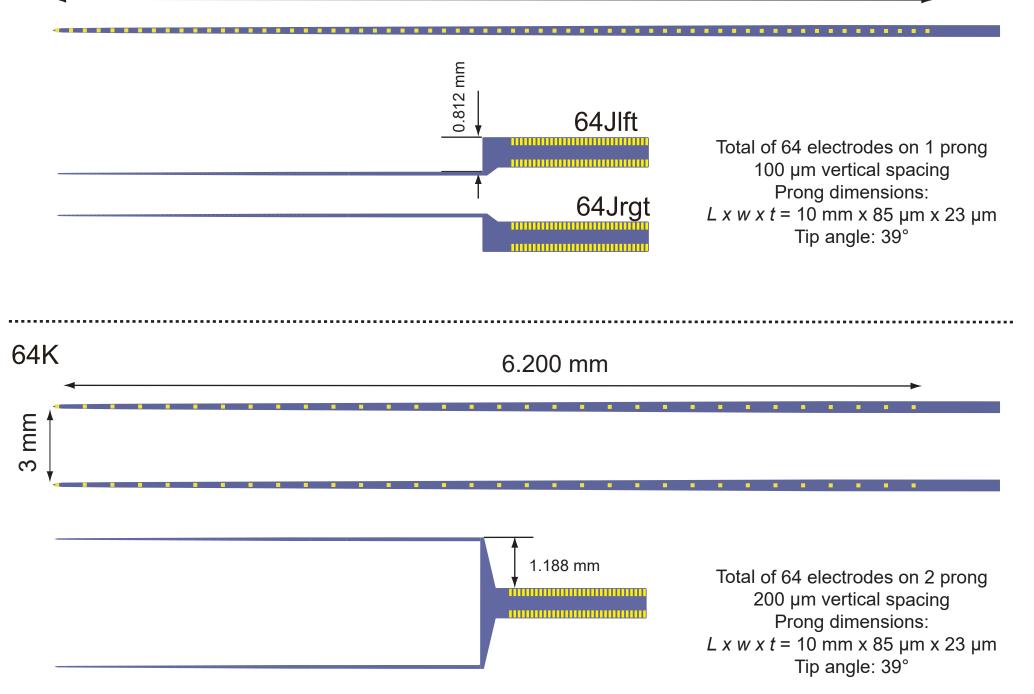
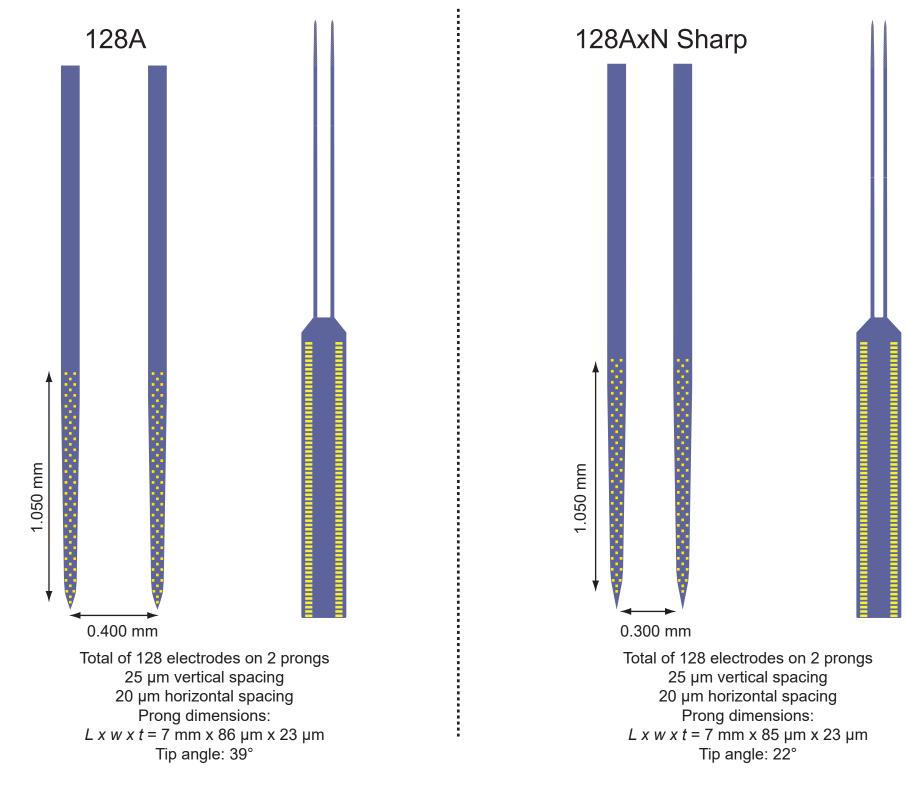


