BESSY II AT HZB: MX-BEAMLINES

22.07.2002: the beam shutter at the MX beamline was set to ON for the first time, allowing **the first beam of light to enter the beamline**.

2002

Initially only two beamlines were available to users; a third beamline was added later on. Our MX beamlines are located at Sector 14 of BESSY II and are therefore called **BL14.1**, **BL14.2 und BL14.3**



Debut of the innovative **MX booking calendar**. Those who receive beamtime book the appropriate date in the calendar themselves. This is unique in Europe and helps users plan their preparation of samples.

fully automated instrument able to measure extremely small samples down to 20-25 micrometres, about half the thickness of a single hair.

Microdiffractometer on BL14.1: this is a

First automatic sample changer (CATS) on BL14.1.

In 2010: **founding of the Joint MX Lab** with now a total of 6 scientists on site. The HZB MX stations are the most productive of their kind in Germany.

2011

2003

2006

First PILATUS detector for BL14.1: this enables even more precise insights into the complex folds in the building blocks of life.

1000th deposited structure. It is a protein from the class of sirtuins that plays a role in ageing, stress & metabolic processes in the human organism. This protein structure was deciphered by researchers from the University of Bayreuth.

2008

2009

2010

500th deposited structure: protein kinase Pim-1. This protein is produced at higher levels in some types of cancer. Its structure was deciphered by a team from Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals (Berlin).



2019

Second PILATUS detector: new goniometer and sample changer (GROB) on BL14.2.

2015

2020

2021

3000th deposited structure



Third PILATUS detector on BL14.1: this detector makes it possible to record complete data sets for complex proteins within minutes. First remotely conducted experiment on BL14.1.

More than 3670 deposited protein structures (as of May 2021). In spring the MX-team counts 12 people.