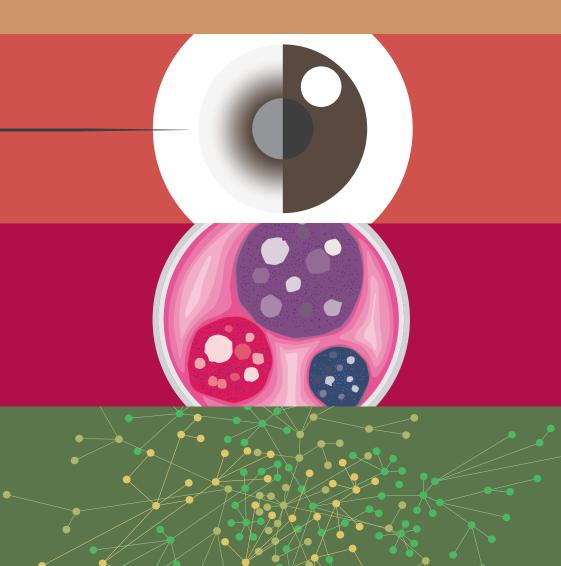


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PROF YING CHAU

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Passion for **SIGHT**

PROF **TOM CHEUNG**

Division of Life Science

The Life of a STEM CELL: from Young to Old

There is no doubt that aging populations present one of the biggest challenges in today's world. Better understanding of the process of biological ageing is key to improving health and longevity in modern society. Human tissue has various levels of regenerative potential; tissue such as the adult heart and the central nervous system have very little power to regenerate, while skeletal muscle and skin have a remarkable ability to regenerate following injury. Research at HKUST is focusing on somatic stem cell biology and the signaling pathways involved in tissue regeneration as well as stem cell ageing. This talk examines how stem cells repair tissue in normal circumstances as well as during organismal ageing, particularly focusing on stem cell-mediated repairs.

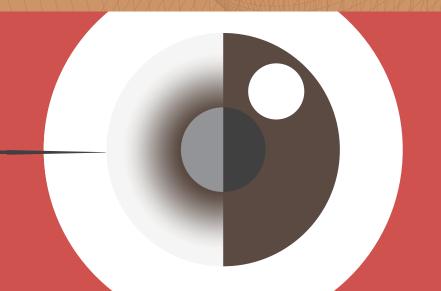
PROF HUAMIN QU

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What Does BIG DATA
Look Like?

Big data is large and complex. Researchers have developed advanced data mining and machine learning techniques to reveal patterns. However, people without a mathematics or computer science background may find these methods and findings difficult to understand. Data visualization, which turns data into intuitive visual forms, is widely considered a key to big data analytics and has become a hot topic, with relevant stories appearing in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Harvard Business Review and Wired, among others.

As well as introducing the history of data visualization, its main research problems and major approaches, the talk covers opportunities and challenges. Hear about ongoing visualization research projects at HKUST and how data visualization helps reveal rumor propagation on social media such as Twitter and WeChat, learning behaviors of students on MOOCs platforms, and human mobility patterns based on mobile phone and transportation data.



Eye diseases are more prevalent in aging populations and are

attracting increasing attention from the pharmaceutical industry. For

of drugs into the eye. In addition to patient discomfort, this increases

developed injectable biomaterials of hydrogel and nanoparticles that

injections and reducing the healthcare cost. Her lab has also patented a needleless method that employs ultrasound to deliver drugs into the

Innovation for Global Health Technology (SIGHT). This new education

transform the collaborative creativity of students into a tangible impact

on public health under low-resource conditions. She will introduce her

the risk of infection and cataracts. Prof Chau's research team has

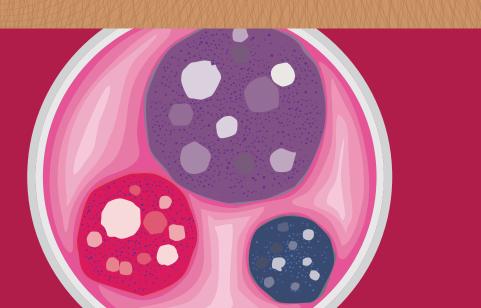
are long lasting, thus cutting down on the number of undesirable

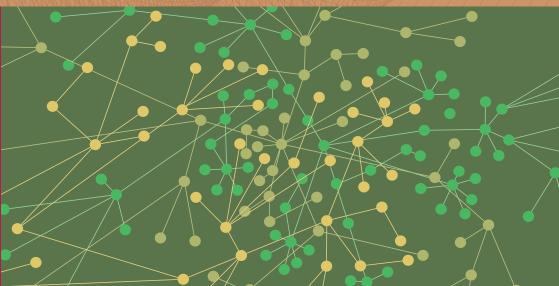
eye, and this technology is now being commercialized by a former student. For Prof Chau, "sight" has yet another meaning – Student

platform, founded and currently directed by Prof Chau, aims to

research projects and activity of SIGHT.

many people, conditions that affect the retina require monthly injections





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