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High-index dielectric nanoparticles have become a powerful platform for nonlinear nanophotonics due to special types of optical nonlinearity like electron-hole plasma (EHP) photoexcitation. In this paper, a novel highly tunable dielectric nanoantenna consisting of a chain of silicon particles excited by a dipole emitter is proposed. The nanoantenna exhibits slow group velocity guided modes corresponding to the Van Hove singularity in an infinite structure, which enable a large Purcell factor up to several hundred and are very sensitive to the nanoparticles permittivity. This sensitivity enables the nanoantenna tuning via EHP excitation with an ultrafast laser pumping. Dramatic variations in the nanoantenna radiation patterns and Purcell factor caused by ultrafast laser pumping of several boundary nanoparticles with relatively low intensities of about 25 GW/cm<sup>2</sup> are shown. Unidirectional surface plasmon-polaritons launching with EHP excitation in the nanoantenna on an Ag substrate is demonstrated.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the last several years dielectric nanoparticles and nanostructures made of materials with large positive dielectric permittivity, such as Si, GaP, GaAs, have proved to be a promising platform for various nanophotonic applications [1–3]. The examples include functional nanoantennas [4–6], enhanced spontaneous emission [7–11], photovoltaics [12], frequency conversion [13–16], Raman scattering [17], and sensing [7, 18]. The great interest in such nanostructures is caused mainly by their ability to control the electric and magnetic components of light at the nanoscale as well as low dissipative losses and thermal heating [18]. In particular, it has been demonstrated that dielectric nanoantennas allow directional scattering of an incident light and effective transformation of the near field of feeding quantum emitters (QEs) into propagating electromagnetic waves [3, 7].

Modification of the spontaneous emission rate of a QE induced by its environment, known as the Purcell effect [19, 20], is not so pronounced for single dielectric nanoparticles [3, 21] in contrast to microcavities [22] and plasmonic nanoantennas [23, 24]. This is because of their relatively low quality factors and large mode volumes, which results in low efficiency of light-matter interaction. However, it was recently shown that this obstacle can be overcome by relying on slowly guided modes in chain nanostructures. It turned out that the Purcell factor can be increased by several orders of magnitude in finite chains of Si nanoparticles [25]. The role of Van Hove singularities associated with infinite structures in the high Purcell factor enhancement has been revealed by using an eigenmode analysis. Moreover, the collective nature of these modes makes the structure very sensitive to any changes in geometry opening the way to creation highly tunable devices.

High-index dielectric nanostructures are of a special

interest for nonlinear nanophotonics because of their strong nonlinear response. It was recently predicted and experimentally demonstrated that photoexcitation of dense electron-hole plasma (EHP) in single Si nanoparticles [26–28] and Si nanodimers [29] by femtosecond laser (fs-laser) pulses is accompanied by a radiation properties modification, whereas generation of EHP in Ge nanoantennas can even turn them into plasmonic ones in the mid-IR region [30]. In this regard, we note that in contrast to metals, whose conduction band is already partially filled at room temperature, the conduction band of semiconductors is almost empty and generation of EHP

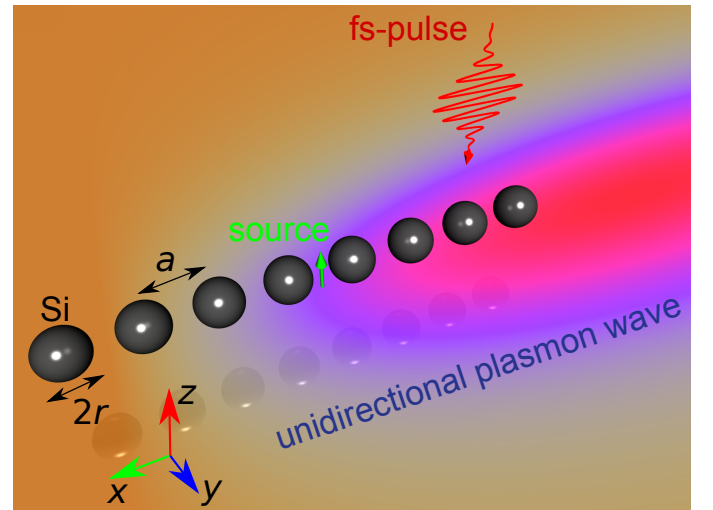


FIG. 1. Schematic presentation of the nonlinear dielectric nanoantenna tunable with electron-hole plasma photoexcitation via fs-laser pulse pumping of a few boundary nanoparticles. Nanoantenna allows tuning the Purcell factor and radiation power pattern of a QE (green arrow), and enables unidirectional launching of propagating plasmonic surface waves.

may significantly modify their plasma frequency and dielectric permittivity [28].

