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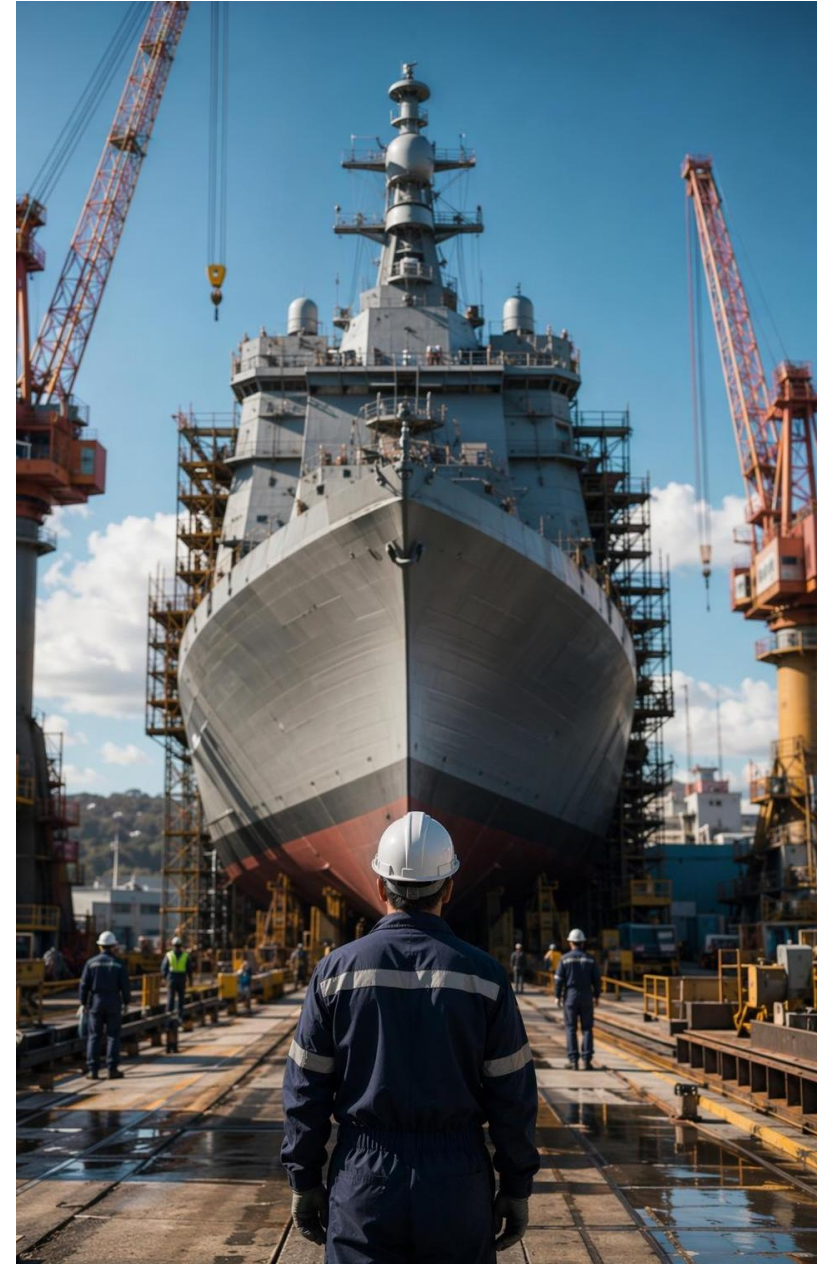
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# Shipbuilding context today

## **OPERATIONAL PRESSURE**

Shipyards face high workload.

## **TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING**

Welding, machining, cutting, and assembling large metal blocks.

## **SUPPLY CHAIN DEPENDENCE**

Supplier reliance drives delays, cost, and risk.

## **AGILE**

Production must adapt quickly to change.

## **FLEXIBLE**

Winning approaches enable customization and rapid iteration.

## **RESILIENT**

Reduces exposure to supplier delays and cost pressure.



# Additive manufacturing as a critical enabling technology

## Strategic Objectives

- Reduce lead times
- Strengthen industrial sovereignty
- Optimize designs and performance

# Applications in shipbuilding

Material and process selection depends on the function of the part, performance requirements, production speed, and cost targets.

**COMPLEX  
STRUCTURES**

**SPARE PARTS**

**REPAIR &  
MAINTENANCE**

**TOOLING**

**LIGHTWEIGHTING**

**CASTING &  
FORGING**



# Advantages for the naval industry

## Why AM matters

### **Shorter lead times**

Faster production of select components.

### **Cost reduction for complex components**

Shorter manufacturing times.

### **Enhanced design freedom**

Engineers can optimize geometries.

### **Decentralized manufacturing**

Flexible, distributed production boosts supply chain resilience.

### **Improved sustainability**

AM reduces material use and waste.

# Challenges and limitations

## **COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY BARRIERS**

- Certification and regulatory compliance
- Quality control and in-process monitoring
- High initial equipment investment

## **SCALE AND PROCESS CONSTRAINTS**

- Industrial scalability
- Integration into existing processes
- Size

# Conclusions



- ❑ AM complements conventional manufacturing;
- ❑ boosts naval competitiveness via flexibility, speed, design optimization
- ❑ strong outlook as digitalization, qualification, industrial integration advance.



# Gracias

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