

# NASA Rotor 37

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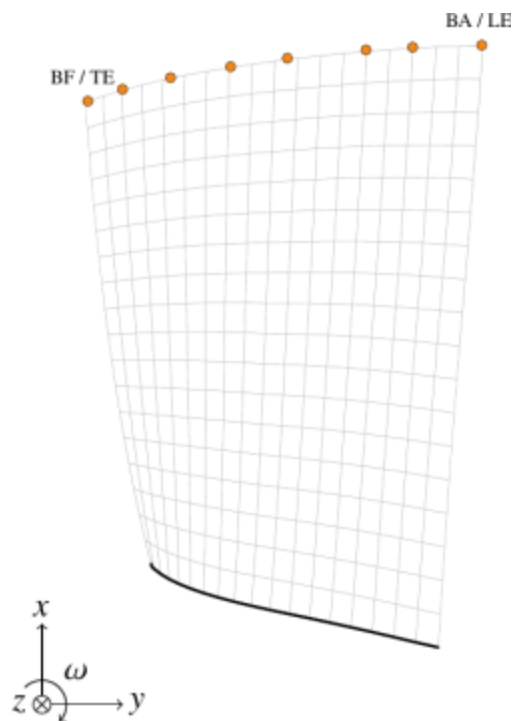
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## Finite element mesh

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- Total number of elements: 1800
- Number of degrees of freedom: 16524
- Element type: quadratic pentahedron



finite element mesh overview (coarse mesh)

- Number of nodes: 20657
- Total number of elements: 6664
- Number of degrees of freedom: 60588
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[finite element mesh overview \(refined mesh\)](#) -

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## Material properties

- Rotor 37 is made of a 200-grade maraging steel <sup>[1]</sup>
- Considered properties : 18-Ni 200-maraging alloy <sup>[2] [3]</sup>:
  1. Young's modulus  $E = 180 \text{ GPa}$

2. density  $\rho = 8000 \text{ kg/m}^3$
  3. Poisson's ratio  $\nu = 0.3$
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## Featured articles from the LAVA

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Cette page contient diverses informations associées à l'un des modèles de l'aube NASA rotor 37 utilisé dans les publications du LAVA.

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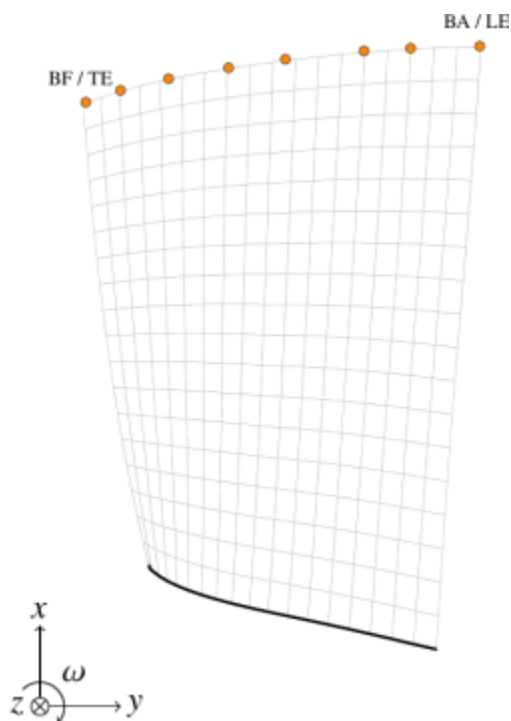
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