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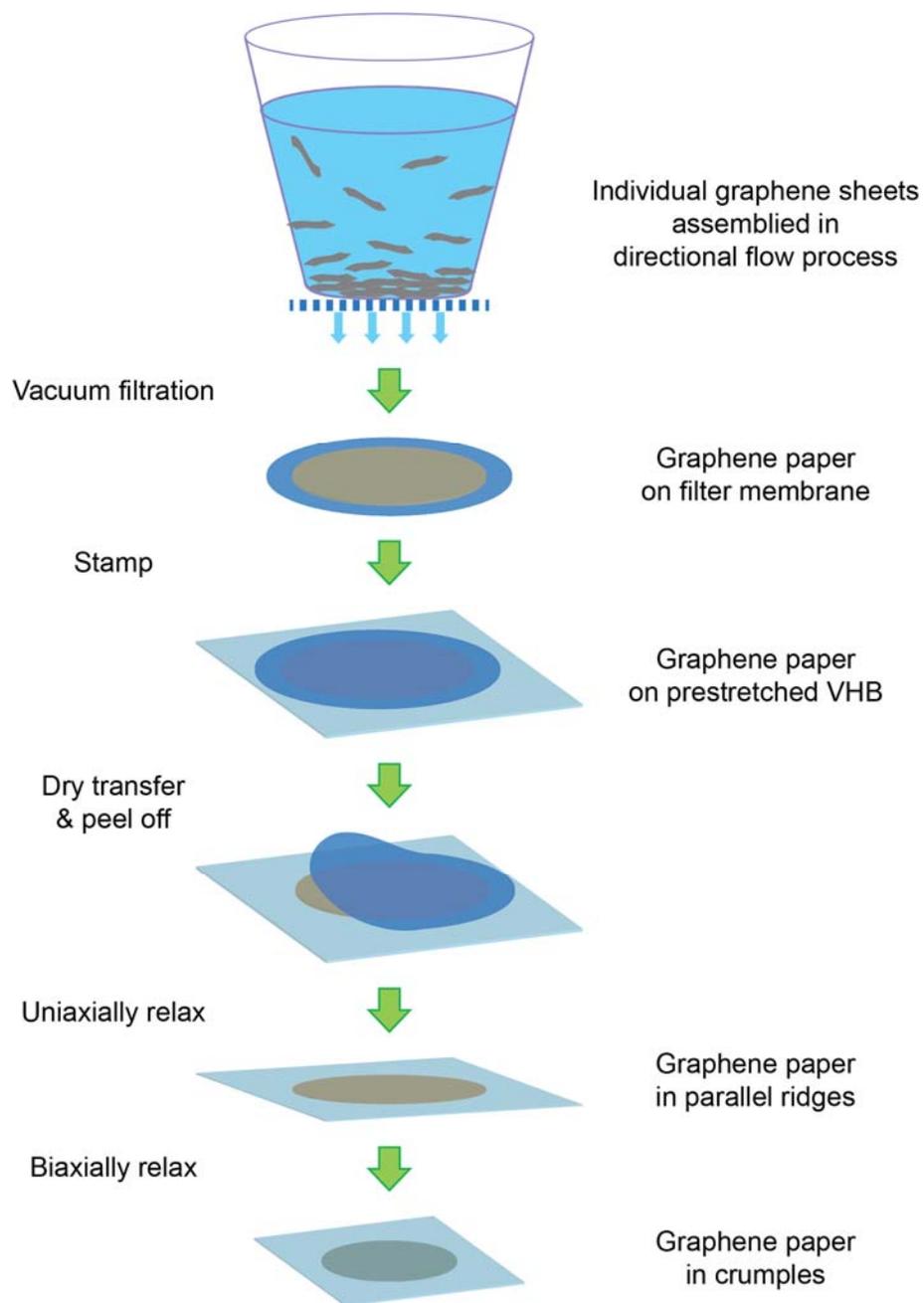
**Stretchable and High-Performance Supercapacitors with Crumpled Graphene Papers**

