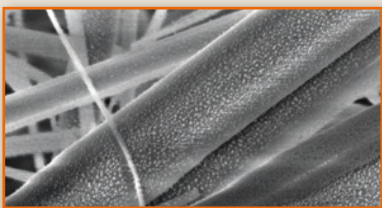




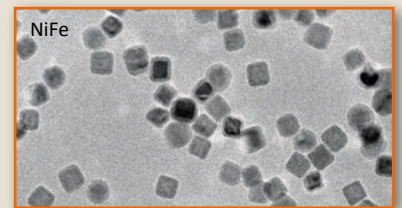
# NEXUS Nanomaterials Deposition System



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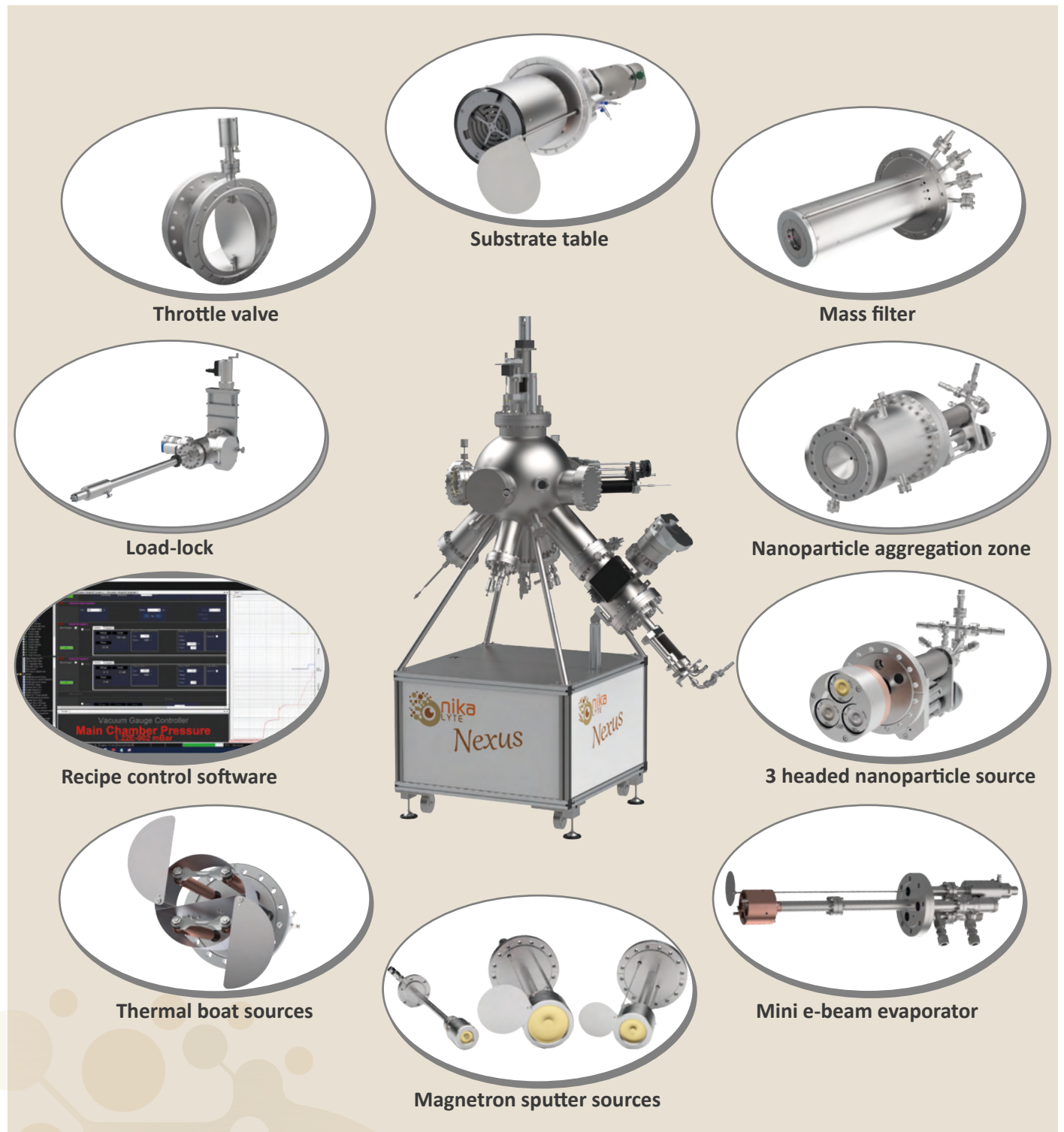


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Deposit hydrocarbon free nanoparticles.  
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## Configuration options



**Discuss your application(s) with our PVD specialists.** We can help you determine the most effective and cost-efficient solution to meet your process needs.

