

Rotor 18

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Original model

One way to reduce compressor weight is to obtain a high pressure ratio per stage, thereby reducing the number of stages. As a consequence, several single-stage fans have been designed to produce stage pressure ratios ranging from 1.9 to 2.2. Rotor 18 is one of those fans with a pressure ratio of 1.925.

- Original technical report [(cite:lewis1974design>Lewis. «Design and performance of a high-pressure-ratio, highly loaded axial-flow transonic compressor stage » 1974. [pdf](#)):

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- Picture :



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Useful documents

- [downloadable models](#) (Git project)
- PDF of the NASA report :

rotor18.pdf

- CSV file of the blade geometry :

rotor18_original.csv

, usable as input of OpenMCAD[(cite:Kojtych_2022_gene_aubes>Kojtych S., Batailly A.

«OpenMCAD, an open blade generator: from Multiple-Circular-Arc profiles to Computer-Aided Design model» 2022. [code en libre accès](#))] to generate reference blade models.

The **reference blade** is defined with multiple-circular arc profiles[(cite:Crouse_1969_computer)] given in

the original NASA report[(cite:lewis1974design)]. Corresponding models are computed with the open-source code OpenMCAD[(cite:Kojtych_2022_gene_aubes)].

Geometry

The geometry of rotor 18 is described in the original NASA report by the following tables. The length are in centimeters and the angles in degrees.

TABLE IV. - BLADE GEOMETRY FOR ROTOR 18

RP	PERCENT		RADII		BLADE ANGLES			DELTA	CONE
	SPAN	R1	R0	KIC	KTC	KOC	INC	ANGLE	
TIP	0.	25.019	24.359	63.50	60.06	48.60	2.49	-15.536	
1	5.	24.442	23.871	61.91	58.53	47.71	2.75	-12.940	
2	10.	23.906	23.383	60.51	57.10	46.55	3.00	-11.383	
3	30.	21.655	21.433	55.62	51.09	39.82	4.08	-4.201	
4	48.	19.590	19.726	52.08	45.52	31.18	5.03	2.263	
5	50.	19.288	19.482	51.61	44.86	29.62	5.17	3.196	
6	53.	18.983	19.238	51.14	44.24	27.97	5.30	4.131	
7	55.	18.676	18.994	50.68	43.63	26.26	5.43	5.076	
8	58.	18.367	18.750	50.22	42.97	24.48	5.56	6.033	
9	70.	16.777	17.531	48.02	39.76	14.38	6.16	10.944	
10	90.	14.079	15.580	44.63	35.58	-7.70	6.86	19.179	
11	95.	13.384	15.093	43.76	34.81	-14.81	6.97	21.167	
HUB	100.	12.700	14.605	42.89	34.15	-22.54	7.94	22.937	

RP	BLADE THICKNESSES			AXIAL DIMENSIONS			
	T1	TM	TO	ZIC	ZMC	ZTC	ZOC
TIP	0.051	0.152	0.051	1.148	2.212	2.267	3.523
1	0.051	0.163	0.051	1.087	2.213	2.225	3.573
2	0.051	0.173	0.051	1.031	2.213	2.183	3.626
3	0.051	0.216	0.051	0.812	2.205	1.966	3.847
4	0.051	0.256	0.051	0.627	2.193	1.719	4.048
5	0.051	0.262	0.051	0.602	2.191	1.681	4.076
6	0.051	0.267	0.051	0.578	2.188	1.643	4.125
7	0.051	0.273	0.051	0.554	2.185	1.604	4.133
8	0.051	0.279	0.051	0.529	2.182	1.563	4.160
9	0.051	0.309	0.051	0.396	2.164	1.341	4.296
10	0.051	0.360	0.051	0.149	2.126	0.924	4.466
11	0.051	0.373	0.051	0.076	2.117	0.807	4.488
HUB	0.051	0.386	0.051	0.000	2.107	0.687	4.532

Aerodynamic design

	unit	values
pressure ratio	[-]	1.925
mass flow	[kg/s]	29.5
tip speed	[m/s]	422
tip solidity	[-]	1.7
aspect ratio	[-]	2.6
number of blades	[-]	56
rotative speed	[rad/s]	1686

Material properties

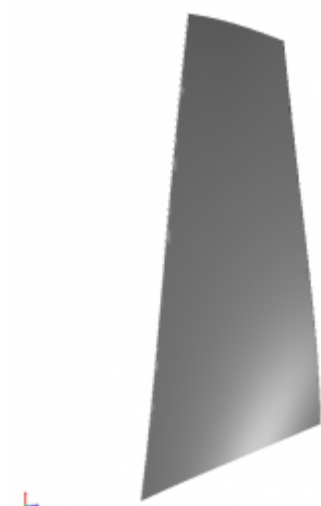
The original material of the rotor 18 is not defined in the NASA report.

Considered properties: Ti-6Al-4V, generic titanium :

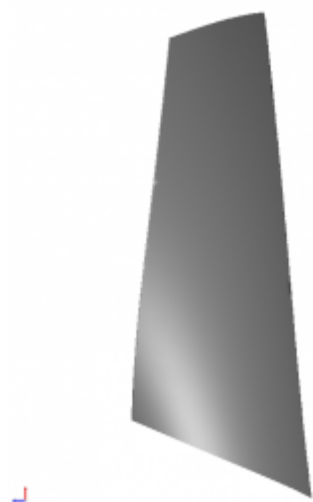
	unité	valeurs
alloy	[-]	Ti-6Al-4V
Young's modulus	[GPa]	108
density	[kg/m3]	4400
Poisson's ratio	[-]	0.34
yield stress	[GPa]	0.824

CAD model

The CAD model is computed with the open source code OpenMCAD[(cite:Kojtych_2022_gene_aubes)].



pressure side



suction side

Natural frequencies

First three natural frequencies (with clamped root) for the mesh computed with OpenMCAD[(cite:Kojtych_2022_gene_aubes)]:

Mode	Type	Natural angular frequency (rad/sec)	Natural frequency (Hz)
1	1B	2023.14	321.992
2	2B	6631.02	1055.36
3	1T	10297.70	1638.93

Initial blade

The **initial blade** is defined with in-house LAVA parameters[(cite:Kojtych_2022_Methodology)] computed from the reference blade CAD model. The initial blade is usually used as starting point for an optimization process. Its geometry is similar to the one of the reference blade.

