
THE GLOBAL CO₂ SUPPLY / DEMAND BALANCE

AND

THE STORAGE OF CO₂ EQUIVALENTS IN THE WORLD

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CO2 was meant to be a “ GROWTH GAS “

and

Nature should be stimulated to use more !

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This presentation focuses on the storage and flows of CO₂.

CO2 equivalent Storage Areas

CO2 stored in **Atmosphere**

CO2 equivalent stored in
Oceans
CO₂ , HCO₃⁻ , Bio-mass

CO2 equivalent stored on
Land
in Bio-mass

CO2 equivalent stored in **Soil** as Coal , Oil , Gas , CO₂

CO2 equivalent stored in **Earth Crust** as Limestone

Chemical CO2 Equivalents

Ratios

	Product	Chemical CO2 equivalent
Starch / Glucose /Cellulose	1	1.63
Vegetable Oil	1	2.81
Carbon	1	3.67
Limestone	1	0.44
Methane	1	2.75

CO2 equivalents will allow calculations to be executed among different products

CO2 equivalents stored in Gt

CO2 in **Atmosphere** at 380 ppm **3 400**

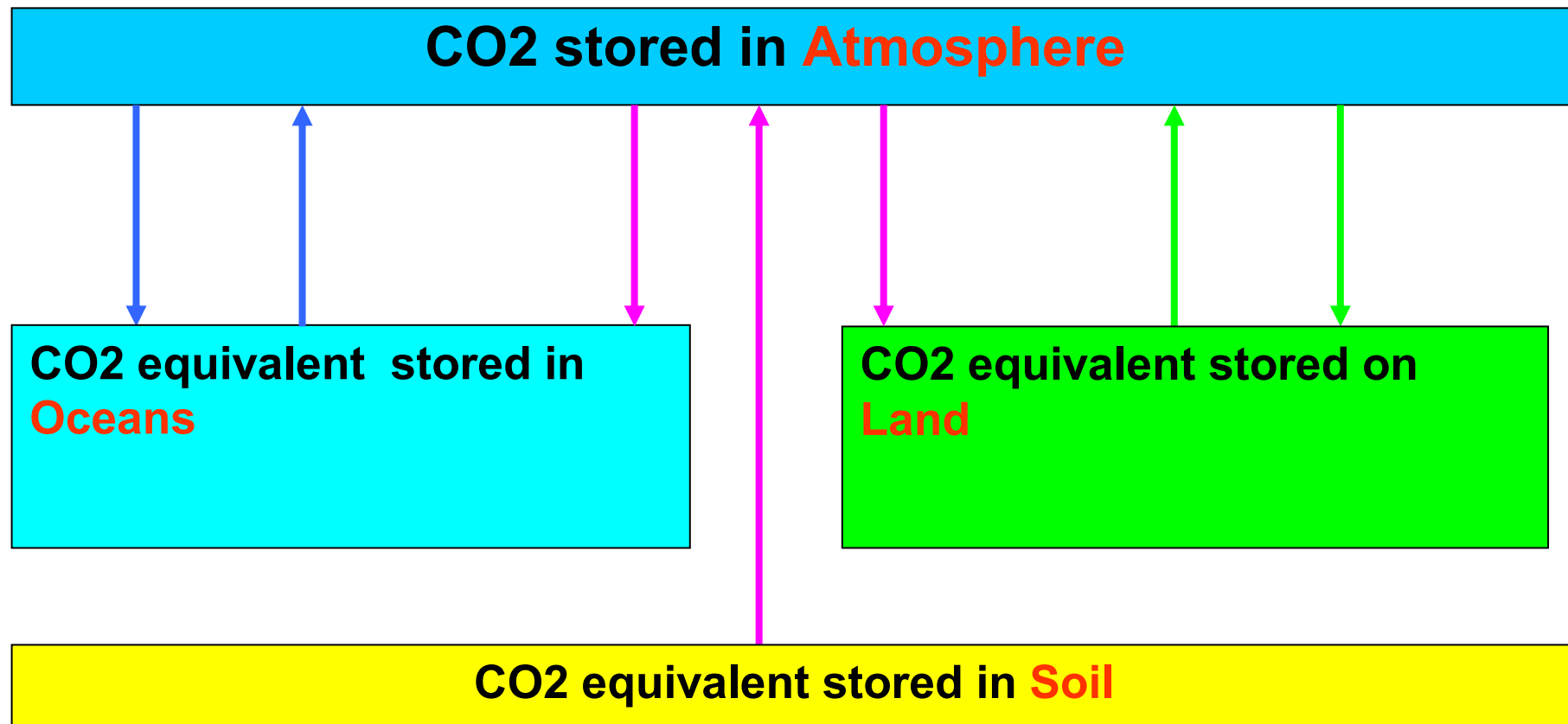
CO2 equivalent stored in
Oceans **140 000**
CO2 , HCO3-, Bio-mass

CO2 equivalent stored on **Land**
in Bio-mass
From 2 400 to 5 000 use 3 500
Human 0.2

CO2 equivalent stored in **Soil** **18 000**

CO2 equivalent stored in Earth Crust as Limestone **330 000 000**

CO2 equivalent Flows between storage areas.



Can we make some estimates about the flows of CO₂ ?

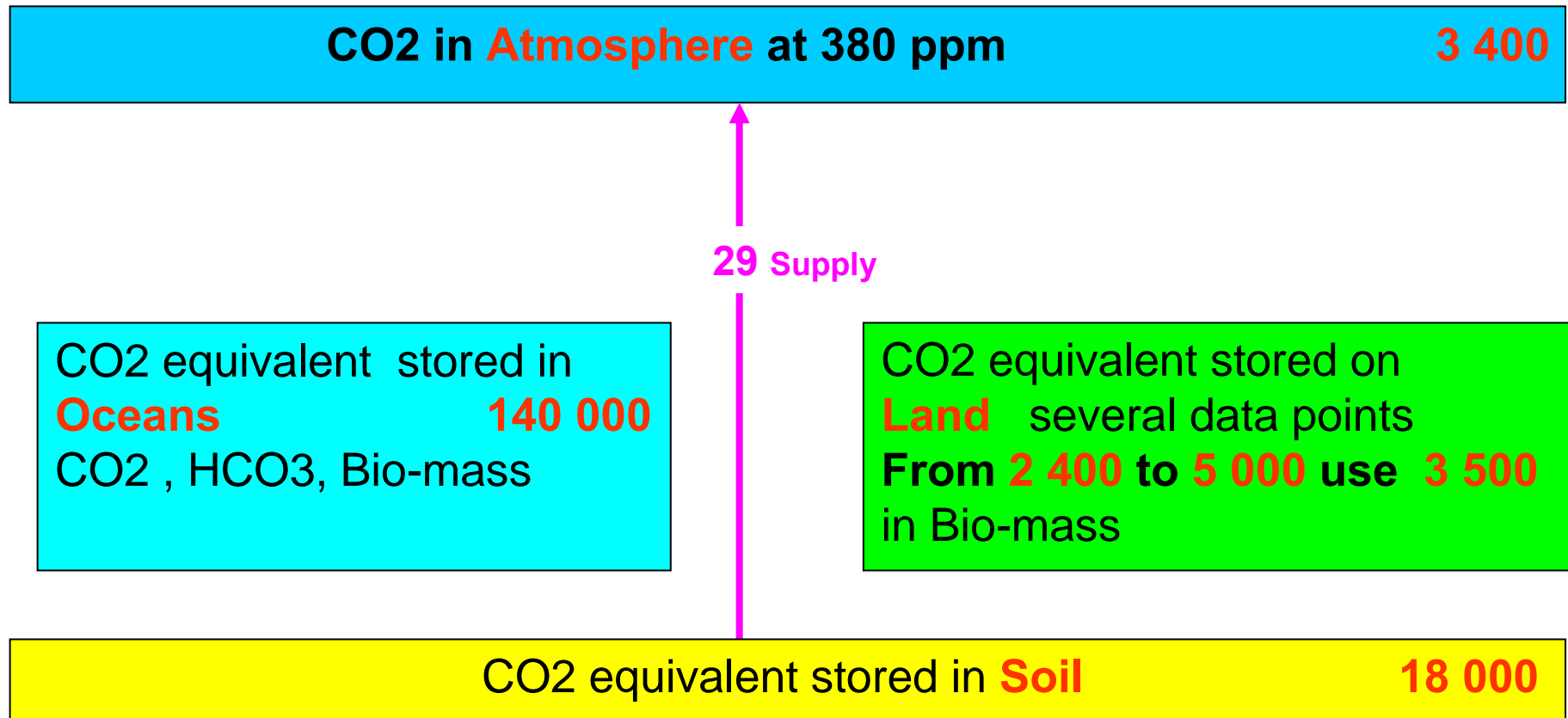
Kyoto Protocol (the IPCC) :

22 Gt CO₂ from fossil fuel flows into the atmosphere based on 1990 data

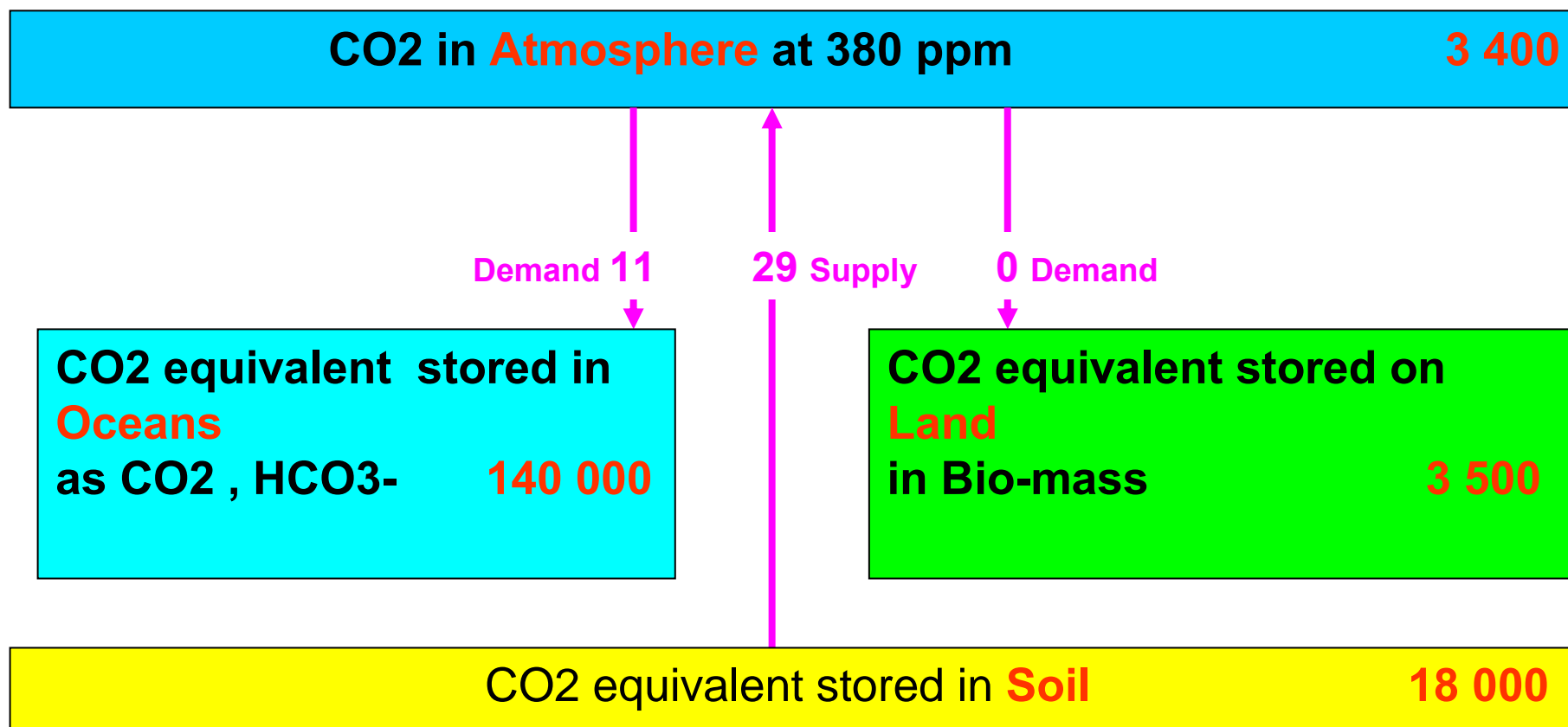
In 2004 CO₂ fossil fuel equals 29 Gt (used in this presentation)

