

The preferred 8-endo mode of cyclization of (alkoxy carbonyl)methyl radicals reflects the conformational bias of these radicals favoring *Z* conformation (*s-trans*) over *E* conformation (*s-cis*) (Scheme III). In line with many theoretical and experimental studies corroborating the relative stability of *Z* ester conformations, the *Z* conformation of the (alkoxycarbonyl)alkyl radicals was also judged to be more stable than the *E* conformation.<sup>13,14</sup> The selective formation of eight-membered-ring heptanolactones in these cyclization reactions is probably also connected with the finding that the heptanolactone is the smallest lactone for which *Z* conformers are found as low-energy conformers.<sup>15</sup>

In conclusion, 8-endo cyclization is the fundamentally preferred mode of reaction for (alkoxycarbonyl)methyl radicals, and eight-membered heptanolactones are obtained in reasonably good yields from bromoacetates. Further mechanistic details and the synthetic utility of these unique reactions will be reported in due course.

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### Intramolecular [2 + 2] Cycloaddition of Bis(alkenylcyclopentadienyl)zirconium Dihalides: A Novel Way of Synthesizing *ansa*-Metallocene Complexes

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*ansa*-Metallocene complexes of the group 4 transition metals have played a decisive role for the development of homogeneous Ziegler-type catalysts for stereoselective  $\alpha$ -olefin polymerization.<sup>1</sup> Two-carbon containing bridges between the metal bound  $\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl units (or analogues thereof) are usually prepared by means of substitution reactions<sup>2</sup> or coupling of C<sub>1</sub>-substituted

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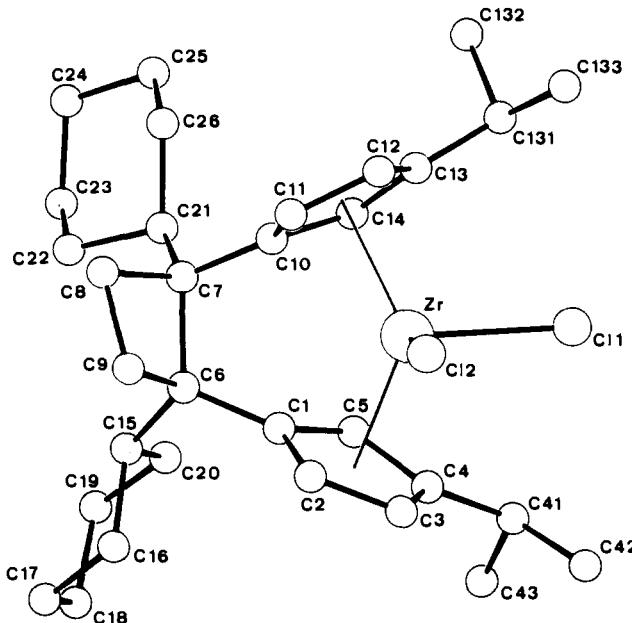


Figure 1. A view of the molecular structure of *meso*-5.

cyclopentadienyls.<sup>3</sup> We here describe a novel method of synthesizing C<sub>2</sub>-bridged *ansa*-metallocene complexes by photochemically induced [2 + 2] cycloaddition of bis(alkenyl-Cp)MX<sub>2</sub> complexes.<sup>4</sup> The two-carbon bridge in these compounds is part of a cyclobutane ring. A representative example is described here.

Bis(1-(cyclohexylethenyl)-3-isopropylcyclopentadienyl)zirconium dichloride (*rac*- and *meso*-4) was prepared by reacting the substituted alkenylcyclopentadienyllithium reagent 2 [generated by treatment of the 3-isopropyl-6-cyclohexylfulvene isomers (1) with LDA<sup>5</sup>] with 0.5 M equiv of ZrCl<sub>4</sub>(THF)<sub>2</sub> (3). The isomers of 4 were separated by fractional crystallization from pentane (the pure diastereomers were isolated in ca. 10% yield each) and then irradiated with UV/vis light.<sup>6</sup> Irradiation of *meso*-4 with Pyrex-filtered light from a high-pressure mercury lamp (Philips HPK 125, room temperature, 60 min, benzene solution) gave a 90:10

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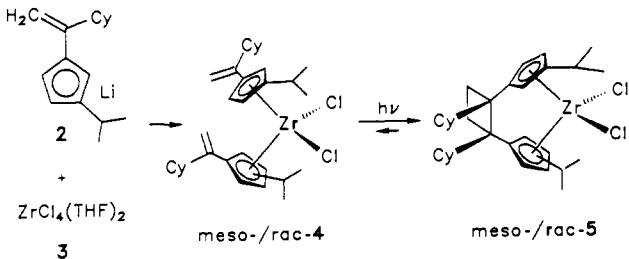
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photostationary equilibrium of *meso*-5 and *meso*-4. The [2 + 2] cycloaddition product was crystallized from pentane and analyzed by X-ray diffraction.

