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Coupling physics and biogeochemistry thanks to high-resolution observations of the phytoplankton community structure in the northwestern Mediterranean Sea

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Table S1: Comparison of *Prochlorococcus*, *Synechococcus* and 2 μ m-bead abundances measured with the benchtop FACSCalibur and the CytoSense flow cytometers on five replicates.

Sample	<i>Prochlorococcus</i>		<i>Synechococcus</i>		2 μ m beads	
	(cell.cm ⁻³)		(cell.cm ⁻³)		(beads.cm ⁻³)	
	FACS	CS	FACS	CS	FACS	CS
#1	18436	18236	27766	27906	5646	5376
#2	17762	17764	27153	26758	5371	5329
#3	17469	17102	27117	27564	5362	5613
#4	17759	17953	27797	27852	5553	5679
#5	18017	17291	28214	27050	5734	5443
Mean	17888	17669	27610	27426	5533	5488
StdDev	270	357	380	418	133	126
	t.test p=0,4326		t.test p=0,568		t.test p=0,573	

Figure S1: Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), salinity, Chl-*a* ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$, converted from fluorescence) and density profiles ($\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$) at 6 stations.

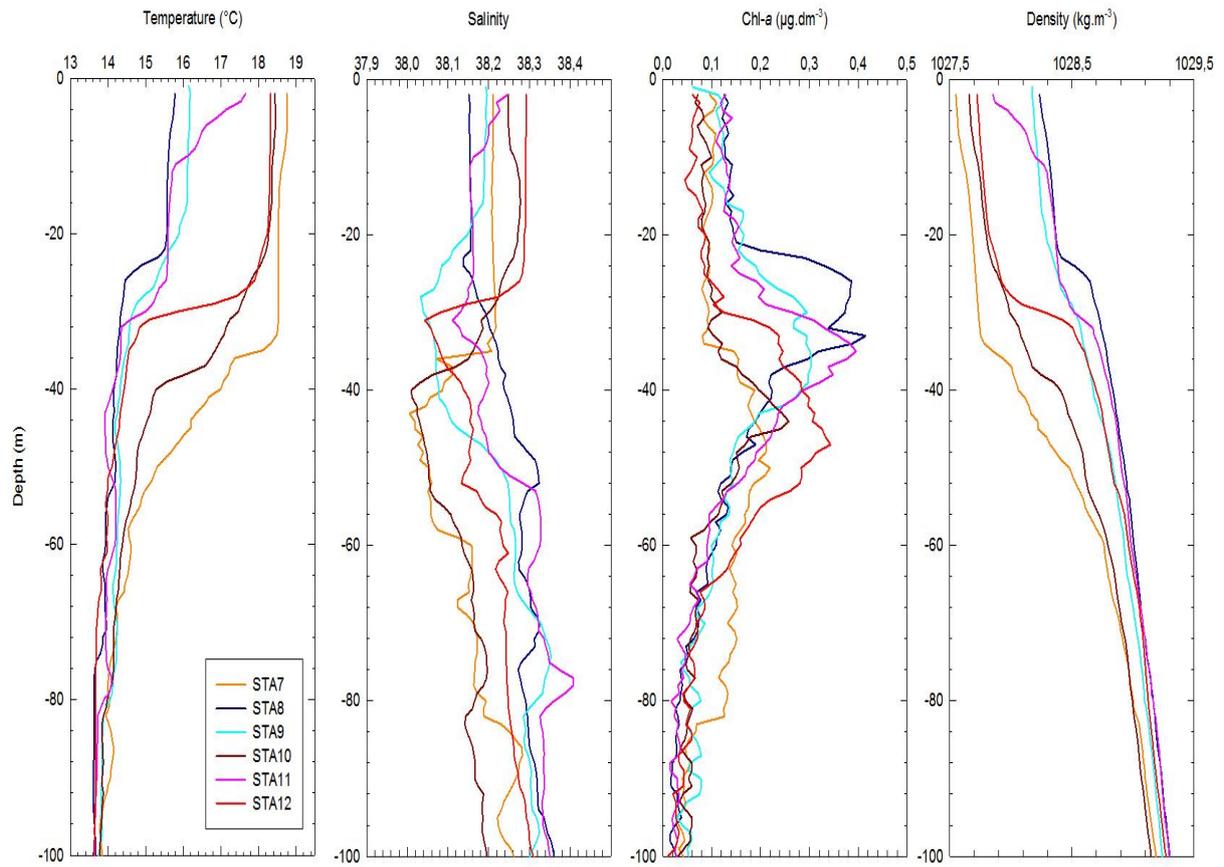


Figure S2: Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), salinity, fluorescence (a.u.) and PAR ($\mu\text{E}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$) profiles recorded by the CTD-Rosette, with associated *Prochlorococcus*, *Synechococcus* and picoeukaryotes abundances ($\text{cells}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$) and nitrate, nitrite, silicate and phosphate concentrations ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$) at Station 11.

