Symmetrical Components **ECE 523**

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Why Use Symmetrical Components?

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Off-Line analysis:

- Analyzing unbalanced circuit conditions
 - » Steady-state or quasi-steady-state
- Simpler computations by hand
- Good for matrix methods
 - » Approach used in most commercial fault programs
- But computer tools can overcome phase domain computational disadvantages

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Diagnostic Tools

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- Visualization of faults
 - » From fault programs
 - » From event results
- Signatures for faults to improve protection
 - » Speed of response
 - » Sensitivity
 - » Security

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Harmonic Analysis

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- Integer harmonics→ starting from balanced 3[†] voltages
 - » Phase rotation varies for each harmonic
 - » Balanced three phase sets
 - Zero sequence: 0, 3, 6, 9, etc
 - Positive sequence: 1, 4, 7, 10, etc
 - Negative sequence: 2, 5, 8, 11, etc
 - » Design harmonic cancellation in some power converter configurations
- Space harmonics useful in machine design

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Power Converter Control

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- Example: Voltage source converter
 - » Combine Park's transform and symmetrical components
 - » Synchronous reference frame for positive and negative sequence
 - » Add filters to remove double frequency

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