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TITANIUM RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FOR NAVAL APPLICATIONS

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Requirements for Navy Materials

- **Higher Strength**
 - Weight Reduction
 - Increased Performance
 - Increased Payload
- **Improved Weldability**
 - Structural Fabrication
 - Repair Welding
- **Survivability**
 - Shock / Blast Loading
 - Toughness @ Low Temperatures
 - Ballistic Resistance
- **Affordability**
 - Acquisition Cost
 - Life Cycle Cost



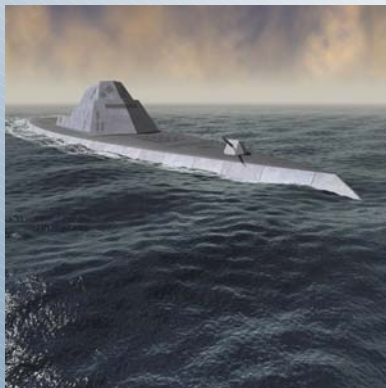


Navy Littoral Operations



Marine Corps EFV

Reduced Surface Ship Signatures Required - RF, IR, Visible, Magnetic, Acoustic



Surface Combatant – DDG 1000

Hardness Against Underwater Explosions (UNDEX), Air Blast, Ballistic and Fragment Penetration



Reduced Submarine and UUV Magnetic and Acoustic Signatures

Increased Speed & Improved Protection Systems





Titanium for Marine Service

- **Titanium offers excellent strength-to-weight benefit**
- **Range of strengths available through alloy selection (50 to 115 ksi yield strength)**
- **No seawater corrosion concerns**
- **Less maintenance man-hours required**
- **High recycle value or re-use possible**
- **Excellent fire and shock resistance**
- **No ductile-to-brittle toughness transition**
- **Nonmagnetic**
- **Excellent compatibility with composites**



TITANIUM & Ti ALLOY USAGE IN USN SHIPS

| Ship Class | Total Weight of Titanium per Ship (lb) |
|-------------|---|
| CVN 68 | 16,500 |
| CG 47 | 20,800 |
| DDG 51 | 33,700 |
| SSN 688 | 31,375 |
| SSBN / SSGN | 31,375 |
| SSN 21 | 75,175 |
| SSN 774 | 31,375 |
| LPD 17 | 136,650 |



Navy Titanium R&D Projects

- **Metallic Material Advanced Development & Certification Program**
 - Project on Ti 5111 Evaluation for Critical Applications
 - Certification of Ti-5111 Fasteners for Shock Applications
- **Unmanned Undersea Vehicle (UUV) Pressure Hulls**
 - Investment Cast Ti-5111 & Ti CP-2LO
 - Ti-5111 Forgings
- **Titanium Welding Fabrication R&D Projects**
 - FSW, Flux-assisted Welding (Including FCAW), GMAW-PA
 - Laser Peening for Weld Fatigue Improvement
- **CVN 21 Manufacturing Technology Project**
 - Titanium Applications
 - Ballistic Testing
- **Technical Support to Low-Cost Ti Program (DARPA)**
 - Evaluation of Solid-State Ti Plate (Armstrong Process)
 - Ti Applications – Future Navy / Navy After Next
- **ALVIN HOV Technical Support**
 - New Pressure Hull (Ti-6Al-4V ELI Forgings)



Ti - 5111 Marine Grade Alloy

Ti-5111 = Ti 5Al-1V-1Sn-1Zr-.8Mo-.1Si

- **Developed under ONR/TIMET project as a tough, weldable, high strength alloy**
- **More producible alternate to Navy Ti-100 (Ti-6211)**
- **Commercially available since late 1990's**
- **Corrosion resistance equal to CP grade 2 or Ti-6-4 ELI titanium**
- **No SCC concerns in sea water**
- **Displays highest toughness of any high strength Ti alloy**
- **Product forms are plate, sheet, bar, rod, castings, forgings, & fasteners**
- **Continuing focus of Navy projects to certify Ti-5111 for critical ship and submarine applications**



Ti-5111 Evaluation

OBJECTIVE: Support approval and certification for critical applications in surface ships and submarines

