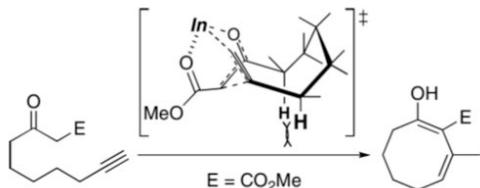


# Efficient Formation of Ring Structure Utilizing Multisite Activation by Indium Catalysis



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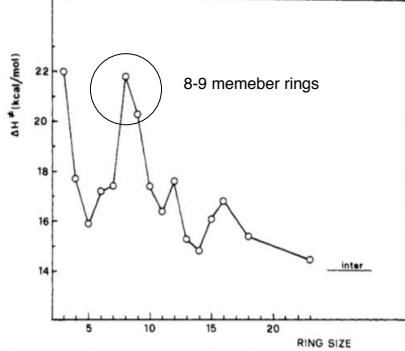
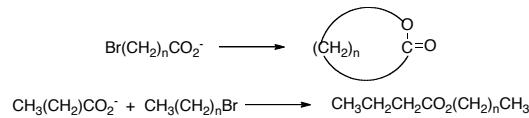


Figure 4.  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  profile for the formation of lactones (eq 4).

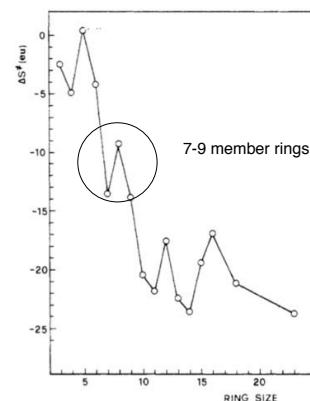
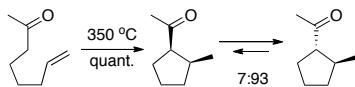


Figure 6.  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  profile for lactone formation (eq 4).

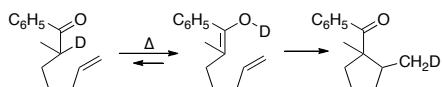
Ring strain arises from 1) bond position forces due to imperfect staggering  
2) deformation of ring bond angles  
3) transannular strains due to repulsive interactions between atoms across the ring  
Strains 1) and 3) are especially severe for medium-ring cycloalkanes  
Usually reactions in low concentrations to prevent polymerization

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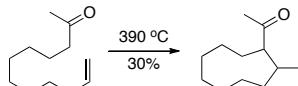
## Conia-ene Cyclization



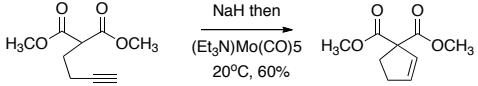
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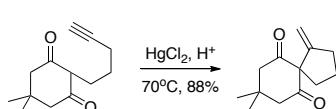
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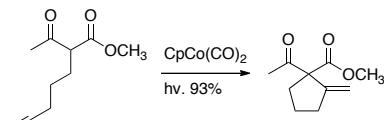
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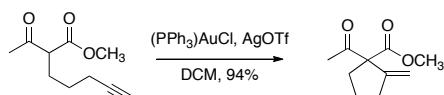


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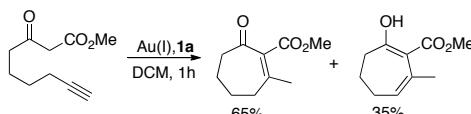
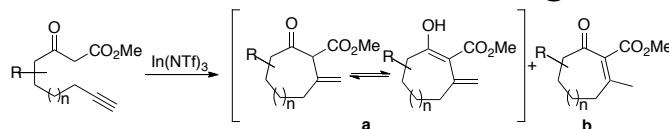
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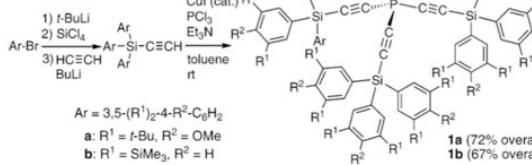


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## Conia-ene Cyclization to Form Medium-Sized rings