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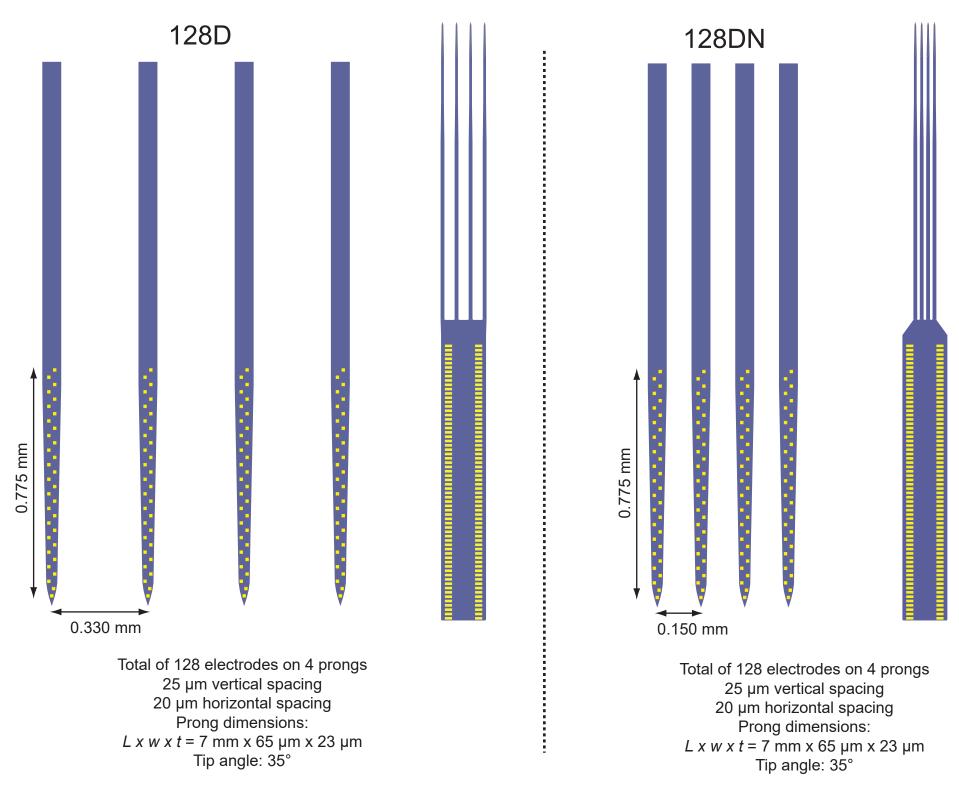
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