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**Nanoscale Effects on Charge Transport due to Surface-Plasmon Induced Quantum Image Forces** CHARLES CHERQUI, CNLS, Theoretical Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of New Mexico, ANDREI PIRYATINSKI, Theoretical Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory, DAVID DUNLAP, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of New Mexico — We examine the motion of a charge carrier in a carbon nanotube in the presence of a metal nanosphere. We show that the system can be reduced to that of a free particle moving in an effective potential consisting of a classical attractive image potential and a repulsive quantum correction. Charge carrier transport in this representation results in a resonance tunneling through the effective potential. We analyze the transmission coefficient as a function of distance from the surface of the metal nanoparticle to the nanotube. This device setup could be used as the basis for a nanoscale field effect transistor.

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