

Graphene-based transparent capacitive touch sensor for in-mold structural electronics

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Context

Explosion of human-machine interface market, e.g. home appliances & automotive interior design

→ Growing demand for free form transparent electrodes (3D, bendable, stretchable)

→ Key opportunity for nanocarbon & graphene materials

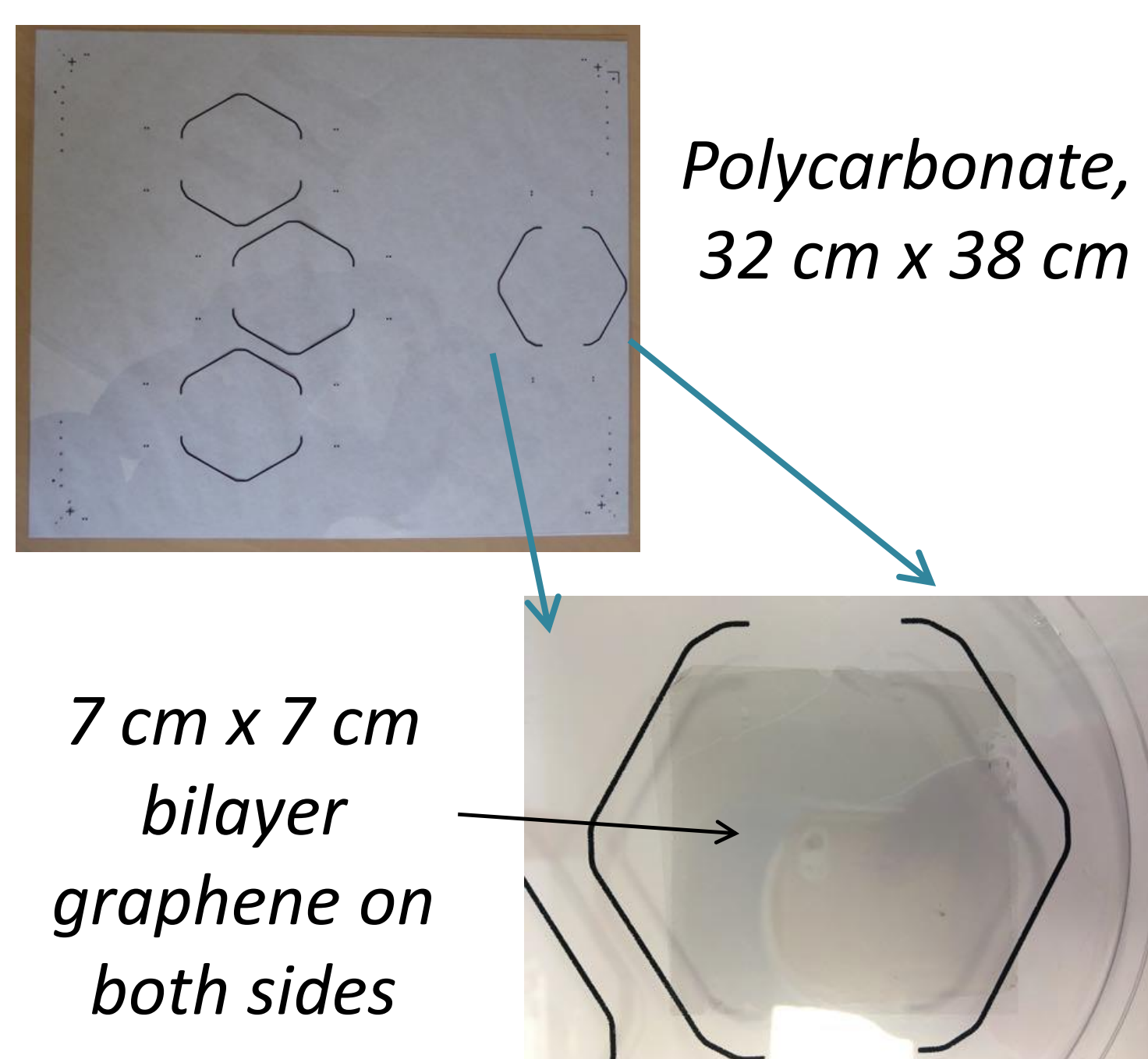


Graphene integration in 3D overmolded transparent touch sensor

1. Graphene synthesis & transfer



Two-sided transfer on large size flexible substrate

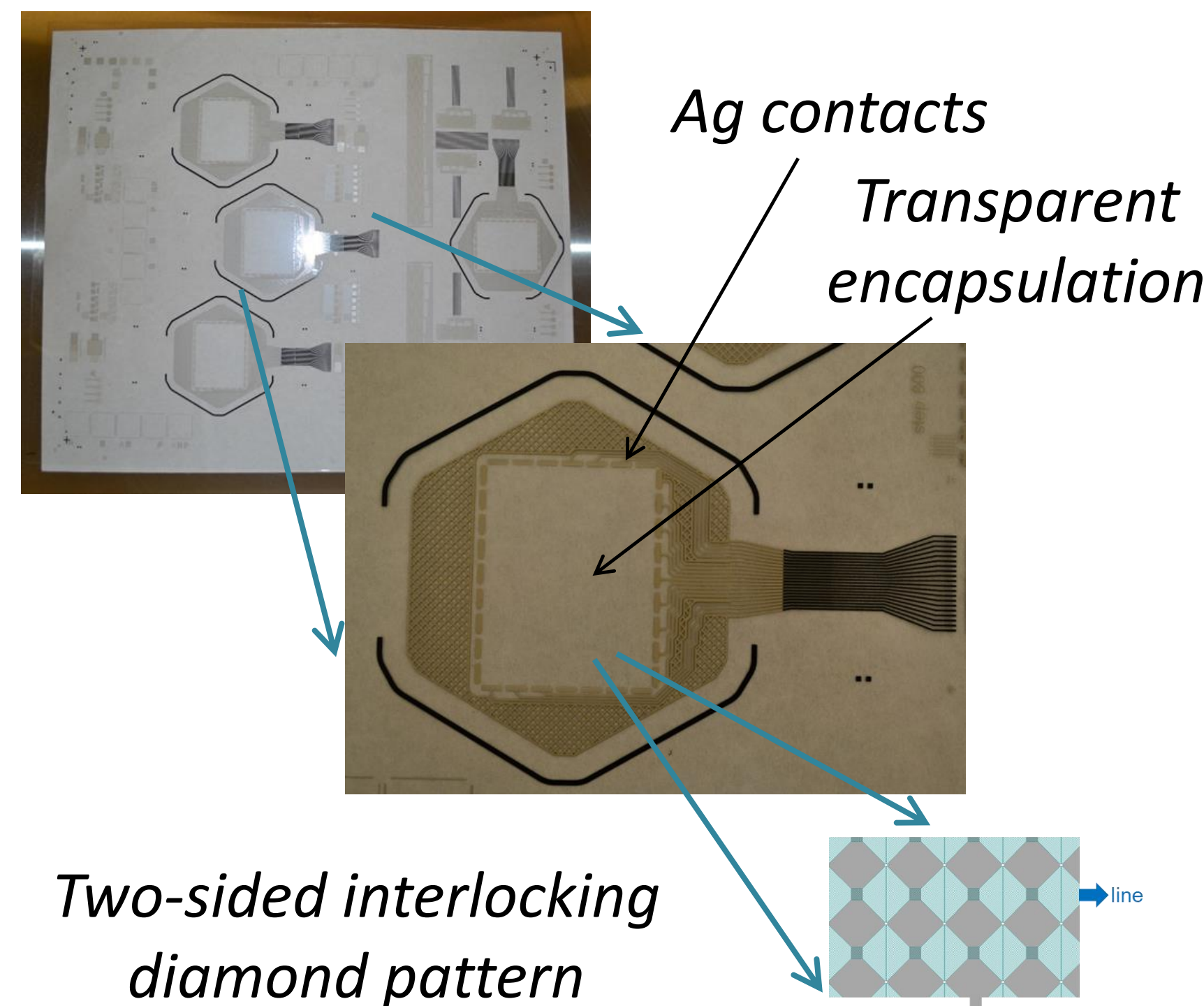


- One sheet two-sided capacitive touchscreen
- Graphene-based flexible & transparent touchscreen

