



# • the minispec LF110 for Heaviest Rats down to little Organs

## Body Composition Analysis (Fat, Lean, free and total body Water) in

- Rats
- Mice
- Organs and Organ Parts
- Tissue Samples
- Biopsy Investigations

#### the minispec LF-series

- Solutions for Mice
  - minispec LF50
  - minispec LF50H
  - (horizontal sample insertion)
- Adaptable Solutions for Mice and Rats
  minispec LF90II
  - New: minispec LF110

#### The Bruker minispec Systems LF90II and LF110

Since many years the Bruker minispec is well-known in industries as well as R&D.

One decade ago the minispec has found applications in obesity, nutrition and diabetes areas as an attractive tool for the non-harmful examination of lab animals. Important parameters like Fat and Lean can be determined in approximately 2 minutes only.

Same as in big MRI systems in hospitals where humans are examined routinely nowadays, the animal is examined without applying anaesthesia in a fully awake state. Little movements of the animals will not influence the measurement significantly. For investigation of soft(er) body tissues, Magnetic Resonance is the right choice, rather than x-ray techniques.

With Bruker's introduction of the LF90II system generation, not only mice, but also rats can be examined. Now that the LF110 is available, also rats  $\geq$  1kg can be analysed. The measurement time in the LF110 takes just 2 minutes and also mice and smaller samples can be investigated.

Innovation with Integrity





minispec Probe-in Probe: Unique design to enable measurements on low-weight samples.

#### Unique Probe-in-Probe Design

The LF90II and LF110 feature a unique probein-probe solution developed to measure small samples, like newborn rodents, biopsies and other samples with premium sensitivity. The sensitivity is directly related to both, the filling factor of the probe and the probes quality factor. Thus, both factors have been designed for optimal performance combined with ease-of-use.

#### **Reduced animal stress and red restrainers**

The BCA application with the minispec minimizes the animal stress because anesthesia is not required. More importantly, the animal stress is further reduced by use of the minispec proprietary red restrainers. It has been proven by experiment that rodents move freely into the restrainers, due to their dichromatic color perception, while the animal can be monitored all time.



Red Restrainers: while the operator can always watch the animal, the rodent will assume being in a dark place.



TD-NMR can inspect even through the packaging material of diverse samples, like for quick fat content determination.

#### Further Applications of the LF90II / LF110

Obviously the NMR analyzers of the minispec LF-Series can also be used for other non-medical applications. Two examples should be mentioned in this context.

#### 1.) Application on Power Bars / Packaged Chips and Crisps

As packaging materials such as plastic foils do not provide NMR signal in the LF-series systems and NMR technology does fully screen the object, packaged samples like food can directly be analysed, without removing the packaging. Fat and moisture content can be easily determined that way, applying wellrecognized TD-NMR standard methods. Fat in packaged power bars can be determined in a few seconds.

#### 2.) Oil in Oil Sands and Oil Shales / Bitumen

Extremely inhomogenous samples make it necessary to investigate a rather big volume of a batch; such measurement pre-conditions can be fulfilled by using minispec LF-instruments. The sample geometry can be cylindrical like having a diameter of 11 cm and a height of 18 cm. This offers big potential in the petrochemical field, like for oil content determination in oil sands and shales or for analyses on bitumen.

#### minispec LF-series Advantages

- No harm to animal
- No anesthesia, Animals are measured awake
- No preparation of Animal before analysis
- NMR screens all the animal, not only parts of it. Integral method.
- the minispec LF-series applies Magnetic Resonance technology, same as used in hospitals to examine soft tissue of humans.
- Fast Analysis, takes only 2 minutes
- Operator requires no special NMR skills
- Easy and intuitive minispec software
- Probe-in-Probe Design to enable big range of animals / samples
- Starter Calibration with arbitrary samples provided during system installation.
- Advanced Calibration like MRI method development on request.
- Long-term reliable and problem-free operation



minispec Plus Software: the method is defined and the calibration procedure will be started right afterwards.

Bruker BioSpin is ISO 9001 certified.

Magnetic safety measures apply to the operation of the minispec.

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