VisualWorks Object Memory Management

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Structure

Eden


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SA
SB


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Old

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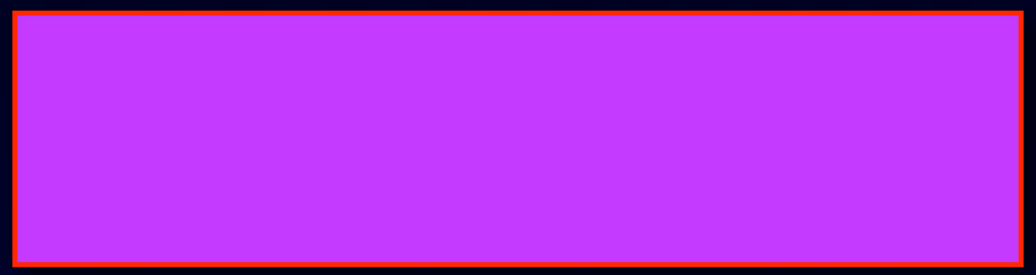
Perm

Evolution

Instance creation



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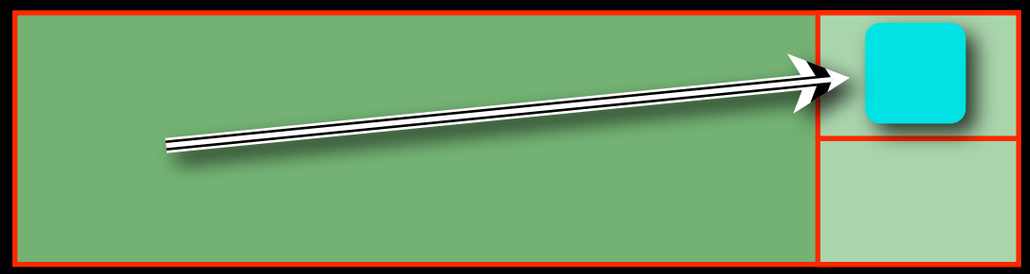

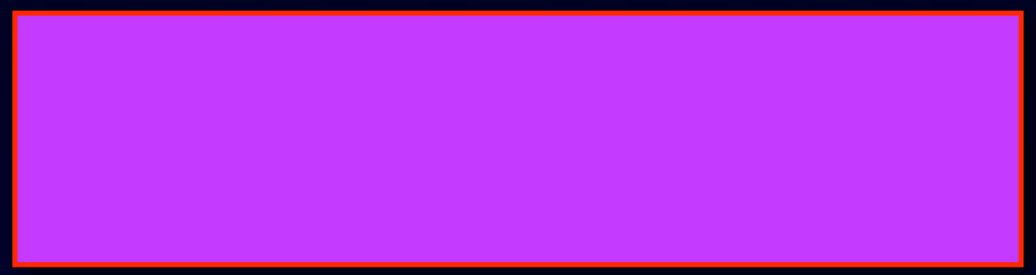

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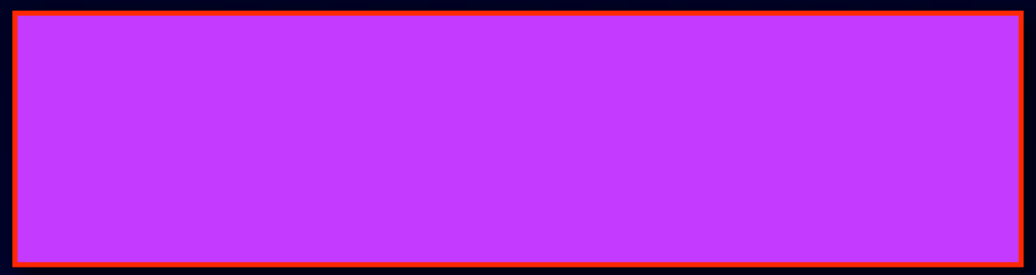

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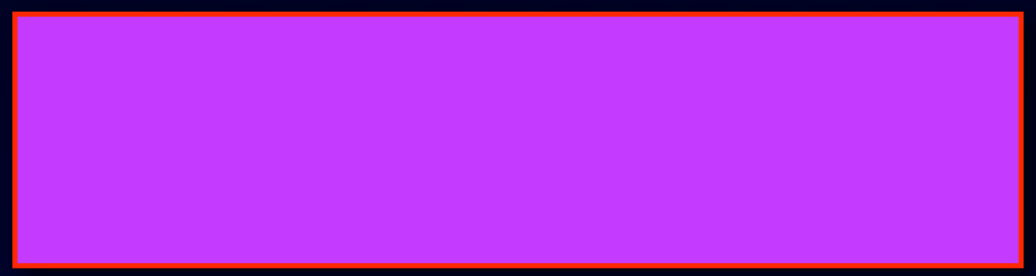

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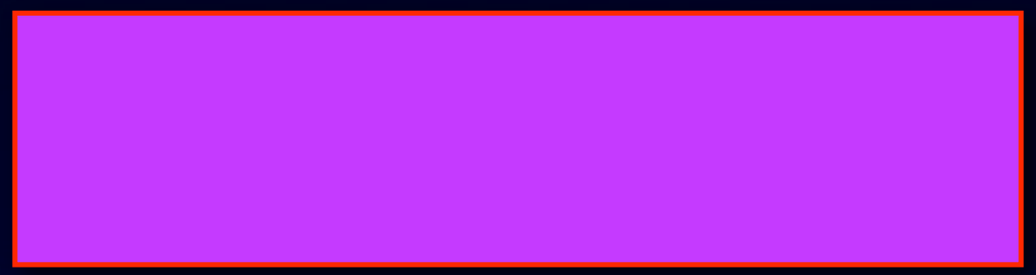

