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We refer you to the following scientific study on marine carbon dioxide removal (mCDR) via upwelling of nutrient-rich deep ocean.

Jürchott, M., Oschlies, A., & Koeve, W. (2023). Artificial upwelling—A refined narrative. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 50, e2022GL101870. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022GL101870>.

The abstract, and plain-language summary, are copied below:

Abstract

The current narrative of artificial upwelling (AU) is to translocate nutrient rich deep water to the ocean surface, thereby stimulating the biological carbon pump (BCP). Our refined narrative takes the response of the solubility pump and the CO₂ emission scenario into account. Using global ocean-atmosphere model experiments we show that the effectiveness of a hypothetical maximum AU deployment in all ocean areas where AU is predicted to lower surface pCO₂, the draw down of CO₂ from the atmosphere during years 2020–2100 depends strongly on the CO₂ emission scenario and ranges from 1.01 Pg C/year (3.70 Pg CO₂/year) under RCP 8.5 to 0.32 Pg C/year (1.17 Pg CO₂/year) under RCP 2.6. The solubility pump becomes equally effective compared to the BCP under the highest emission scenario (RCP 8.5), but responds with CO₂ outgassing under low CO₂ emission scenarios.

Plain Language Summary

Artificial upwelling (AU) is a proposed marine carbon dioxide removal (CDR) method, which suggests deploying pipes in the ocean to pump deep water to the ocean's surface. This process theoretically has several different impacts on the surface layer including an increase in the nutrient concentration, as well as a decrease in surface water temperature. Changes in the carbon cycle and associated with biological components are covered by the biological carbon pump (BCP), while changes via physical-chemical processes are covered by the solubility pump. Using numerical ocean modeling and simulating almost globally applied AU between the years 2020 and 2100 under several different atmospheric CO₂ emission scenarios, we show that AU leads under every simulated emission scenario to an additional CO₂-uptake of the ocean, but the potential increases under higher emission scenarios (up to 1.01 Pg C/year (3.70 Pg CO₂/year) under the high CO₂-emission scenario RCP 8.5). The individual contribution via the BCP is under every emission scenario positive, while the processes associated with the solubility pump can lead to CO₂-uptake under higher emission scenarios and CO₂ outgassing under lower emission scenarios

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