In 2007 CO₂ fossil fuel equals 32 Gt

CO2 equivalent flows in Gt /Year and CO2 stored in Gt

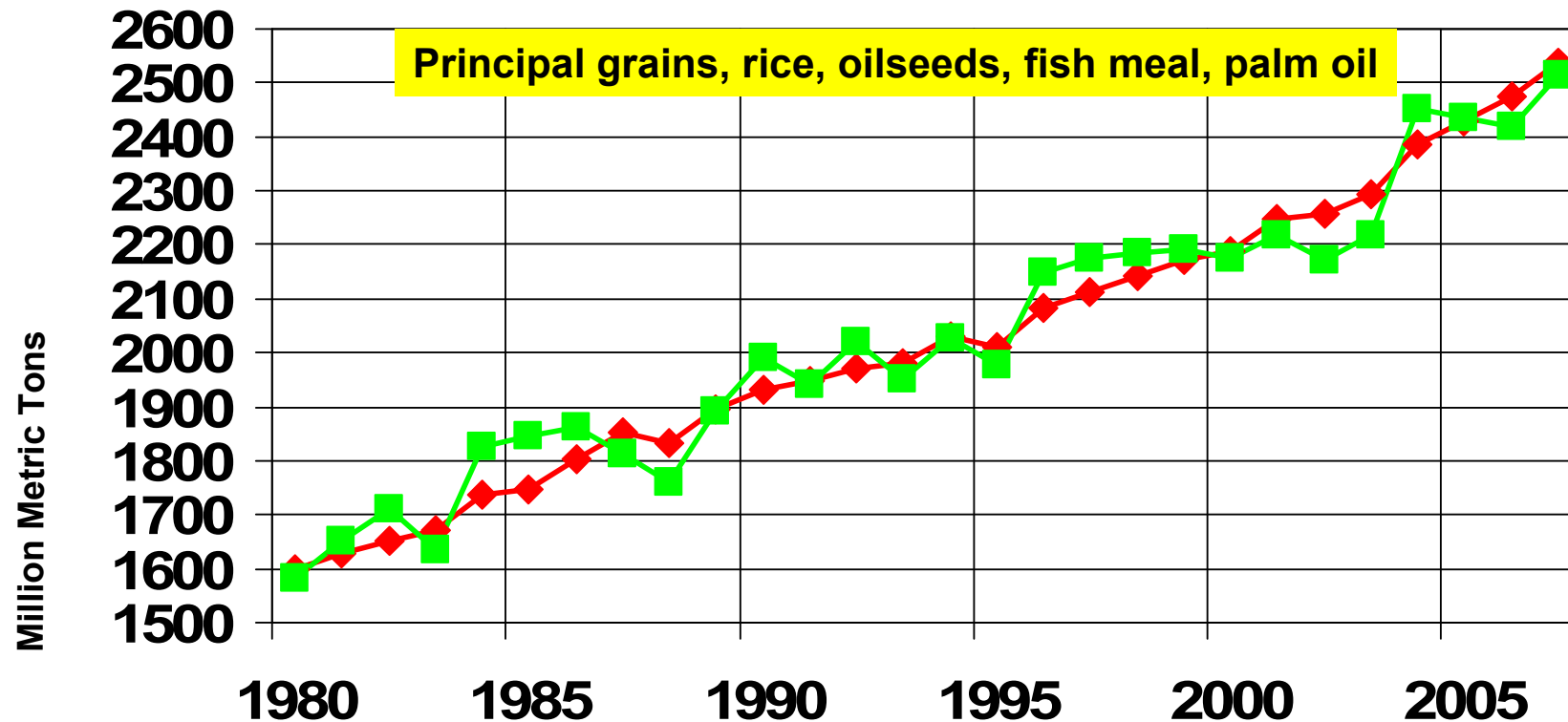


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Some agriculture data

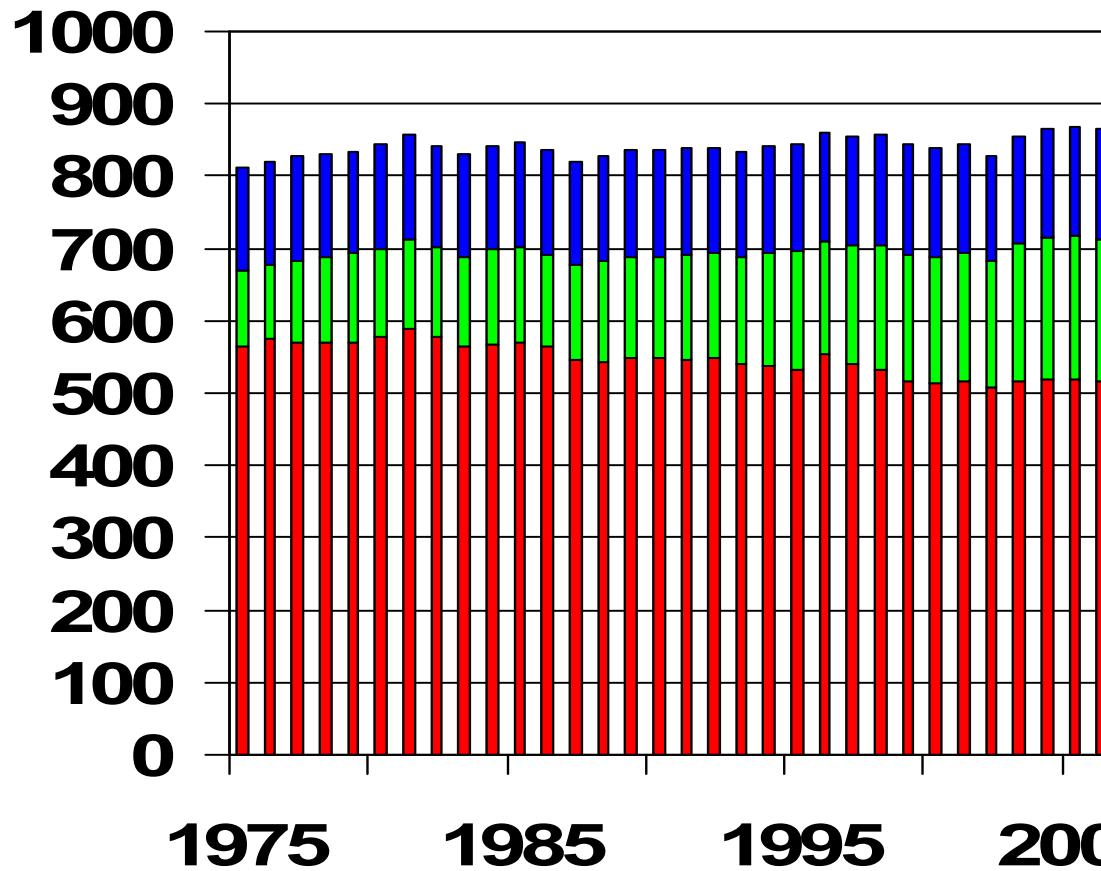
Global supply / demand of raw crop materials



The composition contains 4.8 % vegetable oil, the remainder is considered starch and cellulose. Please note that sugar cane is excluded from this chart.

Global Crop Area - Million Hectares

Grain, Oilseeds, Rice



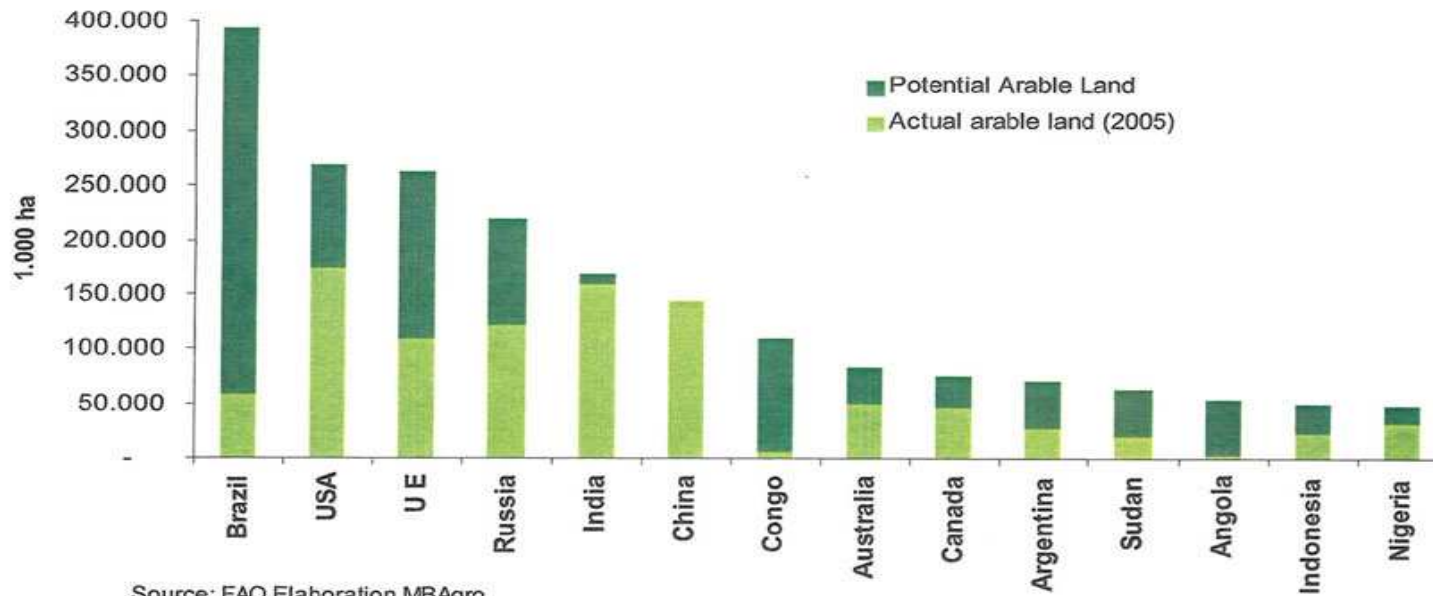
Global croplands holding steady for 30 years

Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service



Basically no shortage of Croplands on a global basis

Available Land



Source: FAO Elaboration MBAgro

CO2 consumption Raw crops

2.5 Gt / Year of Raw crops require:	4.5 Gt CO2 / Year
4.9 Gt / Year associated Biomass require:	8.0 Gt CO2 / Year
Total	12.5 Gt CO2 / Year

Land Biomass MT/Hectare/Year

Biomass growth on cropland:

3.0 MT/Hectare/Year for the crop itself

5.6 MT/Hectare/Year for associated Biomass

Biomass growth estimate on non-crop land :

3.6 MT/Hectare/Year

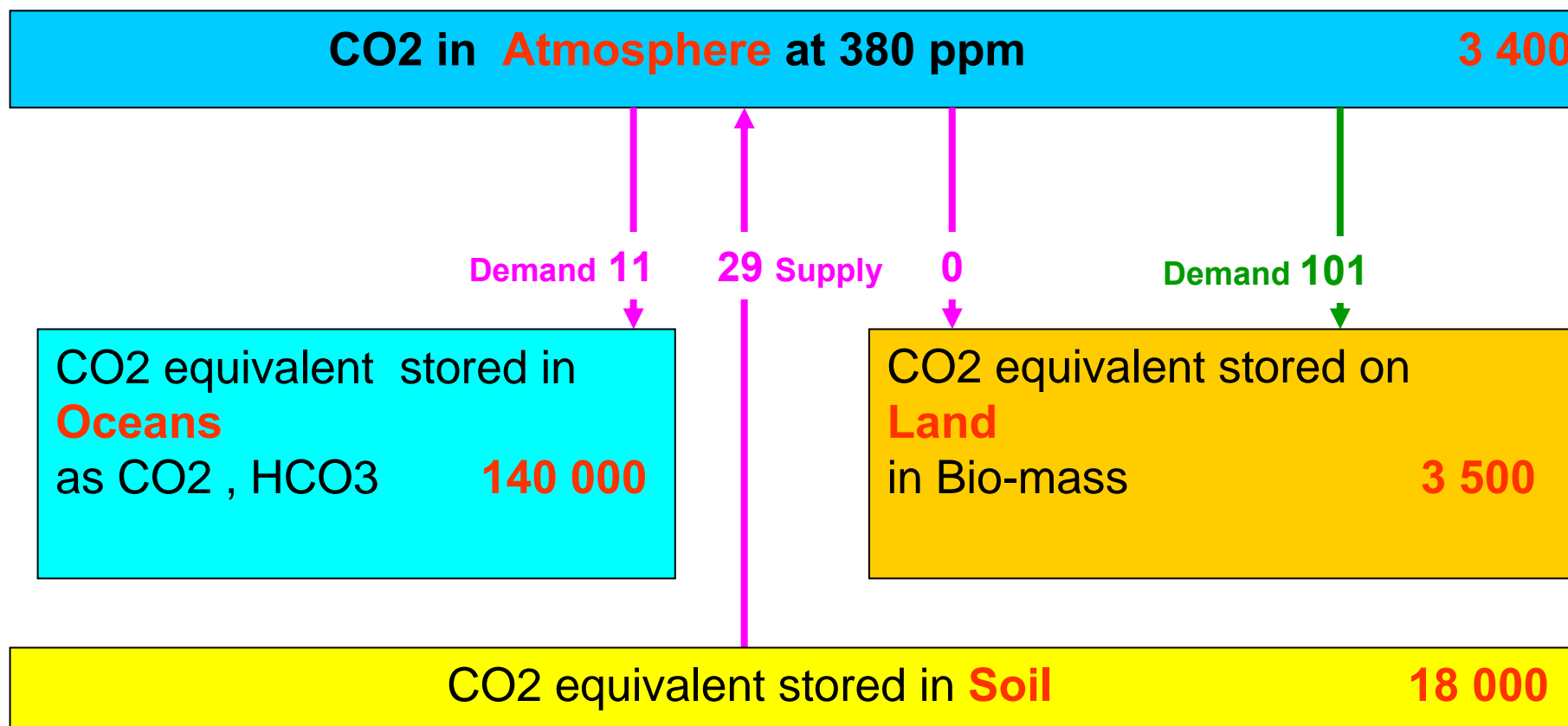
Biomass growth estimate for desert land :

0 MT/Hectare/Year

CO2 consumption on Land

CO2 demand for cropland	13	Gt / Year
CO2 demand for non-cropland	88	Gt / Year
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CO2 demand from Atmosphere by Land	101	Gt / Year

CO2 equivalent flows in Gt /Year and CO2 stored in Gt



CO2 consumption Oceans

The Oxygen (O₂) supply to the Atmosphere comes from Land and Ocean.