Here, we combine the concepts of Van Hove singularity and EHP excitation together and propose a highly tunable dielectric nanoantenna, consisting of a Si nanoparticles chain excited by an electric dipole emitter. The nanoantenna possess slowly guided modes corresponding to the Van Hove singularity in an infinite chain. Since these modes are very sensitive to the nanoparticle permittivity, the radiation properties of nanoantenna become extremely sensitive to EHP photoexcitation. We theoretically and numerically demonstrate the tuning of radiation power patterns and Purcell factor by pumping several boundary nanoparticles in the chain with relatively low peak intensities of fs-laser pulses. Moreover, we show that the proposed nanoantenna, being excited by fs-laser pulses, allows unidirectional launching of surface plasmon-polariton (SPP) waves (Fig. 1), making this solution attractive for all-optical light manipulation systems. We note that in contrast to the established approaches to unidirectional SPP waves excitation [31–35], nonlinear waveguiding systems with QEs as a source are still weakly developed, while they may have many important applications in nanophotonics and quantum optics.

## II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To briefly recall the origin of the *Van Hove singularity*, let us consider a generic periodic one-dimensional system supporting a set of guided modes. Decomposing its Green tensor into a series of eigenmodes, one can calculate the Purcell factor in such a system according to Ref. [36]

$$F \simeq \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\lambda}{2} \right)^2 \frac{c}{A_{\text{eff}} V_{\text{gr}}}, \quad (1)$$

with  $A_{\text{eff}}$  being the effective area of the resonant guided mode,  $\lambda$  the free space wavelength,  $V_{\text{gr}}$  the group velocity of the mode, and  $c$  is the speed of light. The divergence of the Purcell factor, occurring at the point of zero group velocity, is known as a Van Hove singularity. This expression clearly suggests that the Purcell factor benefits from slow light modes of the structure. In reality, its finite size prevents this divergence, but nevertheless largely enhanced Purcell factor can still be traced to the Van Hove singularity of the original structure, as has been theoretically and experimentally shown in Ref. [25].

Here, we realize a Van Hove singularity using a chain of  $N$  spherical dielectric nanoparticles excited by an electric dipole (green arrow), placed in the center of chain and perpendicularly oriented to the chain axis, Fig. 1. We choose Si particles with dielectric permittivity  $\varepsilon_1$  close to 16 in the operational frequency range [37]. The nanoparticles have all the same radius  $r$  and the center-to-center distance between neighboring particles is  $a$ .

The optical properties of nanoparticle-based nanoantennas can be understood from the infinite chain modal

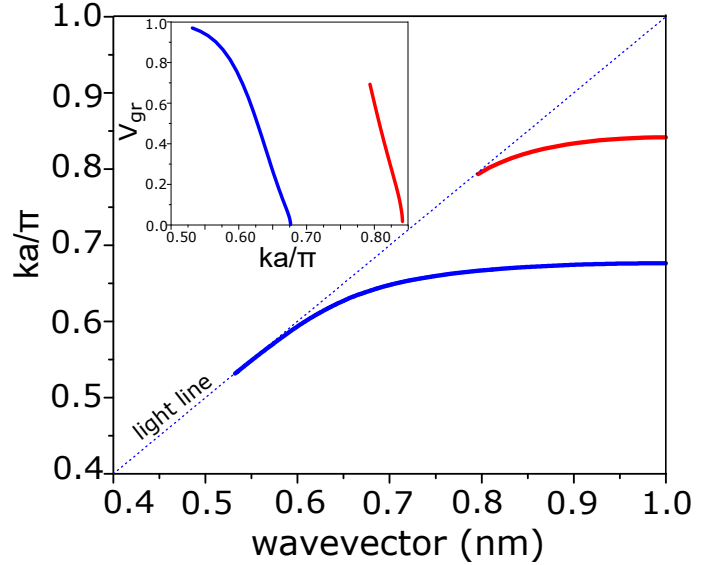


FIG. 2. Dispersion diagram of an infinite chain of dielectric nanoparticles with radius  $r = 70$  nm and period  $a = 200$  nm. Inset: group velocity ( $V_{\text{gr}}$ ) of waveguiding modes in the infinite chain as a function of normalized frequency. The blue and red curves correspond to TM- and TE-modes, respectively.