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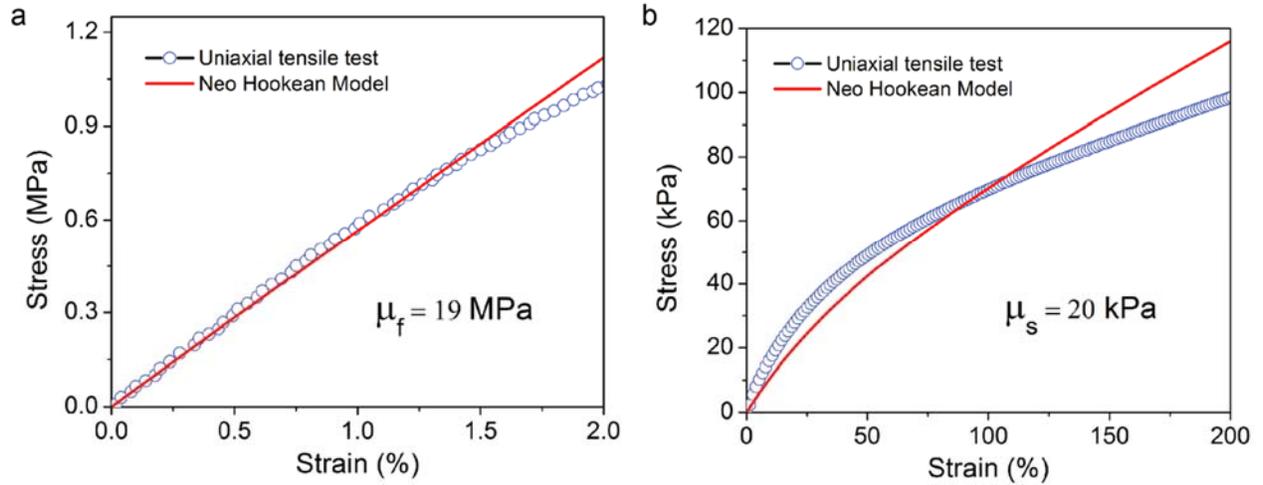
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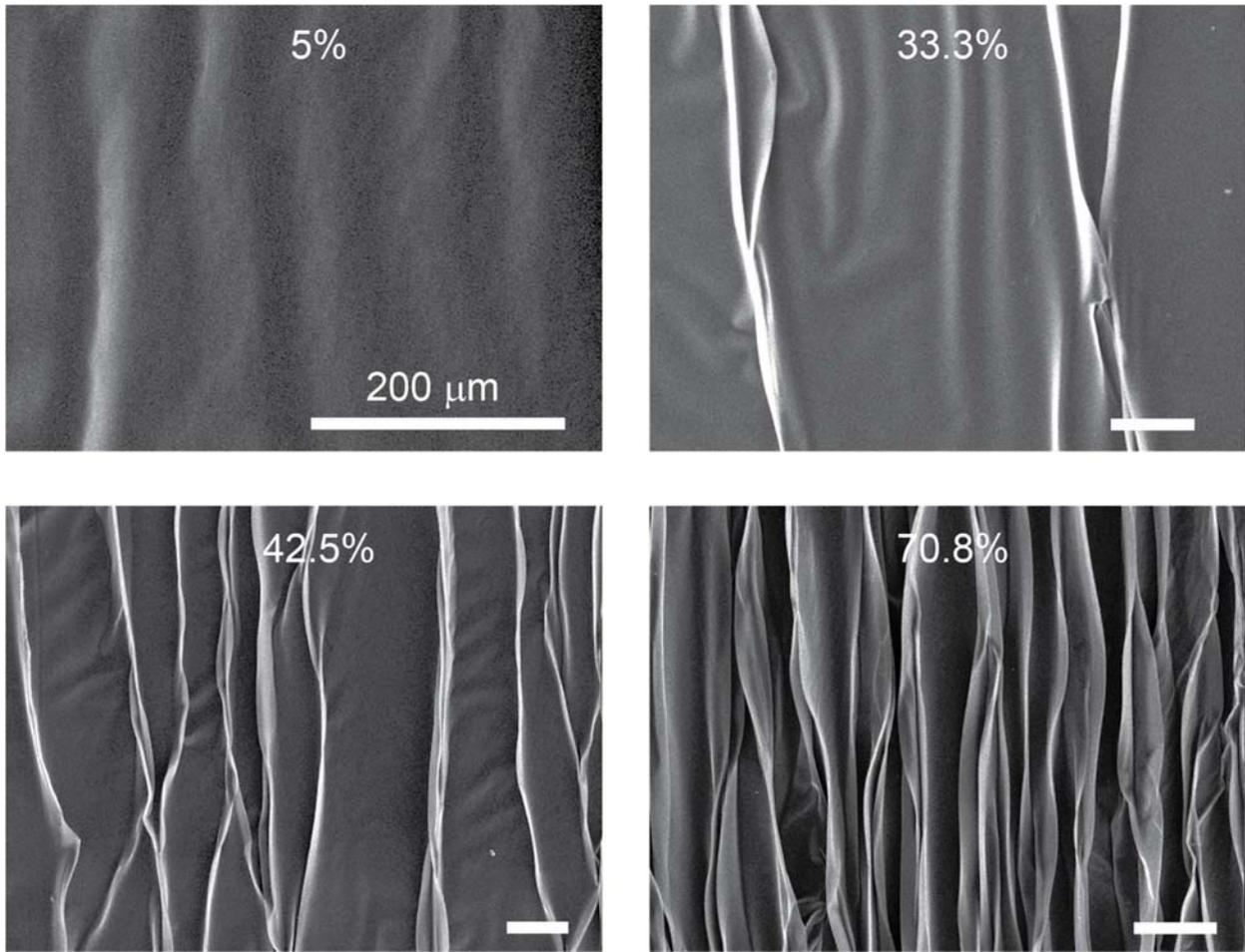
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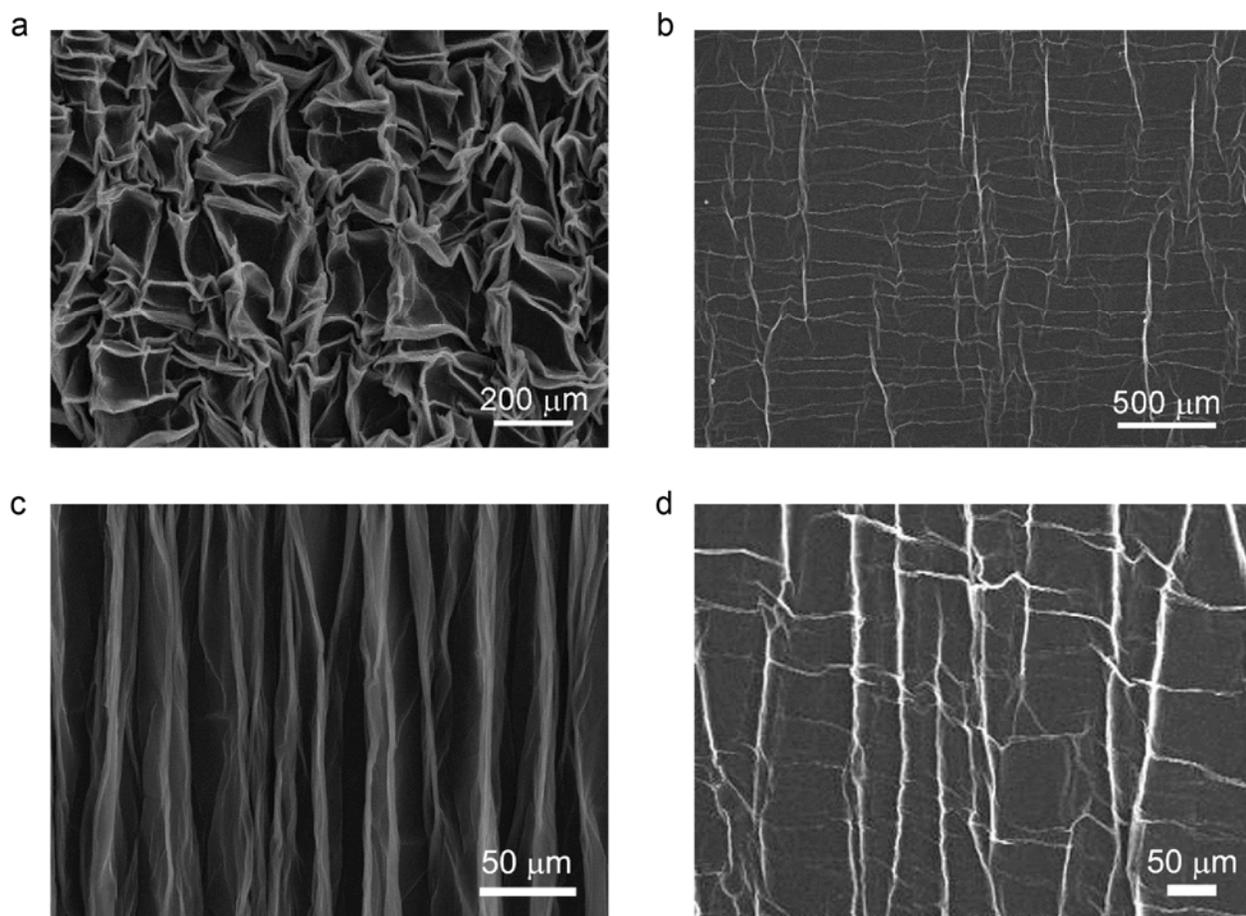
**Fig. S1.** Schematic illustration of the fabrication process of the crumpled graphene paper.



