




## ***Tabletability, compactibility and compressibility: a complex relationship easily displayed with JMP.***

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## *Summary*

- Tablets and powder compression
  - Compaction studies
  - Data modelling
  - Data visualization
  - Real case studies
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# ***Tablets are the most popular drug delivery dosage form***



# Compression

Applied Force (kN)

**Powder**

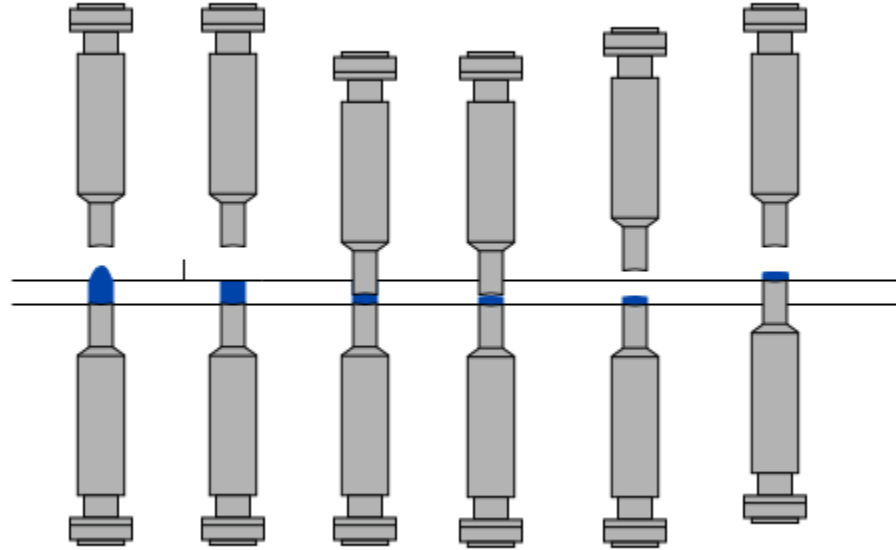


Density

Particle Size

Particle Shape

Flowability



Applied Force (kN)

**Tablets**



Shape → area

Thickness

Volume

Weight

Hardness

## ***Compaction Pressure***

$$\textit{Pressure} = \frac{\textit{Applied Force}}{\textit{Area}}$$

## ***Tensile Strength***

$$T_s = \frac{2 \cdot F}{\pi DT}$$

## ***True Density***

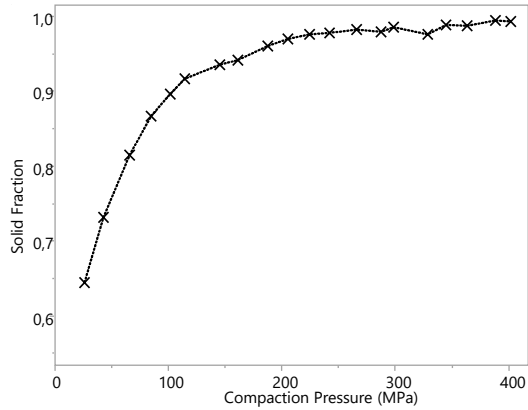
The powder density once all voids are removed.

## ***Solid Fraction***

$$\textit{Solid Fraction} = \frac{\textit{Tablet Density}}{\textit{True Density}}$$

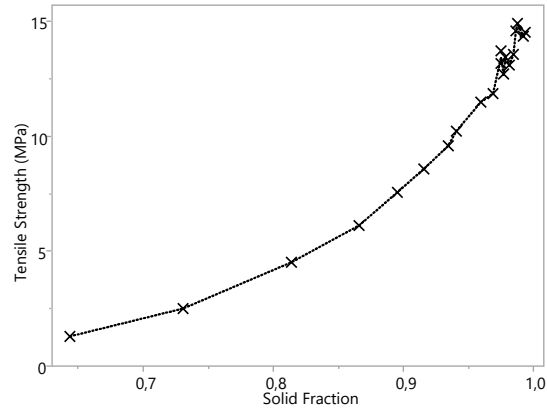
$$\textit{Porosity} = 1 - \textit{Solid Fraction}$$

# Compaction Studies



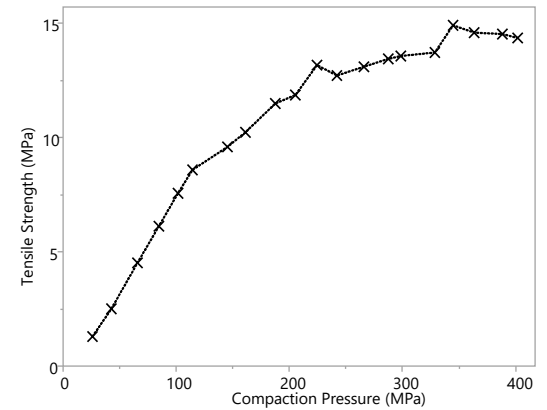
**Compressibility profile**

Solid fraction  
by  
Compaction pressure



**Compactibility profile**

Tensile strength  
by  
Solid fraction



**Tabletability profile**

Tensile strength  
by  
Compaction pressure

Avicel\_102 - JMP EA

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Avicel\_102

- Distribution of Weight (mg)
- Distribution of...ensity (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)
- True Density b...eckel equation
- Solid Fraction ...akita equation
- Compactibility\_Rysh
- Plot (7/0)
  - Compressibility Plot
  - Compactibility Plot
  - Tabletability Plot
  - Scatterplot 3D
  - Scatterplot 3D f(x)
  - Dashboard 2D
  - Dashboard 3D

Columns (18/0)

- Tablet ID
- Filling depth (mm)
- Compaction Force (kN)
- Ejection (kN)
- Compaction Pressure (MPa)
- Weight (mg)
- Thickness (mm)
- Crushing strength (N)
- Tensile Strength (MPa)
- Tablet v (cm)

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Tablet ID	Filling depth (mm)	Compaction Force (kN)	Ejection (kN)	Compaction Pressure (MPa)	Weight (mg)	Thickness (mm)	Crushing strength (N)	Tensile Strength (MPa)	Tablet v (cm)
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2	8,007	4,30	0,16	43	249	2,290	101	2,4869787387	
3	8,006	6,61	0,16	66,1	249	2,056	164	4,4978702042	
4	8,015	8,50	0,16	85	243	1,886	204	6,0992250747	
5	8,013	10,19	0,16	101,9	245	1,839	246	7,5429209949	
6	8,014	11,47	0,15	114,7	245	1,798	273	8,5616829376	
7	8,014	14,56	0,14	145,6	245	1,762	299	9,5686675369	
8	8,014	16,15	0,18	161,5	256	1,829	331	10,204705348	
9	8,013	18,79	0,18	187,9	245	1,716	349	11,468175343	
10	8,014	20,57	0,16	205,7	252	1,748	367	11,83888541	
11	8,013	22,48	0,16	224,8	252	1,737	405	13,1474457	
12	8,014	24,24	0,17	242,4	248	1,706	384	12,692243008	
13	8,013	26,63	0,16	266,3	250	1,712	397	13,075940251	
14	8,015	28,78	0,15	287,8	252	1,731	412	13,421044897	
15	8,014	29,89	0,18	298,9	247	1,686	405	13,545144235	
16	8,014	32,90	0,18	329	252	1,737	422	13,699313791	
17	8,013	34,51	0,18	345,1	251	1,708	451	14,889319751	
18	8,014	36,37	0,18	363,7	246	1,676	433	14,568004371	
19	8,015	38,87	0,17	388,7	250	1,691	435	14,505470842	
20	8,014	40,22	0,18	402,2	252	1,707	434	14,336475255	

evaluations done

*Flat-face punch  $\varnothing 11,89$  mm – Area 1 cm<sup>2</sup>*



# True Density Estimation

C. Sun, A Novel Method for Deriving True Density of Pharmaceutical Solids Including Hydrates and Water-Containing Powders, (2013)

$$P = \frac{1}{C} \left[ (1 - \varepsilon_c) - \frac{\rho_{\text{tablet}}}{\rho_{\text{true}}} - \varepsilon_c \ln \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\rho_{\text{tablet}}}{\rho_{\text{true}}}}{\varepsilon_c} \right) \right]$$

