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Production of Excited Atomic Hydrogen and Deuterium from H₂, D₂ and HD Photodissociation J.R. MACHACEK, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, V.M. ANDRIANARIJAONA, Pacific Union College, J.E. FURST, University of Newcastle-Ourimbah, T.J. GAY, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, A.L.D. KILCOYNE, LBNL, A.L. LANDERS, Auburn University, K.W. MCLAUGHLIN, Loras College — We have measured the production of Ly α and H α fluorescence from atomic H and D resulting from the photodissociation of H₂, D₂ and HD by linearly-polarized photons with energies between 20 and 65 eV. In this energy range, excited photofragments result primarily from the production of doubly-excited molecular species which promptly autoionize or dissociate into two neutrals. Comparison between the relative cross sections of H₂ and D₂ and the available theory show only qualitative agreement. We will discuss the various systematic effects which affect this and other types of synchrotron-based measurements in this energy range. Support provided by the NSF (Grant PHY-0653379), DOE (LBNL/ALS) and ANSTO (Access to Major Research Facilities Programme).

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