



*The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Department of Chemistry  
Research Seminar Series*

**Speaker:** Dr. Tuck Seng Wong  
Department of Chemical and Biological  
Engineering  
University of Sheffield  
U.K.

**Title:** Directed evolution: A power algorithm for  
advancing synthetic biology

**Date:** July 2, 2014 (Wednesday)

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Venue:** L3  
Science Centre





*The Chinese University of Hong Kong*  
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*Institute of Molecular Functional Materials*  
**Research Seminar Series**

**Speaker:** Prof. Simon Aldridge  
Department of Chemistry  
University of Oxford  
U.K.

**Title:** Radicals, E-H Bond Activation and  
Nanoparticles: Tuning Main Group  
Elements to Behave as Transition Metals

**Date:** July 18, 2014 (Friday)

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Venue:** L3  
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Prof. H.F. Chow



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**Speaker:** Prof. HU Wenping  
Institute of Chemistry  
Chinese Academy of Sciences

**Title:** Organic Semiconductors for Field-Effect Transistors

**Date:** July 22, 2014 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Venue:** L3  
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**Speaker:** Prof. John S. Tse  
Department of Physics and Engineering Physics  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Canada

**Title:** Crystal Engineering of single molecule magnet, conductor and superconductor from neutral radicals

<< *Abstract* >>

*In a recent series of papers [1-7], we have demonstrated moderate pressure can induce magnetic and electrical properties of a novel series of stable crystalline neutral radicals. Particularly, it is shown that the solids can be converted to a ferromagnet with the highest Curie temperature ever reported for a molecular magnet [1,2]. Moreover, with selective derivatives, crystals with an anti-ferromagnetic ground state can be synthesized [5,6]. Compression has led to the first molecular conductor [5,6]. It is also shown that heat, pressure and light can induced similar spin crossover interconversion in these systems [7]. Moreover, the temperature-pressure phase diagrams of these materials show remarkable resemblance to the organic and high  $T_c$  superconductors. In this presentation, the central role of synchrotron and neutron spectroscopy in the characterization of the physical phenomenon will be emphasized.*

[1] *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2009**, *131* (44), pp 16012–16013

[2] *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2010**, *132* (45), pp 16212–16224

[3] *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2010**, *132* (13), pp 4876–4886

[4] *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2011**, *133* (15), pp 6051–6060

[5] *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2012**, *134* (24), pp 9886–9889

[6] *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2014**, *136* (3), pp 1070–1081

[7] *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2014**, *136* (22), pp 8050–8062

**Date:** July 28, 2014 (Monday)

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Venue:** L5, Science Centre

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