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Project: Satellite in microvibrations in orbit

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Overview

Consider a satellite (Figure 1) in orbit consisting of a main (rigid) body, two (flexible) solar arrays, a (rigid) deployable antenna, and a (flexible) deployable arm as depicted below. We wish to analyze the dynamic behavior of the satellite restricted to an (x, y) plane motion. The dynamic response will be investigated under excitation from the motion control devices on the main body (vertical force F_c or torque M_c applied to the main body).

Model Diagram

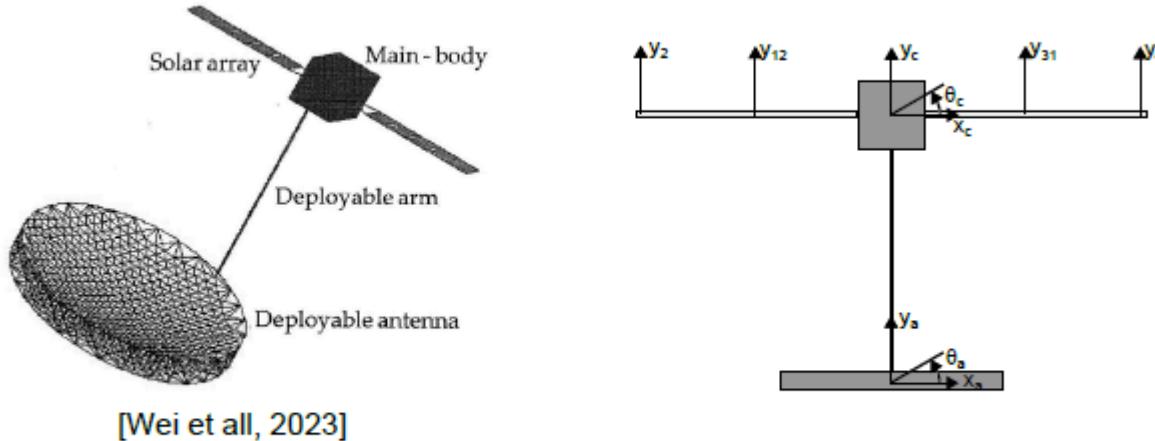


Figure 1: Satellite drawing (left), degrees of freedom retained in the dynamic model

A finite element model of this satellite has been built using Euler-Bernoulli beam elements for the solar arrays and the deployable arm, and point masses (including inertia) for the main body and deployable antenna (assumed to be rigid). The main properties are given in Table 1.

Parameters of the satellite

Table 1: Parameters of the satellite

| Parameter | Value | Unit |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Solar array length | 8 | m |
| Solar array mass density | 2.86 | kg/m |
| Solar flexural rigidity EI | 4072 | Nm^2 |
| Deployable arm length | 8 | m |
| Deployable arm mass density | 2.29 | kg/m |
| Deployable arm flexural rigidity EI | $9.78 \cdot 10^5$ | Nm^2 |
| Deployable antenna diameter | 20 | m |
| Main body mass | 640 | kg |
| Main body inertia | 426.7 | kNm^2 |
| Deployable antenna areal density | 0.3 | kg/m^2 |
| Deployable antenna diameter | 20 | m |

The model and its properties are taken from [1], the finite element model was built in the Structural Dynamics Toolbox running in Matlab. It has then been reduced to 10 degrees of freedom using Guyan static condensation [2]:

- x_c, y_c, θ_c , the main body translation x and y and rotation
- y_{12} and y_2 , the vertical translation of the center and tip of the left solar pannel
- y_{31} and y_{41} , the vertical translation of the center and tip of the right solar pannel
- x_a, y_a, θ_a , the deployable antenna translation in x and y and rotation

The retained DOFs are depicted in Figure 1, the numbers refer to node numbers in the initial, full finite element model (not represented here). The resulting mass and stiffness matrices (10x10) are provided, where the DOFs are sorted in the same order as listed above. These matrices can be accessed by loading the "K_matrix.csv" and "M_matrix.csv" files, respectively. At this stage, they should be considered as "granted" and the satellite can be dealt with as a 10 DOFs system.

1. Frequency Domain Computations

In a first step, in order to grasp the dynamic behavior of the satellite, we will perform frequency domain computations both with the full model (10 DOFs) and in the modal basis.

Let us first import some relevant libraries that you will need.

In [1]:

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy import linalg
from scipy.signal import find_peaks, convolve

# Force light style for plots (avoid dark mode)
plt.style.use('default')

# Load the mass and stiffness matrices (10x10)
# DOF order: x_c, y_c, θ_c, y_12, y_2, y_31, y_41, x_a, y_a, θ_a
K = np.loadtxt('K_matrix.csv', delimiter=',')
M = np.loadtxt('M_matrix.csv', delimiter=',')

# Define DOF labels for clarity
dof_labels = ['x_c', 'y_c', 'θ_c', 'y_12', 'y_2', 'y_31', 'y_41', 'x_a', 'y_a', 'θ_a']

# Verify matrix dimensions
print(f"Mass matrix shape: {M.shape}")
print(f"Stiffness matrix shape: {K.shape}")
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# Global damping parameters
eta = 0.02 # Loss factor given in the problem
xi = eta / 2 # Viscous damping ratio (from useful_theory.md:  $\xi = \eta/2$ )
print(f"\nDamping: Loss factor  $\eta$  = {eta}, Damping ratio  $\xi$  = {xi}")

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Stiffness matrix shape: (10, 10)

Damping: Loss factor η = 0.02, Damping ratio ξ = 0.01

Assignment 1.1: Compute the mode shapes and the natural frequencies of the satellite. You should have three modes with natural frequencies = 0 Hz. These are the so-called rigid body modes (there is no strain energy associated to these modes). What do they represent physically and why do they appear for this specific system?)

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In [2]: # Solve the generalized eigenvalue problem: K*Psi = Lambda*M*Psi
# Using scipy.linalg.eigh for symmetric matrices (more stable than eig)

# Numerical cleanup: matrices should be symmetric (small CSV rounding can break symmetry)
K = 0.5 * (K + K.T)
M = 0.5 * (M + M.T)

eigenvalues, eigenvectors = linalg.eigh(K, M)

# Eigenvalues are omega^2
# IMPORTANT: do NOT use abs() -> it can turn negative eigenvalues into fake positive frequencies
eigenvalues = np.real(eigenvalues)
eigenvalues[np.abs(eigenvalues) < 1e-10] = 0.0 # tiny values -> 0
eigenvalues[eigenvalues < 0] = 0.0 # negative numerical noise -> 0

omega_n = np.sqrt(eigenvalues) # Natural pulsations [rad/s]
f_n = omega_n / (2 * np.pi) # Natural frequencies [Hz]

# Sort by ascending frequency (eigh is usually sorted, but we keep your safety check)
sort_idx = np.argsort(f_n)
f_n = f_n[sort_idx]
omega_n = omega_n[sort_idx]
eigenvectors = eigenvectors[:, sort_idx]

# Count rigid body mode
n_rigid = 3 # by theory (free satellite in plane): we must have 3 rigid body modes

# Print results

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print("NATURAL FREQUENCIES OF THE SATELLITE")
for i in range(len(f_n)):
    mode_type = "Rigid Body" if i < n_rigid else "Flexible"
    print(f"Mode {i+1:2d}: f = {f_n[i]:8.4f} Hz (ω = {omega_n[i]:8.4f} rad/s) - {mode_type}")

print(f"\n→ Number of rigid body modes (f ≈ 0 Hz): {n_rigid}")

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NATURAL FREQUENCIES OF THE SATELLITE

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Mode 1: f = 0.0000 Hz (ω = 0.0000 rad/s) - Rigid Body
Mode 2: f = 0.0062 Hz (ω = 0.0390 rad/s) - Rigid Body
Mode 3: f = 0.0295 Hz (ω = 0.1854 rad/s) - Rigid Body
Mode 4: f = 0.3365 Hz (ω = 2.1142 rad/s) - Flexible
Mode 5: f = 0.3462 Hz (ω = 2.1752 rad/s) - Flexible
Mode 6: f = 2.0166 Hz (ω = 12.6705 rad/s) - Flexible
Mode 7: f = 2.1016 Hz (ω = 13.2048 rad/s) - Flexible
Mode 8: f = 2.2202 Hz (ω = 13.9501 rad/s) - Flexible
Mode 9: f = 5.9927 Hz (ω = 37.6533 rad/s) - Flexible
Mode 10: f = 20.7483 Hz (ω = 130.3657 rad/s) - Flexible

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In [3]:

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print("""
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Assignment 1.2: Draw a schematic and give a physical interpretation of the first 5 flexibles modes (so starting from the 4th computed mode) of the satellite, and give the value of the natural frequency related to each of these 5 modes.

In [4]:

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# The first 3 modes are rigid body modes
# Flexible modes start from mode 4 (index 3)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 3, figsize=(15, 10))
axes = axes.flatten()

# Define geometry at rest (x and y coordinates)
# Solar arrays: Tip_Left(-8), Mid_Left(-4), Center(0), Mid_Right(4), Tip_Right(8)
x_solar = np.array([-8, -4, 0, 4, 8])
y_solar = np.array([0, 0, 0, 0, 0])
# Antenna arm: Center(0) to Tip(0, -8)
x_ant = np.array([0, 0])
y_ant = np.array([0, -8])

# Indices to map eigenvectors to geometry
# y_2(4), y_12(3), y_c(1), y_31(5), y_41(6)
solar_idx = [4, 3, 1, 5, 6]

# Plot first 5 flexible modes
for i in range(5):
    mode_idx = i + 3
    ax = axes[i]

    # Get mode shape
    phi = eigenvectors[:, mode_idx]

    # Scale for visualization (normalize max displacement to 2)
    scale = 2.0 / np.max(np.abs(phi))

    # Deformed geometry
    # Solar arrays (y displacement)
    y_solar_def = y_solar + scale * phi[solar_idx]
    # Solar arrays (x displacement follows x_c)
    x_solar_def = x_solar + scale * phi[0]

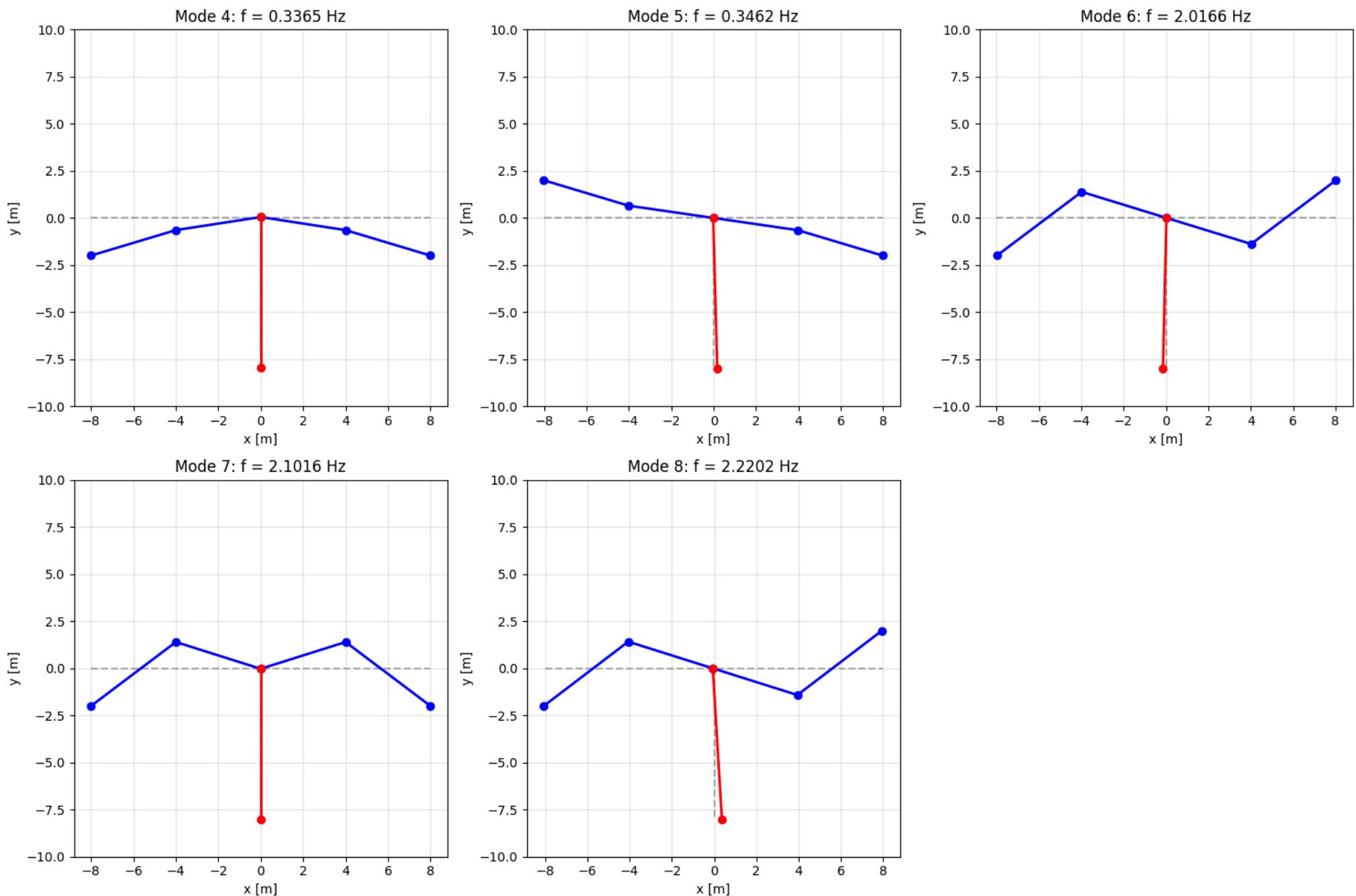
    # Antenna (x moves with x_c and x_a, y moves with y_c and y_a)
    x_ant_def = x_ant + scale * np.array([phi[0], phi[7]])
    y_ant_def = y_ant + scale * np.array([phi[1], phi[8]]))
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# Plot rest position (dashed)
ax.plot(x_solar, y_solar, 'k--', alpha=0.3, label='Rest')
ax.plot(x_ant, y_ant, 'k--', alpha=0.3)

