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### ABSTRACT

This report analyses the results obtained in a VAMAS international collaborative activity on bend strength measurements for hardmetals. The interlaboratory tests involved fourteen laboratories, mostly industrial, in eight countries testing seven materials to eleven testpiece geometries. The main purpose of the exercise was to examine the effects on strength of testpiece geometries which are different to the rectangular bars allowed in the current ISO 5227 standard. The alternatives included round and notched testpieces in both 3 and 4 pt bend test configurations. The full set of results of the tests were reported in a previous VAMAS publication (VAMAS Technical Report No 22, June 1996). The hardmetals tested included ultrafine, fine, medium and coarse WC/Co, a medium-fine WC/Cubic Carbide/Co and a Ti(CN) based cermet.

Analysis of the results showed that although very good reproducibility was obtained between the different organisations taking part there were considerable differences in the strength values obtained from the different geometries. It was also found that annealing the as-ground testpieces reduced measurement strength values significantly. This has important consequences for standardisation of the test method.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

An international interlaboratory exercise has been performed to provide additional technical data on the Transverse Rupture Test method (bend tests) for Hardmetals, ISO 3327. The exercise was planned to take account of developments in the understanding of strength measurements, the increasing desire for data more relevant to material quality and design, and to work towards a test which can give results comparable to test data obtained on competing materials, such as ceramics and cermets. A number of alternative methods of bend tests for hardmetals to that specified in ISO 3327 were examined, including geometries which can compare with standards for ceramics (3 and 4 pt), tests on small specimens, and unconventional geometries (round and notched), Fig 1. A few tests were also carried out to examine the effect of annealing as-ground surfaces. The results of the exercise have been collated in a VAMAS report [1]. VAMAS is an international organisation set up to harmonise testing practice in the materials field.

## 2 MATERIALS

Seven materials were provided for test by industry, Table 1; more details are given in the previous VAMAS report [1]. All rectangular testpieces were longitudinally ground to ISO 3327, 0.2 mm chamfer (45°), out of squareness  $\pm 2^\circ$ ,  $\pm 0.01$  mm tolerance. All the notched testpieces were annealed at 800 °C for 1h in a vacuum to remove residual stresses at the notch root. Some of the unnotched testpieces were also annealed before testing. These are appropriately indicated in the data tables given in the Results Set of the earlier VAMAS report [1].

A similar test procedure was used by all the participants. Cylindrical load supports and load points were used with a loading rate of  $\dot{\lambda}$  1500 N s<sup>-1</sup>. Loads were measured to  $\pm 1\%$ .

## 3 TESTING AND SCHEDULE

The bend test geometries used in the testing schedules are shown in Fig 1. They included

- Current 3 pt ISO standards (R3a, R3b)
- 4 pt equivalent of ISO Type A - R3b (R4b)
- 3 and 4 pt ceramic testing equivalents (R3c and R4c)
- Notch tests on rectangular testpieces, 3 and 4 pt (RN3a, RN3b and RN4b)
- Round testpieces, 3 and 4 pt (C3 and C4)
- Notched round testpieces, 4 pt (CN4)

The testing schedules were outlined in VAMAS Report No 22.

- Standard (ISO Type B) tests were generally carried out at industry laboratories
- NPL tested all other geometries for all materials
- The testing of other geometries was spread across participating organisations.

Round testpieces were centreless ground to similar tolerances.

**Table 1 - Materials  
Data supplied by Manufacturers**

| Source                                  | Type/binder/<br>grain size                     | Hardness                  | Density<br>Mg m <sup>-3</sup> | Conditions                            |
|---|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Teledyne Advanced<br>Materials<br>(USA) | WC/6wt% Co<br>Ultrafine                        | 92.7<br>(HRA)             | 14.87                         | Sinter plus conventional<br>HIP       |
| Boart Longyear<br>(S Africa)            | WC/6wt% Co<br>fine                             | 1520 ± 30<br>(HV)         | 14.97                         | Sinter HIPped<br>1390 °C/45 bar argon |
| Sandvik Hard Materials<br>(UK)          | WC/10wt% Co<br>fine                            | 1600<br>(HV30)            | 14.50                         | As-sintered                           |
| Kennametal<br>(USA)                     | WC/Cubic<br>Carbide/Co<br>Medium/Fine          | 91.2<br>(HRA)             | 12.62                         | As-sintered                           |
| Sandvik Coromant<br>(Sweden)            | Ti(C,N) Cermet<br>13.7wt% binder<br>Co plus Ni | 1660<br>(HV10)            | 6.9                           | As-sintered                           |
| Sandvik Coromant<br>(Sweden)            | WC/10wt% Co<br>Medium/Coarse                   | 1200<br>(HV30)            | 14.48                         | As-sintered                           |
| Boart Longyear<br>(S Africa)            | WC/9.5wt% Co<br>Coarse                         | 1050 (HV10)<br>85.8 (HRA) | 14.55                         | Sinter HIPped<br>1390 °C/45 bar argon |

**Table 2 - Failure Stress Formulae  
(Bend Tests)**

| Geometry | Stress, $\sigma$    | Dimensions  | Geometry | Stress, $\sigma$          | Dimensions  |
|----------|---------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------|---|
| R3a      | $\frac{3PL}{2BW^2}$ | L = 14.5 mm | C3       | $\frac{8PL}{\pi D^3}$     | L = 30 mm   |
| R3b      | $\frac{3PL}{2BW^2}$ | L = 30 mm   | C4       | $\frac{16PL}{\pi D^3}$    | L = 10 mm   |
| R3c      | $\frac{3PL}{2BW^2}$ | L = 40 mm   | RN3a     | $\frac{3PL}{B(W-d)^2}$    | L = 14.5 mm<br>d = notch depth, nominally 1 mm<br>notch radius = 0.5 mm           |
| R4b      | $\frac{3PL}{BW^2}$  | L = 10 mm   | RN3b     | $\frac{3.26PL}{B(W-d)^2}$ | L = 30 mm<br>d = notch depth, nominally 1 mm<br>notch radius = 0.5 mm             |
| R4c      | $\frac{3PL}{BW^2}$  | L = 10 mm   | RN4b     | $\frac{6.31PL}{B(W-d)^2}$ | L = 10 mm<br>d = notch depth, nominally 1 mm<br>notch radius = 0.5 mm             |
|          |                     |             | CN4      | $\frac{16kPL}{\pi D^3}$   | L = 10 mm<br>k = 3.55 for notch depth = 0.5 mm,<br>notch<br>notch radius = 0.5 mm |

## 4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The full data sets for the tests are given in the previous VAMAS report [1]. The formulae used to calculate the failure stresses are given in Table 2.

The results in the VAMAS report [1] were plotted as a set of data ranked against strength. The rank value (R) was calculated from

$$R = \frac{n_i - 0.5}{N} \quad (1)$$

where  $n_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  value of strength and N is the total number of tests.

In order to compare strength values from the different geometries and materials several methods for analysing the data were examined:

- By using Weibull analysis on all of the results in a set to investigate whether strength follows the stressed volume systematically (section 4.1 below).
- Through Weibull analysis to obtain a "characteristic strength",  $\sigma_0$ , value (section 4.2 below).
- By averaging the top 3-4 values in the ranked distribution (section 4.2 below).

The effects of annealing on strength values was also investigated by plotting ranked values of strength and comparing them with the results from the as-ground testpiece (section 4.3 below).

### 4.1 WEIBULL ANALYSIS

A Weibull rank was determined for all the materials and all the geometries. In the Weibull analysis the probability of failure is plotted against the natural logarithm of the strength, ie from:

$$P = 1 - \exp\left(-(\sigma/\sigma_0)^m\right) \quad (2)$$

where  $P = (n_i - 0.5)/N$ ,  $\sigma$  is the bend strength and  $\sigma_0$  and  $m$  are constants.

Therefore, rearranging expression (2)

$$\ln(\ln(1/(1-P))) = m \ln \sigma - m \ln \sigma_0 \quad (3)$$

Thus, if the full data set fits the Weibull expression then a  $\ln \ln$  plot of  $1/(1-P)$  against  $\ln \sigma$  gives a straight line of slope  $m$ , the Weibull modulus. Also, when the left hand side of expression (3) is equal to zero then

$$m \ln \sigma = m \ln \sigma_0 \quad (4)$$

and  $\sigma$  is characterised by a representative  $\sigma_0$  value, the "characteristic strength" where the plot cuts the horizontal line for  $\ln \ln (1/(1-P))$  equal to zero.

It is recognised that the reliability of Weibull analysis is poor on small testpiece numbers, and increasingly so for low values of Weibull modulus [2]. However, the principles of the analysis permit some correlations to be made between the different testing geometries, and



thus provide a better basis for discussing the results than using arithmetic mean strengths and standard deviations.

Weibull plots for all the materials and all the geometries are given in Section 7 at the end of the report.

Because of the difficulty of analysing mathematically whether data sets belonged to mixed or single mode Weibull behaviour, best fit lines were drawn by eye through the Weibull plots in Section 7 and approximate values for the Weibull modulus were calculated from these lines. These values are given in Tables 3A-G.

It has been shown [3] that for different values of  $m$  different numbers of test specimens are required such that sufficiently accurate values of  $m$  can be estimated to allow sensible extrapolations to be made from the data. For example [3]:

| $m$ | Number of testpieces* |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 7   | 70                    |
| 20  | 10                    |

\* to give accurate estimates for a value of  $10^{-6}$  for the strength probability.

Summary plots of the Weibull ranked data for combined data sets for all the materials in each geometry set are shown in Figs 2a-f. A number of comments can be made about the Weibull  $m$  values calculated from the plots but it must be remembered that these are only approximate values and were not regression fitted to the data.

It was found that there were four categories of plot.

1. Those with high values of  $m$  ( $\geq$  about 20), for example for the R3b geometry Sandvik (medium/coarse) material.
2. Those with low values of  $m$  ( $\leq$  about 10), for example for most of the Ti(C,N) cermet materials.
3. Those with intermediate  $m$  values ( $20 > m > 10$ ).
4. Those which have two distinct parts to the plot, eg R4c - Boart fine, R4c - Teledyne, R4b - Kennametal. This has been observed previously in tests on hardmetals [3] and was then attributed to failures from two different populations of fracture mechanisms, classed as Type A and Type B.

|        |   |   |
|--------|---|---|
| Type A | - | microstructure initiated                            |
| Type B | - | gross defect (pore, inclusion, large WC grain, etc) |

For Category 1 plots above, it was therefore assumed that the failures were microstructure initiated, as can be seen in the notch bend testpieces, Fig 3. For Category 2 plots, failures were generally defect initiated, Fig 4. For Category 3 plots, the failure initiated sites need to be individually classified. The current project had insufficient resources to characterise all the fracture surface in all the testpieces (over 1000). However, many of the Ti(C,N) cermets were examined. These were analysed by comparing the stress at the position of the fracture site with the inverse of the square root of defect area (by fitting an ellipse to the shape of the defect), Fig 5, following a procedure discussed in previous work [4,5]. It can be seen that for

large defects there is a correspondence between stress and a parameter with units of  $\mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$ , which is indicative of a fracture mechanics correlation; but for small defects the strength attains a limiting value [5].

Weibull analysis can be used to reference the mean strength values to a common level to see if strength follows the stressed volumes or areas in a systematic way:

$$\bar{\sigma}_{\text{nom}} = \bar{\sigma}_{\text{ref}} \left\{ \frac{V_{\text{ref}}}{V\Sigma V} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}} \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{\sigma}_{\text{ref}} \left\{ \frac{A_{\text{ref}}}{A\Sigma A} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}} \quad (5)$$

where  $\bar{\sigma}_{\text{nom}}$  is the mean nominal strength of a test population,  $\bar{\sigma}_{\text{ref}}$  is the mean strength of a reference volume or area which has been uniformly stressed;  $V_{\text{ref}}$  and  $A_{\text{ref}}$  are the relevant reference volumes or areas,  $V$  and  $A$  are the actual stressed volumes or areas and  $\Sigma V$  and  $\Sigma A$  are stress volume and stress area integrals respectively given by

$$\Sigma V = \int_V \left( \frac{\sigma(V)}{\sigma_{\text{nom}}} \right)^m \frac{dV}{V} \quad (6)$$

$$\Sigma A = \int_A \left( \frac{\sigma(A)}{\sigma_{\text{nom}}} \right)^m \frac{dA}{A} \quad (7)$$

$\Sigma V$  and  $\Sigma A$  have the following values for 3pt and 4pt rectangular and round testpieces

| Geometry             | $\Sigma V$                         | $\Sigma A$  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 3pt Rectangular, R3b | $\frac{1}{2(m+1)^2}$               | $\frac{1}{2(m+1)^2} \left\{ \frac{1+f+m}{1+f} \right\}$   |
| 4pt Rectangular, R4b | $\frac{m+2}{4(m+1)^2}$             | $\frac{m+2}{4(m+1)^2} \left\{ \frac{1+f+m}{1+f} \right\}$ |
| 3pt Round, C3        | $\frac{1}{\pi(m+1)} \cdot A(m)$    | $\frac{m+2}{2\pi(m+1)} \cdot A(m)$                        |
| 4pt Round, C4        | $\frac{m+2}{2\pi(m+1)} \cdot A(m)$ | $\frac{(m+2)^2}{4\pi(m+1)} \cdot A(m)$                    |

Where  $f$  is  $h/b$  and  $A(m)$  is a function given by:

$$A(m) = \left( \Gamma\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \right) / \left( \Gamma\left(\frac{m+4}{2}\right) \right) \quad (8)$$

this can be approximated by a power law

$$A(m) = 1.26(m)^{-1.3} \quad (9)$$

These integrals can then be used to examine the ratios of 3pt to 4pt strength values predicted by values of  $m$  measured from real data sets and compared with measured ratios of 3pt to 4pt strength.

For example from (5), for both rectangular (R3b and R4b) and round (C3 and C4) testpieces.

$$\text{On a volume basis} \quad \frac{\sigma_{3\text{pt}}}{\sigma_{4\text{pt}}} = \frac{(V_4 \Sigma V_4)^{\frac{1}{m_4}}}{(V_3 \Sigma V_3)^{\frac{1}{m_3}}} \quad (10)$$

$$\text{On an area basis} \quad \frac{\sigma_{3\text{pt}}}{\sigma_{4\text{pt}}} = \frac{(A_4 \Sigma A_4)^{\frac{1}{m_4}}}{(A_3 \Sigma A_3)^{\frac{1}{m_3}}} \quad (11)$$

where  $m_3$  and  $m_4$  are the Weibull moduli from 3 and 4 pt bend tests respectively. Weibull moduli, obtained from fits to all the data (ignoring whether data falls into 2 categories or not) are given in Table 4. Fig 6 shows a typical plot for the R3b and R4b geometries of Weibull fits to all the data. Mean values for the test data for each material type and test geometry are given in Table 5 together with values for the ratio of 3pt/4pt strength, and the predicted ratios of 3pt/4pt strength from the Weibull moduli are given in Table 6.

The results in Tables 5 and 6 indicate that:

1. It is not possible to separate predicted strength ratios assuming area or volume defect distributions. The  $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$  ratio is the same for both defect types, for R3b/R4b and for C3/C4.
2. The predicted  $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$  ratio for rectangular testpieces is much higher than for the  $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$  ratio for round testpieces.
3. The R3/R4b and C3/C4 measured strength ratios are similar for the conventional hardmetals but different for the Ti(C,N) cermet.

Observations 2 and 3 indicate that the Weibull analysis is probably not appropriate for the conventional WC/Co grades since the analysis predicts different  $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$  ratios, independent of testpiece type. However, the Ti(C,N) cermet, where it is known that many of the failures are initiated by volume-defects, the measured ratios for rectangular and round testpieces are different as predicted by the Weibull analysis. However, the values of the  $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$  ratio predicted by the analysis for the rectangular testpieces (1.86, 1.73) are much higher than that measured (1.25).

The lack of fractographic information from samples other than the Ti(C,N) cermet clearly makes interpretation of the Weibull analysis difficult. However, insufficient resources were available to conduct the necessary SEM observations.

#### 4.2 REPRESENTATIVE VALUES OF STRENGTH

The upper section of the Weibull ranked plot, which is clearly Type A for bimodal plots but could be Type A or Type B for single mode fractures, allows a characteristic  $\sigma_0$  value to be calculated. This was chosen to be a strength parameter, characteristic of the material and geometry, by which the results from all the tests might be compared, as opposed to taking the arithmetic mean of all the tests. This value is more likely to be representative of the underlying structure. These  $\sigma_0$  values are given in Table 7 and shown plotted in Fig 7 for all the geometries and materials.

An alternative method for calculating representative strength values was adopted by averaging the top 3 or 4 highest values of strength in each category. These results are given in Table 8 and also shown plotted in Fig 6. The trends between different materials and geometries were very similar whichever method of plotting was used, whether a Weibull  $\sigma_0$  value or a mean strength value for the highest strength testpieces in each population.

A number of observations can therefore be made from the data shown in Fig 7.

- The materials are ranked similarly by all the unnotched geometries.
- Geometry R3a produces the highest strength values.
- The three-point bend geometries produce higher strength values than the four-point bend geometries, ie R3b > R4b, R3c > R4c, C3 > C4.
- The 5 mm x 5 mm rectangular cross-section testpieces produce higher strengths than the 4 mm x 3 mm testpieces (ie R3b and R4b > R3c and R4c respectively).
- The circular testpieces, C3 and C4, gave similar strength values to the rectangular testpieces, R3b and R4b, of similar span to depth geometries.
- For the WC hardmetals the strengths (calculated from the notch geometry) from the notched testpieces are generally lower than those from unnotched testpieces.
- For the Ti(C,N) cermet, however, the notched strengths were as high or higher than strength values obtained in unnotched tests.

There are a number of possibilities for the differences observed in Fig 7 and the following issues were examined

- Friction stresses
- Wedging stresses
- Stress volume/area effects due to different probabilities of defect-initiated fracture.

##### *Friction Stresses*

If the supporting rollers cannot easily rotate then friction stresses are set up in the outer tensile fibres of the beam which require an additional bending moment to deflect the testpiece to the curvature it would have in the absence of friction. This means that the

calculated stress in the beam is higher than it really is. The correction factor,  $CF_f$ , expressed as a percentage is given by [6]:

$$CF_f\% = \left\{ \mu / (d/h - \mu) \right\} \cdot 100$$

where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction,  $d$  is one half the full span in 3 pt bend and the distance between the inner and outer rollers in 4 pt bend and  $h$  is the depth of the testpiece. A value of 0.2 was used for  $\mu$ .

### Wedging Stresses

Timoshenko [7] has shown that a concentrated load on a beam produces "wedging stresses" under the point load which modify the stress distribution on the tensile surface. The correction factor,  $CF_w$ , is of the same sign as the friction correction factor (ie stress is over-estimated using the nominal formula), and is given by

$$CF_w\% = \left( \frac{2h}{3\pi d} \right) \cdot 100$$

where  $d$  and  $h$  are the same as above. However, this correction only applies to the position on the tensile surface directly opposite the point load. Baratta et al [8] have shown that the correction factor differs as the point of interest moves away from the position directly beneath the load application point, and at some positions it takes on the opposite sign. Thus, it is very difficult to correct for the wedging stress in a general sense as testpieces can fail at random positions along the tensile surface. They do not always fail at the position of nominal maximum stress. However, for the purposes of correcting the nominal stress values the above formula has been used for the 3 pt tests.

A similar situation occurs in 4 pt bend and FE has been used [9] to examine the variation in stress along the testpiece for different span to depth values. For the geometries used in the current exercise, this results in quite small correction values in the 4 pt bend tests.

In summary, the following correction factors were thus used to recalculate representative strength values for all the materials and all the geometries.

| Geometry        | Correction Factor, %<br>Friction<br>$CF_f$ | Correction Factor, %<br>Wedging<br>$CF_w$ |
|-----------------|--|---|
| R3a, RN3a       | - 16                                       | - 14                                      |
| R3b/C3/RN3b     | - 7  | - 7                                       |
| R3c             | - 3  | - 3                                       |
| R4b/C4/RN4b/CN4 | - 11                                       | + 2                                       |
| R4c             | - 6  | 0   |

The corrected values of the characteristic strengths are shown in Fig 8 compared with the uncorrected characteristic strength values. It can be seen that the strength values for the unnotched testpieces after correction are now very similar, indicating that in some of the geometries true stresses are some 10-30% less than those calculated using the nominal beam formula.

The strength values of the rectangular notched testpieces were not any closer brought together by the correction factors since they were quite close anyway. The values have just

been reduced by a factor of about 20%. There is, however, a significant difference between the circular notched testpiece and rectangular notched testpiece results. For most of the materials the strength values from the circular notched testpieces are higher than those measured on the rectangular specimens. The reason for this is not known.

In general, the notched testpieces gave lower strength values than the unnotched testpieces and this is probably due to surface compressive residual stresses in the unnotched testpieces since the notched testpieces were annealed before testing. The difference is biggest for the harder, fine grained WC/Co hardmetals.

Thus, in summary, differences in nominal strength in the unnotched testpieces could be due to differences in friction and wedging stresses. Using nominal correction factors the strength values from the different geometries agree reasonably well. Better agreement would depend on specific FE analysis for the different testpieces and more accurate figures for the coefficient of friction. The use of strain gauged testpieces would allow some of these correction factors to be quantified more accurately.

#### 4.3 EFFECTS OF ANNEALING

It was shown in the previous VAMAS report [1] that annealing unnotched testpieces at 800 °C for 1h in vacuum reduced the strength significantly. Further tests have been performed at NPL on a few remaining testpieces since the last report. These are summarised as follows.

| Material       | Geometry of Annealed Testpieces |              |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
|                | Reported previously [1]         | Recent tests |
| Teledyne (UF)  | R3b, C3, C4                     | R3a          |
| Boart (F)      | -                               | -            |
| Sandvik HM (F) | -                               | -            |
| Sandvik Cermet | R3b, C3                         | R3a          |
| Kennametal CC  | -                               | -            |
| Sandvik (M/C)  | R3b, C3, C4                     | -            |
| Boart (C)      | R3b, R4b, C3, C4                | R3a, R3c     |

The results of the recent tests are given in Table 9 and Table 10 summarises representative values of the annealed and unannealed strengths (taking the top 3-4 values) including a ratio of the two values. Comparative plots of the annealed and as-ground testpieces were given in the previous report [1]. Figures 9-11 show plots of the results of the tests performed since the previous report [1].

The results in Figs 9-11 and Table 10 show that annealing the as-ground testpieces reduces the strength. The amount of reduction in strength is dependent on the material type and the geometry. There are two possible reasons for the reduction:

1. The as-ground surfaces contain compressive residual stresses which are removed when the samples are annealed.

2. The as-ground surfaces contain small cracks which are held closed by the residual compressive grinding stresses. After the sample is annealed at this low temperature the cracks become stress-free and act as small defects, thus reducing strength.

Further work is needed to evaluate which of these two mechanisms (or both together) is responsible for the reduction in strength that occurs when the samples are annealed.

The reduction in strength for the Ti(C,N) cermet material was much smaller than for the other materials except for the round testpiece. This is consistent with the fact that even for the highest strength values subsurface volume distributed defects were observed.

The highest reductions in strength on annealing occurred in the Teledyne (UF) hardmetal. This could mean that the compressive residual stresses are higher in finer-grained material or that finer-grained hardmetals are more susceptible to the formation of small surface cracks.

## 5 CONCLUSIONS

The VAMAS report [1] of the basic data showed that there was good agreement (reproducibility) between laboratories testing a given geometry and material. However, nominal strengths were found to differ by a factor of up to two depending on the geometry of test. Analysis of representative strength values and Weibull moduli indicated that the effects of wedging stresses and friction, caused by the inability of the support rollers to rotate freely, were the most likely source of differences in strength observed between the different geometries.

Surface preparation had a very significant effect on strength. In particular, annealing reduced strength, possibly by relieving compressive residual stresses introduced during grinding. The magnitude of the strength increase introduced by surface preparation stresses is material dependent.

Further systematic work is required on the effects of surface preparation to fully elucidate the differences in strength observed for the different test geometries.

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Table 3A

Teledyne UFine WC/Co  
Weibull Moduli - Estimated fits

| Geometry | Organisation | Weibull Modulus* |        |
|----------|--------------|------------------|--------|
|          |              | Part A           | Part B |
| R3a      | Boart        | 18               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 18               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 24               | -      |
| R3b      | NPL          | 26               | 6      |
|          | CERMEP       | 26               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 21               | 5      |
| R3c      | NPL          | 6                | -      |
|          | Kennametal   | 7                | -      |
|          | Combined     | 8                | 5      |
| R4b      | NPL          | 23               | 4      |
|          | CERMEP       | 23               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 26               | 5      |
| R4c      | NPL          | 10               | 4      |
|          | Kennametal   | 10               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 13               | 7      |
| C3       | NPL          | 35               | -      |
|          | Kennametal   | 35               | 13     |
|          | Combined     | 39               | 10     |
| C4       | NPL          | 30               | -      |
|          | CERMEP       | 23               | 6      |
|          | Combined     | 19               | 5      |
| RN3a     | NPL          | 65               | 10     |
|          | CERMEP       | 40               | 17     |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |
| RN3b     | NPL          | 17               | -      |
|          | Kennametal   | 28               | 11     |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |
| RN4b     | NPL          | 52               | -      |
|          | CERMEP       | 60               | 11     |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |
| CN4      | NPL          | 36               | -      |
|          | CERMEP       | 40               | 5      |
|          | Kennametal   | 9                | -      |
|          | Combined     | 15               | 3      |

Table 3B

Boart Fine WC/Co  
Weibull Moduli - Estimated fits

| Geometry | Organisation | Weibull Modulus* |        |
|----------|--------------|------------------|--------|
|          |              | Part A           | Part B |
| R3a      | Teledyne     | 36               | 7      |
|          | Sandvik      | 36               | 7      |
|          | Combined     | 36               | 7      |
| R3b      | NPL          | 13               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 15               | 4      |
|          | Combined     | 14               | 6      |
| R3c      | NPL          | 13               | <4     |
|          | Teledyne     | 7                | <4     |
|          | Combined     | 14               | 2      |
| R4b      | NPL          | 13               | 6      |
|          | Sandvik      | 12               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 10               | -      |
| R4c      | NPL          | 18               | <4     |
|          | Teledyne     | 12               | <4     |
|          | Combined     | 10               | <2     |
| C3       | NPL          | 16               | -      |
|          | Teledyne     | 16               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 17               | -      |
| C4       | NPL          | 12               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 30               | 7      |
|          | Combined     | 13               | -      |
| RN3a     | NPL          | 16               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 23               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 18               | -      |
| RN3b     | NPL          | 16               | -      |
|          | Teledyne     | 18               | 6      |
|          | Combined     | 12               | -      |
| RN4b     | NPL          | 14               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 14               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |
| CN4      | NPL          | 15               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 20               | -      |
|          | Teledyne     | 18               | 7      |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |

Table 3C

Sandvik HM Fine WC/Co  
Weibull Moduli - Estimated fits

| Geometry | Organisation | Weibull Modulus* |        |
|----------|--------------|------------------|--------|
|          |              | Part A           | Part B |
| R3a      | Boart        | 12               | 9      |
|          | Teledyne     | 13               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 11               | -      |
| R3b      | NPL          | 10               | 5      |
|          | Dymet        | 10               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 9                | -      |
| R3c      | NPL          | 17               | 5      |
|          | Boart        | 10               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 16               | 8      |
| R4b      | NPL          | 9                | 5      |
|          | Dymet        | 25               | 5      |
|          | Combined     | 13               | 6      |
| R4c      | NPL          | 10               | -      |
|          | Boart        | 12               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 13               | -      |
| C3       | NPL          | 12               | 2      |
|          | Boart        | 30               | 7      |
|          | Combined     | 23               | 6      |
| C4       | NPL          | 8                | -      |
|          | Dymet        | 17               | 6      |
|          | Combined     | 16               | 6      |
| RN3a     | NPL          | 33               | -      |
|          | Dymet        | 33               | 13     |
|          | Combined     | 32               | 17     |
| RN3b     | NPL          | 13               | -      |
|          | Boart        | 21               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |
| RN4b     | NPL          | 11               | -      |
|          | Boart        | 14               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 24               | 10     |
| CN4      | NPL          | 53               | -      |
|          | Dymet        | 36               | -      |
|          | Boart        | 64               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 56               | -      |

Table 3D

**Kennametal Medium/Fine WC/CC/Co  
Weibull Moduli - Estimated fits**

| Geometry | Organisation        | Weibull Modulus* |        |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|--------|
|          |                     | Part A           | Part B |
| R3a      | Gen Carbide (Set 1) | 18               | 7      |
|          | Gen Carbide (Set 2) | 33               | -      |
|          | CERMEP (Set 2)      | 17               | -      |
| R3b      | NPL                 | 11               | -      |
|          | United              | 33               | 13     |
|          | Combined            | 13               | -      |
| R3c      | NPL                 | 28               | 8      |
|          | United              | 29               | -      |
|          | Combined            | 21               | -      |
| R4b      | NPL                 | 18               | 6      |
|          | United              | 17               | 5      |
|          | Combined            | 18               | 4      |
| R4c      | NPL                 | 18               | -      |
|          | United              | 18               | -      |
|          | Combined            | 21               | -      |
| C3       | Not tested          | -                | -      |
| C4       | Not tested          | -                | -      |
| RN3a     | NPL                 | 17               | -      |
|          | United              | 20               | -      |
|          | Combined            | 16               | -      |
| RN3b     | NPL                 | 43               | -      |
|          | United              | 17               | -      |
|          | Combined            | 49               | 22     |
| RN4b     | NPL                 | 17               | -      |
|          | United              | 16               | -      |
|          | Combined            | 17               | -      |
| CN4      | Not tested          | -                | -      |

Table 3E

Sandvik Ti(C,N) Cermet  
Weibull Moduli - Estimated fits

| Geometry | Organisation | Weibull Modulus* |        |
|----------|--------------|------------------|--------|
|          |              | Part A           | Part B |
| R3a      | Kennametal   | 10               | -      |
|          | CERMep       | 13               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 11               | 8      |
| R3b      | NPL          | 13               | 6      |
|          | Sandvik      | 13               | 5      |
|          | Combined     | 12               | 6      |
| R3c      | NPL          | 16               | 3      |
|          | BAM          | 15               | 5      |
|          | Combined     | 14               | 4      |
| R4b      | NPL          | 10               | 6      |
|          | Sandvik      | 10               | 3      |
|          | Combined     | 11               | 3      |
| R4c      | NPL          | -                | 3      |
|          | BAM          | -                | 3      |
|          | Combined     | -                | 3      |
| C3       | NPL          | 17               | -      |
|          | BAM          | 8                | 3      |
|          | Combined     | 11               | 3      |
| C4       | NPL          | 7                | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 17               | 4      |
|          | Combined     | 11               | 6      |
| RN3a     | NPL          | 29               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 17               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |
| RN3b     | NPL          | 23               | -      |
|          | BAM          | 23               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 20               | -      |
| RN4b     | NPL          | 24               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 20               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 20               | -      |
| CN4      | NPL          | 129              | 9      |
|          | BAM          | 24               | -      |
|          | Sandvik      | 141              | -      |
|          | Combined     | 62               | 15     |

Table 3F

Sandvik Med/Coarse WC/Co  
Weibull Moduli - Estimated fits

| Geometry | Organisation | Weibull Modulus* |        |
|----------|--------------|------------------|--------|
|          |              | Part A           | Part B |
| R3a      | United       | 52               | 35     |
|          | Gen Carbide  | 22               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 29               | -      |
| R3b      | NPL          | 112              | 24     |
|          | EAD          | 56               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 39               | -      |
| R3c      | NPL          | 66               | -      |
|          | K-Hertel     | 38               | 11     |
|          | Combined     | 60               | -      |
| R4b      | NPL          | 45               | -      |
|          | EAD          | 59               | 23     |
|          | Combined     | 32               | -      |
| R4c      | NPL          | 45               | 10     |
|          | K-Hertel     | 28               | 15     |
|          | Combined     | 32               | 18     |
| C3       | NPL          | 55               | -      |
|          | K-Hertel     | 62               | 3      |
|          | Combined     | 72               | 5      |
| C4       | NPL          | 107              | -      |
|          | EAD          | 105              | 18     |
|          | Combined     | 78               | 21     |
| RN3a     | NPL          | 15               | -      |
|          | K-Hertel     | 13               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |
| RN3b     | NPL          | 22               | -      |
|          | K-Hertel     | 39               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 15               | -      |
| RN4b     | NPL          | 16               | -      |
|          | EAD          | 49               | 15     |
|          | Combined     | 19               | -      |
| CN4      | NPL          | 38               | -      |
|          | EAD          | 38               | -      |
|          | K-Hertel     | 60               | -      |
|          | Combined     | 41               | -      |

Table 3G

Boart Coarse WC/Co  
Weibull Moduli - Estimated fits

| Geometry | Organisation | Weibull Modulus* |        |
|----------|--------------|------------------|--------|
|          |              | Part A           | Part B |
| R3a      | NPL          | 36               | 24     |
| R3b      | NPL          | 23               | -      |
| R3c      | NPL          | 23               | -      |
| R4b      | NPL          | 27               | -      |
| R4c      | NPL          | 27               | -      |
| C3       | NPL          | 30               | -      |
| C4       | NPL          | 30               | -      |
| RN3a     | NPL          | 27               | -      |
| RN3b     | NPL          | 27               | -      |
| RN4b     | NPL          | 47               | -      |
| CN4      | NPL          | 30               | -      |

**Table 4**  
**Weibull Moduli, m**  
**All data**

| Material        | Geometry |     |     |     |     |    |    |     |      |      |      |
|-----------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|------|------|------|
|                 | R3a      | R3b | R3c | R4b | R4c | C3 | C4 | CN4 | RN3a | RN3b | RN4b |
| Teledyne (UF)   | 17       | 7   | 5   | 7   | 5   | 13 | 7  | 6   | 16   | 16   | 14   |
| Boart (F)       | 23       | 7   | 2   | 10  | 3   | 18 | 10 | 13  | 17   | 8    | 14   |
| Sandvik HM (F)  | 10       | 8   | 11  | 7   | 8   | 6  | 9  | 52  | 22   | 14   | 11   |
| Ti(C,N) Cermet  | 7        | 6   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 5  | 7  | 23  | 16   | 24   | 17   |
| Kennametal (CC) | 17       | 13  | 16  | 6   | 19  | -  | -  | -   | 16   | 19   | 17   |
| Sandvik (M/C)   | 19       | 38  | 64  | 32  | 15  | 10 | 24 | 34  | 18   | 15   | 20   |
| Boart (C)       | 17       | 19  | 21  | 30  | 24  | 20 | 16 | 24  | 25   | 19   | 24   |



Table 5

## Mean Strength Values - All data

| Material        | Geometry |      |      |      |         |       |
|-----------------|----------|------|------|------|---------|-------|
|                 | R3b      | R4b  | C3   | C4   | R3b/R4b | C3/C4 |
| Teledyne (UF)   | 3400     | 3046 | 3460 | 3016 | 1.12    | 1.15  |
| Boart (F)       | 2536     | 2332 | 2561 | 2380 | 1.09    | 1.08  |
| Sandvik HM (F)  | 3018     | 2766 | 3610 | 3265 | 1.09    | 1.11  |
| Ti(C,N) Cermet  | 1247     | 1001 | 1436 | 1351 | 1.25    | 1.06  |
| Kennametal (CC) | 2001     | 1794 | -    | -    | 1.11    | -     |
| Sandvik (M/C)   | 2723     | 2547 | 2968 | 2763 | 1.07    | 1.07  |
| Boart (C)       | 1794     | 1659 | 2027 | 1859 | 1.08    | 1.09  |

Table 6

Predicted Strength Ratios from Weibull Analysis  
(assuming similar volume defect or area populations)

| Material        | Volume Basis                  |                                | Area Basis                    |                                |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                 | $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$<br>(Rect) | $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$<br>(Round) | $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$<br>(Rect) | $\sigma_3/\sigma_4$<br>(Round) |
| Teledyne (UF)   | 1.24                          | 0.96                           | 1.24                          | 1.01                           |
| Boart (F)       | 1.38                          | 0.97                           | 1.33                          | 1.02                           |
| Sandvik HM (F)  | 1.29                          | 1.04                           | 1.28                          | 1.08                           |
| Ti(C,N) Cermet  | 1.86                          | 1.08                           | 1.73                          | 1.12                           |
| Kennametal (CC) | 0.93                          | -                              | 1.00                          | -                              |
| Sandvik (M/C)   | 1.06                          | 0.90                           | 1.07                          | 0.97                           |
| Boart (C)       | 1.21                          | 1.20                           | 1.18                          | 1.18                           |

Table 7

Weibull  $\sigma_0$  Characteristic Strength Values

| Geometry | Material          |                    |               |                       |                        |                 |                   |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|          | Teledyne<br>Ufine | Sandvik HM<br>fine | Boart<br>fine | Sandvik<br>med/coarse | Kennametal<br>WC/CC/Co | Boart<br>coarse | Sandvik<br>Cermet |
| R3a      | 4188              | 3641               | 3133          | 3041                  | 2670                   | 2165            | 1720              |
| R3b      | 3569              | 3229               | 2697          | 2779                  | 2059                   | 1845            | 1380              |
| R3c      | 3327              | 3361               | 2616          | 2779                  | 2165                   | 1845            | 1525              |
| R4b      | 3262              | 2981               | 2515          | 2540                  | 1901                   | 1669            | 1211              |
| R4c      | 2922              | 3134               | 2416          | 2592                  | 2059                   | 1669            | 1064              |
| C3       | 3569              | 3905               | 2616          | 3011                  | -                      | 2018            | 1587              |
| C4       | 3229              | 3569               | 2540          | 2836                  | -                      | 1920            | 1480              |
| CN4      | 2143              | 2591               | 2490          | 2779                  | -                      | 2276            | 1919              |
| RN3a     | 2670              | 2864               | 2836          | 2616                  | 1998                   | 1882            | 1978              |
| RN3b     | 2670              | 2540               | 2540          | 2752                  | 1939                   | 1863            | 1603              |
| RN4b     | 2618              | 2441               | 2490          | 2322                  | 1737                   | 1720            | 1525              |

Table 8

**Characteristic Strength Values**  
**Mean and Coefficient of Variation (CV) of 3 or 4 Highest Values\***

| Material   | Test Organisation | R3a  | R3b  | R3c  | R4b   | R4c   | RN3a  | RN3b  | RN4b | C3   | C4   | CN4               |
|--|-------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Teledyne<br>$\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup>  | Boart             | 4325 |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | Sandvik           | 4481 |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | NPL               | -    | 3651 | 3426 | 3285* | 3004  | 2884* | 2770  | 2621 | 3634 | 3382 | 2093              |
|  | CERMeP            | -    | 3759 | -    | 3399  | -     | 2670  | -     | 2669 | -    | 3191 | 2238 <sup>+</sup> |
|  | Kennametal        | -    | -    | 3614 | -     | 3195  | -     | 2633* | -    | 3666 | -    | 2049              |
|  | Combined          | 4403 | 3705 | 3520 | 3350  | 3100  | 2761  | 2711  | 2645 | 3650 | 3287 | 2104              |
| Teledyne<br>CV, %  | Boart             | 0.7  |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | Sandvik           | 1.5  |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | NPL               | -    | 1.5  | 13.3 | 1.7   | 6.0   | 0.8   | 3.3   | 0.8  | 1.8  | 1.9  | 3.5               |
|  | CERMeP            | -    | 3.6  | -    | 1.6   | -     | 0.5   | -     | 6.2  | -    | 2.2  | 0.4               |
|  | Kennametal        | -    | -    | 4.9  | -     | 4.7   | -     | 1.6   | -    | 1.6  | -    | 7.4               |
| Boart<br>Fine<br>$\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup>                                     | Teledyne          | 3212 |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | Sandvik           | 3246 |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | NPL               | -    | 2734 | 2732 | 2553  | 2484  | 2838* | 2736  | 2471 | 2738 | 2627 | 2350              |
|  | Sandvik           | -    | 2848 | -    | 2645  | -     | 2925  | -     | 2495 | -    | 2587 | 2547              |
|  | Teledyne          | -    | -    | 2840 | -     | 2621* | -     | 2508  | -    | 2680 | -    | 2538*             |
|  | Combined          | 3229 | 2791 | 2786 | 2599  | 2543  | 2888  | 2622  | 2483 | 2709 | 2607 | 2473              |
| Boart<br>Fine<br>CV, %   | Teledyne          | 0.1  |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | Sandvik           | 1.0  |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | NPL               | -    | 3.3  | 3.0  | 4.6   | 1.7   | 2.2   | 3.8   | 5.8  | 4.3  | 4.0  | 7.4               |
|  | Sandvik           | -    | 4.3  | -    | 3.4   | -     | 3.2   | -     | 5.3  | -    | 1.3  | 4.9               |
|  | Teledyne          | -    | -    | 5.9  | -     | 4.2   | -     | -     | -    | 3.7  | -    | 4.6               |
| Teledyne data corrected by 0.96 for R3a and 0.90 for remainder - see VAMAS Report No 22. |                   |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
| Sandvik HM<br>Fine<br>$\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup>                                | Boart             | 3964 |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | Teledyne          | 4061 |      |      |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |                   |
|  | NPL               | -    | 3545 | 3493 | 3083  | 3213  | 2873  | 2562  | 2402 | 3960 | 3600 | 2505              |
|  | Dymet             | -    | 3232 | -    | 3139  | -     | -     | -     | 2500 | -    | 3699 | 2538              |
|  | Boart             | -    | -    | 3449 | -     | 3301  | 2934  | 2627  | -    | 3995 | -    | 2575              |
|  | Combined          | 4013 | 3389 | 3471 | 3111  | 3257  | 2904  | 2595  | 2449 | 3978 | 3650 | 2540              |

\* Highest 3 values, remainder highest four values except <sup>+</sup> which corresponds to highest 2 values.

Table 8 continued

**Characteristic Strength Values**  
**Mean and Coefficient of Variation (CV) of 3 or 4 Highest Values\***

| Material  | Test Organisation | R3a  | R3b               | R3c  | R4b               | R4c  | RN3a | RN3b | RN4b | C3   | C4   | CN4               |
|---|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| CV, %   | Boart             | 5.9  |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | Teledyne          | 4.9  |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | NPL               | -    | 4.2               | 4.3  | 6.1               | 5.7  | 1.9  | 6.1  | 7.6  | 2.9  | 4.2  | 1.9               |
|   | Dymet             | -    | 3.0               | -    | 4.2               | -    | -    | -    | 5.3  | -    | 3.1  | 3.0               |
|   | Boart             | -    | -                 | 5.7  | -                 | 3.8  | 2.0  | 4.8  | -    | 1.4  | -    | 1.6               |
| Kennametal<br>WC/CC/<br>Co<br>Med/Fine<br>$\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup> | Gen Carbide       | 2340 |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | CERMeP            | -    |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | NPL               | -    | 2282 <sup>+</sup> | 2252 | 1968              | 2101 | 2069 | 1962 | 1850 | -    | -    | -                 |
|   | United            | -    | 2117              | 2190 | 1963              | 2116 | 2112 | 1923 | 1720 | -    | -    | -                 |
|   | Combined          | 2340 | 2172              | 2221 | 1966              | 2109 | 2091 | 1943 | 1785 | -    | -    | -                 |
| CV, %   | Gen Carbide       | 2.0  |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | CERMeP            | -    |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | NPL               | -    | 0.7               | 2.0  | 4.7               | 2.3  | 4.2  | 0.8  | 5.5  | -    | -    | -                 |
|   | United            | -    | 1.5               | 0.8  | 2.4               | 2.2  | 5.2  | 3.7  | 4.4  | -    | -    | -                 |
| Sandvik<br>Cermet<br>$\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup>                      | Kennametal        | 1834 |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | CERMeP            | 1846 |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | NPL               | -    | 1454 <sup>+</sup> | 1641 | 1291              | 1249 | 2013 | 1641 | 1494 | 1674 | 1313 | 1926 <sup>*</sup> |
|   | Sandvik           | -    | 1433              | -    | 1293 <sup>*</sup> | -    | 1967 | -    | 1594 | -    | 1559 | 1947              |
|   | BAM               | -    | -                 | 1556 | -                 | 1272 | -    | 1624 | -    | 1578 | -    | 1864              |
| Combined  | 1840              | 1444 | 1599              | 1292 | 1261              | 1990 | 1632 | 1544 | 1626 | 1436 | 1911 |                   |
| CV, %   | Kennametal        | 3.2  |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | CERMeP            | 1.2  |                   |      |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |
|   | NPL               | -    | 4.0               | 3.2  | 3.7               | 17.6 | 2.9  | 3.5  | 5.8  | 3.6  | 14.0 | 0.4               |
|   | Sandvik           | -    | 3.7               | -    | 4.9               | -    | 7.9  | -    | 2.7  | -    | 5.8  | 0.7               |
|   | BAM               | -    | -                 | 3.7  | -                 | 12.2 | -    | 3.1  | -    | 6.0  | -    | 4.7               |

\* Highest 3 values, remainder highest four values except <sup>+</sup> which corresponds to highest 2 values.

Table 8 continued

**Characteristic Strength Values**  
**Mean and Coefficient of Variation (CV) of 3 or 4 Highest Values\***

| Material  | Test Organisation               | R3a   | R3b  | R3c  | R4b  | R4c  | RN3a | RN3b               | RN4b | C3                 | C4   | CN4  |
|---|---------------------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|------|
| Sandvik<br>Med/<br>Coarse<br>WC/Co<br>$\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup> | Gen Carbide                     | 3196  |      |      |      |      |      |                    |      |                    |      |      |
|   | United                          | 3135  |      |      |      |      |      |                    |      |                    |      |      |
|   | NPL                             | -   | 2761 | 2801 | 2636 | 2626 | 2597 | 2541               | 2373 | 3023               | 2820 | 2732 |
|   | EAD                             | -   | 2776 | -    | 2597 | -    | -    | -                  | 2310 | -                  | 2877 | 2758 |
|   | K-Hertel                        | -   | -    | 2947 | -    | 2673 | 2626 | 2898 <sup>++</sup> | -    | 3096               | -    | 2921 |
|   | Combined                        | 3166  | 2769 | 2874 | 2620 | 2650 | 2612 | 2541               | 2342 | 3060               | 2849 | 2803 |
| CV, %   | Gen Carbide                     | 1.6   |      |      |      |      |      |                    |      |                    |      |      |
|   | United                          | 0.9   |      |      |      |      |      |                    |      |                    |      |      |
|   | NPL                             | -   | 4.0  | 1.0  | 2.2  | 1.0  | 4.7  | 3.2                | 4.2  | 1.1                | 1.0  | 2.6  |
|   | EAD                             | -   | 0.5  | -    | 0.7  | -    | -    | -                  | 1.4  | -                  | 0.6  | 4.2  |
|   | K-Hertel                        | -   | -    | 0.8  | -    | 1.8  | 5.8  | 1.4                | -    | 1.0                | -    | 1.2  |
|   |                                 | <sup>++</sup> omitted from average, apparently high.                                |      |      |      |      |      |                    |      |                    |      |      |
| Boart<br>Longyear<br>Coarse<br>$\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup>        | NPL<br>unnotched<br>as ground   | 2216  | 1874 | 1887 | 1702 | 1734 | 1890 | 1892               | 1760 | 2045 <sup>++</sup> | 1940 | 2293 |
| CV, %   | NPL                             | 1.1   | 1.9  | 1.2  | 1.7  | 2.0  | 5.9  | 1.1                | 3.4  | 1.6                | 1.2  | 3.0  |
| $\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup>                                       | NPL<br>unnotched<br>annealed    | -   | 1695 | -    | 1591 | -    | -    | -                  | -    | 1779               | 1756 | -    |
| CV, %   | NPL                             | -   | 1.9  | -    | 1.6  | -    | -    | -                  | -    | 3.5                | 1.6  | -    |
|   |                                 | All notched testpieces annealed.<br><sup>++</sup> top value not selected, see plot. |      |      |      |      |      |                    |      |                    |      |      |
| $\sigma$ mean<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup>                                       | Ratio<br>as-ground/<br>annealed | -   | 1.11 | -    | 1.07 | -    | -    | -                  | -    | 1.15               | 1.10 | -    |

\* Highest 3 values, remainder highest four values except \* which corresponds to highest 2 values.

Table 9

## Teledyne UFine - NPL Bend Tests

| R3a Annealed 800 °C 1h in vacuum |         |         | Span 14.3 mm |                              |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Number                           | B<br>mm | W<br>mm | Load<br>N    | Stress<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup> |
| 31                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 27530        | 3539                         |
| 32                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 20570        | 2644                         |
| 33                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 25740        | 3309                         |
| 34                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 26600        | 3420                         |
| 35                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 26470        | 3403                         |
| 36                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 25870        | 3326                         |
| 37                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 23190        | 2981                         |
| 38                               | 6.39    | 5.07    | 28270        | 3692                         |
| 39                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 23140        | 2975                         |
| 40                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 16910        | 2174                         |
| 41                               | 6.39    | 5.11    | 26140        | 3360                         |

## Boart Coarse - NPL Bend Tests

| R3a Annealed 800 °C 1h in vacuum |         |         | Span 14.3 mm |                              |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Number                           | B<br>mm | W<br>mm | Load<br>N    | Stress<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup> |
| 16                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 16050        | 1922                         |
| 17                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 15630        | 1871                         |
| 18                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 15490        | 1855                         |
| 19                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 15700        | 1880                         |
| 20                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 16720        | 2002                         |
| 21                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 16060        | 1923                         |
| 22                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 15970        | 1912                         |
| 23                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 15320        | 1834                         |
| 24                               | 6.50    | 5.23    | 16750        | 2021                         |
| 25                               | 6.50    | 5.23    | 15980        | 1928                         |
| 26                               | 6.50    | 5.24    | 15920        | 1913                         |
| 27                               | 6.50    | 5.24    | 16170        | 1943                         |
| 28                               | 6.50    | 5.24    | 15410        | 1852                         |
| 29                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 15370        | 1840                         |
| 30                               | 6.50    | 5.25    | 16880        | 2021                         |

Table 9 continued

## Boart Coarse - NPL Bend Tests

| R3c Annealed 800 °C 1h in vacuum |         |         | Span 40 mm |                              |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|------------------------------|
| Number                           | B<br>mm | W<br>mm | Load<br>N  | Stress<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup> |
| 20                               | 4.01    | 3.00    | 1070       | 1779                         |
| 21                               | 4.01    | 3.00    | 998        | 1659                         |
| 22                               | 4.01    | 3.00    | 1057       | 1757                         |
| 23                               | 4.01    | 3.00    | 1060       | 1762                         |
| 24                               | 4.01    | 3.00    | 999        | 1661                         |
| 25                               | 4.01    | 3.00    | 933        | 1551                         |
| 26                               | 4.01    | 2.96    | 1033       | 1764                         |
| 27                               | 4.01    | 2.96    | 1021       | 1744                         |

## Sandvik Cermet - NPL Bend Tests

| R3a Annealed 800 °C 1h in vacuum |         |         | Span 14.3 mm |                              |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Number                           | B<br>mm | W<br>mm | Load<br>N    | Stress<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup> |
| 31                               | 6.00    | 5.00    | 11740        | 1679                         |
| 32                               | 6.00    | 5.00    | 9609         | 1374                         |
| 33                               | 6.00    | 5.00    | 12510        | 1789                         |
| 34                               | 6.00    | 5.00    | 10930        | 1563                         |
| 35                               | 6.00    | 5.00    | 12940        | 1850                         |
| 36                               | 6.00    | 5.00    | 10780        | 1542                         |

Table 10

## Comparison of Annealed on As-ground Strengths

| Material             | Geometry | As-ground strength<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup> | Annealed strength<br>N mm <sup>-2</sup> | Ratio of As-ground/<br>Annealed strength |
|----------------------|----------|--|---|--|
| Teledyne (UF)        | R3a      | 4403                                     | 3514                                    | 1.25                                     |
|                      | R3b      | 3650                                     | 2698                                    | 1.35                                     |
|                      | C3       | 3646                                     | 1967                                    | 1.85                                     |
|                      | C4       | 3414                                     | 1935                                    | 1.76                                     |
| Sandvik Cermet       | R3a      | 1844                                     | 1773                                    | 1.04                                     |
|                      | R3b      | 1301                                     | 1352                                    | 0.96                                     |
|                      | C3       | 1674                                     | 1508                                    | 1.11                                     |
| Sandvik (Med/Coarse) | R3b      | 2817                                     | 2599                                    | 1.08                                     |
|                      | C3       | 3031                                     | 2836                                    | 1.07                                     |
|                      | C4       | 2830                                     | 2605                                    | 1.09                                     |
| Boart (Coarse)       | R3a      | 2216                                     | 1997                                    | 1.11                                     |
|                      | R3b      | 1874                                     | 1695                                    | 1.11                                     |
|                      | R3c      | 1887                                     | 1766                                    | 1.07                                     |
|                      | R4b      | 1702                                     | 1591                                    | 1.07                                     |
|                      | C3       | 2099                                     | 1779                                    | 1.18                                     |
|                      | C4       | 1940                                     | 1757                                    | 1.10                                     |

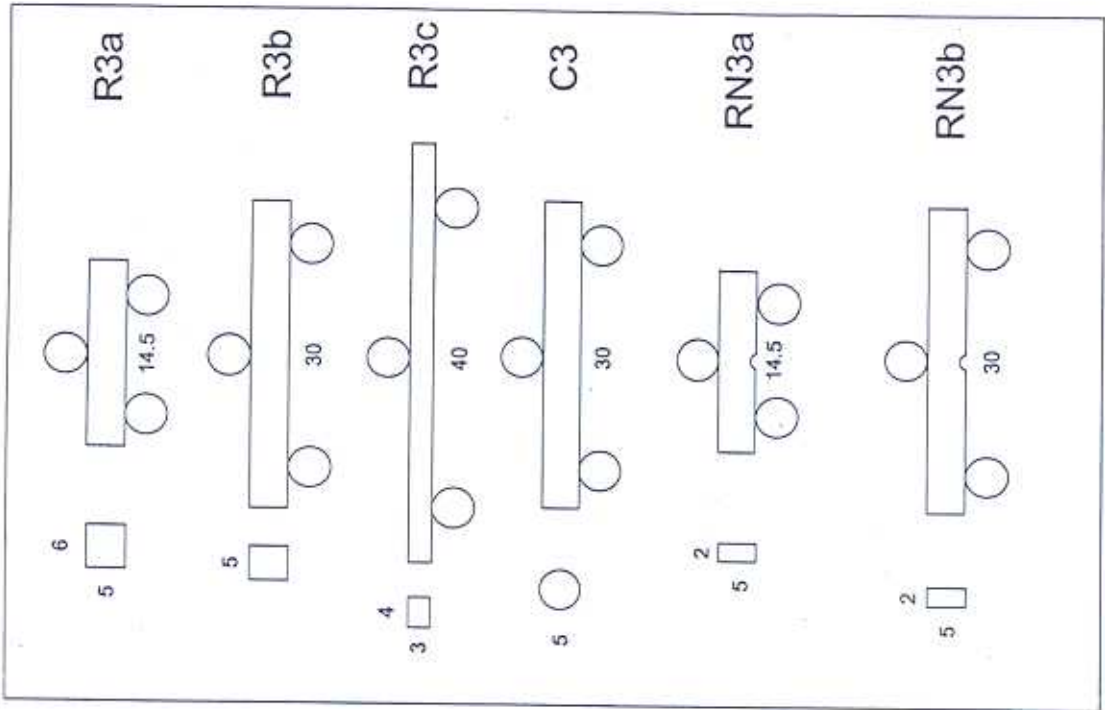


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Hardmetal Bend Tests

Three Point Tests



Hardmetal Bend Tests

Four Point Tests

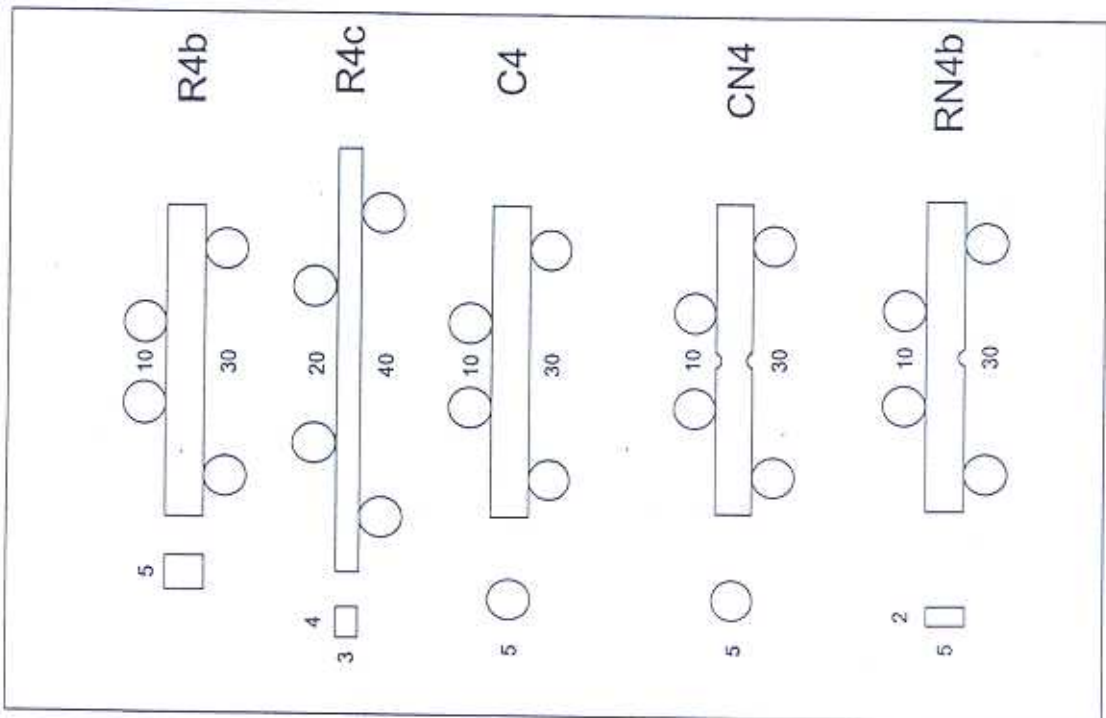


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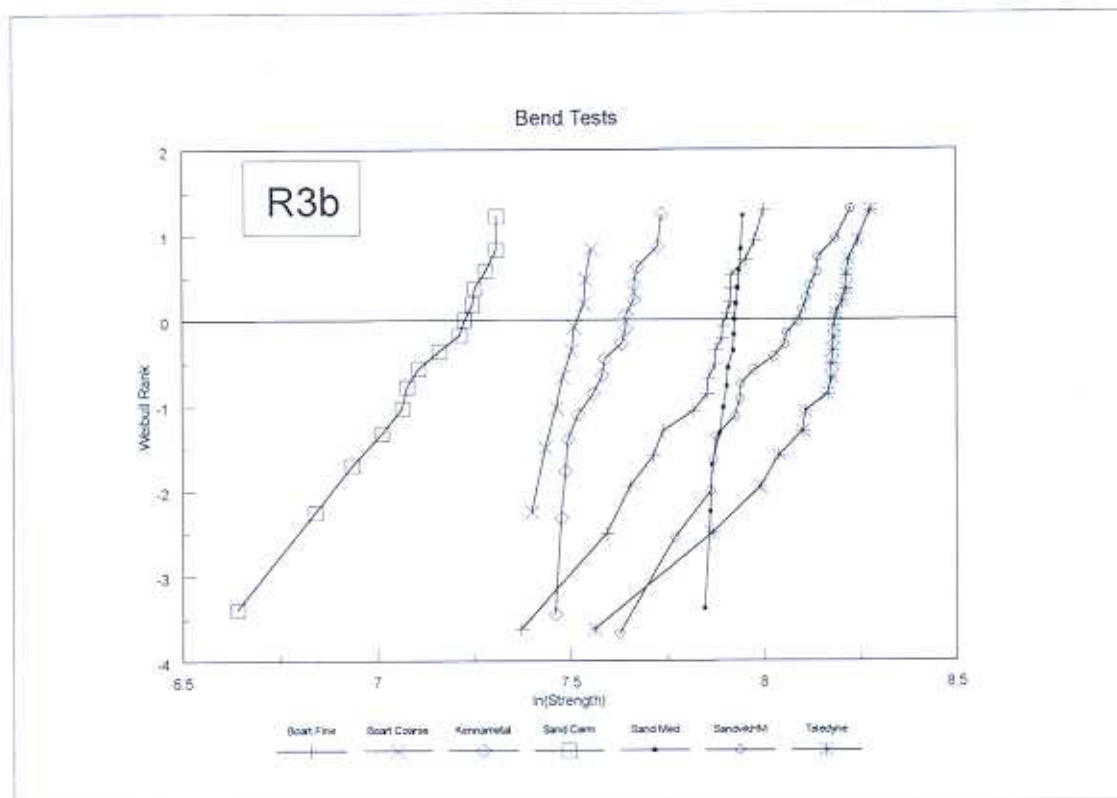
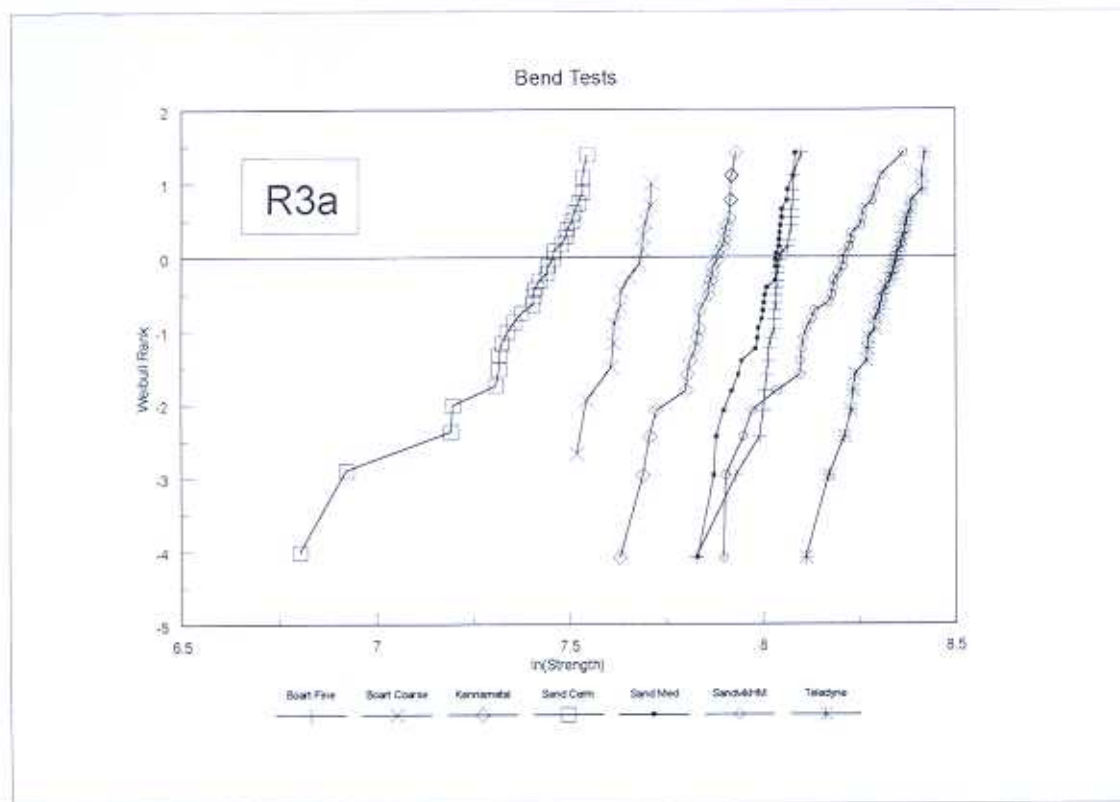


Fig 2a Weibull ranked plot for R3a and R3b geometries

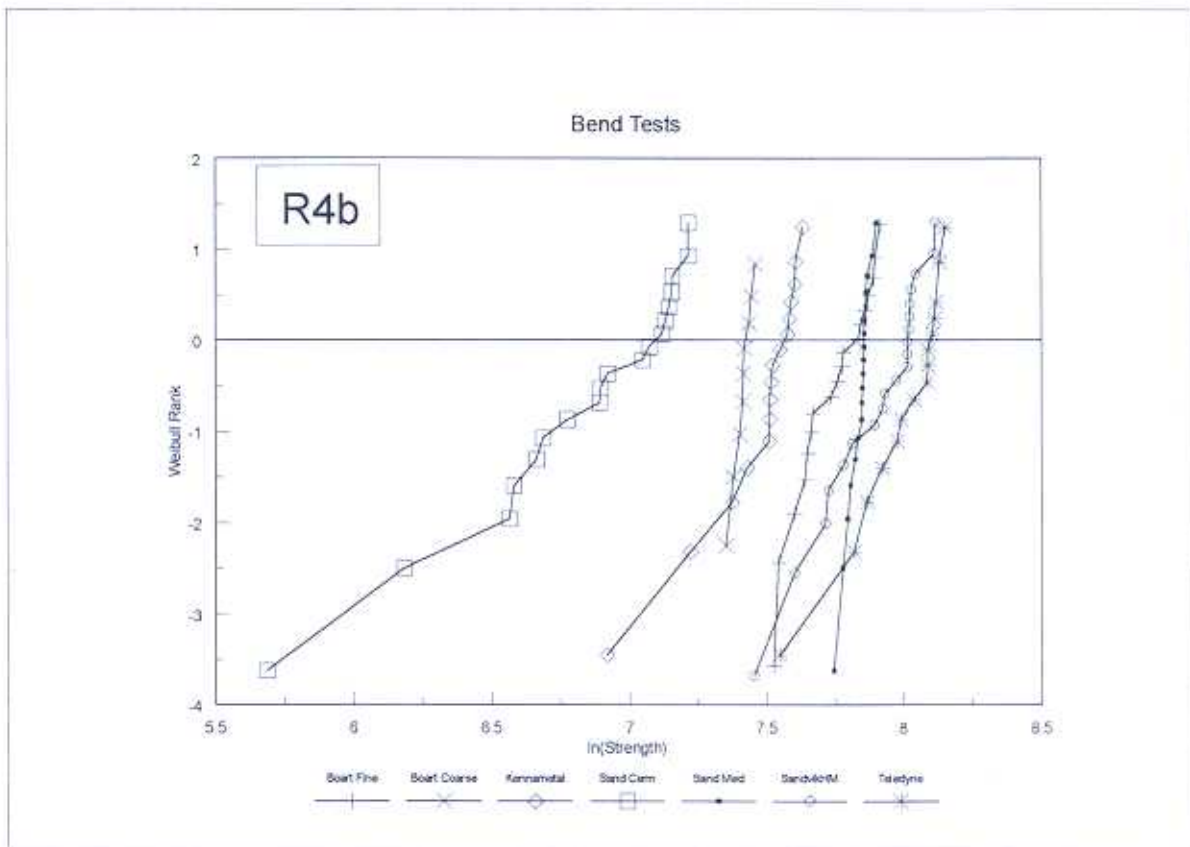
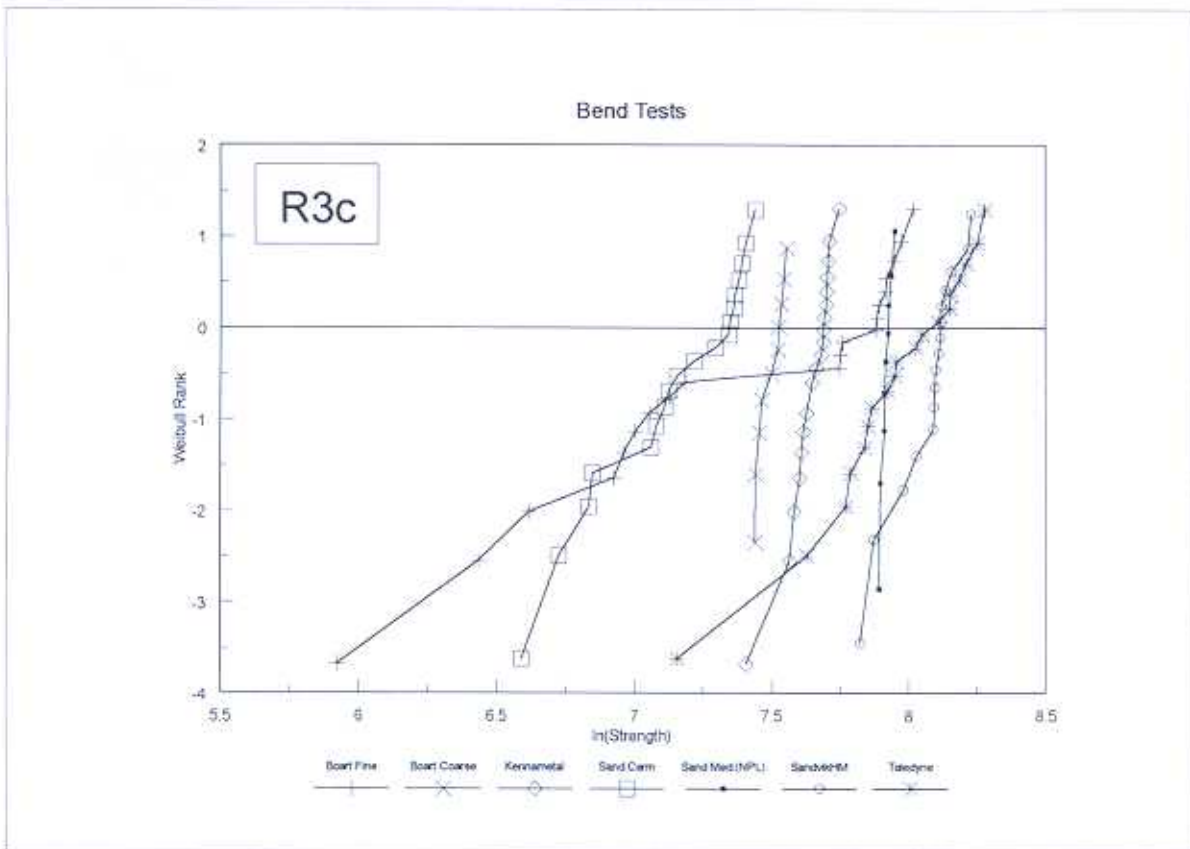


