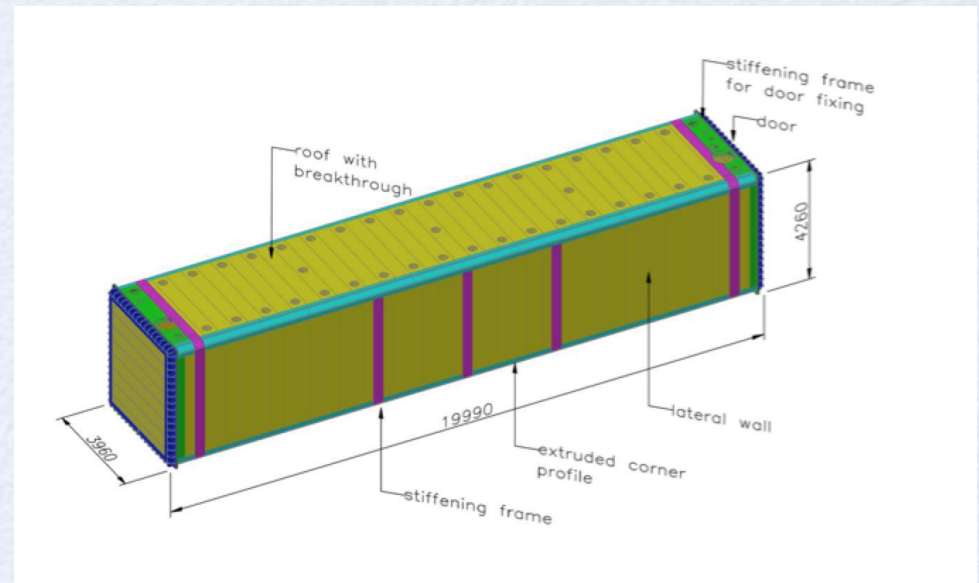


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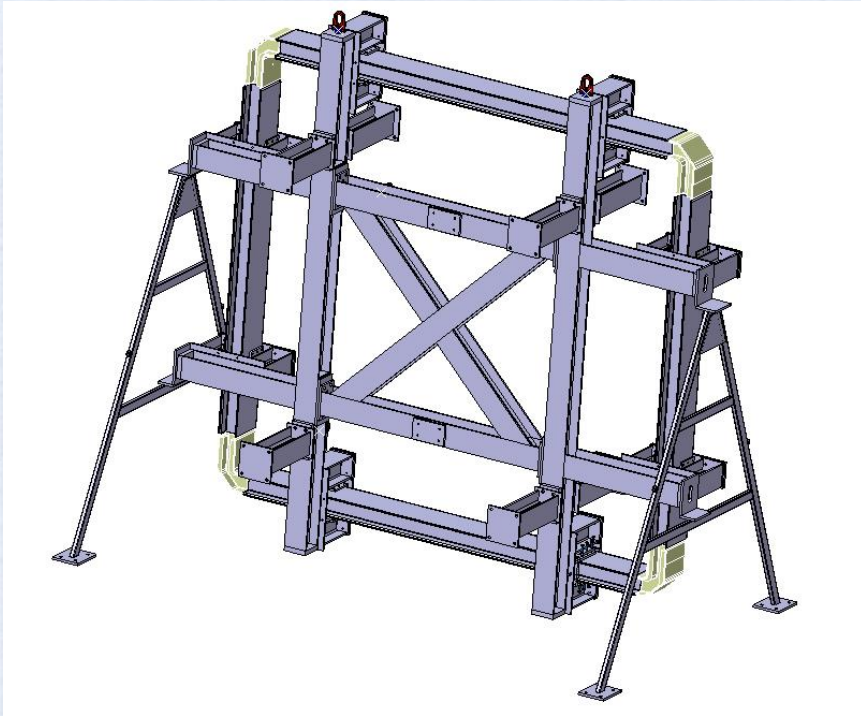
Status of welding development

- Stiffening U-Frames
 - Assembly tooling
 - Welding development
 - Final Corner design
- Corner assembly test piece
- Welding qualifications