dispersion [38, 39]. Therefore we start by calculating the optical properties of the infinite structure with an analytical approach, based on the well-known coupled-dipole model. Each particle is modeled as a combination of magnetic and electric dipoles with magnetic  $\mathbf{m}$  and electric  $\mathbf{p}$  momenta, oscillating with frequency  $\omega$  [ $\propto \exp(-i\omega t)$ ]. In the CGS system this approach leads to the linear system of equations:

$$\mathbf{p}_i = \alpha_{ei} \sum_{j \neq i} \left( \hat{C}_{ij} \mathbf{p}_j - \hat{G}_{ij} \mathbf{m}_j \right), \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_i = \alpha_{mi} \sum_{j \neq i} \left( \hat{C}_{ij} \mathbf{m}_j + \hat{G}_{ij} \mathbf{p}_j \right),$$

where  $\hat{C}_{ij} = A_{ij} \hat{I} + B_{ij} (\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij})$ ,  $\hat{G}_{ij} = -D_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} \times \hat{I}$ ,  $\otimes$  is the dyadic product,  $\hat{I}$  is the unit  $3 \times 3$  tensor,  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij}$  is the unit vector in the direction from  $i$ -th to  $j$ -th sphere, and

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ij} &= \frac{\exp(ik_h r_{ij})}{r_{ij}} \left( k_h^2 - \frac{1}{r_{ij}^2} + \frac{ik_h}{r_{ij}} \right), \\ B_{ij} &= \frac{\exp(ik_h r_{ij})}{r_{ij}} \left( -k_h^2 + \frac{3}{r_{ij}^2} - \frac{3ik_h}{r_{ij}} \right), \\ D_{ij} &= \frac{\exp(ik_h r_{ij})}{r_{ij}} \left( k_h^2 + \frac{ik_h}{r_{ij}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $r_{ij}$  is the distance between the centers of  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th spheres,  $\varepsilon_h$  is the permittivity of the host medium,  $k_h = \sqrt{\varepsilon_h} \omega / c$  is the host wavenumber,  $\omega = 2\pi\nu$ , and  $\nu$  is the frequency. The quantities  $\alpha_m$  and  $\alpha_e$  are the magnetic and electric polarizabilities of a spherical par-

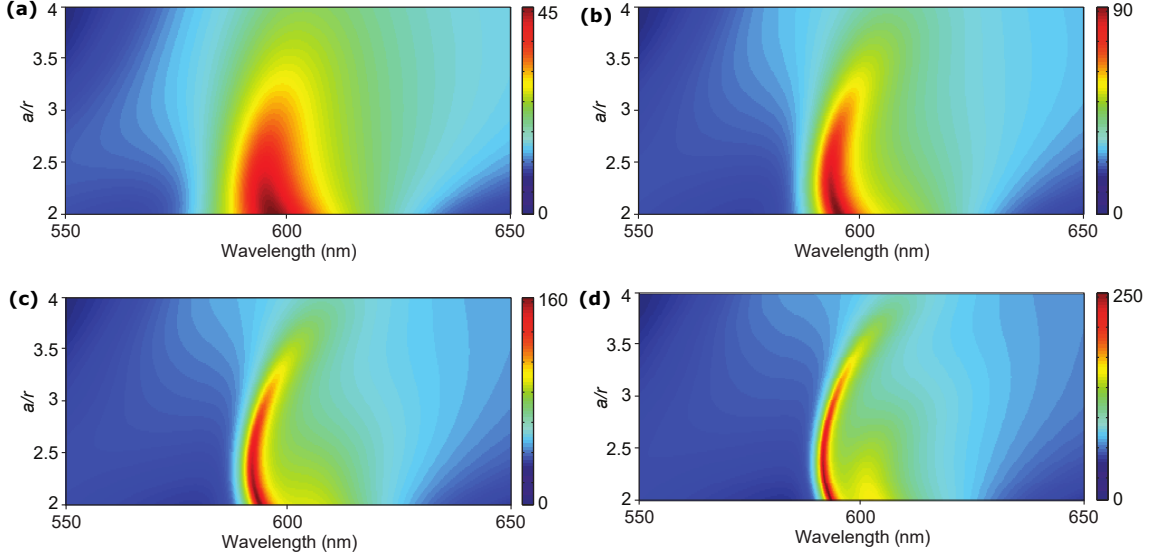


FIG. 3. Log-scale Purcell factor as the function of the radiation wavelength and ratio  $r/a$  for the dielectric chain with  $\varepsilon_1 = 16$ , for different number of nanoparticles: (a)  $N = 4$ , (b)  $N = 6$ , (c)  $N = 8$ , and (d)  $N = 10$ ;  $r$  is taken equal to 70 nm,  $a$  is a period of the chain.