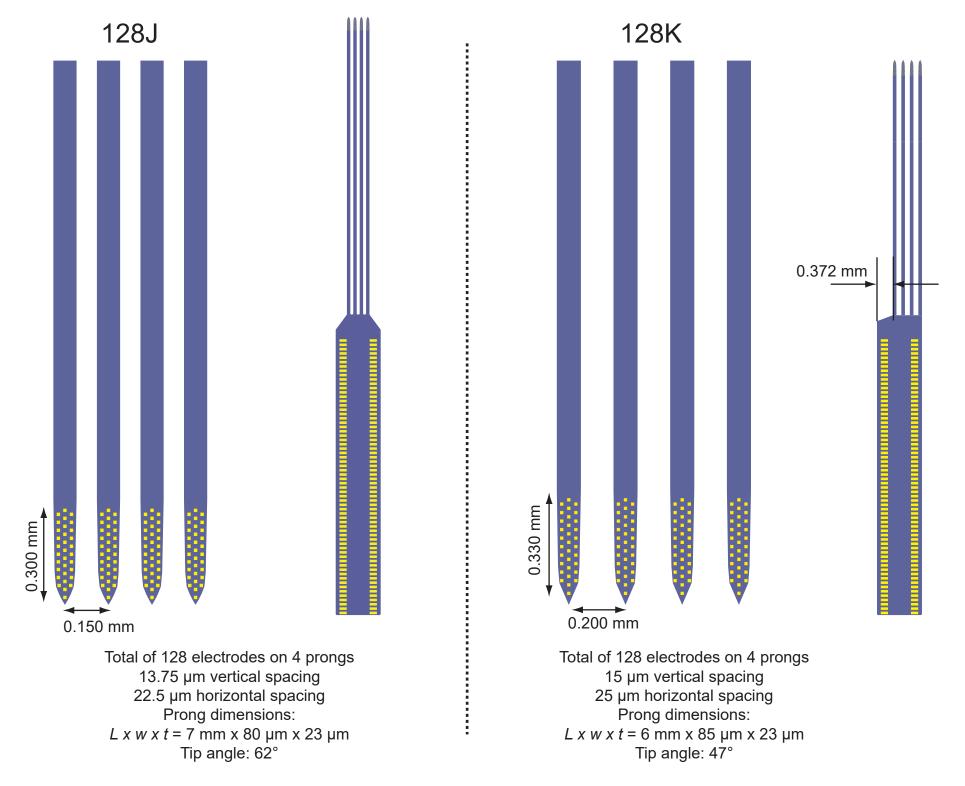
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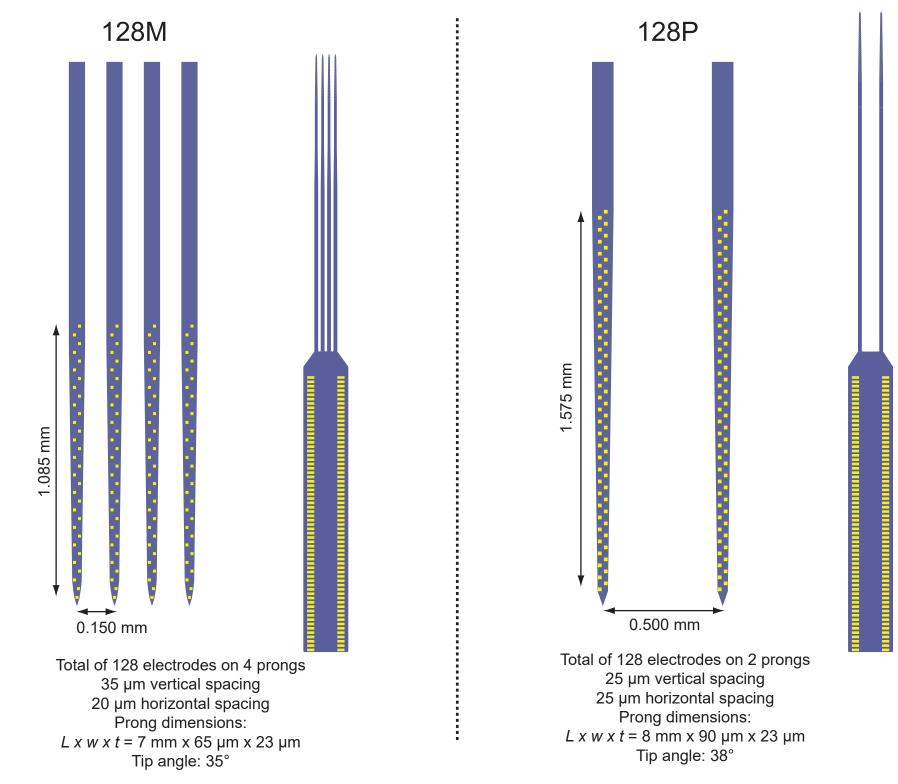




