

Berlin Life Sciences

Structural Biology

Large-scale infrastructure for Structural Biology research

Summary: Structural Biology is a key discipline of modern Molecular and Medical Biology and a cornerstone of all major research consortia in the Berlin area. The Life Science Campus Berlin offers state-of-the-art, large research infrastructure for Structural Biology via the Joint Berlin MX-Laboratory (HZB, FUB, HUB, MDC, FMP, Charité), NMR centers (FMP, FUB), MS-based Structural Interactomics facilities (TUB, FMP, FUB) and the EM Ultra-Structure Network (Charité, FUB, MPI-MG). This infrastructure enables cutting-edge Structural Biology research through complementary approaches. To further reinforce long-term, close collaboration, we aim at integrating the existing collaborative networks into a newly formed Berlin Center for Integrative Structural Biology to serve as a platform for the operation, further development and usage of this unique collection of



equipment for the Berlin Structural Biology community.

Joint Berlin MX-Laboratory (HZB, FUB, HUB, MDC, FMP, Charité)

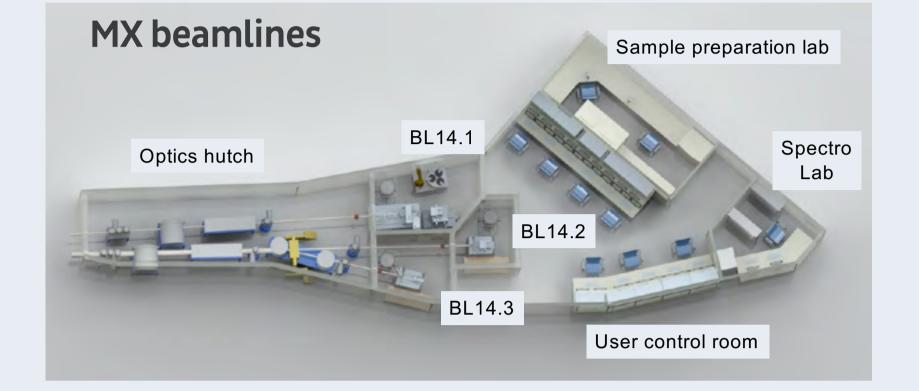


Joint Berlin MX-Laboratory

- Operation, usage and further development of BESSY II MX beamlines
- Founded 2009
- Phase III 2018-2020

Joint Berlin MX-Day • Annual meeting of the Berlin Structural Biology community





Helix 2

Beamline 14.1

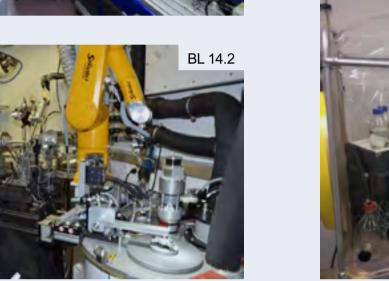
- Energy range 5.5 15.5 keV 5.0 x 10¹¹ photons/s
- High performance multi-axis goniometer MD2
- Automated sample mounting • PILATUS 6M-detector
- High performance *de novo* structure determination by
- MAD/SAD

Beamline 14.2

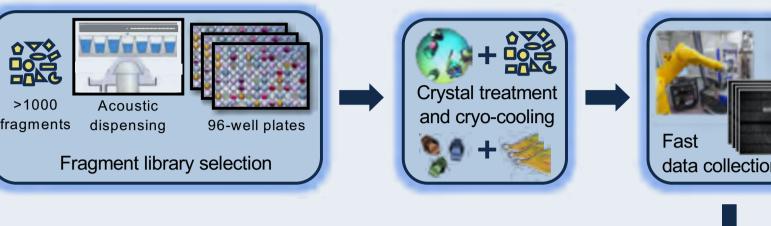
- Energy range 5.5 15.5 keV 4.6 x 10¹¹ photons/s
 Nanodiffractometer • Automated sample mounting
- PILATUS3S 2M-detector · De novo structure determination by MAD/SAD, longwavelength S-SAD

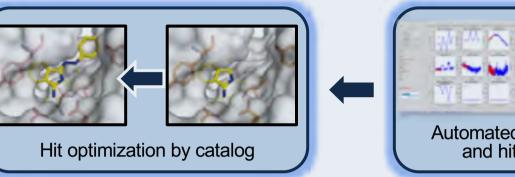
Beamline 14.3 Energy 13.8 keV • 6.8 x 10¹⁰ photons/s • High performance multi-axis goniometer MD2-S Rayonix MX225 CCD-detector In situ crystal screening Crystal dehydration experiments





