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Precise Predictions for Atomic Ionisation from the Migdal Effect

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We revisit and improve on previous calculations of the Migdal effect, the excitation and ionisation of atoms after a neutral particle scatters off the nucleus. We present results for the noble elements, and also carbon and fluorine. Our improved calculations are particularly import for neutron scattering experiments, which aim to test the Migdal effect in the laboratory. In this case, deviations from the dipole approximation and secondary ionisation processes have a significant effect on the size of the Migdal effect.

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