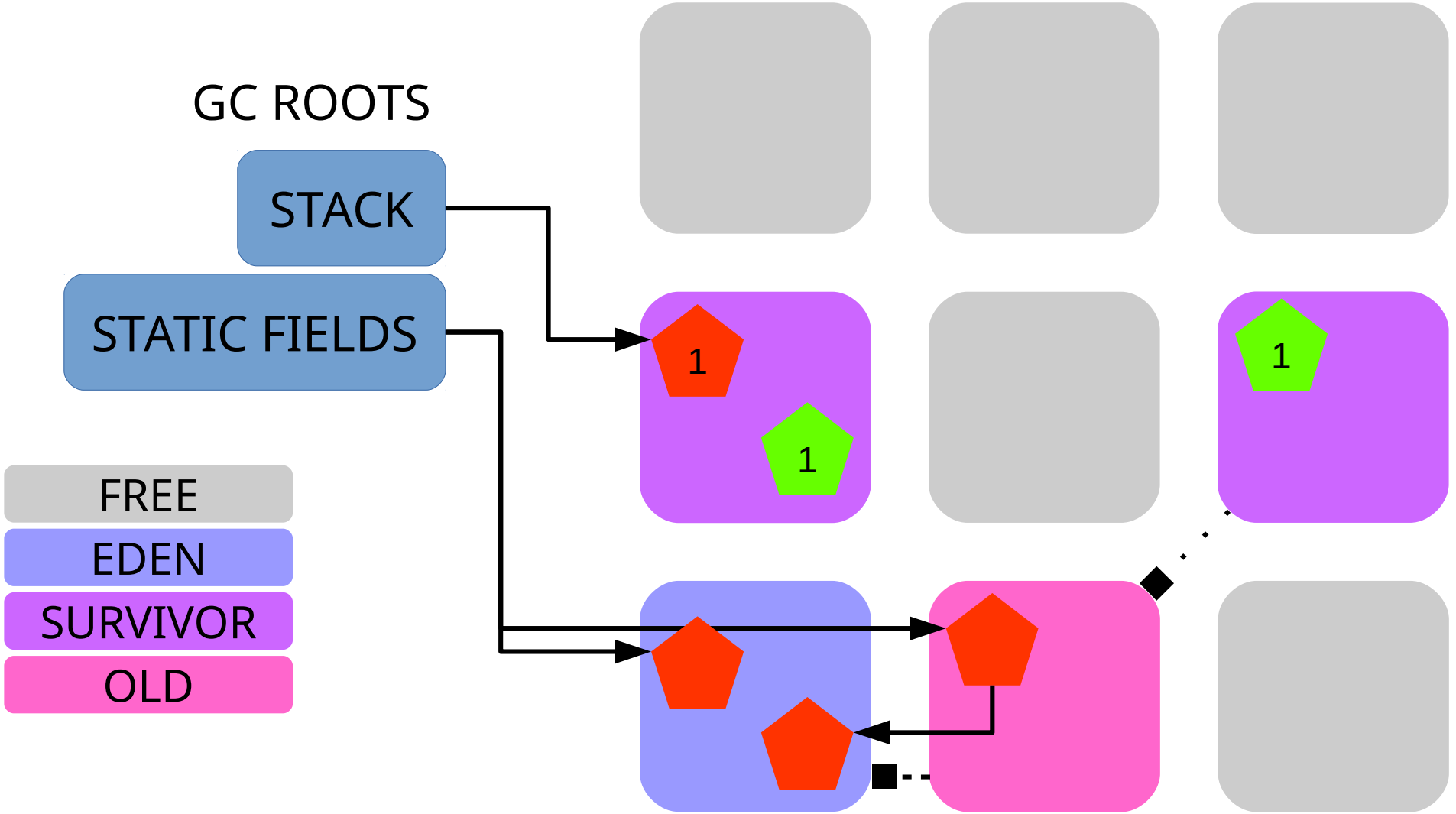

Mark objects reachable from roots and RSets

