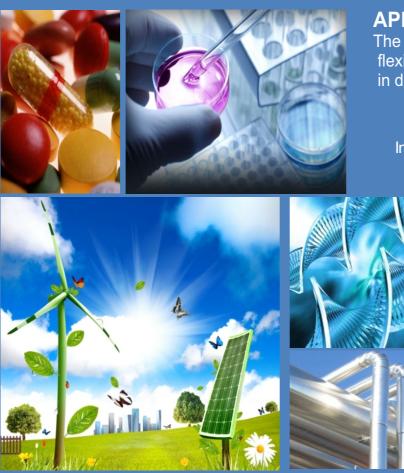


## **USE CASES**

**FLUIDNATEK<sup>™</sup> Lab Tools** are research instruments designed for the fabrication of small spherical and fibrous particles (with diameters ranging from the micro to the nanoscale) as well as for the creation of thin film coatings . The particle manufacturing process of FLUIDNATEK<sup>™</sup> tools relies on **eStretching (electrospray and electrospinnig).** 

Using physical forces, instead of chemical, **micro & nano particles** of many different materials can be obtained: biopolymers, proteins, carbohydrates, macromolecules, synthetic and natural polymers, sol-gel materials, ceramics and glasses.





## **APPLICATIONS**

The instruments provide the scientists with a very flexible platform for their research in diverse areas such as:

#### BIOTECHNOLOGY 🔇

Tissue Engineering Immobilzation and stabilization of microorganisms Scaffolds Controlled Release

## MATERIALS SCIENCE

Energy Catalysis Coatings Sensors  $\bigcirc$ 

#### MEMBRANES 🔇

Filtration Selective separation of fluids Textiles Food Packaging

> MICRO & NANO C ENCAPSULATION

# **KEY BENEFITS**

#### **FUNCTIONAL**

Maximized productivity of scientists and technologists. **Remote control** and monitoring from the desk. **Low death-volume.** Ideal to work with very expensive products. Unique to FLUIDNATEK™: high throughput coaxial (and multi-axial) processing.

## **USER-FRIENDLY**

**Control from touch screen.** Intuitive software and user-friendly design. PLUG & PLAY accessories.

## VERSATILE

Work with many types of materials and solvents. **Field upgradable** with optional accessories.

## C ROBUST

Extensively **peer tested** by our worldwide customers. **Chemically resistant design** for use with most organic solvents.

#### CUSTOMER-DRIVEN

FLUIDNATEK<sup>™</sup> has a long track record in providing customized solutions that **meet your special needs** and **fit your budget**.

#### **QUALITY & SAFETY**

FLUIDNATEK<sup>™</sup> is **compliant** with the required **regional and industrial standards**. Proper solvent exhaust system removes the risk of fire and explosion.

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

## FUNCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

BIPOLARITY. Two power supplies. Up to 60 kV. ACCURATE DOSING. From 0,73 µl/h to 1.257 ml/h. NOZZLE. One liquid phase. COLLECTOR. Flat stainless steel of 300 x 300 mm<sup>2</sup>. DISTANCE REGULATION (nozzle-collector ). 0-30 cm. TOUCH SCREEN. REMOTE CONTROL.

#### ACCESORIES (optional)

**Taylor cone visualization** system. Automated **nozzle linear motion**. 300 mm stroke. Customized **rotating collectors** (drum, disc, mandrel). Different nozzles: **coaxial, tri-coaxial, side-by-side**. **Blown or gas assisted eStretching.** Liquid heating.

## HIGH THROUGHPUT (optional)

Paralell injection for **high throughput**. Continuous feeding of liquids. **Conveyor and roll to roll systems.** 

#### CABINET CONDITIONING (optional)

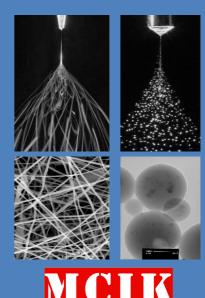
Optimal for biological research. Relative Humidity and Temperature control. From 5% to 95% RH, and from 5°C to 50°C. Anaerobic cabinets for oxygen-free applications. Laminar Flow & Biological Safety cabinets.

#### OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

Dimensions: 100 cm x 100 cm x 180 cm (l x w x h). Input: 120-230V, 50/60Hz, 6A max. May require a compressed air connection (6-8 bar) and water supply. Working conditions: 20-40°C, 30-70% RH

## eStretching

The eStretching technology relies on the application of strong electric forces to liquids. When a high enough voltage (tens of kV) is applied to a liquid flowing through a capillary tube, a micro-jet is obtained. Downstream, the jet may break-up into tiny droplets (electrospray) or undergo a whip-like motion (electrospinning), yielding to either micro/nano spheres or fibers, that are deposited on a collector. Similarly, a coaxial liquid jet can be obtained if two liquids are flown through a coaxial nozzle. The co-eStreching enables the production of Core-Shell and Hollow spheres and fibers. The simplicity and flexibility of the technology make it an interesting research tool for the development and production of novel micro & nano materials for many different applications. This processing technique is ideal for the deposition of thin films and layers and allows an accurate control of the coating structure (porosity) and thickness (from tens of nanometers).



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