

## Appendix S1

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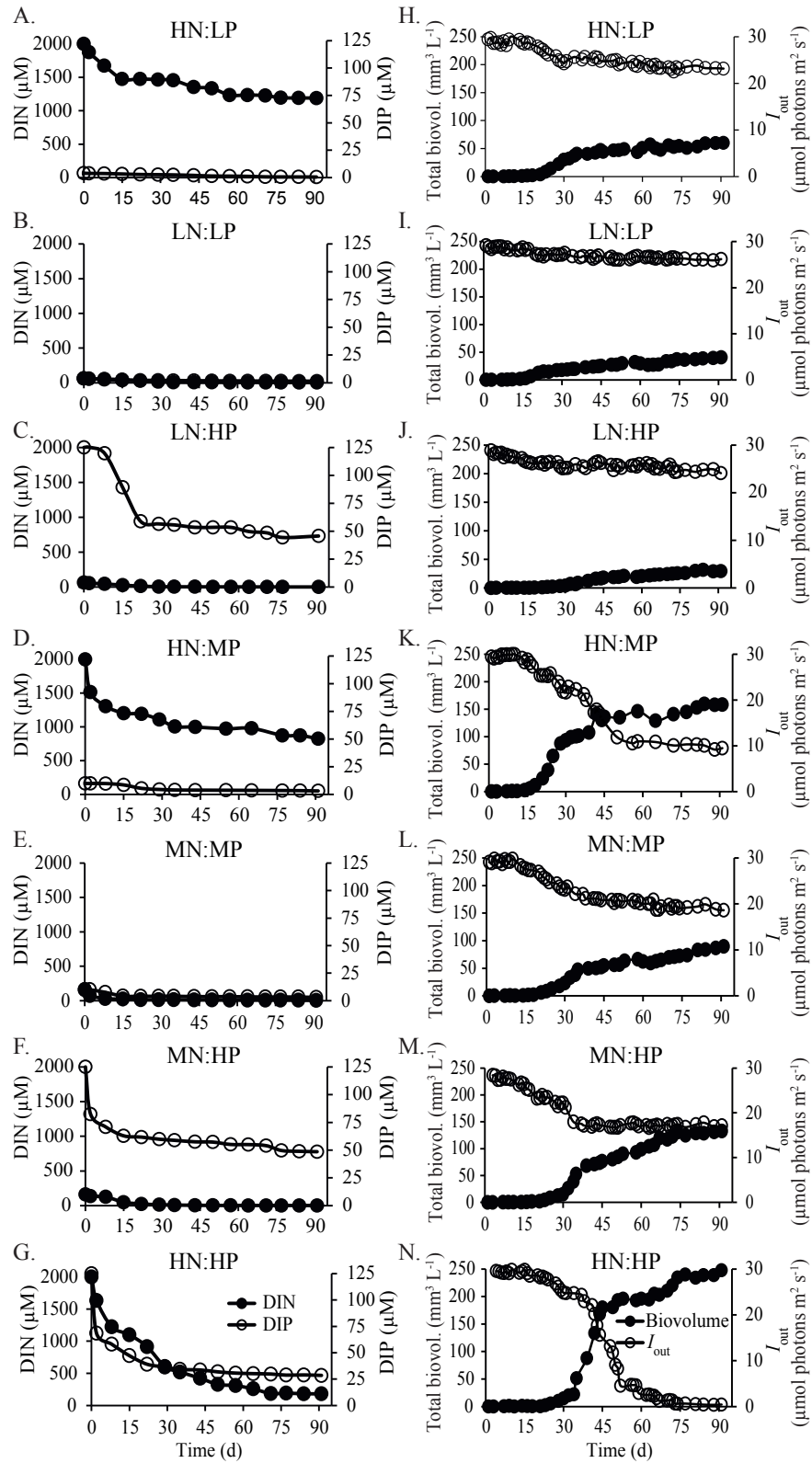
**Table S1.** Composition of the mineral medium in the competition experiments.  $\text{NaNO}_3$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4$  concentrations varied per experiment to create different N and P loads.

Compound	Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )
<b>Salts/Buffers:</b>	
$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$2.0 \times 10^4$
KCl	$8.0 \times 10^3$
$\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$2.5 \times 10^3$
NaCl	$4.3 \times 10^5$
$\text{NaHCO}_3$	500
<b>Macro-nutrients:</b>	
$\text{NaNO}_3$	2000; 160; 64
$\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	125; 10; 4
$\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	160
$\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$	550
<b>Micro-nutrients:</b>	
$\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	14
$\text{Na}_2\text{EDTA}$	35
$\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	22
$\text{ZnCl}_2$	2.4
$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	5.4
$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.2
$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.5
<b>Vitamins:</b>	
Thiamine•HCl (B1)	0.6
Biotin	$4.0 \times 10^{-3}$
Cyanocobalamin (B12)	$7.4 \times 10^{-3}$