2. Graphene patterning & contacting



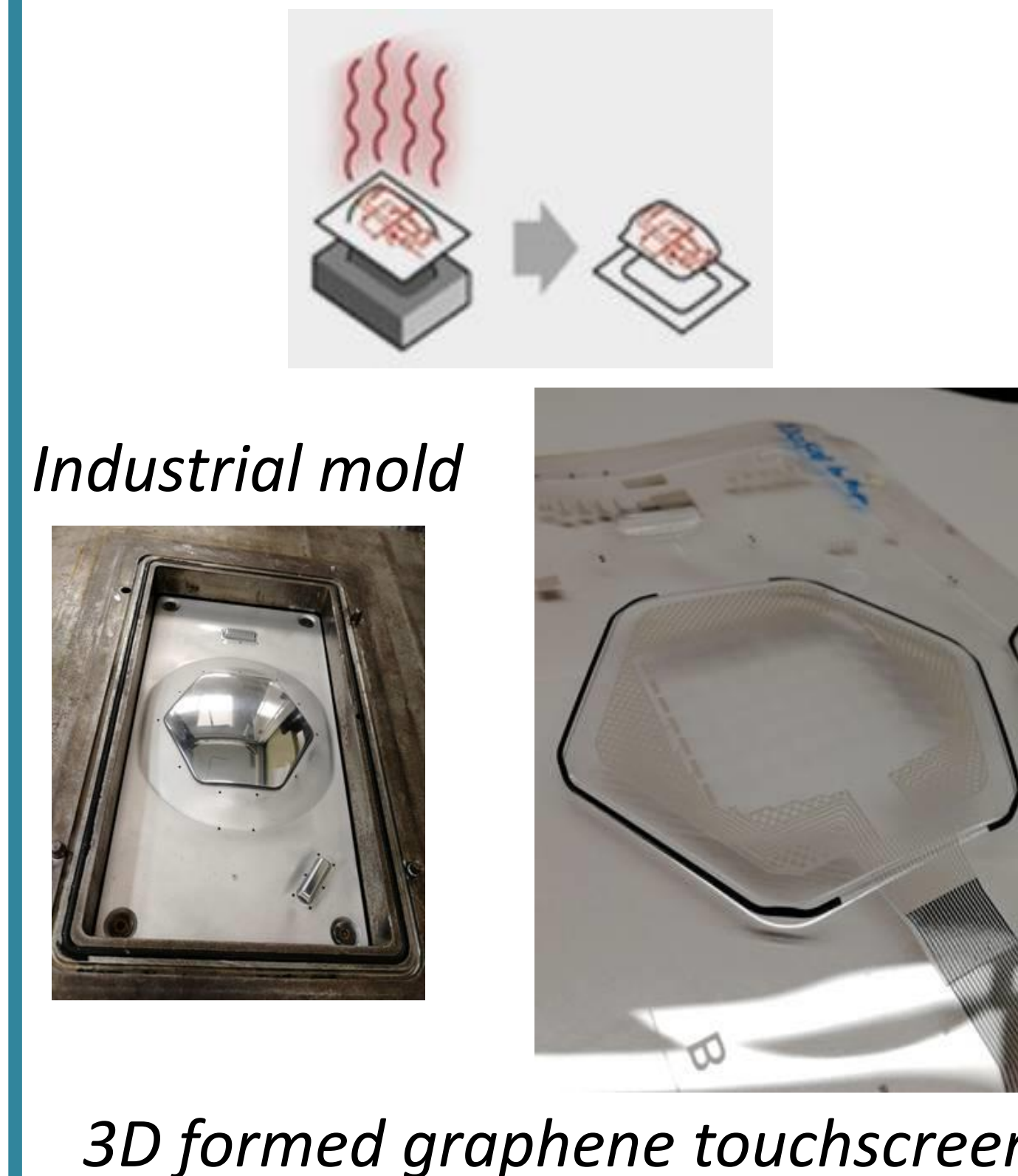
Patterning by pulsed laser ablation
Screen printing of contacts & encapsulation