Fig 2b Weibull ranked plot for R3c and R4b geometries

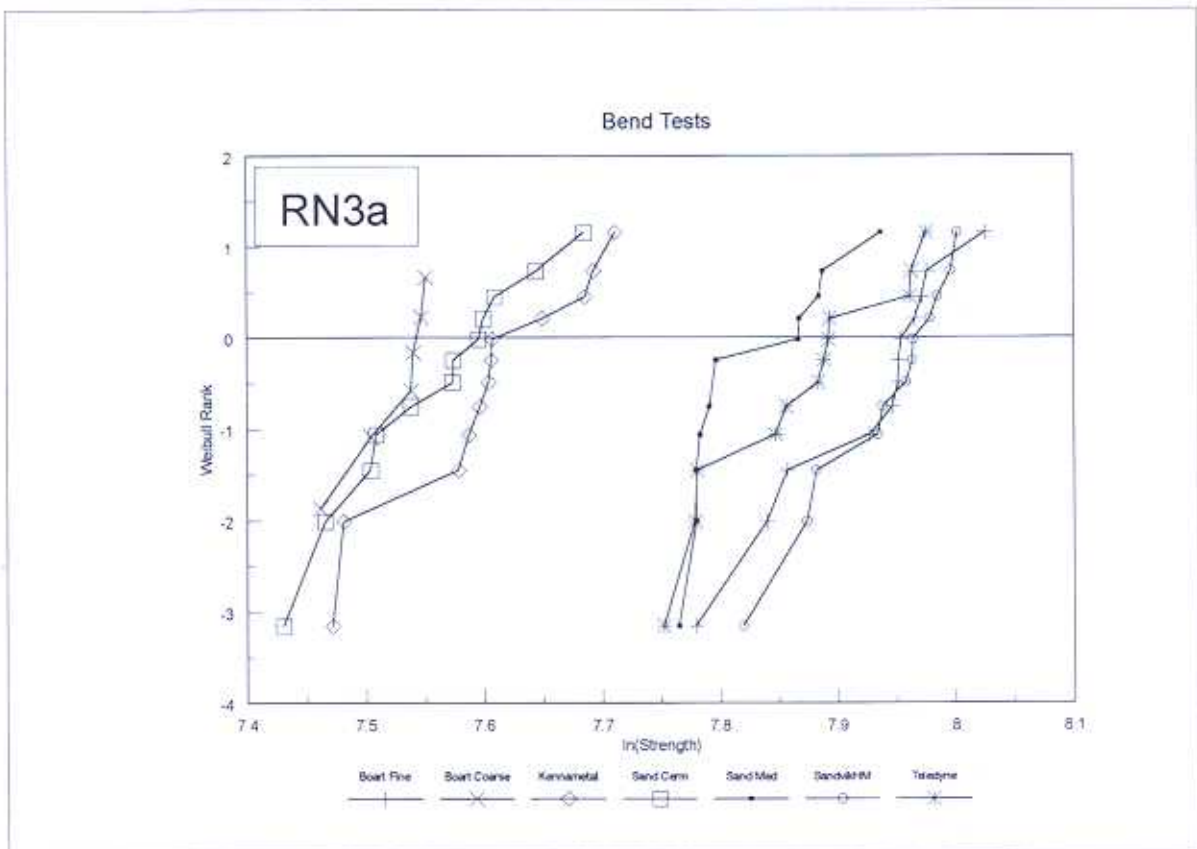
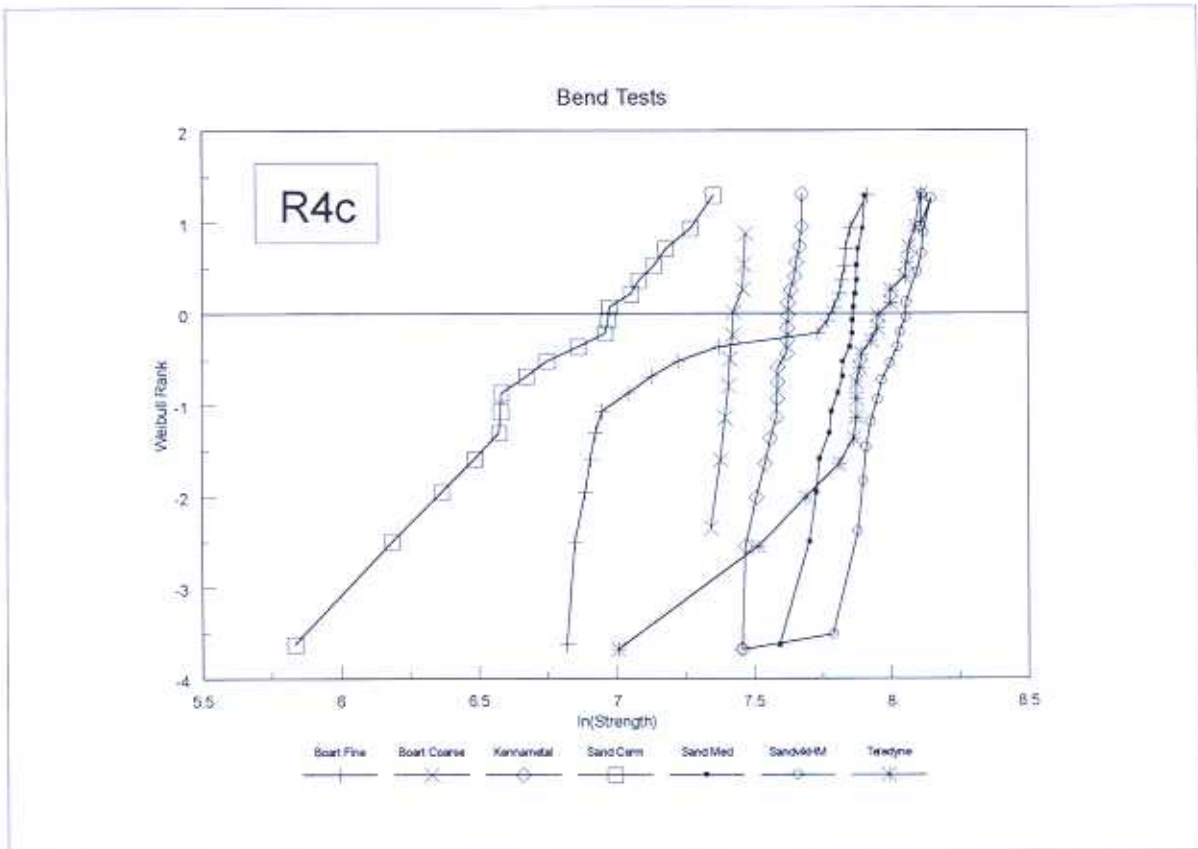


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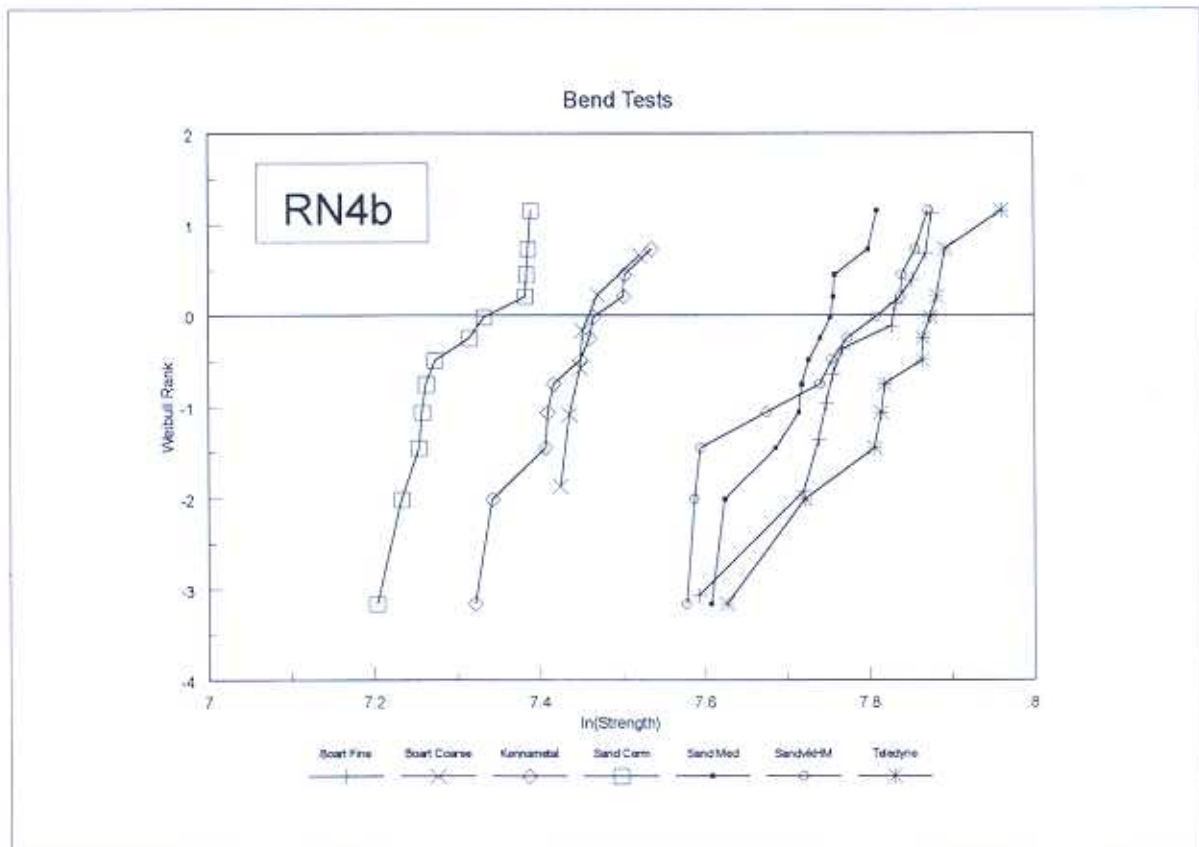
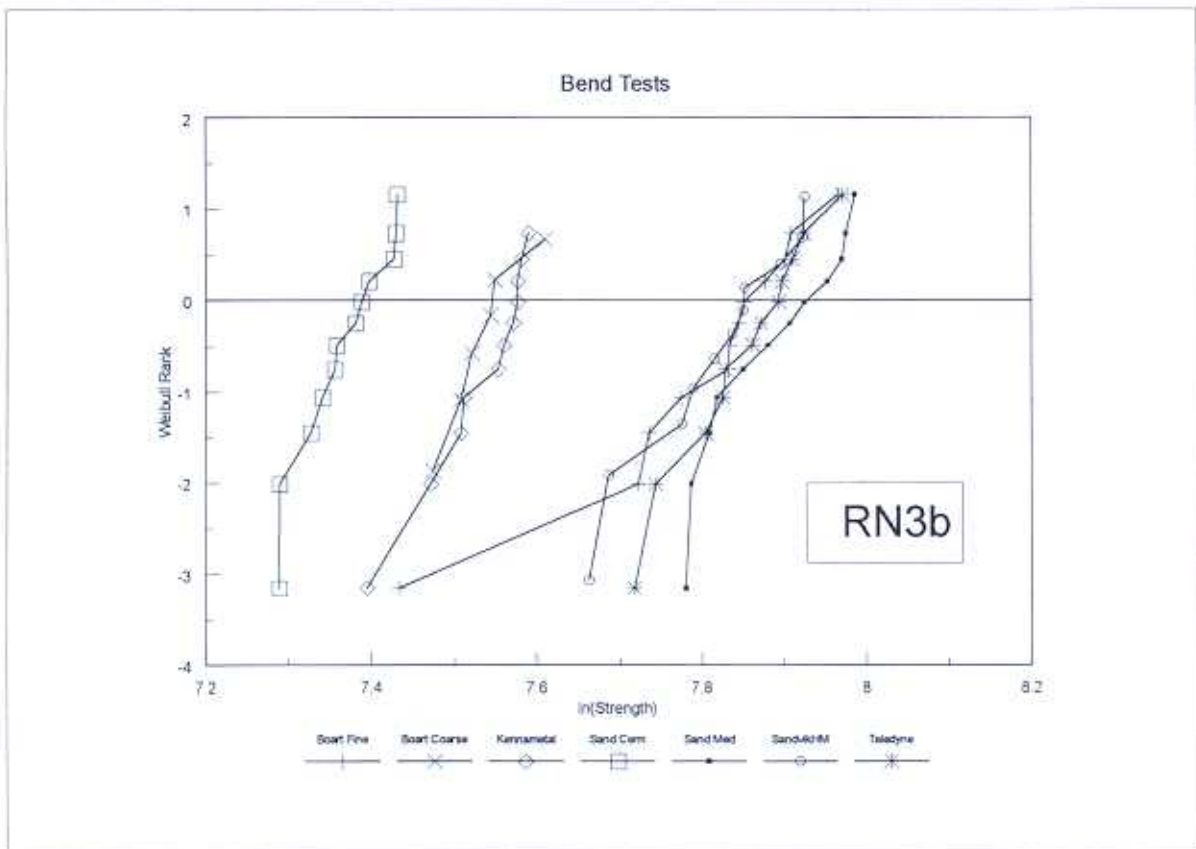


Fig 2d Weibull ranked plot for RN3b and RN4b geometries

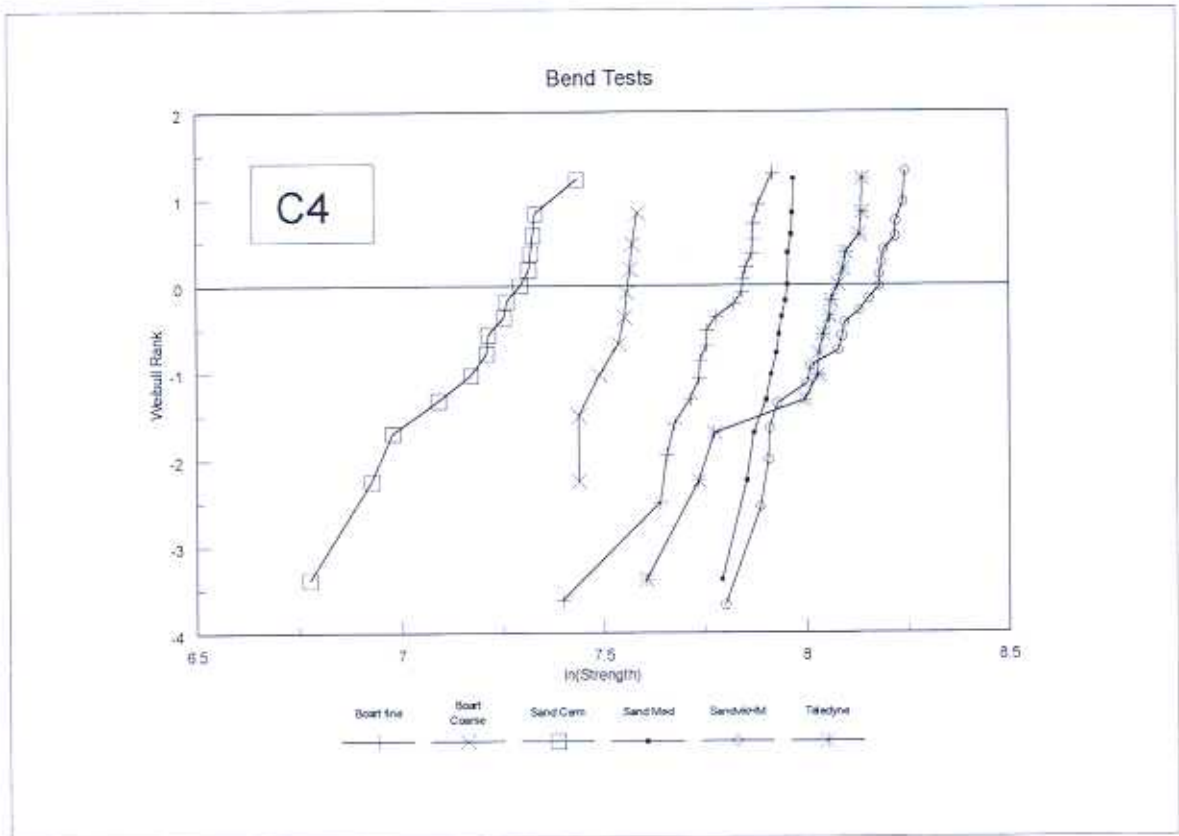
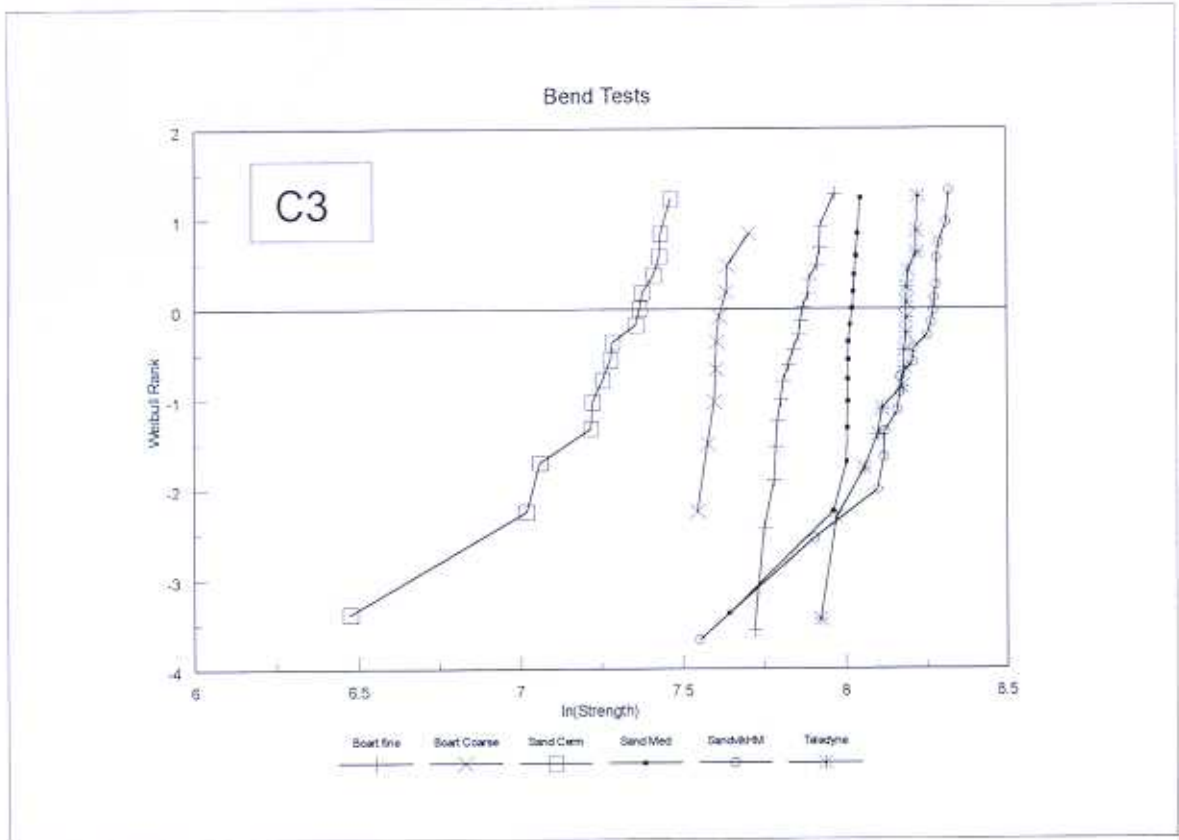


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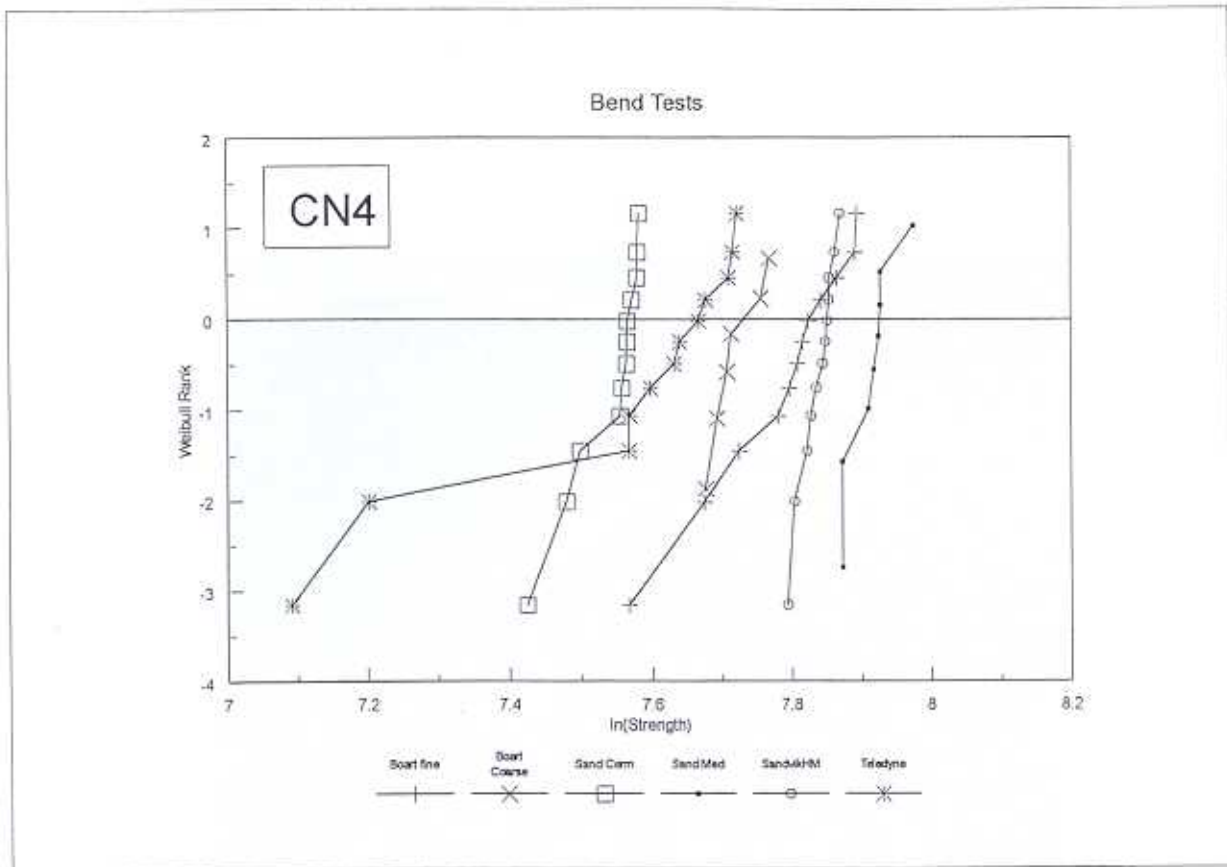


Fig 2f Weibull ranked plot for CN4 geometry



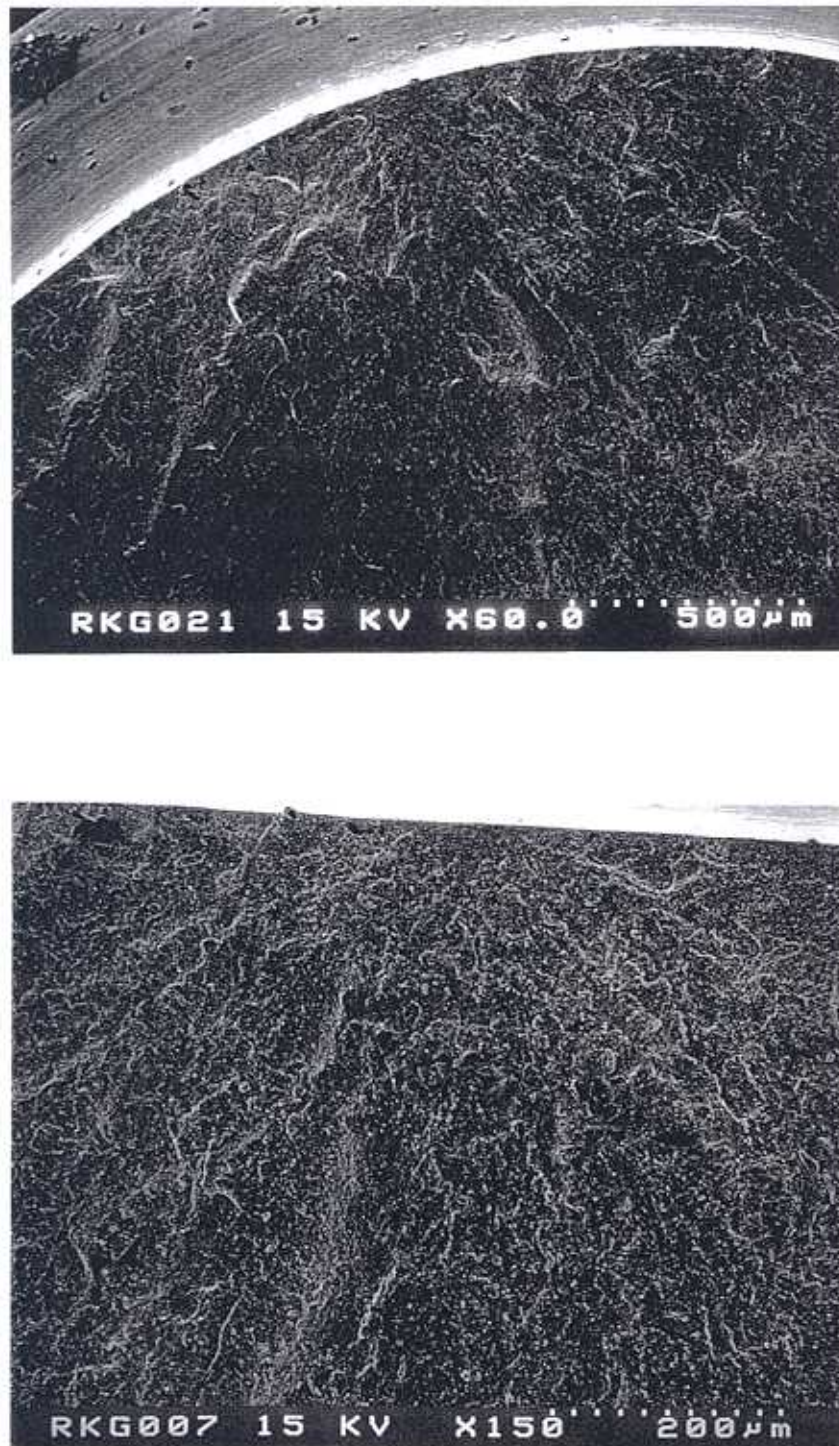


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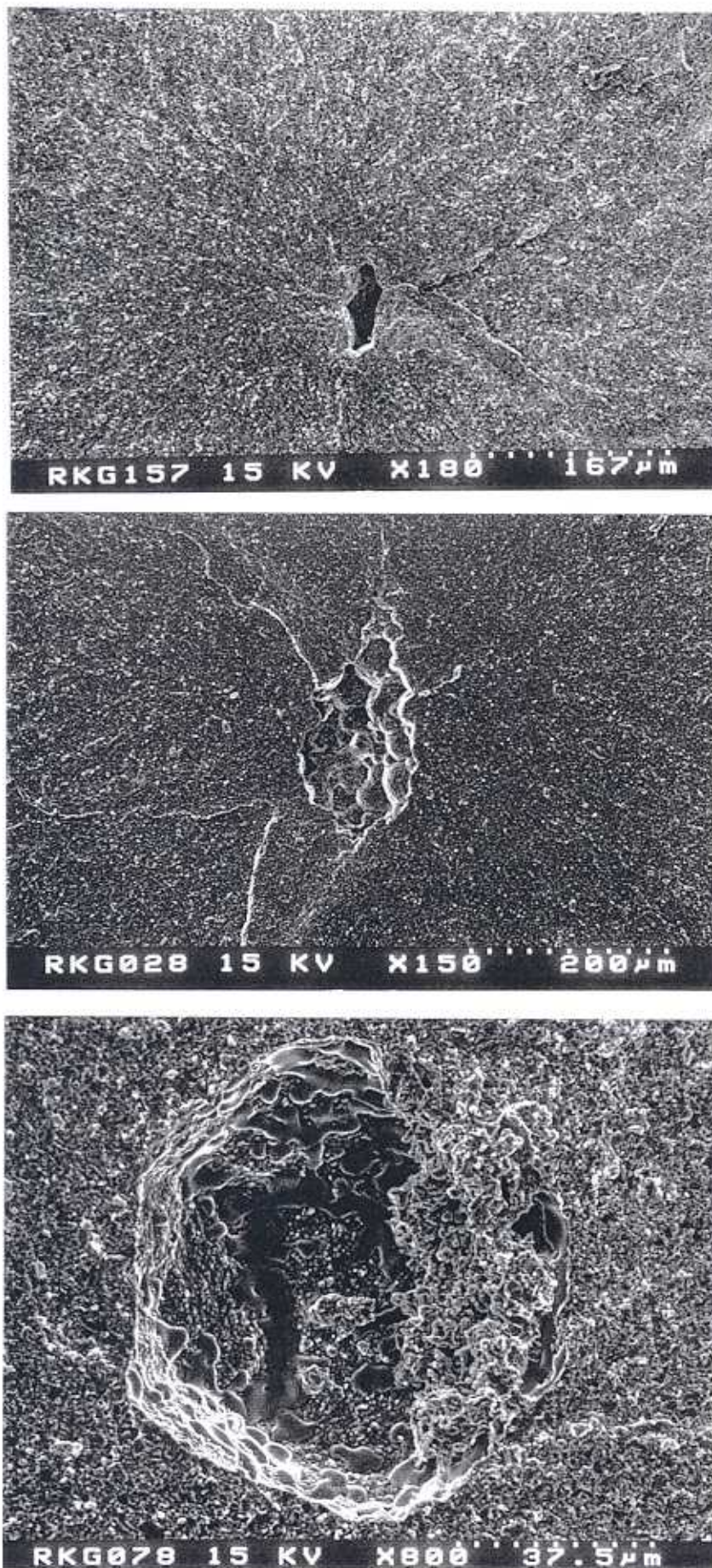


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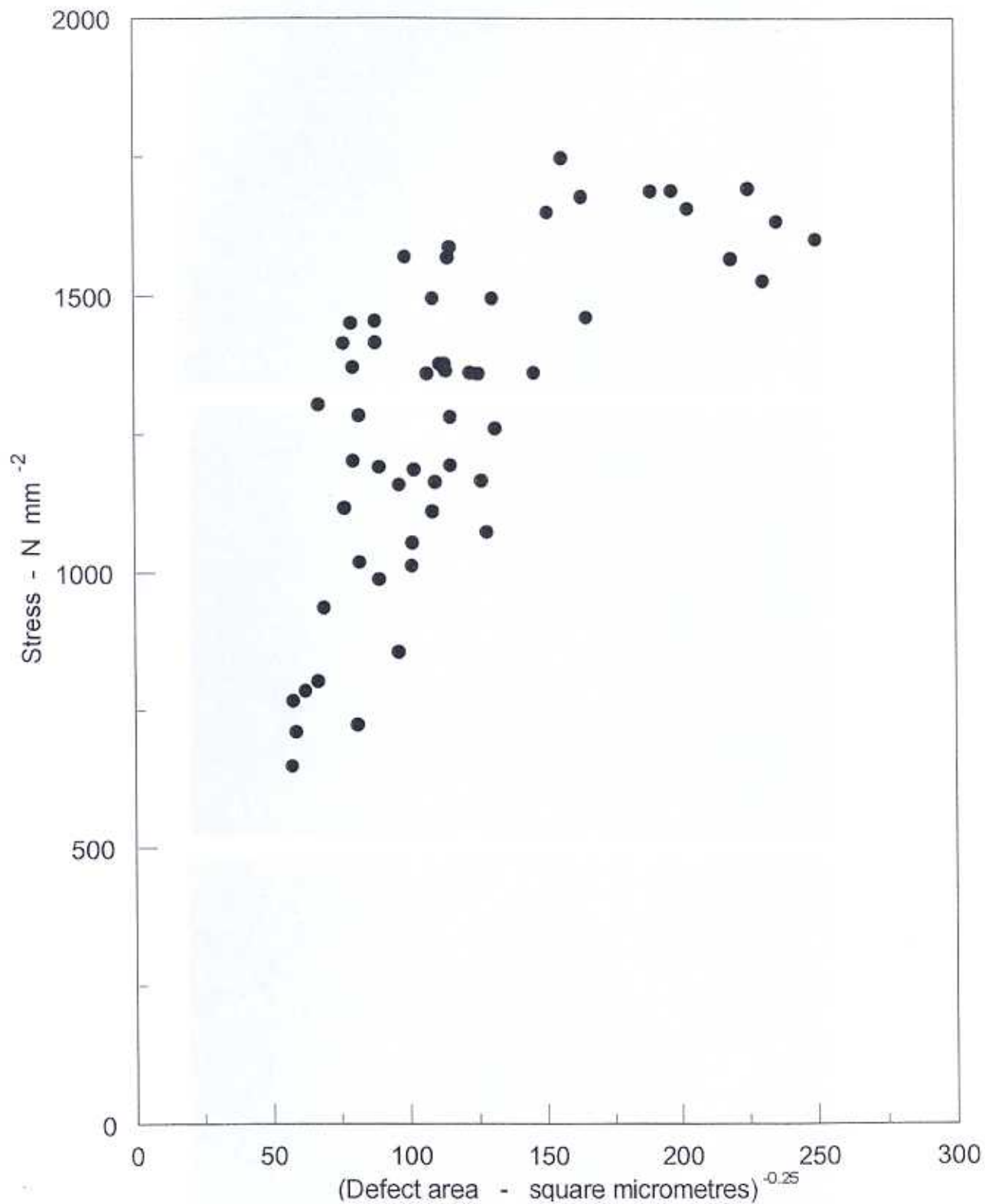


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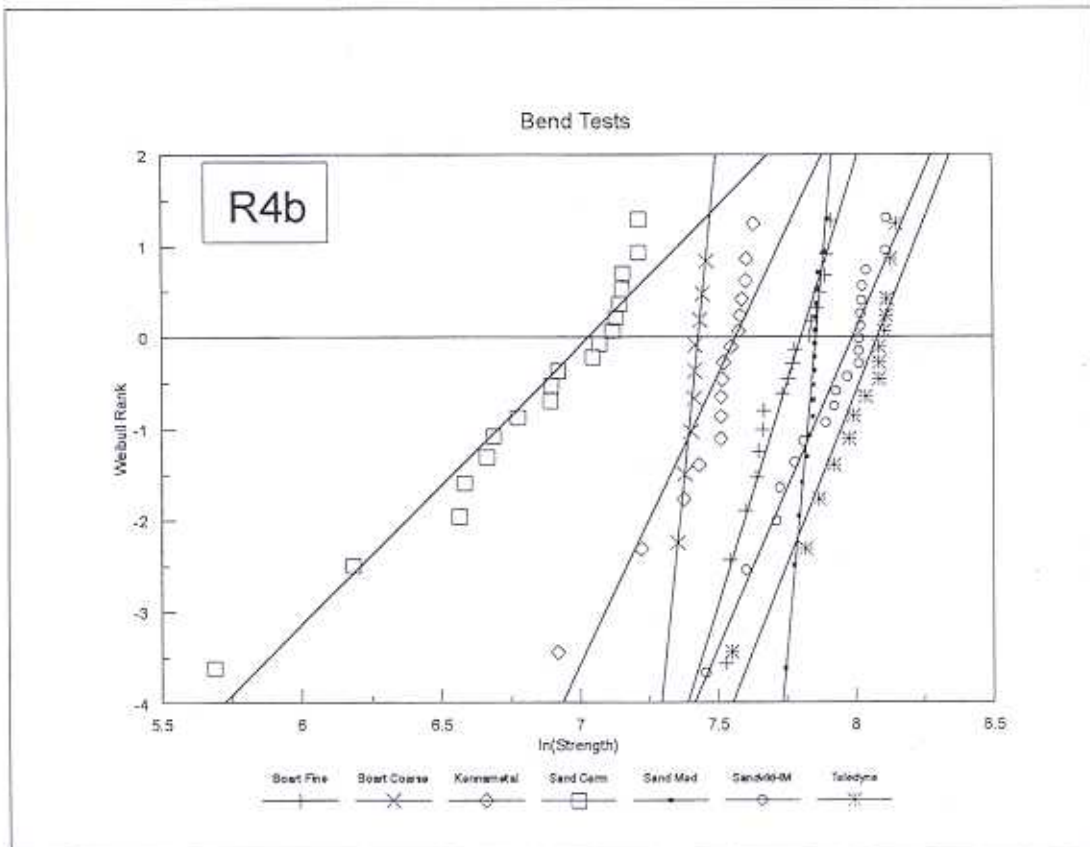
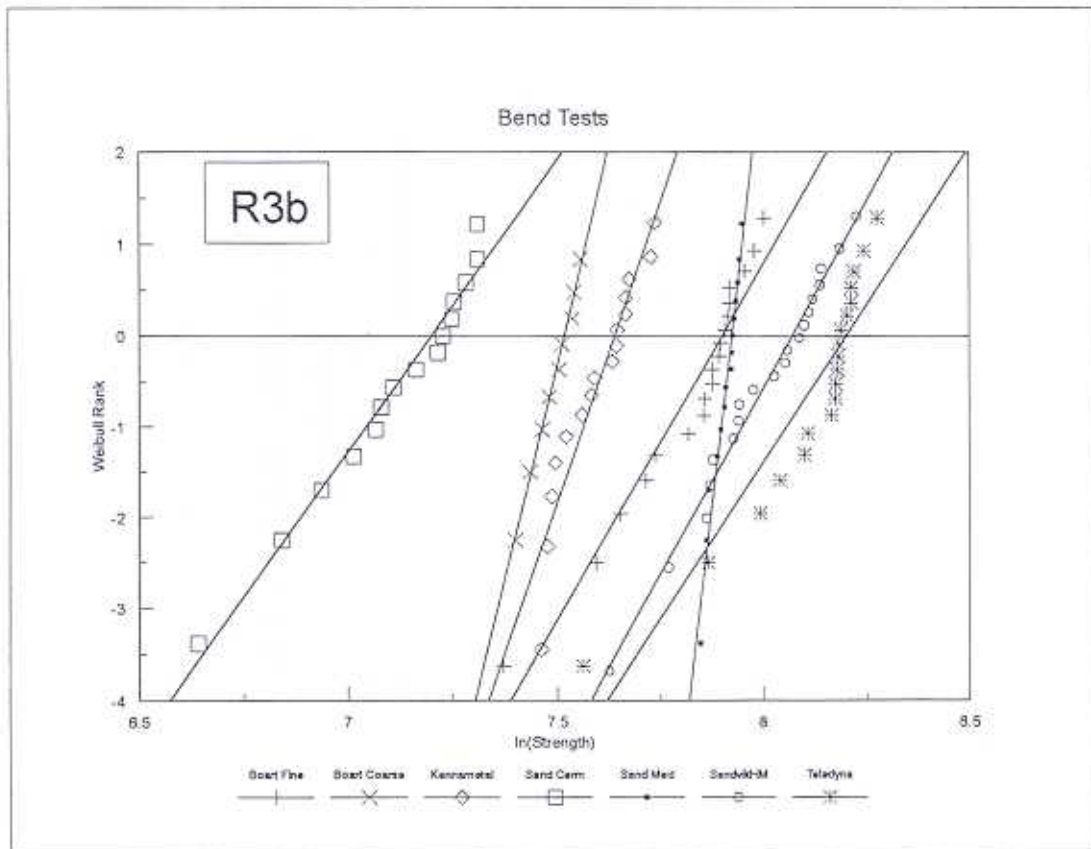


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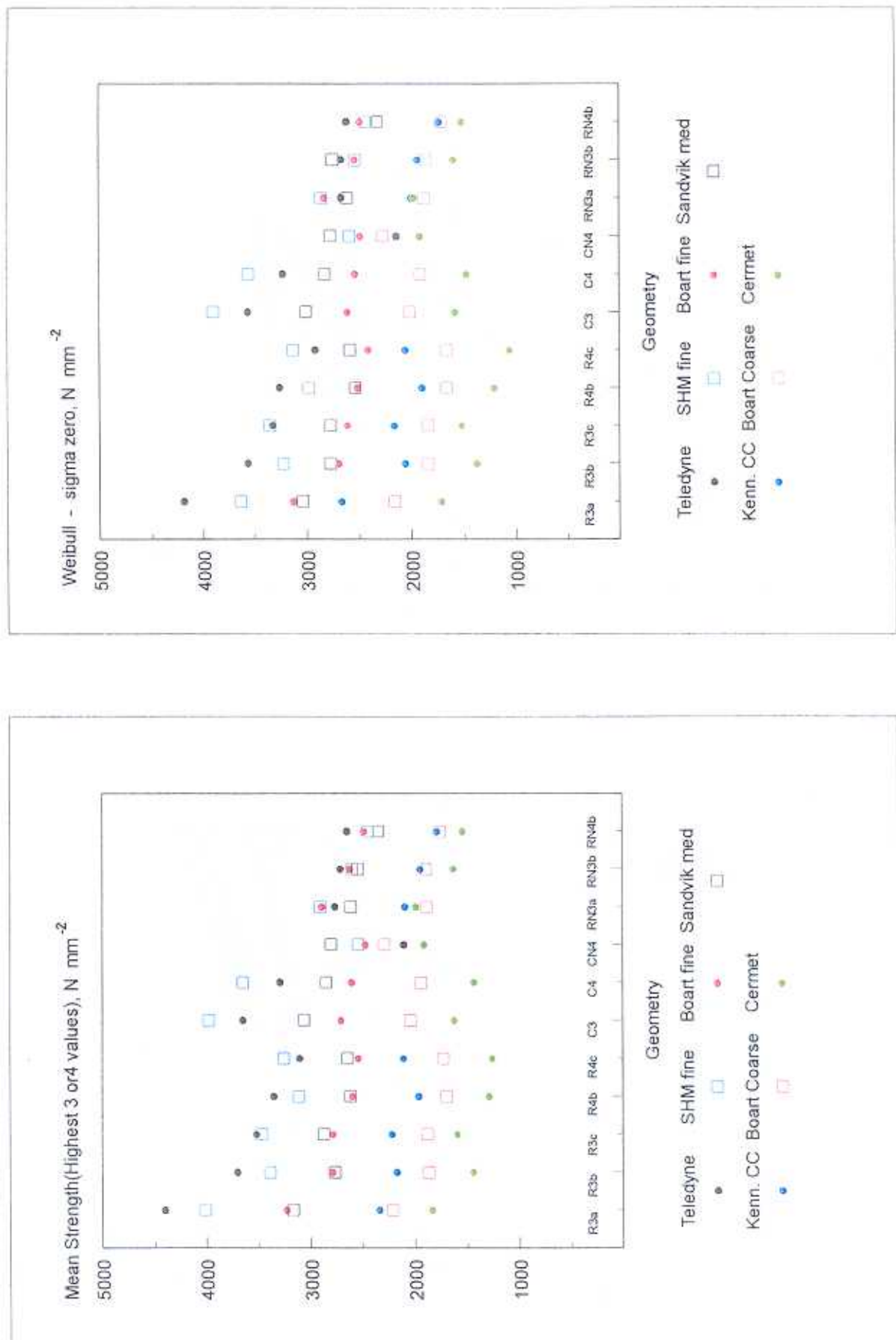


Fig 7 Representative strengths obtained from Weibull  $\sigma_0$  and mean of highest 3-4 values.

Boart fine3

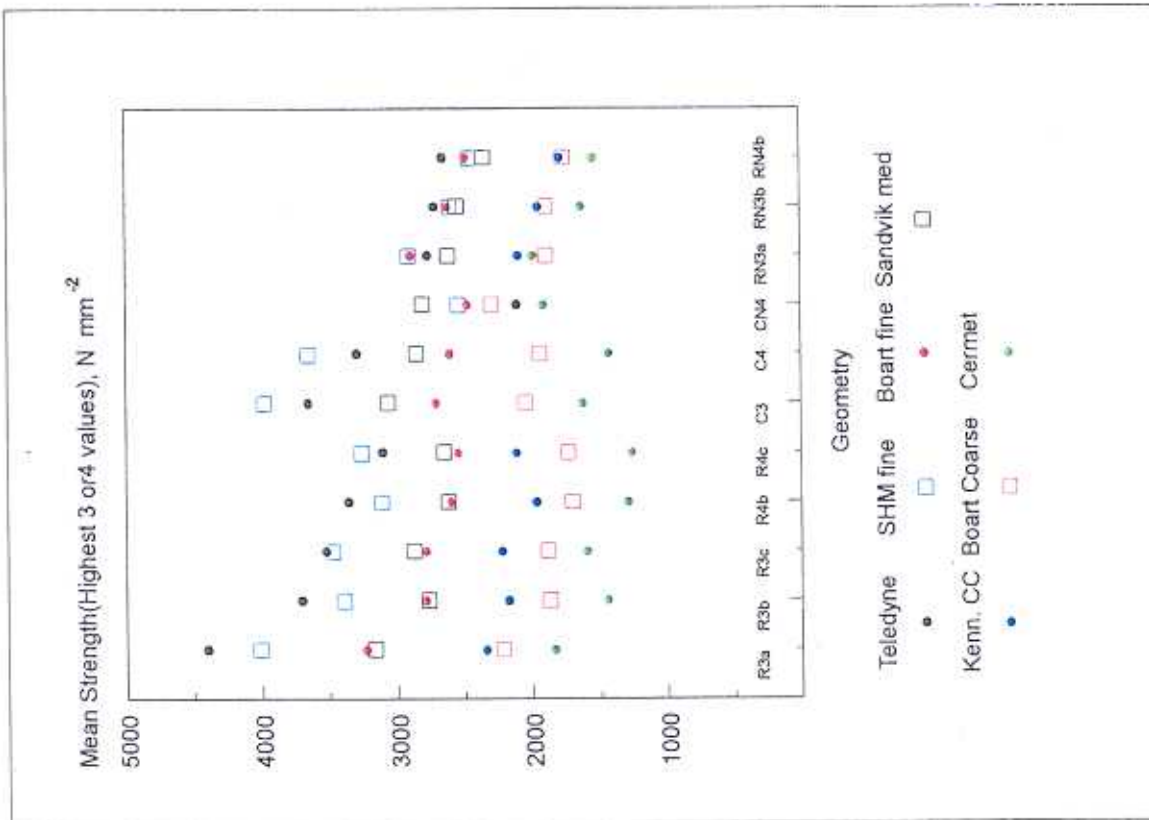
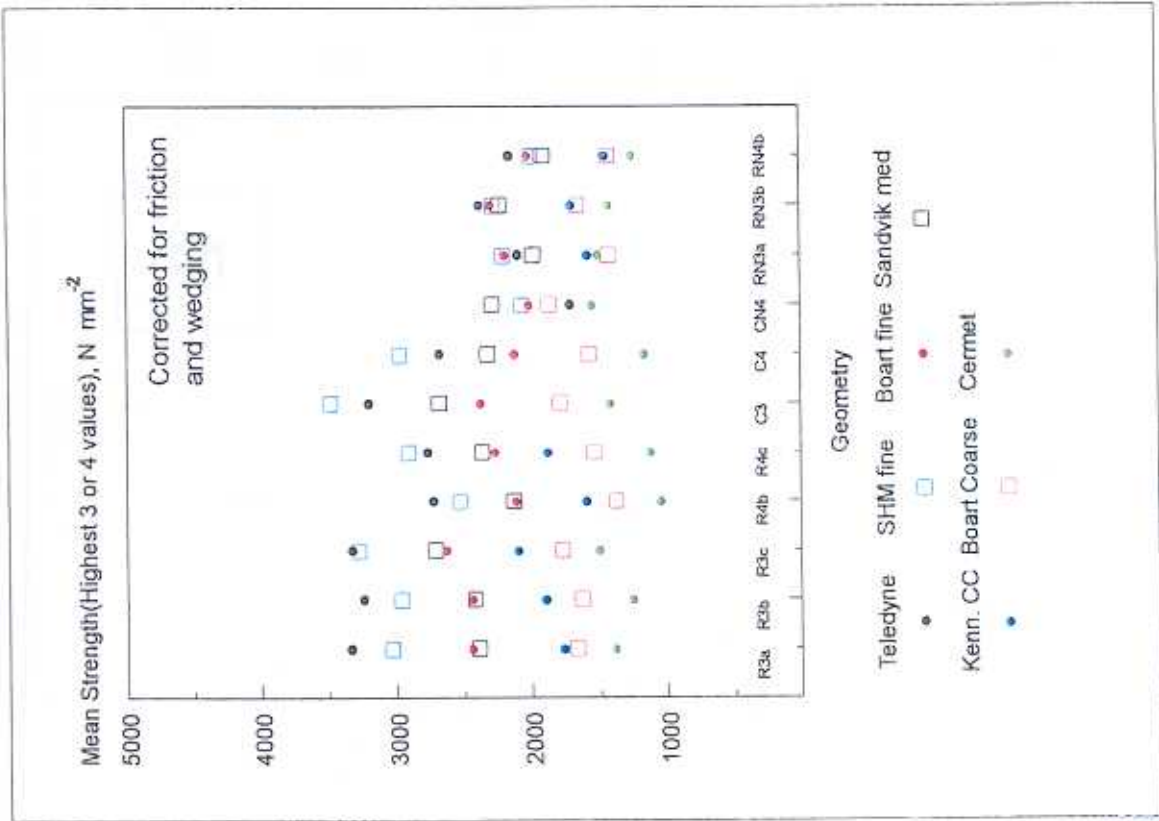


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# Bend Tests - Boart Coarse WC/Co (7)

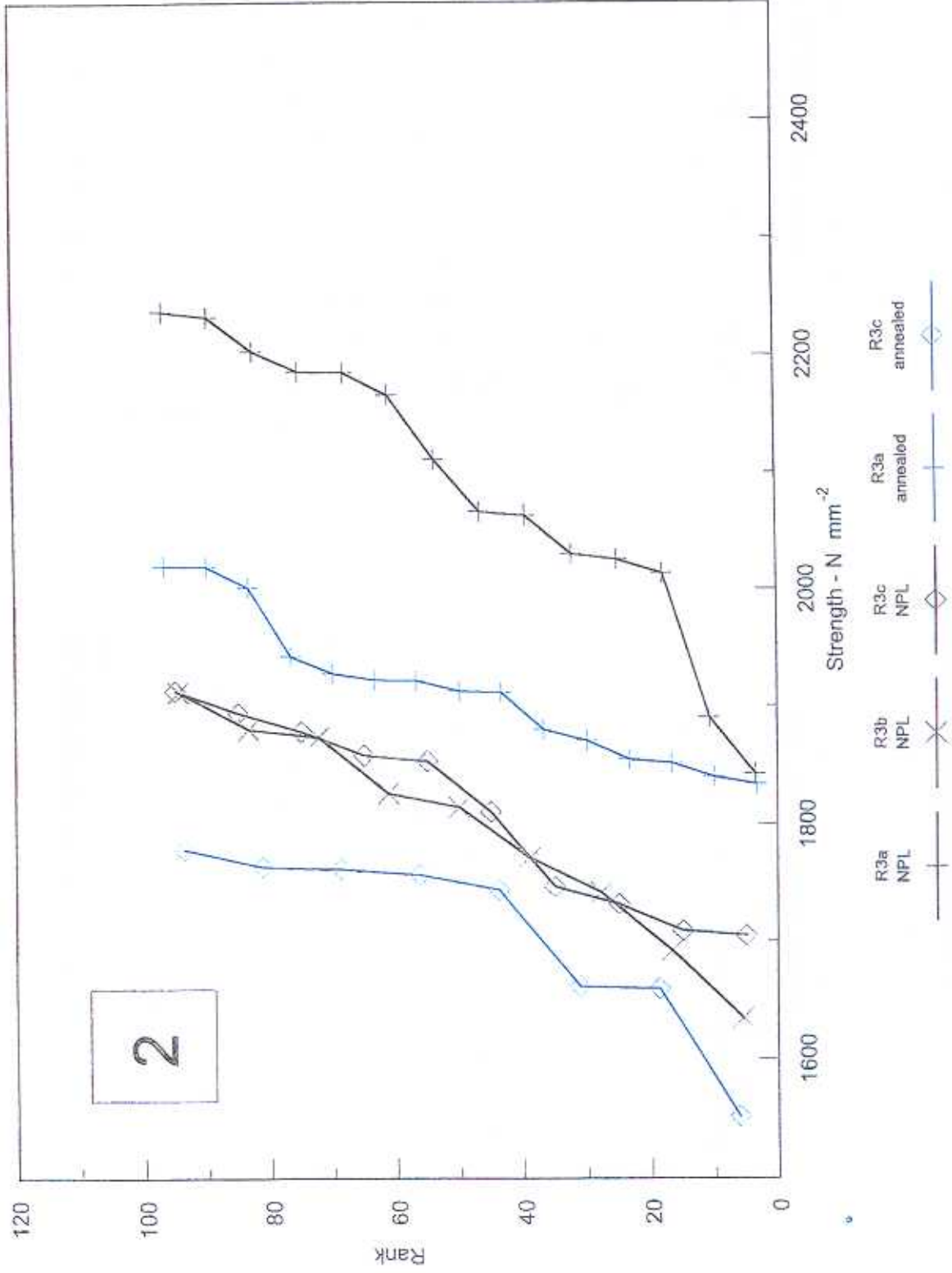


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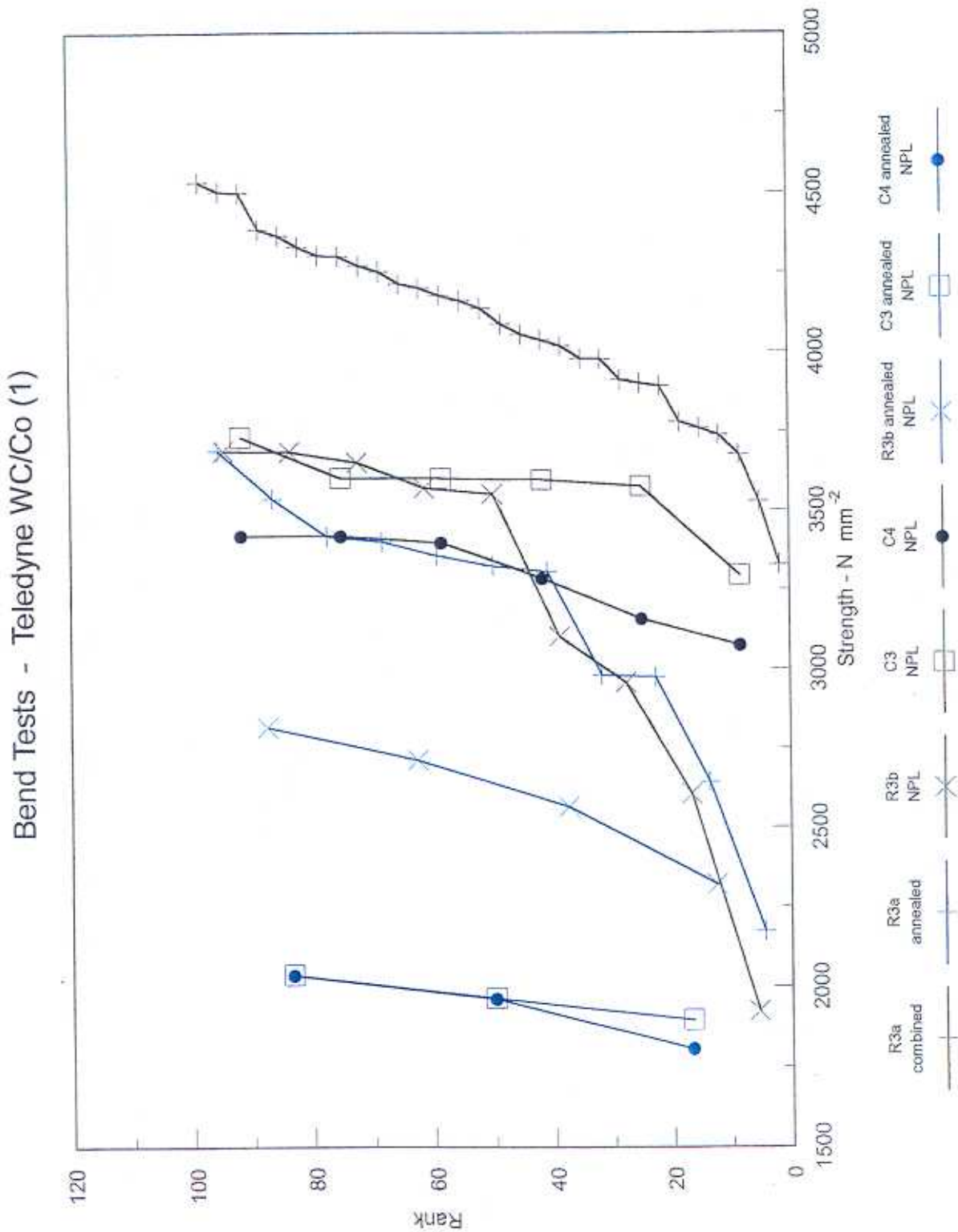


Fig 10 Annealed and as-ground bend test results for the Teledyne (UF) hardmetal.



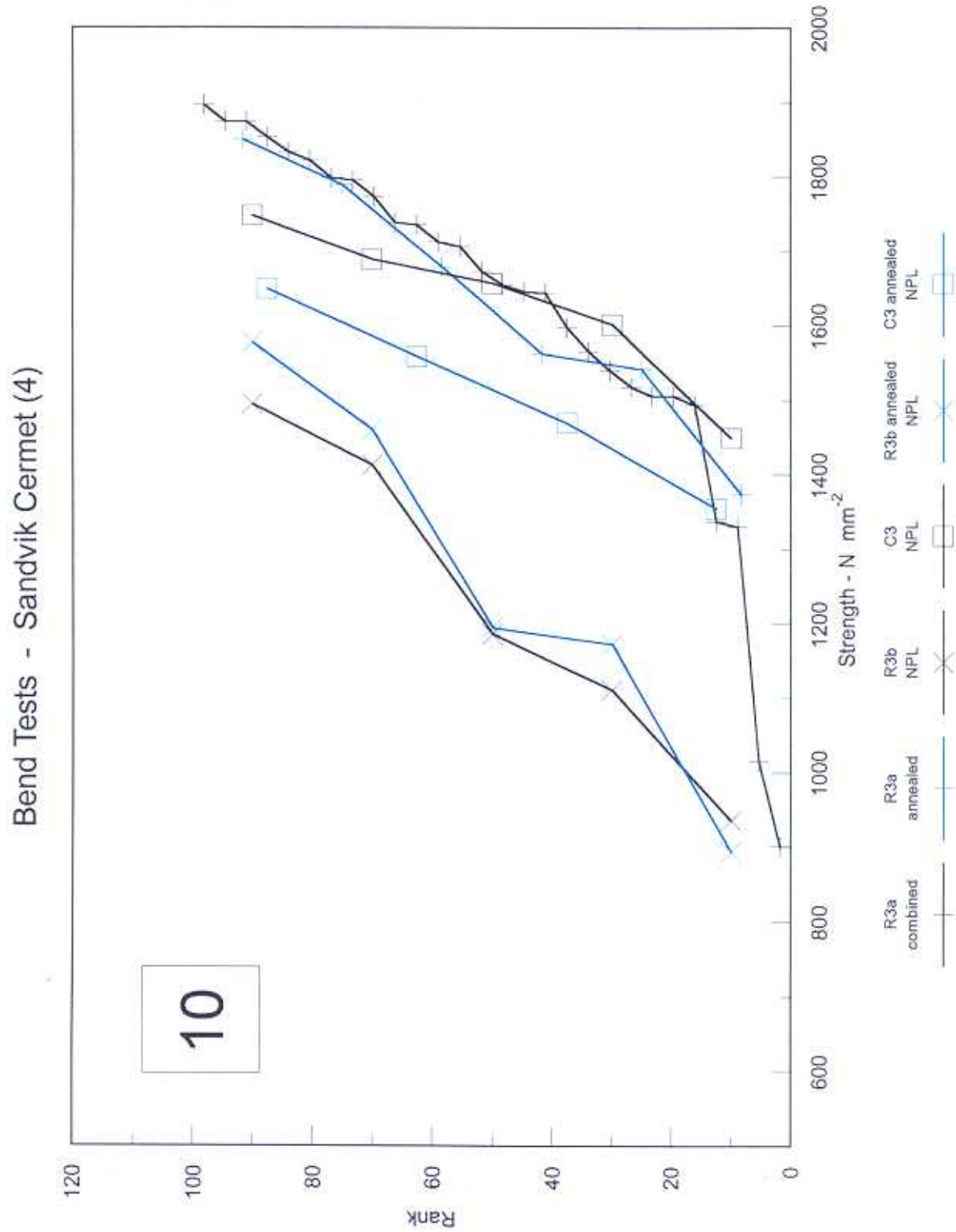


Fig 11 Annealed and as-ground bend test results for the Sandvik (Ti(C,N) Cermet hardmetal.

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#### *Part 2 - Analysis of Results*

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| <b>Section 8 WEIBULL RESULTS SETS</b> |
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## WEIBULL RESULTS SET

- (1) TELEDYNE ADVANCED MATERIAL  
Ultrafine, WC/Co

## HARDMETAL BEND TESTS

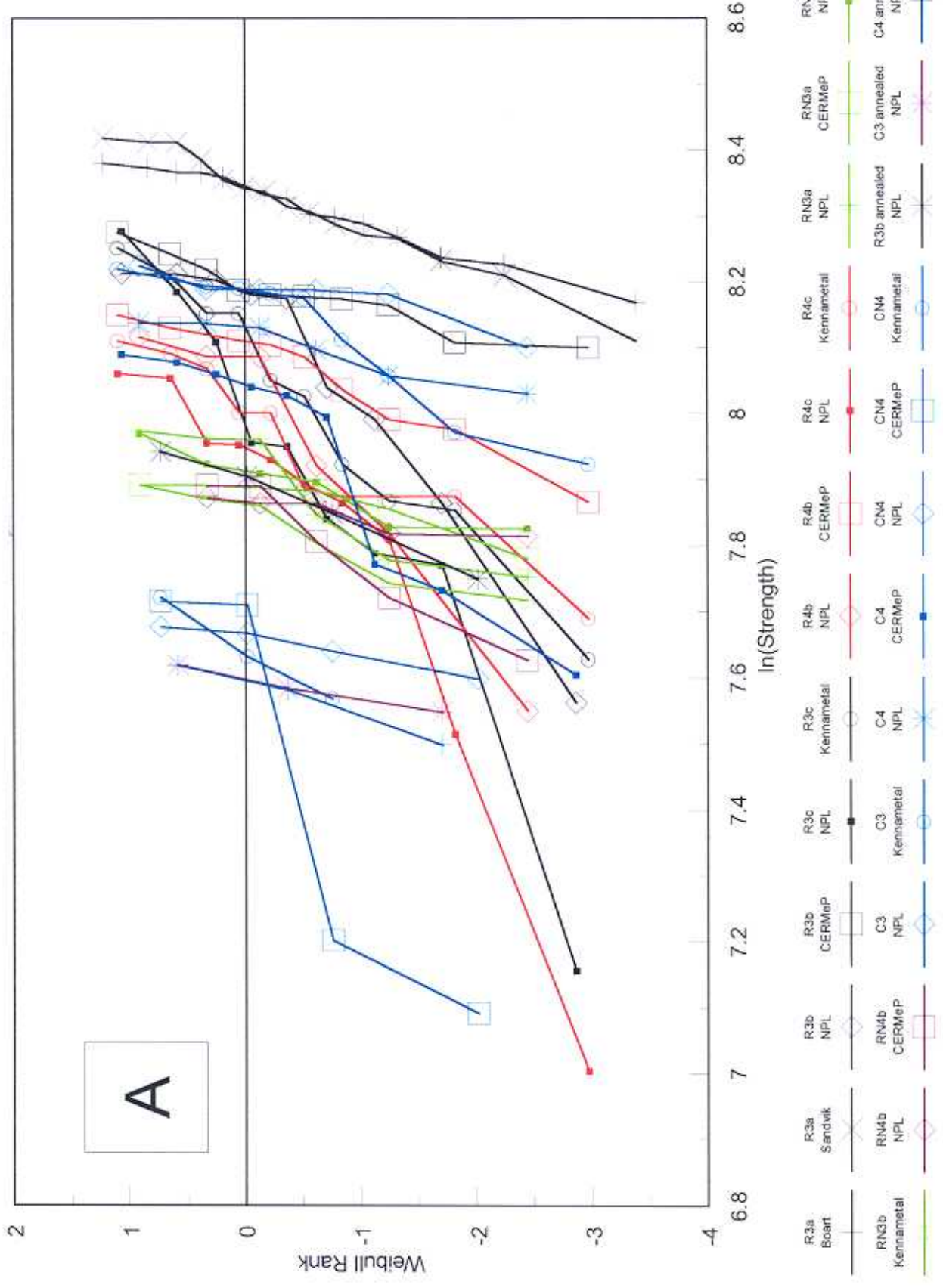
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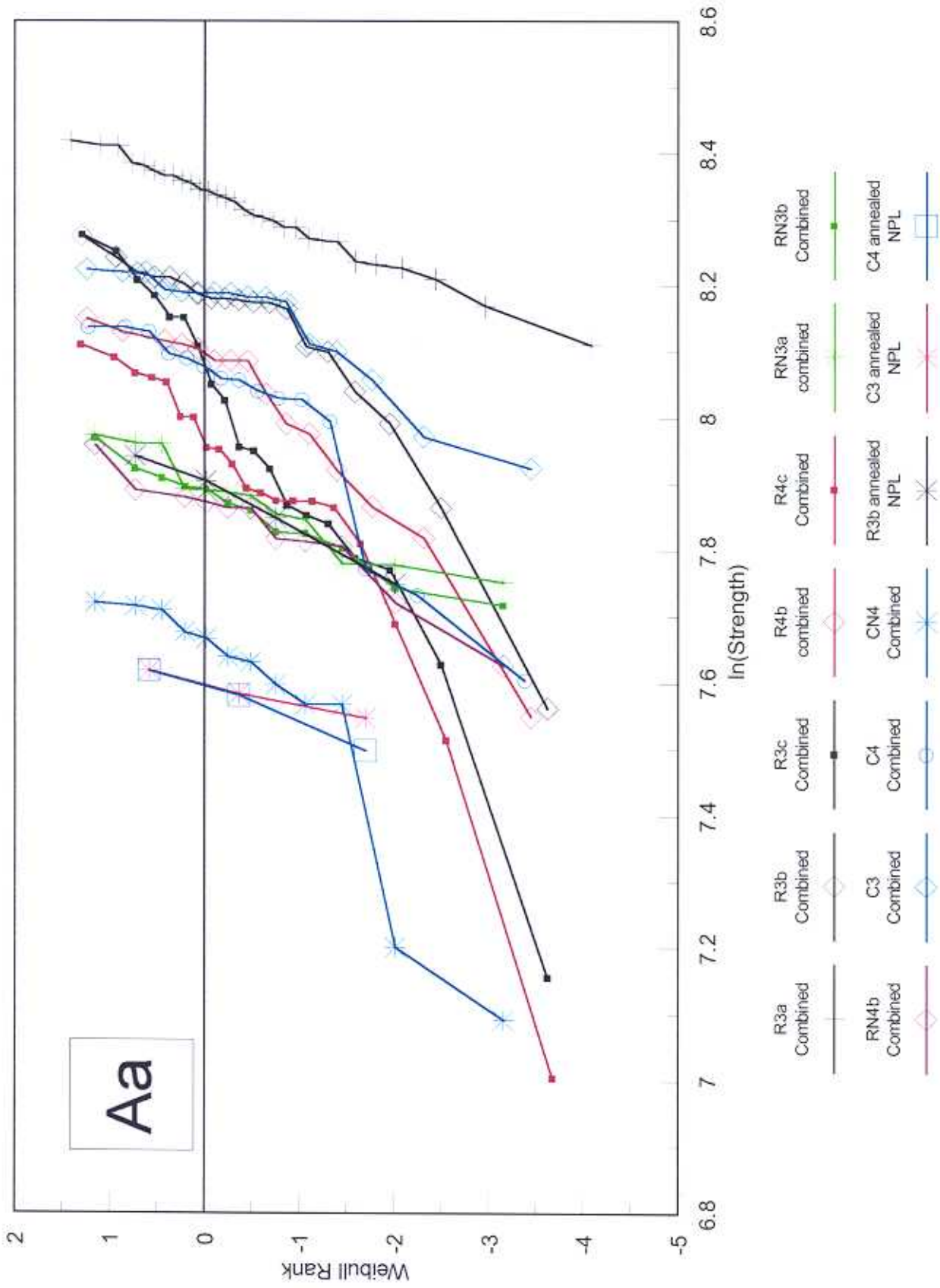
#### PLOT SEQUENCE

- A - Complete set of all strength values.
- Aa - Complete set, different laboratories combined.
- 1 - Standard tests, ISO type B (R3a).
- 1a - Combined R3a.
- 2 - 3 pt rectangular tests; (R3a, R3b, R3c).
- 2a - Combined R3a, R3b and R3c.
- 3 - 4 pt rectangular tests, compared with standard ISO type B; (R3a, R4b, R4c).
- 3a - Combined R3a, R4b and R4c.
- 4 - 3 pt vs 4 pt tests; R3b, R3c, R4b, R4c; not including R3a.
- 4a - Combined R3b, R3c, R4b and R4c.
- 5 - Round testpieces, compared with standard R3a; C3, C4 and R3a.
- 5a - Combined C3, C4 and R3a.
- 6 - 3 pt rectangular and round; R3b, R3c and C3; not including R3a.
- 6a - Combined C3 compared with R3b and R3c combined.
- 7 - 4 pt rectangular and round; R4b, R4c and C4.
- 7a - Combined C4 compared with R4b and R4c.
- 8 - Notched rectangular testpieces; RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.
- 8a - Combined notched testpieces; RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.
- 9 - Notched round compared with combined notched rectangular; CN4 and RN3a, RB3b and RN4b.
- 9a - Combined notched round compared with combined notched rectangular; CN4 and RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.