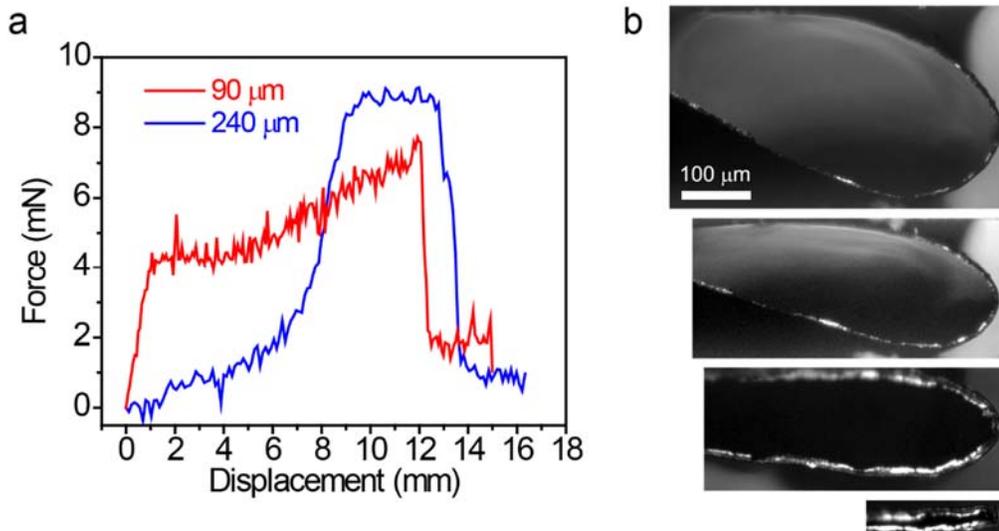
**Fig. S2.** Uniaxial tensile test of the graphene paper and VHB elastomer film. **(a)** Nominal stress vs. strain curve of the graphene paper under uniaxial tension. When the strain is less than 2%, graphene paper follows the neo-Hookean model with initial shear modulus  $\mu_f = 19 \text{ MPa}$ . The thickness of the graphene paper is  $\sim 90 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  measured at hydrated state. **(b)** Nominal stress vs. strain curve of the VHB elastomer film under uniaxial tension. When the strain is less than 200%, the elastomer film approximates the neo-Hooke model with initial shear modulus  $\mu_s = 20 \text{ kPa}$ .



