

# New mCAM features (version 2.0)

May 2019

Document UAW-05-V1.00-19EN

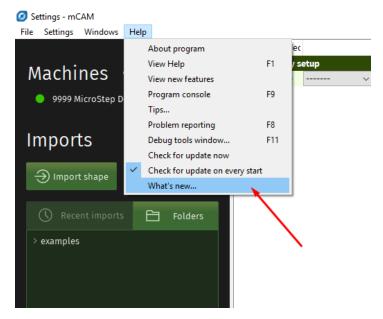
# **Overview**

New mCAM 2.0 brings many new features that are described in this document. Among these are:

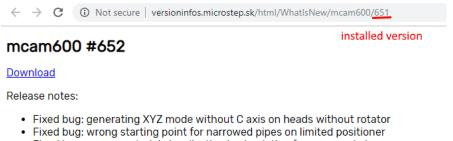
- → more intuitive interface with new sets of controls (see <u>New interface</u>, <u>Visualization screen</u> <u>controls</u>, <u>Right control panel</u> and <u>Simulation screen</u>)
- $\rightarrow$  changes in initial position of beams on the machine (see <u>Initial beam position changes</u>)
- → manual nesting for positioning of plates and circular pipes (see *Manual nesting*)
- → possibility to adjust cutting speed for individual cut paths (see *Properties area*)
- $\rightarrow$  possibility to add welding preparations for existing cut paths (see <u>Welding preparations)</u>
- → recognition of several types of H-beam welding macros (see <u>H-beam welding connection</u> <u>macros</u>)
- → refined generation of Lead-ins/outs and minor changes in Measuring modes (see <u>Settings changes</u>)

# "What's new" feature

It is possible to check what is new in newer versions of mCAM (if they exist) directly from mCAM. This new feature is located under menu Help -> What's new. This function will open a webpage in browser with information about new features in newer version of mCAM. If the most recent version of mCAM is installed, the page will contain text: "You have the latest version".



#### Fig. 1 What's new feature



• Fixed bug: wrong material visualization in simulation for narrowed pipe

Fig. 2 Web page with information about changes in newer version of mCAM

# **New supported shapes**

Two new supported shapes were added in mCAM 2.0 – Bent U and L profiles.

#### **Technical explanation**

- $\mathbf{W}-$ width
- H height
- $\mathbf{T}$  thickness

**RO** – outer radius

RI – inner radius

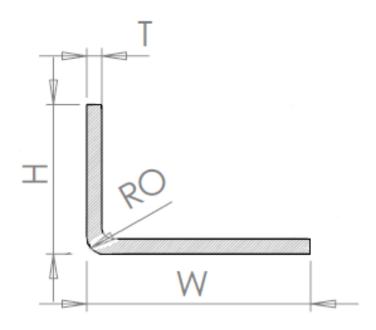


Fig. 3 Bent L profile

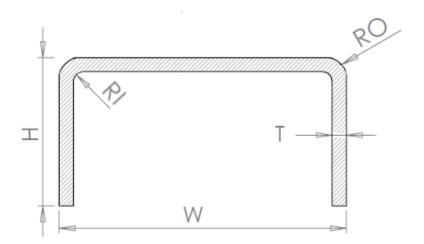


Fig. 4 Bent U profile

# **New interface**

## **Master panel**

The Master panel in mCAM 2.0 was redesigned to be more intuitive to use. The new interface provides user with more modern look and new set of controls.

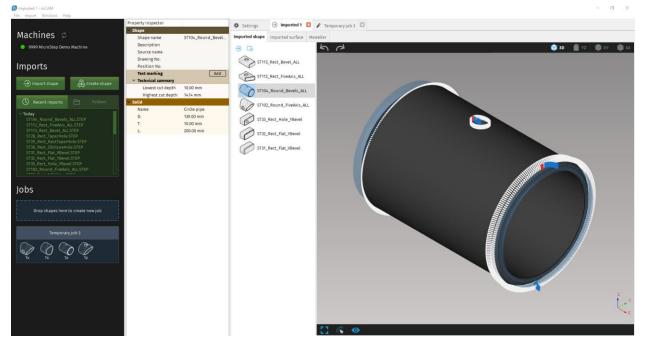
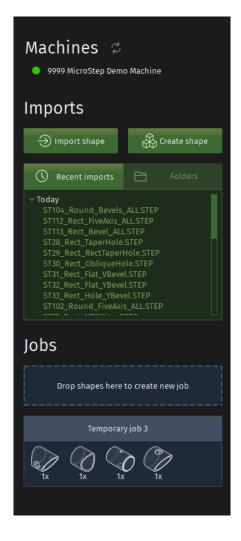


Fig. 5 New interface



### Fig. 6 New master panel

At top of the master panel is a list of connected machines and the actual status of connection.

| lcon | Description                       |  |  |  |
|------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| •    | Connection is active              |  |  |  |
| •    | Connection is not active          |  |  |  |
| ⇔    | mCAM is connecting to the machine |  |  |  |
| 2    | Refresh connection                |  |  |  |

Underneath are two buttons, one for importing a shape and one for creating a shape in modeller.

Next is a list of recent imports and user's most used folders. A folder is added to this list by clicking the right mouse button in the list and selecting a folder.

| S      | Recent imports |          | Folders       |
|--------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| > exar | nples          |          |               |
|        |                |          |               |
|        |                | Add dire | ctory to list |
|        | -              |          |               |
|        |                |          |               |
|        |                |          |               |

#### Fig. 7 Adding a directory to list of frequently used folders.

Creating a job works the same as in previous version of mCAM, but now there is a rectangle area where the parts have to be dropped. Dragging and dropping parts here will create a job, that will also appear underneath and will display all shapes that are included in respective job. Switch between jobs is possible by clicking on job header as well as in tabs from mail application window. Selected job is highlighted in brighter blue colour.

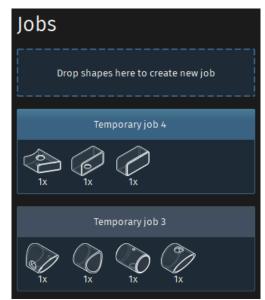


Fig. 8 List of jobs under the area for creating jobs

## Working area – Import tab

Import tab was also reorganized. The Import all button, that was located at the bottom of the Working area of Import tab, was removed. New buttons were added on the top of the Working area of Import tab for importing a shape and importing a whole folder of shapes.

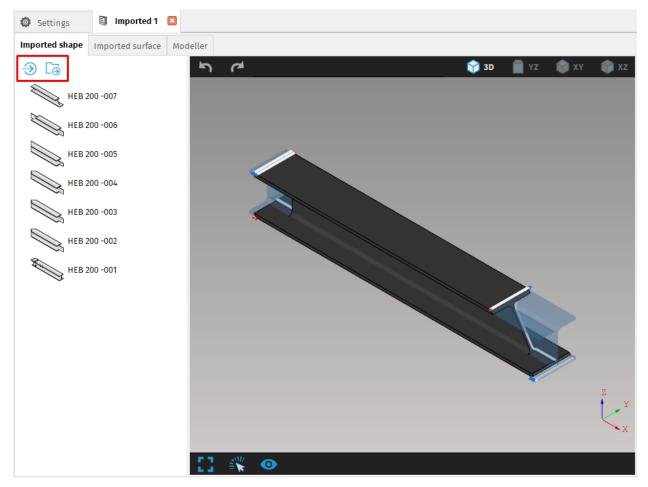


Fig. 9 New buttons in working area of import tab

| lcon | Description                              |
|------|--|
|      | Import shape to active import tab        |
| C⊚   | Import whole folder to active import tab |

# **Visualization screen controls**

The view in visualization screen is now controlled with new controls at the top and bottom of the visualization screen.

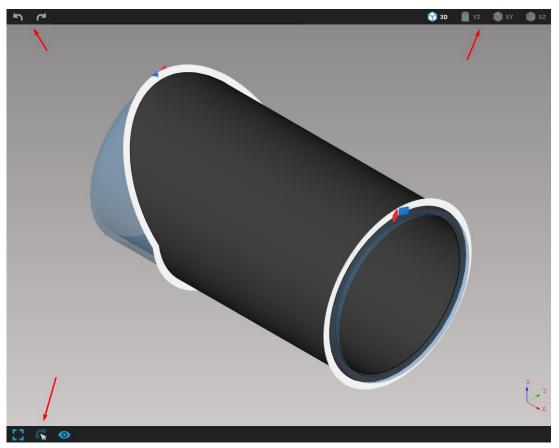


Fig. 10 Controls of visualization screen with active 3D view. Model is displayed as shaded view.

| lcon | Description   |
|------|---|
| - 53 | Fit to window   |
| ŝ₩.  | Opens Select cut  |
| 0    | Displays menu with settings for<br>visualization screen |
| ٦    | Undo action   |
| ۲    | Redo action   |

| 🅎 3D | 3D view                |
|------|------------------------|
| 📄 YZ | YZ plane view (locked) |
| 🕎 ХҮ | XY plane view (locked) |
| 🕎 XZ | XZ view (locked)       |

Rotation of model is disabled with YZ, XY and XZ view selected. Only panning and zooming in/out of the model is active.

