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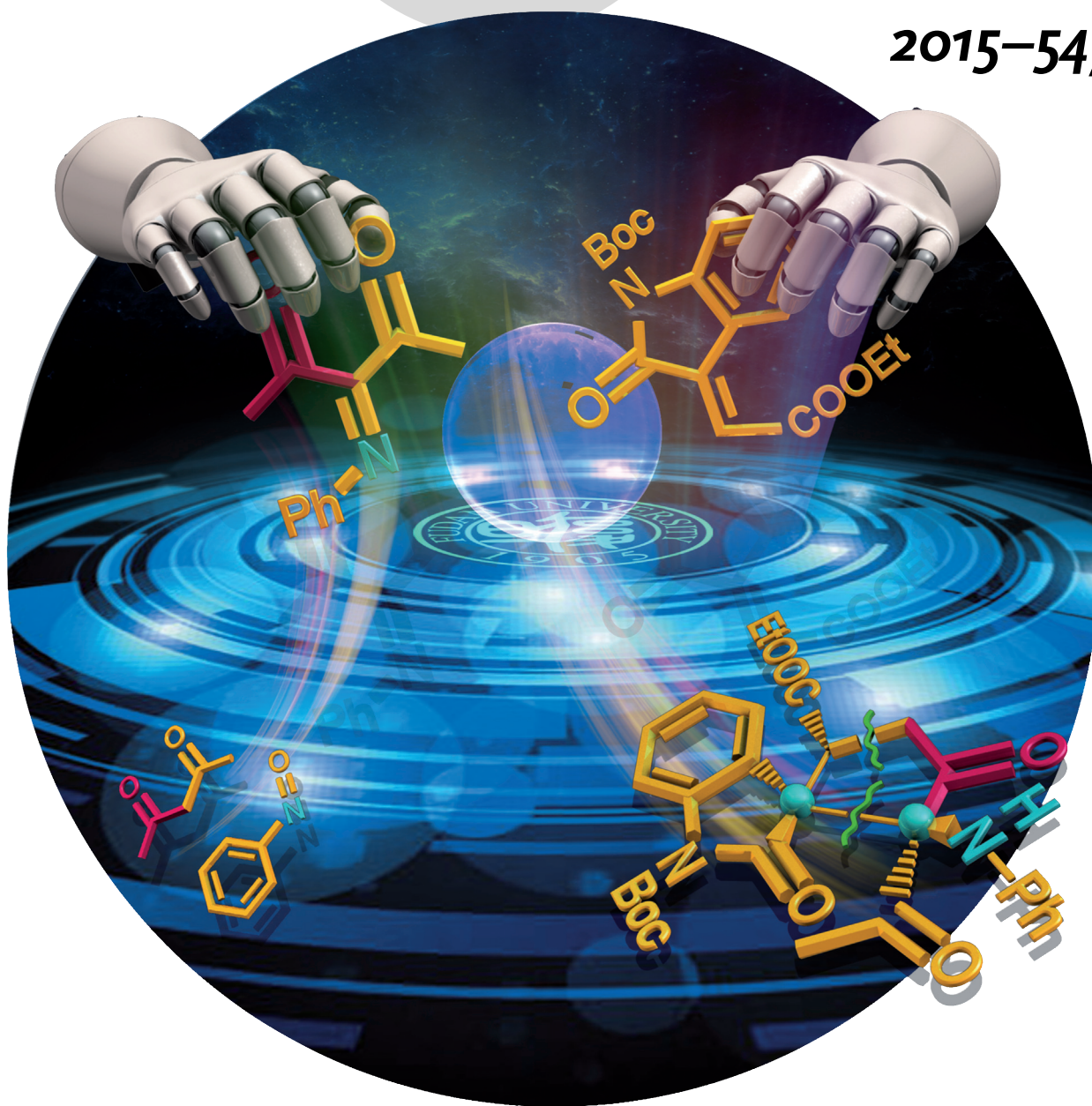
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... five-membered spirocyclic oxindoles were successfully assembled through an organocatalytic cascade reaction as described by X.-W. Sun and co-workers in their Communication on page 13253 ff. The formation of the ketimine intermediate and the ensuing Michael–Mannich reaction were catalyzed by a bifunctional quinine-derived squaramide. Complex architectures with adjacent quaternary carbon centers were thus efficiently constructed from readily available starting materials.

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