

The Big Lie That Climate Propagandists Don't Want You to Talk About

Challenging it stands to bring down their clown show

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 - Environmental big lies
 - Carbon accounting chicanery
 - Solutions to actual problems

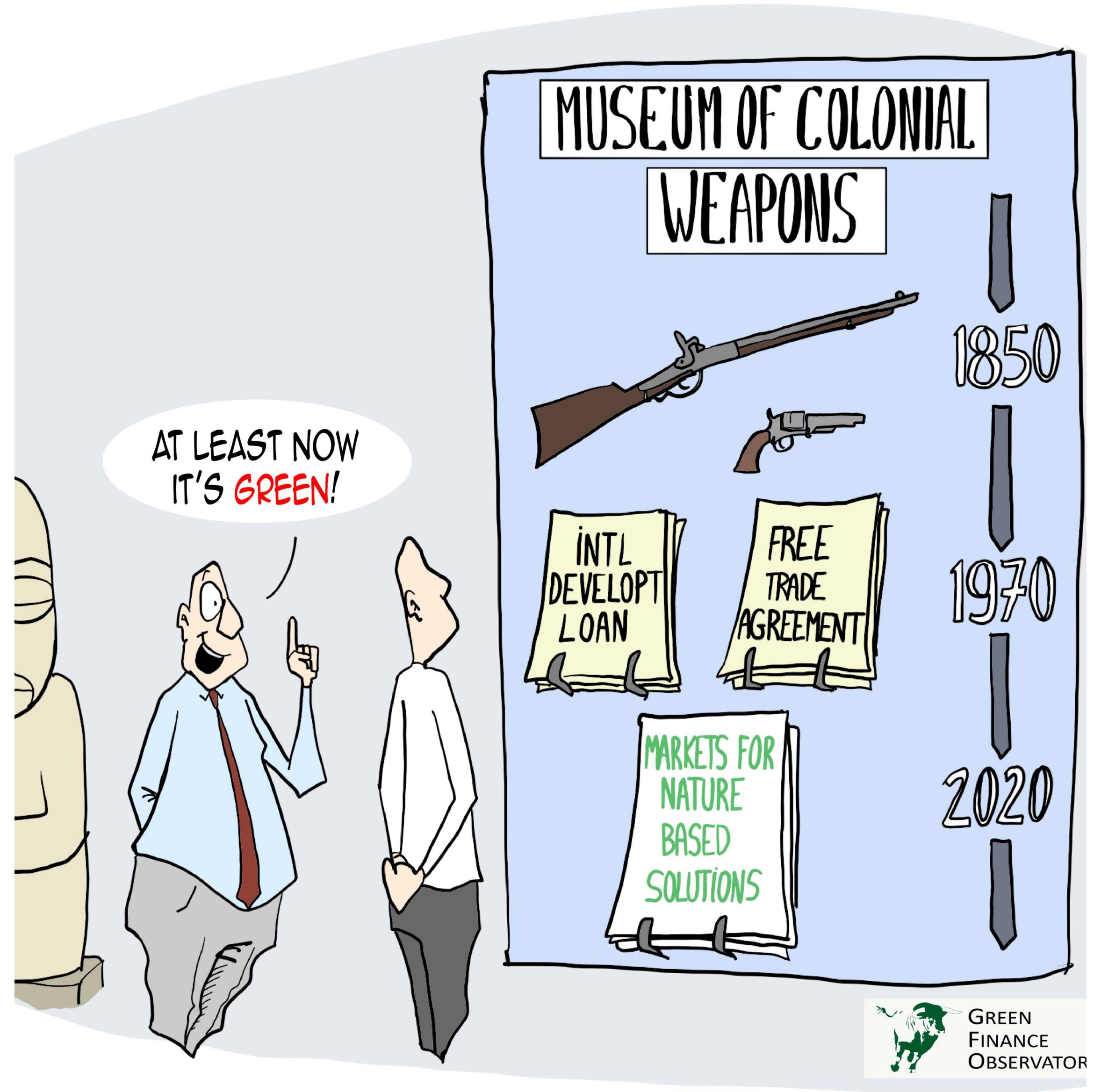


Environmental Big Lies

Climate “Solutions”

Green Imperialism

- Green tech: military-driven mining
- Carbon allowances (caps), taxes, and offsets: control infrastructure
- Carbon capture and storage:
 - Subsidies for fossil fuel giants and tree plantation operators
 - Land grabs by conservancies
- Geo-engineering: weather warfare