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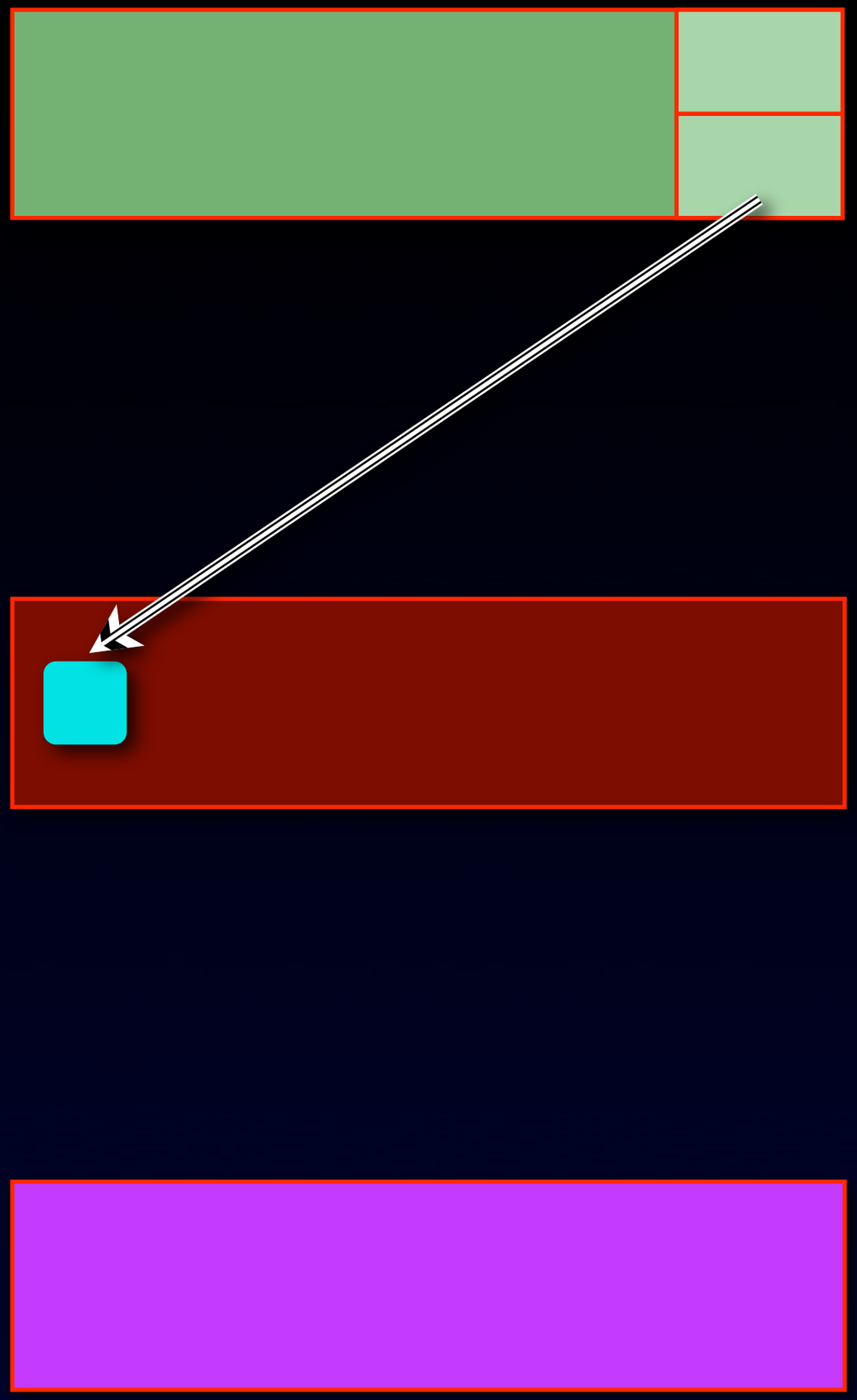
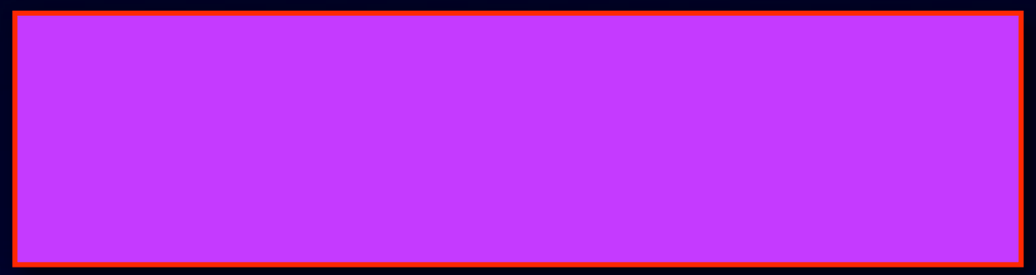
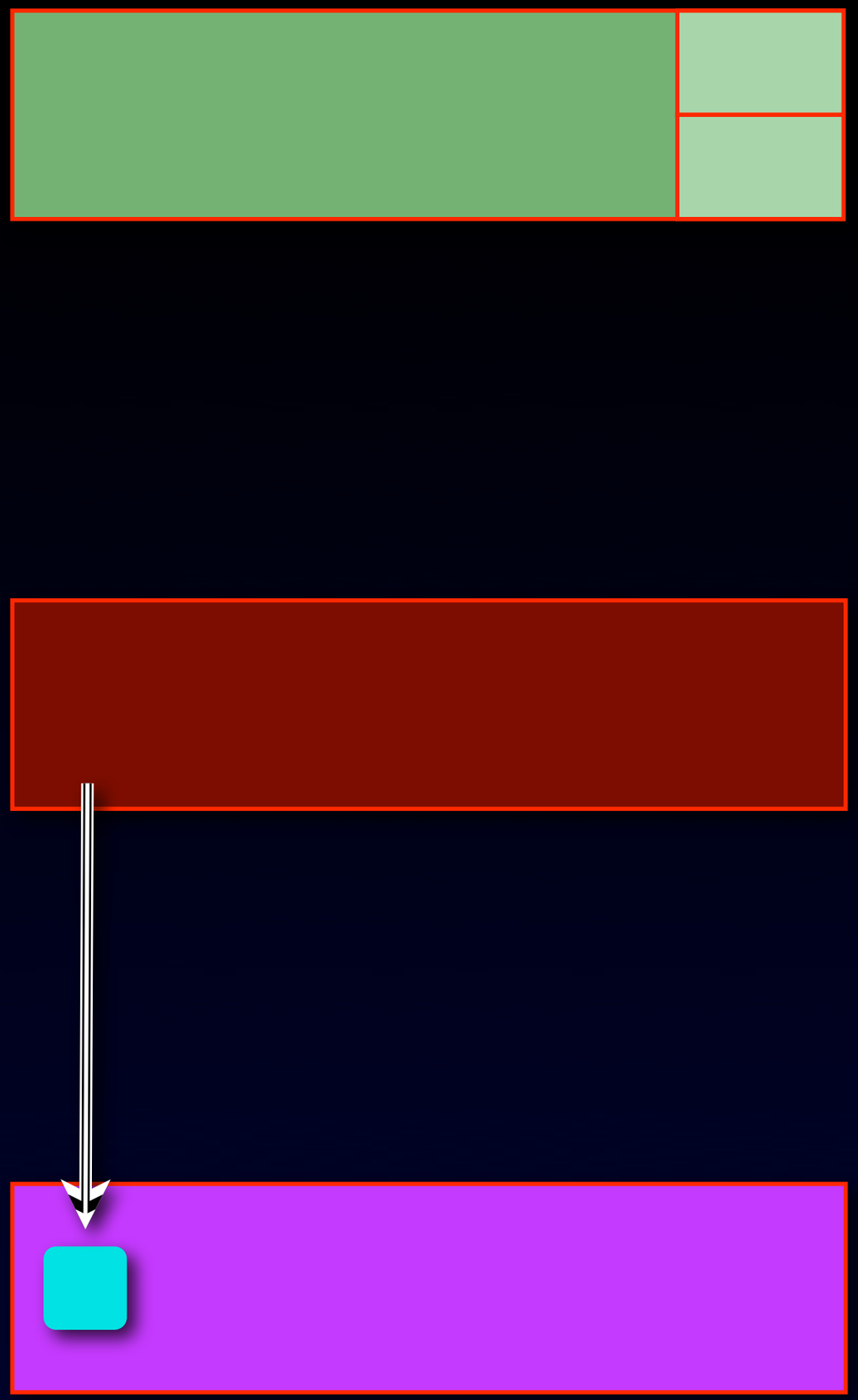


