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# Open-Circuit Fault Diagnosis of Dual Active Bridge DC-DC Converter With Extended-Phase-Shift Control

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**ABSTRACT** This paper proposes a simple and fast fault diagnosis strategy for bidirectional isolated dual-active-bridge dc–dc converter with the extended-phase-shift control to improve reliability. The fault diagnosis strategy utilizes the average values of the voltage to quickly identify failures position and devices in either transistors or diodes without adding any hardware cost. First, two conditions are classified according to the direction of the inductor current on the primary side. Then, a comprehensive operation analysis during normal and faulty conditions is presented. Based on the characterization of open-circuit faults in diodes and transistors, open circuit faults diagnose strategy is derived and validated through both simulation and experimental test for different fault conditions.

**INDEX TERMS** Bidirectional DC-DC converter, extended-phase shift control, fault diagnosis, reliability.

## I. INTRODUCTION

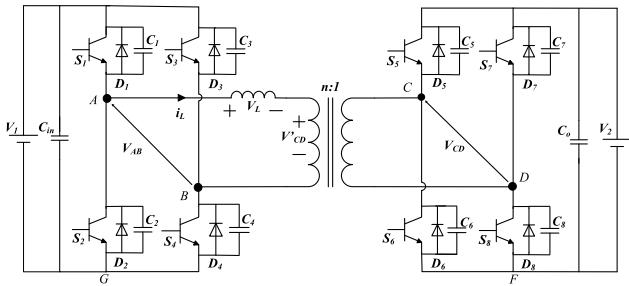
Bidirectional isolated dc–dc converters are becoming more and more important for the applications in the Electric Vehicles [1], energy storage system [2], distributed energy generating [3], and solid-state transformer [4]. Among different circuit topologies for the bidirectional isolated dc–dc converters, dual-active-bridge (DAB) dc–dc converter shows obvious advantages in terms of power density, modular design, and easy-to-control [5]–[10].

The circuit diagram of DAB converter is shown in Fig. 1 and the conventional phase shift (CPS) is used due to its control simplicity. However, the energy conversion efficiency with the CPS is limited due to high circulating current and narrow soft-switching range [11]. Thus, a great deal of advanced phase-shift strategies have been proposed in [12]–[17], which present the operation principle of multi-

ple phase shift control by adding additional control dimensions for achieving optimal control scheme. Among them, the extended-phase-shift (EPS) is regarded as one promising strategy for achieving the efficiency improvement in [18]. Furthermore, the EPS control only has one additional control dimension, which achieves the balance in the efficiency improvement and the implementation complexity [19].

The reliability of power electronics converters such as the DAB converter is essential especially for some critical applications such as electric vehicles, aerospace, and medical industry [20]. A survey about the reliability of the power electronic converters indicates that the most vulnerable component for failure is the power electronics devices including MOSFETs or diodes [21]. The consequences of the faults in power electronics devices include high repair cost, device replacement, and usually stoppage of whole system [22]. Thus, different failure mechanism for power electronics devices under different conditions should be analyzed intensively and fault diagnosis strategies must be utilized

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**FIGURE 1.** Circuit diagram of the DAB converter.

in order to improve the reliability of power electronics converters.

Although there are different causes for failures in power devices, one consensus is clear that all these failures such as the open-circuit and short-circuit faults are closely linked with the operation conditions and circuit parameters. For the short-circuit faults, hardware protection has been integrated into the gate driving circuit as a standard design. However, considering that no standard design is used for the open-circuit faults, this paper will mainly focus on the open-circuit fault diagnosis for power devices in DAB converter. Especially with the EPS control, more control variables result in complicated operation modes and faulty conditions. Thus, main symptoms of DAB converters during faulty conditions must be deeply investigated.

When open-circuit faults (OCFs) in power devices occur, the stoppage of the system may not happen immediately, the resulted overstress may damage some healthy components if the faults cannot be detected as early as possible. Thus, many methods have been used to address the problem. For instance, conventional methods such as conservative design with overlarge power rating and devices or circuits parallel are not cost effective [23]. Also, the additional parallel circuit deteriorates the power density of power converters. In [24], an OCF diagnosis method was proposed according to the faulty operation analysis. Additional components are required and the circuit reconfiguration should be made under an open-circuit power device fault. In [25], the dc-link current derivative sign was adopted to detect the OCFs in interleaved dc–dc converter. Both healthy and faulty operations are studies to derive the dc-link current. In [26] and [27], the magnetic near field by using a loop near field probe was utilized to detect the OCFs for the dc–dc converter. However, the accuracy of near field probe is highly relied on the detection position, which may cause the detection error issue. In [28], the change of the inductor current with the time was used to detect the OCFs. Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) and high bandwidth current sensor were used to implement the complicated algorithm and ensure its performance. However, it may increase the cost of fault detection method. In [29], a printed circuit board Rogowski coil was placed on the capacitor terminals and the derivative of the capacitor current was captured to detect the OCFs. In [30], the diode

voltage was used as the detection signature and a logic circuit was designed to indicate the failed devices. In [31], additional hardware circuit was designed by measuring the submodule output voltage to locate the OCFs. These methods shows limitation of increased cost, system reconfiguration, or relatively slow response time. Besides, software-based algorithms are proposed for the fault diagnosis. In [32], the input and output voltage of the rectifier were used and a proper calculation strategy is implemented for the fault detection combined with additional sensors. In [33], the decomposing circuit model was used to locate the fault position of OCFs. In [34], the converter average phase currents and the absolute currents are used to formulate the OCF diagnosis. In [35], a mixed logical dynamic model of the converter was built for the grid current estimation and the error was used to allocate different open-circuit faults. In [36], the spectrum analysis of the voltage and current was utilized for the OCF detection. Besides, complicated algorithm are used for the OCF diagnosis. For instance, a Luenberger observer and on an adaptive threshold was adopted for the OCFs diagnosis in wind power system [37]. In [38] and [39], model predictive control was adopted for the OCFs in modular multilevel converters. These algorithms are effectives for specific applications. However, the computational burden is heavy. In [40], the circuit-analysis based diagnosis method was proposed for the OCFs. The failure position in different stage such as rectifier or inverter can be specified. However, this method is unable to identify the failed power device. Other methods such as the multivariate statistical process monitoring (MSPM) method can be used for the fault diagnosis [41].