3. Thermoforming



Giving a 3D shape to touchscreen

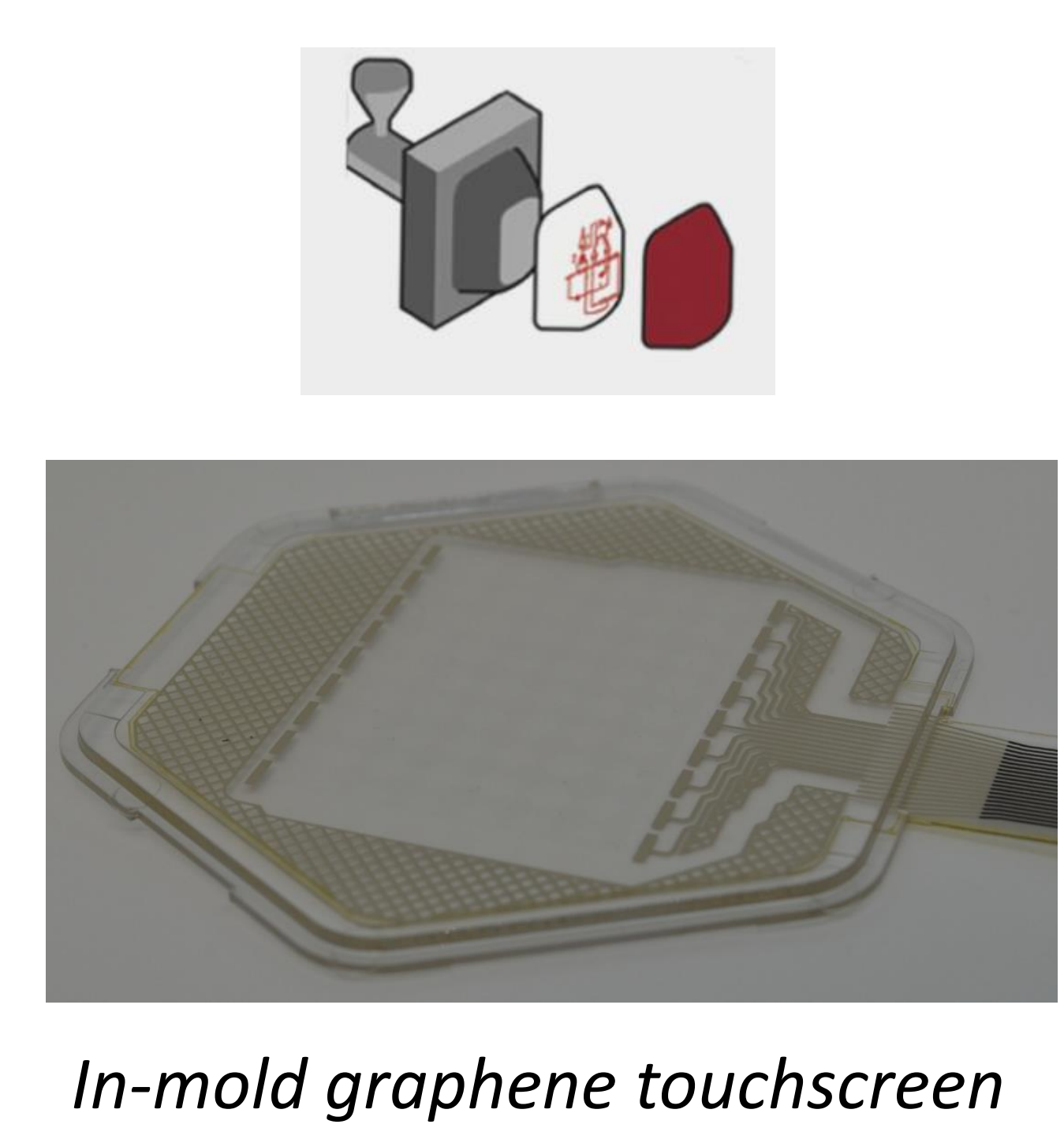