User can also switch between individual views with the radial view widget, that will pop out by right clicking in visualization screen. Without releasing the mouse button, it has to be dragged over and through the desired view to change it.

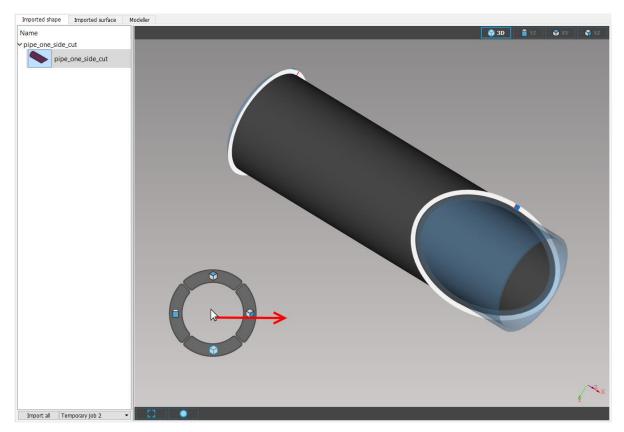


Fig. 11 Without releasing the right mouse button it has to be dragged over the view user wants to select (in this case, XZ view would be selected)

Individual settings for what and how is displayed in the visualization screen are now

located in the new combo box with eye icon <sup>(O)</sup> in the bottom panel of visualization screen instead of in the Properties area. After clicking on the icon with left mouse button a list of settings appears. Active settings are displayed in bright blue color, disabled settings are displayed in grey-blue color.

|            | lcon                   | Description  |
|------------|------------------------|--|
|            | Show wireframe         | When activated, displays the model (including the tool in simulation) in wireframe rendering |
| $^{\circ}$ | Show/hide stock        | Displays the stock (in light blue color)   |
| Ţ          | Show/hide edge markers | Show/hide edge markers   |
| •          | Show/hide decorations  | Displays decorations – e.g. measuring points ( <i>only in simulation</i> )                   |
| Ŧ          | Show/hide tool         | Displays the tool (only in simulation)   |
| J          | Flags to downpoints    | Displays cutting points along the entire thickness of the material                           |

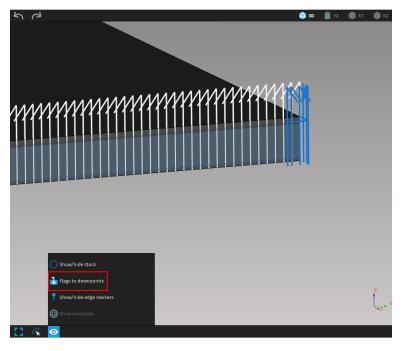
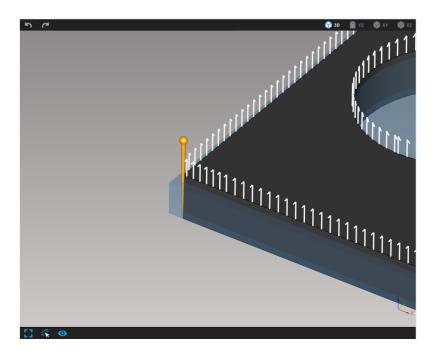


Fig. 12 Cutting points are displayed along entire thickness of the material



#### Fig. 13 Edge marker on corner of the shape

Edge markers serve for selecting suitable transition type on edges. After selecting a marker, its settings appear in Properties area.

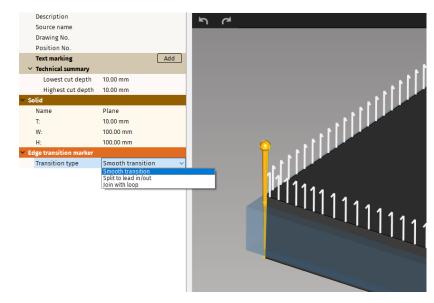


Fig. 14 Selected edge marker with its settings

There are three transition types for edges:

- 1. Smooth transition
- 2. Split to lead-in/-out path will be split on selected edge
- **3.** Join with loop loop will be added on corner. It is possible, that instead of loop, the lead-in/-out will be moved to the selected edge.

# **Manual nesting**

Manual nesting is a feature designed for positioning of plates and circular pipes. It helps user to more efficiently move individual parts on stock to achieve their best placement, if he wasn't satisfied with automatic nesting.

Manual nesting is activated in job tab. It's important to adjust the parameters of stock and move all parts to stock first. This is done either by automatically nesting all parts by clicking on puzzle icon or move them manually to the stock (with drag and drop), right clicking on the stock and selecting "Move rest parts to stock". The same manual procedure applies if not all parts were moved to stock at automatic nesting.

All parts that need to be nested has to be on the stock before manual nesting. If another part is added later, the nesting will reset.

Manual nesting is activated by clicking on a manual nesting button  $\overset{\text{def}}{\longrightarrow}$  at the top left corner of the visualization screen.

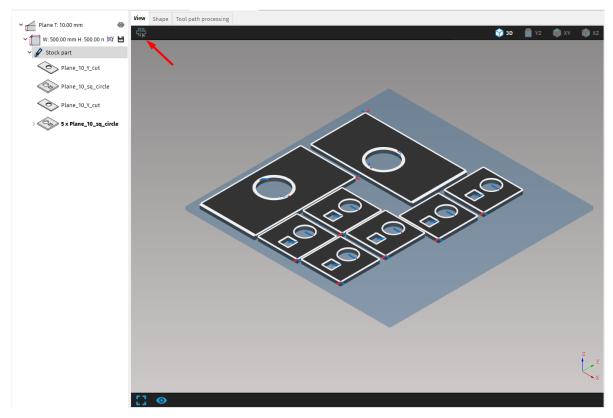


Fig. 15 Manual nesting button – manual nesting is not activated

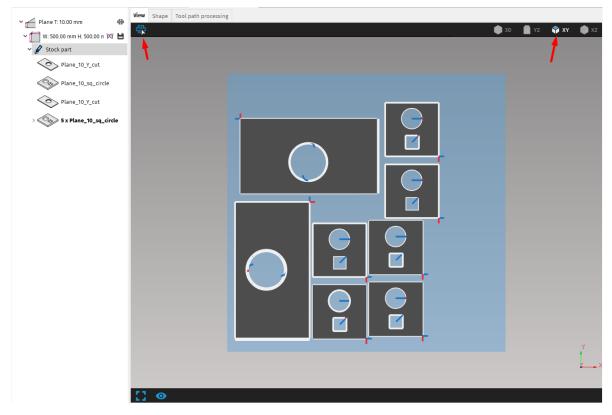


Fig. 16 Manual nesting is activated and the view is locked in 2D top view

After activation of manual nesting, the view is automatically changed into locked 2D view. When nesting 2D parts, the view is locked to XY plane. For pipes, the view can be changed between XY plane and XZ plane.

Selected part is displayed with yellow outline and can be:

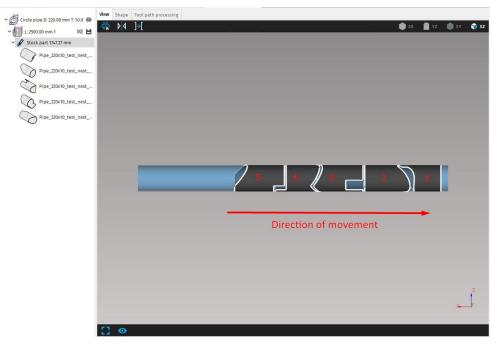
- 1. Moved parts are moved by simply clicking and dragging the selected part into its desired position
- **2.** Rotated selected part can be rotated with left and right arrow keys by 15°. Holding the ALT key while rotating the parts will rotate them by 5°.
- **3.** Flipped only for pipes, flips the part around Z-axis (by 180°) with up and down arrow keys.

