

# Rotor 37

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## About

Rotor 37 is part of a research program to study a advanced-core compressor design with a high compression ratio (20:1). It is therefore the third stage rotor of this eight stage transonic compressor. Of these eight stages, the first four have been designed and tested : rotors 35, 36, 37 and 38. For more information, here is a link to [a report from NASA](#).

- Original technical report <sup>[1]</sup>:

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- Pictures :



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## Useful documents

- [downloadable models](#) (Git project)
  - NASA technical report (.pdf)
  - geometrical parameters file (.csv), usable as input of OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup> to generate reference blade models.

## Reference blade

The **reference blade** is defined with multiple-circular arc profiles<sup>[3]</sup> given in the original NASA report<sup>[1]</sup>. Corresponding models are computed with the open-source code OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup>.

## Geometry

The geometry of rotor 37 is described in the [original NASA report](#) by the following tables. The length are in centimeters and the angles in degrees.

(a) Rotor 37

RP	PERCENT RADII			BLADE ANGLES			DELTA INC	CONE ANGLE
	SPAN	RI	RO	KIC	KTC	KOC		
TIP	0.	25.230	24.506	62.53	62.83	49.98	2.10	-15.233
1	5.	24.935	24.218	61.66	61.86	49.07	2.39	-14.582
2	10.	24.597	23.929	60.76	60.86	48.18	2.69	-13.139
3	15.	24.254	23.641	60.07	60.09	47.34	2.94	-11.768
4	30.	23.211	22.775	58.48	58.09	44.22	3.40	-7.804
5	50.	21.761	21.622	56.53	54.49	38.87	4.19	-2.276
6	70.	20.246	20.468	54.24	50.48	32.37	5.49	3.311
7	85.	19.030	19.603	52.67	47.60	25.28	6.54	8.010
8	90.	18.603	19.314	52.37	46.87	22.68	6.83	9.728
9	95.	18.161	19.026	52.18	46.39	19.75	7.16	11.584
HUB	100.	17.780	18.738	52.04	46.03	16.75	7.44	12.602

RP	BLADE THICKNESSES			AXIAL DIMENSIONS			
	TI	TM	TO	ZI	ZMC	ZTC	ZO
TIP	.025	.175	.025	.713	2.430	2.399	3.372
1	.026	.186	.026	.665	2.390	2.372	3.424
2	.028	.199	.028	.615	2.346	2.334	3.475
3	.029	.211	.029	.574	2.304	2.280	3.520
4	.032	.250	.033	.466	2.225	2.094	3.644
5	.037	.303	.038	.317	2.164	1.928	3.822
6	.042	.360	.043	.176	2.069	1.773	4.015
7	.047	.407	.047	.079	2.010	1.733	4.153
8	.048	.425	.049	.048	1.984	1.660	4.198
9	.050	.443	.050	.021	1.957	1.591	4.241
HUB	.051	.458	.051	.000	1.933	1.530	4.283

## Aerodynamic design

	unit	value
pressure ratio	[-]	2.05
mass flow	[kg/s]	20.2
tip speed	[m/s]	455
tip solidity	[-]	1.3
aspect ratio	[-]	1.19
number of blades	[-]	36
nominal rotation speed $\omega_n$	[rad/s]	1800

## Material properties

Rotor 37 is made of a 200-grade maraging steel<sup>[4]</sup>, but the exact material properties are not provided in the NASA report. The following properties are considered:

	unit	value
<b>alloy</b>	[-]	18-Ni-200-maraging
<b>Young's modulus</b>	[GPa]	180
<b>density</b>	[kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	8000
<b>Poisson's ratio</b>	[-]	0.3
<b>yield stress</b>	[GPa]	1.38

## CAD model

The CAD model is computed with the open source code OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup>.



