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Collective resonances of atomic xenon from the linear to the nonlinear regime¹ YI-JEN CHEN, Center for Free-Electron Laser Science, DESY, STEFAN PABST, ITAMP, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, ROBIN SANTRA, Center for Free-Electron Laser Science, DESY — We explain the origin of the two collective sub-resonances of the 4d giant dipole resonance of atomic Xe recently discovered by nonlinear spectroscopy. In the case of one-photon absorption, while a change in the resonant-like feature in the cross section upon the inclusion of electronic correlations has been commonly attributed to a change of the resonance parameters of a single resonance state, we show that this modification is a result of switching between the relative visibilities of the underlying resonance states. In addition, we predict hitherto undiscovered collective 4d resonance states in Xe that can only be accessed through multiphoton absorption. Unlike any known collective feature in atoms, these resonances are exceptionally long-lived (more than 100 attoseconds), thus opening up possibilities to probe new collective effects in atoms with modern XUV light sources.

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