

Research**Binding Energies of Deformed Super Heavy Nuclei with $Z \geq 105$** Mahdi Joharifard² and Mohammad Reza Pahlavani^{1*}*¹Department of Nuclear Physics, Faculty of Sciences, University of Mazandaran***Abstract**

The binding energies of super heavy nuclei around the magic nucleus $Z = 114$, $N = 184$ was studied through an improved method based on Bethe and Weizsäcker method. This modification has been done by inclusion of some terms to Bethe and Weizsäcker's initial mass formula. Since these nuclei are deformed in their ground-state, surface and coulomb terms are expanded as a function of deformation parameters. Also, shell effects are considered by including two more terms. Improved formula of the nuclear binding energy consists of seven unknown coefficients that are obtained using known experimental binding energies. The calculated binding energies for some super heavy nuclei are compared with the experimental data of AME 2012's mass table as well as theoretical results of Zhongzhou Ren and Tiekuang Dong. This comparison indicates that the calculated results using the improved method are well agreed with experimental data than the theoretical results of Zhongzhou Ren and Tiekuang Dong.

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Introduction

One of the most important properties of nuclei is its stability that is related directly to its average binding energy (binding energy per nucleon). The nuclear binding energy plays a significant role in study of nuclear mass and its other features such as nuclear stability, decay half-life and nuclear fission. Our knowledge about the decay half-life of super heavy nucleus and the height of fission barrier or its reaction cross-section is also related to the nuclear stability, directly. Therefore, study of the binding energy of nuclei was one of the important issues of nuclear physics and scientists of nuclear physics have spent a lot of time to find it out [1-12]. Be and Weizsäcker were first scientists that performed their own studies on nuclear mass in 1930s and obtained a useful phenomenological semi-empirical relationship for nuclear mass as a sum of its various possible energies [1-2]. Following their studies, Bohr and Wheeler interpreted the energy released from neutron induced fission of ^{235}U (^{236}U compound isotope) using this approach [13]. At present one of the nuclear physics necessity is to find out the mass and binding energies of super heavy nuclei that are produced in heavy ion fusion-fission reactions [4-20]. Various methods have been introduced in order to obtain the binding

energies of the nucleus in different region of mass numbers.

Others attempt to study the ground-state properties of nuclei are performed using the finite range droplet model (FRDM), folded Yukawa single particle potential and self-consistent mean field [8-11]. Recently, AdS/CFT correspondence holography model is used to calculate binding energies of light nuclei [20-23]. Considering 1 MeV uncertainty for theoretical calculations of binding energy of super heavy nuclei [24-25], it seems necessary to obtain a more accurate equation to calculate binding energy. In the shell-model representation, those nuclei with closed shell Z or N are called "magic" and also when both Z and N numbers are magic, the nucleus is called "double magic". So biczewski et al. [26] improved original mass formula to consider closed shell properties of ^{270}Hs , ^{208}Pn and $^{298}114$ heavy and super heavy isotopes. In addition, Nilsson et al. [27] obtained 2×10^{19} year for the half-life of spontaneous fission of $^{298}114$ superheavy nucleus, which is much higher than the fission half-life of its neighbor isotopes. This means that the fission barrier for this nuclei is significantly different compared to its surrounded nuclei [28]. Therefore it seems necessary to consider this feature as shell effects for super heavy nuclei around $^{298}114$. This study attempts to find an improved relationship for binding energies of super heavy nuclei with $Z \geq 105$. This paper is organized as follows. In section 2 the improved version of binding energy formalism is presented with seven adjustable parameters. The calculated binding energies for 59 super heavy nuclei calculated using this improved approach are presented and compared with theoretical

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results of Zhongzhou Ren and TiekuangDong as well as the experimental data of AME 2012 mass table in section 3. Finally, concluding remarks are given in section 4.

Definition of Improved Approach

As it is mentioned in previous section, first phenomenological formula that presented for calculating of binding energy in the base of similarity between the liquid drop and nuclear material was proposed by Bethe and Weizsäcker¹⁻³:

$$B(A, Z) = a_v A - a_s A^{\frac{2}{3}} - a_c Z^2 A^{-\frac{1}{3}} - a_a \left(\frac{A}{2} - Z \right)^2 A^{-1} + a_p \delta A^{-\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (1)$$