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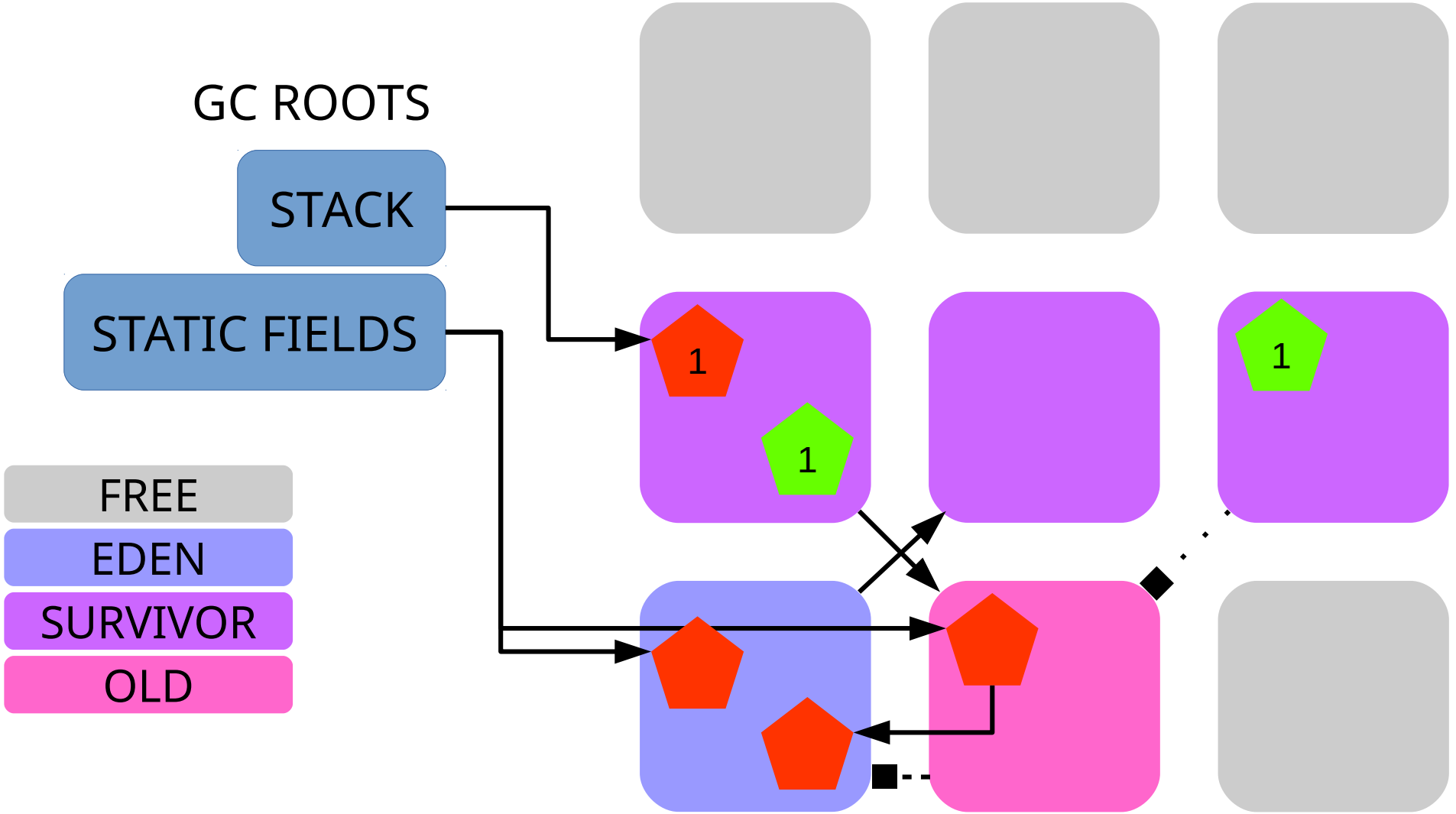

