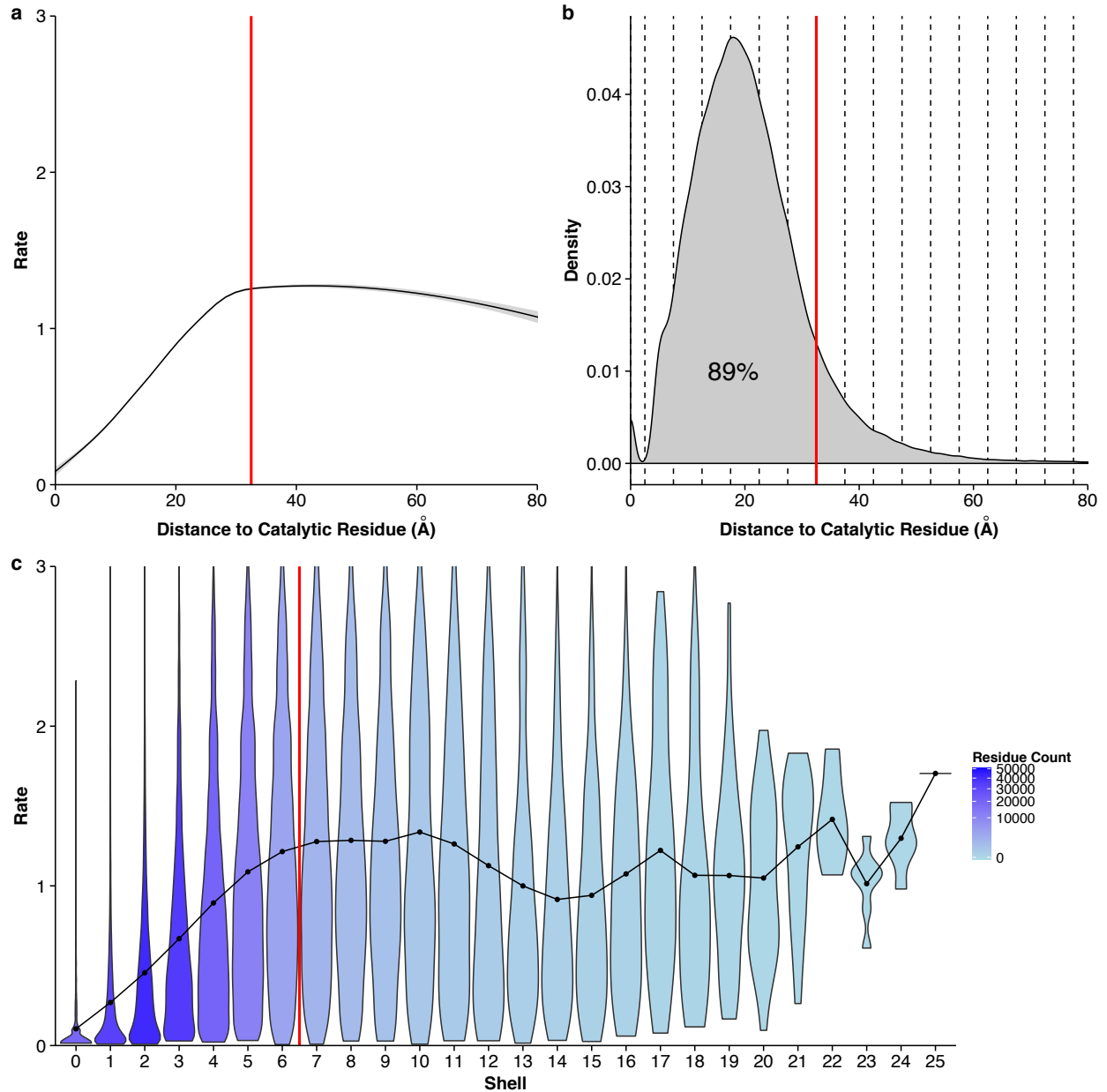


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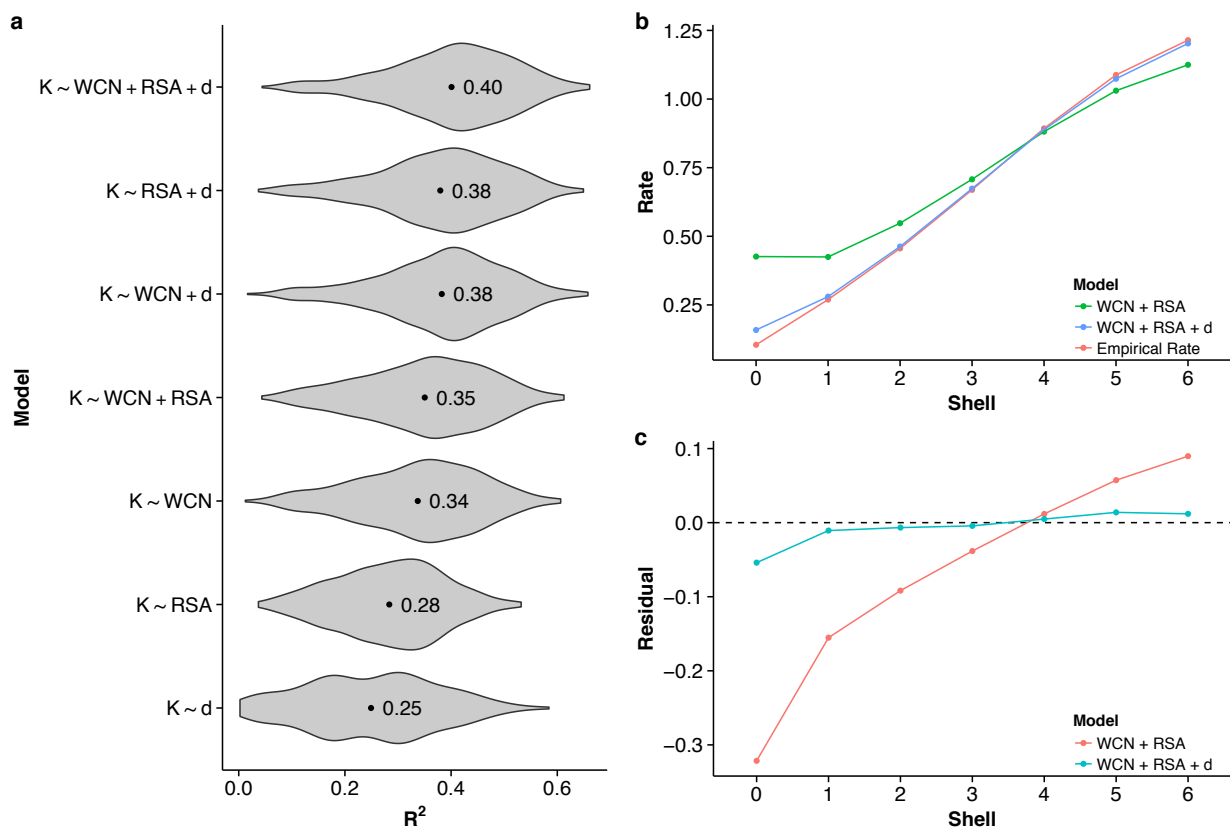
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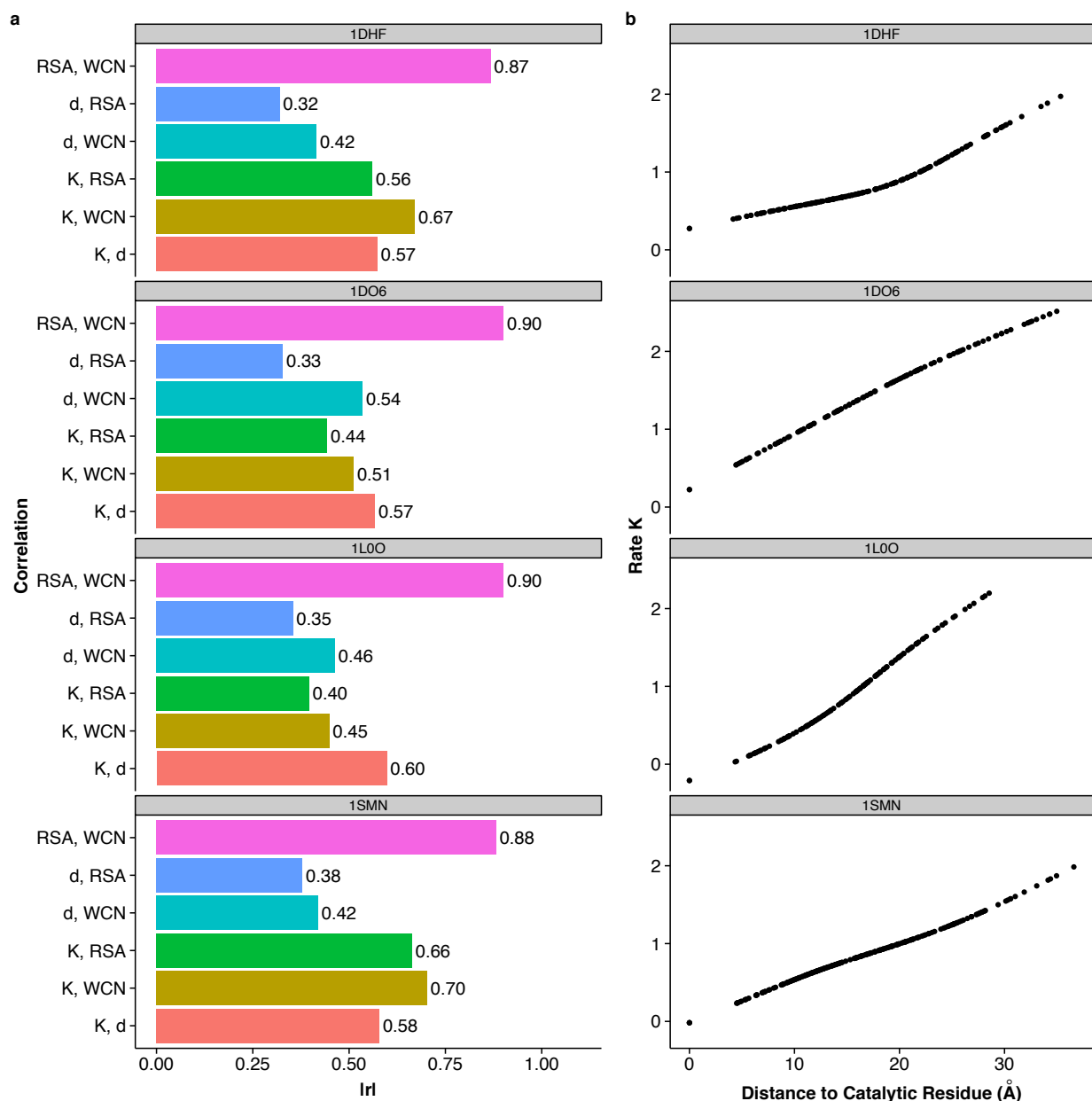
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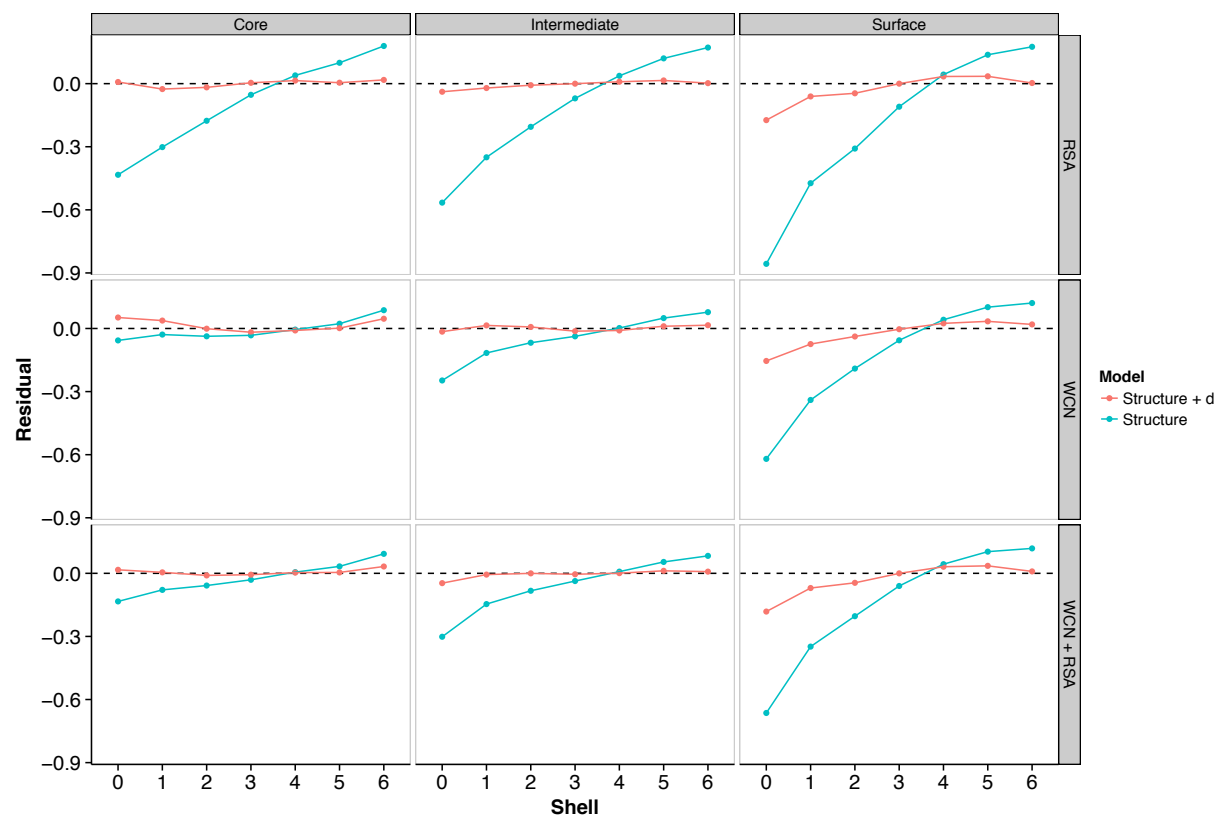
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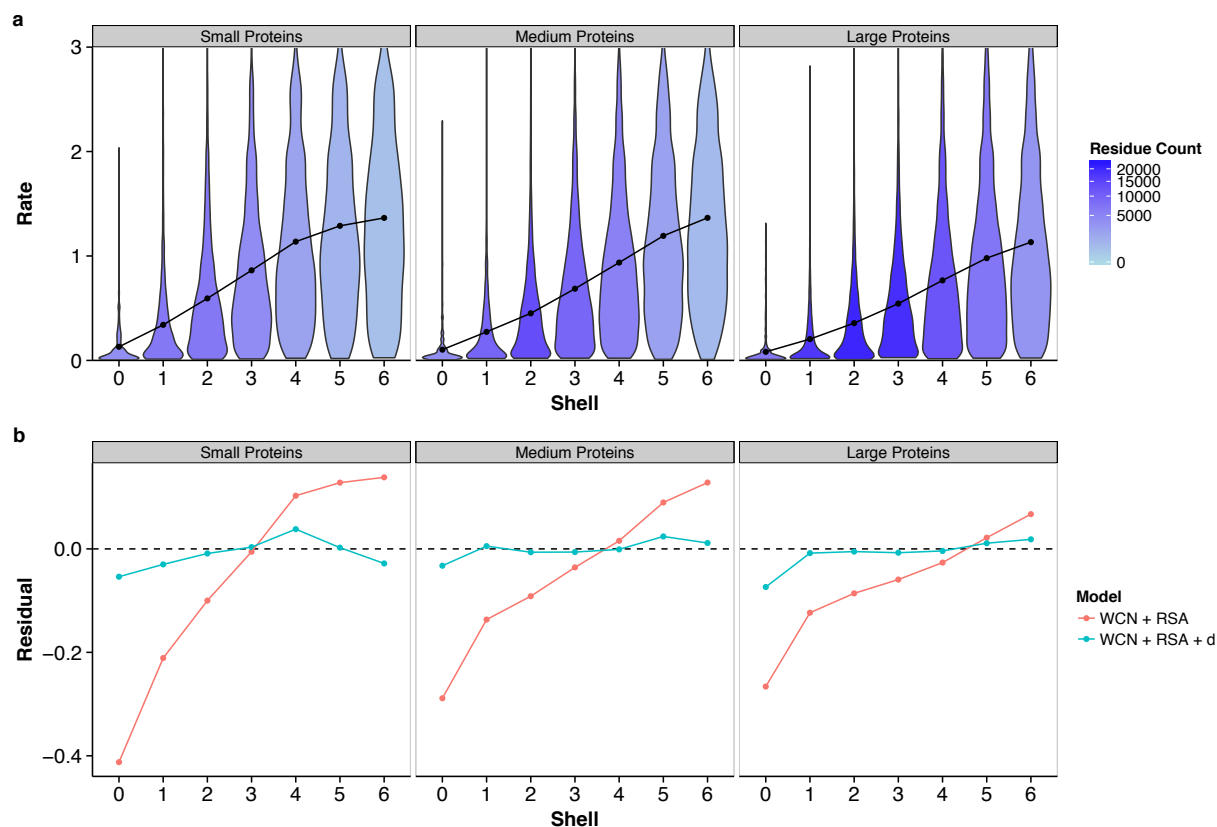
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Effect of active-site location on the relationship between site-specific evolutionary rates and distance to the nearest catalytic residue. Only data from single subunits with interface residues included are considered. Enzymes are grouped into three categories, based on the mean solvent exposure of their catalytic residues: core ( $RSA < 0.05$ ), intermediate ( $0.05 < RSA < 0.25$ ), and surface ( $RSA > 0.25$ ). Lines represent mean residuals for different structural linear models (vertical labels, right) and those same models with distance added as a parameter.

