

How many atoms of copper are in a pure copper penny that weighs 2.15 g?
(1 amu = $1.6605 \cdot 10^{-24}$ g).

Solution:

1 mole of substance include $6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ atoms (Avogadro's constant= $1/1.6605 \cdot 10^{-24}$ g). The weight of 1 mole Copper is 63.546 g. Consequently, 63.546 g of Copper include $6.02 \cdot 10^{23}$ atoms and 2.15 g of Copper include:

$$N = \frac{2.15 \cdot 6.02 \cdot 10^{23}}{63.546} = 2.04 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ atoms}$$

Answer: $N(\text{Cu}) = 2.04 \cdot 10^{22}$ atoms.