Where a_v, a_s, a_c, a_a and a_p are volume, surface, coulomb, asymmetry and pairing coefficients, respectively. These parameters can be adjusted using known binding energies of at least five isotopes. $\delta = 1, 0$ and -1 are simply agreed for even-even, even-odd and/or odd-even and odd-odd, $Z - N$ nucleus, respectively. Amounts of these coefficients are related to selection of known experimental data of binding energies. Therefore there are many selections of these coefficients. In a study by Zhongzhou Ren and TiekuangDong [29] on heavy nuclei with $Z \geq 90$, the following coefficients were obtained without considering the shell effects and deformation

$$\begin{cases} a_v = 15.7226 \text{ MeV} \\ a_s = 17.7523 \text{ MeV} \\ a_c = 0.7062 \text{ MeV} \\ a_a = 96.2350 \text{ MeV} \\ a_p = 10.6028 \text{ MeV} \end{cases}$$

Eq. (1) is improved in advance to consider deformation and shell effects for super heavy nuclei. Because of conservation of volume, the volume of nuclei is not change by deformation. Therefore the portion of volume in binding energy is

$$B_v = a_v A.$$

Considering of deformation on surface energy up to second order convert it to [31,32]

$$B_s = a_s A^{\frac{2}{3}} \left(1 + \frac{2}{5} a_2^2 - \frac{4}{105} a_2^3 + \dots \right).$$

The effects of deformation also have an impact on Coulomb energy as well. Thus, by considering deformation, Coulomb energy is rewritten as [33],

$$B_c = a_c Z^2 A^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{5} a_2^2 - \frac{4}{105} a_2^3 + \dots \right).$$

The asymmetry energy not affected by deformation, so we have,

$$B_a = a_a \left(\frac{A}{2} - Z \right)^2 A^{-1}.$$

Also, the pairing energy not changed considerably by deformation,

$$B_p = a_p \delta A^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Considerable difference between theoretical and experimental data for super heavy nuclei around closed shell $Z=114$ and $N=184$ indicate that the theoretical formula of binding energy should be revise [30]. Studies on fission barrier [34] indicate that the fission barriers high for nuclei around $^{298}114$ are growth considerably than other super heavy nuclei in this region.

Figure 1 clearly verifies this criterion. Therefore we revised the theoretical formula of binding energy by including two terms to emphasis on the shell effects as:

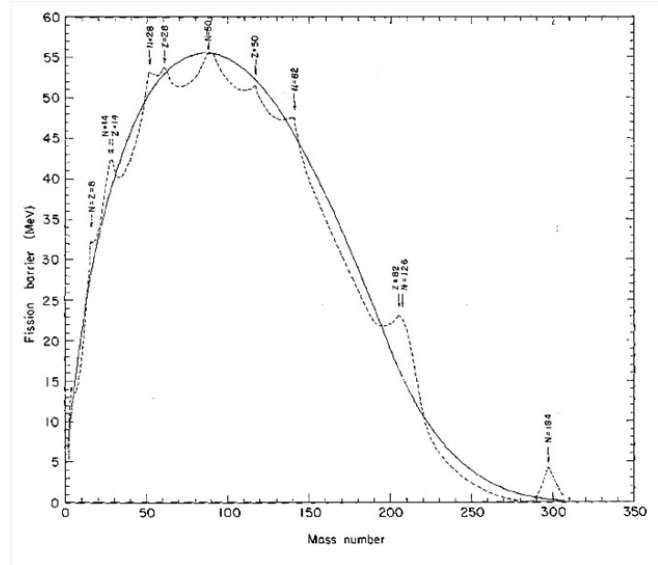


Figure 1. The fission barrier energy, in MeV as a function of mass number (A), for nuclei in the valley of stability. The smooth curve is the results of liquid-drop model. The irregular dashed curve is calculated from Meyers and Swiatecki mass formula that shows shell effects clearly. Nuclei with $N \sim 50$ ($A \sim 90$) should require the greatest amount of energy for their disintegration, lighter and heavier elements being more easily disrupted into comparable fragments [28].

$$B_{Shell} = a_6 \left| 1 - \frac{298}{A} \right| - a_7 \left| 1 - \frac{184}{N} \right|.$$

By including these new terms and effects of deformation, the improved version of Bethe and Weizsäcker original equation for calculating binding energy of super heavy nuclei around $Z=114$ and $N=184$ is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} B(A, Z) = & a_v A - a_s A^{\frac{2}{3}} \left(1 + \frac{2}{5} a_2^2 - \frac{4}{105} a_2^3 + \dots \right) \\ & - a_c Z^2 A^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{5} a_2^2 - \frac{4}{105} a_2^3 + \dots \right) \\ & - a_a \left(\frac{A}{2} - Z \right)^2 A^{-1} - a_p \delta A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ & + a_6 \left| 1 - \frac{298}{A} \right| - a_7 \left| 1 - \frac{184}{N} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Following coefficients are obtained for this formula through fitting method with experimental data,

