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anthetic chemists are increasingly paying attention to enabling technologies with an eye to achieving the buble goal of obtaining high efficiency and meeting the green criteria of energy savings and the absence of angerous catalysts and harsh reagents. A sustainable development aims to design cleaner, safer and highly eective synthetic protocols, able to minimize side reactions and by-products. The scaling up of these challenging strategies, definitively pass through flow-chemistry and process intensification². We experimented everal non-conventional energy sources and techniques to activate catalysts3, to react rather inert substrates4 and to graft carbon nanotubes or materials surface.

wadays high-intensity ultrasound (US), hydrodynamic cavitation (HC), microwaves (MW), radiofrequencies ball milling, flow-micro and mesoreactors, are known as well established reliable techniques, usually policable from lab-scale to tonn-scale. Often such enabling technologies make feasible even critical conversions poorly reactive substrates. A comparison of processes performed under classic conditions and under nonenventional techniques is not a trivial task. Most likely, we can expect the generation of high-energy croenvironments (hot spots or others) that strongly promote reactions in spite of the same bulk temperature. the impressive effect of US and MW, alone or combined, to promoted Cucatalyzed 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions macromolecules⁷, the efficient mechanochemical Suzuki cross-couplings of aryl chlorides in the solid-state⁸, and the solvent-free, MW-assisted cycloaddition of carbonyl ylides, generated from a series of oxiranes, to rgle-walled CNTs will be discussed. We currently envisage that enabling technologies would play a major role the research of the next years.

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