

Supporting Information

Facile Fabrication of Superhydrophobic Copper-foam and Electrospinning Polystyrene Fiber for Combinational Oil–Water Separation

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Video 1: Superhydrophobicity of Cu foams modified by EE, DE, HDE and ODE.

Video 2: Determination of the WSA with a sliding angle of 0° .

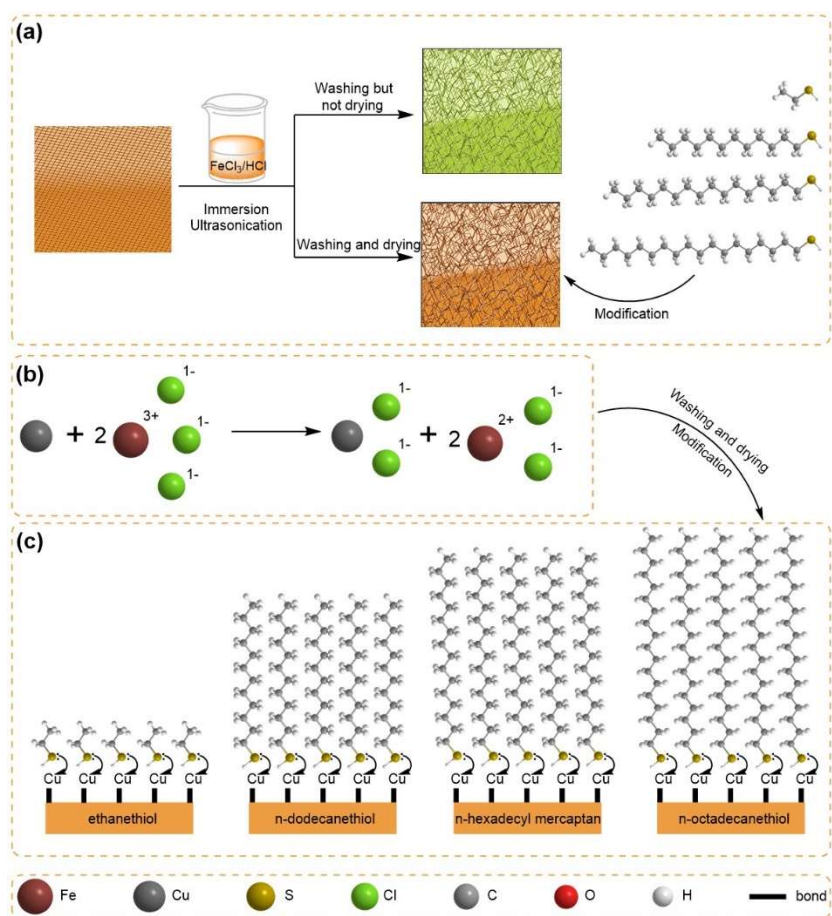
Video 3: Determination of the WSA with a sliding angle of 5° .

Video 4: Determination of the WSA with a sliding angle of 10° .

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Supplementary files



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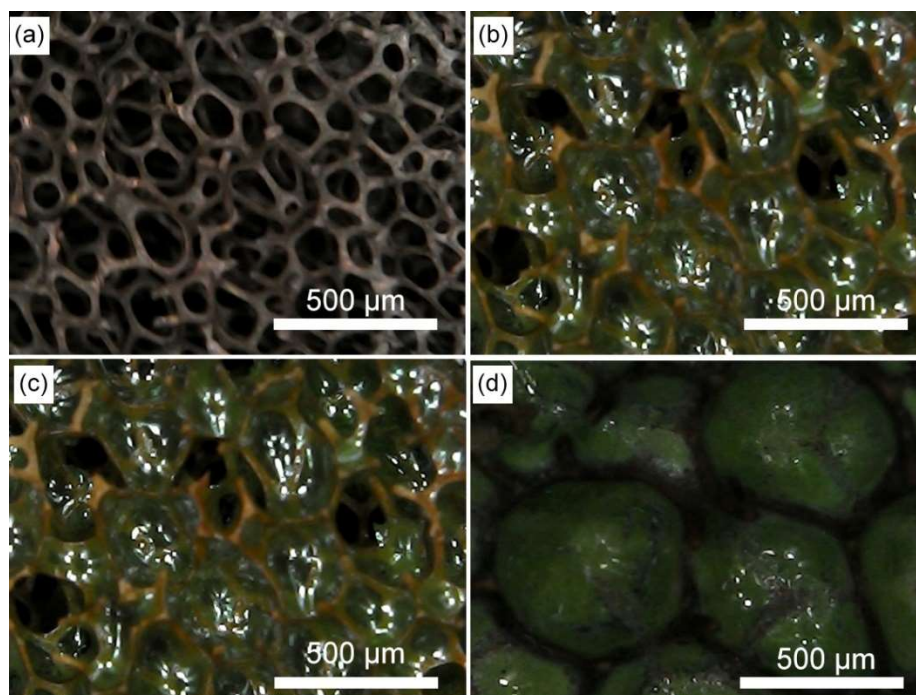


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Table S1. The absorption capacity of gasoline engine oil using different concentration of FeCl₃.

