## Supporting information

# For the article "Interaction matters: Bottom-up driver interdependencies alter the projected response of phytoplankton communities to climate change"

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### Text S.1: Model description

The global Regulated Ecosystem Model version 2 (REcoM-2-M) coupled to the Finite Element Sea Ice-Ocean Model (FESOM 1.4, Schourup-Kristensen et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2014) applies a finite element method to solve the primitive hydrostatic equations on an unstructured mesh (Sidorenko et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2014). The marine biogeochemistry is described by the cycling of carbon, nitrogen, silicon, iron, and oxygen (Hauck et al., 2013; Karakuş et al., 2021). Air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes as well as the 3D carbonate system are computed by the mocsy 2.0 routine (Orr and Epitalon, 2015). The ecosystem includes three phytoplankton groups (diatoms, coccolithophores, and small-sized phytoplankton), two zooplankton groups (small, fastgrowing zooplankton and slow-growing polar macrozooplankton), and two detritus groups (slow-sinking and fast-sinking particles). Group-specific phytoplankton parameters are listed in Table S.1. The intracellular stoichiometry of phytoplankton (C:N:Chl:Si for diatoms, C:N:Chl:CaCO3 for coccolithophores, and C:N:Chl for small phytoplankton) is varying with environmental conditions. While diatoms and coccolithophores aim to represent phylogenetically distinct groups, the group of small phytoplankton is defined to comprise a wide range of taxa, including, for instance, non-silicifying and non-calcifying haptophytes and green algae. Silicate and calcite production are explicitly performed by diatoms and coccolithophores, respectively.

Biomass changes in each phytoplankton group result from the balance between growth and loss terms. The growth rate GR of phytoplankton group p (diatoms, coccolithophores, or small phytoplankton) is parametrized as a function of its maximum growth rate constant ( $\mu^{max}$ , Table S.1), the most limiting nutrient ( $f^N$ ; dissolved inorganic nitrogen, DIN, or dissolved iron, DFe, or, for diatoms, dissolved silicic acid, DSi), temperature ( $f^T$ ), light ( $f^L$ ), and the carbonate system ( $f^{CO2}$ ):

$$GR_p = \mu_p^{max} \cdot f_p^N \cdot f_p^T \cdot f_p^L \cdot f_p^{CO2}.$$
(S.1)

The most limiting nutrient that determines  $f^N$  is derived from the limitations l by the individual nutrients, namely dissolved inorganic nitrogen, DIN and dissolved iron, DFe (for diatoms additionally dissolved silicic acid, DSi):

$$f_p^N = \min(l_p^{DIN}, l_p^{DFe}).$$
(S.2)

Limitations by DIN and DSi depend on the group-specific half-saturation constants ( $k^{DIN}$  and  $k^{DSi}$ , Table S.1) as well as the intracellular nitrogen-to-carbon or silicon-to-carbon ratios, respectively (*Geider et al.*, 1998; *Hauck et al.*, 2013). The limitation by DFe is described by a Michaelis-Menten function that depends on the group-specific half-saturation constants for DFe ( $k^{DFe}$ , Table S.1) as well as the concentration of DFe in the water column (*Hauck et al.*, 2013).

The temperature dependence of diatoms and small phytoplankton is described by an Arrhenius function:

$$f_{Arrhenius}^{T} = \exp\left(-4500 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T_{K}} - \frac{1}{T_{K,ref}}\right)\right),\tag{S.3}$$

with  $T_K$  being the temperature in K, and  $T_{K,ref}$  being the reference temperature of 288.15 K (15°C). The temperature dependence of coccolithophores follows a power function as proposed by *Fielding* (2013):

$$f_{cocco}^T = 0.1419 * T_{deg}^{0.8151}, \tag{S.4}$$

with  $T_{deg}$  being the temperature  $\geq 0$  in °C. The function is set to a small value  $(2.23 \times 10^{-16})$  at temperatures  $<0^{\circ}$ C. The light function  $f^{L}$  depends on photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) and follows *Geider et al.* (1998):

$$f_p^L = 1 - \exp\left(\frac{-\alpha_p \cdot q_p^{Chl} \cdot \text{PAR}}{\mu_p^{max} \cdot f_p^N \cdot f_p^T}\right),\tag{S.5}$$

with  $q^{Chl}$  being the variable chlorophyll-to-carbon ratio and  $\alpha$  the group-specific maximum light harvesting efficiency (Table S.1).

