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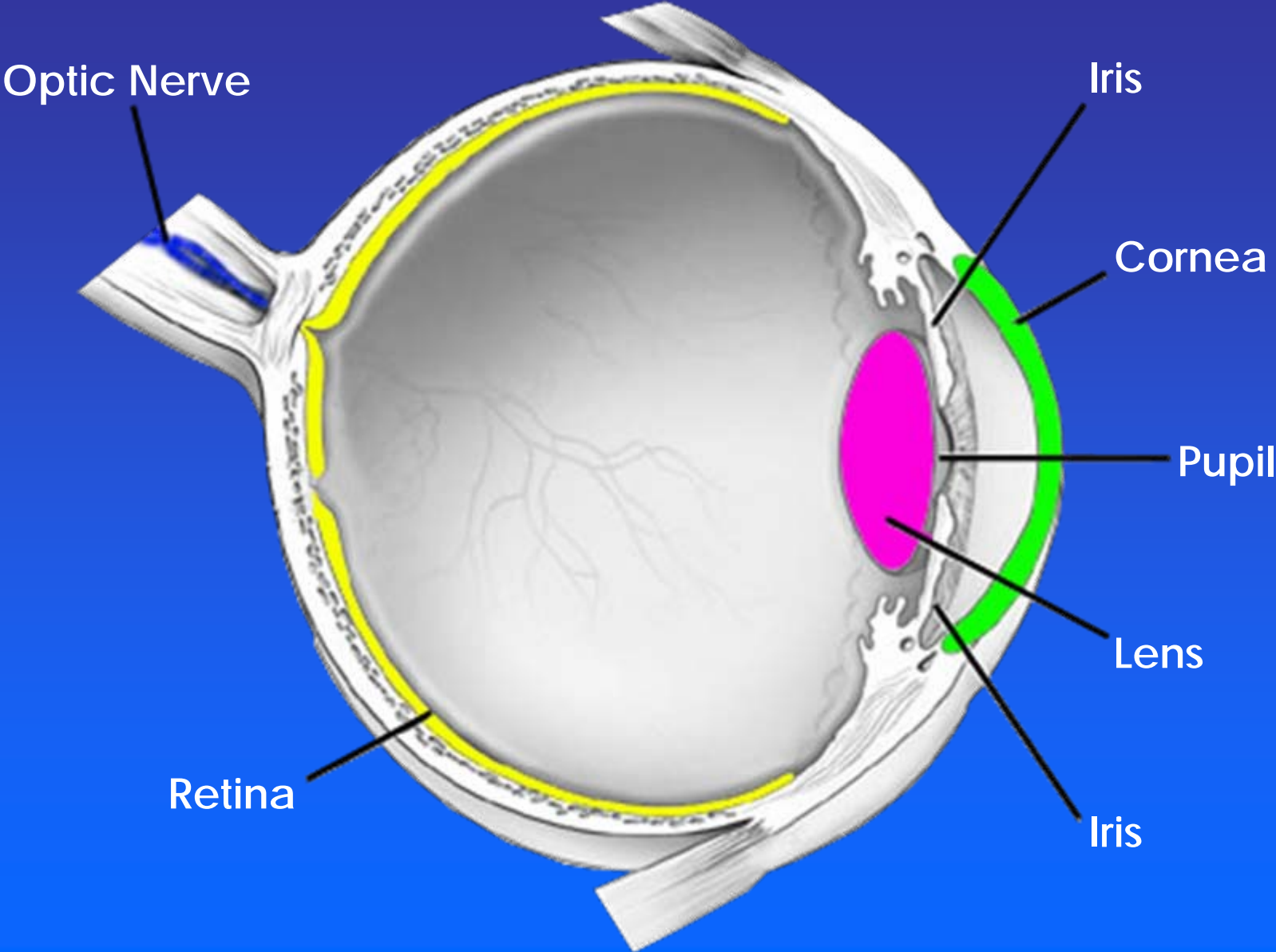
Laboratory of Vertebrate Development

Back to Biology

- Went to high school in north western New Jersey
- BA in Biological Sciences from the University of Delaware
- Before graduate school I designed and built fiber optic networks for computer storage arrays and managed UNIX servers
- Currently in my 4th year of study for my PhD in Molecular Biology



The Development and Growth of the Eye



The Lens

- Transparent tissue composed of specialized cells
- Focuses light in the eye
- Surrounded by a selectively permeable membrane called the lens capsule

