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Supplemental Materials

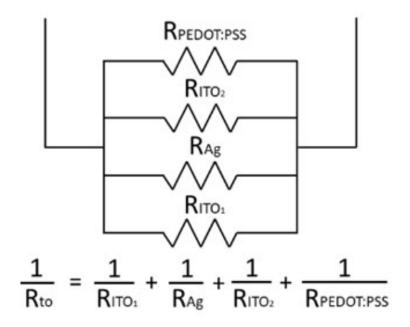
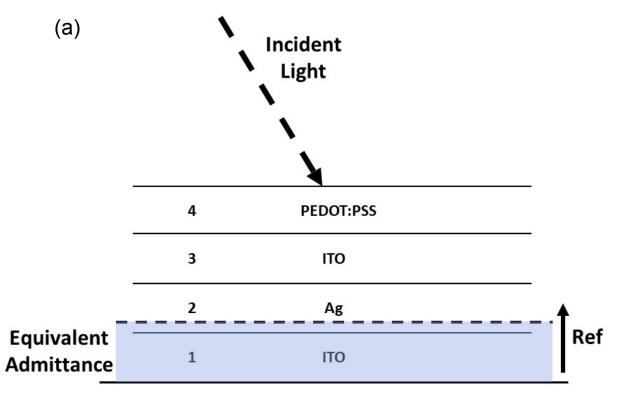


Fig. S1 Equivalent circuit of the PEDOT:PSS-ITO-Ag-ITO assembly for the overall conductance calculation. Each layer of the thin film acts as a resistor and then is connected in parallel to form the total resistance. The measured sheet resistance of 20 nm ITO, 9.45 nm Ag, 24 nm ITO and 30.5 nm PEDOT:PSS was 305.2 Ω /sq, 10.28 Ω /sq, 254.2 Ω /sq, and >1000 Ω /sq (beyond the range of four-point probe), respectively.



Substrate

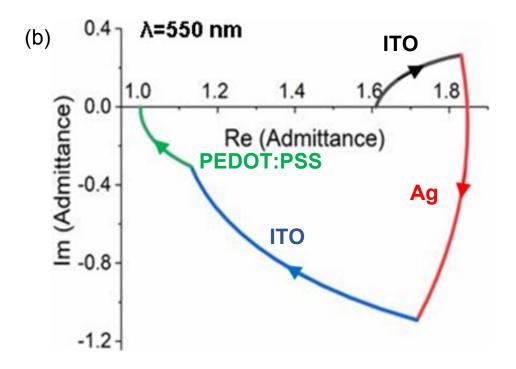


Fig. S2. **a** Equivalent admittance (blue shade) of the multilayer PEDOT:PSS-ITO-Ag-ITO thin film coatings. Treating as a virtual reference plane from the substrate. **b** Admittance loci with an example of PEDOT:PSS (30.5 nm)-ITO (24 nm)-Ag (9.45 nm)-ITO (20 nm) assembly for achieving the highest transmittance at the preferred 550 nm wavelength.

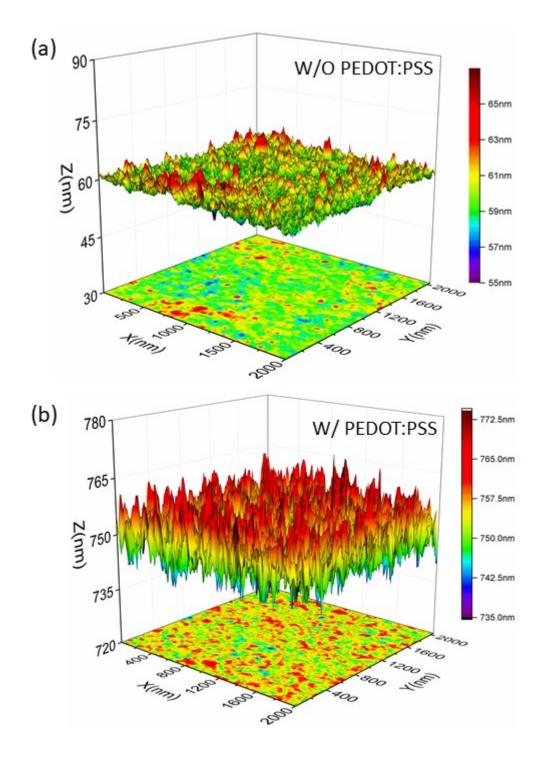


Fig. S3. Surface roughness changes **a** before and **b** after spin-coating PEDOT:PSS layer by Atomic force microscopy (AFM). The average roughness (R_a) and peak-to-peak mean roughness depth (R_t) without the PEDOT:PSS film is 0.85 nm and 12.02 nm, while R_a and R_t . with the PEDOT:PSS film is 3.33 nm and 39.15 nm.