Crystallographic fragment screening





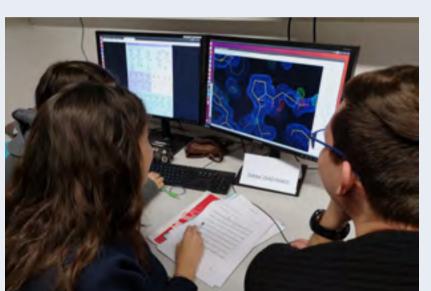




Crystallography under inert atmosphere Oxygen-sensitive metal centers

Joint methods course at FUB, HZB, MDC Biomolecular X-ray crystallography





Nuclear magnetic resonance centers (FMP, FUB)

Dynamic nuclear polarisation • DNP increases S/N by two orders of magnitude

NMR spectrometers

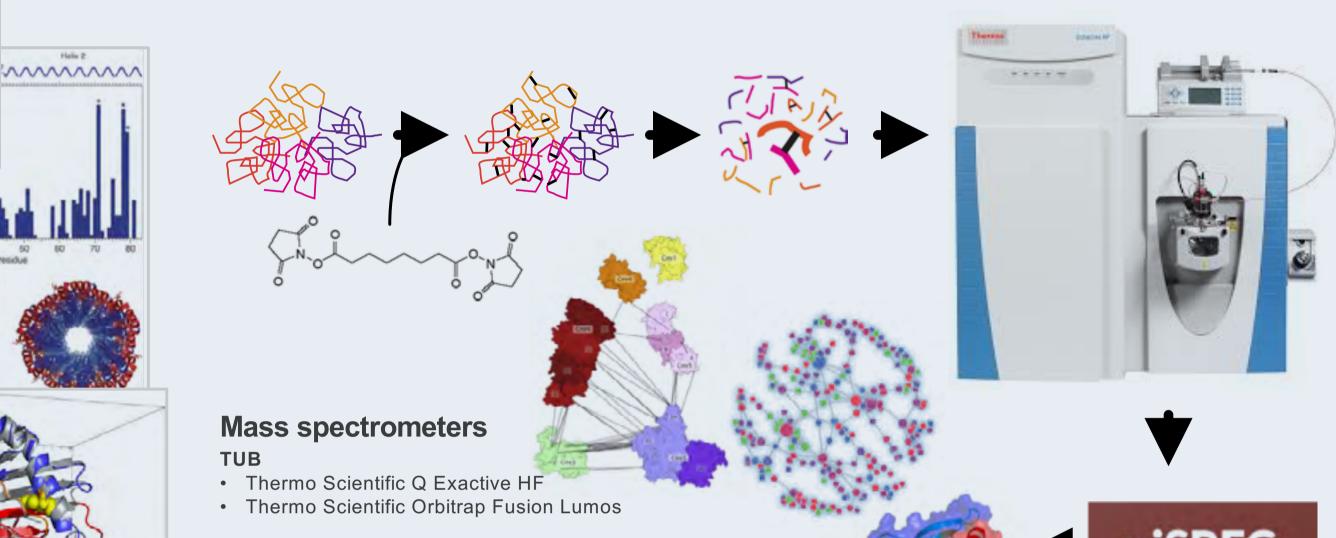
- FMP Bruker AV 400 (MRI imaging)
- Bruker AV 300, 3x600 and 750 (solution)
- Bruker AV 900 (solution and solid-state)
- Bruker AV 600 and 700 (solid-state)
- Bruker AV 400 and 800 (solid-state with DNP functionality)
- Bruker 1.2 GHz NMR (to be installed)

FUB

AV400WB (DNP)

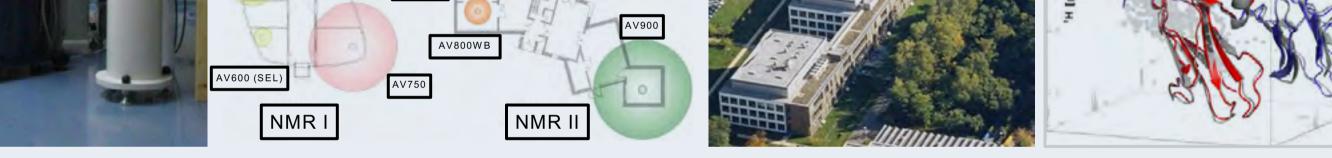
- Bruker AVANCE III 700 (solution)
- JEOL 600 (solution, solid state)