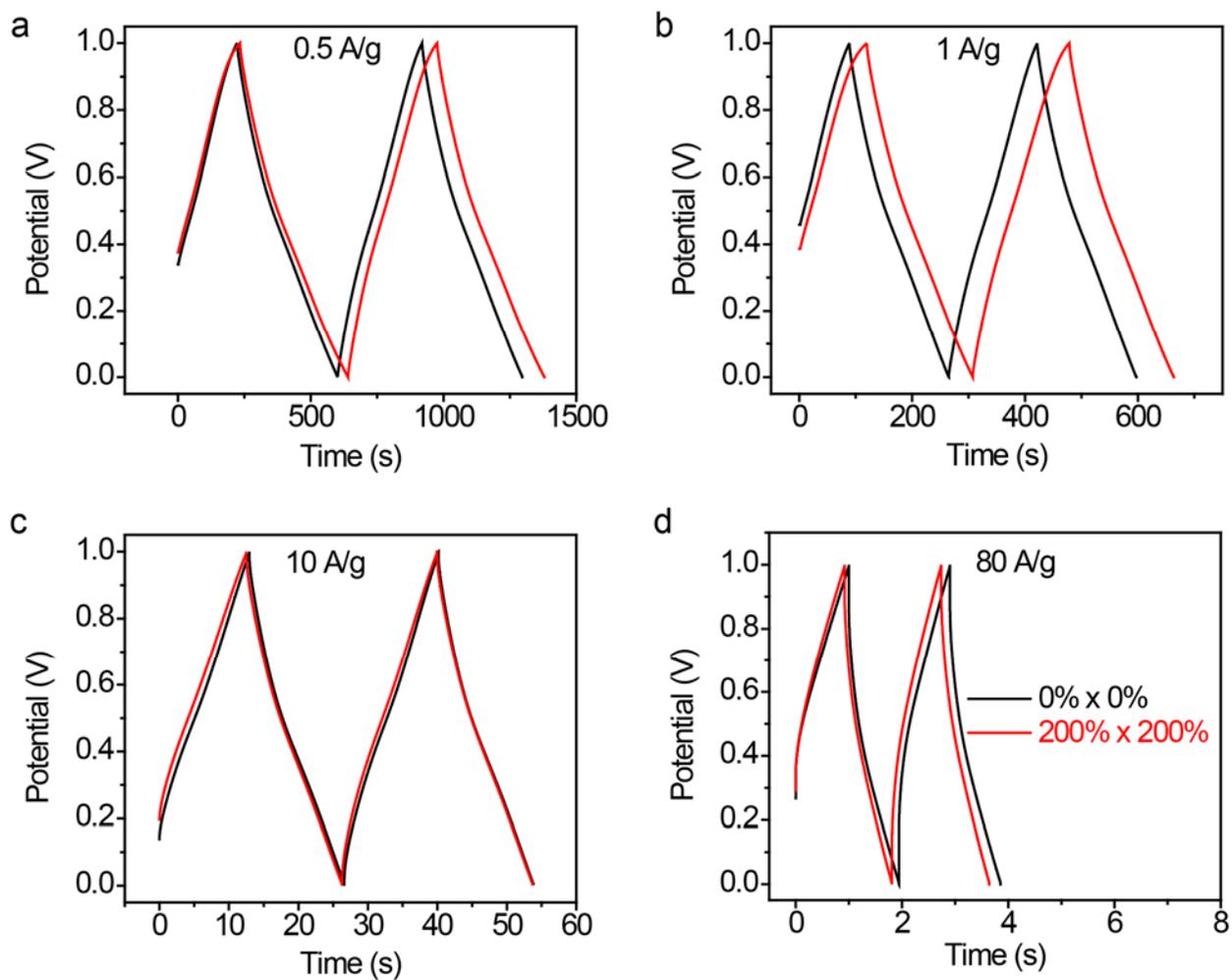
**Fig. S3.** Evolution of the instability patterns in a graphene paper ( $H_f = 2 \mu\text{m}$ ) on a uniaxially prestretched elastomeric film ( $\varepsilon_{pre1} = 250\%$ ,  $\varepsilon_{pre2} = 0\%$ ) relaxed uniaxially. The nominal compressive strains in the graphene paper are respectively 5%, 33.3%, 42.5%, and 70.8%. The graphene paper first forms wrinkles, which then evolve into localized ridges.



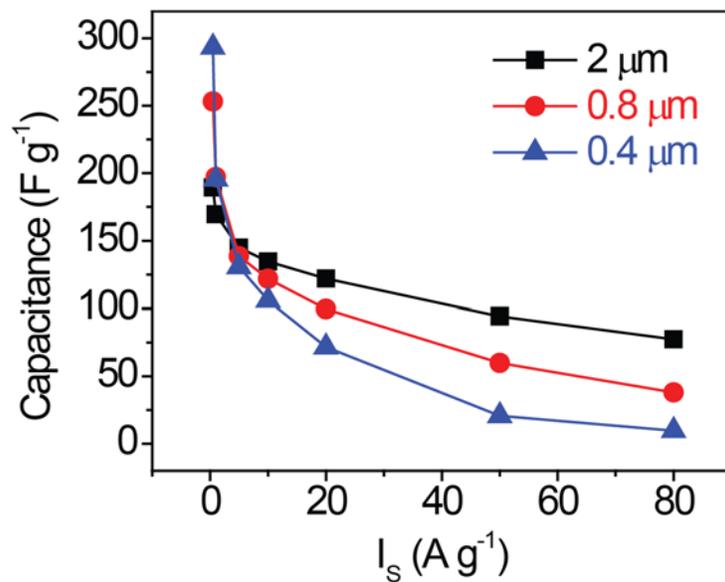
**Fig. S4.** SEM images of folding and unfolding processes of the crumpled graphene papers. **(a)** Folding of graphene paper on an elastomer film with biaxial pre-strains of  $200\% \times 200\%$ . **(b)** Unfolding of the folded graphene paper in **(a)** by stretching the elastomer film to biaxial strain of  $150\% \times 150\%$ . **(c)** Folding of graphene paper on an elastomer film with uniaxial pre-strains of  $400\%$ . **(d)** Unfolding of the folded graphene paper in **(c)** by stretching the elastomer film to uniaxial strain of  $300\%$ . The thickness of the graphene paper is  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$  measured at dehydrated state.



