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Computational fracture analysis of 3Y-TZP dental ceramics with low Al_2O_3 using peridynamics

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated crack growth and total energy of the system in 3 mol% yttria-stabilized tetragonal zirconia polycrystal (3Y-TZP) dental ceramics with varying alumina (Al_2O_3) content levels (0.03, 0.06, and 0.09 wt%) using a bond-based peridynamics. Simulations were conducted using the Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator (*LAMMPS*) in two stages: equilibrium and impact analysis at velocities of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 mm/s. The results showed that with increasing Al_2O_3 content, the crack length also increased, reaching 26.72% at 0.09 wt% Al_2O_3 . The reason was attributed to the increase in interparticle repulsion, which led to a decrease in plastic deformation and a decrease in mechanical strength. In addition, the total energy of the system in the 3Y-TZP + 0.03 wt% Al_2O_3 sample decreased by 74.75%.

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INTRODUCTION

The increasing demand for durable and biocompatible materials such as yttrium-stabilized tetragonal zirconia polycrystal (3Y-TZP) in dentistry has led to significant advances in the development of ceramic materials. 3Y-TZP has attracted much attention due to its unique mechanical properties, such as high strength, fracture toughness, and fracture resistance [1–3]. These properties make it an ideal choice for use in veneers, bridges, and implants [4,5]. The performance of these materials can be further enhanced by the addition of additives such as aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3), which increases their mechanical behavior and fracture toughness [6–8].

In recent years, the addition of small amounts of Al_2O_3 to 3Y-TZP ceramics has been studied to improve their mechanical properties and increase their reliability in clinical applications. The interaction of 3Y-TZP and Al_2O_3 is of great importance for the overall performance of dental materials. Some studies emphasize the importance of ceramic coatings, such as Al_2O_3 , for the mechanical properties of dental ceramics [7, 8]. Kumar et al. [9] showed that a lower Al_2O_3 content can influence heat dissipation and crack propagation in ceramic materials and potentially lead to increased durability [10].

Numerical methods offer a cost-effective way to investigate fracture behavior and mechanisms. The finite element method (FEM) is frequently used to predict brittle fracture,

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crack propagation, and branching [11]. Based on classical continuum mechanics, FEM requires precise tracking of the crack area and propagation direction, as well as determination of the stress intensity factor for accurate analysis. However, its mesh dependency requires re-meshing after each propagation step, which can complicate the modeling of crack growth. For this purpose, the extended finite element method (XFEM) has been used to include discontinuities such as cracks [12]. XFEM enables mesh-independent crack modeling and leads to more accurate simulations, especially in the interaction of macro- and micro-cracks [13].

Peridynamics (PD), introduced by Silling [14], uses integral-differential equations for fracture mechanics and thus allows the investigation of complex crack interactions without tracking the crack tip position. The bond-based PD model effectively predicts crack initiation, propagation, and interactions between primary cracks and microcracks [15–20]. However, due to limitations in the definition of material properties, the state-based PD method was developed, which considers the variable Poisson's ratio in 2-D and 3-D models to achieve more natural results [21]. Simulations using PD are useful for investigating crack growth in brittle materials in that they capture complex interactions between cracks and materials without predefined solutions [22–24].

The peridynamic material point method (PMPM) is a breakthrough in traditional continuum mechanics by simulating crack propagation and material failure without generating an explicit mesh. PMPM has a non-local approach and defines interactions between material points over a finite distance, facilitating the modeling of discontinuities and complex failure behavior [25]. This approach is useful for brittle materials, such as dental ceramics, where crack initiation and growth are of great importance and significantly affect mechanical performance and durability [26]. Complex interactions in heterogeneous materials can be captured by integrating PD and point material methods (PMPM) and investigating the effect of different additives, such as Al_2O_3 , on dynamic failure. PMPM is used to improve failure mechanisms for optimization in dental ceramics and improve clinical performance.

Zhou and Qian [27] presented an improved peridynamic model for simulating fractures in composite laminates, validated it using finite element results, and demonstrated its effectiveness in analyzing damage processes. Parkash et al. [28] introduced a bond-based peridynamic model for simulating ceramic impact. It incorporated brittle fracture, plasticity, and strain rate effects, thus enabling fracture analysis. A bond force algorithm facilitated the simulation. Experimental validation showed good agreement in damage prediction. The strain rate-dependent model outperformed existing methods. Chu et al. [29] developed a bond-based peridynamic model for simulating ceramic impact that incorporates brittle fracture, plasticity, and strain rate effects. A bond force algorithm is used to perform the simulation process, and experimental validation

has shown good agreement in damage prediction, outperforming the non-ordinary state-based method. Mitts et al. [24] Peridynamic theory (PD theory) was used to predict crack deflection in rotationally symmetric ceramic matrix composites (CMCs). The weak PD equations were used to directly apply the boundary conditions. The study showed that the ratio of critical stress to fracture toughness between coating and matrix significantly influences crack deflection. Smaller ratios lead to earlier deflection in the fiber coating. Lu et al. [30] investigated the dynamic fracture of polycrystalline ice using a peridynamic model. Finite element method (FEM) validation showed that the microstructure significantly influences fracture when grain boundaries are weak, but not when grain boundaries are strong. This study shows that PD is suitable for analyzing fractures in polycrystalline materials and applies it to how cracks propagate in 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3 dental ceramics.