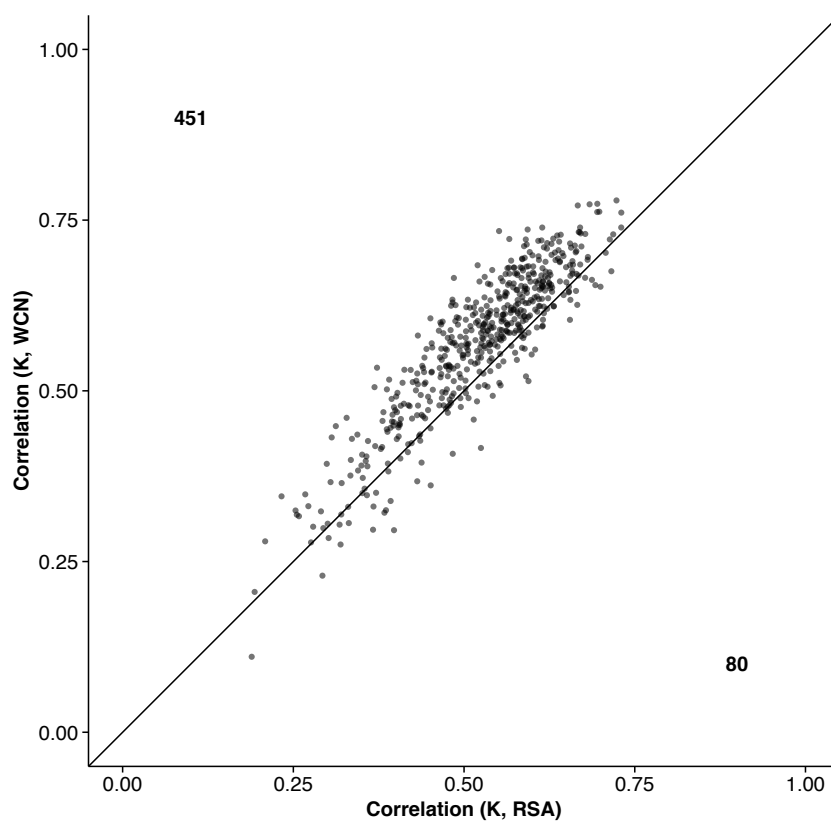
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Effect of protein size on the relationship between site-specific evolutionary rates and distance to the nearest catalytic residue. Only data from single subunits with interface residues included are considered. (a) Distribution of rates within each shell, where proteins have been separated into small (95–326 sites), medium (327–484 sites), and large (485–1287 sites) based on amino-acid sequence length. Points represent the mean rate in each shell. As the size of the protein increases, the distance–rate slope decreases and distance effects extend further from the active site. (b) Mean residuals in each shell for models with and without distance, again separated by protein size. The constraining effects of catalytic residues depend on protein size, with stronger, more local effects in small proteins, and weaker, longer-range effects in large proteins.