IGC / GC



Perm save



Global GC

But, speaking of GC...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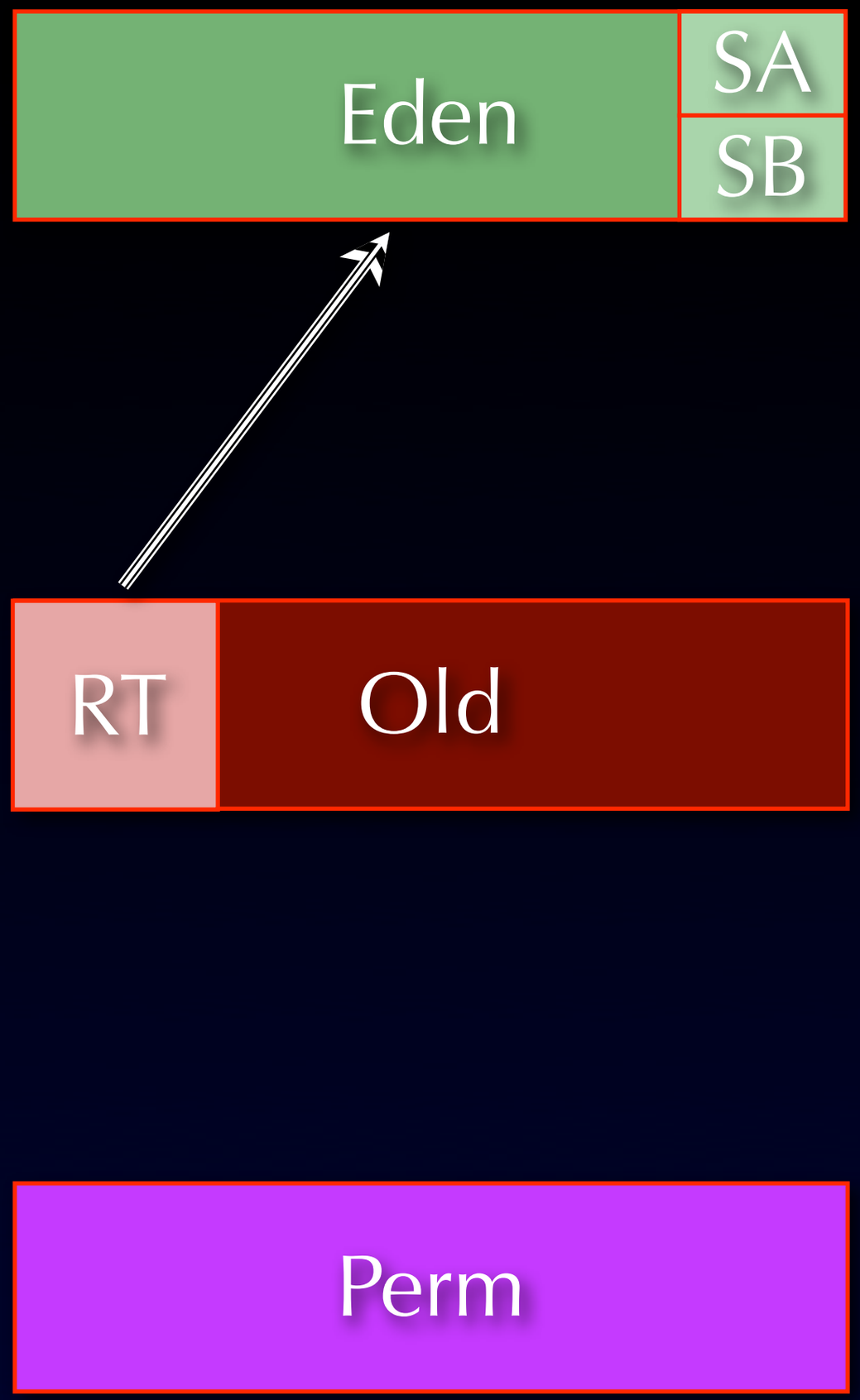

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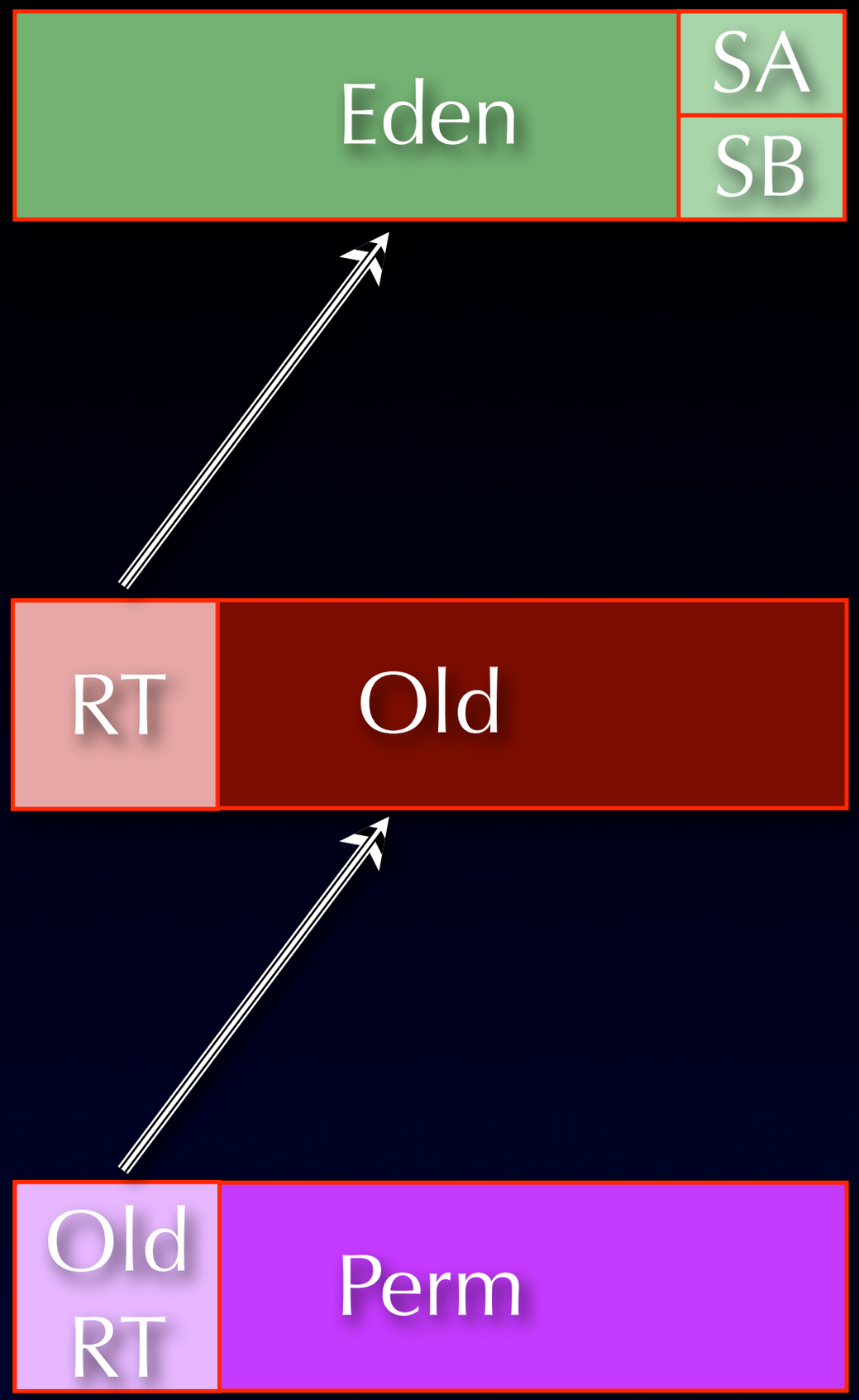

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Responsibilities


Eden
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RT
Old


Old
RT
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VM (few) fixed actions