Optimization of material composition is essential for improving performance in clinical applications. Computational modeling plays an important role in simulating crack growth. Techniques such as genetic algorithms can optimize these simulations [31–35], while control point algorithms improve reliability by enabling error correction [36, 37]. Efficient load distribution methods further increase computational efficiency in complex analyses [38–40]. Integrating computational methods provides a better understanding of how cracks propagate, and researchers can improve the structural integrity of dental ceramics.

This present study analyzes crack propagation using peridynamic material point simulations in 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3 (x = 0.03, 0.06, and 0.09 wt%). The effects of loading conditions, material properties, and Al_2O_3 additive on the fracture behavior of the 3Y-TZP ceramic, as well as on crack initiation and propagation, are systematically investigated. The results contribute to the understanding of the dynamic fracture and failure behavior of 3Y-TZP ceramic and to the development of more durable dental materials.

PD DETAILS

Researchers can precisely model the structural changes of 3Y-TZP ceramics and thus gain valuable insights into how changes in material composition affect crack formation and propagation. The equation of motion [42] is used to illustrate the temporal evolution of the system in each simulation time step based on bond-based peridynamics.

$$\rho(x) \ddot{u}(x, t) = \int_H f(u(x', t) - u(x, t), x' - x, x) dV_{x'} + b(x, t) \quad (1)$$

The equation analyzes forces within a neighborhood (H) of a point x taking into account the displacement vector field (u) and a given volume force density field (b). It also accounts for the mass density (ρ) and a pairwise force function (t) that defines the force exerted on particle x by

another particle x' . ξ is the initial position of the two particles, and η their relative displacement:

$$\xi = x' - x \tag{2}$$

$$\eta = u(x',t) - u(x,t) \tag{3}$$

Figure 1 illustrates how each material point is characterized by the position vector x , engaging in direct interactions with neighboring material points x' through bonds within the defined horizon zone H_x .

According to Newton's third law, there is a theoretical constraint on the force field f as follows [41]:

$$f(x' - x, u' - u, x) = -f(x - x', u - u', x') \tag{4}$$

where the force vector exerted by x on x' is equal in magnitude but opposite in direction to the force vector exerted by x' on x , for any x, x', u , and u' . The principle of angular momentum dictates that the force f must be oriented along the vector that connects deformed shape of x and x' .

$$f(x' - x, u' - u, x) \times ((x' + u') - (x + u)) = 0 \tag{5}$$

A pairwise interaction model is represented by a plot of $|f|$ against bond elongation (ε), defined as follows [41]:

$$|(x' + u') - (x + u)| - |x' - x| = \varepsilon \tag{6}$$

The choice of interaction potentials in particle-based simulations is critical as it has a significant influence on the generated data. In this study, the peridynamic prototype micro-elastic brittle “*peri/pmb*” force field [42] is employed to simulate three samples of 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3 ($x = 0.03, 0.06, \text{ and } 0.09$) dental ceramics. After implementing the standard configurations outlined in Table 1 and the designated force field to the dental ceramics, PD approach was utilized. The simulations were conducted using the Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator (LAMMPS) (2 Aug. 2023 version) package to derive the outputs from equations 4 to 6. Rahman et al. [43] can find detailed initial instructions on utilizing LAMMPS for PD in the study. Furthermore, the use of periodic boundary conditions in these simulations allowed for the dental ceramic model to be replicated infinitely in all directions [44-46]. In Figure 2 the algorithm can be seen that used for simulation.

Table 1. PD details in this computational study

Parameter	Parameter ratio/setting
Box dimensions	100 × 100 × 100 mm ³
Boundary condition	Periodic boundary condition [46]
Temperature (°C)	25°C
Pressure (atm)	1
Equilibrium time (μs)	1 × 10 ⁸
Crack growth time (μs)	1 × 10 ⁷

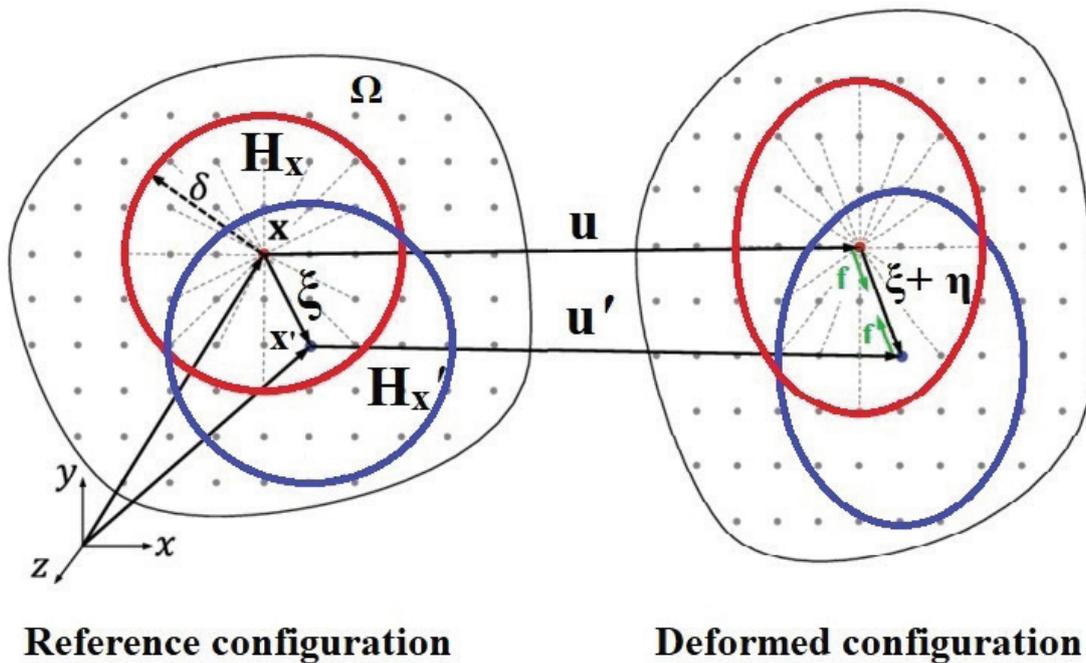


Figure 1. Bond-based peridynamics theory.