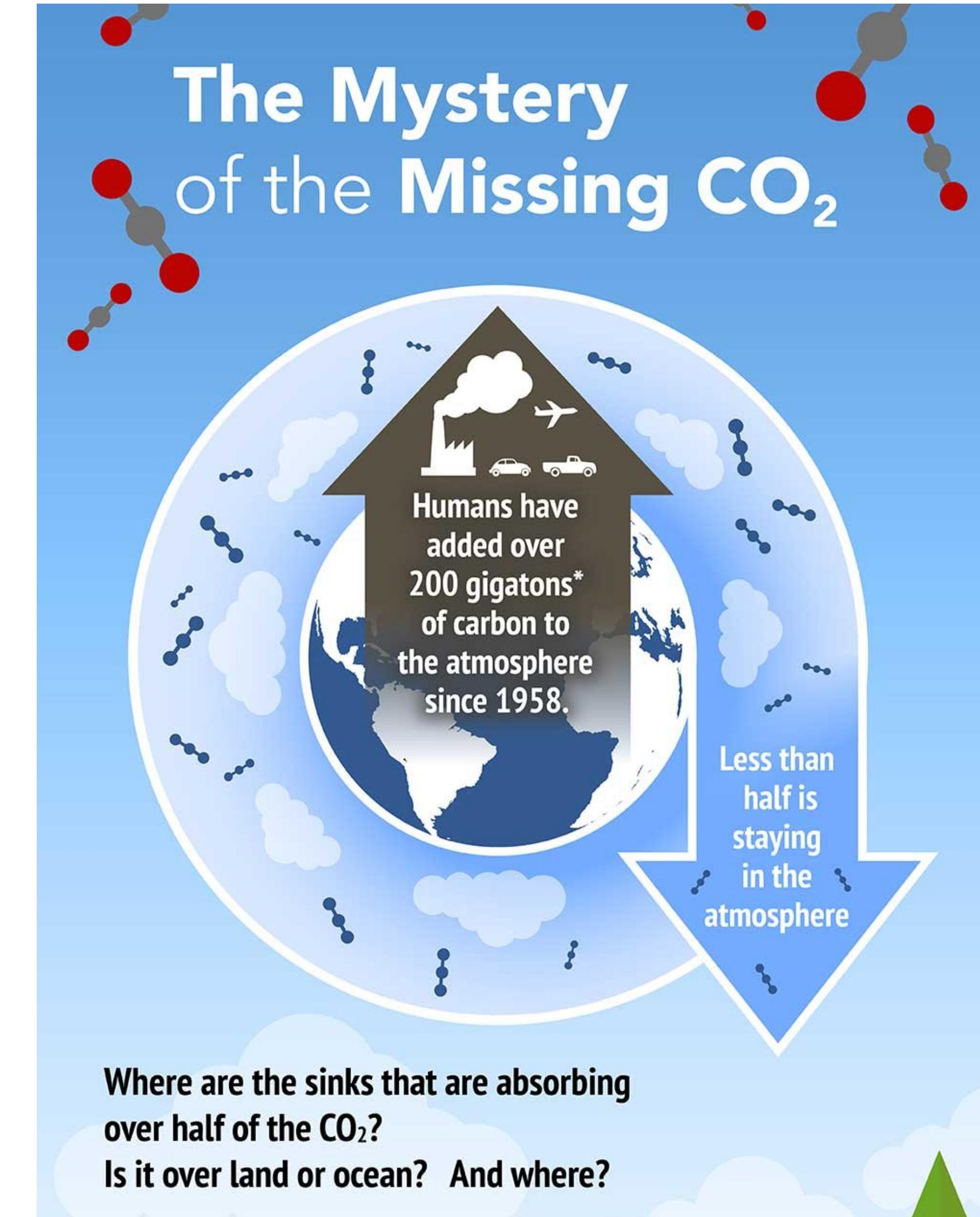


Credit: [Green Finance Observatory](#)

Climate “Science”

A Manufactured Consensus

- Doctored research that ignores:
 - Conflicting data and dynamics
 - Geological effects (volcanos)
 - Basic modeling principles
- Malthusian and religious twists:
 - Aura of inevitability (overshoot)
 - Discounts land stewardship



Credit: [NASA OCO-3 mission / science](#)

“The Science” is so bad it doesn’t even get the CO₂ attribution right.

Canopy Loss

Biomass Energy

The Giveaway

- Reviled by just about everyone
- Lavish **green subsidies** (Drax, biomass co-firing in Korea)
- Logging produces biogenic CO₂ emissions that get reported as land-use emissions (i.e. zero)
- To avoid double counting, no CO₂ gets reported for burning forestry waste as energy



The CO₂ tied to burning forestry waste is the tip of the iceberg.