VI memory policy classes

Memory policies

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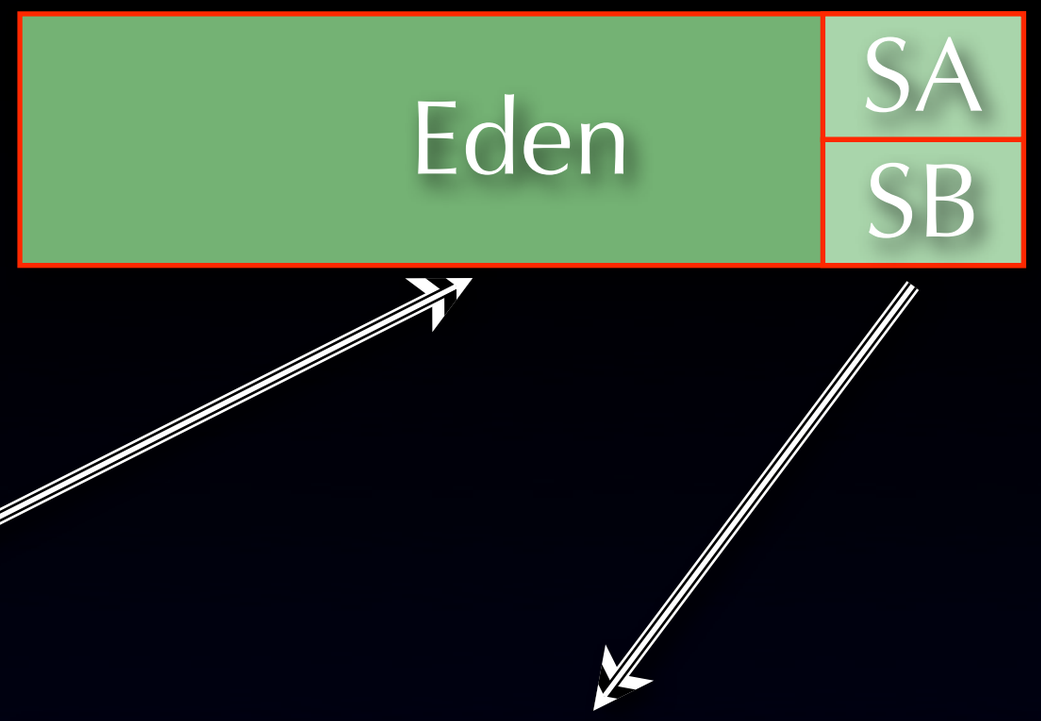
Old RT grows

Worst case scavenge due to GC



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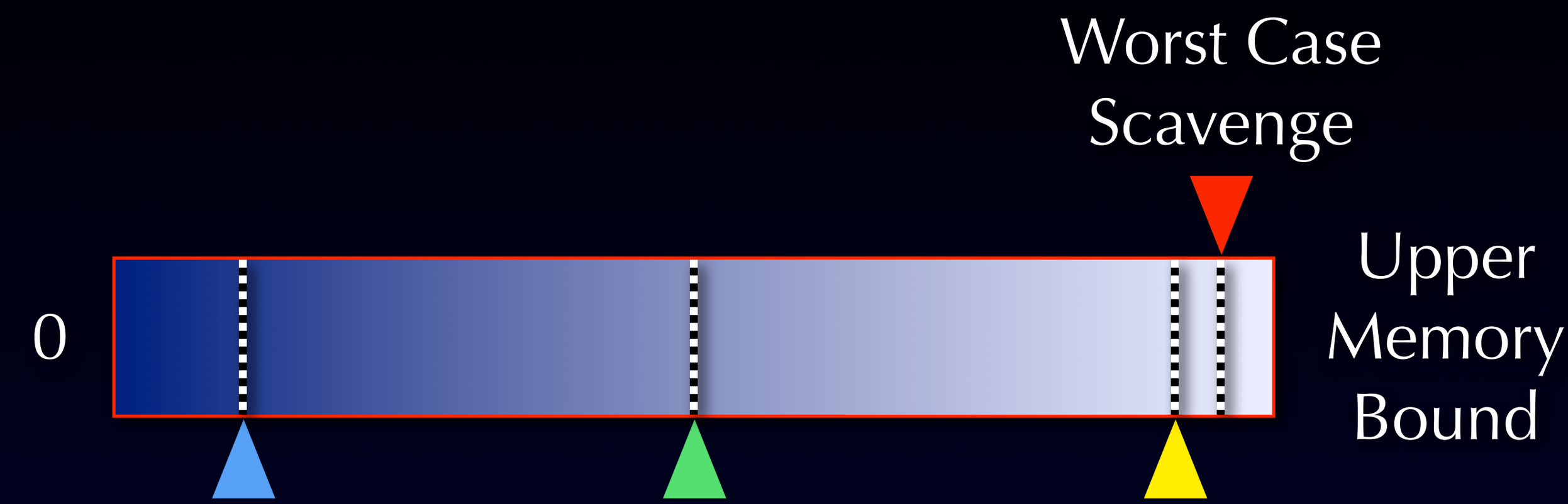
RT grows

Stack zone full, flushed to object memory

Old RT grows

The picture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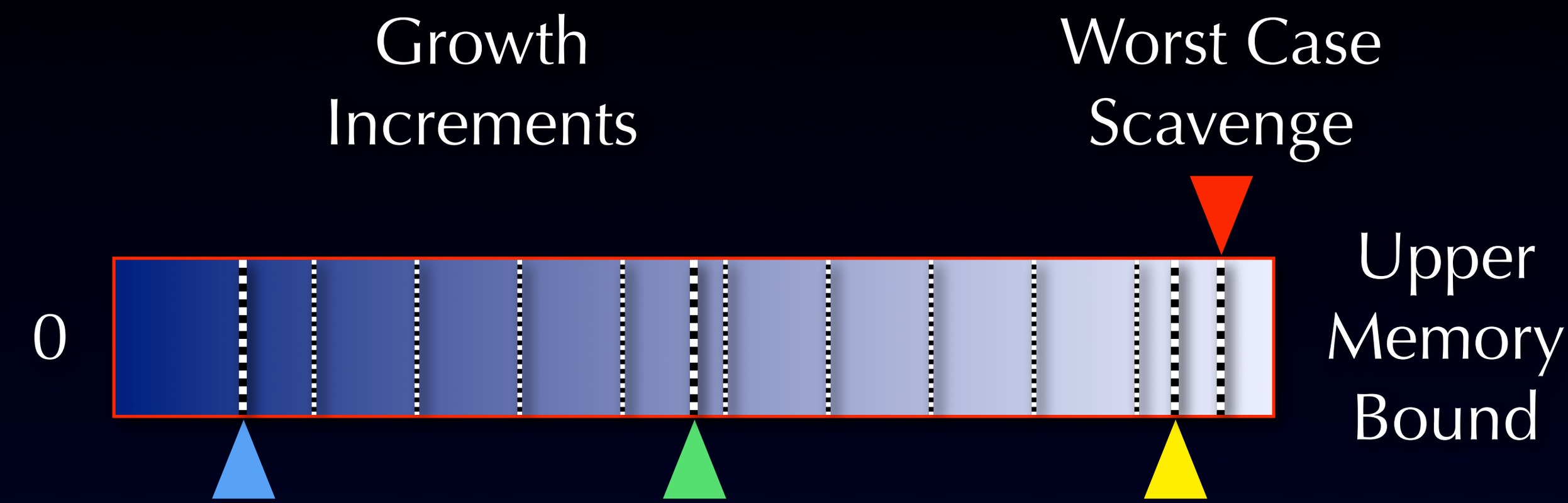
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Improvements since VisualWorks 7.7