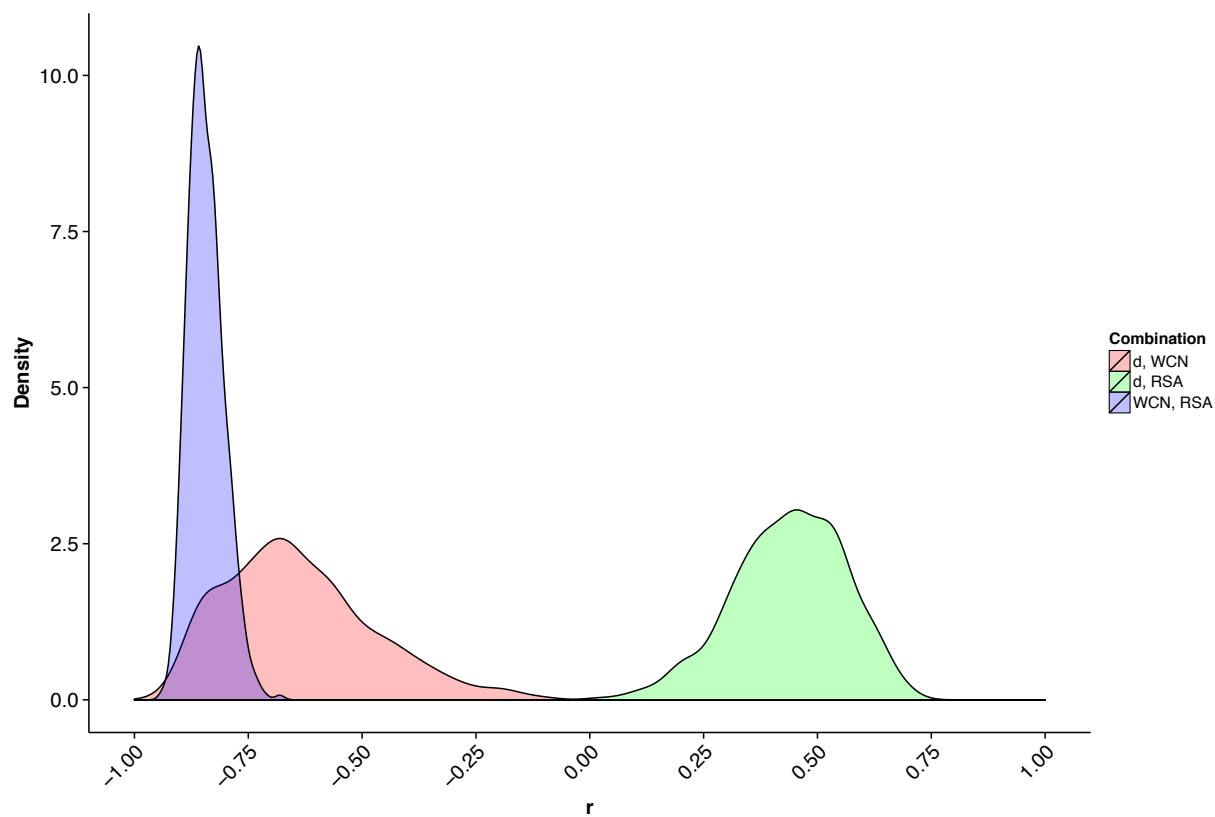
## Supporting Figures

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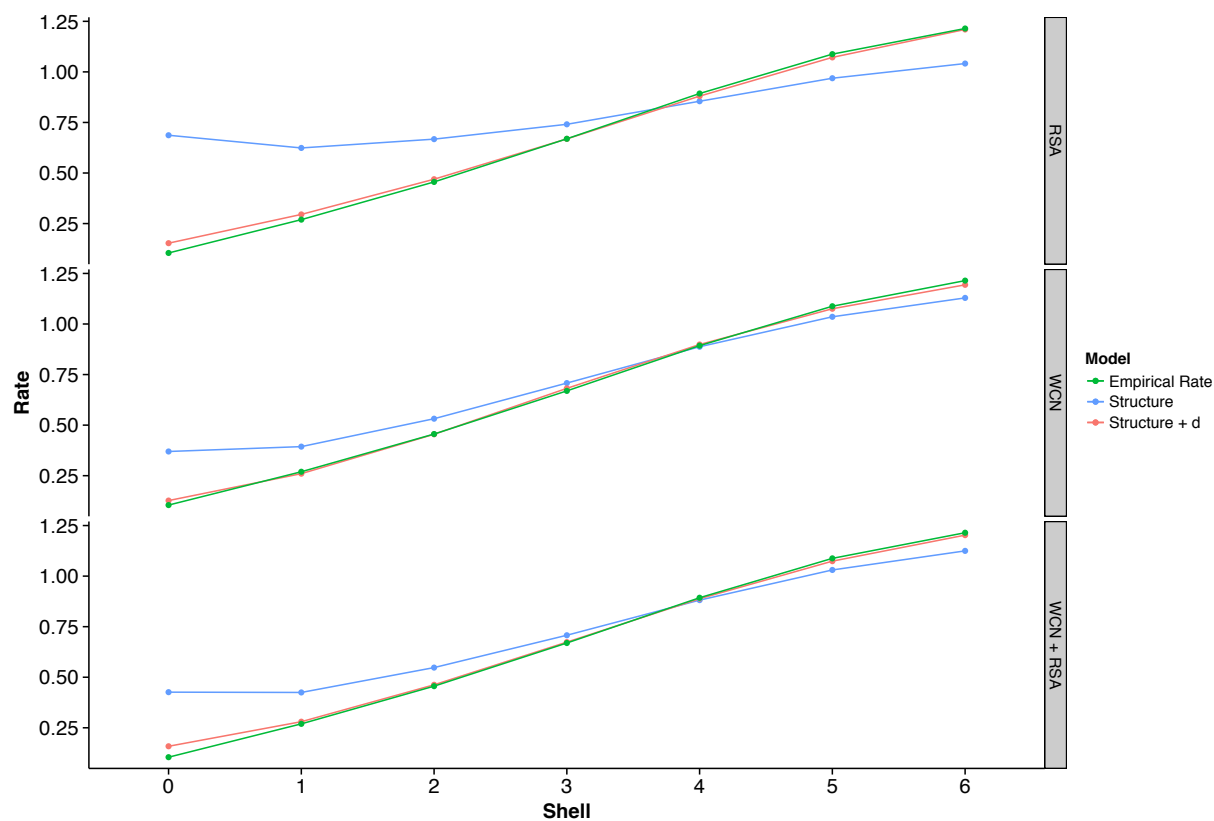
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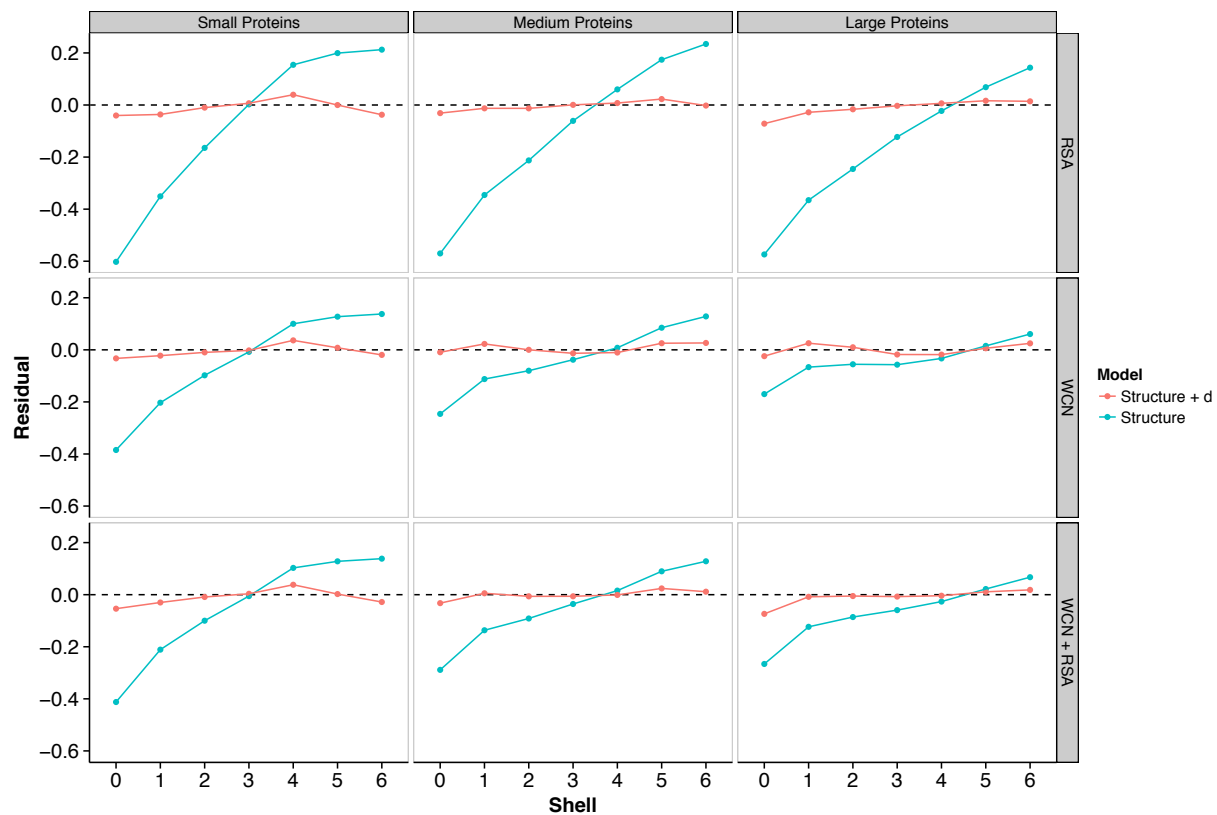
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Empirical and predicted site-specific evolutionary rates from different combined linear models. Only data from single subunits with interface residues included are considered. “Structure” refers to one of three structural models used to predict rate: RSA, WCN, or RSA + WCN. “Structure + d” refers to these same three structural models, with the addition of distance to the nearest catalytic residue as a variable. Each point is the mean predicted rate for a given shell across all residues in the data set. In all cases, models that include distance as a parameter predict rate more accurately than models containing only structural parameters, especially near the active site.



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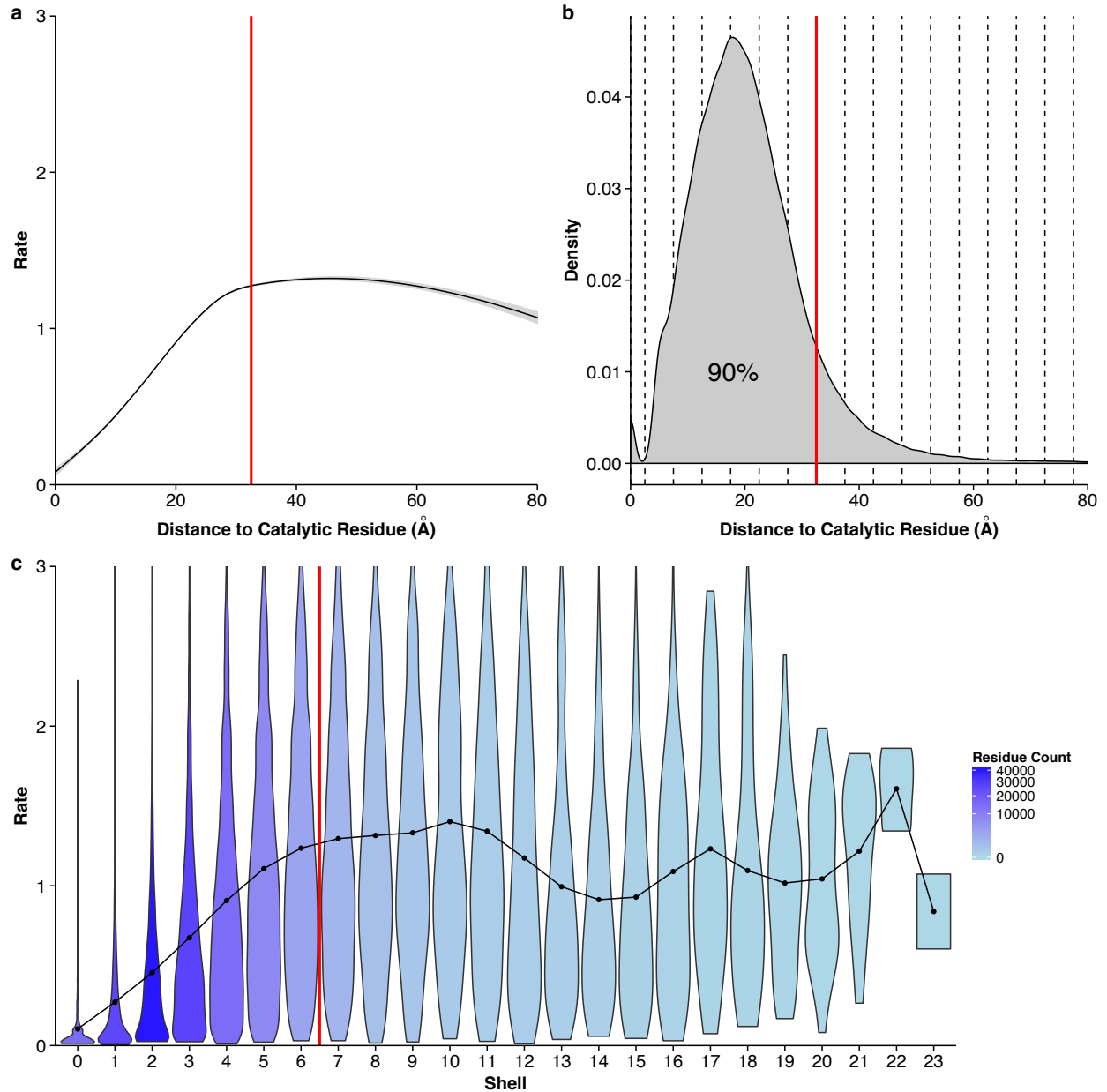


Mean residuals for different combined linear models used to predict site-specific evolutionary rate. Only data from single subunits with interface residues included are considered. The data set is divided into small (95–326 sites), medium (327–484 sites), and large (485–1287 sites) proteins. Each point represents the mean predicted rate for all residues in a given shell.