- **Mechanical & physical properties of Ti-5111 plate, bar, forgings, castings and weldments (weld metal & HAZ)**
- **Ti-5111 products under evaluation:**
 - **1/4, 1/2, 1, and 2 inch thick plate**
 - **GTAW weld metal & HAZ in 1-inch plate**
 - **1/2, 1, 2, 3 1/2, and 4 inch diameter bar**
 - **8-inch diameter forging**
 - **Graphite mold & Investment cast plates**
- **Evaluation of Ti-5111 fasteners for wetted, shock applications**
- **Draft NAVSEA Technical Publication, “Requirements for Titanium & Titanium Alloys for Ship and Submarine Applications”**

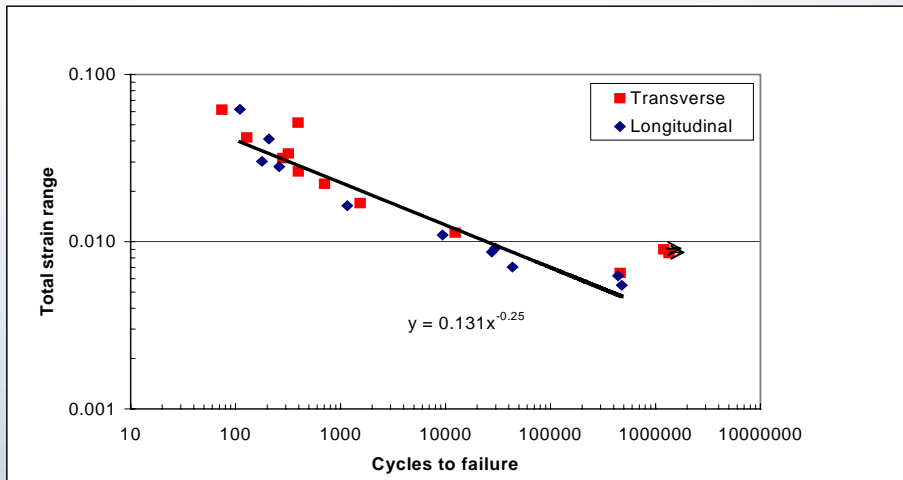


Ti-5111 Evaluation

Ti-5111 Engineering Data Developed

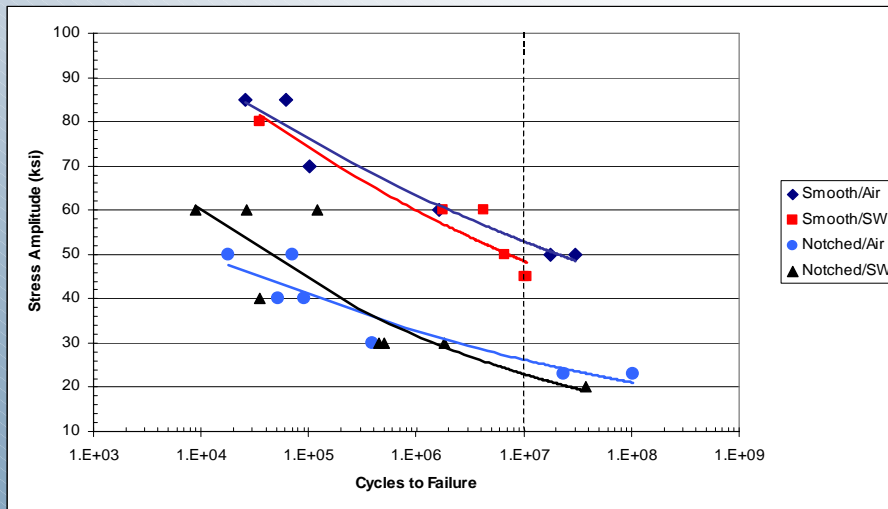
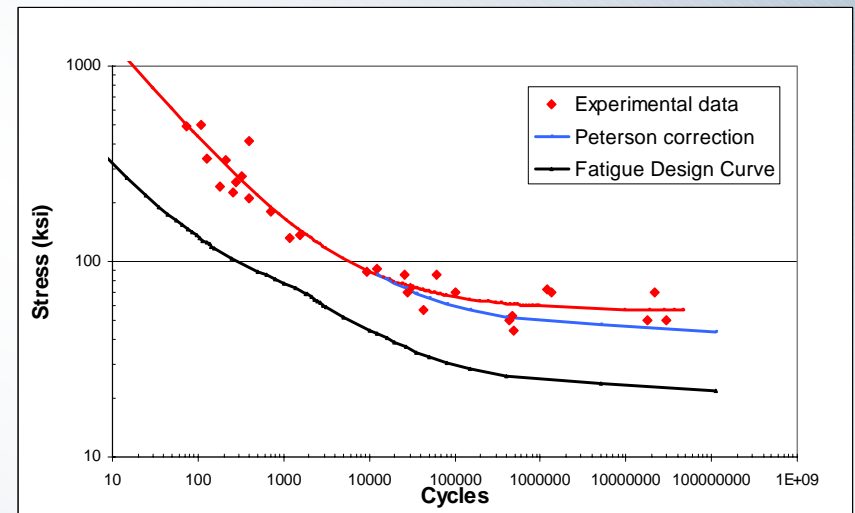
- Procure Ti-5111 Products
- Tensile Properties
- Charpy V-notch Properties
- Dynamic Tear Properties
- Fracture Toughness
- Hardness
- Compression Properties
- Thermal Properties
- Elastic Constants
- Dynamic Tensile Properties
- Dynamic Fracture Toughness
- Low-Cycle Fatigue Properties
- High-Cycle Fatigue Properties
- Fatigue Crack Growth Rates
- Corrosion Fatigue Properties
- Structural Element Tests
- Explosion Tests
- Stress Corrosion Properties