Fixed since VW 7.7

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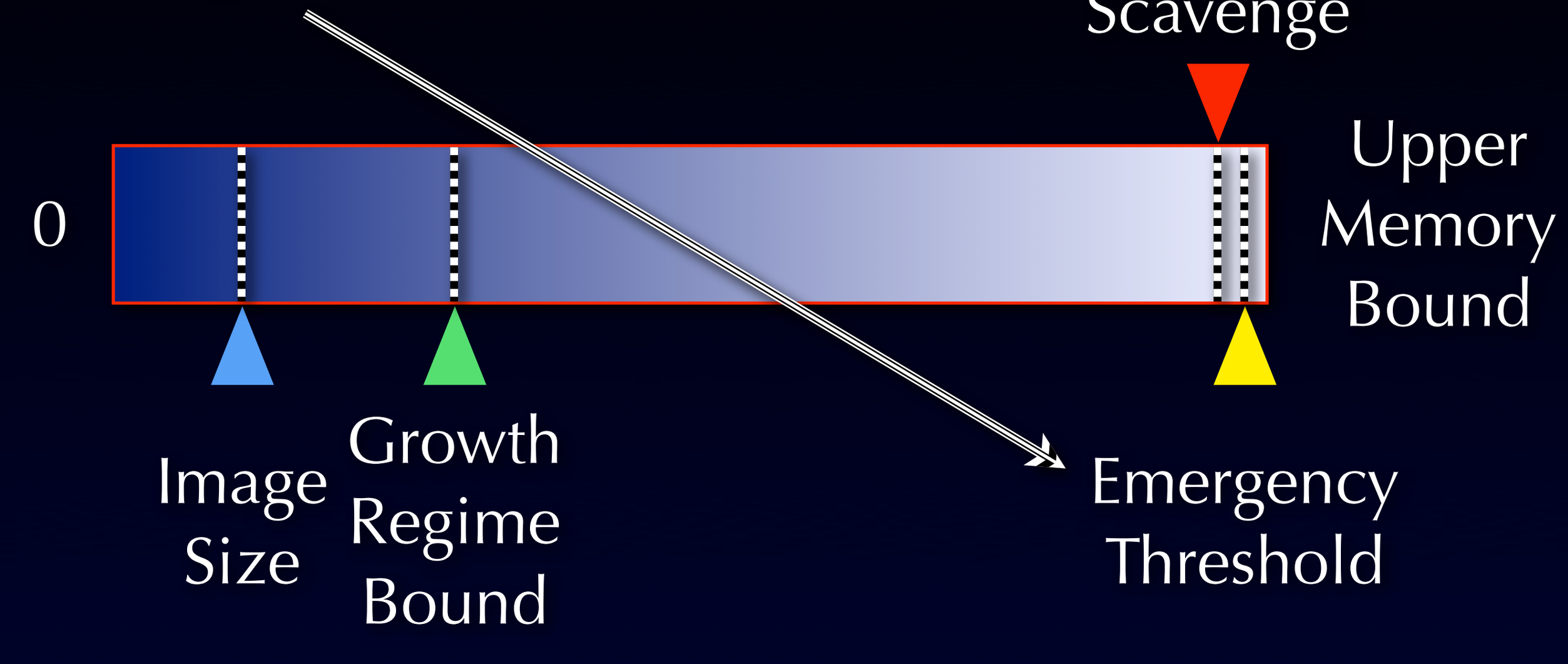
IGC as last resort, bogus emergencies



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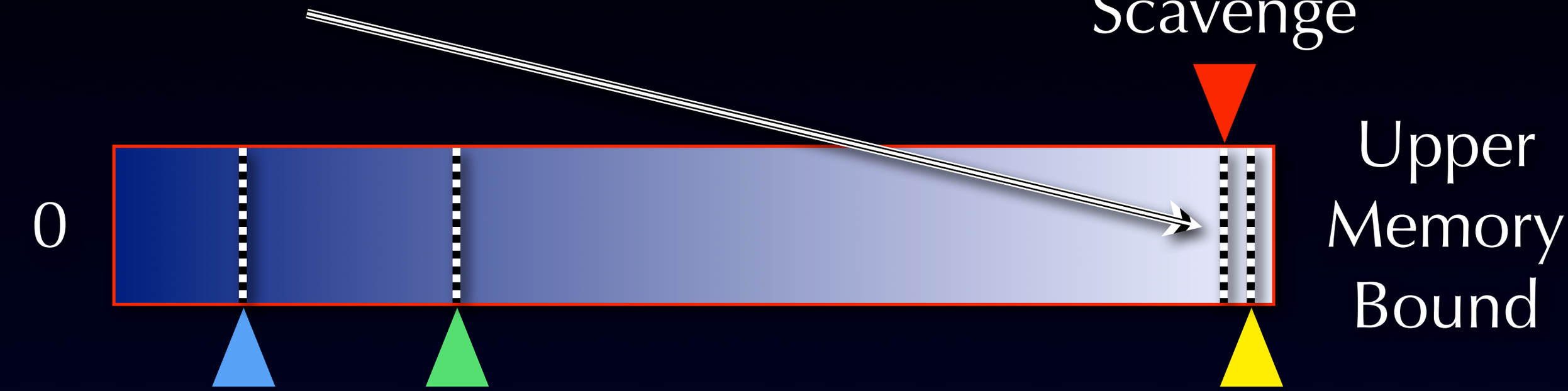
VM crash due to scavenge failure



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Too low for modern applications

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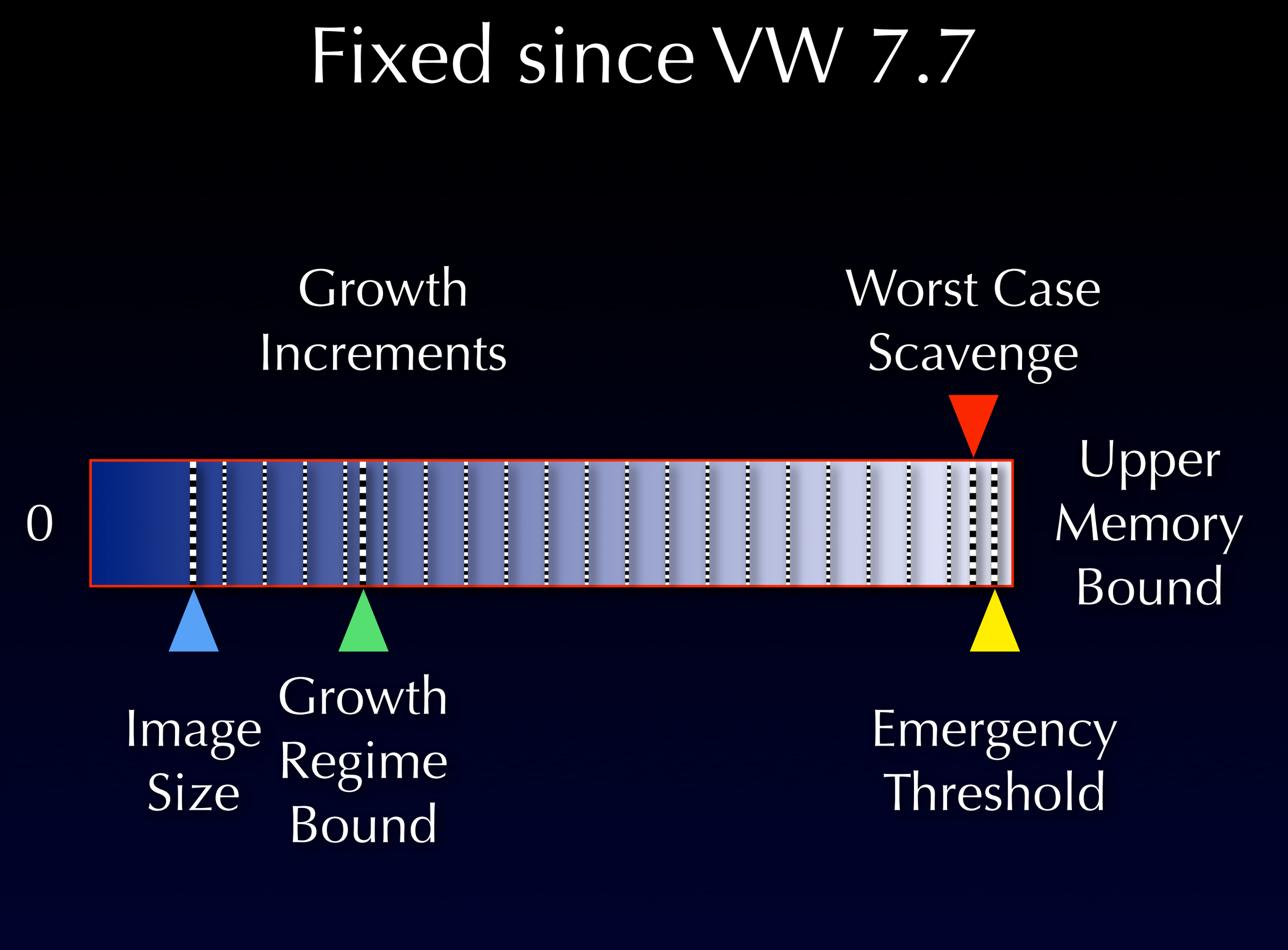