- First demonstration of graphene electrode thermoforming and injection molding

4. Injection molding

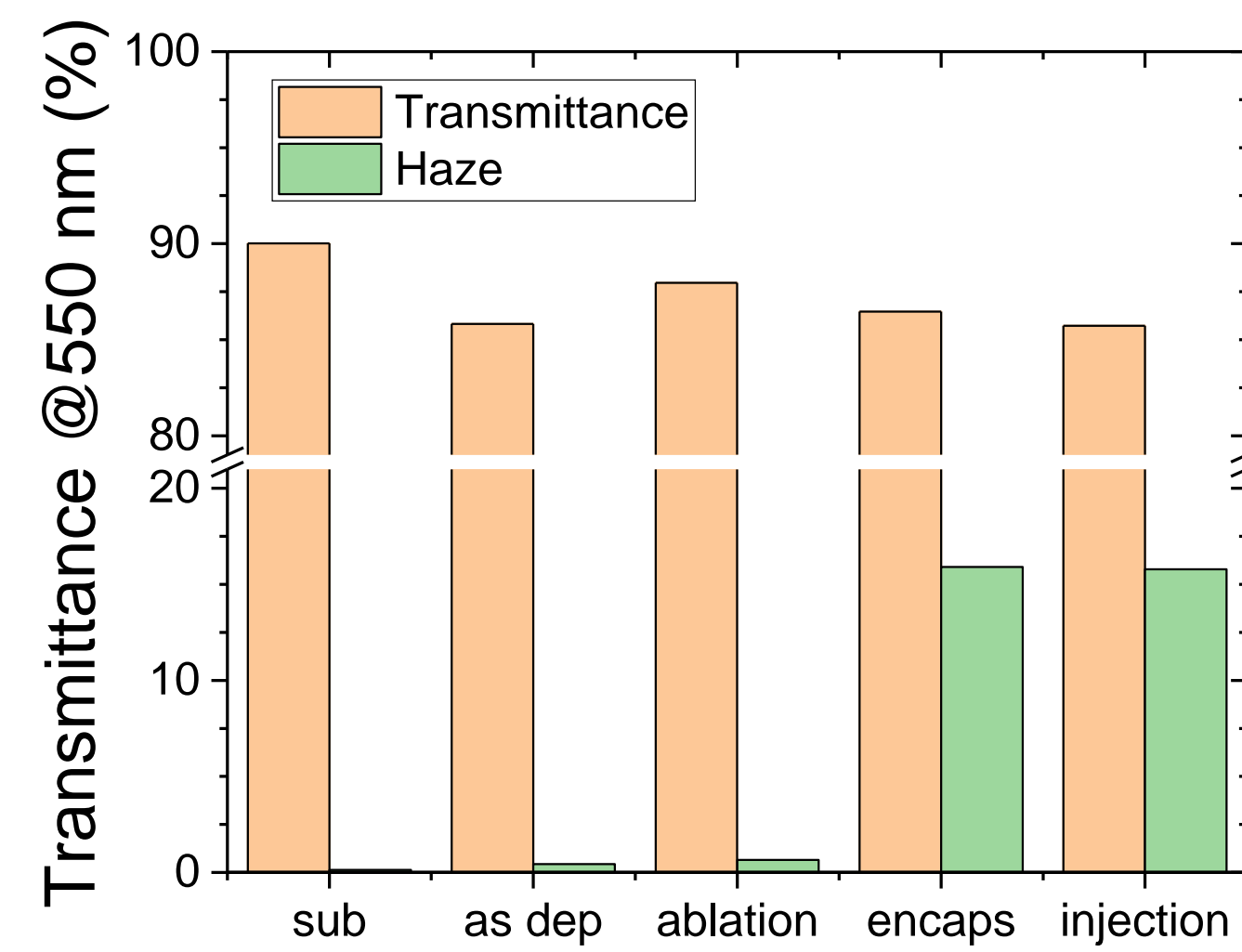
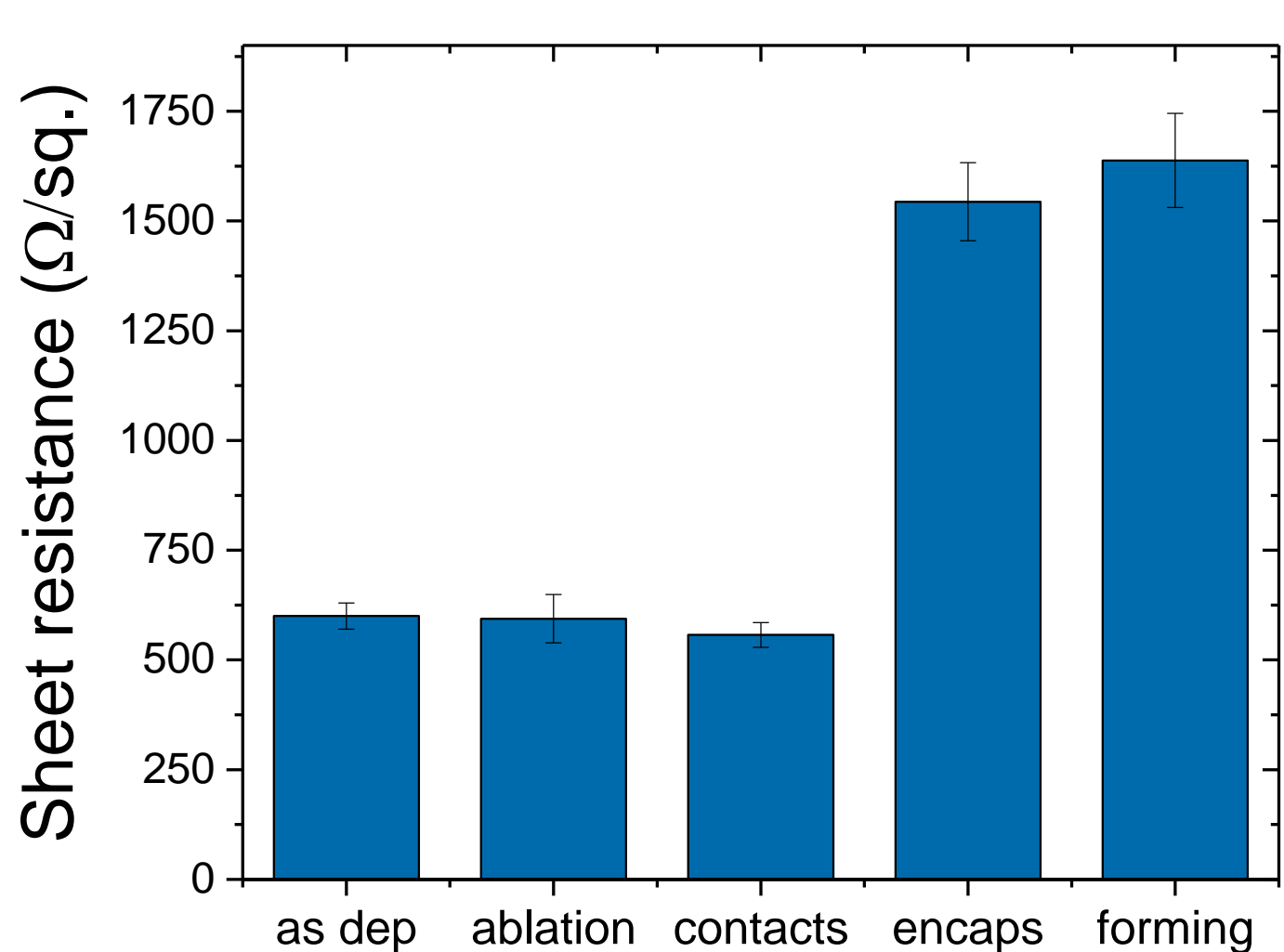