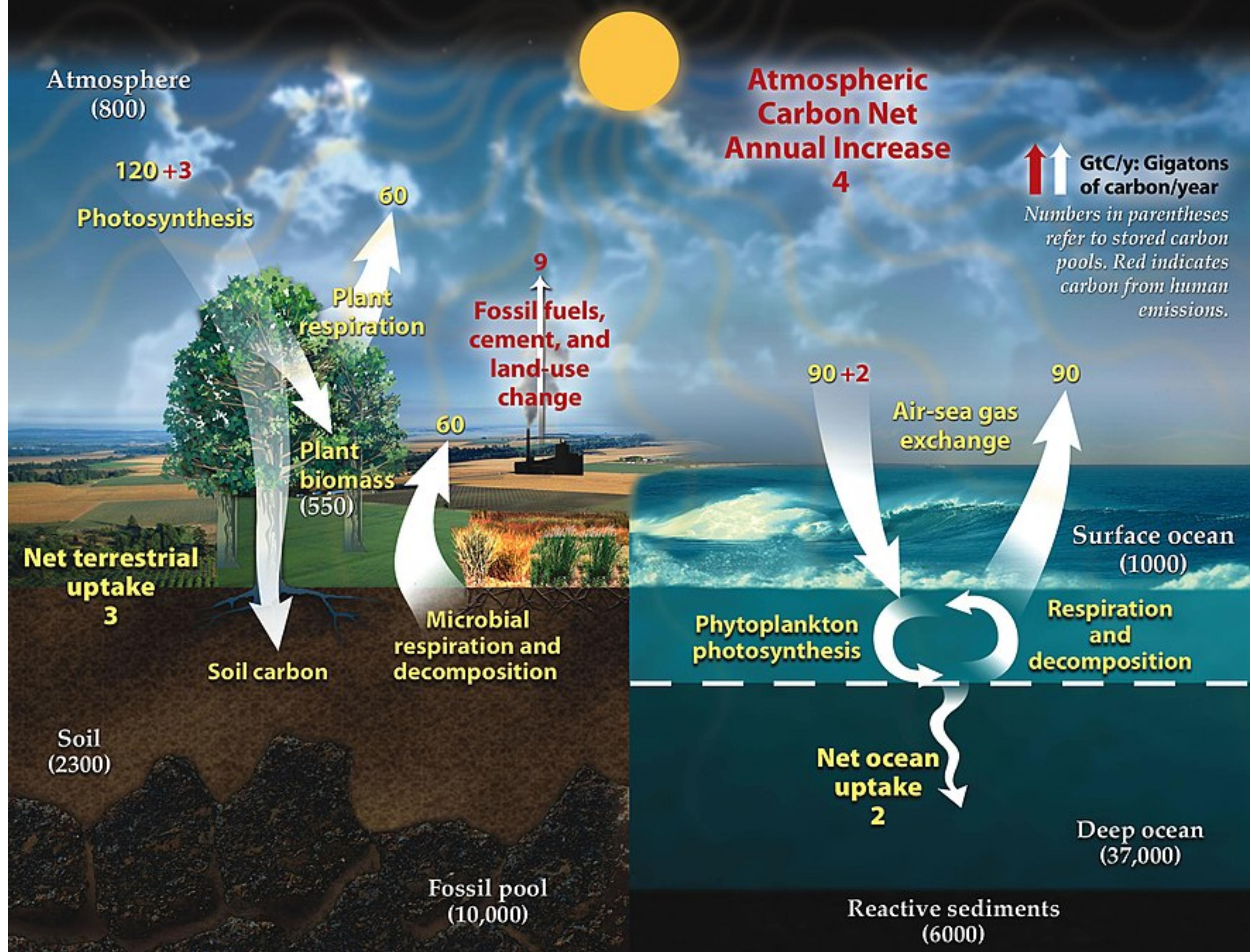
Forest Clear-Cuts

Avoidable Plumes of CO₂

- Plume of CO₂ when you clear a forest (Korkiakoski et al, 2019)
- Continues until the canopy is mature enough to soak it up
- No plume when you thin a forest instead (Vesala et al, 2015)
- Trees keep the fungi alive, break the wind, and **soak up the CO₂** emitted beneath the canopy



Carbon cycle research, charts,
and visualizations distract from
these surface level interactions.



Canopy Loss

What Actually Changed

- Loggers switched to clear-cutting
- Farmers removed hedgerows:
 - Fewer, larger landowners
 - Industrialized farming
- Other canopy-related changes:
 - US Midwest, Great Steppes
 - Deforestation, dead waters (?)



