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A New Diffusion NMR Experimental Model System for Studies of Bidisperse Colloids¹ ANAND YETHIRAJ, SWOMITRA PALIT, Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, Memorial University of Newfoundland — A method to prepare monodisperse colloidal particles that are simultaneously NMR-visible and fluorescent is described. A systematic approach to obtain spectrally resolved diffusion coefficients for every component (colloid and solvent) in a monodisperse colloidal suspension is presented. We also prepared bidisperse colloidal suspensions where each colloid component has a distinct NMR spectral signature, and obtained the diffusion coefficient of both colloid species and solvent simultaneously, in concentrated colloidal suspensions with volume fractions between 20 and 50 %. This colloidal model system enables the study of bidisperse colloids at different size ratios and number ratios.

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