Note: The best and highly recommended way to find an optimal ordering, orientation and placement of all shapes is to use automatic nesting. Overlapping cutting contours and other related issues are not controlled/checked by mCAM (when using manual nesting), therefore user takes full responsibility for possible subsequent cutting problems on machine. Next to the manual nesting button at the top left corner of the visualization screen are also two buttons with specific functions intended for more efficient manual nesting of circular pipes. These controls are active only in manual nesting mode for circular pipes.

| lcon     | Description   |
|----------|---|
| <b>۵</b> | Flip – flips the selected part (also with up and down arrow keys)                               |
| ]+[      | Move – moves selected part closest to the previous part on stock (applies common cut if active) |

## **Move function**

Move function is used to move selected part closest to the previous part on stock. The distance is set according to the value in Nesting gap in Properties area. The order of parts is set from the beginning of the stock material to the chuck location. So, in locked view in manual nesting, the parts are moved in X- direction.





The Move function will also automatically rotate selected part to achieve optimal placement with maximum utilisation of the stock material according to the previous part position.

If common cut is activated for the whole cutting plan (by checking the checkbox in Nesting settings in Properties area) using the Move function will also apply common cut if possible (on straight trim cuts). If common cut was applied, the cutting path will change color to light blue-grey.

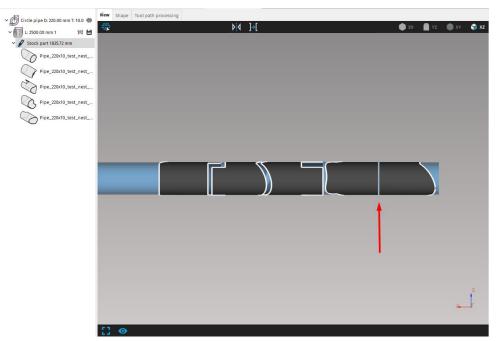


Fig. 18 Parts nested with applied common cut

**Note:** Selecting parts in manual nesting in visualization screen won't affect the selection in Working screen. Because the information in Properties area are based on selected part in Working tree, these could not correspond with selected part in visualization screen. We recommend not making any changes in Properties area while the manual nesting is active or to double check if correct part is selected.

#### Kerf compensation on common cut

If common cut will be used, it is necessary to select the specific tool, that will be used for generating CNC, so that respected kerf length can be used to maintain the most precise length of individual parts. Due to kerf compensation, the common cut is not displayed in visualization screen as one cut, but the parts are spaced apart by a length of kerf. Even though, they are displayed as two cuts in job, they will be cut by single cut.

The size of kerf is always the size of kerf for straight cut for respective thickness, even if the actual cut is bevel cut.

# **Initial beam position changes**

Initial beam position was changed in April 2017 for some shapes, to make it clearer how the beam should be loaded correctly on the machine. The original placement was changed for H, I and U profiles. Due to these changes, the new instruction M122 was added, that defines the position used for generating CNC code in mCAM.

M122 parameter is intended only for ROTPOL\_MODE2, because only in this mode it is possible to cut all profiles. ROTPOL\_MODE1 is used for cutting pipes, where the M122 is not necessary.

The setting for which initial position should be used is located in Settings -> Internal -> Position type and is automatically set according to parameter from flashbin. It should only be changed by Microstep staff.

The parameter in flashbin has four versions:

- p\_M122\_VERSION=0 represents the most recent version (now it's the version 3, if in the future there will be version 4, it will represent version 4 etc.)
- p\_M122\_VERSION=1 M122 is ignored
- p\_M122\_VERSION=2 original placement of profiles as was before the change in 04/2017
- p\_M122\_VERSION=3 new placement of profiles after the change in 04/2017

Setting for Position type in mCAM contains two options:

- → Version 1 without M122 p\_M122\_VERSION=2
- → Version 1 with M122 M122 is generated into the CNC code, but the positions of beams are as before the change in 04/2017
- → Version 2 with M122 p\_M122\_VERSION=3

| Position | Version 1 (without M122) | Version 2 (with M122 v3) |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| I/H beam | Ι                        |                          |
| U beam   |                          |                          |

There are two scenarios:

- Older machines with old RTPC SW don't recognize the M122 instruction In this case, at installation of mCAM, the Position type is automatically set to Version 1. The CNC code will be generated with original initial position, without using the M122 instruction. If Version 2 is selected and the machine does not recognize the M122 instruction, it will display error message.
- 2. New machines with new RTPC SW recognize the M122 instruction the setting for Position type in mCAM is automatically set to Version 2 and the CNC code is generated with new initial positions of beams.

# Cut path editing

## **Right control panel**

New control panel was added in mCAM version 2.0. The panel pops out on the right side of the screen after selecting any cut path. It contains several buttons with various functions for changing some attributes of cut paths.

After selecting a cut path, a new panel pops out on the right side of the screen with several buttons intended for editing some attributes of the cut path.

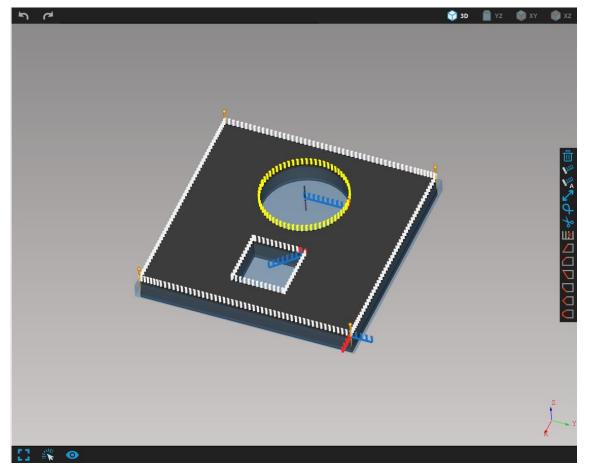


Fig. 19 Cut path editing panel on the right side of the visualization screen

| lcon               | Description  |
|--------------------|--|
| 1 mil              | Set lead-in/out to custom position                         |
| ¥ <sup>111</sup> A | Set lead-in/out to automatic position as generated by mCAM |
| 2                  | Revert the cut path  |
| þ                  | Add loop on selected cut point                             |
| ¢                  | Split path on selected point                               |
| ШЖ                 | Erase selected cut point                                   |
| Ē                  | Delete cut path  |

There are also welding attributes, that are described in section Welding

## **Properties area**

• User speed – It is now possible to change speed of cutting for each cutting path individually. It is set as percentage of speed that is in expert tables.

| <ul> <li>Tool path #2</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Path generatio                   | Automatic 🗸 🗸                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kerf compension                  | ation                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marking                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 🗹 Cutting                        | ☑ Cutting                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| 🗹 Transformatio                  | ✓ Transformations                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Layer                            | Automatic transform $ \smallsetminus $ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Laser operatio                   | Large contours 🛛 🗸 🗸                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Waterjet opera                   | Q5 ~                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| User order                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Normal limit                     | Normal limit                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| ✓ Technology modi                | fications                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| User speed                       | 100%                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Microjoints                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ∨ Lead-in                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Type                             | Linear (1 section) 🛛 🗸                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Length                           | 10.00 mm                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tangential a                     | 58.3 deg                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tool orienta                     | Straight to bevel 1 $-\sim$            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 📃 Dynamic pi                     | ercing                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ✓ Lead-out                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Туре                             | Path conforming $\sim$                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Length                           | 3.00 mm                                |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Fig. 20 Setting the user speed for selected cut* 

- Stop (MO) before cutting can be checked on or off for each cut path individually. If checked, the instruction MO is generated into CNC code before respective cut path.
- **Tool selection for marking** it is possible to assign different technology and tool to marking and text marking.

The shape has to be already loaded in the job. The option to choose separate technology and tool for marking is not available in Import tab.

Technology and tool for text marking is assigned in Shape tab in section Text marking (see Fig. 22). Technology and tool for marking of cut path is assigned at the bottom of the properties area after selecting respective cut path (see Fig. 23).

Technology selected for marking has to be different from technology used for cutting the whole plan, otherwise a complain will pop up "Some cut paths have set invalid tool". This is because it is not possible to change tools in iMSNC during cutting, so one technology can have only one tool assigned in one CNC plan.

