

# Weed control on the railway

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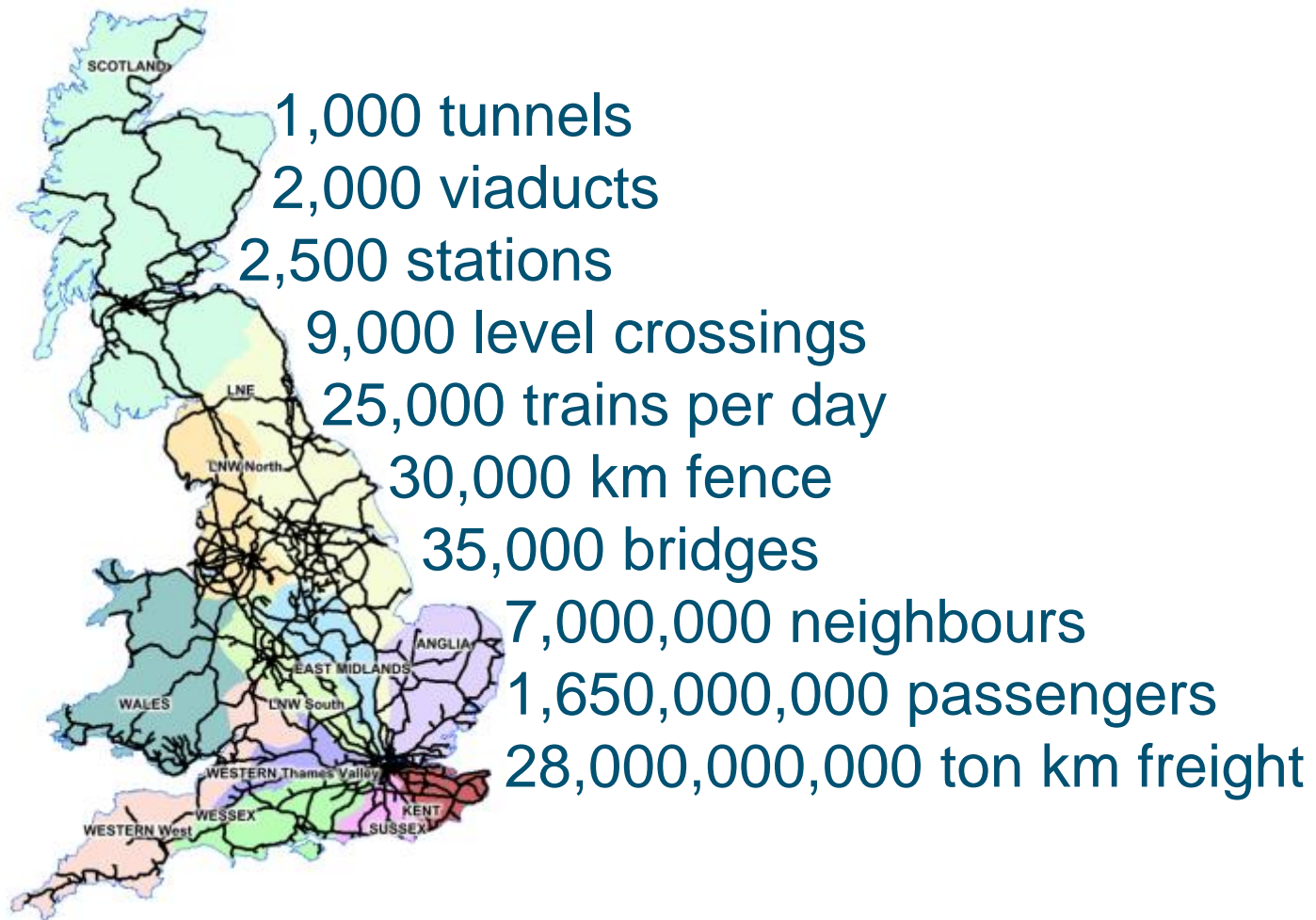
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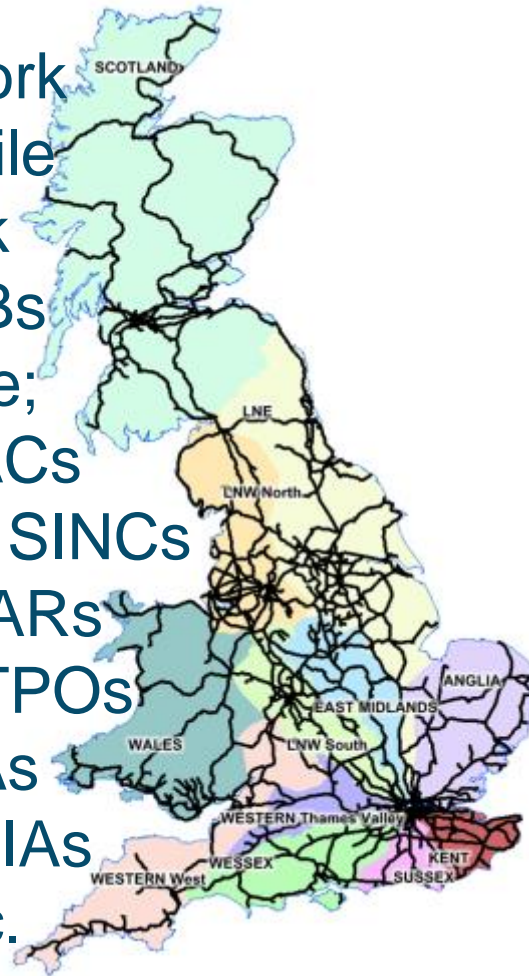
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200 SSSIs on the network  
200 more within ¼ mile  
every National Park  
most AONBs  
every other acronym possible;  
SACs  
SINC  
RAMSARs  
TPOs  
CAs  
NIAs  
etc.