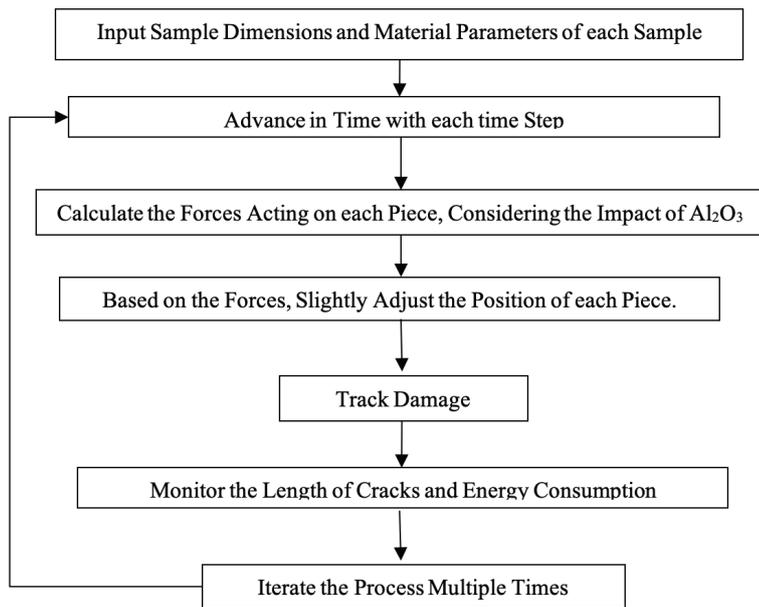


Figure 2. Simulation steps algorithm.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Steady-State Simulation

The initial phase consisted of performing the equilibrium process for dental ceramics. Figure 3 presents the particle representation of the pristine 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3

dental ceramics beam, created using OVITO (3 Feb. 2021 version) software [48]. The dental ceramics were modeled utilizing the Packmol and Avogadro packages [49, 50]. In addition, Figure 3 highlights the initial notch introduced in the structure, which successfully facilitated crack growth in the following computational step.

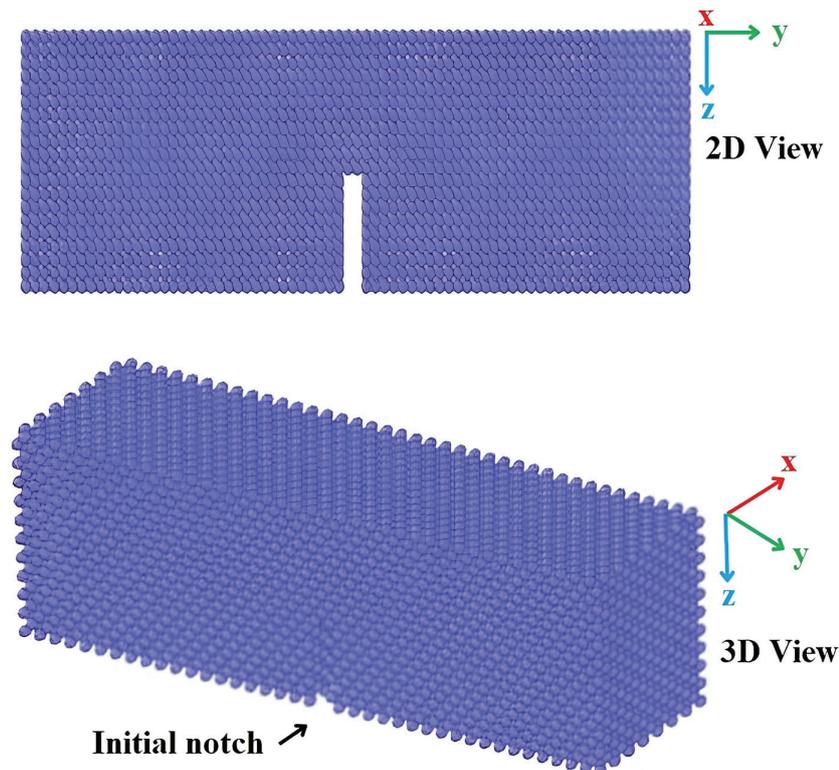


Figure 3. Particle-base structure of 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3 dental ceramics beam with initial notch.

The examination of temperature changes in dental ceramics revealed a reduction in the magnitude of particle oscillations over the course of the simulation, as illustrated in Figure 4a. This pattern led to the stabilization of particle movement, converging to a finite ratio and attaining physical stability in the computational model. During the equilibrium phase, PD outputs indicated a decline in particle resonance with each simulation step, leading to a convergence of particle displacement amplitudes to lower values. Consequently, particle mobility stabilized at a constant level. Figure 4b illustrates an examination of the potential energy (PE) curve across three samples, showing a consistent decrease in PE values over time. The curve stabilizes at a fixed function. The negative values in the PE curve indicate a strong attraction between the particles, which maintains their separation throughout the simulation. This approach in the equilibrium phase confirms the validity of the applied methodology and techniques [48, 51, 52].