Move to new survivor region / old

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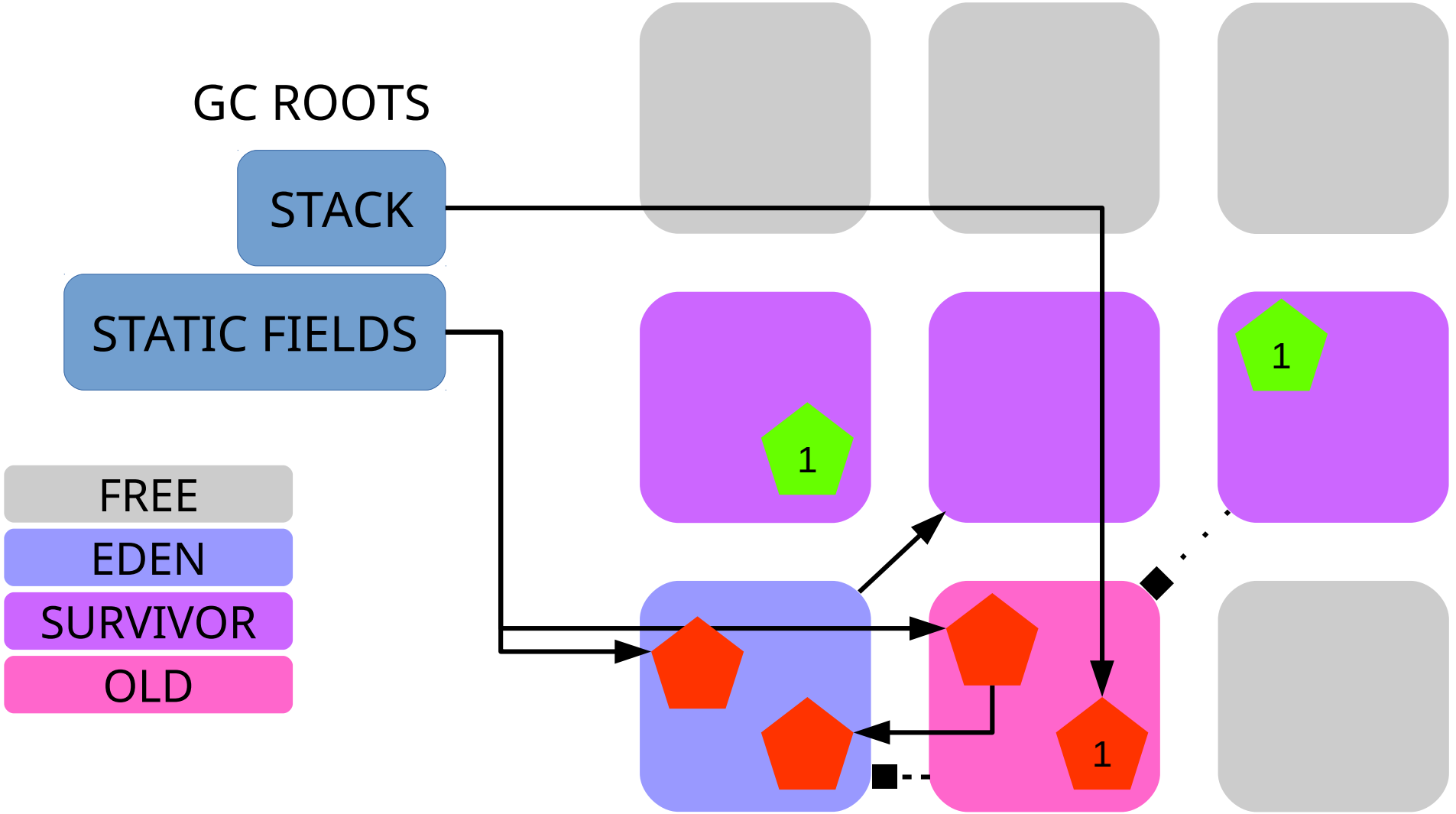