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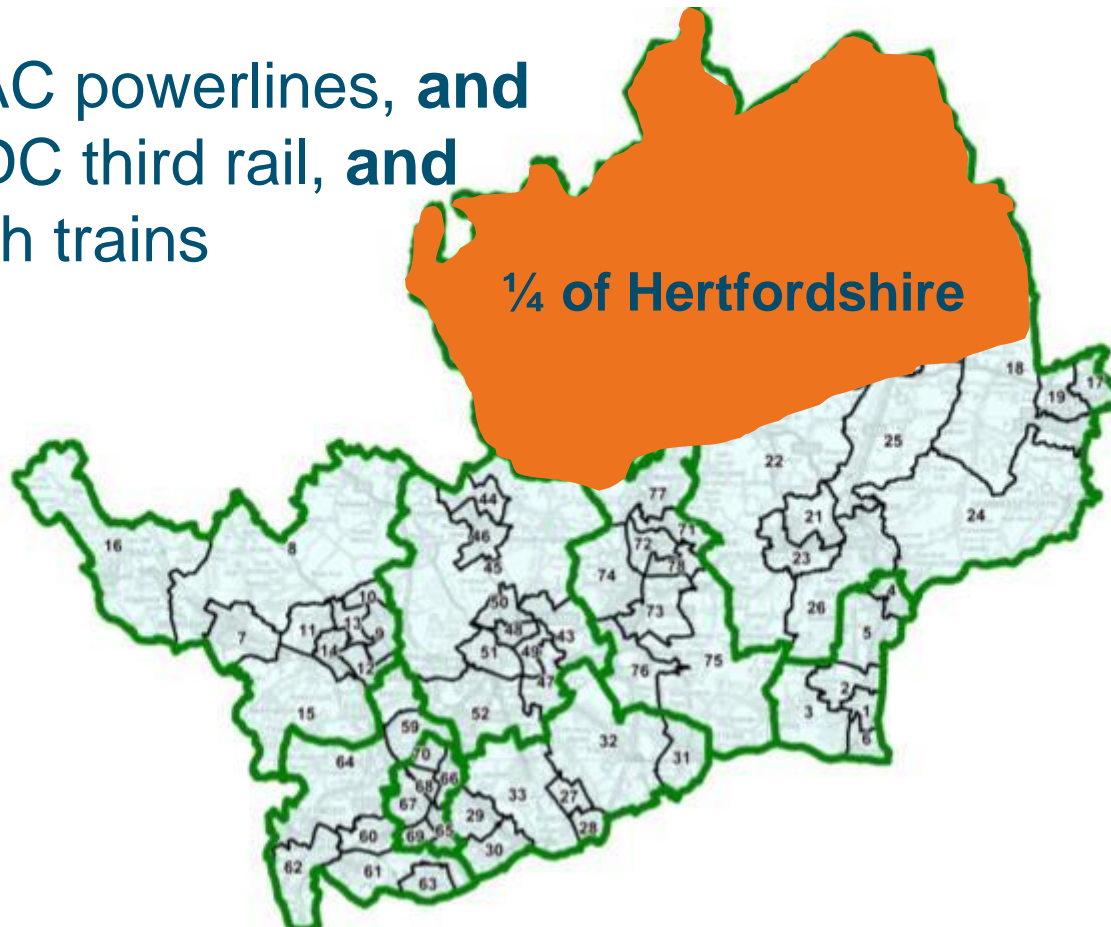
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## Plus;