Table 2. Density changes of pure 3Y-TZP dental ceramics by simulation time steps passing

Time step (μs)	Density (g/cm^3)
0	6.119
1×10^7	6.236
2×10^7	6.235
3×10^7	6.008
4×10^7	6.203
5×10^7	6.124
6×10^7	6.142
7×10^7	6.156
8×10^7	6.137
9×10^7	6.126
1×10^8	6.121

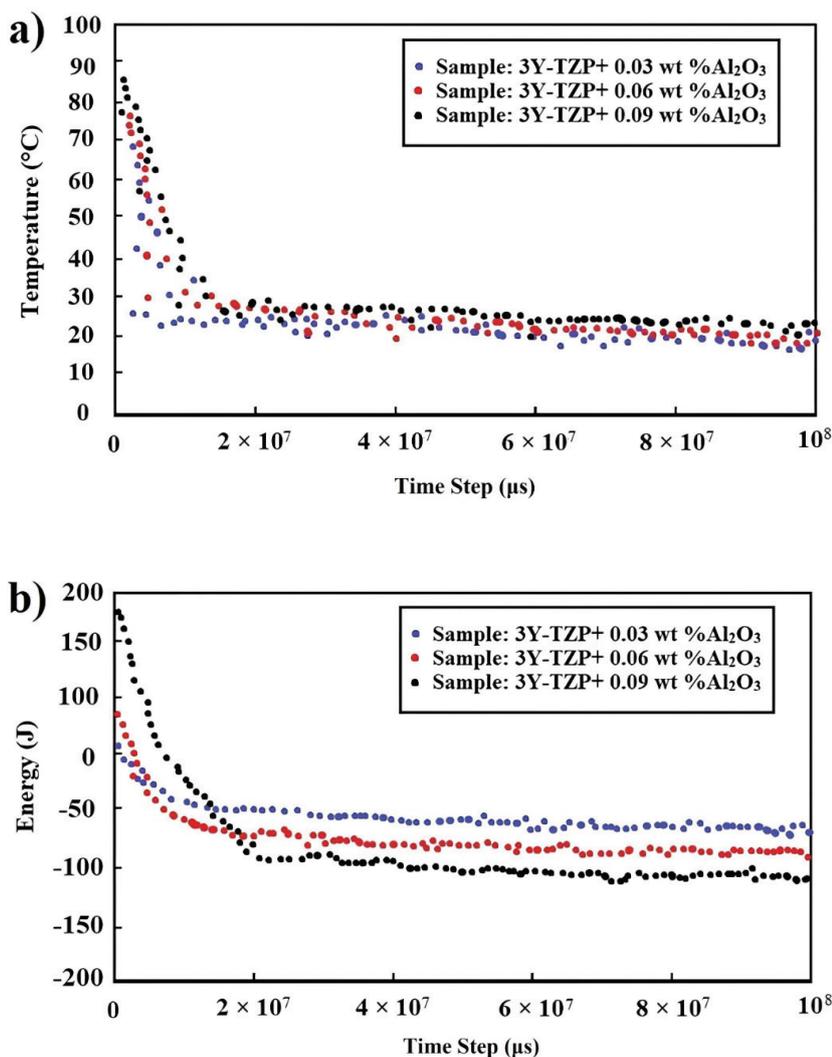


Figure 4. a) Changes in temperature b) Variations in potential energy of 3Y-TZP + wt% Al_2O_3 dental ceramics as per the PD time increments.

To verify the reliability of the calculation methods used, the density changes of the pure 3Y-TZP dental ceramic sample were also investigated. Table 2 indicate that the density stabilized at 6.121 g/cm^3 after 10^8 time steps.

Simulation of Crack Growth

The next phase of the PD study focused on investigating the crack growth mechanism in the 3Y-TZP + wt% Al_2O_3 dental ceramic. At the beginning of this analysis, as shown in Figure 5, a notch was introduced into the unmodified 3Y-TZP matrix. The impact analysis parameters were established within the computational framework, and the initial analysis was conducted at $v=2 \text{ mm/s}$ according to ASTM 256 [53]. Tracking the extent of cracking in the simulated systems is essential for evaluating the impact response. This

variable exhibited a gradual increase over time, with the 3Y-TZP + 0.09 wt% Al_2O_3 showing a more significant rate of progression in contrast to the others. The crack length varied between 7.11 and 9.01 mm, particularly for different dental ceramics, as shown in Figure 6. This result suggests that with increasing Al_2O_3 content, the structural integrity of the sample decreases, leading to lower resistance to external forces and longer cracks.

The stability of the dental ceramic with a pre-crack/initial notch is evident during the crack growth process. The sample's behavior upon fracture initiation is due to the careful simulation parameters and the establishment of specific initial conditions, consistent with earlier studies [7, 24]. Moradkhani et al. [7] investigated the effect of Al_2O_3 addition on the mechanical properties, dynamic

