

2 Blade Structural Properties

The NREL offshore 5-MW baseline wind turbine has three blades. We based the distributed blade structural properties of each blade on the structural properties of the 62.6-m-long LM Glasfiber blade used in the DOWEC study (using the data given in Appendix A of Ref. [17]). Because the blades in the DOWEC study were 1.1 m longer than the 61.5-m-long LM Glasfiber blades [18] used on the actual REpower 5M machine, we truncated the 62.6-m blades at 61.5-m span to obtain the structural properties of the NREL 5-MW baseline blades (we found the structural properties at the blade tip by interpolating between the 61.2-m and 61.7-m stations given in Appendix A of Ref. [17]). Table 2-1 lists the resulting properties.

The entries in the first column of Table 2-1, labeled “Radius,” are the spanwise locations along the blade-pitch axis relative to the rotor center (apex). “BIFract” is the fractional distance along the blade-pitch axis from the root (0.0) to the tip (1.0). We located the blade root 1.5 m along the pitch axis from the rotor center, equivalent to half the hub diameter listed in Table 1-1.

“AeroCent” is the name of a FAST input parameter. The FAST code assumes that the blade-pitch axis passes through each airfoil section at 25% chord. By definition, then, the quantity (AeroCent – 0.25) is the fractional distance to the aerodynamic center from the blade-pitch axis along the chordline, positive toward the trailing edge. Thus, at the root (i.e., BIFract = 0.0), AeroCent = 0.25 means that the aerodynamic center lies on the blade-pitch axis [because (0.25 – 0.25) = 0.0], and at the tip (i.e., BIFract = 1.0), AeroCent = 0.125 means that the aerodynamic center lies 0.125 chordlengths toward the leading edge from the blade-pitch axis [because (0.125

