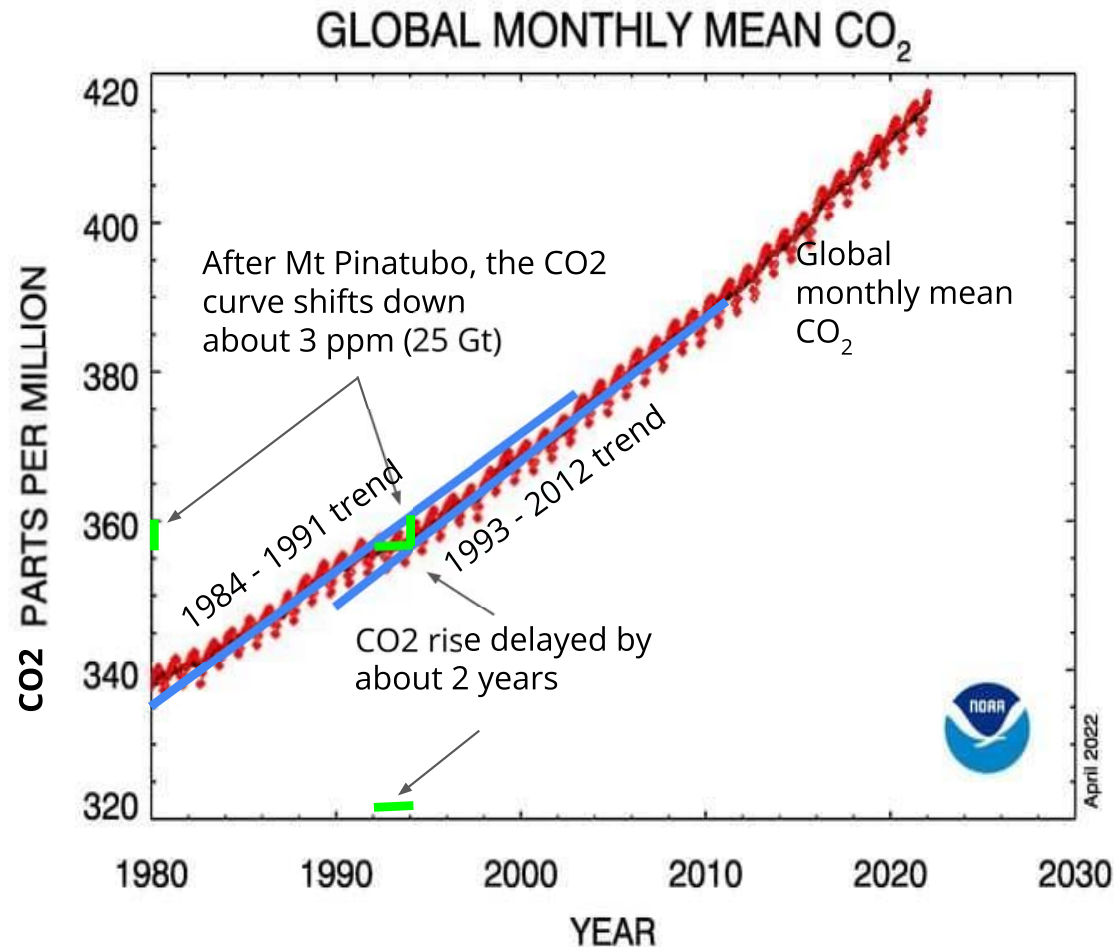


OIF: Nature removed 3ppm (25 Gt) CO₂ following Mt Pinatubo eruption



The relentless global increase in CO₂ nearly ceased for about 2 years after Mt. Pinatubo erupted, as NOAA data attest.

Ocean iron fertilization is the most likely cause: iron-bearing volcanic dust blew into the ocean.

Twenty years later, CO₂ was still 3 ppm below where it would likely be without the eruption. The removal was arguably permanent.

—New unpublished analysis