*Heckel equation*

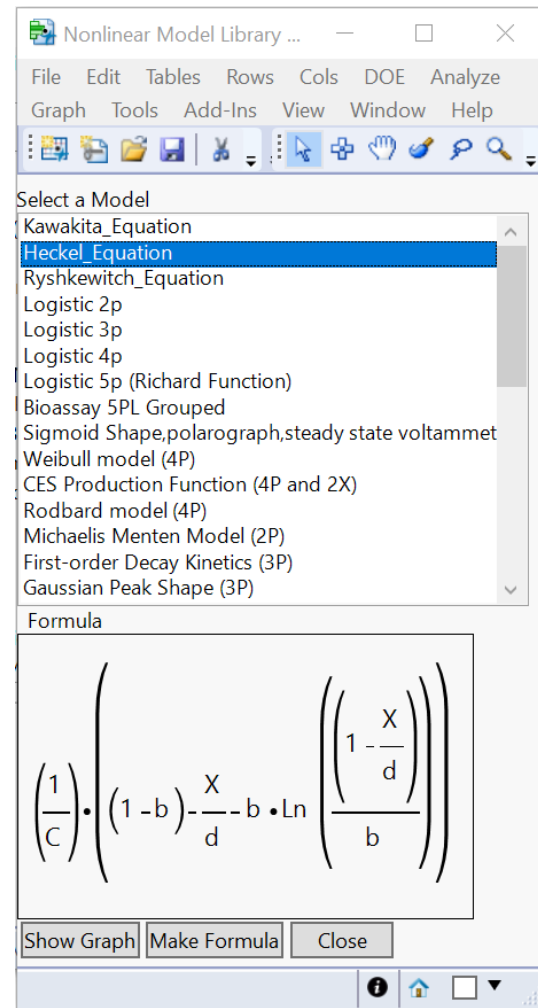
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## Non linear model library

where: **C**, **b** and **d** are parameters

$\rho_{\text{tablet}}$  is the variable **X**

$\rho_{\text{true}}$  is the parameter **d**



Nonlinear Model Library ...

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- Heckel\_Equation**
- Ryshkewitch\_Equation
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- Logistic 4p
- Logistic 5p (Richard Function)
- Bioassay 5PL Grouped
- Sigmoid Shape,polarograph,steady state voltammet
- Weibull model (4P)
- CES Production Function (4P and 2X)
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- First-order Decay Kinetics (3P)
- Gaussian Peak Shape (3P)

Formula

$$\left(\frac{1}{C}\right) \cdot \left( (1-b) - \frac{X}{d} - b \cdot \ln \left( \frac{1 - \frac{X}{d}}{b} \right) \right)$$

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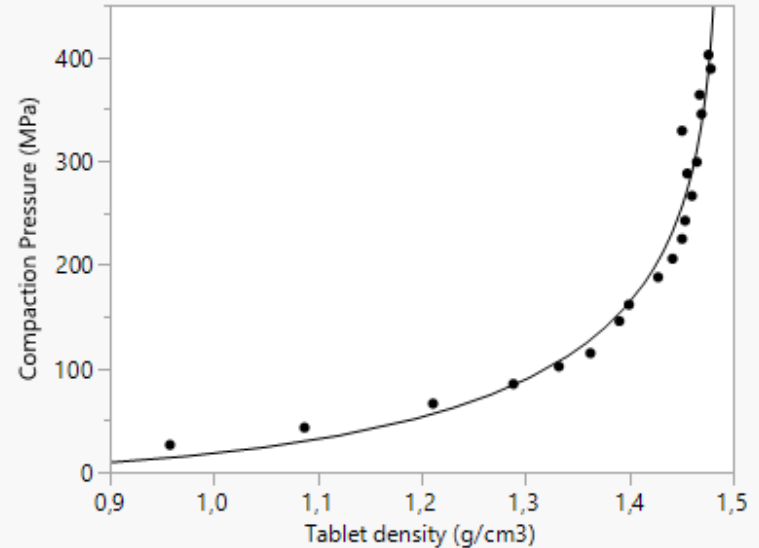
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## Nonlinear Fit

Response: Compaction Pressure (MPa), Predictor: Heckel\_Equation

### Plot



### Solution

SSE	DFE	MSE	RMSE
11654,77982	17	685,57528	26,183493

Parameter	Estimate	ApproxStdErr
C	0,0053449496	0,0020575
b	0,6088675793	0,14207259
d	1,4874877423	659

Solved By: Analytic Gauss-Newton

# Compressibility

Kawakita, Tsutsumi, A Comparison of Equations for Powder Compression, (1966)  
Physical Properties and Compact Analysis of Commonly Used Yeli Zhang, Yuet  
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$$\frac{P}{C} = \frac{P}{a} + \frac{1}{ab} \quad C = \frac{V_0 - V}{V_0} \quad \text{or} \quad C = \frac{SF_0 - SF}{SF_0}$$

$V_0$  starting vol.  
 $V$  vol. at applied pressure

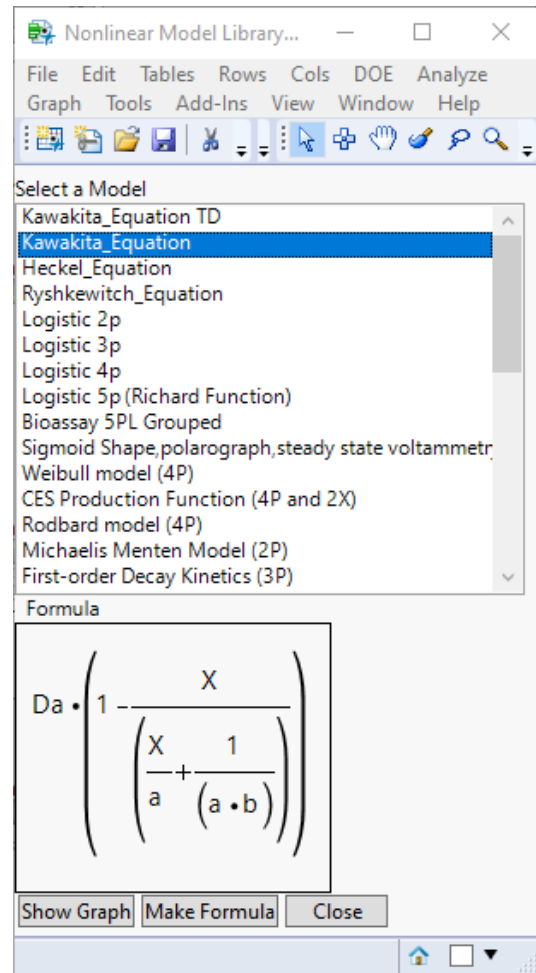
$SF_0$  starting solid fraction  
 $V$  solid fraction at applied pressure

## Kawakita equation

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## Non linear model library

where: **a** and **b** are parameters  
**P** is the variable **X**  
**SF** is the variable **Y**



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Formula

$$Da \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{X}{\left( \frac{X}{a} + \frac{1}{(a \cdot b)} \right)} \right)$$