- 25kV AC powerlines, **and**
- 750V DC third rail, **and**
- 125mph trains



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# *Some pictures of old trains...*

## ~~Historical context~~

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# 1950s



# 1960s











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# High speed rail



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# Challenging infrastructure



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# Historic assets



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# Drainage 'issues'



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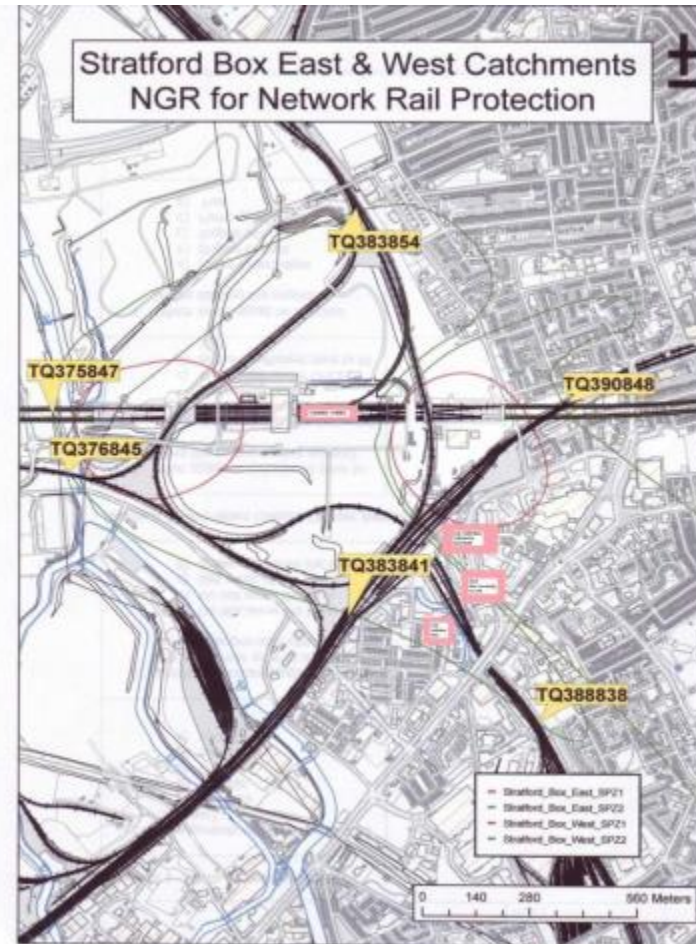
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# No spray areas



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# Cover Crops – Railway-style!

