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SAFETY WEBINAR

Objects left on
the Line

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How can we use the AI to develop better risk insights and help improve safety on the line ?
AI uses cases in railway maintenance




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Ferrovial. Construction experience

Since 1927...
More than 90 years of experience...
More than 50 countries in the 5 continents



5,200 km
of New Railway Track



10,000 km
Railway Track
Maintenance



4,500 km
of toll highways



30,400 km
maintenance and re-
pavement of roads



15,540 km
new roads and
expressways




+ 12.1 million m²
industrial buildings



+ 13.5 million m²
non residential
buildings




+ 19 million m²
residential buildings




540 km
tunnels




+ 169 km
of Metro
(included 155 stations)



4,115 km
channels



6,400 km
water pipelines



3,850 km
gas and oil pipelines



140
hospitals




148
dams



230
water treatment plants
(RO, STP, WTP)



33 km
quays and ports
infrastructure



40
airports



20
football and Olympic
stadiums

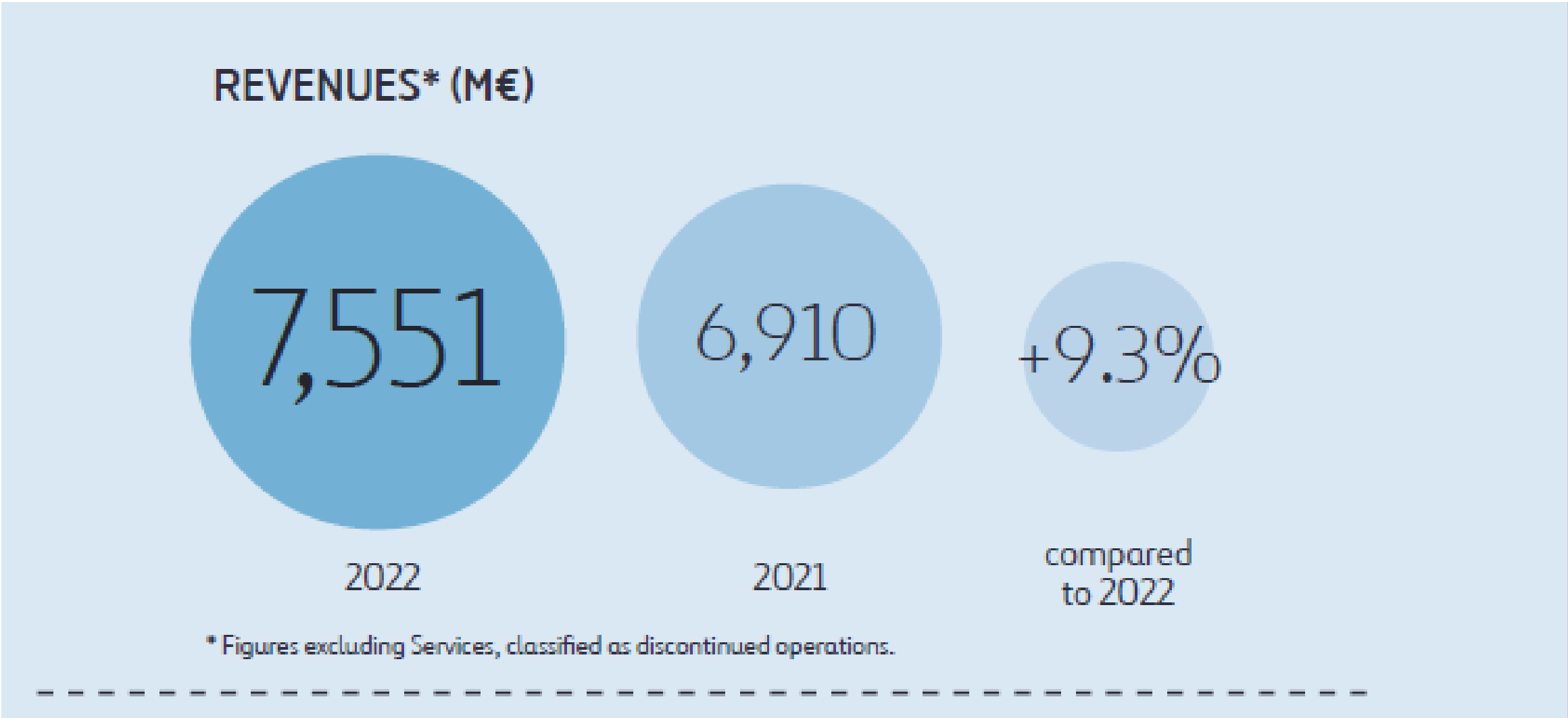
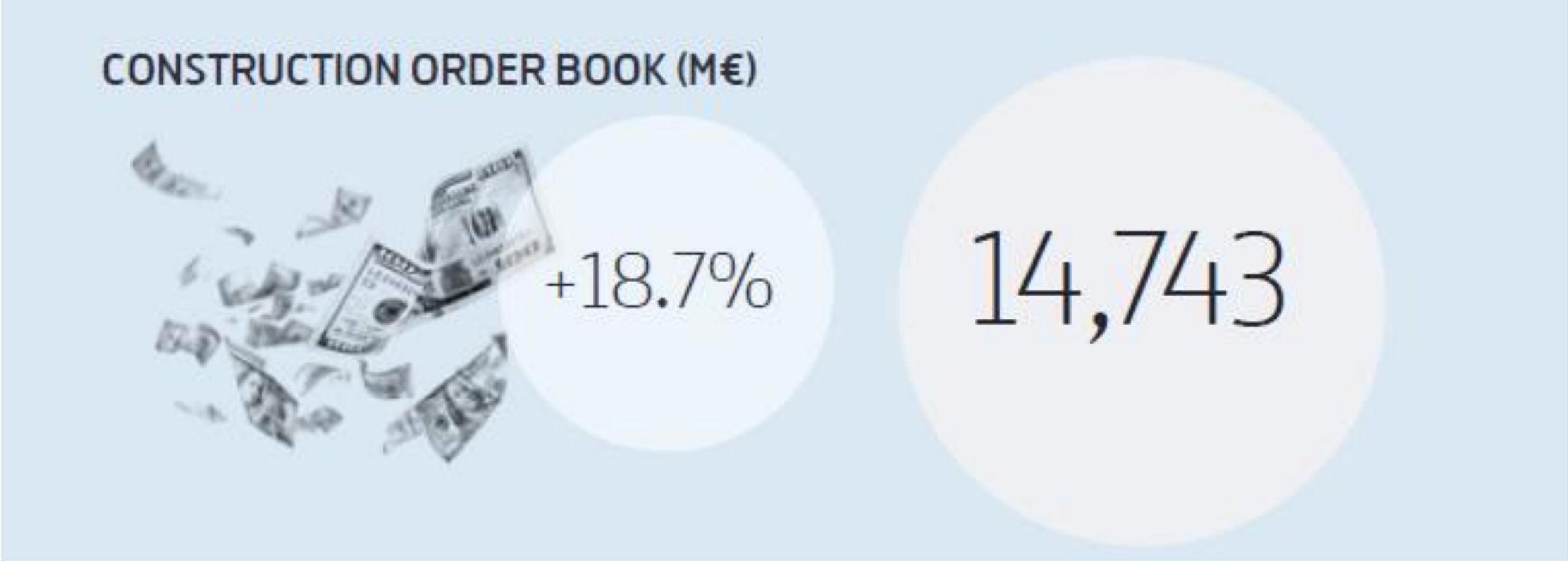