Estimated that 55 % of the Oxygen comes from Land and 45 % from Oceans.

O₂ is only generated through photosynthesis

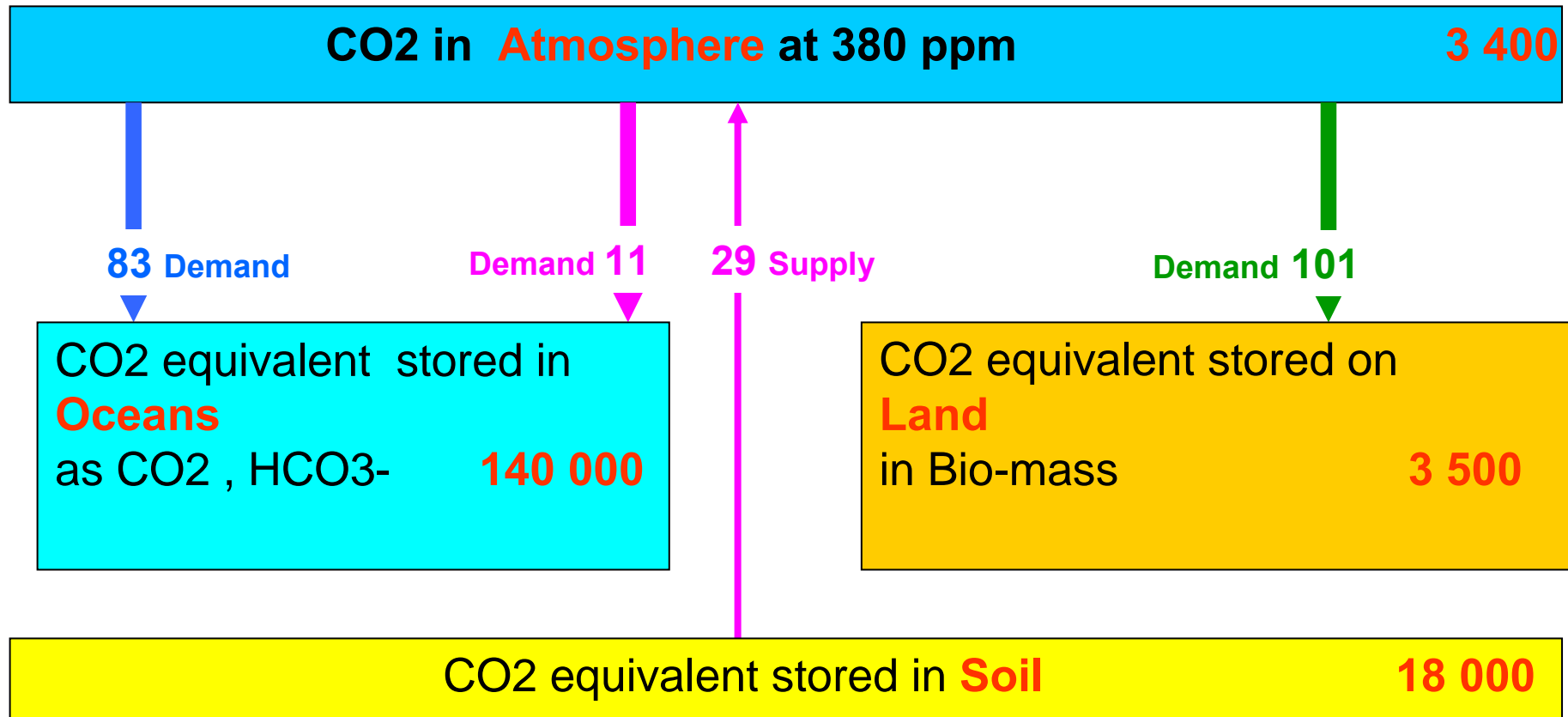
Therefore:

45 % of CO₂ demand for photosynthesis is created by Oceans .

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CO₂ demand by Oceans for Photosynthesis = 83 Gt CO₂ / Year

CO2 Demand in Gt /Year and CO2 stored in Gt



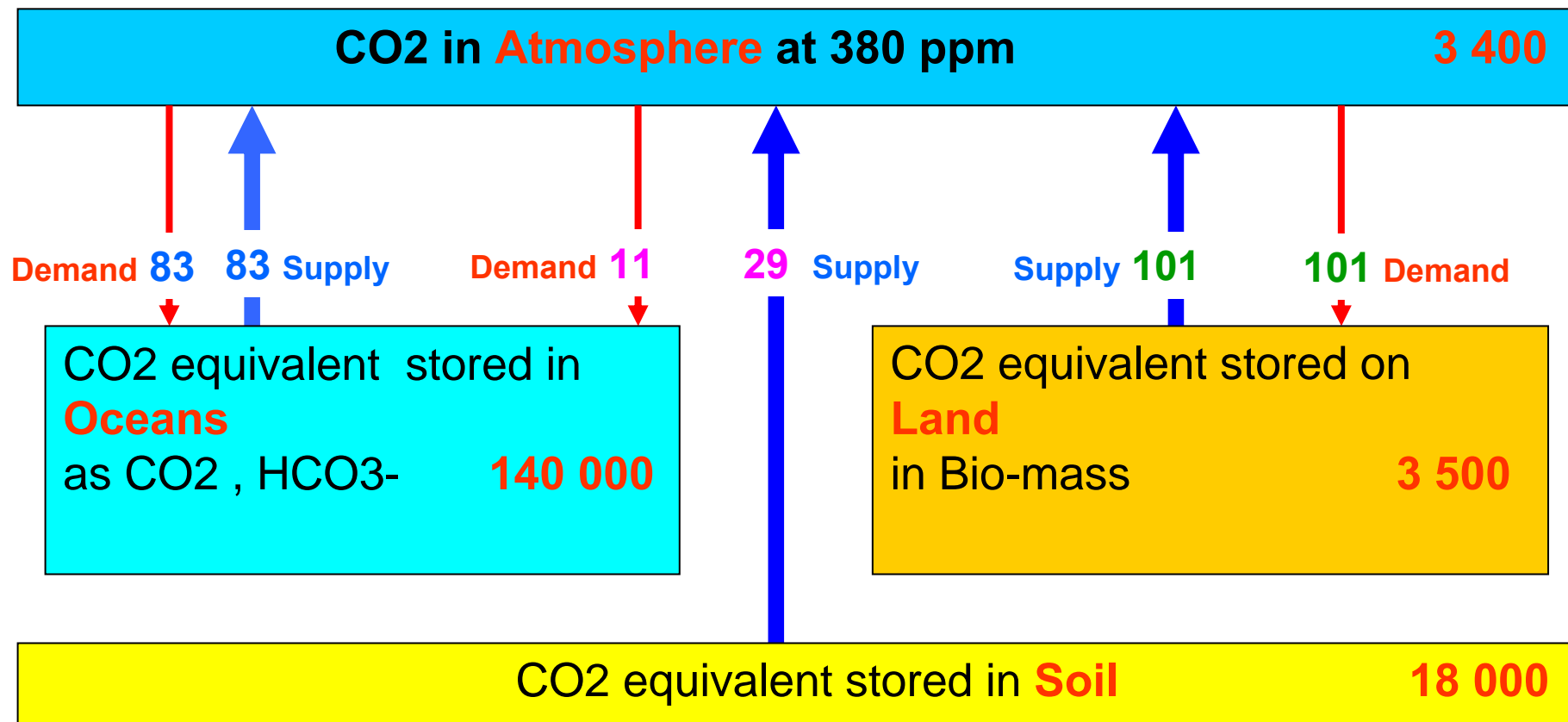
CO2 supply to Atmosphere

CO2 demand from Atmosphere (photosynthesis)	184 Gt / Year
CO2 return as demand back to Ocean	+ 11 Gt / Year
CO2 supply to Atmosphere to cover demand	195 Gt / Year
CO2 supply to cover inventory change	+ 18 Gt / Year
Grand total CO2 supply to Atmosphere	213 Gt / Year
Fossil CO2 supply	29 Gt / Year
CO2 supply to Atmosphere other than Fossil	184 Gt / Year

CO2 Supply from decomposed Biomass from Land + Oceans equals CO2 Demand for photosynthesis on Land + Oceans.

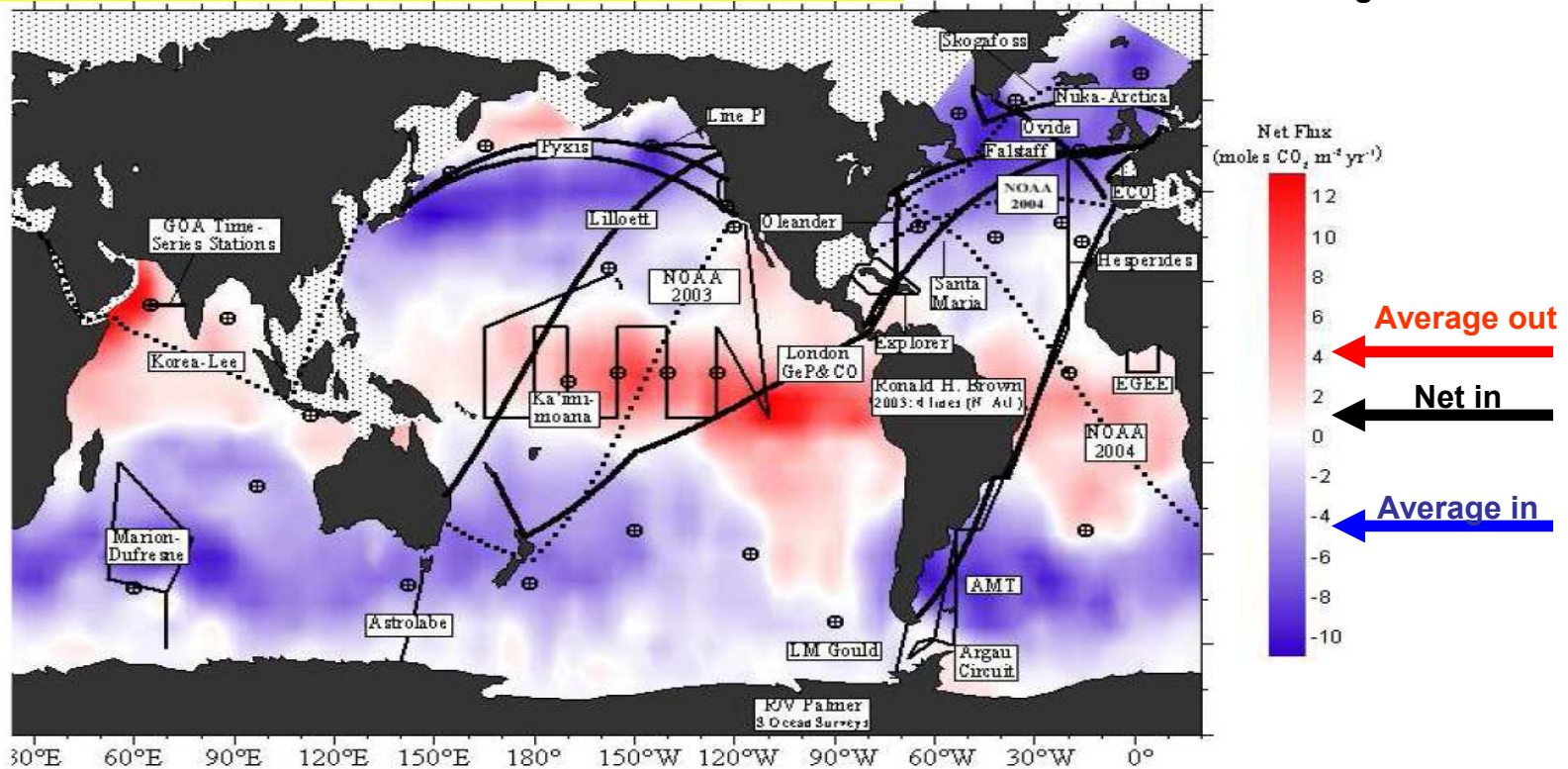
The inventory balance of 11 Gt / Year was allocated to Fossil CO2.