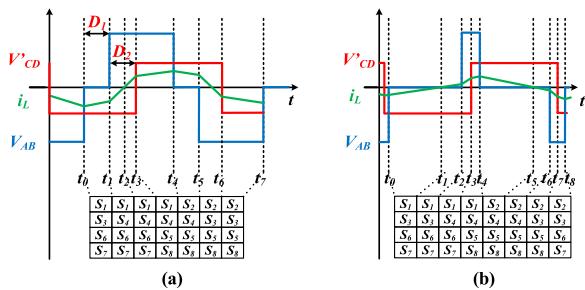
The above-mentioned analysis shows that an ideal OCF diagnosis algorithm should have the features of low-complexity, fast speed, accuracy device allocation, and compatible with existed hardware. Regarding the OCF diagnosis for the DAB converter, the voltage drop of all power semiconductors were measured and properly modified in order to generate the OCF signal [42]. Although no additional sensors are used with this method, the accurate measure of the devices' voltage drop in real time is difficult. Besides, the analysis of the open circuit fault is only focused on the CPS control, which limits the scope of application. In [43], the distortion of voltage waveform on the primary winding by using the active-phase-shifted control was proposed. Nevertheless, this method is expensive due to the required additional auxiliary winding and magnetic probes. Besides, the fault tolerant topology for full bridge converter is shown in [44]. It can diagnose and isolate fault semiconductor component while maintain normally power transmission ability through the fault tolerant topology. The input-parallel-output-series (IPOS) converter for wind farm application is discussed, which can ensure uninterrupted operation of system when it occurs tolerable fault [45]. Although the literatures [43]–[45] present detailed analytical methodology on investigating the distortion of bridge AC output voltage and inductor current under various open-circuit fault conditions, it is only focused on traditional unidirectional full bridge converter. In [46],

the average value of the voltage on the primary winding was analyzed for the OCFs. However, it can merely distinguish the faulty leg of the bridge instead of precisely locating the faulty transistor. So it can't accurately locate certain fault devices. In [47], a faulty diagnose method was discussed and the middle point voltage of the phase leg in the primary winding was analyzed to precisely locate the faulty transistor and anti-parallel diode [48]. However, none of them have studied the faulty diagnosis of DAB converters under EPS control considering eight power devices in DAB converters and multiple operation modes with the EPS control.

In order to address the concerns, this paper proposes a simple and fast fault diagnosis strategy for DAB dc-dc converter with the EPS control. The fault diagnosis strategy utilizes the average values of the voltage to quickly identify failures position and devices in either transistors or diodes without adding any hardware cost. The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. A comprehensive operation analysis during normal and faulty conditions is presented in Section II and III. Then, an open circuit faults diagnose strategy is derived and presented in Section IV. Main simulation and experimental evaluations are illustrated in Section V and VI. Finally, conclusions are drawn in Section VII.

## II. OPERATION PRINCIPLE OF DAB CONVERTER WITH EPS CONTROL

A typical DAB topology is presented in Fig. 1, which is comprised of 4 switches on either the primary or secondary side. Each switch has antiparallel diode  $D_1 \sim D_8$  and parasitic capacitor  $C_1 \sim C_8$ . Both sides are isolated by a high frequency transformer that is providing current and voltage isolation. A coupling inductor is inserted on the primary side, which can be integrated as the leakage inductance of the high-frequency transformer. Each power switch is usually composed of a power transistor, a parasitic capacitor and an antiparallel diode. The symmetric structure of the DAB converter can ensure bidirectional power flow and flexible power regulation.



**FIGURE 2.** Definition of control variables and typical waveforms of DAB converters with EPS control under normal operation: (a) Condition 1; (b) Conditions 2.

Fig. 2 illustrates the definition of control variables and typical waveforms of DAB converters with EPS control under normal operation. With EPS control, two control variables such as  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are used. Specified conducting devices

under two conditions for different instants from  $t_0$  to  $t_8$  are illustrated in Fig. 2. In this paper, the operation analysis of DAB converter with EPS under the circumstance of “ $D_2 > 0$ ”, namely  $S_4$  is leading  $S_5$  as the diagram demonstrate in Fig. 2 (a), is presented. Similar analysis can be made for the circumstance of “ $D_2 < 0$ ”, namely  $S_4$  is lagging  $S_5$ . By analyzing different circumstances that the open circuit fault happens to transistors, it was observed that both duty cycles  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  could affect the value of  $i_L$  at a specific instant. Therefore, when an open-circuit fault happens to the transistor at or before the specific instant, the of the waveforms' distortion shows different features. Thus, it is necessary to classify different conditions so that the open circuit faults on each transistor under different conditions will be analyzed in details. In this paper, two conditions are classified according to the direction of the inductor current on the primary side. Thus, two conditions at the instant  $t_1$  are defined. Specifically, condition 1 and condition 2 are defined as  $i_L(t_1) < 0$  and  $i_L(t_1) > 0$  respectively. When an open-circuit fault happens to transistors, a transient state will appear, which usually consists of 4 snubber capacitors on that bridge. Thus, detailed transient analysis during different operation modes must be analyzed. Furthermore, considering the deadtime for DAB converters is usually set longer than the time for capacitors to charge and discharge, the effect of deadtime has been analyzed in [45] and will not be considered in the operation modes analysis.