# Plot deformed position (colored)
ax.plot(x_solar_def, y_solar_def, 'b-o', linewidth=2, label='Solar Arrays')
ax.plot(x_ant_def, y_ant_def, 'r-o', linewidth=2, label='Antenna')

# Labels
ax.set_title(f'Mode {mode_idx+1}: f = {f_n[mode_idx]:.4f} Hz')
ax.set_xlabel('x [m]')
ax.set_ylabel('y [m]')
ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
ax.set_xlim([-10, 10]) # Fix scale to see movement

# Hide empty subplot
axes[5].axis('off')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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In [5]:

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print("")
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- Mode 4 (0.33 Hz) and Mode 5 (0.34 Hz): These are the first bending modes of the solar arrays. One is symmetric (tips moving in the same direction) and the other is anti-symmetric.
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Assignment 1.3: Compute and represent the transfer functions:

- y_c/F_c
- $(y_2 - y_c)/F_c$

using the full model with the coupled equations in the frequency band from 0.05 to 3Hz. For the damping assume a global loss factor $\eta = 0.02$.

F_c is a vertical force applied to the main body of the satellite. What happens to the response y_c/F_c when the frequency is very low ? Do you observe the same behavior for $(y_2 - y_c)/F_c$? Give a physical interpretation.

In [6]: # F_c is a vertical force applied to the main body → acts on DOF y_c (index 1)

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# FRF computation using hysteretic (structural) damping:  
# Dynamic stiffness:  $Z(\omega) = K(1 + j\eta) - \omega^2 M$   
# FRF matrix:  $H(\omega) = Z(\omega)^{-1}$   
  
def compute_frf_matrix(M, K, freq_array, eta):  
    """  
        Compute the full FRF matrix for a range of frequencies.  
        Uses hysteretic damping model:  $Z = K(1 + j*\eta) - \omega^2 * M$   
    """
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Parameters:

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M, K : ndarray - Mass and stiffness matrices
freq_array : ndarray - Frequency array in Hz
eta : float - Loss factor

Returns:
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H : ndarray of shape (n_freq, n_dof, n_dof) - FRF matrix at each frequency
"""
n_dof = M.shape[0]
n_freq = len(freq_array)
H = np.zeros((n_freq, n_dof, n_dof), dtype=complex)

for i, f in enumerate(freq_array):
    omega = 2 * np.pi * f
    # Dynamic stiffness with hysteretic damping
    Z = K * (1 + 1j * eta) - omega**2 * M
    # FRF is inverse of dynamic stiffness
    H[i, :, :] = np.linalg.inv(Z)

return H

# Frequency range: 0.05 to 3 Hz (as specified)
freq = np.arange(0.05, 3.005, 0.005)

# Compute full FRF matrix
H_full = compute_frf_matrix(M, K, freq, eta)

# DOF indices (0-based):
# y_c = 1, y_2 = 4, theta_c = 2, theta_a = 9

# Extract FRFs for F_c (force at y_c, DOF index 1)
# Input DOF for F_c is index 1
H_yc_Fc = H_full[:, 1, 1]          # y_c / F_c
H_y2_Fc = H_full[:, 4, 1]          # y_2 / F_c
H_diff_Fc = H_y2_Fc - H_yc_Fc    # (y_2 - y_c) / F_c

# Plot FRFs
# Layout changed to 2 rows, 1 column (Magnitude top, Phase bottom)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(10, 10), sharex=True)

# --- MAGNITUDE PLOT ---
# y_c / F_c (Absolute) - Blue Line
axes[0].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_yc_Fc), 'b-', linewidth=1.5, label='Absolute: $y_c / F_c$')
# (y_2 - y_c) / F_c (Relative) - Red dashed Line for comparison
axes[0].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_diff_Fc), 'r--', linewidth=1.5, label='Relative: $(y_2 - y_c) / F_c$')

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axes[0].set_ylabel('Amplitude [m/N]')
axes[0].set_title('Transfer Functions: Magnitude', fontweight='bold')
axes[0].grid(True, which='both', alpha=0.3)
axes[0].legend(loc='best')

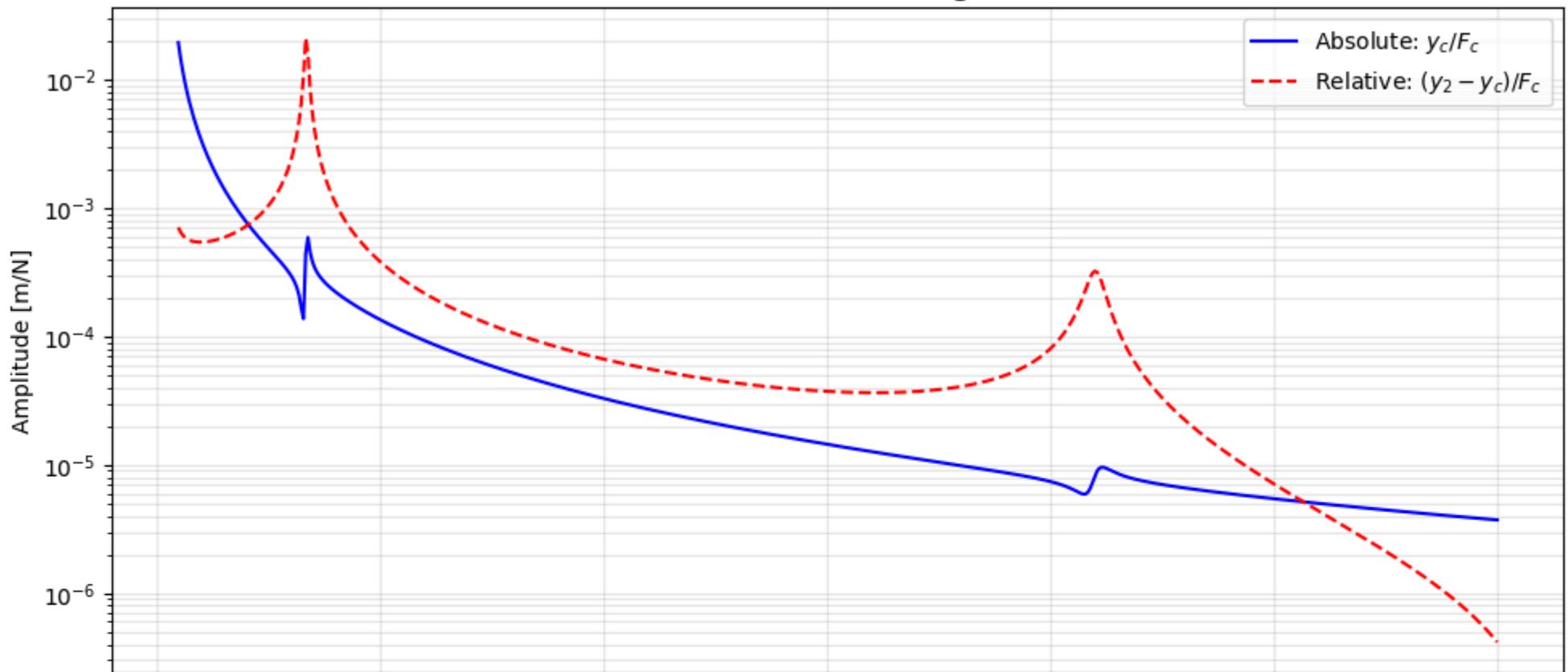
# --- PHASE PLOT ---
#  $y_c / F_c$  (Absolute)
axes[1].plot(freq, np.angle(H_yc_Fc, deg=True), 'b-', linewidth=1.5, label='Absolute Phase')
#  $(y_2 - y_c) / F_c$  (Relative)
axes[1].plot(freq, np.angle(H_diff_Fc, deg=True), 'r--', linewidth=1.5, label='Relative Phase')

axes[1].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[1].set_ylabel('Phase [deg]')
axes[1].set_title('Transfer Functions: Phase', fontweight='bold')
axes[1].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
# Clean up phase ticks for better readability (-180 to 180)
axes[1].set_yticks(np.arange(-180, 181, 45))
axes[1].legend(loc='best')

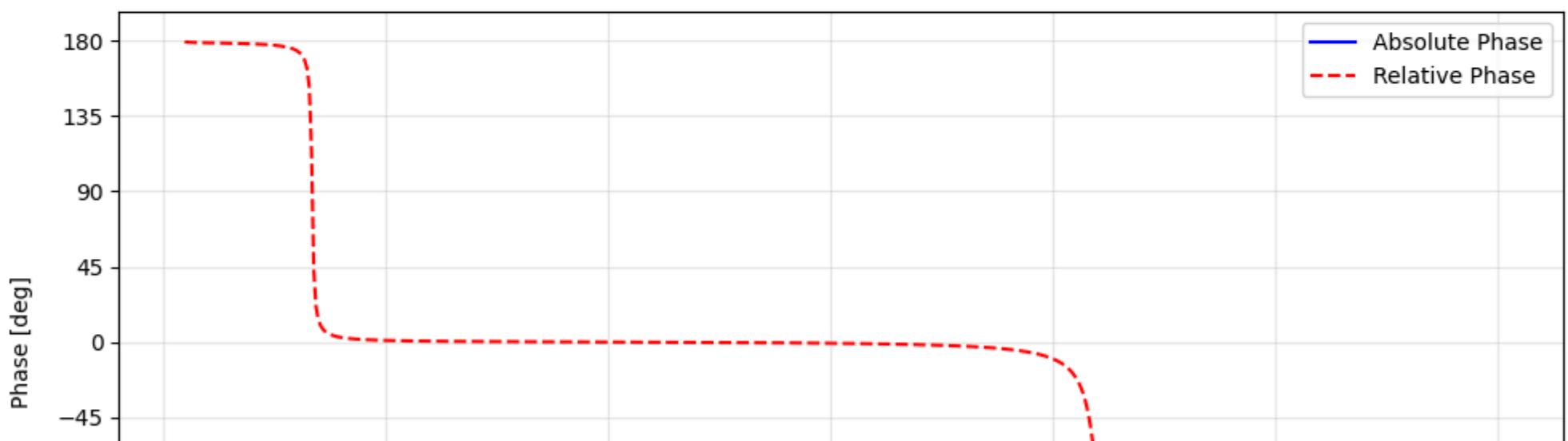
plt.suptitle('Assignment 1.3: FRFs for Vertical Force  $F_c$ ', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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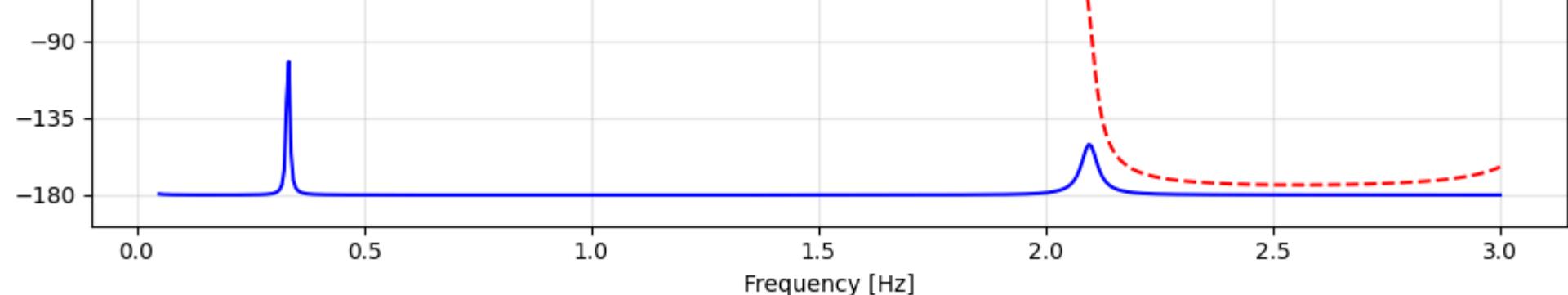
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Transfer Functions: Magnitude



Transfer Functions: Phase





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- For the relative displacement  $(y_2 - y_c)/F_c$ :
    Here, the amplitude remains finite and flat at low frequencies. This quantity represents the internal deformation of the solar panel relative to the main body. Even if the whole satellite accelerates, the panel only bends by a specific amount determined by its stiffness ( $F = k*x$ ). It does not grow to infinity, which is consistent physically.
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Assignment 1.4: Compute and represent the transfer functions:

- y_c/M_c
- $\frac{y_2 + 8m \times \theta_c}{M_c}$
- $\frac{\theta_a - \theta_c}{M_c}$

using the full model with the coupled equations in the frequency band from 0.05 to 3 Hz. For the damping, assume a global loss factor $\eta = 0.02$.