ticle [40]:

$$\alpha_e = i \frac{3\varepsilon_h a_1}{2k_h^3}, \quad \alpha_m = i \frac{3b_1}{2k_h^3}, \quad (4)$$

where  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  are electric and magnetic Mie coefficients. The coupled dipole approximation outlined above is justified for the geometrical parameters of the nanoparticles and their relative distance [41].

The solution of Eq. 2 without source [dispersion of waveguide eigenmodes  $\omega(k)$ ] for the infinite dielectric chain with  $r = 70$  nm and  $a = 200$  nm in free space is shown in Fig. 2. Here, we use the dimensionless wavenumber  $q = \beta a/\pi$ , where  $\beta$  is the Bloch propagation constant. For simplicity but without loss of generality we model silicon by a material with permittivity of 16 at the wavelength of 600 nm, which is close to experimental data [37]. The blue and red curves correspond to transverse magnetic (TM) and transverse electric (TE) modes, respectively, which are the only modes excited by the dipole QE with the chosen orientation. Both of these modes are characterized by induced magnetic and electric moments (except the points at the band edge). Due to the spectral separation of resonances of the single particle, the magnetic moments are dominant in the first branch (TM), and electric moments in the second one (TE). The inset in Fig. 2 shows the calculated group velocities of the waveguide modes as a function of frequency. It can be seen that the group velocity  $V_{gr}$  drops to zero at the band edge around  $ka/\pi \approx 0.675$  and  $ka/\pi \approx 0.83$ . Since the symmetry of the ED source matches the symmetry of the TM staggered mode (and not the TE one), we may expect significant enhancement of the Purcell factor for a finite system around the first frequency.

To confirm this expectation, we calculate the Purcell factor using the Green's tensor approach [42]:

$$F = \frac{3}{2k_h^3} \mathbf{z} \cdot \text{Im}[\mathbf{G}(0, 0; \omega)] \cdot \mathbf{z} \quad (5)$$

with  $\mathbf{G}(0, 0; \omega)$  being Green's tensor of an electric dipole in the center of chain (point of the dipole QE localization) and  $\mathbf{z}$  being the unit vector pointing in the  $z$  direction (Fig. 1). Practically, the quantity  $\text{Im}[\mathbf{G}(0, 0; \omega)]$  can be found by solving the scattering problem with a dipolar QE outlined above, Eqs. (2)–(4).

Fig. 3 shows the calculated Purcell factor as a function of wavelength and ratio  $r/a$  for a QE located in the center of a dielectric chain with different number of particles: (a)  $N = 4$ , (b)  $N = 6$ , (c)  $N = 8$ , and (d)  $N = 10$ . We observe that increasing the number of nanoparticles  $N$  gives rise to enhancement of Purcell factor. For example, the maximal value of the Purcell factor for  $N = 10$  reaches 250. Along with the calculations shown in Fig. 2, we conclude that the maximum of Purcell factor arises around the Van Hove singularity.

Now, we are ready to show that the excitation of slow guided modes determining a Van Hove singularity is very sensitive to the electrodynamic properties of the system. Our aim is to utilize this effect to engineer highly tunable nanoantennas, for which relatively low intensities of external laser pulses can control and cause a dramatic modification of the optical properties of the material, and consequently the radiation properties (intensities of emission and power patterns) of the nanoantenna. To enable the switching of the nanoantenna properties we employ the nonlinear response caused by *electron-hole plasma photoexcitation* the in boundary particles of the Si nanoantenna.