CO2 equivalent flows in Gt /Year and CO2 stored in Gt



Net CO2 Flux from Ocean to Atmosphere

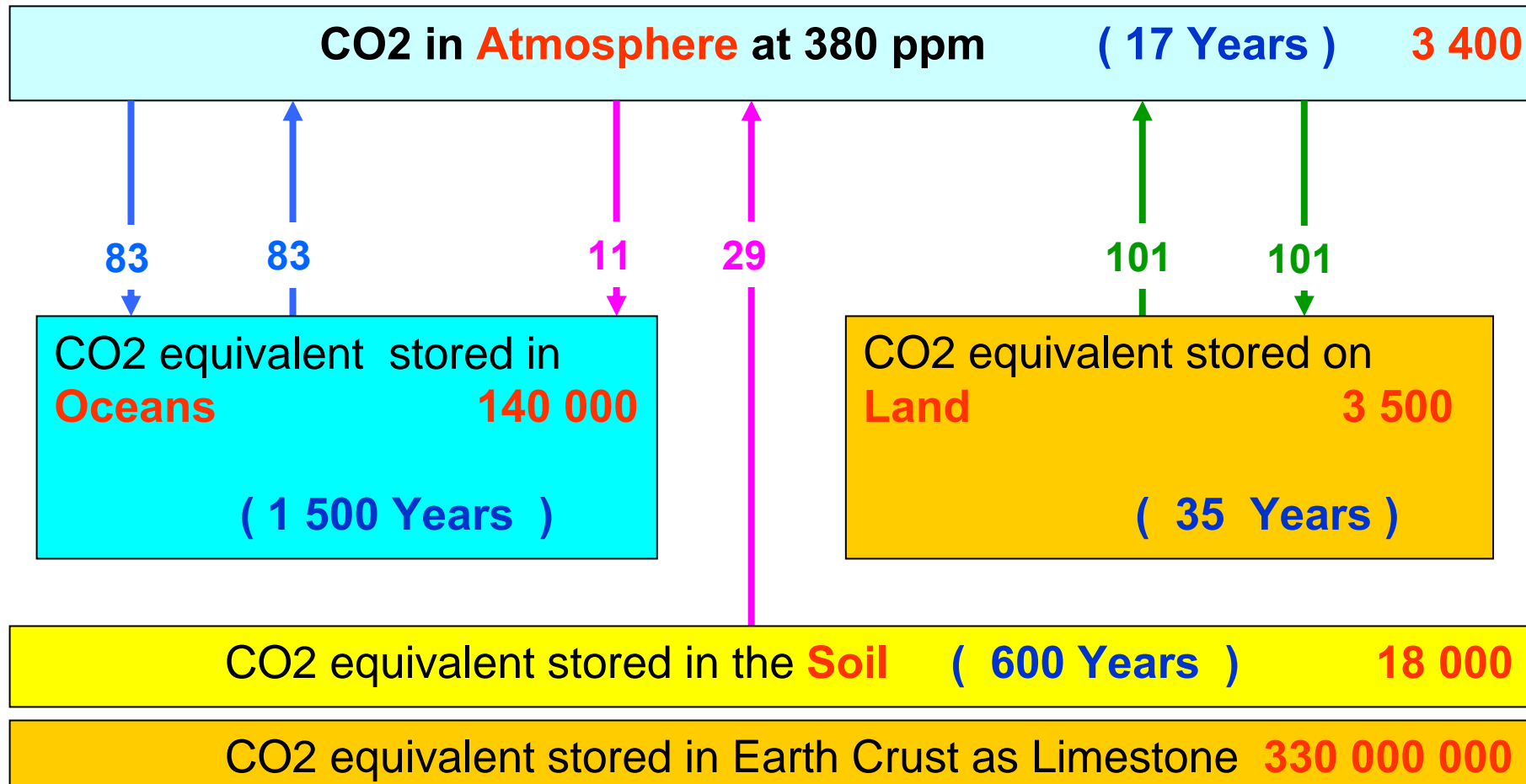
1 = 44 gram / M2 / Year



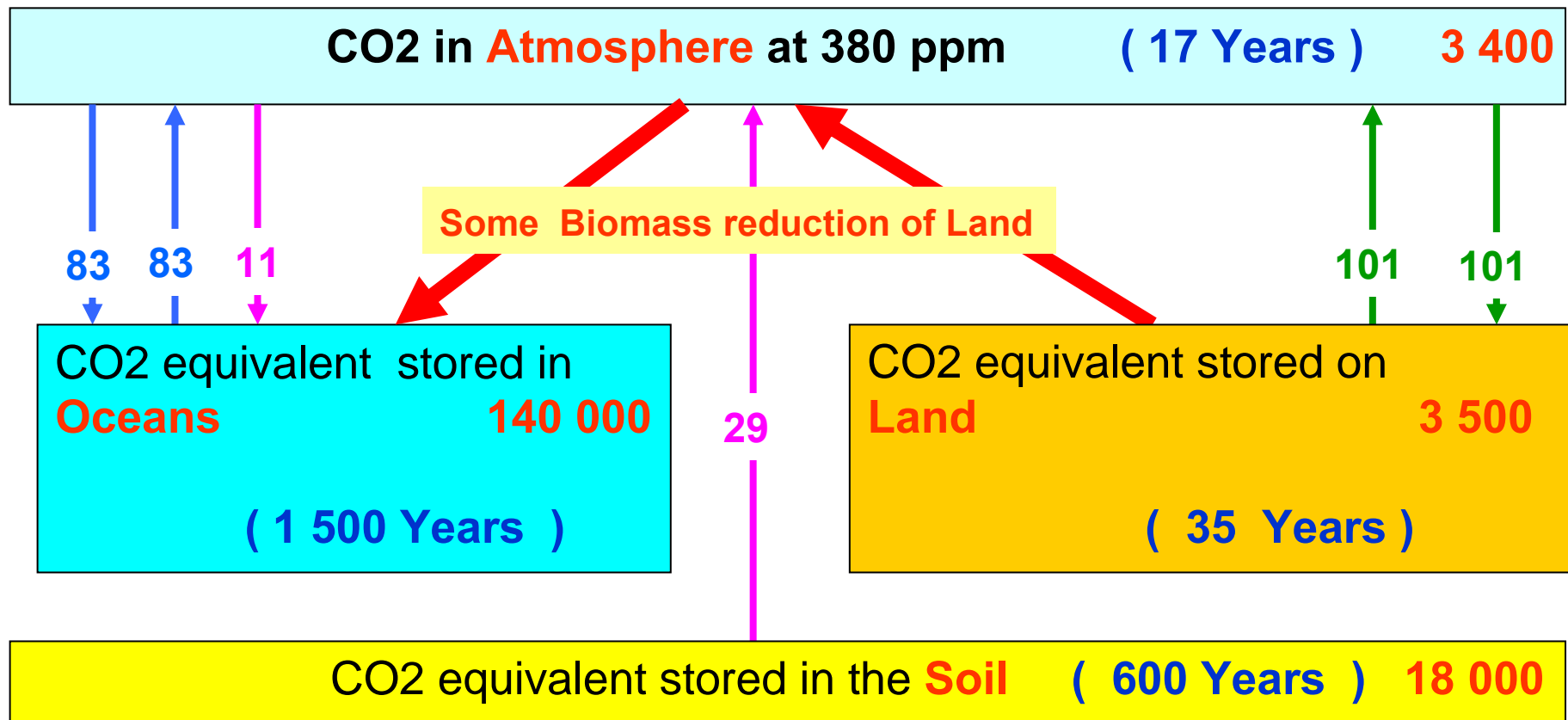
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Source: Integrated Global Carbon Observation (IGCO)