M_c is a torque applied to the main body of the satellite. What do $(y_2 + 8m \times \theta_c)$ and $(\theta_a - \theta_c)$ represent physically? And why are these values of interest?

In [8]:

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# M_c is a torque applied to the main body → acts on DOF θ_c (index 2)

# DOF indices: y_c=1, θ_c=2, y_2=4, θ_a=9

# Extract FRFs for M_c (torque at θ_c, DOF index 2)
H_yc_Mc = H_full[:, 1, 2]      # y_c / M_c
H_y2_Mc = H_full[:, 4, 2]      # y_2 / M_c
H_theta_c_Mc = H_full[:, 2, 2]  # θ_c / M_c
H_theta_a_Mc = H_full[:, 9, 2]  # θ_a / M_c

# Composite transfer functions
# (y_2 + 8m × θ_c) / M_c : displacement of solar panel tip relative to satellite frame
# The 8m factor accounts for the distance from rotation center to panel tip
L_solar = 8 # Solar array length in meters
H_y2_plus_8theta = H_y2_Mc + L_solar * H_theta_c_Mc # (y_2 + 8*θ_c) / M_c

# (θ_a - θ_c) / M_c : relative rotation between antenna and main body
H_theta_rel = H_theta_a_Mc - H_theta_c_Mc # (θ_a - θ_c) / M_c

# Plot FRFs
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 3, figsize=(16, 10))

# y_c / M_c
axes[0, 0].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_yc_Mc), 'b-', linewidth=1.5)
axes[0, 0].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[0, 0].set_ylabel('|y_c / M_c| [m/Nm]')
axes[0, 0].set_title('y_c / M_c', fontweight='bold')
axes[0, 0].grid(True, which='both', alpha=0.3)

axes[1, 0].plot(freq, np.angle(H_yc_Mc, deg=True), 'b-', linewidth=1.5)
axes[1, 0].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[1, 0].set_ylabel('Phase [deg]')
axes[1, 0].set_title('y_c / M_c (Phase)', fontweight='bold')
axes[1, 0].grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# (y_2 + 8m × θ_c) / M_c
axes[0, 1].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta), 'g-', linewidth=1.5)
axes[0, 1].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[0, 1].set_ylabel('|(y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c| [m/Nm]')
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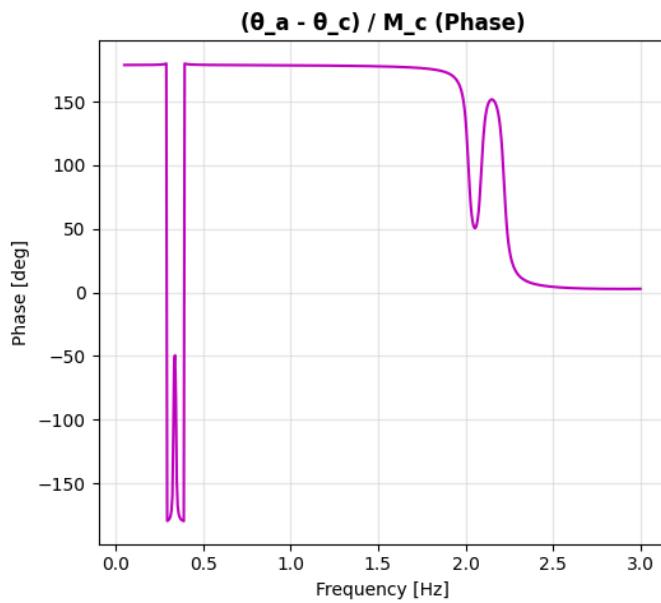
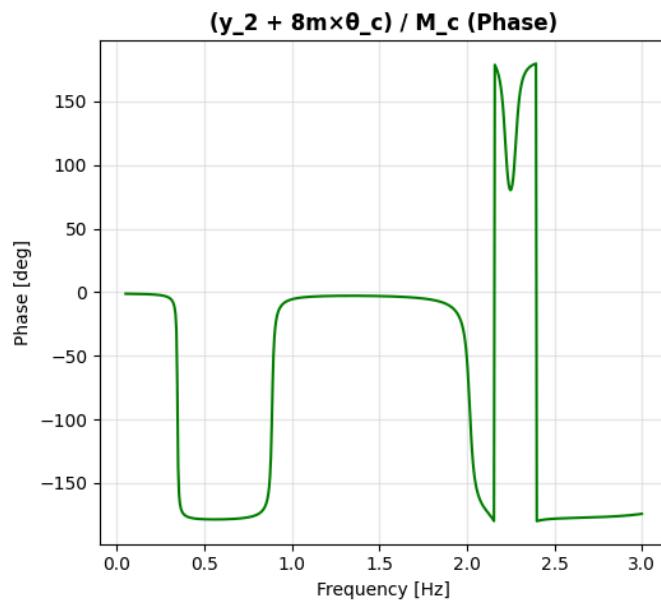
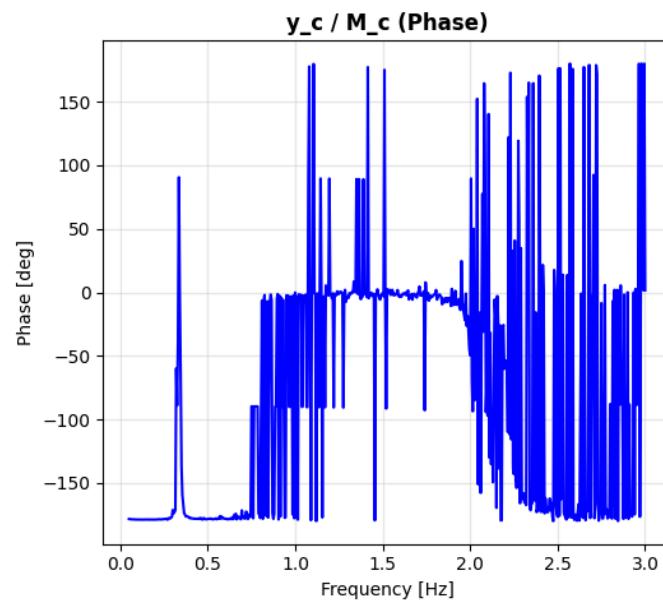
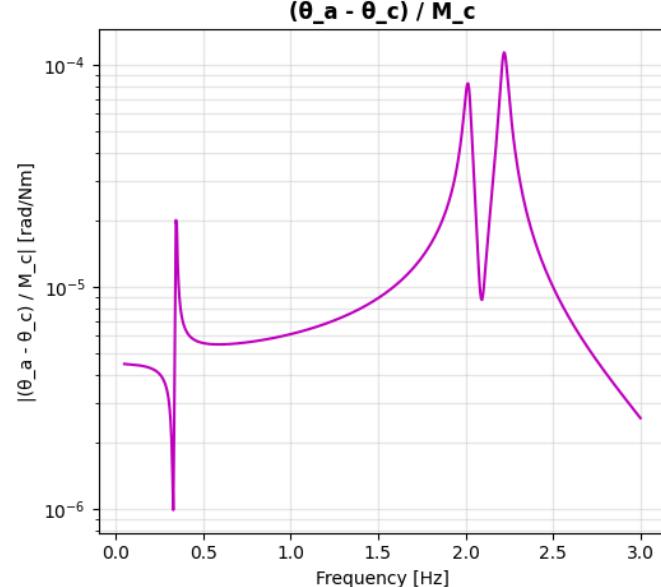
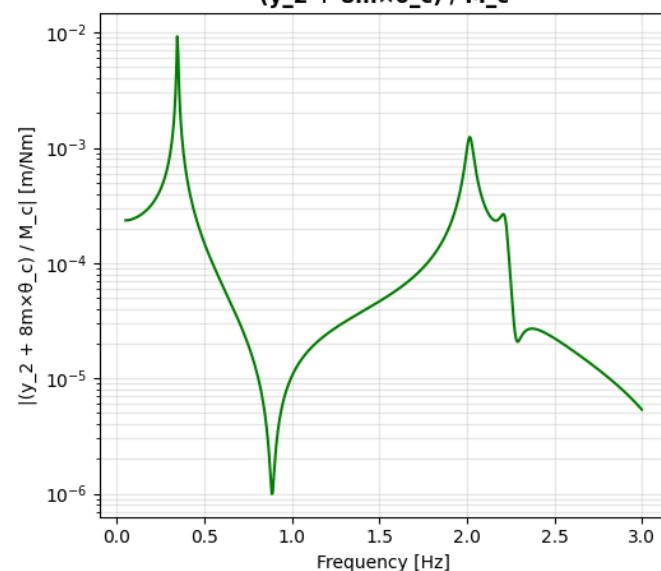
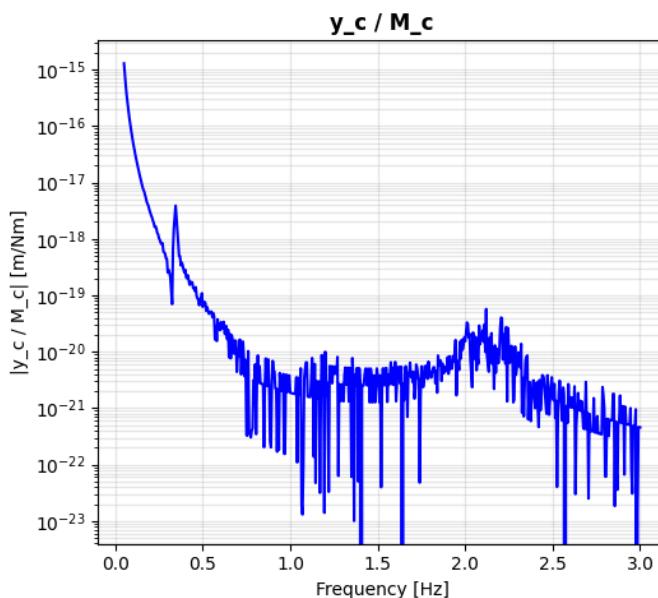
# (θ_a - θ_c) / M_c
axes[0, 2].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_theta_rel), 'm-', linewidth=1.5)
axes[0, 2].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[0, 2].set_ylabel('|(θ_a - θ_c) / M_c| [rad/Nm]')
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plt.suptitle('Assignment 1.4: FRFs for Torque M_c', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Assignment 1.4: FRFs for Torque M_c



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- $y_2 + 8m * \theta_c$:

This represents the total vertical displacement of the solar array tip in the global frame. It is the sum of the local deformation of the panel (y_2) and the displacement caused by the rigid body rotation of the satellite (lever arm of 8m). This value is important to check if the tip displacement exceeds design clearances or fatigue limits.

- $\theta_a - \theta_c$:

This measures the relative angle between the deployable antenna and the main body. Physically, this represents the pointing error or jitter. Since the antenna must maintain a strict orientation for communication, keeping this value low is critical for the mission performance.

Projection in modal basis

Use a truncated modal basis and compute modal matrices (M_r , K_r , C_r) and compare reduced response to full solution.

Assignment 1.5: Project the equations of motion in the modal basis after performing truncation. How many modes should you use for the frequency band given above (Use the truncation rule explained in the course)?

How would you approximate the damping with a loss factor in the modal space? Compare the transfer functions obtained when applying M_c (the three transfer functions computed for subquestion 3) using the full model and in the modal basis using truncation and an appropriate modal damping. Comment on the potential differences.