**Regular consultations** with our in-house design team as your system takes shape.

**Installation and comprehensive training** including demonstration of basic PVD processes and parameters to help get you started.

**Supported by technologists with decades of combined experience in nanoparticle deposition and nanomaterial applications**

# Overview

## Powerful, flexible PVD research platform

- System base pressure  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  Torr.
- Interlocks to protect both personnel and equipment.
- 2 Confocal CF150 and 3 confocal CF100 source ports.
- Additional ports for pumping, gauges, load-lock, mass spectrometer, viewport, process monitoring.
- Combination turbo/dry backing pump(s).
- Up to 4 inch diameter wafer sample table with 20rpm rotation.
- Quartz Crystal Microbalance (QCM) for rate monitoring and end-point detection.
- Fully integrated software control of all system functions, data logging and automated process control recipes. **See our software brochure** for further details.

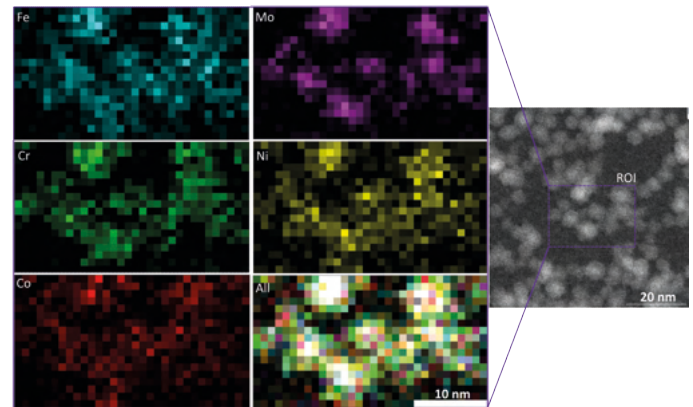
**Upgrade to UHV performance with load-lock, bakeout and pumping upgrade option.**



Entry level system.

## Hydrocarbon free Nanoparticle source

- Nanoparticle (NP) size can be tuned via variable aggregation zone volume, carrier gas flow and plasma power.
- Greater deposition rates achievable than other commercial nanoparticle sources – up to  $3 \text{ mg/hr/cm}^2$  demonstrated for Platinum.
- Single 2 inch target source or triple 1 inch target option, with independent control of each cathode for varying composition of alloy NPs.
- Water or liquid nitrogen compatible cooling jacket surrounding the nanoparticle aggregation zone.
- Quadrupole mass filter for real-time nanoparticle size selection and filtering.



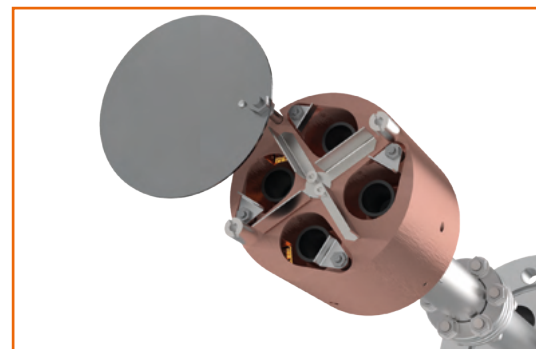
NiFeCoMoCr alloy NPs.

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**See our NL-UHV brochure, for further details [click here](#).**

## Your deposition process workhorse

- UHV compatible Stellar Magnetron sputter sources are available in a 1, 2 or 3 inch target size. Magnetrons are compatible with DC, pulsed DC, RF or HiPIMS power supplies. Standard or high-strength (for magnetic materials) magnet options are available.
- The Evap-4 mini e-beam evaporator has 4 independently controlled 1CC crucibles with co-evaporation capability.
- Thermal boat source with 1 or 2 boat option.
- K-cell, Ion source and RF Atom source available from third parties.