Overmolding touchscreen in plastics



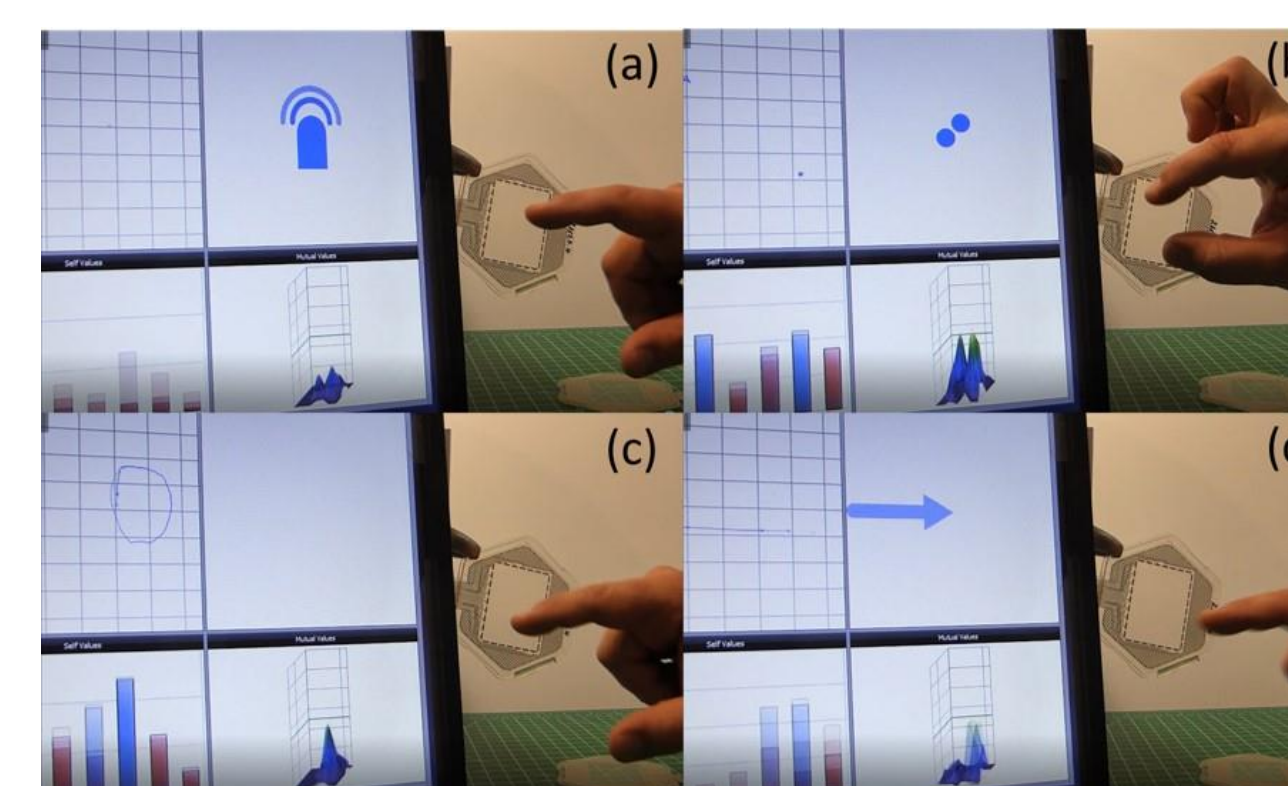
Optical & electrical performances

Impact of processing on bilayer graphene on polycarbonate performances



- No resistance increase upon thermoforming of graphene lines
- Encapsulation degrades both electrical & optical performances

In-mold graphene structural electronics



Graphene touchscreen demonstrator with multi-touch & gesture interpretation:
(a) double-click (b) two-finger zoom
(c) drawing (d) right swipe

- An in-mold, transparent, capacitive touchscreen (multi-touch and gesture) with two-sided bilayer graphene electrodes
- Excellent optical properties (86.6 % transmittance @550 nm with only 1% haze with optimized encapsulation)

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