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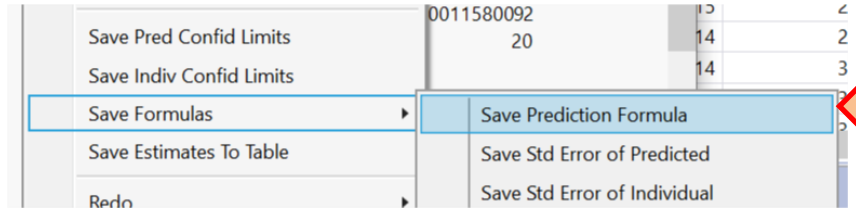
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## Kawakita equation

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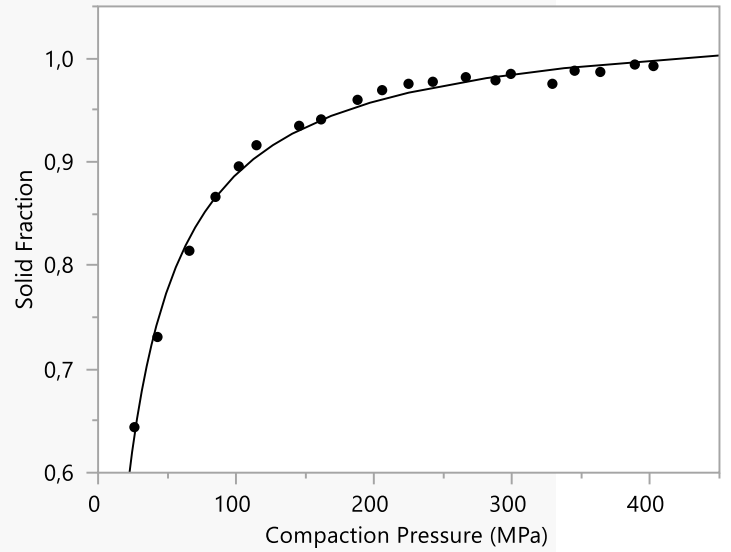
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### Nonlinear Fit

Response: Solid Fraction, Predictor: Kawakita\_Equation

### Plot



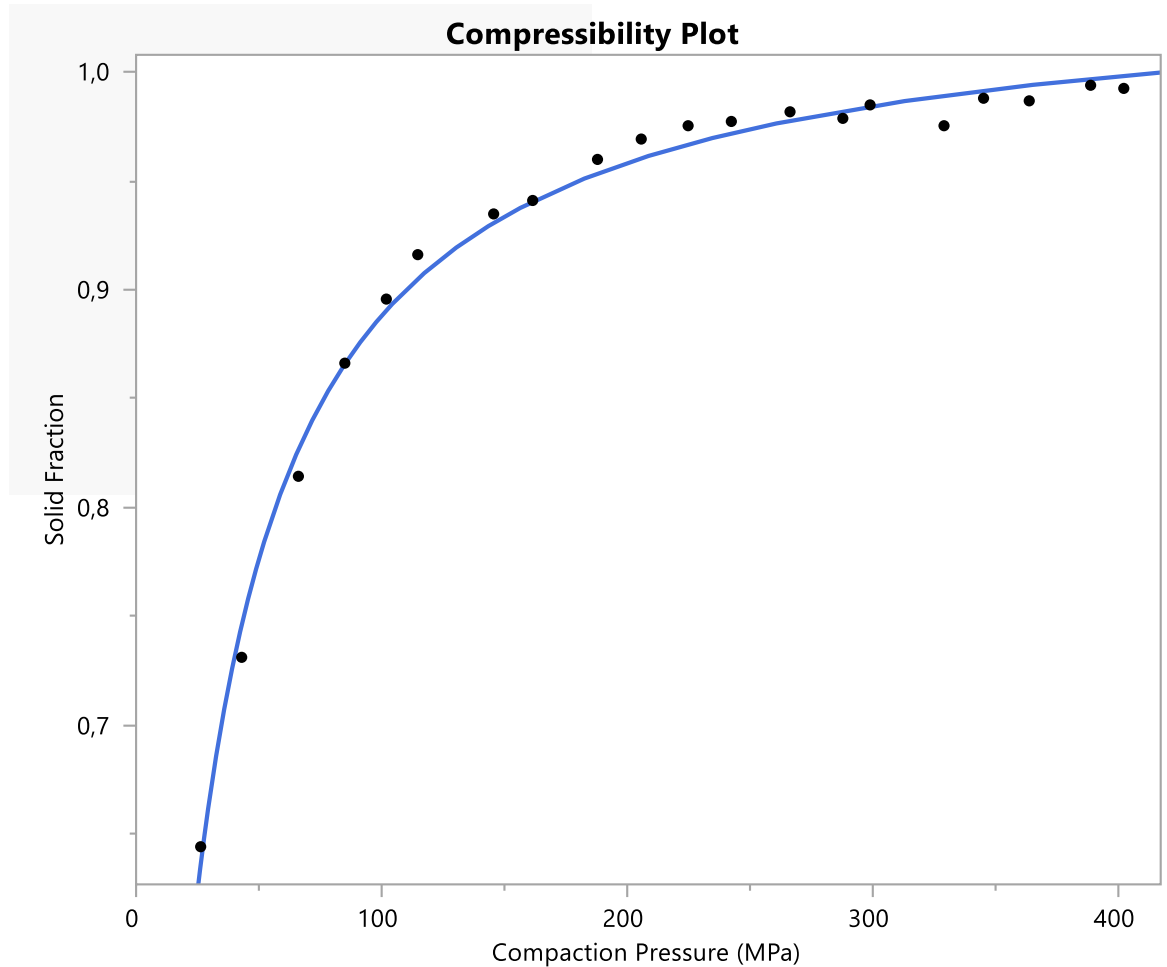
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Parameter	Estimate	ApproxStdErr		
Da	0,0605603482	0,1112878		
a	-16,19845696	31,5351507		
b	0,0538835229	0,00980698		

Solved By: Analytic Gauss-Newton

# Compressibility

*The ability of a material to reduce in volume as results of an applied pressure*



# Compactibility

C. K. Tye, C. Sun, G. E. Amidon, Evaluation of the Effects of Tableting Speed on the Relationships between Compaction Pressure, Tablet Tensile Strength, and Tablet Solid Fraction, (2005)

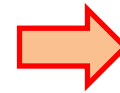
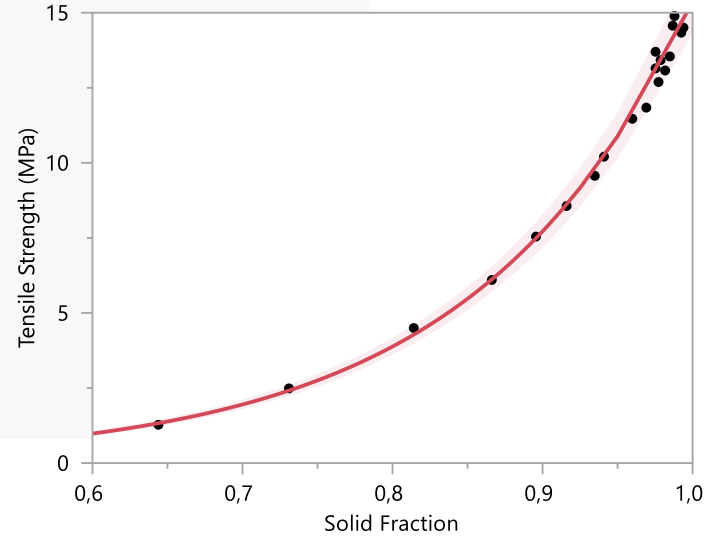
$$\text{TensileStrength} = \sigma_0 e^{-b(1-\text{SolidFraction})}$$

