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## Smart Electrochromic Supercapacitors Based on Highly Stable Transparent Conductive Graphene/CuS Network Electrodes

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Fig. S1 Photographs of G-GuS samples with a size of about  $4 \times 4$  cm<sup>2</sup> in forms of (a) plane and (b) bend.



**Fig. S2** Optical microscope images (inset photographs took by a cell phone) of PANI electrodeposited on (a) CuS and (b) G-CuS.



Fig. S3 Parameters for a metal grid film: *L* is the center-to-center spacing, and *w* is the width of grid line. The theoretical transmittance (T%) of the metal grid film can be calculated on the basis of the design shown in Fig. S3<sup>1</sup>:

$$T\% = \frac{A_{\text{empty}}}{A_{\text{total}}} \times 100\% = \frac{(L-w)^2}{L^2} \times 100\%$$
(1)

where  $A_{empty}$  refers to the empty area covered without grid lines, and  $A_{total}$  is the total area, and L is the center-to-center spacing, and w is the grid line width.



**Fig. S4** (a) An optical microscope image of Ag network after electrodeposition for 22 s under a galvanostatic current density of 0.1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution containing 0.2 M aniline. Electrolysis took place in Ag fibers, and the SEM image (inset) clearly revealed that an Ag fiber was oxidized to break. (b) An optical microscope image of G-Cu after electrodeposition for 980 s. The Cu grids were broken because of electrolysis as shown by inset SEM images.



Fig. S5 Galvanostatic charge-discharge cyclic curves of G-CuS/PANI in the potential range of 0 to 0.6 V under a current density of 0.045 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 200 cycles.



Fig. S6 (a) IR drops in galvanostatic charge-dischare curves at the different current densities.(b) IR drop of G-CuS/PANI as a function of the current density.

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