Info Session
Preparing for Graduate School

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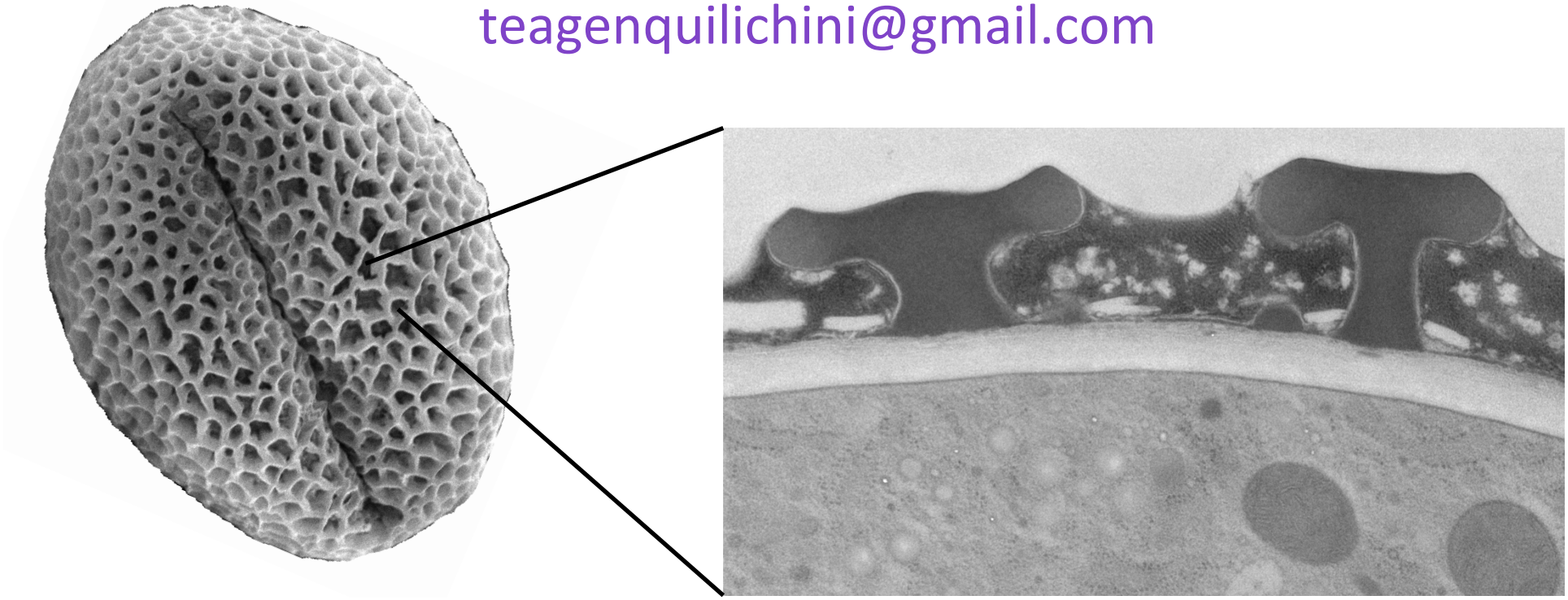


Is grad school for you?

What is an MSc? PhD?

- building on your undergraduate foundation, you'll become a specialist within your field
- courses, research project(s), teaching
- supervisor and committee
- proposal and thesis defense

Some of the many perks

- leading edge technology and/or techniques
- inventing your own approaches
- asking and answering novel questions
- travel and networking