This option is especially useful for machines with inkjet markers.

| D:<br>T:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L  | Circle pipe<br>150,00<br>20,00<br>84,400<br>84,400 mm<br>40,00 mm<br>12 wateriet<br>   | Name  | View Shape Too   | 467.02 mm  |   | 46 mm<br>   |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| Stock material     Tool path     Tool path     Solid     Tool path     Solid     Name     D:     T:     Lowest cut depth     Hinhest cut depth     Hinhest cut depth     Hinhest cut depth     Hinhest cut depth     Metring     Power     Tool     Netting gap  | 150.00<br>20.00<br>834.00<br>9999 MicroStep Demo Mat   | Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00 ↔  | ,<br>Pipe  | 9_150x20_pipe_intersection<br>Serial Number:   | P<br>Dimens   | test<br>kons: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Tool path     Flags to downpoints     Sold     Sold     Sold     Tegs to downpoints     Sold     L     Constant of the sold of the so      | 150.00<br>20.00<br>834.00<br>9999 MicroStep Demo Mat   | E 834.00 1 VX E<br>Stock part 469.54 mm   | ,<br>Pipe  | 9_150x20_pipe_intersection<br>Serial Number:   | P<br>Dimens   | test<br>kons: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Sold Name D: Ts summary Is summary Machine Technology Material Power Is sum yestmos Is sum yes | 150.00<br>20.00<br>834.00<br>9999 MicroStep Demo Mat   | E Stock part 469.54 mm  |  | 9_150x20_pipe_intersection<br>Serial Number:   | P<br>Dimens   | test<br>kons: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Name<br>Di<br>Tr.<br>Lucast automary<br>Lowest cut depth<br>Hinket cut depth<br>Hinket cut depth<br>Technology setup<br>Nachine<br>Technology<br>Henvet<br>Dool<br>Nesting app   | 150.00<br>20.00<br>834.00<br>9999 MicroStep Demo Mat   | E Stock part 469.54 mm  |  | 9_150x20_pipe_intersection<br>Serial Number:   | P<br>Dimens   | test<br>kons: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| D:<br>T:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>Technical summary<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:<br>L:  | 150.00<br>20.00<br>834.00<br>9999 MicroStep Demo Mat   |   |  | Serial Number:   | Dimens  | ions: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| L<br>Technical summary<br>Lowest cut depth<br>Highest cut depth<br>Technology setup<br>Machine<br>Technology<br>Material<br>Power<br>Tool<br>Nesting gap   | 834.00<br>20.00 mm<br>40.00 mm<br>9999 MicroStep Demo Mar.=<br>14 wateriet<br><br>Wi-MST-25.0<br>5.00 mm   | Pipe,150/20,pipe,intersec   |  | Serial Number:   | Dimens  | ions: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Technical summary<br>Lowest cut depth<br>Highest cut depth<br>Technology setup<br>Technology<br>Technology<br>Material<br>Power<br>Tool<br>Nesting setungs<br>Nesting gep  | 20.00 mm<br>40.00 mm<br>9999 MicroSteo Demo Msc.<br>114 wateriet -<br><br>VWI-MST-25.0 -<br>5.00 mm  | - the souther more  |  | Serial Number:   | Dimens  | ions: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Lowest cut depth<br>Highest cut depth<br>Technology setup<br>Machine<br>Technology<br>Material<br>Power<br>Tool<br>Nesting settings<br>Nesting gep   | 40.00 mm 9999 MicroSteo Demo Mac - 14 wateriet WJ-MST-25.0 5.00 mm   |   |  | Serial Number:   | Dimens  | ions: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Highest cut depth<br>Technology setup<br>Machine<br>Technology<br>Material<br>Power<br>Tool<br>Hesting gap   |  |   |  | Serial Number:   | Dimens  | ions: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Machine<br>Technology<br>Material<br>Power<br>Tool<br>Resting settings<br>Nesting gap  | 14 wateriet  |   |  | Serial Number:   | Dimens  | ions: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Technology<br>Material<br>Power<br>Tool<br>Nesting settings<br>Nesting gap   | 14 wateriet  |   |  | Serial Number:   | Dimens  | ions: Circle pipe D: 150.00 T: 20.00  |
| Power<br>Tool<br>Nesting settings<br>Nesting gap   | WJ-MST-25.0<br>5.00 mm   |   | Heat Number:   |  |   |   |
| Tool<br>Nesting settings<br>Nesting gap  | WJ-MST-25.0  |   | neat number.   |  |   |   |
| Nesting settings<br>Nesting gap  | 5.00 mm  |   |  | Rest: 364.46 mm (  | (44%) (Chuck length: 330.   | 00 mm)  |
| Nesting gap  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   | Parts on stock:  |  |   |   |
| Startpoint X offset  | 0.00 mm  |   |  | Shape name   | Copies in stock   | Part length   |
| Use common-cut   |  |   |  |  | -   | -   |
| Surface mapping quality  |  |   | #1   | Pipe_150x20_pipe_intersection  | ion 1   | 467.02 mm   |
| bh stock   |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| Virtual stock  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   | 1  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| Plan generation  | 00 100 1111  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  | Moving in XV7C avec  |   |  |  |   |   |
| Axis   | X axis   |   |  |  |   |   |
|  | At X min 🔹   |   |  |  |   |   |
| Marking  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| <ul> <li>Text marking</li> </ul>   |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| Cutting  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| Correlation pipe   |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  | Use part envelope only<br>Use common-cut<br>Surface mapping quality<br>© Enable part rotations and<br>Jeb stock<br>Uniting face and the stock<br>Count<br>Length<br>Mang scare ation<br>Reguan name<br>Reguan name<br>Cutting mode<br>Asis<br>Chuck location<br>© Marking<br>Transformations | Use common-cut     Surface mapping quality     Normal     Zende part rotations and     Destable part rotations and     Destable part rotations and     Unlimited count     Count     Unlimited count     Length     83.400 mm Plang seneration Plang and to the seneration Plang and the seneration     Xews     Zothing mode     Movins in XVZC axes     Zothing mode     Making     Zet mating     Clarking     Zet mating     Counting | □ Use common-out         Surface mapping quality         ○ Enable part fortations and         > Marks and totakins and         > Marks and totakins and         > Out structure         > Out struct | Descentions du Verture description (V/CZ ase ≤ )     Aris (X asis )     Aris (X asi | all upon A suble only working and a subject of the second | al login A minit<br>al login A minit<br>be common cut<br>be control and a minit<br>be to be control and |

Fig. 21 Waterjet technology with respective tool is selected for cutting

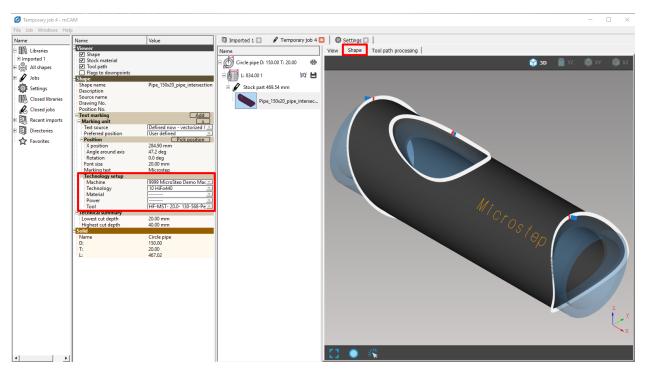


Fig. 22 Plasma with respective tool is selected for text marking in Shape tab

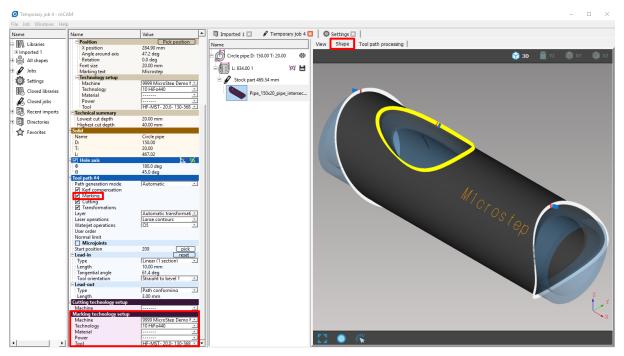


Fig. 23 Marking is enabled for selected cut path and plasma technology with respective tool is selected in Properties area

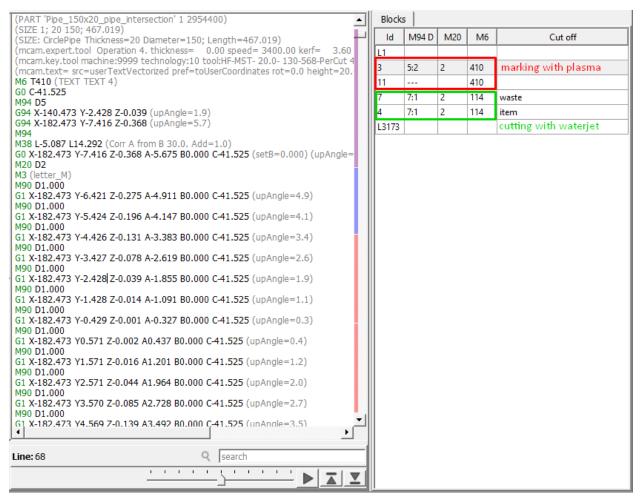


Fig. 24 Example of CNC code

# **Welding preparations**

mCAM now allows to add welding preparations to existing cut paths. Adjusting a cutting contour for welding is done simply by selecting a cut path and clicking on an icon of a desired shape of welding preparation in the panel on the right side of the visualization screen. mCAM will then generate all necessary cutting paths accordingly.