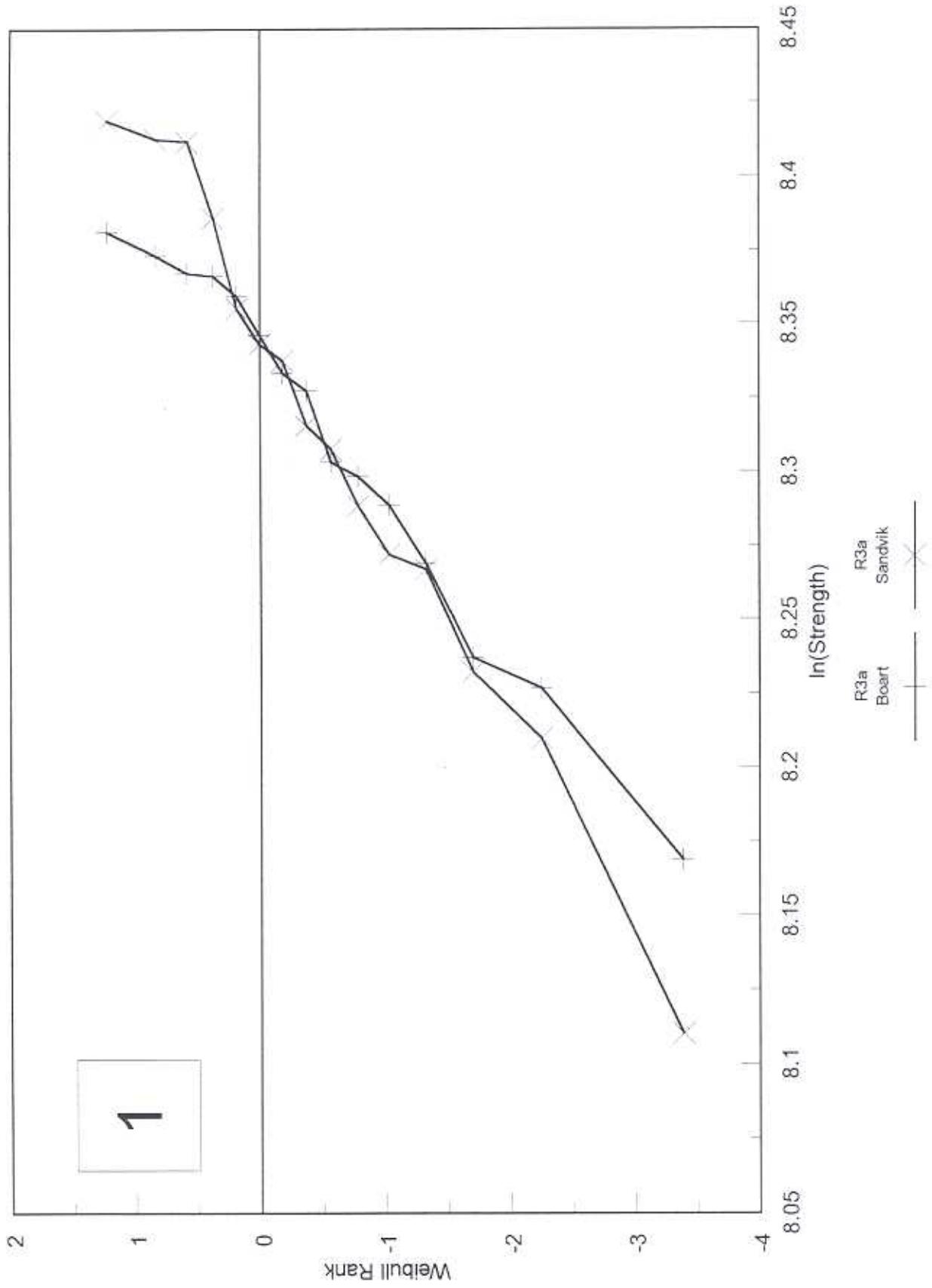
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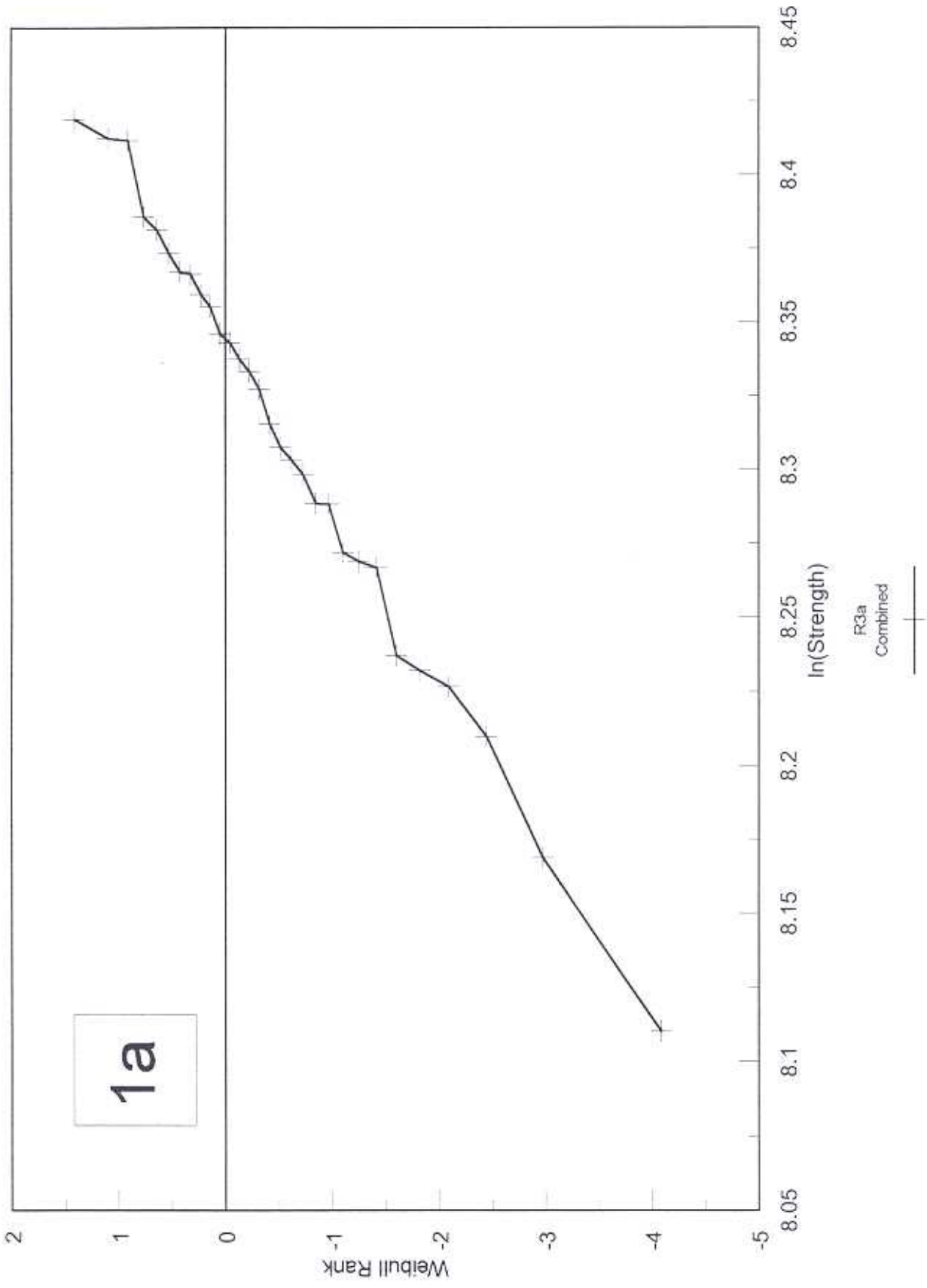
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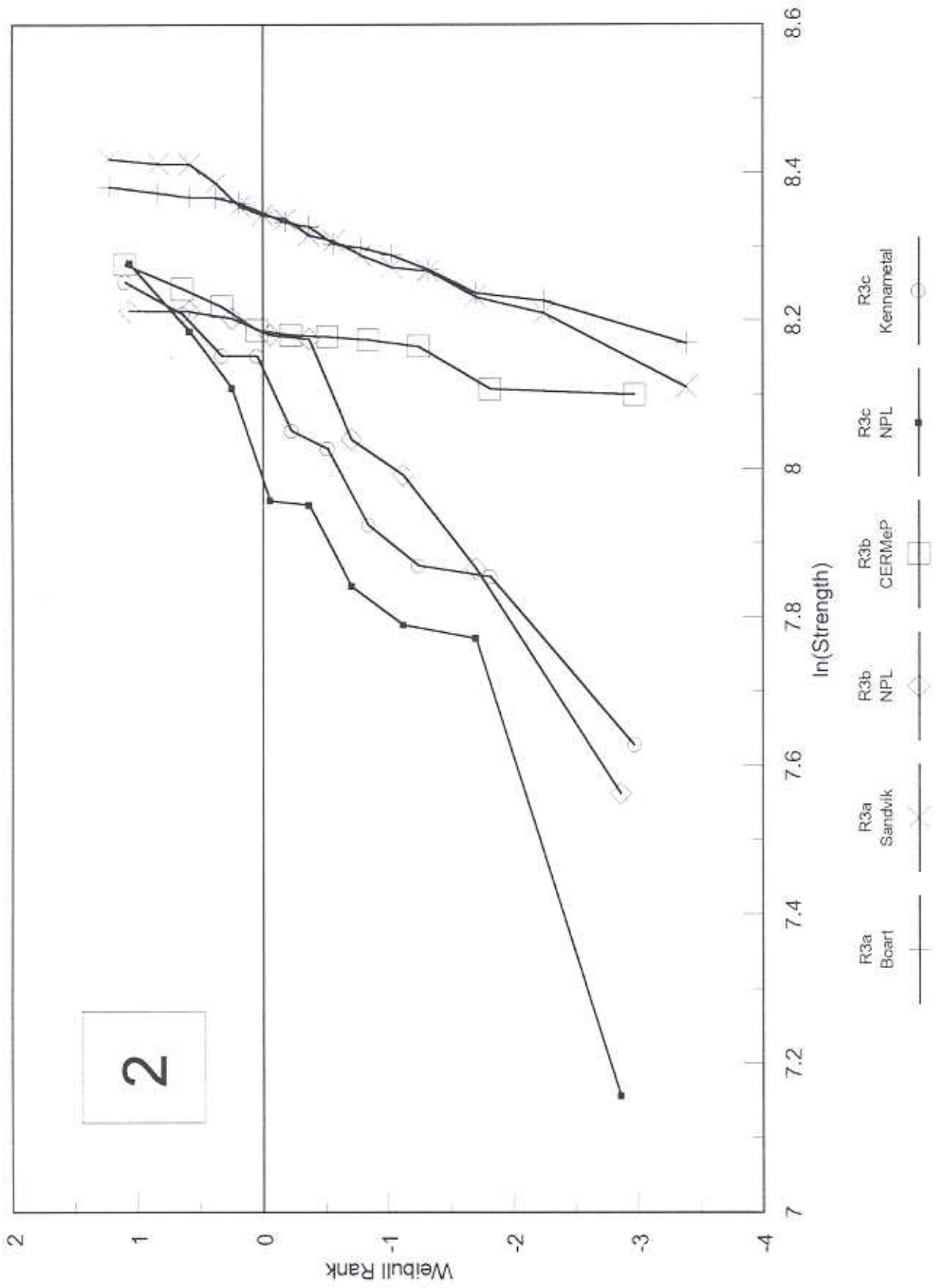


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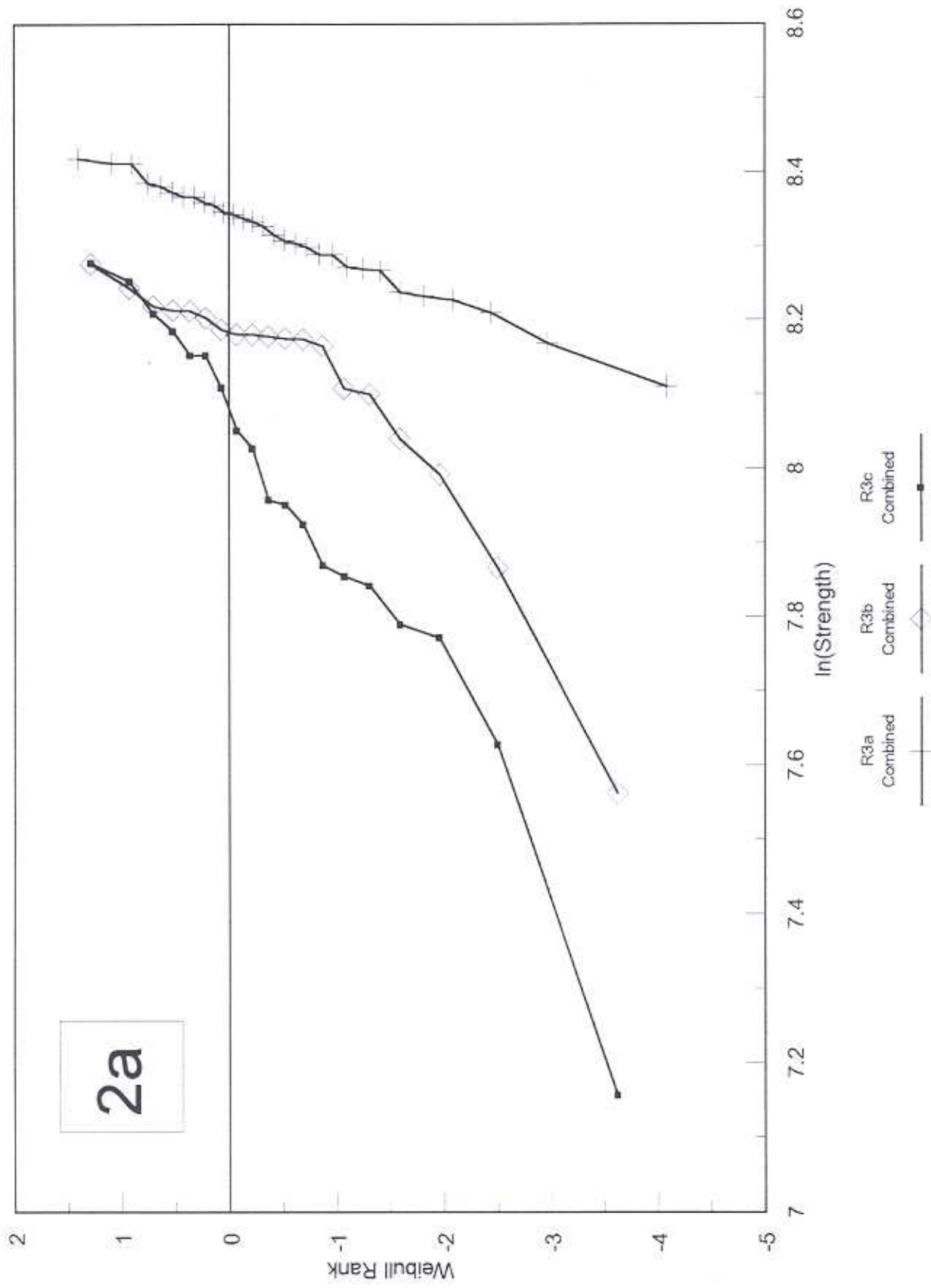




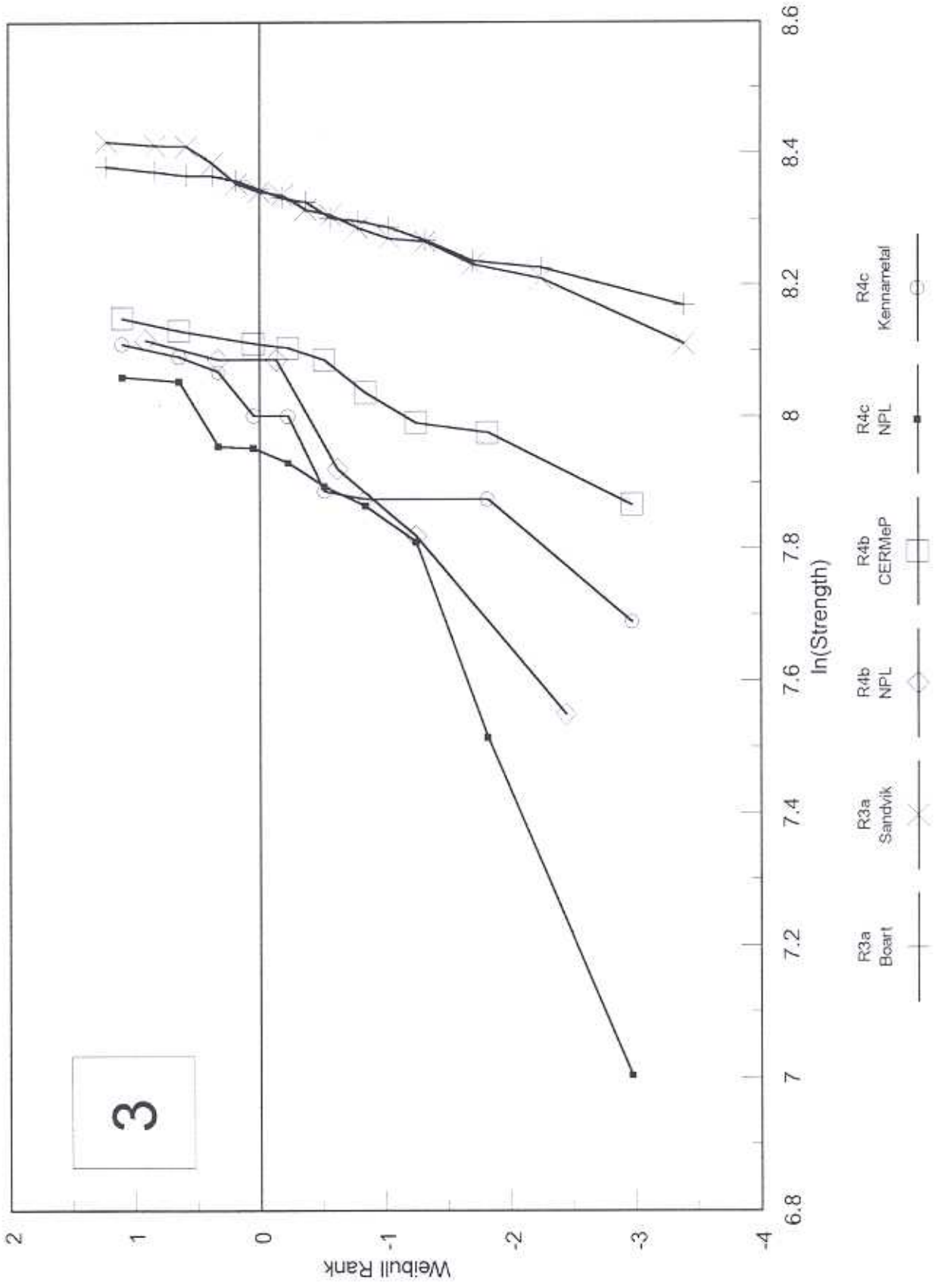
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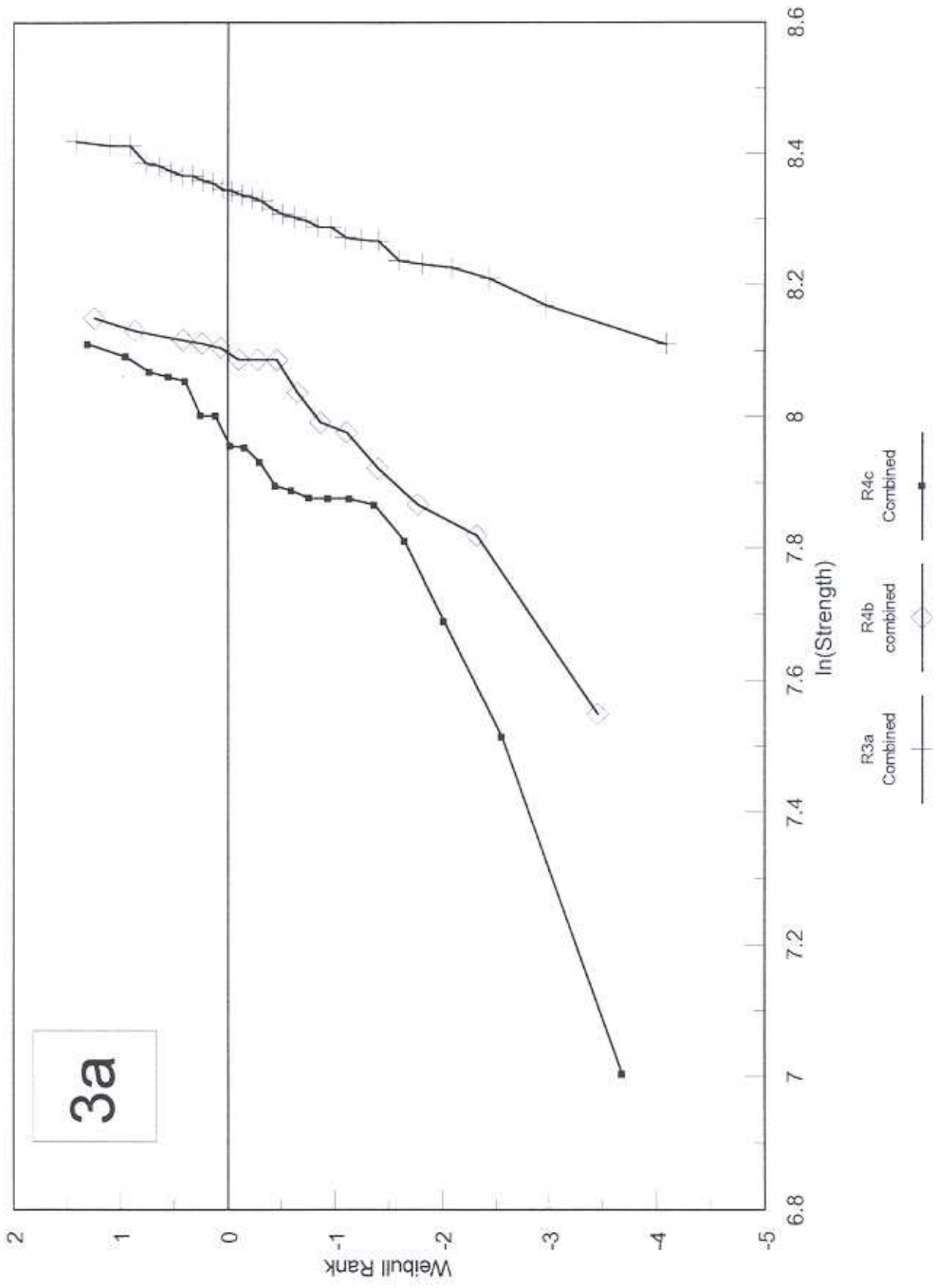
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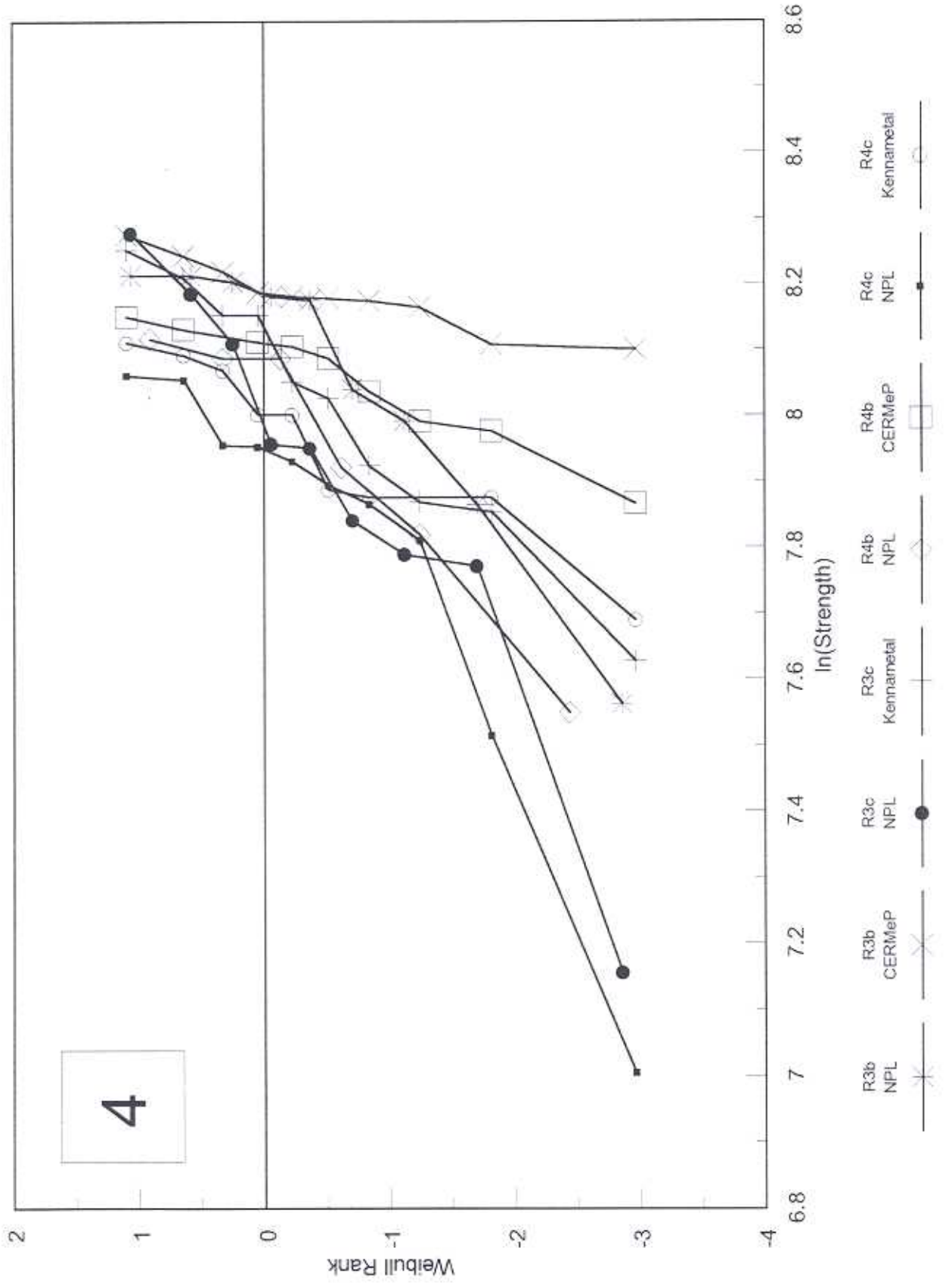
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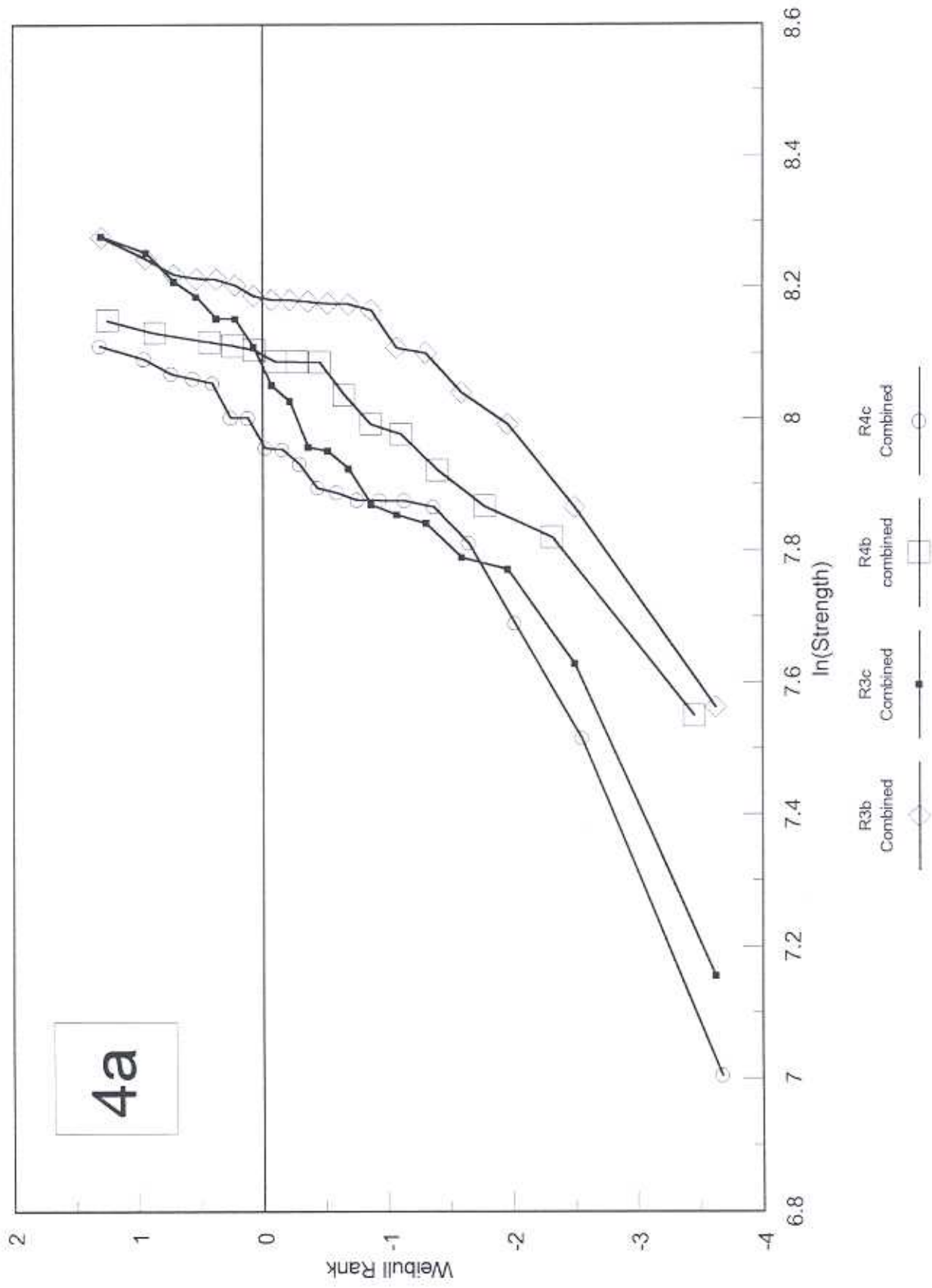
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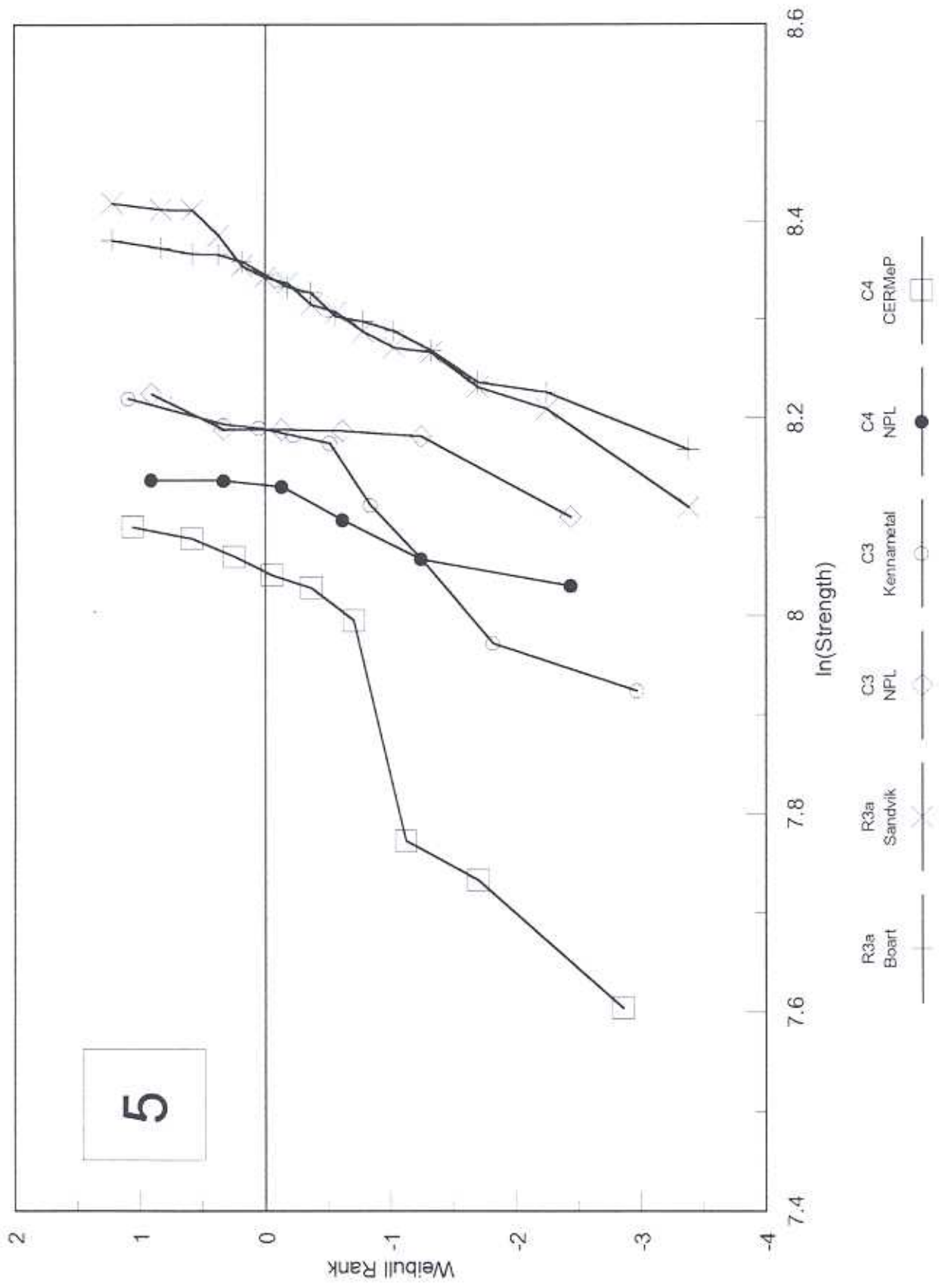
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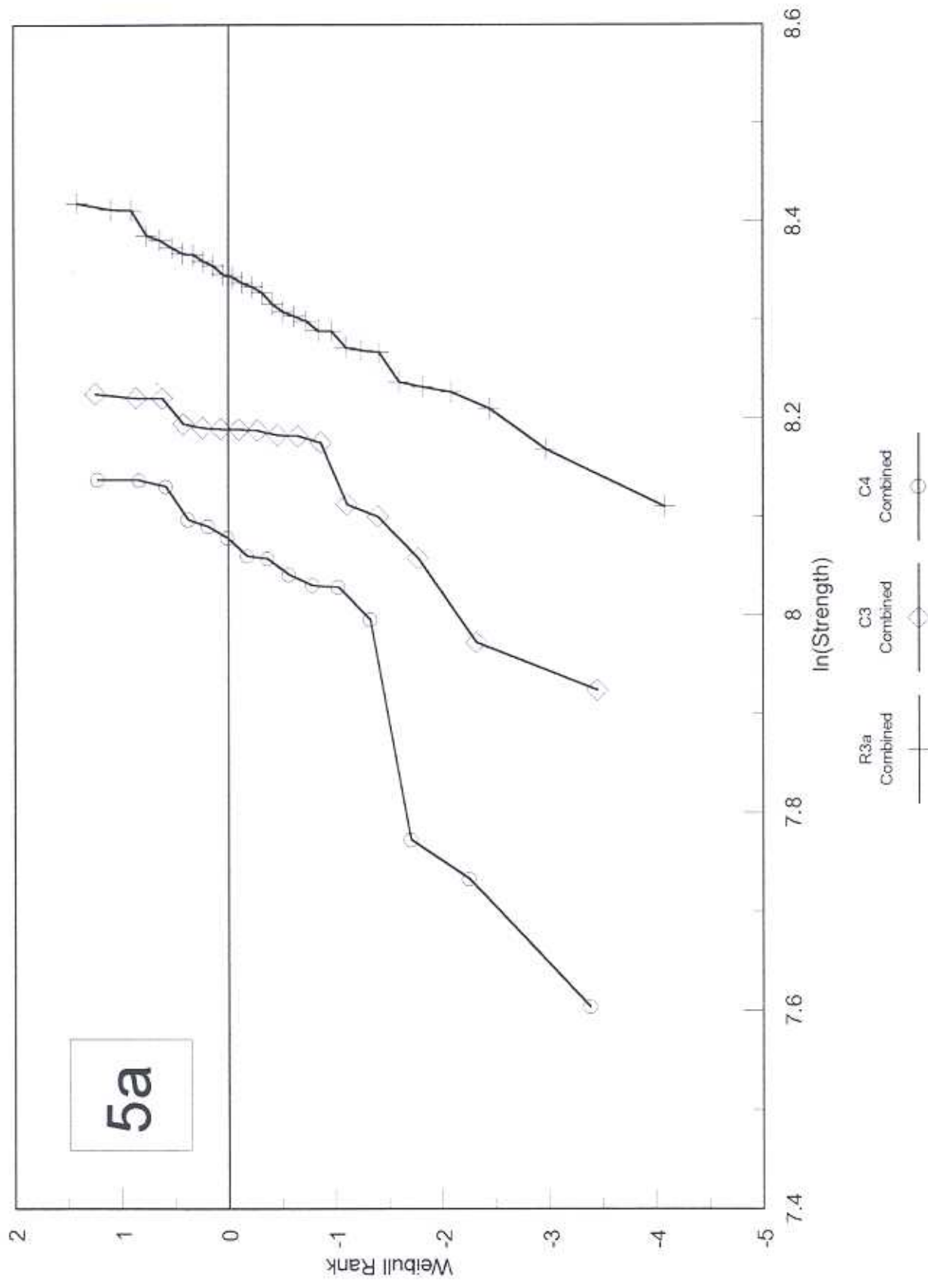
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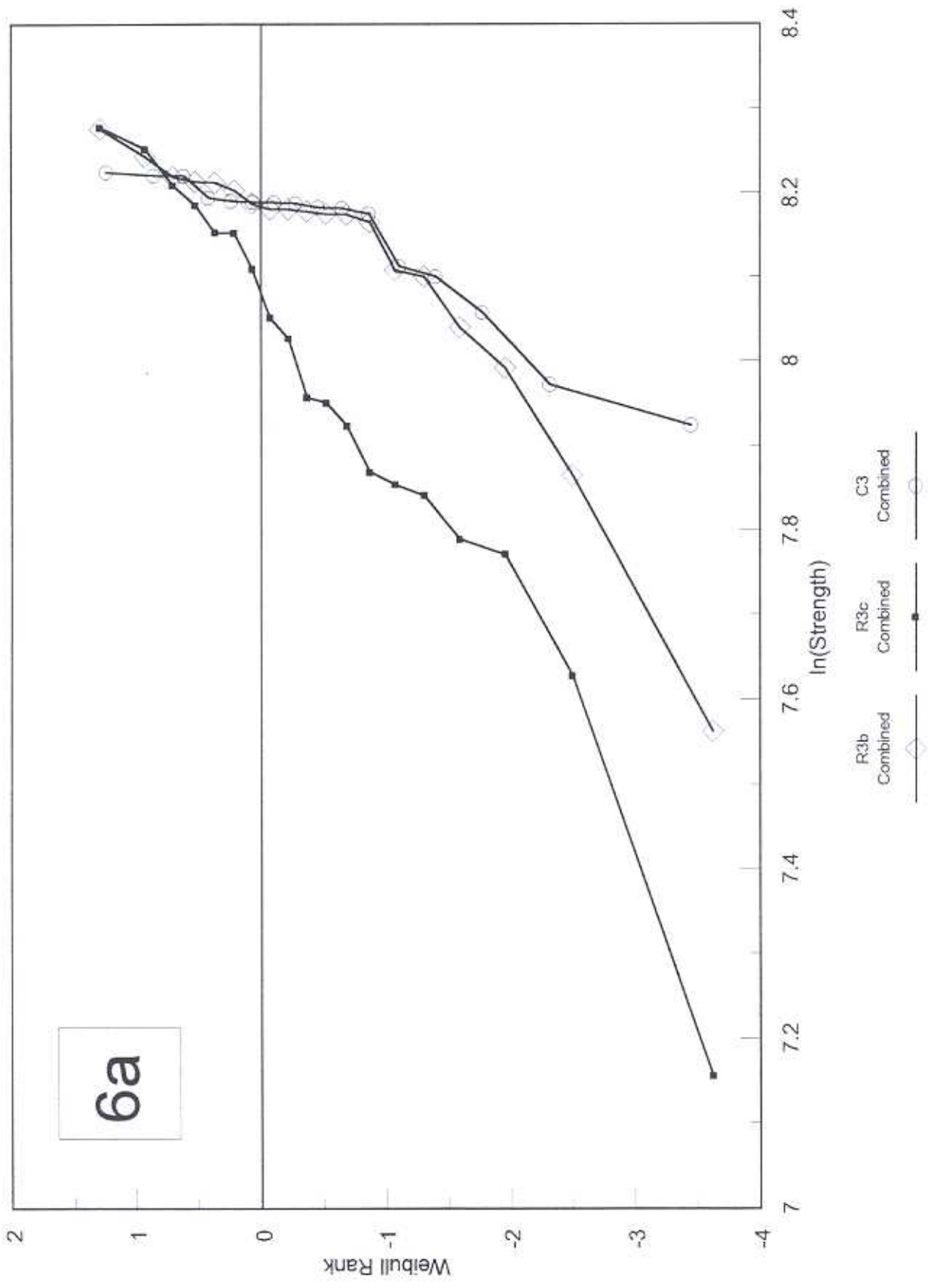
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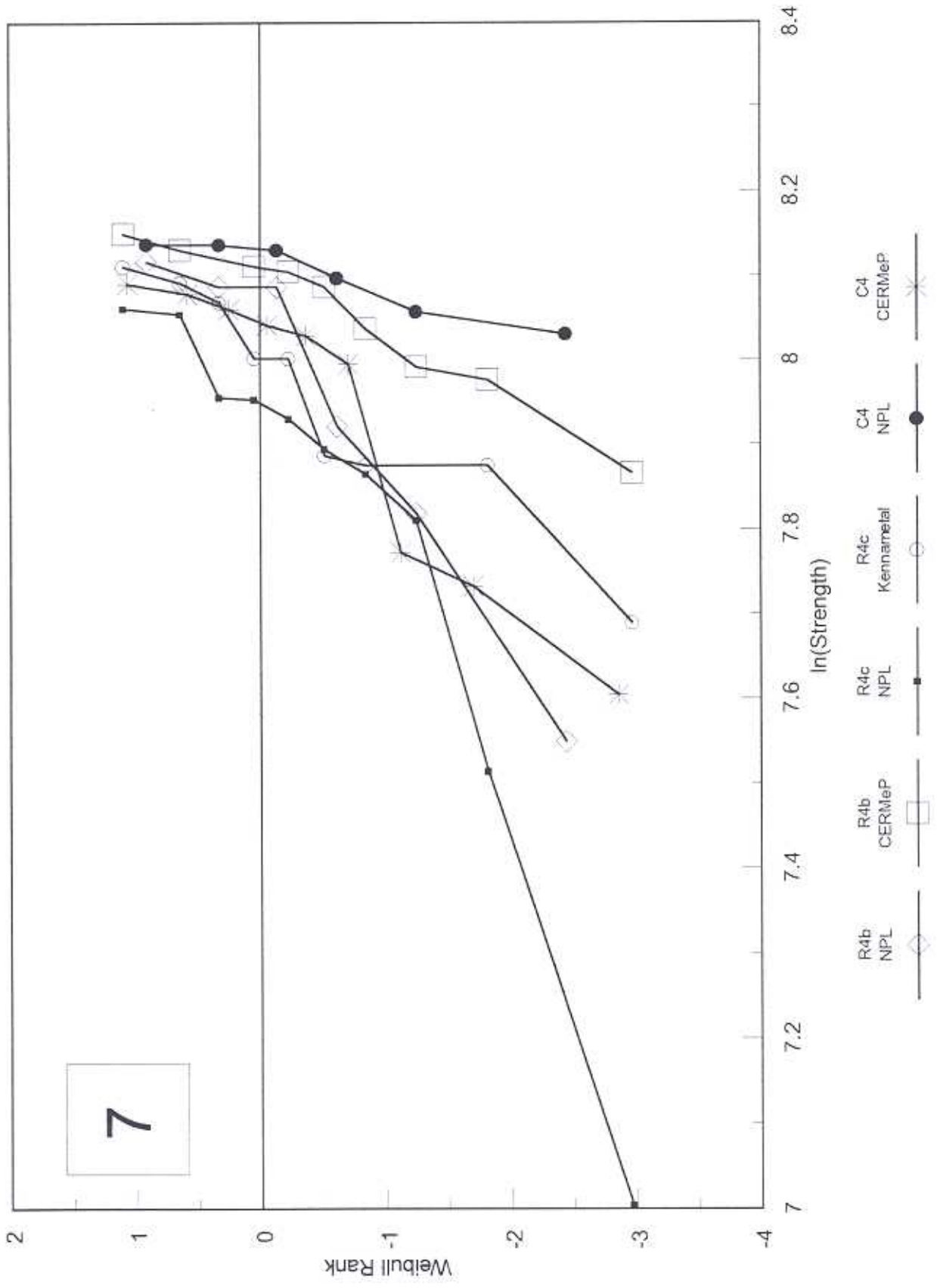




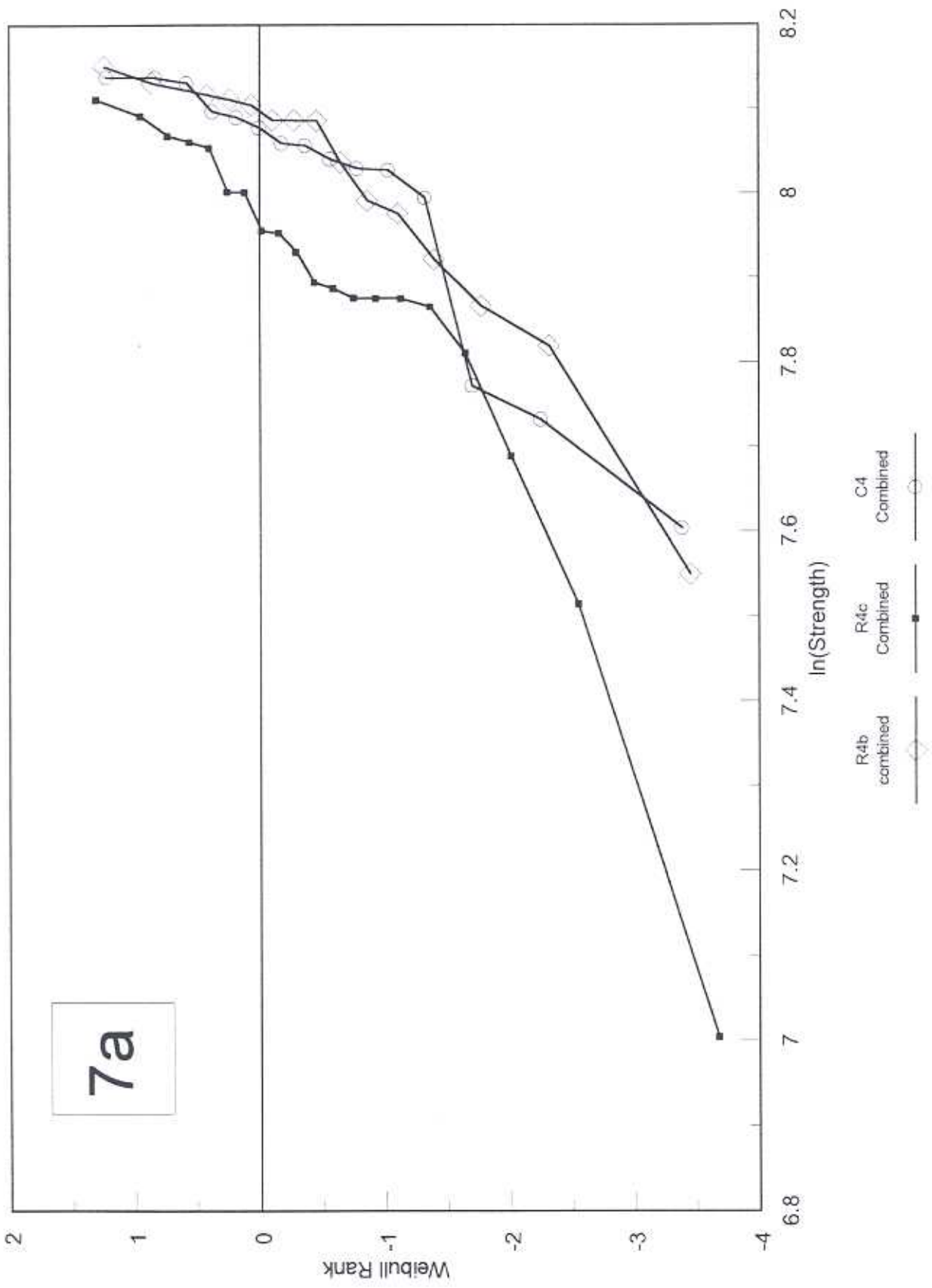
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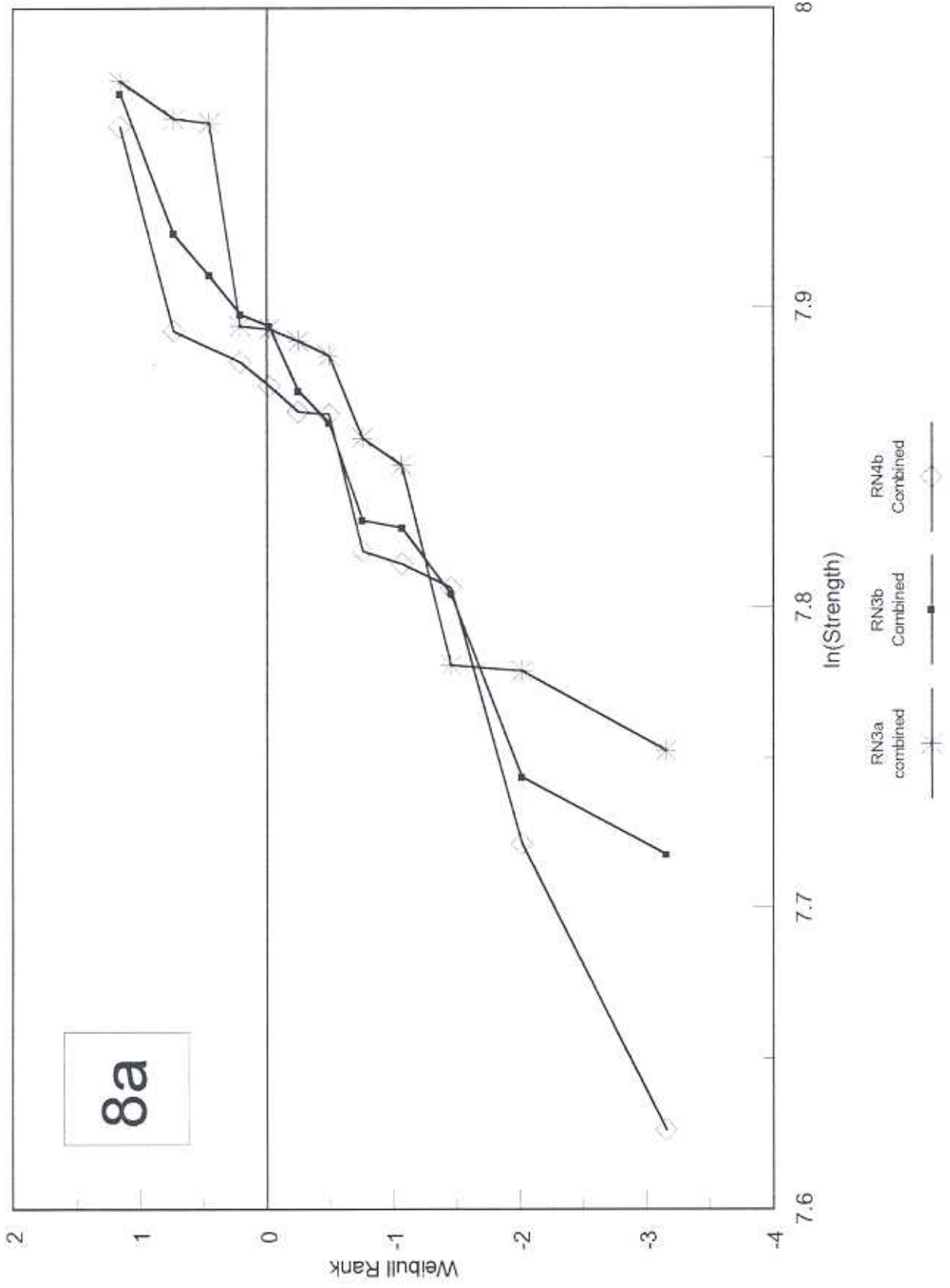


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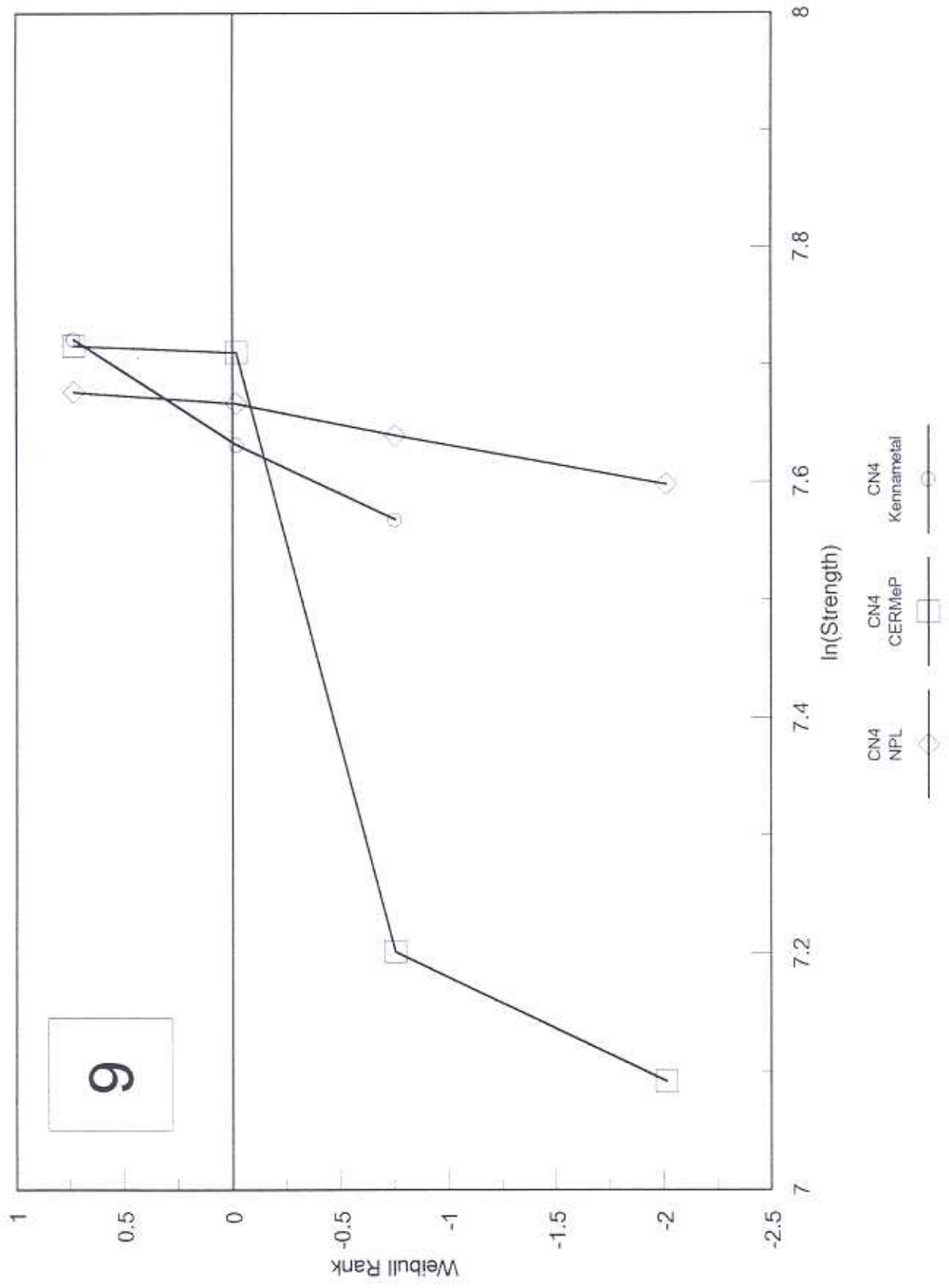




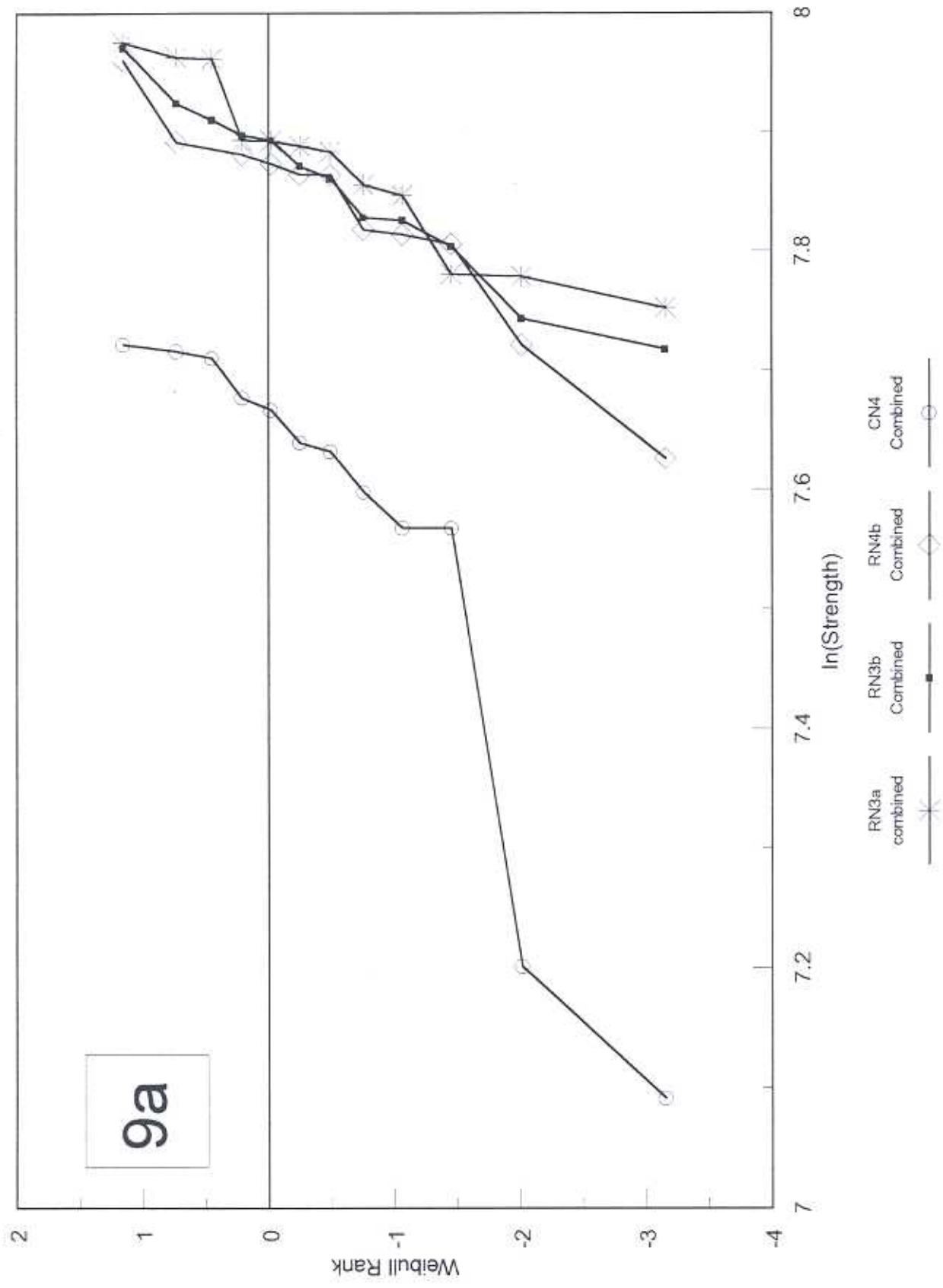
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## WEIBULL RESULTS SET

