

Changing the economics of space



#### Instrumentation and Data Handling for Low-Cost EO



# Summary

- Disruptive step change in low cost precision imagers and their supporting payload chain
  - Highly innovative Earth Observation sensors aboard a future constellation
  - Associated payload data chain to support
  - Novel technology to enable real time responses to the data
- UK investment producing a competitive advantage
  - "Made in the UK" and "owned in the UK"
- Securing a significant return on investment for UK industry
  - Anticipated preferential access to the downstream data





## Low cost precision imagery

- Provides 0.5m High resolution PAN Optical still imagery and ultra HD video
- The Optical Tube Assembly (telescope) includes a large primary mirror whose design and mounting technology represents a departure from previous SSTL design.
- The Pushbroom Focal Plane Assembly (FPA) channels light from the telescope to various panchromatic and multi-spectral CCD and CMOS detectors







# Payload Data Handling Unit





- Heritage solution utilised a High Speed Data Recorder
  (HSDR-16GB) with a non-volatile Flash Mass Memory
  Unit (FMMU-256GB)
- High resolution and duty cycle imaging payloads =
  higher data rates (>10 Gbit/s), larger data storage
  - Up to 30Gbps, 3 Tb on-board memory
  - Reconfigurable card based system = different payload configurations and storage requirements.



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### Real time use of Data



Inter Satellite Link (ISL) enables a trailing satellite to receive data from a leading satellite so it can be rapidly re-tasked

**Avionics Card Frame** 

Data/Clock

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