The growth dependence on carbonate system parameters  $f^{CO_2}$  was developed in *Seifert et al.* (2022) by fitting optimum functions adapted from *Bach et al.* (2015) to a compilation of laboratory data. It accounts for beneficial effects of increasing bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) and CO<sub>2(aq)</sub> concentrations which are substrates for photosynthesis, and for growth-decreasing acidification effects by the concomitantly decreasing pH:

$$f_p^{CO_2} = \frac{a \cdot HCO_3^-}{b + HCO_3^-} - \exp(-c \cdot CO_{2(aq)}) - d * 10^{-pH}.$$
 (S.6)

Group-specific parameters a, b, c, and d are listed in Table 3. To account for interactive driver effects, parameter d was modified in the present study (Section 2.2.1).

Calcification is performed by coccolithophores and depends on its specific growth rate  $GR_{cocco}$ , coccolithophore biomass ( $C_{cocco}$ ), and a reference particulate inorganic to organic carbon ratio (*PIC:POC*)<sup>ref</sup><sub>cocco</sub> of 1 which is modified by temperature ( $f^T_{CaCO_3}$ ), DIN limitation ( $f^N_{CaCO_3}$ ), and carbonate system sensitivity ( $f^{CO_2}_{CaCO_3}$ ):

$$CaCO_{3\ cocco} = GR_{cocco} \cdot C_{cocco} \cdot (PIC : POC)_{cocco}^{ref} \cdot f_{CaCO_3}^T \cdot f_{CaCO_3}^N \cdot f_{CaCO_3}^{CO2},$$
(S.7)

with

$$f_{CaCO_3}^T = \begin{cases} 0.104 \cdot T_{deg} - 0.108 & \text{if} \quad T_{deg} < 10.6^{\circ}C \\ 1 & \text{if} \quad T_{deg} \ge 10.6^{\circ}C \end{cases}$$
(S.8)

and

$$f_{CaCO_3}^N = \mathbf{x} \cdot \left(\frac{[\text{DIN}]}{[\text{DIN}] + k_{cocco}^{DIN}} + \mathbf{y}\right).$$
(S.9)

Temperature  $T_{deg}$  is given in °C, and the parameters x and y in  $f_{CaCO_3}^N$  are -0.31 and 1.31, respectively. Calcification is decreasing at temperatures below 10.6°C, and increasing under DIN limitation. The function of  $f_{CaCO_3}^{CO_2}$  is the same as equation S.6, with a = 1.102, b = 42.38, c = 0.7079, and d = 1.343 x 10<sup>7</sup>.

The loss rate of phytoplankton biomass is determined by grazing of the two zooplankton groups on the three phytoplankton groups following *Fasham et al.* (1990), as well as aggregation, respiration, and excretion terms. The small zooplankton group grazes preferentially on small phytoplankton and coccolithophores, and the polar macrozooplankton group on diatoms (*Karakuş et al.*, 2021; *Seifert et al.*, 2022). Calcite dissolution depends on the carbonate ion concentration following *Aumont et al.* (2015) as well as dissolution in zooplankton guts, which was set to 50% of ingested calcite to account for calcium carbonate dissolution above the saturation horizon (*Jansen and Wolf-Gladrow*, 2001; *Sulpis et al.*, 2021).