112
hotels



31
hydroelectric power
stations

Ferrovial. Key figures



Sentinel Project

Sentinel Project 2016-2018



Lessons learned

We can detect objects on the line

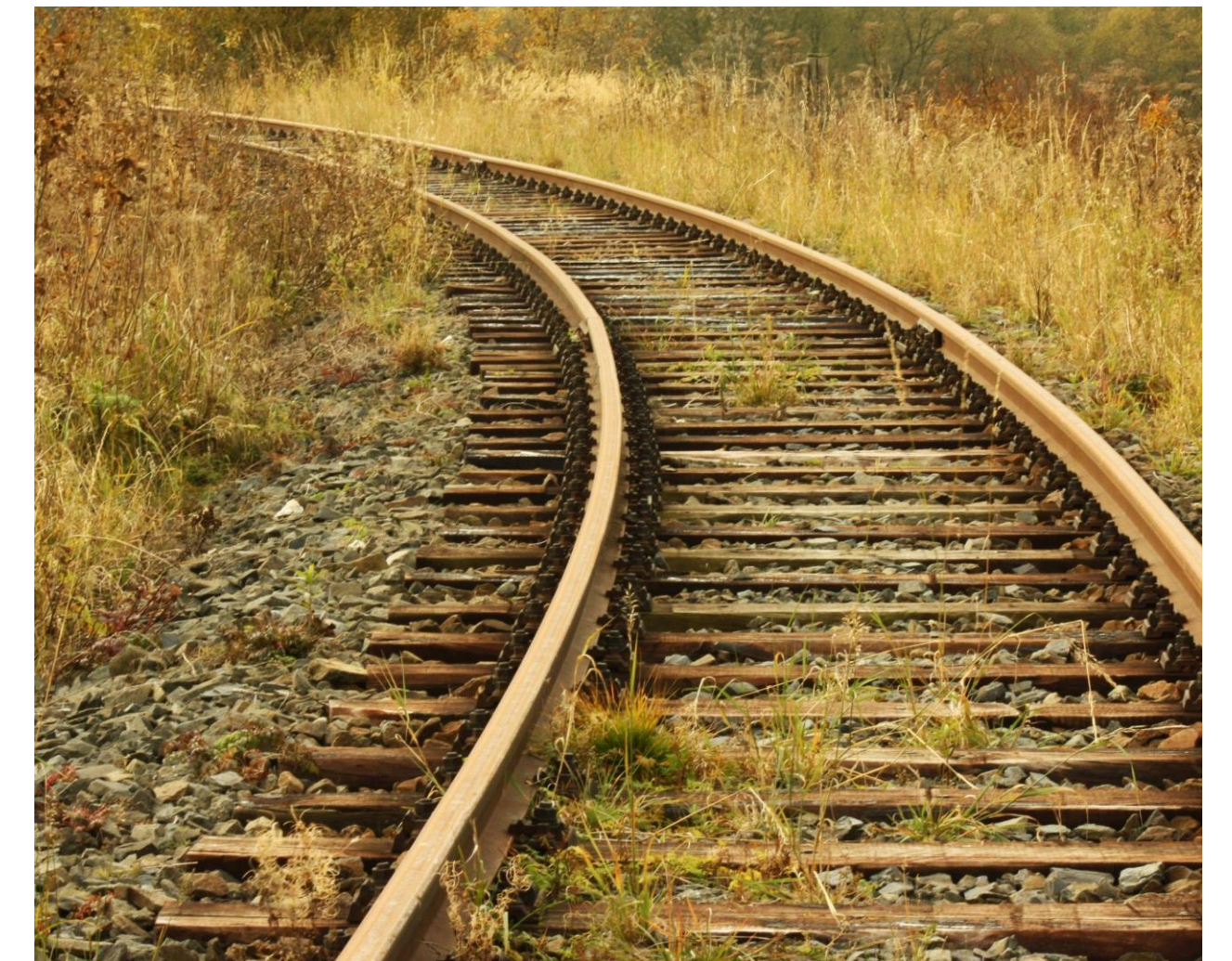
However

- Further developments were required
 - Low rate of automation
- Objects had to be predefined in advance

