

²⁰⁴Hg

In 1920, Aston reported the discovery of the stable isotope ²⁰⁴Hg in “The constitution of the elements” ([1920As01](#)). Aston used the Cavendish mass spectrograph to identify two isotopes of mercury: “Further examination of the multiply charged mercury clusters indicate the probability of a strong line at 202, a weak component at 204.” Aston published the actual spectra a few months later ([1920As04](#)).

Adapted from reference ([2011Me01](#))

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