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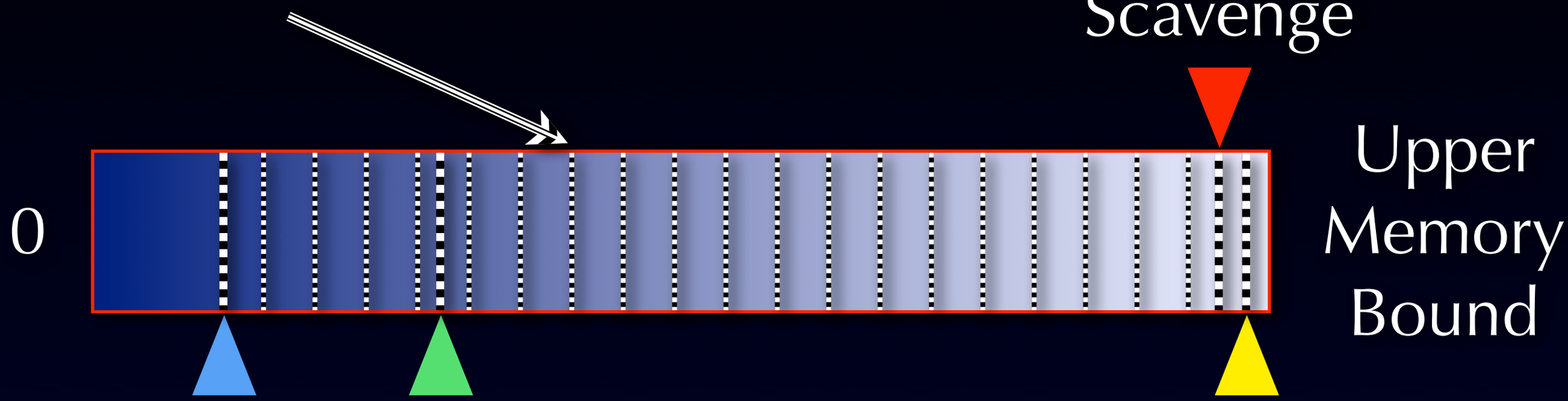
Tiny growth increment, excessive GC



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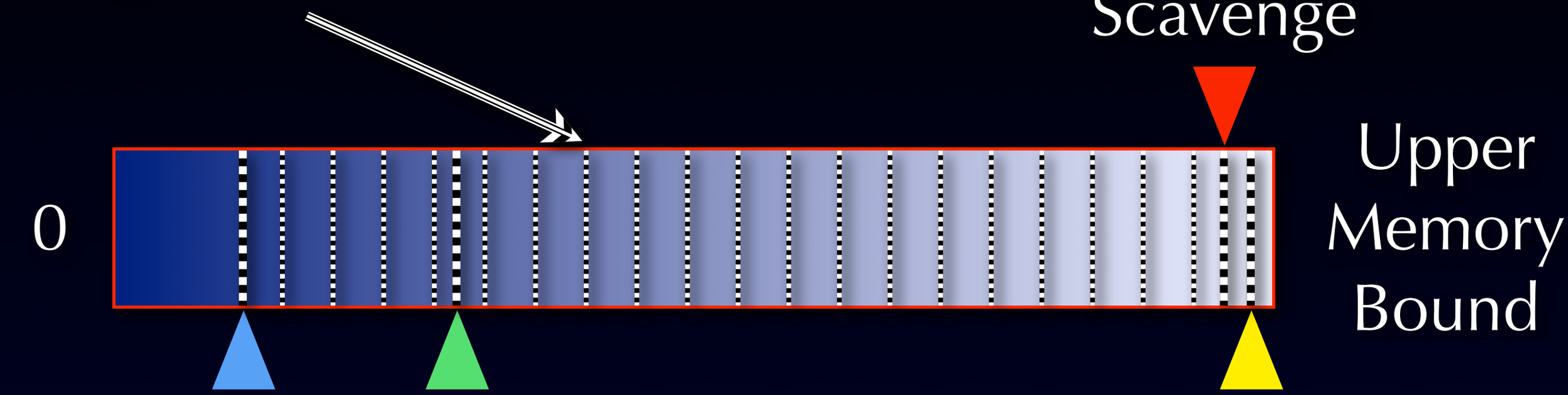
Tiny growth increment, fragmentation



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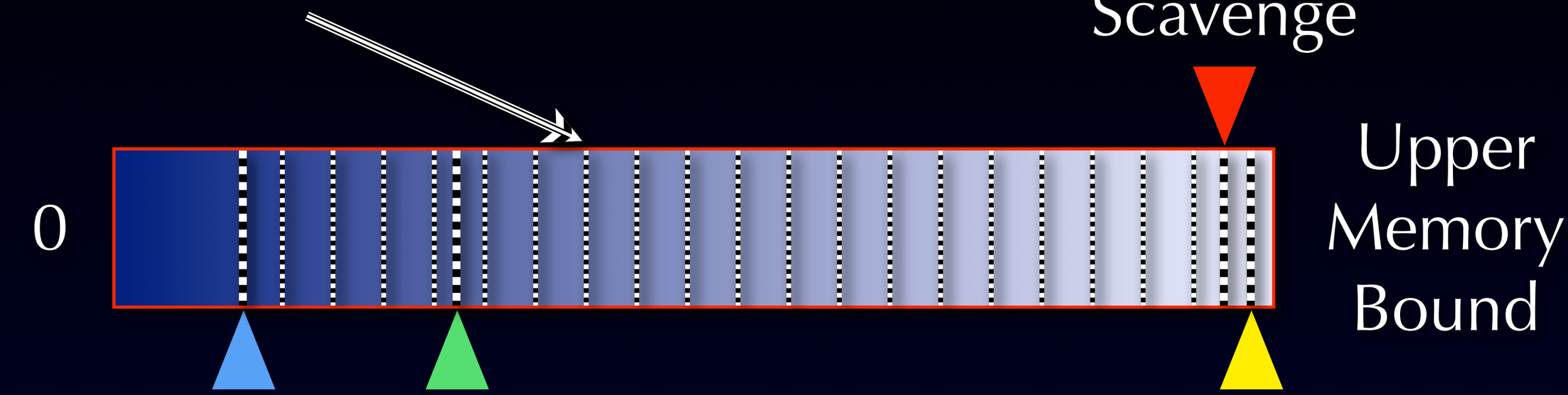
Low free memory limit, even more GC