(2) BOART LONGYEAR

Fine, WC/Co

## HARDMETAL BEND TESTS

## Results Comment Sheet

## Boart Longyear Category (2) Fine WC/Co Hardmetal

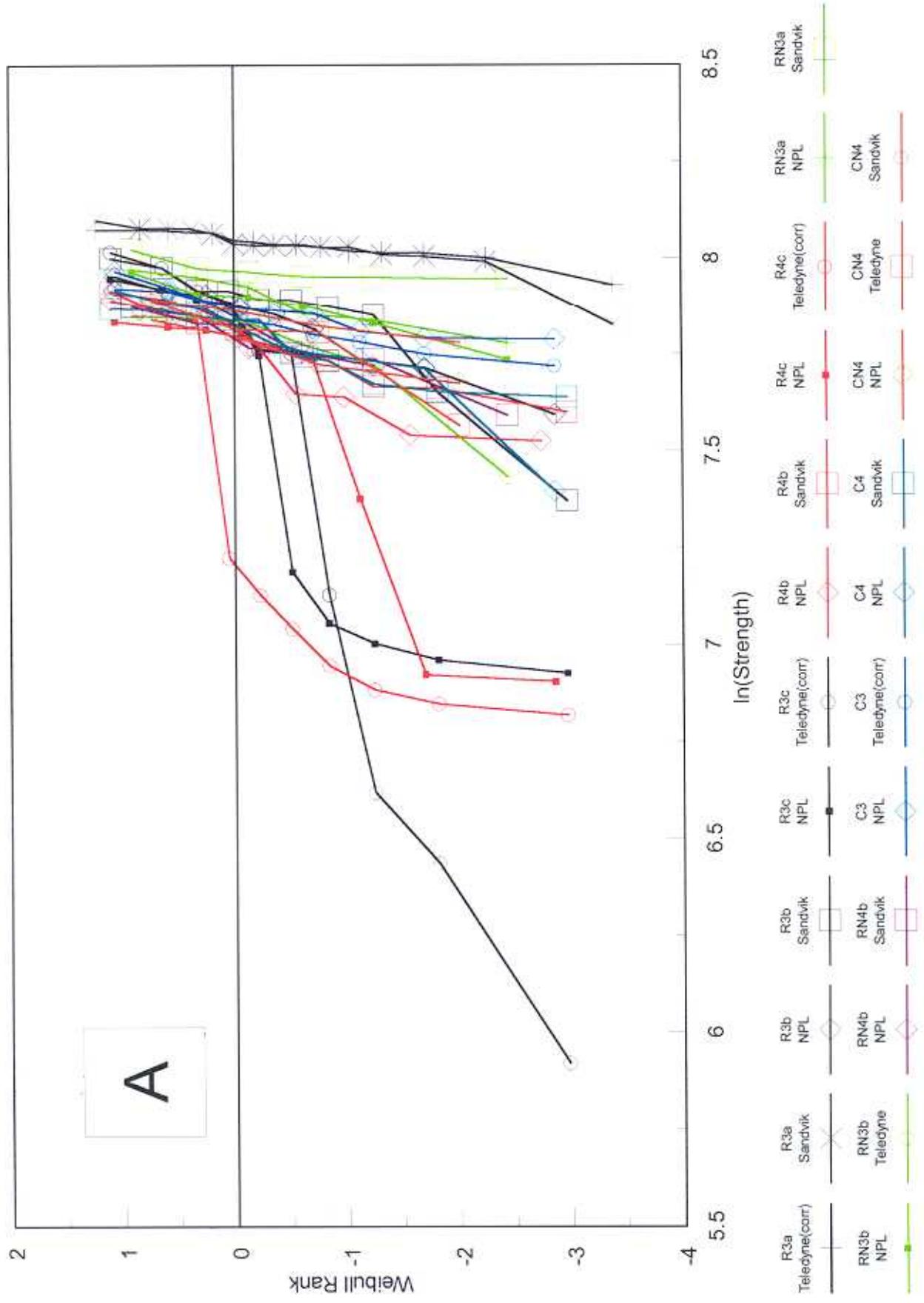
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- 5 - Round testpieces, compared with standard R3a; (C3, C4 and R3a).
- 5a - Combined C3, C4 and R3a.
- 6 - 3 pt rectangular and round; (R3b, R3c and C3); not including R3a.
- 6a - Combined C3 compared with R3b combined and R3c combined.
- 7 - 4 pt rectangular and round (R4b, R4c and C4).
- 7a - Combined C4 compared with combined R4b and combined R4c.
- 8 - Notched rectangular testpieces, Teledyne not corrected; (RN3a, RN3b and RN4b).
- 8a - Combined notched testpieces except for RN3b; (RN3a and RN4b).
- 9 - Notched round compared with combined notched rectangular; (CN4, RN3a and RN4b).
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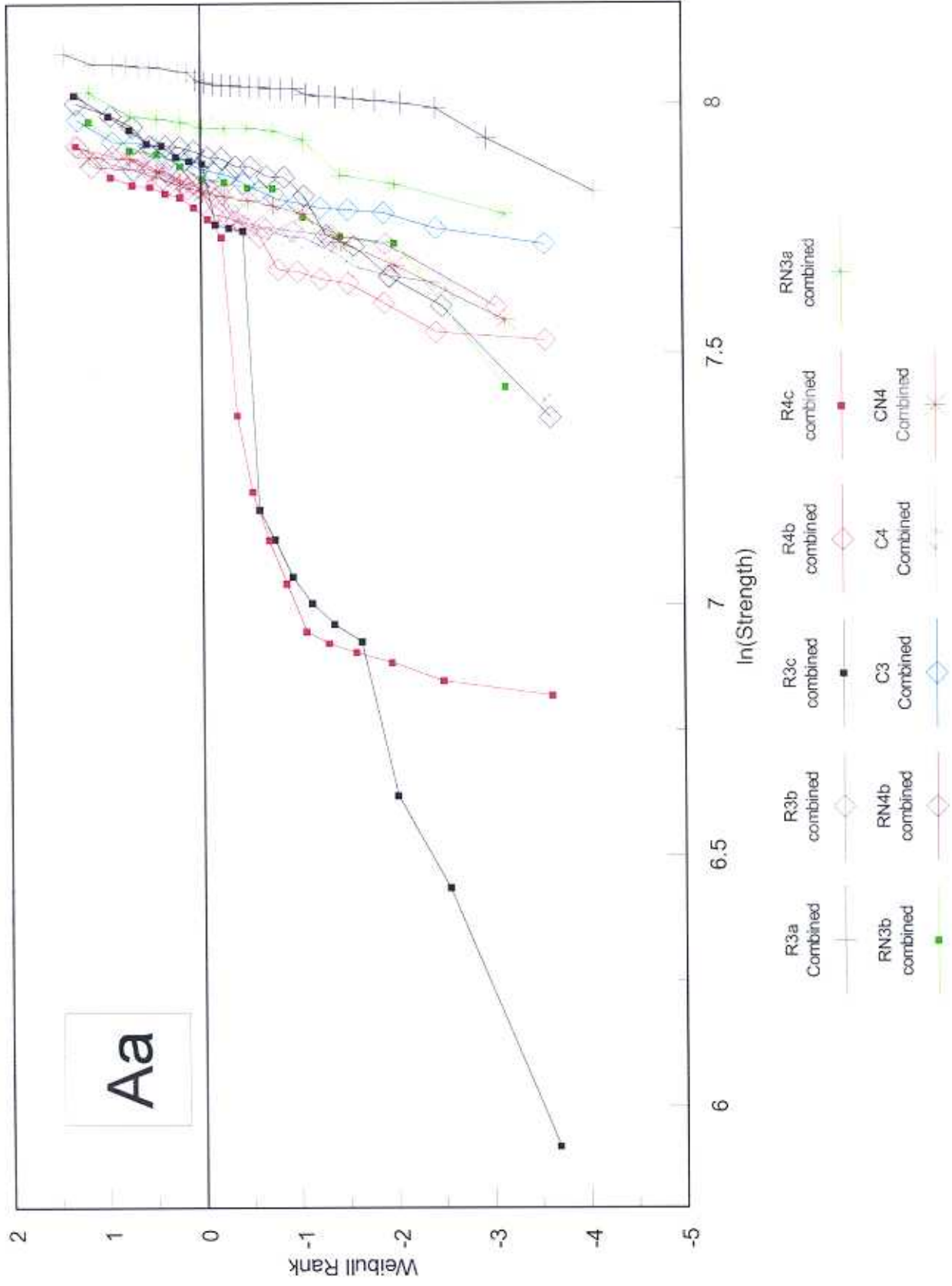
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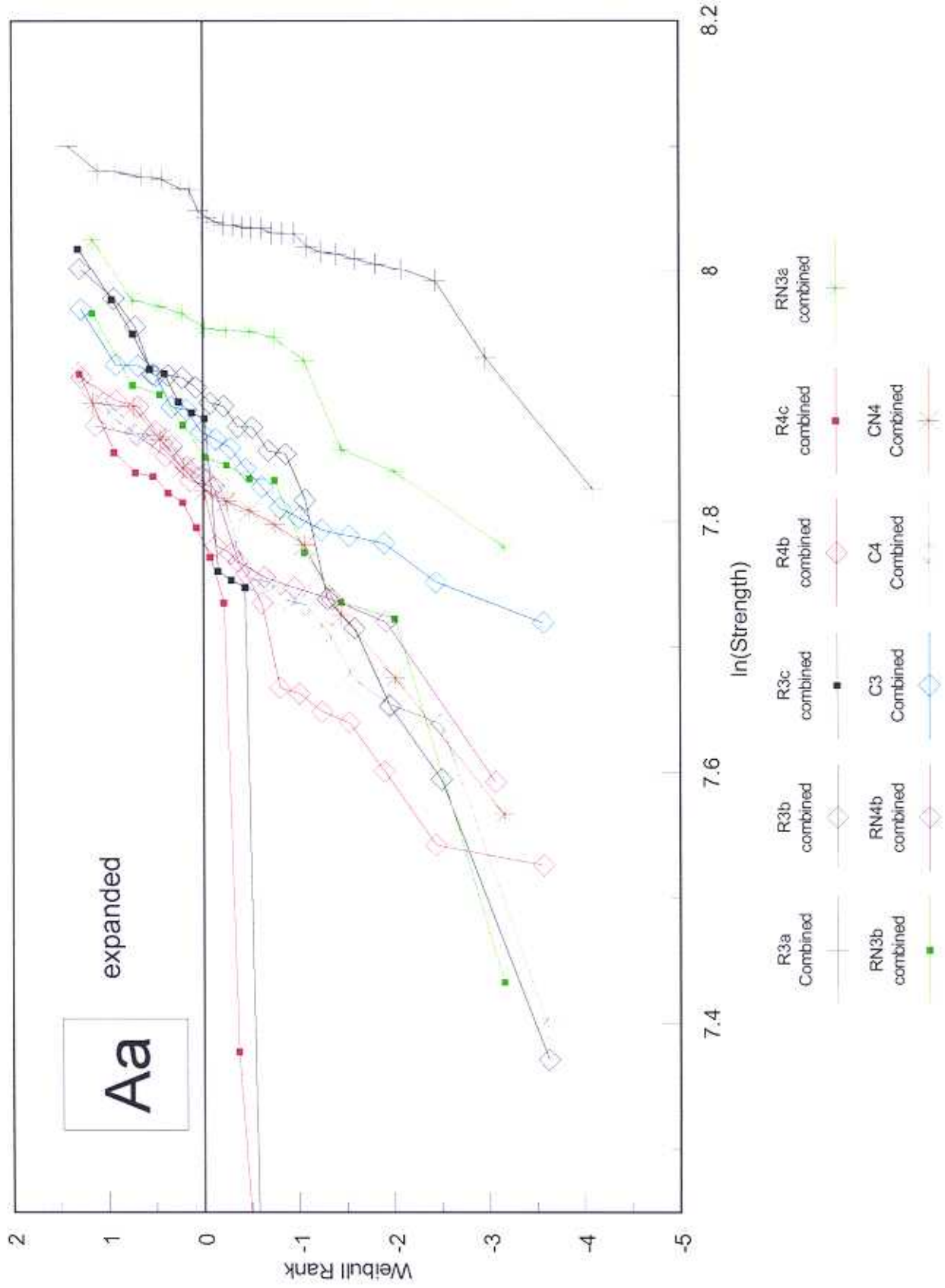
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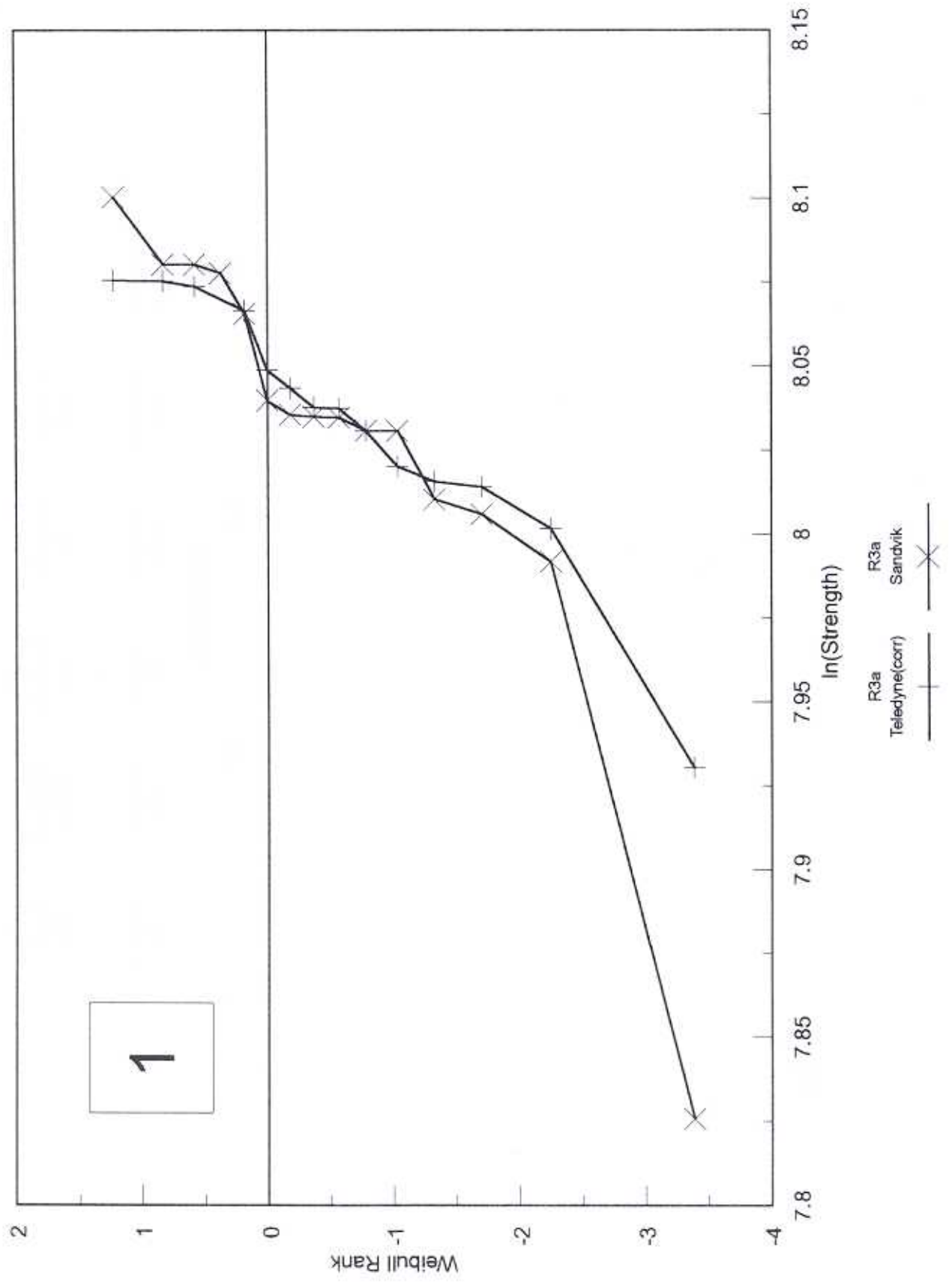
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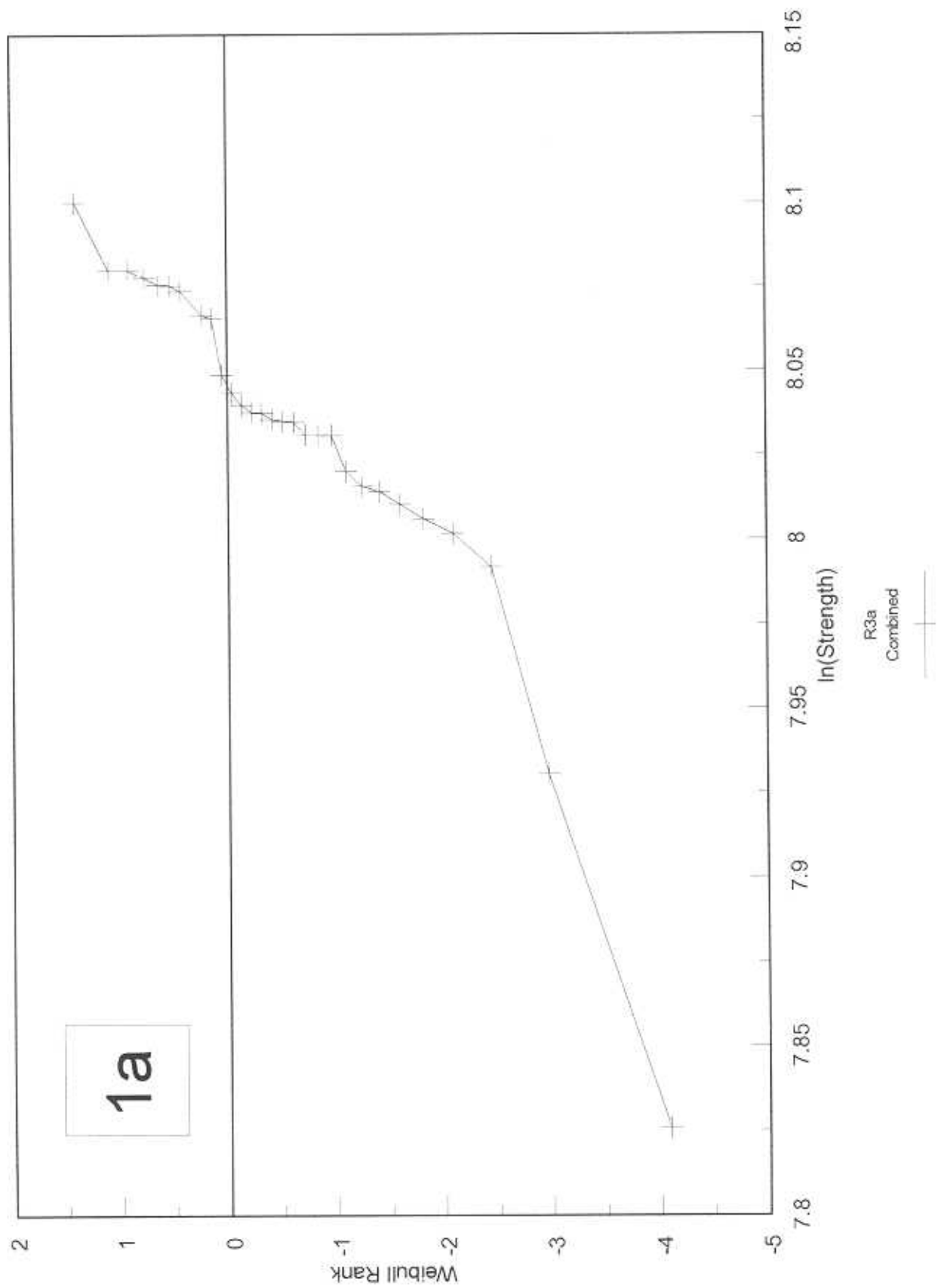
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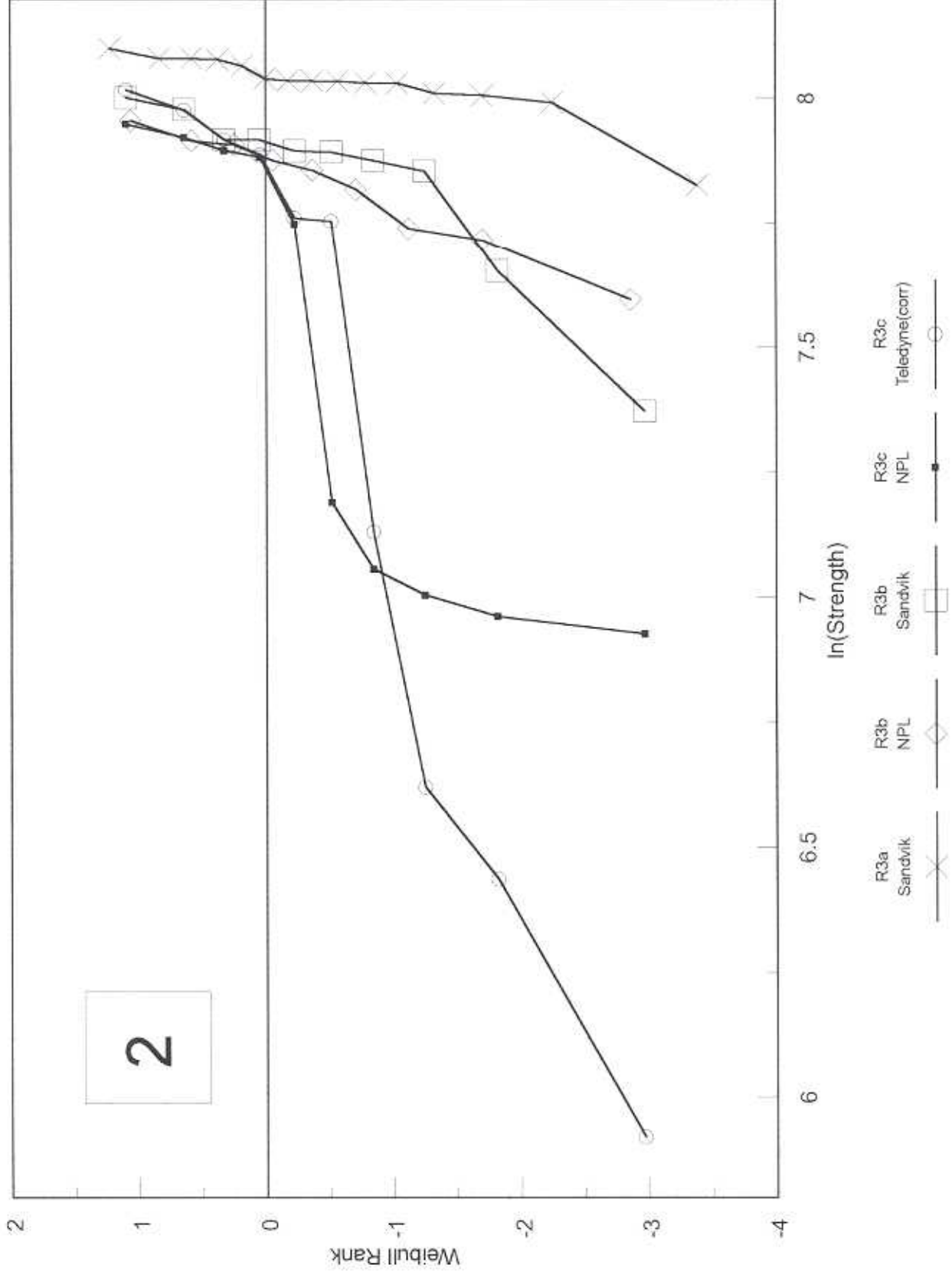
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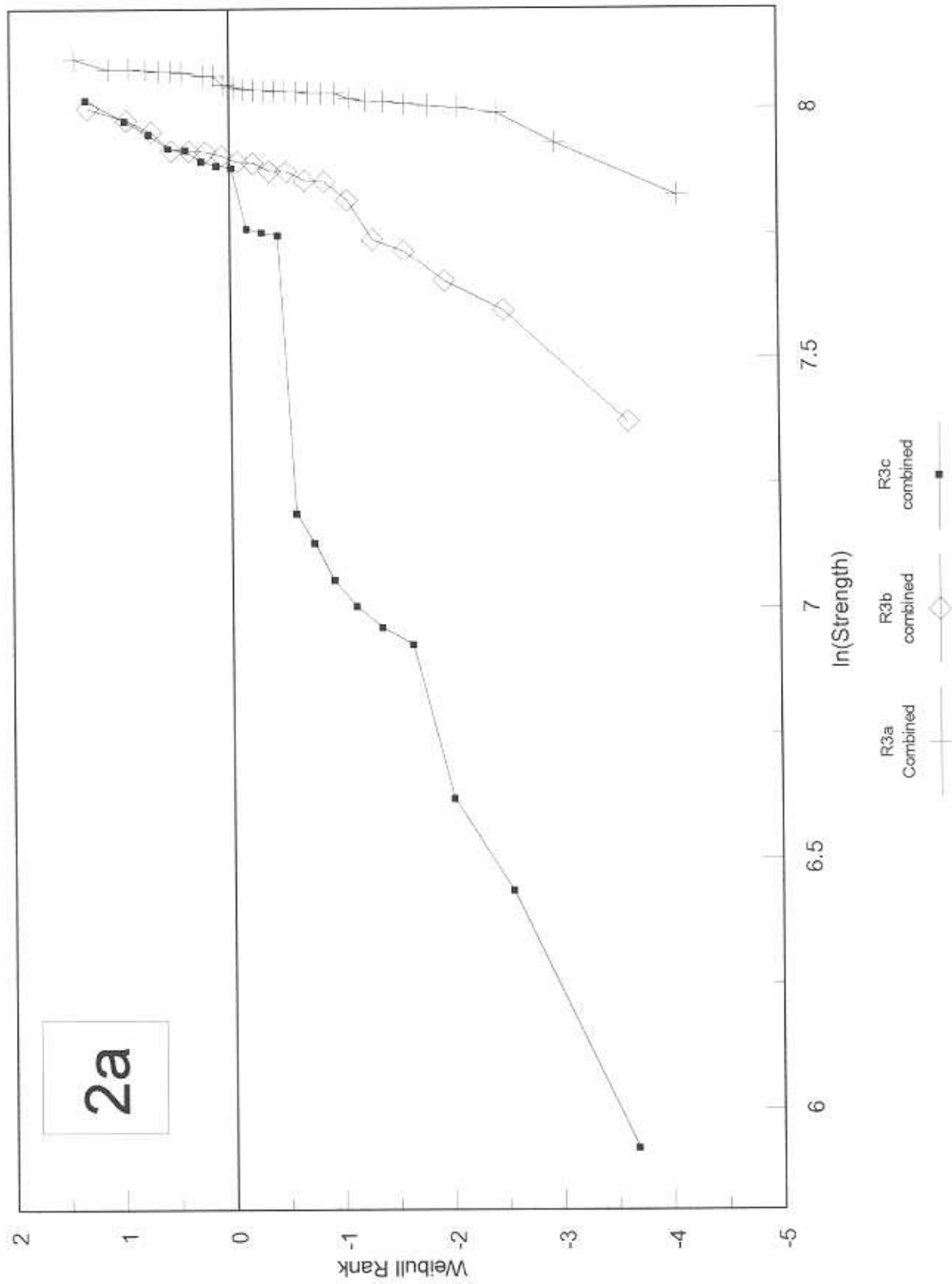


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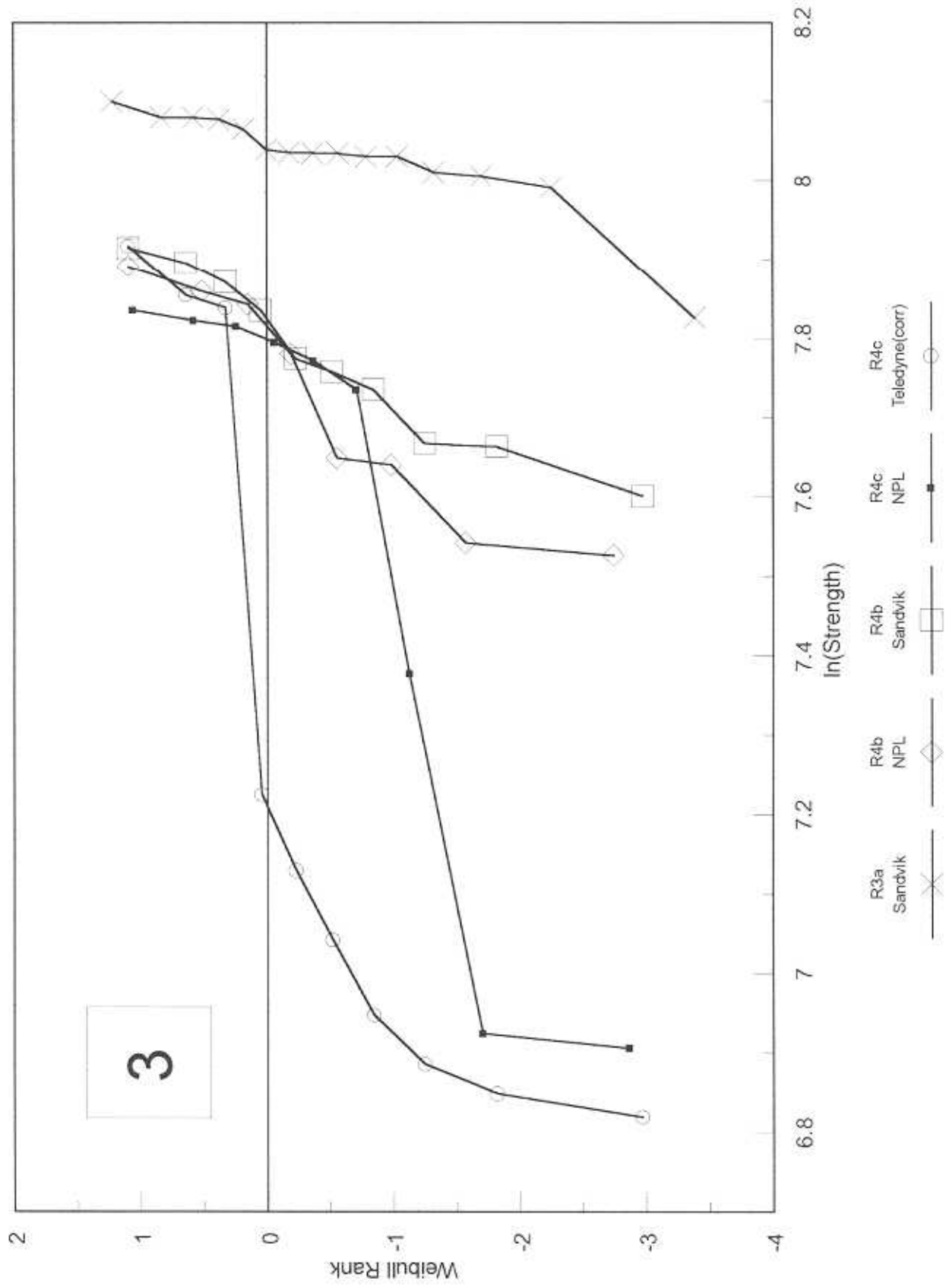




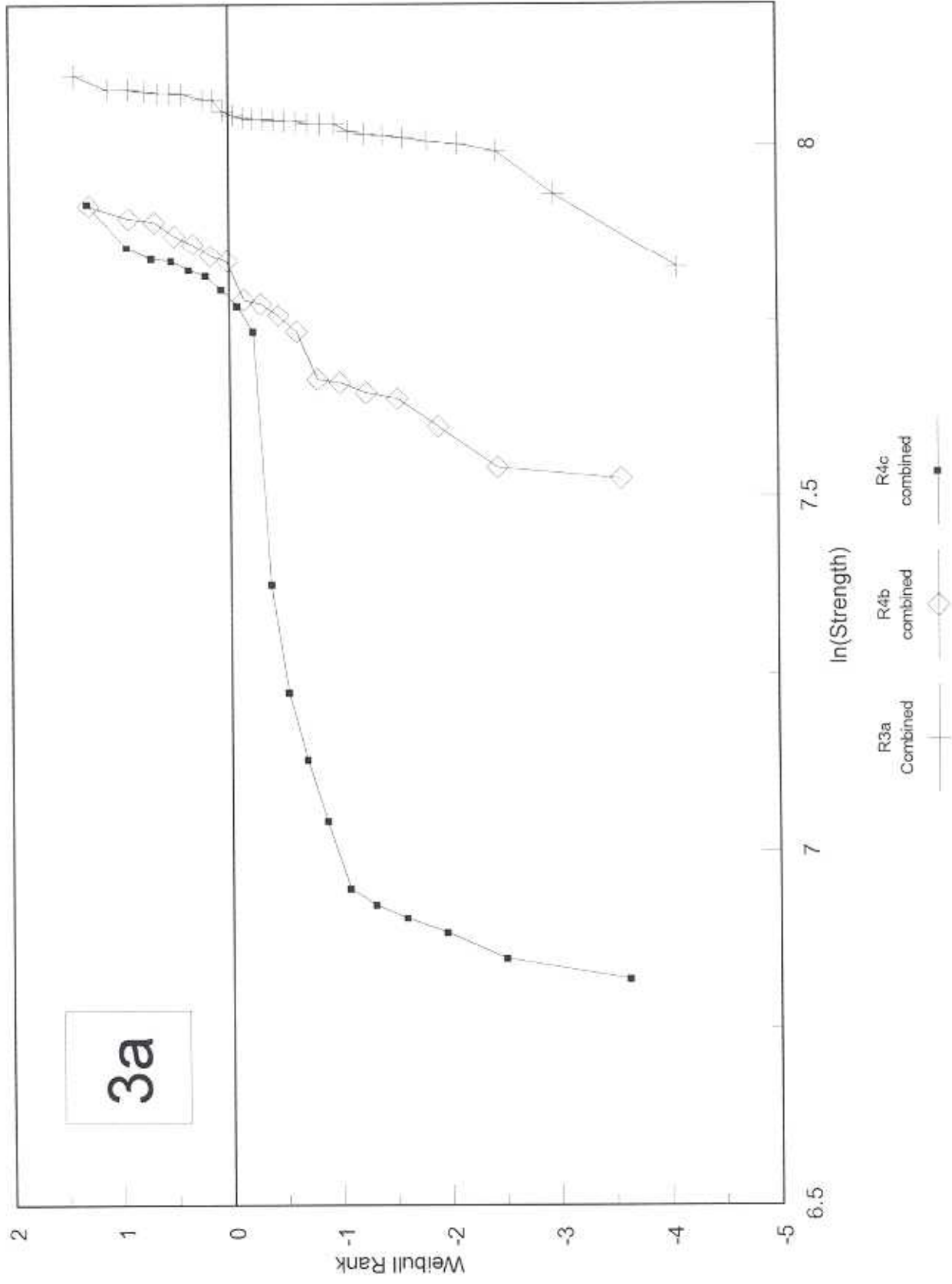
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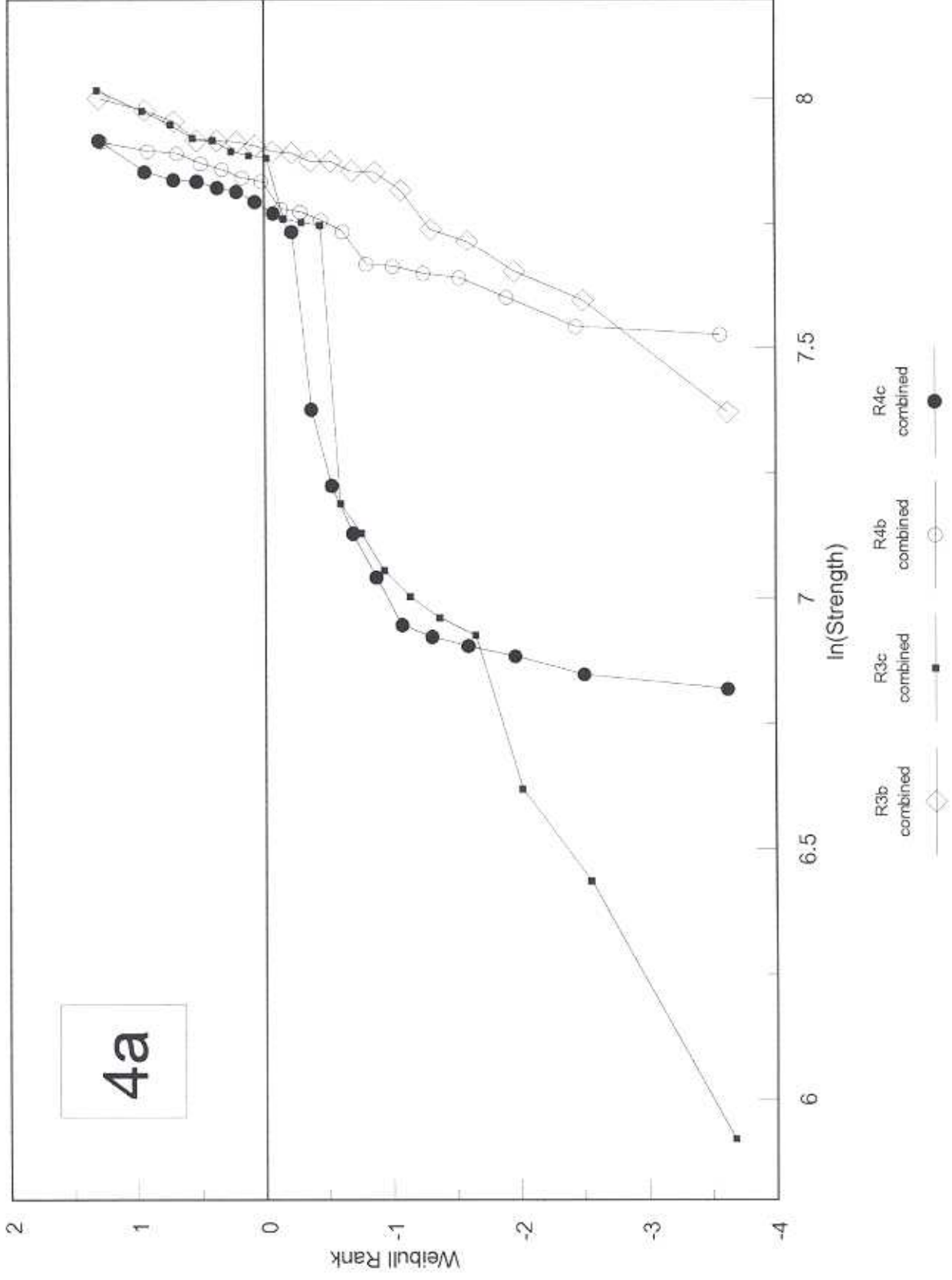


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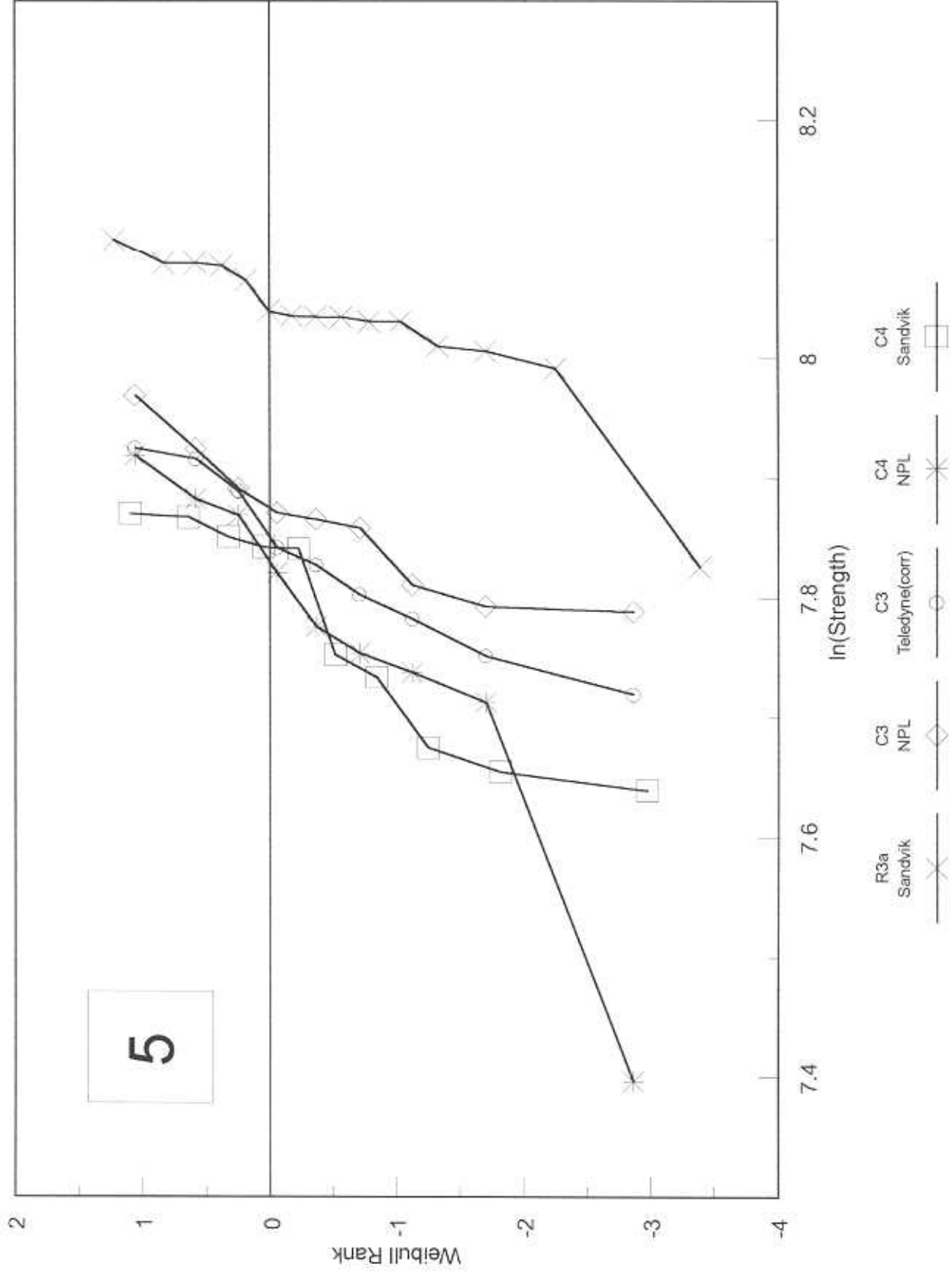




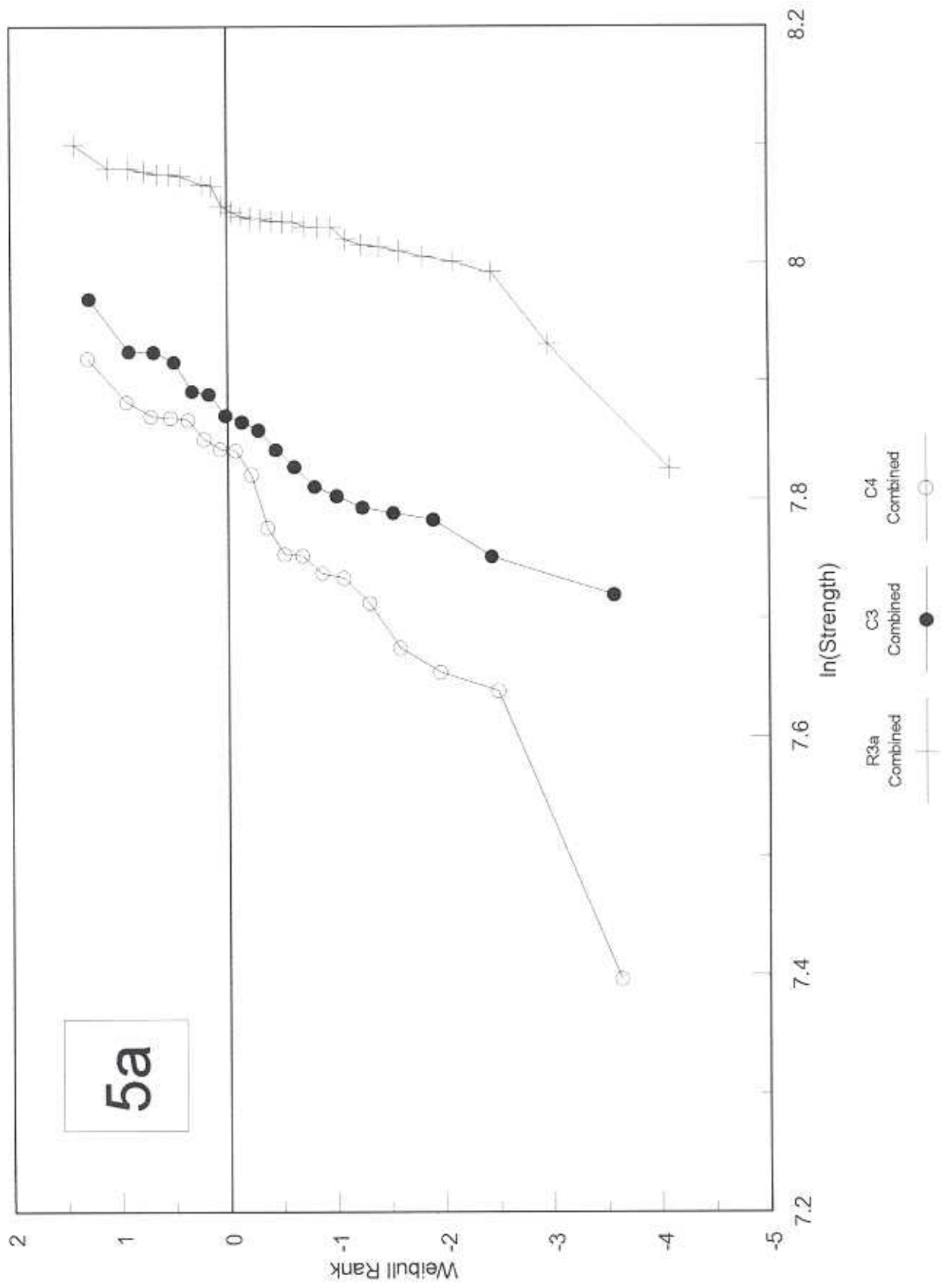
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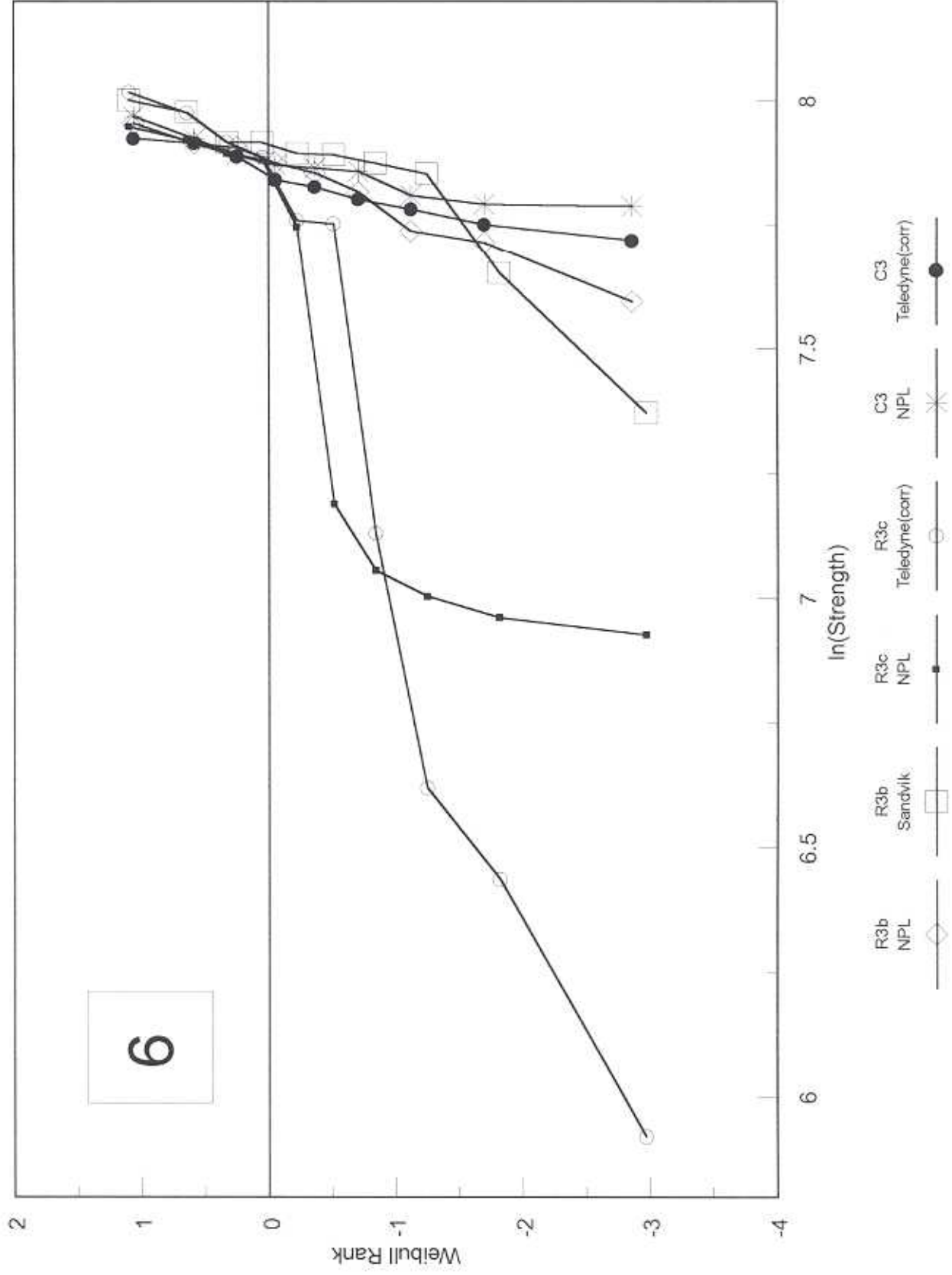
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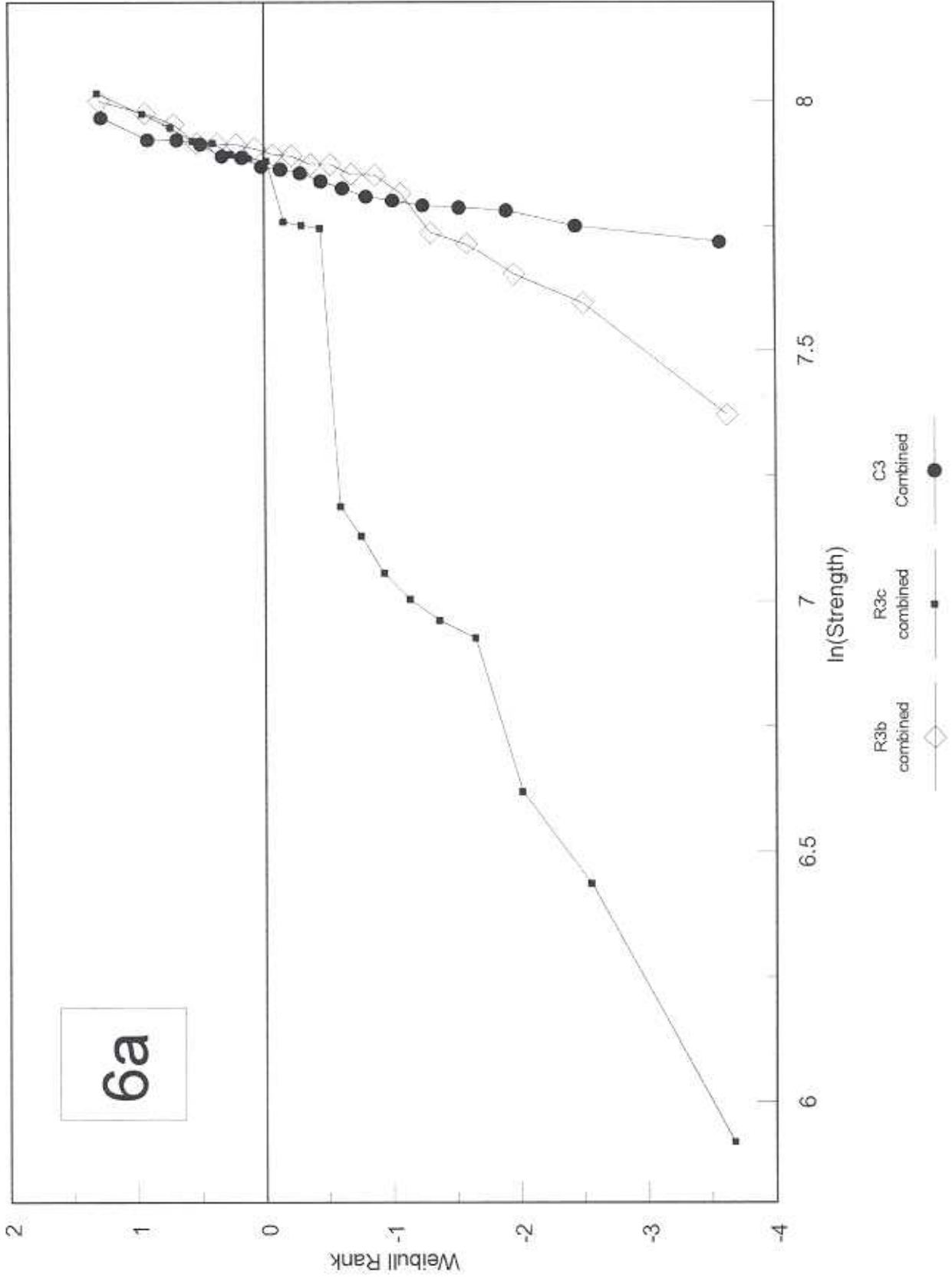


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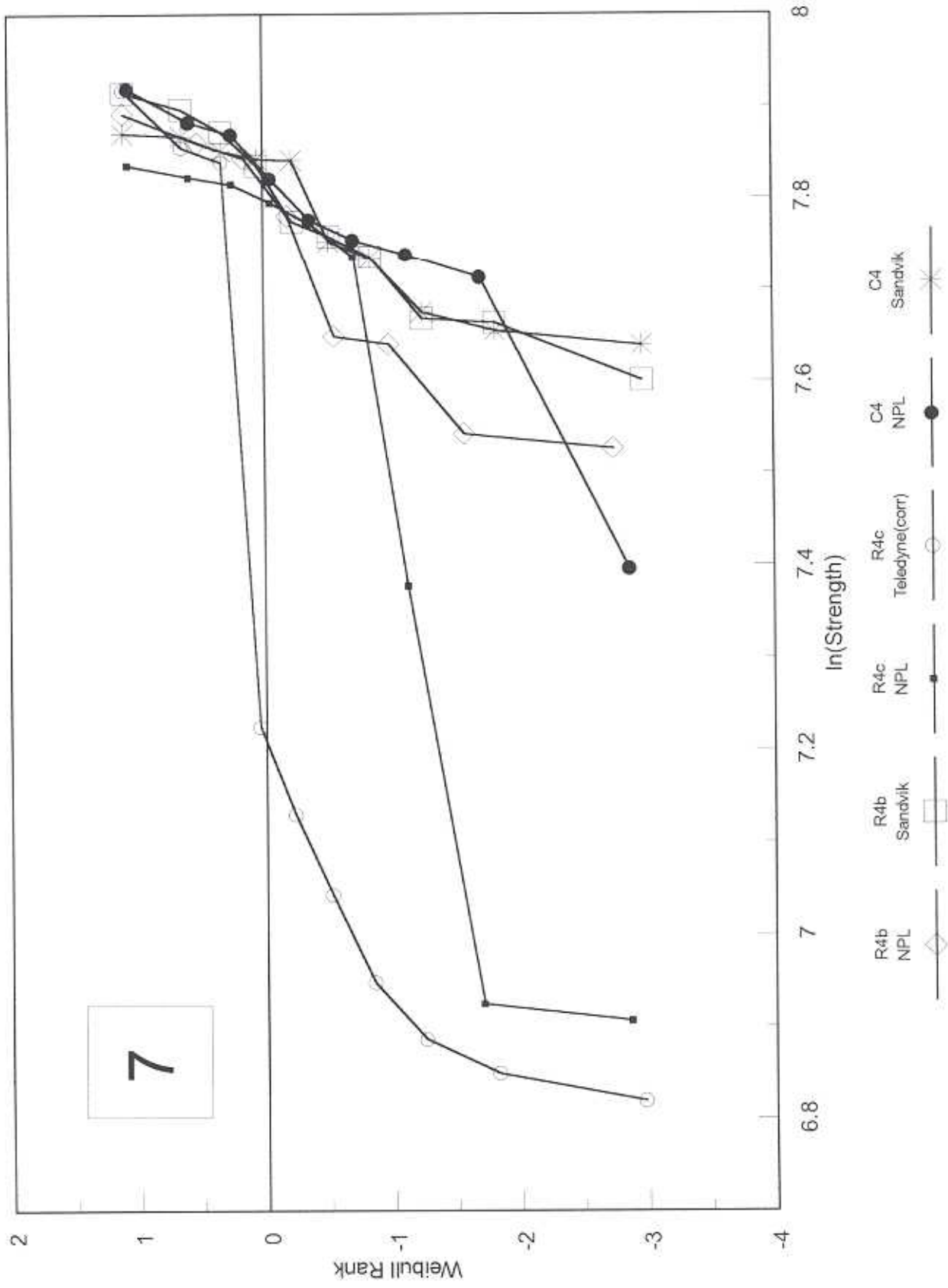




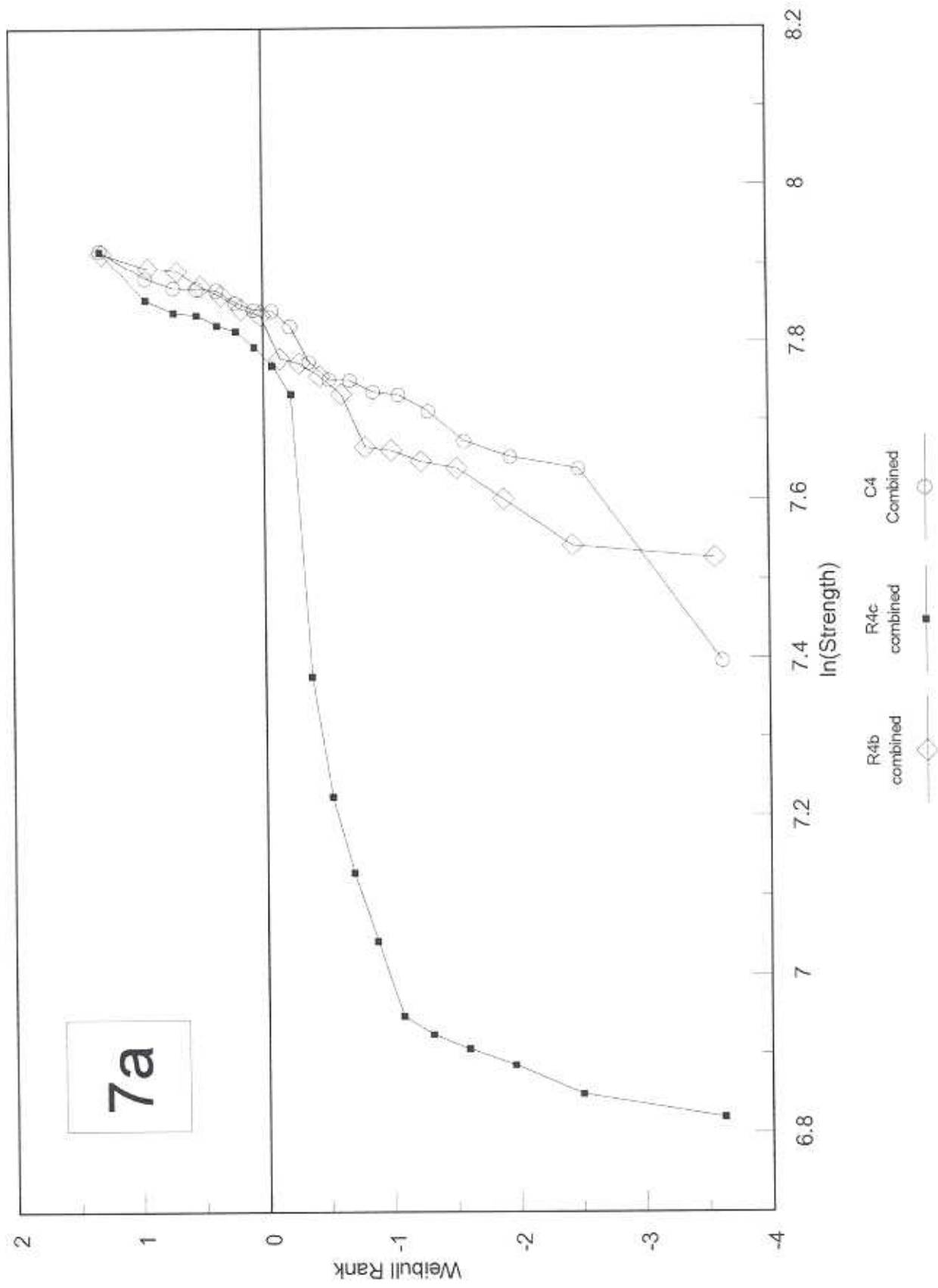
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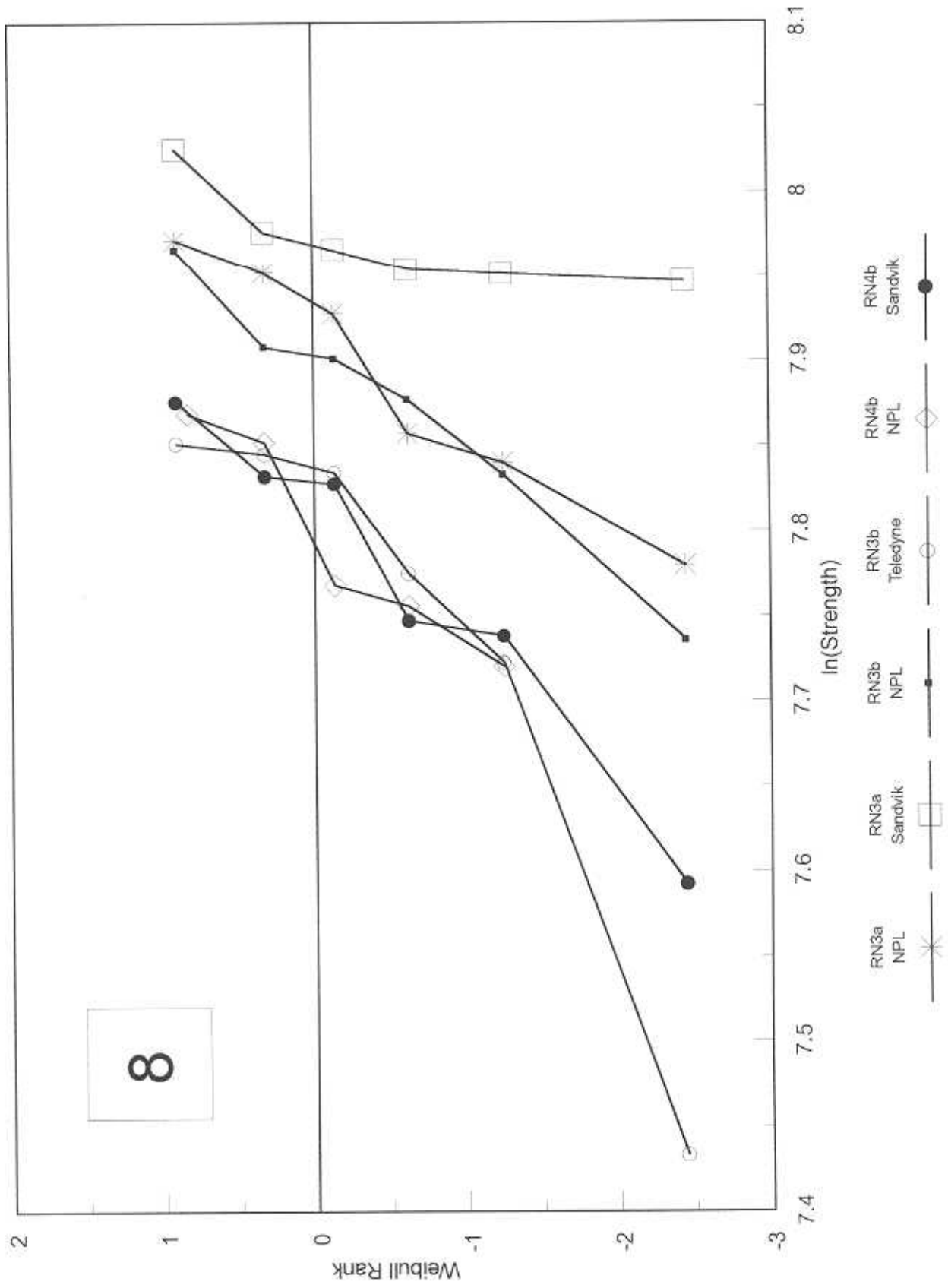
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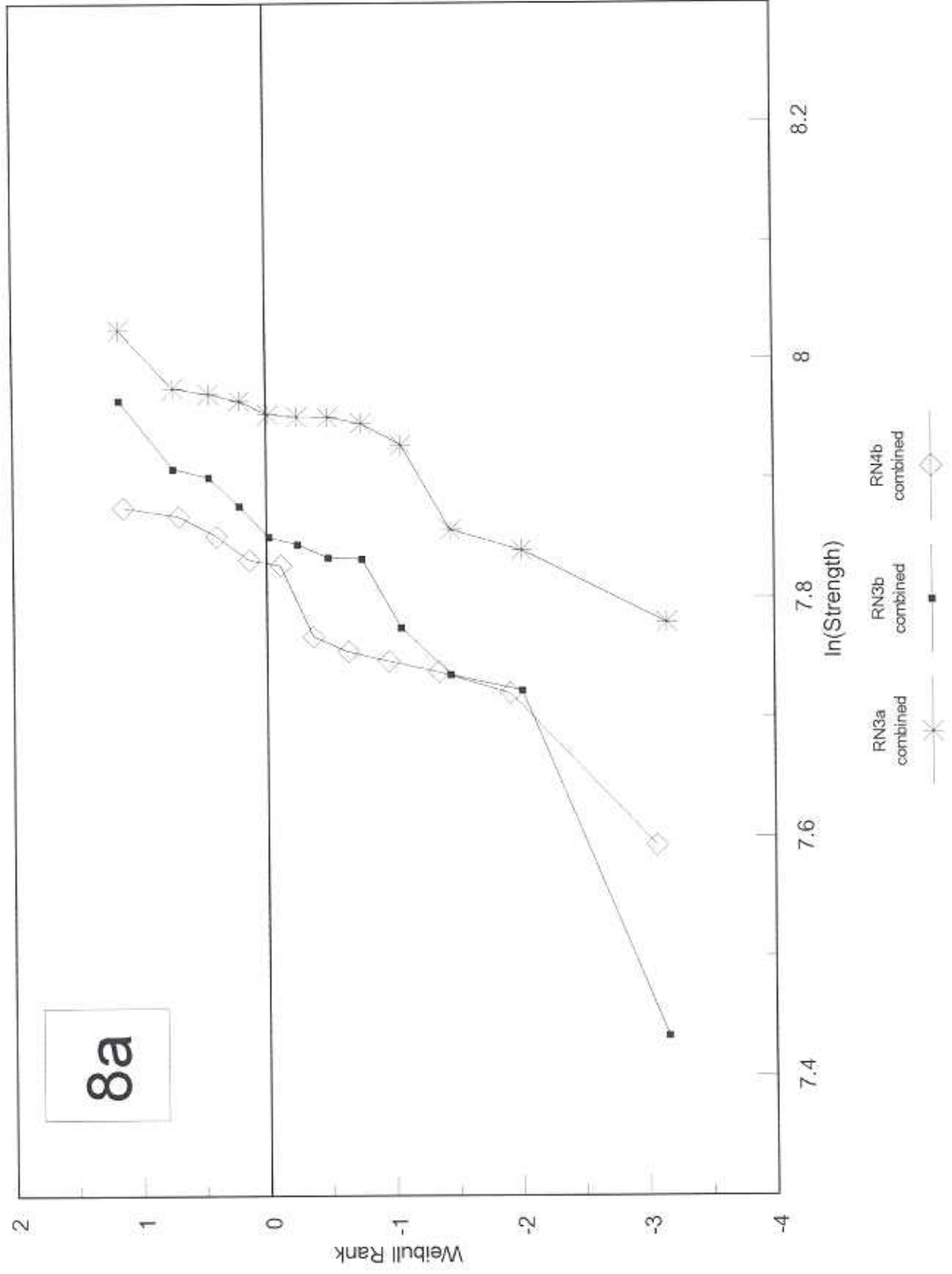
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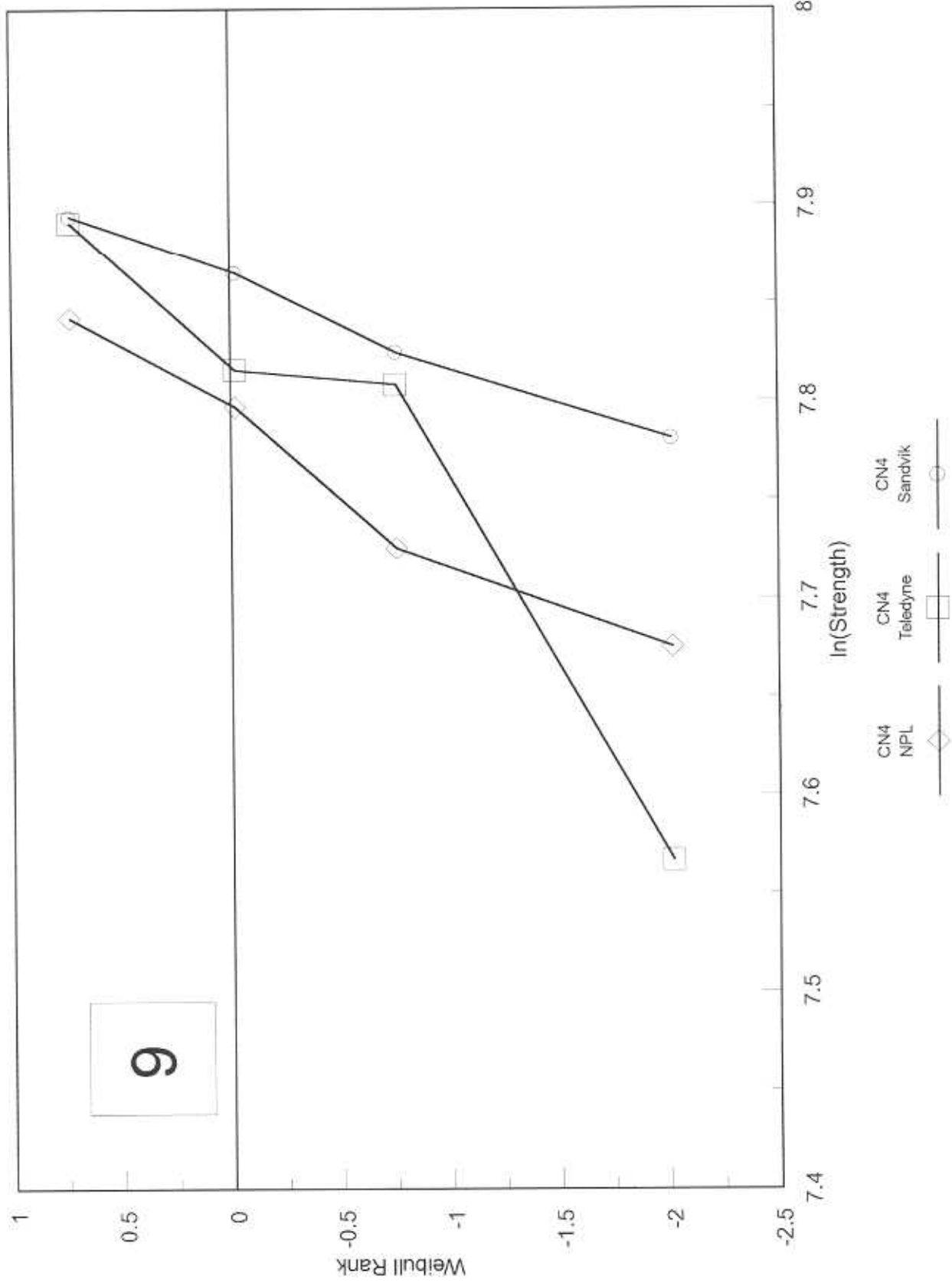
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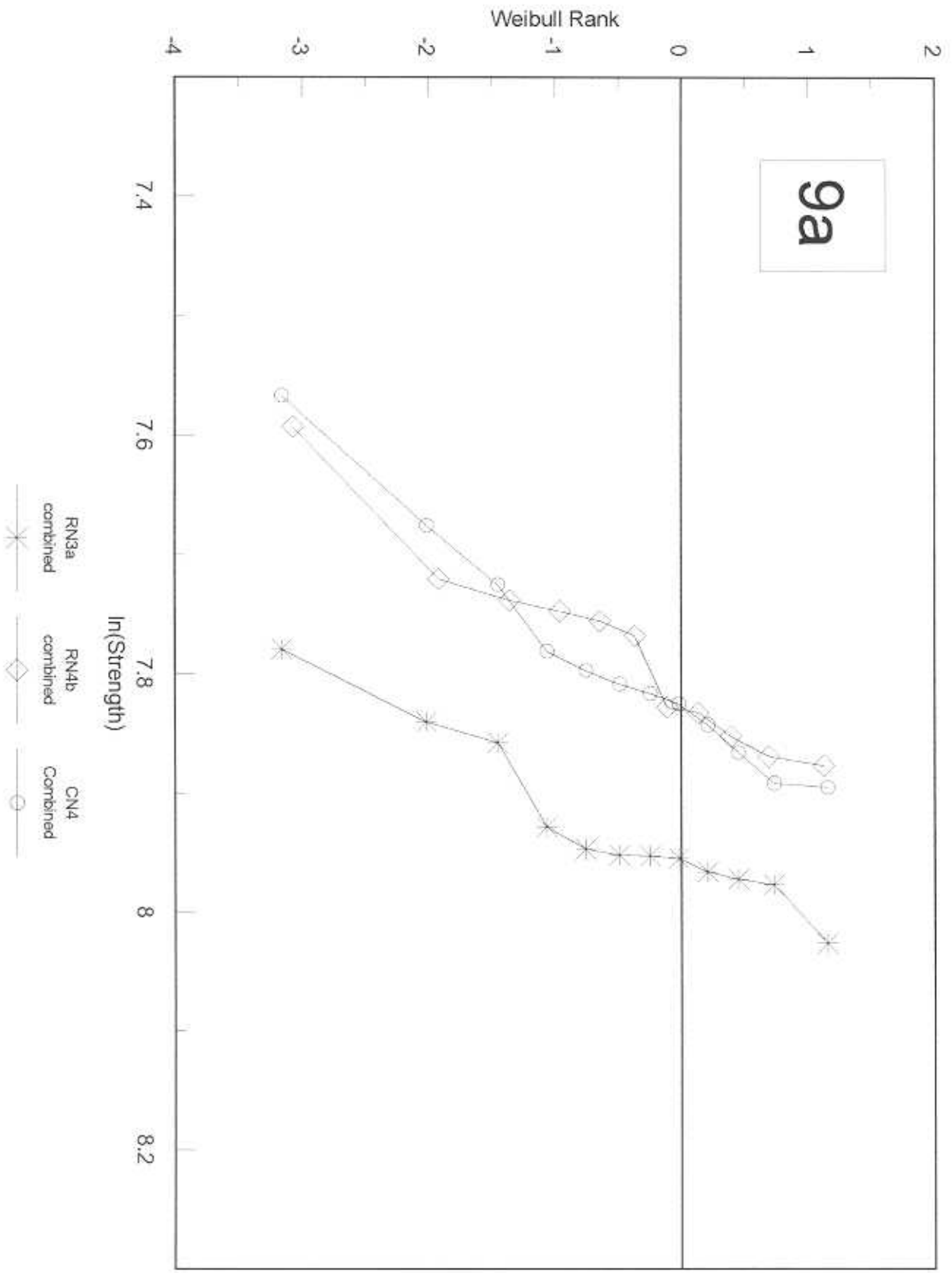
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## WEIBULL RESULTS SET

