## **Pollen Grain Surface Pattern Terminology**

(NOTE: The top panel of the cartoon images below reflects the first plane of focus for the pollen grain. The lighter areas are indicative of protruding structures, such as echini or bacula; the darker areas are indicative of depressions or holes.)

Psilate	Completely smooth surface Exine: Tectate		
	Example: Moraceae – Helianthostylis sprucei		
Perforate	Surface having small holes or depressions less than 1µm in diameter Exine: Tectate		
	Example: Myristicaceae – Virola calophylla	10 μm	7888888
Foveolate	Surface having lumina (holes or depressions) $1\mu m$ or greater in diameter; typically the distance between two adjacent lumina is larger than their diameter		
	Exine: Tectate  Example: Arecaceae - Ammandra decasperma		505 202 202
Scabrate	Any sculptural element less than 1µm in diameter (shape may vary); pattern may appear more irregular (compared to granulate)	0	
	Exine: Tectate  Example: Boraginaceae - Hydrophyllum canadense	10 μm	00000
Granulate	Any sculptural element less than 1µm in diameter (shape may vary) Exine: Intectate	0	
	Example: Anacardiaceae – Rhus sp.	<u>10 μm</u>	and the same of th
Verrucate	"Wart-like" sculpturing elements more than 1µm tall, typically broader than they are high; never constricted at the base		
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Baculate	Rod-shaped sculpturing elements (bacula), longer than wide and greater than 1 µm high Exine: Intectate		
Gemmate	Sculpturing elements (gemma) higher than 1µm; approximately the same width as height; constricted at their base; "balloon-like"  Exine: Intectate  Example: Malvaceae - Septotheca tessimannii	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	20000000
Clavate/Pilate	Club-shaped sculpturing elements (clavae), or rods with knob heads, appearing "lollipop-like" (pila); height greater than 1µm; diameter of clavae or pila is smaller than its height; thicker at apex than at base. Exine: Intectate  Example: Euphorbiaceae – Pausandra morisiana		
Echinate	Pointed sculpturing elements (echini) 1µm or greater in height  Exine: Tectate  Example: Malvaceae - Sidalcea neomexicana	13 Jm	
Microechinate	Pointed sculpturing elements (echini) less than 1µm in height Exine: Tectate  Example: Lamiaceae - Aegiphila integrifolia	10 µm	<b>1 μm</b>   <b>1 μm</b>
Areola	Small, and mostly convex, exine islands separated by grooves; a form of "negative reticulum"  Exine: Tectate  Example: Acanthaceae – Justicia carnea	10 year	

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Rugulate	Elongated sculpturing elements greater than $1\mu m$ long; pattern irregularly arranged; may resemble an intermediate between reticulate and striate, but this is not necessarily the case		
	Exine: Tectate, Semitectate		
	Example: Violaceae – <i>Rinorea racemosa</i>	10 μm	
Reticulate	Sculpturing elements as ridges arranged in a network which has gaps (lumina) 1µm or greater in diameter; Muri (breadth of ridges) equal to or narrower than the width of the lumina; also described as "network-like pattern" formed by muri		Lumina Muri
	Exine: Tectate; Semitectate	The state of the s	
	Example: Malvaceae – Ochroma lagopus	10 µm	
Microreticulate	Appears as reticulate, however, the lumina <u>less</u> than 1µm in diameter Exine: Tectate; Semitectate		
	Example: Acanthaceae – <i>Justicia adhotoda</i>	10 pm	
Striate	Sculpturing elements elongated with the length at least 2 times the width; running more or less parallel; Ridges = muri; gaps between = grooves; surface may look like a fingerprint  Exine: Tectate, Semitectate  Example: Rosaceae - Prunus reflexa		
Striate- reticulate	A pattern in which parallel rows of muri are linked to form reticulum within the grooves; the connections between the muri may lie on a single level or different levels. Exine: Tectate; Semitectate		
	Example: Anacardiaceae – <i>Cyrtocarpa edulis</i>	10 µm	

