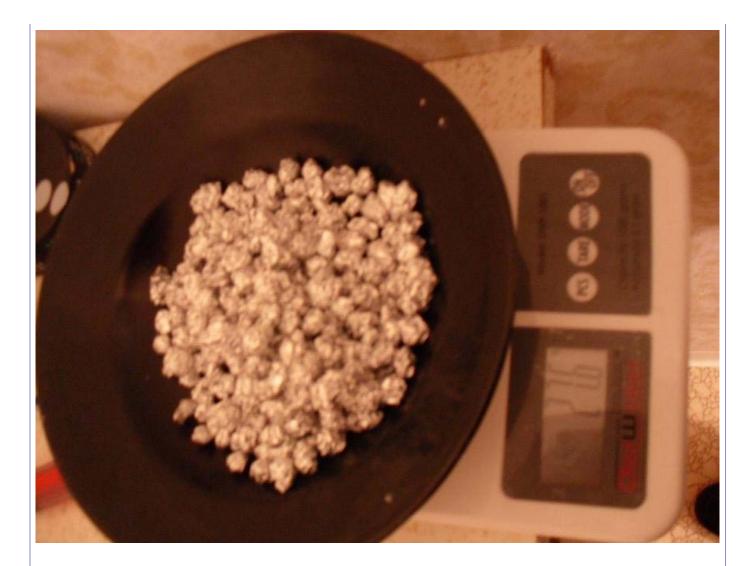




Here is an ounce of aluminum foil balls that we will use for this reaction, you can make it by grinding several grams of foil at a time in a coffee bean grinder....Manufacturing p2p can be rather boring at times, manually building up and inventory of foil balls is a good way to pass time IMO....The foil is added to a three neck flat bottom boiling flask of two liter capacity....Added 800mg of HgCl2 to 750ml of MeOH in beaker, this Hg salt was about half NaCl as swim forgot to wash residual brine from HgO sludge, so in reality, only about 400mg of HgCl2 was added to the MeOH.....



20g of p2p was added to container on scale followed by 20g of spectrophotometric grade nitromethane, and finally about 20ml of MeOH, all will mix easily... this was added to a 60ml sep funnel attached to an outer neck of the reaction vessel, the beaker containing the HgCl2 dissolved in MeOH is poured into the 2 liter reaction vessel onto the aluminum balls once the HgCl2 is all dissolved, middle neck was attached a 300mm liebing condenser with cold water flowing through, easily stir while you still can, about every minute or so until the solution turns very grey and aluminum is obviously tarnishing.....then stir continuous.....





Almost ready-



Once ready the MeNO2/P2P/MeOH mixture is started dripping into the amalgam, a drop per second or so, the addition is supposed to take 45min, after 5-10 minutes of reaction time the aluminum balls swell, and float, it will not stir....The space below the sludge layer will stir though, if the stirbar starts struggling add MeOH through top of condenser until stirring is back....





About the peak of the reaction, vigorous boiling of the MeOH but not enough boiling to form a head....





About 15min after all the p2p mixture has been added the remaining aluminum layer will break down and the entire solution will stir normally again....It looks like this-



Swim let this go for an additional hour with stirring, it cooled down quite a bit....Swim then added 265g NaOH dissolved in 700ml of water with stirring, the solution heated up enough to give a short puny boil, or maybe it was hydrogen and/or methylamine.....The entire mixture turns black, remaining Al flakes float on top....



The mixture was left alone to stir untill the naoh took care of the aluminum for the most part, the mixture was added to a sep funnrl and extracted with PhMe; 500:250:100-.....At this point you'll learn what methylamine freebase smells like if you don't already....

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PhMe extracts were clean/white, extracts washed 2X 600ml saturated bicarb, once with 600ml brine(salt saturated water, put as much salt in water as possible), and once with 600ml DH2O in same sep funnel...

Toluene extracts were put into a 2L flask on heating mantle with stirring, setup for simple distillation, apply vacuum collect all

azeotrope from 55*C to BP of pure toluene under full aspirator pressure ca.74....Approx....Wasted little time setting this up, done in an hour....

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Toluene was cooled in freezer in sealed container, set up for gassing, gassed and filtered on buchner with suction twice...Freebase supply obviously spent-

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Lot of the crystals go though the filter paper here, could only get maybe half of them till swim gets a more quantitative filter paper in the mail.....So final yield is still to be determined.....Sorry...

Filter cakes very difficult to dry with suction, eventually slowly dried in oven 120*C....House filled up with smokey fog, crystals where not burning, seems they hold on to excess acid or something, paste smokes apparently as it dehydrates....Not totally sure at this point, dried to~7g, not counting un-filterables....The obtained product was compressed and seen if one can at least get something that is not soft/fluffy, compacted product is a little more authentic looking/shiney and is easier to slice up, still somewhat flakey and soft feel though....

Injection of 200mg swims bells today rang harder than they had ever, in a different, more paralyzing high, strong body effects IMO....Very shaky later on....Absolute success in other words.....Here is some of the finished product.....About 3.5g.... [center]



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