The X-ray crystal structure analysis of *meso*-5 revealed that stereoselective head-to-head addition had occurred exclusively at the bent metallocene unit giving only one of two possible *Z*-substituted cyclobutane products, namely the one having the cyclohexyl substituents at the four-membered ring and the isopropyl groups at the Cp rings in a syn arrangement. The newly formed cyclobutane moiety is slightly puckered. The carbon–carbon bond between the tetrasubstituted ring carbons C(6)–C(7) is rather long at 1.624 (2) Å; in contrast the C(8)–C(9) distance is as expected for a “normal” C(sp<sup>3</sup>)–C(sp<sup>3</sup>) single bond at 1.524 (3) Å.<sup>7</sup> The Cp(centroid)–Zr–Cp(centroid) angle of the *ansa*-metallocene *meso*-5 is 123.9°. The Cl(1)–Zr–Cl(2) angle is 97.2 (1)°. These values place complex *meso*-5 in a typical range of characteristic structural features of C<sub>2</sub>-bridged group 4 *ansa*-metallocenes.<sup>8</sup>



The chiral bis(alkenyl-Cp)metal dihalide complex *rac*-4 produces a slightly different photostationary equilibrium at *rac*-5/*rac*-4 = 75:25<sup>6</sup> when irradiated under analogous conditions (room temperature, 90 min, toluene solution, Philips HPK-125 lamp, Pyrex-filter). Extraction of the mixture with pentane gave pure *rac*-5 (mp 180–182 °C, 60% isolated). The spectroscopic data again revealed that stereoselective head-to-head [2 + 2] cycloaddition had taken place giving the *Z*-configured cyclobutene-bridged *ansa*-metallocene. Thus, complex *rac*-5 exhibits two sets of cyclopentadienyl NMR resonances (C<sub>1</sub> symmetry), whereas the respective Cp signals of the *meso*-5 isomer (C<sub>s</sub>) are symmetry equivalent.<sup>9</sup>

In orientating experiments both 1,2-cyclohexylcyclobutene-bridged *ansa*-metallocenes were used for generating homogeneous propene polymerization catalysts. Activation of *meso*-5 with methylalumoxane in toluene (Al/Zr ratio = 1600) gave a catalyst system which produced atactic polypropylene (−8 °C, activity *a* ≈ 2000 g polymer/g[Zr]·h). The *rac*-5/(MeAlO)<sub>x</sub> catalyst (Al/Zr = 400) gave partially isotactic polypropylene at −22 °C

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(*M*<sub>n</sub> = 3500, *a* = 126). Stereochemical analysis of this polymer (<sup>13</sup>C NMR methyl pentades with statistical treatment as previously described<sup>10</sup>) revealed a typical situation of double stereodifferentiation [formally 60% enantiomeric site control ( $\alpha$  = 0.73) and 40% chain end control ( $\sigma$  = 0.81)].<sup>10,11</sup>

In contrast to the metallocenes of the late transition metals only very few reactions at the Cp rings of the much more sensitive early d- and f-element metallocenes have been found so far. Using photochemical reactions such as the one described here provides attractive alternatives for synthesizing useful metallocene derivatives of these electropositive and very oxophilic elements.

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## A Double Addition Product of C<sub>60</sub>: C<sub>60</sub>[Ir(CO)Cl(PMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>. Individual Crystallization of Two Conformational Isomers

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Multiple addition reactions, which are frequently reversible, have emerged as a major feature of the chemistry of C<sub>60</sub>.<sup>1</sup> Often the occurrence of these multiple additions has given rise to mixtures of products that are difficult to separate and fully characterize. The most thoroughly characterized multiple addition products include the brominated derivatives (C<sub>60</sub>Br<sub>24</sub>,<sup>2</sup> C<sub>60</sub>Br<sub>8</sub>,<sup>3</sup> and C<sub>60</sub>Br<sub>6</sub>,<sup>5</sup>) and organometallic derivatives (C<sub>60</sub>[Pt(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>6</sub>,<sup>4</sup> C<sub>60</sub>[Pd(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>6</sub>,<sup>5</sup>

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