Structural interactomics (TUB, FMP, FUB)



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FMP



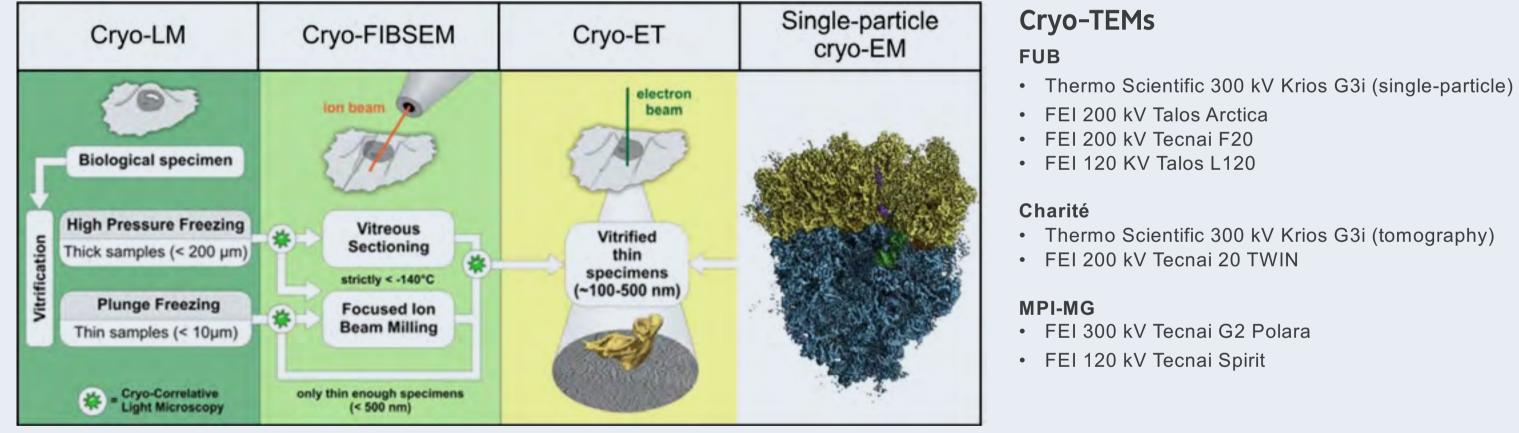
• Thermo Scientific Orbitrap Fusion Lumos

FUB





Ultra-Structure Network – Transmission cryo-electron microscopy (FUB, Charité, MDC, FMP, MPI-MG)



Experimental workflow using the instrumentation to be set up in 2019 (adopted with modifications from Lučič et al. (2013) J Cell Biol 202, 407-419)

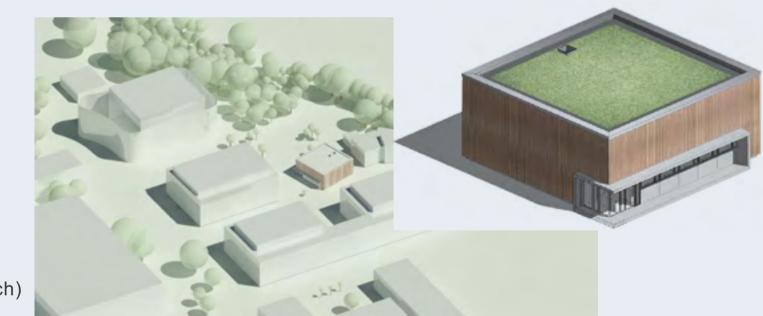


Research building SupraFAB

- In operation end of 2020 (FUB Campus Dahlem)
- Large research infrastructure
- (including cryo-TEM, solid state NMR)Architects: Nickl & Partner AG

Cryo-EM building

- In operation mid 2019 (Charité Campus Buch)
- Large cryo-TEM infrastructure • Architects: Heinle, Wischer & Partner





IT infrastructure

- Data acquisition and data evaluation
- Core-Facilities BioSupraMol (FUB), AMBIO
- (Charité), Zuse Institute Berlin (Campus Dahlem)

Berlin University Alliance