In [10]:

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# TRUNCATION RULE (from useful_theory.md):
# Keep all modes with f_n <= 1.5 * f_max_excitation
# f_max = 3 Hz → f_cutoff = 1.5 × 3 = 4.5 Hz

f_max = 3.0 # Maximum frequency of interest [Hz]
f_cutoff = 1.5 * f_max # Truncation rule from course

print(f"\nTruncation Rule: Keep modes up to {f_cutoff} Hz (= 1.5 × {f_max} Hz)")

# Find modes to keep (including rigid body modes for completeness, but we'll
# exclude them from response calculation as they have f=0)
modes_to_keep = np.where(f_n <= f_cutoff)[0]
n_modes = len(modes_to_keep)

print(f"\nModes retained: {n_modes} (indices: {modes_to_keep})")
for i in modes_to_keep:
    mode_type = "Rigid Body" if i < 3 else "Flexible"
    print(f" Mode {i+1}: f = {f_n[i]:.4f} Hz ({mode_type})")
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# Extract truncated modal matrix
Psi = eigenvectors[:, modes_to_keep] # Mode shapes

# Project mass and stiffness matrices to modal space
# M_modal = Psi^T * M * Psi (diagonal if mass-normalized)
# K_modal = Psi^T * K * Psi (diagonal = omega_n^2)
M_modal = Psi.T @ M @ Psi
K_modal = Psi.T @ K @ Psi

# Modal frequencies (for verification)
diagK = np.real(np.diag(K_modal)).copy()
diagM = np.real(np.diag(M_modal)).copy()

# Numerical cleanup: rigid modes should have K=0, but can appear as tiny negative values
diagK[np.abs(diagK) < 1e-10] = 0.0
diagK[diagK < 0] = 0.0

omega_modal = np.sqrt(diagK / diagM)
f_modal = omega_modal / (2 * np.pi)

print(f"\nModal masses (diagonal): {np.diag(M_modal)[:5]}")
print(f"Modal frequencies (verification): {f_modal}")

# DAMPING IN MODAL SPACE
# From useful_theory.md: For Loss factor η, modal damping ratio ξ = η/2
xi_modal = eta / 2 # Same damping ratio for all modes
print(f"\nModal damping: ξ = η/2 = {xi_modal}")

# Function to compute FRF using modal superposition
def compute_modal_frf(freq_array, Psi, M_modal, K_modal, xi,
                      input_dof, output_dof, output_dof2=None, coef2=None):
    """
    Compute FRF using modal superposition method.

    H_ij(ω) = Σ_r [ψ_ir × ψ_jr / μ_r(ω_r^2 - ω^2 + 2jξω_rω)]
    """

    Parameters:
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    freq_array : ndarray - Frequencies in Hz
    Psi : ndarray - Mode shape matrix (n_dof x n_modes)
    M_modal, K_modal : ndarray - Modal mass and stiffness (diagonal)
    xi : float - Modal damping ratio
    input_dof : int - Input DOF index
    output_dof : int - Output DOF index
    output_dof2 : int (optional) - Second output DOF for combined response

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        input_dof_Mc, output_dof=9)
H_theta_rel_modal = H_theta_a_Mc_modal - H_theta_c_Mc_modal

# Plot comparison: Full Model vs Modal
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(16, 5))

# y_c / M_c
axes[0].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_yc_Mc), 'b-', linewidth=2, label='Full Model')
axes[0].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_yc_Mc_modal), 'r--', linewidth=2, label='Modal')
axes[0].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[0].set_ylabel('|y_c / M_c| [m/Nm]')
axes[0].set_title('y_c / M_c', fontweight='bold')
axes[0].legend()
axes[0].grid(True, which='both', alpha=0.3)

# (y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c
axes[1].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta), 'b-', linewidth=2, label='Full Model')
axes[1].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta_modal), 'r--', linewidth=2, label='Modal')
axes[1].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[1].set_ylabel '|(y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c| [m/Nm]'
axes[1].set_title '(y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c', fontweight='bold'
axes[1].legend()
axes[1].grid(True, which='both', alpha=0.3)

# (θ_a - θ_c) / M_c
axes[2].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_theta_rel), 'b-', linewidth=2, label='Full Model')
axes[2].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_theta_rel_modal), 'r--', linewidth=2, label='Modal')
axes[2].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[2].set_ylabel '|(θ_a - θ_c) / M_c| [rad/Nm]'
axes[2].set_title '(θ_a - θ_c) / M_c', fontweight='bold'
axes[2].legend()
axes[2].grid(True, which='both', alpha=0.3)

plt.suptitle('Assignment 1.5: Full Model vs Modal Superposition', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Truncation Rule: Keep modes up to 4.5 Hz (= 1.5×3.0 Hz)

Modes retained: 8 (indices: [0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7])

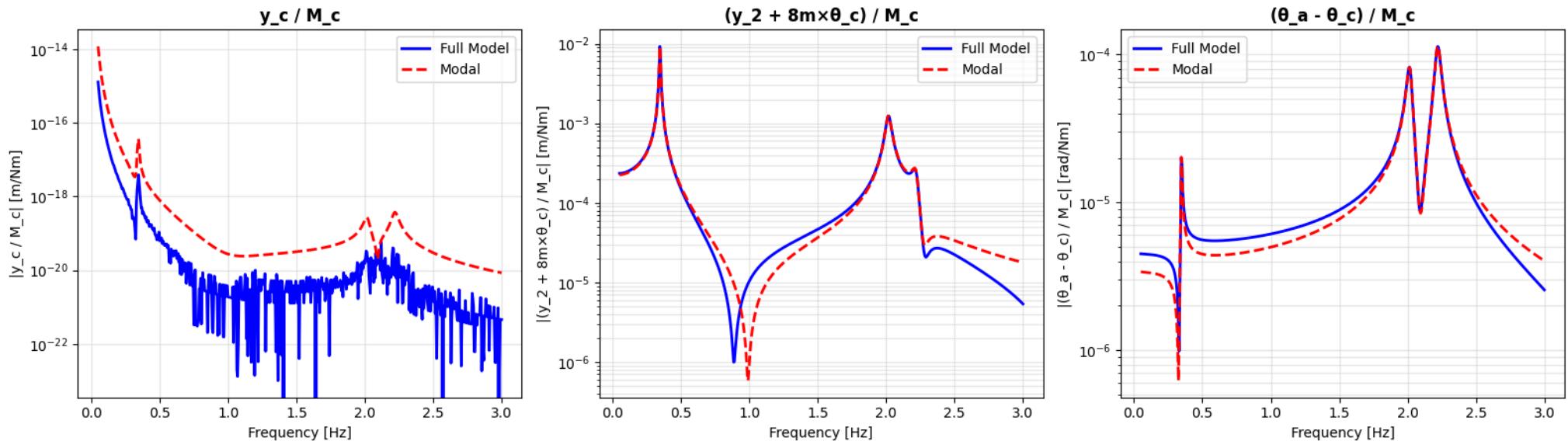
Mode 1: $f = 0.0000$ Hz (Rigid Body)
Mode 2: $f = 0.0062$ Hz (Rigid Body)
Mode 3: $f = 0.0295$ Hz (Rigid Body)
Mode 4: $f = 0.3365$ Hz (Flexible)
Mode 5: $f = 0.3462$ Hz (Flexible)
Mode 6: $f = 2.0166$ Hz (Flexible)
Mode 7: $f = 2.1016$ Hz (Flexible)
Mode 8: $f = 2.2202$ Hz (Flexible)

Modal masses (diagonal): [1. 1. 1. 1. 1.]

Modal frequencies (verification): [0. 0.0062089 0.02950262 0.33648252 0.346199 2.01657982
2.10160921 2.22023303]

Modal damping: $\xi = \eta/2 = 0.01$

Assignment 1.5: Full Model vs Modal Superposition



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2. Tuned Mass Damper (TMD) design

The solar arrays are flexible and lightly damped and can be subjected to a high number of vibration cycles during their lifetime, which could cause fatigue failure. The source of these vibrations is the position control module on the satellite, represented in this study by F_c or M_c . You are asked to design a tuned mass damper system to reduce the risk of fatigue failure and prolong the lifetime of the solar arrays.

Assignment 2.1: Looking at $\frac{y_2 - y_c}{F_c}$ and $\frac{y_2 + 8m \times \theta_c}{M_c}$, which global mode(s) of the system is (are) the most important to damp, to preserve the solar arrays? Be specific as to which mode is important in which transfer function.

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In [12]: # Looking at: (y_2 - y_c)/F_c and (y_2 + 8m×θ_c)/M_c

# Find peaks in the FRFs to identify dominant modes
# (y_2 - y_c)/F_c
peaks_Fc, properties_Fc = find_peaks(np.abs(H_diff_Fc), height=1e-6)
peak_freqs_Fc = freq[peaks_Fc]
peak_heights_Fc = np.abs(H_diff_Fc)[peaks_Fc]

# (y_2 + 8m×θ_c)/M_c
peaks_Mc, properties_Mc = find_peaks(np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta), height=1e-6)
peak_freqs_Mc = freq[peaks_Mc]
peak_heights_Mc = np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta)[peaks_Mc]

# Plot with peaks marked
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))

# (y_2 - y_c) / F_c
axes[0].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_diff_Fc), 'b-', linewidth=1.5)
axes[0].semilogy(peak_freqs_Fc, peak_heights_Fc, 'ro', markersize=10, label='Peaks')
axes[0].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[0].set_ylabel('|(y_2 - y_c) / F_c| [m/N]')

# (y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c
axes[1].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta), 'b-', linewidth=1.5)
axes[1].semilogy(peak_freqs_Mc, peak_heights_Mc, 'ro', markersize=10, label='Peaks')
axes[1].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[1].set_ylabel '|(y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c| [m/N]
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axes[0].set_title('(y_2 - y_c) / F_c - Peak Identification', fontweight='bold')
axes[0].grid(True, which='both', alpha=0.3)
axes[0].legend()
for i, (f_pk, h_pk) in enumerate(zip(peak_freqs_Fc, peak_heights_Fc)):
    axes[0].annotate(f'{f_pk:.3f} Hz', (f_pk, h_pk), textcoords="offset points",
                     xytext=(0,10), ha='center', fontsize=9)

# (y_2 + 8mxθ_c) / M_c
axes[1].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta), 'g-', linewidth=1.5)
axes[1].semilogy(peak_freqs_Mc, peak_heights_Mc, 'ro', markersize=10, label='Peaks')
axes[1].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[1].set_ylabel('|(y_2 + 8mxθ_c) / M_c| [m/Nm]')
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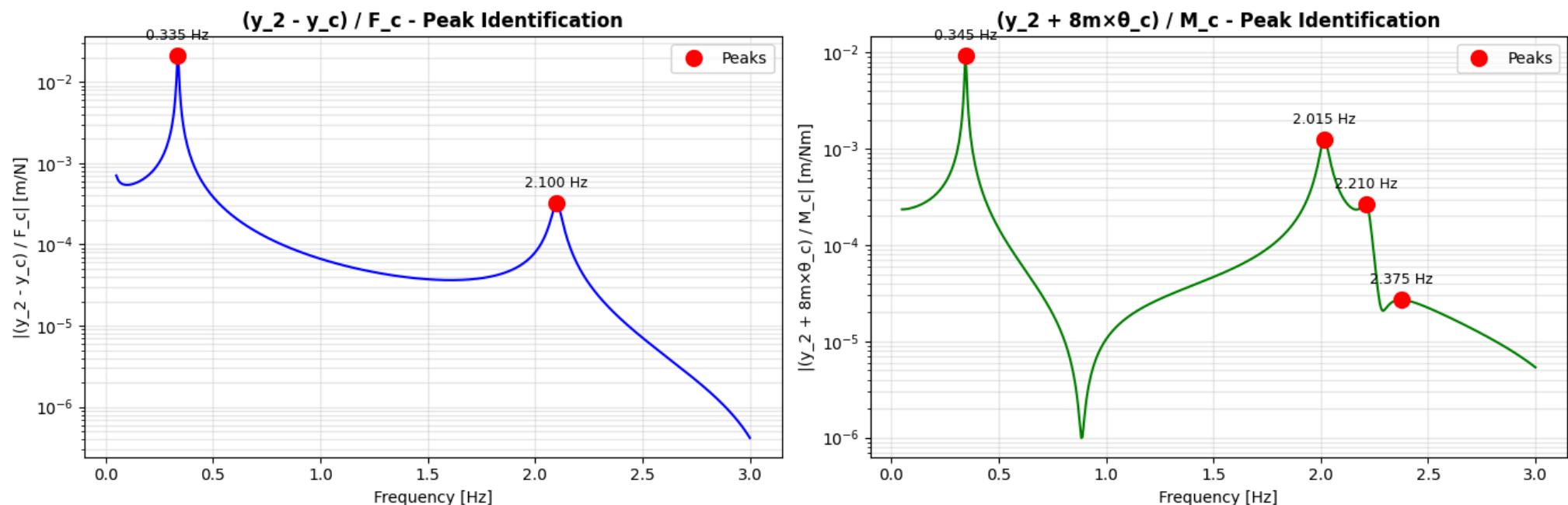
plt.suptitle('Assignment 2.1: Peak Identification for TMD Design', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Find the index of the max peak in the F_c transfer function
idx_max_peak = np.argmax(np.abs(H_diff_Fc))
freq_peak = freq[idx_max_peak]

# Match this frequency to the closest natural frequency
closest_mode_idx = np.argmin(np.abs(f_n - freq_peak))
dominant_mode_Fc = closest_mode_idx + 1 # Store this for Part 2.2
f_primary = f_n[closest_mode_idx]

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Assignment 2.1: Peak Identification for TMD Design



In [13]:

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print(f"""
Looking at the transfer function (y2 - yc)/Fc (relative displacement under force excitation):
The highest peak occurs around {freq_peak:.4f} Hz.
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Comparing this with our natural frequencies, this corresponds to Mode {dominant_mode_Fc} ({f_n[closest_mode_idx]:.4f} Hz).

