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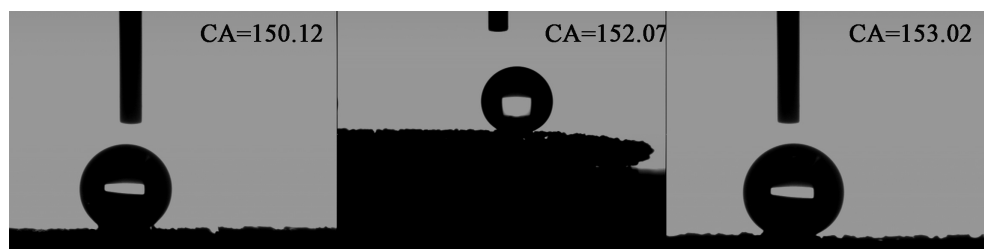
### **Candle Soot Coated Nickel Foam for Facile Water and Oil Mixture Separation**

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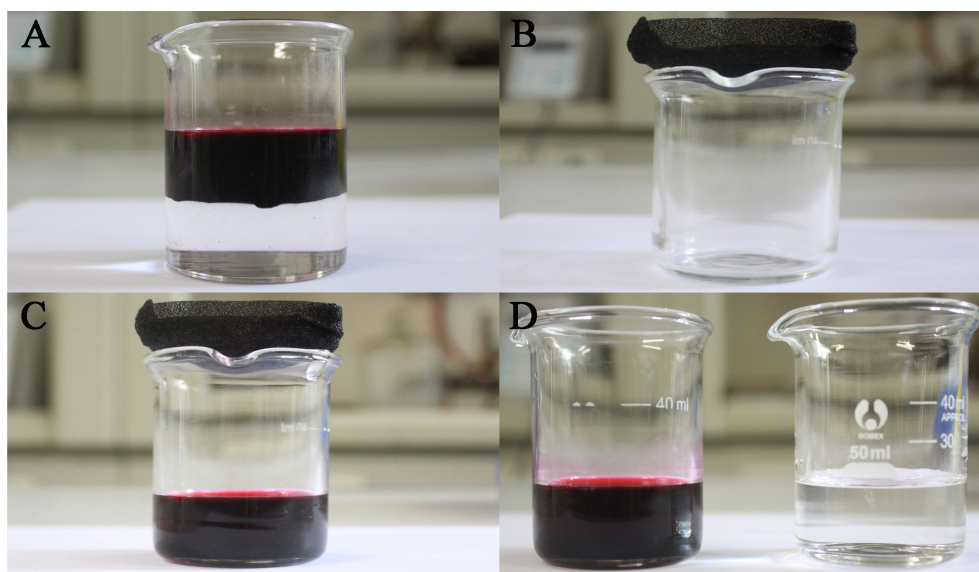
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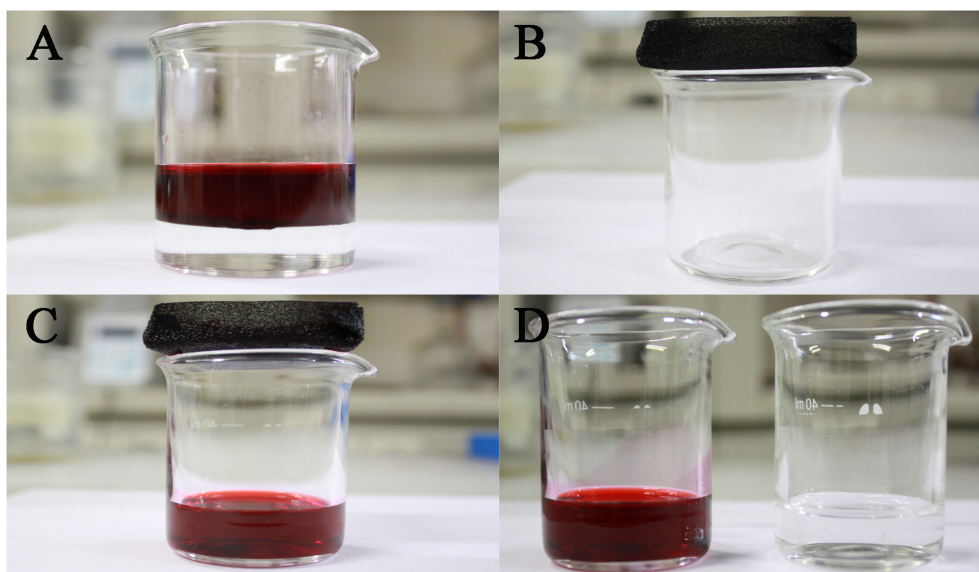
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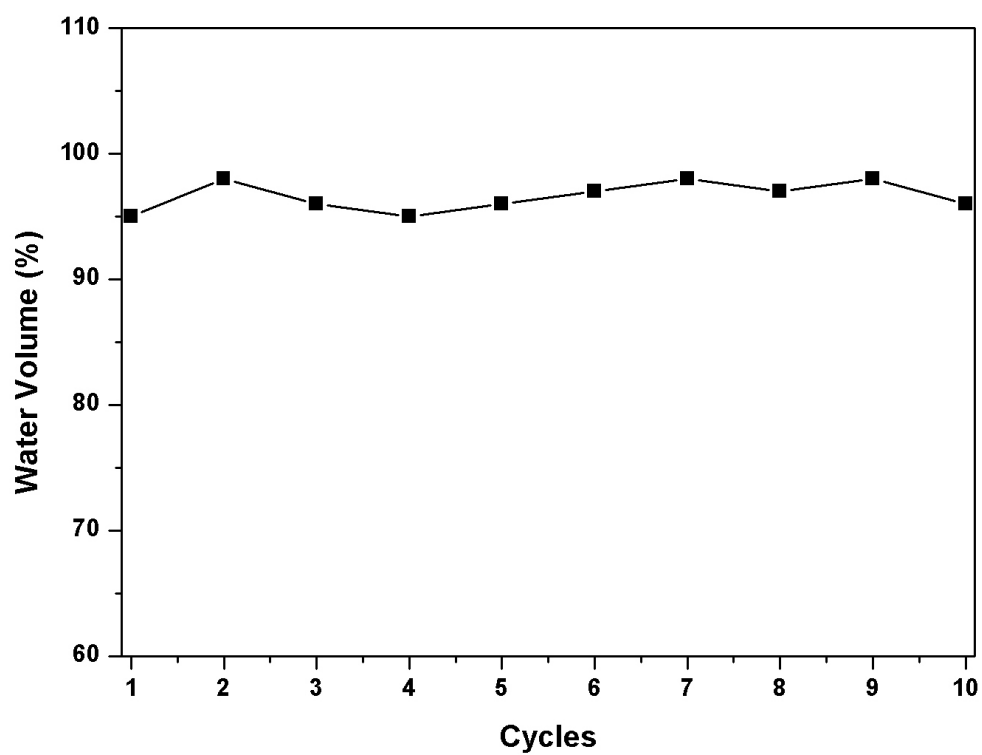
**Fig. S1** Optical images of a water droplet on the surface of the as-prepared superhydrophobic and superoleophilic nickel foam on different samples prepared with the same conditions.



**Fig. S2** Experiment process images of the water purification using superhydrophobic and superoleophilic nickel foam: (A) Oil Red O benzene solution and water before separation; (B) Simple instrument fabricated by ourselves; (C) Only the Oil Red O benzene solution stay in beaker after passing through the nickel foam box; (D) Oil Red O benzene solution and water in two separate beakers.



**Fig. S3** Experiment process images of the NaCl solution purification using superhydrophobic and superoleophilic nickel foam: (A) Oil Red O hexane solution and NaCl solution (3.5 wt%) before separation; (B) Simple instrument fabricated by ourselves; (C) Only the Oil Red O hexane solution stay in beaker after passing through the nickel foam box; (D) Oil Red O hexane solution and NaCl solution (3.5 wt%) in two separate beakers.



**Fig. S4** Recycled experiments for separating hexane from water by using the as-prepared device.