# Supplementary Text 2

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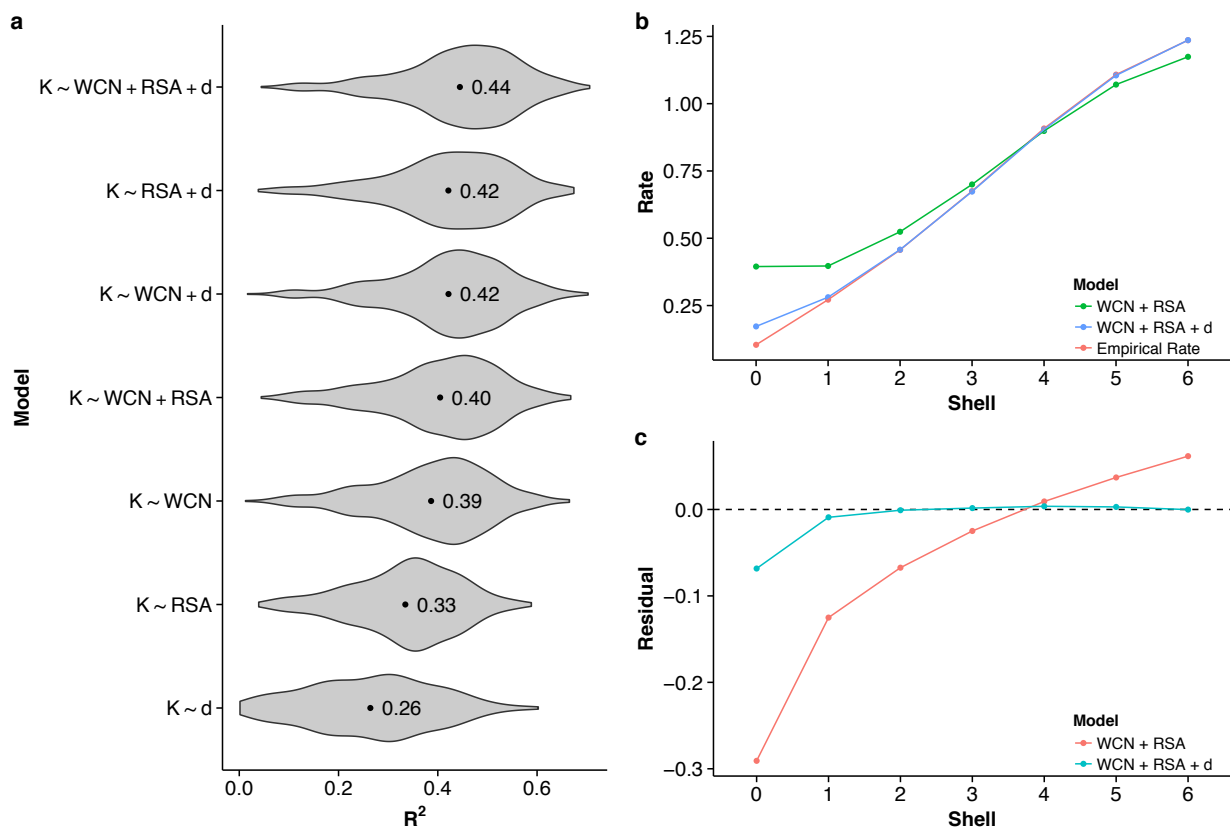
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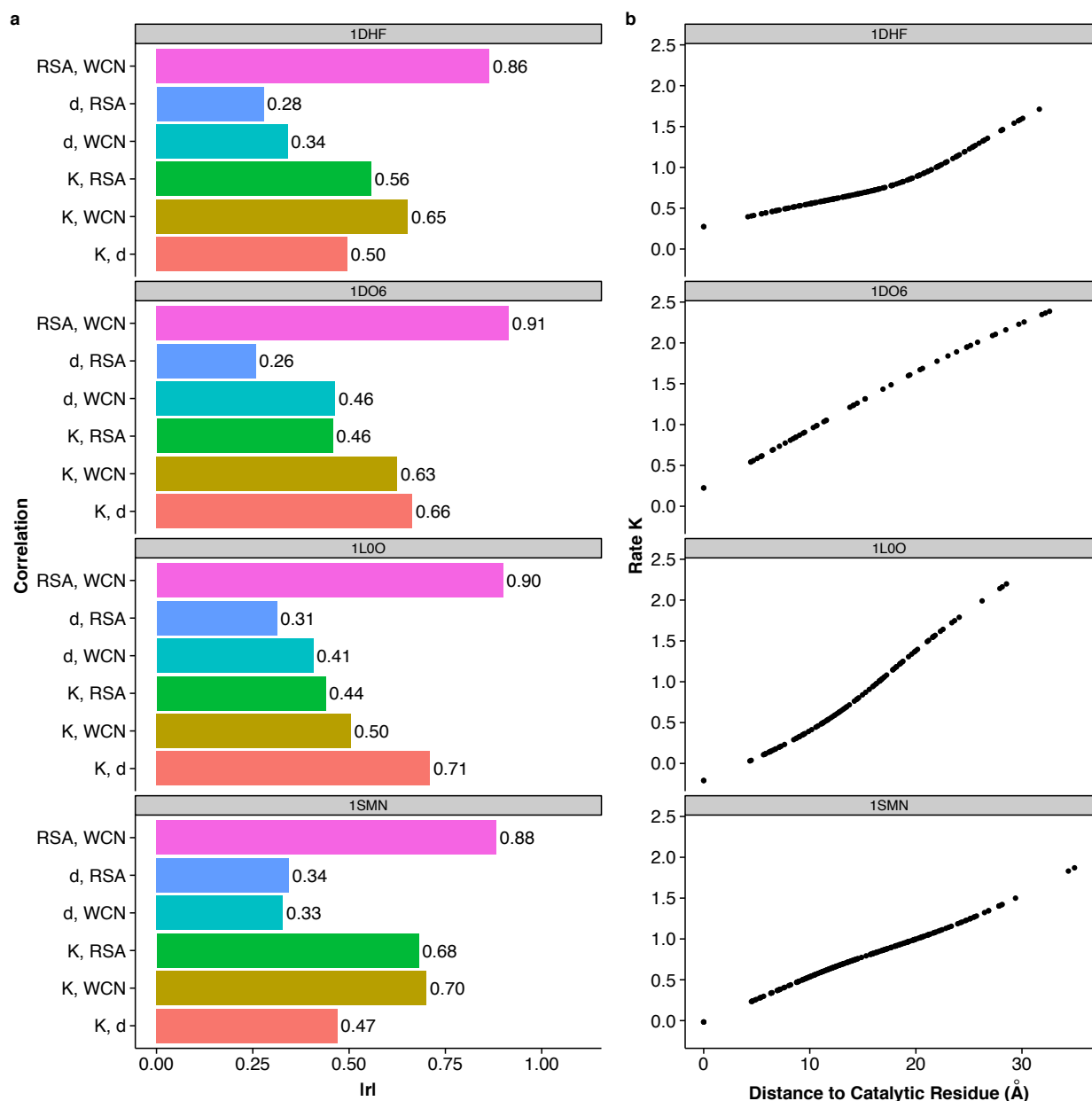
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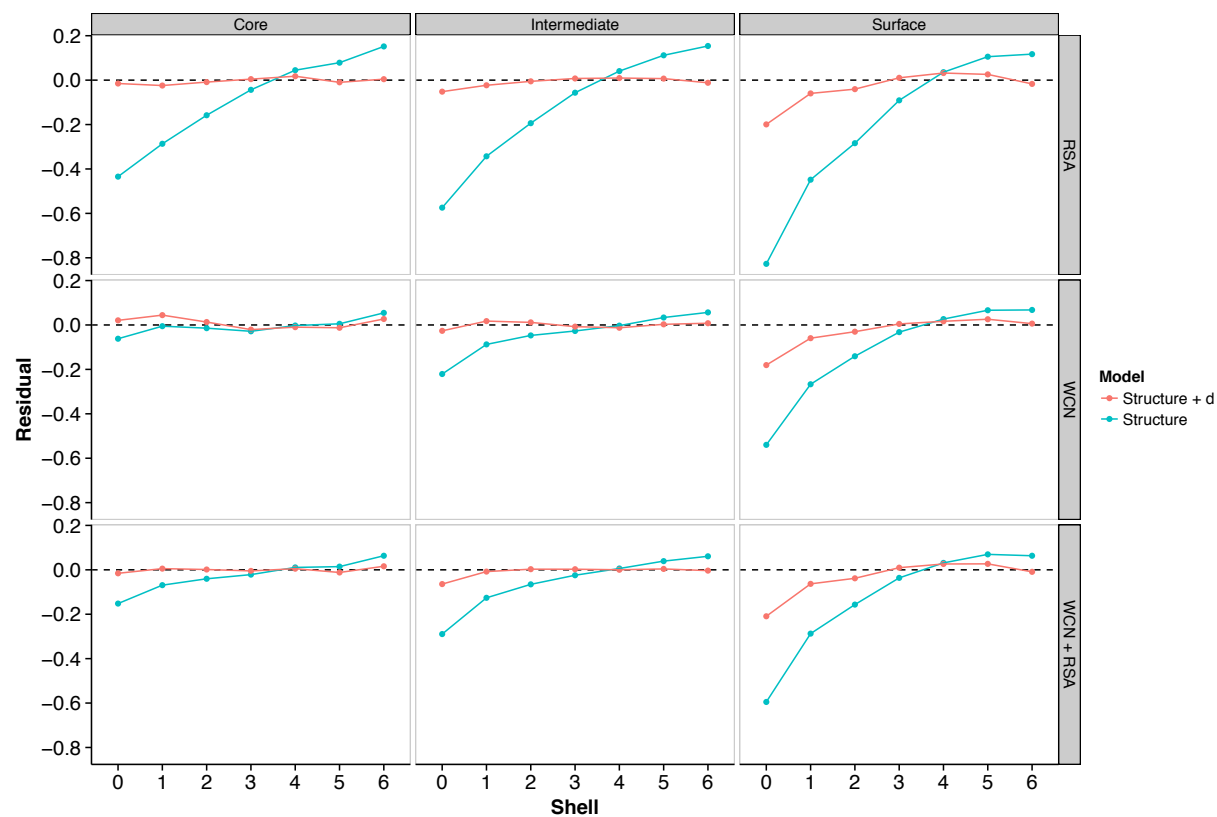