*Ryshkewitch equation*

**Fit Y by X platform**

Simply doing a “Fit special” with Y transformed as logarithm

**Bivariate Fit of Tensile Strength (MPa) By Solid Fraction**



**Transformed Fit Log**

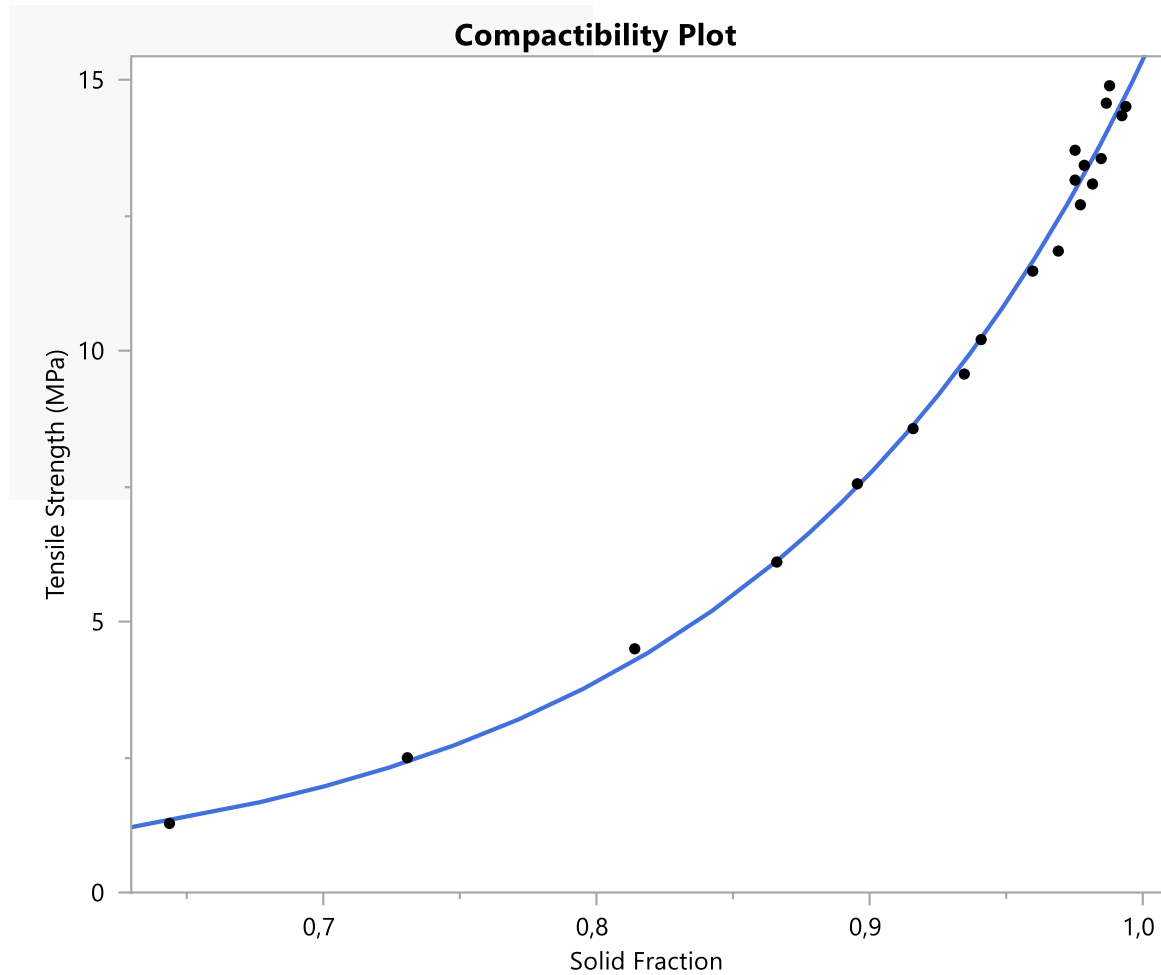
$$\text{Log(Tensile Strength (MPa))} = -4,144067 + 6,8751709 * \text{Solid Fraction}$$

**Summary of Fit**

RSquare	0,997629
RSquare Adj	0,997498
Root Mean Square Error	0,032703
Mean of Response	2,217537
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	20

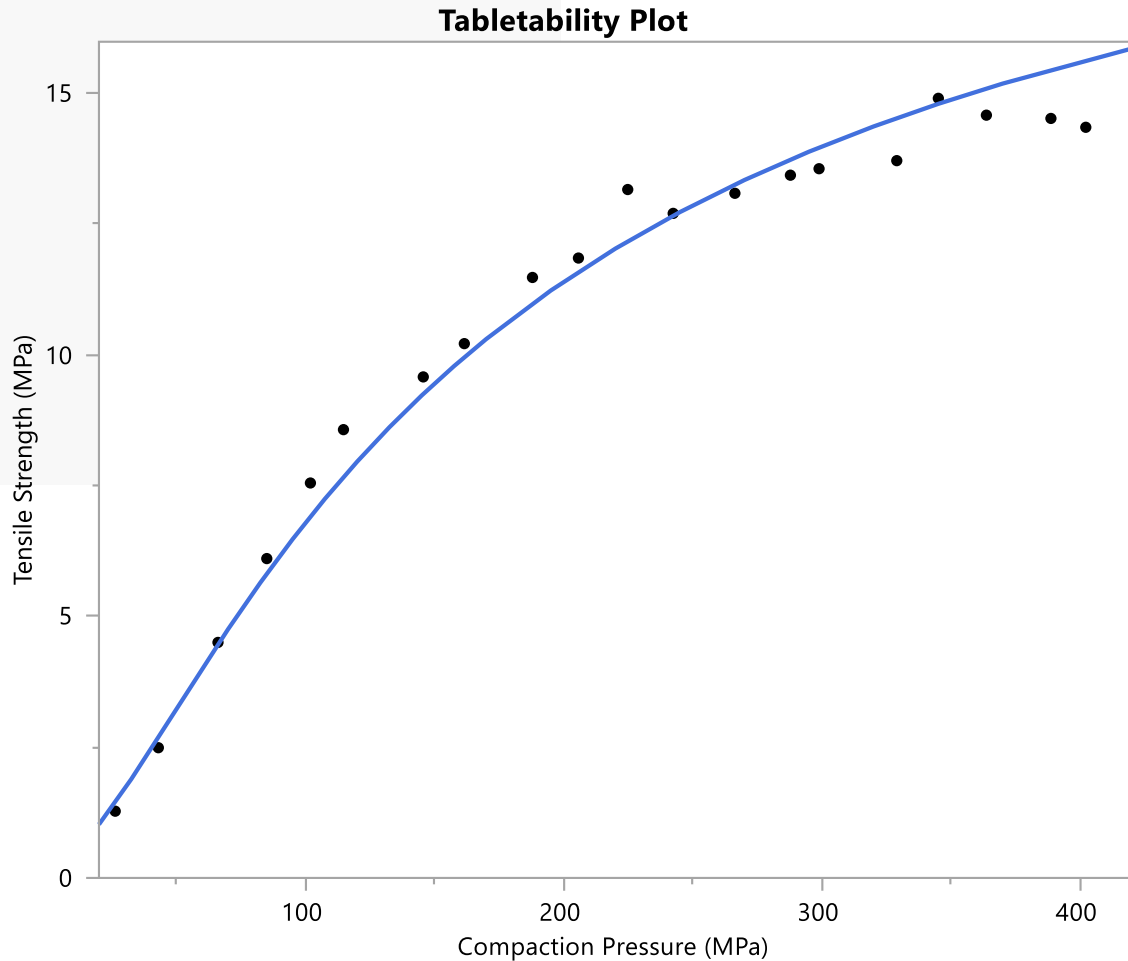
# Compactibility

*The ability to produce tablets with sufficient strength, under the effect of densification*