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = 15.6446 \text{ MeV} \\ a_2 = 16.9970 \text{ MeV} \\ a_3 = 0.71197 \text{ MeV} \\ a_4 = 96.6732 \text{ MeV} \\ a_5 = 55.26028 \text{ MeV} \\ a_6 = 57.9814 \text{ MeV} \end{cases}$$

And $a_7 = 3 \text{ MeV}$ is agreed for pairing energy coefficient. Also, the following values were used for δ :

$$\delta = \begin{cases} 4.22Z - \text{even}, N - \text{even} \\ 1Z - \text{even}, N - \text{odd} \\ 0Z - \text{odd}, N - \text{even} \\ -2.66Z - \text{odd}, N - \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

This improved formula has been used to calculate the binding energies of 59 super heavy nuclei.

Numerical Results and Discussion

The calculated results for binding energies of 59 super heavy nuclei along with the results of Zhongzhou Ren and Tiekuang Dong and the experimental data [12]. Are presented in Table 1. This table shows that the calculated binding energies through this approach have been improved over the calculated results of Zhongzhou Ren and Tiekuang Dong and the obtained results are agreed well with the experimental data.

Average deviation and root mean square deviation of binding energies were calculated to indicate agreements between our results and experimental data than other theoretical results as,

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{59} (B_{\text{expi}} - B_{\text{Cali}})}{59} = 0.524 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\sqrt{\sigma^2} = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{59} (B_{\text{expi}} - B_{\text{Cali}})^2}{59} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.597 \text{ MeV}$$

Figure 2 : shows the calculated results for 59 nuclei along with experimental results [12]. In figure 3 the average binding energies for 59 nuclei are compared with experimental data [12]. The deviations between experimental data and calculated binding energies for 59 nuclei are presented in Figure 4. As it can be seen from these figures, the results of this approach are compatible with experimental data than theoretical results of Zhongzhou Ren and Tiekuang Dong.

Conclusion

Considering the fact that there is limited experimental information regarding super heavy nuclei, our main objective was to introduce an improved version to calculate accurate binding energies for super heavy nuclei. Two new terms originating from shell effect were included to Bethe and Weizsäcker's original equation. Moreover, surface and coulomb energies of liquid drop formula are deformed as a function of deformation parameter up to second order. Seven unknown coefficients of the improved equation were obtained through fitting with experimental data. This improved approach is used to calculate the binding energies of

59 super heavy nuclei. Obtained results were compared with theoretical results of Zhongzhou Ren and Tiekuang Dong as well as experimental data. The average deviation between theoretical results and experimental data is obtained equal to 0.524 MeV that is illustrating the acceptable accuracy of new improved approach.

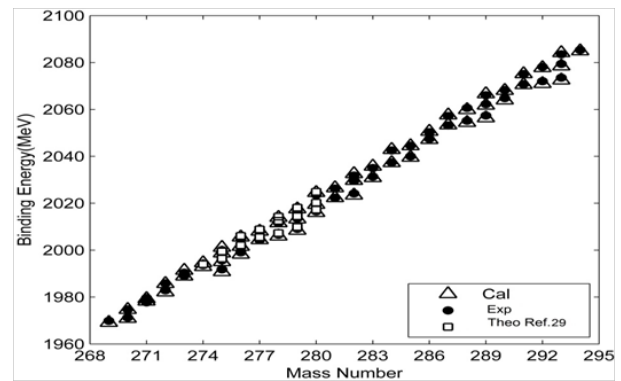


Figure 2. Binding energies of 59 nuclei compared with experimental data and results of other theoretical methods.

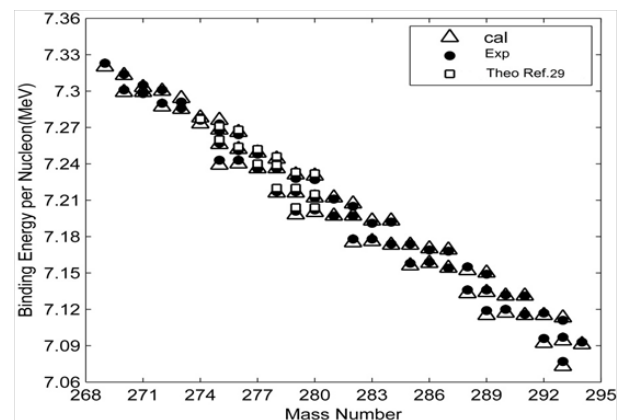


Figure 3. Average binding energies of 59 nuclei compared with results of other theoretical methods and experimental data.