U-frames

Assembly tooling



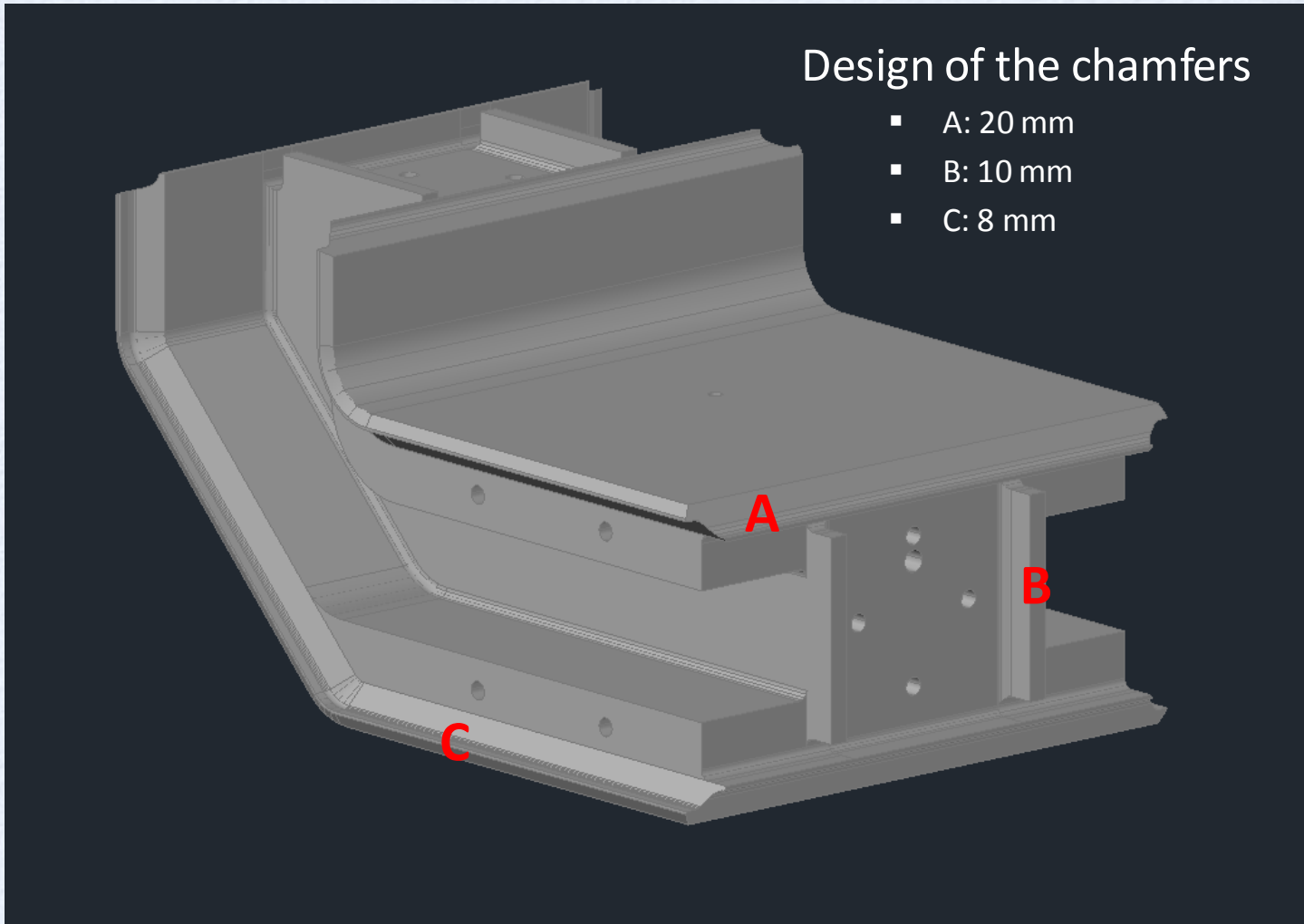
Design of a specific tooling

- To ensure an appropriate positioning and clamping of the parts in order to achieve the high tolerances required
- To allow the welding in flat position which is mandatory to achieve the quality level required

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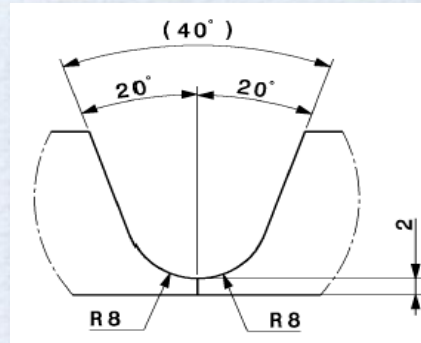
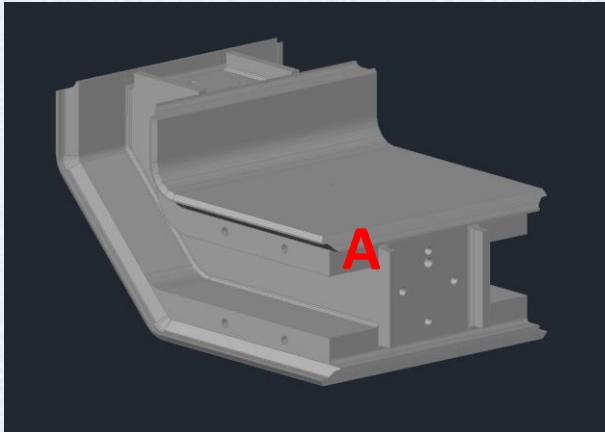
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Corner design



