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New organometallic transformations of pentafulvenes and benzofulvenes: from regioselective hydroalumination to C-F bond activation

Synopsis:

Fulvenes are widely used building blocks in organic and organometallic chemistry and studied for their optoelectronic properties in material sciences.¹ The cross-conjugation of the 6π electrons and the polarizable exocyclic C=C bond confer some unique reaction behaviors to these formal benzene isomers. In organic chemistry, fulvenes are often applied as 2, 4 or 6 π electron components in cycloaddition reactions.

We have recently discovered some new endo-selective transformations, for example the titanium-catalysed hydroalumination,² the Lewis acid catalyzed hydroheteroarylation,³ and the zirconium-mediated double insertion of carbonyl groups.⁴

Furthermore, our interest in lanthanide chemistry has led to the synthesis of new luminescent europium(II) *ansa* complexes via reductive dimerization of fulvenes and to the discovery of an unprecedented C-F bond activation reaction in trifluoromethylated benzofulvenes.⁵

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