## III. OPEN CIRCUIT FAULT ANALYSIS

### A. CONDITION 1 OF THE PRIMARY SIDE: $i_L(t_1) < 0$

Main waveforms of the DAB converter, including “ $V_{AB}$ ”, “ $V'_{CD}$ ”, and “ $i_L$ ”, during one period when open-circuit faults happen to different transistors are demonstrated in Fig. 1. The symmetry property of the DAB converter can be applied under this condition and the corresponding waveforms when open-circuit faults happen to device  $S_1$  and  $S_4$  are regarded as the same. Thus, only open-circuit faults on  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  will be presented in this work. The voltage of the inductor and the inductor current during different modes are summarized in Table 1 and Table 2 corresponding to the fault on  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  respectively, which are deduced based on (1) and (2).

$$V_L = V_{AB} - V'_{CD} \quad (1)$$

$$di/dt = V_L/L \quad (2)$$

### 1) ANALYSIS OF THE OPEN CIRCUIT FAULT ON $S_1$

*Mode 1* [ $t_0, t_1$ ]: as shown in Fig. 3 (a), when  $S_2$  is switched off, snubber capacitor  $C_2$  will be charged by  $i_L$  and the snubber capacitor  $C_1$  will be discharged. When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0, the parasitic diode  $D_1$  will be conducted. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Consequently,  $i_L$  is negative and its magnitude is decreasing.

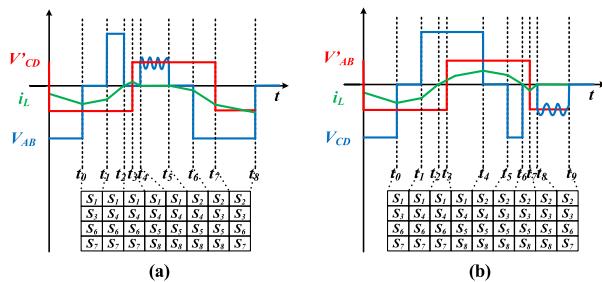
*Mode 2* [ $t_1, t_2$ ]: at the instant  $t = t_1$ ,  $S_4$  and  $S_3$  will be switched on and off respectively. Thus, their corresponding snubber capacitors  $C_4$  and  $C_3$  will be discharged and charged

**TABLE 1.** Inductor voltage and the slope of the inductor current when the open-circuit faults happen to  $S_1$ .

| Mode   | Inductor voltage | Slope of the inductor current |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mode 1 | $nV_2$           | $nV_2/L$                      |
| Mode 2 | $V_1 + nV_2$     | $(V_1 + nV_2)/L$              |
| Mode 3 | $nV_2$           | $nV_2/L$                      |
| Mode 4 | $-nV_2$          | $-nV_2/L$                     |
| Mode 5 | -                | -                             |
| Mode 6 | $-nV_2$          | $-nV_2/L$                     |
| Mode 7 | $-V_1 - nV_2$    | $(-V_1 - nV_2)/L$             |
| Mode 8 | $-V_1 + nV_2$    | $(-V_1 + nV_2)/L$             |

**TABLE 2.** Inductor voltage and the slope of the inductor current after the fault happens to  $S_2$ .

| Mode   | Inductor voltage | Slope of the inductor current |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mode 1 | $nV_2$           | $nV_2/L$                      |
| Mode 2 | $V_1 + nV_2$     | $(V_1 + nV_2)/L$              |
| Mode 3 | $V_1 + nV_2$     | $(V_1 + nV_2)/L$              |
| Mode 4 | $V_1 - nV_2$     | $(V_1 - nV_2)/L$              |
| Mode 5 | $-nV_2$          | $-nV_2/L$                     |
| Mode 6 | $-V_1 - nV_2$    | $(-V_1 - nV_2)/L$             |
| Mode 7 | $-nV_2$          | $-nV_2/L$                     |
| Mode 8 | $nV_2$           | $nV_2/L$                      |
| Mode 9 | -                | -                             |

**FIGURE 3.** Typical waveforms of the DAB converter when open-circuit faults happen on different transistors of the primary side under condition 1. (a) Open circuit fault on  $S_1$  or  $S_4$ . (b) Open circuit fault on  $S_2$  or  $S_3$ .

simultaneously. When  $C_4$  and  $C_3$  are fully discharged and charged to 0 and  $V_1$  respectively,  $D_4$  will be conducted. As a consequence,  $i_L$  will continue to decrease with a larger slope, and the inductor is charging  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

**Mode 3** [ $t_2, t_3$ ]: since the magnitude of  $i_L$  decreases, at the instant  $t = t_2$ , its direction will be reversed. However, since the fault has happened to  $S_1$ ,  $i_L$  will charge  $C_1$  and discharge  $C_2$ . When the voltage potential on  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are equal to  $V_1$  and 0,  $D_2$  will be conducted and  $i_L$  will flow in the positive direction. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Therefore, the voltage across the inductor is “ $nV_2$ ”.

**Mode 4** [ $t_3, t_4$ ]: at the instant  $t = t_3$ ,  $S_6$  and  $S_7$  are switched off, which will result in charging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$  and discharging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$ . When  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$  are fully charged to  $V_2$  and  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$  are discharged to 0,  $D_5$ ,  $D_8$  will be conducted. Although  $S_5$ ,  $S_8$  are switched on at  $t_3$ , the current on the secondary side will flow through  $D_5$ ,  $D_8$  instead of them. During this period,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Thus,  $i_L$  will decrease since the inductor voltage changes from “ $nV_2$ ” to “ $-nV_2$ ”.

**Mode 5** [ $t_4, t_5$ ]: since the magnitude of  $i_L$  decreases, the value of  $i_L$  equals to 0 with a tendency to flow in the opposite direction at the instant  $t = t_4$ . Nevertheless, since the open circuit fault has happened to  $S_1$ ,  $i_L$  cannot flow through  $S_1$ , which results in a resonant mode that involves the inductor,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . During this mode, the inductor current is so small that its value is regarded as zero.