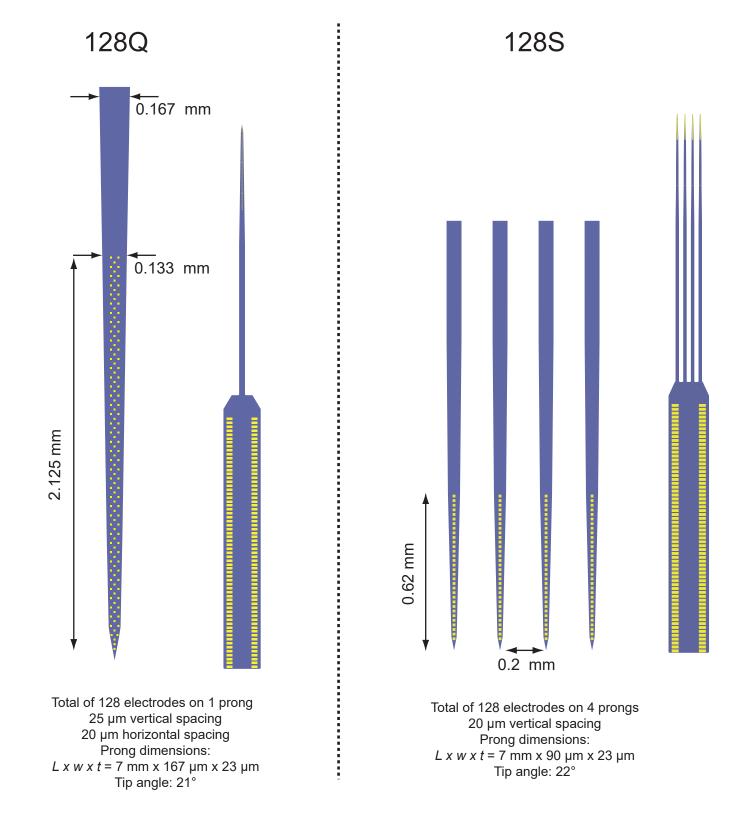
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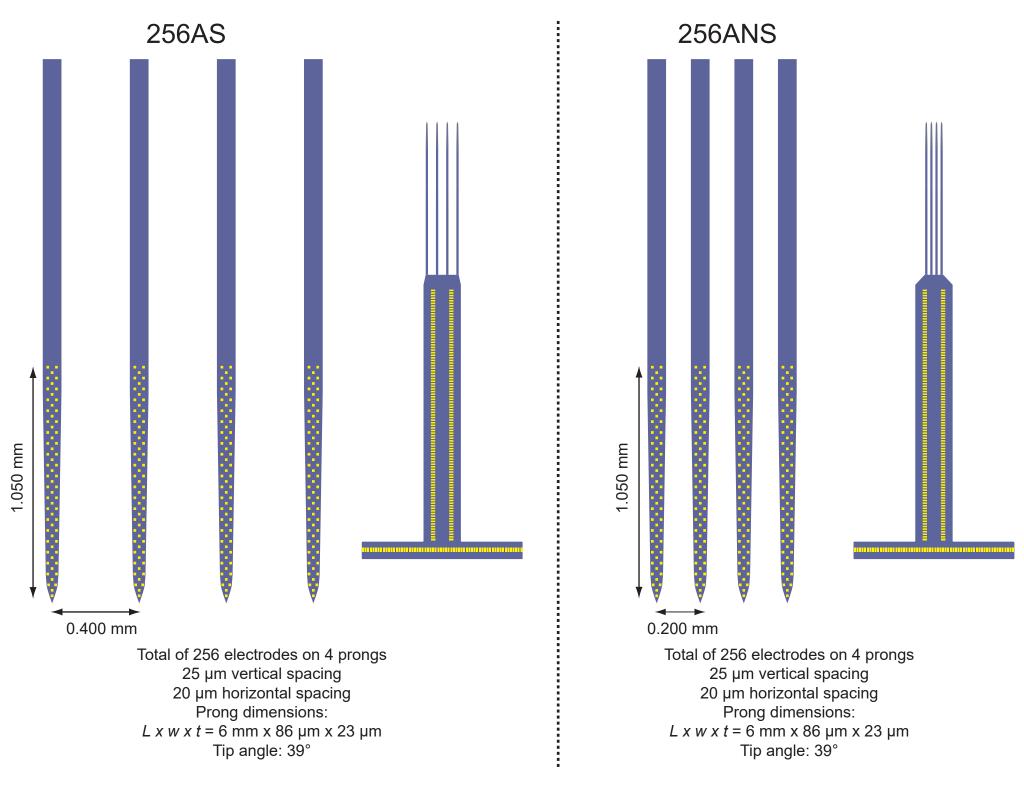