Physical reasoning:

The excitation Fc is a vertical force applied at the center. Due to symmetry, this force primarily excites the symmetric bending modes of the satellite system.

Looking at the transfer function (y2 - yc)/Fc (relative displacement under force excitation):
The highest peak occurs around 0.3350 Hz.

Comparing this with our natural frequencies, this corresponds to Mode 4 (0.3365 Hz).

Physical reasoning:

The excitation Fc is a vertical force applied at the center. Due to symmetry, this force primarily excites the symmetric bending modes of the satellite system. Mode 4 is indeed the first symmetric bending mode. Therefore, to preserve the solar arrays under this force, we must target Mode 4 with the TMD.

Assignment 2.2: As the satellite system is symmetric, we will consider two TMDs placed symmetrically (one on each solar array). The mass of each TMD should not exceed 3% of the total mass of one solar array. Our target is to damp the mode which is the most important when the

excitation is given by F_c . Find the stiffness and damping coefficients of the two TMDs (which are assumed to be identical) which lead to optimal tuning according to Den Hartog.

In [14]: # We perform the Den Hartog design here to ensure variables exist for 2.3

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# 1. Mass calculation
L_solar = 8.0
rho_solar = 2.86
m_total_solar = L_solar * rho_solar
m_TMD = 0.03 * m_total_solar # 3% constraint

# 2. Effective Mass Ratio (mu)
# We need the mode shape amplitude at the attachment point (y_2, index 4) for the target mode
target_mode_idx = dominant_mode_Fc - 1
phi_target = eigenvectors[:, target_mode_idx]
phi_y2 = phi_target[4] # Displacement at tip
modal_mass = phi_target.T @ M @ phi_target # Should be 1.0 if normalized, but let's compute
M_eff = modal_mass / (phi_y2**2) # Effective mass seen at the tip

# Since we have 2 TMDs acting on a symmetric mode, the effective mass ratio is doubled
mu = (2 * m_TMD) / M_eff

# 3. Optimal Tuning (Den Hartog Formulas)
nu_opt = 1 / (1 + mu) # Frequency tuning
xi_opt = np.sqrt( (3*mu) / (8*(1+mu)) ) # Damping tuning

# 4. Physical TMD Parameters
omega_primary = omega_n[target_mode_idx]
omega_TMD = nu_opt * omega_primary

k_TMD = m_TMD * (omega_TMD**2)
c_TMD = 2 * xi_opt * m_TMD * omega_TMD

# PRINT RESULTS AND INTERPRETATION
print("TMD Design Parameters (Den Hartog):\n")
print(f"Target Mode Frequency: {f_n[target_mode_idx]:.4f} Hz")
print(f"TMD Mass (3%): {m_TMD:.4f} kg")
print(f"Calculated Stiffness (k): {k_TMD:.4f} N/m")
print(f"Calculated Damping (c): {c_TMD:.4f} Ns/m")
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TMD Design Parameters (Den Hartog):

Target Mode Frequency: 0.3365 Hz
TMD Mass (3%): 0.6864 kg
Calculated Stiffness (k): 2.4469 N/m
Calculated Damping (c): 0.5191 Ns/m

In [15]:

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print("""  
We applied the Den Hartog formulas to find the optimal tuning. Since the satellite is symmetric and the target mode involves both solar arrays moving in phase, we considered the effective mass ratio of TWO TMDs acting on the effective mass of the mode.  
  
The stiffness is tuned so that the TMD natural frequency is slightly lower than the solar array frequency (due to the mass loading effect).  
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Assignment 2.3: Compute and represent the transfer functions $\frac{y_2 - y_c}{F_c}$ and $\frac{y_2 + 8m \times \theta_c}{M_c}$ when the two TMDs are attached to the satellite, and compare with the case without TMD. Do you observe equal peaks? Is the TMD efficient for both transfer functions? Explain and comment.

In [16]:

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# The system expands from 10 DOFs to 12 DOFs  
# Original indices  
idx_y2 = 4 # y_2 (left solar panel tip)  
idx_y41 = 6 # y_41 (right solar panel tip)  
  
# Create expanded 12x12 matrices  
n_dof_original = 10  
n_dof_expanded = 12  
  
# Initialize expanded matrices  
M_exp = np.zeros((n_dof_expanded, n_dof_expanded))  
K_exp = np.zeros((n_dof_expanded, n_dof_expanded))  
C_exp = np.zeros((n_dof_expanded, n_dof_expanded)) # Damping matrix  
  
# Copy original M and K to top-left block  
M_exp[:n_dof_original, :n_dof_original] = M.copy()  
K_exp[:n_dof_original, :n_dof_original] = K.copy()  
# Original system has no explicit damping matrix (we used loss factor)  
# C_exp stays zero for original DOFs
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# Add TMD1 (attached to y_2, index 4)
# TMD DOF index in expanded system: 10
idx_TMD1 = 10
M_exp[idx_TMD1, idx_TMD1] = m_TMD

# Stiffness coupling (affects both TMD and attachment point)
K_exp[idx_TMD1, idx_TMD1] = k_TMD
K_exp[idx_TMD1, idx_y2] = -k_TMD
K_exp[idx_y2, idx_TMD1] = -k_TMD
K_exp[idx_y2, idx_y2] += k_TMD # Add to existing stiffness

# Damping coupling
C_exp[idx_TMD1, idx_TMD1] = c_TMD
C_exp[idx_TMD1, idx_y2] = -c_TMD
C_exp[idx_y2, idx_TMD1] = -c_TMD
C_exp[idx_y2, idx_y2] += c_TMD

# Add TMD2 (attached to y_41, index 6)
# TMD DOF index in expanded system: 11
idx_TMD2 = 11
M_exp[idx_TMD2, idx_TMD2] = m_TMD

# Stiffness coupling
K_exp[idx_TMD2, idx_TMD2] = k_TMD
K_exp[idx_TMD2, idx_y41] = -k_TMD
K_exp[idx_y41, idx_TMD2] = -k_TMD
K_exp[idx_y41, idx_y41] += k_TMD

# Damping coupling
C_exp[idx_TMD2, idx_TMD2] = c_TMD
C_exp[idx_TMD2, idx_y41] = -c_TMD
C_exp[idx_y41, idx_TMD2] = -c_TMD
C_exp[idx_y41, idx_y41] += c_TMD

print(f"\nExpanded system: {n_dof_expanded} DOFs")
print(f"TMD1 added at index {idx_TMD1} (attached to y_2)")
print(f"TMD2 added at index {idx_TMD2} (attached to y_41)")

# Compute FRF for system WITH TMDs
def compute_frf_with_damping(M, K, C, freq_array, eta_structural):
    """
        Compute FRF with explicit damping matrix C plus structural (hysteretic) damping.
        Z(ω) = K(1 + jη) + jωC - ω²M
    """
    n_dof = M.shape[0]

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n_freq = len(freq_array)
H = np.zeros((n_freq, n_dof, n_dof), dtype=complex)

for i, f in enumerate(freq_array):
    omega = 2 * np.pi * f
    # TMD DOFs + connections: represented via explicit viscous matrix C
    K_complex = K.copy().astype(complex)
    K_complex[:n_dof_original, :n_dof_original] *= (1 + 1j * eta_structural)

    # Dynamic stiffness with both hysteretic and viscous damping
    Z = K_complex + 1j * omega * C - omega**2 * M
    H[i, :, :] = linalg.solve(Z, np.eye(n_dof))

return H

# Compute FRF for expanded system
H_with_TMD = compute_frf_with_damping(M_exp, K_exp, C_exp, freq, eta)

# Extract FRFs from expanded system (DOF indices unchanged for original DOFs)
H_diff_Fc_TMD = H_with_TMD[:, idx_y2, 1] - H_with_TMD[:, 1, 1] # (y_2 - y_c)/F_c
H_y2_plus_8theta_TMD = H_with_TMD[:, idx_y2, 2] + L_solar * H_with_TMD[:, 2, 2] # (y_2 + 8*θ_c)/M_c

# Plot comparison
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))

# (y_2 - y_c) / F_c
axes[0].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_diff_Fc), 'b-', linewidth=2, label='Without TMD')
axes[0].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_diff_Fc_TMD), 'r--', linewidth=2, label='With TMD')
axes[0].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[0].set_ylabel('|(y_2 - y_c) / F_c| [m/N]')
axes[0].set_title('(y_2 - y_c) / F_c', fontweight='bold')
axes[0].legend()
axes[0].grid(True, which='both', alpha=0.3)

# (y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c
axes[1].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta), 'b-', linewidth=2, label='Without TMD')
axes[1].semilogy(freq, np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta_TMD), 'r--', linewidth=2, label='With TMD')
axes[1].set_xlabel('Frequency [Hz]')
axes[1].set_ylabel('|(y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c| [m/Nm]')
axes[1].set_title('(y_2 + 8m×θ_c) / M_c', fontweight='bold')
axes[1].legend()
axes[1].grid(True, which='both', alpha=0.3)

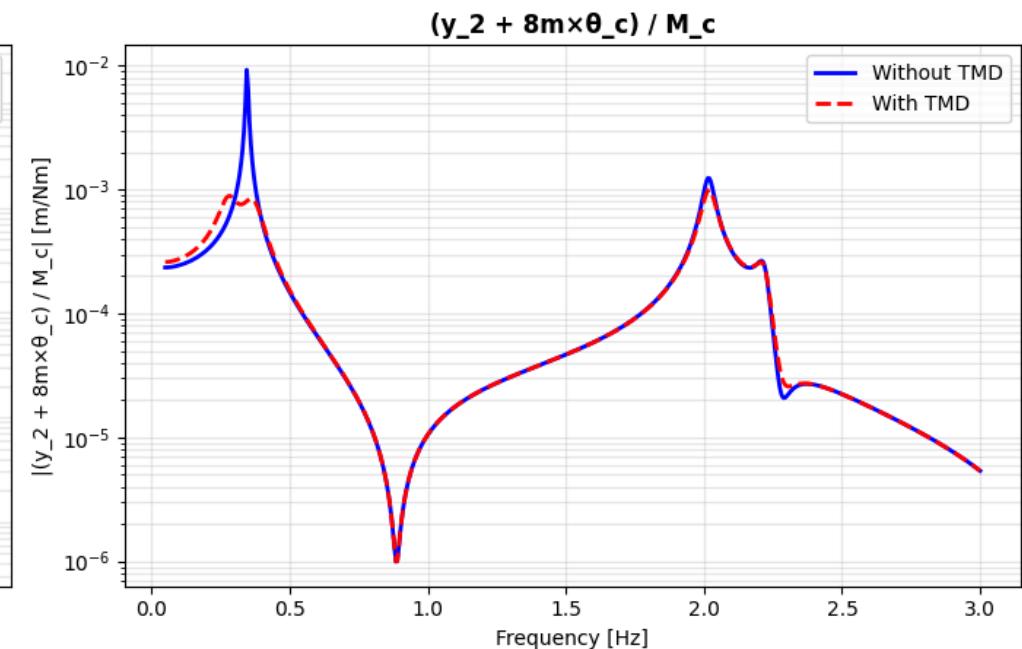
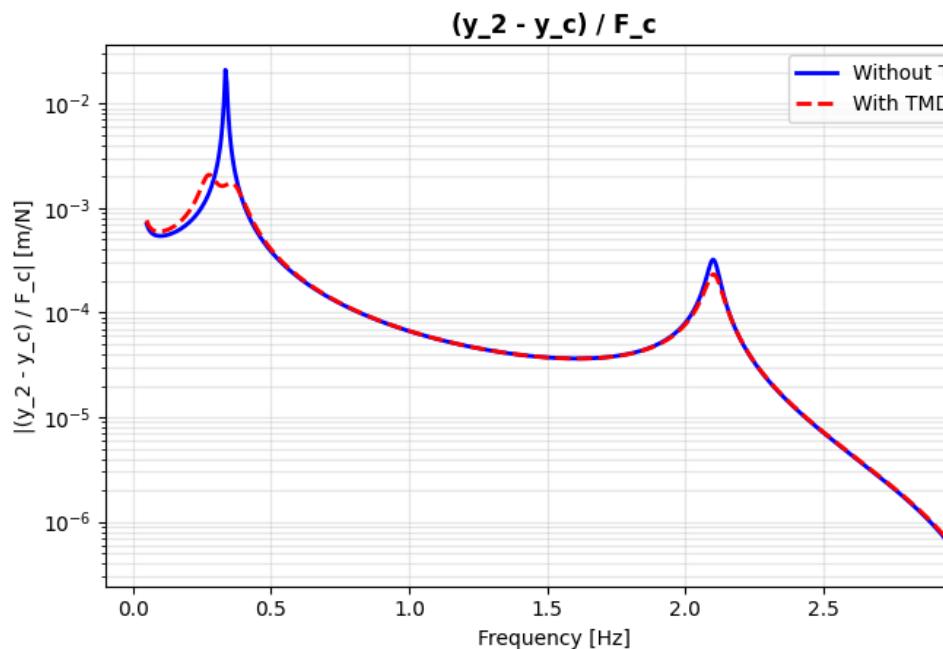
plt.suptitle('Assignment 2.3: FRF Comparison - With and Without TMD', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Expanded system: 12 DOFs

TMD1 added at index 10 (attached to y_2)
TMD2 added at index 11 (attached to y_{41})

Assignment 2.3: FRF Comparison - With and Without TMD



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In [17]: print("""
Comparing the transfer functions with and without the TMD:
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- Equal peaks:
On the graph for $(y_2 - y_c)/F_c$, we clearly see that the original large peak has been split into two smaller peaks of roughly equal amplitude.
- Efficiency on force excitation:
The reduction in amplitude for the targeted transfer function is massive. The resonance peak is drastically lower, which should significantly reduce energy input.
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- Equal peaks:

On the graph for $(y_2 - y_c)/F_c$, we clearly see that the original large peak has been split into two smaller peaks of roughly equal amplitude. This confirms that the Den Hartog tuning (which aims for this exact behavior) was calculated correctly.