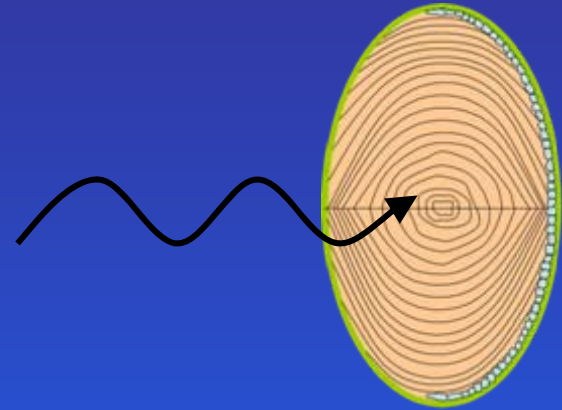


bovine (cow) lens

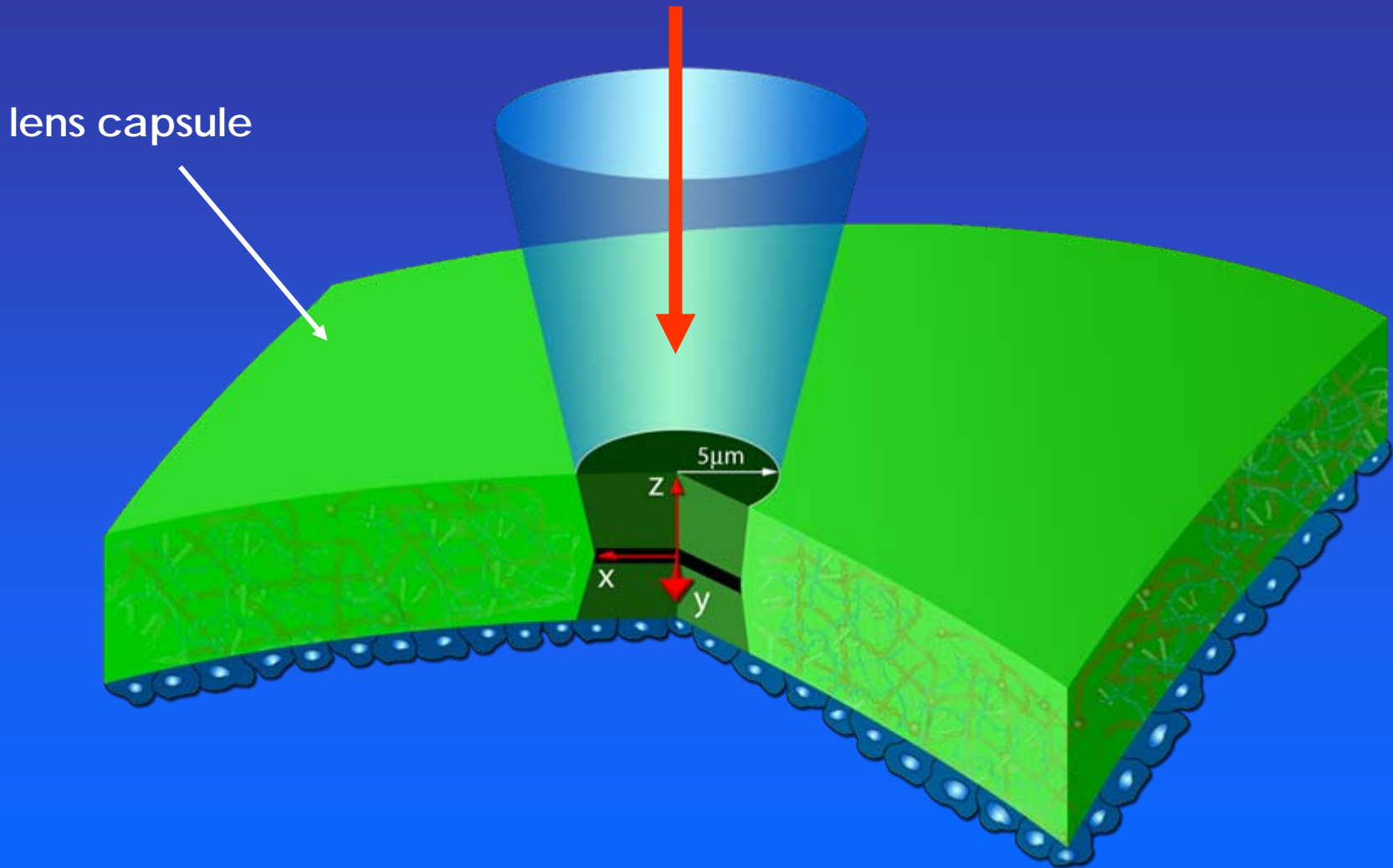
- My research focuses on the mechanisms behind the selective permeability of the lens capsule

Important to Understand Selective Diffusion in the Lens Capsule

- The lens is not directly fed by blood vessels
- Nutrients and other molecules required by the lens to develop and grow must diffuse through the capsule
- Protect the lens from bacterial and viral invasion
- My research will help understand how other organs filter molecules



Use a Laser to Measure Diffusion of Molecules in the Lens Capsule



Thank You

Any Questions?