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Corner design - Welding development



Base material: 6082 T6

Filler metal: 5556A

Process: MIG

Number of runs: ≈ 12

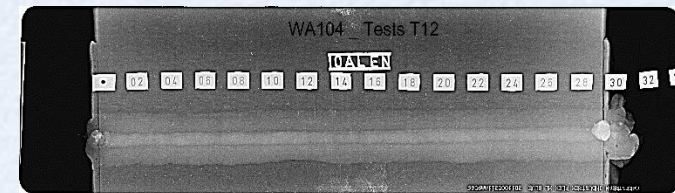
Backing support: No

Shrinkage: ≈ 3.5 mm

Quality level achieve: level B (stringent) according to ISO 10042

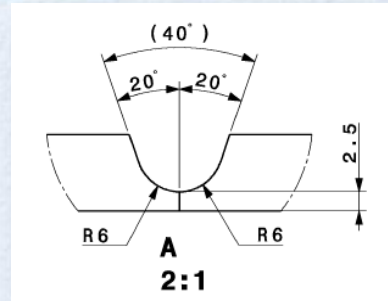
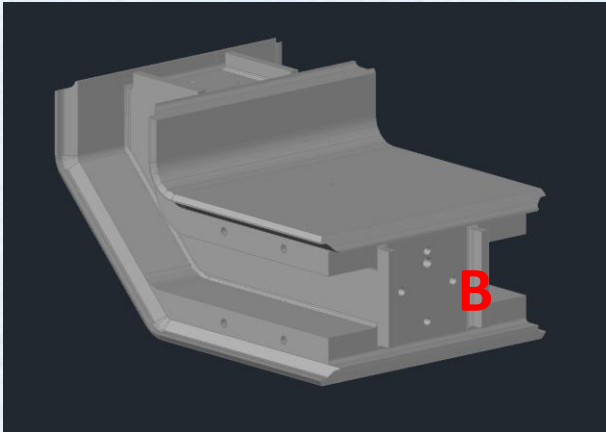
Next steps:

- Design of the run-in & run-out plates
- Tensile test



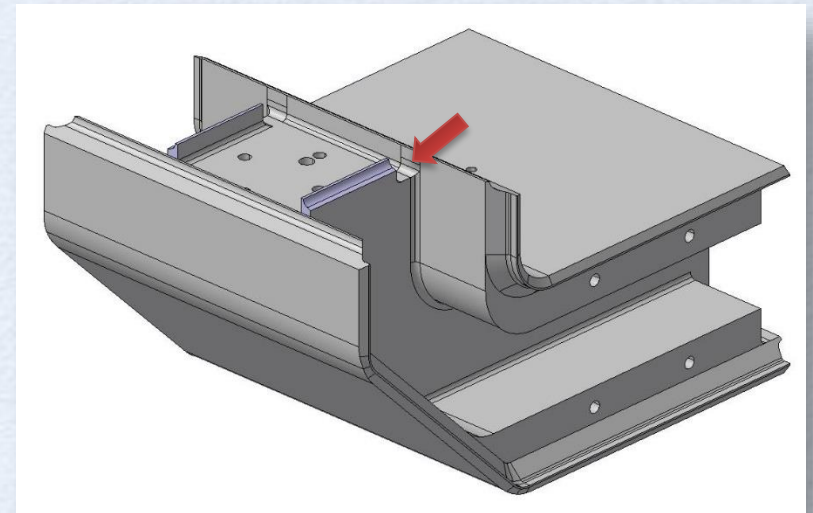
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Corner design - Welding development



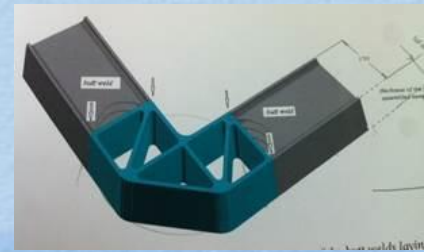
Process: TIG
Number of runs: ≈ 3
Backing support: No
Quality level achieve: X-Ray to be done

Length of the weld to be reduced by 10 mm each side to optimize the access (by facilitating the welding operation the risk of imperfections will be reduced)