pressure side



suction side

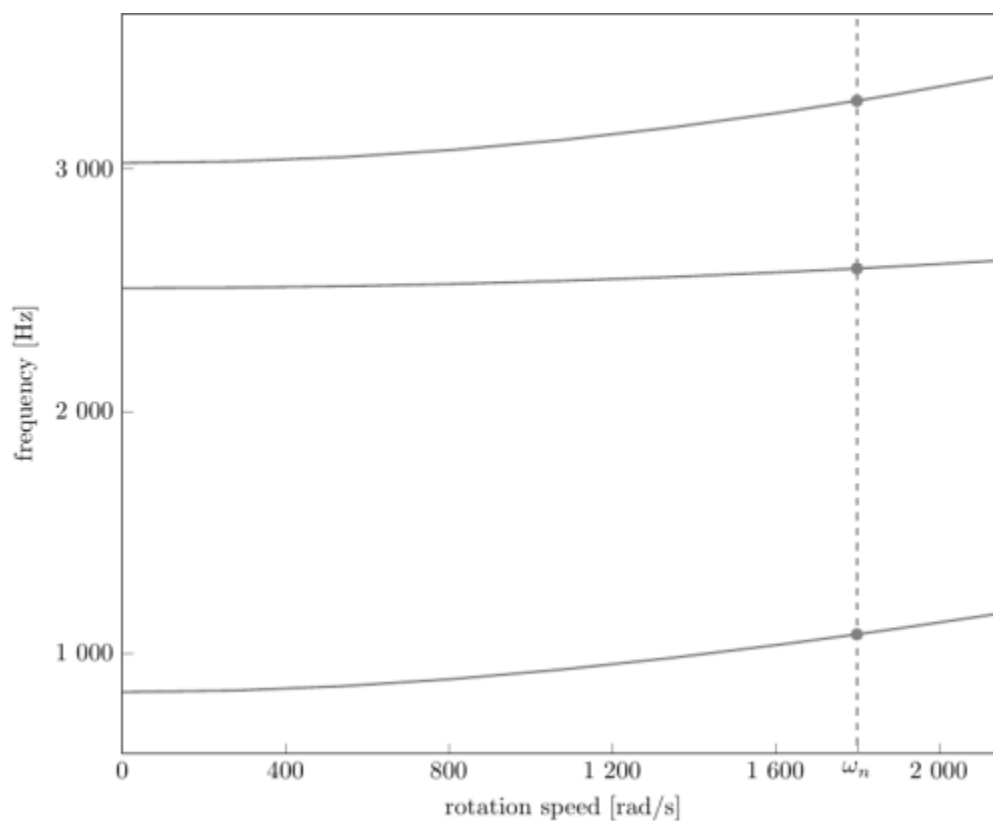
## Natural frequencies

First three natural frequencies (with clamped root) for the mesh computed with OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup>:

Mode	Type	Natural angular frequency (rad/sec)	Natural frequency (Hz)
1	1B	5268.47	838.50
2	1T	15758.10	2507.98
3	2B	19007.70	3025.17

## Campbell diagram

Evolution of the natural frequencies of the first 3 modes (with clamped root), as a function of rotational speed, for the mesh computed with OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup>:



Campbell diagram calculated with a linear centrifugal preload, nominal speed  $\omega_n = 1800$  rad/s

- chart (.pdf)
- data from the Campbell (.csv)

## Initial blade

The **initial blade** is defined with in-house LAVA parameters<sup>[5]</sup> 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:

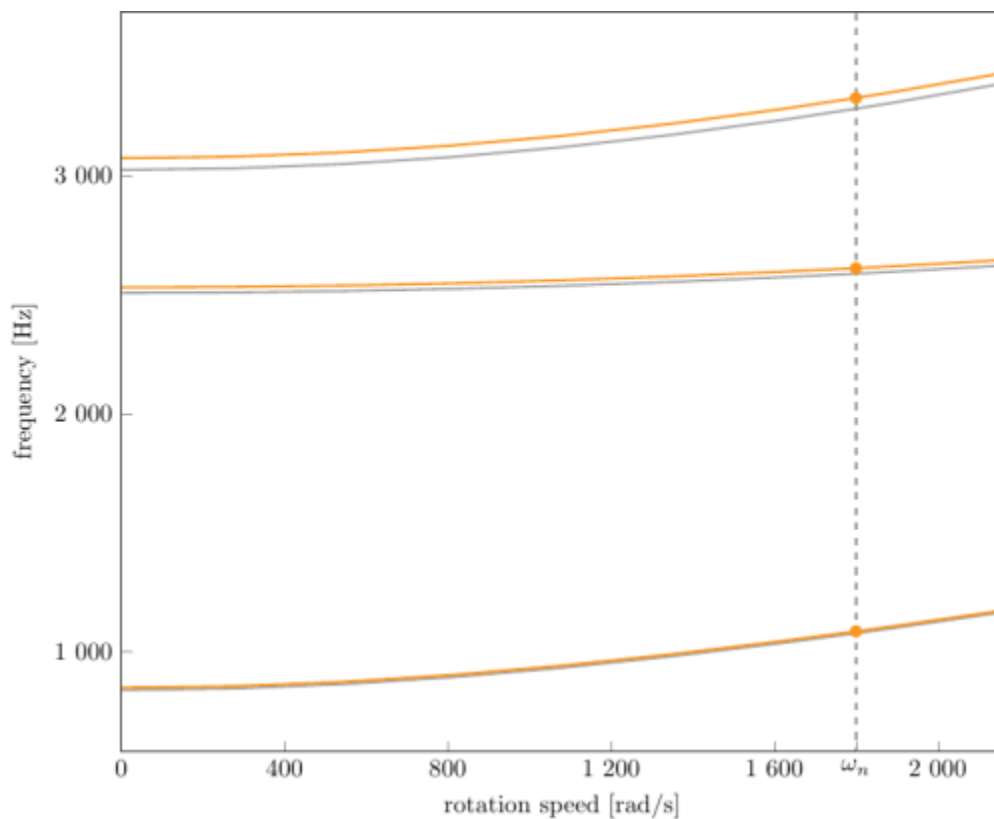
Mode	Type	Natural angular frequency (rad/sec)	Natural frequency (Hz)
1	1B	5331.54	848.541
2	1T	15903.75	2531.16
3	2B	19317.21	3074.43

- from the reduced order model:

Mode	Type	Natural angular frequency (rad/sec)	Natural frequency (Hz)
1	1B	5332.16	848.64
2	1T	15913.55	2532.72
3	2B	19345.55	3078.94

## Campbell diagram

Comparison of the evolution of the natural frequencies of the first 3 modes (with clamped root) as a function of rotational speed for the initial blade (orange) and the reference blade (gray):



Campbell diagram calculated with a linear centrifugal preload, nominal speed  $\omega_n = 1\,800$  rad/s

- [chart \(.pdf\)](#)

- data from the Campbell (.csv)

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## À propos

Le rotor 37 appartient à un programme de recherche visant à étudier une conception de compresseur possédant un grand taux de compression (20:1). Il est donc le rotor du troisième étage de ce compresseur transsonique de huit étages. Parmi ces huit étages, les quatre premiers ont été conçus et testés, ils correspondent aux rotors 35, 36, 37 et 38. Pour plus d'information, voici un lien vers [un rapport de la NASA](#).

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### Documents utiles

- [modèles téléchargeables](#) (lien vers projet Git)
  - rapport technique original  
de la NASA (.pdf)
  - fichier de paramètres géométriques  
(.csv), utilisable en entrée de OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup> pour générer l'aube de référence

## Aube de référence

L'**aube de référence** est définie par des profils de type arcs circulaires multiples<sup>[3]</sup>, donnés dans le rapport technique original de la NASA<sup>[1]</sup>. Les modèles associés sont obtenus avec le code en libre accès



OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup>.

## Géométrie

La géométrie du rotor 37 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	[-]	2,05
débit massique	[kg/s]	20,2
vitesse en tête	[m/s]	455
solidité en tête	[-]	1,3
allongement	[-]	1,19
nombre d'aubes	[-]	36
vitesse de rotation nominale $\omega_n$	[rad/s]	1800

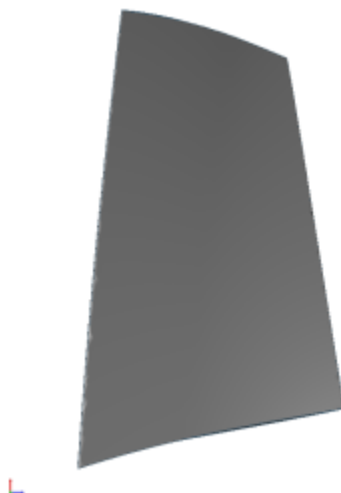
## Propriétés matériau

Le matériau du rotor 37 est un alliage à base de nickel : un acier maraging de grade 200<sup>[4]</sup>, mais ses caractéristiques ne sont pas fournies dans le rapport de la NASA. Les propriétés considérées sont :