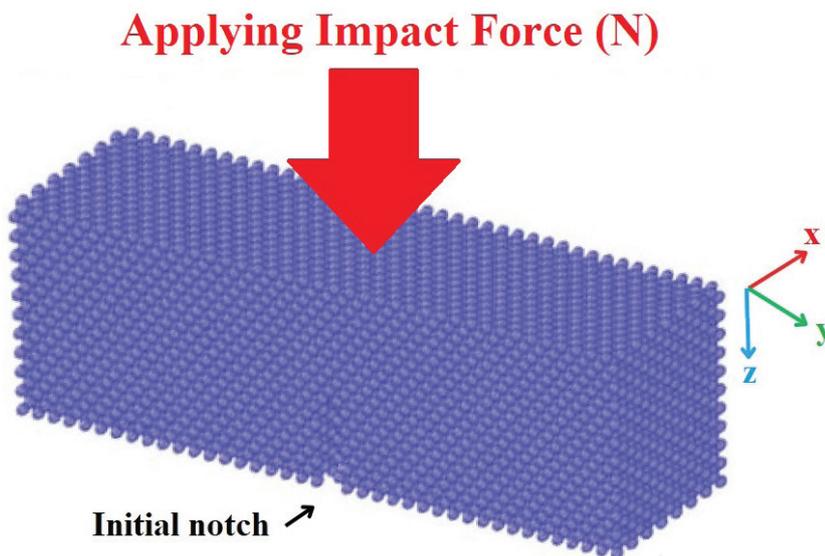


Figure 5. The configuration for the impact during the second stage of PD.

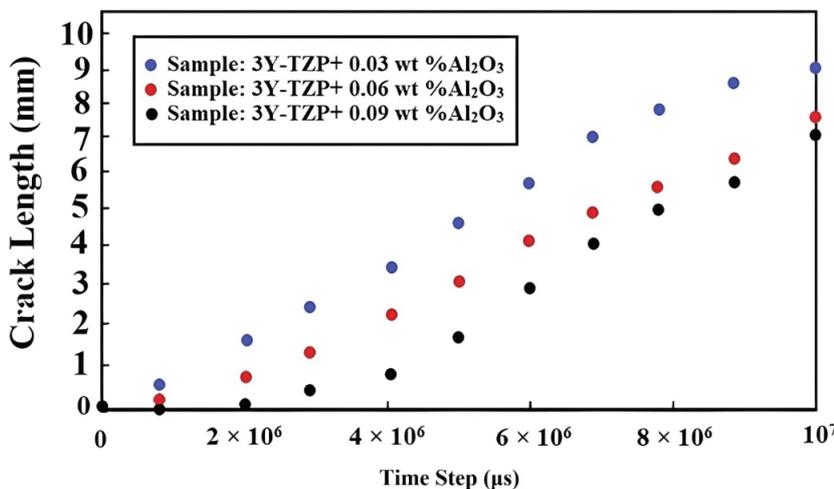


Figure 6. Changes of crack length of 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3 dental ceramics.

fracture behavior and strength of 3Y-TZP. Three-point bending test was performed using dental specimens, and the results showed that the highest strength, including 355 MPa, and the best mechanical properties were obtained with 0.05 wt% Al_2O_3 . However, stress concentration due to possible cracking can lead to brittle failure [42]. Jing et al. [8] experimentally showed that 3Y-TZP with 0-0.25 wt% Al_2O_3 exhibited high hardness (12.93 GPa) and fracture toughness ($9.17 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$), and that hydrothermal stability increased with Al_2O_3 content, and the optimal aging resistance is achieved at 0.15 wt% Al_2O_3 . Platt et al. [54] found, using peridynamic simulations in Abaqus, that tensile stress promotes the tetragonal monoclinic phase transformation to zirconia, leading to cracking and reduced confinement of the transforming grain. Aza-Gnandji and Baser [55] investigated the dynamic behavior of differently saturated, frozen soils using bond-based peridynamic and LAMMPS methods. They observed damage failure caused by impact loading and evaluated the effects of projectile size, velocity, and angle on the damage parameters. Rashmehkarim et al. [56] modeled dynamic crack growth using peridynamics in LAMMPS, validated the results, and investigated the influence of stress and pre-crack configuration on crack propagation and branching.

To gain a deeper insight into the crack phenomenon, the highest force exerted on dental ceramic samples was measured. Figure 7 illustrates that the sample 3Y-TZP + 0.09 wt% Al_2O_3 exhibited the highest maximum force among the dental ceramics. This led to a significant influence on the particle distance in various areas of 3Y-TZP + 0.09 wt% Al_2O_3 during the impact analysis, resulting in a reduction of the particle distance and the occurrence of repulsive forces between different components of the dental ceramic. Molecular dynamics simulations indicated an increase in repulsive forces between particles with higher Al_2O_3 additives. Table 3 shows a notable increase at the peak ratio of repulsive force observed at the conclusion of the simulation, from 1.56 N in 3Y-TZP + 0.03 wt% Al_2O_3 to 2.31 N in 3Y-TZP + 0.09 wt% Al_2O_3 .

The variations in relative bond lengths were linked to changes in particle arrangement within the samples, significantly influencing the system's energy. Theoretically, there is a reciprocal relationship between PE and relative bond length. This parameter and PE contribute to crack growth, leading to increased crack length. As shown in Figure 8, the relative bond lengths were measured at 0.11, 0.13, and 0.14 mm for 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3 ($x = 0.03, 0.06, \text{ and } 0.09$), respectively. The structural distinctions led to variations in PE, ranging from 23.62 to 39.01 J across different dental