Cut paths that are modified for welding preparation are displayed in orange color

Each type of welding preparation can be further adjusted in Properties area – Welding section. Welding preparation is deleted by selecting a welding preparation cut path and clicking on an icon  $\stackrel{\bullet}{\longrightarrow}$  in the cut path widget.

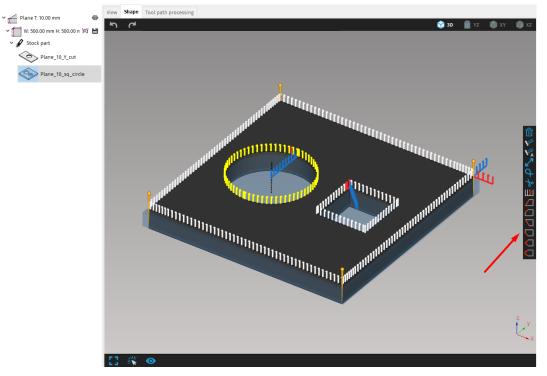
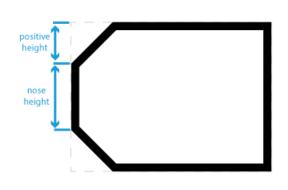


Fig. 25 Panel with various options including welding preparations shows up on the right side of the screen when the cut path is selected

| <b>B</b>               |                  |                      |            |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Parameters that can be | e adjusted depen | a on the type of the | e weiding: |
|                        |                  |                      |            |

| Name      | Parameters  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| V welding | angle top   |  |  |  |  |
| Y welding | angle top, nose height                                |  |  |  |  |
| A welding | angle bottom  |  |  |  |  |
| L welding | angle bottom, nose height                             |  |  |  |  |
| X welding | angle top, angle bottom, positive height              |  |  |  |  |
| K welding | angle top, angle bottom, positive height, nose height |  |  |  |  |



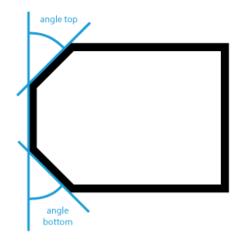


Fig. 26 Welding preparation parameters

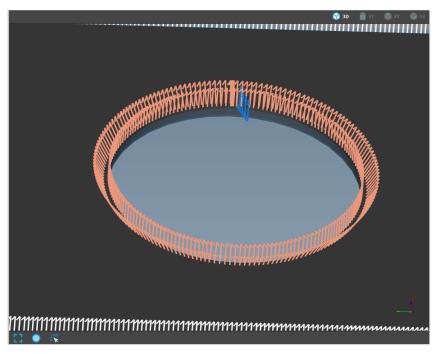


Fig. 27 Hole with Y welding preparation

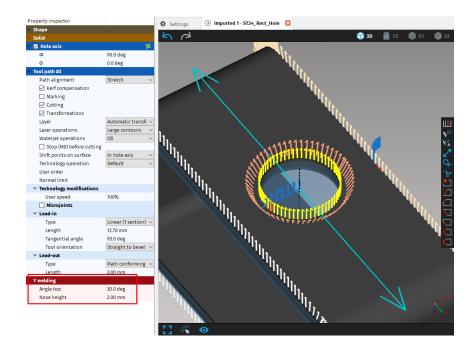


Fig. 28 Welding settings in Properties area

# H-beam welding connection macros

mCAM supports several types of welding connections for H-profiles, that are automatically recognized at import.

- 1. Tongue ending
- 2. Inverse tongue ending
- 3. Corner ending

Each type of welding connection has its set of parameters that are automatically set according to the imported shape. They are of informative character and do not need to be adjusted.

Each macro for welding connection ending can be oriented in X+ or X- direction, depending on which end of the part it is located. Each part contains maximum of two macros – one for each end of the part.

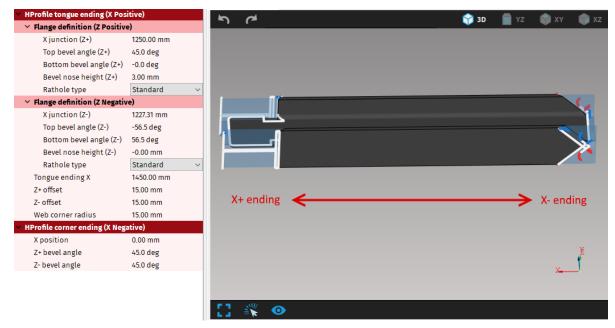


Fig. 29 Each part can contain maximum of two macros – One in X+ and one in X- direction

#### 1. Tongue ending parameters

→ <u>Flange definition Z+/Flange definition Z-</u> – defines the length and shape of respective flanges. Contains several parameters:

- X junction Point on an inner edge of the Z+/Z- flange, which defines the length of the respective flanges. (see Fig. 31)
- *Top bevel angle* defines shape of the respective flange (see Fig. 32)
- Bottom bevel angle defines shape of the respective flange (see Fig. 32)
- Bevel nose height defines shape of the respective flange (see Fig. 32)
- *Rathole type* None, none with grinding and standard (see Fig. 33, Fig. 34, Fig. 35, Fig. 36)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Tongue ending X</u> defines the length of the web. Unlike the inverse tongue ending, this type can have only straight ending with Z+ and Z- value the same (hence only one parameter instead of two as is in inverse tongue ending)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Z+ offset</u> offset of web from outer edge of Z+ flange (see Fig. 31)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Z- offset</u> offset of web from outer edge of Z- flange (see Fig. 31)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Web corner radius</u> rounding of the corners on tongue ending (see Fig. 31)

If Z offset is bigger than the cutting head diameter, flanges don't need to be cut, because the cutting head will fit between the flange and the cutting contour. The cutting paths are automatically generated for each flange separately with regard to this information.

