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MS4-P7 Fast iodide-SAD phasing for membrane protein structure determination

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Membrane proteins are hard to investigate. Each step of X-ray crystallographic pipeline from protein production to structure solution is non-trivial. In particular, experimental phasing techniques have shown their ineffectiveness in case of either soaking or co-crystallization of membrane protein crystals. A fast, easy and universal method is presented here for membrane protein structure determination. Four structures of target membrane proteins from four different largest classes have been solved via single-wavelength anomalous diffraction of iodide-soaked crystals. The method is highly efficient for various data collection strategies: standard and serial crystallography at synchrotron and XFEL sources.

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