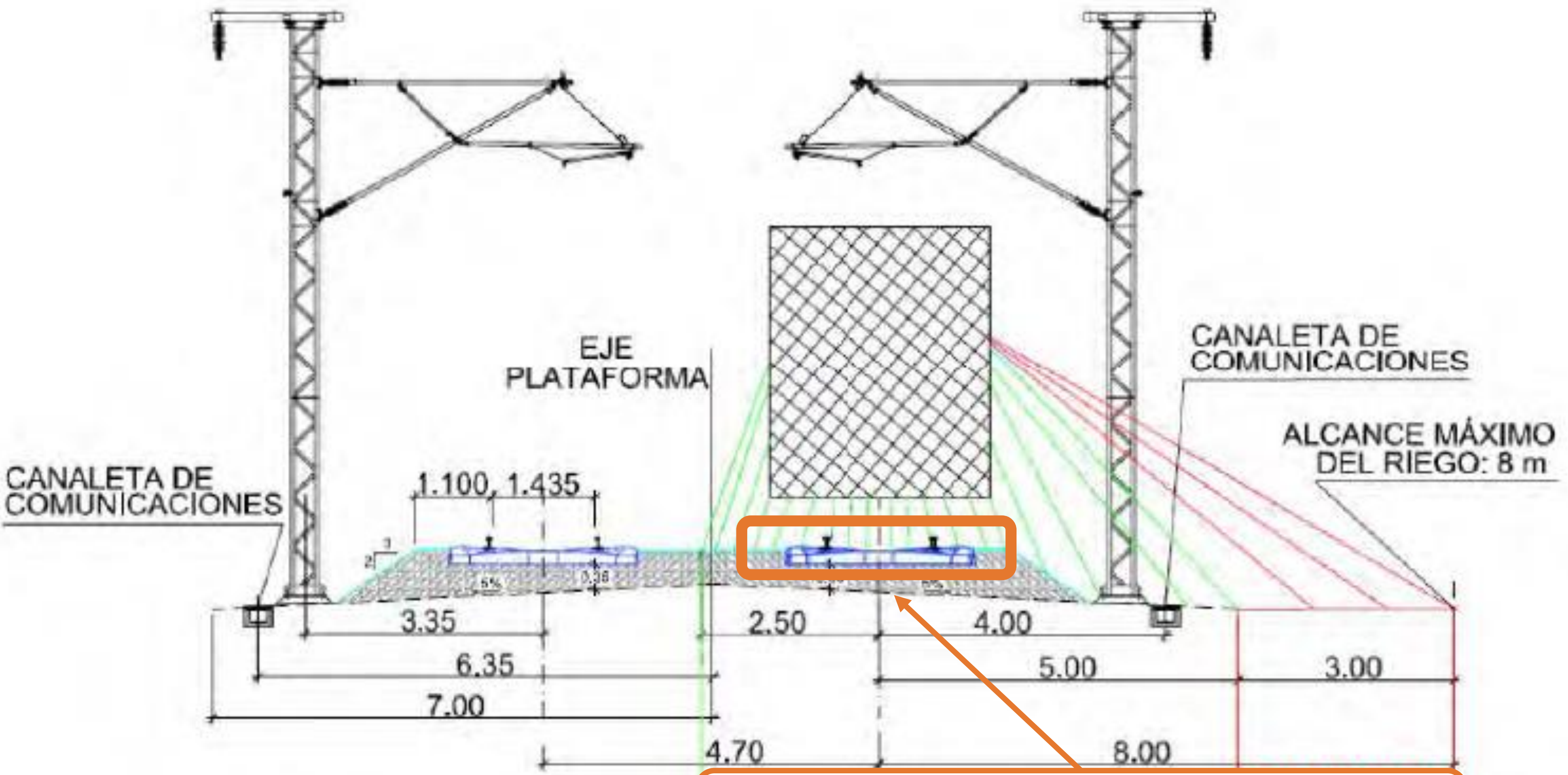
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Can we detect plants on a railway line?