# ***Tabletability***

***The capacity of a powder to be transformed into a tablet of specified strength under the effect of compaction pressure***



# Dashboard

Local Data Filter

Local Data Filter

Show  Include

Inverse

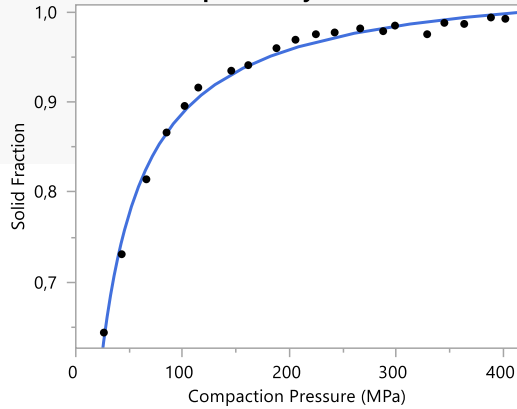
Compaction Pressure (MPa)



Dashboard

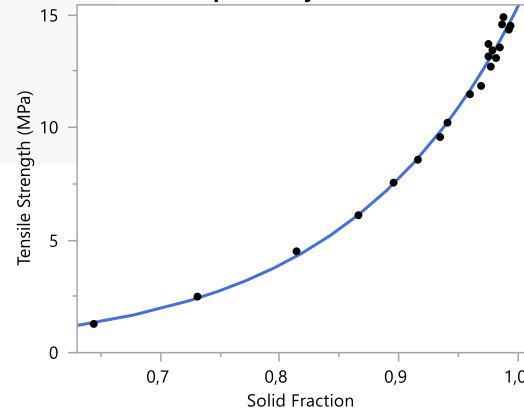
Graph Builder

Compressibility Plot



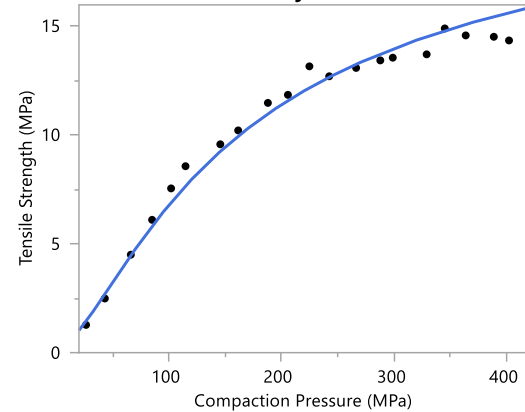
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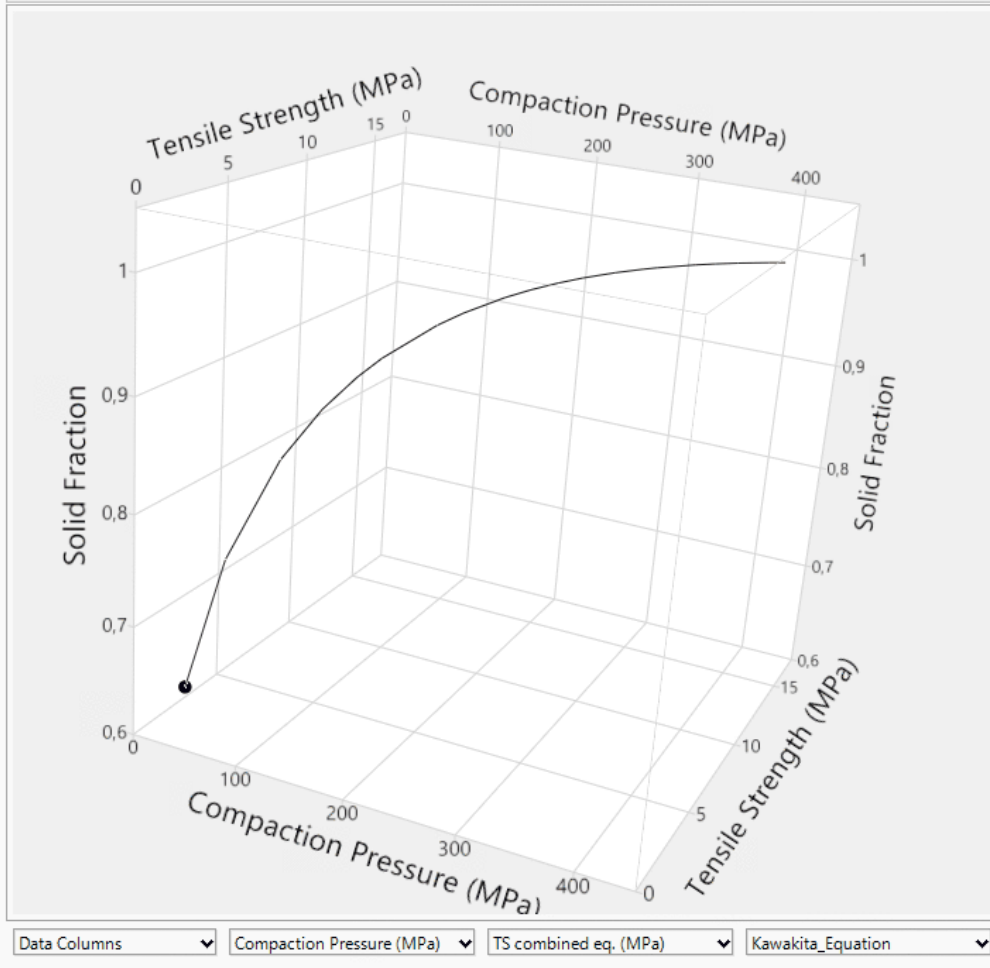
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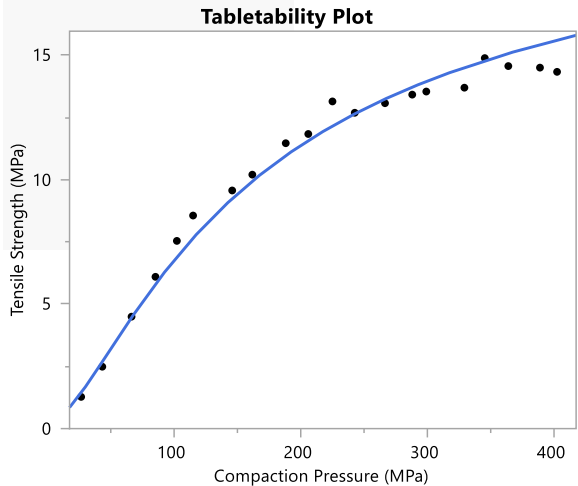
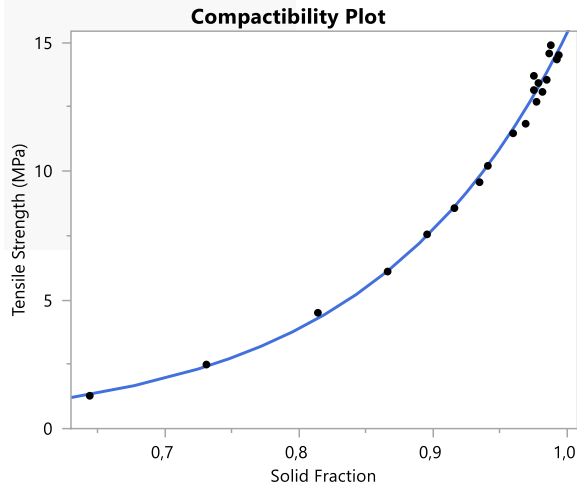
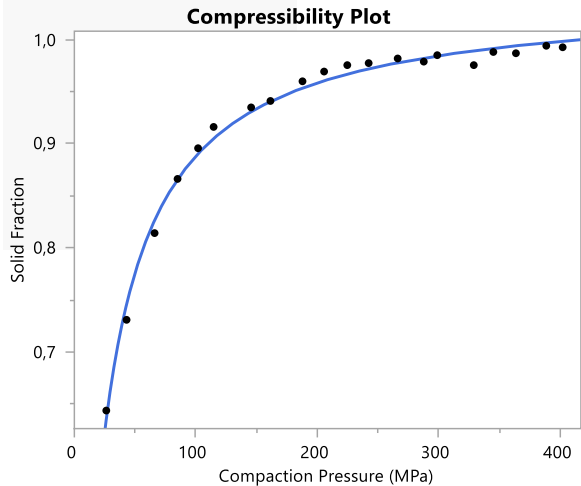
Scatterplot 3D