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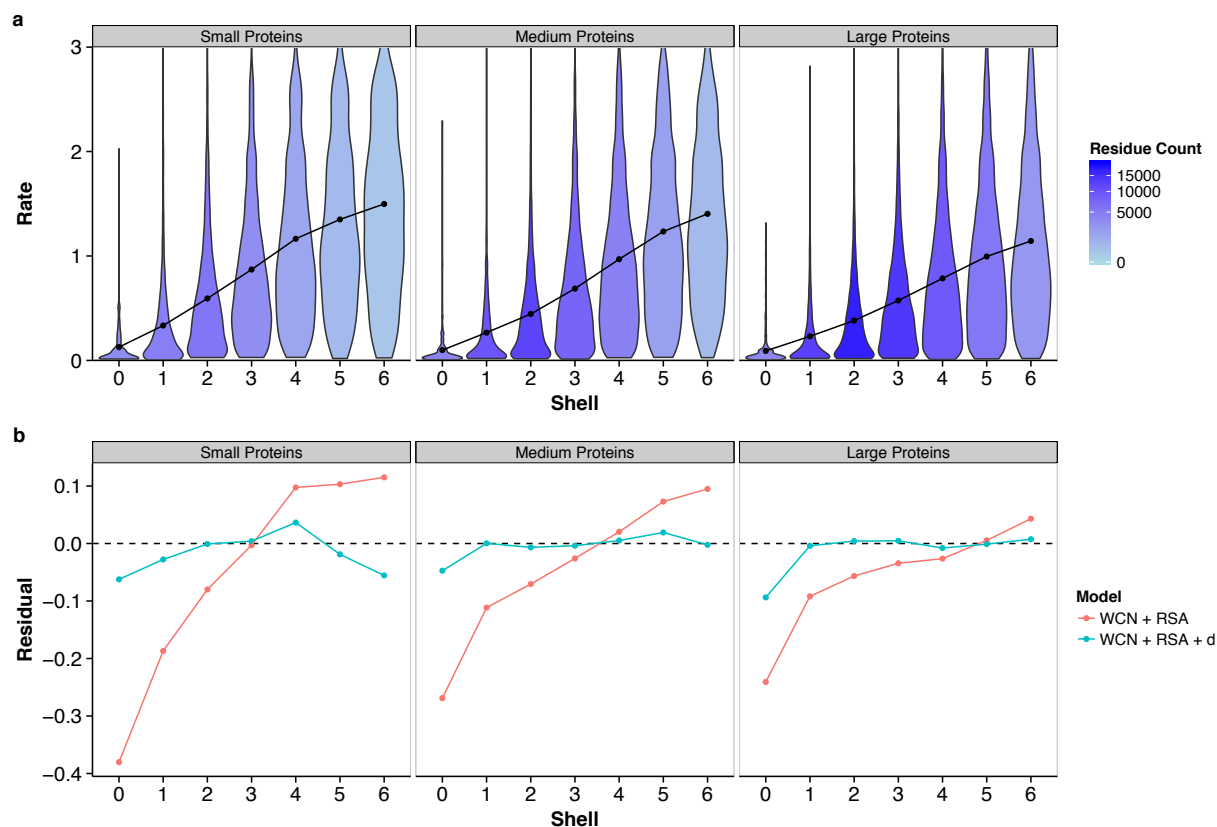
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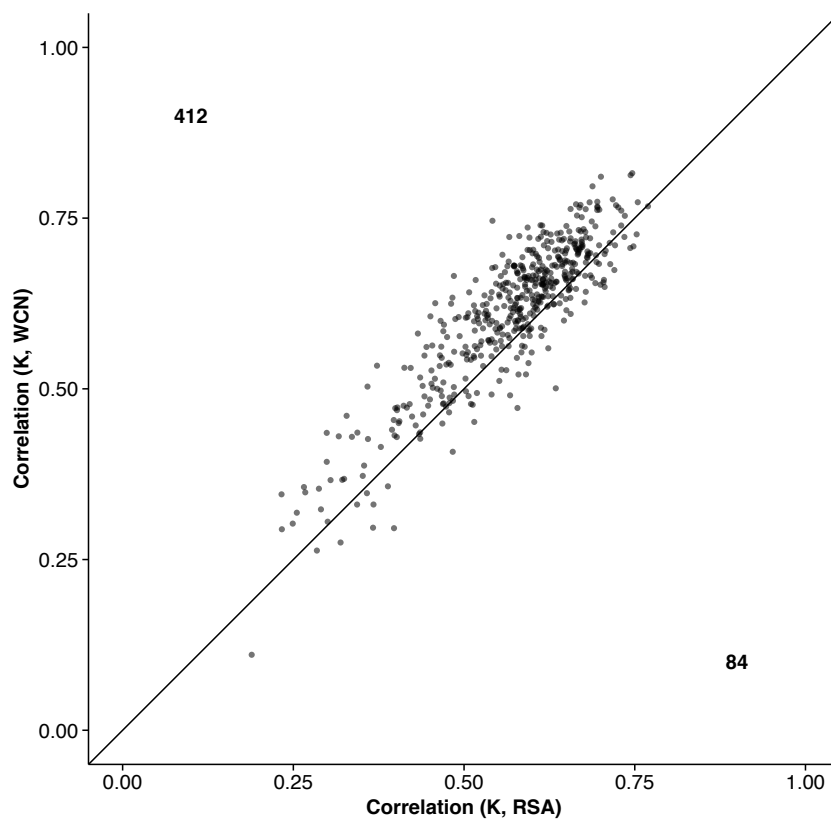
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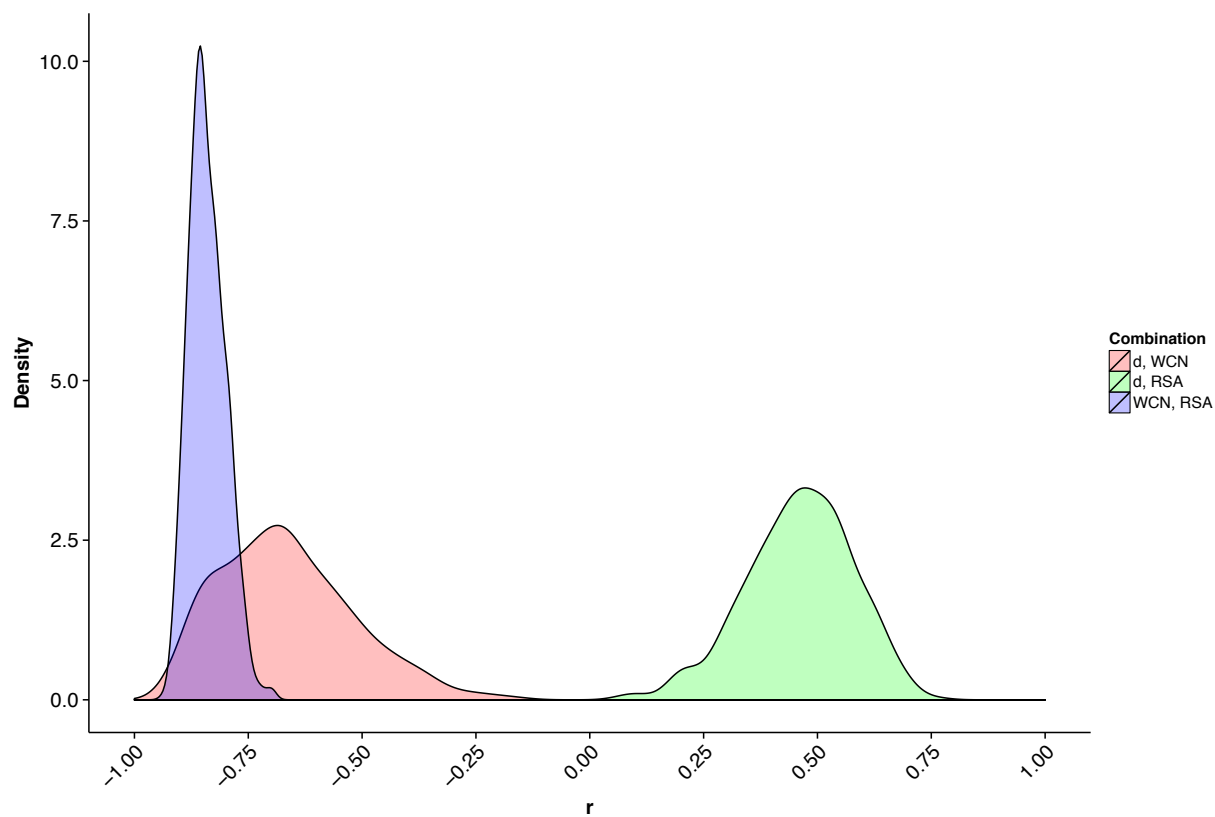
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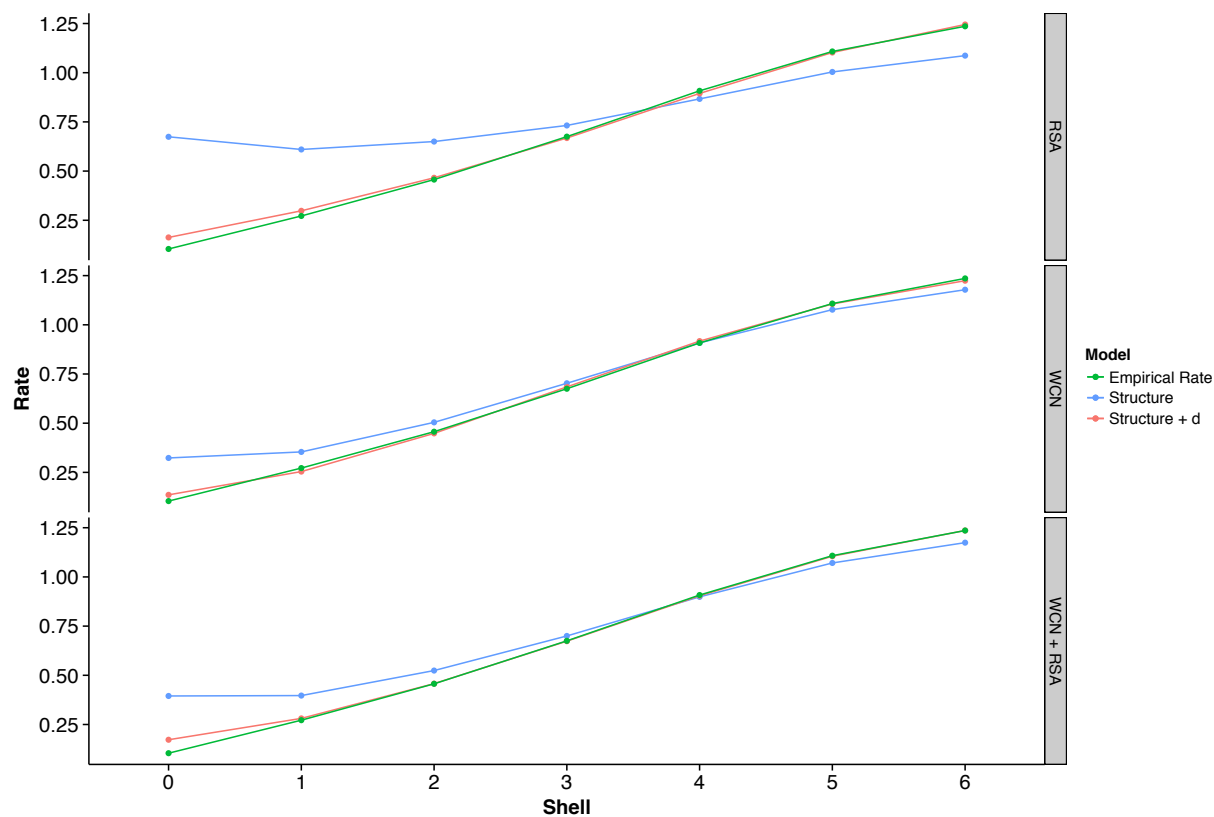