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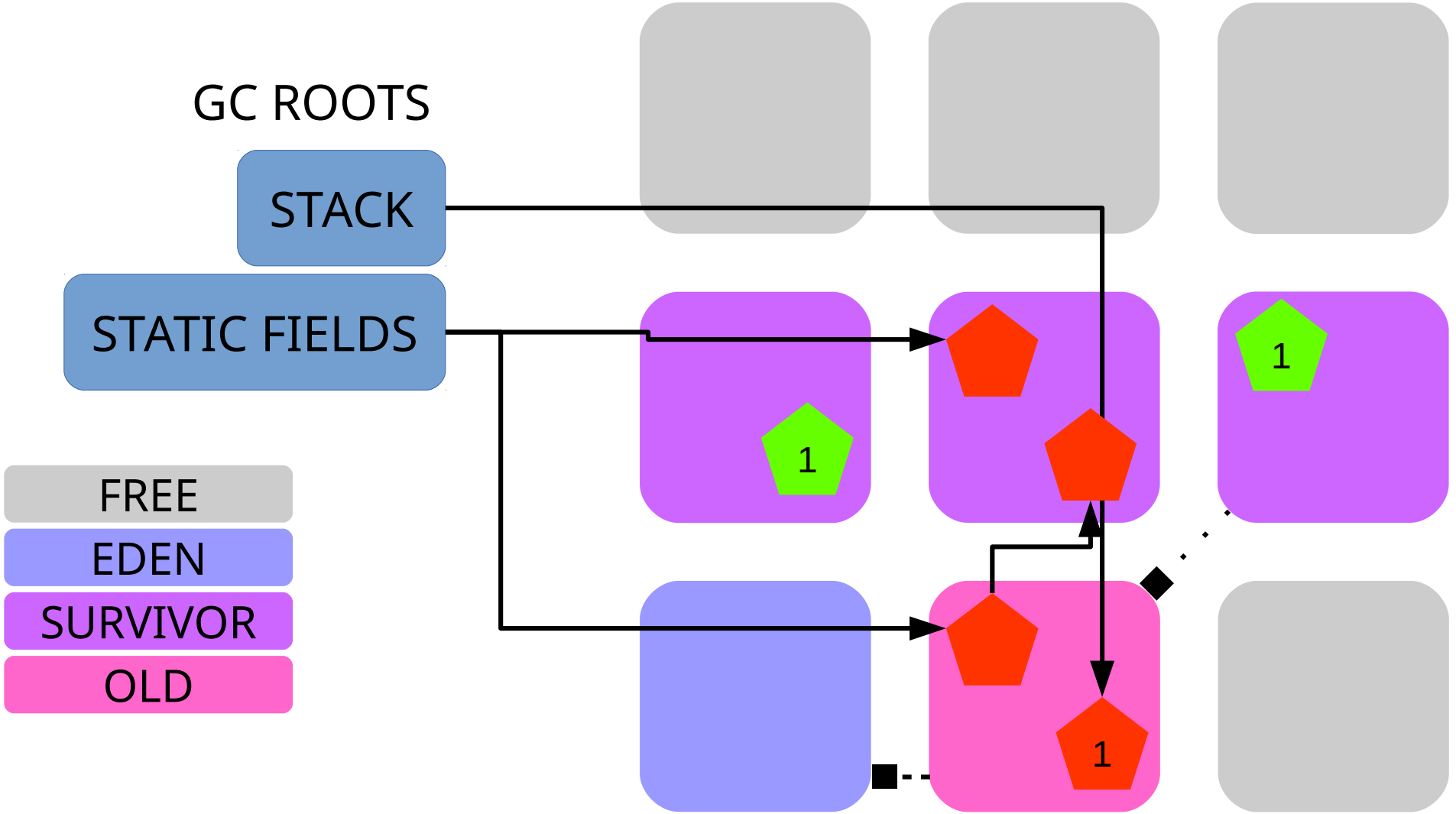

