

Safety Moment: Potassium graphite



- reduced graphene layers, with intercalated K^+ ions
- higher surface area than solid K
- rapid reducing agent
- reduces naphthalene and biphenyl
- Rb, Cs analogues exist

- extremely pyrophoric!
- quenching can be hazardous

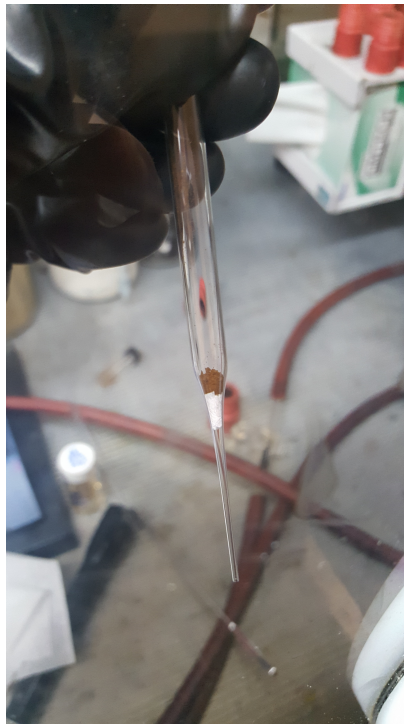


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Quenching à la Roesky

- flower pot loaded with dry sand
- pyrophoric solid buried in sand
- place water *outside* of flower pot
- wait one week, replenishing water
- safe, complete consumption!

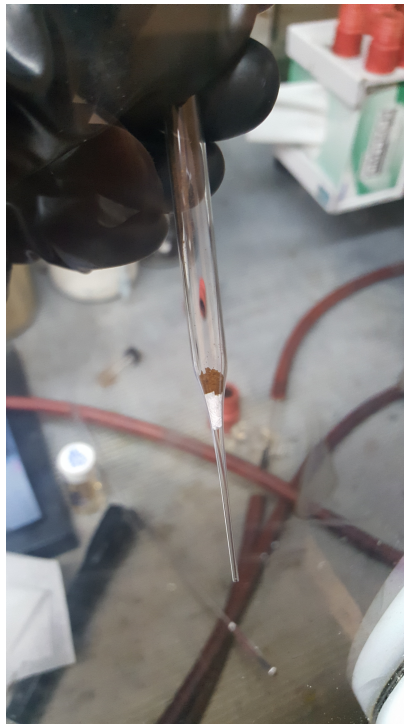


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