C (mg /mL)	2.5	5	10	20	40
m ₁ (mg)	57.2	47.1	31.9	5.6	0
m ₂ (mg)	275.9	227.5	201.8	/	/
A _c	3.8	3.8	5.3	/	/

The absorption capacity is calculated according to $A_c = (m_2 / m_1) \times 100\%$, where m₁ and m₂ were the Cu foam mass before and after absorbing the oil, respectively.

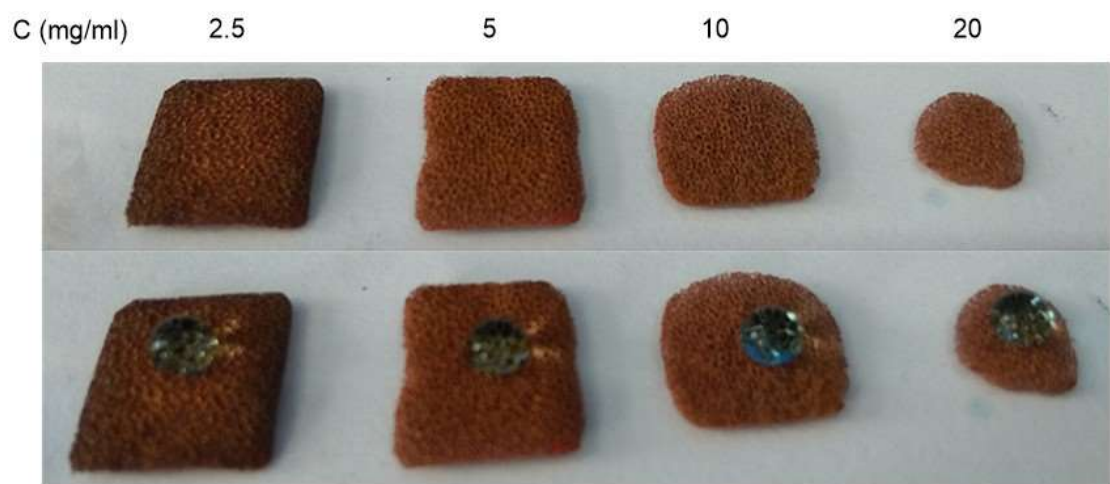


Figure S2. The Optimization of FeCl_3 concentration in the chemical etching process.