New technology

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- MemoryPolicyChecker

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- MemoryPolicyStressTest

Memory Monitor

Space		Bytes used	Segs
Eden	10%	152,748	1
Survivor	14%	43,008	2
Old	3%	924,772	2

Space		Bytes used	Segs
Large	42%	425,340	1
Fixed	0%	20	1
Perm	100%	34,765,856	1

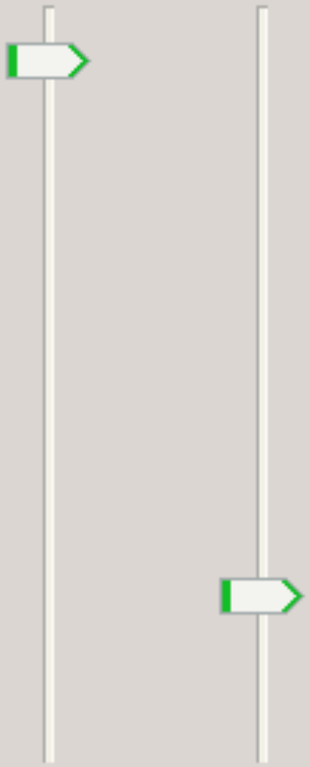
Scavenges: 484 last: 0 peak: 1

Used memory: 36,311,744 min: 34,765,856 peak: 37,662,916

GCs:	0	GCCs:	0
IGC state:	resting	IGCs:	10
Marked bytes:	735,192	Marked objects:	21,203
Marked weak bytes:	58,664	Marked weak objects:	159
Nilled bytes:	57,948	Nilled objects:	159
Reclaimed bytes:	717,935	Reclaimed objects:	37,291
Swept objects:	58,498	Unmarked objects:	0
Sweep alloc. bytes:	106,212	Sweep alloc. objects:	3,112
Stack spills:	342	JIT cache spills:	8
IGC stack overflows:	0	IGC mark aborts:	0
Mark stack overflows:	0		
Weak list overflows:	0		

IGC GC GGC FNS MAP Log

Delay: Priority:



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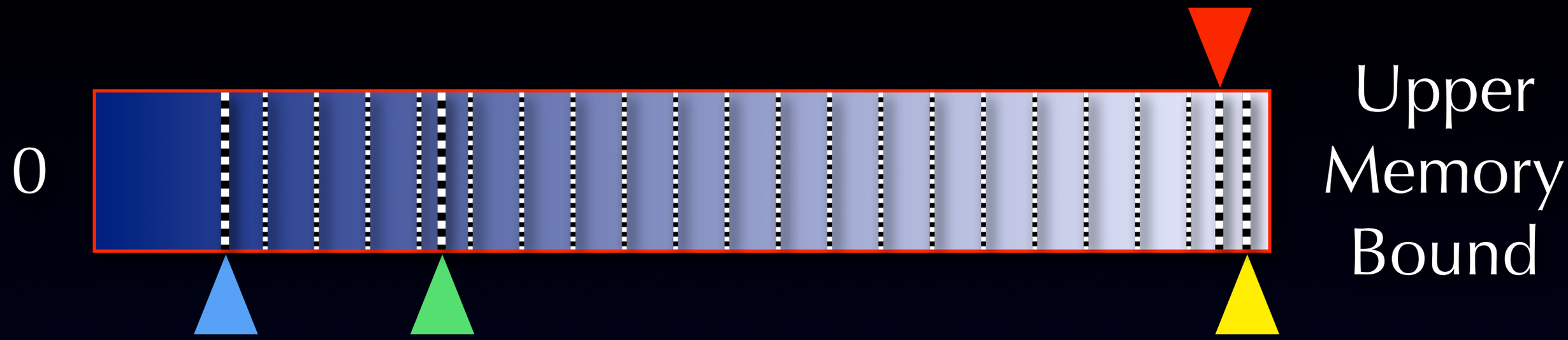
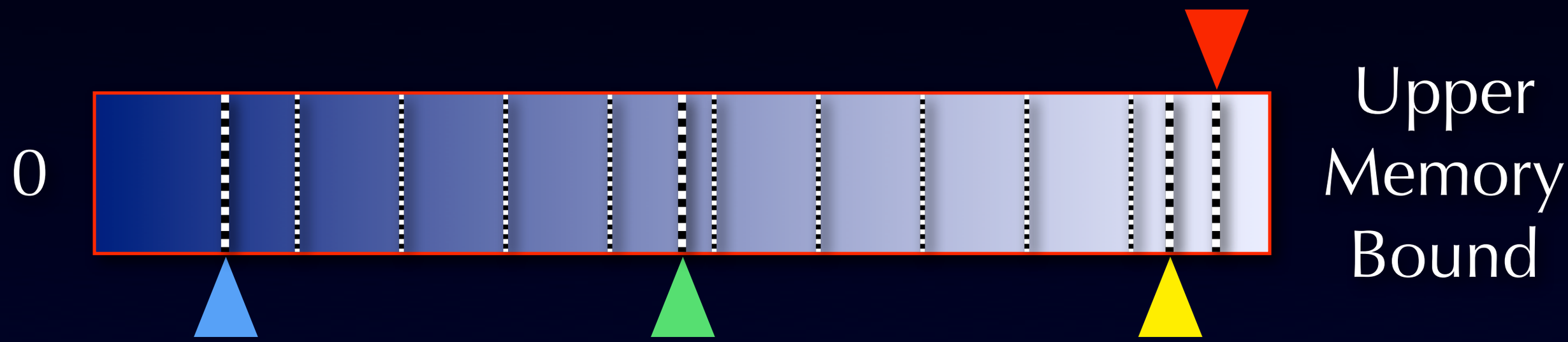
Before and after

Before





After

VW 7.7 legacy MemoryPolicy (with fixes)	~1 day, if they work
VW 7.7.1 without sizesAtStartup tuning	~160 minutes
VW 7.7.1 default	~73 minutes