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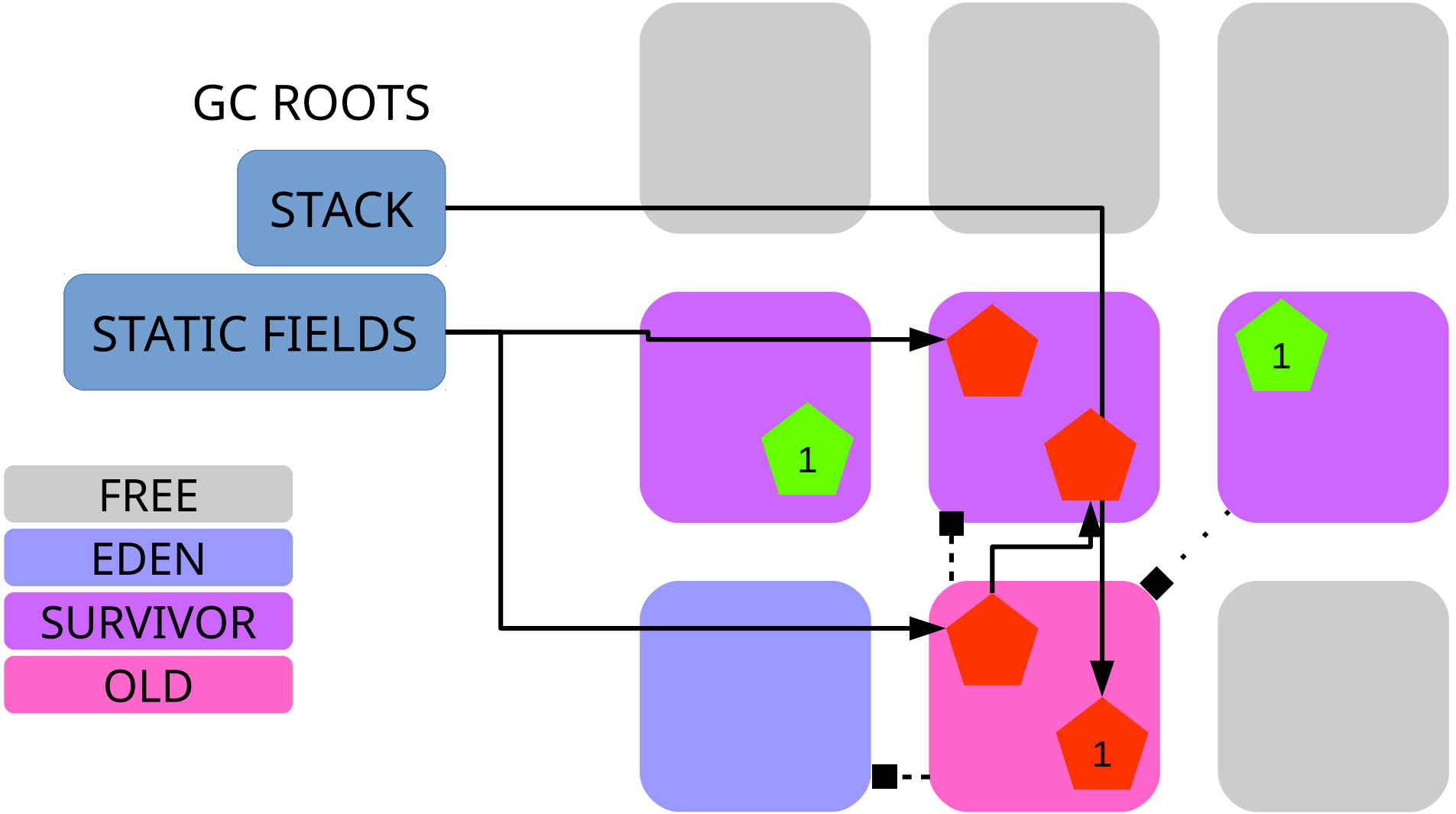