### (3) SANDVIK HARD MATERIALS

Fine, WC/Co



## HARDMETAL BEND TESTS

### Results Comment Sheet

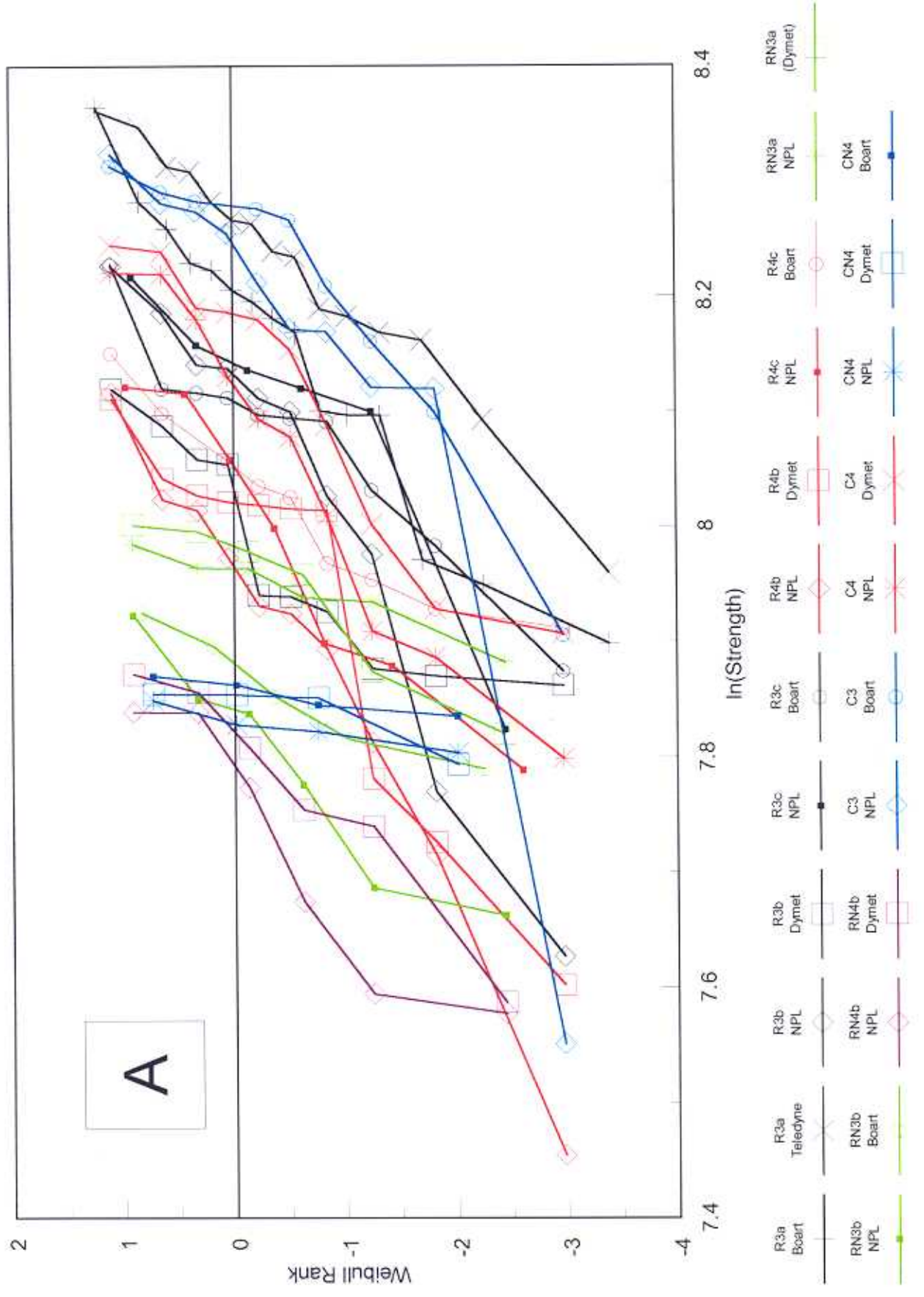
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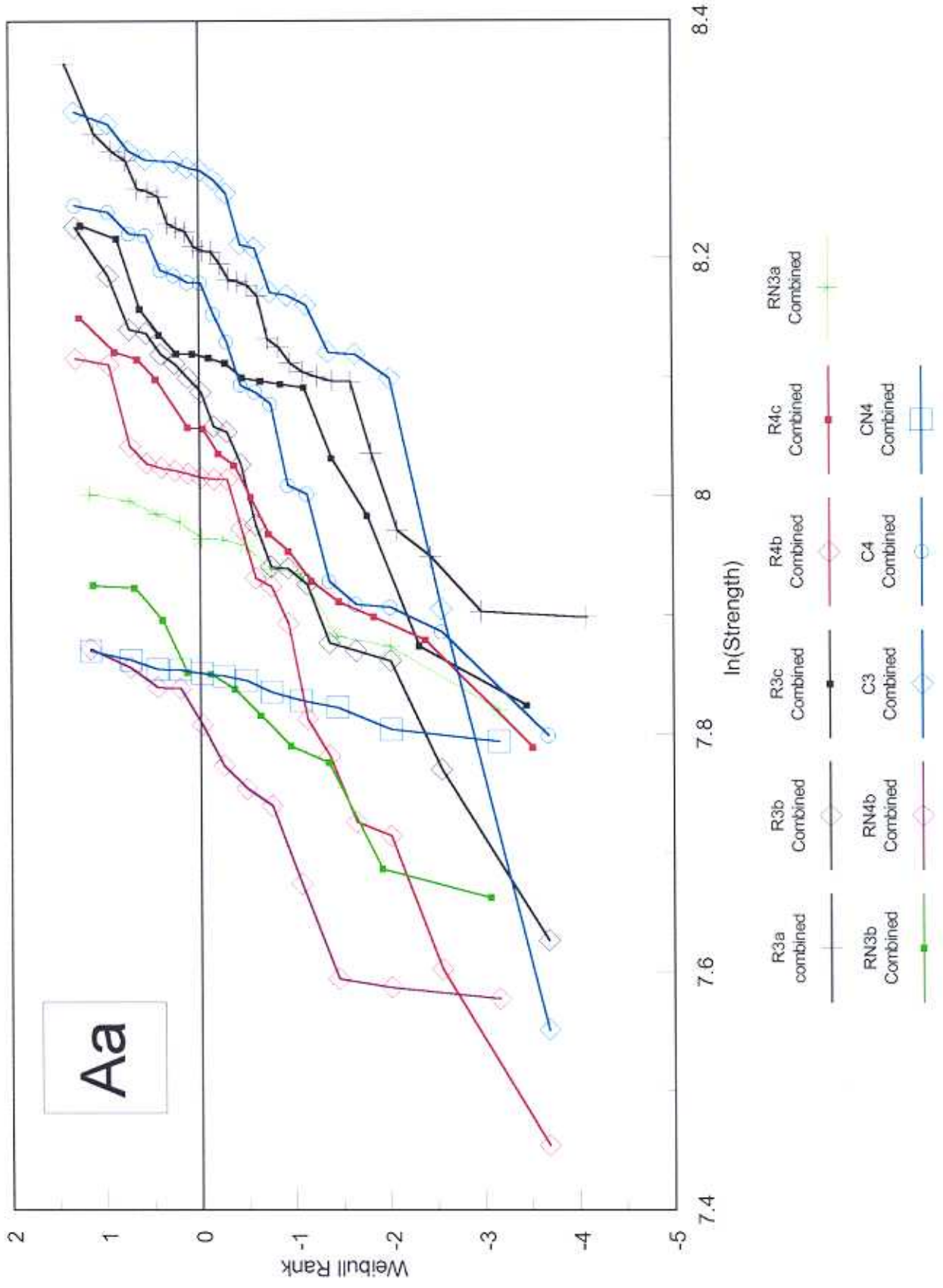
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- 3a - Combined R3a, R4b and R4c.
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- 8 - Notched rectangular testpieces; (RN3a, RN3b and RN4b).
- 8a - Combined notched testpieces; (RN3a, RN3b and RN4b).
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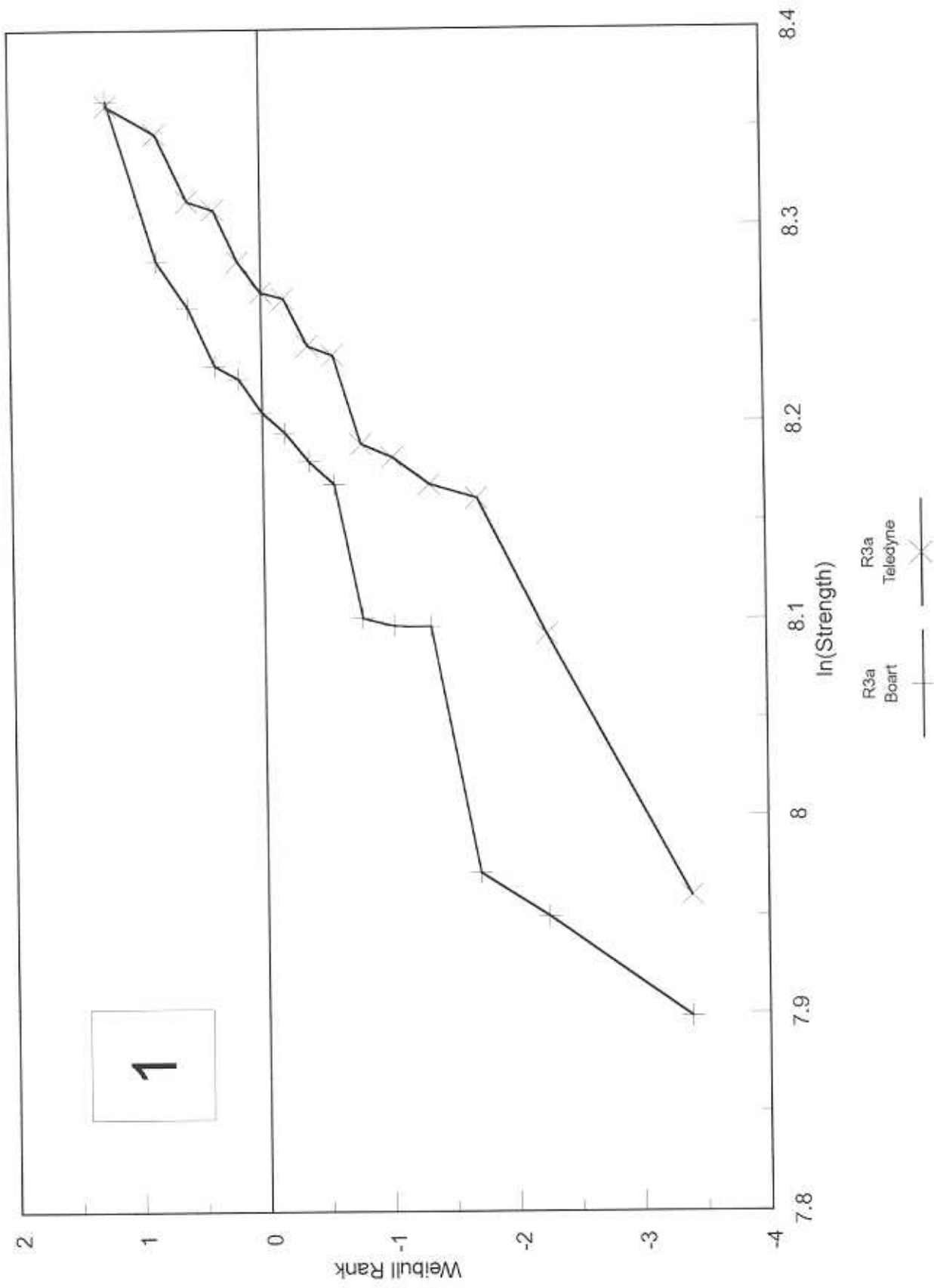
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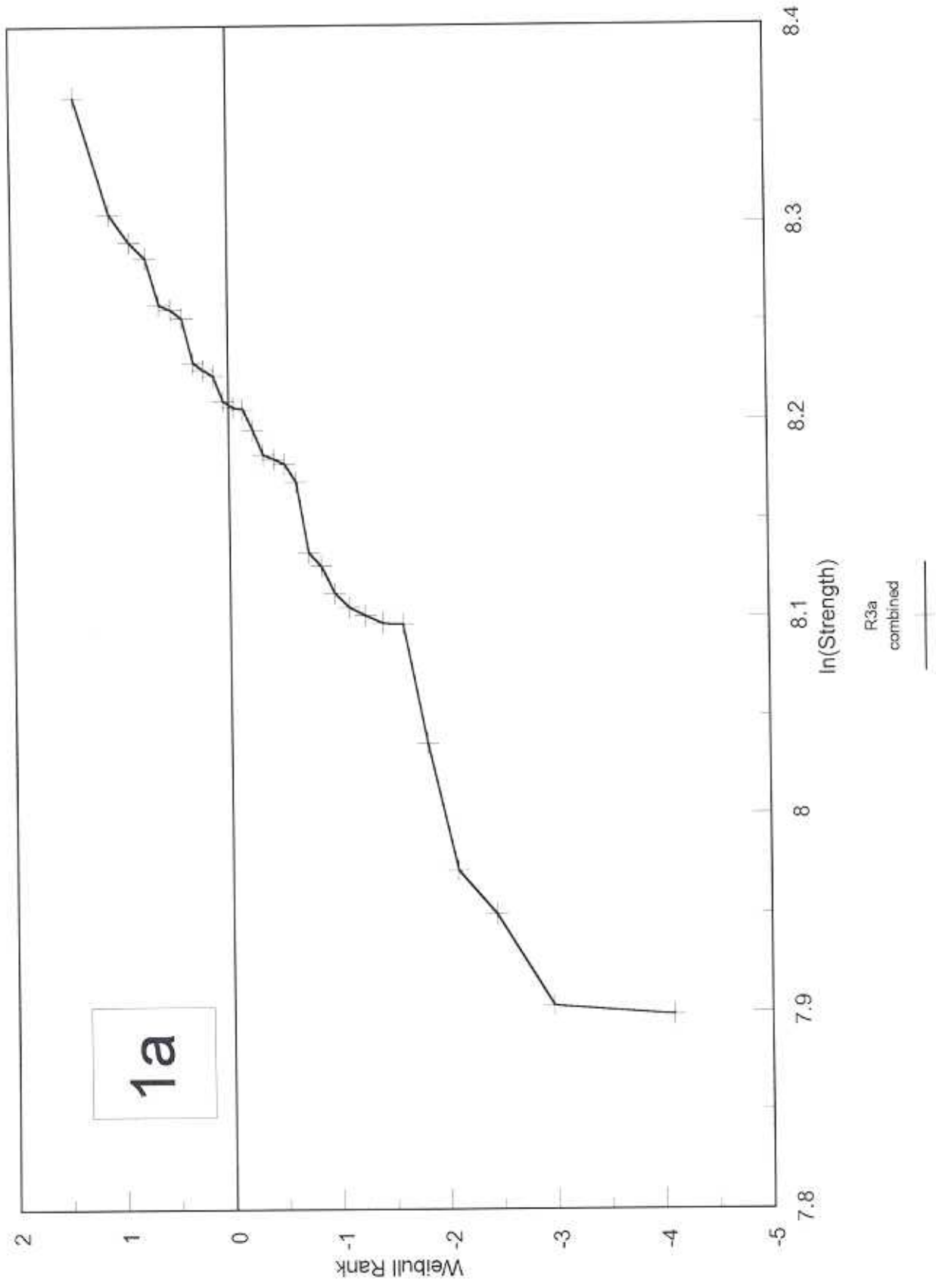
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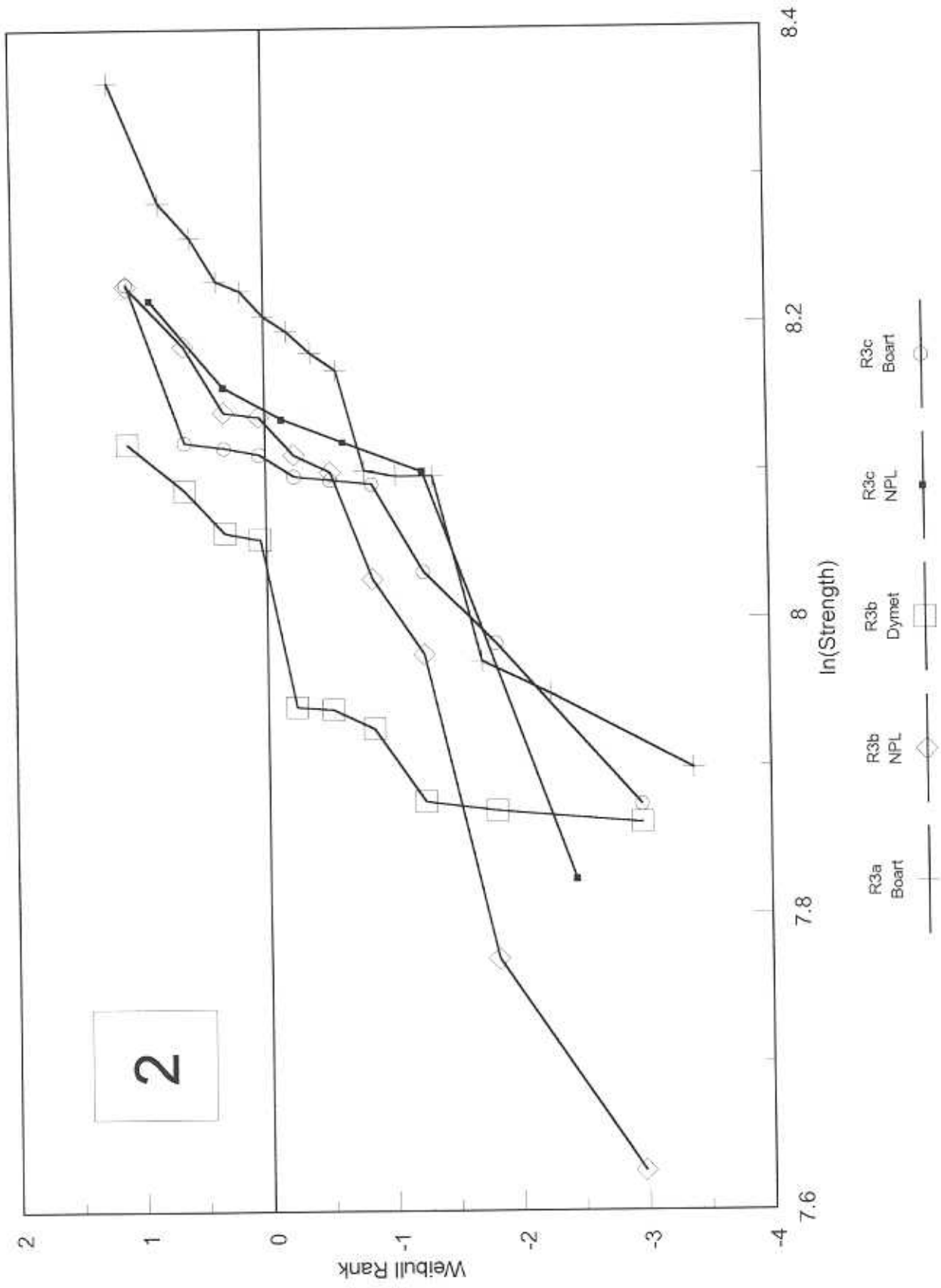
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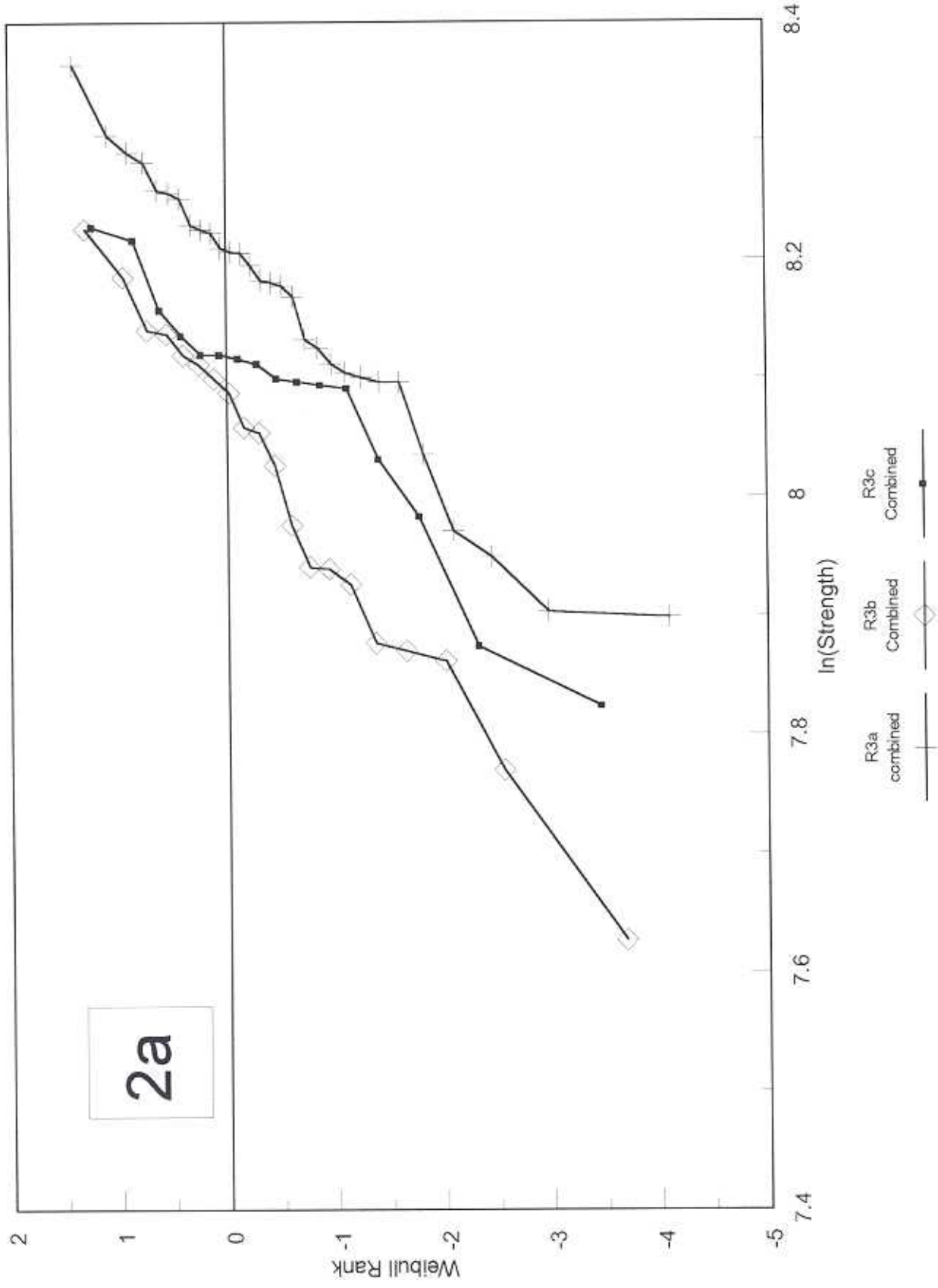
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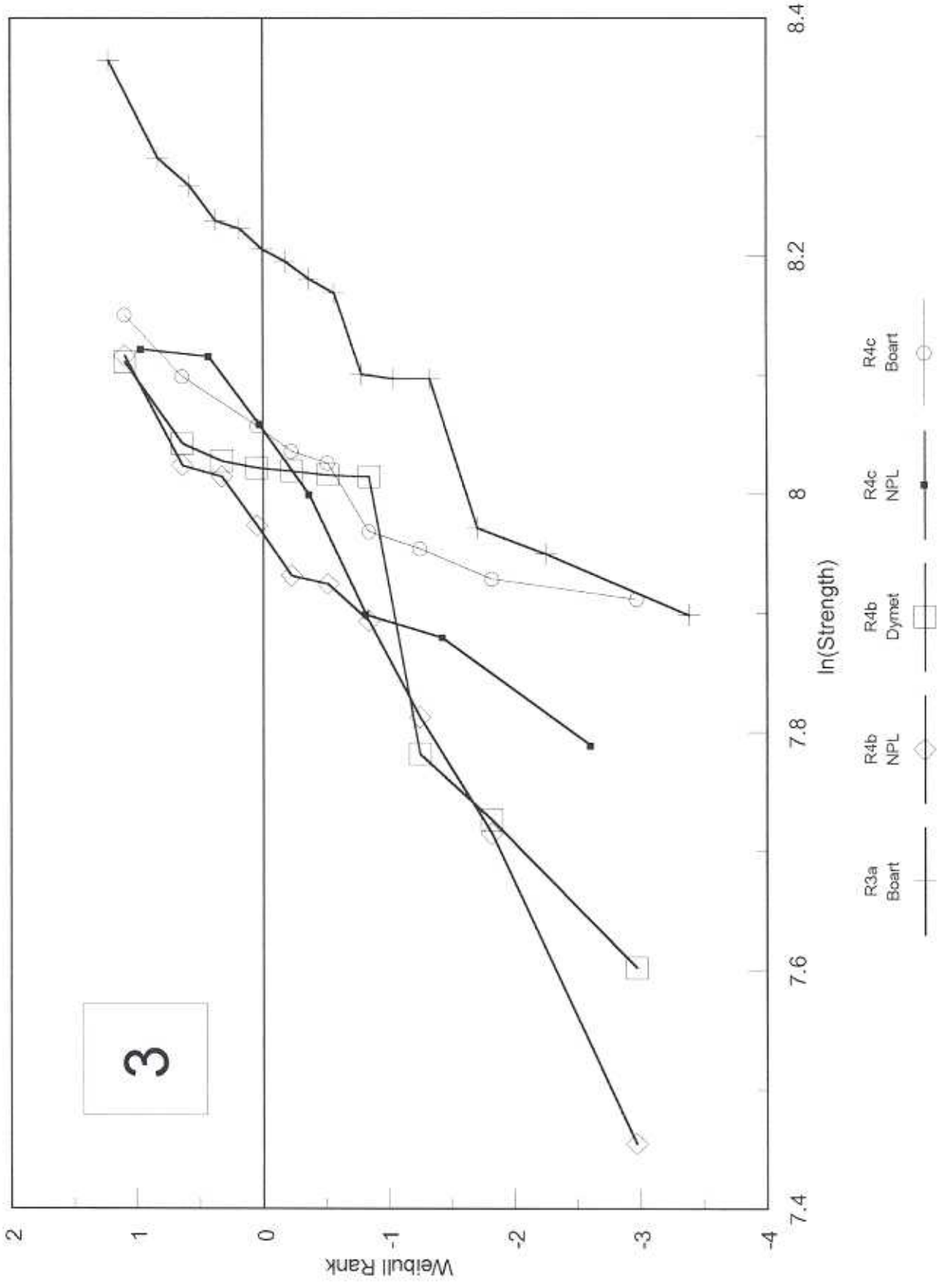
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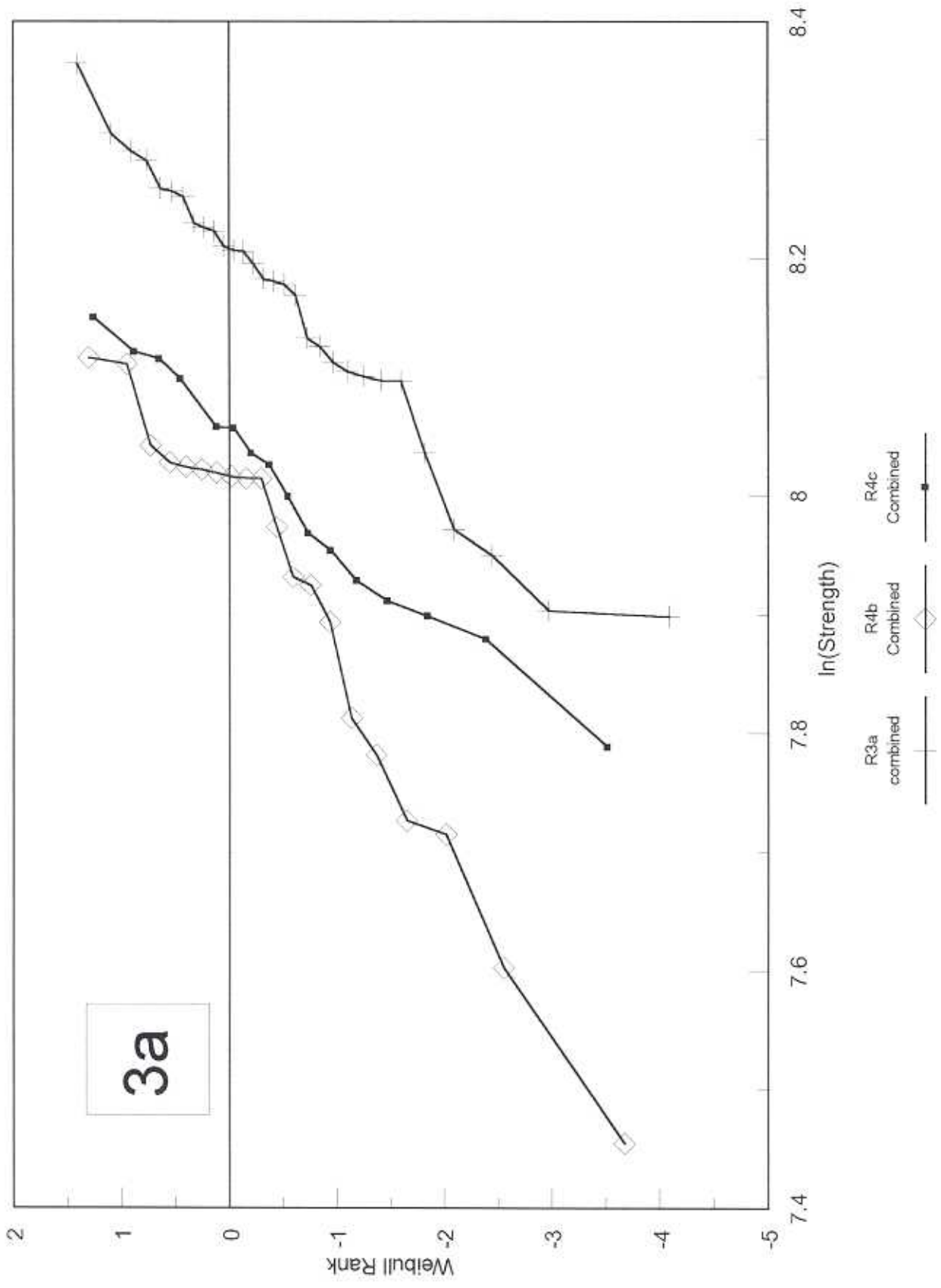


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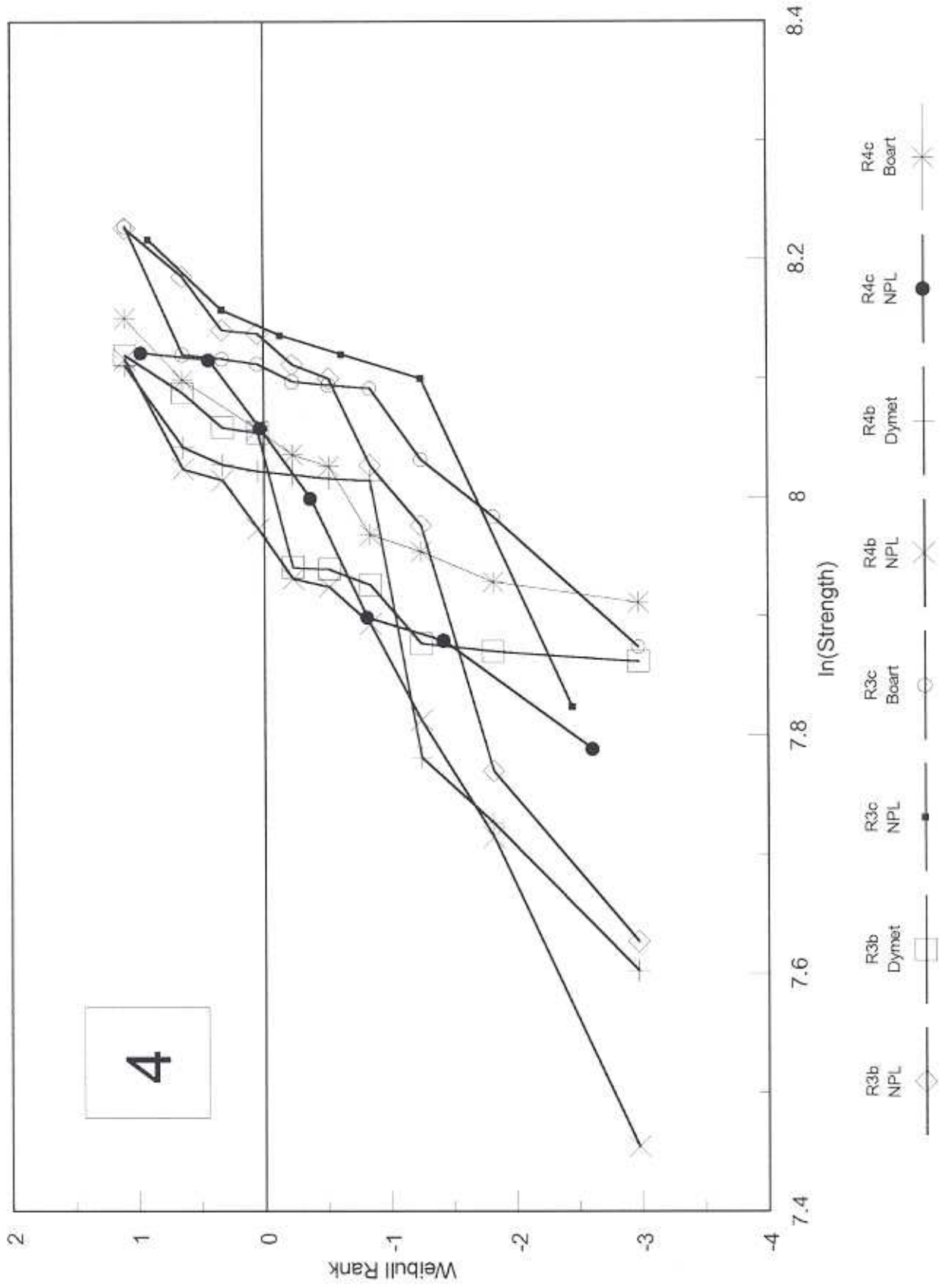




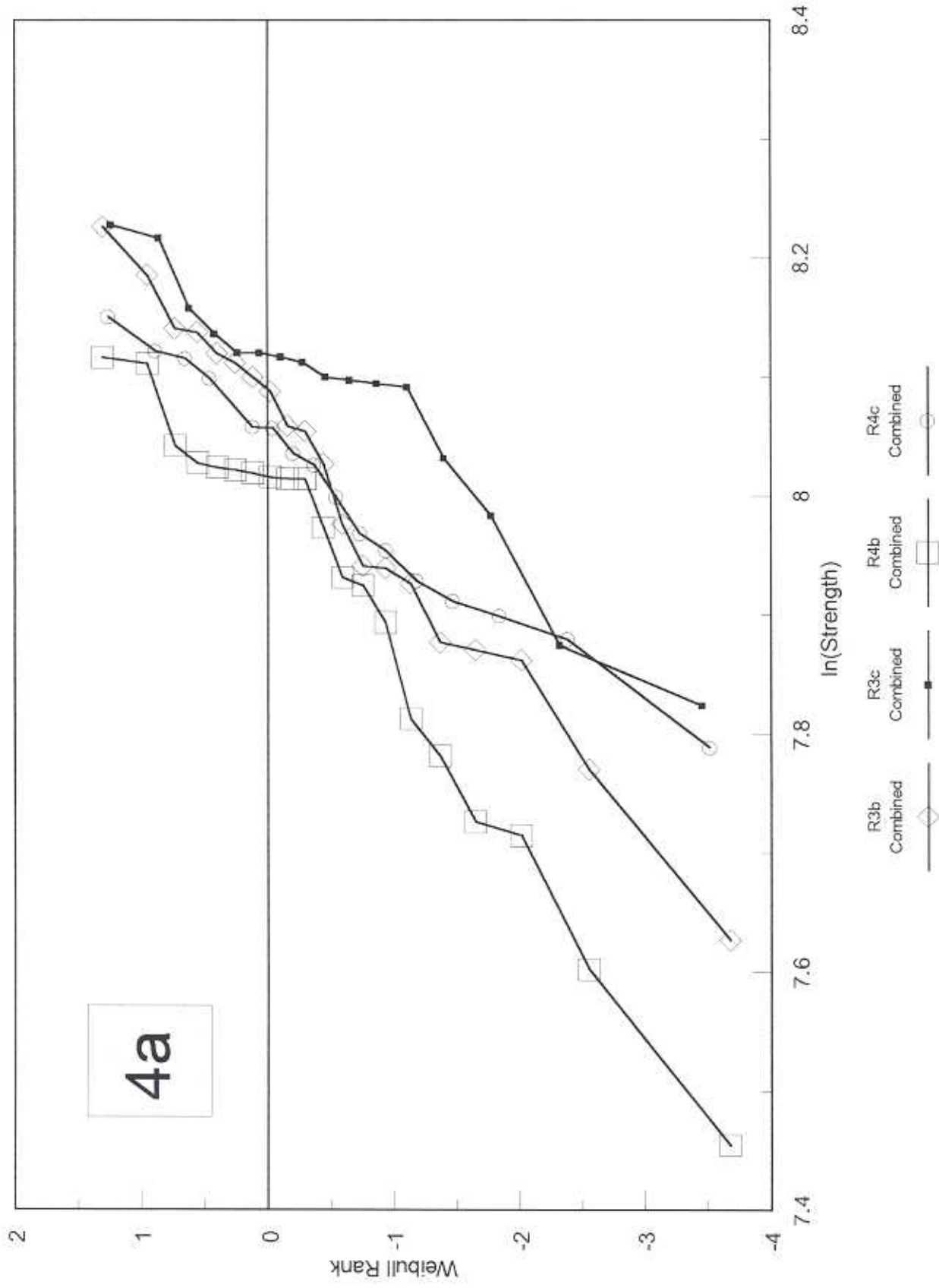
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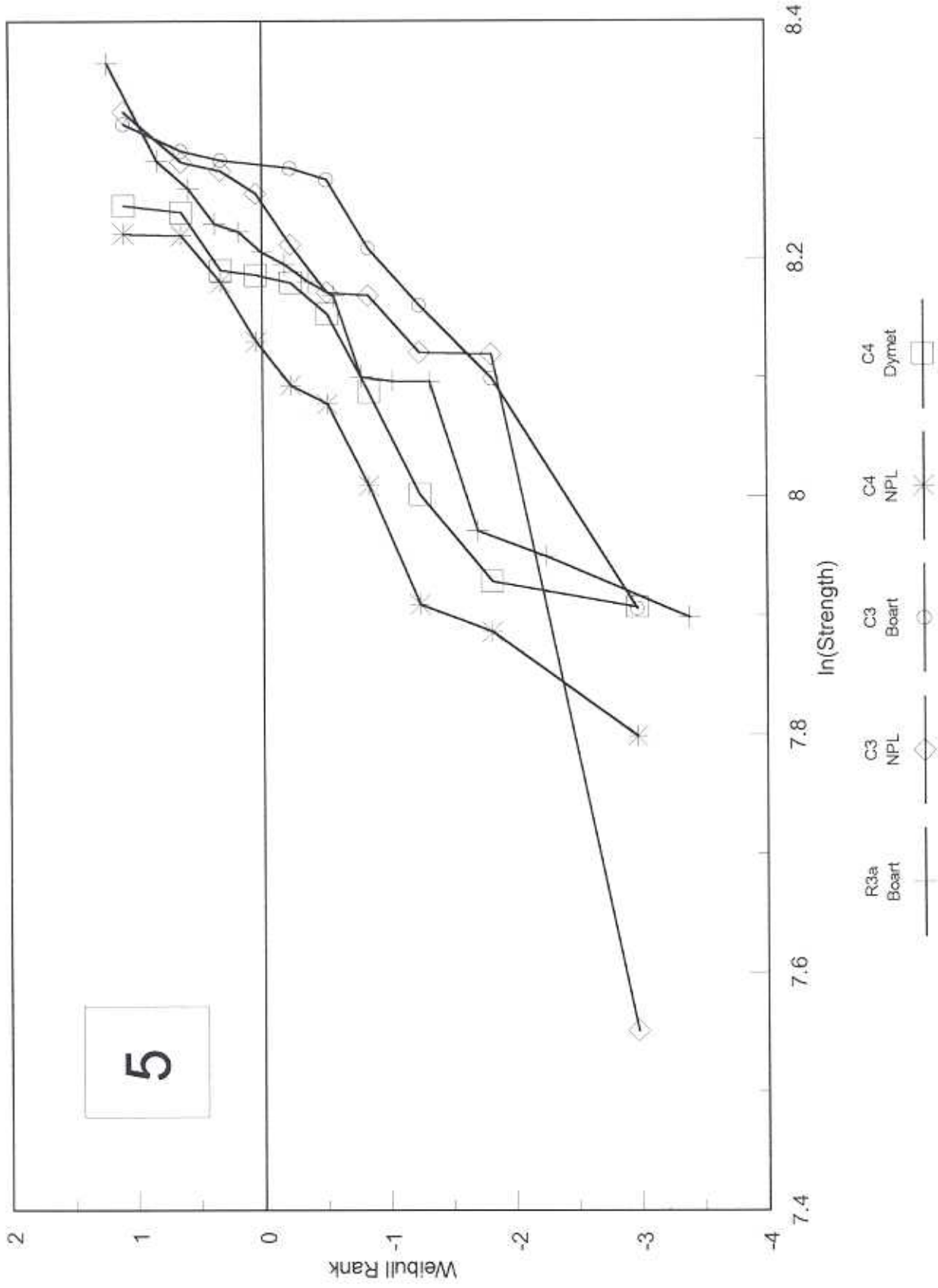
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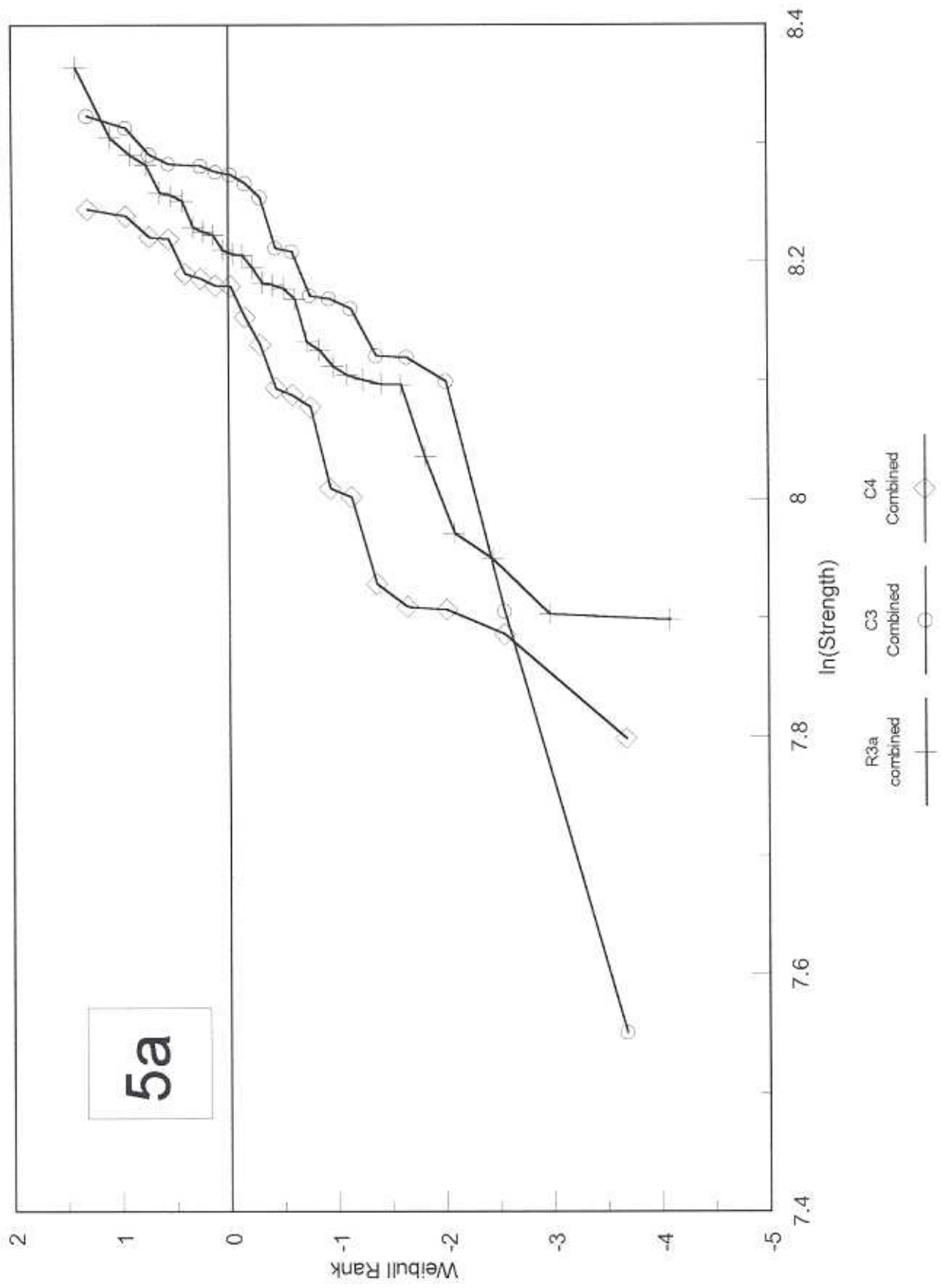
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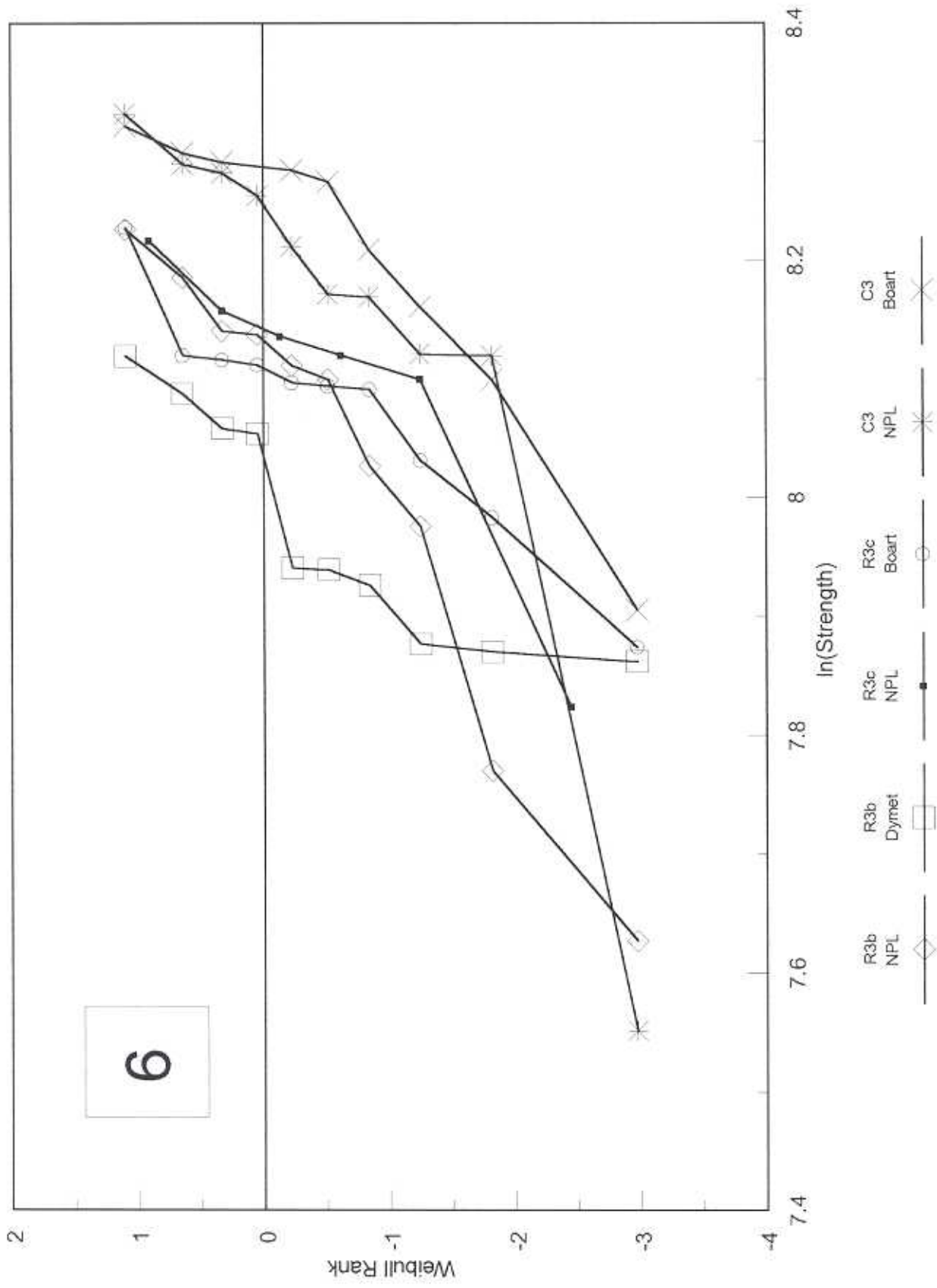
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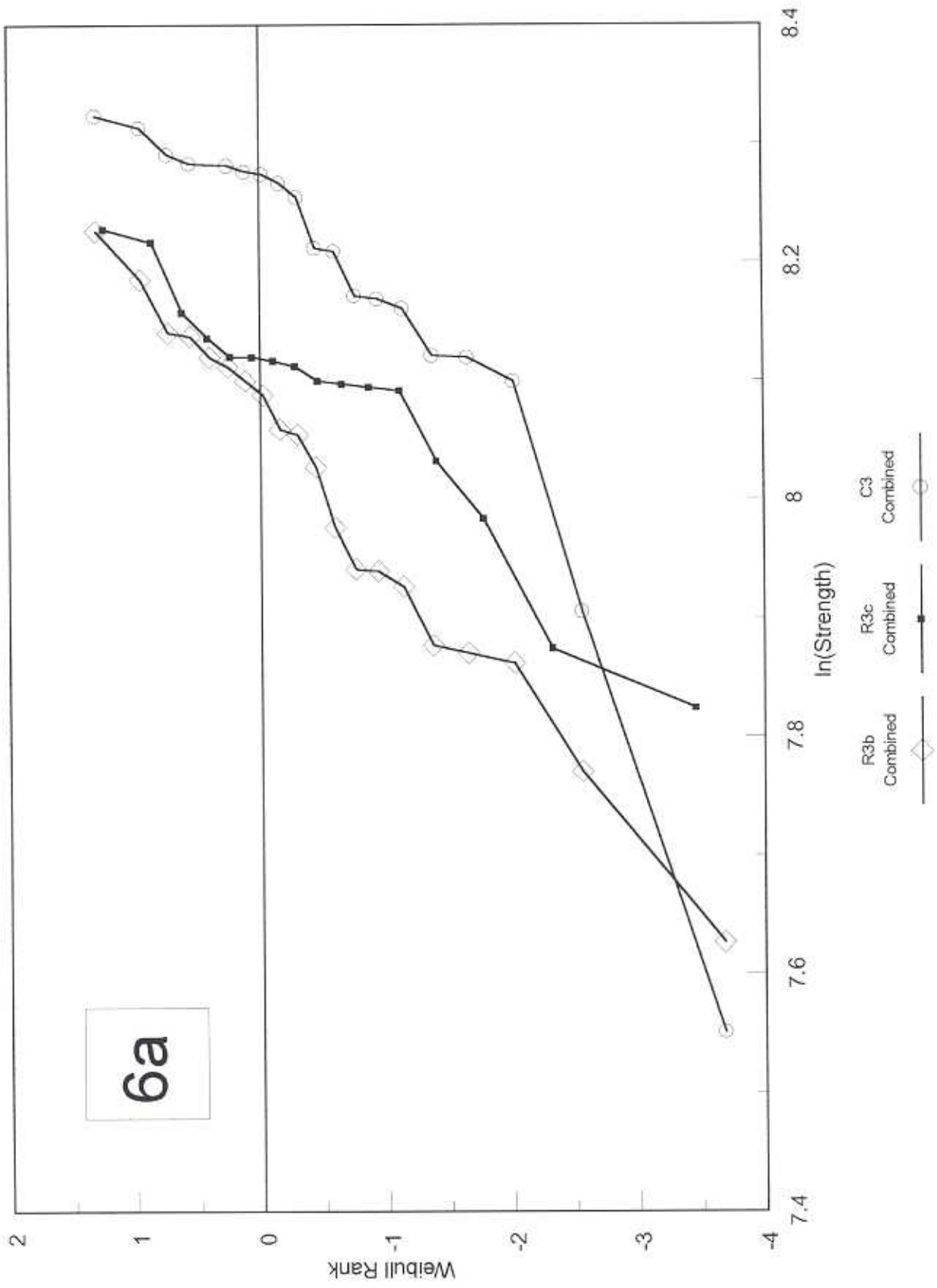
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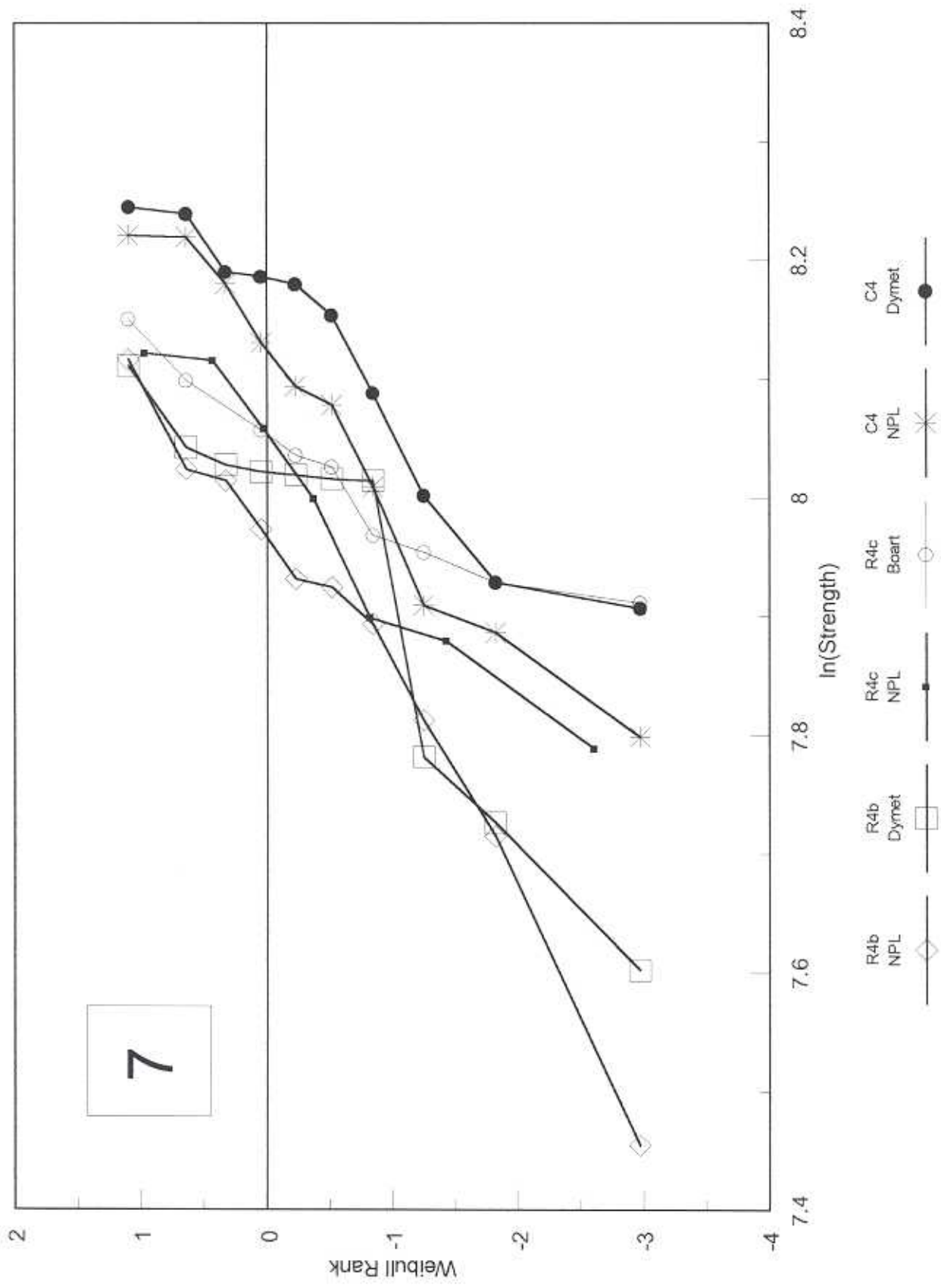
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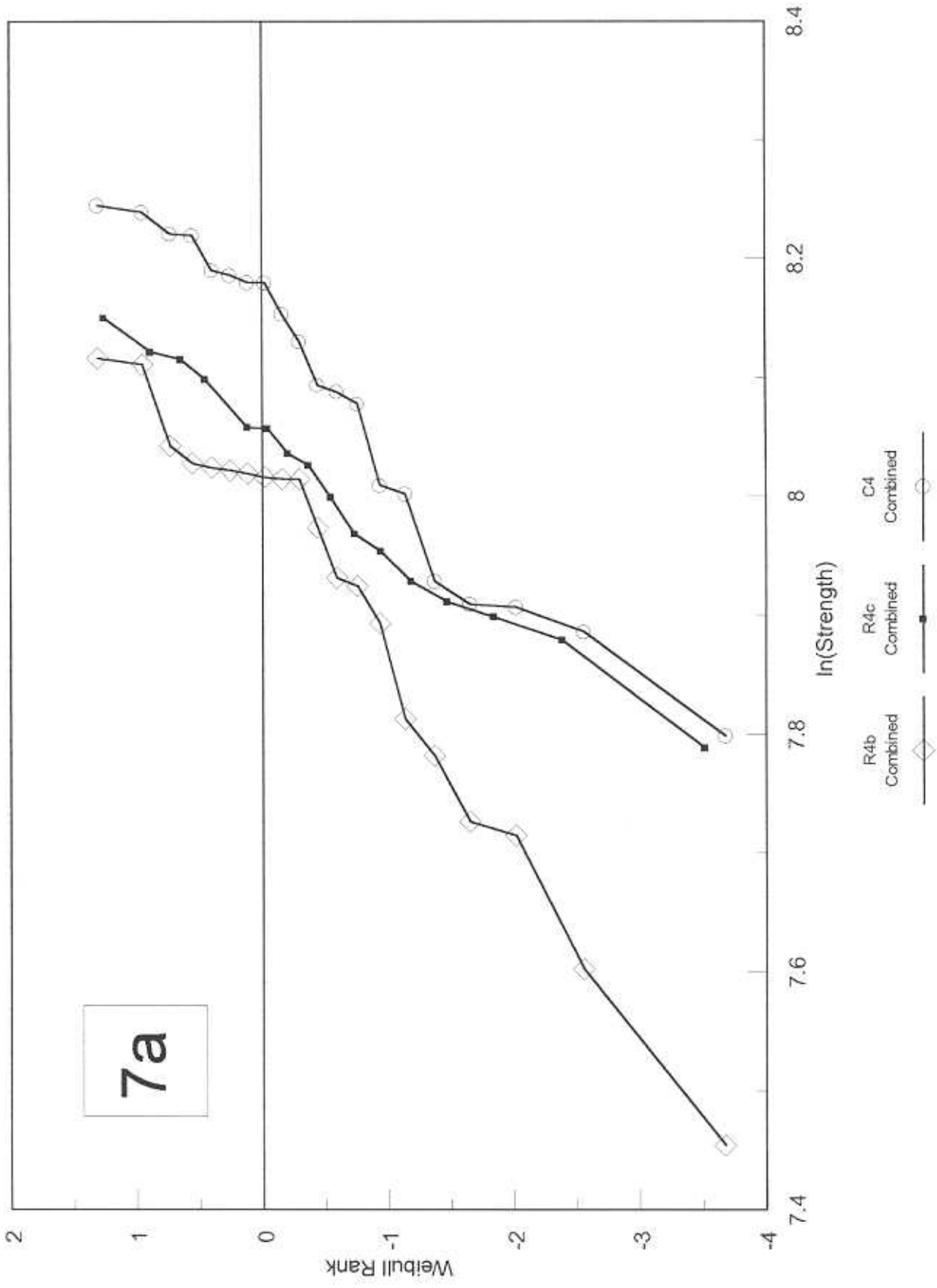


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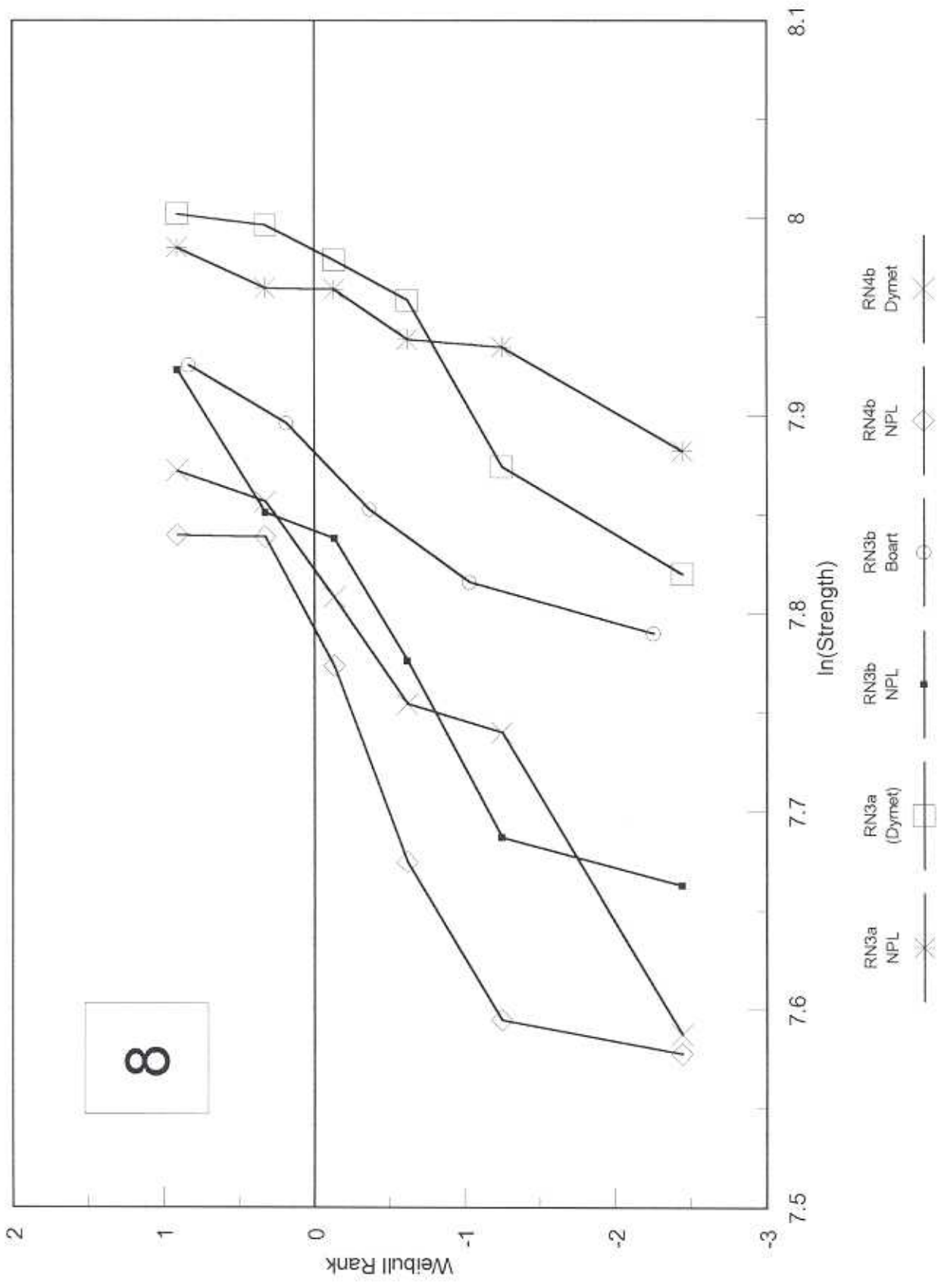