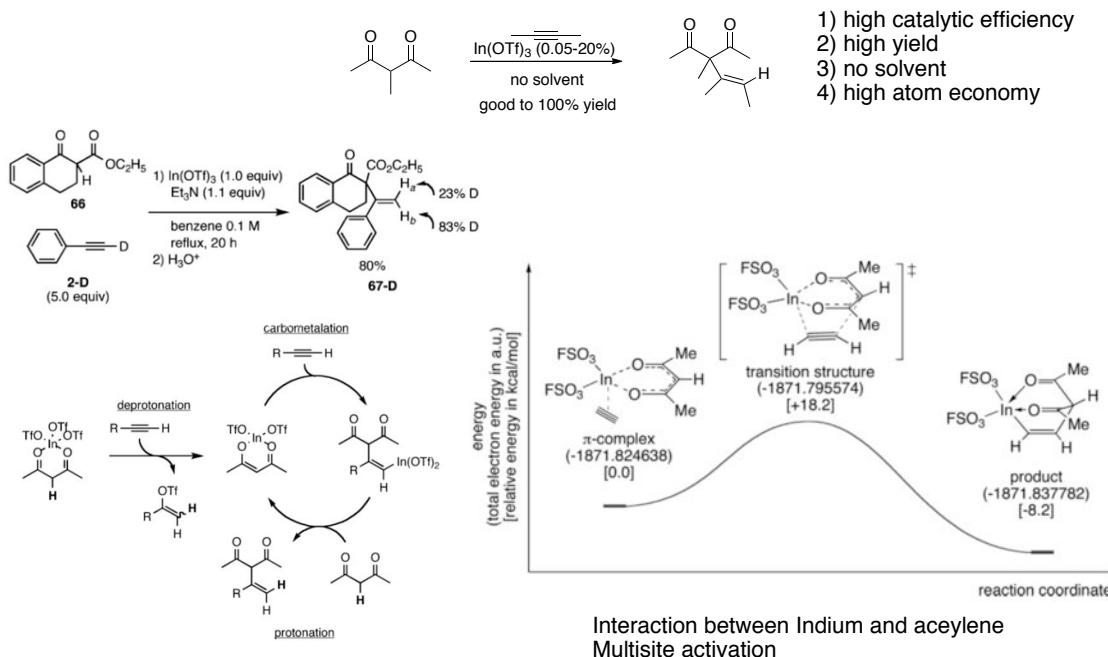
Entry	Substrate	Conditions	Ring size	Product (ratio)	Yield [%] <sup>[a]</sup>
1		1 mol %, 0.1 M 100 °C, 2 h	8		75
2		1 mol %, 0.05 M 120 °C, 12 h	9		71
3		1 mol %, 0.05 M 100 °C, 1 h	8		89
4		1 mol %, 0.05 M 100 °C, 8 h	10		74
5		1 mol %, 0.05 M 150 °C, 1.5 h	9		61



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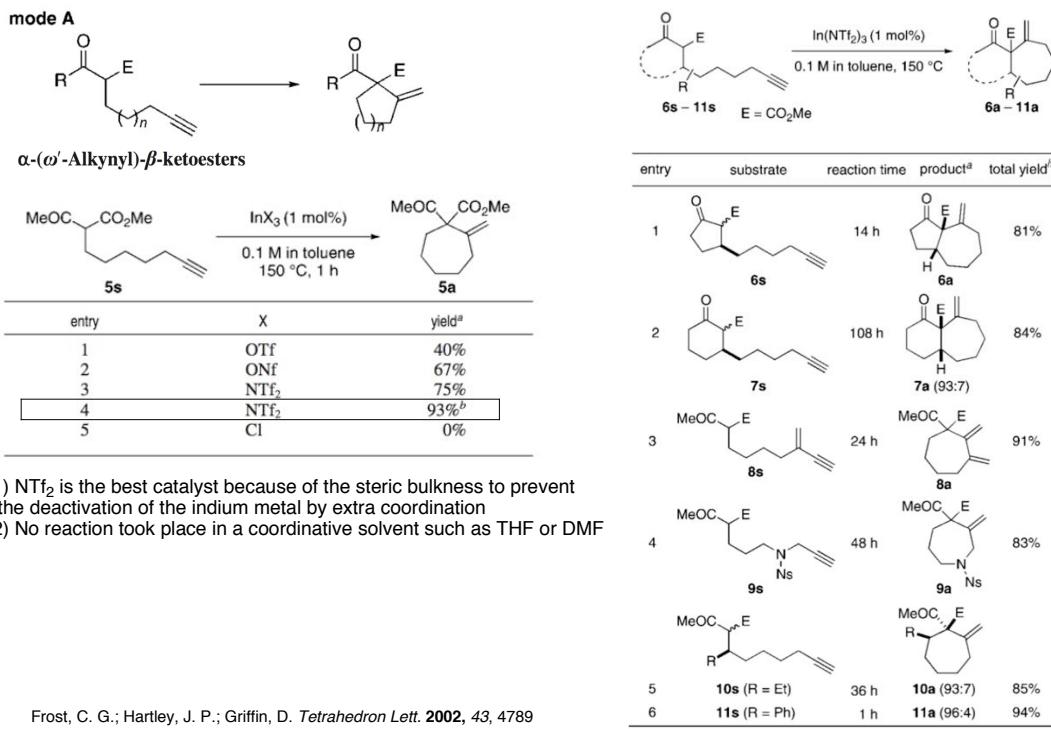
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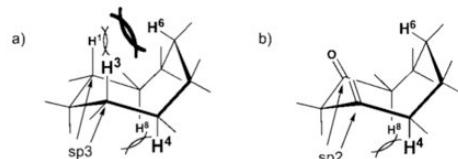
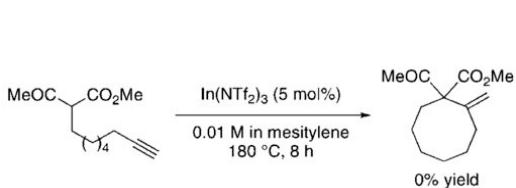
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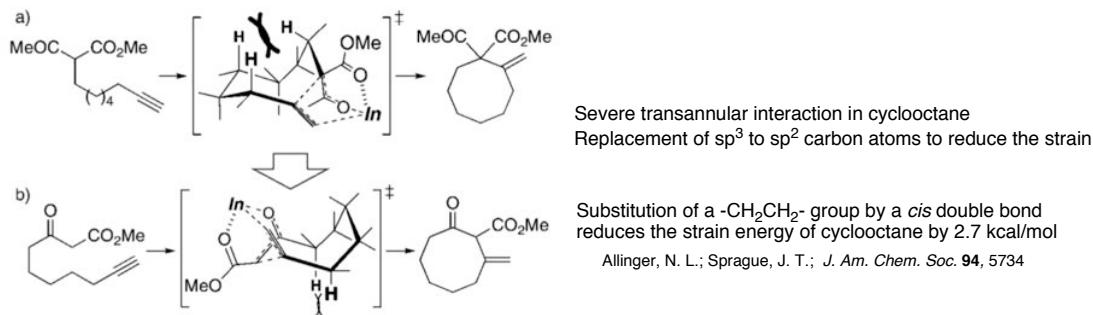
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**Figure 5.** Schematic representations of eight-membered rings: (a) cyclooctane; (b) 3-methylenecyclooctanone.

