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**Strength Functions for Photoproduction of Medium-Mass Hypernuclei** TOSHIO MOTOBA, Osaka Electro-Communication University, PETR BYDZOVSKY, MILOSLAV SOTONA, Nuclear Physics Institute, Prague, KAZUNORI ITONAGA, Gifu University, KENGO OGAWA, RIKEN, OSAMU HASHIMOTO, Tohoku University — Strength functions have been calculated for the photoproduction of  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei by choosing typical medium-mass nuclear targets such as  $^{28}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ , and  $^{52}\text{Cr}$ . The DWIA framework has been adopted together with the modern amplitudes for the elementary  $\gamma p \rightarrow \Lambda K^+$  process. For the targets with surface proton  $jj$ -closed orbit (or the similar situation), the unnatural parity high-spin states such as  $4^-$ ,  $5^+$ ,  $6^-$  and  $7^+$  are selectively excited due to the spin-flip dominant character of the elementary amplitudes. On the other hand, for the proton LS-closed target ( $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ), natural parity high-spin states are excited as well. In both cases, it is important to obtain well-separated clear spectra. The nuclear level fragmentation caused by the one-proton annihilation is taken into account. The theoretical spectrum predicted for the first target ( $^{28}\text{Si}$ ) proved to be in very good agreement with the result of recent analysis for the  $^{28}\text{Si}(e, e'K^+)_{\Lambda}^{28}\text{Al}$  experiment done at JLab. Thus predictions for the latter two targets seem to give the promising and reliable spectra to encourage further extension of the  $(e, e'K^+)$  experiments. Novel aspects of medium-mass hypernuclear spectroscopy will be discussed.

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