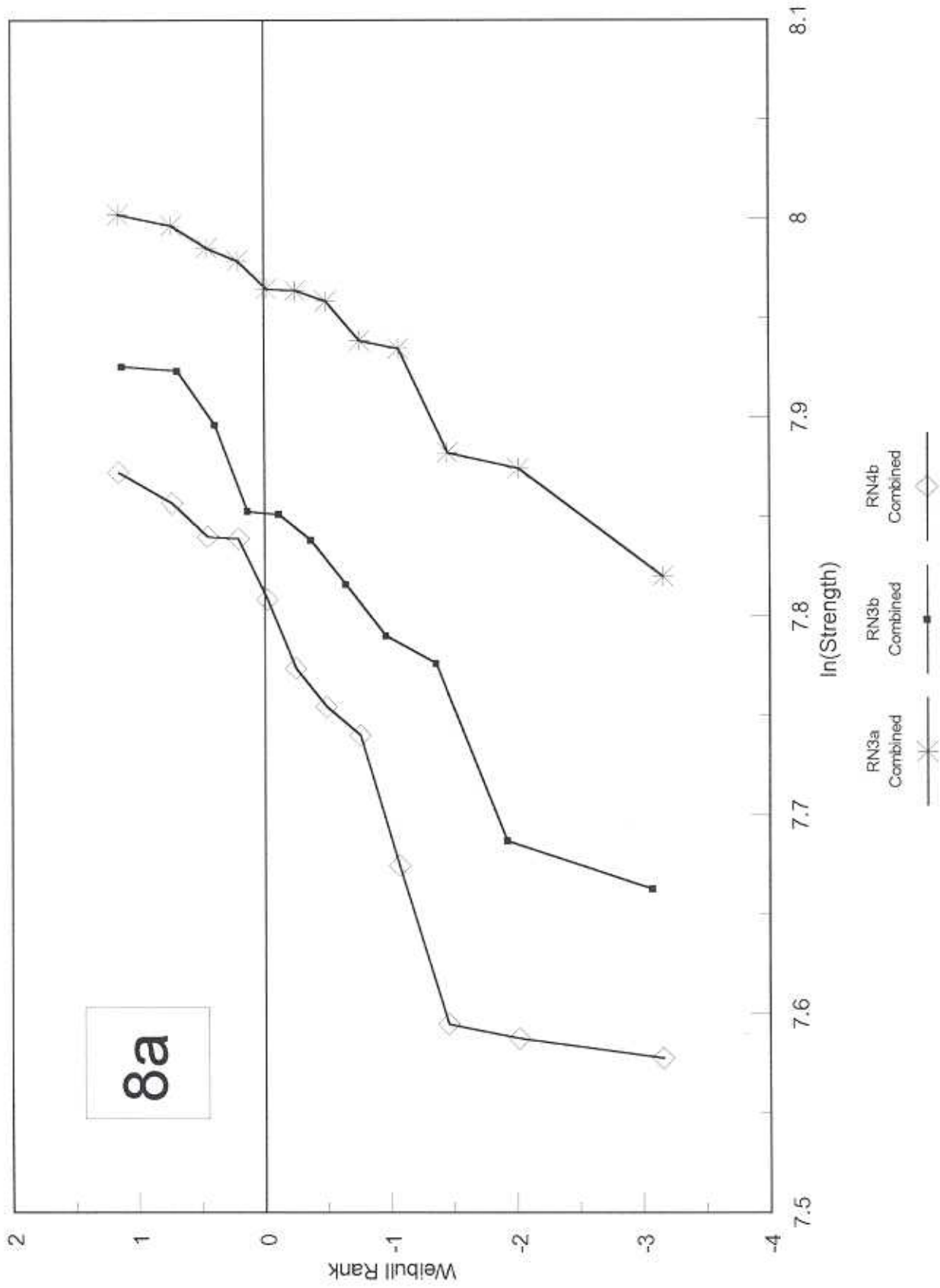
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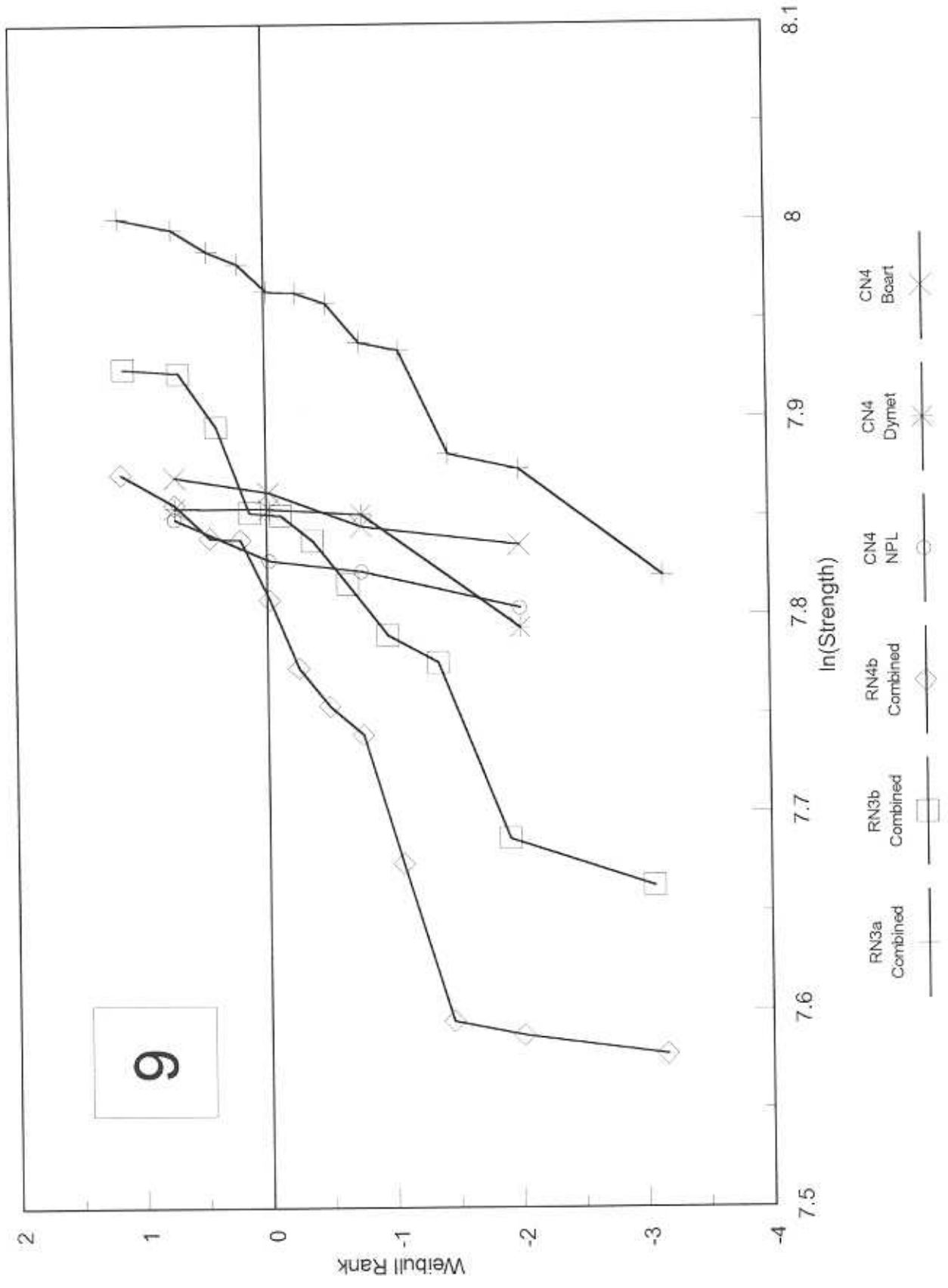
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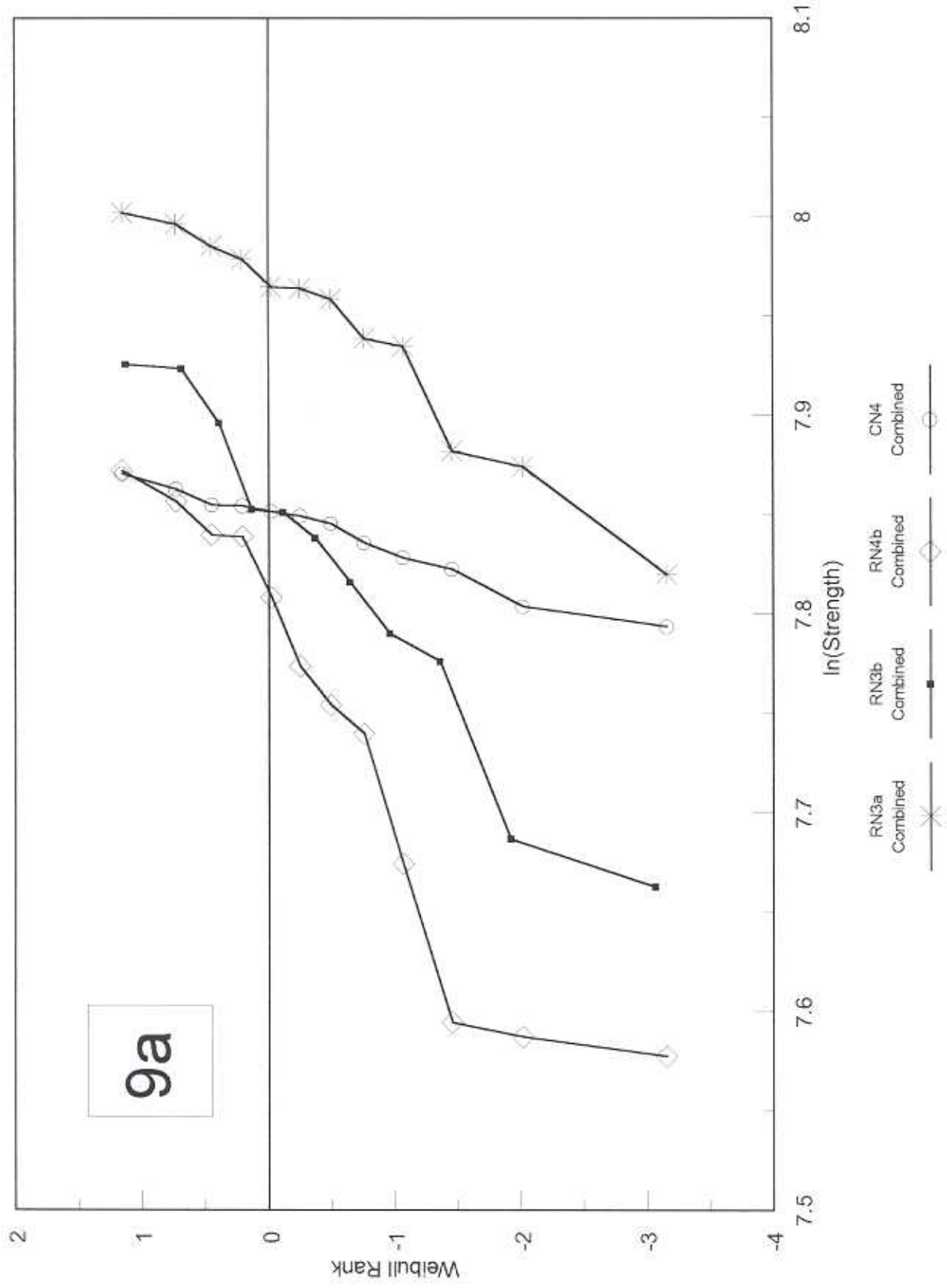
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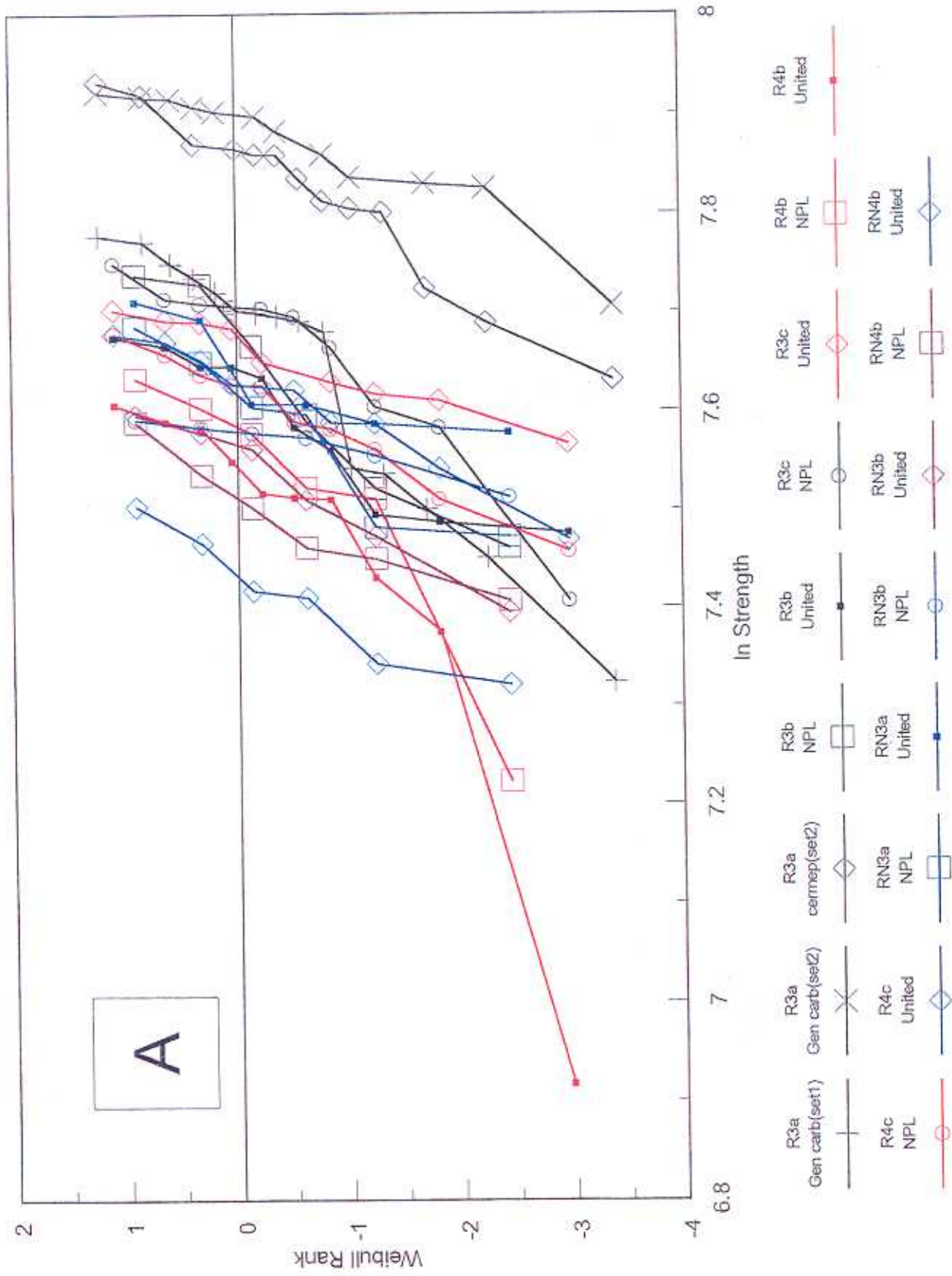
### (4) KENNAMETAL

Medium/Fine, WC/CC/Co

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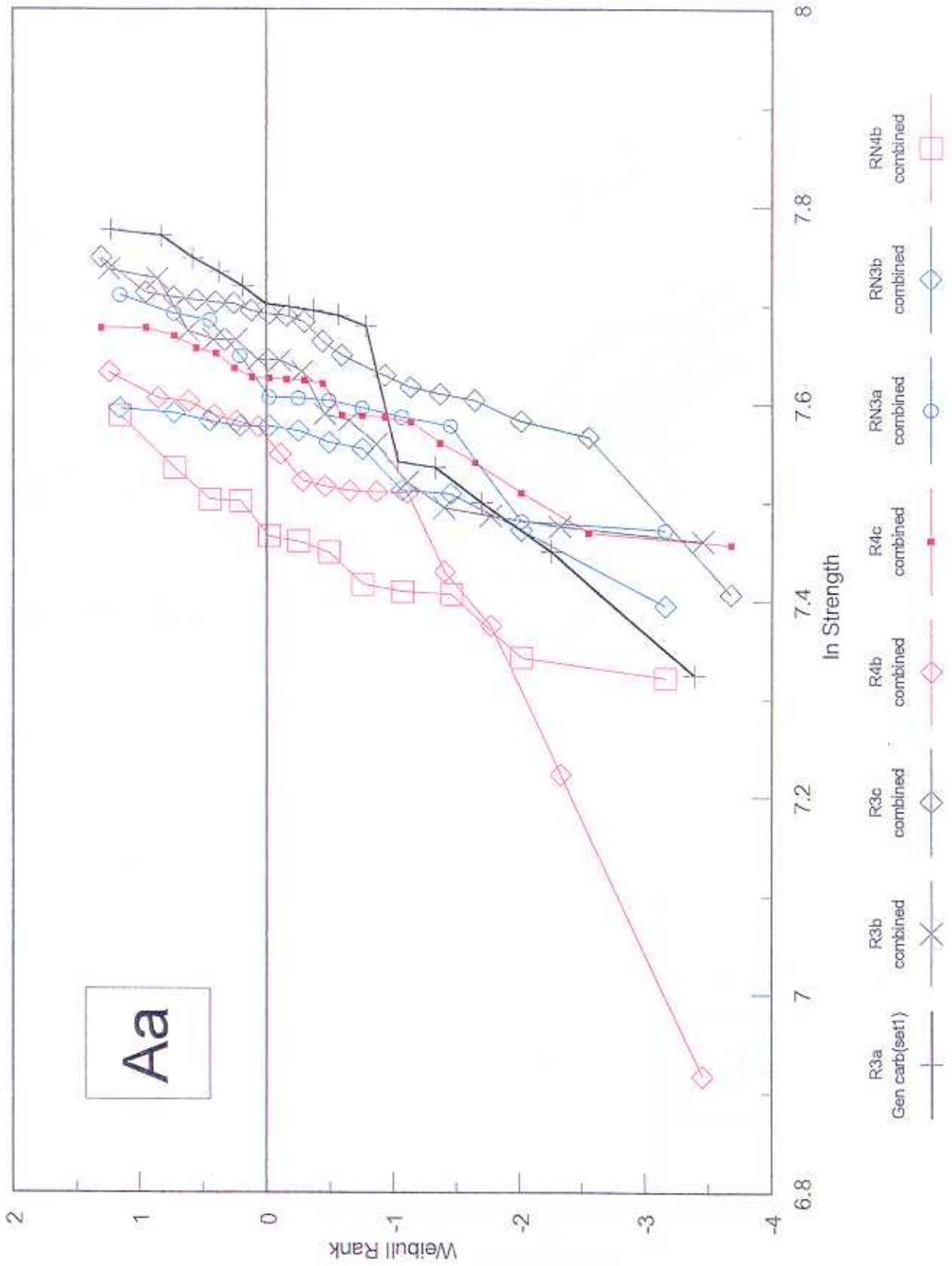
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- 3 - 4 pt rectangular tests, compared with standard ISO type B; R3a, R4b, R4c.
- 3a - Combined R3a, R4b and R4c.
- 4 - Individual 3 pt vs 4 pt tests; R3b, R3c, R4b, R4c; not including R3a.
- 4a - Combined R3b, R3c, R4b and R4c.
- 8 - Notched rectangular testpieces, RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.
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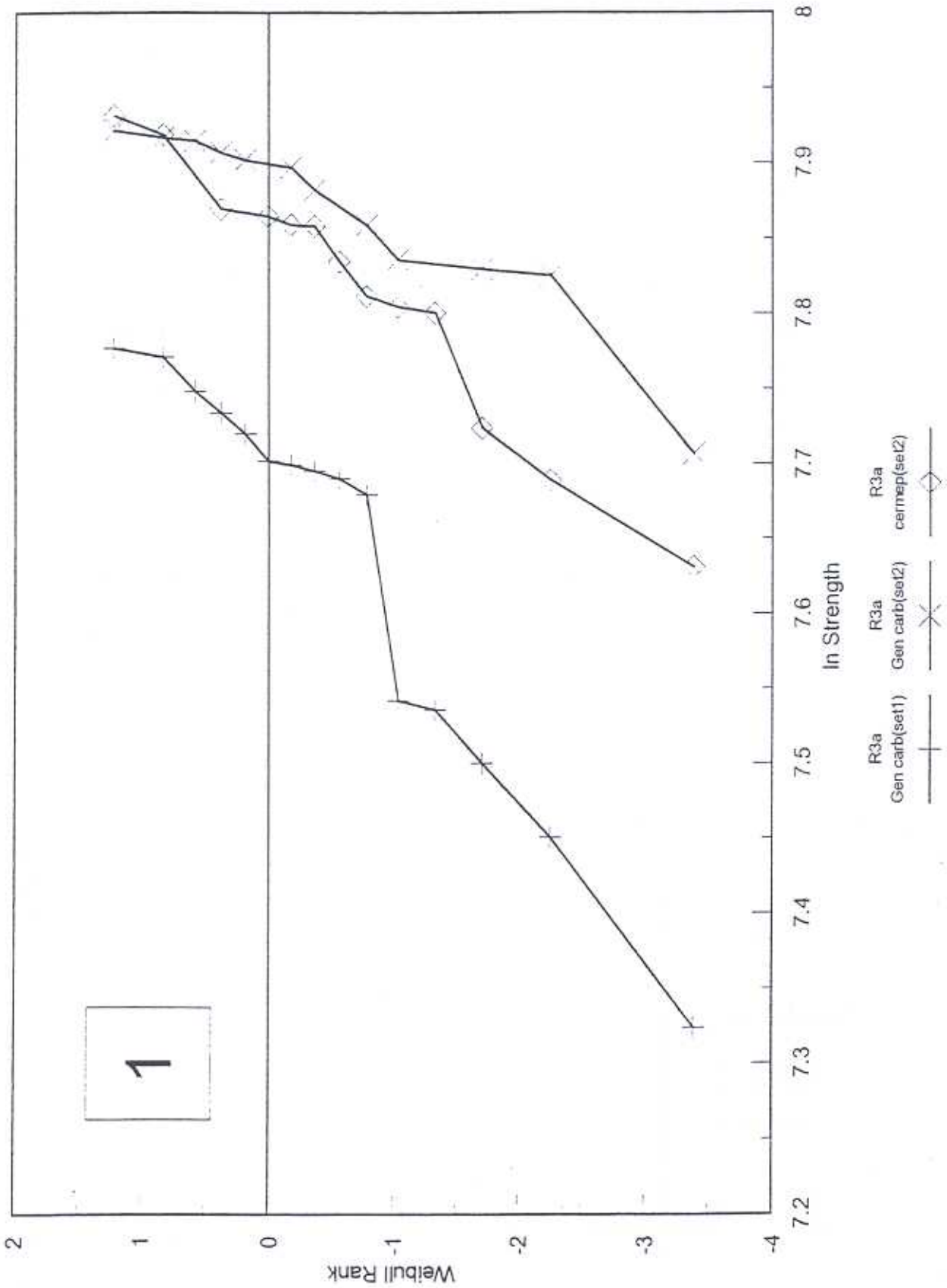




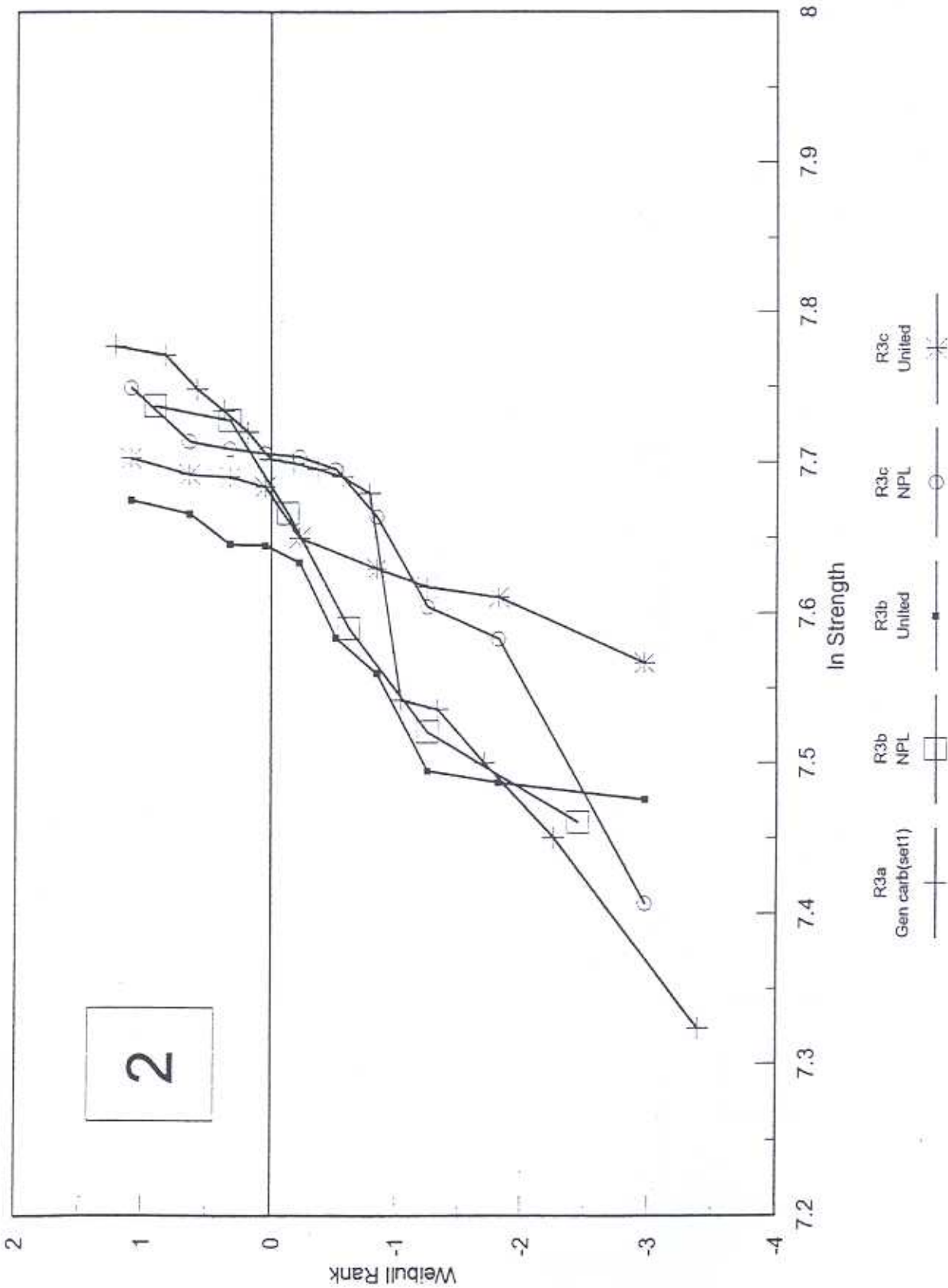
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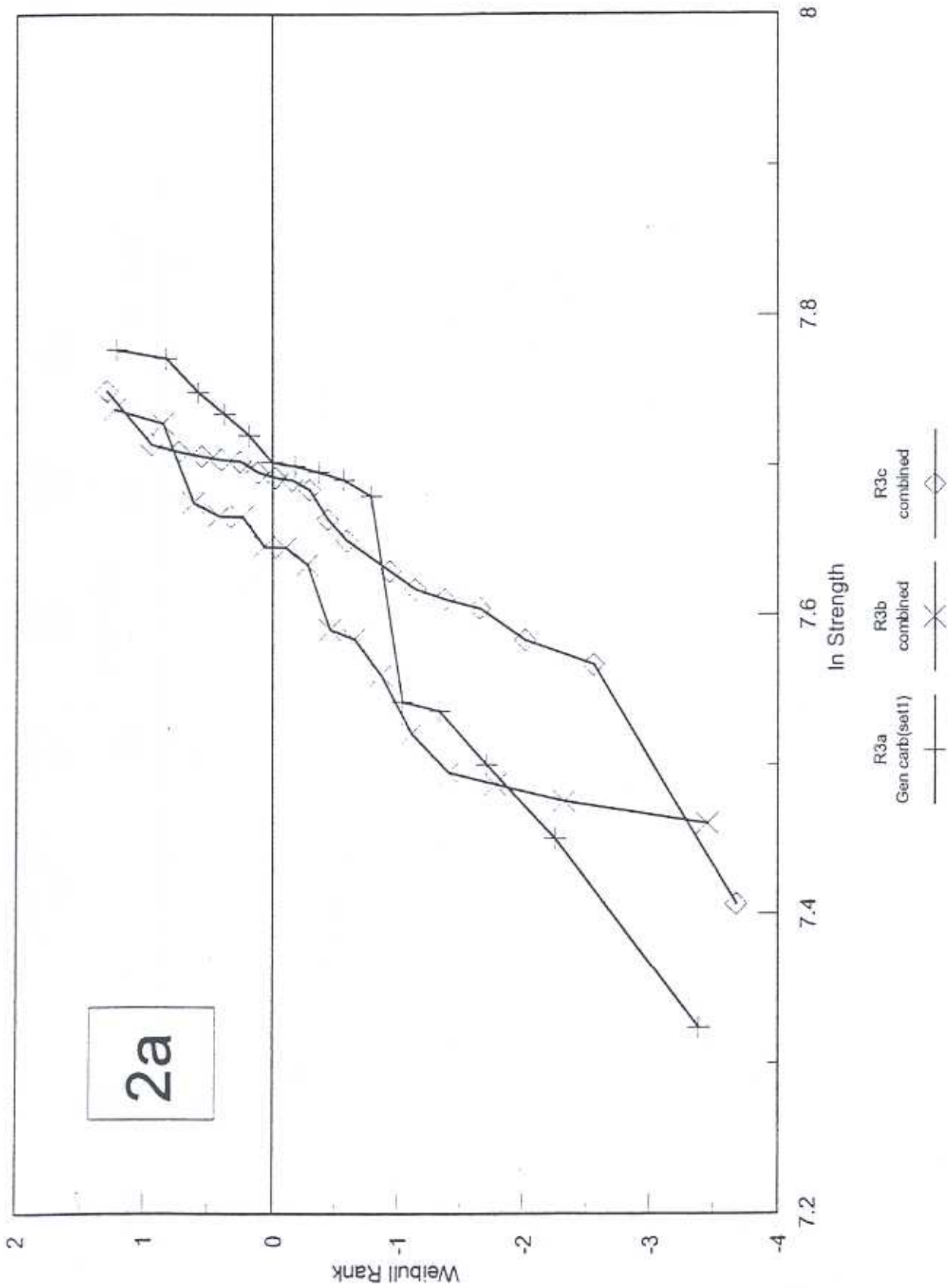
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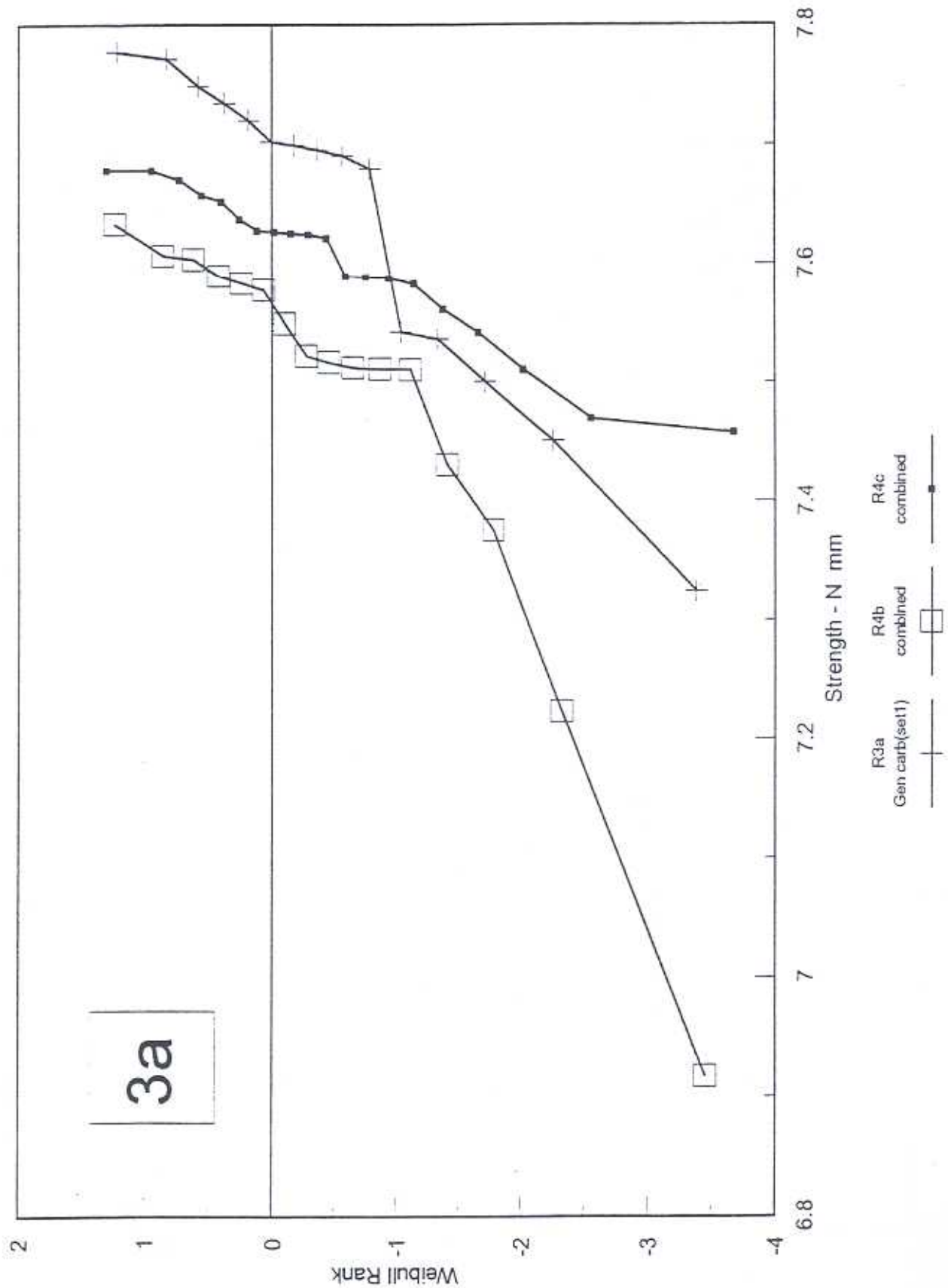
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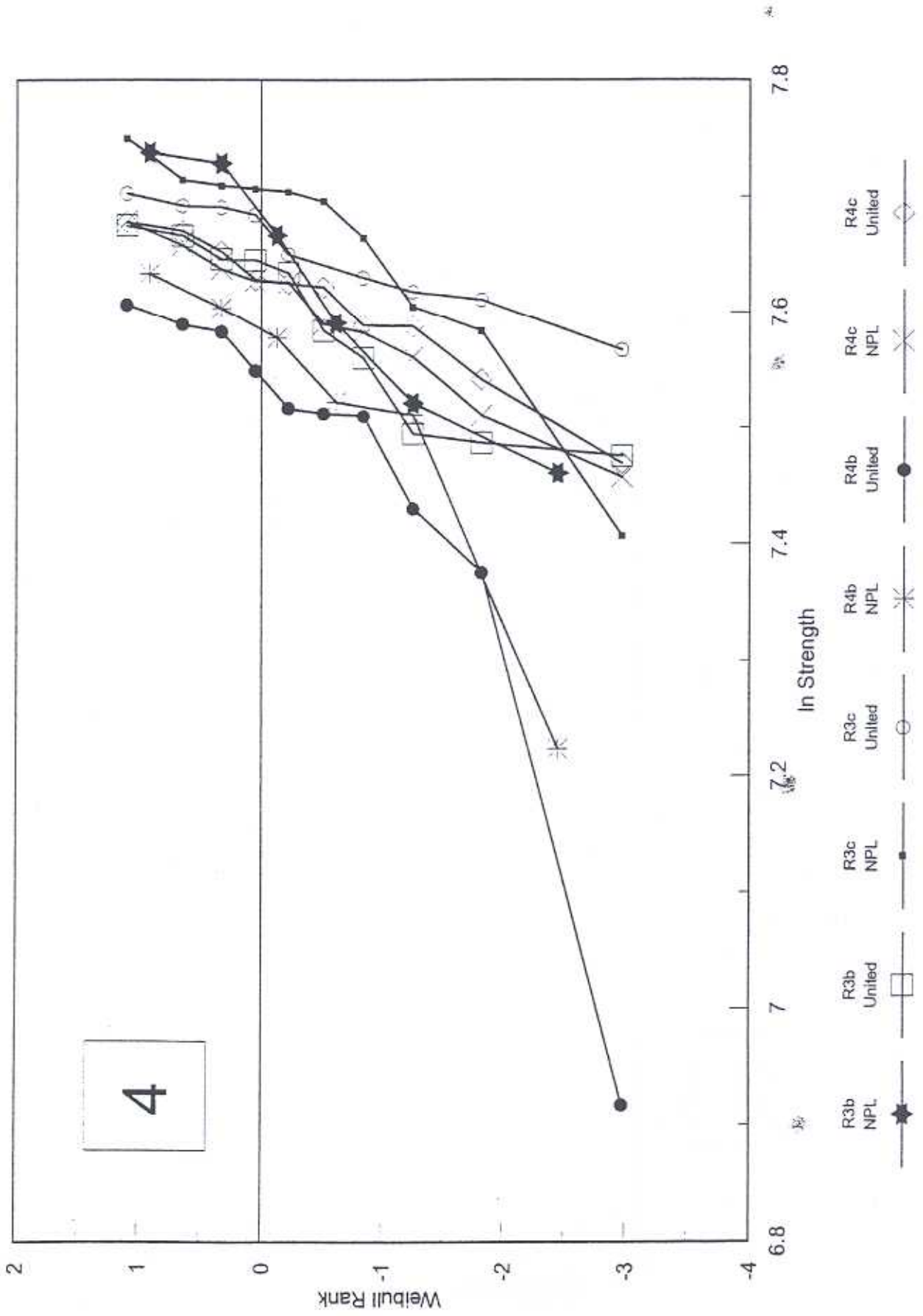
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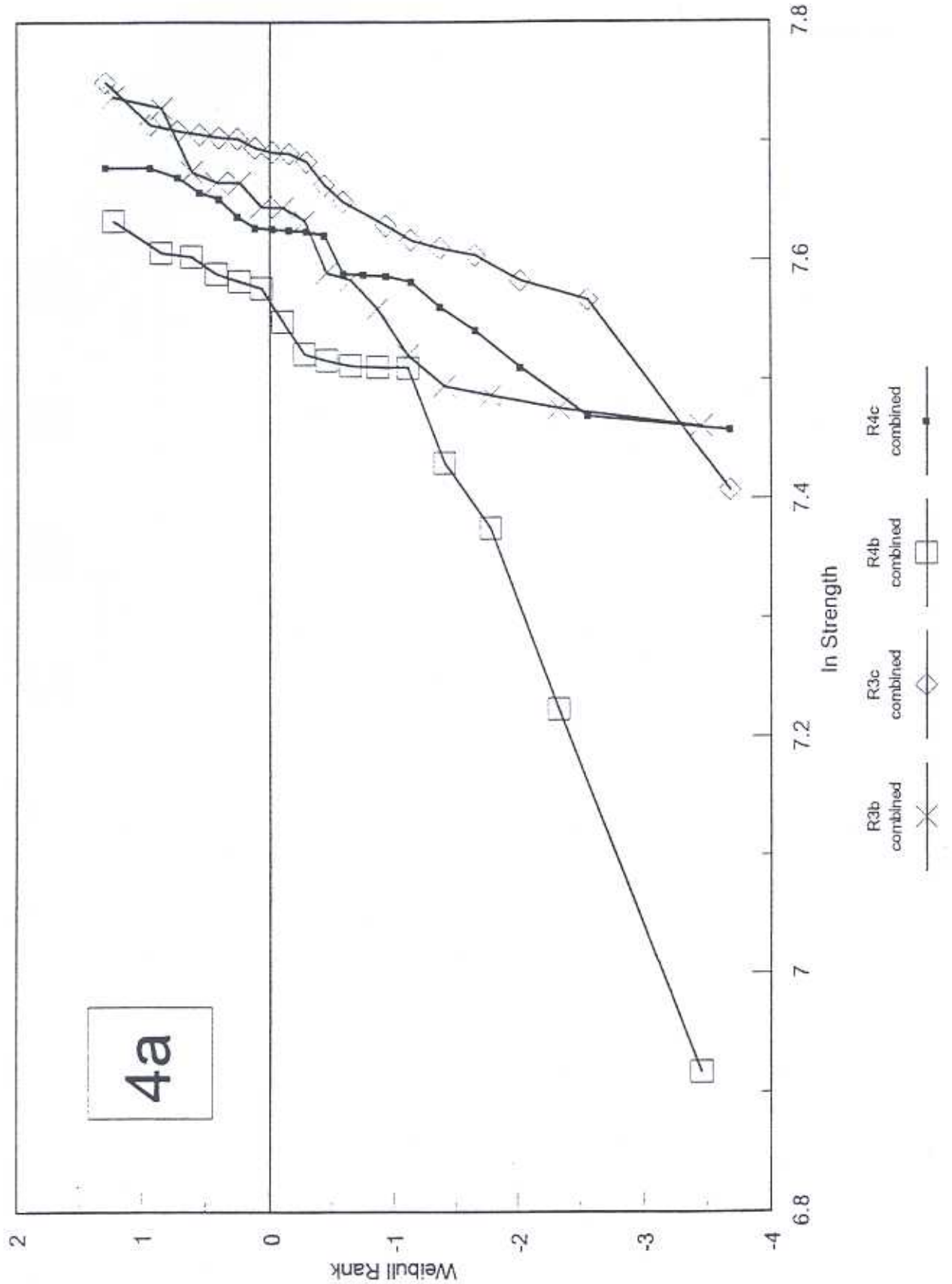
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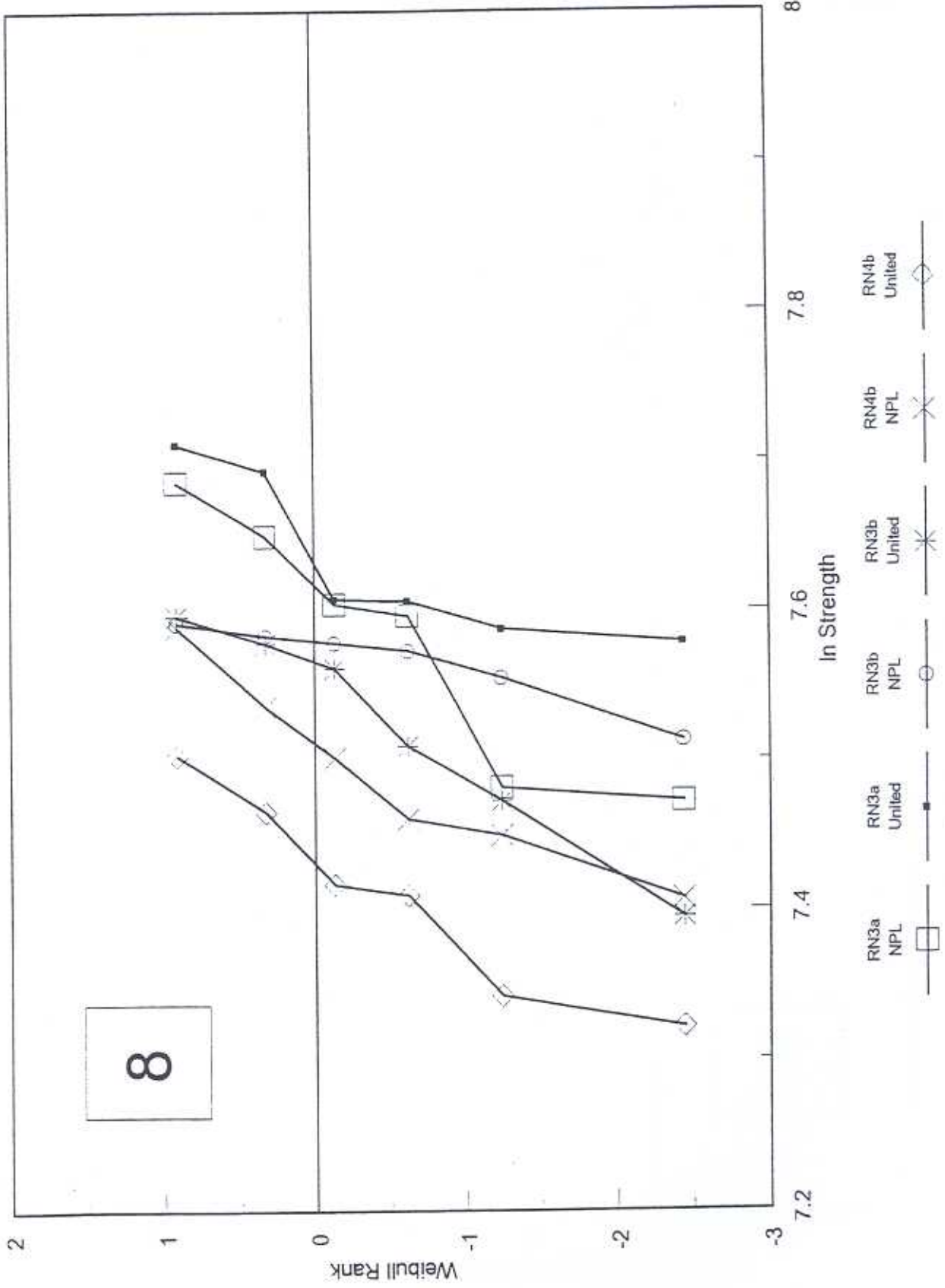
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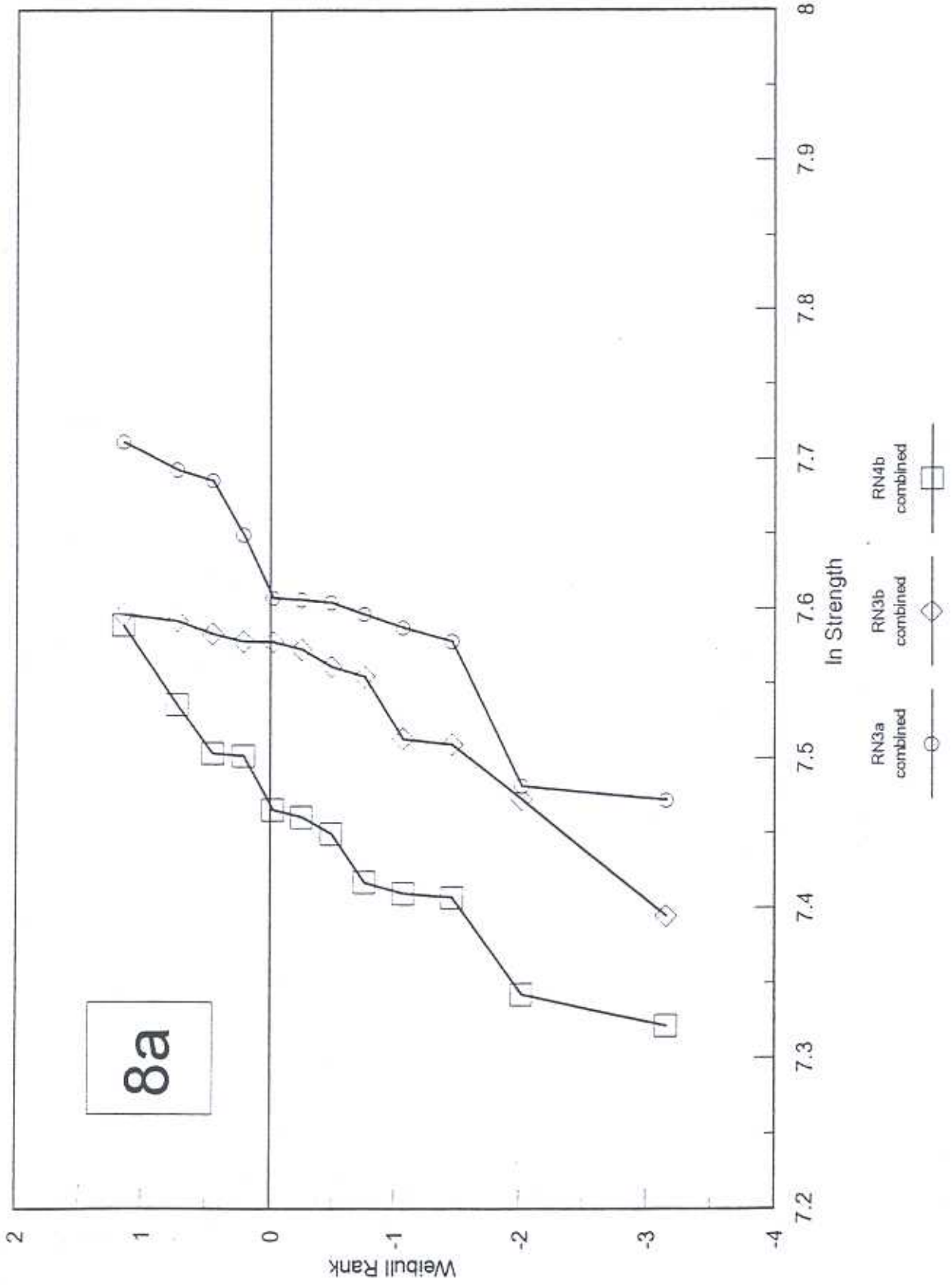


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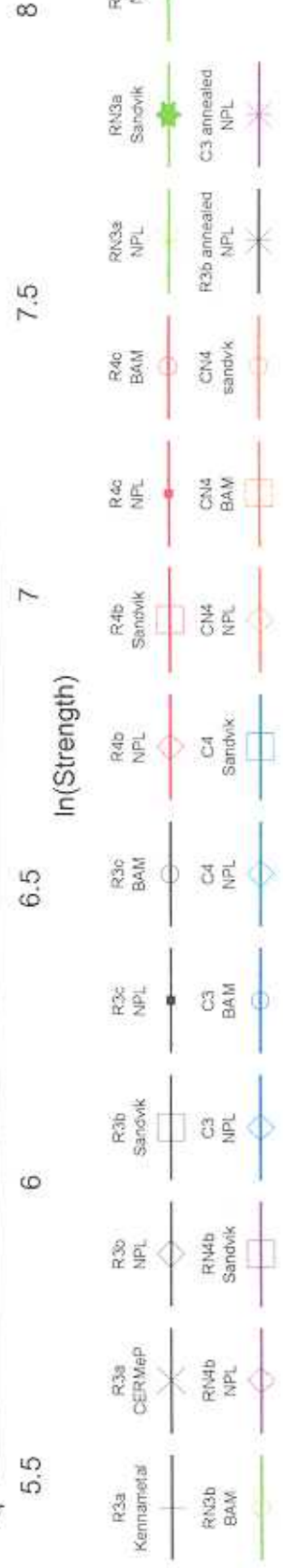
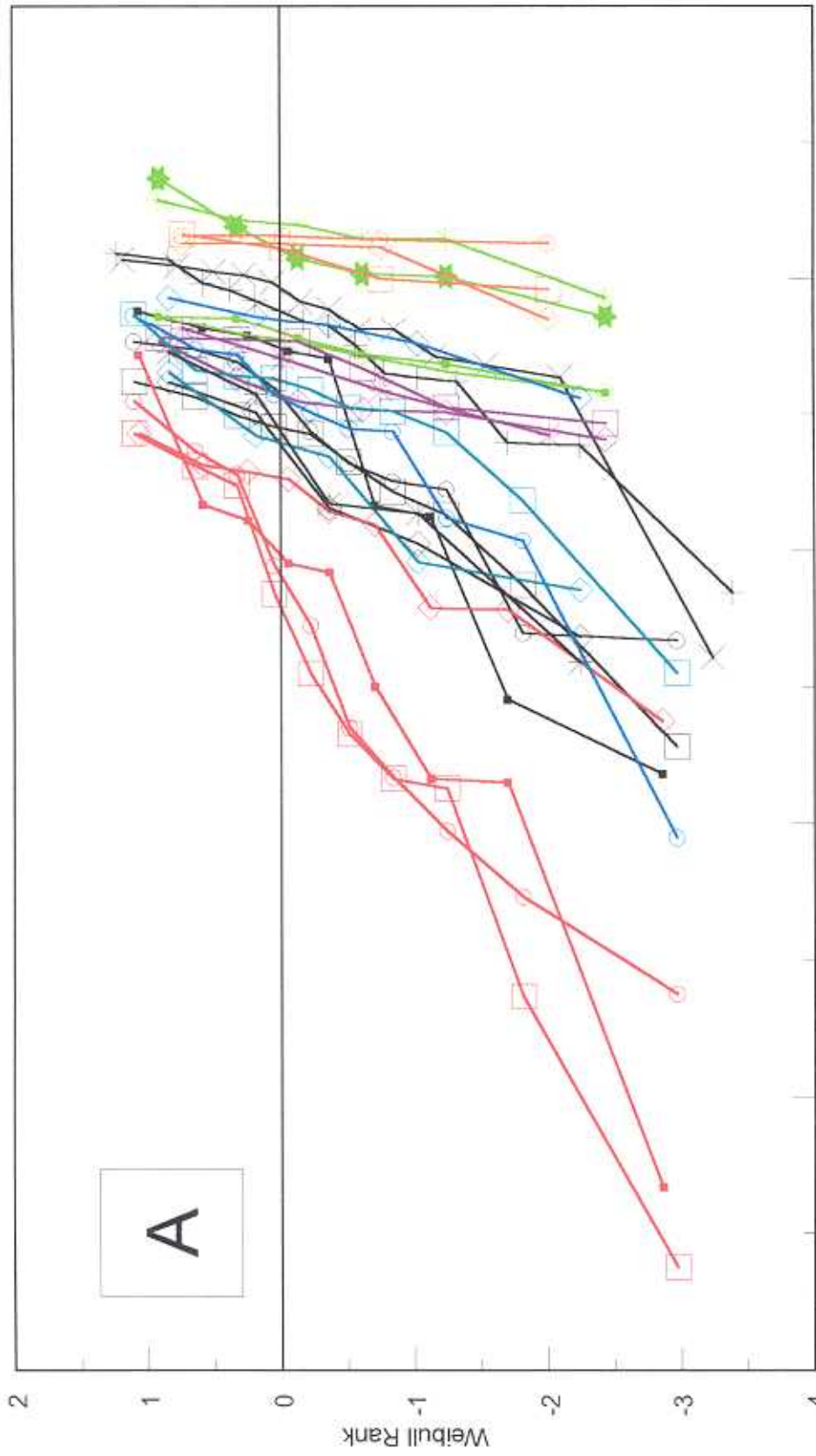
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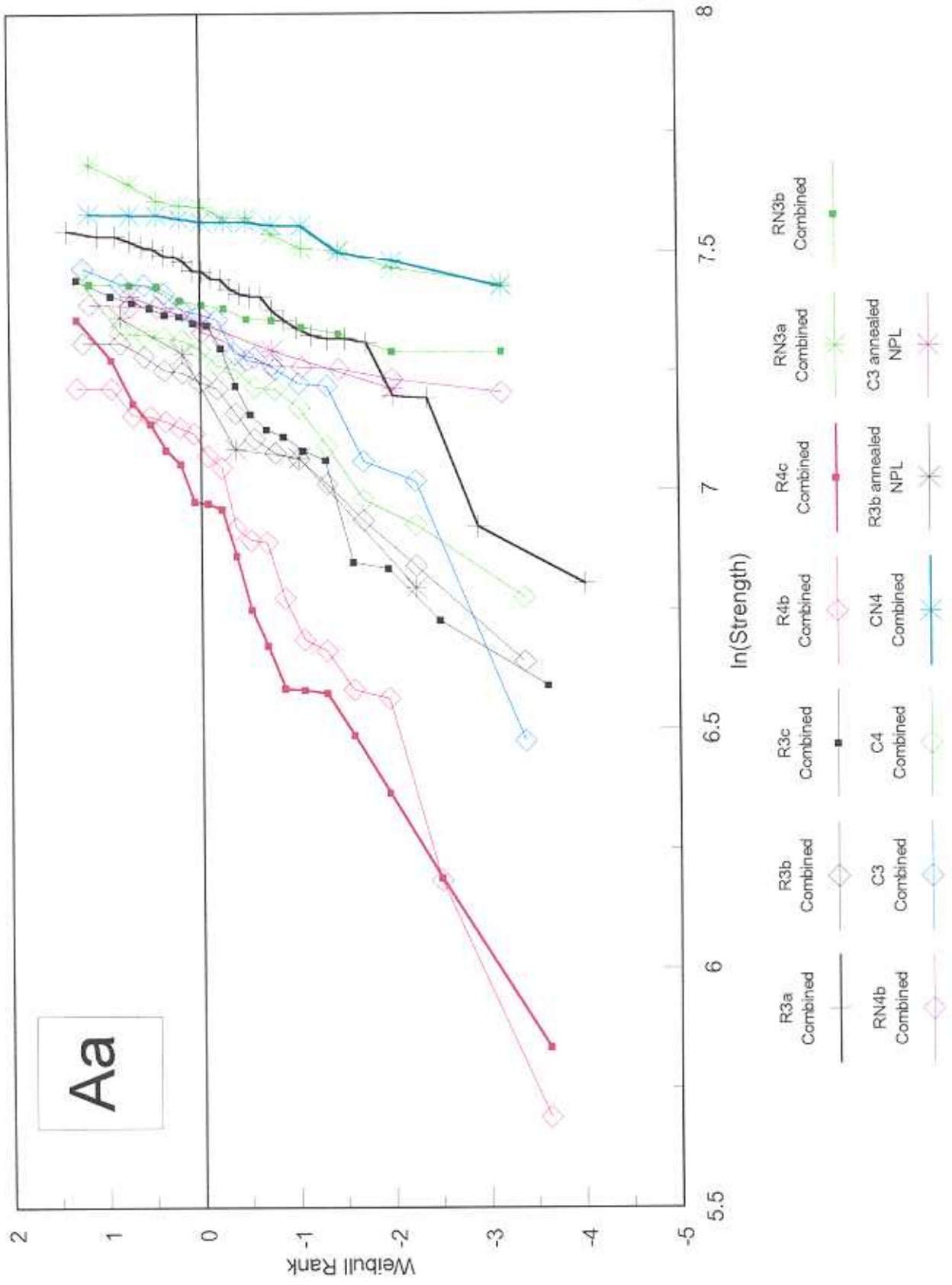
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- 6 - 3 pt rectangular and round; R3b, R3c and C3; not including R3a.
- 6a - Combined C3 compared with R3b and R3c combined.
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- 7a - Combined C4 compared with R4b and R4c.
- 8 - Notched rectangular testpieces; RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.
- 8a - Combined notched testpieces; RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.
- 9 - Notched round compared with combined notched rectangular; CN4 and RN3a, RB3b and RN4b.
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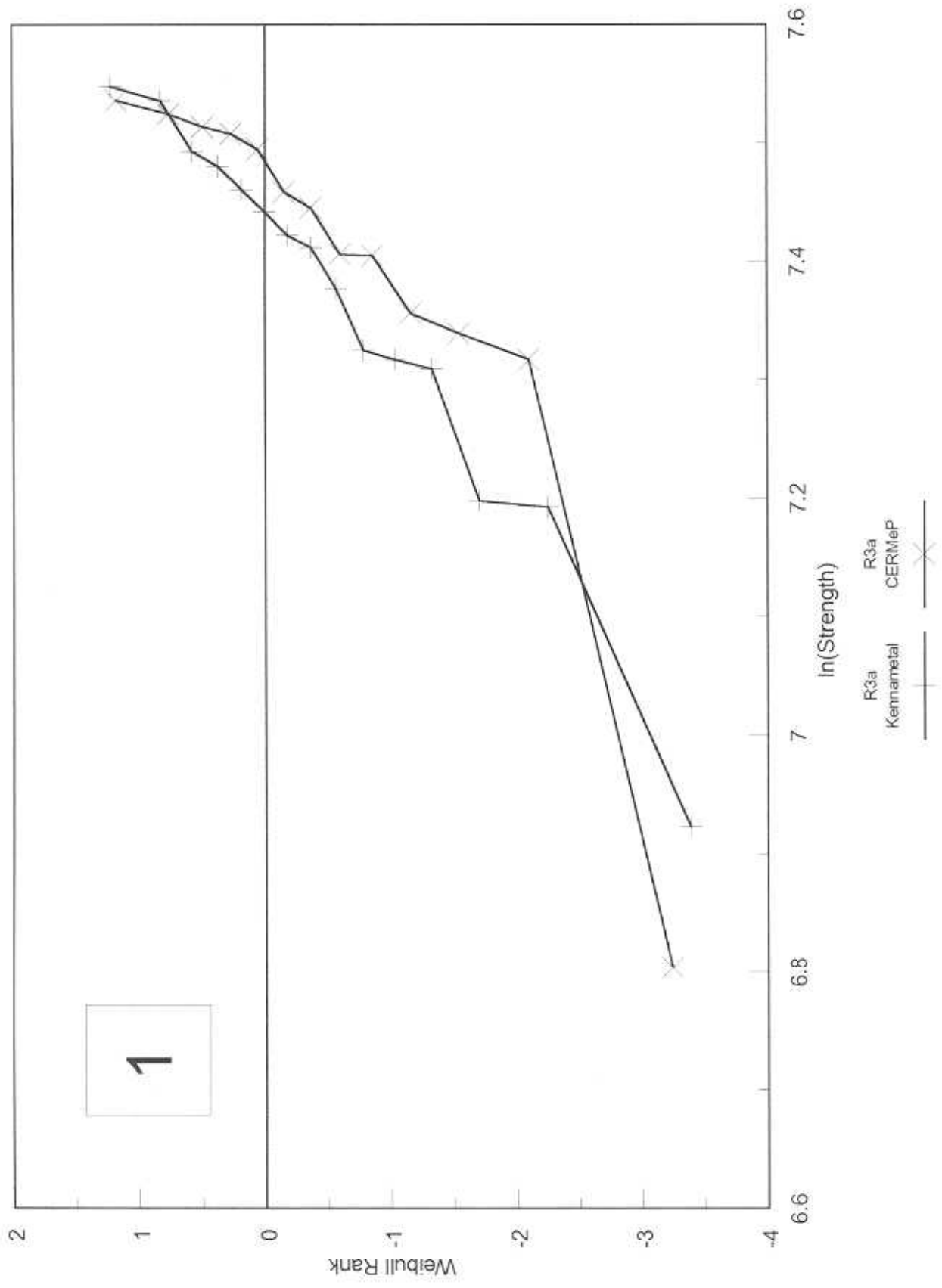


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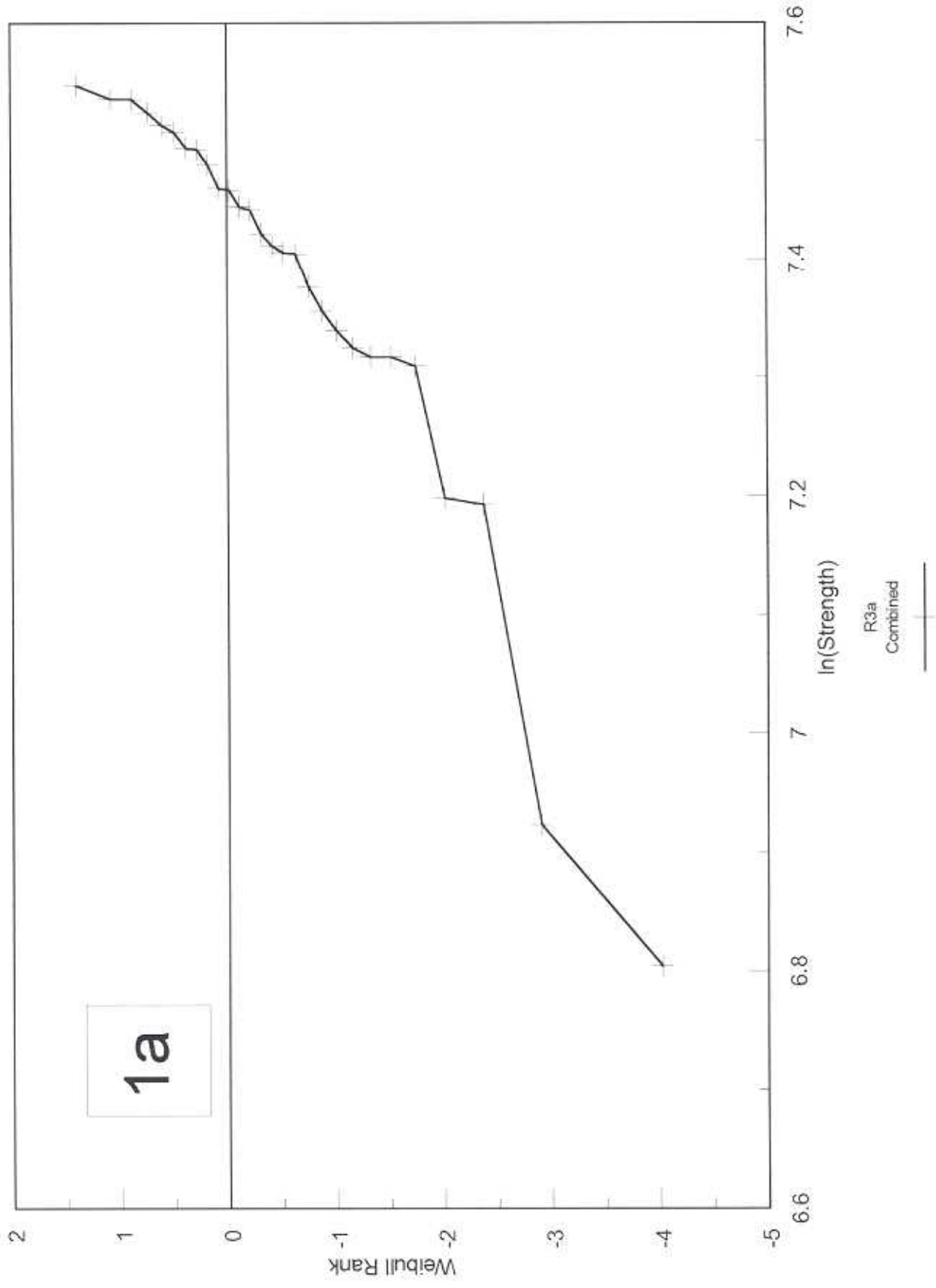
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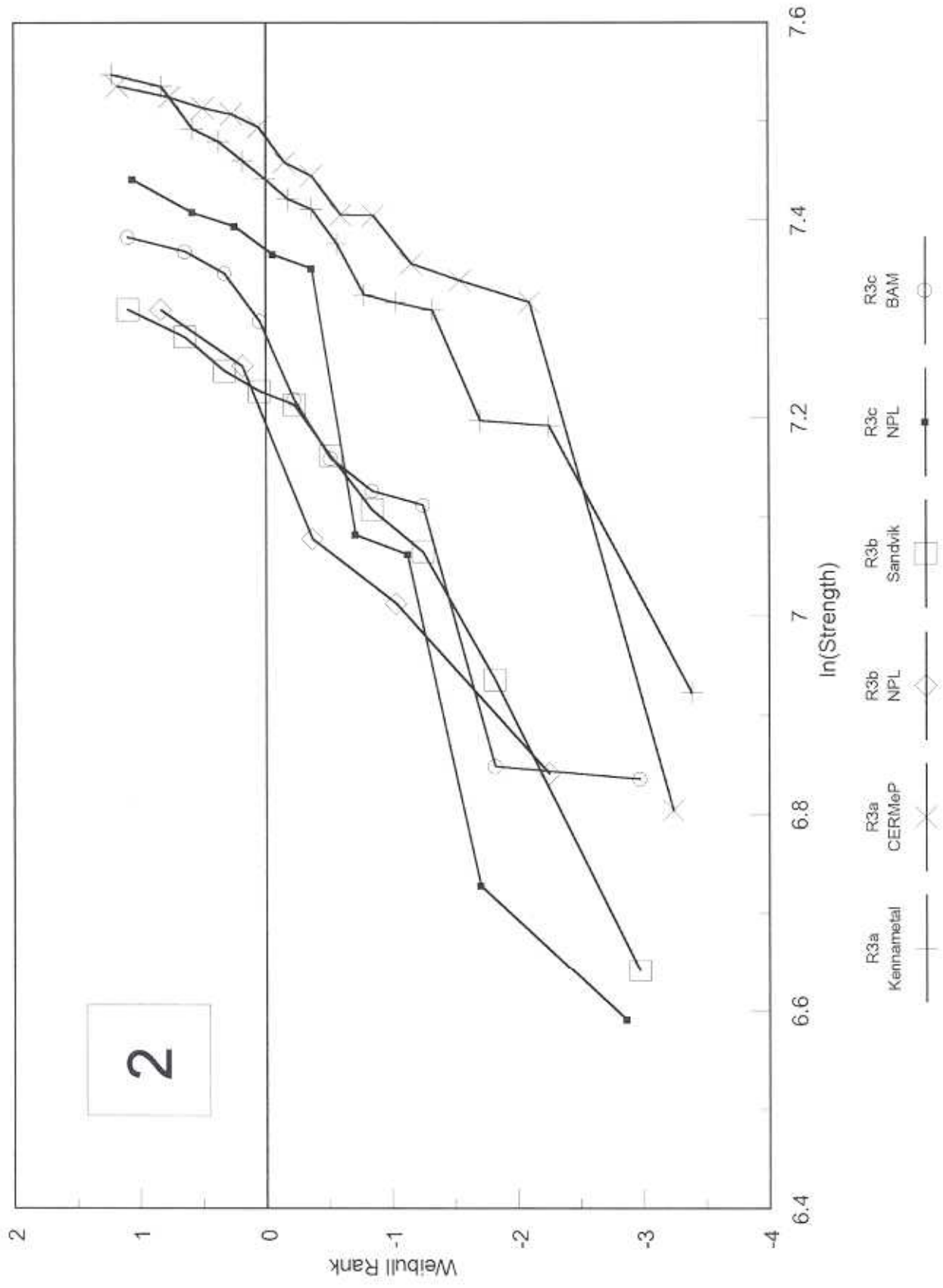
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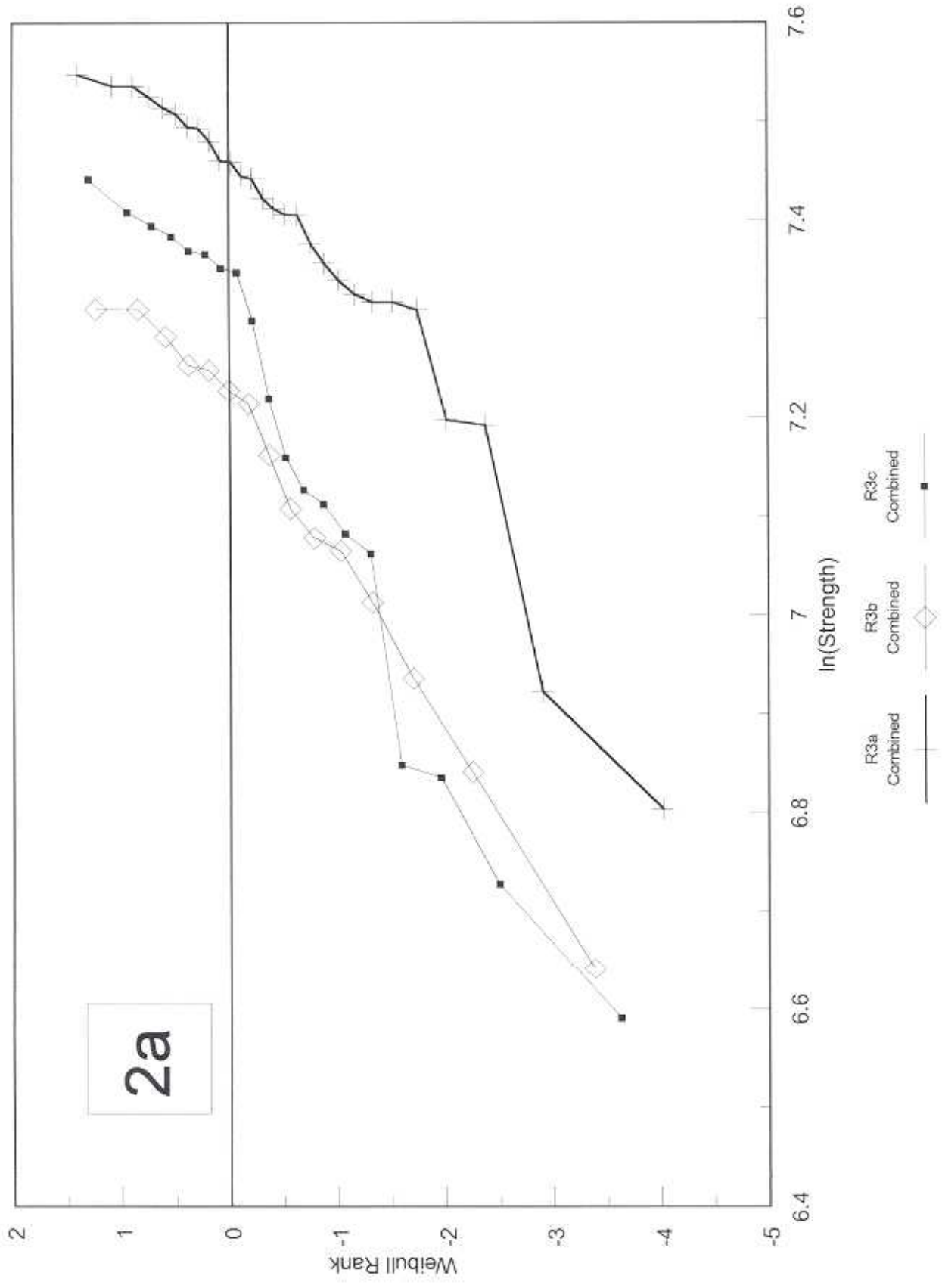