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The reduction in amplitude for the targeted transfer function is massive. The resonance peak is drastically lower, which should significantly improve the fatigue life.

- Efficiency on torque excitation:

Interestingly, the TMD is also very effective for the torque case (M_c). This is because the dominant mode for torque (Mode 5, anti-symmetric) has a frequency (0.34 Hz) extremely close to the targeted Mode 4 (0.33 Hz). Since the TMD provides damping over a small frequency band, it covers both modes effectively.

Assignment 2.4: The TMD introduces two peaks near the original natural frequency. Based on the maximum of these two peaks, can you estimate an equivalent damping for the initial system (without TMD) which would lead to the same maximum of the transfer function around this natural frequency ? Give this estimate for the two transfer functions.

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In [18]: # Estimate an equivalent damping that would give the same peak reduction as the TMD.  
# Method:  $\xi_{\text{equiv}} = (H_{\text{peak\_original}} / H_{\text{peak\_with\_TMD}}) \times \xi_{\text{original}}$   
  
max_without_TMD_Fc = np.max(np.abs(H_diff_Fc))  
max_with_TMD_Fc = np.max(np.abs(H_diff_Fc_TMD))  
  
max_without_TMD_Mc = np.max(np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta))  
max_with_TMD_Mc = np.max(np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta_TMD))  
  
# Compute equivalent damping using peak ratio method  
xi_equiv_Fc = max_without_TMD_Fc / max_with_TMD_Fc * xi  
xi_equiv_Mc = max_without_TMD_Mc / max_with_TMD_Mc * xi  
  
print(f"""\nMethod: Using the peak ratio to estimate equivalent damping.
```

The TMD effect can be approximated by an equivalent increased damping in the original system. If the peak is reduced by a factor $R = H_{\text{original}}/H_{\text{with_TMD}}$, then the equivalent damping ratio is approximately: $\xi_{\text{equiv}} \approx R \times \xi_{\text{original}}$

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--- Results for  $(y_2 - y_c) / F_c$  ---  
Original peak: {max_without_TMD_Fc:.6f} m/N
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TMD peak:      {max_with_TMD_Fc:.6f} m/N
Peak ratio:    {max_without_TMD_Fc/max_with_TMD_Fc:.3f}

EQUIVALENT DAMPING RATIO:  $\xi_{\text{equiv}} = \{\xi_{\text{equiv\_Fc}}\} (\{\xi_{\text{equiv\_Fc}} * 100\} .2f)\%$ 

--- Results for  $(y_2 + 8m\theta_c) / M_c$  ---
Original peak: {max_without_TMD_Mc:.6f} m/Nm
TMD peak:      {max_with_TMD_Mc:.6f} m/Nm
Peak ratio:    {max_without_TMD_Mc/max_with_TMD_Mc:.3f}

EQUIVALENT DAMPING RATIO:  $\xi_{\text{equiv}} = \{\xi_{\text{equiv\_Mc}}\} (\{\xi_{\text{equiv\_Mc}} * 100\} .2f)\%$ 
""")

# Store for use in Assignment 3
xi_equiv_dict = {
    'Fc': xi_equiv_Fc,
    'Mc': xi_equiv_Mc
}

```

Method: Using the peak ratio to estimate equivalent damping.

The TMD effect can be approximated by an equivalent increased damping in the original system. If the peak is reduced by a factor $R = H_{\text{original}}/H_{\text{with_TMD}}$, then the equivalent damping ratio is approximately: $\xi_{\text{equiv}} \approx R \times \xi_{\text{original}}$

```

--- Results for  $(y_2 - y_c) / F_c$  ---
Original peak: 0.021070 m/N
TMD peak:      0.002089 m/N
Peak ratio:    10.085

EQUIVALENT DAMPING RATIO:  $\xi_{\text{equiv}} = 0.1009$  (10.09%)

```

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--- Results for  $(y_2 + 8m\theta_c) / M_c$  ---
Original peak: 0.009263 m/Nm
TMD peak:      0.000994 m/Nm
Peak ratio:    9.316

```

EQUIVALENT DAMPING RATIO: $\xi_{\text{equiv}} = 0.0932$ (9.32%)

```

In [19]: print(f"""
The TMD creates a "notch" in the frequency response, reducing the maximum amplitude. If we wanted to achieve the same peak amplitude using a standard damper, we would need to increase the damping ratio by a factor of approximately 10.09% for the force transfer function and 9.32% for the torque transfer function.

Estimated equivalent damping:
- For the Force transfer function: {xi_equiv_Fc:.4f} (approx {xi_equiv_Fc*100:.1f}%) 
- For the Torque transfer function: {xi_equiv_Mc:.4f} (approx {xi_equiv_Mc*100:.1f}%)
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The TMD creates a "notch" in the frequency response, reducing the maximum amplitude. If we wanted to achieve the same peak amplitude using only simple viscous damping in the original system, we would need much higher damping ratios.

Estimated equivalent damping:

- For the Force transfer function: 0.1009 (approx 10.1%)
- For the Torque transfer function: 0.0932 (approx 9.3%)

The original damping was only 1%. This shows that the TMD acts as a powerful energy dissipation device at the tuned frequency, acting like a large increase in structural damping.

3. Time Domain Computations

We assume that the main body of the satellite is subjected to a torque M_C of the form given in Figure 2.