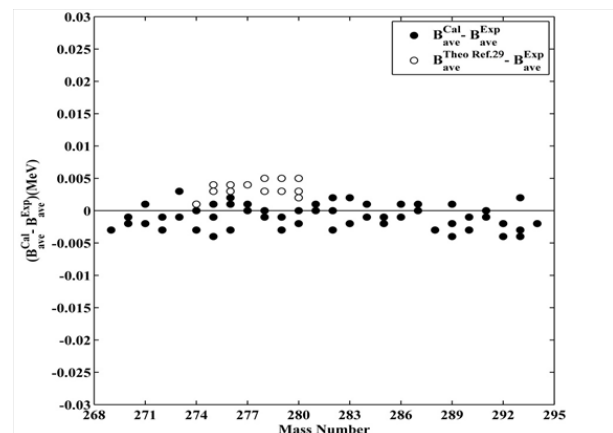


Figure 4. The deviations between experimental and calculated binding energies as a function of mass number.

Table 1. Calculated binding energies for 59 super heavy nuclei along with theoretical and experimental data.

| Z | N | A | Elt. | $B_{(MeV)}^{CAL.}$ | $B_{(MeV)}^{EXP.}$ | $B_{(MeV)}^{CAL.REF.[12]}$ | $B_{ave(keV)}^{CAL.}$ | $B_{ave(keV)}^{EXP.}$ | $B_{ave(keV)}^{CAL. REF.[12]}$ |
|-----|-----|-----|------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 105 | 164 | 269 | Db | 1969.106067 | 1969.887 | | 7320 | 7323 | |
| 105 | 165 | 270 | Db | 1974.623 | 1974.78 | | 7313 | 7314 | |
| 106 | 165 | 271 | Sg | 1979.243519 | 1979.655 | | 7303 | 7305 | |
| 106 | 166 | 272 | Sg | 1985.670635 | 1985.872 | | 7300 | 7301 | |
| 106 | 167 | 273 | Sg | 1991.320192 | 1990.443 | | 7294 | 7291 | |
| 107 | 163 | 270 | Bh | 1970.846677 | 1971.28 | | 7299 | 7301 | |
| 107 | 164 | 271 | Bh | 1978.177785 | 1977.758 | | 7299 | 7298 | |
| 107 | 165 | 272 | Bh | 1982.084731 | 1982.88 | | 7287 | 7290 | |
| 107 | 166 | 273 | Bh | 1988.859482 | 1989.078 | | 7285 | 7286 | |
| 107 | 167 | 274 | Bh | 1994.551196 | 1994.174 | | 7278 | 7278 | |
| 107 | 168 | 275 | Bh | 2001.091304 | 2000.075 | | 7276 | 7273 | |
| 108 | 166 | 274 | Hs | 1992.89976 | 1993.624 | 1994.014 | 7273 | 7276 | 7277 |
| 108 | 167 | 275 | Hs | 1998.682605 | 1998.425 | 1999.468 | 7268 | 7267 | 7271 |
| 108 | 168 | 276 | Hs | 2005.513782 | 2004.864 | 2006.069 | 7266 | 7264 | 7268 |
| 109 | 166 | 275 | Mt | 1994.987672 | 1995.675 | 1996.430 | 7256 | 7257 | 7260 |
| 109 | 167 | 276 | Mt | 2001.518211 | 2001.276 | 2002.078 | 7252 | 7251 | 7254 |
| 109 | 168 | 277 | Mt | 2007.988945 | 2007.696 | 2008.870 | 7249 | 7248 | 7252 |
| 109 | 169 | 278 | Mt | 2013.8358 | 2012.998 | 2014.294 | 7244 | 7241 | 7246 |
| 110 | 165 | 275 | Ds | 1990.730051 | 1991.825 | | 7239 | 7243 | |
| 110 | 166 | 276 | Ds | 1998.182942 | 1999.068 | | 7240 | 7243 | |
| 110 | 167 | 277 | Ds | 2004.353034 | 2004.372 | 2005.523 | 7236 | 7236 | 7240 |
| 110 | 168 | 278 | Ds | 2011.565406 | 2011.608 | 2012.504 | 7236 | 7236 | 7239 |
| 110 | 169 | 279 | Ds | 2017.501792 | 2016.612 | 2018.118 | 7231 | 7228 | 7233 |
| 110 | 170 | 280 | Ds | 2024.478874 | 2023.56 | 2024.870 | 7230 | 7227 | 7232 |
| 111 | 167 | 278 | Rg | 2005.903234 | 2006.604 | 2007.291 | 7216 | 7217 | 7220 |