Irrigation areas

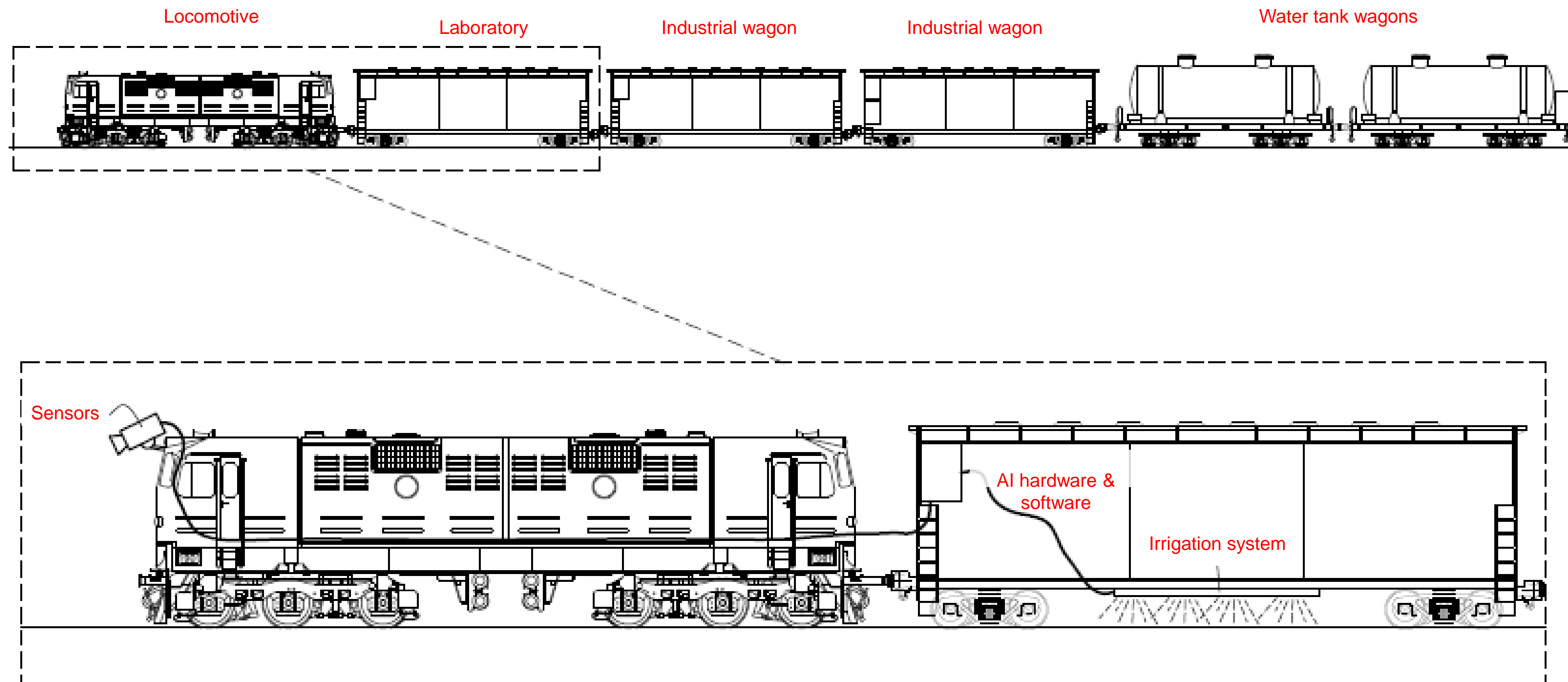


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Spanish High Speed Rail Network