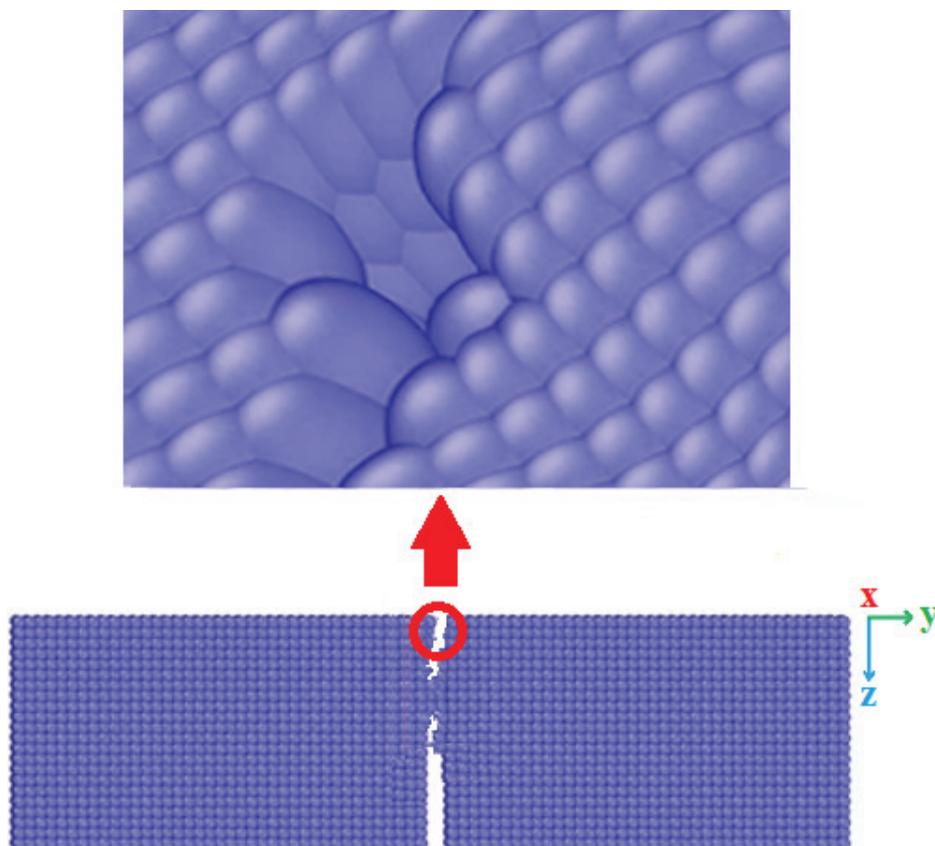


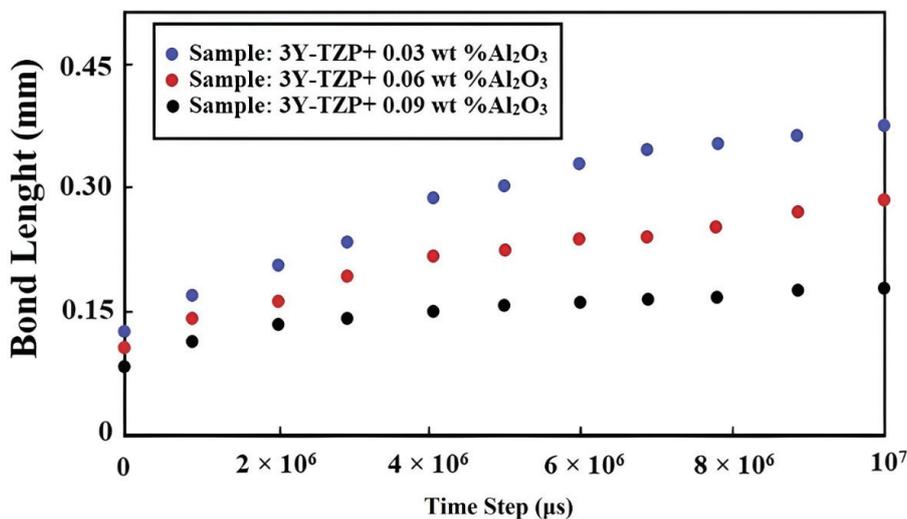
Figure 7. The particle configuration of 3Y-TZP + 0.09 wt% Al_2O_3 dental ceramics following the impact analysis conducted at $v=2 \text{ mm/s}$.

Table 3. Maximum force (N) and repulsive force (N) ratio values at different time steps in the 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al₂O₃ dental ceramics

Time step (μs)	3Y-TZP+ 0.03 wt %Al ₂ O ₃		3Y-TZP+ 0.06 wt %Al ₂ O ₃		3Y-TZP+ 0.09 wt %Al ₂ O ₃	
	Maximum force (N)	Repulsive force (N)	Maximum force (N)	Repulsive force (N)	Maximum force (N)	Repulsive force (N)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1×10 ⁷	1.41	0.32	1.55	0.42	1.73	0.56
2×10 ⁷	1.52	0.54	1.73	0.63	1.92	0.72
3×10 ⁷	1.91	0.61	2.35	0.71	2.68	0.91
4×10 ⁷	3.42	0.76	3.91	0.85	4.56	1.05
5×10 ⁷	3.54	0.92	4.06	1.11	4.89	1.34
6×10 ⁷	4.23	1.04	4.42	1.25	6.34	1.56
7×10 ⁷	4.34	1.26	4.68	1.48	6.95	1.62
8×10 ⁷	6.06	1.33	6.73	1.54	8.23	1.75
9×10 ⁷	6.17	1.57	6.91	1.89	9.75	2.02
1×10 ⁸	6.18	1.56	6.94	2.13	9.76	2.31

ceramics (see Table 4). The effect of PE reduction on particle diffusion was more pronounced in dental ceramics with higher Al₂O₃ content, leading to increased structural deformations and damage. The influence of the reduced PE on particle diffusion was more pronounced in dental ceramics

with a higher Al₂O₃ content, leading to increased structural deformations and damage. Simulations of 3Y-TZP + 0.09 wt% Al₂O₃ indicated a culminating damage criterion value of 0.174. The numerical findings obtained in the present stage of PD simulations are summarized in Table 4.