To describe EHP-induced tuning of the nanoantenna, we employ the analytical approach developed in Ref. [28]. The dynamics of volume-averaged EHP density  $\rho_{\text{eh}}$  is modeled via the rate equation

$$\frac{d\rho_{\text{eh}}}{dt} = -\Gamma\rho_{\text{eh}} + \frac{W_1}{\hbar\omega} + \frac{W_2}{2\hbar\omega}, \quad (6)$$

where,  $W_{1,2}$  are the volume-averaged absorption rates due to one- and two-photon processes, and  $\Gamma$  is the EHP recombination rate which depends on EHP density [43]. The absorption rates are written in the usual form as  $W_1 = \frac{\omega}{8\pi} \langle |\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{in}}|^2 \rangle \text{Im}(\varepsilon)$  and  $W_2 = \frac{\omega}{8\pi} \langle |\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{in}}|^4 \rangle \text{Im}\chi^{(3)}$ , where angle brackets denote averaging over the nanoparticle volume, and  $\text{Im}\chi^{(3)} = \frac{\varepsilon c^2}{8\pi\omega} \beta_{\text{TPA}}$  with  $\beta_{\text{TPA}}$  being two-photon absorption coefficient. The relaxation rate of EHP in c-Si is dominated by Auger recombination  $\Gamma = \Gamma_A \rho_{\text{eh}}^2$  with  $\Gamma_A = 4 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^6$  (Ref. [44]).

Eq. 6 describes the volume averaged concentration of EHP  $\rho_{\text{eh}}(t)$  neglecting its spatial distribution and hence diffusion of carriers across the particle volume. At  $\rho_{\text{eh}} > 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  the thermal velocity of hot free electrons is about  $v \approx 5 \times 10^5 \text{ cm/s}$  [45], whereas the corresponding electron-electron scattering time is about  $\sim 100 \text{ fs}$ . The characteristic EHP homogenization time governed by a ballistic motion of electrons therefore can be estimated as  $\tau_{\text{hom}} \approx r/2v \approx 100 \text{ fs}$ , where  $r$  is the nanoparticles radius. As one can see, the estimated diffusion time is much smaller than the EHP recombination time and is comparable to the incident pulse duration.

The permittivity of photoexcited Si should be related to time-dependent EHP density:

$$\varepsilon(\omega, \rho_{\text{eh}}) = \varepsilon_0 + \Delta\varepsilon_{\text{bgr}} + \Delta\varepsilon_{\text{bf}} + \Delta\varepsilon_{\text{D}}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\varepsilon_0$  is the permittivity of non-excited material, while  $\Delta\varepsilon_{\text{bgr}}$ ,  $\Delta\varepsilon_{\text{bf}}$ , and  $\Delta\varepsilon_{\text{D}}$  are the contributions from bandgap renormalization, band filling, and Drude term, respectively. The detailed expressions for all contributions in Eq. (7) can be found in Ref. [28]. In total, these three contributions lead to decrease of the real part of permittivity with increasing EHP density.

The spectral dependency of the Purcell factor before and after EHP photoexcitation are presented in Fig. 4 for the different number of particles  $N$ . The calculations are performed for the change of real part of Si permittivity  $\Delta\varepsilon = -1$  [where  $\Delta\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\omega, \rho_{\text{eh}}) - \varepsilon_0$ ], which is achieved at the wavelength of 600 nm upon excitation of the EHP with density  $\rho_{\text{eh}} \approx 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The decrease of Purcell factor approximately by a factor of 2 in all cases, Figs. 4(a),(c),(e), along with the spectral broadening are caused by symmetry breaking of the chain and corresponding decrease of the quality factor of the Van Hove singularity mode. The EHP photoexcitation also modifies the radiation pattern of the nanoantenna, Figs. 4(b),(d),(f). Before the plasma excitation ( $\Delta\varepsilon = 0$ ) the radiation pattern exhibits two symmetric lobes directed along the chain axis in forward and backward directions (red curves). In this case, the maximal value of