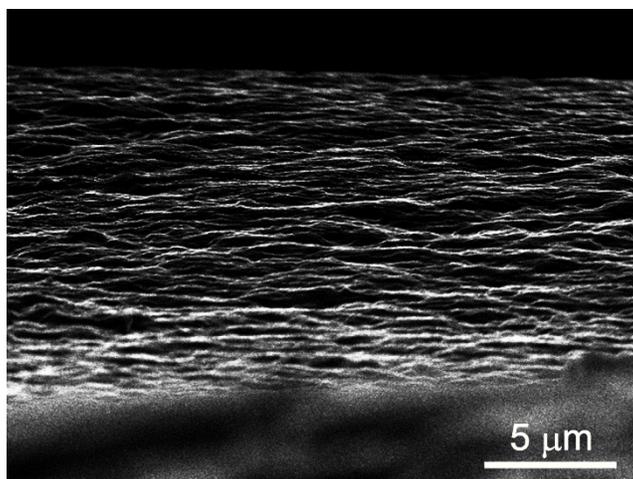
**Fig. S5.** Trousseau and bending testing of graphene paper films. (a) Trousseau test curves for two graphene paper hydrogel films with the thickness of 90 and 240  $\mu\text{m}$ . According to the equation  $G_c = 2F / h$ , where  $G_c$ ,  $F$ , and  $h$  are fracture energy, force, and thickness, the fracture energy derived from (a) are 119  $\text{J m}^{-2}$  for the 90  $\mu\text{m}$  sample and 73  $\text{J m}^{-2}$  for the 240  $\mu\text{m}$  sample. The thicknesses of these two graphene paper films correspond to 2  $\mu\text{m}$  and 5  $\mu\text{m}$  respectively in the dried state after dehydration. (b) Optical images of a process for bending a graphene paper hydrogel film. The graphene paper maintains its integrity when it is fully folded.



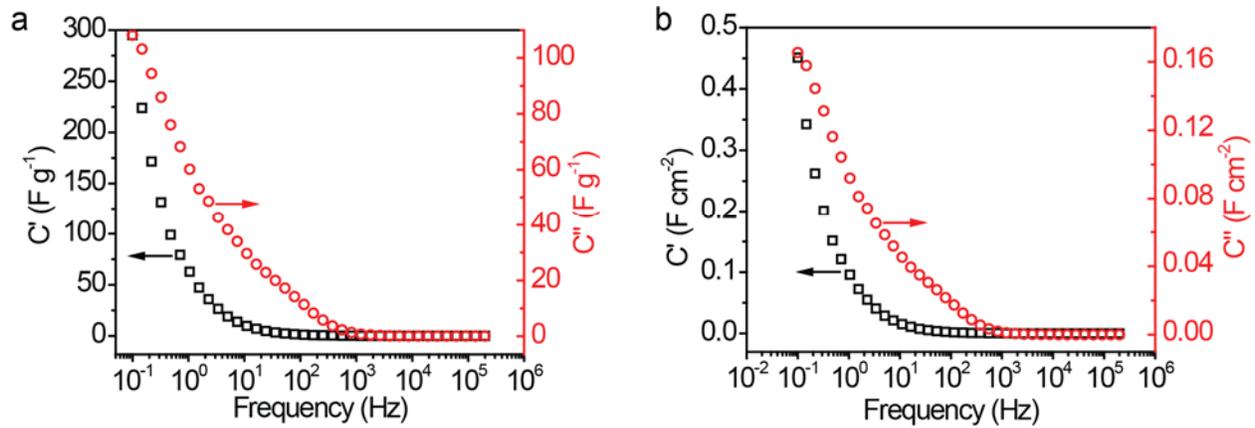
**Fig. S6.** The galvanostatic charge/discharge curves of the crumpled-graphene paper electrodes at the undeformed state and under a biaxial strain of 200% $\times$ 200% at current densities of (a) 0.5, (b) 1, (c) 10, and (d) 80 A g<sup>-1</sup>. The thickness of the graphene paper is  $\sim$ 2  $\mu$ m measured at dehydrated state.



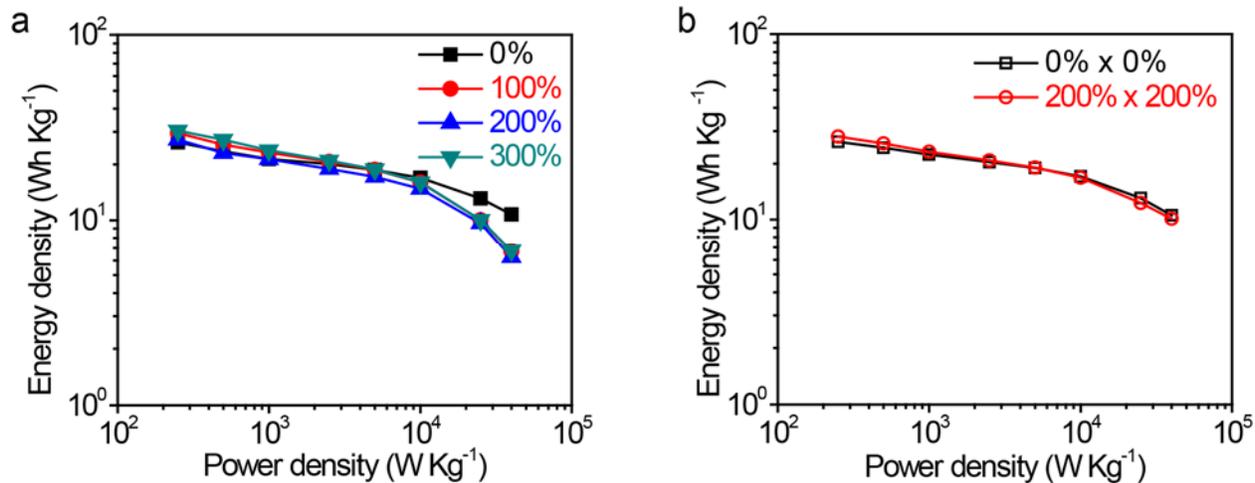
**Fig. S7.** Rate capability of crumpled-graphene papers with different thicknesses, 2  $\mu m$ , 0.8  $\mu m$  and 0.4  $\mu m$ . Gravimetric capacitance measured at different charge/discharge current densities ( $I_s = 0.5, 1.0, 5.0, 10, 20, 50,$  and  $80 A g^{-1}$ ). The tests were carried out in 1.0 M  $H_2SO_4$ . The thicknesses of the graphene papers were measured at dehydrated state.