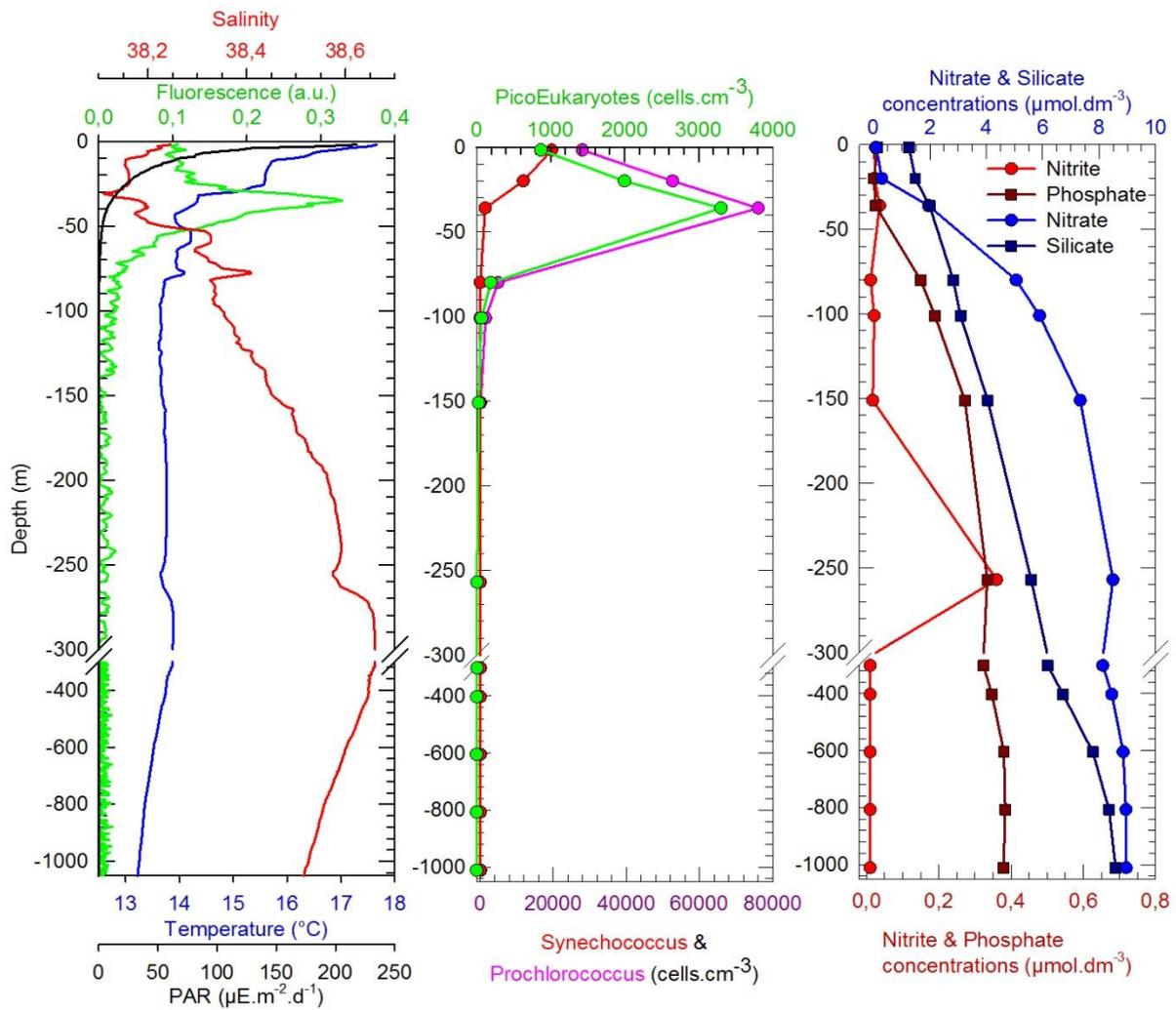


Figure S3: Mean abundances and standard deviation (green circles and associated error bars) during and at the vicinity of fixed stations 1 to 11 of *Prochlorococcus*, *Synechococcus* and picoeukaryotes (cells.cm⁻³) by the CytoSense AFCM in surface waters compared to abundances recorded by benchtop conventional flow cytometry (FACS Calibur) at