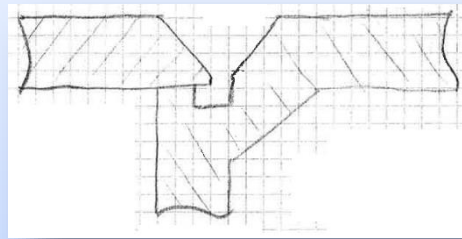
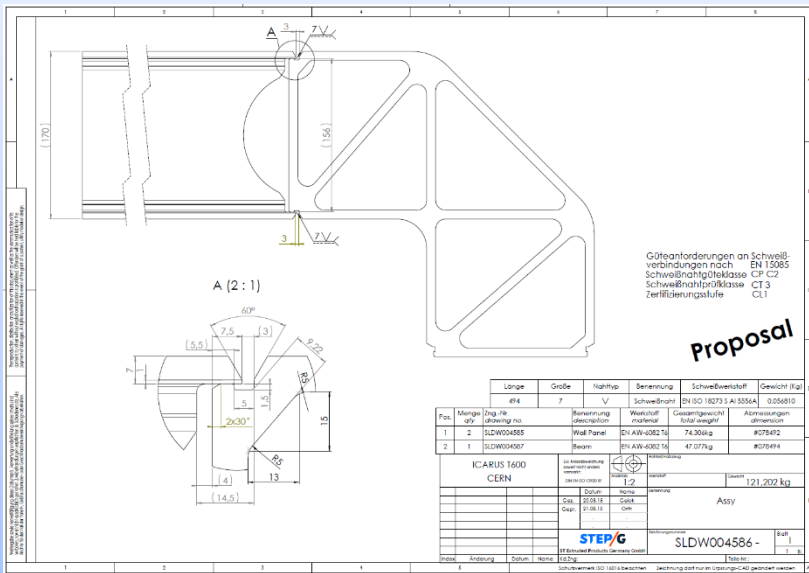


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Corner assembly test piece

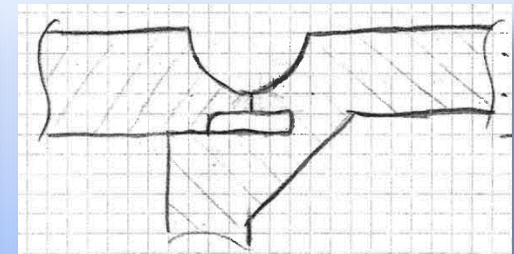
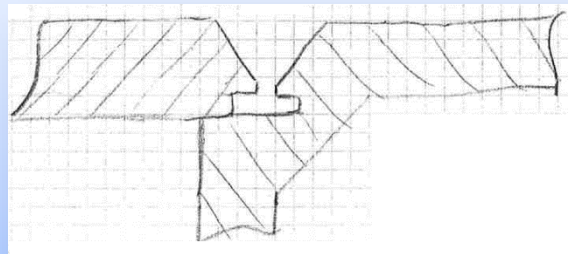


Welding tests in progress, 3 configurations will be tested



(1) STEP-G proposal

(2) & (3) CERN proposals
(with and without gap)

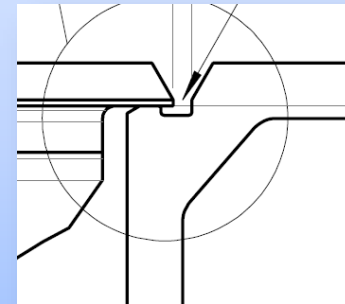
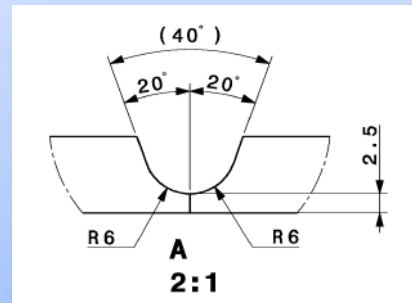
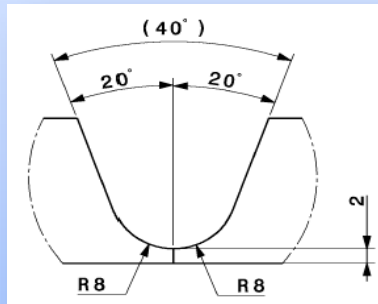


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Welding qualifications

Welding Procedure Qualification (WPQ) & Welder Qualification (WQ)

- 3 WPQR will be carried out in the coming weeks (w43 & w44) with the external Body APAVE
- 4 welders will be qualified for each WPQ



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Next step

Welding tests on the “standard” configuration

- Scrap parts needed from STEP-G