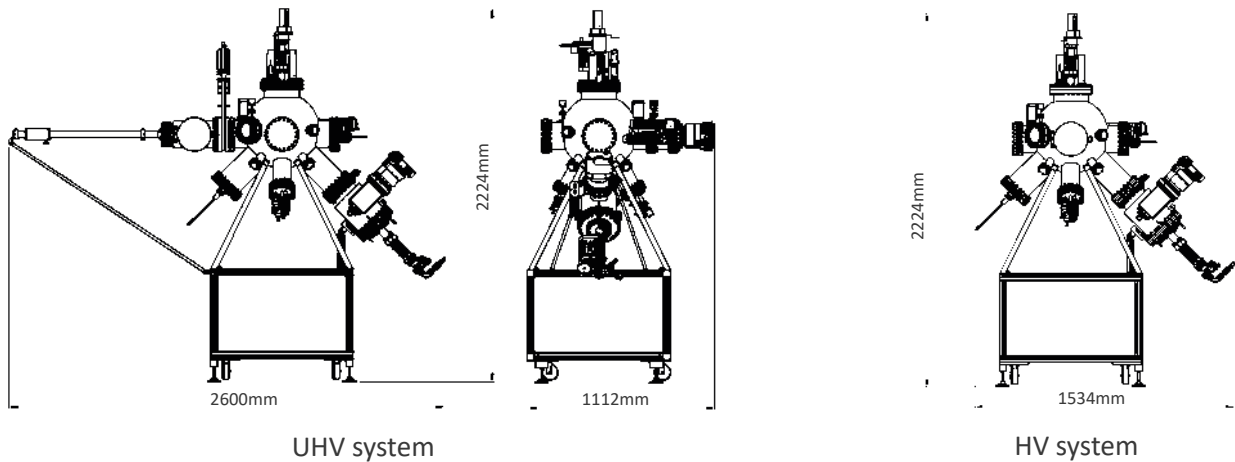
Evap-4 mini ebeam evaporator.

**See our [Stellar Magnetron sputter source](#) and [Evap-4 mini e-beam source](#) brochures for further details.**

# The details

| Basic system configuration  | Options   |
|---|---|
| 5e-7 Torr base pressure   | 5e-9 Torr base pressure*  |
| Sample stage - up to 4 inch wafer size<br>20rpm rotation<br>Z-shift for sample loading/unloading  | Sample stage - DC bias for Nanoparticle acceleration<br>RF bias for sample surface cleaning<br>Heating to 800°C |
| Pumping - 300l/s turbo with 7.2m <sup>3</sup> /hr dry backing pump  | Pumping - 700l/s turbo  |
| Manual valves, shutters, and linear drives  | Automation options for valves, shutters, and linear drives  |
| Control software for recipe driven processes, power supply control and data logging   | Adjustable baffle in front of turbo to increase dynamic pressure range for sputtering at lower gas flows        |
| QCM for process monitoring and end point detection  | Separately pumped load-lock with transfer arm   |
| Up to 5 deposition/plasma sources<br>Any combination of:<br>Nanoparticle source*, Magnetron sputter sources,<br>Mini e-beam evaporator, Thermal boat source<br>K-cells†, Ion source†, RF Atom source† | System bakeout  |
| <i>*Additional differential turbo pump required for Nanoparticle source option, †Third party source</i>   | <i>*Requires selection of load-lock, 700l/s turbo and bakeout options</i>                                       |

## System footprint



## Utilities

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Power</b>         | 415 V, 3Ph + neutral + earth, 32A per phase 50Hz  |
| <b>Process gases</b> | Typically, Argon. Depending on chosen configuration Nitrogen, Oxygen or Helium may also be required. Typical supply pressure 10 psi |
| <b>Coolant</b>       | Typical 1L/min at 50 psi, 1 – 3 kW cooling capacity required depending on chosen configuration                                      |
| <b>Pneumatics</b>    | Compressed air 80 psi   |
| <b>Venting</b>       | Regulated Dry Nitrogen supply, max 5psi   |
| <b>Pumping</b>       | 7.2m <sup>3</sup> /hr dry backing pump supplied as standard   |
| <b>Exhaust</b>       | Extracted exhaust. Exhaust port on backing pump size NW16   |

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