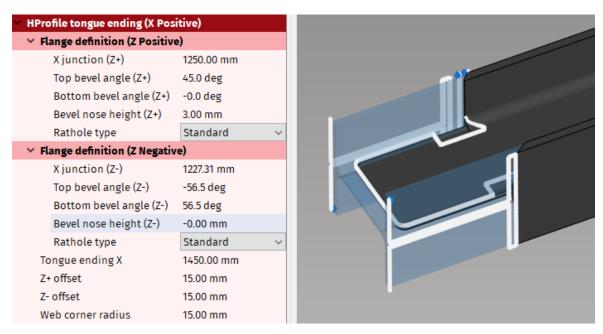


Fig. 30 Tongue ending and its parameters in Properties area

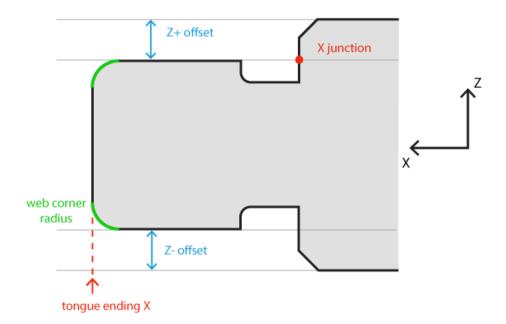


Fig. 31 Parameters for Tongue ending welding connection

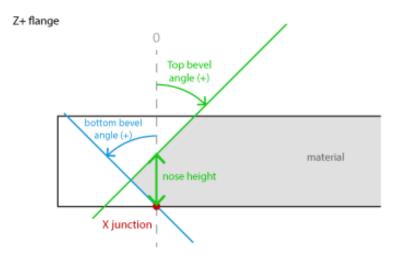


Fig. 32 Z+ flange with bevel parameters

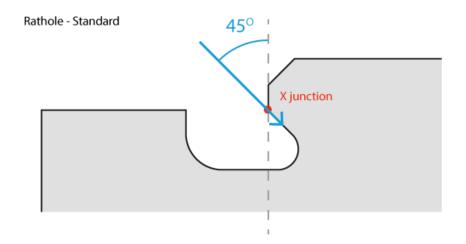


Fig. 33 Rathole Standard is cut in 45 degrees angle

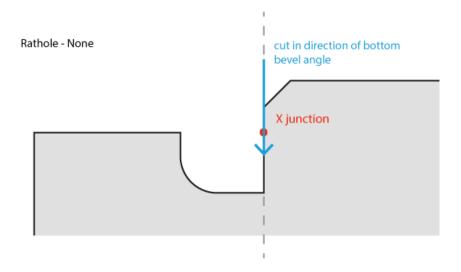


Fig. 34 Rathole None is cut in direction of bottom bevel angle

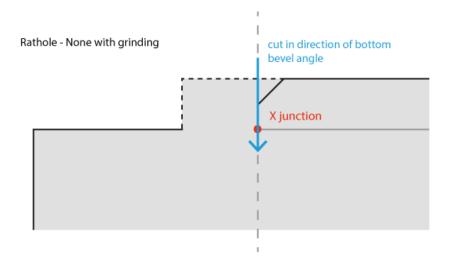


Fig. 35 Rathole - None with grinding

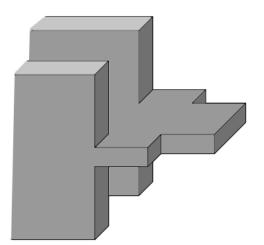


Fig. 36 Rathole - None with grinding

#### 2. Inverse tongue ending parameters

- $\rightarrow$  <u>Flange definition Z+/Flange definition Z-</u> defines the length and shape of respective flanges. Contains several parameters:
  - *X junction* Point on an inner edge of the Z+/Z- flange, which defines the length of the respective flanges.
  - Top bevel angle

- Bottom bevel angle
- Bevel nose height

Bevel angle parameters (Top and bottom bevel angle, bevel nose height) are the same as for Tongue ending welding connection (see Fig. 32)

- *Rathole type* None and standard (see Fig. 33 and Fig. 34)
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Z+ tongue ending X</u> defines the length of the Z+ side of the web
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Z-tongue ending X</u> defines the length of the Z- side of the web.

*Z*+ and *Z*- tongue ending *X* parameters can be different values each. Because it is inverse tongue ending welding connection type, the position of Tongue ending X must be located in direction of material away from position of Junction X.

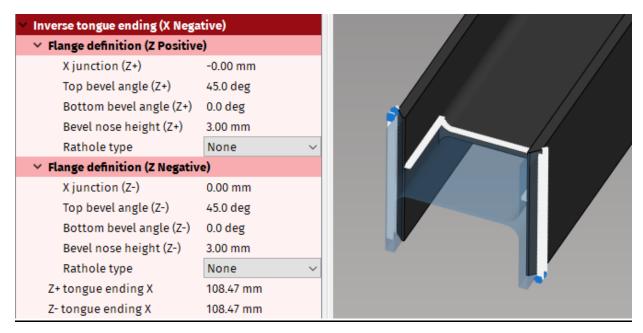
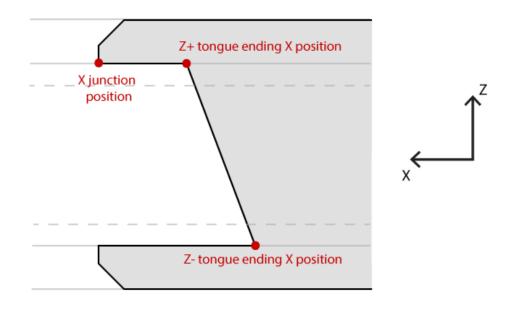


Fig. 37 Inverse tongue ending and its parameters in Properties area



#### Fig. 38 Inverse tongue ending with parameters

All bevels on web for both tongue ending and inverse tongue ending are being ignored, even if they are designed in 3D model of the part. mCAM will ignore them, and generate basic straight cut on the web, regardless of the drawing.

#### 3. Corner ending parameters

- $\rightarrow$  <u>X position</u> defines the length of the web
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Z+ bevel angle</u> defines the bevel angle of Z+ flange
- $\rightarrow$  <u>Z- bevel angle</u> defines the bevel angle of Z- flange

| <ul> <li>HProfile corner ending</li> </ul> | (X Negative) |  |
|--|--------------|--|
| X position                                 | 0.00 mm      |  |
| Z+ bevel angle                             | 45.0 deg     |  |
| Z- bevel angle                             | 45.0 deg     |  |
|  |              |  |

Fig. 39 Corner ending and its parameters in Properties area

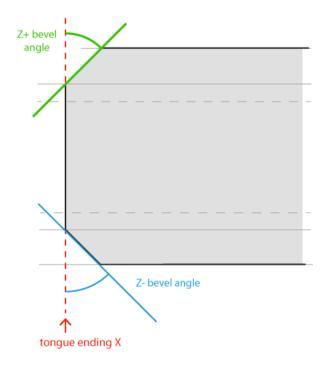


Fig. 40 Top view of corner ending welding connection with its parameters

Corner ending <u>has to be designed with X-cut</u> on the web for mCAM to identify correctly the welding connection, but it will be ignored and the final product will have only straight cut on the web.

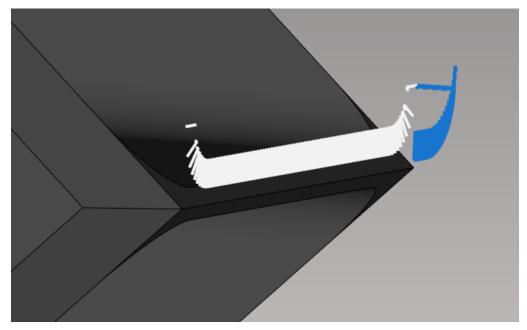


Fig. 41 Step file is designed with X cut on the web, but the final cut is straight

## Limitations on H-beam welding connections macros

There are some limitations on what type of cuts are supported on H-beam welding connections.

 Y/X/K cuts on web – Because of the dimensions of the cutting head it is not possible to cut the bevel cuts on web. If they are designed in step, they will be ignored and replaced with straight cut. It doesn't matter if they are designed in step file. The exception is Corner ending macro, where, for the correct recognition of the welding connection, X-cut must be on the web.

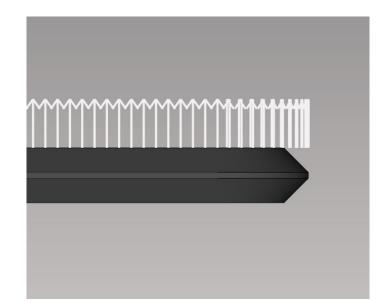


Fig. 42 Detail of the web on tongue ending with K-cut replaced with straight cut

2. In case of inverse tongue ending macro, due to technology limits, it is not possible to cut the web completely off the flange. There will be a section of the web that will remain attached to the flange. It is not possible to cut exactly near the flange due to the dimensions of the cutting head.

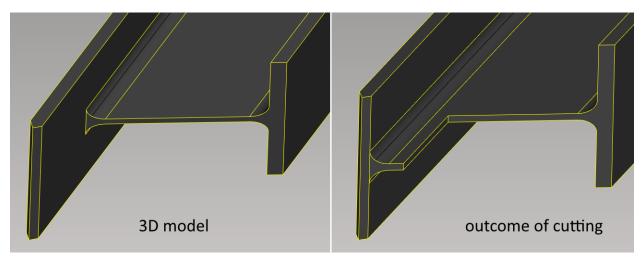


Fig. 43 Difference between the 3D model and the real outcome of cutting

3. The height of the nose on the flanges should be consulted with technology department to determine what size of the nose is the best for given thickness.

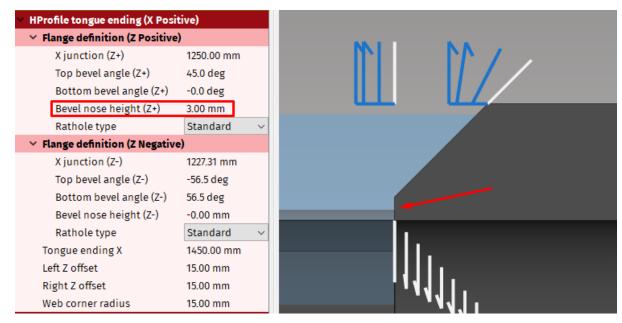


Fig. 44 It is recommended to consult the height of the nose with technology department

4. It is recommended not to draw radiuses on the inner side of the web, where the rathole is located.

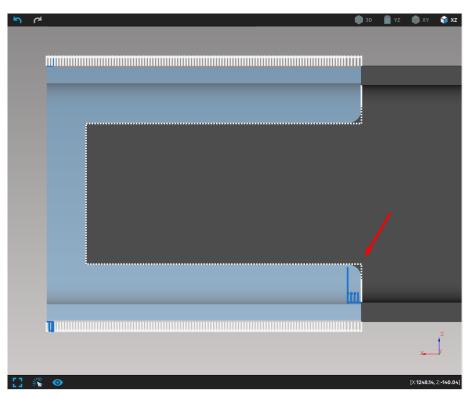


Fig. 45 The model should be drawn without the radiuses

5. If the Z offset (+ and -) is bigger than the diameter of the cutting head, the tongue ending could be cut without using the macros. If this is the case, the inner radiuses (as mentioned in previous point) should be drawn in step file (if they need to be cut). Also, if the tongue ending is cut using standardly generated cutting path, the flanges have to be without bevels.