Avoidable Plumes

Keep Plants in the Ground

- **Simple and profitable** to curb:
 - Forest thinning, mosaic system
 - Alley cropping, intercropping
 - Silvopasture, rotational grazing
- Short-cycle coppicing for biomass would keep crop yield impacts low
- Would also solve biodiversity loss (roadsides, “re-wilded” gardens)



Carbon Accounting Chicanery

Forestry Models

Designed in Good Faith

- Transition matrixes move carbon stocks from one discrete state to the next
- Sound choice, since continuous tracking would be impractical
- That tracks the net contribution of these avoidable plumes
- These avoidable plumes thereby go **uncounted and unreported**



Credit: [Andreas Pommer for the European Forest Institute](#)

Carbon Accounting

Contrived By Financiers

- Works like a financial statement
- Cherrypicked emission sources get vilified as reducible expenses
- Carbon stocks are more like balance sheet entries:
 - Tracked as stock changes
 - Keeps internal emissions out of view (and out of scrutiny)



Makes sense if and only if the avoidable emissions hidden in stocks are negligible.

Logging Emissions

Anything But Negligible

- A few kg of CO₂ per sq. meter
(Korkiakoski et al, 2019)
- About 10 tons of CO₂ per acre
- Loggers clear over 60 million acres per year
- A German economy or so worth of avoidable CO₂ emissions
- Kicker: Reduced-Impact Logging