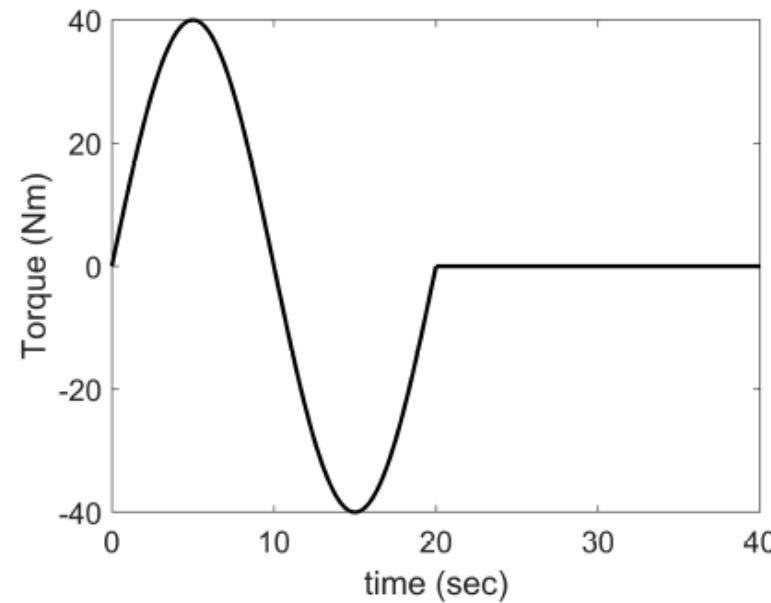


Figure 2: Torque (M_c) applied to the satellite for position control

Assignment 3.1: Compute and represent the rotation of the main body $\theta_c(t)$ for a duration of 60 seconds using a convolution between the force vector and the impulse responses, after a projection in the modal basis. As the rigid body modes have a natural frequency = 0 Hz, their impulse response would lead to an infinite response so you are asked not to consider them in your computation.

```
In [20]: # Compute θ_c(t) using convolution between torque M_c(t) and modal impulse responses.  
# EXCLUDE rigid body modes (f ≈ 0 Hz) as they lead to infinite response.  
  
# Construct the torque signal M_c(t)  
# M_c(t) = 40 * sin(π*t/10) for 0 ≤ t ≤ 20s, then 0  
  
dt = 0.01 # Time step [s]  
t_end = 60 # Total duration [s]  
t_time = np.arange(0, t_end + dt, dt) # Time vector  
  
# Construct torque signal  
T_period = 20 # Period of the sine [s] (one complete cycle in 20s)  
M_c_signal = np.zeros_like(t_time)  
  
# For 0 <= t <= 20: M_c = 40 * sin(π*t/10)  
# This gives: peak +40 at t=5s, zero at t=10s, peak -40 at t=15s, zero at t=20s  
mask = t_time <= T_period  
M_c_signal[mask] = 40 * np.sin(np.pi * t_time[mask] / 10)  
  
# Plot the torque signal  
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 4))  
ax.plot(t_time, M_c_signal, 'b-', linewidth=1.5)  
ax.set_xlabel('Time [s]')  
ax.set_ylabel('Torque M_c(t) [Nm]')  
ax.set_title('Input Torque Signal (Bang-Bang Profile)', fontweight='bold')  
ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)  
ax.axhline(y=0, color='black', linewidth=0.5)  
ax.axhline(y=40, color='red', linestyle=':', alpha=0.5, label='+40 Nm')  
ax.axhline(y=-40, color='red', linestyle=':', alpha=0.5)  
ax.legend()  
plt.tight_layout()  
plt.show()  
  
print(f"\nTorque signal constructed:")  
print(f" Time range: 0 to {t_end} s, dt = {dt} s, {len(t_time)} samples")  
print(f" Max torque: {np.max(M_c_signal):.1f} Nm at t = {t_time[np.argmax(M_c_signal)]:.2f} s")  
print(f" Min torque: {np.min(M_c_signal):.1f} Nm at t = {t_time[np.argmin(M_c_signal)]:.2f} s")
```

```

# Define modal impulse response function
def modal_impulse_response(omega_n, xi, mu, t):
    """
    Compute impulse response of a SDOF system in modal coordinates.

    h(t) = (1/(mu*omega_d)) * exp(-xi*omega_n*t) * sin(omega_d*t)
    """

    Parameters:
    -----
    omega_n : float - Natural frequency [rad/s]
    xi : float - Damping ratio
    mu : float - Modal mass
    t : ndarray - Time vector

    Returns:
    -----
    h : ndarray - Impulse response
    """
    omega_d = omega_n * np.sqrt(1 - xi**2) # Damped frequency
    h = (1 / (mu * omega_d)) * np.exp(-xi * omega_n * t) * np.sin(omega_d * t)
    return h

# Compute response using modal superposition
# θ_c(t) = ∑_r [ψ_θc,r * z_r(t)] where z_r(t) = h_r(t) * f_r(t) (convolution)

# DOF index for θ_c
idx_theta_c = 2

# Only use flexible modes: exclude the first 3 rigid body modes
flexible_mode_indices = np.arange(3, len(f_n))
print(f"\nUsing {len(flexible_mode_indices)} flexible modes (excluding 3 rigid body modes)")

# Initialize response
theta_c_response = np.zeros_like(t_time)

for mode_idx in flexible_mode_indices:
    # Modal parameters
    omega_r = omega_n[mode_idx]
    psi_r = eigenvectors[:, mode_idx]
    mu_r = psi_r.T @ M @ psi_r # Modal mass

    # Mode shape at θ_c (input DOF for torque)
    psi_theta_c = psi_r[idx_theta_c]

    # Modal force: f_r(t) = ψ_θc,r * M_c(t)

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f_modal_r = psi_theta_c * M_c_signal

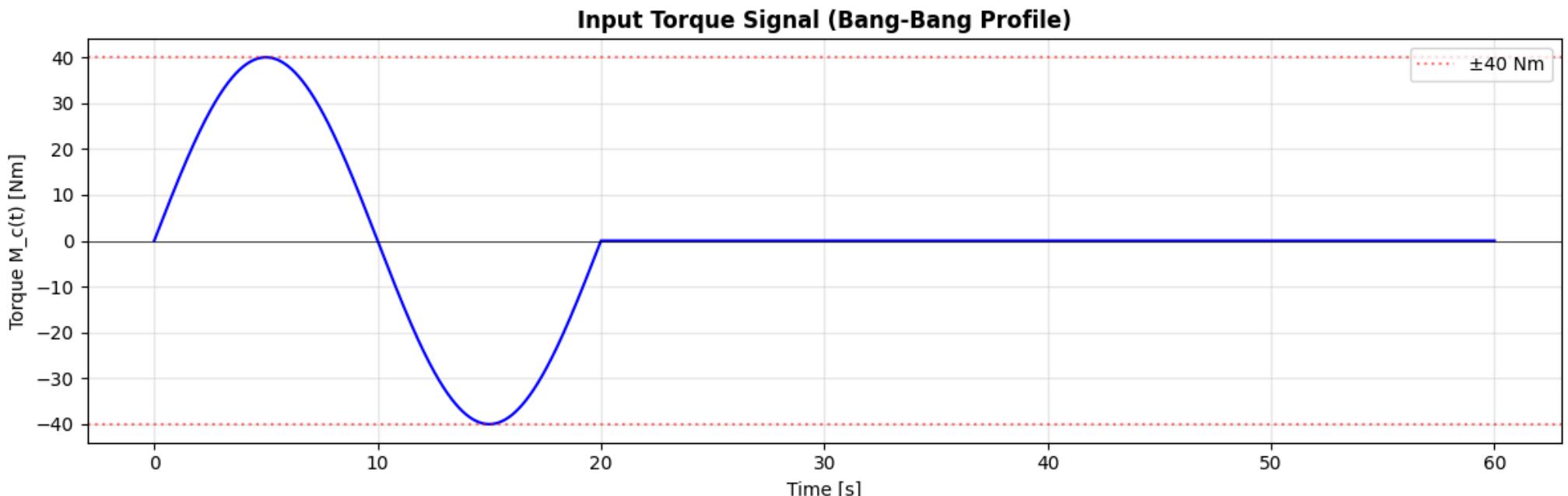
# Modal impulse response
h_r = modal_impulse_response(omega_r, xi, mu_r, t_time)

# Convolution to get modal response z_r(t)
# Using scipy.signal.convolve and multiply by dt for physical scaling
z_r = convolve(h_r, f_modal_r, mode='full')[len(t_time):] * dt

# Add modal contribution to physical response
# θ_c(t) += ψ_θc,r * z_r(t)
theta_c_response += psi_theta_c * z_r

# Plot θ_c(t)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 5))
ax.plot(t_time, theta_c_response, 'b-', linewidth=1)
ax.set_xlabel('Time [s]')
ax.set_ylabel('θ_c(t) [rad]')
ax.set_title('Assignment 3.1: Main Body Rotation θ_c(t) - No TMD', fontweight='bold')
ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
ax.axhline(y=0, color='black', linewidth=0.5)
ax.axvline(x=20, color='red', linestyle=':', alpha=0.5, label='End of torque')
ax.legend()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



Torque signal constructed:

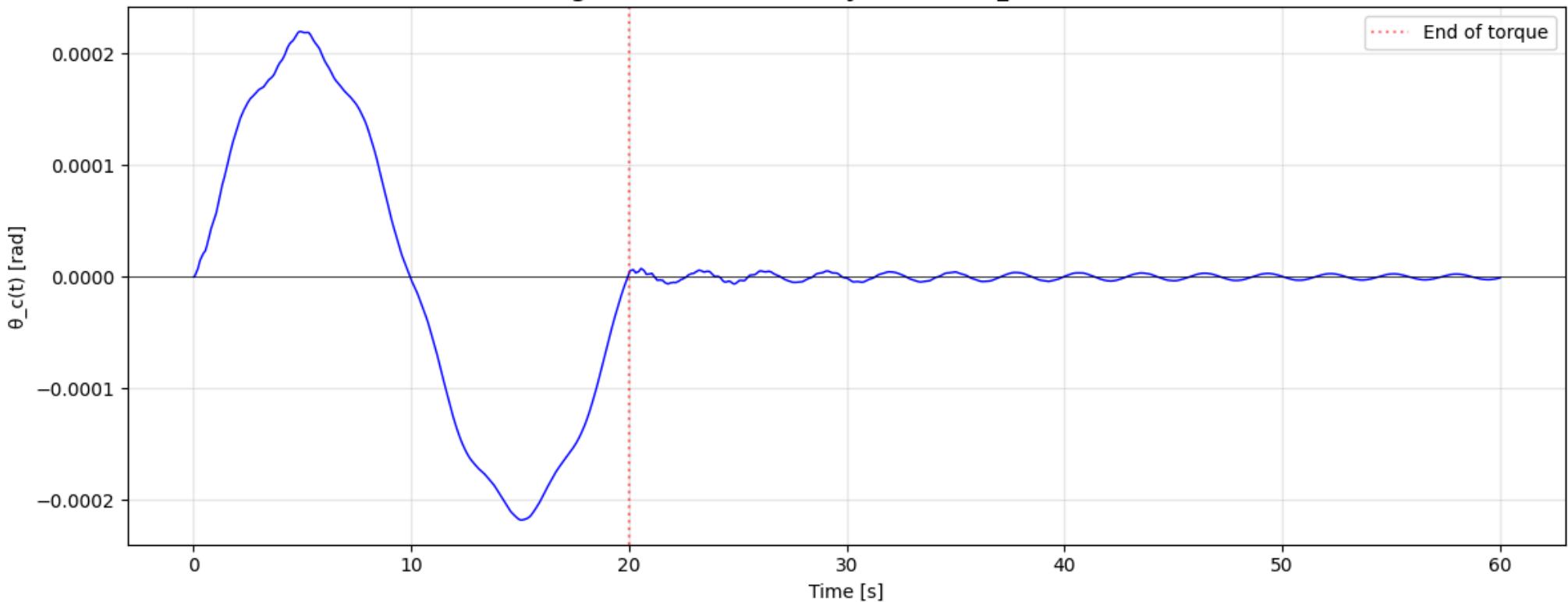
Time range: 0 to 60 s, dt = 0.01 s, 6001 samples

Max torque: 40.0 Nm at t = 5.00 s

Min torque: -40.0 Nm at t = 15.00 s

Using 7 flexible modes (excluding 3 rigid body modes)

Assignment 3.1: Main Body Rotation $\theta_c(t)$ - No TMD



In [21]:

```
print("")  
The rotation of the main body follows the global shape of the input torque ("Bang-Bang" profile). During the first 20 seconds, the satellite  
These oscillations decay over time due to the structural damping. We can see small high-frequency ripples on top of the main movement, which  
"""")
```

The rotation of the main body follows the global shape of the input torque ("Bang-Bang" profile). During the first 20 seconds, the satellite rotates under the applied torque. After 20 seconds (when the torque becomes zero), the satellite continues to oscillate slightly.

These oscillations decay over time due to the structural damping. We can see small high-frequency ripples on top of the main movement, which correspond to the flexible modes of the appendages being excited by the maneuver.

Assignment 3.2: Compute and represent $(y_2(t) + 8m \times \theta_c(t))$ for a duration of 60 seconds using the same methodology. Comment on the differences between this curve and the one computed in subquestion 1, and give their physical meaning.

In [22]: # Compute the TOTAL displacement of the solar panel tip.

```
# DOF indices
idx_y2 = 4 # y_2 (left solar panel tip)
idx_theta_c = 2 # θ_c (main body rotation)

# Compute y_2(t) and θ_c(t) separately, then combine
y2_response = np.zeros_like(t_time)

for mode_idx in flexible_mode_indices:
    # Modal parameters
    omega_r = omega_n[mode_idx]
    psi_r = eigenvectors[:, mode_idx]
    mu_r = psi_r.T @ M @ psi_r # Modal mass

    # Mode shape at input (θ_c) and output (y_2)
    psi_theta_c = psi_r[idx_theta_c]
    psi_y2 = psi_r[idx_y2]

    # Modal force: f_r(t) = ψ_θc,r * M_c(t)
    f_modal_r = psi_theta_c * M_c_signal

    # Modal impulse response
    h_r = modal_impulse_response(omega_r, xi, mu_r, t_time)

    # Convolution to get modal response z_r(t)
    z_r = convolve(h_r, f_modal_r, mode='full')[:len(t_time)] * dt

    # Add modal contribution to y_2(t)
    y2_response += psi_y2 * z_r

# Combine: (y_2 + 8m × θ_c)
y2_plus_8theta = y2_response + L_solar * theta_c_response

# Plot comparison
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(12, 8), sharex=True)

# θ_c(t)
```

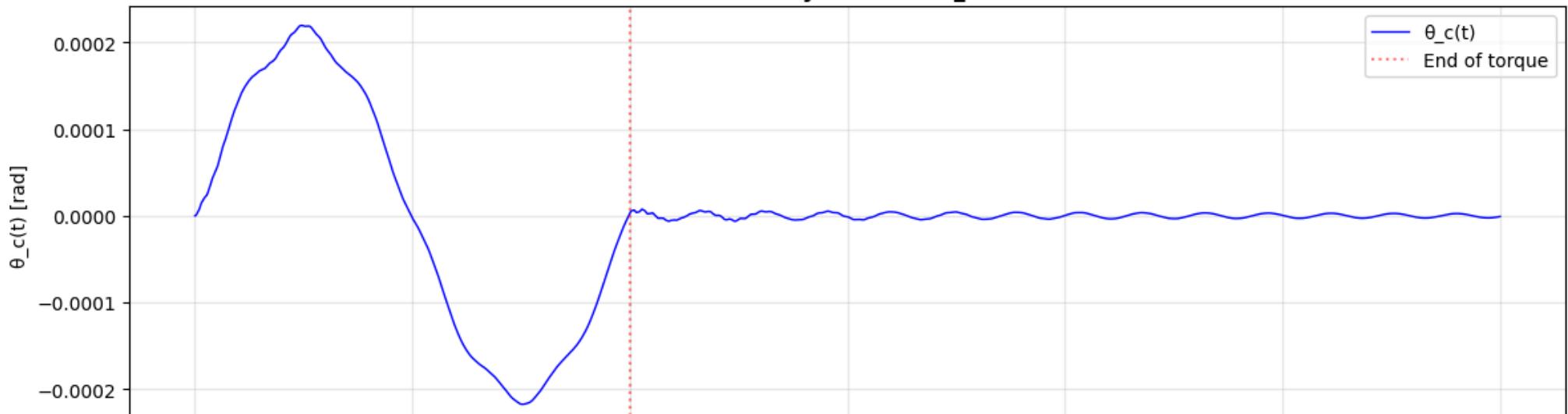
```
axes[0].plot(t_time, theta_c_response, 'b-', linewidth=1, label='θ_c(t)')
axes[0].set_ylabel('θ_c(t) [rad]')
axes[0].set_title('Main Body Rotation θ_c(t)', fontweight='bold')
axes[0].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
axes[0].axvline(x=20, color='red', linestyle=':', alpha=0.5, label='End of torque')
axes[0].legend()

#  $(y_2 + 8\theta_c)(t)$ 
axes[1].plot(t_time, y2_plus_8theta, 'g-', linewidth=1, label='(y_2 + 8mθ_c)(t)')
axes[1].set_xlabel('Time [s]')
axes[1].set_ylabel('(y_2 + 8mθ_c)(t) [m]')
axes[1].set_title('Total Solar Panel Tip Displacement (y_2 + 8mθ_c)(t)', fontweight='bold')
axes[1].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
axes[1].axvline(x=20, color='red', linestyle=':', alpha=0.5, label='End of torque')
axes[1].legend()