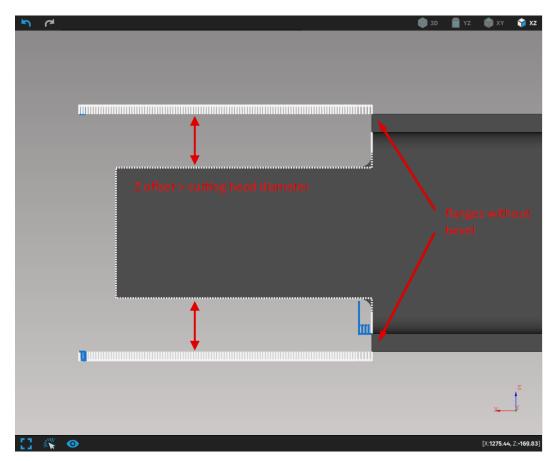


Fig. 46 Cutting the tongue without using the macros

# Settings changes

## Lead in/out

In section Lead in/out, two types of leadins/outs for Hole and Trim cut were removed and two new types of leadins/outs were added – <u>Convex Corner</u> and <u>Contour</u>. They set the leadins/outs based on the location of the leadin/out and not based on the type of the contour (hole or trim cut). Also, separate section was added for setting the leadin/out for welding cut paths.

The final length of lead-ins/out is calculated as <u>base length plus (thickness multiplier times</u> <u>thickness of the material.</u>) Thickness of the material is base thickness not effective cutting thickness.

For small holes or cases when the lead in/out does not fit inside of the hole, the lead in will begin in the middle of the hole, regardless of what is set as default in settings.

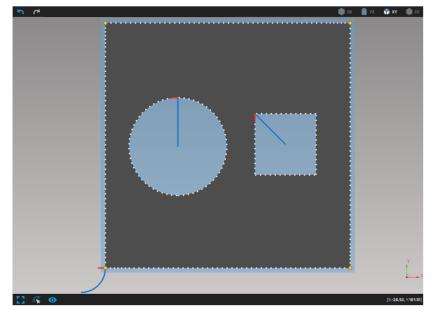


Fig. 47 Lead-ins on small holes begins in the center of the hole

| Application | Cut path | Machine limits     | Tool operation                    | s Nesting / supports Lead in/out | Me     | asure                            | 0                          | Genei | rate Intensity                    | Transformations    | Expert table | Internal |
|-------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| Convex corn | ier      | Lead-in            |                                   |                                  |        | Lea                              | nd-o                       | ut    |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <u>.</u>     | Туре                              | Linear (1 section)               | $\sim$ | ¢                                | $\langle : $               | 20    | Туре                              | Linear (1 section) | )            | $\sim$   |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>\</del> | Length                            | 0.00 mm                          |        | ¢                                | $\diamond$                 | 24    | Length                            | 0.00 mm            |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$              | Length multiplier                 | 1.000                            |        | $\langle \diamond \rangle$       | $\diamond$                 | 20    | Length multiplier                 | 1.000              |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ N            | Tangential angle                  | 0.0 deg                          |        | $\langle \diamondsuit \rangle$   | $\diamond$                 | 50    | Tangential angle                  | 0.0 deg            |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ \$K          | Check collision                   |                                  |        | ¢                                | $\langle \! \! \ominus \!$ | 515   | Check collision                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ ×            | Section angle                     |                                  |        | $\langle \! \! \! \! \! \rangle$ | $\langle : $               | 21    | Section angle                     |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>]</del> | Tool orientation                  | Straight to bevel 2              | $\sim$ | ¢                                | $\diamond$                 | 21<   | Tool orientation                  | Bevel              |              | $\sim$   |
| Contour     |          |                    |                                   |                                  |        |                                  |                            |       |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | Lead-in            |                                   |                                  |        | Lea                              | nd-o                       | ut    |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>\</del> | Туре                              | Arc (90 deg)                     | $\sim$ | ¢                                | $\Leftrightarrow$          | 24    | Туре                              | Path conforming    |              | ~        |
|             |          | \$<br>\$           | Length                            | 0.00 mm                          |        | ¢                                | $\Leftrightarrow$          | >/<   | Length                            | 4.00 mm            |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ \$K          | Length multiplier                 | 1.000                            |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | 215   | Length multiplier                 | 0.000              |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ PX           | Tangential angle                  |                                  |        | ¢                                | $\diamond$                 | >/<   | Tangential angle                  |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <u>\$</u>    | Check collision                   |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | >1<   | Check collision                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <u>\$</u>    | Section angle                     |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | 21    | Section angle                     |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ >.<          | Tool orientation                  | Straight to bevel 2              | $\sim$ | Ģ                                | ¢                          | >1<   | Tool orientation                  |                    |              |          |
| General con | tour     |                    |                                   |                                  |        |                                  |                            |       |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | Lead-in            |                                   | News                             |        | _                                | ld-o                       |       |                                   | Linear (* sesti    |              | _        |
|             | -        |                    | Туре                              | None                             | $\sim$ | \$                               | 4                          |       | Туре                              | Linear (1 section) |              | ~        |
|             |          |                    | Length                            |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | ~     | Length                            | 3.00 mm            |              |          |
|             |          | · · · ·            | Length multiplier                 |                                  |        | Ŷ                                | ¢                          | ~     | Length multiplier                 |                    |              |          |
|             |          | Q Q >>×<           | Tangential angle                  |                                  |        | ę                                | 9                          | >ĭ<   | Tangential angle                  |                    |              |          |
|             | _        |                    | Check collision                   |                                  |        | 8                                | 87                         | 274   | Check collision<br>Section angle  |                    |              |          |
|             |          |                    | Section angle<br>Tool orientation |                                  |        | 6                                | 4                          | >i<   | Tool orientation                  | Revel              |              | $\sim$   |
|             |          | A. A. 515          | Toot offentation                  |                                  |        | N.                               | 4-                         | 215   | ioot offentation                  | bever              |              | -        |
| Slot        |          | Lead-in            |                                   |                                  |        | 1.03                             | nd-o                       | +     |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          |                    | Туре                              | None                             | ~      | é                                | ¢                          |       | Туре                              | None               |              | ~        |
|             |          | \$ \$ \$           | Length                            |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | 215   | Length                            |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ \$           | Length multiplier                 |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | U.S.  | Length multiplier                 |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>.</del> | Tangential angle                  |                                  |        | ¢                                | $\langle \succ \rangle$    | 215   | Tangential angle                  |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>\</del> | Check collision                   |                                  |        | ¢                                | $\diamond$                 | 20    | Check collision                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>\</del> | Section angle                     |                                  |        | ¢                                | $\Leftrightarrow$          | 20    | Section angle                     |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ NK           | Tool orientation                  |                                  |        | $\langle \ominus$                | $\langle : $               | 20    | Tool orientation                  |                    |              |          |
| Flange cut  |          |                    |                                   |                                  |        |                                  |                            |       |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | Lead-in            |                                   |                                  |        | Lea                              | d-o                        | ut    |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ \$K          | Туре                              | Slide edge                       | $\sim$ | ¢                                | ¢                          |       | Туре                              | None               |              | $\sim$   |
|             |          | \$ \$ <u>}</u>     | Length                            | 0.00 mm                          |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | 21    | Length                            |                    |              |          |
|             |          |                    | Length multiplier                 | 1.000                            |        | Ģ                                | ¢                          | >/<   | Length multiplier                 |                    |              |          |
|             |          |                    | Tangential angle                  |                                  |        | Ģ                                | 4                          | ><    | Tangential angle                  |                    |              |          |
|             |          |                    | Check collision                   | 00.0 dez                         | _      | Q                                | \$                         | >/<   | Check collision                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          |                    | Section angle                     | 90.0 deg<br>Straight to bevel 2  |        | ę                                | 4                          | >ĭ<   | Section angle                     |                    |              |          |
|             |          | V V N              | Tool orientation                  | Straight to bever 2              | ~      | 4                                | 42                         | Pic   | Tool orientation                  |                    |              |          |
| Web cut     |          | Lead-in            |                                   |                                  |        | 1.00                             | nd-o                       | +     |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          |                    | Туре                              | Web lead                         | ~      | ¢                                | 4                          | U.U.  | Туре                              | None               |              | ~        |
|             |          | 6 6 J              | Length                            | 10.00 mm                         |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | J     | Length                            |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ \$           | Length multiplier                 | 0.000                            | =      | ¢                                | ¢                          | J     | Length multiplier                 |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del></del>  | Tangential angle                  |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | 1     | Tangential angle                  |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>0</del> | Check collision                   |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | 515   | Check collision                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>\</del> | Section angle                     |                                  |        | ¢                                | $\diamond$                 | 21    | Section angle                     |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>0</del> | Tool orientation                  |                                  |        | ¢                                | $\Leftrightarrow$          | 20    | Tool orientation                  |                    |              |          |
| Welding     |          |                    |                                   |                                  |        |                                  |                            |       |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | Lead-in            |                                   |                                  |        |                                  | nd-o                       |       |                                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | \$ \$ <del>}</del> |                                   | Linear (1 section)               | $\sim$ | ¢                                | \$                         | 20    | Туре                              | Linear (1 section) | )            | ~        |
|             |          | \$ \$ ><           | Length                            |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | 21    | Length                            | 5.00 mm            |              |          |
|             |          | \$<br>\$           | Length multiplier                 |                                  |        | ¢                                | ¢                          | 20    | Length multiplier                 |                    |              |          |
|             |          |                    | Tangential angle                  | 0.0 deg                          |        | ¢                                | \$                         | ><    | Tangential angle                  |                    |              |          |
|             |          | 0 0 4 E            | Check collision                   |                                  |        | 9                                | 9                          | >/<   | Check collision                   |                    |              |          |
|             |          | 660                | Section angle<br>Tool orientation |                                  |        | 8                                | 8                          | 214   | Section angle<br>Tool orientation | Bevel              |              | $\sim$   |
|             |          | 1                  |                                   |                                  |        |                                  |                            | 111   |                                   |                    |              |          |