**Mode 6** [ $t_5, t_6$ ]: the resonant state will be terminated as  $S_1$  is switched off at the instant that  $t = t_5$ . When  $S_1$  is switched off,  $C_1$  will be charged and  $C_2$  will be discharged. When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively,  $D_2$  will be conducted. However, since  $i_L$  is flowing in the opposite direction and  $S_2$  is switched on,  $i_L$  will flow through  $S_2$  instead of  $D_2$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Therefore,  $i_L$  starts to increase in the opposite direction, and the inductor will be charged by  $V_2$ .

**Mode 7** [ $t_6, t_7$ ]: at the instant  $t_6$ ,  $S_4$  is switched off,  $C_4$  is charged and  $C_3$  is discharged. When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0,  $D_4$  will be conducted. Because the  $i_L$  is flowing in the opposite direction, it will flow through  $S_4$  directly instead of flowing through  $D_4$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = -V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Therefore, the inductor is charged by both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and its value is increasing in the opposite direction with a larger slope.

**Mode 8** [ $t_7, t_8$ ]: as shown in Fig. 3 (a), at the instant  $t_7$ ,  $S_5$  and  $S_8$  are switched off, which leads to the charging operation of  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$  and the discharge of  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_6$ ,  $D_7$  will be conducted, which enables the soft-switching of  $S_6$  and  $S_7$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = -V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Moreover,  $V_1$  supplies power to the inductor and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to increase in the opposite direction with a smaller slope.

## 2) ANALYSIS OF THE OPEN CIRCUIT FAULT ON $S_2$

**Mode 1** [ $t_0, t_1$ ]: as shown in Fig. 3 (b), when  $S_2$  is switched off, its corresponding snubber capacitor  $C_2$  will be charged, and  $C_1$  will be discharged. When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively,  $D_1$  will be conducted, which enables the soft-switching operation of  $S_1$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Therefore, the inductor

releases power the  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease in the opposite direction.

*Mode 2* [ $t_1, t_2$ ]: at the instant  $t_1$ ,  $S_3$  is switched off. As a consequence,  $C_3$  will be charged, and  $C_4$  will be discharged by  $i_L$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0,  $D_4$  will be conducted. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Thus, the inductor supplies power  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  is decreasing in the opposite direction with a larger slope.

*Mode 3* [ $t_2, t_3$ ]: As the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease, the direction of it will reverse at  $t_2$ . Consequently, the parasitic diodes  $D_1, D_4, D_6$  and  $D_7$  will be disconnected. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . As a consequence, the inductor is charged by  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the positive direction.

*Mode 4* [ $t_3, t_4$ ]: at the instant  $t_3$ ,  $S_6$  and  $S_7$  are switched off, which results in charging  $C_6, C_7$  and discharging  $C_5, C_8$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_5, D_8$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switches of  $S_5$  and  $S_8$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Consequently,  $V_1$  supplies power to charge the inductor and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  is increasing with a smaller slope in the positive direction.

*Mode 5* [ $t_4, t_5$ ]: at the instant  $t_4$ ,  $S_1$  will be switched off, which results in the charging operation of  $C_1$  and the discharging operation of  $C_2$ . When they are charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively,  $D_2$  will be conducted. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Therefore, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and  $i_L$  stops to decrease.

*Mode 6* [ $t_5, t_6$ ]: at the instant  $t_5$ ,  $S_4$  is switched off, which results in charging  $C_4$  and discharging  $C_3$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively,  $D_3$  will be conducted, which ensures the soft-switching of  $S_3$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = -V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Thus, the inductor supplies power to  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  stops to decrease.

*Mode 7* [ $t_6, t_7$ ]: since the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease, the direction of it will be reversed when its value equals to 0 at the instant  $t_6$ . However, given that the open circuit fault has happened to  $S_2$ ,  $C_2$  will be charged to  $V_1$ , and  $C_1$  will be discharged to 0. Therefore, when the charging and discharging process is complete,  $D_1$  will be conducted. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . As a consequence,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the opposite direction.

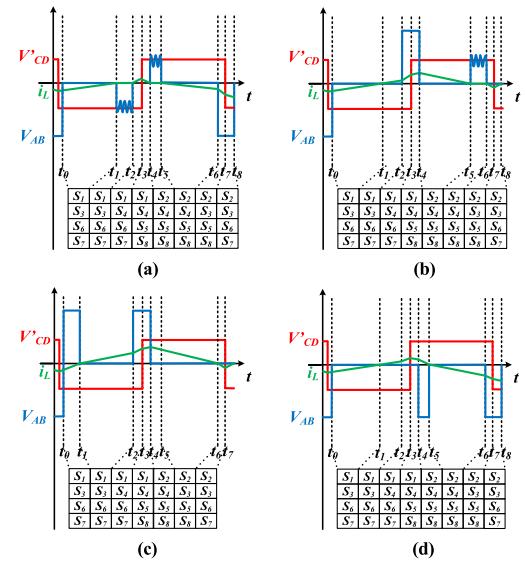
*Mode 8* [ $t_7, t_8$ ]: at the instant  $t_7$ ,  $S_5$  and  $S_8$  are switched off, which results in charging  $C_5, C_8$  and discharging  $C_6, C_7$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_6$  and  $D_7$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_6$  and  $S_7$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Consequently, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  stops to decrease in the opposite direction.

*Mode 9* [ $t_8, t_9$ ]: as shown in Fig. 3 (b), as the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease, its value equals to 0 with a tendency to flow in the positive direction at the instant  $t_8$ . However,

since the open circuit fault has happened to  $S_2$ ,  $i_L$  cannot flow through it, which leads to the resonant state that involves in  $C_1, C_2$  and the inductor.

### B. CONDITION 2 OF THE PRIMARY SIDE: $i_L(t_1) \geq 0$

Similarly, main waveforms of the DAB converter during one period when the open-circuit faults happen to different transistors are demonstrated in Fig. 4. However, the property of symmetry of DAB converter cannot be applied under this condition. For instance, the circuit appears resonant after the fault happens to transistor  $S_1$ , but it is absent after the fault happens to transistor  $S_4$  as the diagram demonstrated in Fig. 4 (a) and Fig. 4 (d), respectively. Similarly, based on the equation (1), the expressions of the voltage divided on the inductor are summarized in Table 3.