Table 2-1. Distributed Blade Structural Properties

| Radius (m) | BIFract (-) | AeroCent (-) | StrcTwst (°) | BMassDen (kg/m) | FlpStiff (Nm ²) | EdgStiff (Nm ²) | GJStiff (Nm ²) | EASStiff (N) | Alpha (-) | FlpIner (kgm) | EdgIner (kgm) | PrcrvRef (m) | PreswpRef (m) | FlpcgOf (m) | EdgcgOf (m) | FlpEAOI (m) | EdgEAOI (m) |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.50 | 0.00000 | 0.25000 | 13.308 | 678.535 | 18110.00E+6 | 18113.60E+6 | 5564.40E+6 | 9729.48E+6 | 0.0 | 972.86 | 973.04 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.00017 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1.70 | 0.00325 | 0.25000 | 13.308 | 678.535 | 18110.00E+6 | 18113.60E+6 | 5564.40E+6 | 9729.48E+6 | 0.0 | 972.86 | 973.04 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.00017 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2.70 | 0.01951 | 0.24951 | 13.308 | 773.363 | 19424.90E+6 | 19558.60E+6 | 5431.59E+6 | 10789.50E+6 | 0.0 | 1091.52 | 1066.38 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.02309 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3.70 | 0.03577 | 0.24510 | 13.308 | 740.550 | 17455.90E+6 | 19497.80E+6 | 4993.98E+6 | 10067.23E+6 | 0.0 | 966.09 | 1047.36 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.00344 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 4.70 | 0.05203 | 0.23284 | 13.308 | 740.042 | 15287.40E+6 | 19788.80E+6 | 4666.59E+6 | 9867.78E+6 | 0.0 | 873.81 | 1099.75 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.04345 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 5.70 | 0.06829 | 0.22059 | 13.308 | 592.496 | 10782.40E+6 | 14858.50E+6 | 3474.71E+6 | 7607.86E+6 | 0.0 | 648.55 | 873.02 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.05893 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 6.70 | 0.08455 | 0.20833 | 13.308 | 450.275 | 7229.72E+6 | 10220.60E+6 | 2323.54E+6 | 5491.26E+6 | 0.0 | 456.76 | 641.49 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.06494 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 7.70 | 0.10081 | 0.19608 | 13.308 | 424.054 | 6309.54E+6 | 9144.70E+6 | 1907.87E+6 | 4971.30E+6 | 0.0 | 400.53 | 593.73 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.07718 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 8.70 | 0.11707 | 0.18382 | 13.308 | 400.638 | 5528.36E+6 | 8063.16E+6 | 1570.36E+6 | 4493.95E+6 | 0.0 | 351.61 | 547.18 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.08394 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 9.70 | 0.13335 | 0.17156 | 13.308 | 382.062 | 4980.06E+6 | 6884.44E+6 | 1158.26E+6 | 4034.80E+6 | 0.0 | 316.12 | 490.84 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.10174 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 10.70 | 0.14959 | 0.15931 | 13.308 | 399.655 | 4936.84E+6 | 7009.18E+6 | 1002.12E+6 | 4037.29E+6 | 0.0 | 303.60 | 503.86 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.10758 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 11.70 | 0.16585 | 0.14706 | 13.308 | 426.321 | 4691.66E+6 | 7167.68E+6 | 855.90E+6 | 4169.72E+6 | 0.0 | 289.24 | 544.70 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.15829 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 12.70 | 0.18211 | 0.13481 | 13.181 | 416.820 | 3949.46E+6 | 7271.66E+6 | 672.27E+6 | 4082.35E+6 | 0.0 | 246.57 | 569.90 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.22235 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 13.70 | 0.19837 | 0.12500 | 12.848 | 406.186 | 3386.52E+6 | 7081.70E+6 | 547.49E+6 | 4085.97E+6 | 0.0 | 215.91 | 601.28 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.30756 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 14.70 | 0.21465 | 0.12500 | 12.192 | 381.420 | 2933.74E+6 | 6244.53E+6 | 448.84E+6 | 3688.34E+6 | 0.0 | 187.11 | 546.56 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.30386 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 15.70 | 0.23089 | 0.12500 | 11.561 | 352.522 | 2568.96E+6 | 5048.96E+6 | 335.52E+6 | 3147.76E+6 | 0.0 | 160.84 | 468.71 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.26519 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 16.70 | 0.24715 | 0.12500 | 11.072 | 349.477 | 2388.65E+6 | 4948.40E+6 | 311.35E+6 | 3011.58E+6 | 0.0 | 148.34 | 453.76 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.25941 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 17.70 | 0.26341 | 0.12500 | 10.792 | 346.538 | 2271.99E+6 | 4808.02E+6 | 291.94E+6 | 2882.62E+6 | 0.0 | 140.30 | 436.22 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.25007 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 19.70 | 0.29595 | 0.12500 | 10.232 | 339.333 | 2050.05E+6 | 4501.40E+6 | 261.00E+6 | 2613.97E+6 | 0.0 | 124.61 | 398.18 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.23155 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 21.70 | 0.32846 | 0.12500 | 9.672 | 330.004 | 1828.25E+6 | 4244.07E+6 | 228.82E+6 | 2357.48E+6 | 0.0 | 109.42 | 362.08 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.20382 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 23.70 | 0.36098 | 0.12500 | 9.110 | 321.990 | 1588.71E+6 | 3995.28E+6 | 200.75E+6 | 2146.86E+6 | 0.0 | 94.36 | 335.01 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.19934 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 25.70 | 0.39350 | 0.12500 | 8.534 | 313.820 | 1361.93E+6 | 3750.78E+6 | 174.38E+6 | 1944.09E+6 | 0.0 | 80.24 | 308.57 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.19323 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 27.70 | 0.42602 | 0.12500 | 7.932 | 294.734 | 1102.38E+6 | 3447.14E+6 | 144.47E+6 | 1632.70E+6 | 0.0 | 62.67 | 263.87 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.14994 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 29.70 | 0.45855 | 0.12500 | 7.321 | 287.120 | 875.80E+6 | 3139.07E+6 | 119.98E+6 | 1432.40E+6 | 0.0 | 49.42 | 237.06 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.15421 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 31.70 | 0.49106 | 0.12500 | 6.711 | 263.343 | 681.30E+6 | 2734.24E+6 | 81.19E+6 | 1168.76E+6 | 0.0 | 37.34 | 196.41 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.13252 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 33.70 | 0.52358 | 0.12500 | 6.122 | 253.207 | 534.72E+6 | 2554.87E+6 | 69.09E+6 | 1047.43E+6 | 0.0 | 29.14 | 180.34 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.13313 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 35.70 | 0.55610 | 0.12500 | 5.546 | 241.666 | 408.90E+6 | 2334.03E+6 | 57.45E+6 | 922.95E+6 | 0.0 | 22.16 | 162.43 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.14035 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 37.70 | 0.58862 | 0.12500 | 4.971 | 220.638 | 314.54E+6 | 1828.73E+6 | 45.92E+6 | 760.82E+6 | 0.0 | 17.33 | 134.83 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.13950 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 39.70 | 0.62115 | 0.12500 | 4.401 | 200.293 | 238.63E+6 | 1584.10E+6 | 35.98E+6 | 648.03E+6 | 0.0 | 13.30 | 116.30 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.15134 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 41.70 | 0.65366 | 0.12500 | 3.834 | 179.404 | 175.88E+6 | 1323.36E+6 | 27.44E+6 | 539.70E+6 | 0.0 | 9.96 | 97.98 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.17418 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 43.70 | 0.68618 | 0.12500 | 3.332 | 165.094 | 126.01E+6 | 1183.68E+6 | 20.90E+6 | 531.15E+6 | 0.0 | 7.30 | 98.93 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.24922 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 45.70 | 0.71870 | 0.12500 | 2.890 | 154.411 | 107.28E+6 | 1020.16E+6 | 18.54E+6 | 480.01E+6 | 0.0 | 6.22 | 85.78 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.26022 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 47.70 | 0.75122 | 0.12500 | 2.503 | 138.335 | 90.88E+6 | 797.81E+6 | 16.28E+6 | 375.75E+6 | 0.0 | 5.19 | 69.96 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.22554 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 49.70 | 0.78376 | 0.12500 | 2.116 | 129.555 | 76.31E+6 | 709.81E+6 | 14.53E+6 | 328.89E+6 | 0.0 | 4.36 | 61.41 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.22795 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 51.70 | 0.81628 | 0.12500 | 1.730 | 107.264 | 61.05E+6 | 518.19E+6 | 9.07E+6 | 244.04E+6 | 0.0 | 3.36 | 45.44 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.20600 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 53.70 | 0.84878 | 0.12500 | 1.342 | 98.776 | 49.48E+6 | 454.87E+6 | 8.06E+6 | 211.60E+6 | 0.0 | 2.75 | 39.57 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.21682 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 55.70 | 0.88130 | 0.12500 | 0.954 | 90.248 | 39.38E+6 | 395.12E+6 | 7.08E+6 | 181.52E+6 | 0.0 | 2.21 | 34.09 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.22784 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 56.70 | 0.89756 | 0.12500 | 0.760 | 83.001 | 34.67E+6 | 353.72E+6 | 6.09E+6 | 160.25E+6 | 0.0 | 1.93 | 30.12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.23124 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 57.70 | 0.91382 | 0.12500 | 0.574 | 72.906 | 30.41E+6 | 304.73E+6 | 5.75E+6 | 109.23E+6 | 0.0 | 1.69 | 20.15 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.14826 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 58.70 | 0.93008 | 0.12500 | 0.404 | 68.772 | 26.52E+6 | 281.42E+6 | 5.33E+6 | 100.08E+6 | 0.0 | 1.49 | 18.53 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.15346 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 59.20 | 0.93862 | 0.12500 | 0.319 | 66.264 | 23.84E+6 | 261.71E+6 | 4.94E+6 | 92.24E+6 | 0.0 | 1.34 | 17.11 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.15382 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 59.70 | 0.94636 | 0.12500 | 0.253 | 59.340 | 19.63E+6 | 158.81E+6 | 4.24E+6 | 63.23E+6 | 0.0 | 1.10 | 11.55 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.09470 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 60.20 | 0.95447 | 0.12500 | 0.216 | 55.914 | 16.00E+6 | 137.88E+6 | 3.66E+6 | 53.32E+6 | 0.0 | 0.89 | 9.77 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.09018 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 60.70 | 0.96260 | 0.12500 | 0.178 | 52.484 | 12.83E+6 | 118.79E+6 | 3.13E+6 | 44.53E+6 | 0.0 | 0.71 | 8.19 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.08561 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 61.20 | 0.97073 | 0.12500 | 0.140 | 49.114 | 10.08E+6 | 101.63E+6 | 2.64E+6 | 36.90E+6 | 0.0 | 0.56 | 6.82 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.08035 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 61.70 | 0.97886 | 0.12500 | 0.101 | 45.818 | 7.55E+6 | 85.07E+6 | 2.17E+6 | 29.92E+6 | 0.0 | 0.42 | 5.57 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.07096 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 62.20 | 0.98699 | 0.12500 | 0.062 | 41.669 | 4.60E+6 | 64.26E+6 | 1.58E+6 | 21.31E+6 | 0.0 | 0.25 | 4.01 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.05424 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 62.70 | 0.99512 | 0.12500 | 0.023 | 11.453 | 0.25E+6 | 6.61E+6 | 0.25E+6 | 4.85E+6 | 0.0 | 0.04 | 0.94 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.05387 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 63.00 | 1.00000 | 0.12500 | 0.000 | 10.319 | 0.17E+6 | 5.01E+6 | 0.19E+6 | 3.53E+6 | 0.0 | 0.02 | 0.68 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.05181 | 0.0 | 0.0 |