Ti-5111 Fatigue Properties



← Low-Cycle Fatigue

Design Fatigue Curve



← High-Cycle Fatigue

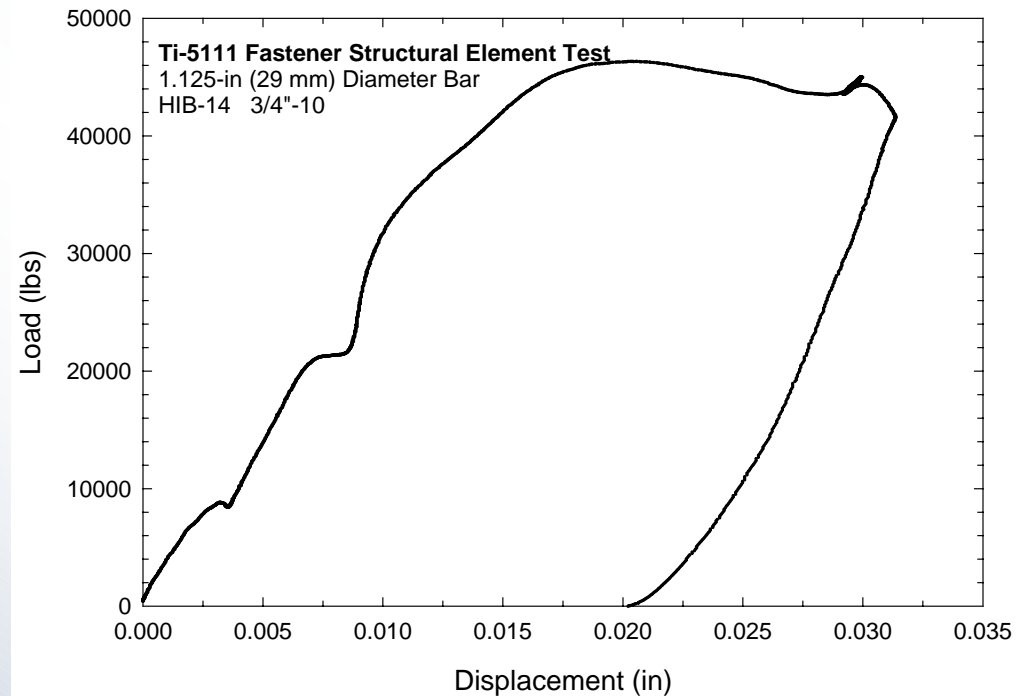
Fastener Dynamic Fracture Test

Ti-5111 Fastener Test



EDM Flaw

Load vs. Displacement

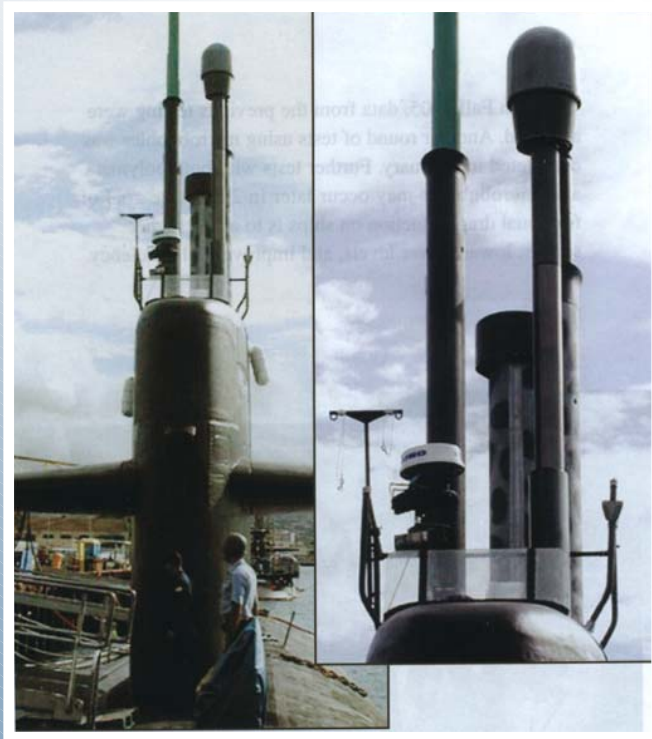


Test stopped prior to failure

Ti-5111 for Naval Applications

Ti-5111 Navy Service Application

- Extensive evaluation for Submarine Communications Mast Structure
- Mast is welded Ti-5111 structure – plate, bar, & forging
- Over 45 Masts deployed / first deployed in 2000





Cast Titanium & Ti-5111 Alloy

Unmanned Undersea Vehicles (UUV)

Near net-shape pressure hull castings

Hull Inserts, Penetrations



**Trial Casting
Ti CP-2LO UUV Hull
Section**



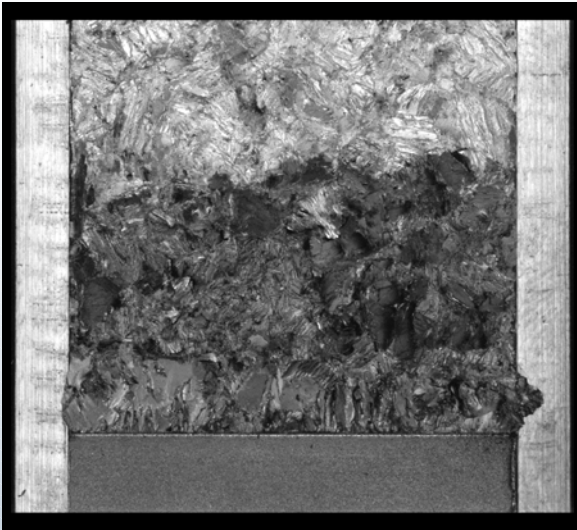
**Trial Casting
Ti-5111 UUV Hull Section**

