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Focusing on a small set of proteins that i) fold in a concerted, “all-or-none” fashion and ii) do not contain knots or slipknots, we show that the Gauss linking integral, the torsion and the number of sequence-distant contacts provide information regarding the folding rate. Our results suggest that the global topology/geometry of the proteins shifts from right-handed to left-handed with decreasing folding rate, and that this requires more sequence-distant contacts. (Received September 24, 2018)