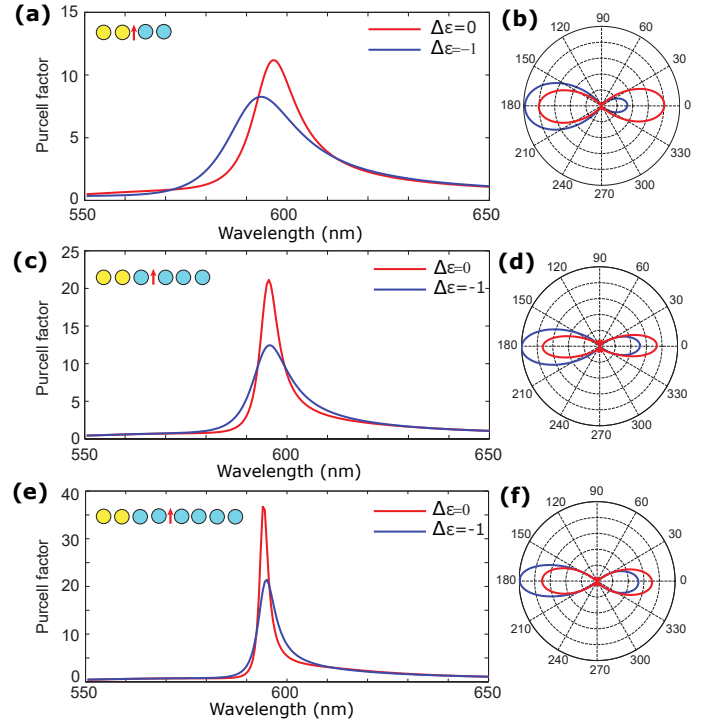


FIG. 4. (a),(c),(e) Spectral dependence of the Purcell factor for the chains of dielectric nanoparticles ( $r = 70 \text{ nm}$ ) for different number of nanoparticles  $N$ : (a)  $N = 4$ ; (c)  $N = 6$ ; (e)  $N = 8$ . (b),(d),(f) Radiation power patterns (E-plane) of the QE at the radiation wavelength of 600 nm for different number of nanoparticles  $N$ . Red curves correspond to the unaffected chains ( $\Delta\varepsilon = 0$ ), whereas the blue ones correspond to the chains with photo-excited boundary particles ( $\Delta\varepsilon = -1$ ).

directivity grows with increasing of  $N$ . After the plasma excitation ( $\Delta\varepsilon = -1$ ), the nanoantenna radiates mostly in the direction of affected particles. We note that the degree of modification of the radiation pattern grows with increasing number of particles. For example, in the case of  $N = 8$  [Fig. 4(f)], the directivity in left direction is almost two times larger than in the right one. Thus, the EHP photoexcitation can be applied for all-optical switching of radiation patterns. Such dramatic tuning of the radiation pattern is caused by the Van Hove singularity regime of the initially unaffected nanoantenna. We notice that the proposed nanoantenna exhibits the QE position tolerance of about 30 nm [46], which is enough for practical realization with existing technologies of QDs positioning [47].

In the vast majority of nanoantenna realizations, the substrate substantially affects the nanoantenna characteristics (see, for example, Ref. [48]). For this reason, we analyze how a  $\text{SiO}_2$  substrate affects the nanoantenna's characteristics. To simulate the nanoantenna consisting of 8 nanoparticles, located on the  $\text{SiO}_2$  substrate with  $\varepsilon_{\text{sub}} = 2.21$ , we utilize the commercial software CST Microwave Studio. To calculate the Purcell factor, the method based on the input impedance of a small (in



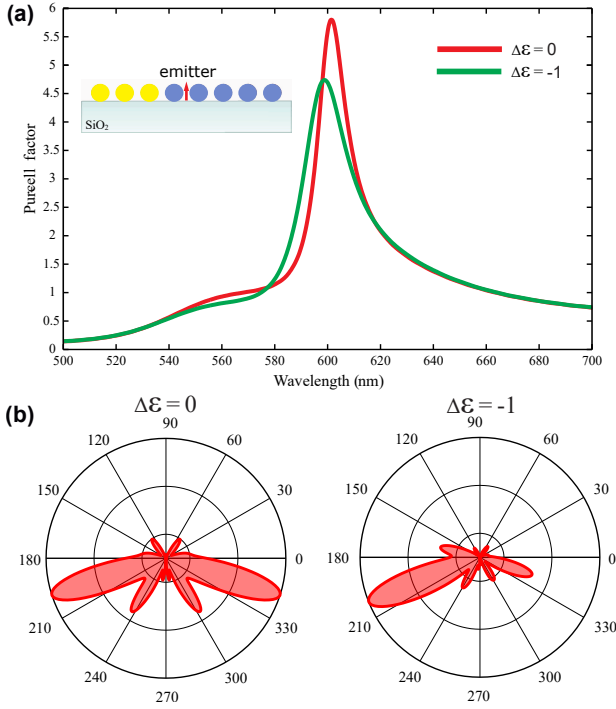


FIG. 5. (a) Purcell factor for the chain of  $N = 8$  Si spherical particles ( $r = 70$  nm) arranged on a SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate as a function of radiation wavelength. Differences of the dielectric permittivity of unaffected and three left boundary affected particles are  $\Delta\epsilon = 0$  (red curve) and  $\Delta\epsilon = -1$  (green curve). (b) Power patterns for different  $\Delta\epsilon$ .