*High-Speed Ships
(LCS)*

Castings (Waterjet
components -
impellers, pump
casings, ducts)

Cast Ti Fracture Toughness

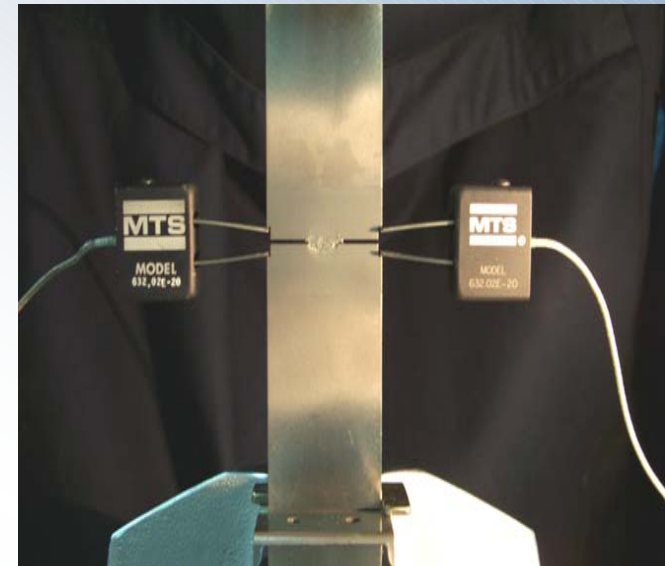
0.15-in Thick Ti-5111
Investment Casting



← Cast Ti-5111
1-in Thick



← Cast Ti CP-2
1-in Thick





Titanium Welding

High fabrication costs relative to steel and aluminum alloys limit Navy applications

Titanium Welding Cost Drivers

- **Specialized gas shielding**
- **Low productivity welding processes**
- **Labor intensive joint designs and preparation procedures**

ONR R&D Goal

Weld large structures in a shipyard environment

⇒ Develop higher productivity welding processes

- **Flux-assisted & flux-cored arc welding**
- **Friction stir welding**
- **Pulsed gas metal arc welding with waveform control**

