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## Hydrothermal formation of graphene aerogel for oil sorption: the role of reducing agent, reaction time and temperature

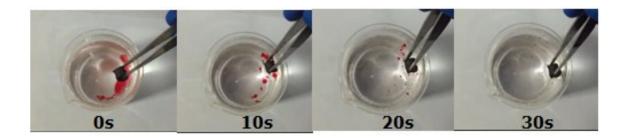
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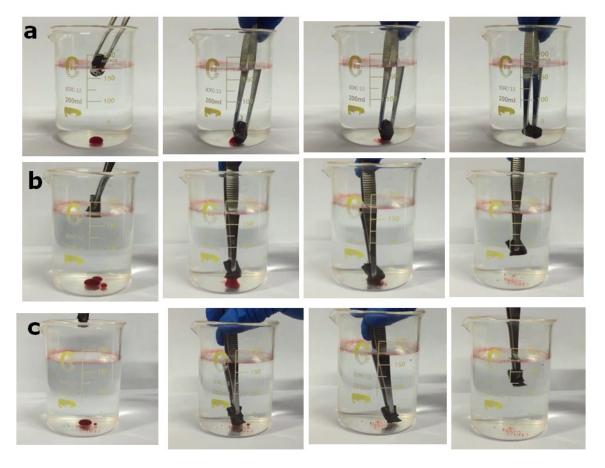
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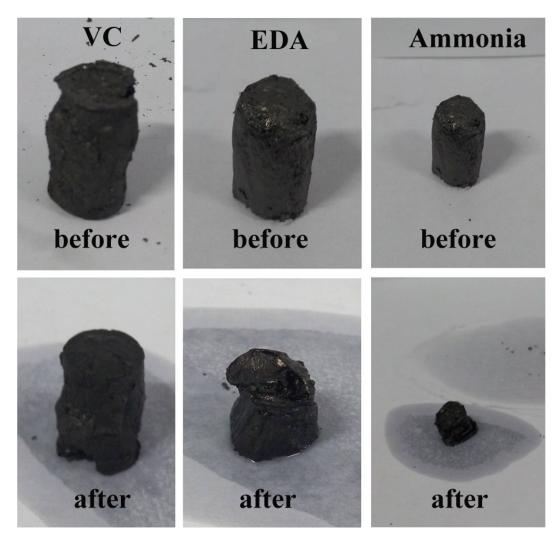
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**Fig. S1** The oil-water separation process of toluene (stained with Sudan red) from water by the GA reduced with VC.



**Fig. S2** The process of the oil-water separation test under the water over the GAs reduced by (a) VC, (b) EDA and (c) ammonia with the chloroform stained by Sudan red.



**Fig. S3** Photographs of three kinds of GAs before and after the adsorption-squeezing experiments.

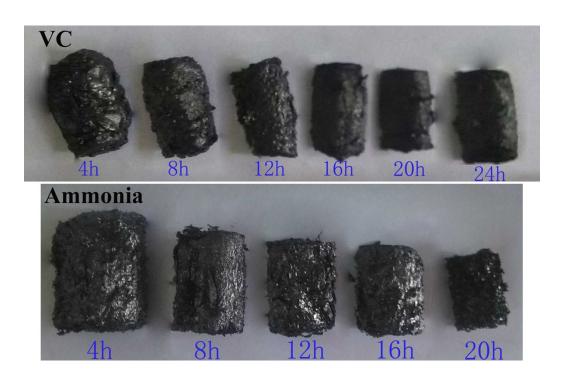
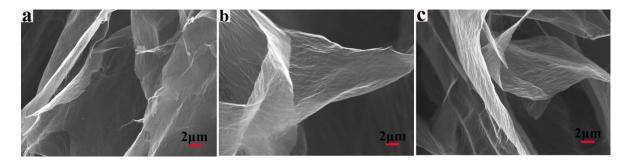
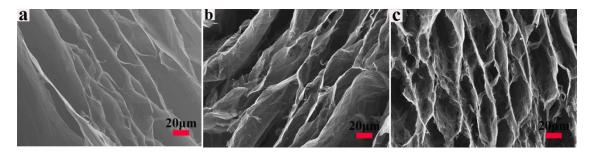


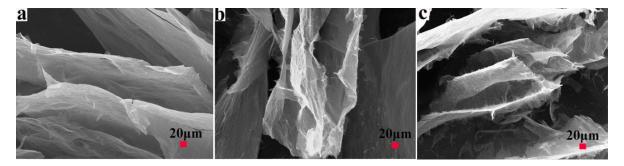
Fig. S4 Photographs of the GAs prepared with vc (up) and ammonia (down) for different reaction times.



**Fig. S5** SEM images of GAs reduced with EDA for (a) 6 h, (b) 12 h and (c) 24 h at  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$ 



**Fig. S6** SEM images of the GAs reduced for 6 h with ammonia at the temperatures of (a) 120 °C, (b) 150 °C and (c) 180 °C.



**Fig. S7** SEM of GAs reduced with EDA at the temperatures of 90 °C, 120 °C and 180 °C

 Table S1 The elemental composition of GAs prepared by various reducing agents.

	N (wt. %)	C (wt.%)	S (wt%)
VC	0.52	64.72	0.05
EDA	8.79	65.47	0.03
ammonia	8.48	64.47	0.09

Table S2 The density and viscosity of the involved solvents in this work

	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Viscosity (m • pas)
lube	0.89	9.9
n-hexane	0.66	0.307
water	1	0.89
chloroform	1.5	0.325
toluene	0.866	0.5866