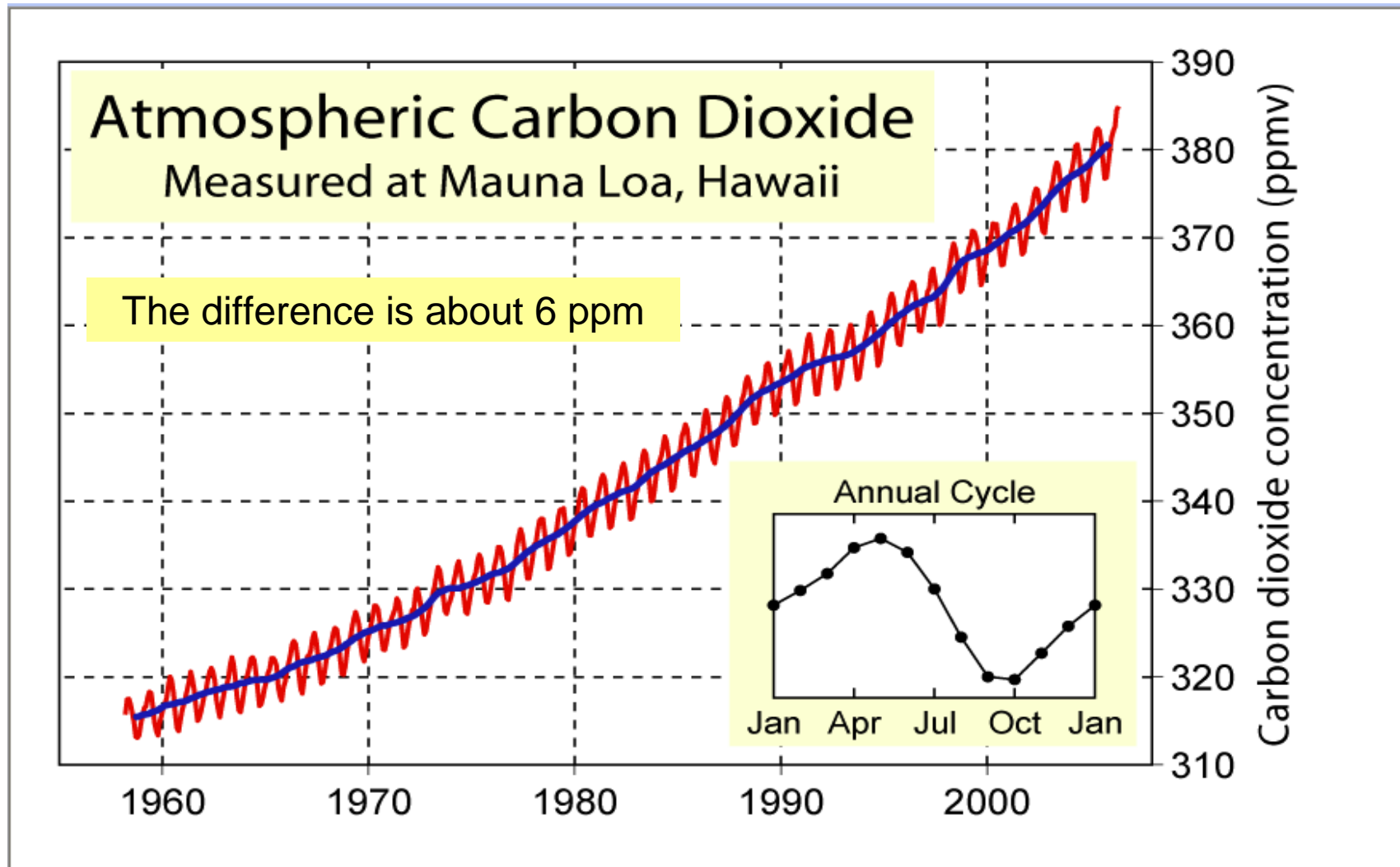
Inventory years = Inventory / Demand

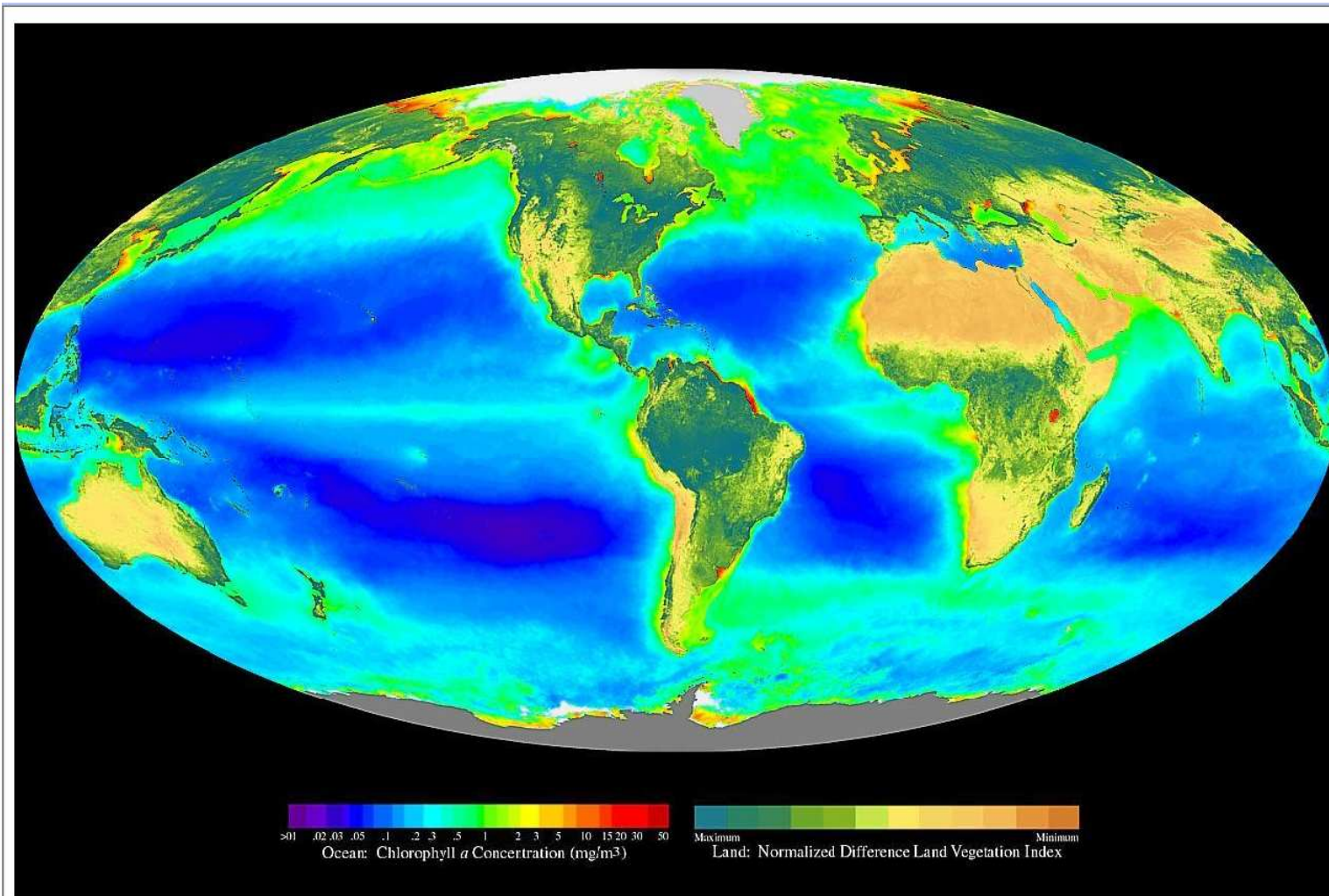


Some Land Biomass reduction



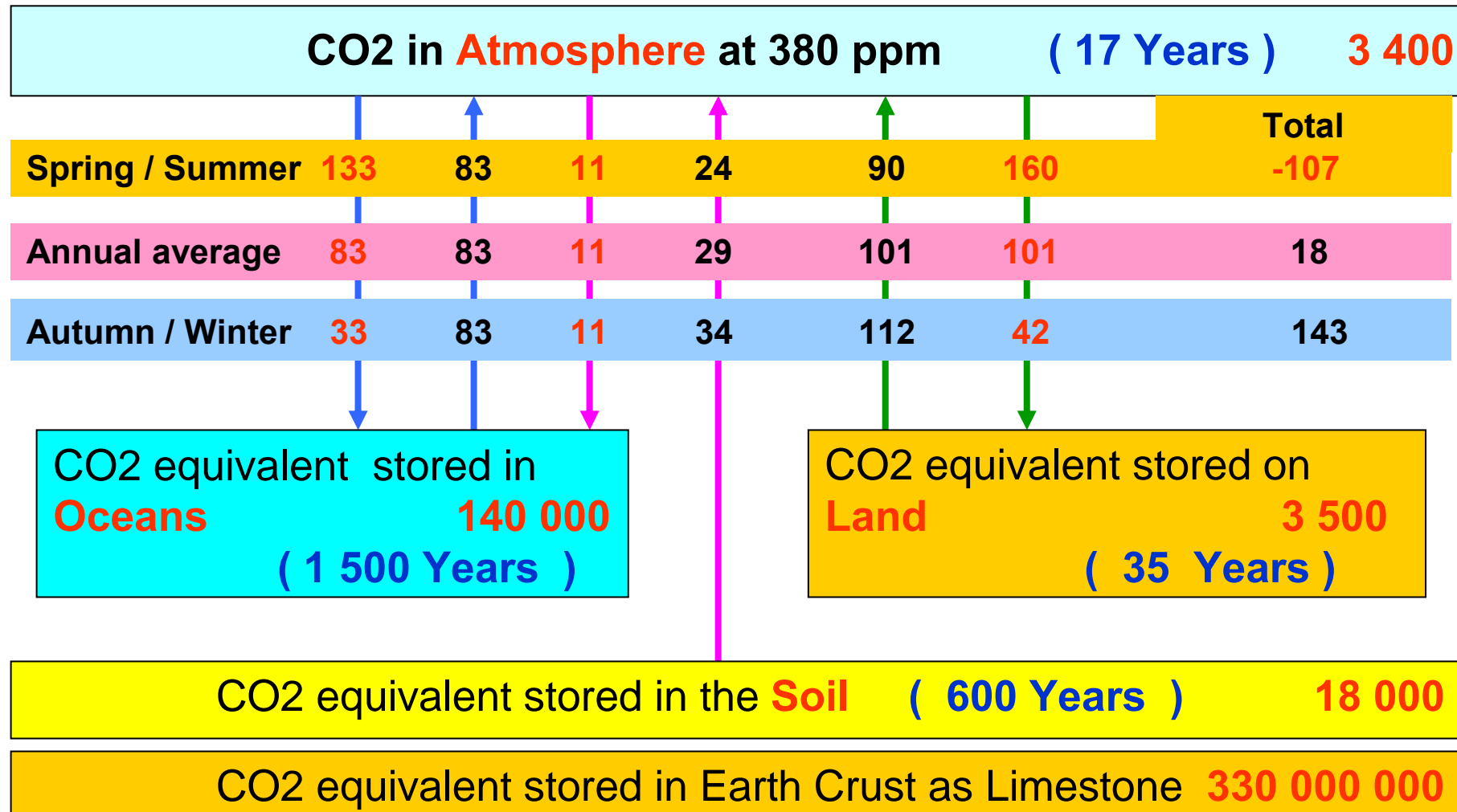
CO2 flow from Land to Atmosphere maybe higher and CO2 flow from Ocean to Atmosphere maybe lower

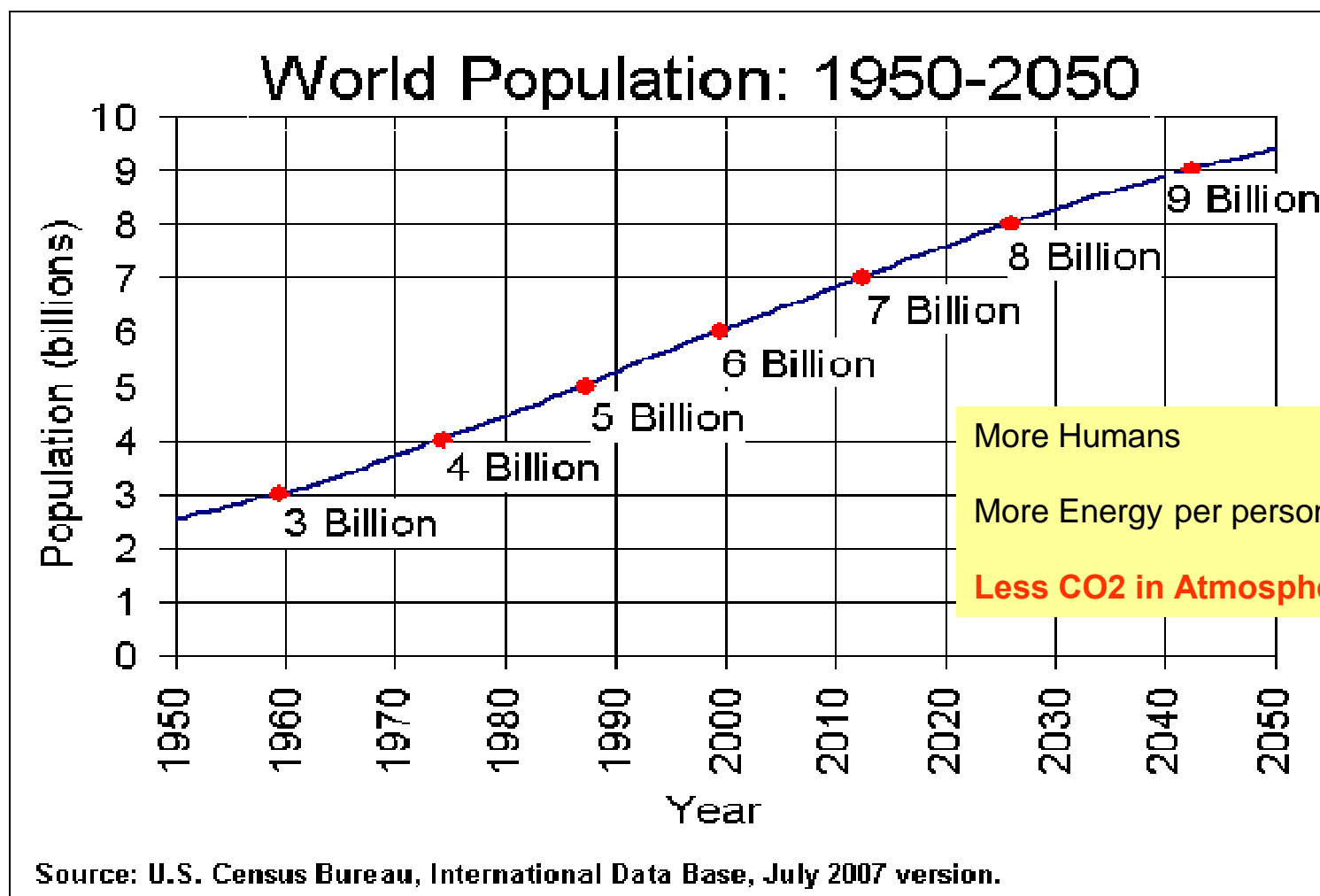




Like Agriculture on Landstimulate Photosynthesis where it naturally occurs

Seasonal Flow rates based on seasonal CO2 concentration changes





How to reduce the CO₂ inventory in Atmosphere ?

Reduce CO₂ supply to Atmosphere !

Increase CO₂ demand from Atmosphere !

Reduce supply of CO₂ to Atmosphere

Stable CO₂ inventory in Atmosphere requires a reduction or replacement of 60 % of fossil fuel CO₂ supply based on 2004 numbers.

Major assumptions:

1. Oceans will continue to absorb 11 Gt CO₂ / Year or more extra
2. Land Bio-mass supply / demand stays at 101 Gt CO₂ / Year
3. Ocean Bio-mass supply / demand stays at 83 Gt CO₂ / Year
4. Alternative energies satisfy the energy demand increase globally

Reduce supply of CO2 to Atmosphere (switch from Coal to Methane)

On a caloric value basis, One MT Carbon = 0.6 MT methane

One MT Carbon creates = 3.65 MT CO2 when burned

0.6 MT Methane creates = 1.65 MT CO2 when burned

Therefore:

Replacing 1 Gt Carbon with 0.6 Gt Methane reduces CO2 supply to the atmosphere with 2 Gt CO2

Worldwide 5.4 Gt coal is burned.

About half of all CO2 from fossil fuel comes from coal.