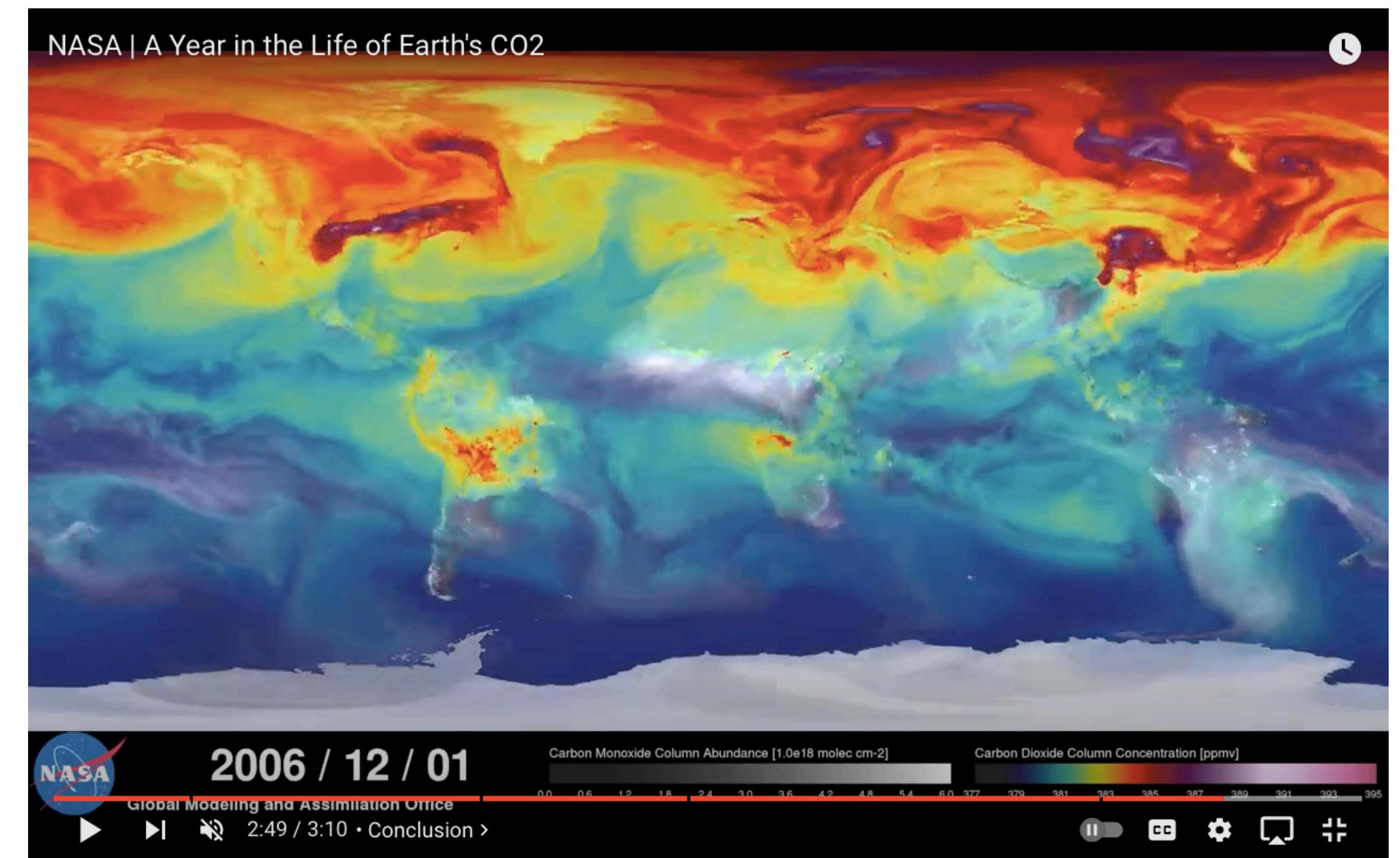