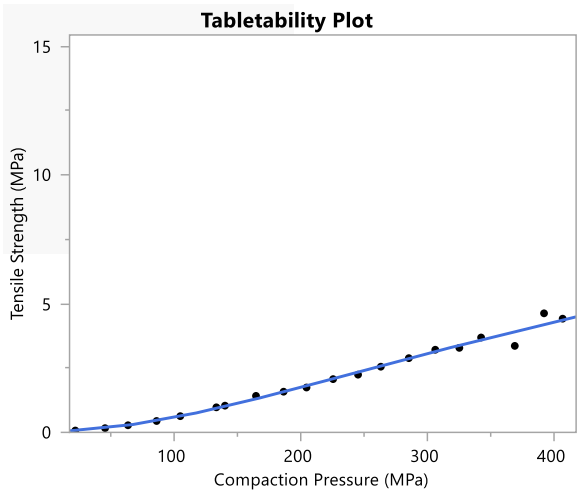
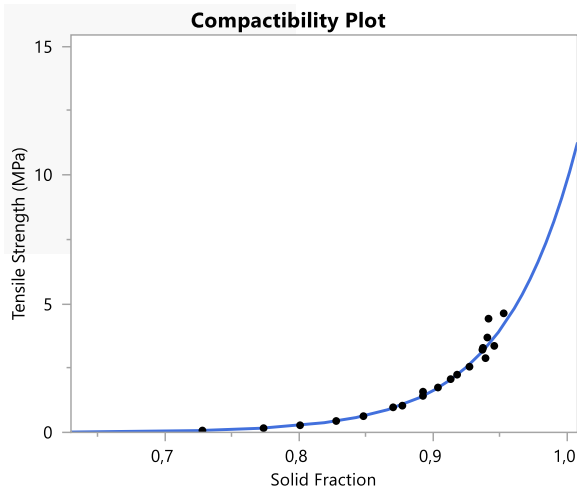
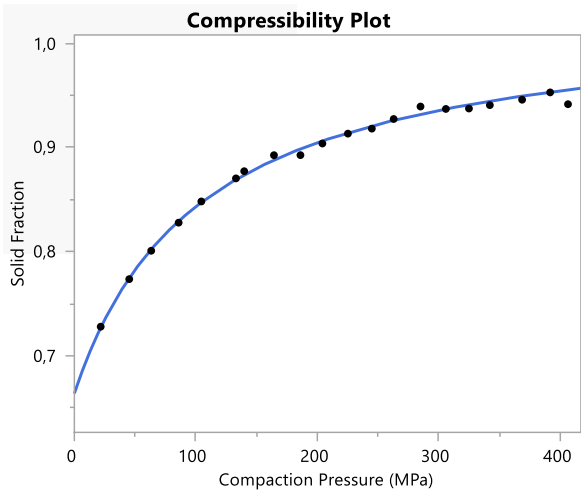
# 3D Scatterplot

***Compaction studies  
on cellulose, lactose and  
placebo formulations***

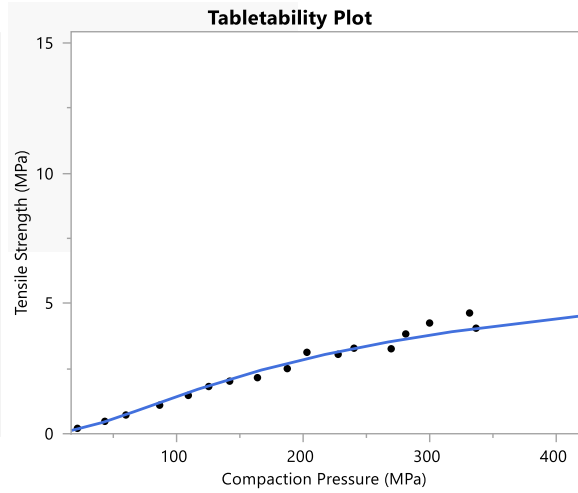
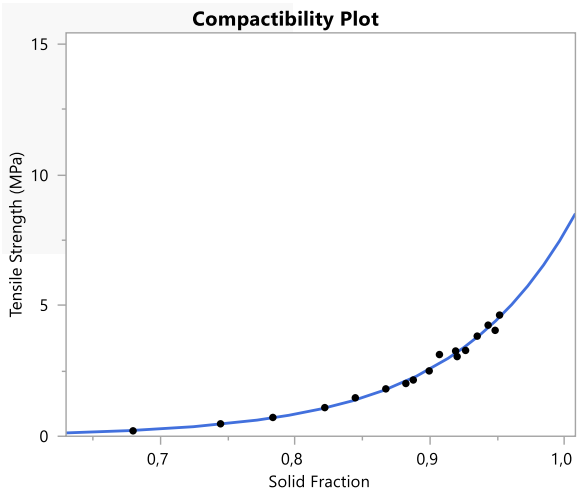
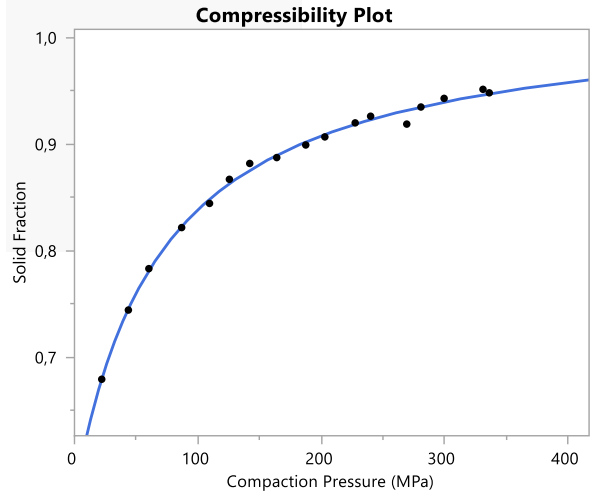
Cellulose