THIS LOOKS VERY SIGNIFICANT

Increase demand of CO₂ from the Atmosphere

Double Row crop (+120 %) production balances CO₂ in the Atmosphere

Increase Biomass growth on Land by 18 % balances CO₂ in the Atmosphere

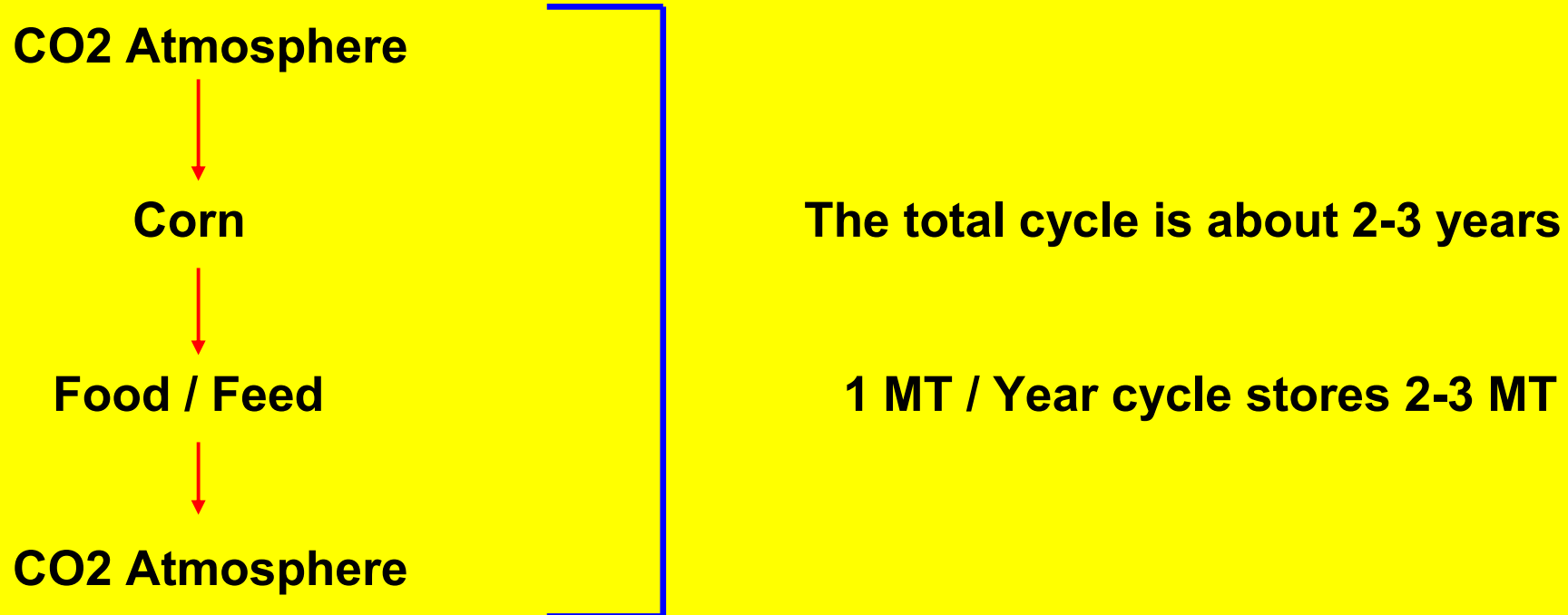
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The Biomass should stay on Land to reduce the supply back to Atmosphere

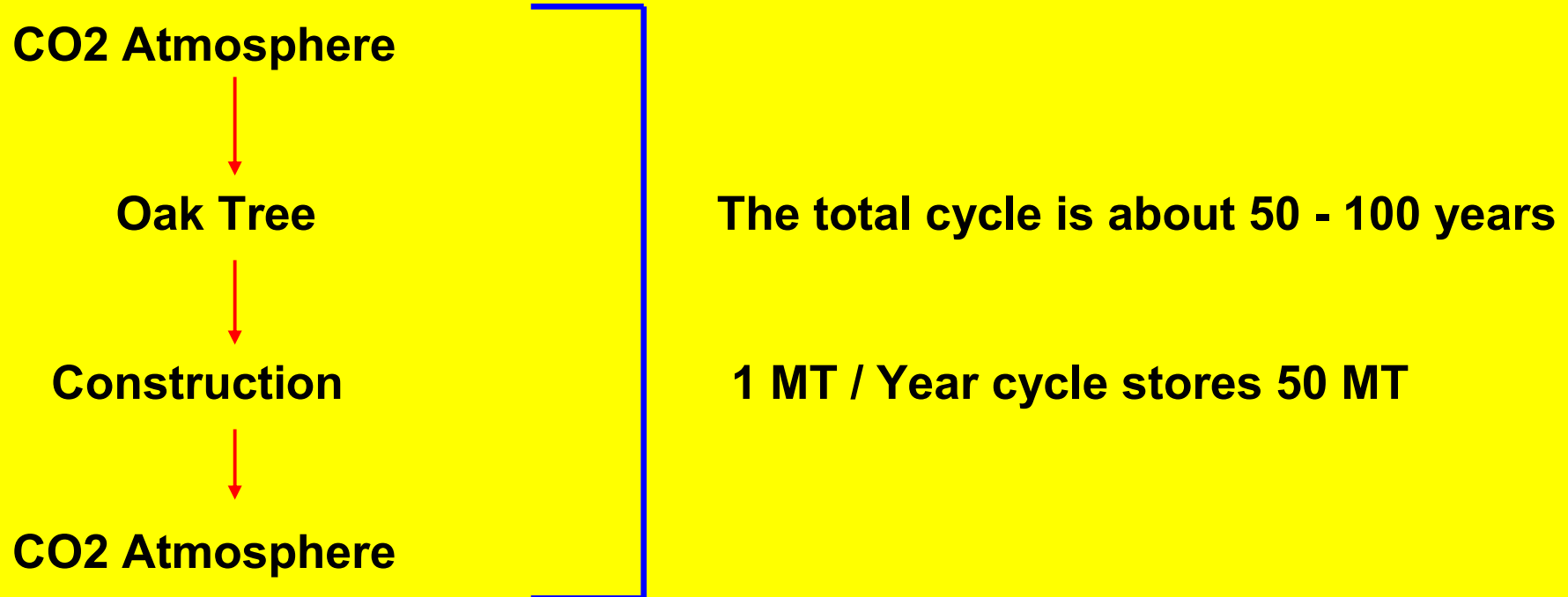
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How do we do that ??

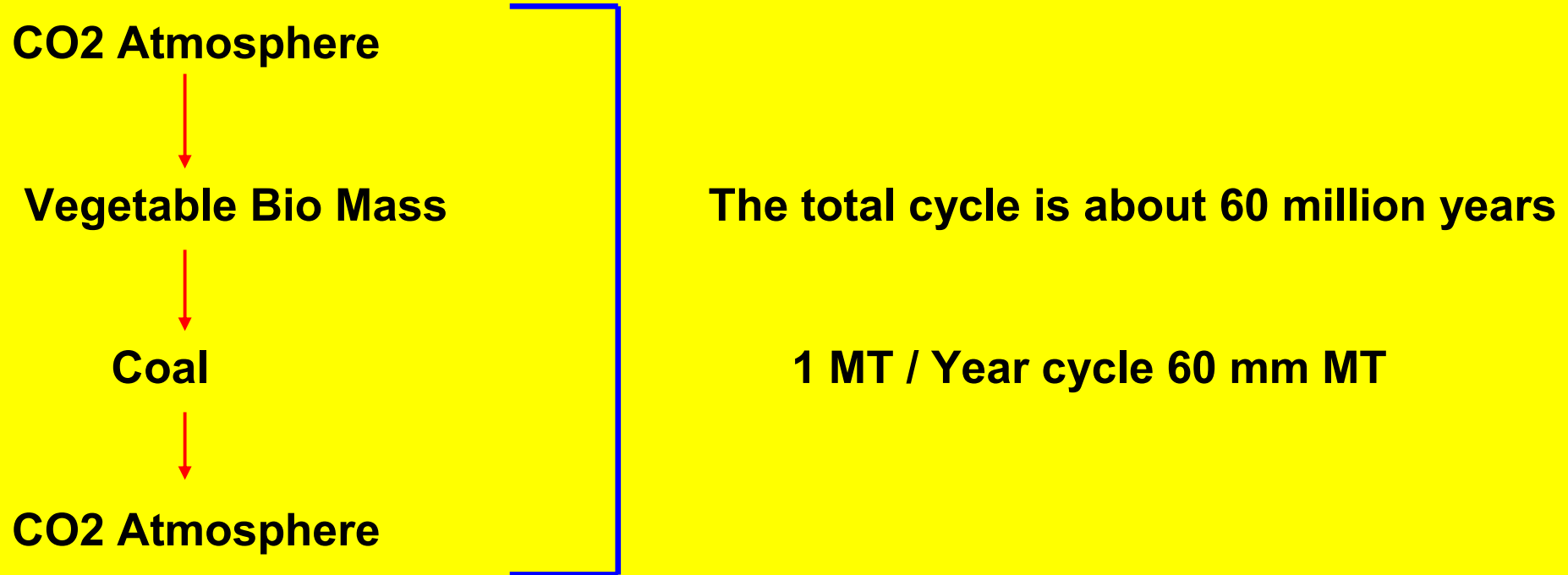
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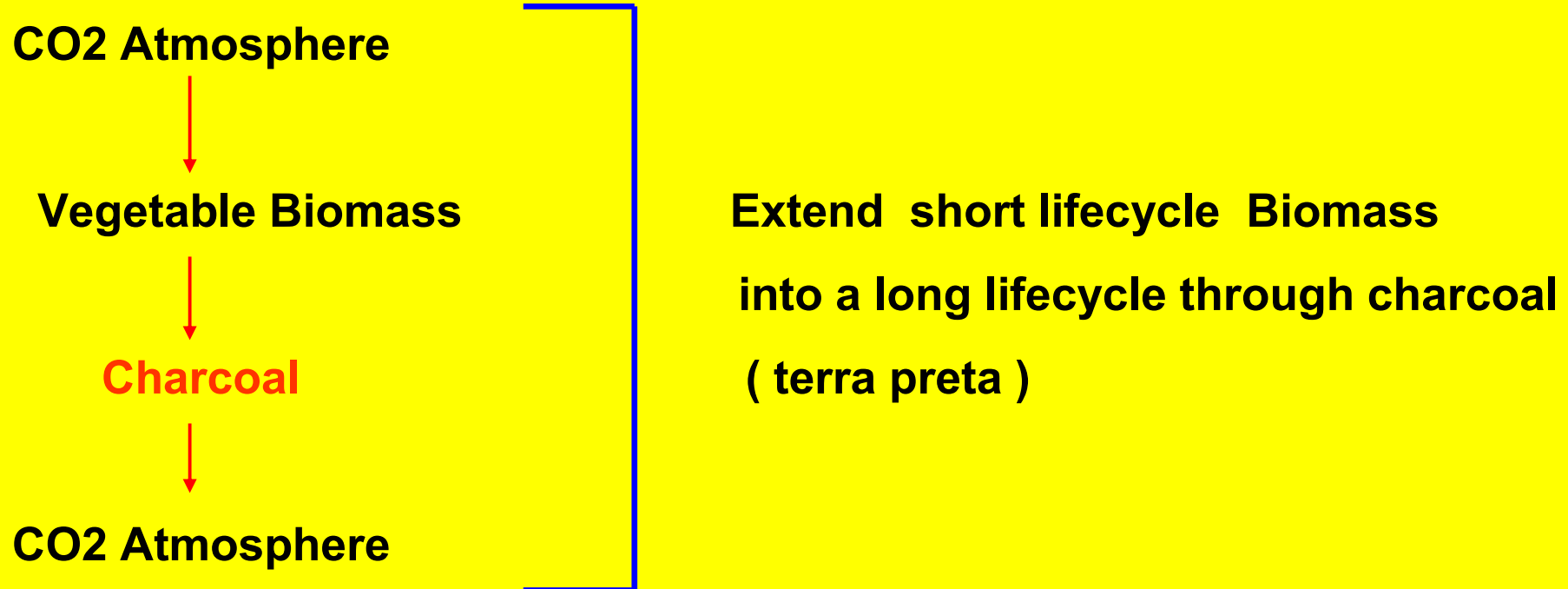
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Reduce supply of CO₂ to Atmosphere

Reduce spontaneous and deliberate burning of vegetable Biomass

Fires in the USA release 0.29 Gt CO₂ / Year.

