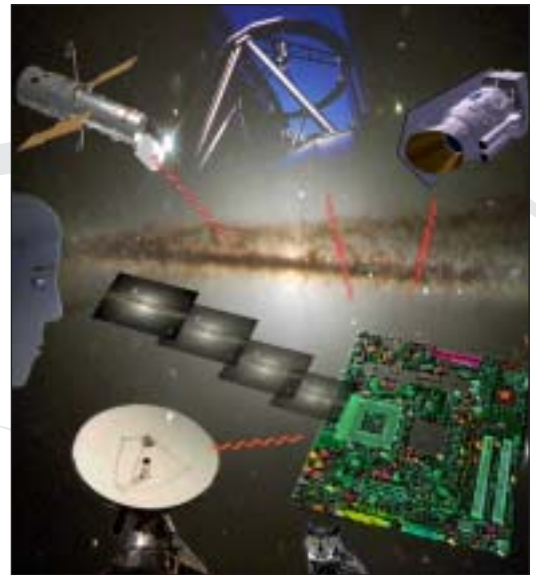


OPTICON *astronomy*

- OPTICON's COMET proposal will combine trans-national access and infrastructure upgrades for Europe's existing telescopes
- New ways to match Marie Curie Fellowship support to the nature of the astronomical research community are being studied
- The Astrophysical Virtual Observatory is making an electronic universe accessible over the GRID



- A scientific study of a European Extremely Large Telescope dominates future planning
- Our activities are astronomy wide, through community round tables
- Astronomy attracts people to science and is a subject in which Europe can lead the World

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