**FIGURE 4.** Typical waveforms of the DAB converter when faults happen on different transistors of the primary side under condition 2. (a) Open circuit fault on  $S_1$ . (b) Open circuit fault on  $S_2$ . (c) Open circuit fault on  $S_3$ . (d) Open circuit fault on  $S_4$ .

### 1) ANALYSIS OF THE OPEN CIRCUIT FAULT ON $S_1$

*Mode 1* [ $t_0, t_1$ ]: as shown in Fig. 4 (a), when  $S_2$  is switched off at the instant  $t_0$ , the snubber capacitors  $C_2$  and  $C_1$  will be charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively. When the charging process is complete, the parasitic diode  $D_1$  will be conducted, which enables the soft-switching operation of  $S_1$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Consequently, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to decrease in the opposite direction.

*Mode 2* [ $t_1, t_2$ ]: since the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease, its value equals to 0 with a tendency to flow in the positive direction at the instant  $t_1$ . However, because the open circuit fault has happened to  $S_1$ ,  $i_L$  cannot flow through  $S_1$ , and the circuit starts to be stuck in the resonant state as the circuit diagram illustrated in Fig. 4, which involves in  $C_1, C_2$  and the inductor. In addition, with  $i_L$  flows in the positive direction,  $D_6$  and  $D_7$  on the secondary side are disconnected.

**TABLE 3.** Inductor voltage when faults happens under condition 2.

| Mode   | Inductor voltage |            |            |             |
|--------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|        | $S_1$            | $S_2$      | $S_3$      | $S_4$       |
| Mode 1 | $nV_2$           | $-nV_2$    | $V_1+nV_2$ | $nV_2$      |
| Mode 2 | -                | $nV_2$     | $nV_2$     | $nV_2$      |
| Mode 3 | $nV_2$           | $V_1+nV_2$ | $V_1+nV_2$ | $nV_2$      |
| Mode 4 | $-nV_2$          | $V_1-nV_2$ | $V_1-nV_2$ | $-nV_2$     |
| Mode 5 | -                | $-nV_2$    | $-nV_2$    | $-V_1-nV_2$ |
| Mode 6 | $-nV_2$          | -          | $-nV_2$    | $-nV_2$     |
| Mode 7 | $-V_1-nV_2$      | $-nV_2$    | $nV_2$     | $-V_1-nV_2$ |
| Mode 8 | $-V_1-nV_2$      | $nV_2$     |            | $-V_1-nV_2$ |

*Mode 3* [ $t_2, t_3$ ]: at the instant  $t_2$ ,  $S_3$  is switched off, which results in charging  $C_3$  and discharging  $C_4$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0,  $D_4$  will be conducted. However, since  $i_L$  attempts to flow in the positive direction after  $S_4$  is switched on, it will flow through  $S_4$  directly. Therefore, the conduction of  $S_4$  provides a path for  $i_L$  to flow, and the resonant state is terminated. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Therefore,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to flow in the positive direction.

*Mode 4* [ $t_3, t_4$ ]: at the instant  $t_3$ ,  $S_6$  and  $S_7$  are switched off, which leads to charging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$  and discharging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_5$  and  $D_8$  will be conducted, which enables the soft-switching operation of  $S_5$  and  $S_8$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Thus,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to decrease in the positive direction.

*Mode 5* [ $t_4, t_5$ ]: at the instant that  $S_1$  is still switched on, the magnitude of  $i_L$  equals to 0, and  $i_L$  tends to flow in the opposite direction. However, since the open circuit fault has happened to  $S_1$ ,  $i_L$  cannot flow through it, and the circuit starts to be stuck in the resonant state, which involves in  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and the inductor. Additionally, due to the direction change of  $i_L$ ,  $D_5$  and  $D_8$  are disconnected.

*Mode 6* [ $t_5, t_6$ ]: when  $S_2$  is switched on at  $t = t_5$ , it provides an avenue for  $i_L$  to flow in the opposite direction. Therefore, the resonant state is terminated. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Thus,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the opposite direction.

*Mode 7* [ $t_6, t_7$ ]: at the instant  $t_6$ ,  $S_4$  is switched off, which results in charging  $C_4$  and discharging  $C_3$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0,  $D_3$  will be conducted. However, since  $i_L$  flows in the opposite direction,  $i_L$  will not flow through it. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = -V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Consequently,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor,

and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to increase with a larger slope in the opposite direction.

*Mode 8* [ $t_7, t_8$ ]: at the instant  $t_7$ ,  $S_5$  and  $S_8$  are switched off, which leads to charging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$  and discharging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_6$ ,  $D_7$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_6$  and  $S_7$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = -V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . As a consequence,  $V_1$  supplies power to the inductor and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to increase in the opposite direction with a smaller slope.

## 2) ANALYSIS OF THE OPEN CIRCUIT FAULT ON S2

*Mode 1* [ $t_0, t_1$ ]: as shown in Fig. 4 (b), when  $S_2$  is switched off at the instant  $t_0$ , the snubber capacitors  $C_2$  and  $C_1$  will be charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively. When the charging process is completed, parasitic diode  $D_1$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_1$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Consequently, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  decreases in the opposite direction.

*Mode 2* [ $t_1, t_2$ ]: as the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease in the opposite direction, when its value equals to 0 at instant  $t_1$ ,  $D_3$  will be conducted to provide another avenue for  $i_L$  to flow through. Moreover, due to the direction change in  $i_L$ , the current on the secondary side will flow through  $S_6$  and  $S_7$  instead of  $D_6$  and  $D_7$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Therefore,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the positive direction.