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# MPVs



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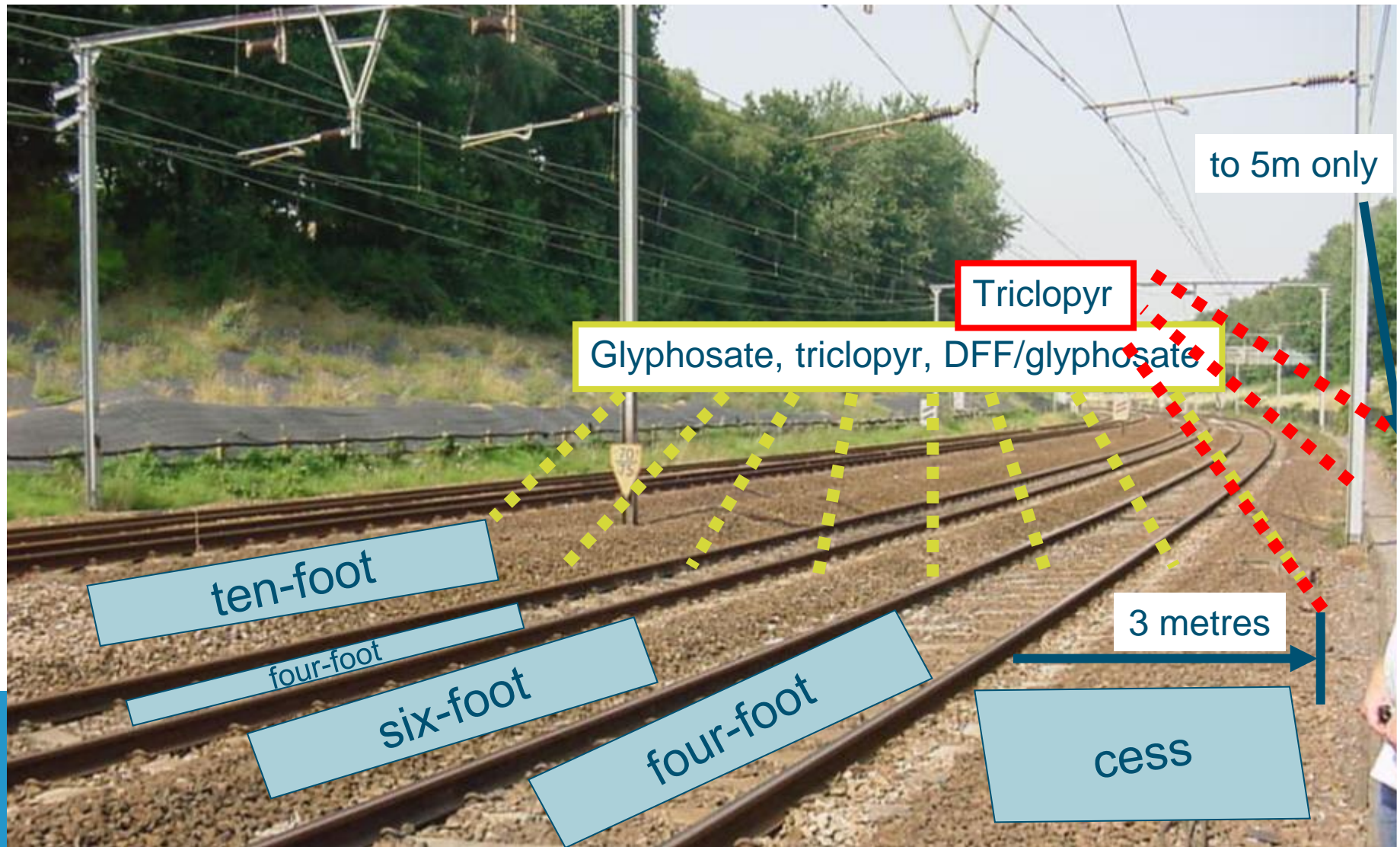
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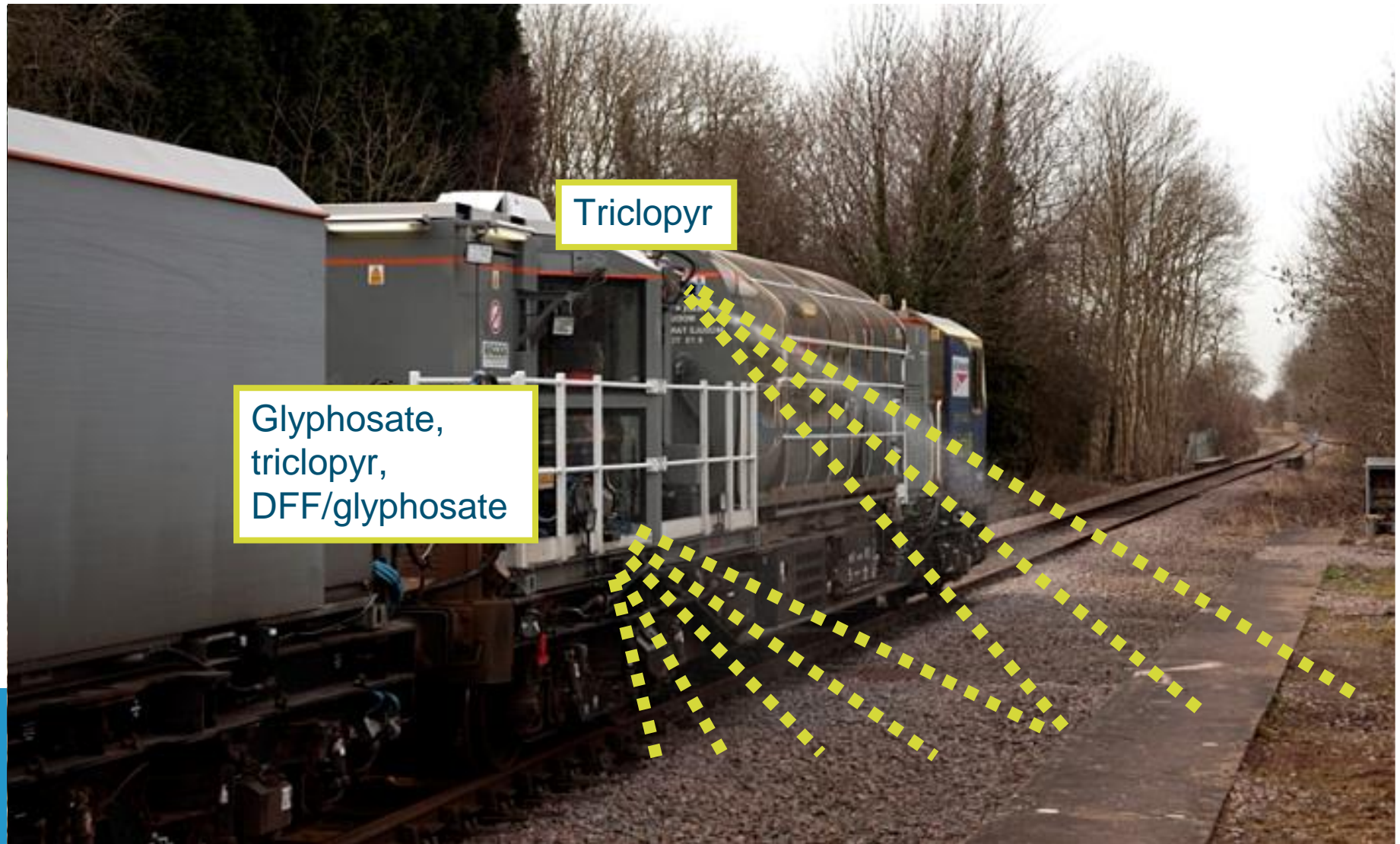
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# Radiarc spray technology