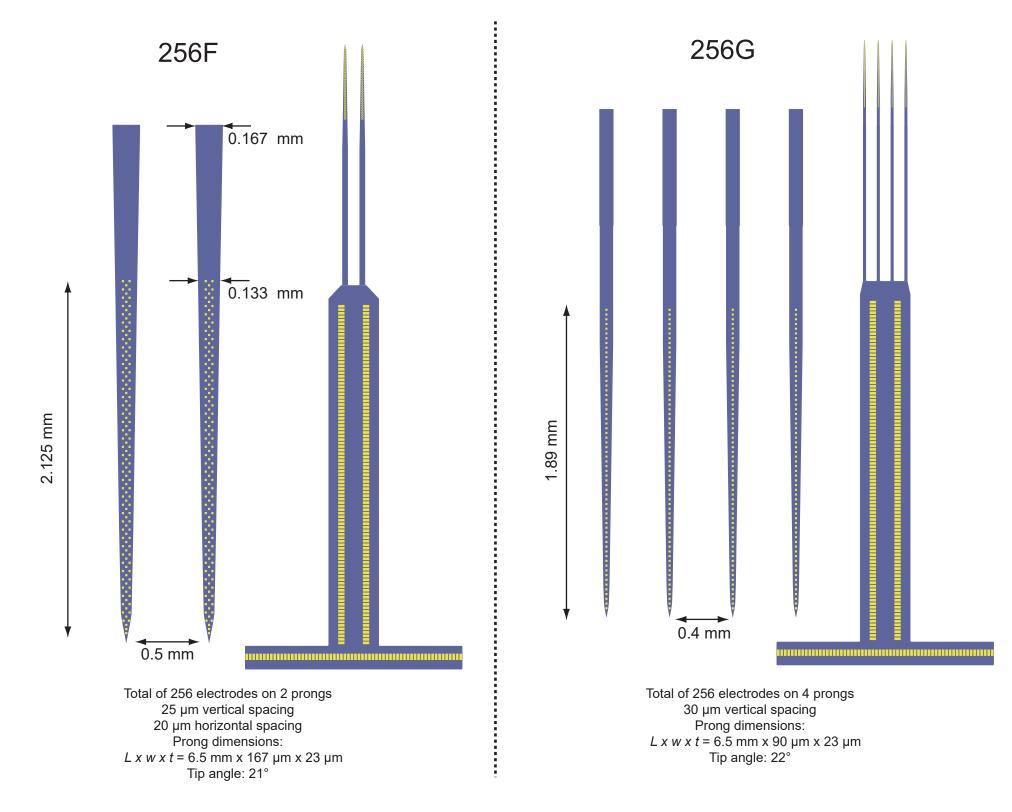




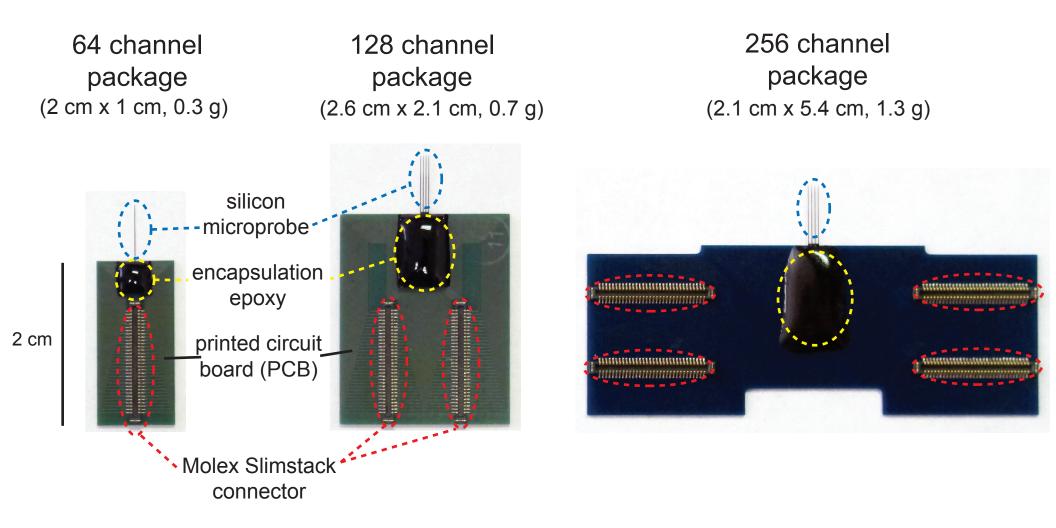
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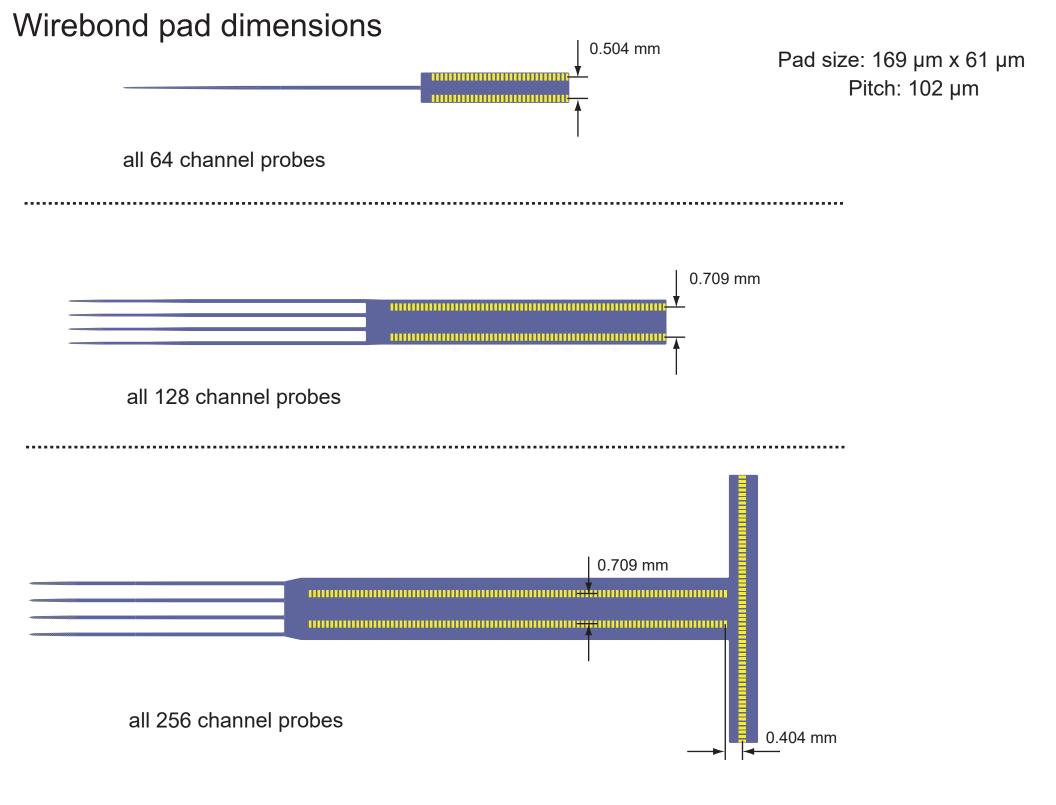