Titanium FCAW Feasibility

Titanium Welding Fluxes

- CaF₂ based
- Reagent grade purity

Chemical Composition, wt %

| | Formula P-A | Formula P-B | Formula C |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| CaF ₂ | 85 | 45 | 70 |
| NaF | 1 | -- | 1 |
| BaF ₂ | -- | 7 | -- |
| LaF ₃ | -- | 20 | -- |
| SrF ₂ | -- | 28 | -- |
| MgF ₂ | -- | -- | 15 |
| BaCl ₂ | 14 | -- | 14 |

Ti FCAW Wire Drawing Demo

- 0.160-inch OD to 0.055-inch OD, 22 dies at 5 mil reduction each
- No intermediate annealing
- Demonstrated reduction to 0.052-inch OD
- Wire breakage, 30-40m lengths



GTAW with Ti CP-2 flux-cored wire

Titanium Friction Stir Welding

FSW Benefits

- Fewer passes
- Minimal joint preparation
- Environmentally-friendly and safe (no fume, arc, or spatter)
- Solid state – minimal distortion
- Minimal post weld clean up
- Reduced post weld inspection (no porosity or lack of fusion)

Army project at EWI demonstrated FSW butt and tee joints in 1/2-inch Ti-6Al-4V & model structures fabricated

*Navy effort at EWI to develop friction stir welding of up to 1/2-inch thick Ti-5111
Work in progress to develop tooling & process parameters*

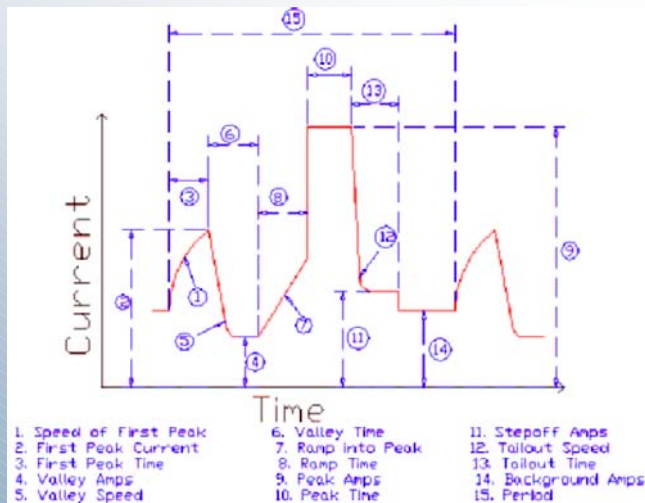
Ti-5111 FSW



Titanium GMAW-PA

ONR Project - pulsed gas metal-arc welding process for all position welding of large structures

- Upgraded software and installed waveform algorithms
- Fabricated weldments in Ti-CP grade 2 plate
- Evaluation of mechanical properties in progress