Fig. 48 New section for lead ins/-outs

## Generate

New section C axis movements was added to Generate settings, and respective settings that are related to C axis movements were moved here. This section contains settings: Default mode for cutting circle pipe, Default mode for cutting profiles, Linearize C-axis movements on profile corners without rotator and Prefer to use the same C-axis constant value for cuts on one hole.

New settings were added:

- Prefer to use the same C-axis constant value for cuts on one hole if checked, the C axis value will be the same for all cuts in complex Y, K and X cuts (if it is possible)
- Collision limitations on dome if it's necessary to cut near the bottom edge of the dome, the collision limitations can be turned off by unchecking the checkbox beside this setting. It has to be used with great caution and turned off only for specific cases because if the dome was placed on the ground, without the limitations of the cut path, the whole cutting head would collide with the ground and break. The dome has to be placed on some kind of supports and there has to be enough space around/below it that the cutting head will not collide with the ground.

## Measure

There are several changes in settings for measuring modes for profiles and pipes. All settings in this tab, that were previously associated with laser scanner detection for profiles are now applicable also to surface detection for pipes.

The section Laser detection was renamed to Profile, beam and pipe shape detection. Regardless if Scanner surface detection or Default surface detection mode is selected, the settings in this section apply. The following settings apply for these instructions:

- → M94 D7 measuring pipes only new machines support measuring on two Xpositions
- → M94 D12/D13 measuring beams laser scanner measuring always supports measuring on two X-positions

## Profile, beam and pipe shape detection settings

- Measure mode
  - → Use one measurement for more cuts one measurement is made for cut paths that are grouped according to set length in Maximum length for one/two Xposition measurements
  - $\rightarrow$  Measure every cut separately for each cut separate measurement is made
- **Can use two measure positions** for machines, that can execute the surface detection on two X positions for one group of cuts.

- → New machines (only for circular pipes) mCAM gets the information if it is possible to measure pipes on two X-positions from machine via webservice and automatically checks/unchecks this setting based on this information.
- → Old machines (for profiles) it is necessary to manually check/uncheck this setting, if the machine is capable to perform measurement for profiles on two X-position or not or if the 2 position measurement should/shouldn't be used
- Maximum length for one X-position measurement one measurement is sufficient for group of holes and cuts that don't exceed set width in X-axis
- Maximum length for two X-position measurements for group of holes and cuts that exceeds the width in X-axis for one measurement, two measurements are necessary
  - → When the length of cut path exceed the set length in X-axis for two X position measurements, it is recommended to split the cut path
- Length of cut off material when new measurement is necessary when the length of cut-off material exceeds the entered value, new measurement is necessary

The measurement cannot be done on X positions where some holes were already cut. If it is the case, it uses the closest possible position for measurement.

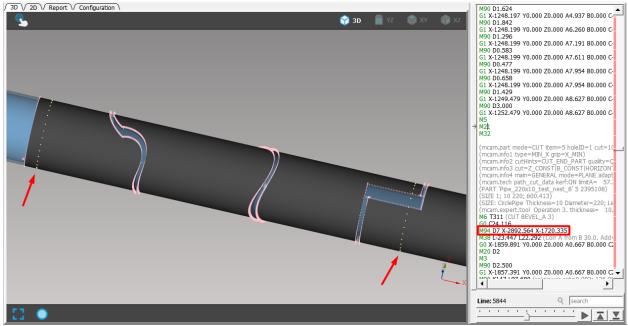


Fig. 49 Measuring on two X positions for group of cuts on pipe

# Simulation screen

## **Touch controls**

It is now possible to use touch controls in visualization screen in simulation. Touch

controls are activated by clicking on the icon in the top left corner of the visualization screen. After activation, new icons appear, that serve for different kinds of movement.

| lcon       | Description                |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>+</b> • | Move the view              |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0          | Rotate the view            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q          | Zooming in/out of the view |  |  |  |  |  |

Active icons are displayed in blue colour, non-active icons are grey. Zooming in is done by swiping with finger across the area which should be zoomed in. Zooming out is done by tapping anywhere in the visualization screen. Multiple taps may be needed to zoom out completely.

## 2D visualization

New controls are available for 2D visualization of CNC code:

| lcon            | Description  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>+</b>        | Movie the view   |  |  |  |  |
| ٩               | Zoom the view  |  |  |  |  |
| ▶≣              | Select line from plan  |  |  |  |  |
| 13              | Fit all to screen  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | Display uncompensated cutpaths if they are generated by machine control system |  |  |  |  |
| ,a <sup>r</sup> | Display tool movement  |  |  |  |  |
| $\odot$         | Display shape type   |  |  |  |  |
| 0               | Display supports   |  |  |  |  |
| <b></b>         | Track tool during cutting  |  |  |  |  |

Edit CNC – serves for editing the CNC code

Abort edit – Cancels all changes made to CNC code

Save – saves all changes made to CNC code

Two new plots are also available in simulation.

- 1. Plot XYZ axes (s) shows changes in X, Y and Z axes in time during cutting
- 2. Plot A/B/C axes (s) shows changes in A, B and C axes in time during cutting

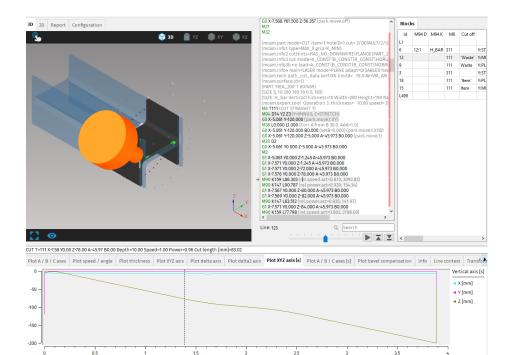


Fig. 50 Plot XYZ axes (s)

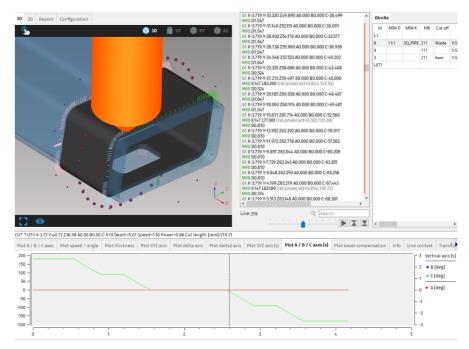


Fig. 51 Plot A/B/C axes (s)