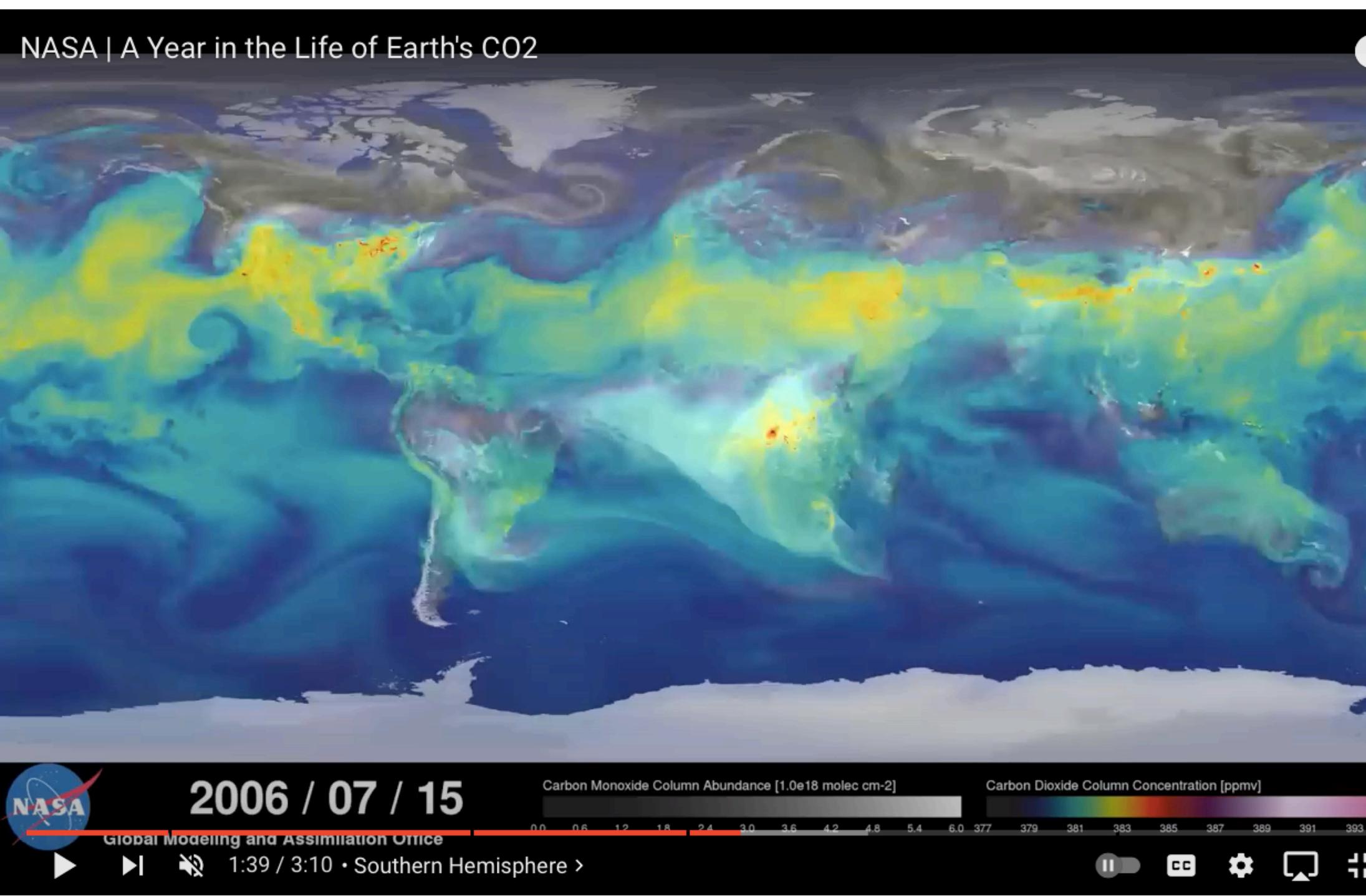
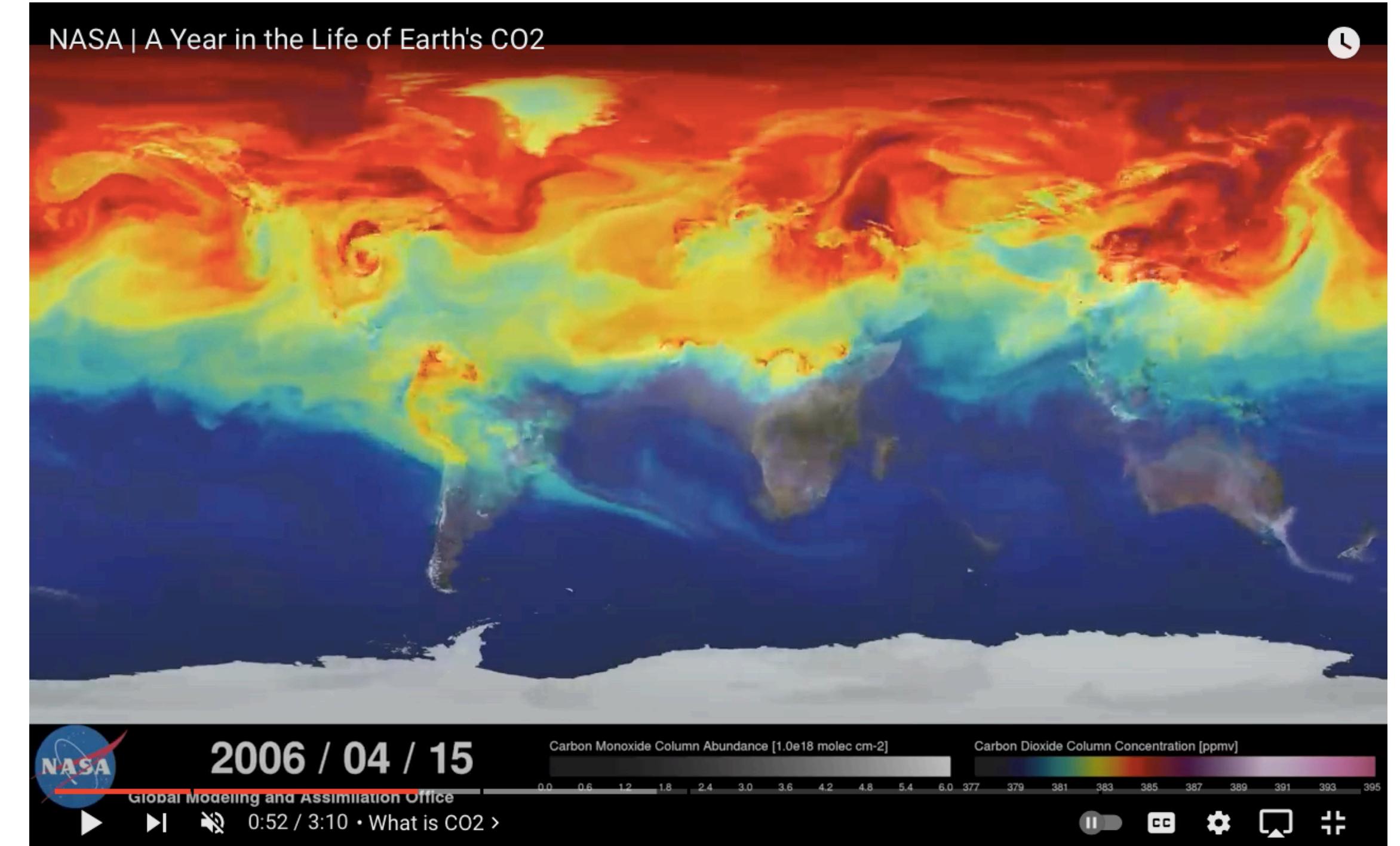