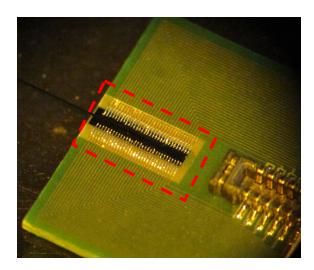
# Assembly and packaging of UCLA silicon microprobes



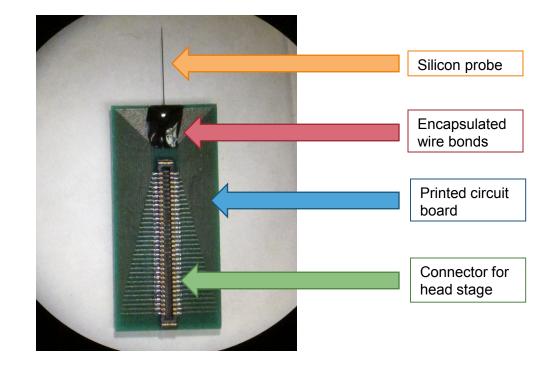
- ► The *Molex Slimstack* connector is a 64-contact fine pitch connector (Molex # 5024306410).
- By default the connector is attached to the front side of the PCB (pictured above). However, if attaching an optical fiber there is an option to attach the connector to the back side to prevent blocking access to the fiber.
- ► By default the encapsulation epoxy is added to protect the bonded wires connecting the microprobe to the PCB. However, if attaching an optical fiber the epoxy should be added after fiber attachment.
- In terms of compatible hardware, Intan Technologies manufactures a head stage that directly plugs into our 64, 128, and 256 channel microprobe packages.



## How to encapsulate the wire bonds with epoxy



The wire bonds (inside the dashed red rectangle) are very fragile. They will break if touched, so they should be encapsulated with epoxy before the probe is used.



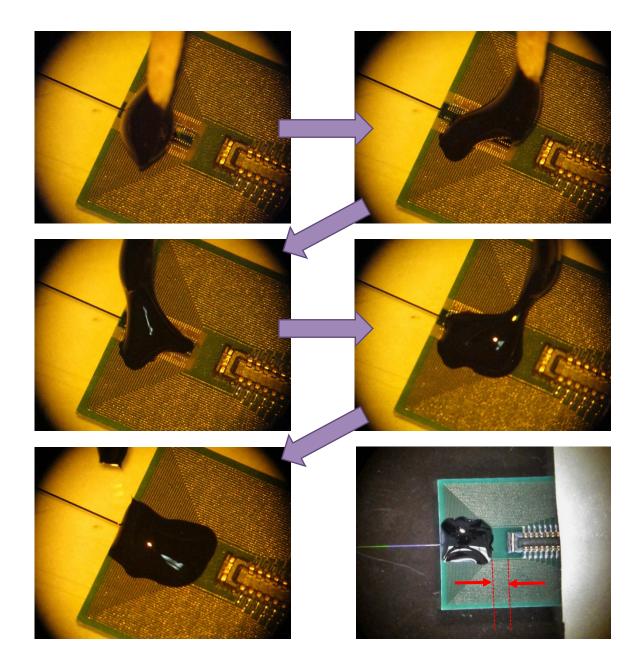
#### You will need:

- 1. Epoxy and plunger (Resinlab EP965 Black)
- http://www.resinlab.com/products/ep965-epoxy-encapsulant-black-50-ml-cartridge
- http://www.grainger.com/product/WESTWARD-Epoxy-Applicator-Plungers-48H965?s\_pp=false&picUrl=//static.grainger.com/rp/s/is/image/Grainger/48H965\_AW02?\$smthumb\$
- 2. A small disposable weighing dish for mixing the epoxy
- https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/fisherbrand-polystyrene-weighing-dishes-2/s67090a
- 3. Wood applicator sticks for applying the epoxy
- https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/fisherbrand-plain-tipped-applicators-3/23400112



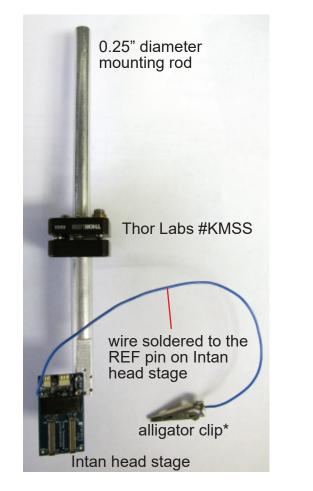


It is helpful to have a finer tip for the application, we break the sticks to get a pointed end. The EP965 epoxy is two parts that must be mixed together in a 1:1 ratio in order for it to cure properly. Mix it well, for a minute. Do not let it sit for more than 5 minutes before applying it. You want the epoxy to be less viscous, so it will drip off of the stick. The goal is to drop the epoxy onto the wire bonds and smear it over them without touching the wire bonds with the stick. NEVER touch the stick to the wire bonds, they WILL break. Cover the entire area of the wire bonds, being careful not to put epoxy too close to the connector as it will prevent the head stage from attaching. Cure overnight at room temperature (~16 hrs). It is NOT advisable to speed up curing time by increasing temperature because this will cause the epoxy to flow and cover a wider area than expected.



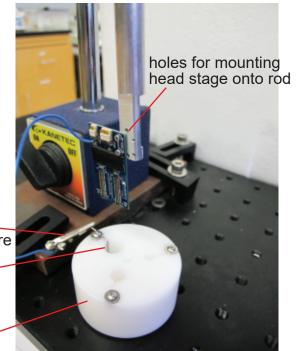
The edge of the epoxy should remain at least 1 mm from the edge of the connector, to prevent problems with plugging in the head stage.

## Electroplating and cleaning the recording sites



\*For electroplating: alligator clip is connected to the platinum wire in the gold solution





#### **Electroplating materials:**

- 1. Non-cyanide gold solution (Sifco product # 80535500)
- 2. Platinum wire (WPI PTP201)
- 3. 128 ch electroplating system (Intan Technologies)
- 4. Probe holder and liquid well (machine shop & Thor Labs, pictured)

#### Suggested electroplating settings:

1. Connect the probe to the electroplating system as pictured.

2. Apply -2.2 to -2.5 V on the electrode in pulses of 1 to 5 s. Check impedance. Repeat until target impedance is reached. Recommended target impedance is  $0.1 \text{ to } 0.5 \text{ M}\Omega$ . Electrode is likely to be faulty if target impedance is not reached after 10 attempts.