Worldwide > 2.5 Gt CO₂ / Year

Improve technology to prevent and extinguish fires

THIS LOOKS SIGNIFICANT

On land , farmers have many choices in absorbing CO2

Product	CO2 MT/Hectare/Year
Algae	70 350
Raw Crop	10 50
Palm Oil	5 30
Rape Seed	10 30
Forest // Bamboo	2 30
Raw crop Land	14.5
Worldwide Land average	3.3
Ocean Average	1.8

But they are not financially incentivized to capture CO2

Increase demand of CO2 from Atmosphere

Lifecycle for Raw crops to stay on land equals 2.5 years

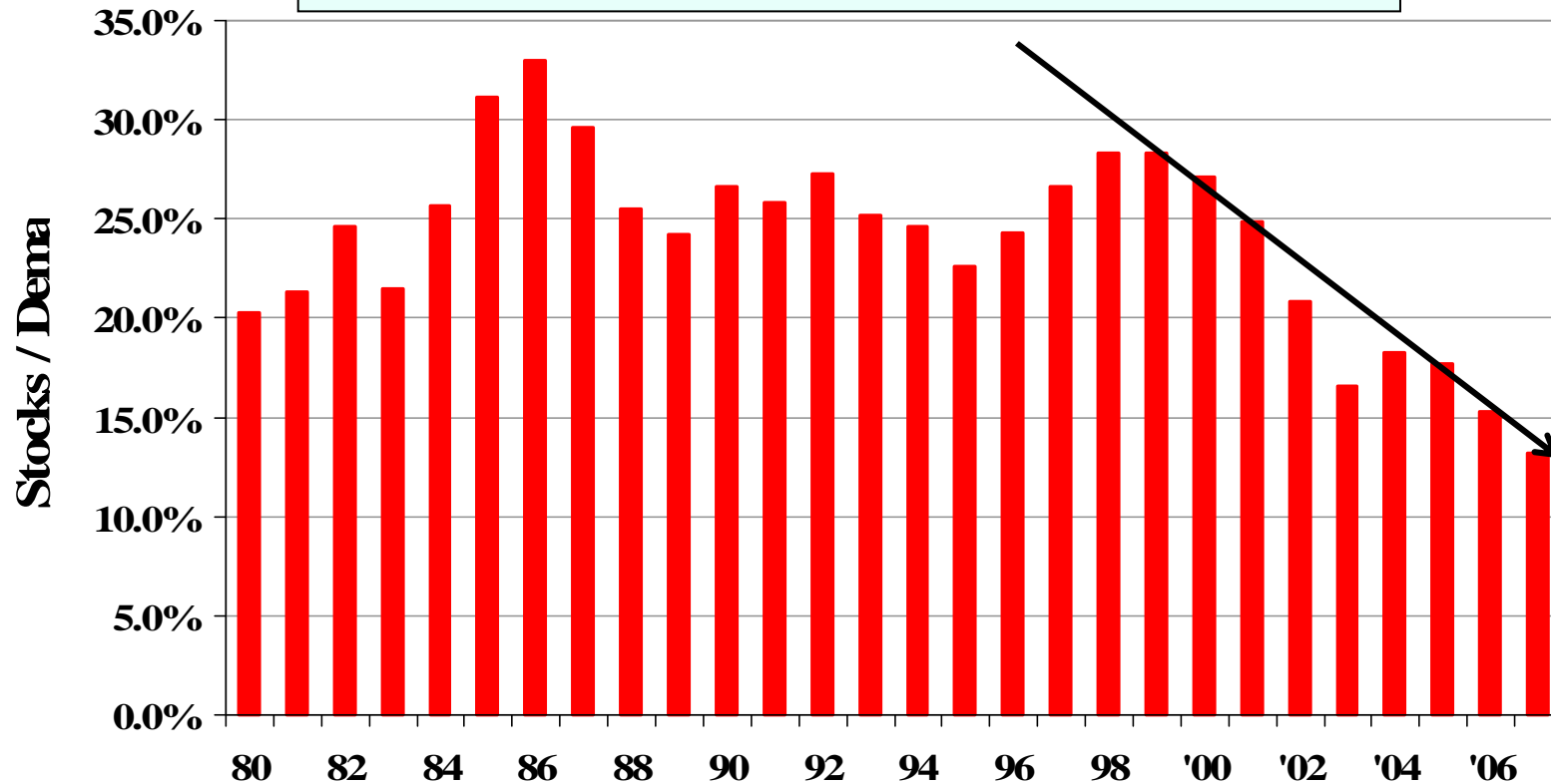
All in Gt MT

	Year	2000	2007
Raw Crop growth		2.0	2.5
Associate Biomass growth		4.0	5.0
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Total Biomass growth		6.0	7.5
CO2 consumption per year		10.0	12.5
Land inventory of CO2 for Raw crops cycle		25.0	31.3

From 2000 to 2007 a CO2 inventory increase of 6.3 Gt has taken place on Land as a result of increasing Raw crop growth.

World Grain & Oilseed Stocks as a % of Demand

**World Demand Growth has Exceeded World Production
Thus
World Stocks have Declined Sharply!**



Increase demand of CO2 from Atmosphere

Increasing the world grain inventories from 12 % of world demand back 25 % of world demand would store an additional

0.5 Gt CO2 One time effect + associate Biomass in a 2.5 Year cycle

Increase the world grain inventories to ONE YEAR would store an additional

3.7 Gt CO2 One time effect + associate Biomass in a 2.5 Year cycle

THIS IS SIGNIFICANT

HOWEVER

WE MUST ASSURE THAT ALL CO₂ STAYS IN THE OCEANS.

**INCREASED EMISSIONS OF CO₂ FROM THE OCEANS
COULD BE MASSIVE**

AND

MAY OVERWHELM EVERYTHING

What happens in the Oceans ?

A Temperature increase of the water makes it more difficult to absorb CO₂ from Atmosphere

Moving in that wrong direction due to global warming

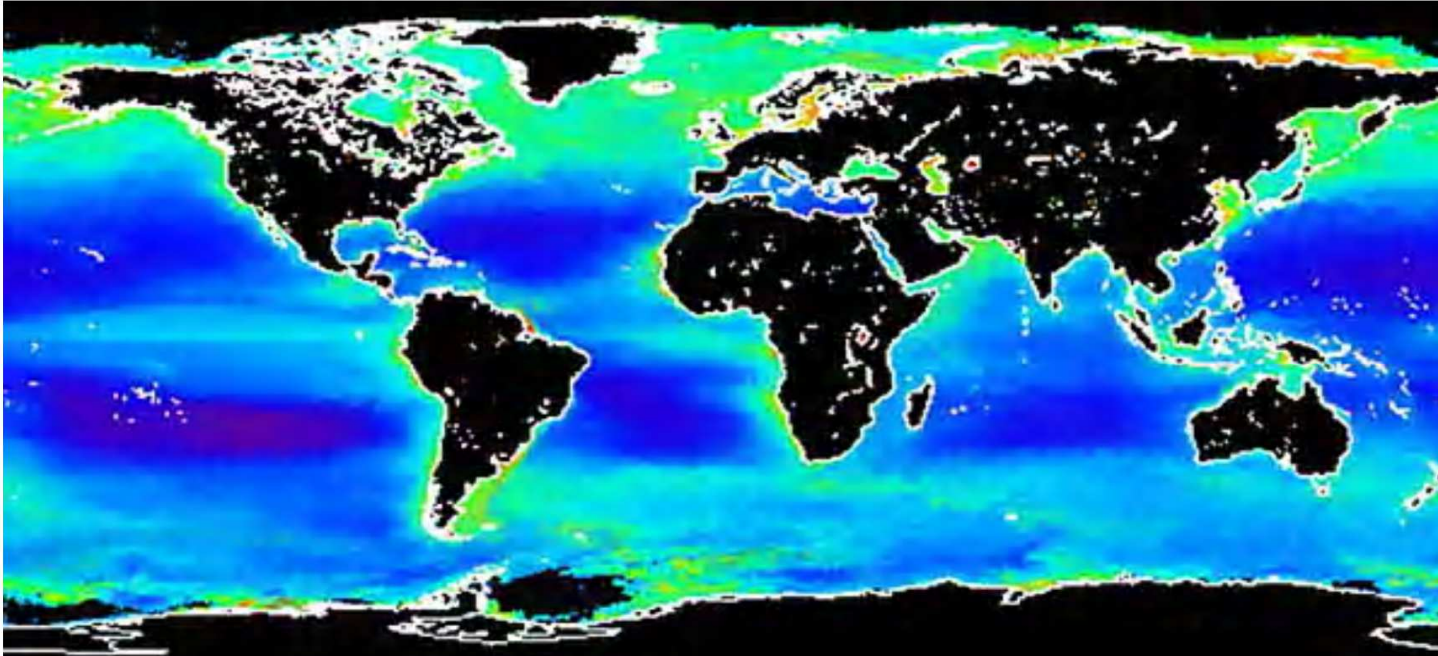
A lower pH of the water makes it more difficult to absorb CO₂ from the Atmosphere

Moving in that wrong direction acidity is increasing in Oceans !!

CO₂ absorbed in water makes the water more acid unless the CO₂ is used in photosynthesis or stays as dissolved CO₂ gas.

Increase demand of “Growth Gas” CO₂ by Oceans

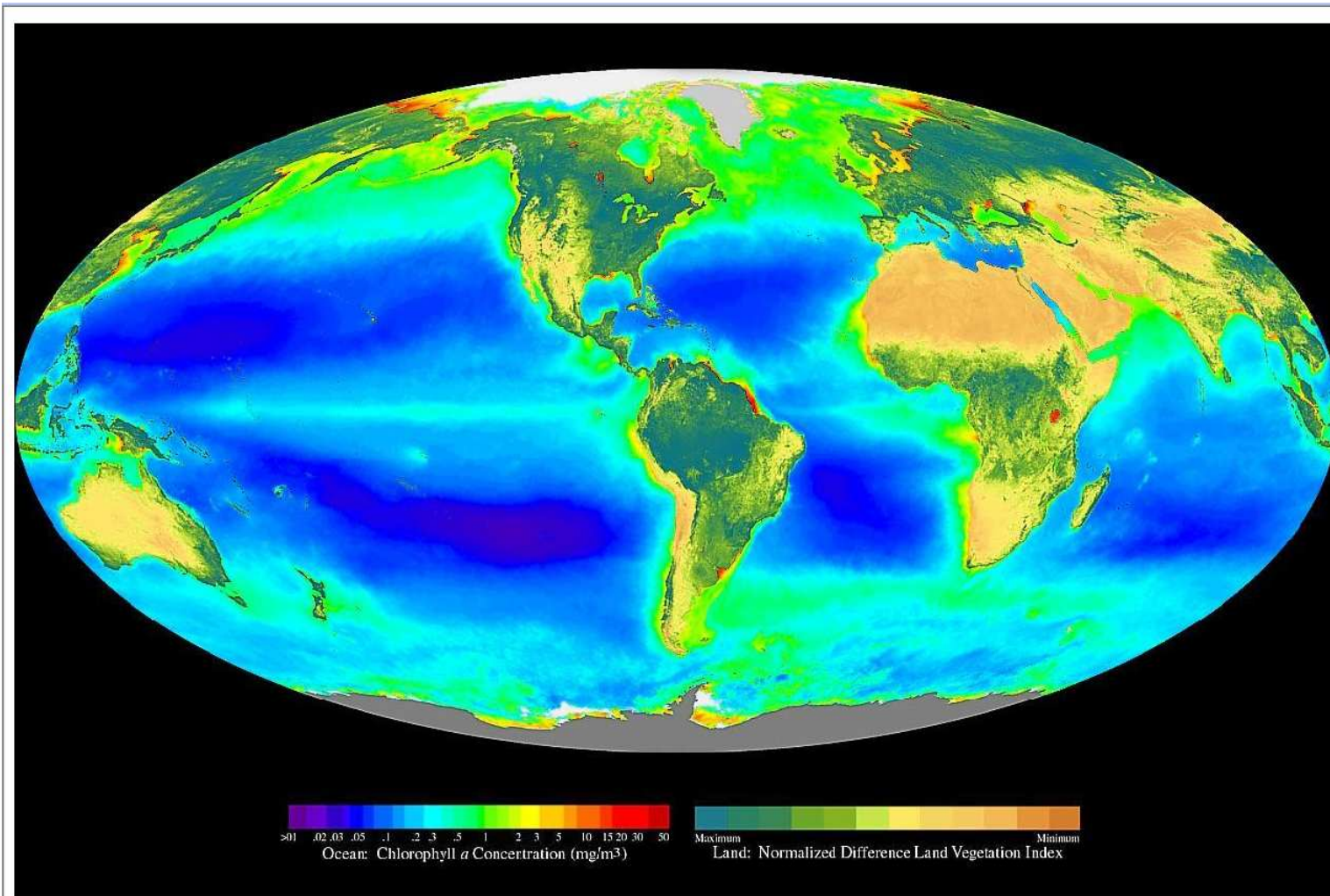
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In this image of the Earth, blue areas indicate low chlorophyll concentrations, with purple regions being very low. Greens and yellows indicate higher concentrations of chlorophyll.

It is reported that in many parts of Oceans photosynthesis is stifled due to a lack of Fe , soluble Si and Nitrogen....etc.

A 20 % increase in CO₂ demand for photosynthesis keep balance CO₂ in Atmosphere stable.