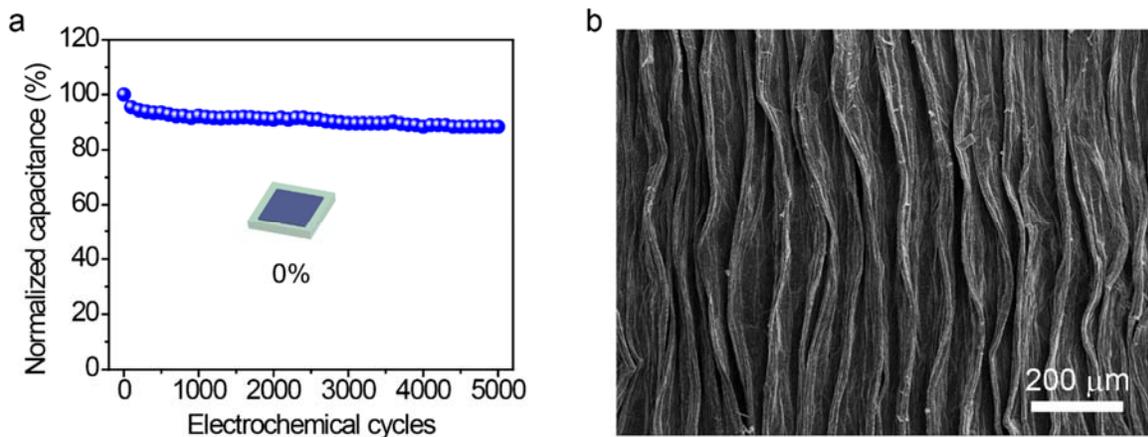
**Fig. S8.** SEM image of the cross section of a graphene paper showing its porous structure.



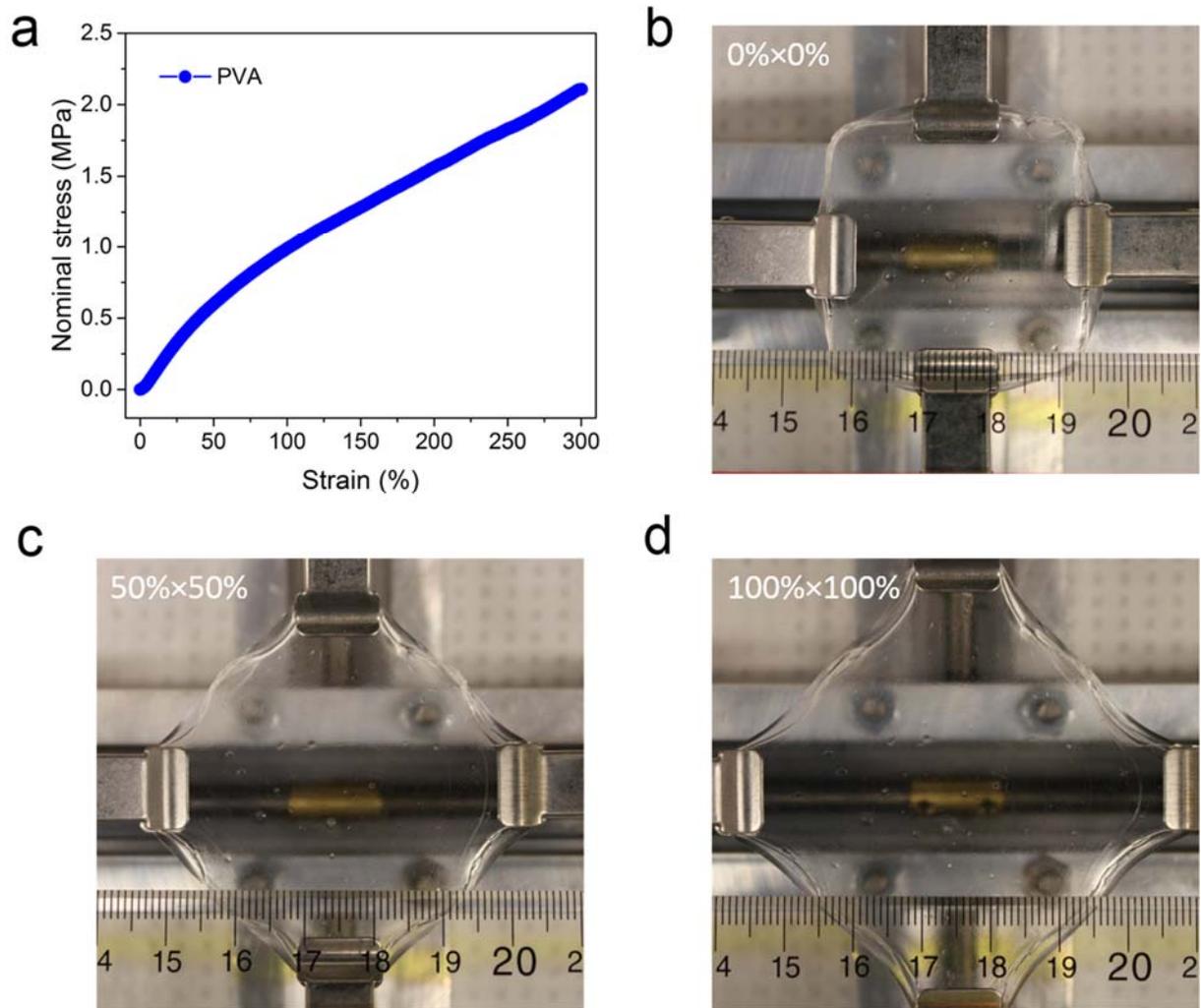
**Fig. S9.** Frequency dependent gravimetric (a) and areal capacitance (b) of the crumpled-graphene paper electrode for supercapacitor. The CG-paper was prepared by relaxing a biaxially pre-stretched elastomer film with  $\varepsilon_{pre1} = \varepsilon_{pre2} = 400\%$ . The thickness of the graphene paper is  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$  measured at dehydrated state.