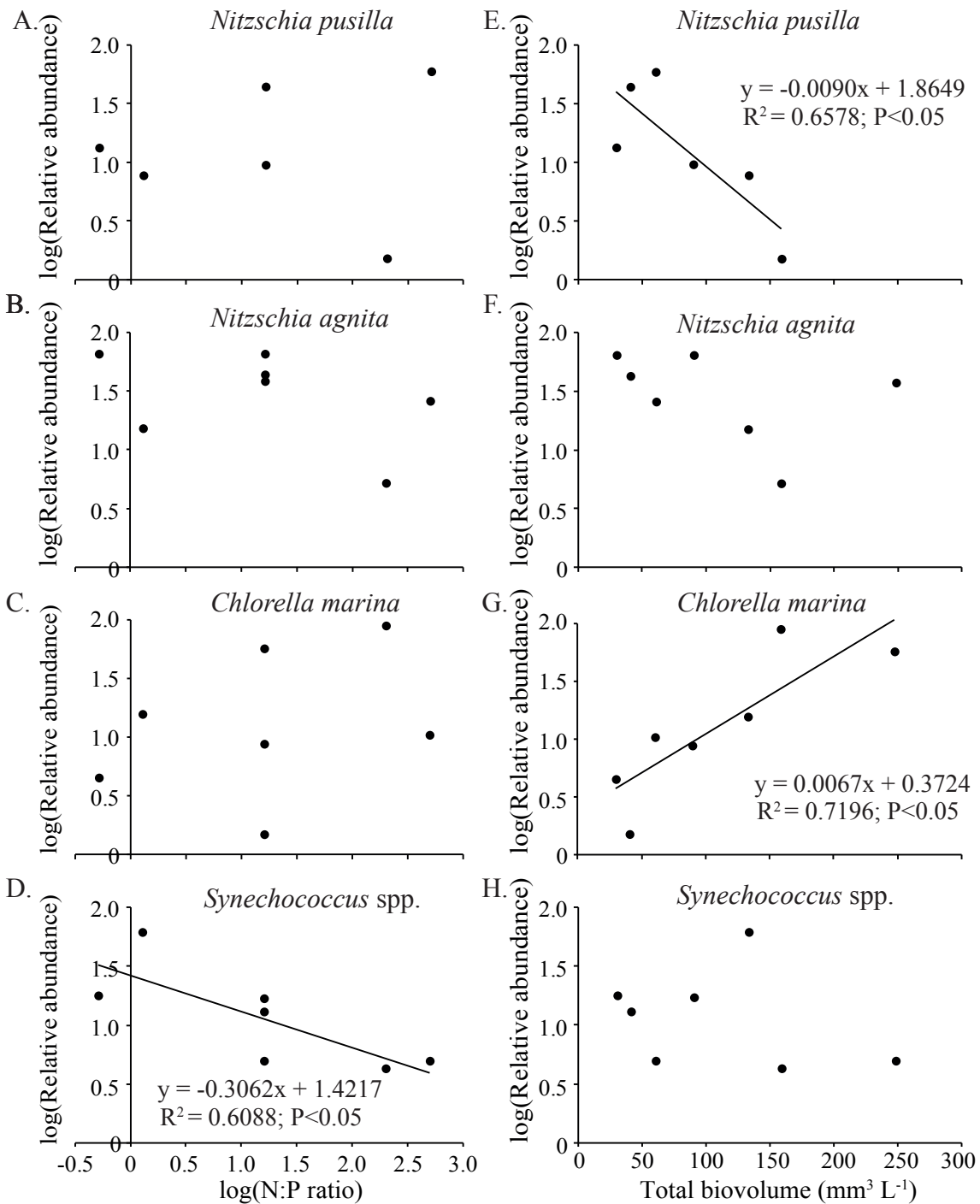
**Table S2.** Nutrient and light conditions in the mineral medium supplied to the experiments (medium) and measured in the competition experiments at steady state (chemostats).

	HN:LP	LN:LP	LN:HP	HN:MP	MN:MP	MN:HP	HN:HP
DIN:DIP <sub>Medium</sub>	500	16	0.512	200	16	1.28	16
DIN <sub>Medium</sub> ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	2000	64	64	2000	160	160	2000
DIP <sub>Medium</sub> ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	4	4	125	10	10	125	125
DIN:DIP <sub>Chemostat</sub>	2380	2	0.04	275	1	0.04	6
DIN <sub>Chemostat</sub> ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	1190	4	2	825	3	2	181
DIP <sub>Chemostat</sub> ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	0.5	2	46	3	3	49	29
$I_{\text{in}}$ ( $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
$I_{\text{out}}$ ( $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	23	26	24	9.5	19	17	0.4
Biovolume ( $\text{mm}^3 \text{L}^{-1}$ )	60.1	40.6	29.6	158.4	89.6	132.6	247.7
Resource limitation <sup>1</sup>	P	N+P	N	P+light	N+P (+light)	N(+light)	light

<sup>1</sup>The indicated resource limitation is reflective of the targeted limitation pattern presented in Figure 1B and the realized DIN, DIP and  $I_{\text{out}}$  levels achieved in the competition experiments.



**Figure S1.** Time series of nutrient and light conditions in the competition experiments. (A-G) Time series of DIN and DIP concentrations, and (H-N) total biovolume and light transmission ( $I_{out}$ ) in the 7 competition experiments.



**Figure S2.** Regression analysis of the coexisting species versus the N:P ratio or total biovolume of the competition experiments. The graphs show linear regression of the relative abundances of the species at steady state versus (A-D) the N:P ratio of the mineral medium, and (E-H) the total biovolume in the competition experiments. The regressions in (A-D) are based on  $\log(y) = a \log(N:P_{\text{medium}}) + b$ , and in (E-H) on  $\log(y) = a \text{ Biovolume} + b$ , where  $y$  is the relative abundance of the species concerned. Each datapoint represents an individual competition experiment ( $n=7$ ); we note that *N. pusilla* was competitively excluded in one of the experiments (and hence  $n=6$  in panels (A) and (E)). Regression lines are shown only if the relationship is significant.