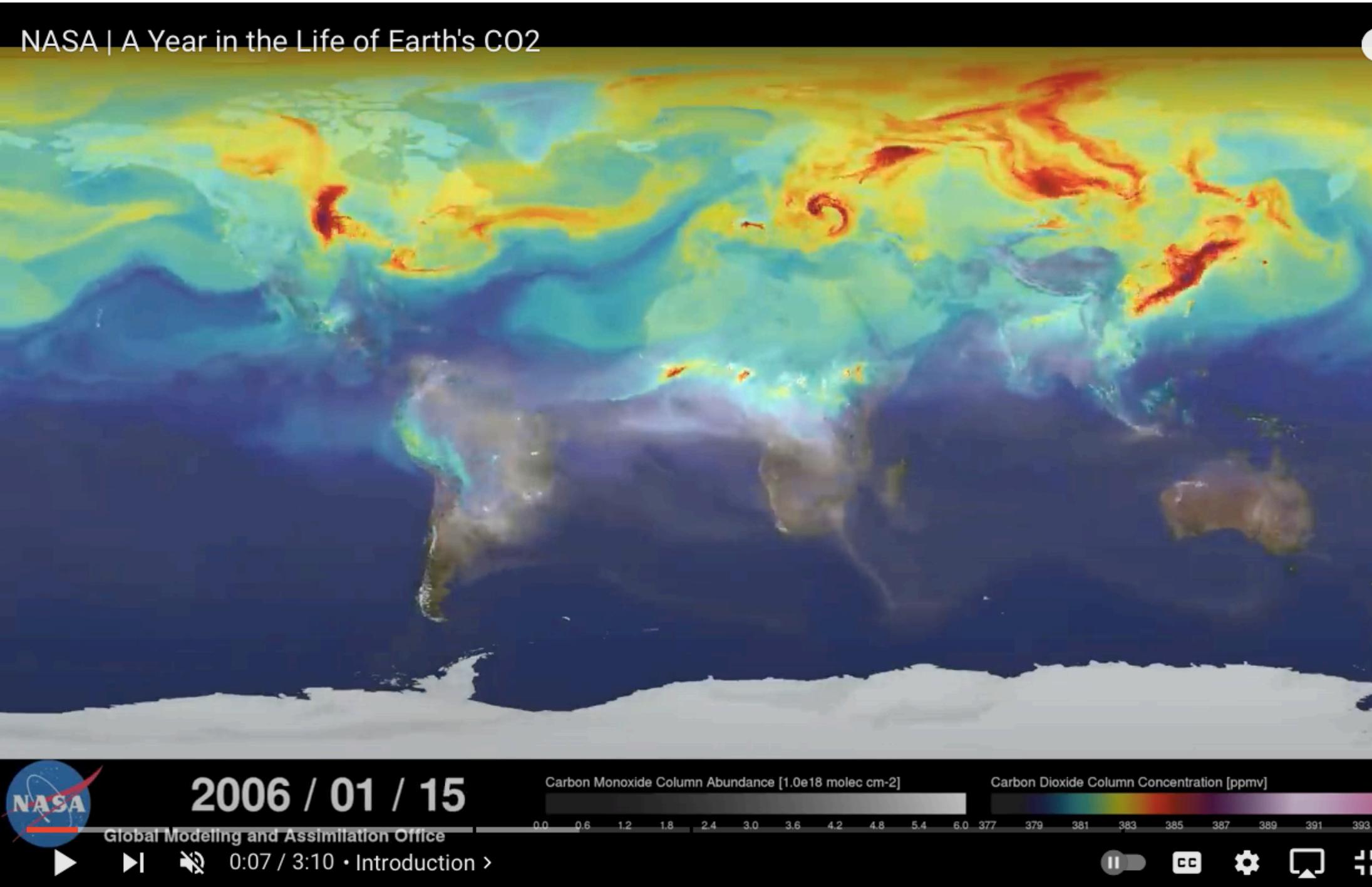
Farming Emissions

