

SEMI-EMPIRICAL NUCLEAR MASS FORMULA

(requires one memory module)

A Semi-Empirical formula is used to calculate approximate binding energies and mass excess for any nucleus with a given nuclear charge, Z , and number of neutrons, N .

Definition: Binding energy (B.E.) = $Z * M_p + N * M_n - M(Z,N)$

M_p = proton mass (energy) in MeV, M_n = neutron mass in MeV

$M(Z,N)$ = mass of nucleus having Z protons and N neutrons.

Mass Excess = $M(Z,N) - A * (\text{amu})$

$A = Z + N$, $1 (\text{amu}) = M(6,6)/12$ --- $1/12$ mass of ^{12}C

Weizsacker's Semi-Empirical mass formula contains seven terms

$$M(Z,N) = Z * M_p + N * M_n + E_v + E_s + E_c + E_{\text{sym}} + E_{\text{pair}}$$

$$E_v = -a_1 * A$$

$$E_s = a_2 * A^{2/3}$$

$$E_c = a_3 * Z^2 / A^{1/3}$$

$$E_{\text{sym}} = a_4 * (Z - N)^2 / A$$

$$E_{\text{pair}} = \pm 34 / A^{3/4} \text{ depending on whether } Z \text{ and } N \text{ are both odd or both even.}$$

$$E_{\text{pair}} = 0 \text{ for odd } A \text{ nuclei}$$

Notes:

The semiempirical formula has been derived from measured masses and binding energies and is expected to work for nuclei reasonably close to the valley of stability. Usually $N \geq Z$ especially for heavier nuclei.

Example:

What is the binding energy, the mass, mass excess, volume energy, surface energy, coulomb energy, symmetry energy, and pairing energy of the element titanium ($Z = 22$, $N = 26$)?

Keystrokes:

[XEQ] [ALPHA] SIZE [ALPHA] 025

[XEQ] [ALPHA] NM [ALPHA]

22 [R/S]

26 [R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

[R/S]

Display:

NUM PROT?

NUM NEUT?

B.E. = -404.5143

B.E. /A = -8.4274

M = 44.677.9077

M/A = 930.7897

M.E. = 0.0000

M.E. /A = 0.0000

EV = -752.6400

EV/A = -15.6800

ES = 245.1351

ES/A = 5.1070

Ec = 95.4884

Ec/A = 1.9893

ESYM = 9.3667

ESYM/A = 0.1951

EP = -1.8644

EP/A = -0.0388

DISPLAY

[illegible]

Program Listings

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01*LBL "NM"	Initialize and store constants	50 RCL 00	
02 CF 01		51 /	
03 CF 00		52 "B.E./A="	
04 CLRG		"	
05 -931.504		53 ARCL X	
06 STO 08		54 PROMPT	
07 938.793		55 RTN	
08 STO 09		56*LBL D	Calculate mass
09 939.576		57 17.024	
10 STO 10		58 STO 03	
11 -15.68		59 XEQ 04	
12 STO 11		60 "M="	
13 18.56		61 ARCL X	
14 STO 12		62 PROMPT	
15 .717		63 RCL 00	
16 STO 13		64 /	
17 28.1		65 "M/A="	
18 STO 14		66 ARCL X	
19 -17		67 PROMPT	
20 STO 15		68 RTN	
21 "NUM PRO	Prompt for inputs	69*LBL E	Calculate mass excess
T?"		70 XEQ 01	
22 PROMPT		71 16.024	
23 FS?C 22		72 XEQ 04	
24 STO 01		73 "M.E.="	
25 "NUM NEU		74 ARCL X	
T?"		75 PROMPT	
26 PROMPT		76 RCL 00	
27 FS?C 22		77 /	
28 STO 02		78 "M.E./A="	
29 RCL 02		"	
30 RCL 01		79 ARCL X	
31 +		80 PROMPT	
32 STO 00		81 RTN	
33 XEQ C		82*LBL a	Display volume energy
34 XEQ D		83 RCL 20	
35 XEQ E		84 "EV="	
36 XEQ a		85 ARCL X	
37 XEQ b		86 PROMPT	
38 XEQ c		87 RCL 00	
39 XEQ d		88 /	
40 XEQ e		89 "EV/A="	
41 GTO "NM"		90 ARCL X	
42*LBL C	Calculate Binding Energy	91 PROMPT	
43 XEQ 01		92 RTN	
44 19.024		93*LBL b	Display surface energy
45 STO 03		94 RCL 21	
46 XEQ 04		95 "ES="	
47 "B.E.="		96 ARCL X	
48 ARCL X		97 PROMPT	
49 PROMPT		98 RCL 00	
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99 /		150 1/X	
100 "ES/A="		151 Y↑X	
101 ARCL X		152 X↑2	
102 PROMPT		153 XEQ 02	
103 RTN		154 RCL 01	
104*LBL c	Display Coulomb	155 X↑2	
105 RCL 22	Energy	156 RCL 00	
106 "Ec="		157 3	
107 ARCL X		158 1/X	
108 PROMPT		159 Y↑X	
109 RCL 00		160 /	
110 /		161 XEQ 02	
111 "Ec/A="		162 RCL 01	
112 ARCL X		163 RCL 02	
113 PROMPT		164 -	
114 RTN		165 X↑2	
115*LBL d	Display Symmetry	166 RCL 00	
116 RCL 23	Energy	167 /	
117 "ESYM="		168 XEQ 02	
118 ARCL X		169 -1	
119 PROMPT		170 RCL 01	
120 RCL 00		171 Y↑X	
121 /		172 -1	
122 "ESYM/A="		173 RCL 02	
"		174 Y↑X	
123 ARCL X		175 +	
124 PROMPT		176 RCL 00	
125 RTN		177 .75	
126*LBL e	Display Pairing	178 Y↑X	
127 RCL 24	Energy	179 /	
128 "EP="		180 XEQ 02	
129 ARCL X		181 SF 01	
130 PROMPT		182 RTN	
131 RCL 00		183*LBL 02	
132 /		184 RCL IND	
133 "EP/A="		03	
134 ARCL X		185 *	
135 PROMPT		186 RCL 03	
136 RTN		187 9	
137*LBL 01	Calculation of	188 +	
138 8	all terms	189 STO 03	
139 STO 03		190 X<>Y	
140 RCL 00		191 STO IND	
141 XEQ 02		03	
142 RCL 01		192 8	
143 XEQ 02		193 ST- 03	
144 RCL 02		194 RTN	
145 XEQ 02		195*LBL 04	
146 RCL 00		196 0	
147 XEQ 02		197 STO 06	
148 RCL 00		198*LBL 05	
149 3		199 ISG 03	

Program Listings

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200 GTO 10		51	
201 GTO 06			
202+LBL 10			
203 RCL IND			
03			
204 ST+ 06			
205 GTO 05			
206+LBL 06			
207 RCL 06			
208 RTN		60	
209 .END.			
20		70	
30		80	
40		90	
50		00	

DATA REGISTERS				STATUS							
00	A	50		SIZE	025	TOT. REG.	89	USER MODE			
	Z			ENG		FIX	4	SCI	ON	OFF	X
	N			DEG		RAD		GRAD			
	indirect adress										
05		55		FLAGS							
	used			#	INIT S/C	SET INDICATES			CLEAR INDICATES		
				00		Used					
	-amu			01		Used					
	Mp										
10	Mn	60									
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	a ₂										
	a ₃										
	a ₄										
15	-a ₅	65									
	Z Mp										
	N Mn										
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	ES										
	Ec										
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