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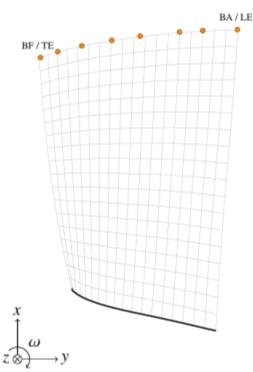
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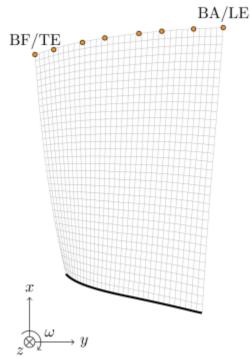
finite element mesh overview (coarse mesh)

• 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 [1]
- Considered properties: 18-Ni 200-maraging alloy [2] [3]:
 - 1. Young's modulus E = 180 GPa
 - 2. $density \rho = 8000 \text{ kg/m}$
 - 3. Poisson's ratio $\eta = 0.3$
 - 4. yield stress \$\sigma Y\$ = 1.38 GPa (200 000 psi)
- First three predicted natural frequencies (with clamped root) for the coarse mesh:
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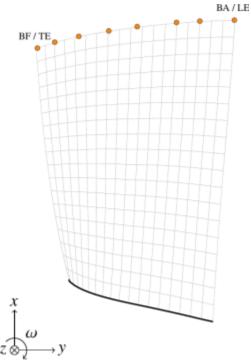


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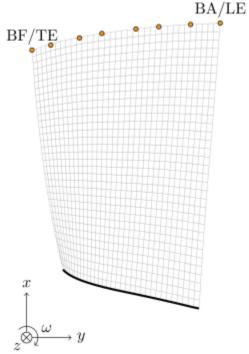
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