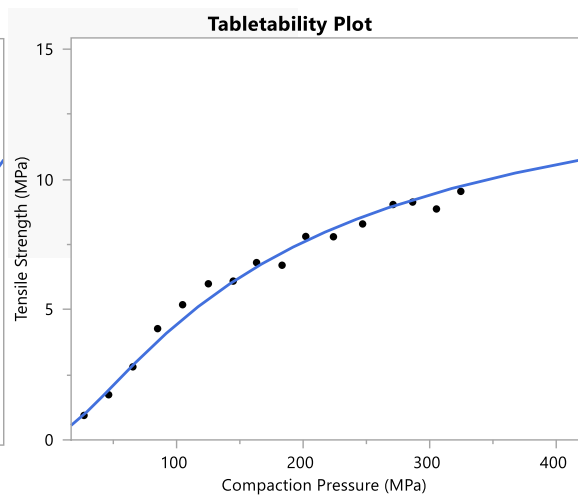
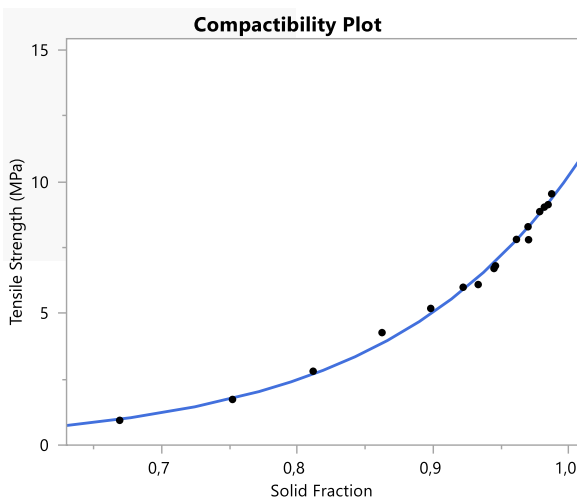
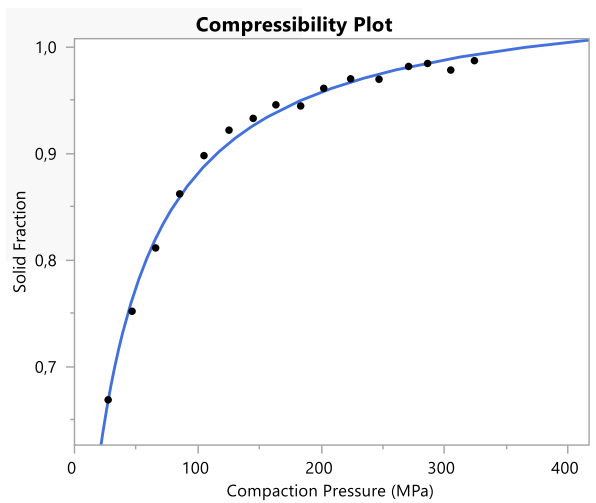
Lactose



**Cellulose 25%**  
**Lactose 75%**



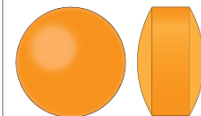
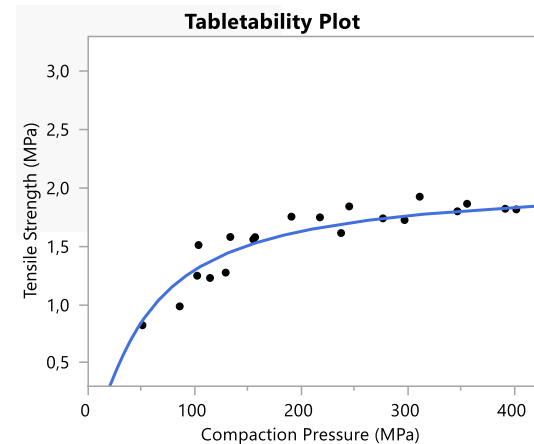
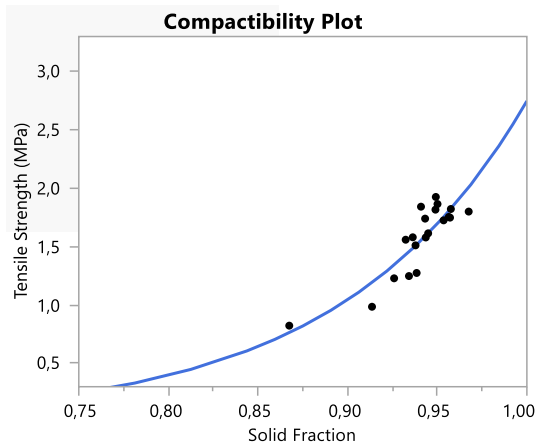
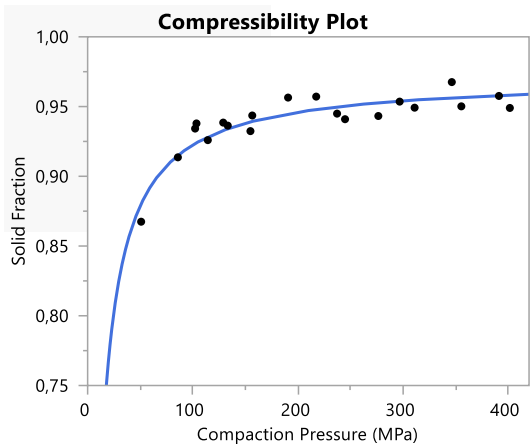
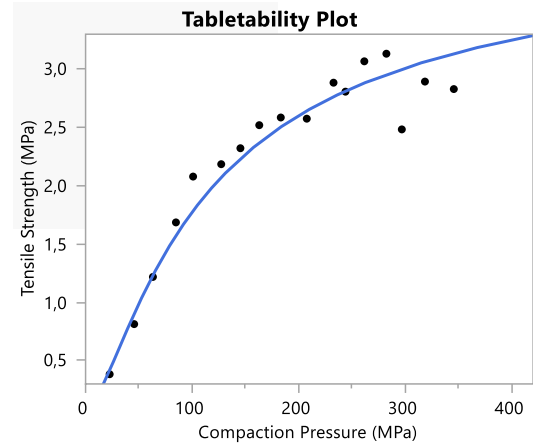
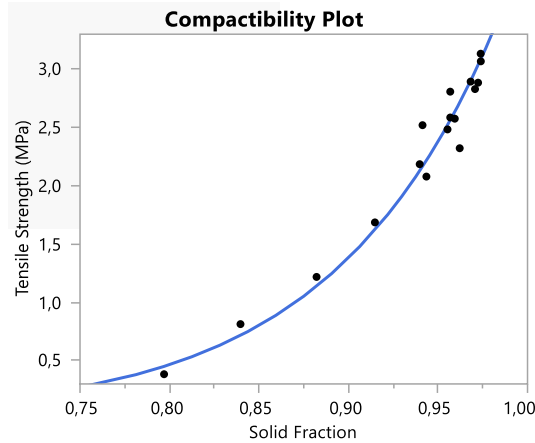
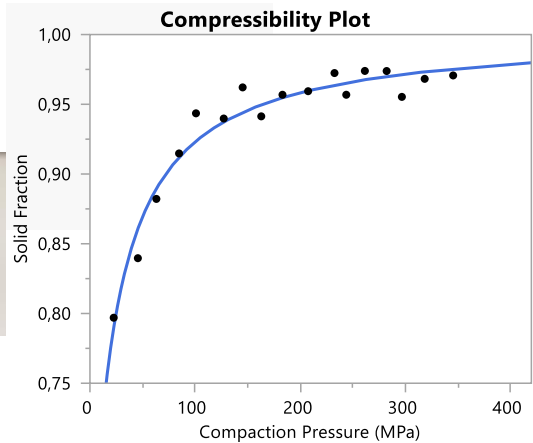
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***Compaction studies  
on real tablets formulation,  
using manufacturing punches  
(EU standard tooling)***