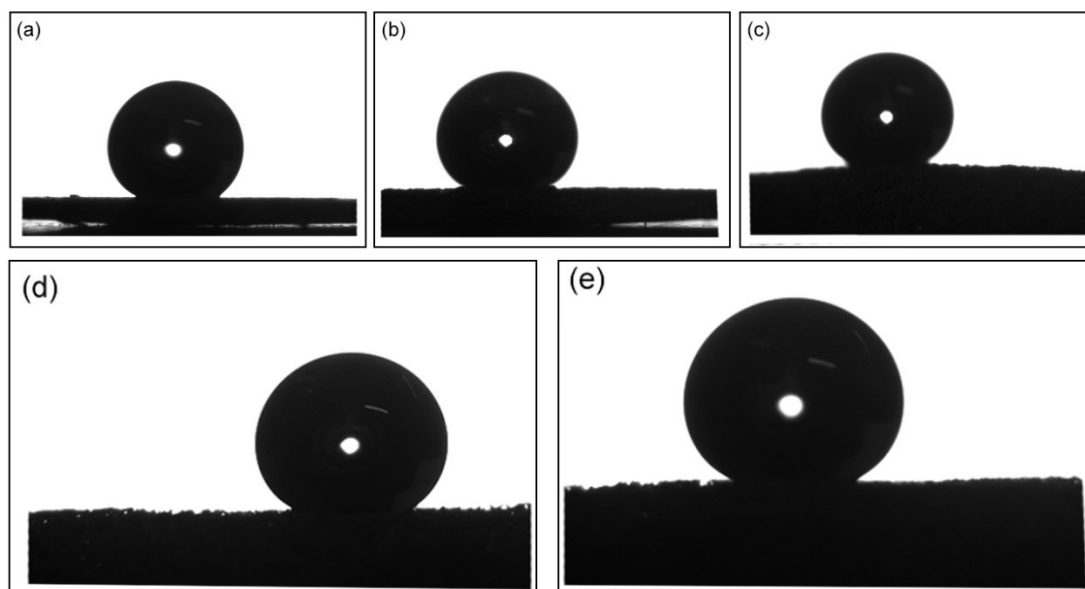
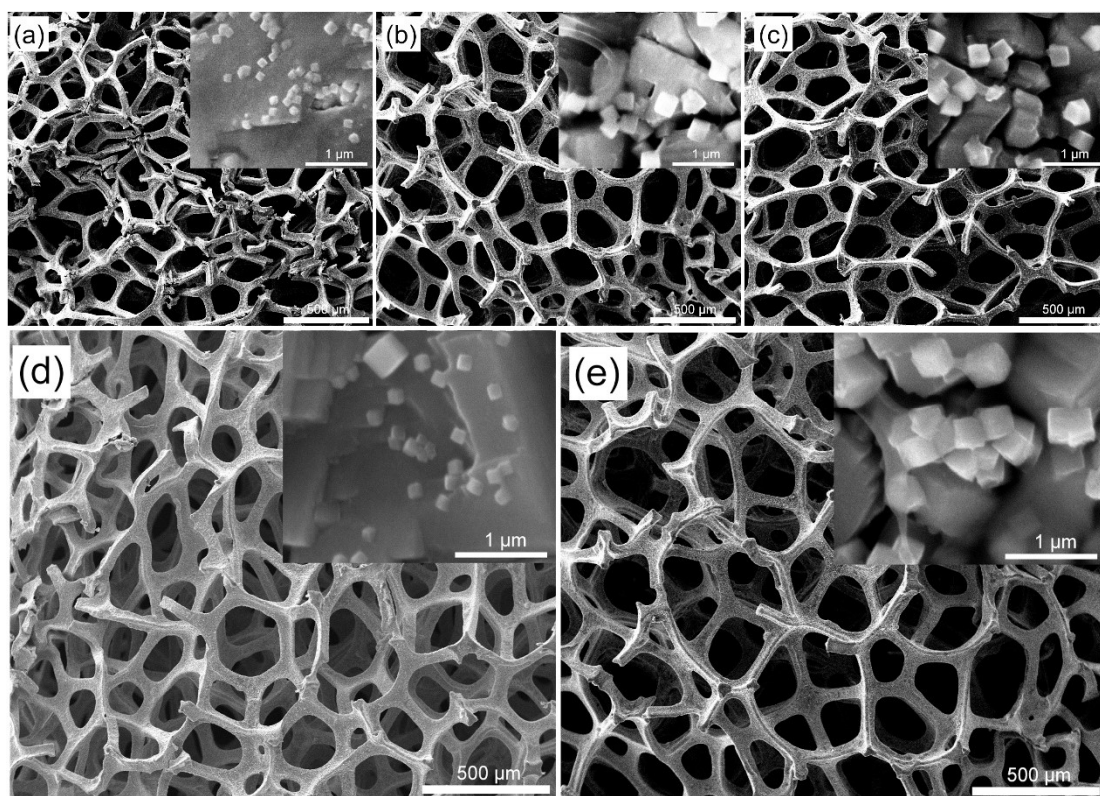


Figure S3. SEM characterization of copper foams after modification by 1 mM ODE ethanol solution with a different time of 5,10,15,20 and 25 min.