# Text S.2: Sensitivity of phytoplankton biomass to the parametrization of driver interactions

As a result of the limited database of laboratory experiments, the relative differences between the observed interactive growth rates A2B2 and the theoretical additive growth rates A2B2 $_{add}$ ,  $g_{rel}$ , have a large spread (standard deviations of up to  $\pm 34\%$ ; Table 2). Hence, the averaged values of  $g_{rel}$  for each phytoplankton group are rather an approximation. To test the sensitivity of phytoplankton biomass at present-day conditions to variations of  $g_{rel}$ , we computed values for  $m_{final,CxT}$  and  $m_{final,CxL}$  of each phytoplankton group based on the group and interaction-specific standard deviations given in Table 2. We performed four simulations by using these values in equation 12 ( $g_{rel} \pm standard$  deviation at present-day and at future conditions). The simulations were analysed after only 19 years of computation (as opposed to the 32 years of the other model simulations in this study). However, as spatially and depth-integrated biomass remain rather stable over the last years of the simulations (less than  $\pm 3 \,\mathrm{Tg\,C}$ ), we are confident that the sensitivity simulations are representative for variabilities in biomass changes from present-day to future conditions. The results show that a variation of g<sub>rel</sub> by its standard deviations reverses the direction of change for global and southern high latitude diatoms in the simulation in which standard deviations are added to g<sub>rel</sub> (Figure S.2). For coccolithophores, the direction of change is reversed in all simulations in which standard deviations are subtracted from g<sub>rel</sub>. Furthermore, changes in the phytoplankton community composition are modified in the sensitivity simulations compared to the actual simulations. For example, a shift of the southern high latitude community towards a lower share of diatoms and a higher share of small phytoplankton (Figure 5) is not observed in the simulation with added standard deviations (Figure S.2).

### Text S.3: Comparison with observations

We evaluate the PR\_CTRL simulation by comparing modelled environmental drivers with observations on a global scale (Figure S.5). We use observed sea surface temperatures (Figure S.5a) from the World Ocean Atlas 2018 (Locarnini et al., 2019) and observed surface chlorophyll a data from the Ocean-Color Climate Change Initiative (OCCCI) between the years 2012 and 2015 (Figure S.5b, Sathyendranath et al., 2019). Modelled surface dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) and alkalinity (Figure S.5c,d) are compared to data of the Global Ocean Data Analysis Project (GLODAPv2.2016b, Lauvset et al., 2016) that are based on measurements from the years 1972–2013 (normalized to the year 2002 to remove anthropogenic carbon accumulation). Interannual means of mixed-layer depth data between 1961 and 2008 (Figure S.5e,f) were obtained from IFREMER (https://cerweb.ifremer.fr/deboyer/mld/home.php, access date: 21 December 2022; computed based on de Boyer Montégut et al., 2004). The comparison reveals that our model correlates well with observed sea surface temperatures (correlation coefficient: 0.99), while differences in the spatial patterns of chlorophyll a lead to a correlation coefficient of 0.6 (logarithmic scale) and a root mean square error of 1, which is, however, in the range of other biogeochemistry models (e.g., Yool et al., 2013; Aumont et al., 2015; Séférian et al., 2019; Stock et al., 2020). DIC and alkalinity are generally understimated in the low and overestimated in the high latitudes compared to observations. Finally, the model partly overestimates the winter mixed layer depth, which leads to a correlation coefficient to 0.75 (March) and 0.89 (September), respectively. Data of the PR\_INTER simulation are similar (chlorophyll a, correlation coefficient >0.99) or the same (all others) than data of the PR\_CTRL simulation.

