## **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.

2003

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



2006

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.

Microdiffractometer on BL14.1: this is a fully automated instrument able to measure extremely small samples down to 20-25 micrometres, about half the thickness of a single hair.

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

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

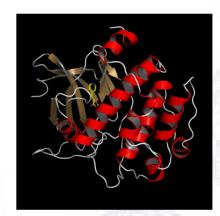
1000<sup>th</sup> deposited structure. It is a protein from the class of sirtuins that plays a role in ageing, stress & metabolic processes in the human organism. This protein structure was deciphered by researchers from the University of Bayreuth.

2008

2009

2010

500<sup>th</sup> 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).



2013

2015

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

3000th deposited structure



2020

2021

2019

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 BL 14.1.

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

