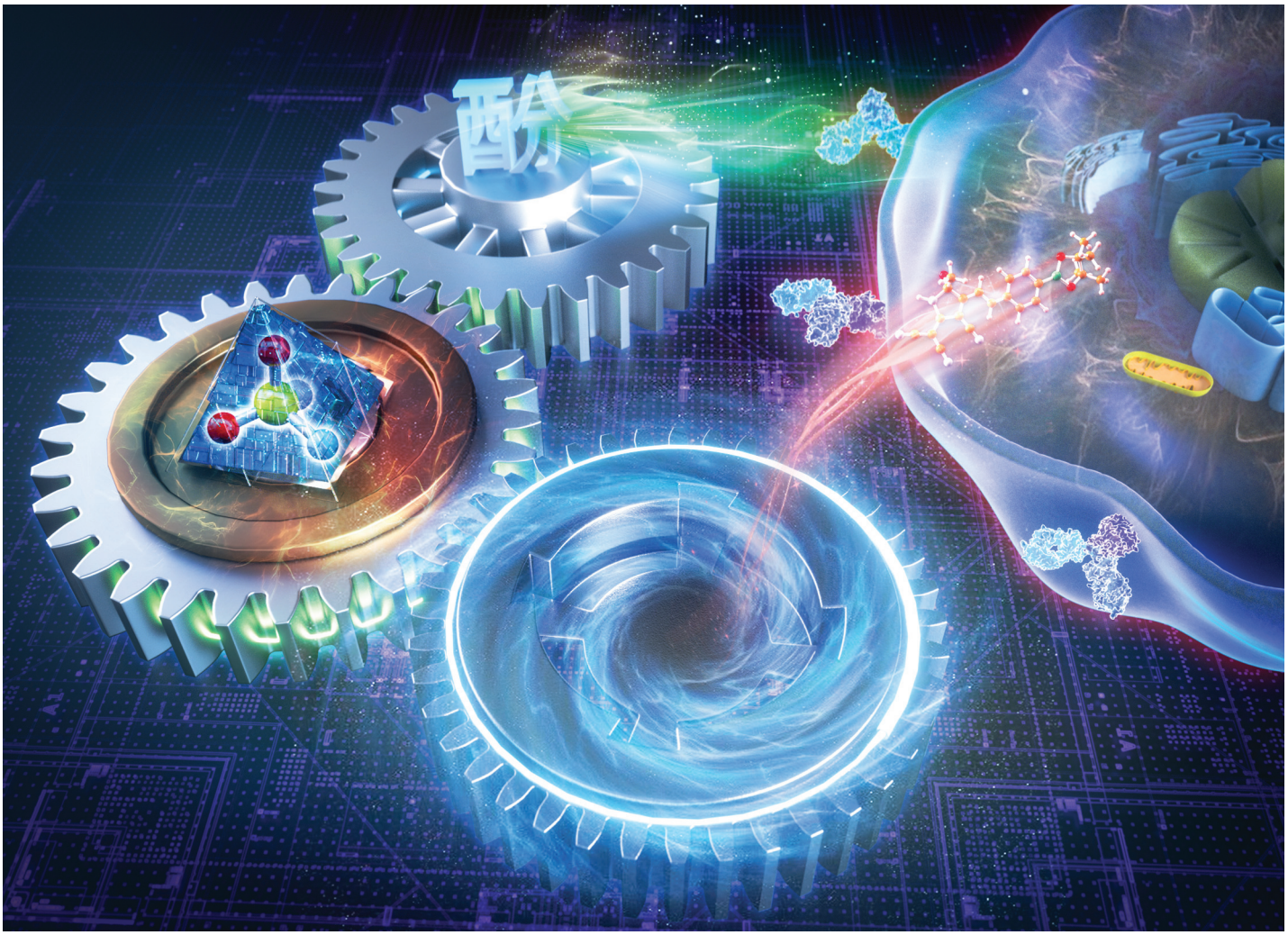

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Borylation of phenols using sulfuryl fluoride activation

An efficient and one-pot method for the synthesis of aryl/heteroaryl boronic esters from phenols was reported. Phenols are first activated by SO_2F_2 to form aryl fluorosulfonates, followed by a palladium-catalyzed deoxygenative borylation reaction with B_2pin_2 to provide a series of boronic esters. This methodology is applicable for the synthesis of natural products, current drug molecules and bioactive compounds. Notably, a novel boronate-based NIR fluorescent probe HTCPB was synthesized by this procedure and employed in fluorescence bioimaging of H_2O_2 in the mouse mammary cancer cell.

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