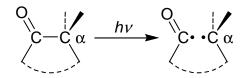
Norrish Type I photoreaction

 α -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.

Note 1: An example is:



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

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