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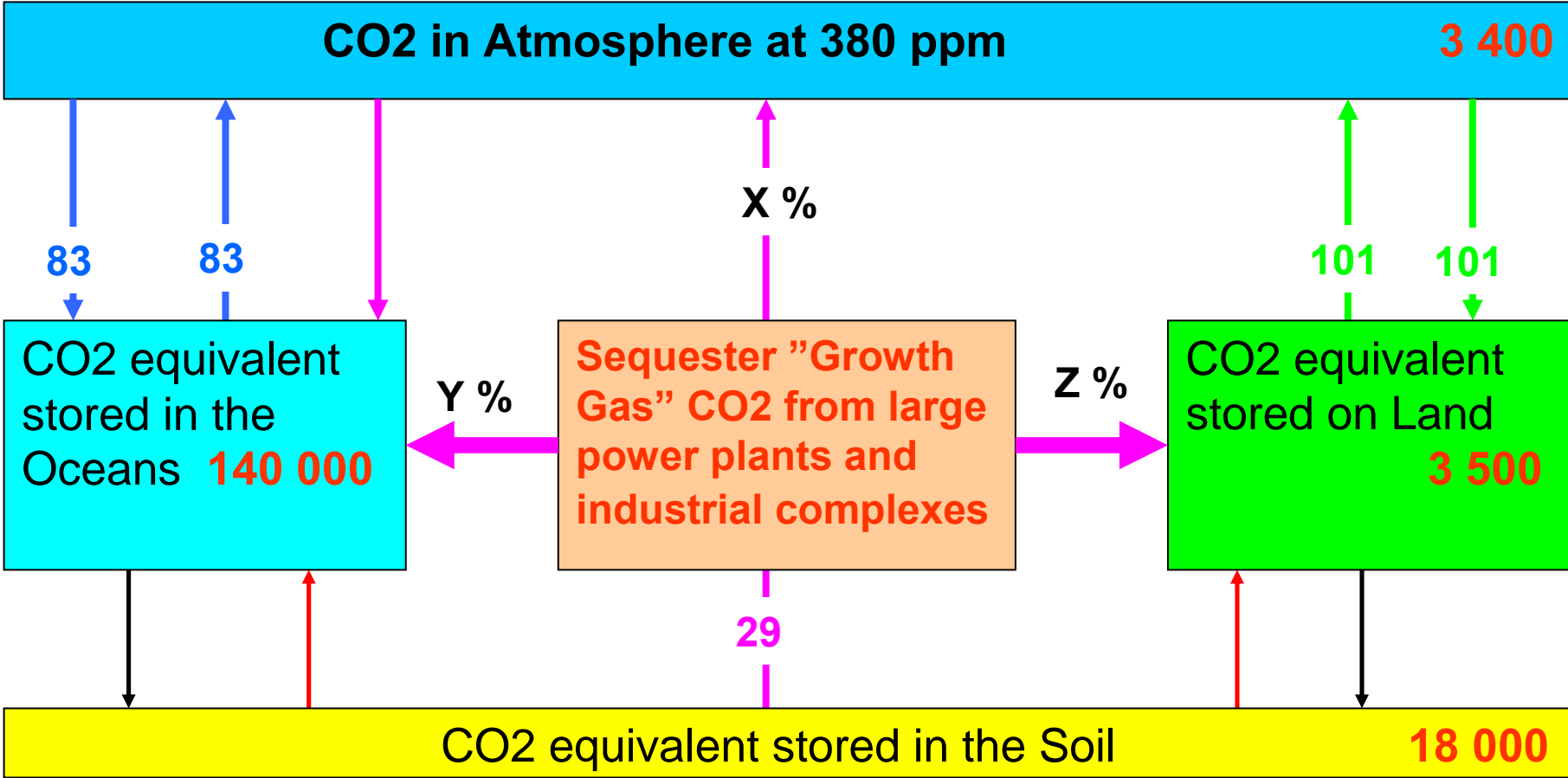
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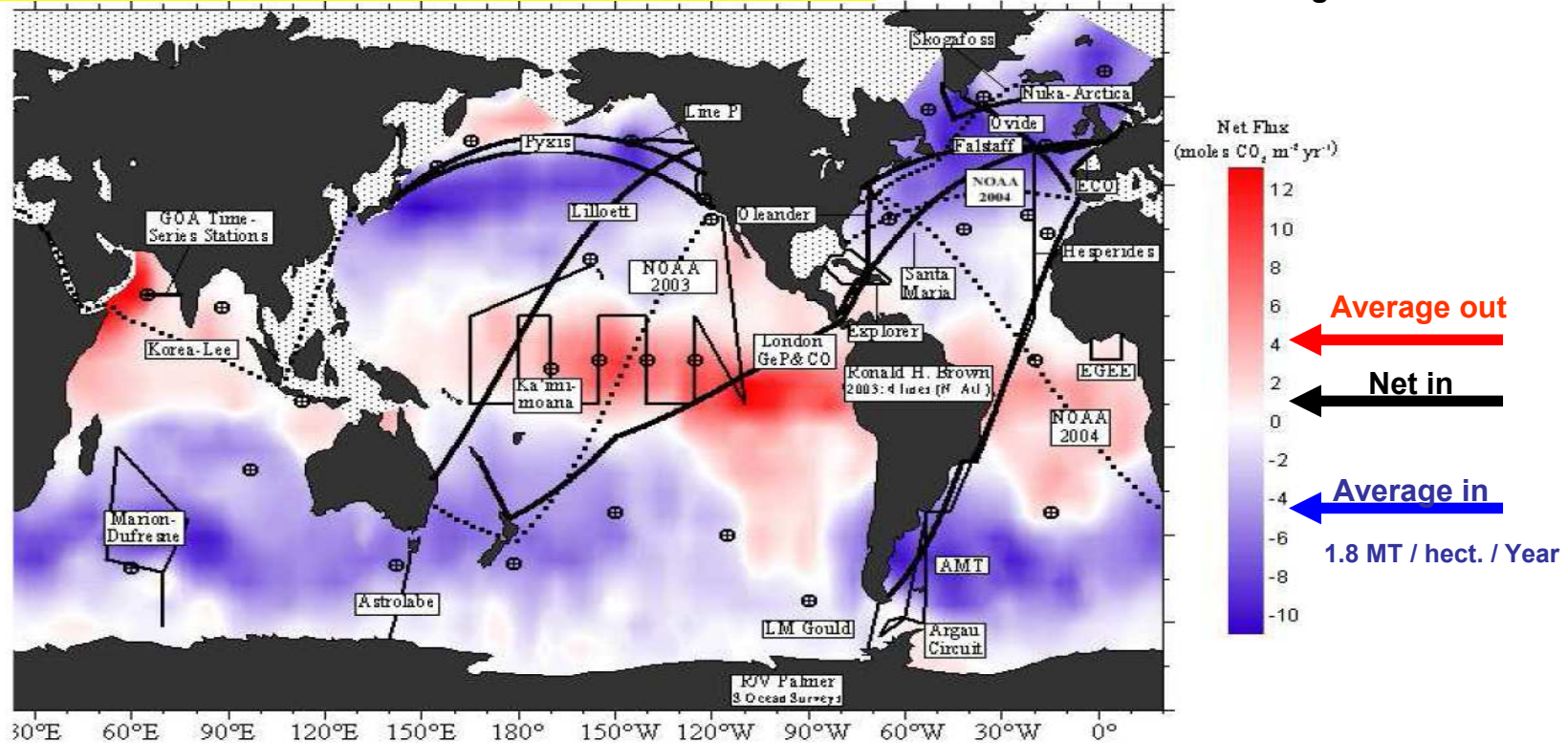
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Option to use CO2 as "Growth Gas"

CO2 equivalent flows in Gt /Year and CO2 stored Gt



Net CO2 Flux from Ocean to Atmosphere



The Oceans have a high Net Flux CO₂ from Ocean to Atmosphere near the Equator and negative Net Flux away from equator.

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Injecting CO₂ into Oceans

Wrong Way



The Ocean becomes more acid....

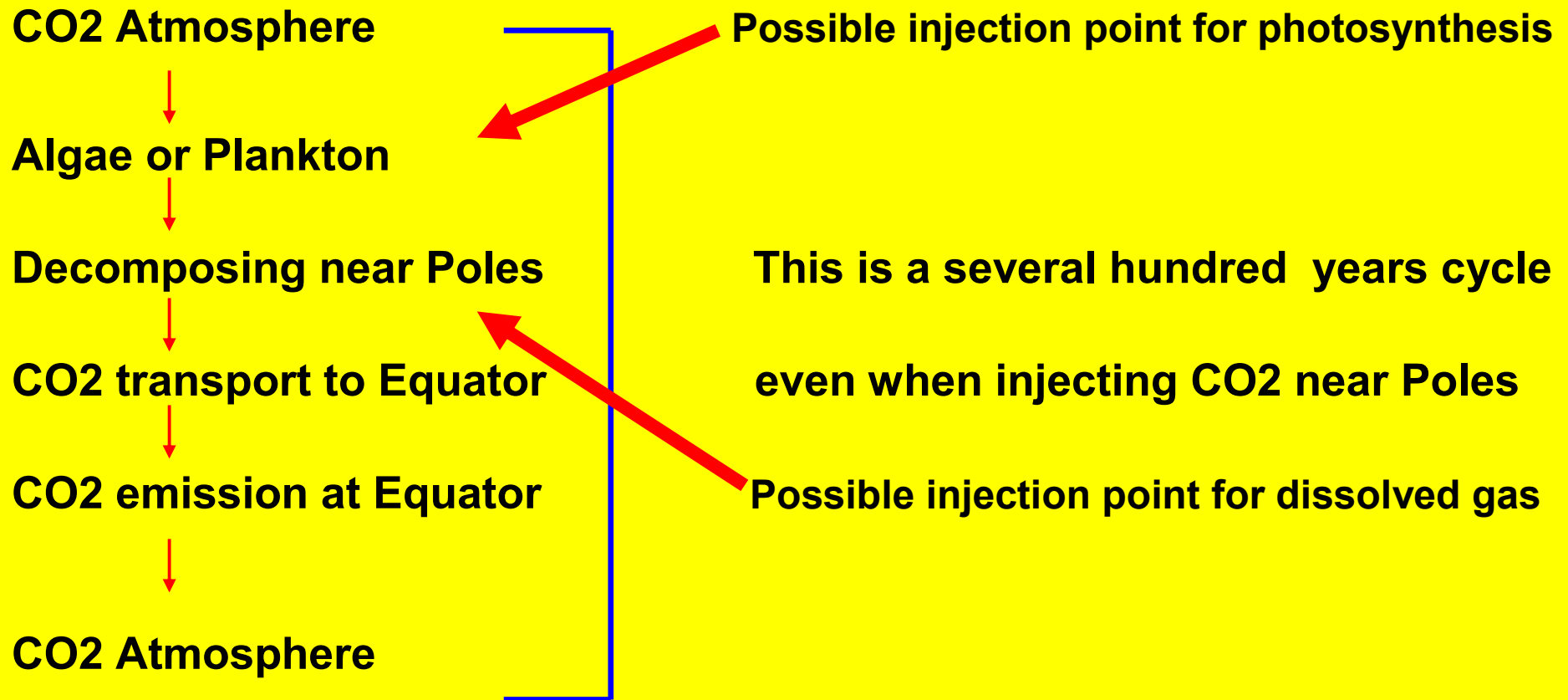
Possible Way

Inject CO₂ in the cold under-current where it travels as CO₂

Right Way

CO₂ in Oceans used as a "Growth Gas" for photosynthesis in the same way as on Land.

Injecting CO2 in the Oceans increases the CO2 inventory in Oceans.
These are long lifecycles



Increase demand of CO₂ from Atmosphere

Increase growth of Biomass in Oceans

Seems to have a big potential

but.....

concepts need to be developed.

Do not be afraid to experiment as no change is the biggest experiment

Balancing or reducing CO₂ in Atmosphere requires that:

CO₂ supply and demand on Land + Oceans should become part of the policy makers knowledge. A 10 % increase in demand will balance the CO₂ in Atmosphere.

CO₂ equivalent inventories on Land + Oceans should be well understood and should become part of the policy makers knowledge.

An increase < 0.5 % in CO₂ inventories on Land + Oceans reduces CO₂ in Atmosphere from 380 ppm to 300 ppm.

1. **Understand Inventory-and-Flow data + adopt the thinking process.**
2. **Continue to stimulate all forms of alternative energy and efficiency to replace fossil.**
3. **Economically discourage use of coal, stimulate switch to methane.**
4. **Improve fire fighting technology and crop residue burning.**
5. **Extend the average Bio-mass lifetime on Land with one year. This amounts to 100 Gt CO₂ (11 ppm reduction in Atmosphere)**
6. **Inject CO₂ directly into Oceans for photosynthesis, NOT ACID.**
7. **Increase the food inventory to at least one year.**
8. **Create long term stable elevated demand for Vegetable oil. Think about replacing part of the strategic Crude Oil reserves with Vegetable oil inventories.**

Industrial approach to set quantitative targets, in CO2 equivalents

CO2 Supply reduction to the atmosphere

Alternative energy	1– 30 Gt / Year
Nuclear energy	1– 10 Gt / Year
Discouragement of Coal (methane)	1– 10 Gt / Year
Reduce wildfires and crop residue burning	1– 2 Gt / Year
Inject CO2 directly into Oceans	5- 10 Gt / Year

CO2 Demand increase from the atmosphere

Extension of Biomass life cycle on Land (1 Year)	100 Gt one time + 5 Gt / Year
Increased photosynthesis Land + Oceans	5 – 40 Gt / Year
Strategic Vegetable oil reserves	0.5 – 1 Gt / Year
Increase global food inventories	1 Gt one time + 0.2 Gt / Year

Conclusion

The CO2 inventory in Atmosphere should be controlled by working on :

The **Supply side** through reducing CO2 emissions

and

The **Demand side** through massive increases of photosynthesis that will **stay** on Land + Oceans.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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Follow up

Proposing the 'Global CO2 Inventory-and-Flow Project'

-new effort to research the implications for:

...various groups (multilateral, national and city governments; private sector; NGOs)

...in multiple sectors (forestry , agriculture, industry; ocean management ; energy; waste management ; etc)

-provide expertise and coordination when policy initiatives are formulated , before, during and after COP15

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