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# Forward visibility



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# RRVs



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# Hand spray



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# EcoPlugs



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# Technology transfer

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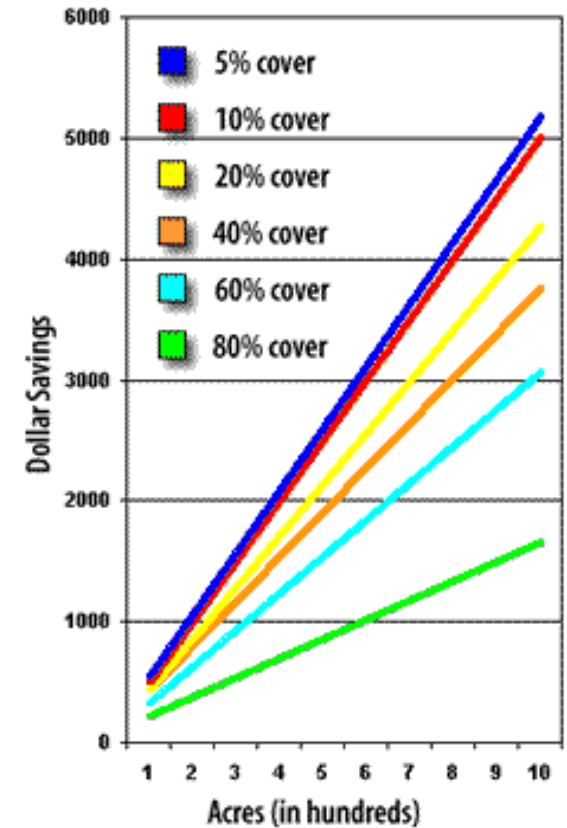
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# From agriculture



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# From aviation



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# Before and after



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# Does it always work?



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A close-up photograph of a field of white daisies with yellow centers. The daisies are in sharp focus in the foreground, while the background is blurred, showing more daisies and a dark, possibly railway-related, structure.

***Thank you***

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