#### Text S.4: Present-day and future levels of environmental drivers

Present-day mixed layer depths (MLD) vary seasonally and are deepest in March in the northern hemisphere and in September in the southern hemisphere (up to 900 m; Figure S.6a,b). Present-day levels of mixedlayer averaged temperature (Figure S.6d) and PAR (Figure S.6e) show a clear latitudinal gradient from high values (about 30°C and 90 W m<sup>-1</sup>) in the tropics/subtropics to low values in the high latitudes ( $<4^{\circ}$ C and  $<10 W m^{-1}$ ). By contrast, the pattern of mixed-layer  $pCO_2$  (Figure S.6c) is more patchy (between 250 and  $500 \mu atm$ ) and is modified by a combination of water temperature (lower temperature increases solubility), mixed layer depths (CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations usually increase with depth), ocean circulation (upwelling of CO<sub>2</sub>-rich water and downwelling of low-CO<sub>2</sub> water) and seasons (drawdown of CO<sub>2</sub> by primary production; Figure S.6). A comparison of present-day levels of surface temperature, chlorophyll *a*, dissolved inorganic carbon, alkalinity, as well as mixed layer depths with observations is displayed and described in Text S.3 and Figure S.5. The future mixed layer depth changes on average globally by about  $\pm 20 m$ , and locally even by up to  $\pm 500 m$  compared to present-day (Figure S.6f,g). The ML becomes shallower mainly in the subtropics and temperate zones. In the tropics, shallowing of the ML is small (about 15-30 m) but persists year-round, while changes in the ML in other regions only occur on a seasonal time scale. The ML deepens in the Southern Ocean and in parts of the northern high latitudes. Future levels of mixed-layer  $pCO_2$  depict a year-round global increase by about 550  $\mu$ atm (Figure S.6h). Future levels of mixed-layer temperature is about 2°C higher than present-day levels (Figure S.6i), with the strongest warming in the northern hemisphere in September (up to 5°C; not shown). Future levels of mixed-layer PAR depict both increasing and decreasing light levels ( $\pm 20 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ) following changes in the mixed layer, with shallower MLD resulting in higher mixed-layer averaged PAR levels (e.g. in the tropics, where the ML becomes shallower year-round) and vice versa (Figure S.6j).

Parameter	Description	Unit	cocco <sup>a</sup>	$\mathbf{dia}^{\mathrm{b}}$	$\mathbf{sphy}^{\mathrm{c}}$
$\mu^{max}$	Maximum growth rate constant	$d^{-1}$	2.80	3.50	3.00
$k^{DIN}$	N half-saturation constant	$mmol N m^{-3}$	0.90	1.00	0.55
$k^{DFe}$	Fe half-saturation constant	$\mu$ mol Fe m <sup>-3</sup>	0.09	0.12	0.04
$k^{DSi}$	Si half-saturation constant	mmol Si m $^{-3}$	-	4.00	-
$q_{max}$	Maximum N:C ratio	mol N (mol C) <sup><math>-1</math></sup>	0.15	0.20	0.20
$q_{min}$	Minimum N:C ratio	mol N (mol C) <sup><math>-1</math></sup>	0.04	0.05	0.05
$q_{max}^{Si}$	Maximum Si:C ratio	mol Si (mol C) <sup><math>-1</math></sup>	-	0.80	-
$q_{min}^{Si}$	Minimum Si:C ratio	mol Si (mol C) <sup><math>-1</math></sup>	-	0.04	-
$\sigma^{DIN}$	Maximum N:C uptake ratio	mmol N (mmol C) <sup><math>-1</math></sup>	0.20	0.20	0.20
$\sigma^{DSi}$	Maximum Si:C uptake ratio	mmol Si (mmol C) <sup><math>-1</math></sup>	-	0.20	-
$q_{max}^{Chl:N}$	Maximum Chl:N ratio	mg Chl (mmol N) <sup><math>-1</math></sup>	3.50	4.20	3.15
α	Initial slope of photosynthesis-	mmol C (mg Chl) <sup><math>-1</math></sup> (W	0.10	0.19	0.14
	irradiance curve	$[m^{-2} d)^{-1}$			
$ au_{zoo1}$	Grazing preferences of first zoo-	dimensionless	0.666	0.083	0.25
	plankton group				
$ au_{zoo2}$	Grazing preferences of second	dimensionless	0.5	1.0	0.5
	zooplankton group				
$d^{Chl}$	Maximum Chl loss rate constant	d <sup>-1</sup>	0.50	0.50	0.50
$\eta$	Maintenance respiration rate	$d^{-1}$	0.01	0.01	0.01
	constant				

Table S.1: Values of phytoplankton parameters in REcoM-2-M

<sup>a</sup> coccolithophores, <sup>b</sup> diatoms, <sup>c</sup> small phytoplankton

Table S.2: Details on laboratory studies included in the parameterization of driver interactions. Table is submitted as a separate file.

