## <u>Isotopes</u>

- Not all atoms of an element are exactly the same
- Some have different number of neutrons and are called ISOTOPES different mass
- Some isotopes have an unstable nucleus!!



6 protons

7 neutrons

6 protons

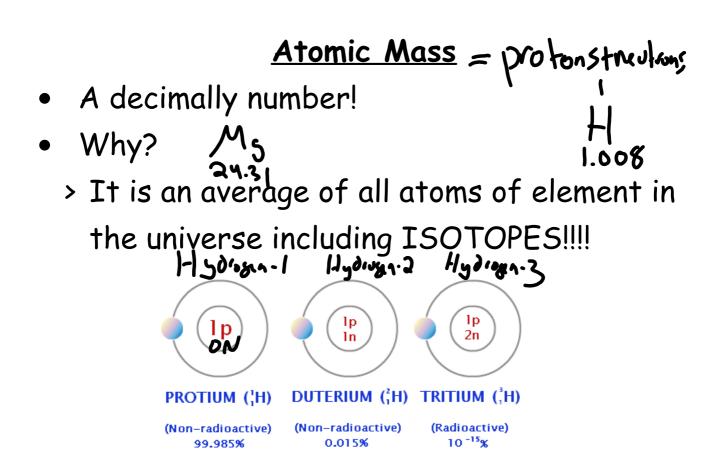
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Unstable Atom Carbon-14

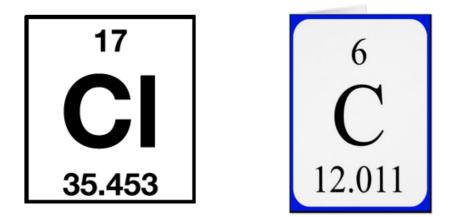


6 protons 8 neutrons





## Which has a higher abundance of isotopes?



How do you know???