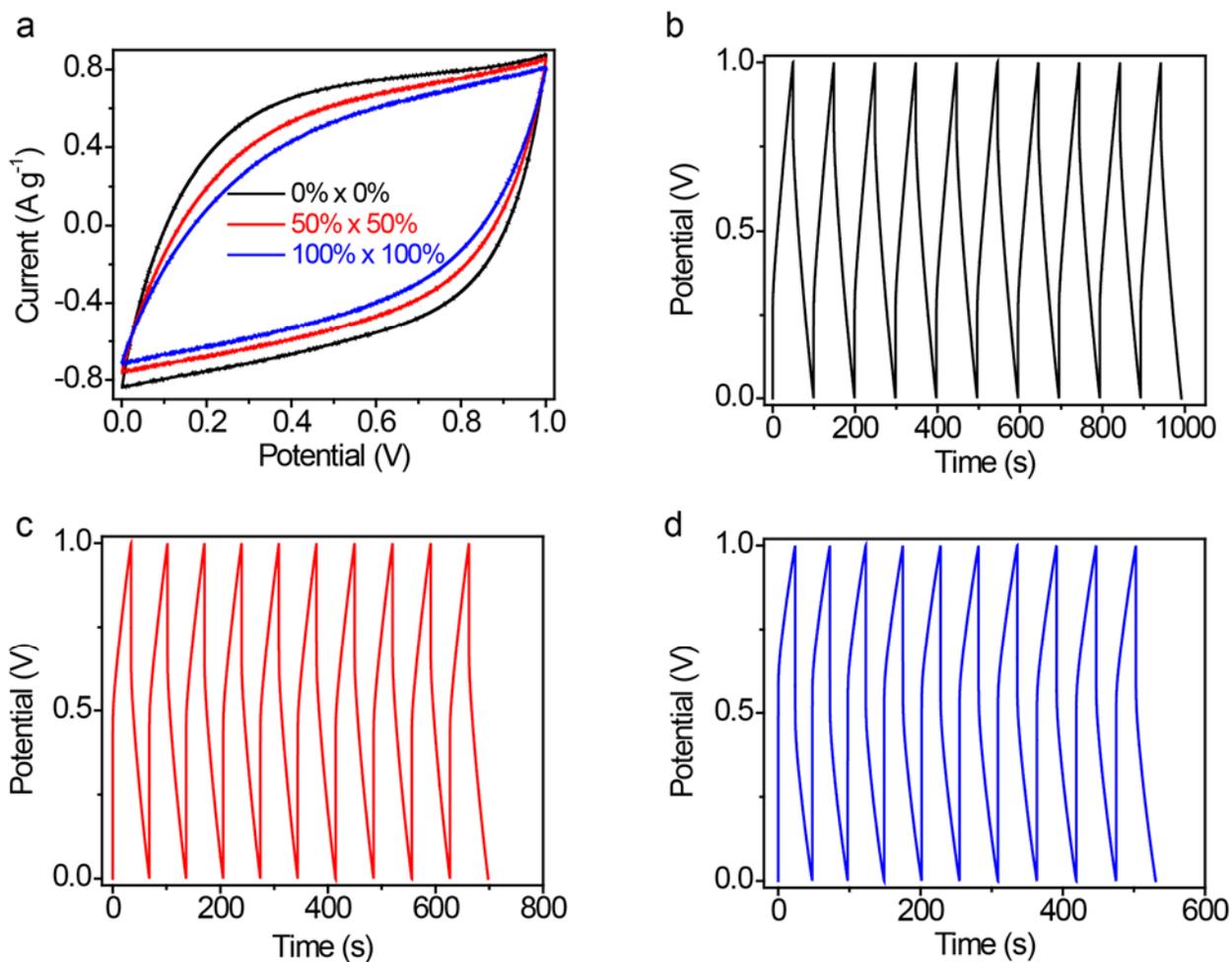
**Fig. S10.** Ragone plots of the crumpled-graphene paper electrodes under large deformations. Values were calculated by measuring the galvanostatic charge/discharge curves at current densities of 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 80 A g<sup>-1</sup>. (a) Performance of the crumpled-graphene-paper electrodes under uniaxial strains of 0%, 100%, 200%, and 300%. (b) Performance of the crumpled-graphene-paper electrodes under biaxial strains of 0%×0% and 200%×200%. The thickness of the graphene paper is ~2 μm measured at dehydrated state.