See Seifert\_et\_al\_List\_lab\_studies.xlsx

Table S.3: Present-day (PR) and future (FU) values of  $CO_2$ , nutrient, light, and temperature terms, as well as growth and grazing rates for the three phytoplankton groups in the control simulations (PR\_CTRL and FU\_CTRL, respectively). The columns "% change" indicate the relative changes between present-day and future values. Regions as indicated in Figure 5.

	Diatoms			Coccolithophores			Small phytoplankton		
Global	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change
$CO_2$ -term	0.993	0.968	-2.4	0.985	0.902	-8.4	0.976	0.930	-4.7
Nutrient term	0.350	0.348	-0.7	0.455	0.479	+5.3	0.541	0.550	+1.7
Light term	0.142	0.137	-3.4	0.142	0.120	-15.7	0.091	0.084	-8.4
Temperature term	1.176	1.292	+9.9	1.328	1.450	+9.2	1.176	1.292	+9.9
Growth rate $(d^{-1})$	0.064	0.062	-2.8	0.051	0.049	-3.1	0.077	0.074	-4.1
Grazing rate (PgC $d^{-1}$ )	2.40	2.09	-12.8	0.26	0.24	-9.6	4.34	3.75	-13.7
Northern high latitudes	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change
$CO_2$ -term	0.977	0.951	-2.7	0.975	0.883	-9.4	0.981	0.912	-7.0
Nutrient term	0.592	0.572	-3.4	0.705	0.721	+2.3	0.782	0.786	+0.4
Light term	0.094	0.096	+2.1	0.172	0.123	-28.6	0.063	0.060	-4.5
Temperature term	0.745	0.842	+13.0	0.772	0.932	+20.9	0.745	0.842	+13.0
Growth rate $(d^{-1})$	0.074	0.075	+2.2	0.047	0.046	-0.8	0.075	0.075	+0.8
Grazing rate (PgC $d^{-1}$ )	0.54	0.73	+34.0	0.02	0.03	+46.4	0.52	0.56	+6.7
Tropics/subtropics	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change
$CO_2$ -term	0.995	0.972	-2.4	0.984	0.907	-7.8	0.961	0.935	-2.7
Nutrient term	0.276	0.288	+4.4	0.392	0.426	+8.7	0.461	0.476	+3.2
Light term	0.164	0.156	-4.7	0.103	0.098	-4.9	0.101	0.092	-9.2
Temperature term	1.480	1.612	+9.3	1.744	1.853	+6.2	1.480	1.619	+9.3
Growth rate $(d^{-1})$	0.064	0.062	-3.0	0.059	0.056	-4.7	0.083	0.079	-5.0
Grazing rate (PgC $d^{-1}$ )	1.35	1.00	-25.8	0.22	0.16	-27.1	3.03	2.34	-23.0
Southern high latitudes	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change
$CO_2$ -term	0.999	0.972	-2.6	0.998	0.903	-9.5	1.020	0.934	-8.4
Nutrient term	0.388	0.356	-8.3	0.455	0.457	+0.4	0.597	0.595	-0.3
Light term	0.115	0.113	-1.2	0.228	0.179	-21.7	0.083	0.076	-8.5
Temperature term	0.617	0.684	+10.8	0.546	0.677	+24.0	0.617	0.684	+10.8
Growth rate $(d^{-1})$	0.056	0.051	-8.3	0.031	0.032	+1.7	0.060	0.057	-6.2
Grazing rate (PgC $d^{-1}$ )	0.44	0.25	-41.7	0.02	0.05	+90.2	0.75	0.80	+6.8

