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Temperature dependence of Photoinduced dynamics in the orbital-ordered state of  $AV_{10}O_{15}$  (A = Ba, Sr) AYAKA NOGAMI, YUYA ONISHI, KOU TAKUBO, TAKUROU KATSUFUJI, Dept. of Physics, Waseda University — In  $AV_{10}O_{15}$  (A = Ba, Sr), the V ions with mixed-valence states,  $V^{2+}/V^{3+}$  ( $3d^3/3d^2$ ), are located on the triangular lattice. BaV<sub>10</sub>O<sub>15</sub> exhibits a structural phase transition with V trimerization caused by the orbital ordering of V ions at  $T_c = 123$ K, whereas  $SrV_{10}O_{15}$  does not exhibit such a phase transition. We performed a femtosecond pump-probe reflection spectroscopy on  $\mathrm{BaV}_{10}\mathrm{O}_{15}$ and  $SrV_{10}O_{15}$  to clarify their photoinduced dynamics. For A = Ba, a photoinduced melting of V trimerization, i.e. a photoinduced phase transition, was observed at 10 K ( $< T_c$ ). At T = 200 K ( $>> T_c$ ), the photoinduced reflectivity change  $(\Delta R/R)$  for A = Ba shows an oscillation with the period of several tens picoseconds, similarly to the behavior for A = Sr at 10 K. This oscillation can be explained by assuming that the photoinduced state at the sample surface propagates into the inside of the sample. At T = 135 K, immediately above  $T_c$ , we found that  $\Delta R/R$  for BaV<sub>10</sub>O<sub>15</sub> increases with time, suggesting that the area of the photoinduced state on the sample surface increases with time.

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