Herbicide train



Herbicide train



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Phase 1. Segmentation



Phase 2. AI & Algorithms

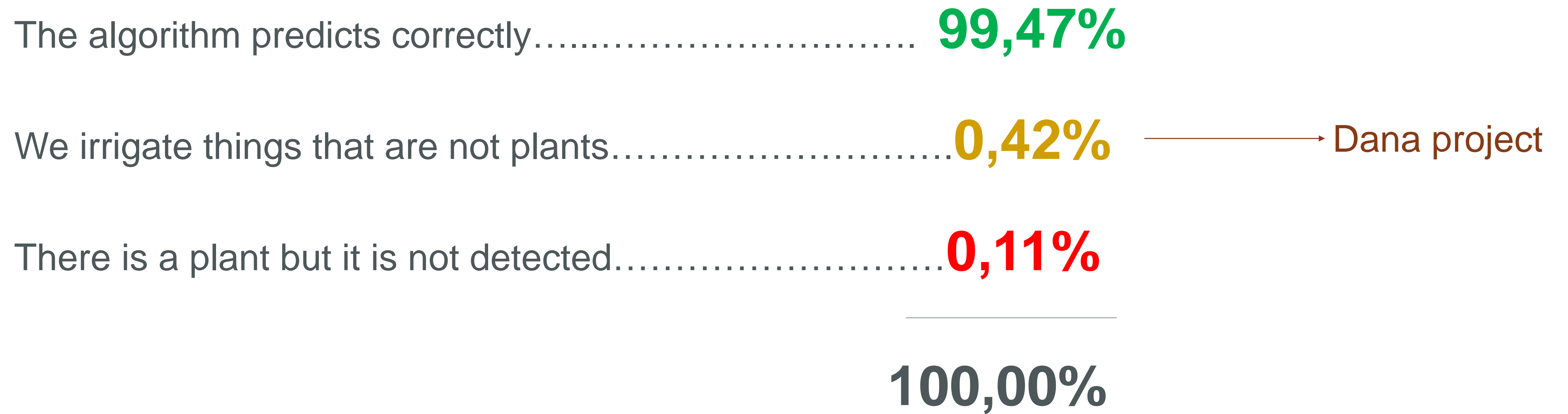


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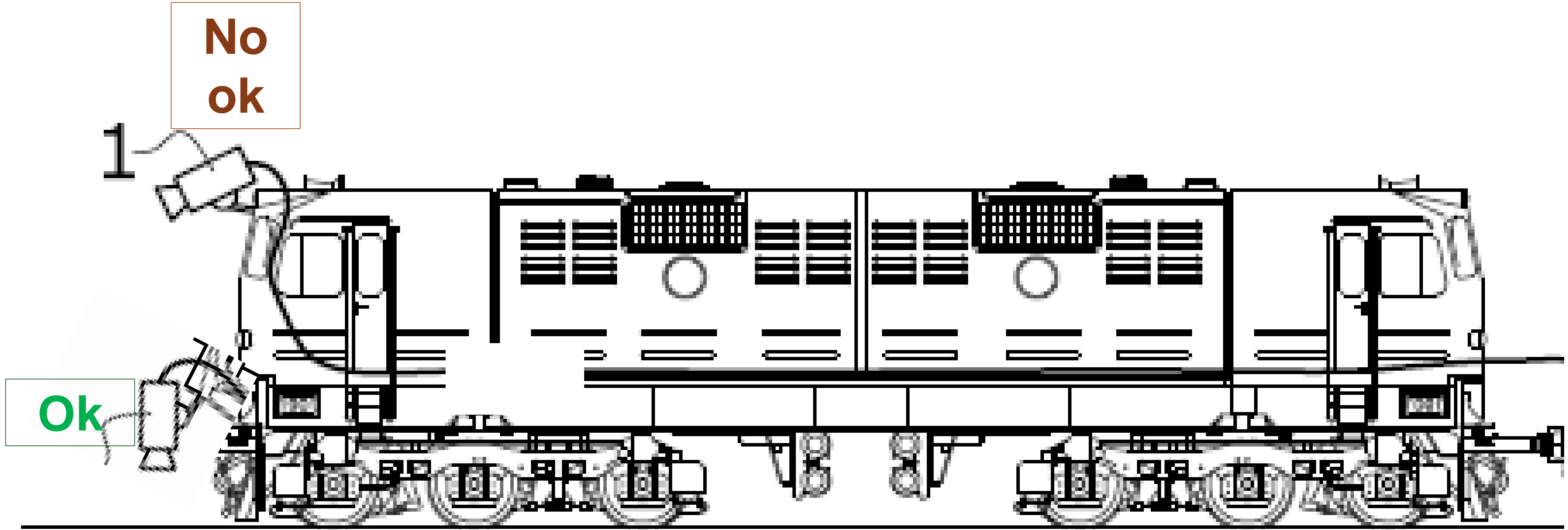
DANA Project

Dana Project. Goal

Can we use AI to automatically detect
THINGS THAT SHOULD NOT BE
on railway tracks?

Objects
Death animals
Damaged sleepers
Missing clips or screws
Etc.

What we see



Dana Project. The problem



Can you send us some pictures of incidences on the track?

I'm sending you some pictures, but they're blurry. I'm sorry.

Do you think that I take pictures of tools in the middle of the track?

There are no incidents in my site!

Do you want pictures of dead animals? Really?

Dana project

If we can't get those images, we will have to create them

Phase 1. Geometry

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Phase 2. Textures: concrete and ballast

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Phase 3. Illumination

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Phase 4. Composition of previous phases

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Phase 5. Environmental degradation

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Is it real or 3D?