	Diatoms			Coccolithophores			Small phytoplankton		
Global	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change
$CO_2$ -term	0.991	0.966	-2.5	0.991	0.929	-6.3	0.973	0.916	-5.9
Nutrient term	0.354	0.363	+2.4	0.454	0.473	+4.2	0.535	0.540	+0.9
Light term	0.139	0.128	-7.9	0.141	0.118	-16.3	0.094	0.089	-5.5
Temperature term	1.176	1.292	+9.9	1.328	1.450	+9.2	1.176	1.292	+9.9
Growth rate $(d^{-1})$	0.063	0.063	-1.3	0.051	0.050	-3.3	0.078	0.074	-4.2
Grazing rate (PgC $d^{-1}$ )	2.26	2.12	-6.2	0.27	0.25	-7.1	4.58	3.79	-17.3
Northern high latitudes	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change
$CO_2$ -term	0.978	0.953	-2.6	0.954	0.855	-10.4	0.991	0.922	-6.9
Nutrient term	0.601	0.597	-0.6	0.709	0.723	+2.6	0.775	0.769	-0.7
Light term	0.092	0.088	-4.1	0.169	0.117	-30.8	0.065	0.064	-0.7
Temperature term	0.746	0.843	+13.1	0.772	0.934	+21.0	0.746	0.843	+13.1
Growth rate $(d^{-1})$	0.073	0.072	-0.6	0.046	0.045	-2.0	0.077	0.078	+1.4
Grazing rate (PgC $d^{-1}$ )	0.47	0.51	+9.2	0.02	0.04	+98.6	0.55	0.55	+0.6
Tropics/subtropics	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change
CO <sub>2</sub> -term	0.992	0.967	-2.5	1.011	0.977	-3.4	0.949	0.900	-5.1
Nutrient term	0.279	0.297	+6.2	0.390	0.418	+7.1	0.455	0.468	+2.9
Light term	0.160	0.145	-9.7	0.102	0.095	-6.7	0.104	0.097	-7.0
Temperature term	1.481	1.619	+9.3	1.744	1.853	+6.3	1.481	1.619	+9.3
Growth rate $(d^{-1})$	0.064	0.063	-1.4	0.060	0.058	-3.8	0.082	0.077	-6.7
Grazing rate (PgC $d^{-1}$ )	1.33	1.12	-15.5	0.22	0.17	-22.8	3.06	2.21	-27.7
Southern high latitudes	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change	PR	FU	% change
$CO_2$ -term	0.999	0.974	-2.5	0.966	0.850	-12.0	1.035	0.958	-7.5
Nutrient term	0.370	0.382	-2.0	0.452	0.447	-1.0	0.592	0.580	-2.0
Light term	0.113	0.109	-3.4	0.229	0.183	-20.1	0.086	0.083	-3.3
Temperature term	0.617	0.684	+10.9	0.546	0.677	+24.0	0.617	0.684	+10.9
Growth rate $(d^{-1})$	0.054	0.052	-3.5	0.030	0.029	-3.0	0.065	0.064	-1.0
Grazing rate (PgC $d^{-1}$ )	0.41	0.40	-2.0	0.02	0.03	+34.4	0.94	0.98	+3.5

Table S.4: The same as in Table S.3, but for present-day (PR) and future (FU) values of the interaction simulations (PR\_INTER and FU\_INTER, respectively).



Figure S.1: Illustration of  $d_{inter,CxT}$  (a, b, c) and  $d_{inter,CxL}$  (d, e, f) for the three phytoplankton groups in the model (solid lines). Vertical lines indicate low and high temperature and light control levels under low and high CO<sub>2</sub> control levels, respectively. The values of d that intersect with these lines represent  $d_{initial}$ (dotted lines) and  $d_{HCHT}$  or  $d_{HCHL}$ , respectively (dashed lines), which result in growth rates GR<sup>LCLT</sup> and GR<sup>HCHT</sup> for panels a, b, and c, and GR<sup>LCLL</sup> and GR<sup>HCHL</sup> for panels d, e, and f (equations 5 and 7).



