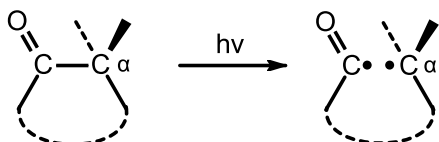


## Norrish Type I photoreaction

$\alpha$ -Cleavage of an excited carbonyl compound leading to an acyl-alkyl radical pair (from an acyclic carbonyl compound) or an acyl-alkyl diradical (from a cyclic carbonyl compound) as a primary photoproduct.

Notes:

1. An example is:



2. Decarbonylation of the primary diradical formed from cyclic carbonyl compounds and subsequent recombination of the biradical afford very interesting cyclic compounds.

**Source:**

PAC, 2007, 79, 293 (*Glossary of terms used in photochemistry, 3rd edition (IUPAC Recommendations 2006)*) on page 375