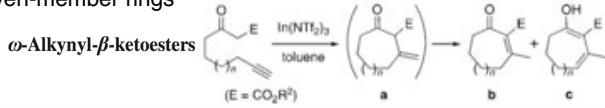


**Figure 6.** Schematic representations of transition states for eight-membered-ring formation: (a)  $\alpha$ - to  $\alpha$ -cyclization (mode A); (b)  $\gamma$ - to  $\alpha$ -cyclization (mode B).

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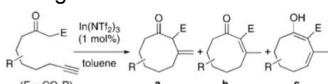
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Six- and seven-member rings



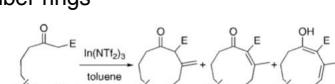
entry <sup>a</sup>	substrate	conditions	product <sup>b</sup>	total yield <sup>c</sup>
1	12s ( $n = 0$ , $R^2 = \text{Et}$ )	1 mol %, 0.1 M, 100 °C, 10 h	12b (6)	90%
2	13s ( $n = 1$ , $R^2 = \text{Me}$ )	1 mol %, 0.1 M, 100 °C, 2 h	13b + 13c (7) (38: 62)	98%
3	13s ( $n = 1$ , $R^2 = \text{Me}$ )	0.1 mol %, 0.1 M, 120 °C, 12 h	13b + 13c (7) (60: 40)	81%

Eight-member rings



entry	substrate	conditions	product	yield <sup>d</sup>
1	14s ( $R = \text{Me}$ )	0.1 M, 120 °C, 12 h	14c	51%
2	15s ( $R = \text{Et}$ )	0.1 M, 100 °C, 2 h	15a <sup>b</sup> + 15b (23: 77)	75%
3	16s ( $R = \text{Et}$ )	0.05 M, 100 °C, 1 h	16a <sup>c</sup>	89%

Nine-member rings

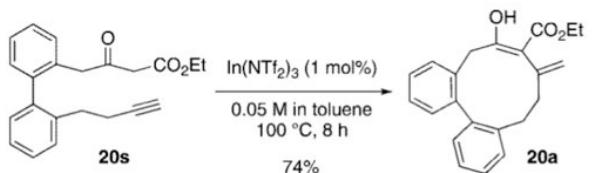


entry	substrate	conditions	product	yield <sup>d</sup>
1	17s	1 mol %, 0.04 M, 150 °C, 8 h	17c	7%
2	18s	1 mol %, 0.05 M, 120 °C, 12 h	18a <sup>b</sup> + 18b (15: 85)	71%
3	19s	10 mol %, 0.04 M, 150 °C, 1.5 h	19a <sup>c</sup> + 19b (65: 15)	61%

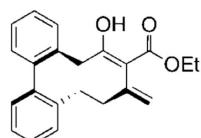
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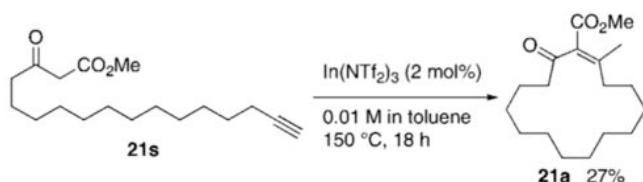
Ten-member ring



one diastereomer



Fifteen-member ring



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## Conclusion

- The use of Indium(III) catalyst, in particular In(NTf<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>  
This catalyst organizes the transition state of the cyclization by means of multisite interactions  
Allow the system to overcome the entropy and enthalpy barriers in the formation of medium- to large-sized rings
- With careful design of substrates to reduce transannular steric interactions, the mode B type of substrates readily gave medium- to large-sized rings while the mode A type substrates are the best for five-membered rings.
- Low catalyst loading, as low as 0.01 mol% in the best case  
No solvent for five-member-ring formation  
Only moderately dilute reaction conditions for medium-sized-ring formation  
High atom economy