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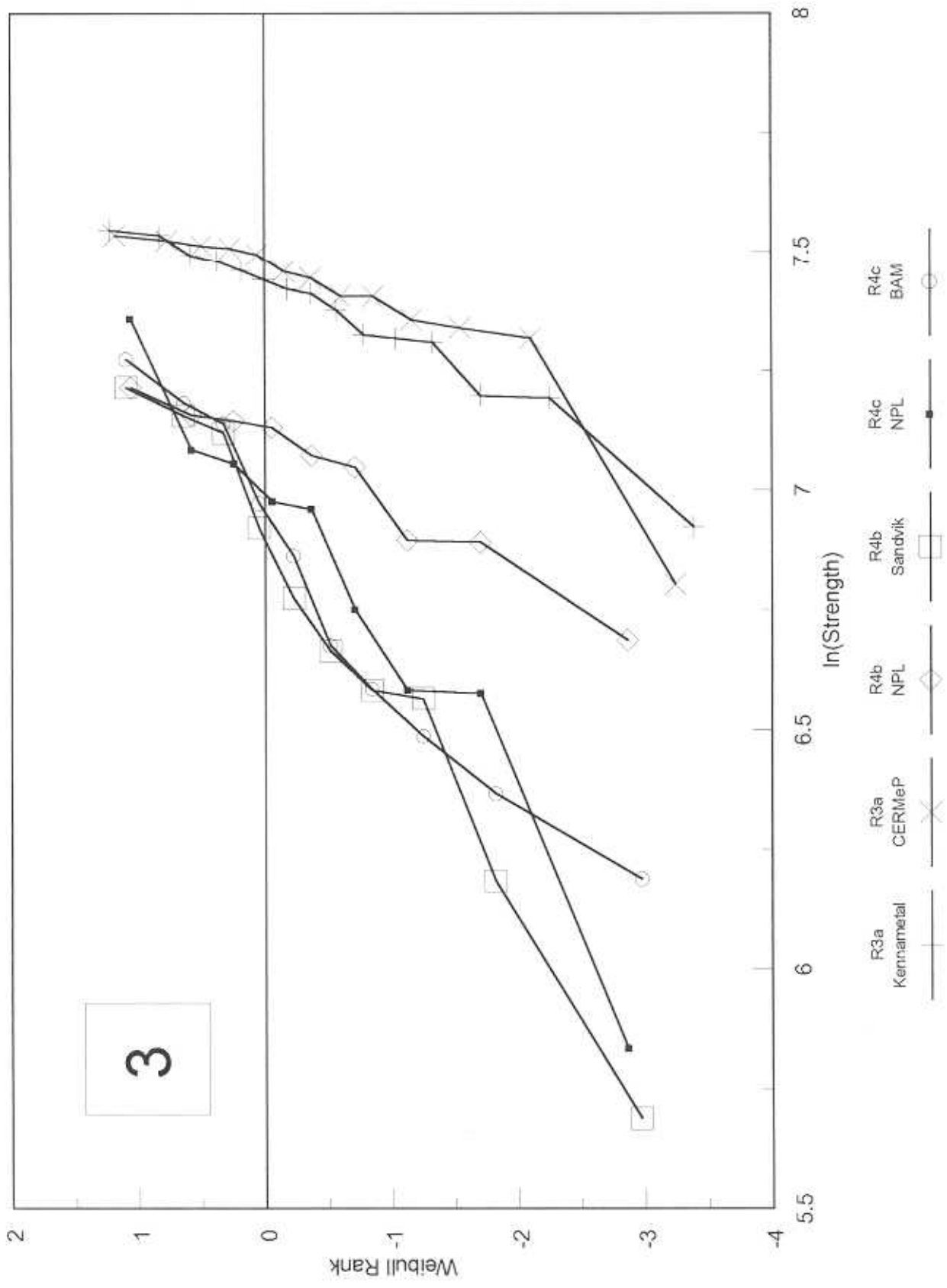




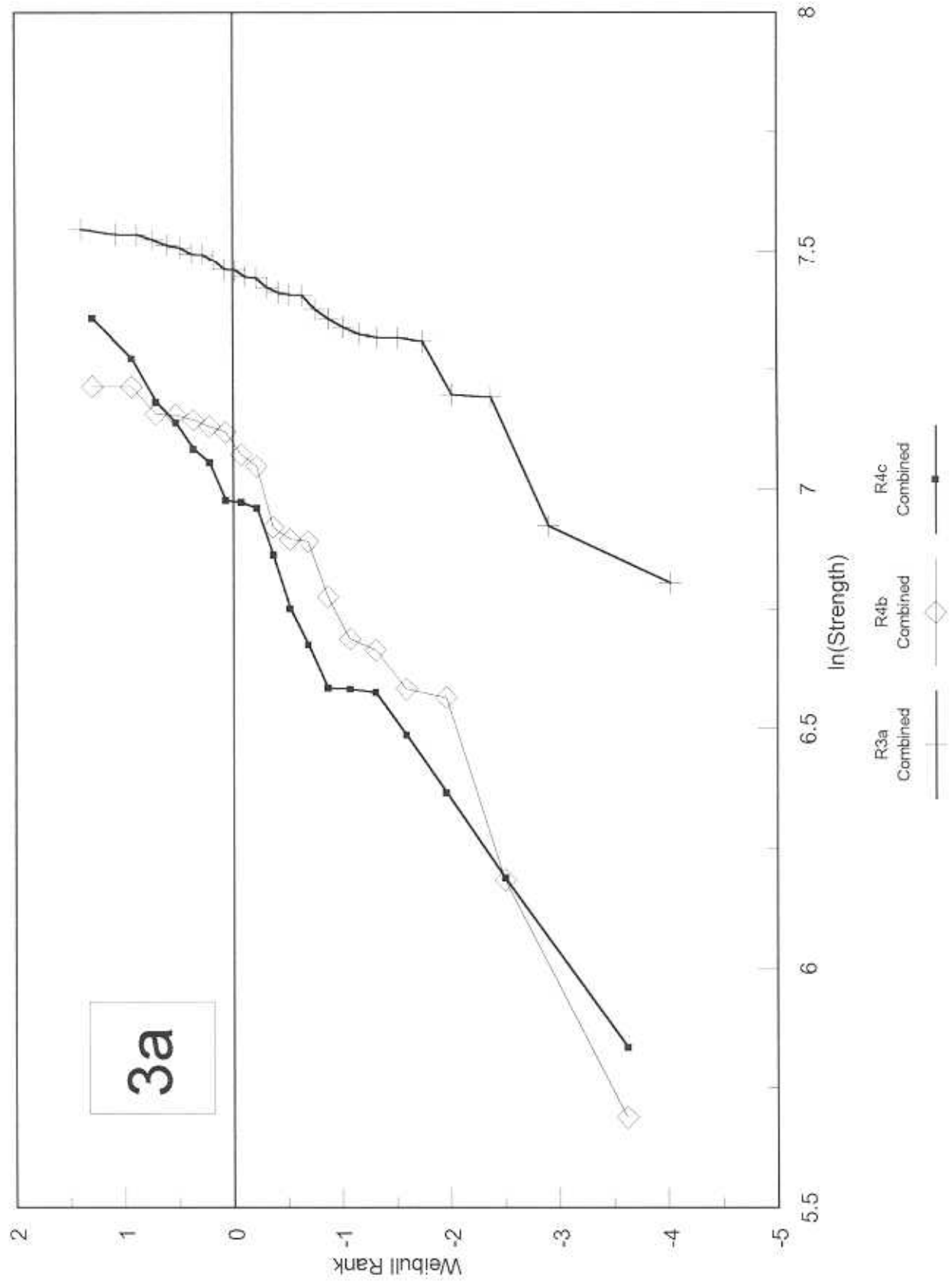
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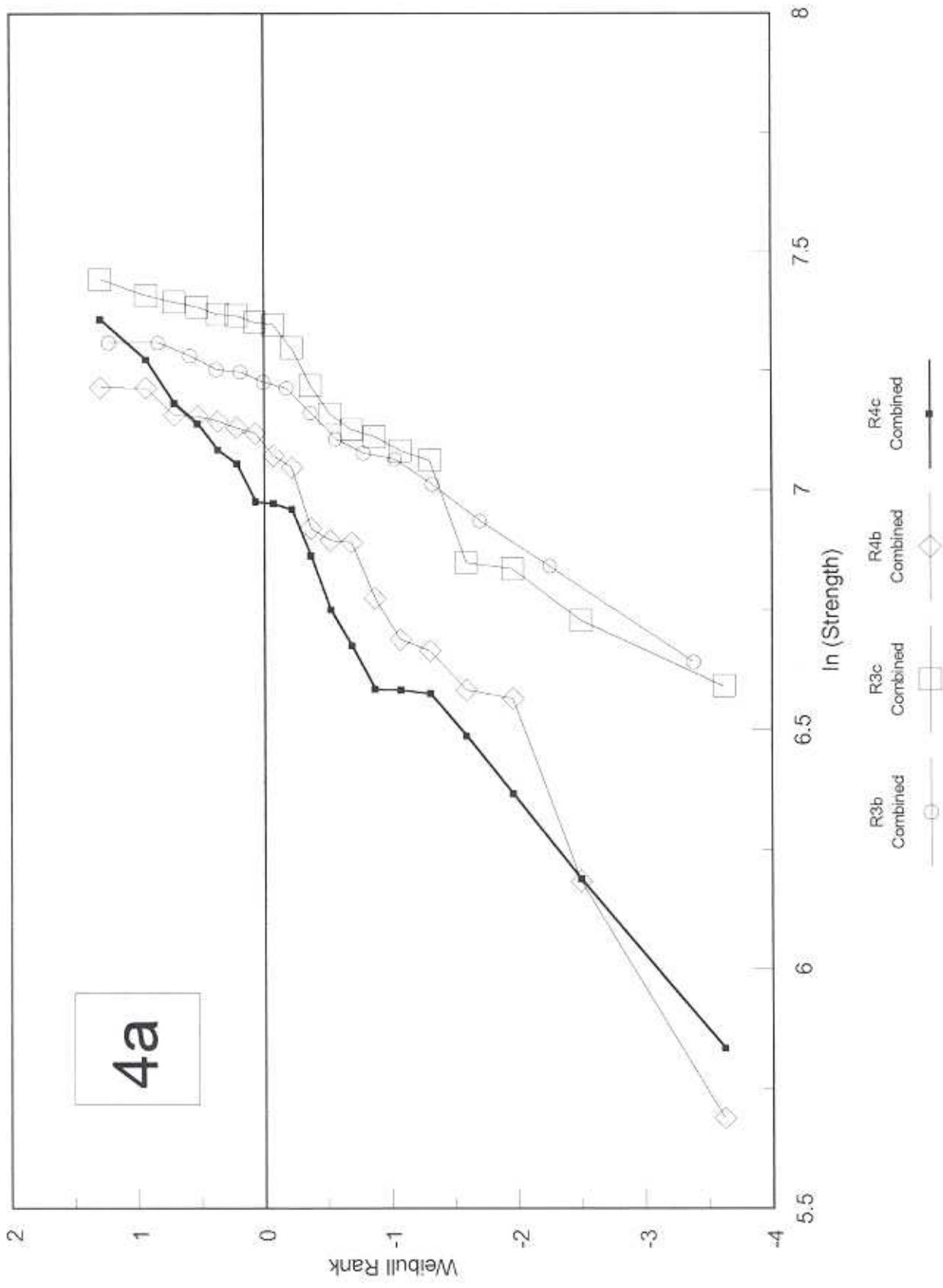


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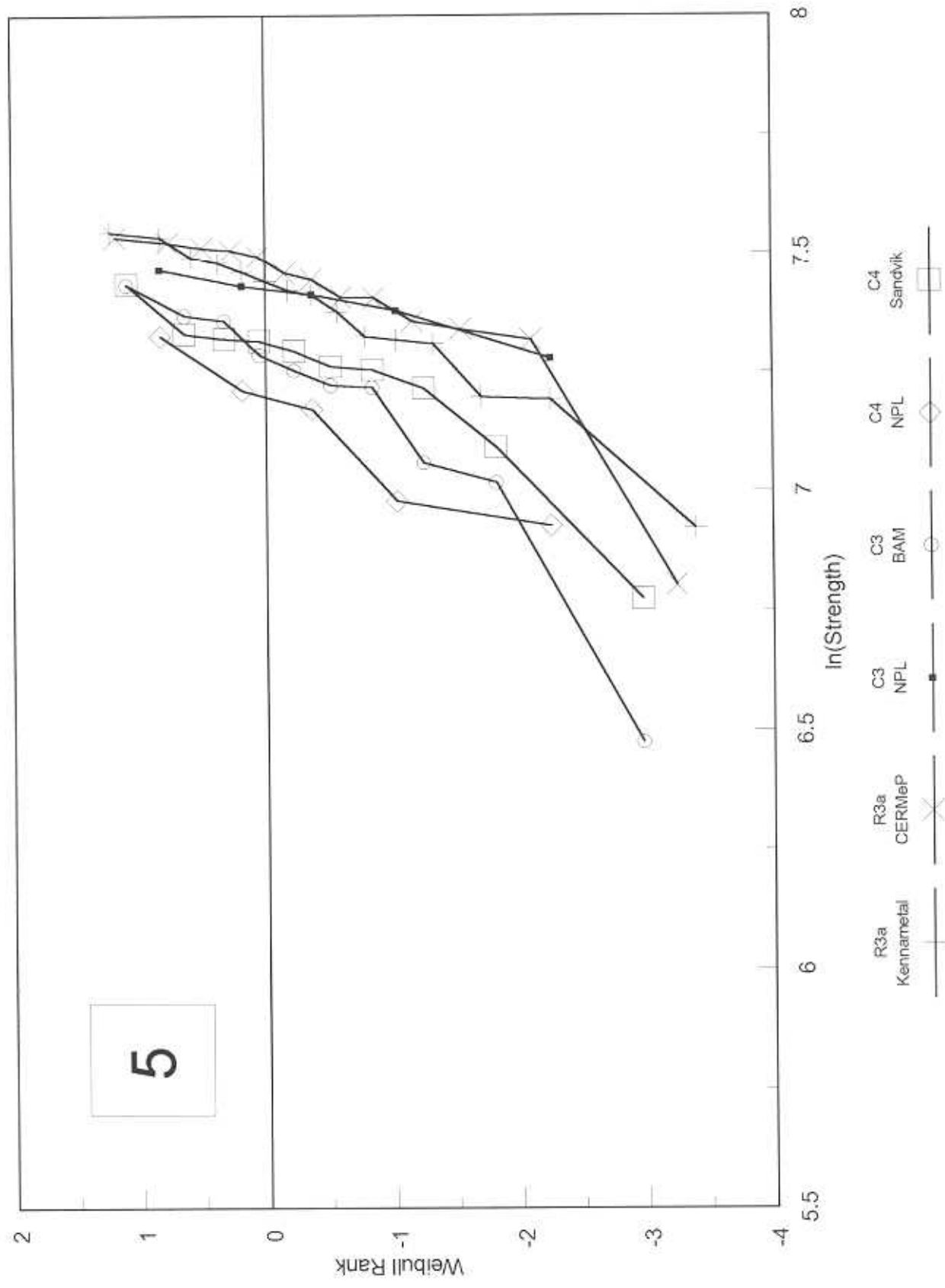




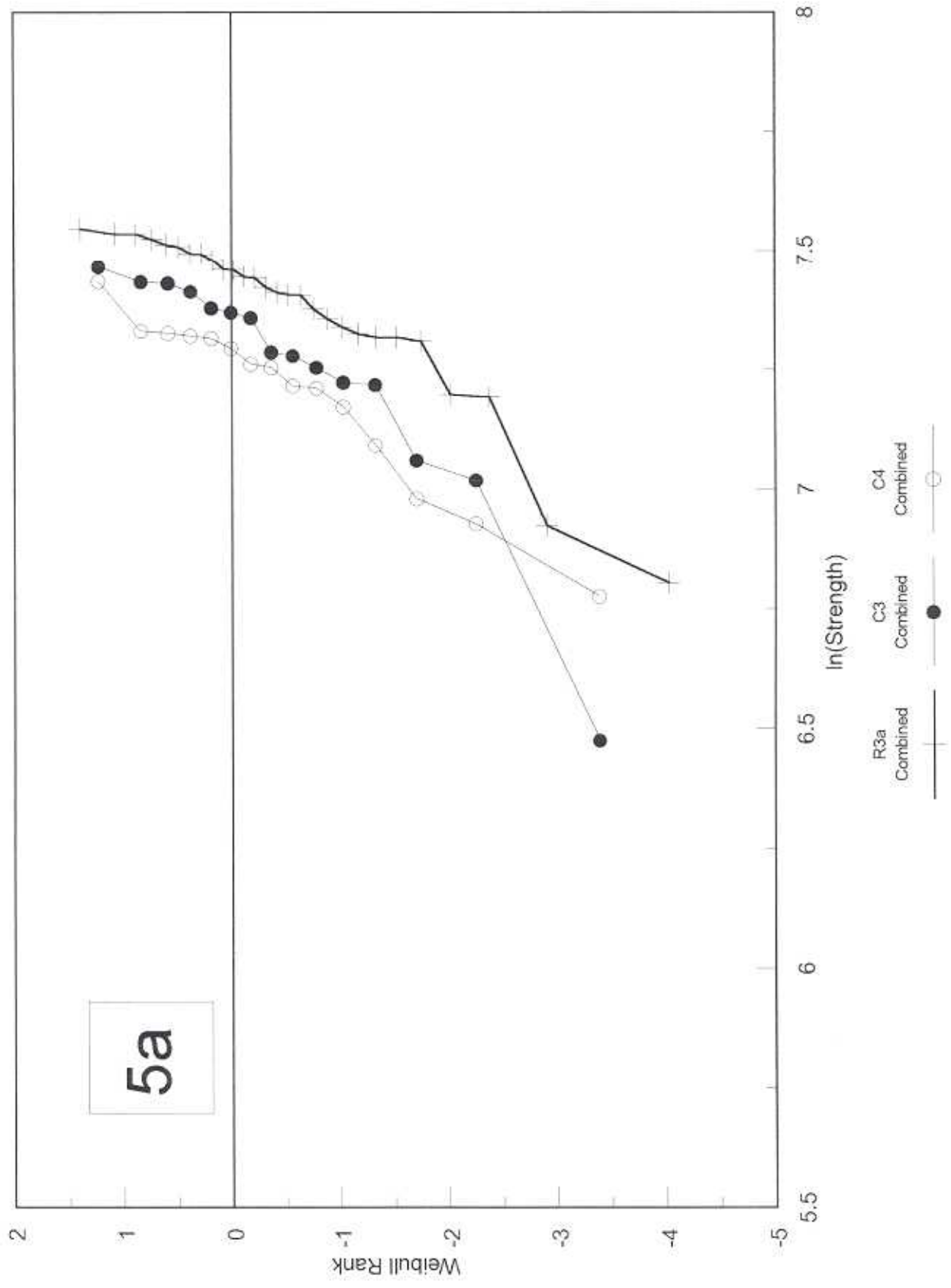
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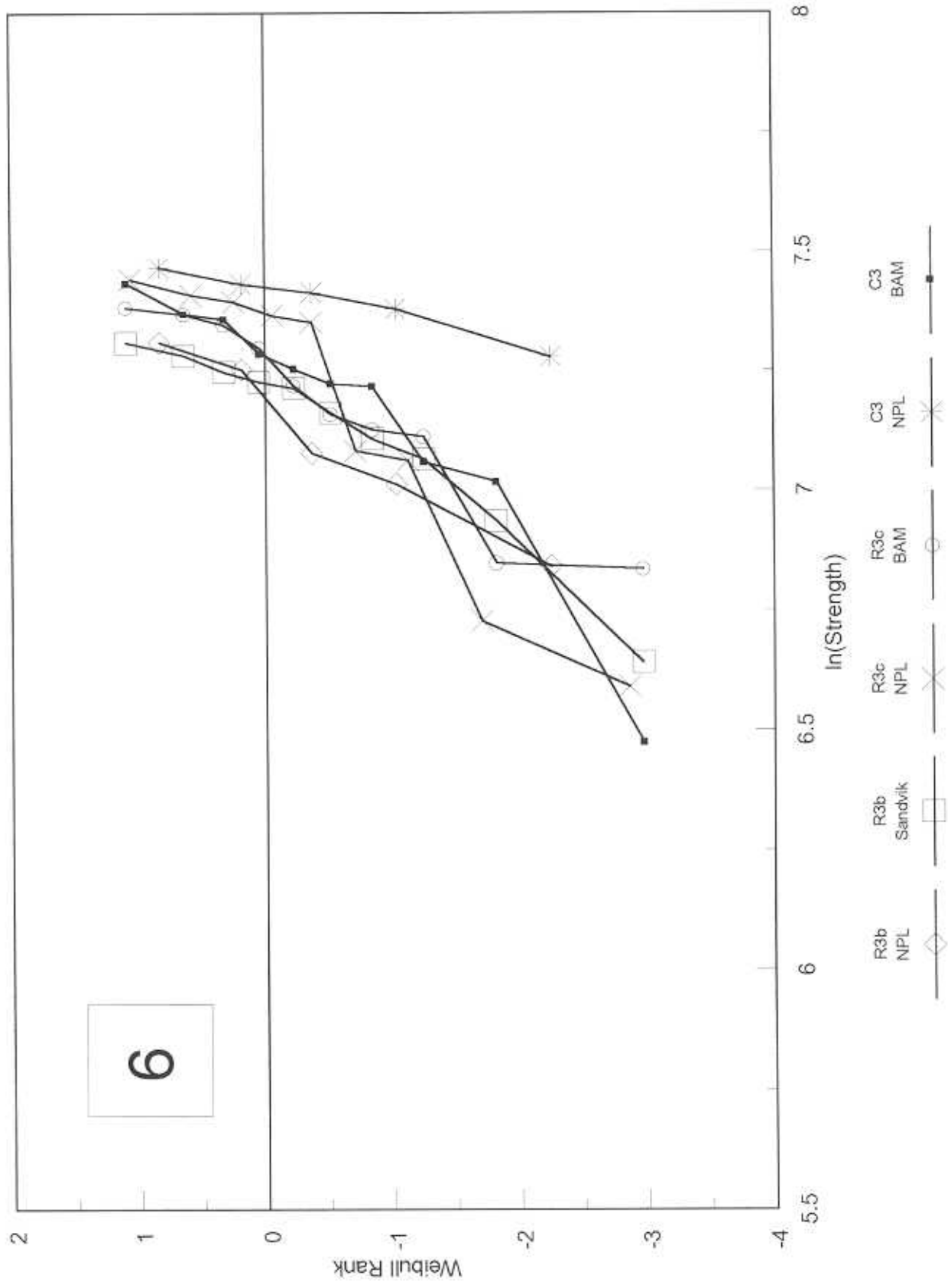
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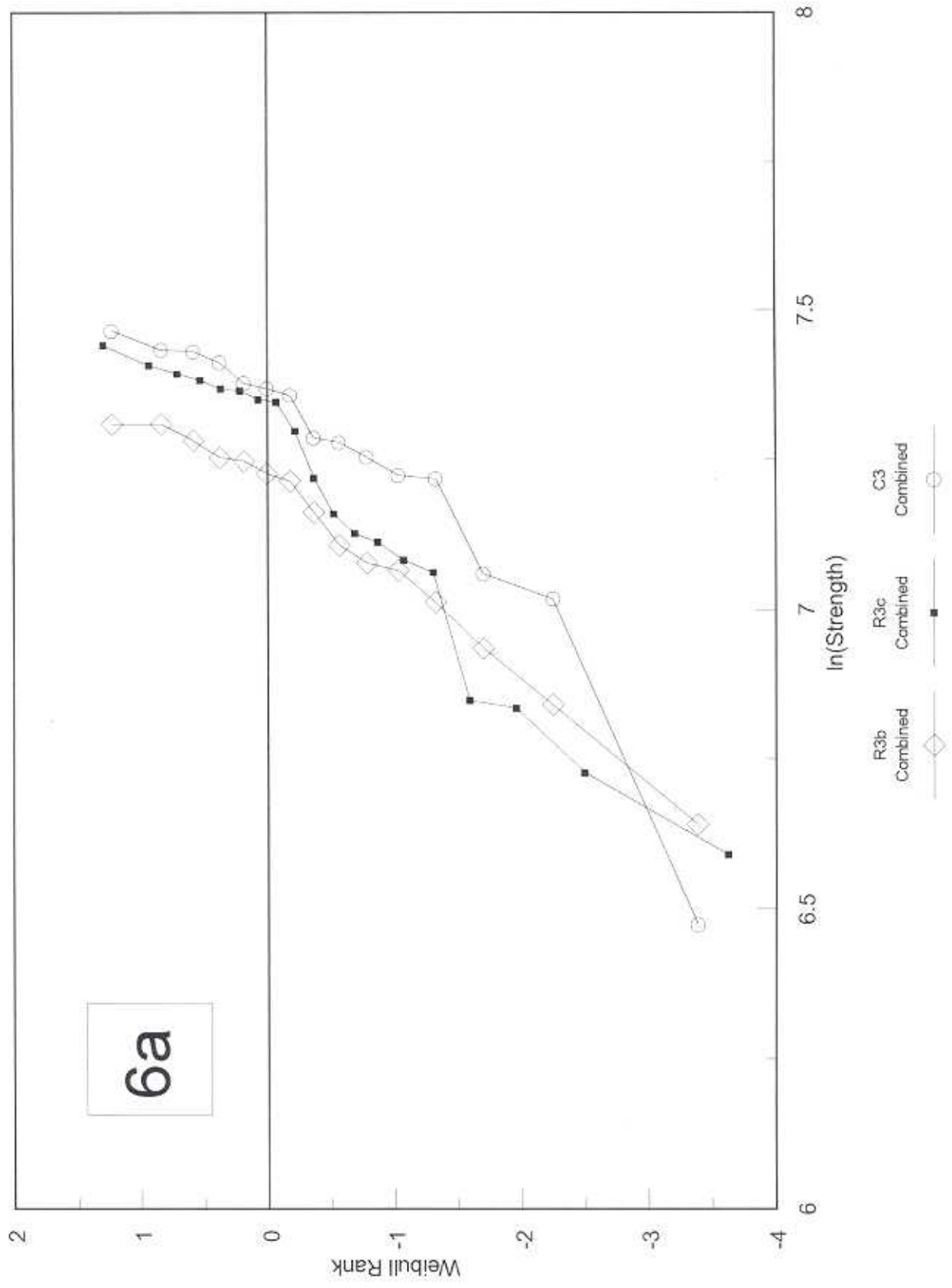


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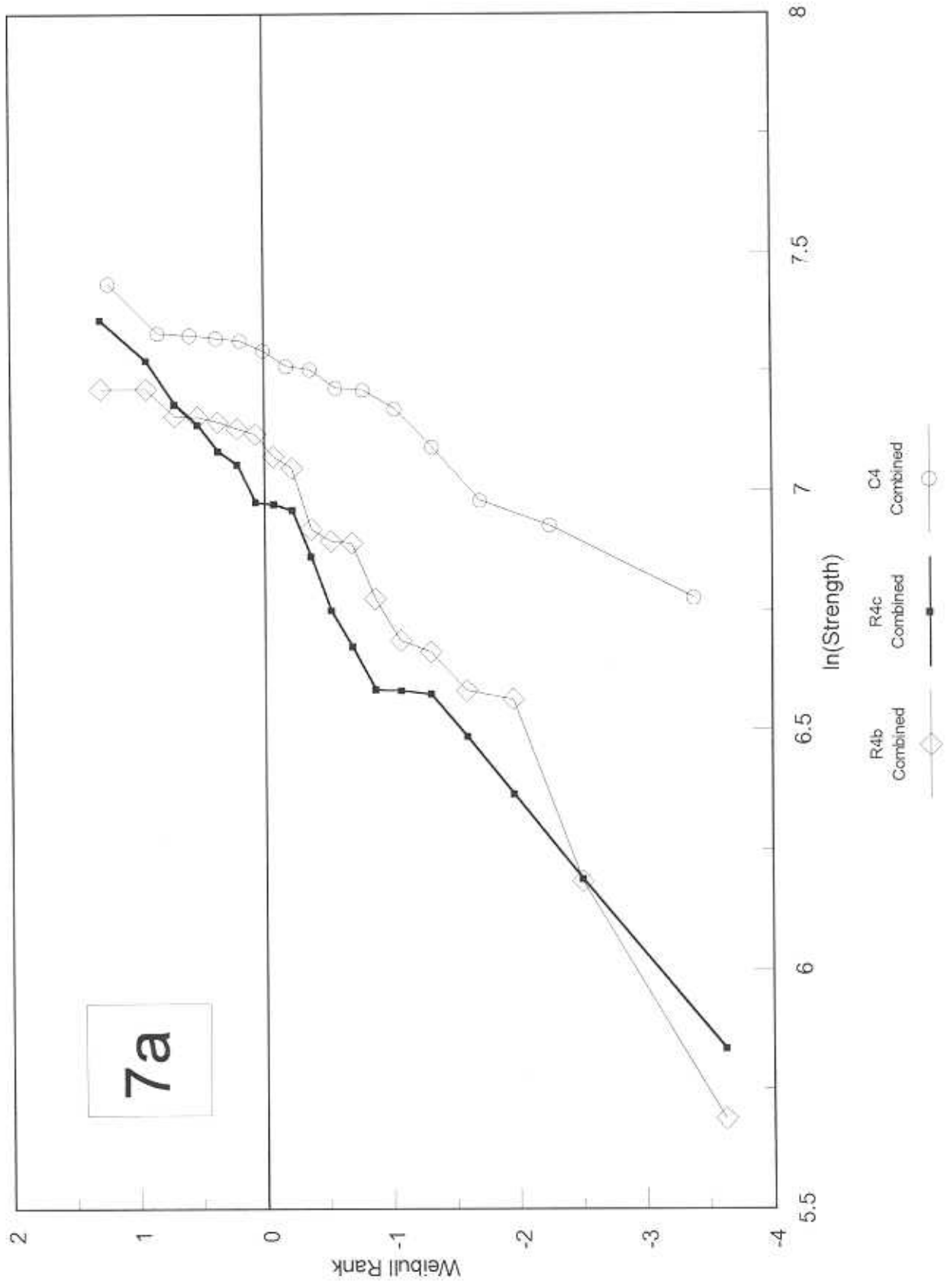


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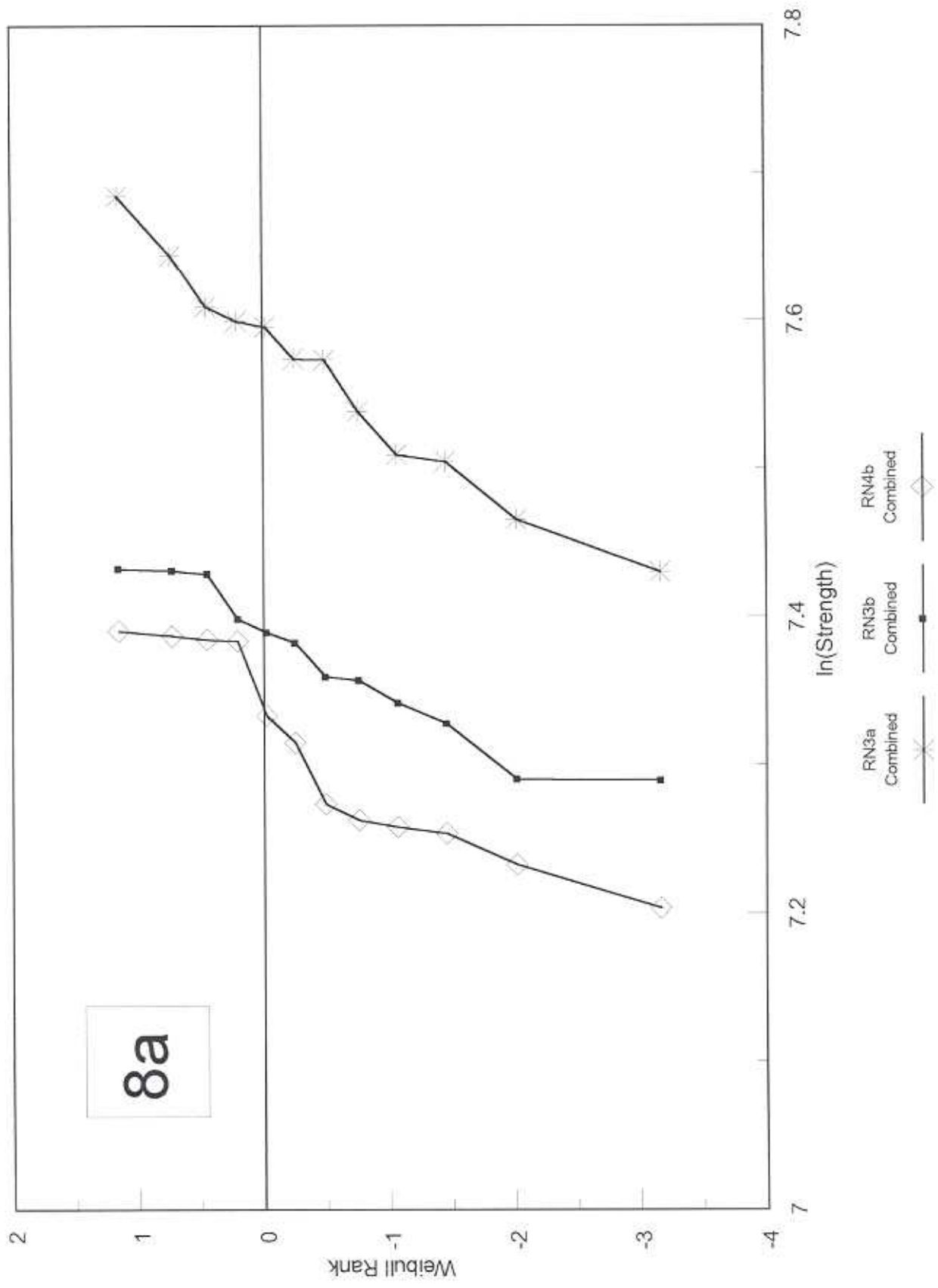


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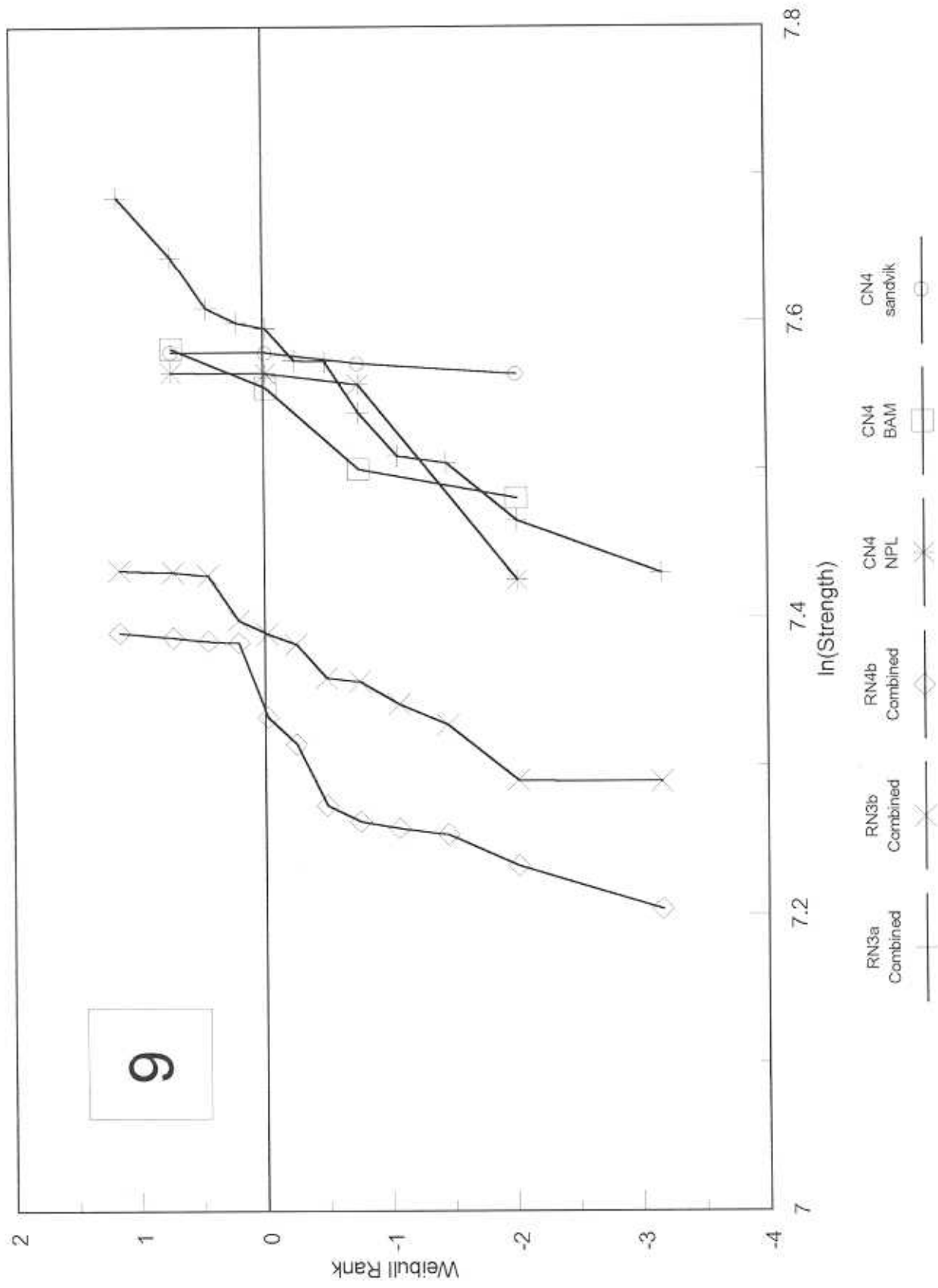




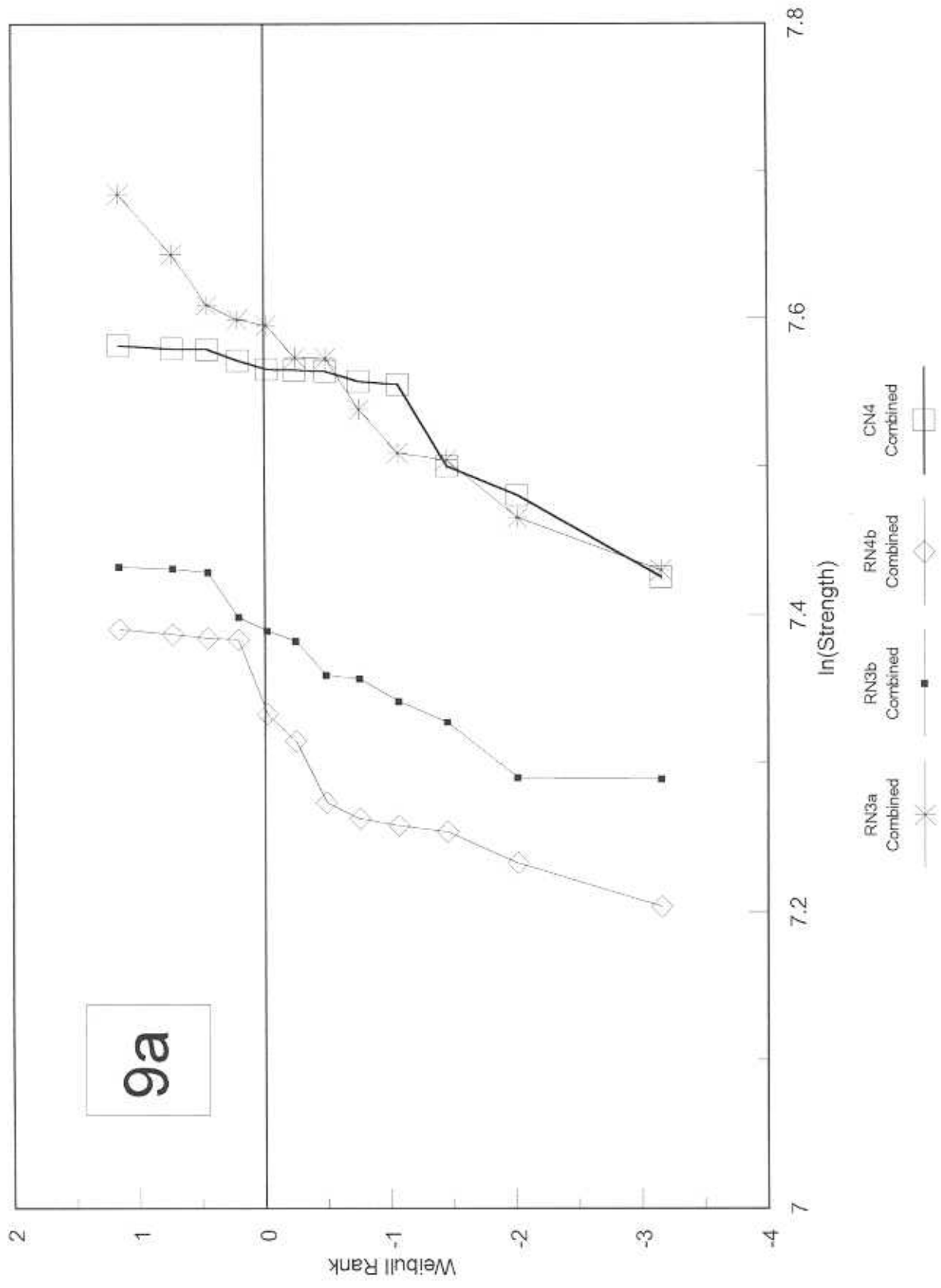
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**(6) SANDVIK COROMANT**

**Medium/Coarse, WC/Co**



## HARDMETAL BEND TESTS

### Results Comment Sheet

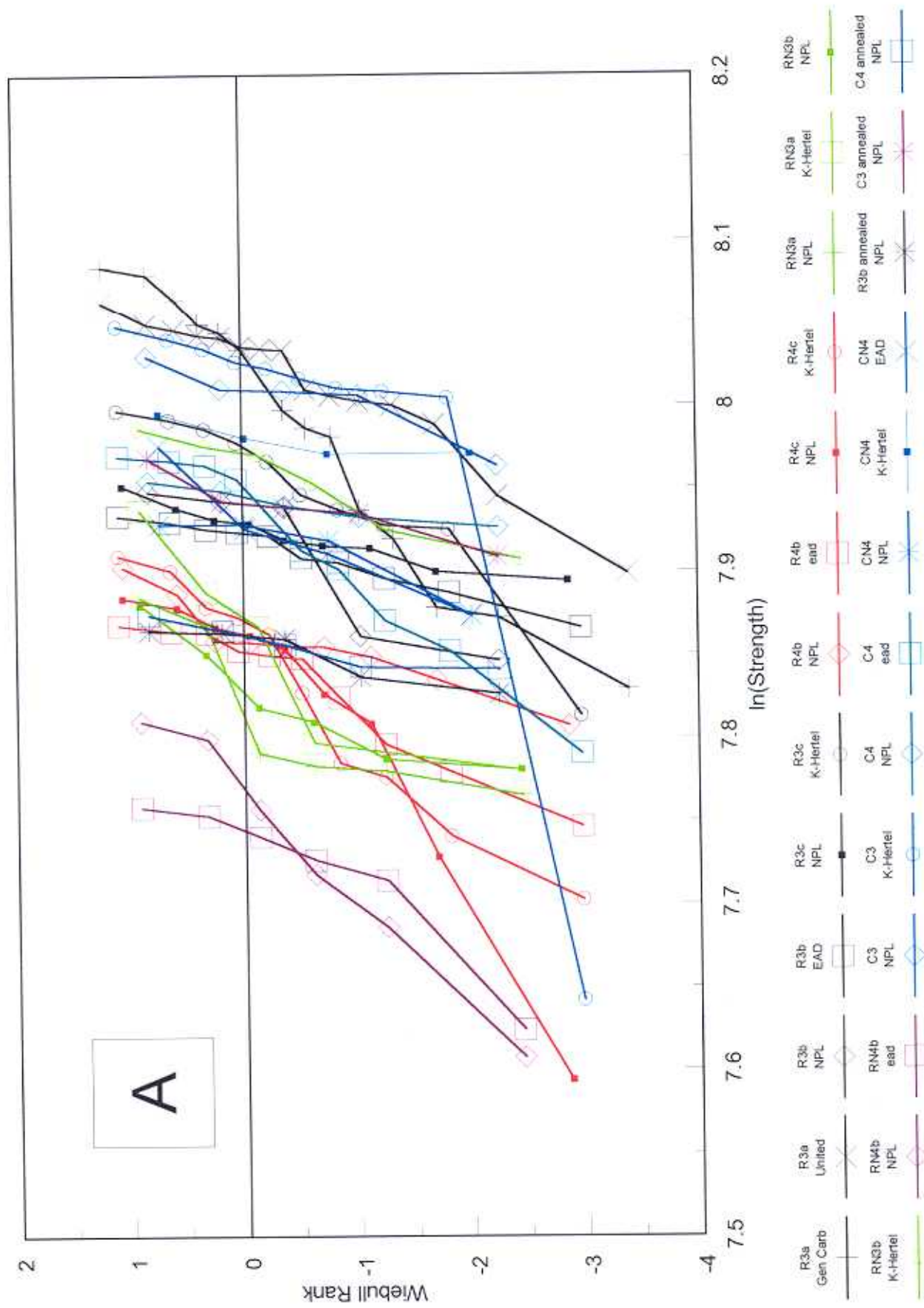
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#### PLOT SEQUENCE

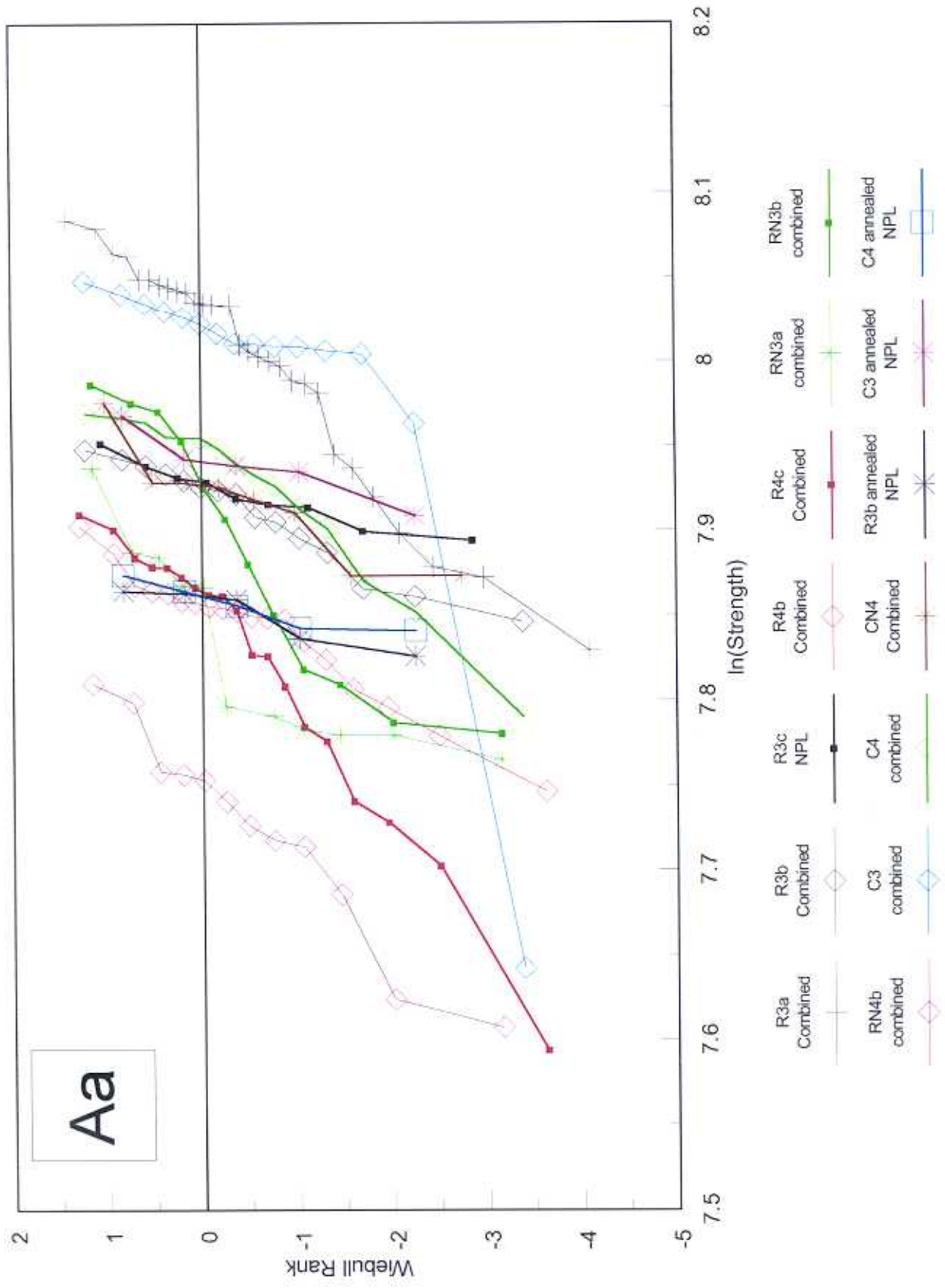
- A - Complete set of all strength values.
- Aa - Complete set, different laboratories combined.
- 1 - Standard tests, ISO type B (R3a).
- 1a - Combined R3a.
- 2 - 3 pt rectangular tests; R3a, R3b, R3c.
- 2a - Combined R3a, R3b and R3c.
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- 3a - Combined R3a, R4b and R4c.
- 4 - 3 pt vs 4 pt tests; R3b, R3c, R4b, R4c; not including R3a.
- 4a - Combined R3b, R3c, R4b and R4c.
- 5 - Round testpieces, compared with standard R3a, C3, C4 and R3a.
- 5a - Combined C3, C4 and R3a.
- 6 - 3 pt rectangular and round; R3b, R3c and C3; not including R3a.
- 6a - Combined C3 compared with R3b and R3c combined.
- 7 - 4 pt rectangular and round R4b, R4c and C4.
- 7a - Combined C4 compared with R4b and R4c.
- 8 - Notched rectangular testpieces, RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.
- 8a - Combined notched testpieces; RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.
- 9 - Notched round compared with combined notched rectangular; CN4 and RN3a, RB3b and RN4b.
- 9a - Combined notched round compared with combined notched rectangular; CN4 and RN3a, RN3b and RN4b.

*\*NB There was good agreement between laboratories except for the R3c, CN4 and RN3b K-Hertel results which were high. These have been excluded from the combined plots.*

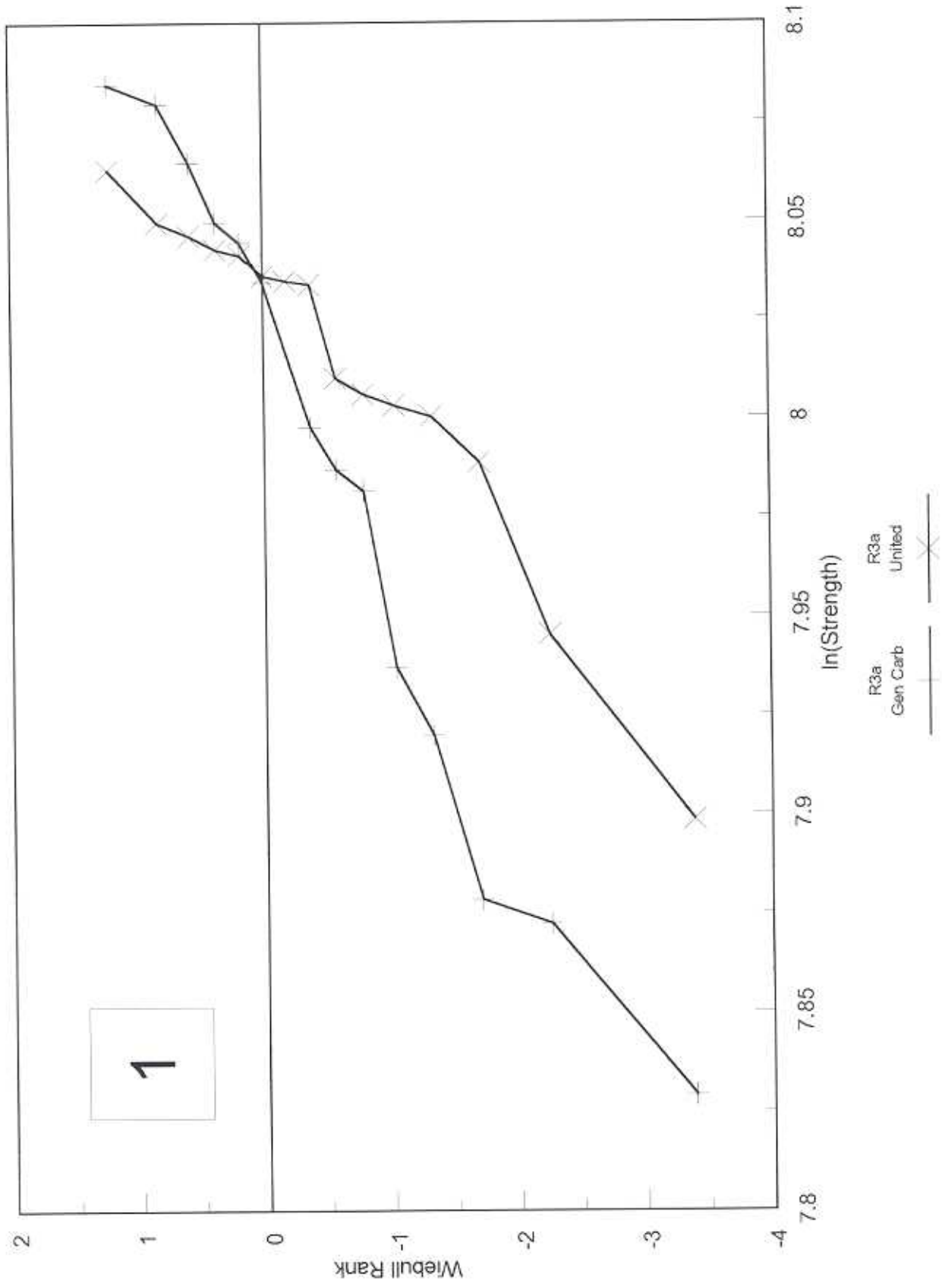
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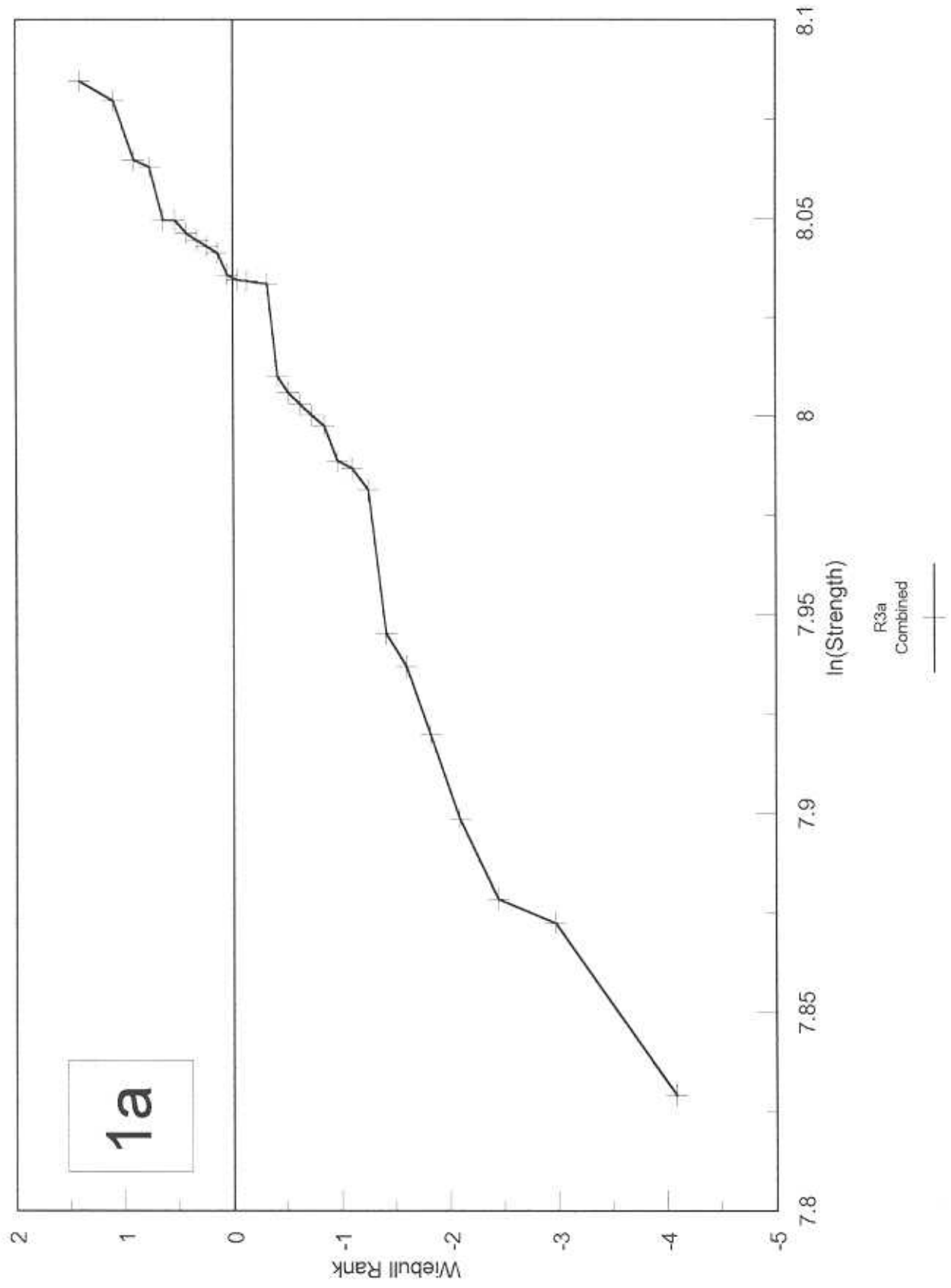
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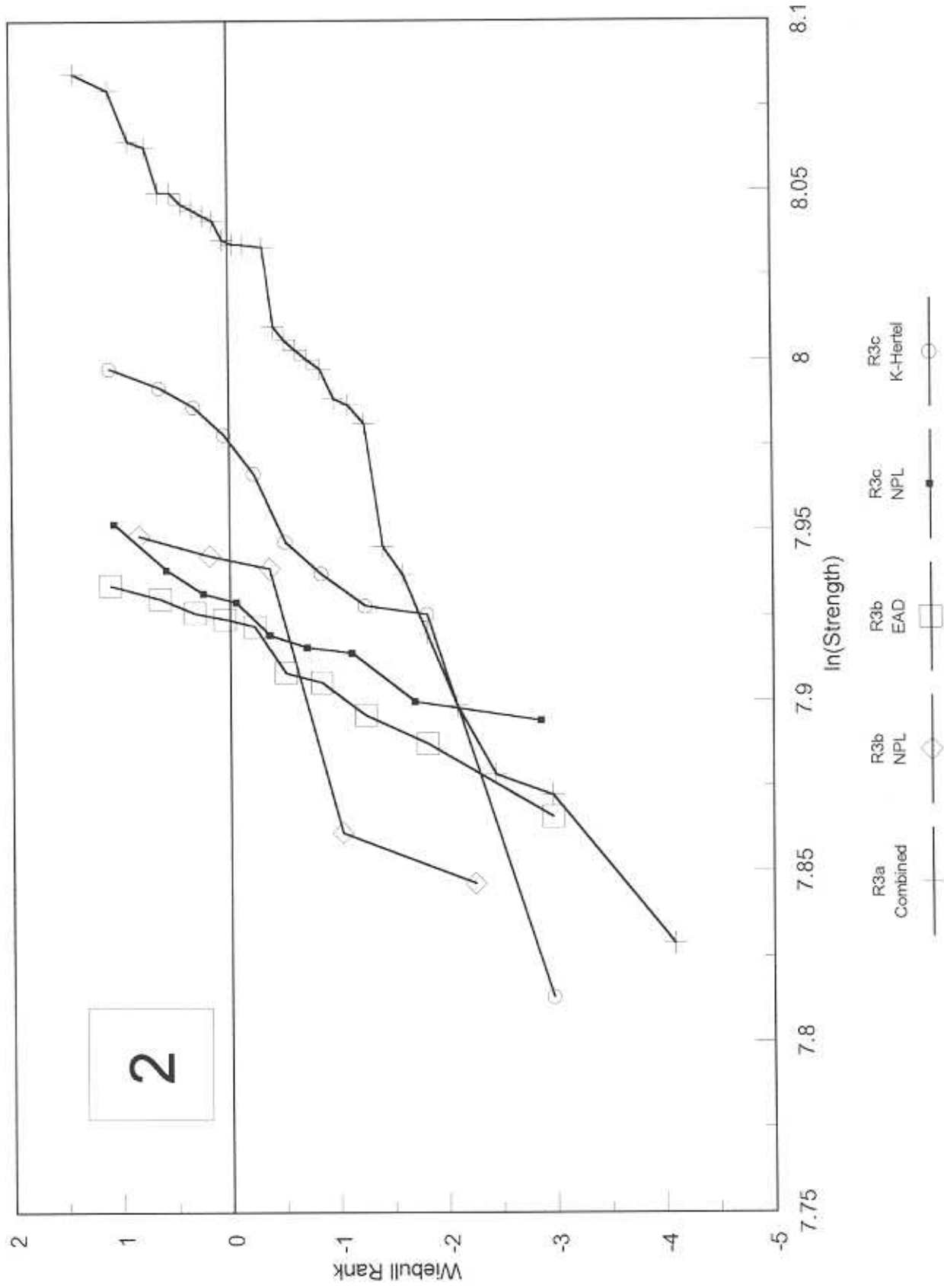
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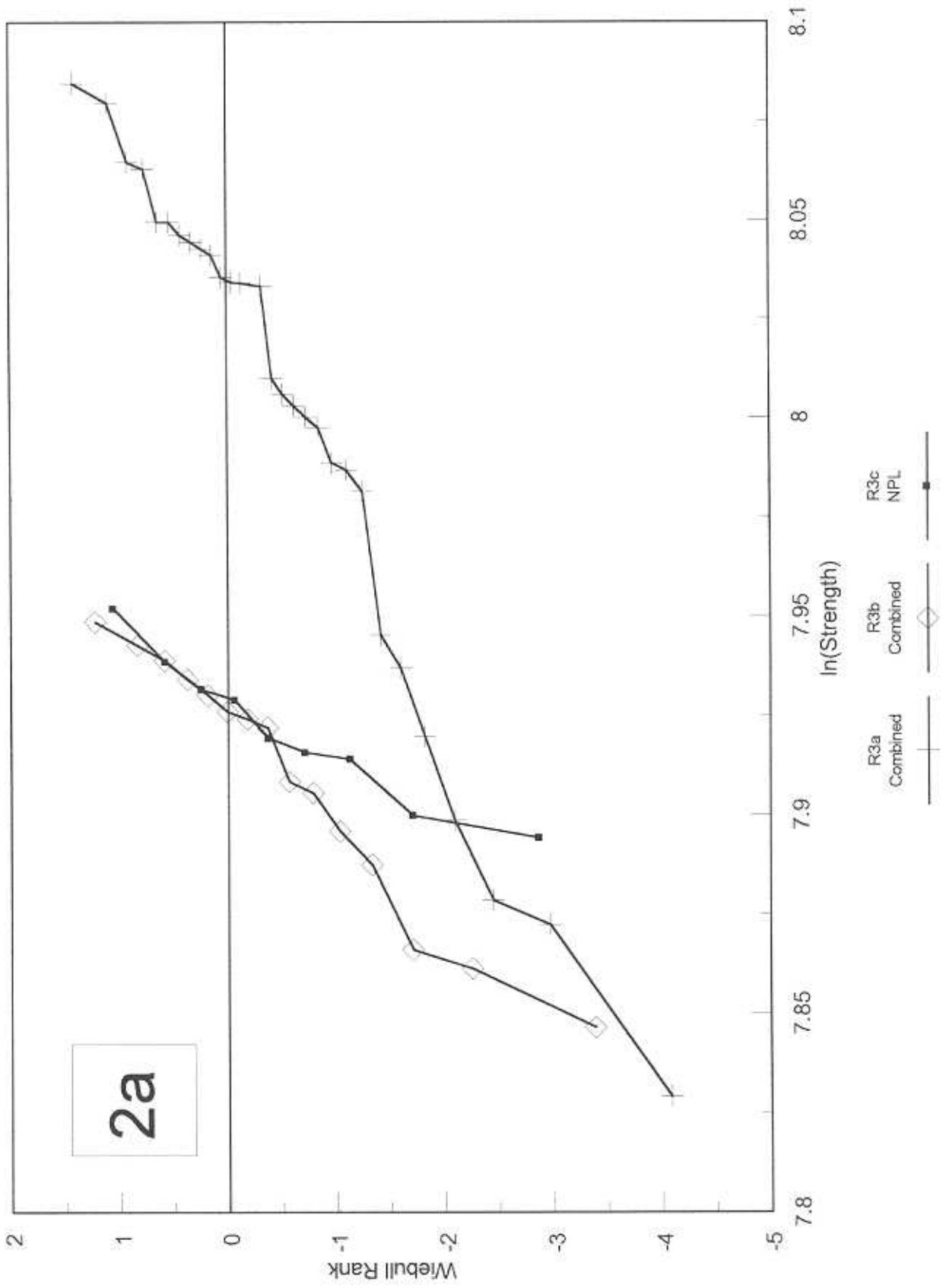
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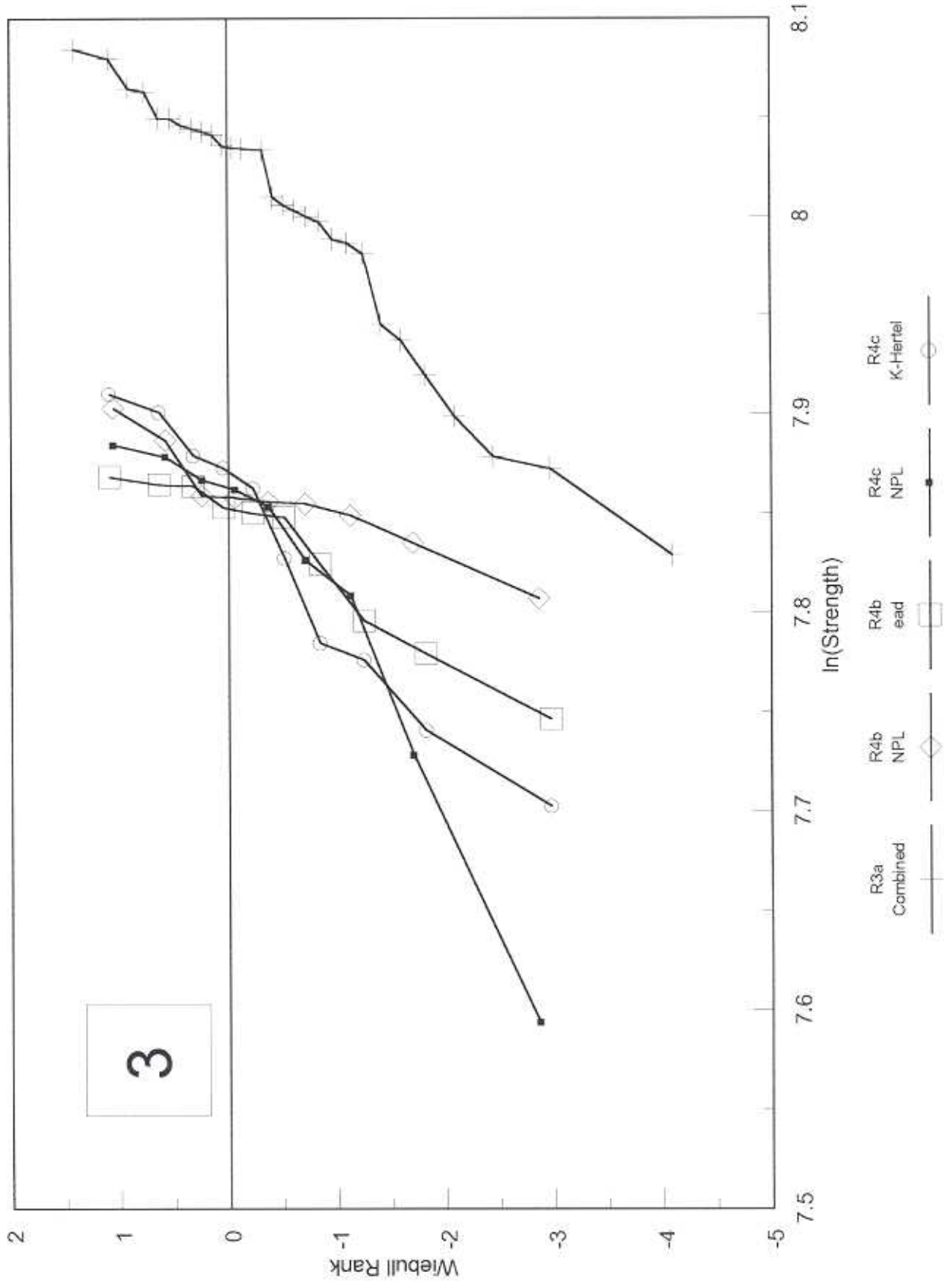
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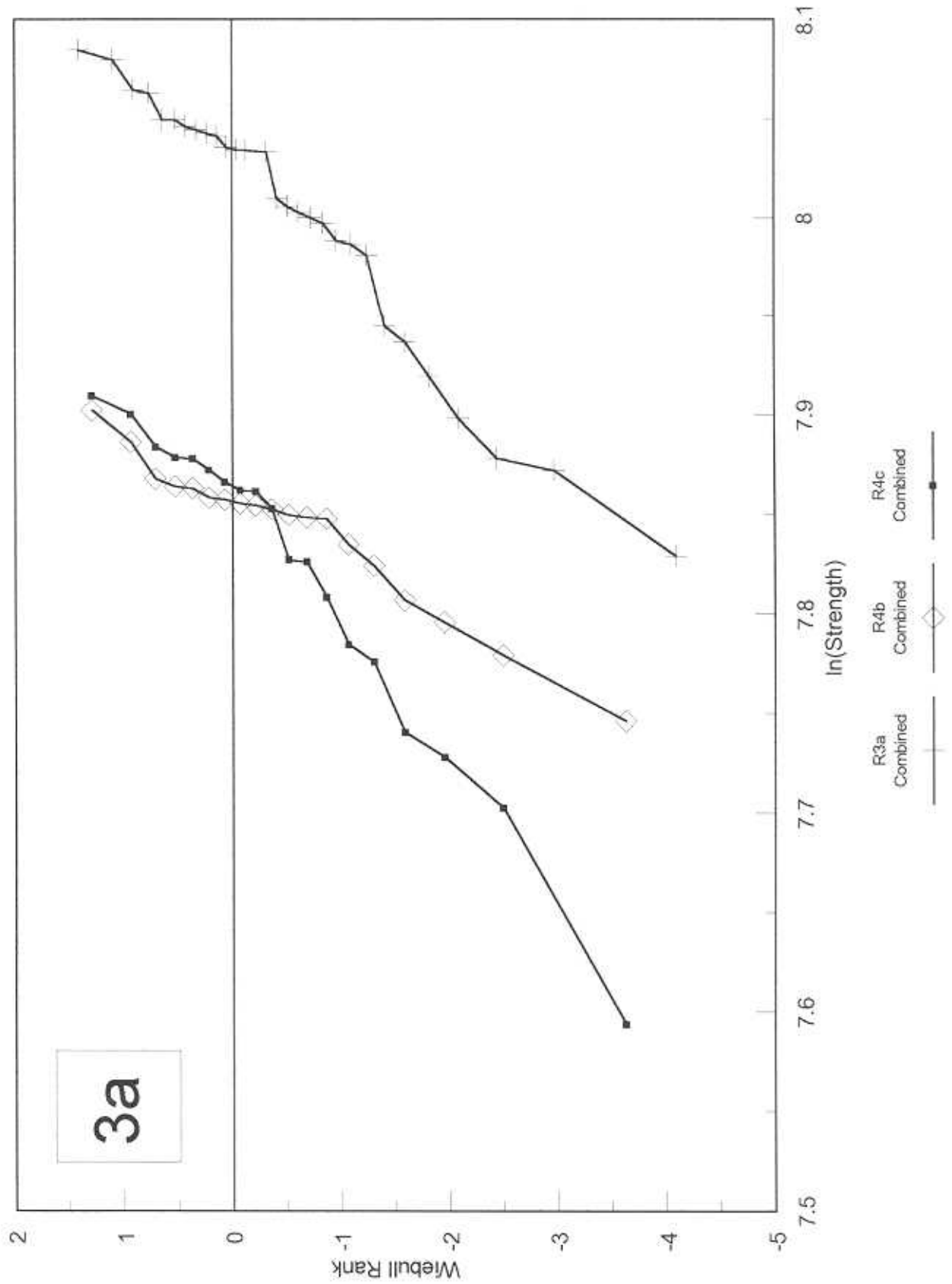