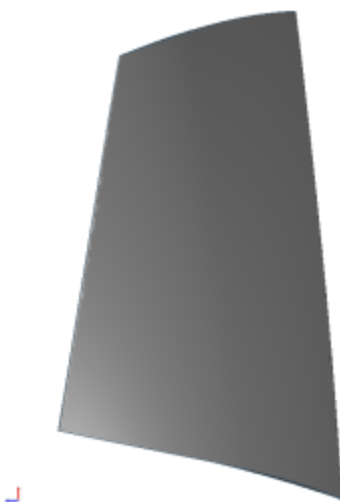
	unité	valeurs
alliage	[-]	18-Ni-200-maraging
module d'Young	[GPa]	180
masse volumique	[kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	8000
coefficient de Poisson	[-]	0,3
limite élastique	[GPa]	1,38

## Modèle CAO

Le modèle CAO est obtenu avec OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup>.



intrados



extrados

## Fréquences propres

Fréquences des trois premiers modes (noeuds du pied d'aube encastrés) pour le maillage obtenu avec OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup> :

Mode	Type	Pulsation propre (rad/sec)	Fréquence propre (Hz)
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## Diagramme de Campbell

Évolution des fréquences propres des 3 premiers modes (noeuds du pied d'aube encastrés), en fonction

de la vitesse de rotation, pour le maillage obtenu avec OpenMCAD<sup>[2]</sup>:

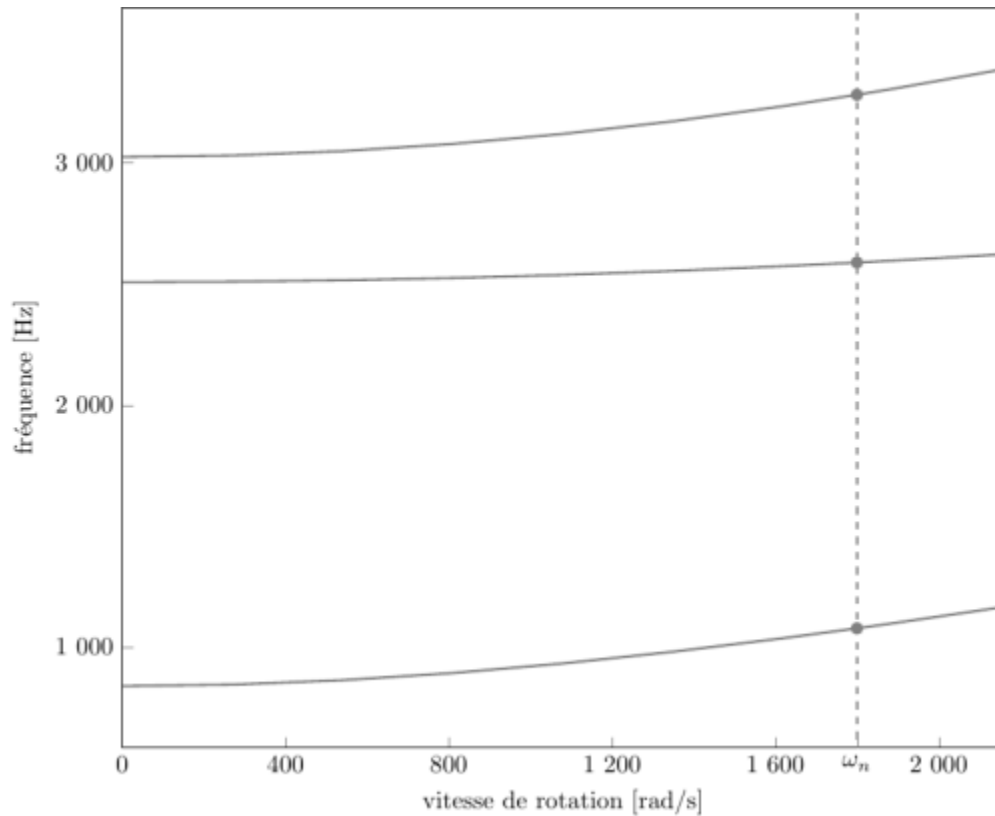


diagramme de Campbell calculé avec une précharge centrifuge linéaire, vitesse nominale  $\omega_n = 1800$  rad/s

- graphique (.pdf)
- données du Campbell (.csv)

## Aube initiale

L'**aube initiale** est définie par des paramètres spécifiques au LAVA<sup>[5]</sup> 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.