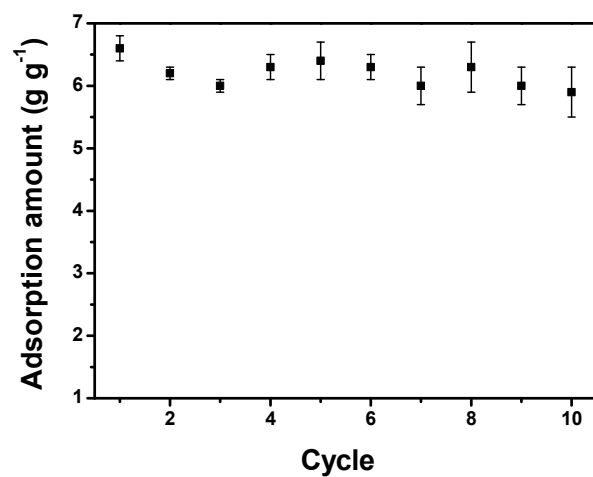


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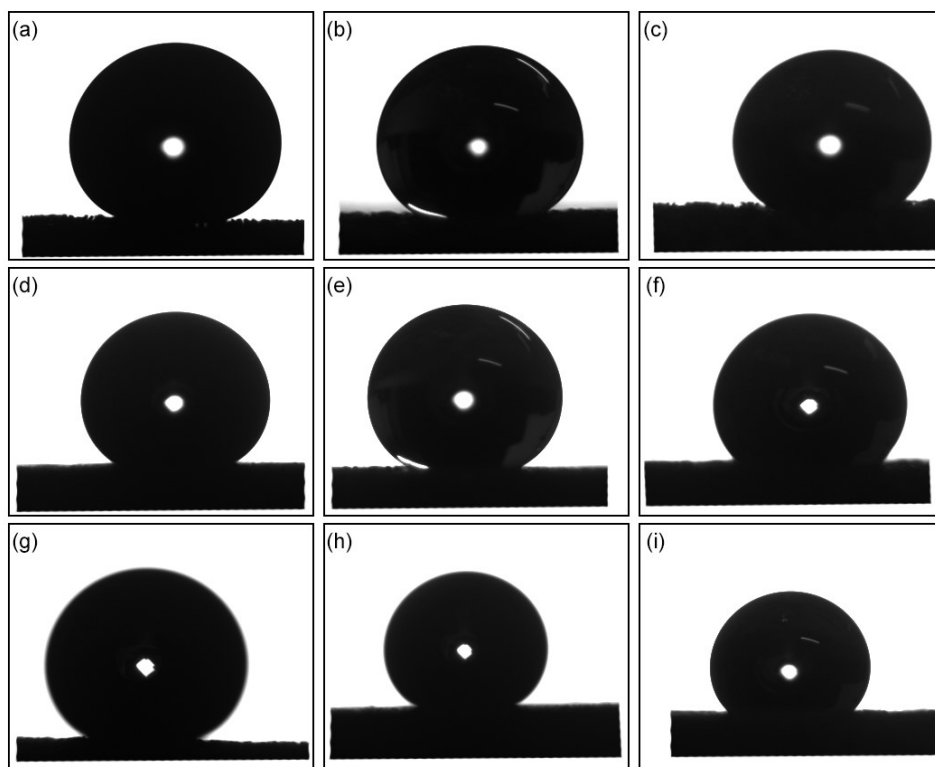
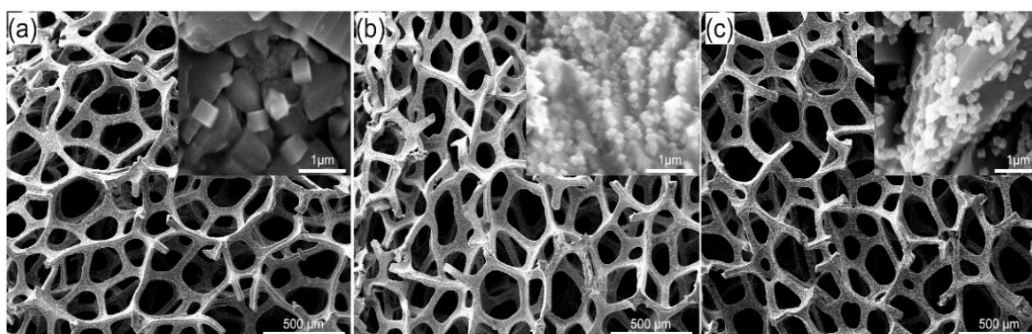


Figure S5. Upper : SEM characterization of foam copper after modification of ODE immersed about 12h in some rigid conditions. (a)-(c) stand for the condition of pH=1, pH=13 and 3.5% NaCl, respectively. Below: The changes of WCAs in different rigid conditions, (a)-(c) stand for the WCAs after the porous Cu is immersed about 5 min, 10 min and 12h, respectively, in a solution with a pH of 1. (d) - (f) stand for the WCAs after the porous Cu is immersed about 5 min, 10 min and 12h, respectively, in a solution with a pH of 13. (g) - (i) stand for the WCAs after the porous Cu is immersed about 5 min, 10 min and 12h, respectively, in a solution with a 3.5% NaCl.