*Mode 3* [ $t_2, t_3$ ]: at the instant  $t_2$ ,  $S_3$  is switched off, which results in  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  being charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively. After this process is complete,  $D_4$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_4$ . After  $S_4$  is switched on,  $i_L$  will flow through it directly. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Therefore,  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  supply power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the positive direction.

*Mode 4* [ $t_3, t_4$ ]: at the instant  $t_3$ ,  $S_6$  and  $S_7$  are switched off, which leads to charging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$  and discharging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_5$ ,  $D_8$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_5$  and  $S_8$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Therefore,  $V_1$  supplies power to the inductor and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to increase in the positive direction with a smaller slope.

*Mode 5* [ $t_4, t_5$ ]: at the instant  $t_4$ ,  $S_1$  is switched off, which results in charging  $C_1$  and discharging  $C_2$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0,  $D_2$  will be conducted, which ensures the soft switch of  $S_2$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Thus, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  stops to decrease in the positive direction.

*Mode 6* [ $t_5, t_6$ ]: since  $i_L$  continues to decrease, its magnitude equals to 0 with a tendency to flow in the opposite direction at  $t_5$ . However, because the open circuit fault has happened to  $S_2$ ,  $i_L$  cannot flow through it, which leads circuit

to the resonant state. In addition, with  $i_L$  flows in the positive direction,  $D_5$  and  $D_8$  on the secondary side are disconnected.

*Mode 7 [t<sub>6</sub>, t<sub>7</sub>]:* at the instant  $t_6$ ,  $S_4$  is switched off, which results in charging  $C_4$  and discharging  $C_3$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively,  $D_3$  will be conducted, which provides an avenue for  $i_L$  to flow in the opposite direction. Moreover,  $C_2$  and  $C_1$  will be fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 as well. Therefore, the resonant state is terminated. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . As a consequence,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  proceeds to increasing in the opposite direction.

*Mode 8 [t<sub>7</sub>, t<sub>8</sub>]:* at the instant  $t_7$ ,  $S_5$  and  $S_8$  are switched off, which leads to charging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$  and discharging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_6$ ,  $D_7$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_6$  and  $S_7$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Consequently, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  stops to decrease in the opposite direction.

### 3) ANALYSIS OF THE OPEN CIRCUIT FAULT ON $S_3$

*Mode 1 [t<sub>0</sub>, t<sub>1</sub>]:* as shown in Fig. 4 (c), when  $S_2$  is switched off, the snubber capacitors  $C_2$  and  $C_1$  will be charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively. When the charging process is complete, parasitic diode  $D_1$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_1$ . When the open circuit fault happens to  $S_3$  after  $S_1$  is switched on,  $D_4$  will be conducted to allow  $i_L$  flow through. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Therefore, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to decrease in the opposite direction.

*Mode 2 [t<sub>1</sub>, t<sub>2</sub>]:* The magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease. When its value equals to 0 with a tendency to flow in the positive direction at  $t_1$ ,  $C_4$  and  $C_3$  will be charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively. When this process is completed,  $D_4$  will be conducted, and  $D_1$ ,  $D_6$  and  $D_7$  will be disconnected. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Consequently,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the positive direction.

*Mode 3 [t<sub>2</sub>, t<sub>3</sub>]:* at the instant  $t_2$ ,  $S_3$  is switched off, and  $S_4$  is switched on. Since  $D_3$  conducts in the last interval, the circuit connection will not be influenced when  $S_3$  is switched off. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Thus, the inductor is charged by  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the positive direction with a larger slope.

*Mode 4 [t<sub>3</sub>, t<sub>4</sub>]:* at the instant  $t_3$ ,  $S_6$  and  $S_7$  are switched off, which leads to charging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$  and discharging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_5$ ,  $D_8$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_5$  and  $S_8$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . As a consequence,  $V_1$  supplies power to the inductor and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to increase in the positive direction with a smaller slope.

*Mode 5 [t<sub>4</sub>, t<sub>5</sub>]:* at the instant  $t_4$ ,  $S_1$  is switched off, which results in charging  $C_1$  and discharging  $C_2$ . When they are

fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively,  $D_2$  will be conducted. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Therefore, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to decrease in the positive direction.

*Mode 6 [t<sub>5</sub>, t<sub>6</sub>]:* Since the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease, its value equals to 0 with a tendency to flow in the opposite direction at the instant  $t_5$ . Furthermore, when  $S_4$  is switched off, and  $S_3$  is switched on, it cannot provide an avenue for  $i_L$  to flow through because of the open circuit fault on  $S_3$ . Consequently,  $D_4$  will be conducted and  $i_L$  will flow through it. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Therefore,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the opposite direction.

*Mode 7 [t<sub>6</sub>, t<sub>7</sub>]:* as shown in Fig. 4 (c), at the instant  $t_6$ ,  $S_5$  and  $S_8$  are switched off, which leads to charging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$  and discharging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_6$ ,  $D_7$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_5$  and  $S_8$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Thus, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to decrease in the opposite direction.

### 4) ANALYSIS OF THE OPEN CIRCUIT FAULT ON $S_4$

*Mode 1 [t<sub>0</sub>, t<sub>1</sub>]:* as shown in Fig. 4 (d), when  $S_2$  is switched off,  $C_2$  and  $C_1$  will be charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively. When this process is complete,  $D_1$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_1$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Consequently, the inductor supplies power to  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to decrease in the opposite direction.

*Mode 2 [t<sub>1</sub>, t<sub>2</sub>]:* as the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease in the opposite direction, when its value equals to 0 at instant  $t_1$ ,  $D_3$  will be conducted to provide another avenue for  $i_L$  to flow through. Moreover, due to the direction reversion of  $i_L$ , the current on the secondary side will flow through  $S_6$  and  $S_7$  instead of  $D_6$  and  $D_7$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . As a consequence,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the positive direction.