terms of radiation wavelength) dipole antenna [49] has been applied. The corresponding results are presented in Fig. 5(a). These spectra qualitatively agree with our analytical calculations presented above. However, in this case, the substrate breaks the mirror symmetry with respect to the  $z$  axis, which leads to a reduction of Purcell factor. From the experimental standpoint, a laser pulse can be tightly focused to a sub-wavelength spot by an oil immersion microscope objective with a large numerical aperture (NA). For example, an objective with NA=1.4 can provide the full-width at half-maximum diameter of the beam focal spot size of  $d=560$  nm at the wavelength of 650 nm according to the relation  $d \approx 1.22\lambda/\text{NA}$  [50, 51]. This spot size correspond to three boundary nanoparticles that should be assumed to be affected [see inset in the Fig. 5(a)]. During the EHP photoexcitation, the maximum of Purcell factor slightly decreases from 5.9 to 4.7 accompanied by shifting of the resonant frequency to the shorter wavelengths due to the decrease of boundary particles dielectric permittivity.

Fig. 5(b) demonstrates the change in radiation pattern induced by EHP photoexcitation for the nanoantenna on SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate. When  $\Delta\epsilon=0$  (unaffected nanoantenna) the radiation power pattern is symmetric with respect to the dipole axis and has two main lobes. It can be observed that the mirror symmetry of the radiation patterns with respect to the  $z$  axis is broken, and the main

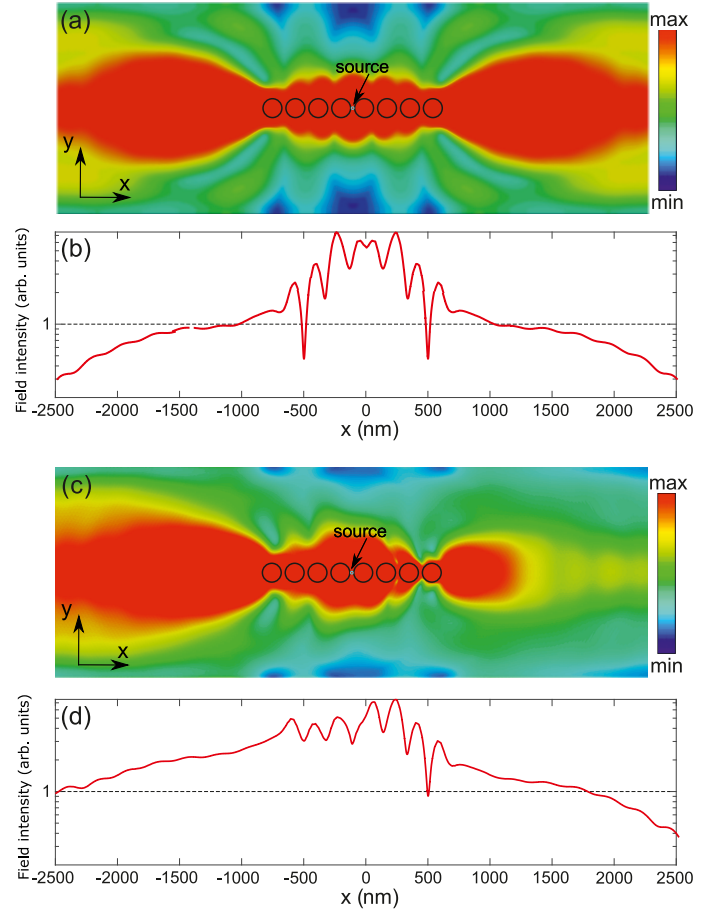


FIG. 6. Radiation of the nanoantenna composed by 8 Si spherical particles ( $r = 70$  nm) placed with the period of 200 nm on a Ag substrate with the 60 nm spacer glass layer; QE is located at the center of the chain perpendicularly to the substrate. (a,c) Electric field distribution profiles in the plane orthogonal to the QE in the cases of unaffected  $\Delta\epsilon = 0$  and affected  $\Delta\epsilon = -1$  three left boundary nanoparticles, respectively. (b,d) Electric field intensities as a function of  $x$  coordinate in the cases of unaffected and affected three boundary nanoparticles, respectively. Emission wavelength is 600 nm.

lobes are oriented into the substrate, which has higher refractive index than the upper space. The modification of three boundary particles dramatically changes the power pattern: the reconfiguration is sufficient for practical applications even for  $\Delta\epsilon = -1$ .