**Figure 8.** Evolution of relative bond length in modeled 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al₂O₃ over simulation time steps.**Table 4.** Characteristics of modeled 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al₂O₃ dental ceramics after 1×10⁷ time steps at a velocity of 6 mm/s

3Y-TZP + x wt %Al ₂ O ₃	Crack length (mm)	Net force (N)	Repulsive force (N)	Relative bond length (mm)	Potential energy (J)	Damage criterion
x=0.03	7.11	11.09	2.11	0.15	23.62	0.083
x=0.06	7.94	12.35	2.55	0.26	28.19	0.123
x=0.09	9.01	13.37	2.86	0.37	39.01	0.174

Impact analysis were conducted at 6 mm/s. Figure 9 shows how varying Al_2O_3 content affected crack propagation in the modeled 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3 system. Increasing Al_2O_3 increased average particle spacing in the impact zone. This is probably due to the lower mechanical strength in this region resulting from the higher Al_2O_3 content. The simulation results showed that the total force on 3Y-TZP increases with increasing impact fracture velocities. The net force ratio under simulation conditions reached 13.37 N, which increased the displacement of particles in the simulation volume and facilitated crack propagation. Crack growth accelerated with increasing particle displacement in the simulation. Crack lengths at 6 mm/s were 7.11 mm ($x=0.03$), 7.94 mm ($x=0.06$), and 9.01 mm ($x=0.09$). Analysis of repulsive forces showed a value of 2.86 N for the $x=0.09$ sample at higher velocities.

Table 5 presents the results of six computational calculations. The samples showed significant structural resilience during impact analysis at various speeds. Increased impact velocity correlated with decreased inter-particle distance and reduced mechanical resistance (based on BL and PE analysis).

The data in Table 5 allows for the development of an equation correlating bond length (mm) with velocity for the three samples, as follows:

$$BL_{x=0.03} = 0.0088v + 0.1018 \quad (7)$$

$$BL_{x=0.06} = 0.019v + 0.1420 \quad (8)$$

$$BL_{x=0.09} = 0.037v + 0.1462 \quad (9)$$

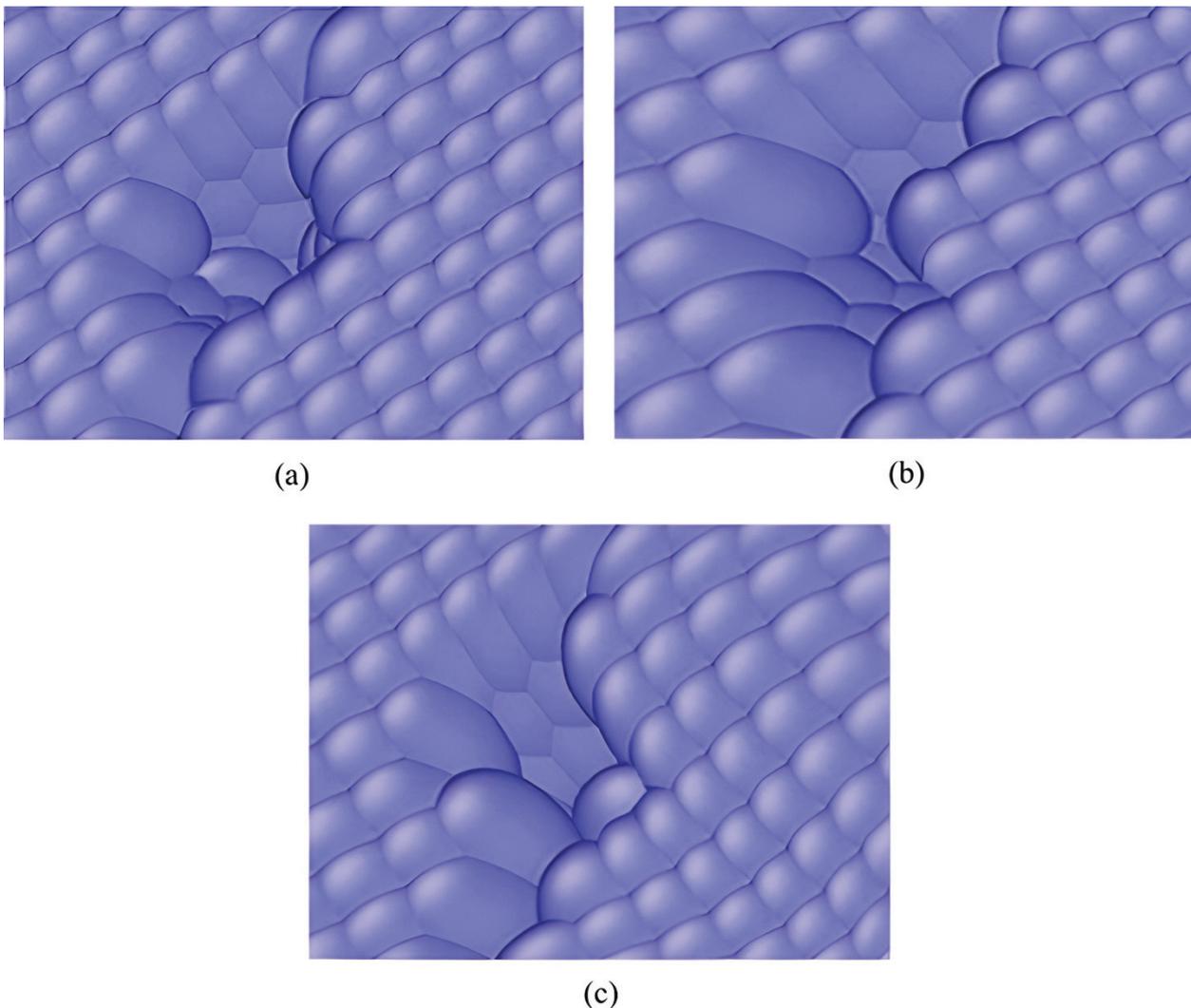


Figure 9. Surface configuration of 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al_2O_3 after impact load at a velocity of 6 mm/s in a) $x=0.03$, b) $x=0.06$, c) $x=0.09$.