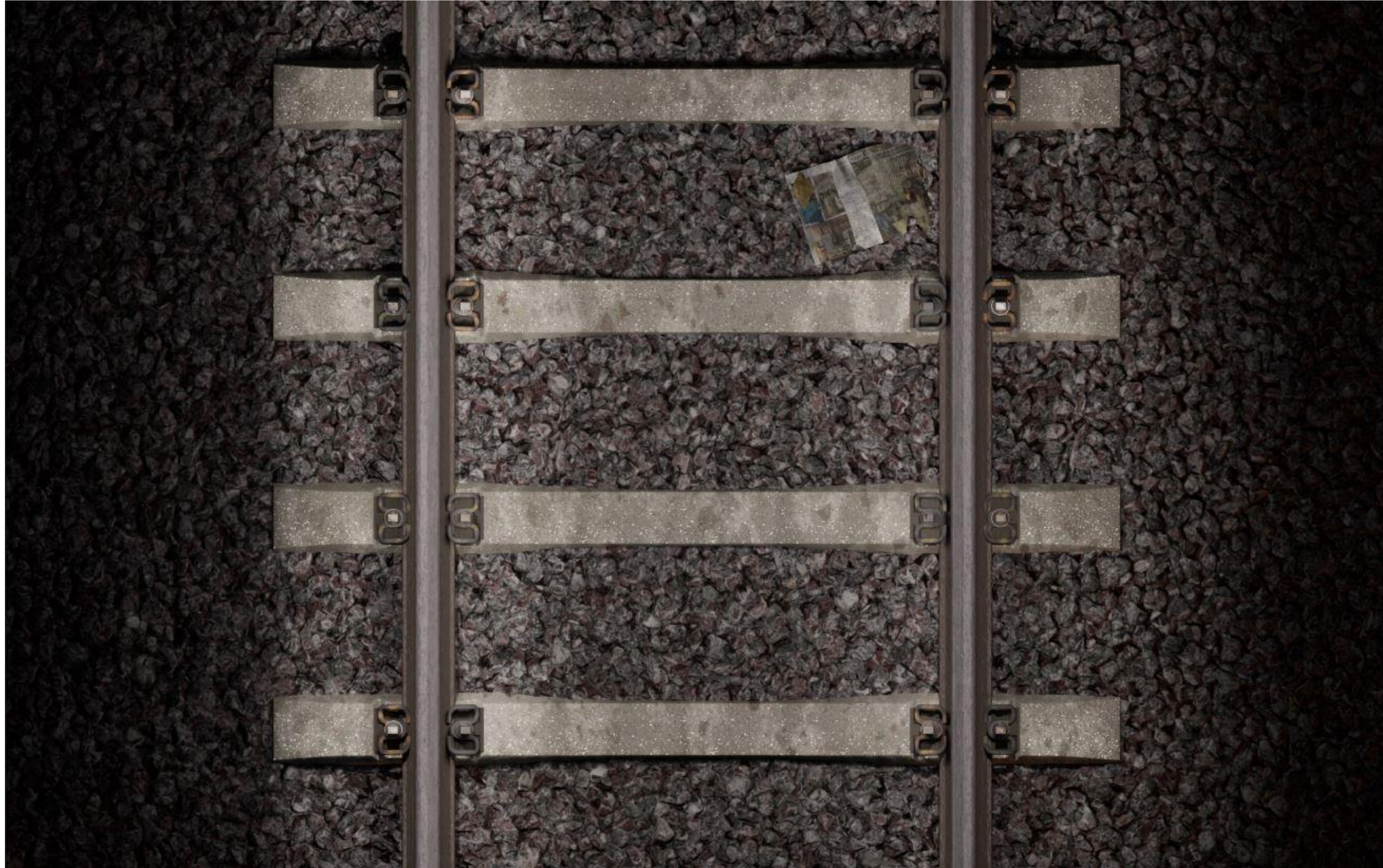
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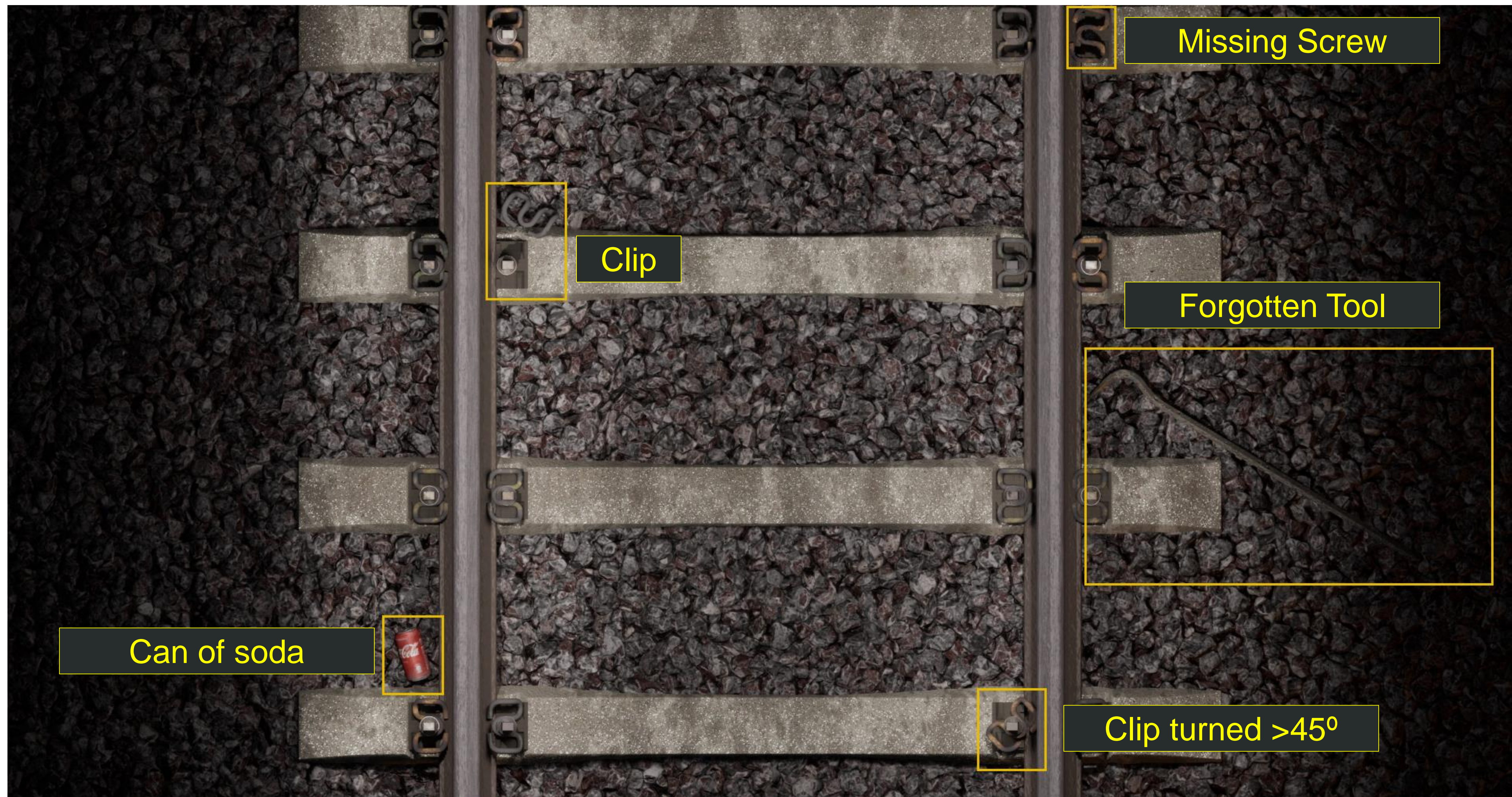
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Can you find five (5) things that are not ok?



Solution



Missing Screw

Clip

Forgotten Tool

Can of soda

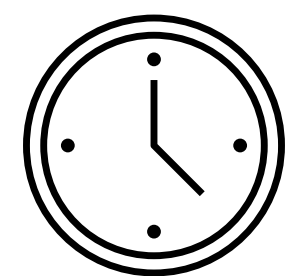


Clip turned >45°

Clip turned >45°

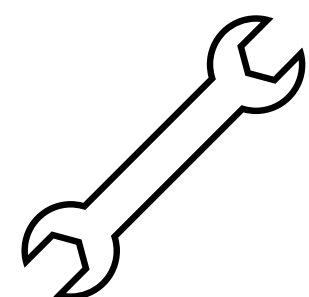
Conclusion

AI can automatically detect objects left on the line



For any kind of railway track

For any kind of illumination (24h)



Detect tools

Check the elements on the sleepers

Analyze sleepers integrity

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