The Elephant in the Room

- Vary widely (Abdalla et al, 2016)
- Localized: a few grams (no-till) to dozens of grams (till) of CO₂ per sq. meter in 5h (Reicosky, 1997)
- About 25kg (no-till) or 100-400kg (till) of CO₂ per acre
- 340 million acres of farmlands under temporary crops in the US alone (~8.5Gt of no-till CO₂)



You can tell when farmers are tilling,
harvesting, or using fire to clear fields.



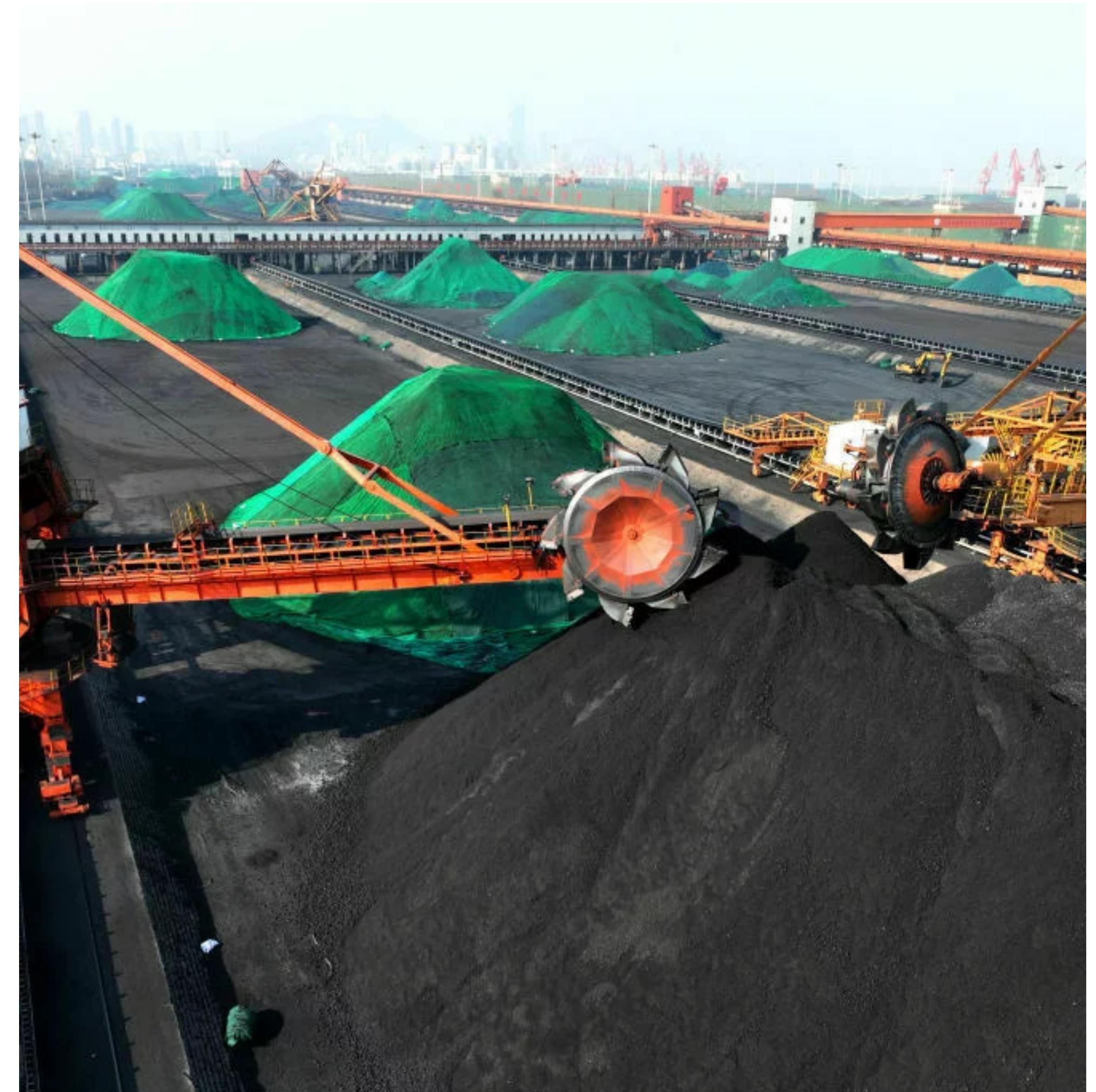
“The Science” is confusing a canopy loss problem for an energy problem.

A Few Loose Ends

Fossil Fuels

(Not So) Unfairly Vilified

- Naive isotopic analyses can't tell if plants are cycling the fossil fuel carbon or not
- Only 12% of the CO₂ is tied to fossil fuels ([Skrable et al, 2022](#))
- CO₂ increased like clockwork despite the 2020 lockdowns
- Sources with little or no nearby plants (planes, smokestacks)



Credit: Visual China Group

Climate Change

Man-Made Desertification

- Soil with less carbon (and less cover) holds less water:
 - Runoffs, water evaporation, and hot air build-up lower moisture
 - Drier, warmer landscapes
 - Cycle of droughts and floods
- Straightforward to reverse



Loess Plateau, China, before and after restoration

Mass Extinction

Man-Made Habitat Loss

- Species are cornered, but fine
- Authoritarian inversion of reality
- Biggest land grab in history
- Nature self-organizes holistically:
 - Dynamic, not static
 - Resilient, not optimal
 - Additive, not subtractive



Credit: Tim Lane / Guy Shield for Buzzfeed News: [WWF's Secret War](#)

**The only real concerns are pollution
and stopping the green agenda.**

Get Involved

Legal Jiu-Jitsu

Let's Work Together

- Clearcut carbon accounting fraud:
 - Straightforward to understand
 - Indefensible in court
- Crowdsourced legal campaign:
 - Confront key enablers
 - Repeal climate policies
 - Detonate green finance



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Useful Links

Spread the Word

- **The Big Lie That Climate Propagandists Don't Want You To Talk About:**
<https://ddebernardy.substack.com/p/the-big-lie>
- **Carbon Accounting is Making a Canopy Problem Look Like an Energy Problem** (non-editorialized):
<https://eartharxiv.org/repository/view/5378/>
- **A Climate Counternarrative** (full length version):
<https://ddebernardy.substack.com/p/a-climate-counternarrative>
- **Git repository** (this deck and printable documents):
<https://github.com/ddebernardy/a-climate-counternarrative>

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