Table 5. Effect of impact velocity on 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al₂O₃: crack length, force, and energy parameters

Dental ceramic	3Y-TZP+ 0.03 wt %Al ₂ O ₃					3Y-TZP+ 0.06 wt %Al ₂ O ₃					3Y-TZP+ 0.09 wt %Al ₂ O ₃				
Velocity (mm/s)	2	3	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6
Crack length (mm)	7.02	7.07	7.10	7.09	7.11	7.46	7.88	7.91	7.93	7.94	8.85	8.92	8.95	8.97	9.01
Maximum force (N)	6.11	6.14	6.26	6.45	6.55	7.33	7.84	8.03	8.16	8.43	9.65	9.88	10.46	11.37	11.76
Repulsive force (N)	1.55	1.94	1.98	2.07	2.11	2.17	2.19	2.33	2.41	2.55	2.23	2.41	2.56	2.66	2.86
Relative bond length (mm)	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.18	0.2	0.21	0.24	0.26	0.22	0.26	0.29	0.33	0.37
Potential energy (J)	22.38	22.69	23.00	23.31	23.62	26.79	27.47	27.49	27.84	28.19	34.62	35.72	36.82	37.92	39.01

Table 6. Potential energy (J) values in brittle material studies

Material	Potential Energy (J)	Reference
3Y-TZP- Al ₂ O ₃	98.42	This study
PMMA composites	67.5	[51]
BNT-Based ceramic	149	[58]
96% Al ₂ O ₃	43.2	[59]
97.7% Al ₂ O ₃	50.6	[59]
Multilayer ceramic capacitors	~200	[60]
BiFeO ₃ -based ceramics	~120	[61]
BNT-based lead-free dielectric ceramics	58	[62]

where v is the test velocity. As the distance between the particles decreased, the attractive forces transformed into repulsive forces (Pauli exclusion principle), which was reflected in changes in potential energy. Using the PD method, potential energy values of 23.62 J ($x = 0.03$), 28.19 J ($x = 0.06$), and 39.01 J ($x = 0.09$) were determined for higher velocities (Table 5). The following equations can express the relationship between PE and velocity:

$$PE_{x=0.03} = 0.31v + 21.758 \quad (10)$$

$$PE_{x=0.06} = 0.35v + 26.09 \quad (11)$$

$$PE_{x=0.09} = 1.098v + 32.428 \quad (12)$$

Increased porosity, resulting from the addition of 0.09 wt% Al₂O₃ to 3Y-TZP, lowered the structural resilience of the dental ceramics, increasing susceptibility to fracture [7]. This suggests that controlling the mechanical strength and operational adaptability of these ceramics is possible by adjusting the Al₂O₃ weight ratio. Akhlaghi-Fard et al. [51] demonstrated, using peridynamics within LAMMPS, that increasing hydroxyapatite in polymethyl methacrylate/hydroxyapatite composites leads to longer cracks. Similarly, in this work, it was found that increasing Al₂O₃

in 3Y-TZP ceramics increases crack length due to interparticle repulsion and decreases total energy. This highlights the influence of composition on crack behavior as modeled by peridynamics. Table 6 compares the potential energy results with other ceramics. Some of the values listed for potential energy in the table are calculated using the following equation [57]:

$$PE = \frac{K_{IC}^2}{E} \times 1000 \quad (13)$$

where K_{IC} is fracture toughness (MPa√m) and E is Young's modulus (GPa).

CONCLUSION

This study examined the fracture behavior of 3 mol% yttria-stabilized tetragonal zirconia polycrystal dental ceramics with varying low alumina content (0.03, 0.06, and 0.09 wt%) using peridynamics simulations. Impact analyses were conducted at velocities of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 mm/s. The simulations employed the Peridynamic Material Point Method to model particle interactions in two stages: equilibrium and impact. The outcomes of the peridynamics simulations were as follows:

- The total energy of the 3Y-TZP + x wt% Al₂O₃ dental ceramics system at $x=0.03$, 0.06, and 0.09 wt% converged to -56.32, -73.22, and -98.42 J, respectively. These

findings suggest an increase in the attractive force between particles within the simulated dental ceramics as the Al_2O_3 ratio decreases.

- The crack length of the simulated dental ceramics reached 9.01 mm at 0.09 wt% Al_2O_3 , indicating that an increase in the wt% of Al_2O_3 in the 3Y-TZP leads to a more brittle specimen with reduced mechanical properties.
- Considering the total energy and crack length, 0.03 wt% Al_2O_3 offers a balance. The higher total energy suggests sufficient bonding, while the shorter crack length indicates improved crack resistance. Therefore, a formulation with approximately 0.03 wt% Al_2O_3 is anticipated to exhibit improved mechanical performance for dental restorations.

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