FLAT-FACE PLAIN

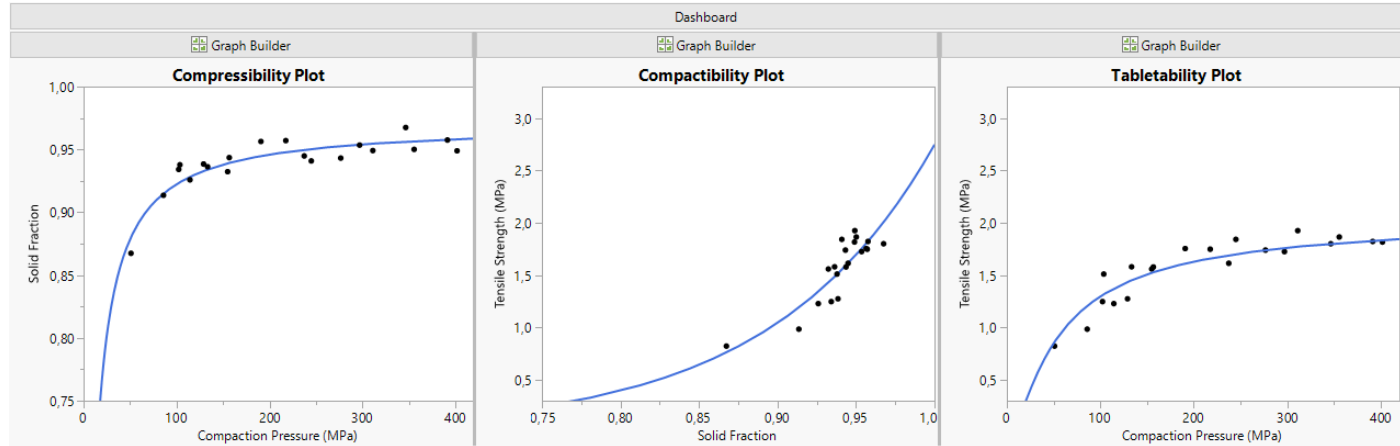


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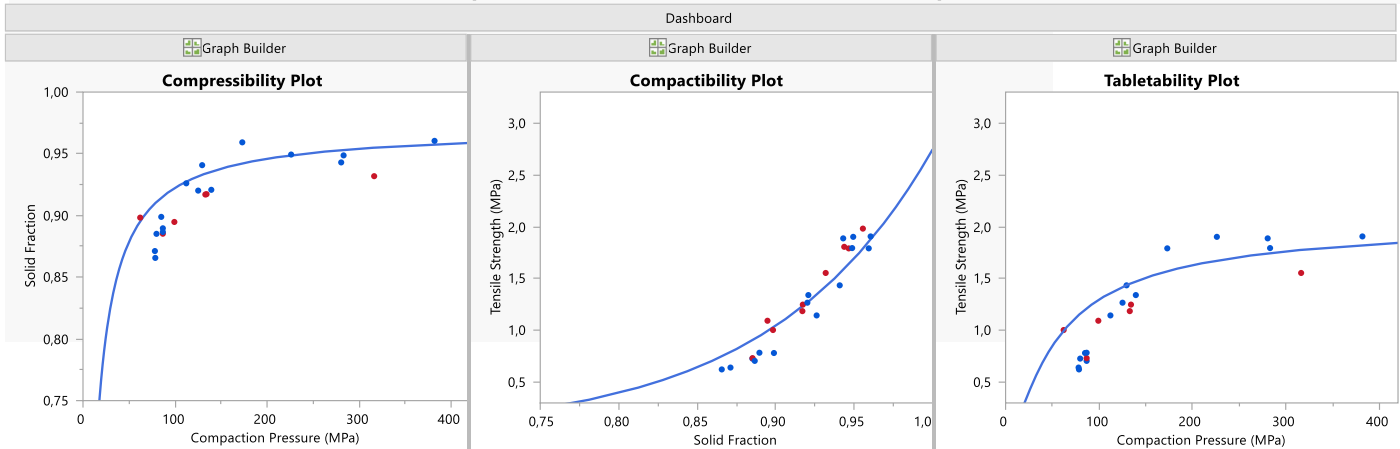


# Single punch press Vs Rotary press

**Natoli NP-RD10A**  
Single punch  
Alternative



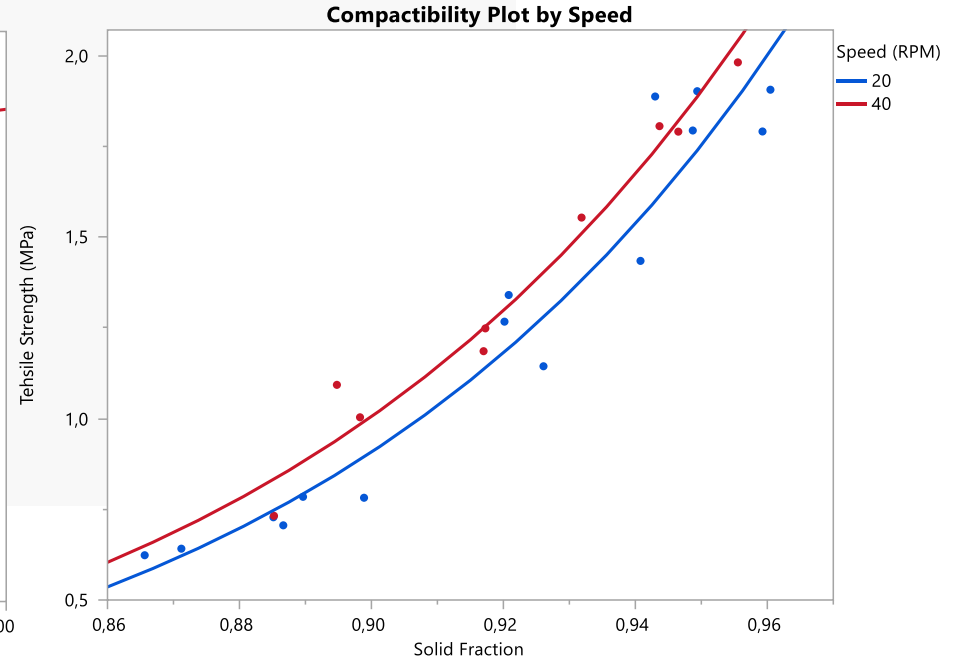
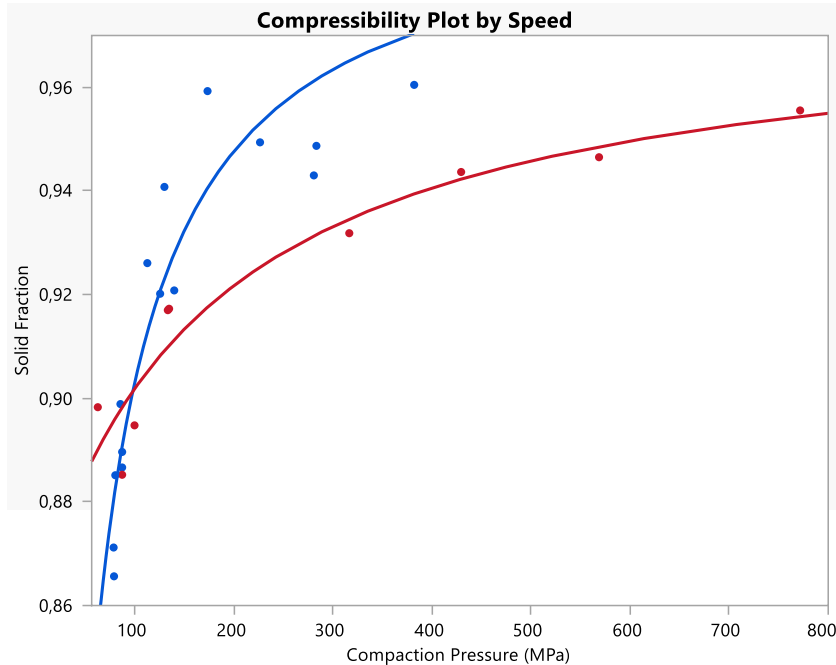
**Korsch PH103**  
Rotary press



**Dwell time** is defined as the amount of time that the compression force applied when forming the tablet is above 90% of its peak value.

**Higher speed, shorter dwell time**

**Lower speed, longer dwell time**



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# *Thank you*

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