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## Hydrogen diffusion observed in photoinduced $\text{YO}_x\text{H}_y$ thin films

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Materials showing high photoresponsive electrical resistance have attracted considerable attention due to their photoelectronic applications.[1] Recently, we have reported that yttrium oxyhydride ( $\text{YO}_x\text{H}_y$ ) epitaxial thin films exhibit a repeatable photo-induced insulator-to-metal transition by UV laser illumination and thermal relaxation.[2] The photo-induced metallization likely originates from the carrier generation reaction:  $\text{H}^- + h\nu \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + 2e^-$ , which generates excess electrons and protons.[2,3] This suggests that a local environmental change around hydrogen in the epitaxial  $\text{YO}_x\text{H}_y$  thin film plays an important role in the photo-induced metallization process. To further understand the hydrogen dynamics in the  $\text{YO}_x\text{H}_y$  epitaxial thin film, here, we used  $^8\text{Li}$   $\beta$ -NMR for pristine and UV-illuminated thin films. For the as-fabricated sample, the spin-lattice relaxation rate ( $1/T_1$ ) is constant as  $\sim 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  in the temperature range between 100 to 300 K. For the UV-illuminated sample, the temperature-independent  $1/T_1$  of  $\sim 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  is also observed at temperatures below 200 K, indicating an increase in  $1/T_1$  by UV illumination. There are two possible origins for the increase in  $1/T_1$ : one is the generation of color centers and the other is the enhancement of the interaction between dilute paramagnetic moments and photocarriers. Furthermore, we found that  $1/T_1$  increases with increasing temperature only for the UV-illuminated sample at temperatures above 200 K; this implies a change in the nuclear magnetic field due to hydrogen dynamics. These results suggest that the hydrogen dynamics are thermally activated and a change of the local environment around hydrogen under UV illumination.

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