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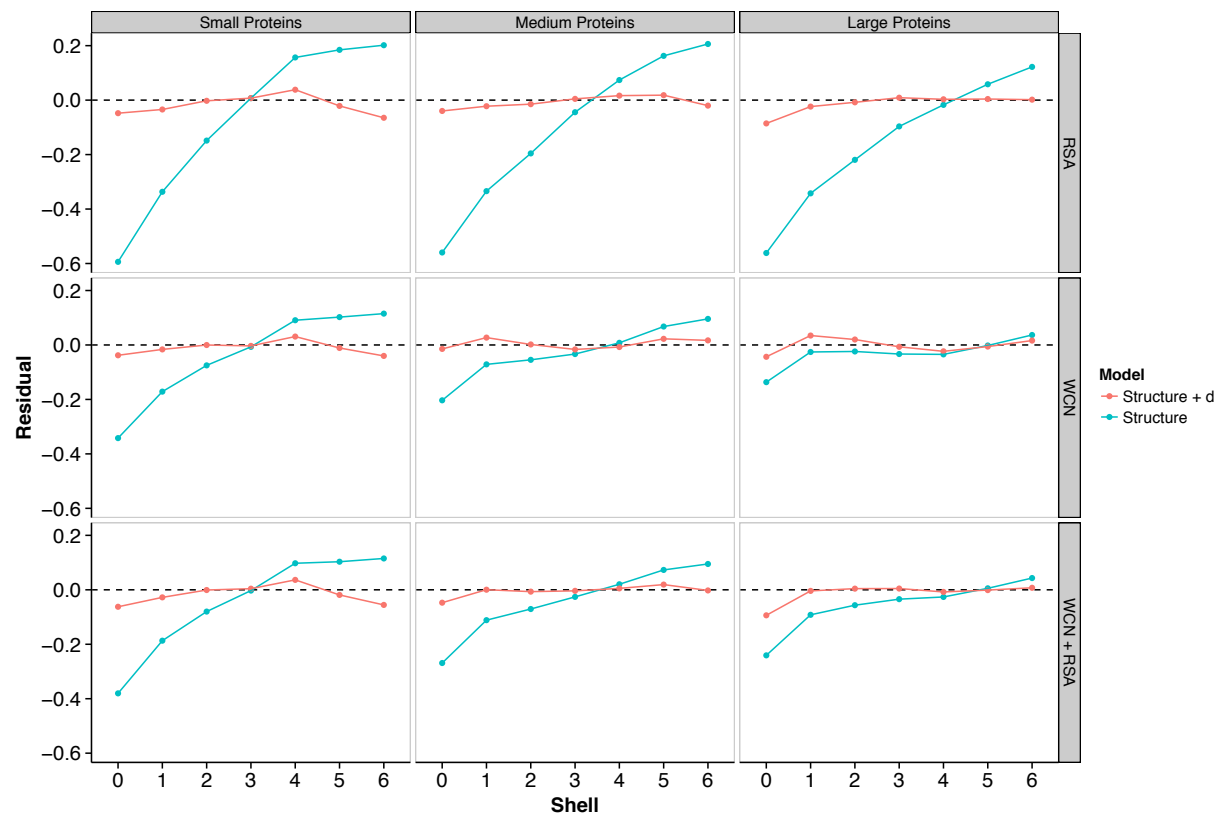


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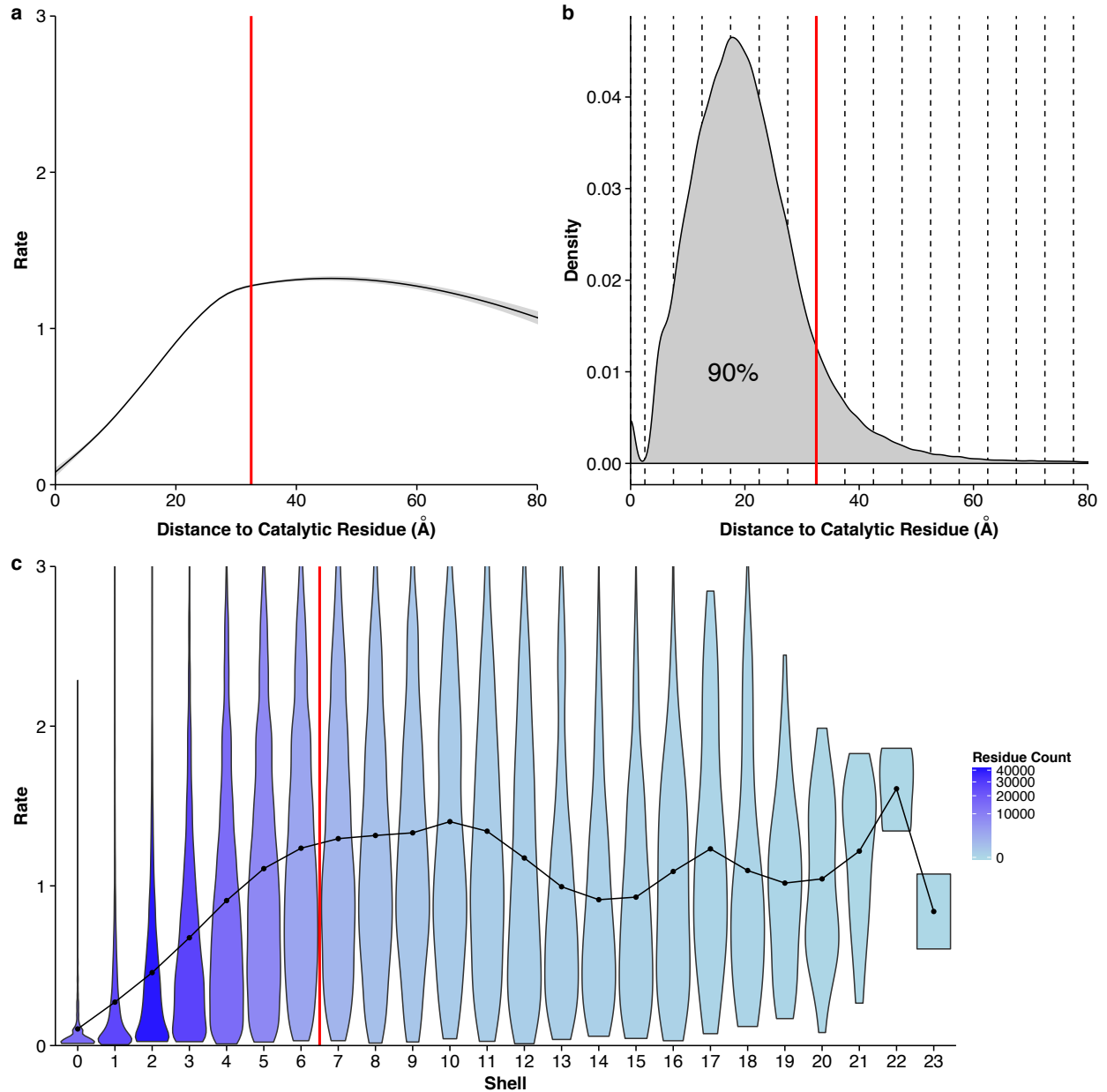


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# Supplementary Text 3

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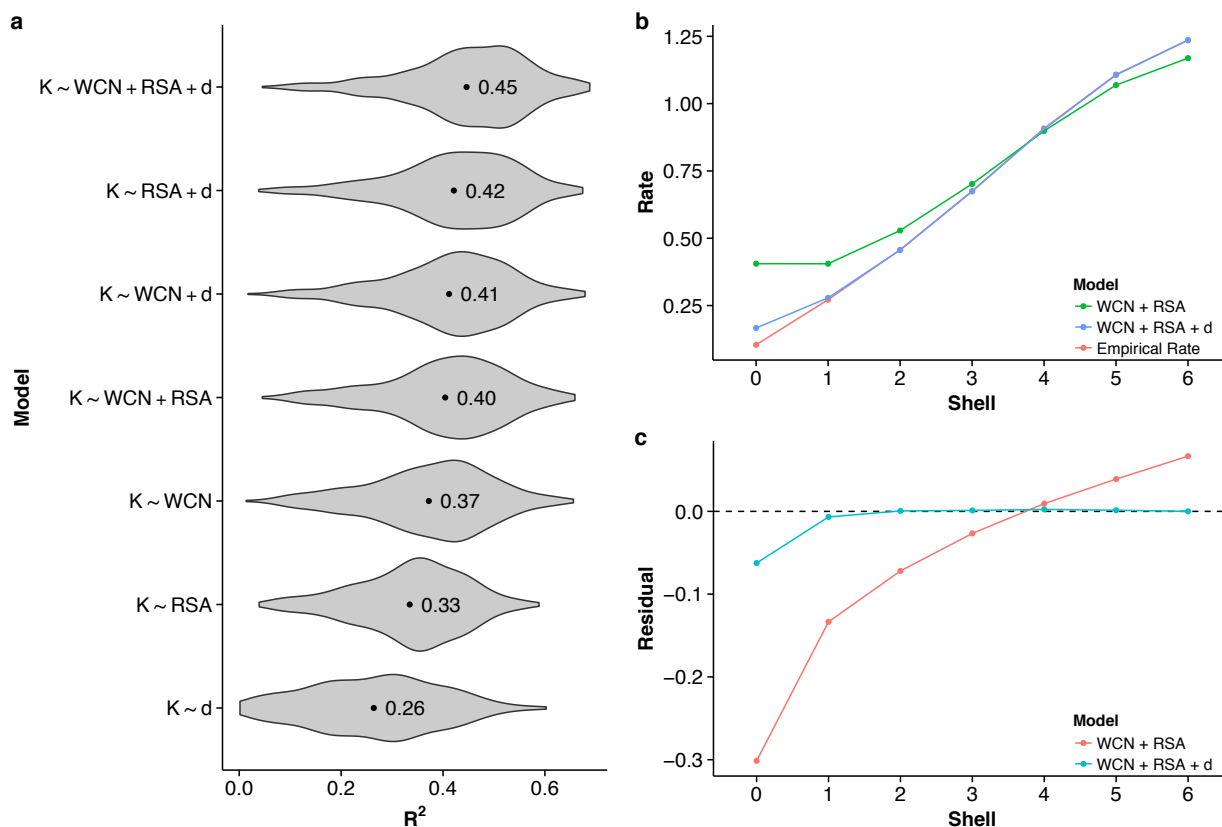