Update RSet: old->young

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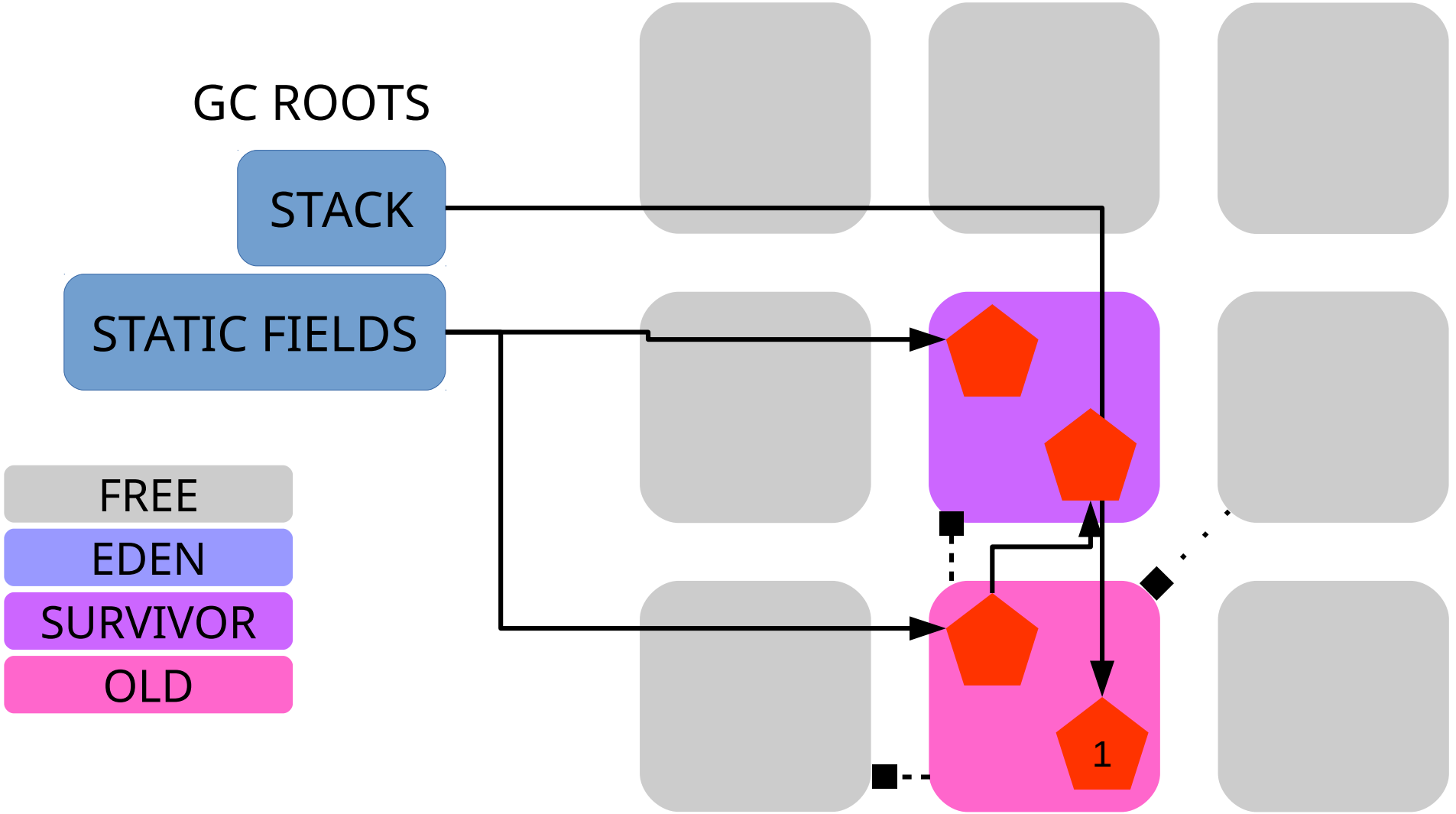

