Oceaneering offers a fully qualified inspection technique for the detection of flange face corrosion. With timely advances in Phased Array (PA) technology it is now possible to replace expensive visual inspection with an in-service noninvasive approach.

Features
- Pre-Shutdown Inspection Campaigns
- Small Probe Suitable for all Flanges Down to 3/4 inch
- Third Party Qualified Techniques & Procedures
- Advanced Software that Incorporates CAD Drawings as Visual Overlays
- Portable Robust Equipment
Crevice corrosion is caused by a concentration of corrosive substances within a confined space, making the crevice between two adjoining flanges the ideal environment for corrosion to initiate. The concentration of these corrosive substances in a localized area causes the rate of corrosion to accelerate.

The flange face is particularly susceptible when used in corrosive environments such as hydrofluoric acid service. Corrosion of the sealing area can cause loss of containment and has potential to cause a release of product with potentially catastrophic effect. Due to the complexity of the flange face geometry, it has become a requirement to improve upon the inspection methods that have traditionally utilized A-scan ultrasonics.

Phased Array has the ability to simultaneously collect A-scan data at a number of given angles. This unique feature produces a volumetric beam allowing operators to distinguish between geometric reflectors and defect signals, increasing the likelihood of detection.

Oceaneering’s inspection technique has been independently validated as part of an industry initiative to determine a reliable inspection method for this widespread problem. Trials on flanges 2 inch to 8 inch have recorded Probability of Detection (PoD) of 88% in Raised Face joints and 62% in Ring Type joints.

Pre-shutdown inspection campaigns have been implemented on a number of onshore and offshore assets with the subsequent visual examination during plant downtime proving PA results 100% reliable. The proven PA technique provides a significant advantage by combining this latest development with our already established corrosion mapping and weld root erosion systems.

Oceaneering offers a complete Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) package for a wide range of in-service vessels.

Phased Array response from a non-corroded flange face