Reticulate Pollen Terminology			
Reticulum Cristatum Croton pattern	Special type of reticulum; Muri has prominent sculpturing elements; add this description to the "Note" section in the database  Special type of reticulum cristatum with regularly arranged elements on muri; typically comprised of five to six raised sculpturing elements around a circular area; add this description to the "Note" section in the database  Example: Buxaceae - Pachysandra procumbens		
Brochus	One lumen of a reticulum and half of the width of the surrounding muri Plural: brochi		
Bi-reticulate	Large meshed reticulate (suprareticulum) filled with smaller meshed reticulate (microreticulum); can be categorized under heterobrochate		
Heterobrochate	Reticulated pollen surface with brochi of varying sizes; the size variation may be random or gradual	(Hesse, et al.)  Dyckia rarifora (Bromeliaceae) 2. polar proximal view Picture credit: Halbritter H.	
Homobrochate	Reticulated pollen wall with brochi of uniform size	(Hesse, et al.)  Dipteracanthus devosianus (Acanthaceae) 4. exine surface Picture credit: Halbritter H.	

Pollen Grain Dispersal Form			
(1	(NOTE: A dispersal unit for pollen is considered as mature or fully developed pollen grains.)		
Monad	Dispersal unit consisting of a single pollen grain		
Dyad	Dispersal unit consisting of two pollen grains		
Tetrad	Dispersal unit of four pollen grains		
Linear Tetrad	Uniplanar tetrad where four units are arranged in a row		
Rhomboidal Tetrad	Uniplanar tetrad with the proximal sides of two individual units in direct contact, and the remaining two units are separated		
Tetragonal Tetrad	Uniplanar tetrad where all four units are in contact at the center for the tetrad forming a cross		
T-Shaped Tetrad	Uniplanar tetrad with two of the units perpendicular to the other two forming a "T" shape		

Tetrahedral Tetrad	Multiplanar tetrad with each unit in contact with the other three units
Decussate Tetrad	A tetrad of pollen grains arranged in two pairs lying across one another, the pairs (dyads) more or less at right angles to each other
Polyad	Dispersal unit consisting of <u>more</u> than four pollen grains

Pollen Grain Exine Types				
Tectate	Pollen grain with a continuous tectum; also known as 'eutectate'			
Semitectate	Discontinuous tectum that covers less than 50% of the pollen grain's surface			
Intectate	Pollen grain lacking a tectum; also known as 'atectate'	2000		

Pollen Grain Terminology – Polar Shape		
Circular	The length of the vertical axis and horizontal axis are approximately equal; ratio of 1:1	
Elliptic	The length of the vertical axis and horizontal axis are unequal, one having a greater length than the other	
Triangular Convex	A triangular shaped grain with protruding walls connecting two apexes	
Triangular Concave	A triangular shaped grain with walls sloping inward connecting two apexes	
Triangular Straight	A triangular shaped grain with a relatively straight wall connecting two apexes	
Quadrangular	A single unit pollen grain having four angles (degrees may vary) and four sides	
Quinquangular	A single unit pollen grain having five angles (degrees may vary) and five sides	

Lobate  A single unit pollen grain having distinctive lobes created by the inward folding of the apertures of the grain			
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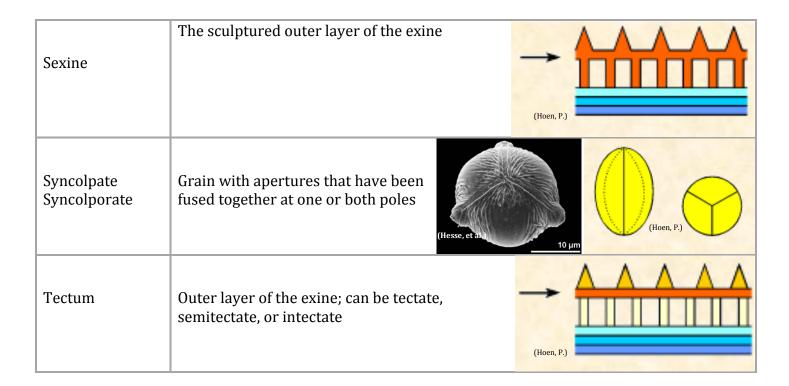
Pollen Grain Terminology – Equitorial Shape		
Oblate	A grain with a polar axis that is shorter than the equatorial diameter in a ratio of approximately 0.5 - 0.75 : 1; (Polar length is 50% to 75% of equatorial length)	
Suboblate	A grain with a polar axis that is shorter than the equatorial diameter in a ratio of approximately 0.75 - 0.95: 1; (Polar length is 75% to 95% of equatorial length)	
Circular	A grain with a polar axis and equatorial axis that are approximately equal in a ratio of 1 : 1 (Polar and equatorial is relatively equivalent in length)	
Subprolate	A grain with a polar axis that is greater than the equatorial diameter in a ratio of approximately 1: 0.75 - 0.95 (Equatorial length is 75% to 95% of polar length)	
Prolate	A grain with a polar axis that is greater than the equatorial diameter in a ratio of approximately 1:0.5 - 0.75 (Equatorial is 50% to 75% of Polar)	
Perprolate	A grain with a polar axis that is greater than the equatorial diameter in a ratio of approximately 2 : 1 (Equatorial is 50% or less of Polar)	