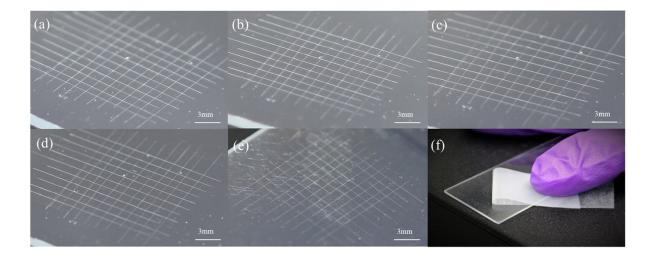


Fig. S4. Peel-off test photos of 100 $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$ blade-scratched squares with **a** no peel-off, **b** one peel-off tests, **c** 10 peel-off tests **d** 50 peel-off tests **e** Parylene C delamination after 50-time peel-off tests **f** the peeling-off method.

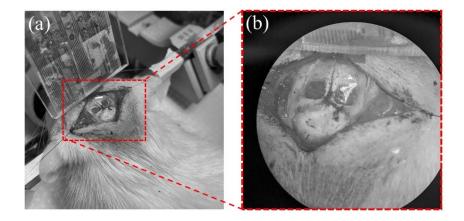


Fig. S5. a Image of a transparent μ ECoG array placed on the brain tissue of the rat during the in vivo animal experiments. b Zoom-in microscope image shows the exposed brain tissue with the array attached.

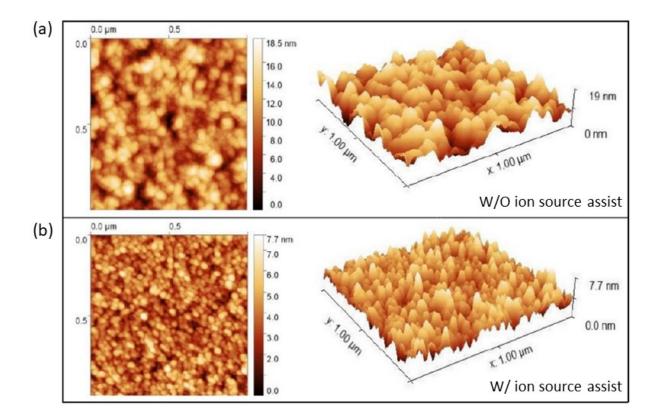


Fig. S6. Surface morphology of sputtered ITO **a** without and **b** with ion source assist, measured by atomic force microscopy (AFM). The ion source assisted ITO sputtering enables smoother and denser ITO thin films.

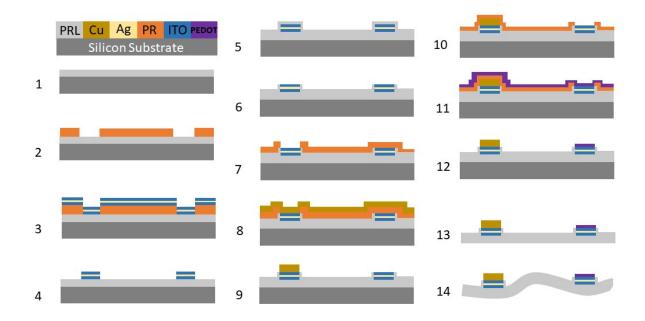


Fig. S7 μ ECoG array fabrication steps: 1 Deposit Parylene C. 2 Pattern the photoresist. 3 Deposit ITO-Ag-ITO thin films. 4 Wash off photoresist and pattern the ITO-Ag-ITO layer. 5 Deposit the second Parylene C layer. 6 Etch Parylene C selectively to exposure the electrode sits and contacts. 7 Pattern another layer of photoresist. 8 Deposit Cu. 9 Wash off photoresist and pattern Cu over the contact areas. 10 Pattern another layer of photoresist. 11 Deposit PEDOT:PSS. 12 Washing off photoresist to obtain the PEDOT:PSS patterns on the electrode sites. 13 Release the μ ECoG array from silicon substrate. 14 Flexibility of the released μ ECoG array.