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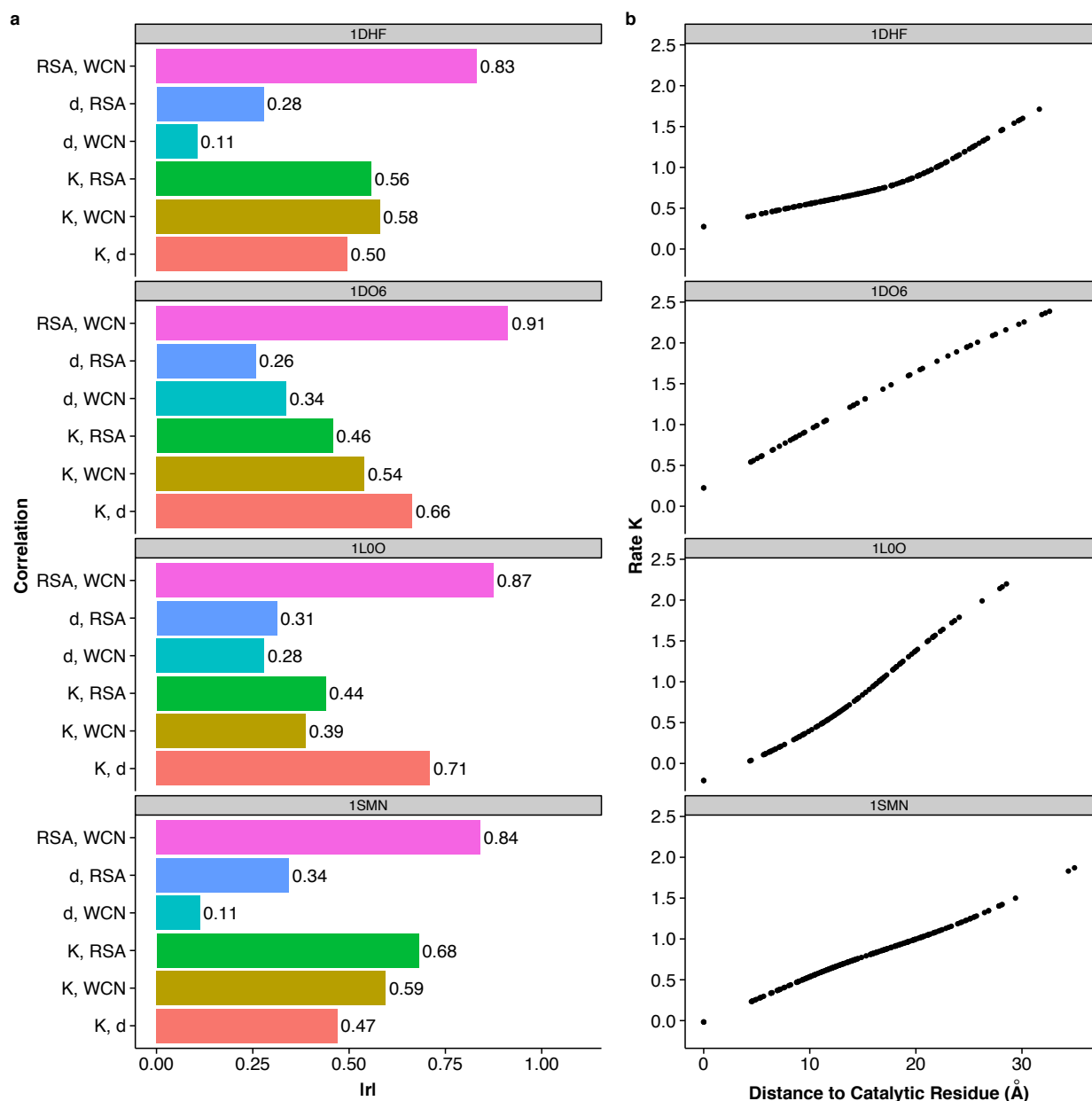
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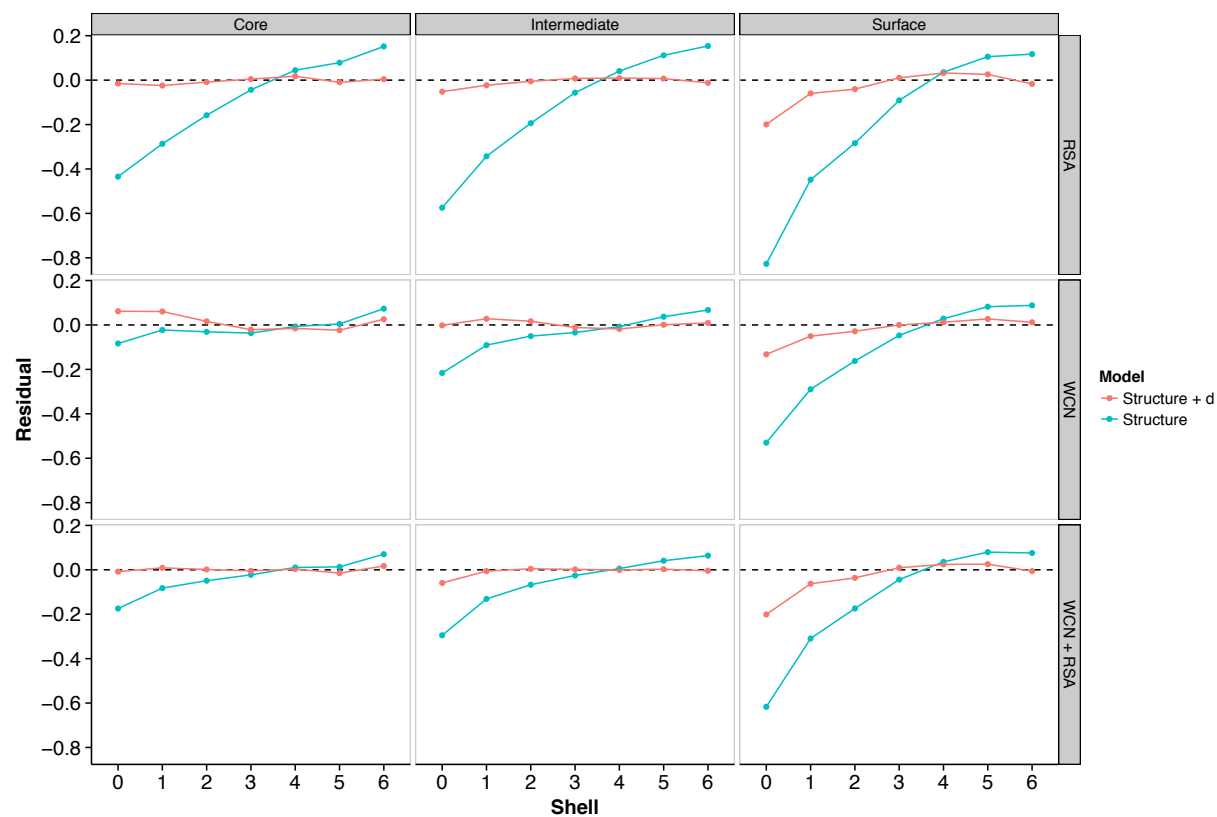
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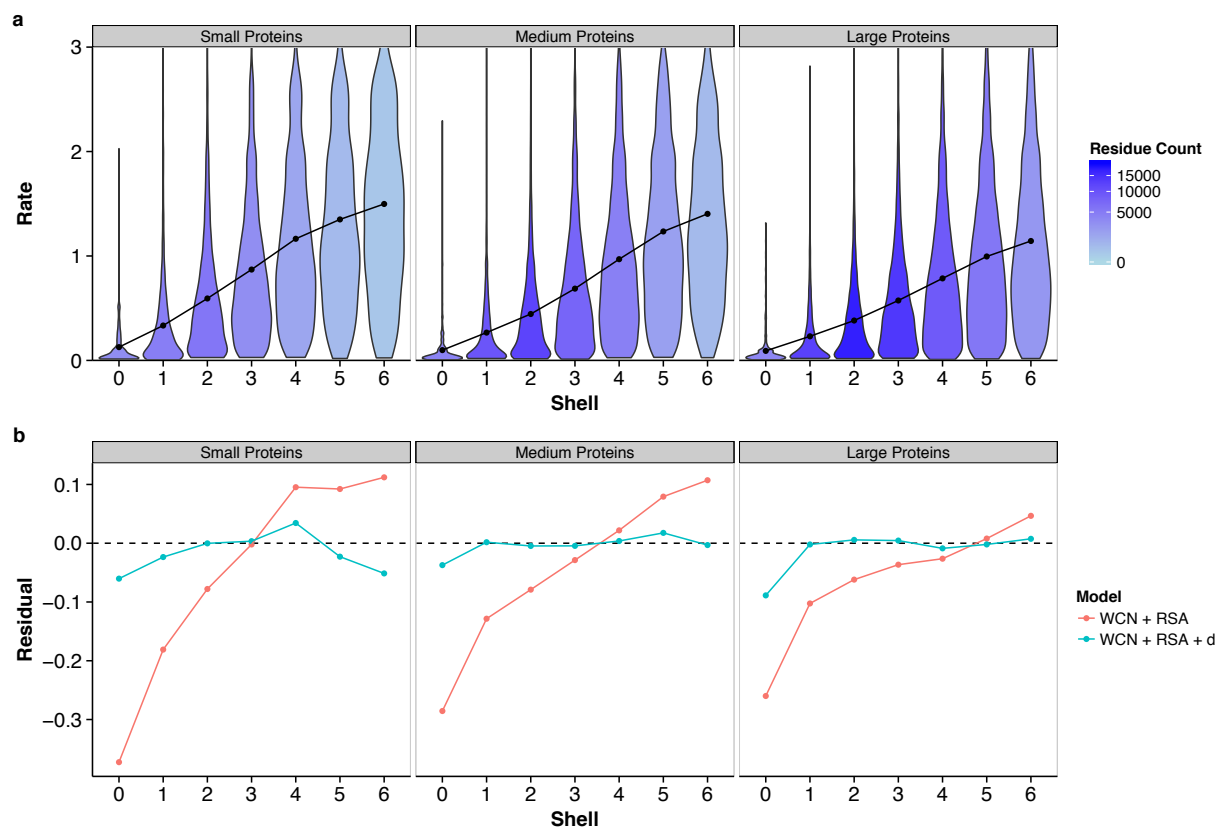
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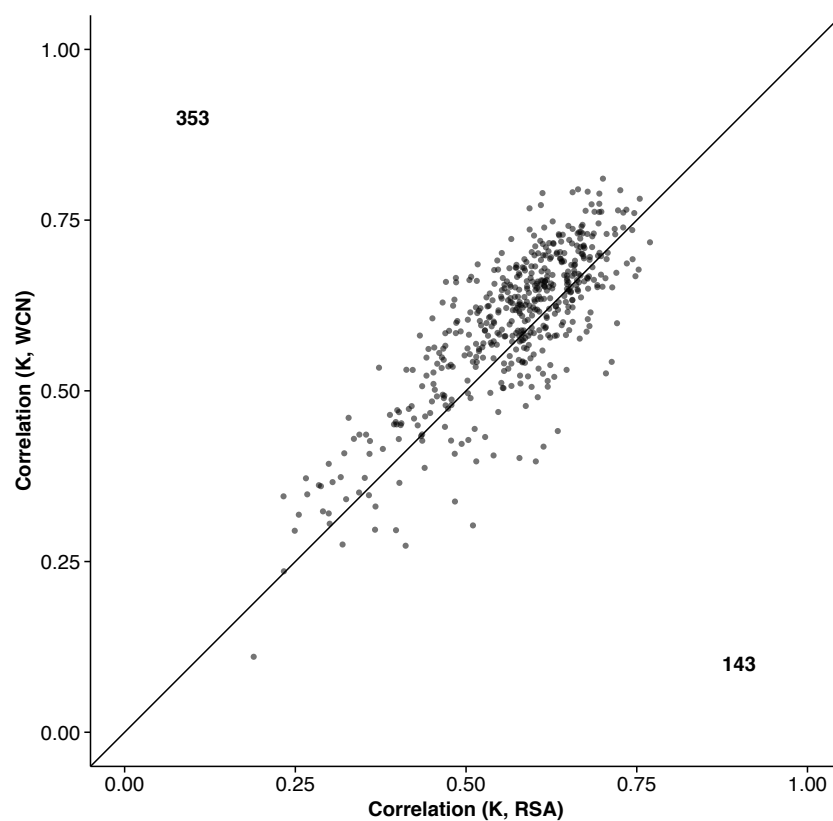