Figure S.2: Relative differences of spatially and depth-integrated phytoplankton biomass between the sensitivity simulations with  $g_{rel}$  minus standard deviation at future (FU) and present-day (PR) conditions (FU\_CTRL and PR\_CTRL; dotted bars) as well as between the sensitivity simulations with  $g_{rel}$  plus standard deviation at future and present-day conditions (FU\_INTER and PR\_INTER; hatched bars) globally, in the northern and southern high latitudes, as well as in the tropics/subtropics. In the sensitivity simulations, values of  $m_{final,CxT}$  and  $m_{final,CxL}$  are used that are computed based on a reduction of  $g_{rel}$  by the standard deviation (SD) of each phytoplankton group and interaction ( $g_{rel} - SD$ ) and an increase of  $g_{rel}$  by the respective standard deviation ( $g_{rel} + SD$ ) compared to values of  $g_{rel}$  in Table 2. Regions as indicated on the map. Total biomass differences are denoted at the respective bars.



Figure S.3: Phytoplankton biomass cumulated from the surface to depth for the present-day control (PR\_CTRL; circles) and interaction (PR\_INTER; stars) simulation as well as for the future control (FU\_CTRL; circles, pale) and interaction (FU\_INTER; stars, pale) simulation. The depth where 1% of surface photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) is reached (bottom of the euphotic depth layer) is indicated by red lines. Because in the annual and spatial mean, the 1% PAR depth varies by only a few meters between the simulations (Figure S.7), we display only one depth per region. The euphotic depth layer contains about 60-80% of the biomass of each phytoplankton group. Regions as indicated in Figure 5.



Figure S.4: Relative differences of spatially and depth-integrated phytoplankton net primary production (NPP) between the control (CTRL) simulations at future (FU\_CTRL) and present-day (PR\_CTRL) conditions (hatched bars) as well as between the interaction simulations (INTER) at future (FU\_INTER) and present-day (PR\_INTER) conditions (filled bars) globally, in the northern and southern high latitudes, as well as the tropics/subtropics. Regions as indicated on the map. Total NPP differences are denoted at the respective bars.



Figure S.5: Comparison of model data with observations displayed as total differences (maps) and in Taylor diagrams. (a) Sea surface temperature, (b) surface chlorophyll *a* concentration, (c) surface dissolved inorganic carbon concentration, (d) surface alkalinity, (e) mixed layer depth in March, and (f) mixed layer depth in September. See Text S.3 for more details on the observational datasets.



Figure S.6: (a, b, c, d, e) Present-day and (f, g, h, i, j) future (shown as differences to present-day) mixed layer depths in March and September as well as annual means of mixed-layer averaged  $pCO_2$ , temperature, and photosynthetically active radiation (PAR). Note that the depth of the mixed layer and, hence, the respective depth layer for  $pCO_2$ , temperature, and PAR computations differs between present-day and future simulations.



Figure S.7: Annually averaged depths where PAR is 1% of its surface value (i.e. the bottom of the euphotic zone). (a) shows the control simulation at present-day conditions (PR\_CTRL), (b) and (c) display the difference between the PR\_CTRL simulation and the interaction simulation at present-day conditions (PR\_INTER) as well as the control simulation at future conditions (FU\_CTRL), respectively. (d) displays the difference between the FU\_CTRL and the interaction simulation at future conditions (FU\_INTER). Positive values indicate a deepening and negative values a shoaling of the euphotic zone.



Figure S.8: Integrated biomass of the three phytoplankton groups at present-day (PR) and future (FU) conditions in the control (CTRL: PR\_CTRL and FU\_CTRL) and interaction (INTER: PR\_INTER and FU\_INTER) simulations, globally, in the northern and southern high latitudes, as well as the trop-ics/subtropics. Regions as indicated on the map.

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