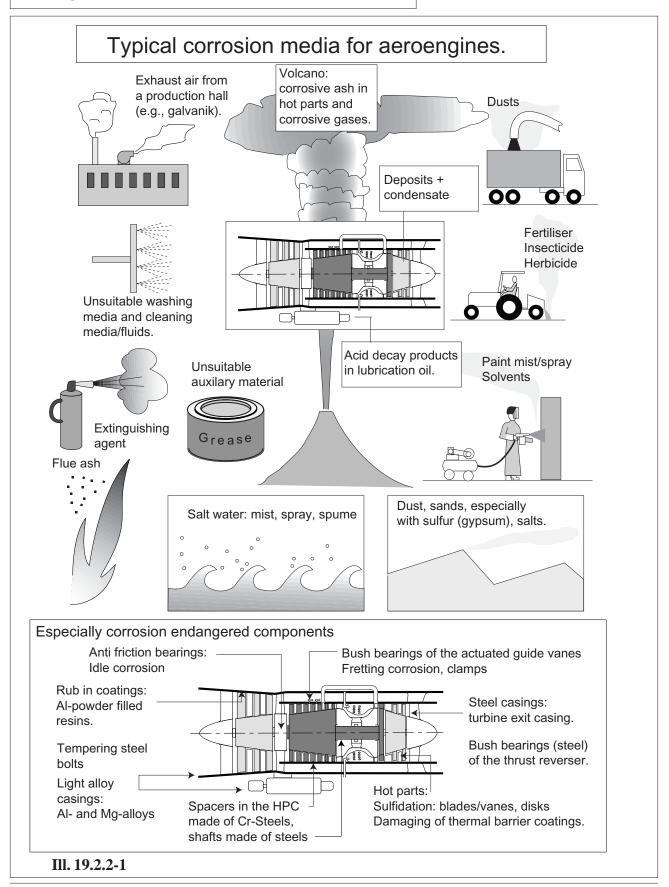
## Maintenance: Problems and failures foreign objects, contaminations



Ill. 19.2.2-1: Certain aeroengine components (frame below) are for specific media (Lit. 19.2.2-2) endangered by corrosion (volume 1, chapter 5.4.). This picture shows a survey of especially dangerous corrosion systems. Quite generally it can be determined, that the exposure to corrosion increases with the down time. This explains, why especially aeroengines in military use show aggravated corrosion. In addition there are operation conditions like low-level flight and/or sea atmosphere. Such conditions must be expected intensified on aircraft carriers.

In the foreward compressor on the blading region 'insect roughness' can occur during operation near the ground (rolling, start, landing, test rig). This can also promote corrosive deposits and considerably deteriorate the operation characteristic of the compressor.

In aeroengines of helicopters, agro planes and fire fighting planes a low flight altitude promotes corrosion in contaminated air. Acording to the use ash, water/sea water/condensate, fertilizer, herbizides, insecticides and industrial exhaust gas can be ingested.

Not to underestimate is the danger, that during a certification/approval runs and test runs detrimental materials can be sucked in. Resides in the proximity of test rigs a galvanic, chemical or cleaning shop from experience especially attention is necessary (volume 4, Ill. 16.2.2.3-2.2). Especially military 'field test facilities' (not inside a building) are potential endangered by damaging media. To these belong agro dusts but also industrial media like paint mist (volume1, Ill. 5.5-1). Thereby it must not be forgotten, that aeroengines can intake media over far distances. In such a case a connection may not be at once identifiable. This is especially true if the damage/ deterioration shows observable not until longer times.

But also aeroengines of airliners can be submitted especially intensely acting corrosion media. To those belongs the not so seldom intake of **volcanic ash** and/or of aggressive gases (III. 19.2.2-2 and volume 1 Ill. 5.3.2-15). Even if a diminishment of the flow cross sections and blocked cooling air holes (by overheating) dont occur as a spontaneous damage, those media act in the hot parts over a long time especially damaging. The for ash deposites typical high phosphor and sulfur content acts especially through hotgas corrosion respectively sulfidation shortening for the lifetime ot he hotparts.

Not to underestimate is the damaging effect of fire **extinguishants** (volume 1, Ill. 5.5-2). Are those ingested by the aeroengine, often a disassembly and an extensive cleaning is inevitable (Ill. 19.2.2-4). In a few hundred operation hours **aggressive decomposition products** (halogens like **chlorine** and **fluorine**) of the fire extinguishant can damage hot parts irreparable. Is fire extinguishant blown from behind into the low pressure turbine of a shut down aeroengine (flames after an aborted start; tail cone fire, volume 2, Ill. 9.0-3), the washing of the blading my be sufficient for cleaning. However thereby the valid specifications must be met very exactly.

Unsuitable auxiliary media like **not authorised**/ **certificated cleaning agents or lubrication grease** can trigger corrosion (Ill. 22.4.1-1). Thereby operation conditions like temperatures of the hot parts and/or the simultanous acting of other media can play a role.