This effect can be used for the unidirectional launching of waveguide modes in plasmonic waveguides at will. Fig. 6 demonstrates this phenomenon, showing the calculated radiation of a nanoantenna composed of 8 Si nanoparticles placed with the period of 200 nm on a silver substrate with the 60 nm spacer glass (SiO<sub>2</sub>) layer. The SiO<sub>2</sub> spacer serves as a buffer layer for the protection of silver substrate from sulfidation. The QE is located at the center of chain perpendicular to the substrate. Figs. 6(a) and (b) show the electric field distribution profile and the electric field intensity as a function of the  $x$

coordinate in the cases of the unaffected nanoantenna, respectively. It can be seen that the nanoantenna launches surface plasmons symmetrically to the positive and negative directions of axis  $x$ . However, when three boundary nanoparticles are illuminated by the pump beam, the nanoantenna launches surface plasmons almost unidirectionally, Figs. 6(c,d). We achieve a value of front-to-back ratio up to 5 for this geometry, Fig. 6(d). The plots in Figs. 6(b),(c) exhibit two types of oscillations: in vicinity of the nanoantenna and aside from it. The first one is caused by field localization around Si nanoparticles due to their resonant response. The second one is due to a small reflection from open boundaries in the simulation region. This reflection is caused by the Ag substrate with real losses and dispersion.

We note that the methods to create the proposed nanoantenna do exist. Namely, in Ref. [52] the method to assemble colloidal nanoparticles of different nature (dielectric, metallic, polymeric) has been proposed. It has been demonstrated that structures of any complexity and composition can be created from sub-500 nm nanoparticles under a light- controlled temperature field. We believe that this approach can be applied directly for our nanoantenna fabrication. We note that the proposed approach to the nonlinear nanoantenna design also works for nanoantennas composed of cylindrical nanoparticles [53], which can be fabricated by existing lithography-based methods.

As a next step of our analysis, we estimate the parameters of a pump pulse required for generation of  $10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  EHP, assumed in the electromagnetic calculations above. At the high intensities required for photoexcitation of Si, two-photon absorption (TPA) usually dominates over one-photon process [28]. Silicon has a particularly large TPA coefficient between 600 and 700 nm [54]. We set the wavelength of pump pulse to 650 nm in order to avoid the interference between pump and QE signals. Estimating the enhancement factors for  $\langle |\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{in}}|^2 \rangle$  and  $\langle |\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{in}}|^4 \rangle$  for a Si nanoparticle on a substrate and using equations (6) to calculate the dynamics of EHP density, we find that a 200 fs pulse with peak intensity of  $25 \text{ GW/cm}^2$  provides  $10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  EHP in the nanoparticle on a silver substrate. The EHP relaxation time at such density is about 2-3 ps

as has been reported in Refs. [28, 29] that should be sufficient for ultrafast modulation of the emission process of a typical emitter with lifetime lying in the nanosecond range.

Finally, we stress that the intensity of  $\sim 25 \text{ GW/cm}^2$  is much weaker than typical values of damage threshold for metallic and dielectric nanostructures. For example, gold nanorods have the damage threshold of  $\sim 70 \text{ GW/cm}^2$  or  $\sim 10 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$  at 130 fs [55], gold G-shaped nanostructures:  $\sim 100 \text{ GW/cm}^2$  or  $\sim 3 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$  at 30 fs [56], and gold nanocylinders:  $\sim 200 \text{ GW/cm}^2$  or  $\sim 20 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$  at 100 fs [57]. According to the known data from literature, low-loss silicon nanoparticles have significantly higher damage threshold:  $\sim 400 \text{ GW/cm}^2$  or  $\sim 100 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$  at 250 fs [58]; and  $\sim 1000 \text{ GW/cm}^2$  or  $\sim 100 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$  at 100 fs [26].

### III. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, we have proposed the highly tunable all-dielectric nanoantenna, consisting of a chain of Si nanoparticles excited by a quantum emitter, that allow tuning their radiation properties via electron-hole plasma photoexcitation. We have theoretically and numerically demonstrated the tuning of radiation power patterns and the Purcell effect by additional pumping several boundary nanoparticles with relatively low peak intensities. We have also demonstrated that these effects remain valid for the nanoantenna situated on a dielectric surface. The proposed nanoantenna allows tunable unidirectional launching of surface plasmon waves, with interesting implications for modern nonlinear nanophotonics.

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