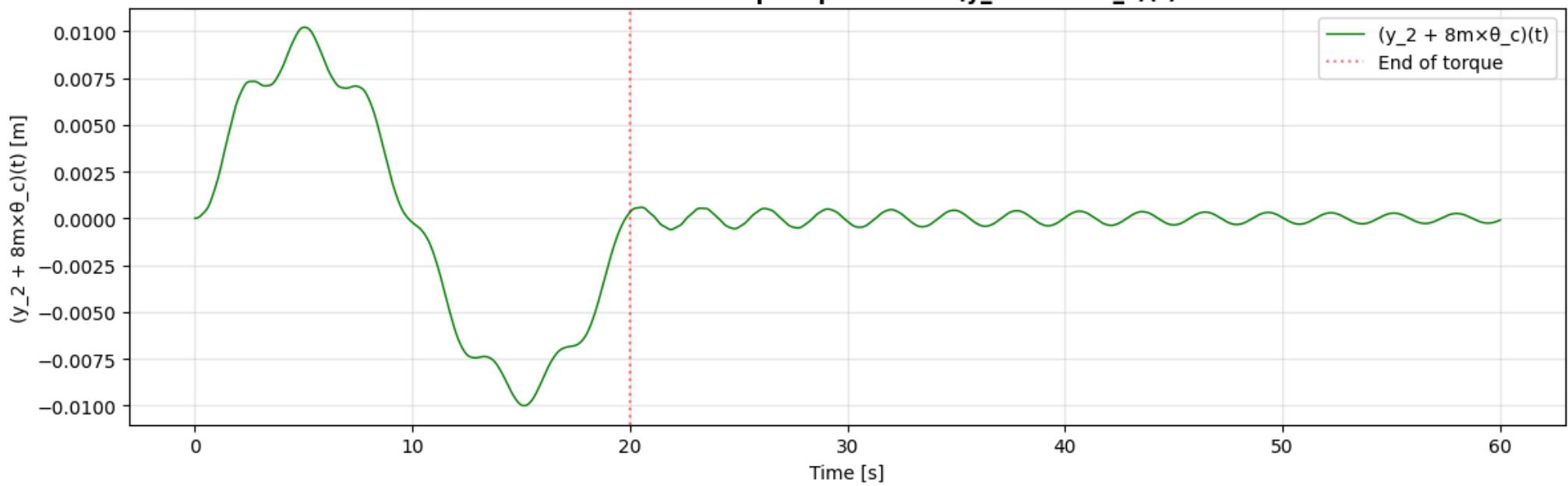
plt.suptitle('Assignment 3.2: Comparison of θ_c(t) and (y_2 + 8mθ_c)(t)', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Assignment 3.2: Comparison of $\theta_c(t)$ and $(y_2 + 8m \times \theta_c)(t)$

Main Body Rotation $\theta_c(t)$



Total Solar Panel Tip Displacement $(y_2 + 8m \times \theta_c)(t)$



In [23]:

```
print("")  
The displacement of the solar array tip shows a much more "chaotic" behavior than the main body rotation.
```

- Differences:

While θ_c is dominated by the global rigid body inertia, the tip displacement is heavily influenced by the flexible bending of the p

- Physical meaning:

The curve shows higher frequency components. This is because the solar arrays act like cantilevers: when the main body rotates, the flexible panels "lag behind" and vibrate at their own natural frequencies. The amplitude is also significant due to the distance from the center (8m), which amplifies the effect of the rotation.

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Assignment 3.3: Use the equivalent damping estimated from both transfer functions in subquestion 4 of the questions related to the TMD (Assignment 2.4) to approximate the effect of the two TMDs, and compute and plot again $\theta_c(t)$, and $(y_2(t) + 8m \times \theta_c(t))$ (superpose the curves to the ones without the TMDs). Comment on the effect of the TMD on $\theta_c(t)$ and $(y_2(t) + 8m \times \theta_c(t))$, and give a physical interpretation.

In [24]: # Use the equivalent damping ratios from Assignment 2.4 to approximate TMD effect.

```
print(f"\nEquivalent damping ratios from Assignment 2.4:")
print(f" - For  $(y_2 - y_c)/F_c$ :  $\xi_{equiv} = \{xi\_equiv\_Fc:.4f\}$  (vs original  $\xi = \{xi:.4f\}$ )")
print(f" - For  $(y_2 + 8\theta_c)/M_c$ :  $\xi_{equiv} = \{xi\_equiv\_Mc:.4f\}$ ")

# Recompute  $\theta_c(t)$  with equivalent damping (use the Mc-based equivalent damping)
theta_c_with_TMD = np.zeros_like(t_time)
y2_with_TMD = np.zeros_like(t_time)

# We are looking for the maximum peak in the torque transfer function.
idx_peak_Mc = np.argmax(np.abs(H_y2_plus_8theta))
freq_peak_Mc = freq[idx_peak_Mc]
# The corresponding mode number can be found
dominant_mode_Mc = np.argmin(np.abs(f_n - freq_peak_Mc)) + 1

mode_damped = dominant_mode_Mc - 1 # mode linked to the  $(y_2 + 8\theta)/Mc$  peak

for mode_idx in flexible_mode_indices:
    omega_r = omega_n[mode_idx]
    psi_r = eigenvectors[:, mode_idx]
    mu_r = psi_r.T @ M @ psi_r
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psi_theta_c = psi_r[idx_theta_c]
psi_y2 = psi_r[idx_y2]

# Modal force
f_modal_r = psi_theta_c * M_c_signal

# Use both equivalent damping estimates (from subquestion 2.4)
if mode_idx == dominant_mode_Fc - 1:
    xi_mode = xi_equiv_Fc
elif mode_idx == dominant_mode_Mc - 1:
    xi_mode = xi_equiv_Mc
else:
    xi_mode = xi

# Modal impulse response with (possibly) increased damping
h_r_TMD = modal_impulse_response(omega_r, xi_mode, mu_r, t_time)

# Convolution
z_r_TMD = convolve(h_r_TMD, f_modal_r, mode='full')[:len(t_time)] * dt

# Accumulate contributions
theta_c_with_TMD += psi_theta_c * z_r_TMD
y2_with_TMD += psi_y2 * z_r_TMD

# Combine for total solar panel tip motion
y2_plus_8theta_with_TMD = y2_with_TMD + L_solar * theta_c_with_TMD

# Plot comparison: With and Without TMD
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(14, 10), sharex=True)

# θ_c(t)
axes[0].plot(t_time, theta_c_response, 'b-', linewidth=1, alpha=0.7, label='Without TMD')
axes[0].plot(t_time, theta_c_with_TMD, 'r--', linewidth=1, alpha=0.7, label='With TMD (equiv. damping)')
axes[0].set_ylabel('θ_c(t) [rad]')
axes[0].set_title('Main Body Rotation θ_c(t): Effect of TMD', fontweight='bold')
axes[0].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
axes[0].axvline(x=20, color='green', linestyle=':', alpha=0.5, label='End of torque')
axes[0].legend()

# (y_2 + 8×θ_c)(t)
axes[1].plot(t_time, y2_plus_8theta, 'b-', linewidth=1, alpha=0.7, label='Without TMD')
axes[1].plot(t_time, y2_plus_8theta_with_TMD, 'r--', linewidth=1, alpha=0.7, label='With TMD (equiv. damping)')
axes[1].set_xlabel('Time [s]')
axes[1].set_ylabel('(y_2 + 8m×θ_c)(t) [m]')
axes[1].set_title('Solar Panel Tip Displacement (y_2 + 8m×θ_c)(t): Effect of TMD', fontweight='bold')

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axes[1].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
axes[1].axvline(x=20, color='green', linestyle=':', alpha=0.5)
axes[1].legend()

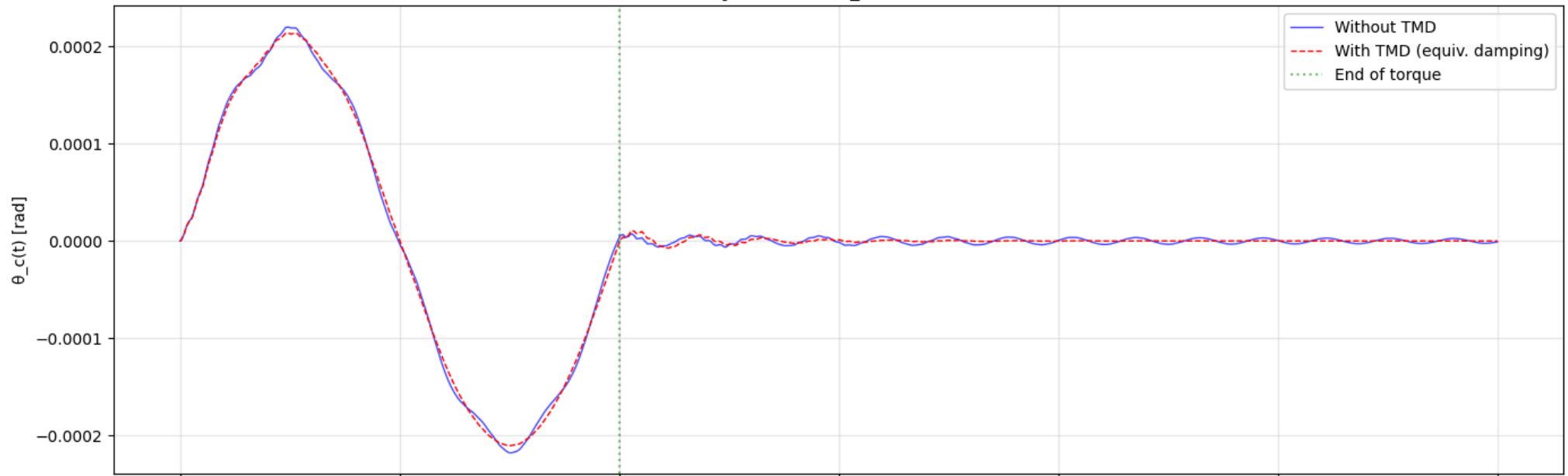
plt.suptitle('Assignment 3.3: Comparison With and Without TMD', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Equivalent damping ratios from Assignment 2.4:

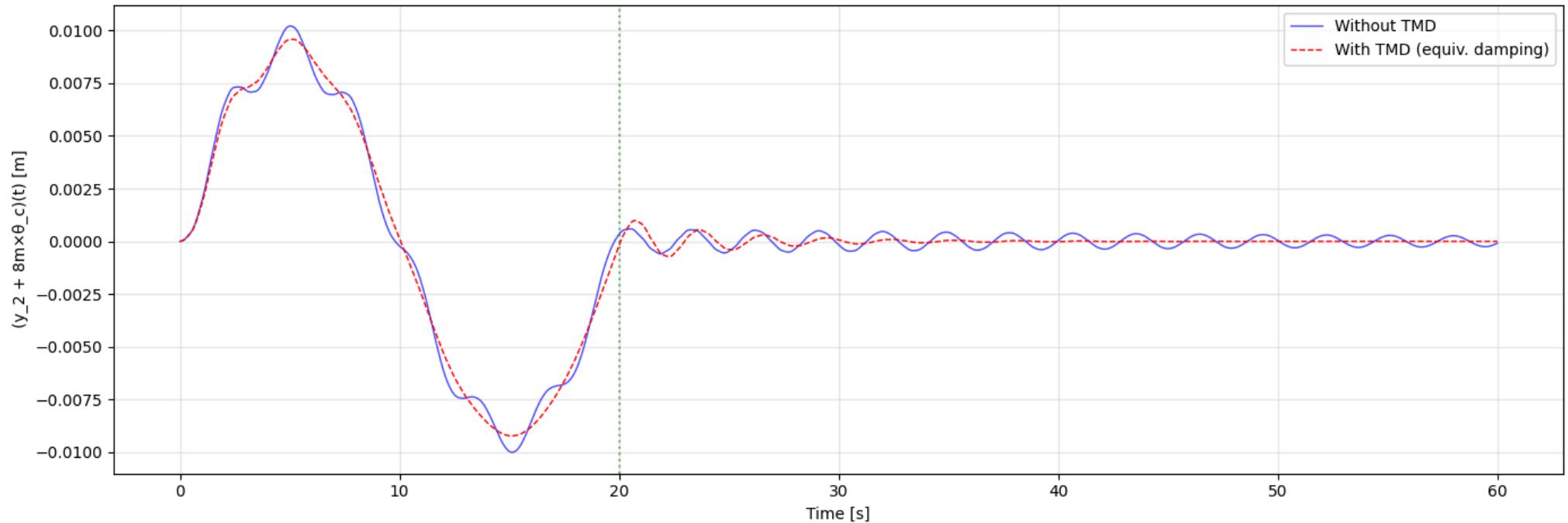
- For $(y_2 - y_c)/F_c$: $\xi_{\text{equiv}} = 0.1009$ (vs original $\xi = 0.0100$)
- For $(y_2 + 8\theta_c)/M_c$: $\xi_{\text{equiv}} = 0.0932$

Assignment 3.3: Comparison With and Without TMD

Main Body Rotation $\theta_c(t)$: Effect of TMD



Solar Panel Tip Displacement $(y_2 + 8m \times \theta_c)(t)$: Effect of TMD



In [25]: `print("")`

By using the equivalent damping approximation, we can superpose the curves. We observe that the vibration amplitude decays faster with the TMD.

The TMD absorbs the energy of the vibration, acting as an energy sink. However, the reduction in the peak amplitude in the time domain is not as drastic as what we saw in the Frequency Domain (FRF). This is typical for transient excitations: the TMD needs a few cycles to enter into resonance with the main structure and start dissipating energy effectively. Nevertheless, the oscillations die out much quicker, which reduces the total number of fatigue cycles for the solar arrays.

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