the 2 first depths (from 1 to 5 m depth) during PASTIS-HVR vertical samplings (yellow triangles).

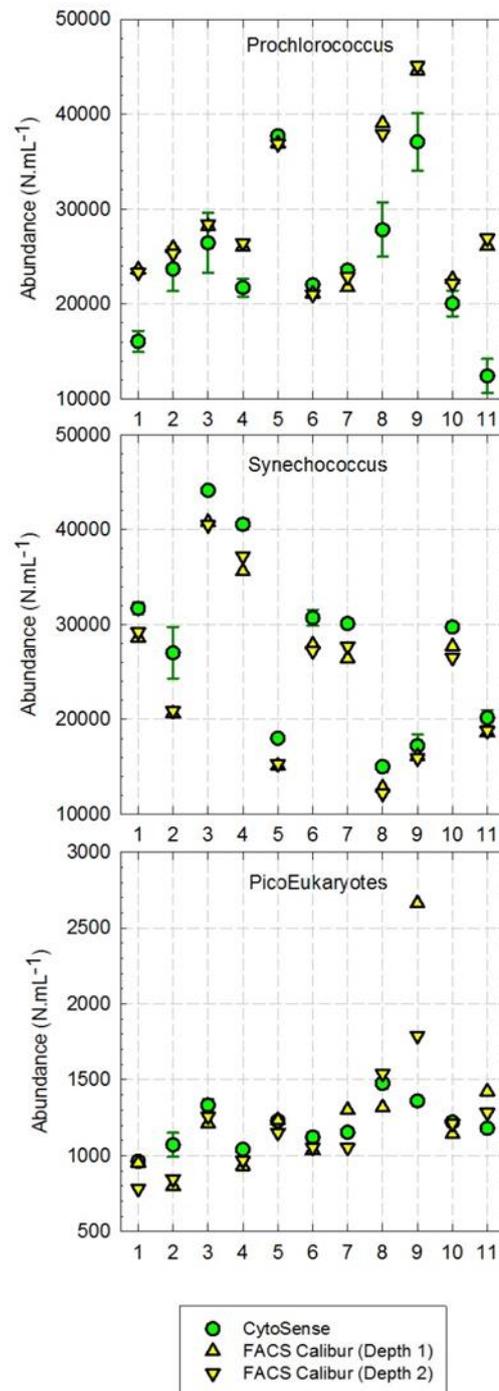


Figure S4: Mean SWS and FLR of *Prochlorococcus* and *Synechococcus* recorded by conventional benchtop flow cytometry at the fixed stations 6 to 11 from PASTIS-HVR vertical samplings and at Station 11 (SWS : black circles, FLR : with squares).

