# Technical summary

## • Minimagnetosphere System

- Two active coils in a dipolar configuration, arranged coaxially: one on the upper face and one on the lower face of the CubeSat along the z-axis.
- Powered with currents in opposite directions to generate a dipole magnetic field that extends protection around the satellite.

#### • Coil Design

- Coils made by winding enameled copper wire with a diameter optimized to minimize electrical resistance and Joule losses.
- Alternatively, FPCB technology for flexible printed circuits, reducing volume and mass.
- Each coil contains a ferritic ferromagnetic core—ferrite or mu-metal—chosen for its high relative permeability and low hysteresis, which amplifies the magnetic field by reducing the required number of turns or current.

## • Support Structure

 A lightweight frame—aluminum or carbon fiber—designed to withstand launch vibrations and thermal variations in orbit.

### • Power and Control System

- High-current drivers based on MOSFET or IGBT with PWM control to modulate the current in the coils according to the detected particle flux.
- Energy supplied by high-efficiency solar panels, supported by Li-ion batteries with an advanced Battery Management System and, if necessary, by supercapacitors to handle current spikes.

#### • Monitoring and Validation System

- Three CCD sensors: one positioned in the protected area (maximum deflection), one in the unprotected area (reference), and possibly one in an intermediate zone to monitor partially deflected radiation.
- Additional sensors such as PIN diodes and miniaturized Geiger counters to record the radiation dose and the current generated by particle impacts.
- Three-axis magnetometers to monitor the overall magnetic field in real time and calibrate the system.
- Electrical and thermal sensors—current, voltage, and thermistors—to control energy consumption and temperature of critical components.

### • Attitude Control System

 Integration of magnetorquers and an onboard magnetometer to coordinate activation of the magnetic field and synchronize with the Earth's magnetic field.

#### • Communication

- A communication module to transmit the data gathered by the sensors and the ADCS, enabling in-orbit calibration and experimental validation.

## • Mass Specifications

- Coils and ferromagnetic core: about 30 g.

- Support structure: 150-200 g.

- Circuitry and high-current drivers: 100–150 g.

- Sensors and energy storage system:  $100\text{--}150\,\mathrm{g}.$