Transferable, essential skills

- time mgmt, problem solving, communication, writing, confidence, leadership

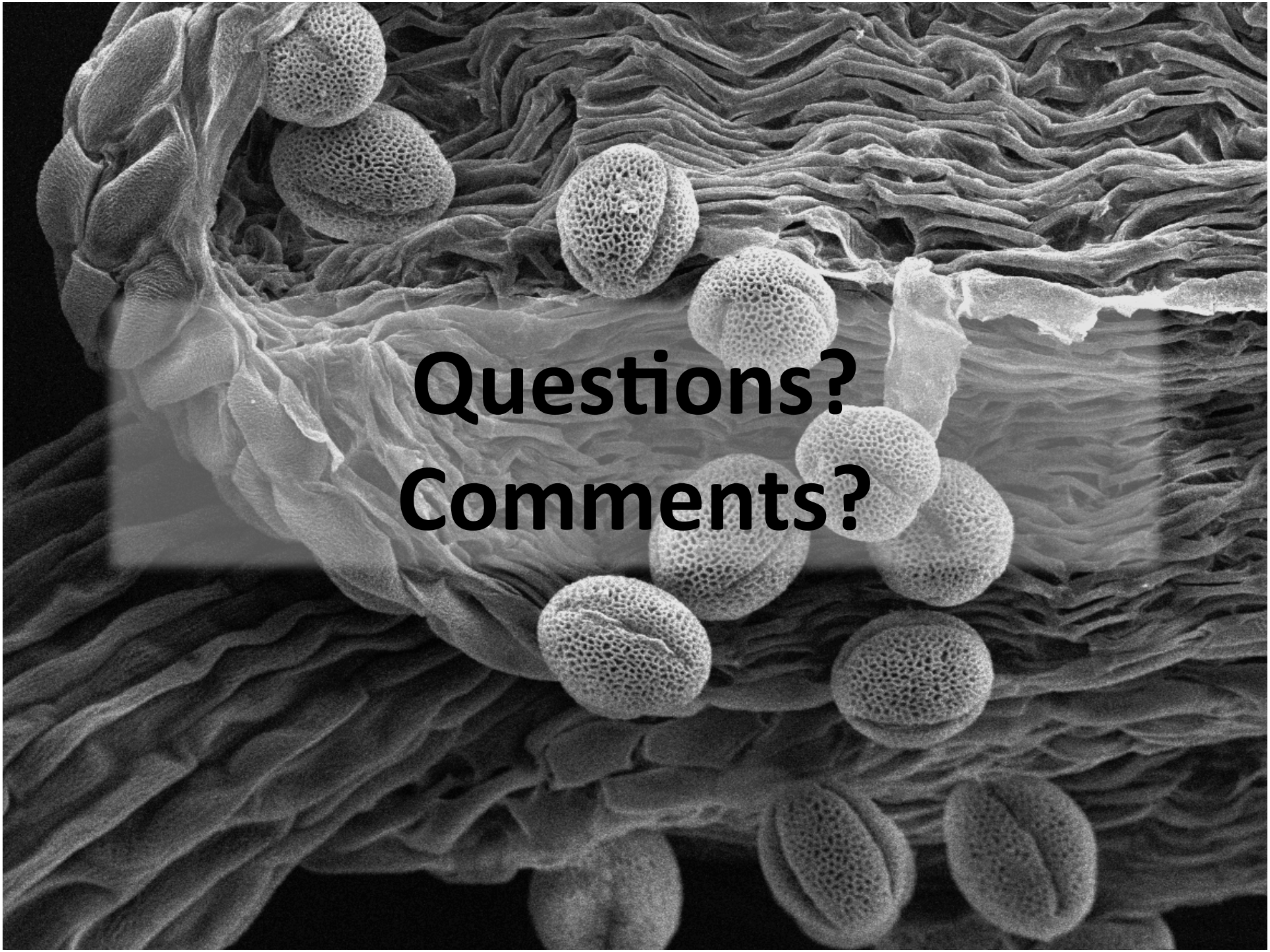
How to prepare as an undergraduate
How to decide on a grad school

- get experience!
  - in the lab, writing a proposal, using equipment, etc.
  - ask grad students about their projects
- know your interests (but be open minded)
- do your homework
  - which universities specialize in your area of interest? which PIs?
  - What is the research about? Impressive publication record?
  - Visit labs of interest, meet PI and lab personnel

What to expect from grad school

- You don't have to know everything
  - your PI is the expert and will guide you through project design

- Discovery!
  - You get to ask novel questions and (hopefully) answer them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