

acorn drop™



Droplet size without dilution

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The Acorn Drop™ measures emulsion droplet size and distribution, entirely without dilution. Simply

place 0.5 ml

of sample in a

5mm tube, insert it into the Drop and press START. The results are available a few minutes later. In contrast, conventional particle sizing techniques such as laser diffraction require extensive dilution of the emulsion in order to measure droplet size.

The measuring range of the Acorn Drop is extremely broad - from 200 nm to 100 microns. High concentration, highly viscous,

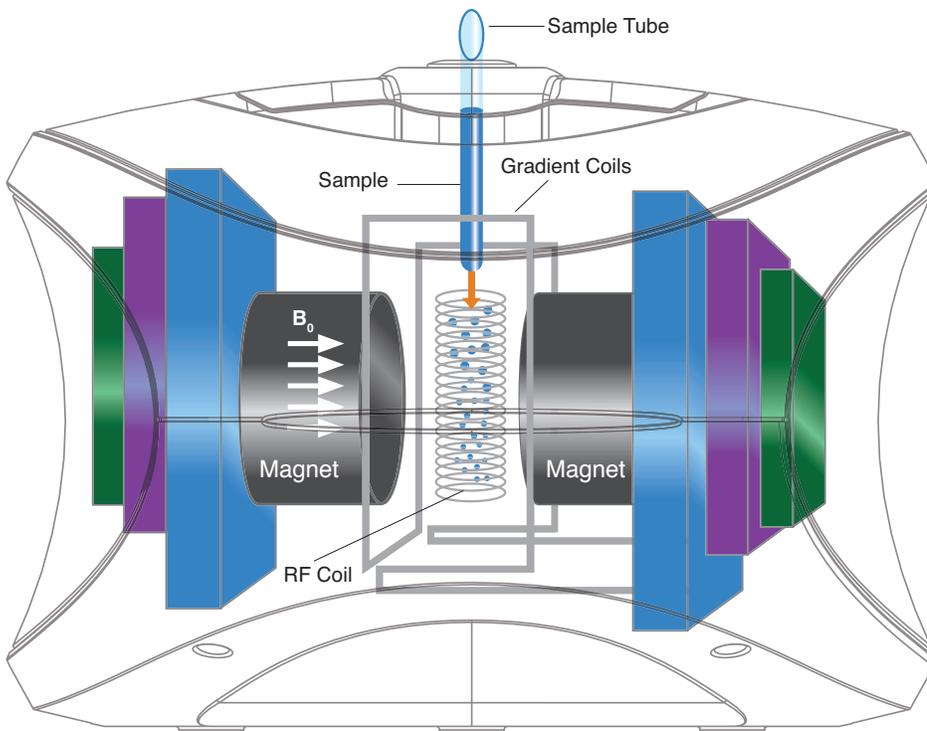
10% PDMS O/W Emulsion Comparison		
	Mean Dv (µm)	Polydispersity
Acorn Drop (undiluted)	0.32±2%	0.50±5%
Light Scattering (diluted)	0.30±2%	0.35±5%

be diluted due to their composition dependence). Our approach is nondestructive - the same sample emulsion can be studied minutes, days or weeks later, facilitating analysis of emulsion stability. A Time-mode function enables drop size measurements as a function of time. A Flow-thru Mode enables the user to circulate the sample thru the device.

opaque and light-sensitive emulsions can be measured directly as well as nano or micro emulsions (that cannot

How it works

The XiGo Acorn Drop is a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer (NMR) configured to measure diffusion. The spin-echo of the emulsion is measured as a function of the magnetic field gradient amplitude. The attenuation of the echo as a function of gradient strength determines the attenuation function from which the droplet size is determined.



To see how the Acorn Drop can help with your emulsion application, contact us!

Call to discuss your application with our technical staff. Send us a sample – we will be happy to make a measurement. If you would like a demonstration, we can arrange to visit your facility or let you view the Acorn Drop in action via the Internet. See for yourself the incredible cost-performance benefits that the Acorn Drop provides.

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