## Fréquences propres

Fréquences des trois premiers modes (noeuds du pied d'aube encastres),

- pour le maillage complet :

Mode	Type	Pulsation propre (rad/sec)	Fréquence propre (Hz)
1	1F	5331,54	848,54
2	1T	15903,75	2531,16
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- pour le modèle réduit :

Mode	Type	Pulsation propre (rad/sec)	Fréquence propre (Hz)
1	1F	5332,16	848,64
2	1T	15913,55	2532,72
3	2F	19345,55	3078,94

## Diagramme de Campbell

Comparaison de l'évolution des fréquences propres des 3 premiers modes (noeuds du pied d'aube encastrés), en fonction de la vitesse de rotation, pour l'aube initiale (orange) et l'aube de référence (gris):

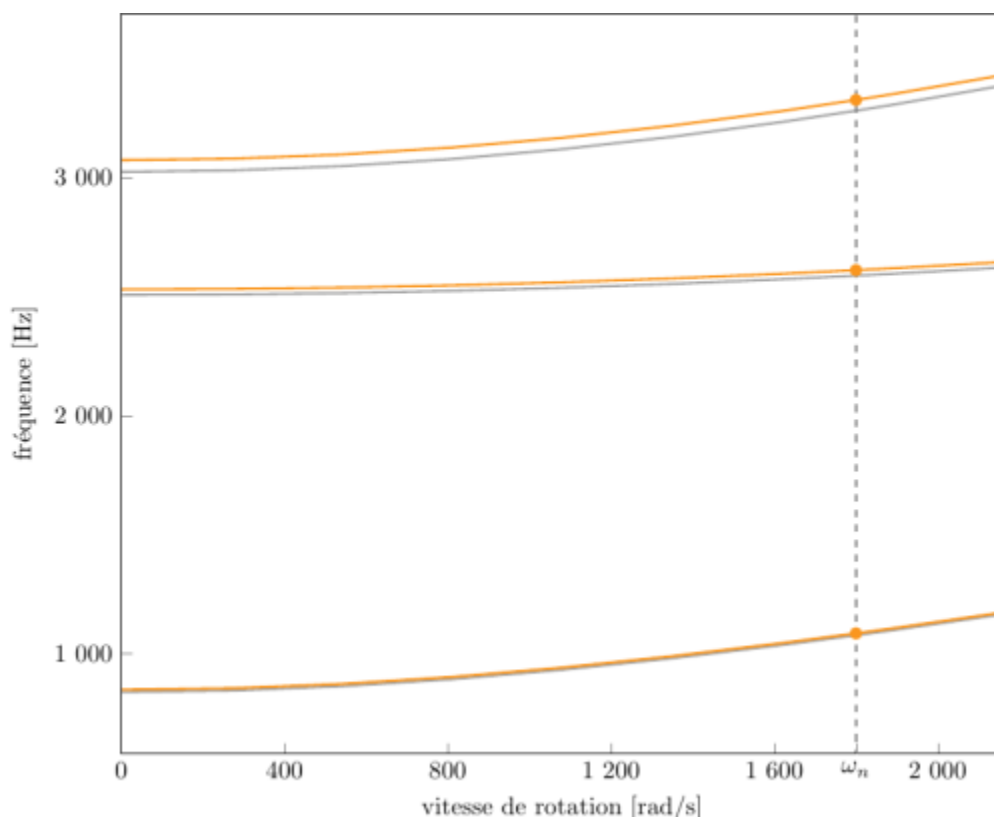


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3. [a, b](#) Crouse *et al.* «A computer program for composing compressor blading from simulated circular-arc elements on conical surfaces » 1969. NASA-TN-D-5437. [pdf](#)

4. <sup>a, b</sup> Reid. «Design and overall performance of four highly loaded, high-speed inlet stages for and advanced high-pressure-ratio core compressor» 1978. [pdf](#)
5. <sup>a, b</sup> 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](#)

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