Rectangular Tall	An angular grain with four corner and four sides; polar axis is greater than the equatorial axis
Rectangular Broad	An angular grain with four corner and four sides; polar axis is less than the equatorial axis
Rhombic Tall	Oblique-equilaterally shaped grain with four angles and four sides; the polar axis is greater than the equatorial axis
Rhombic Broad	Oblique-equilaterally shaped grain with four angles and four sides; the equatorial axis is greater than the polar axis

	Common Pollen Morphology Terminology	
Annulus	An area of the exine surrounding a pore that is noticeably differentiated from the remainder of the exine, either in ornamentation or thickness; "ring"	(Hoen, P.)
Aperture	Region of the pollen wall that is morphologically and/or morphologically different from the rest of the wall; typically thinner than the surrounding wall. Apertures = site of germination. The pollen tube emerges through the aperture, that particular aperture becomes a "germinal" aperture.	(Hoen, P.)
Aperture Membrane Ornamentation	The exine layer covering the aperture with noticeably distinct ornamentation; typically a different pattern on the aperture than on the surface of the grain	(Hesse, et al.)  Dicentra spectabilis (Papaveraceae) 9. aperture Picture credit: Halbritter H.

Colporus	Compound aperture composed of a colpus and pore; plural: colpori	(Hoen, P.)
Colpus	Elongated aperture positioned along the equatorial region of the pollen grain or regularly distributed over the grain; plural: colpi	
Columella	Rod-like structure element often used to support the tectum. Can also be free-standing, as found in semi-tectate grains; plural: columellae;	→ (Hoen, P.)
Exine	Outer layer of the pollen wall	(Hoen, P.)
Heteroaperturate	Pollen grain with two different types of apertures; only one type of aperture is functional, serving as the site of germination; the term typically applies to pollen grains with alternating colpi and Colpori; the term heterocolpate could be used to describe a grain that has two different types of colpi (see definition below)  (Hesse, et al.)  Mycoolis ramosissima (Boraginaceae) 4. equatorial view Picture credit: Habinter H.	
Heterocolpate	Pollen grains that possess two or more types of colpi, one of which differs in length and/or presence or absence of endoapertures (pori), exine thinning, invaginations or other structures	(Hoen, P.)
Heterpolar	Grain in which the distal and proximal faces of the exince either in shape, ornamentation or apertural system; the the image divides the proximal and distal faces of the grat the level of the pore	e red line in

Isopolar	Grain in which the proximal and distal faces of the exine are alike	
Lacuna	Depressed area surrounded by ridges (lophae) in lophate pollen grains; plural: lacunae	
Lophae a/k/a "Fenestrate"	Window-like pattern of ridges (=lophae) formed by an outer exine surrounding window-like spaces or depressions  (Hesse, et al.)	
	Pfaffia gnaphaloides (Amaranthaceae) 1. hydrated pollen grain Picture credit: Halbritter H.	
Lumen	General term for space enclosed by muri (depicted in light blue); plural: lumina	
Nexine	The inner, non-sculptured part of the exine, which lies below the sexine	
Parasyncolpate Parasyncolporate	Grain with apertures that are split and attach to the adjacent aperture creating a triangular shape at the pole  (Hesse, et al.)  (Hoen, P.)	
Pore	The endoaperture(s) situated at the equator or disbursed evenly over the pollen grain	
Pseudocolpus	Colpus in heteroaperturate pollen grains, assumed to be a non-functional aperture	



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