TABLE II: Comparison of transition wavelengths for Li $^-$ , Be $^-$  with literature data. a.u.=27.2113834 eV.  $\hbar c$ =197.3269602 eV nm. X-only values are enclosed in parentheses.

|   | Wavelength (nm)    |   |   |
|---|--------------------|---|---|
| Transition  | This work          | Other theory  | Experiment                              |
| ${\rm Li^-~1s2s2p^2~^5P^e \to 1s2p^3~^5S^o}$  | 345.96<br>(321.55) | $346.06^a, 349.12^b, 349.0^c, 348.98^d$             | $349.07^e, 349.0^f$                     |
| Be <sup>-</sup> [He] 2s2p <sup>2</sup> $^4\mathrm{P}^e \rightarrow$ [He] 2p <sup>3</sup> $^4\mathrm{S}^o$ | 264.14<br>(252.29) | $267.1^g, 265.4^h, 265.370^i, 265.32^j, \ 265.04^k$ | $265.301^{l}, 265.318^{m}, 265.331^{n}$ |

 ${}^{\rm a}{\rm Ref.}$  [7].  ${}^{\rm b}{\rm Ref.}$  [6].  ${}^{\rm c}{\rm Ref.}$  [33].  ${}^{\rm d}{\rm Ref.}$  [4].  ${}^{\rm e}{\rm Ref.}$  [9].  ${}^{\rm f}{\rm Ref.}$  [10].  ${}^{\rm g}{\rm Ref.}$  [15].

 $<sup>{}^{\</sup>rm h}{\rm Ref.}$  [34].  ${}^{\rm i}{\rm Ref.}$  [20].  ${}^{\rm j}{\rm Ref.}$  [5].  ${}^{\rm k}{\rm Ref.}$  [19].  ${}^{\rm l}{\rm Ref.}$  [12].  ${}^{\rm m}{\rm Ref.}$  [13].  ${}^{\rm n}{\rm Ref.}$  [35].

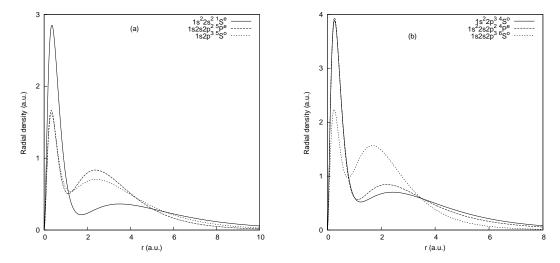


FIG. 1: Radial density plots for several states of (a) Li<sup>-</sup> and (b) Be<sup>-</sup>.

large distances, all these three states show similar behavior with the ground state having greater charge density and decaying rather slowly than the two excited states;  ${}^5P^e$  dying out fastest. Similar radial density plots for all three excited states of Be<sup>-</sup> are given in Fig. 1(b). In the vicinity of nucleus, the  ${}^4P^e$ ,  ${}^4S^o$  states show similar behavior and have much larger charge densities compared to the  ${}^6S^o$  state, again presumably because the former two have two core 1s electrons while the latter has only one. At the intermediate distance after the first minimum and up to r=3.5 a.u., this situation changes with  ${}^6S^o$  having the largest charge density. Also the  ${}^4S^o$ ,  ${}^4P^e$  states branch out in this region with the latter showing slightly larger peak value than the former. After that at larger distances, all the three states decay in a similar pattern with  ${}^4S^o$  having higher values and oozing out slowly than the other two and  ${}^6S^o$  decaying out first. These behaviors in electron density are also reflected