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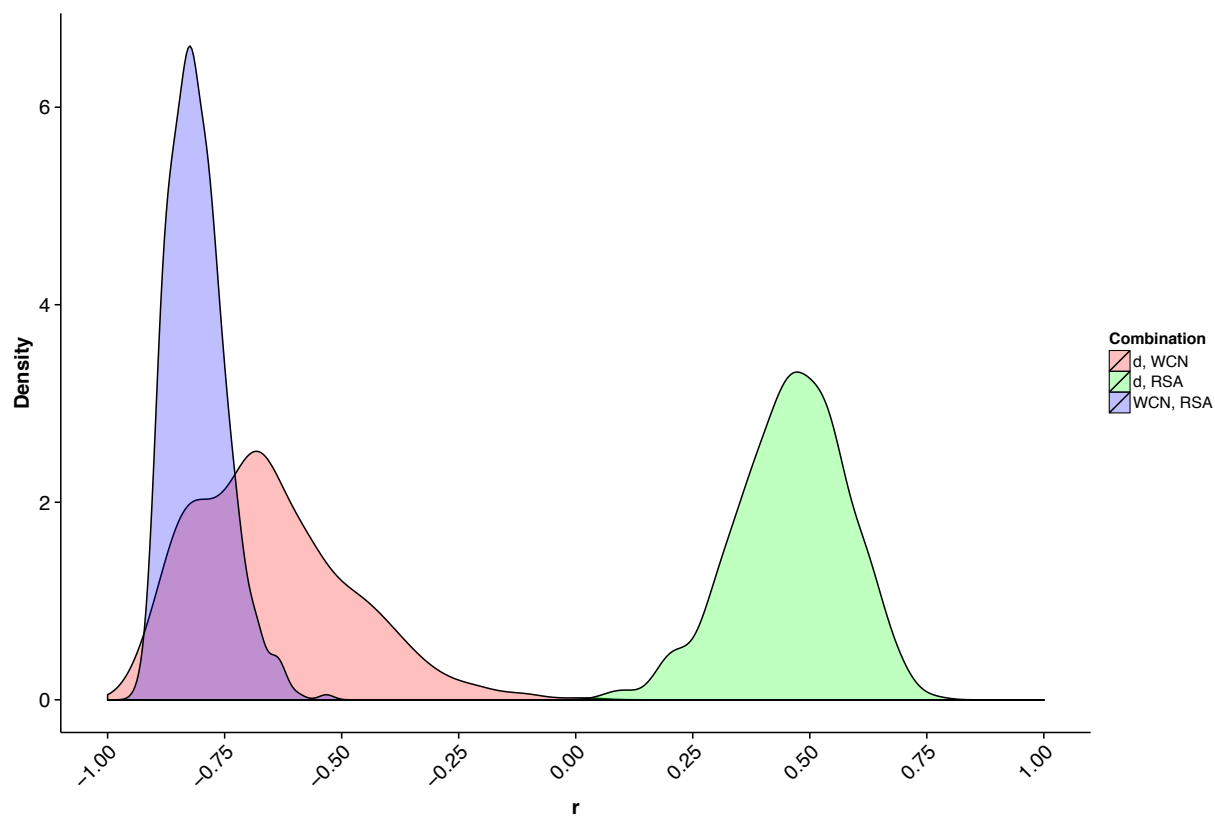
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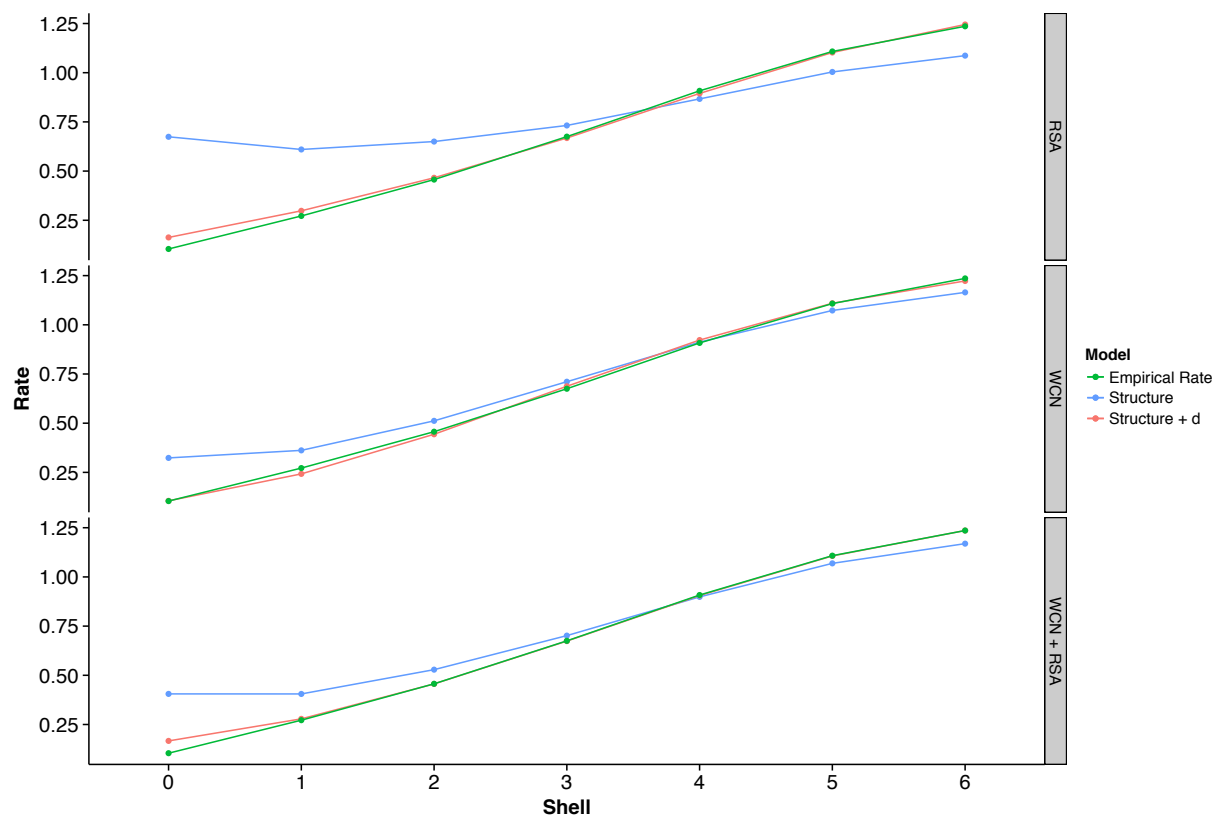


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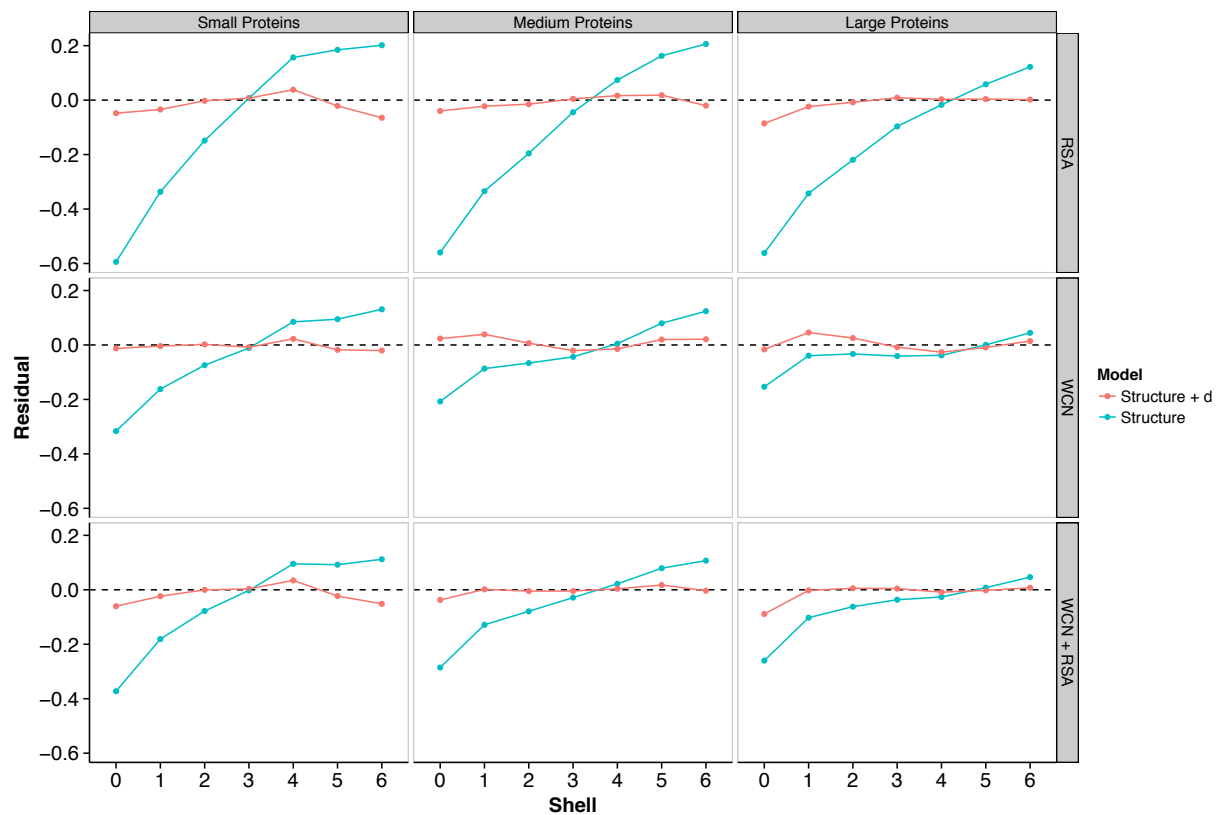
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