*Mode 3 [t<sub>2</sub>, t<sub>3</sub>]:* at the instant  $t_2$ ,  $S_3$  is switched off. Nevertheless, it will not affect the circuit connection because of the conduction of  $D_3$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . Therefore,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the positive direction with the same slope.

*Mode 4 [t<sub>3</sub>, t<sub>4</sub>]:* at the instant  $t_3$ ,  $S_6$  and  $S_7$  are switched off, which leads to charging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$  and discharging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_5$ ,  $D_8$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_5$  and  $S_8$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Thus,  $V_2$  supplies power to the inductor, and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to decrease in the positive direction.

*Mode 5 [t<sub>4</sub>, t<sub>5</sub>]:* at the instant  $t_4$ ,  $S_1$  is switched off, which results in charging  $C_1$  and discharging  $C_2$  to  $V_1$  and 0 respectively. When this process is completed,  $D_2$  will be conducted, which ensures the soft switch of  $S_2$ . Within this interval,

$V_{AB} = -V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Consequently, the inductor supplies power to  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease in the positive direction with a larger slope.

*Mode 6* [ $t_5, t_6$ ]: as the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to decrease, its value equals to 0 with a tendency to flow in the opposite direction at the instant  $t_5$ . Because of the open circuit fault happened on  $S_4$ , the reversion of the direction of  $i_L$  will result in charging  $C_4$  and discharging  $C_3$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_1$  and 0,  $D_4$  will be conducted. Additionally,  $D_5$  and  $D_8$  will be disconnected because of the reversion of the direction of  $i_L$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = 0$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Therefore, the inductor supplies power to  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  starts to increase in the opposite direction.

*Mode 7* [ $t_6, t_7$ ]: at the instant  $t_6$ ,  $S_4$  is switched off, which results in charging  $C_4$  and discharging  $C_3$  to  $V_1$  and 0. When this process is complete,  $D_3$  will be conducted, which ensures the soft switch of  $S_3$ . However, because of the direction of  $i_L$ , when  $S_3$  is switched on, it will flow through it directly. Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = -V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = nV_2$ . Thus, the inductor is charged by  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to increase in the opposite direction with a larger slope.

*Mode 8* [ $t_7, t_8$ ]: at the instant  $t_7$ ,  $S_5$  and  $S_8$  are switched off, which leads to charging  $C_5$ ,  $C_8$  and discharging  $C_6$ ,  $C_7$ . When they are fully charged and discharged to  $V_2$  and 0 respectively,  $D_6$ ,  $D_7$  will be conducted, which enables the soft switch of  $S_6$  and  $S_7$ . Within this interval,  $V_{AB} = -V_1$ ,  $V'_{CD} = -nV_2$ . As a consequence, the inductor is charged by  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the magnitude of  $i_L$  continues to increase in the positive direction with a smaller slope.

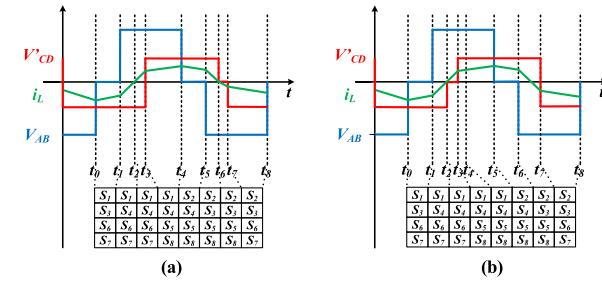
### C. THE TRANSISTORS OPEN CIRCUIT FAULT ON THE SECONDARY BRIDGE

When the open circuit faults occur to the transistors of the secondary side, the distortion severity of main waveforms depends 2 conditions, which are the time instant that the direction of  $i_L$  reverses. However, the EPS control only has inner phase shift on primary side while the secondary bridge voltage has no inner phase shift. Thus, the corresponding open-circuit fault analysis for DAB converter with EPS is regarded as the same as the SPS control.

Fig. 5(a) illustrates the open circuit fault on switches  $S_5$  or  $S_8$ , which cause the amplitude of  $V'_{CD}$  is dropping from positive to zero when inductor current is decreasing from positive to negative during  $t_6$  and  $t_7$ . The typical waveforms when the open circuit faults occur on  $S_6$  or  $S_7$  are illustrated in Fig. 5(b). The fault condition is similar like  $S_5$  and  $S_8$ , but the problem is hopped on moment of inductor current from negative to positive. Due to the space constraints, the detailed analysis for the open-circuit faults on the secondary devices will not present here.

### IV. FAULT DIAGNOSIS STRATEGY

The previous theoretical analysis on the behavior of the typical waveforms when open circuit faults occur to transistors is used for the design of the fault diagnose strategy.



**FIGURE 5.** Typical waveforms of the DAB converter when faults happen on different transistors of the secondary side under condition 2. (a) Open circuit fault on  $S_5$  or  $S_8$ . (b) Open circuit fault on  $S_6$  or  $S_7$ .

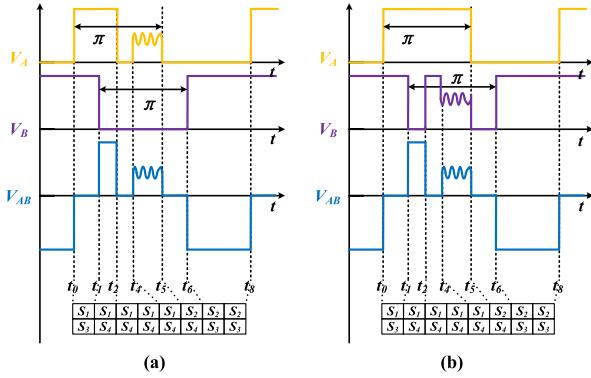
By analyzing these waveforms of transistors under faulty conditions, it is noticed that the distortion of key waveforms are mainly caused by the parasitic resonant states and the conduction of the freewheeling diodes. Therefore, it will inevitably change the average mean value of the voltage potential at the middle position on the corresponding faulty leg.