A: pointer garbage
B: byte garbage
C: point creation

Segmented container
D: byte allocation
E: pointer allocation

Large container
F: byte allocation
G: pointer allocation

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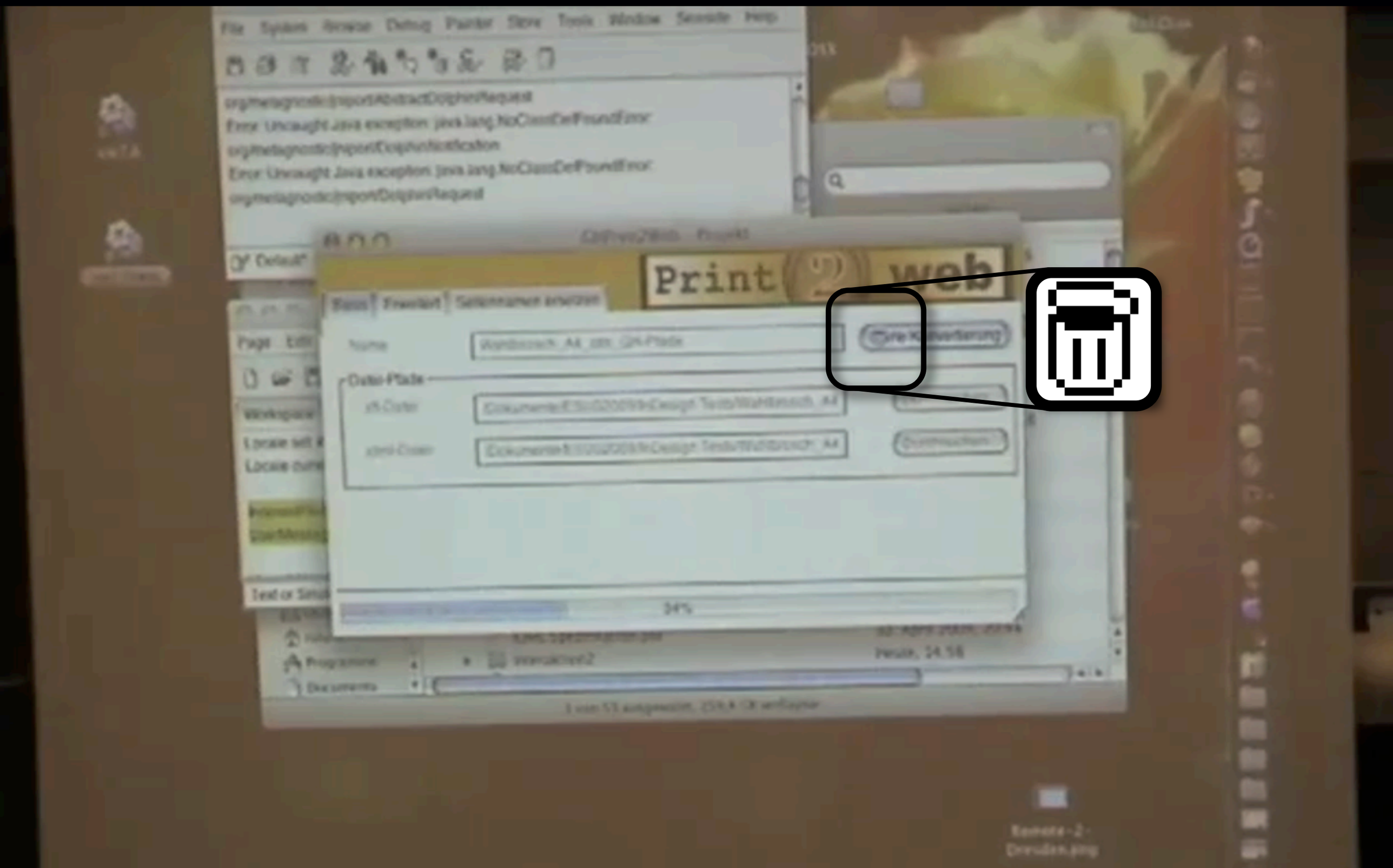

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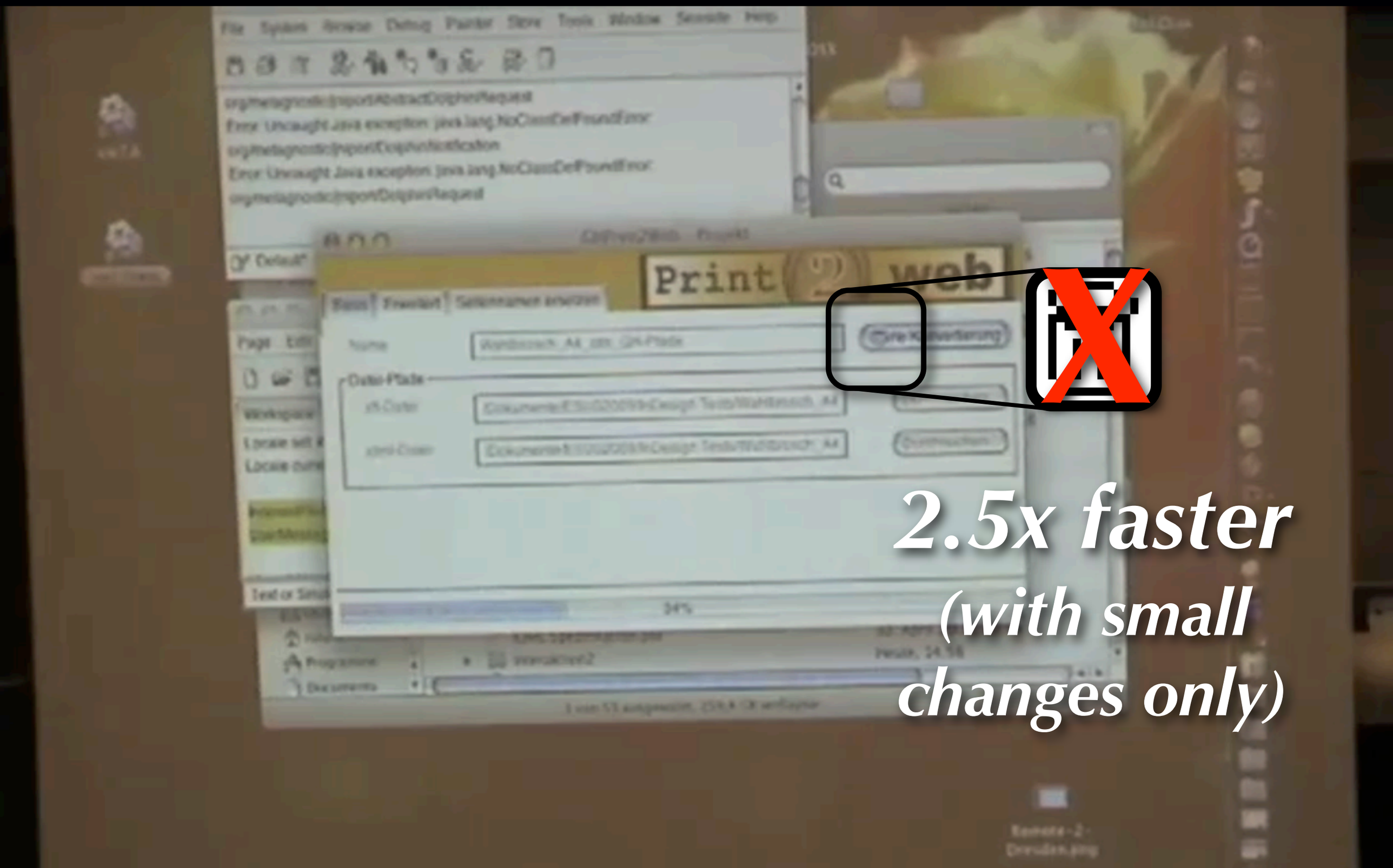

VisualWorks 7.8

and beyond

VisualWorks 7.8+

- Fixed space allocation fixed
- Improved weak / ephemeron support
- IGC performance improvements
- GC / IGC mark stack overflow prevention
- GC moves large objects back into large space
- New -m[1..7] VM switches

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