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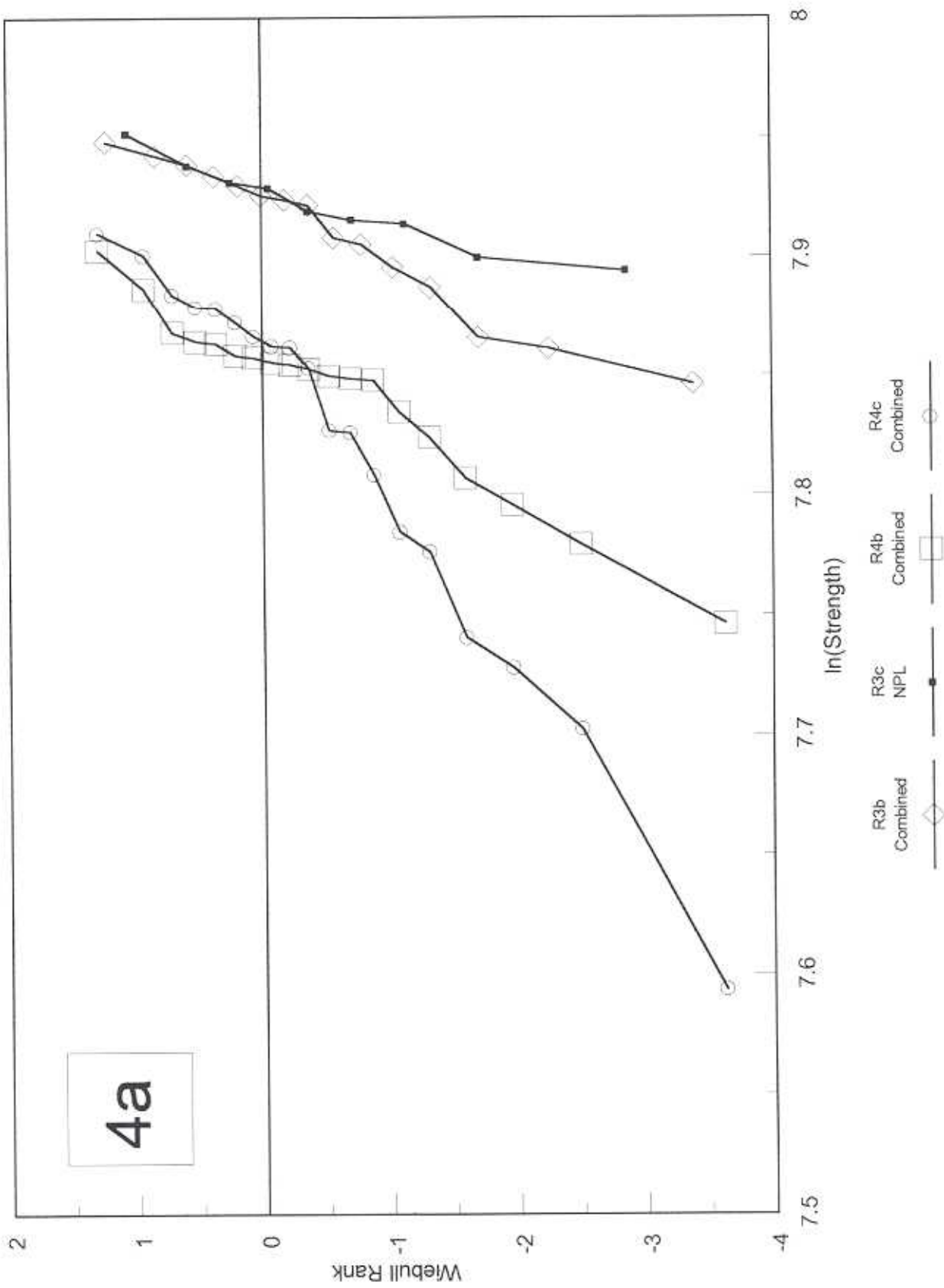


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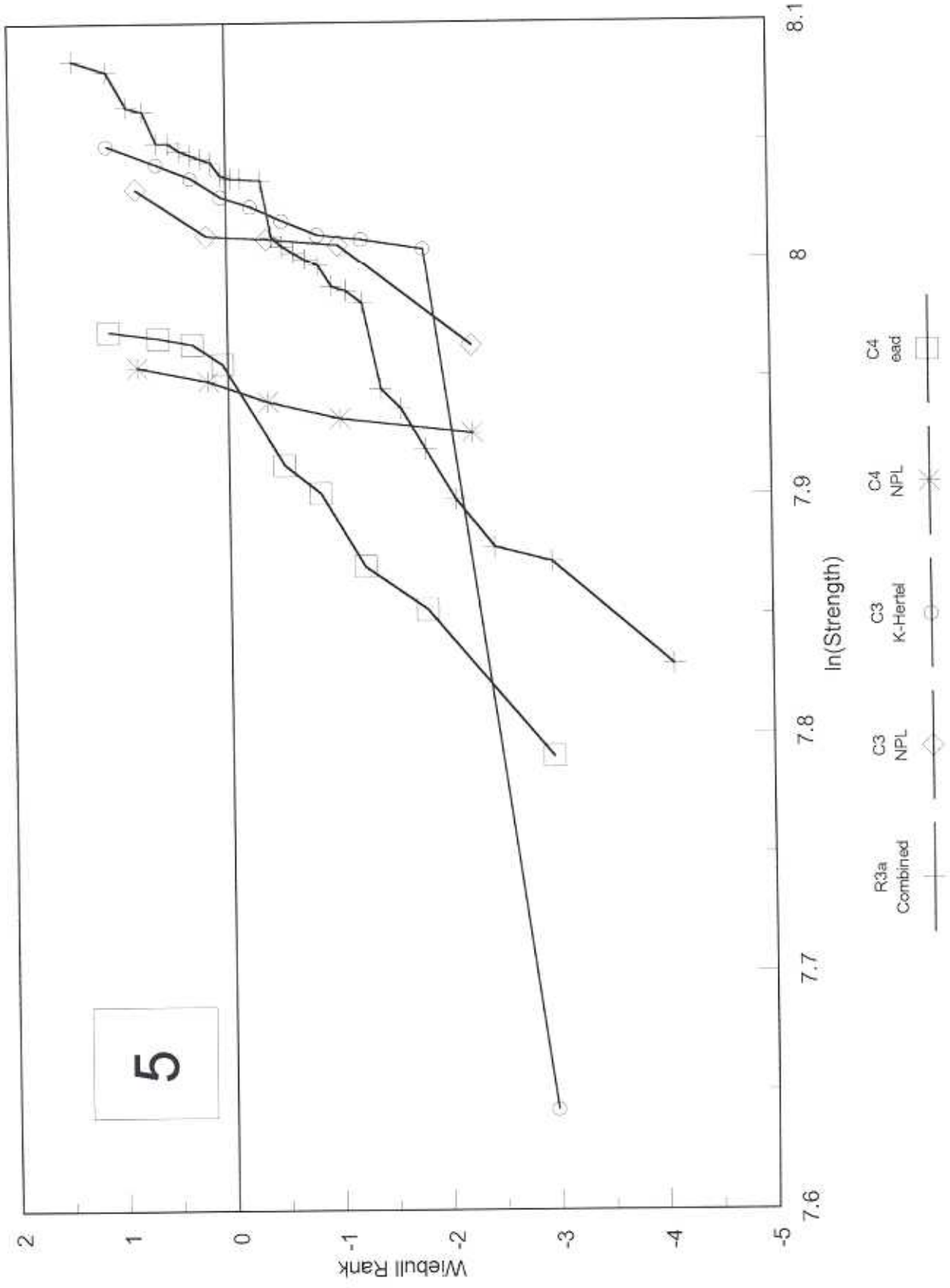




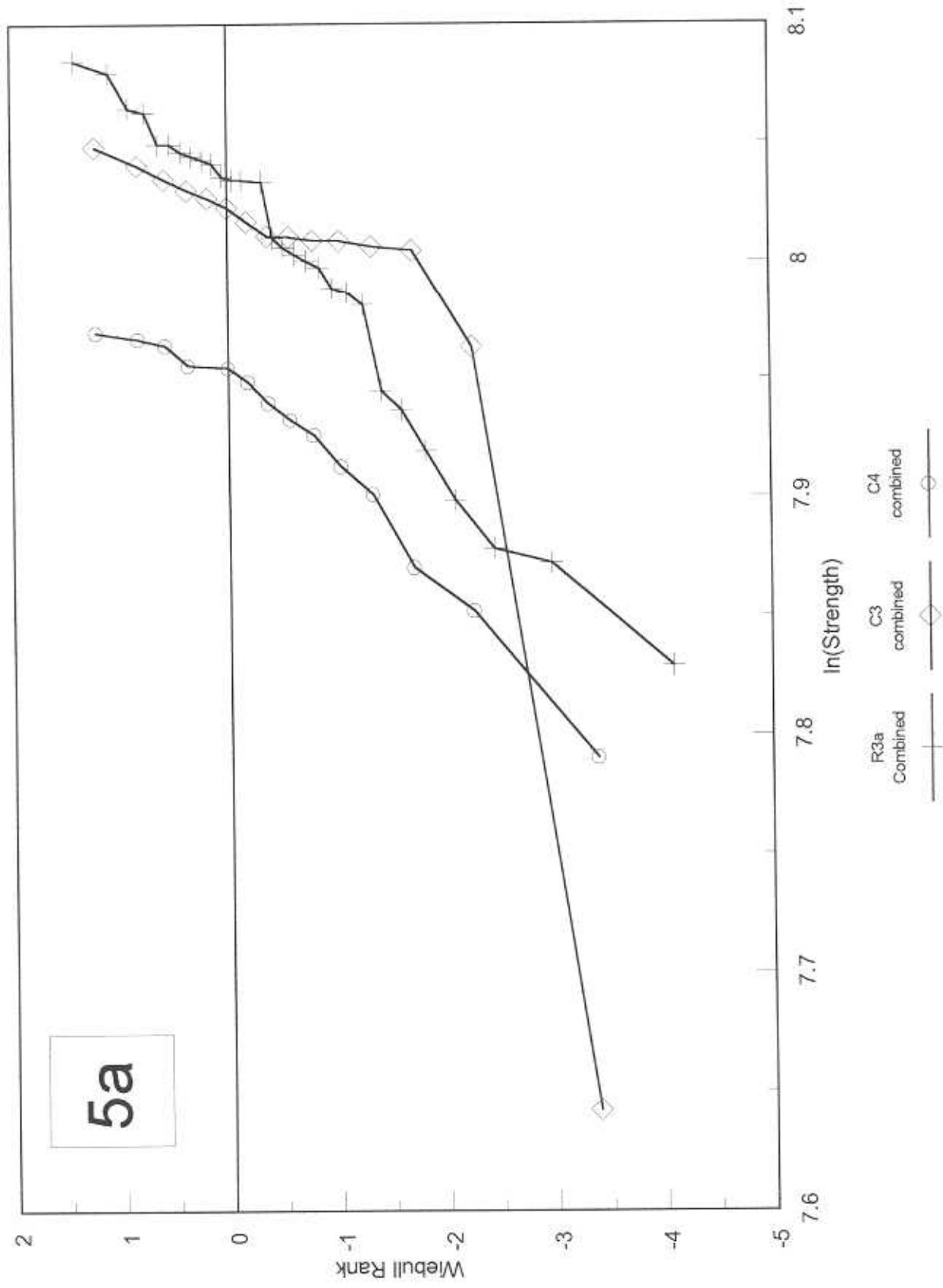
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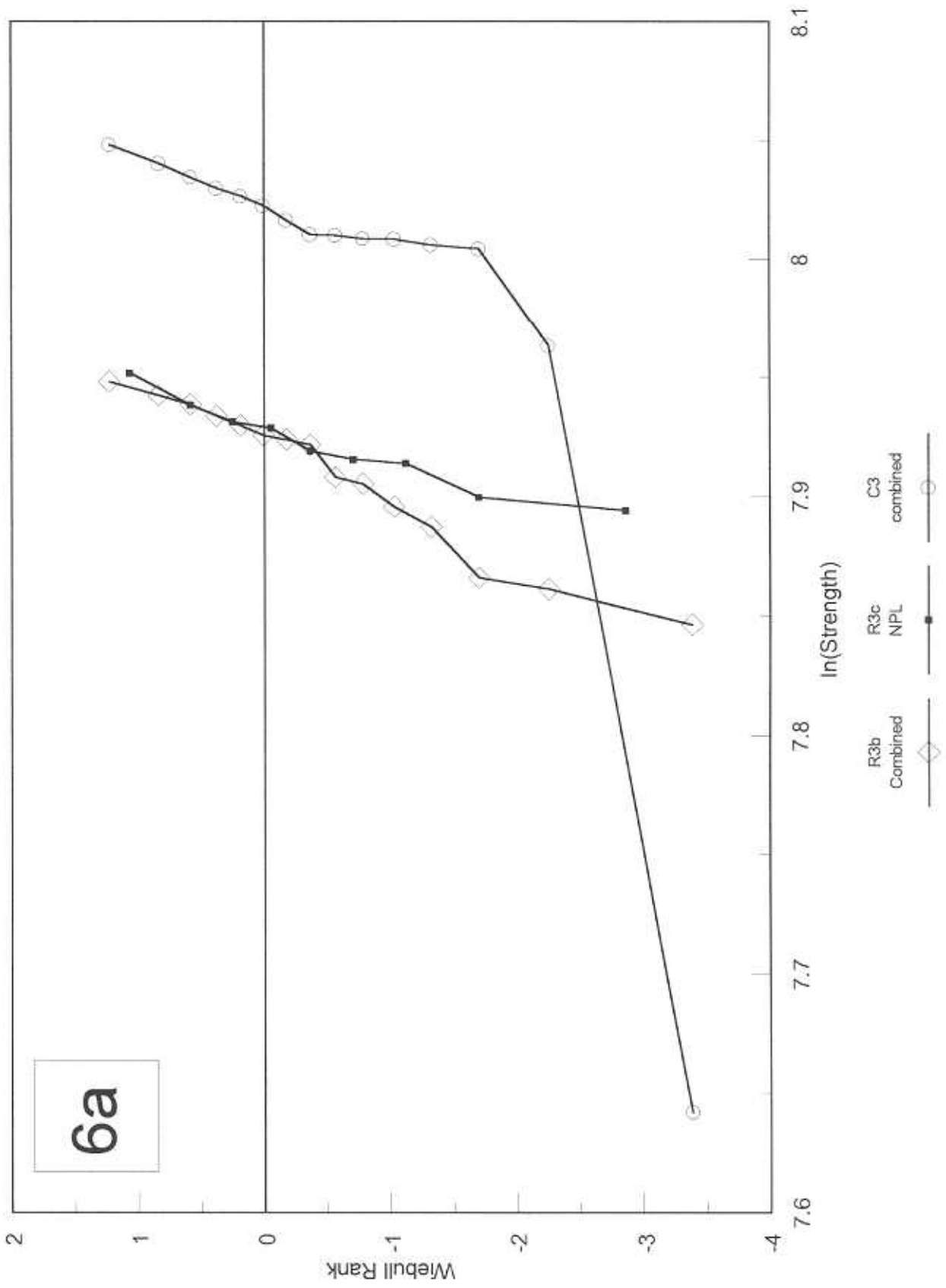


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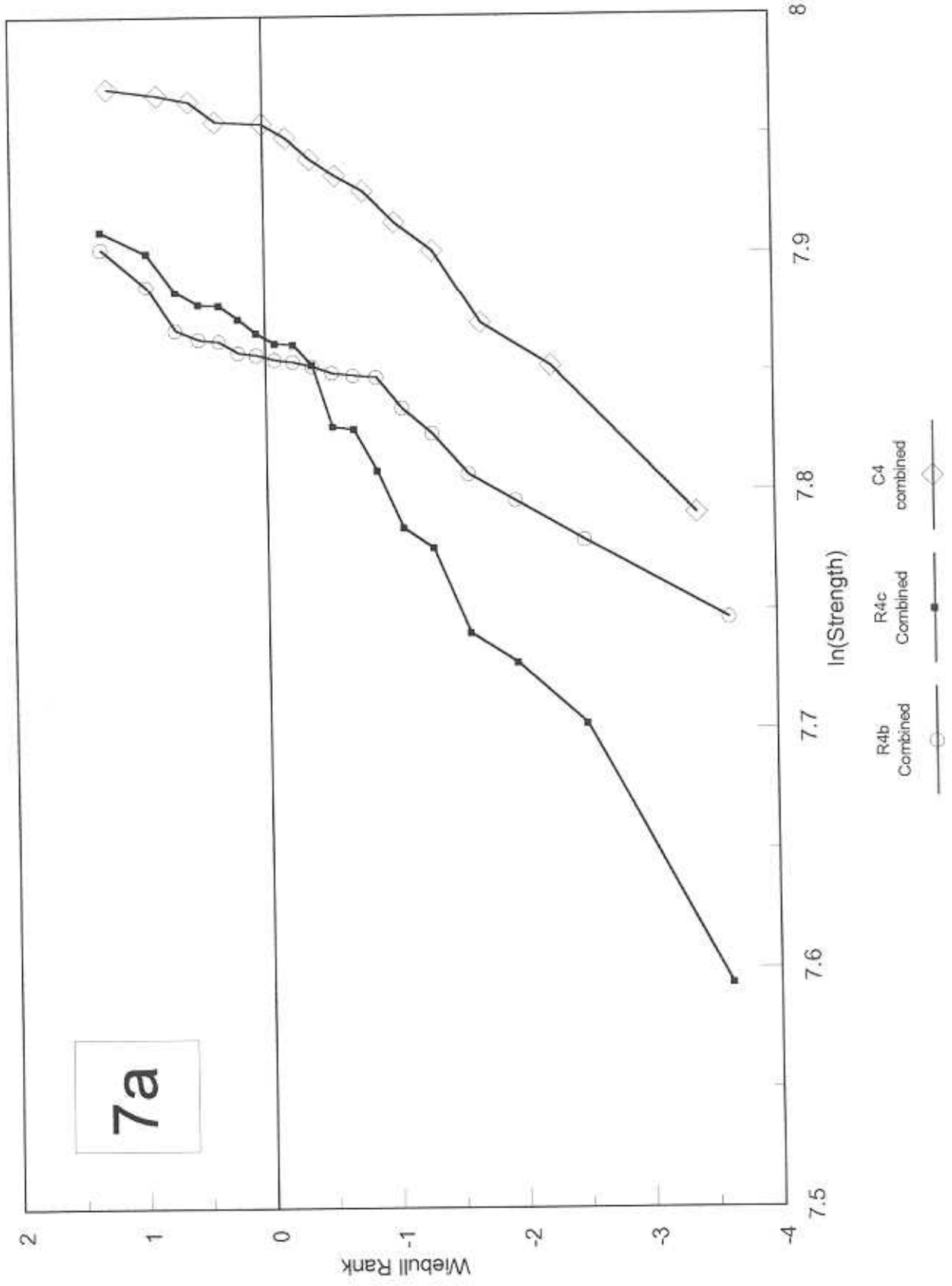
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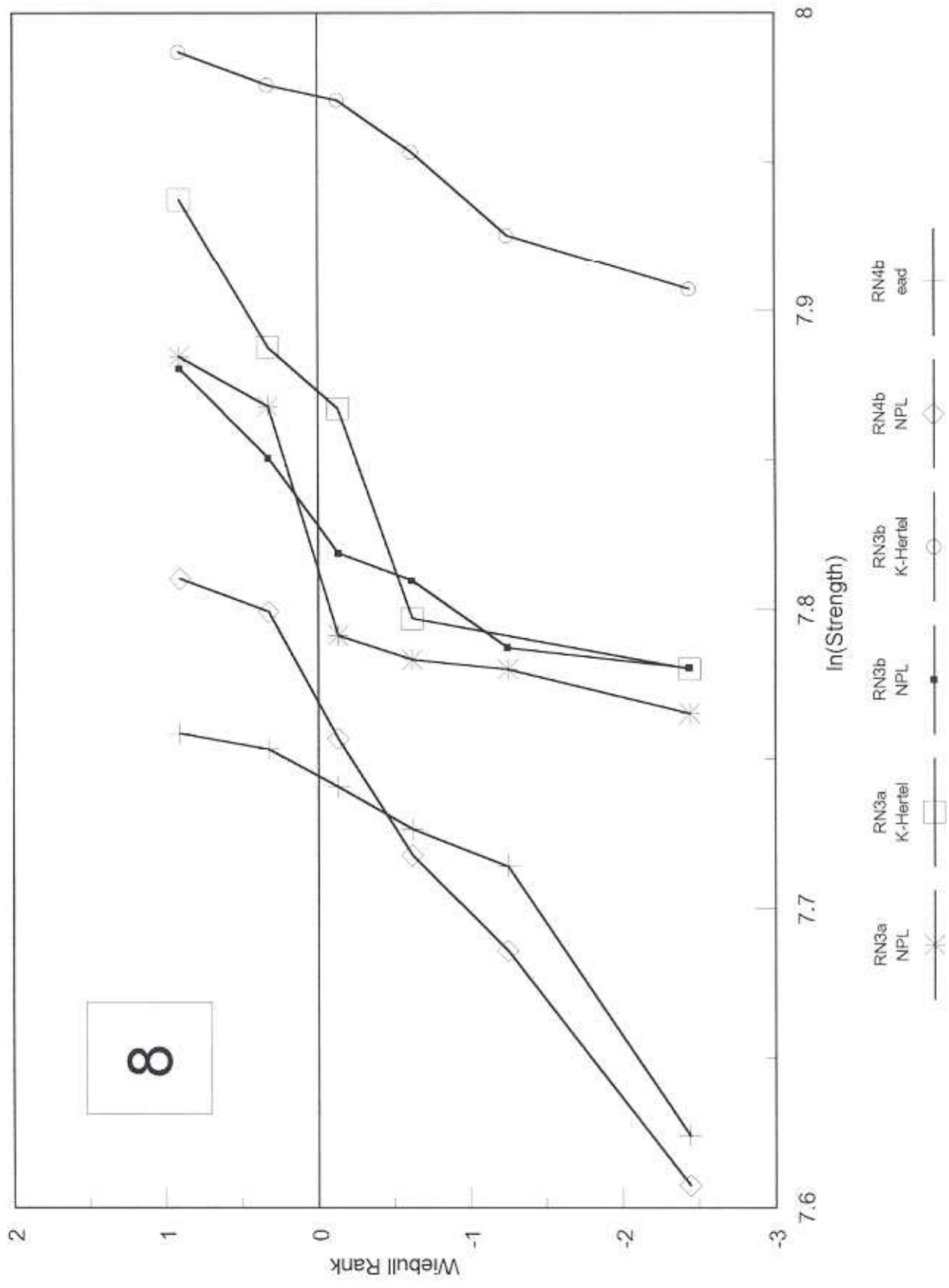




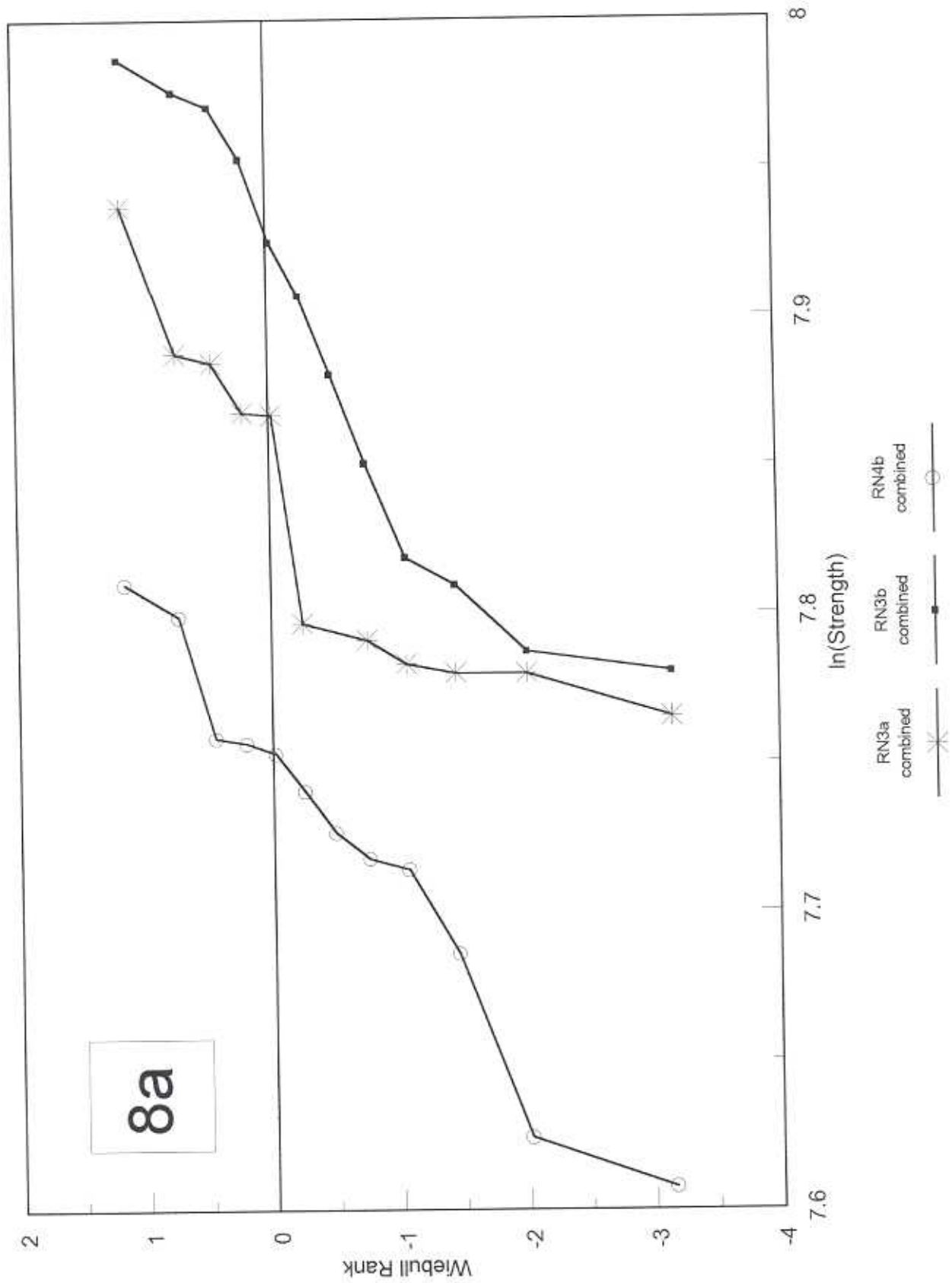
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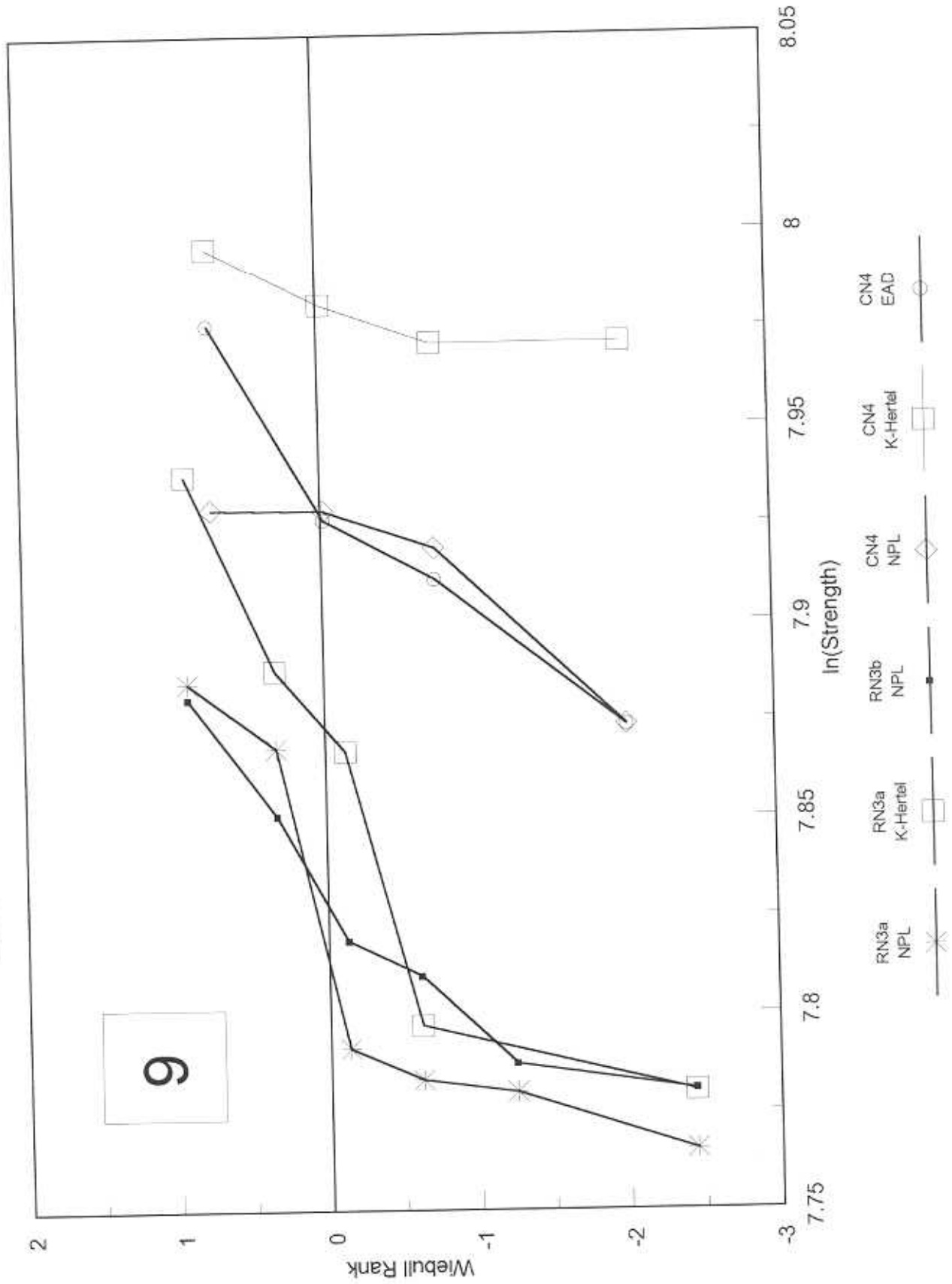
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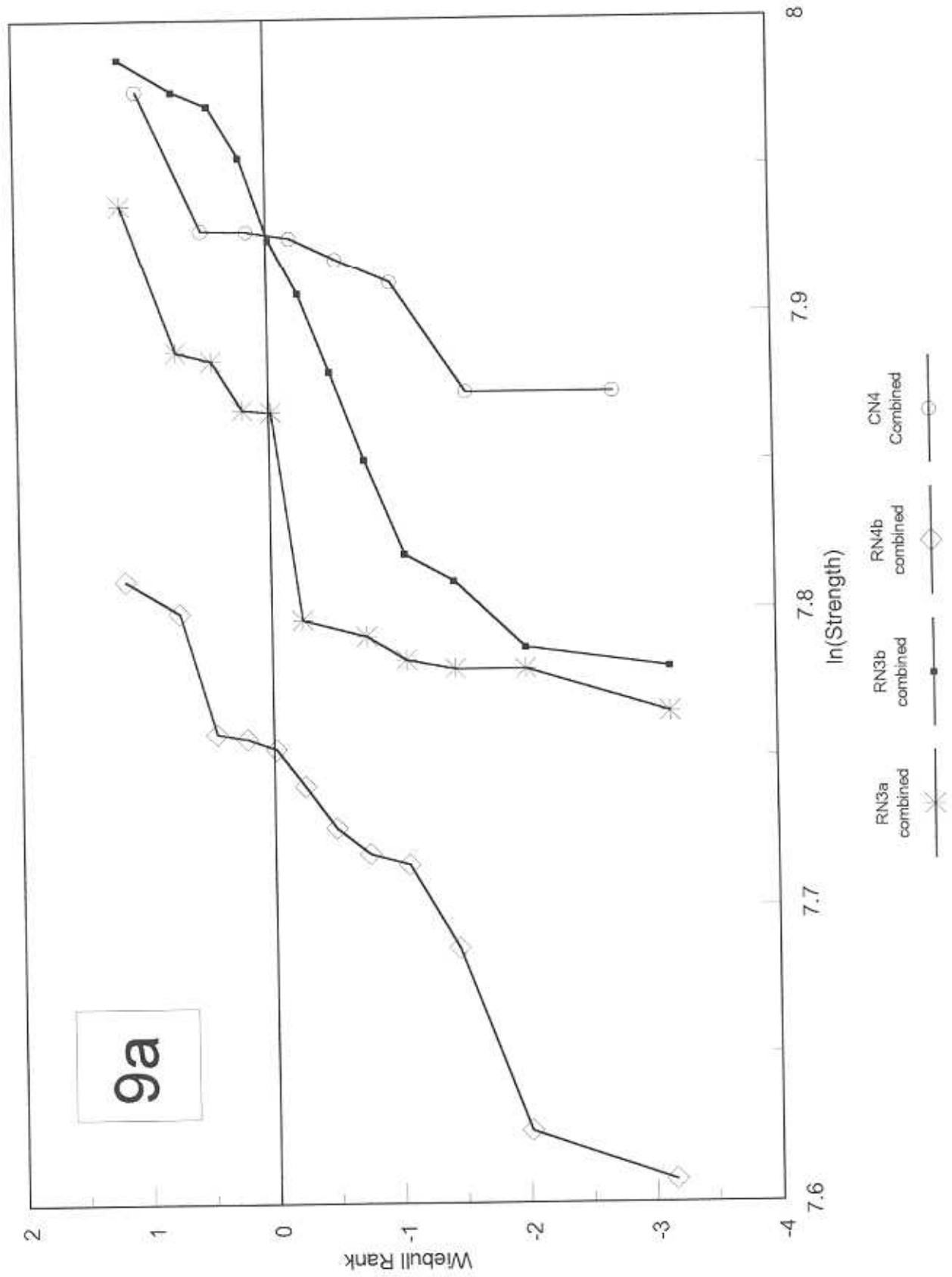
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## WEIBULL RESULTS SET

### (7) BOART LONGYEAR

Coarse, WC/Co

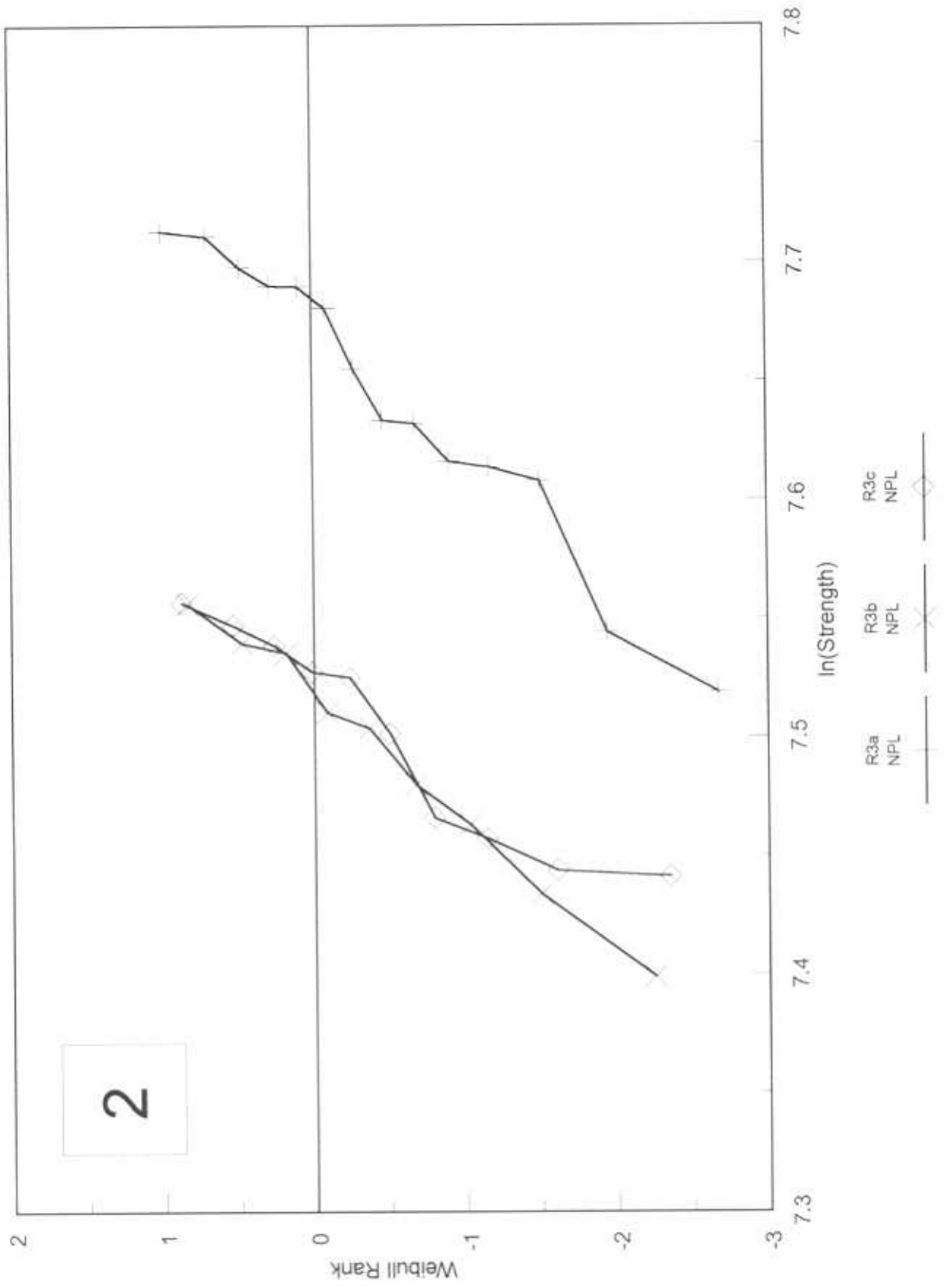
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- 4 - 3 pt vs 4 pt tests; not including R3a, R3b, R3c, R4b, R4c.
- 5 - Round testpieces, compared with standard R3a, C3, C4 and R3a.
- 6 - 3 pt rectangular and round, R3b, R3c and C3; not including R3a..
- 7 - 4 pt rectangular and round, R4b, R4c and C4.
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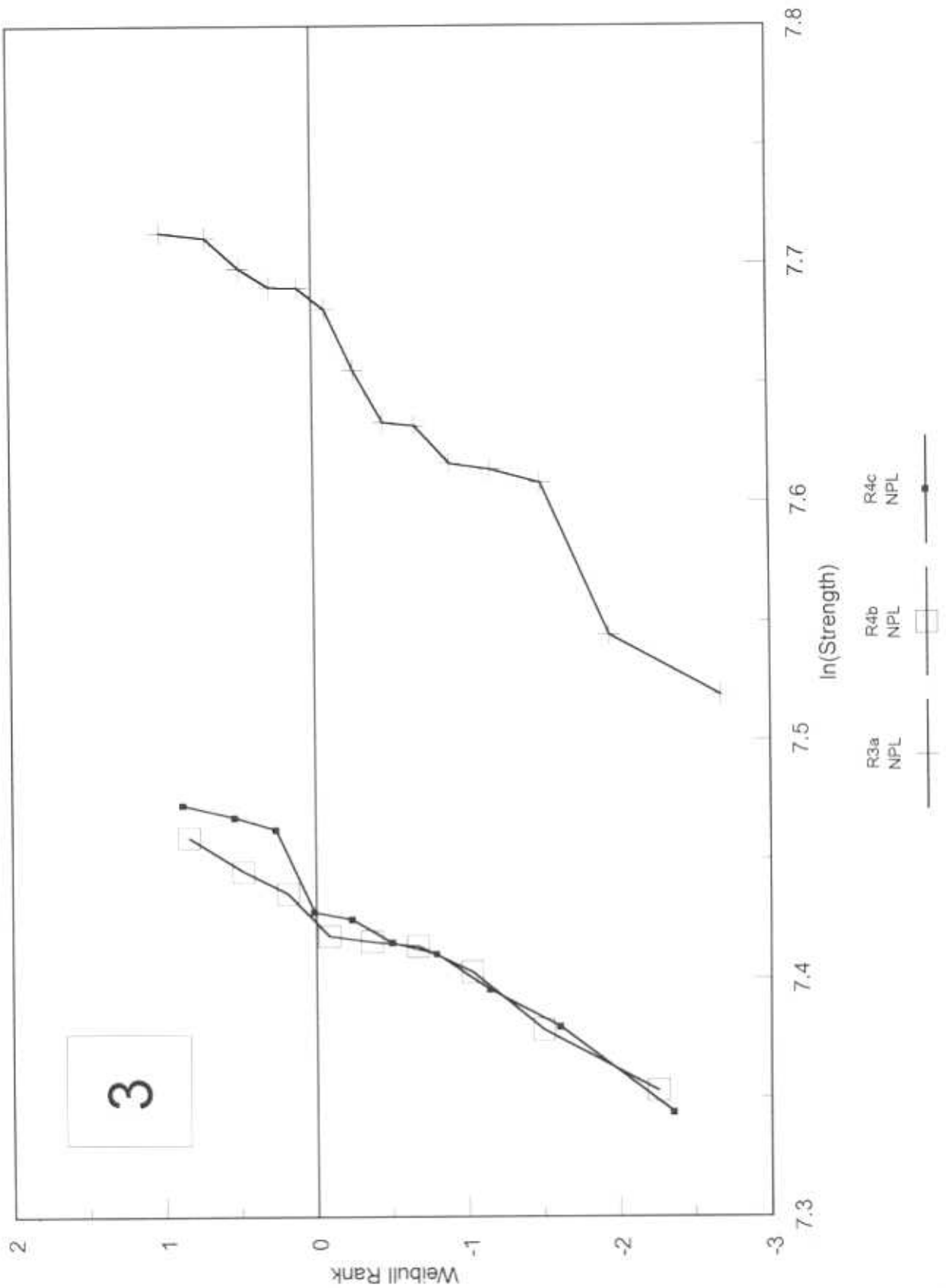




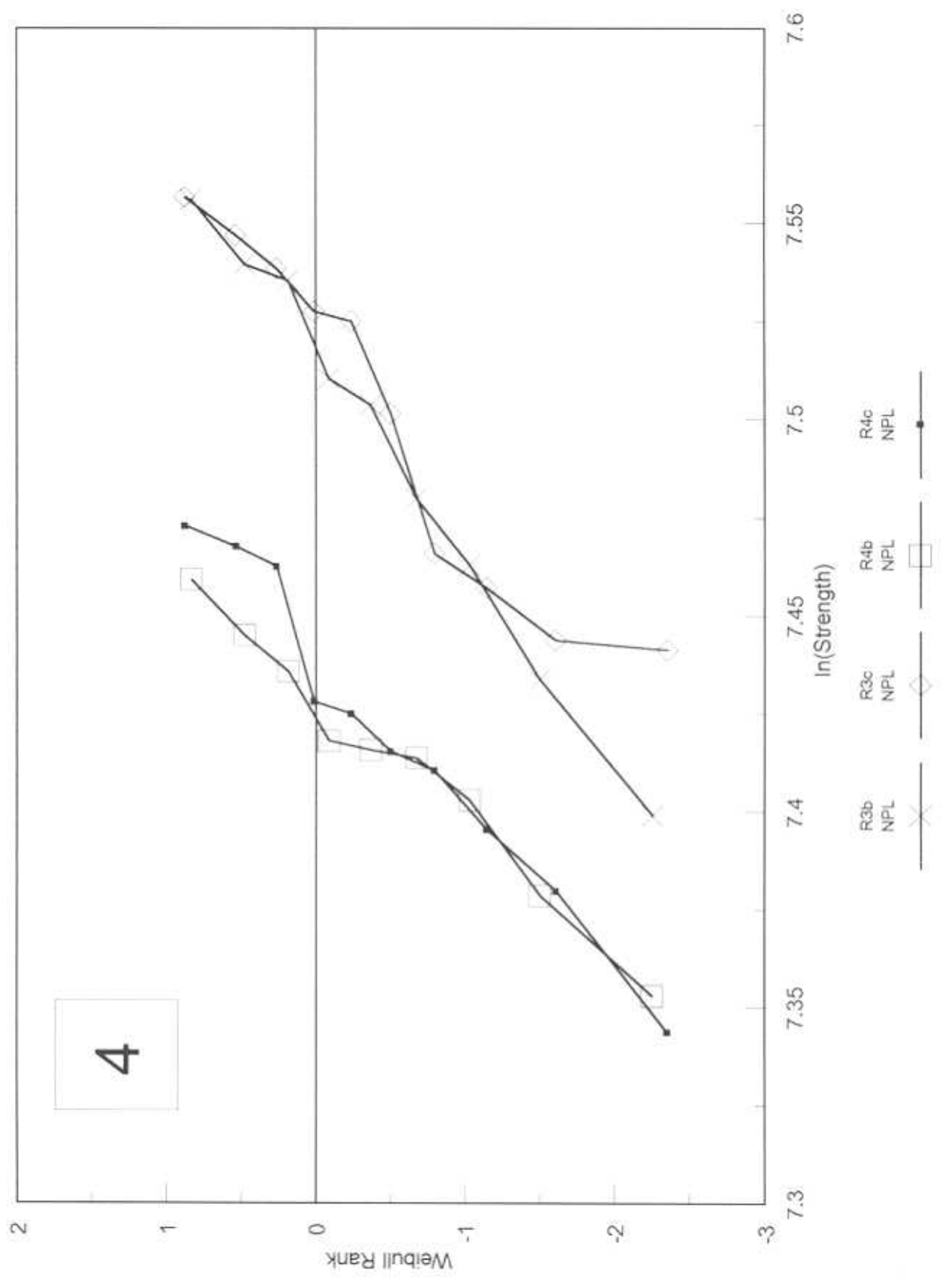
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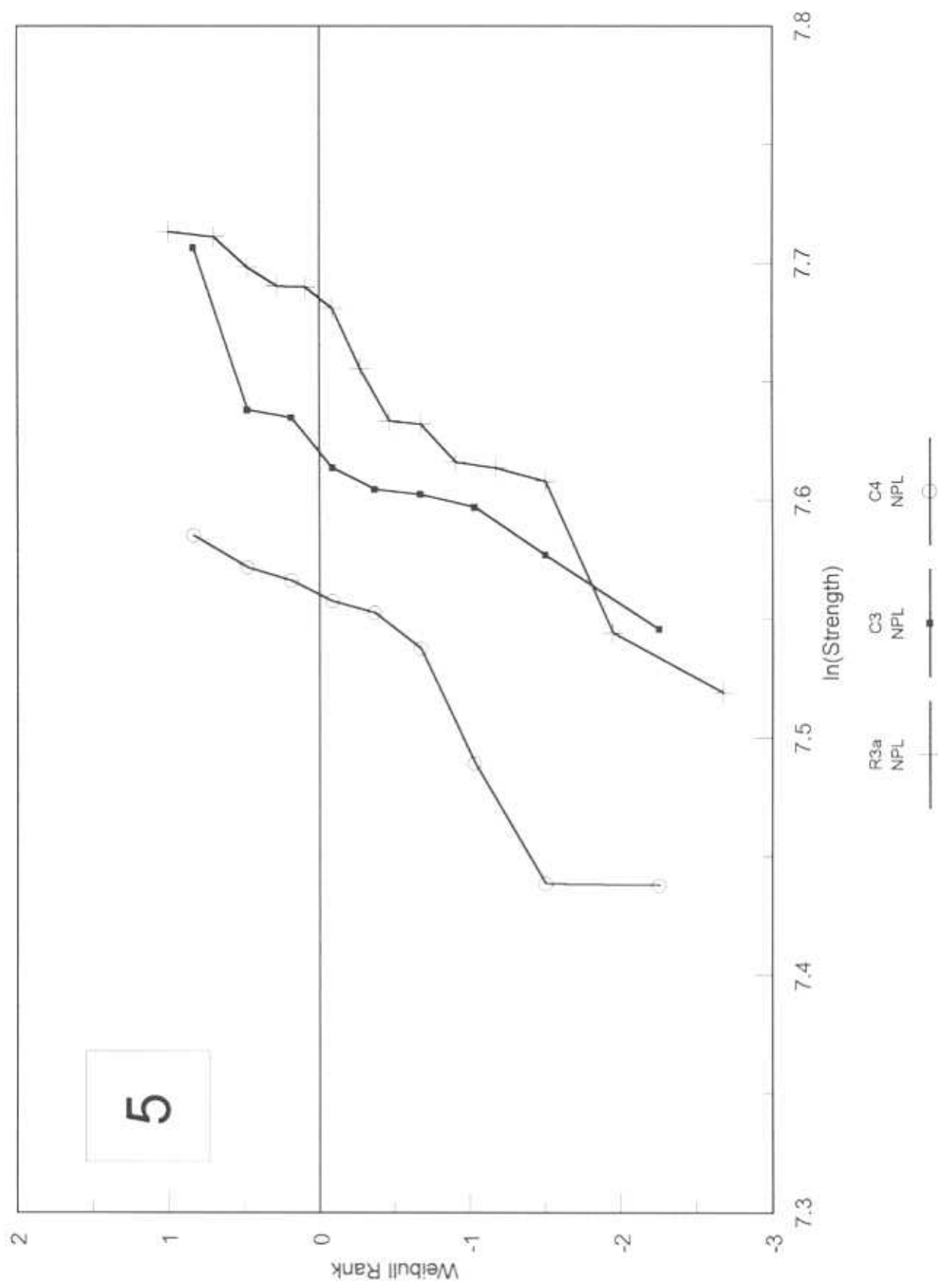
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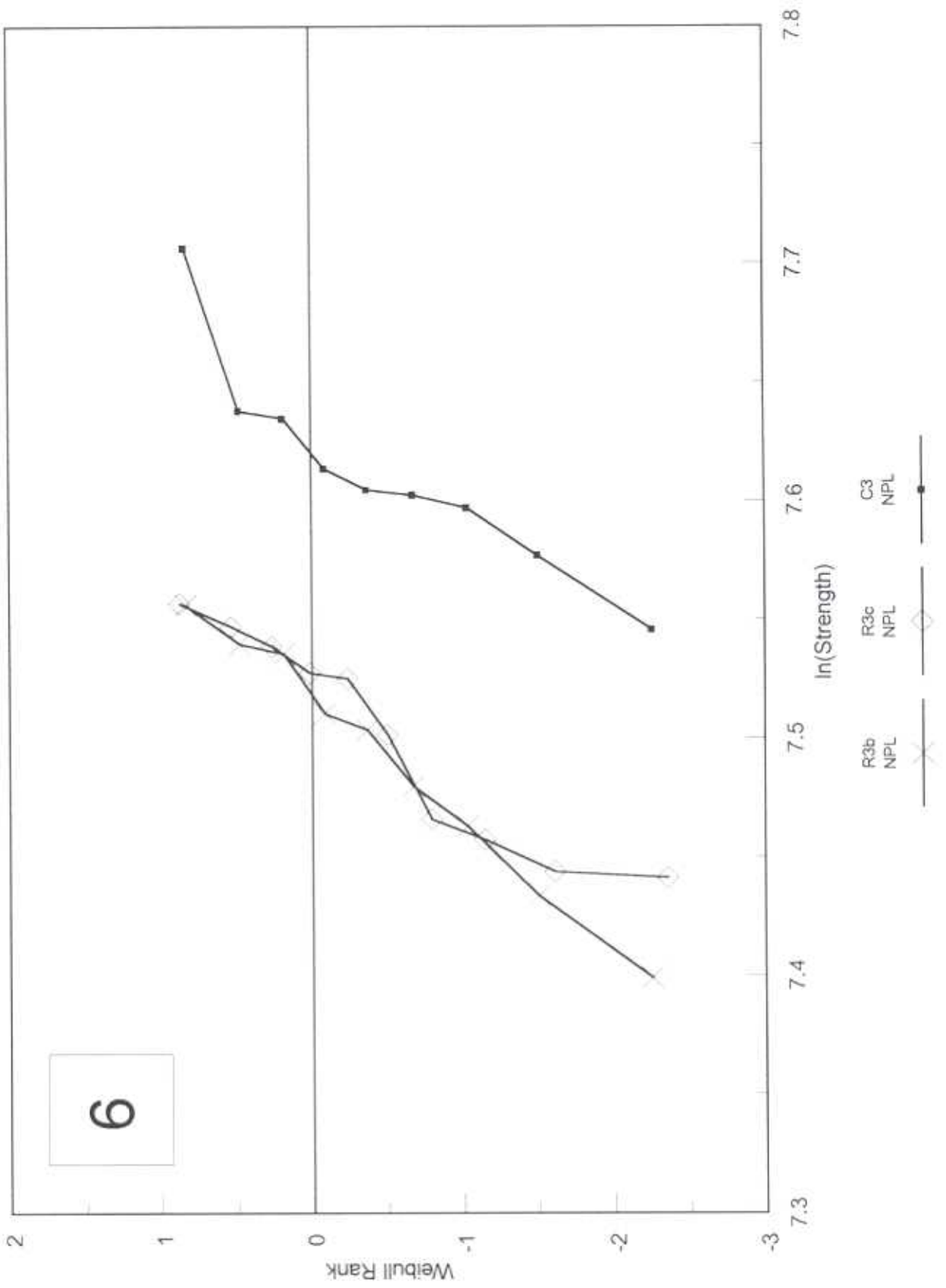
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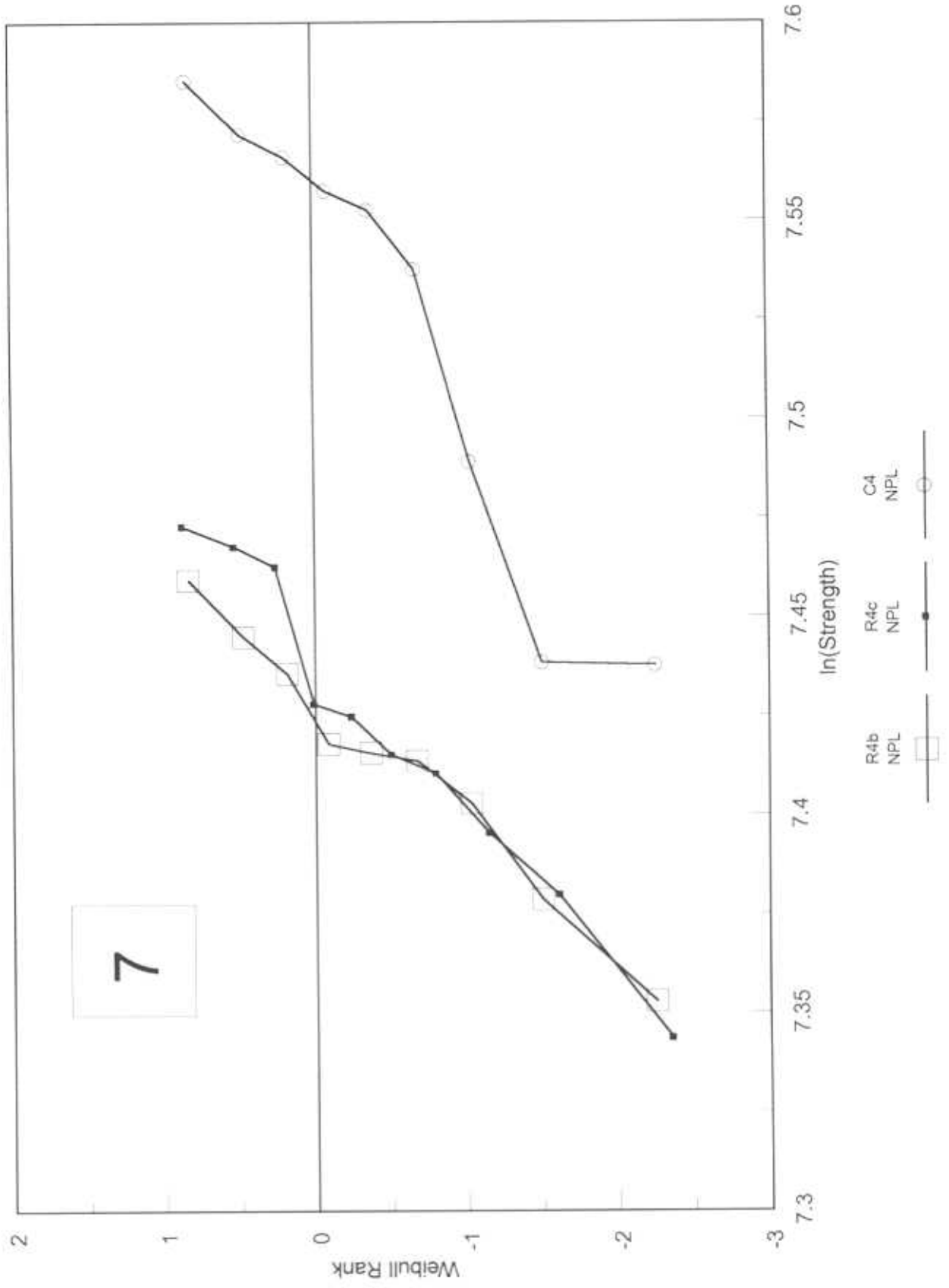
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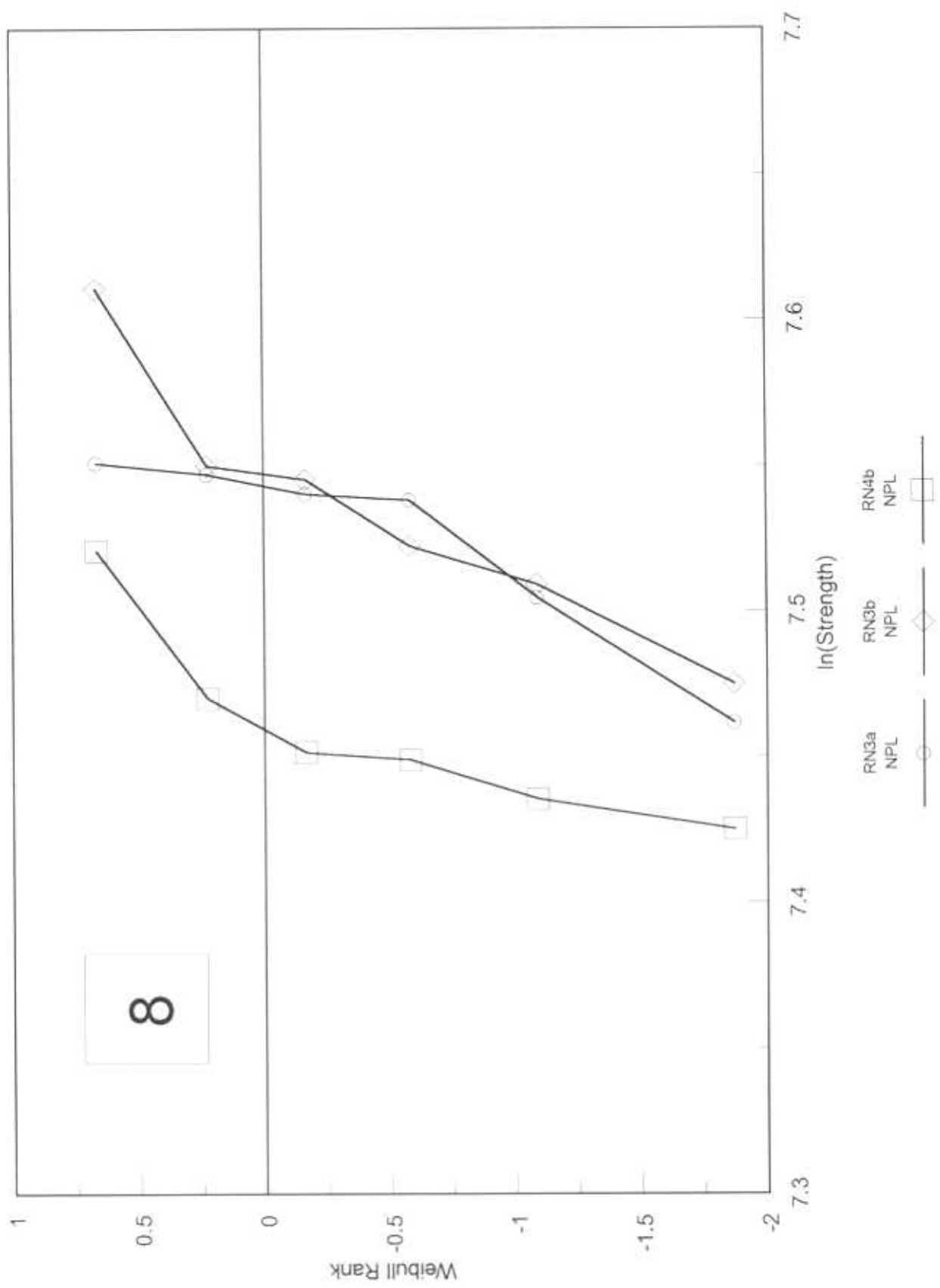
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