

³⁰Si

In the 1924 paper “Isotope effects in the band spectra of boron monoxide and silicon nitride” Mulliken reported the observation of ³⁰Si at the Jefferson Physical Laboratory of Harvard University ([1924Mu01](#)). Band spectra of silicon nitrate were measured. “In agreement with theory for the heavier isotopes Si²⁹N and Si³⁰N, these weak heads lag behind the corresponding Si²⁸N heads more and more with increasing distance toward the red from the central band. On the ultra-violet side of the central band, the isotope heads are concealed by the heavy shading of the Si²⁸N bands. Isotope 29 appears to be a little more abundant than isotope 30. There is no evidence of other isotopes in appreciable amounts.” Previously Aston had only indicated the possibility of a stable ³⁰Si isotope ([1920As02](#)).

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