3. Rinse probe in DI water.

#### Suggested cleaning procedure:

1. Immerse probe in undiluted Trypsin solution (Thermo Fisher # 15090046) for at least 20 min.

2. Rinse probe in DI water.

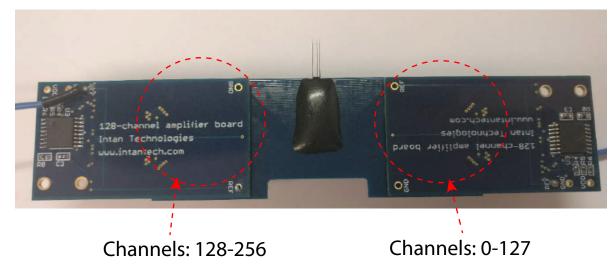
alligator clip connected to Pt wire

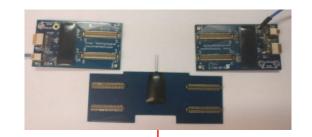
Platinum wire in well (fill with gold plating solution)

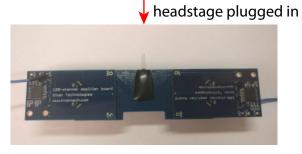
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How to plug 2 Intan headstages into 256 channel silicon microprobes

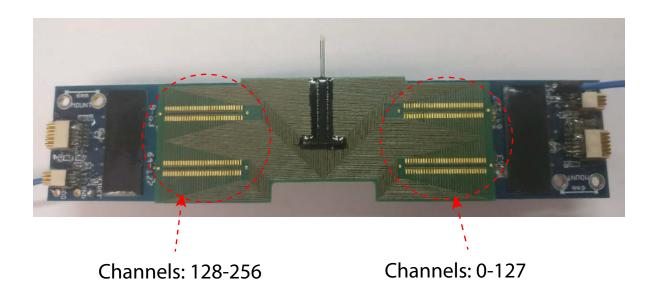
1. Connectors on Top:

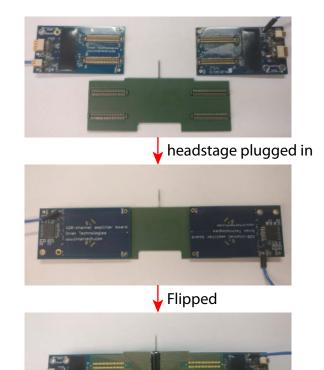


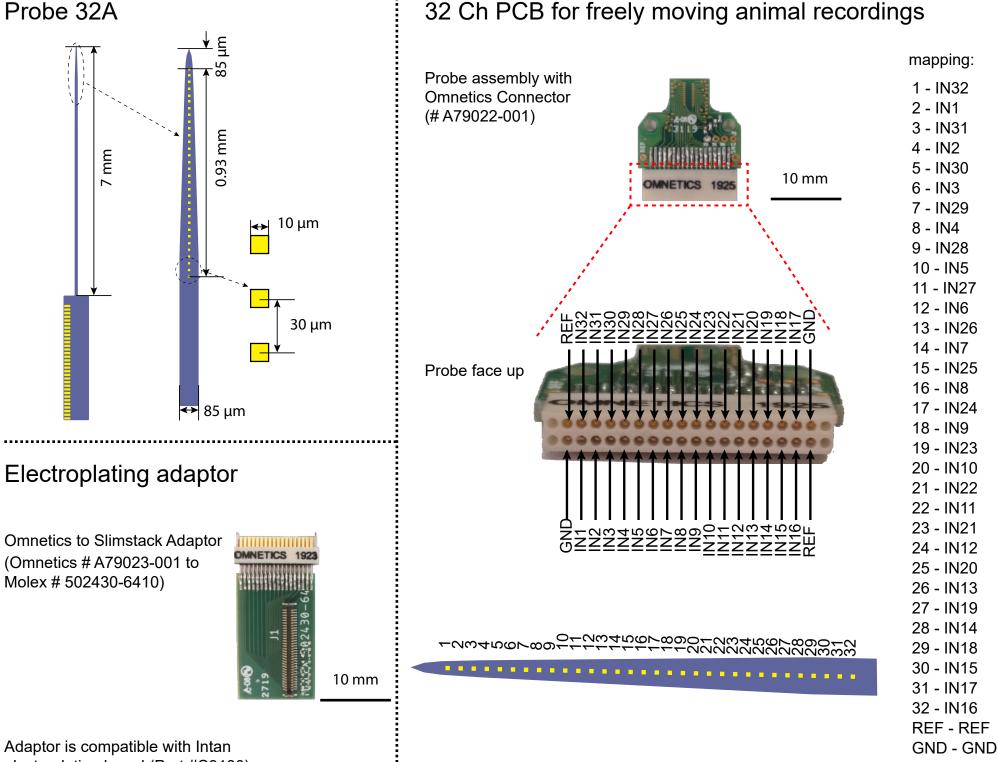




2. Connectors on Bottom:







electroplating board (Part #C3180)

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