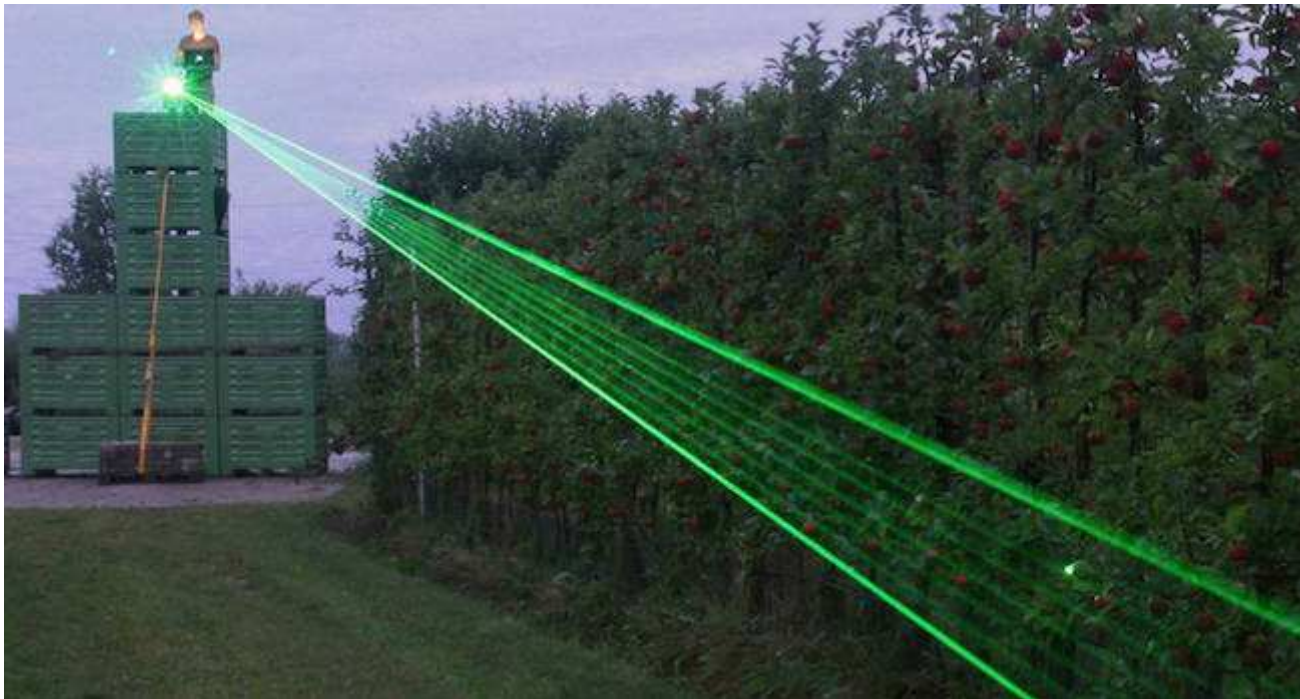


LASER RAT FENCE wins €1.7m European Commission funds

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Liverpool John Moores University thinks crop-munching pests deserve light relief, not poison. Or Brexit, presumably



Agrilaser in action



26 Oct 2016 at 06:56, Simon Sharwood (<http://www.theregister.co.uk/Author/2488>)

The European Commission (EC) has found €1,777,985 for research on rat-repelling laser fences.

The thinking behind the “LIFE Laser Fence” is that birds and rodents chew on plenty of crops, which costs farmers money and reduce productivity. Plenty of farmers fight back using poisons which do the job, but can also prove fatal for other creatures and work their way into the wider food chain. Birds can also figure out traps, and avoid them.

The “LIFE Laser Fence” program aims to test a technology called “Agrilaser Autonomic” that sees an automated laser detect birds and other critters, then shine bright light in their direction. Birds apparently (<http://birdcontrolgroup.com/agrilaser-autonomic/>) “perceive the approaching laser beam as a physical danger” and therefore go away instead of stopping to munch on crops.

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