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King and Elliott from Purdue University identified ³¹S in “Short-lived radioactivities of ¹⁴Si²⁷, ¹⁶S³¹, and ¹⁸A³⁵” in 1940 ([1940Ki12](#)). Magnesium targets were bombarded with 16 MeV α particles and the resulting activities were measured with a multiple Geiger counter circuit. “In an attempt to extend the well-known series of radioactive elements characterized by the formula $Z - N = 1$, the following new reactions have been observed:... Reaction: ${}_{14}\text{Si}^{28}(\alpha, n){}_{16}\text{S}^{31}$; Half-life: 3.18 s.”

Adapted from reference ([2012Th10](#))

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