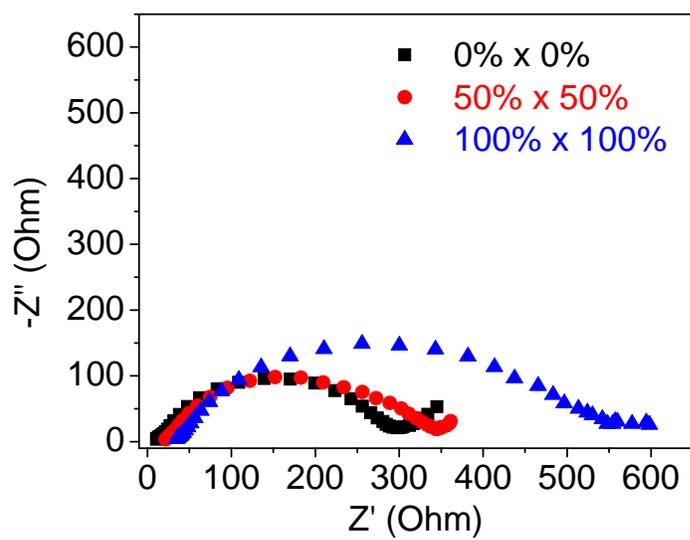
**Fig. S11.** Electrochemical cyclic stability of the CG-paper electrodes. **(a)** The normalized capacitance of the electrodes crumpled on uniaxially pre-stretched elastomer film with  $\varepsilon_{pre1} = 400\%$   $\varepsilon_{pre2} = 50\%$ , measured by 5000 galvanostatic charge/discharge cycles at  $10 \text{ A g}^{-1}$ . **(b)** SEM images of the CG-paper electrode after 5000 cycles. The thickness of the graphene paper is  $\sim 2 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  measured at dehydrated state.



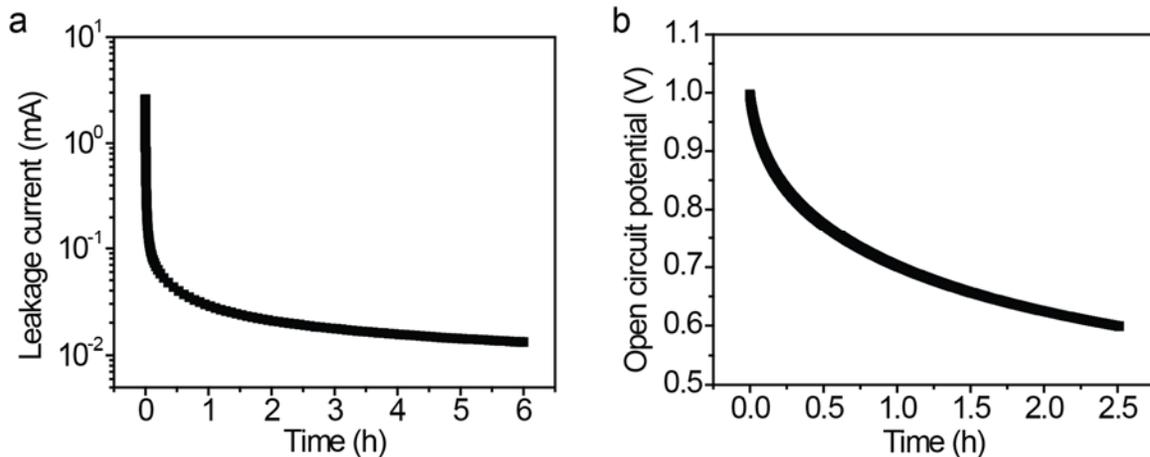
**Fig. S12.** Stretchability of PVA-H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> film for the all-solid-state supercapacitors. (a) The stress-strain curve obtained from the uniaxial tensile test in the strain range of 0% - 300%. Photos of a PVA-H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> film biaxially stretched to different strains: (b) 0%×0%, (c) 50%×50% and (d) 100%×100%.



**Fig. S13.** Electrochemical performance of the stretchable supercapacitor under biaxial strains. (a) CV curves of the supercapacitor deformed by biaxial strains of 0%×0%, 50%×50% and 100%×100%, measured at a scan rate of  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ . Galvanostatic charge/discharge curves of the supercapacitor deformed by biaxial strains of (b) 0%×0%, (c) 50%×50%, and (d) 100%×100%, measured at a current density of  $1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$ . The thickness of the graphene paper is  $\sim 0.8 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  measured at dehydrated state.



**Fig. S14.** Nyquist plots of the supercapacitor with biaxial strain of 0%  $\times$  0%, 50%  $\times$  50%, and 100%  $\times$  100%. The thickness of the graphene paper is  $\sim 0.8$   $\mu\text{m}$  measured at dehydrated state.



**Fig. S15.** Testing of self-discharge rate of a stretchable supercapacitor. (a) Leakage current measurement of a stretchable supercapacitor. A DC voltage of 1.0 V was applied across the capacitor; the current required to retain that voltage was measured over a period of 6 h. (b) Self-discharge curves of the supercapacitor obtained immediately after precharging. The open circuit potential across the supercapacitor are recorded over 60% the operation voltage of 1.0 V versus the course of time. The thickness of the graphene paper is  $\sim 0.8 \mu\text{m}$  measured at dehydrated state.