Natural frequencies

First three natural frequencies (with clamped root)

- from the whole mesh:

Mode	Type	Natural angular frequency (rad/sec)	Natural frequency (Hz)
1	1B	2018.44	321.244
2	2B	6628.45	1054.95
3	1T	10299.84	1639.27

- from the reduced order model:

Mode	Type	Natural angular frequency (rad/sec)	Natural frequency (Hz)
1	1B	2018.52	321.258
2	2B	6631.02	1055.36
3	1T	10304.68	1640.04

Fichiers téléchargeables

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Libre accès

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Modèle original

Une façon de réduire le poids d'un compresseur est d'atteindre un rapport de pression élevé par étage, ce qui permet de réduire le nombre d'étages de ce compresseur. Par conséquent, plusieurs soufflantes à un étage ont été conçus pour produire des rapports de pression par étage allant de 1,9 à 2,2. Le rotor 18 est donc une de ces soufflantes et possède un taux de compression de 1,925.

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Documents utiles

- [modèles téléchargeables](#) (lien vers projet Git)
- PDF du rapport de la NASA :

rotor18.pdf

- Fichier CSV de la géométrie :

rotor18_original.csv

, utilisable en entrée de OpenMCAD[(cite:Kojtych_2022_gene_aubes>Kojtych S., Batailly A. «OpenMCAD, an open blade generator: from Multiple-Circular-Arc profiles to Computer-Aided Design model» 2022. [code en libre accès](#))] pour générer l'aube de référence

Aube de référence

L'**aube de référence** est définie par des profils de type arcs circulaires multiples[(cite:Crouse_1969_computer>Crouse et al. «A computer program for composing compressor blading from simulated circular-arc elements on conical surfaces » 1969. NASA-TN-D-5437. [pdf](#))], donnés dans le rapport technique original de la NASA[(cite:lewis1974design)]. Les modèles associés sont obtenus avec le code en libre accès OpenMCAD[(cite:Kojtych_2022_gene_aubes)].

Géométrie

La géométrie du rotor 18 est décrite dans le [rapport d'origine de la NASA](#) par les tableaux suivants. Les grandeurs sont en centimètres et en degrés.

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Caractéristiques aérodynamiques

	unités	valeurs
taux de compression	[-]	1,925
débit massique	[kg/s]	29,5
vitesse en tête	[m/s]	422
solidité en tête	[-]	1,7
allongement	[-]	2,6
nombre d'aubes	[-]	56
vitesse de rotation	[rad/s]	1686

Propriétés matériau

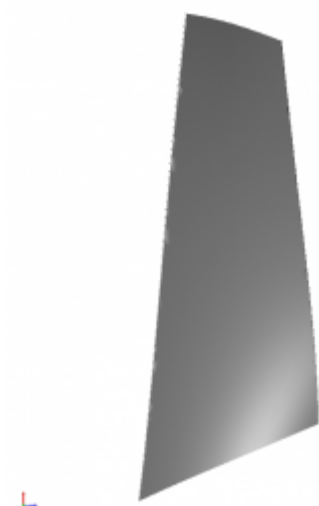
Le matériau original du rotor 18 n'est pas défini dans le rapport de la NASA.

Propriétés considérées : alliage de titane Ti-6Al-4v :

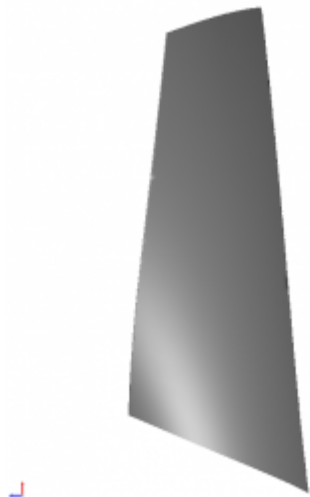
	unité	valeurs
alliage	[-]	Ti-6Al-4v
module d'Young	[GPa]	108
masse volumique	[kg/m3]	4400
coefficient de Poisson	[-]	0,34
limite élastique	[GPa]	0,824

Modèle CAO

Le modèle CAO est obtenu avec OpenMCAD[(cite:Kojtych_2022_gene_aubes)].



intrados



extrados

Fréquences propres

Fréquences des trois premiers modes (nœuds du pied d'aube encastres) pour le maillage obtenu avec OpenMCAD[(cite:Kojtych_2022_gene_aubes)] :

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1	1B	2023,14	321,992
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Aube initiale

L'**aube initiale** est définie par des paramètres spécifiques au LAVA[(cite:Kojtych_2022_Methodology>Kojtych S. *et al.* «Methodology for the Redesign of Compressor Blades Undergoing Nonlinear Structural Interactions: Application to Blade-Tip/Casing Contacts » 2022. Journal of Engineering for Gas Turbines and Power, Vol. 145, No. 5. [pdf](#))] obtenus à partir du modèle CAO de l'aube de référence. L'aube initiale est classiquement utilisée comme point de départ dans le cadre de procédures d'optimisation; sa géométrie est similaire à celle de l'aube de référence.

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- pour le maillage complet :

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- pour le modèle réduit :

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