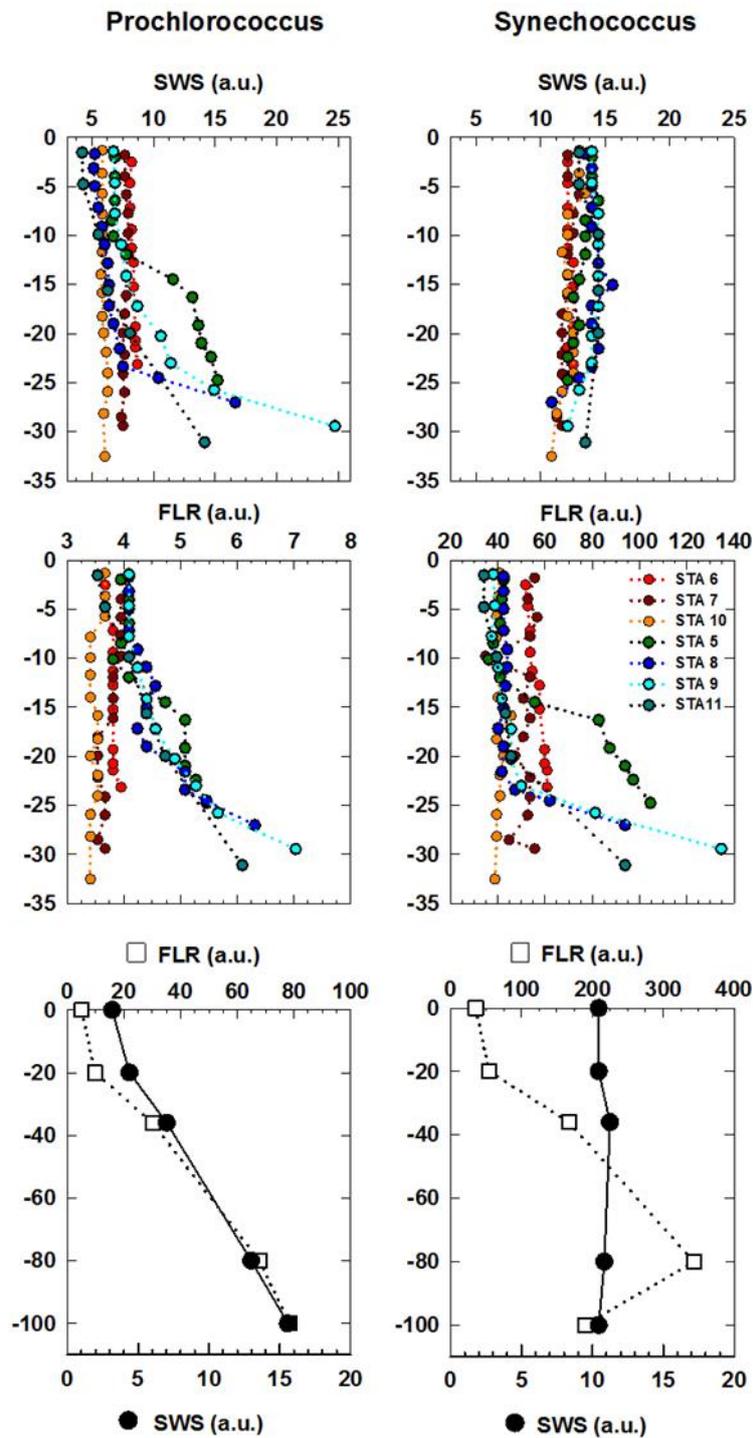


Figure S5: FLR distribution of *Prochlorococcus* populations at STA7 (warm boundary waters, in red) and at STA9 (cold core waters, in blue), expressed in terms of cell density. Data comes from conventional flow-cytometry measurements performed from 30 m depth to the surface using the PASTIS pumping system to collect the water at various depths. The dotted lines represent the mean of the normal distribution for *Prochlorococcus* surface ecotype (HL – High-Light) and the dashed line represents the mean of the normal distribution for *Prochlorococcus* deep ecotype (LL – Low-Light). The same representations for the deep-cast STA11 – CTD-rosette also reflects the presence of at least 2 different *Prochlorococcus* populations discriminated from the distribution of their FLR values. Co-occurrence of both ecotypes can be observed at STA9 and STA11 but a clear distinction of the FLR distribution of each ecotype is not possible.