Free evacuated regions

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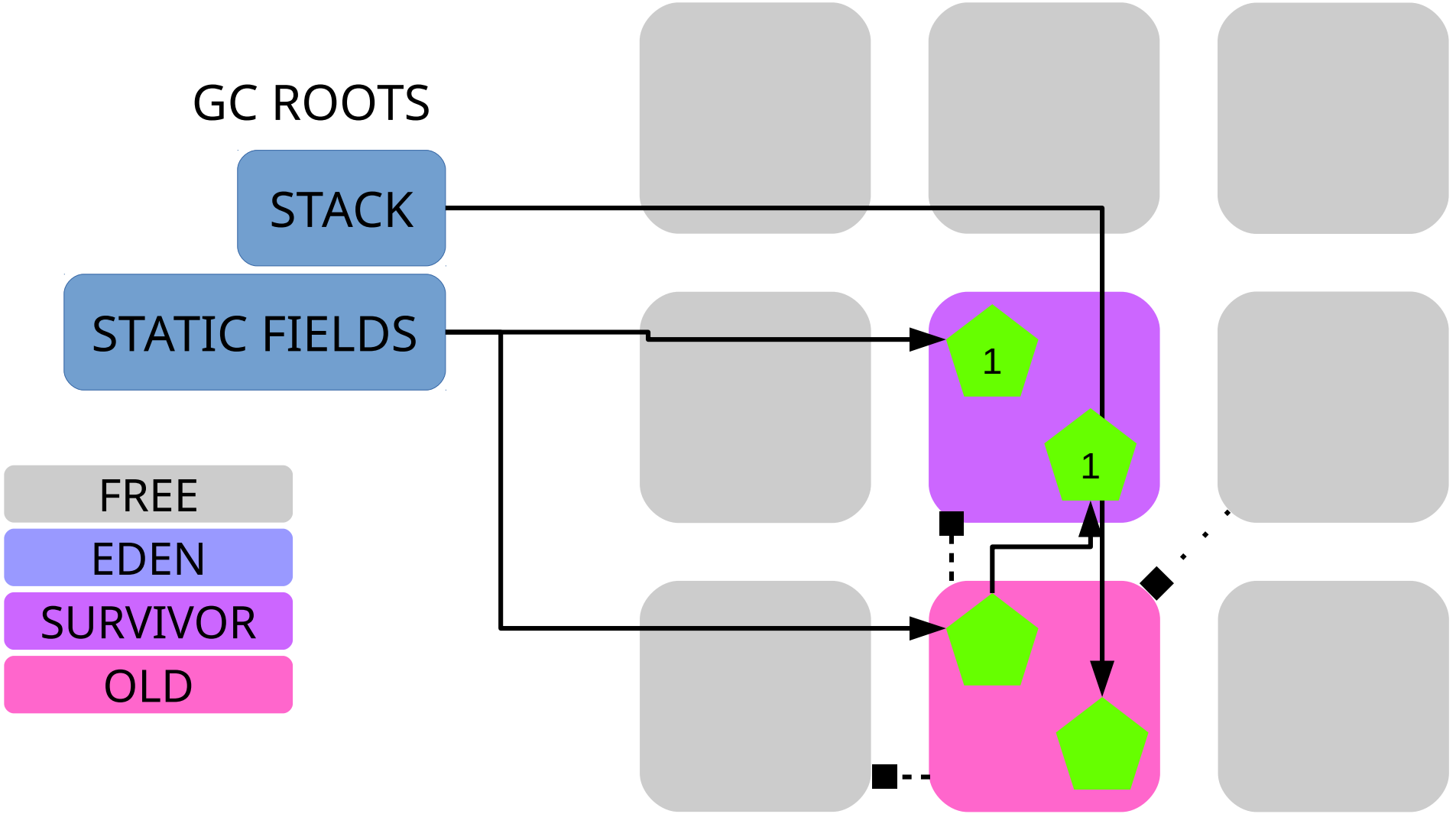

Meanwhile..

- Concurrent marking
- Start from GC roots
- Find all live objects
- Sort regions by “liveness”

After concurrent marking

- Stop The World
- Scrub RSets
- Collection set: all young
  + Old with least live objects
- 1.269: [GC pause (**mixed**) ...]
- Amount of old regions selected ~ pause time

Recap: G1

- Use concurrent marking
- Collection set: all young
  + hand picked old (most garbage)
- Find live objects from GC roots + RSets
- Compact to new survivors / old regions
- Free entire evacuated regions

G1 insights

- Avoid reference scanning with RSets
- Avoid long pauses with mixed collection: never clean entire Old Gen
- Only collect Old regions with most garbage
  - -> don’t touch live Old objects
  - -> more time to become garbage
  - Less live objects -> less copying

Homework (1)

- Use PhantomReferences to write a finalize() replacement
- User can register several cleanup tasks for any object
- PostCollectionTaskRunner starts a thread that runs cleanup tasks in the background

```
interface PostCollectionTaskRunner {
  void register(Object o, Runnable task);
  void shutdown() throws Exception;
}
```

Homework (2)

- Run with ParallelGC (Java8 default).
  Enable detailed GC logging. Cause a Full GC.
- Submit the GC log + following comments:
  - for one minor collection: time since last collection and bytes freed for young gen
  - for one Full GC: bytes freed for young gen, old gen, total heap size
- Use max heap size 64M
- Also submit code for triggering Full GC

Homework (3)

- Phantoms expensive ->
  use 1 per managed object
- Don’t keep stuff for dead objects
- Reasonably efficient code:
  no Thread#sleep, crazy list iterations, etc.
- shutdown() -> stop thread, clear data
- Deadline: 07 Nov 23:59 local time

Read more..

- https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/technotes/guides/vm/gctuning/
- https://plumbr.eu/handbook/garbage-collection-algorithms-implementations
- https://vimeo.com/181948157
- https://stackoverflow.com/q/19154607
- http://insightfullogic.com/2013/Mar/06/garbage-collection-java-2/