**Double Pulse Waveform Definitions
 for Wave Designer 2000**

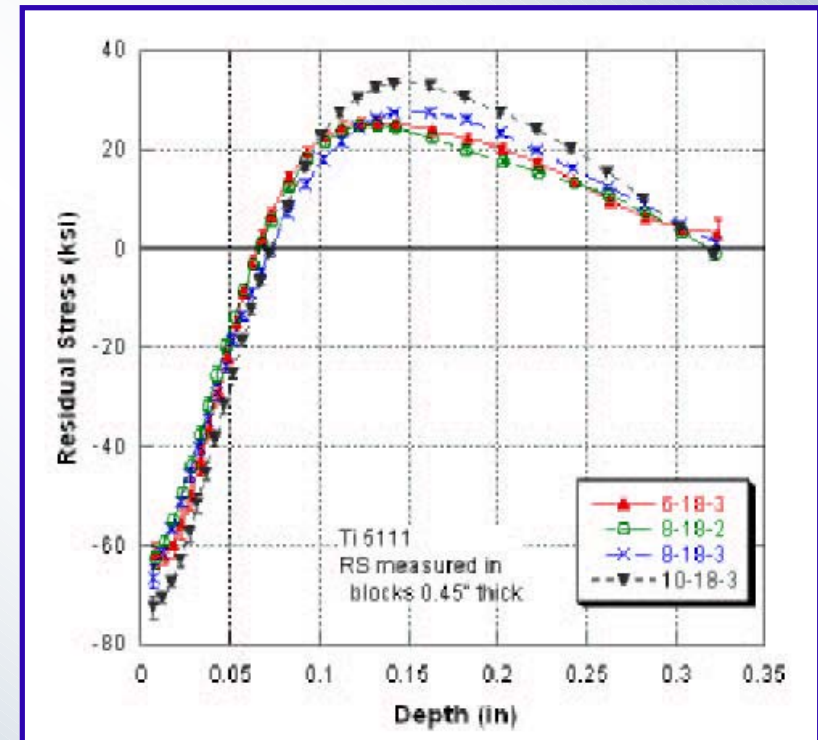


**Ti-CP Weldment Produced with Double
 Pulse/Droplet Waveform**

Laser Peening of Ti-5111 Welds

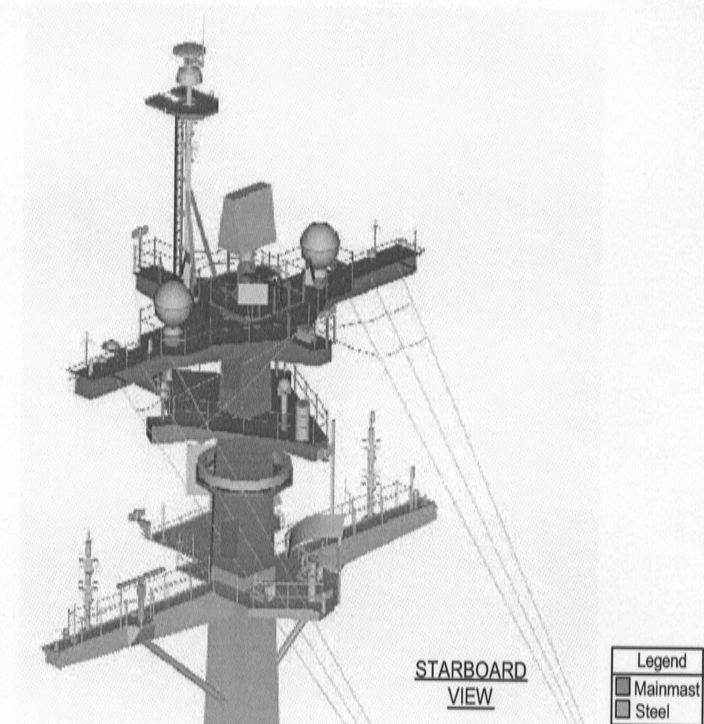
- *Extension of conventional shot peening*
- *High intensity laser induces deep residual compressive stress*
- *Residual stresses are influenced by processing parameters*

- Produces high level of compressive residual stress
- Applied to 1-in thick weldment made with Ti-5111 filler wire by GTAW
- Machined 4 point bend fatigue coupons
- Peening at MIC and fatigue testing at UC-Davis in progress



CVN 21 - Potential Ti Applications

- CVN 21 (CVN 78 & 79)
 - Island Structure
 - Doors
 - Fasteners
 - Elevator Platforms
 - Sponsons
 - Piping & Valves
 - Armor



Mainmast concept for CVN 77 (Courtesy of NGNN).



Challenges for Ti alloy Technology Development

Processing & Alloy Development

- Extraction Methods
- Plasma Arc/EB Single Melting
- Improved Ingot Casting Processes

Joining Process Development

- Flux-Assisted & Flux-Cored Arc Welding
- Friction Stir Welding
- High Productivity GMAW
- Dissimilar Metal Joining

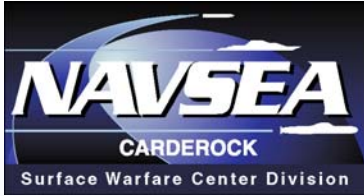
Improved Fatigue Performance

- Weldment/Joint Design
- Post Weld Treatments/Process
 - » **Laser peening**
 - » **Ultrasonic impact treatment**
 - » **Low plasticity burnishing**
 - » **Friction stir processing**



SUMMARY

- Titanium is the optimum engineering material for seawater service
- Titanium has been successfully used in the Navy for decades, primarily in ship & submarine machinery systems
- Increased used and large structural applications are limited by high material & fabrication costs
- Although initial cost may be more than offset by reduced maintenance and end of life value, ship acquisition cost rules
- New opportunities exist for titanium to enhance structural efficiency of Navy ships for increased payload, range, stability, and operating cycles
- Development of lower cost Ti products and high productivity welding processes will be required to support increased usage



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