| 111 | 168 | 279 | Rg | 2013.206421 | 2013.543 | 2014.463 | 7216 | 7217 | 7220 |
| 111 | 169 | 280 | Rg | 2019.435951 | 2019.36 | 2020.268 | 7212 | 7212 | 7215 |
| 111 | 170 | 281 | Rg | 2026.502409 | 2026.291 | | 7212 | 7211 | |
| 111 | 171 | 282 | Rg | 2032.501171 | 2031.81 | | 7207 | 7205 | |
| 112 | 167 | 279 | Cn | 2008.357044 | 2009.079 | 2009.896 | 7198 | 7201 | 7204 |
| 112 | 168 | 280 | Cn | 2015.949574 | 2016.56 | 2017.255 | 7200 | 7202 | 7204 |
| 112 | 169 | 281 | Cn | 2022.2684 | 2022.357 | | 7197 | 7197 | |
| 112 | 170 | 282 | Cn | 2029.622158 | 2029.554 | | 7197 | 7197 | |
| 112 | 171 | 283 | Cn | 2035.708877 | 2035.053 | | 7193 | 7191 | |
| 112 | 172 | 284 | Cn | 2042.828835 | 2042.528 | | 7193 | 7192 | |
| 113 | 169 | 282 | Ed | 2023.380036 | 2024.196 | | 7175 | 7178 | |
| 113 | 170 | 283 | Ed | 2030.822932 | 2031.374 | | 7176 | 7178 | |
| 113 | 171 | 284 | Ed | 2037.199747 | 2037.416 | | 7173 | 7174 | |
| 113 | 172 | 285 | Ed | 2044.4075 | 2044.59 | | 7173 | 7174 | |
| 113 | 173 | 286 | Ed | 2050.555048 | 2050.334 | | 7170 | 7169 | |
| 113 | 174 | 287 | Ed | 2057.532682 | 2057.216 | | 7169 | 7168 | |
| 114 | 171 | 285 | Fl | 2039.5004 | 2040.03 | | 7156 | 7158 | |
| 114 | 172 | 286 | Fl | 2047.07736 | 2047.474 | | 7158 | 7159 | |
| 114 | 173 | 287 | Fl | 2053.311319 | 2053.198 | | 7154 | 7154 | |
| 114 | 174 | 288 | Fl | 2059.8252 | 2060.64 | | 7152 | 7155 | |
| 114 | 175 | 289 | Fl | 2066.579426 | 2066.061 | | 7150 | 7149 | |
| 115 | 173 | 288 | Ef | 2054.365367 | 2055.168 | | 7133 | 7136 | |
| 115 | 174 | 289 | Ef | 2061.711572 | 2062.304 | | 7134 | 7136 | |
| 115 | 175 | 290 | Ef | 2068.0048 | 2068.28 | | 7131 | 7132 | |
| 115 | 176 | 291 | Ef | 2075.1223 | 2075.121 | | 7131 | 7131 | |
| 116 | 173 | 289 | Lv | 2056.310388 | 2057.391 | | 7115 | 7119 | |
| 116 | 174 | 290 | Lv | 2063.938 | 2064.8 | | 7117 | 7120 | |
| 116 | 175 | 291 | Lv | 2070.481813 | 2070.756 | | 7115 | 7116 | |
| 116 | 176 | 292 | Lv | 2077.7132 | 2078.164 | | 7115 | 7117 | |
| 116 | 177 | 293 | Lv | 2084.089 | 2083.523 | | 7113 | 7111 | |
| 117 | 175 | 292 | Eh | 2070.9419 | 2072.032 | | 7092 | 7096 | |
| 117 | 176 | 293 | Eh | 2078.42155 | 2079.421 | | 7094 | 7097 | |
| 117 | 177 | 294 | Eh | 2084.8576 | 2085.342 | | 7091 | 7093 | |
| 118 | 175 | 293 | Ei | 2072.450485 | 2073.561 | | 7073 | 7077 | |

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