However, if the fault diagnose method is merely based on the distortion of  $V_{AB}$  and  $V_{CD}$ , it will lead to two major problems. Firstly, since both  $V_{AB}$  and  $V_{CD}$  are AC voltage whose amplitude is much larger than the limitation of ADC port in microcontroller like DSP, the changing voltage polarity and larger amplitude may cause the voltage sensor essential to measured result of the  $V_{AB}$  and  $V_{CD}$ . It will increase the cost of entire fault detection system. Secondly, the single distortion phenomenon of  $V_{AB}$  and  $V_{CD}$  can be related to multiple open-circuit fault conditions. For example, the open circuit fault on  $S_1$  and the open circuit fault on  $S_4$  under condition1 may cause same distortion on  $V_{AB}$  and  $i_L$  in Fig. 3(a). So it is impossible to accurately identify the open circuit fault actually located on  $S_1$  or  $S_4$  with those variables.

In order to solve above two problems, the mid-point voltage of each switches pairs is used to replace AC voltage  $V_{AB}$  and  $V_{CD}$  as the voltage signal in fault diagnose method. In Fig.1, it can be seen that  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  are the midpoint of each switches pairs.  $V_A$  represents the voltage different between midpoint  $A$  and the ground point  $G$ . Similar,  $V_B$ ,  $V_C$  and  $V_D$  can be measured through the switches arm midpoint  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  with corresponding ground, respectively. In Fig. 6(a), the distortion of primary AC output can be divided as midpoint voltage  $V_A$  and  $V_B$ . According to the operation principle of DAB converter, the midpoint voltage is 50% duty cycle square wave and the amplitude is equal to  $V_1$  or  $V_2$  under normal operation condition and the average value of each square wave can be calculated as:

$$\text{Avg}(V_A) = \text{Avg}(V_B) = \frac{V_1}{2}, \quad \text{Avg}(V_C) = \text{Avg}(V_D) = \frac{V_2}{2} \quad (3)$$

where the  $\text{Avg}(V_A)$ ,  $\text{Avg}(V_B)$ ,  $\text{Avg}(V_C)$  and  $\text{Avg}(V_D)$  are the average value of  $V_A$ ,  $V_B$ ,  $V_C$  and  $V_D$  under normal operation condition. According to the previous analysis in section III and Fig. 6(a), during moment from  $t_2$  to  $t_4$ , the positive

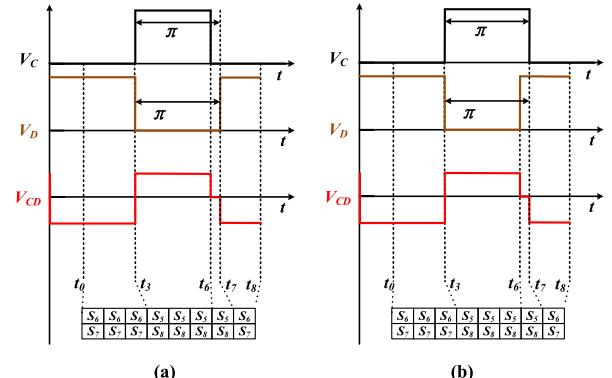


**FIGURE 6.** Typical waveforms of the DAB converter when the open-circuit fault happen on  $S_1$  or  $S_4$  under condition 1. (a) Fault on  $S_1$ . (b) Fault on  $S_4$ .

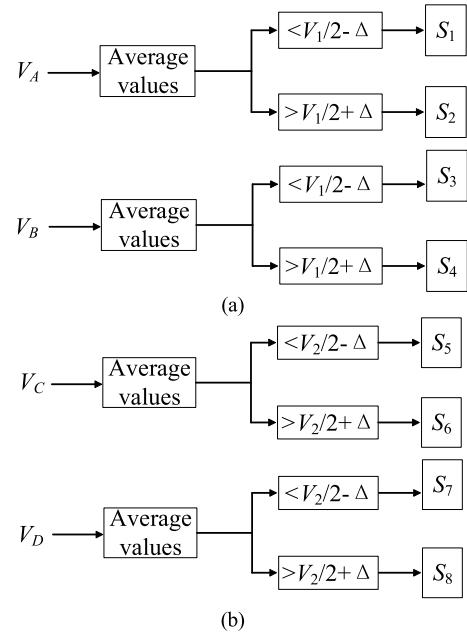
inductor current  $i_L$  is flowing through  $S_4$  and  $D_2$  on  $S_1$  open fault condition instead of flowing through  $S_1$  and  $S_4$  under normal condition. So the amplitude of  $V_A$  is decreasing to zero during this moment. Similar, the oscillation of  $V_{AB}$  during the time interval from  $t_4$  to  $t_5$  is also shown in  $V_A$ . Due to the amplitude of  $V_A$  is equaled to zero during time interval from  $t_2$  to  $t_4$  and suffered oscillation during time interval from  $t_4$  to  $t_5$ , the average value of  $V_A$  will be obvious less than  $V_1/2$ . In the same time, the inductor current  $i_L$  is always flowing the  $S_4$  or  $D_4$ , which is same as the normal operation condition. So the midpoint voltage  $V_B$  maintains as 0 during moment from  $t_1$  to  $t_6$ , which is same as normal operation condition. In Fig. 6(b), the open circuit fault on  $S_4$  under condition 1, the inductor current  $i_L$  is always flowing  $S_1$  and  $D_1$ , which can ensure the  $V_A$  maintain amplitude as  $V_1$ . However, the conduction path of the inductor current  $i_L$  is changing from  $S_4$  or  $D_4$  to  $S_3$  or  $D_3$  during moment from  $t_2$  to  $t_6$ . It cause the distortion of the midpoint voltage  $V_B$  and the average of  $V_B$  is larger than  $V_1/2$ . According to previous analysis and Fig.6, it is clearly that midpoint voltage  $V_A$  and  $V_B$  can not only represent the distortion of  $V_{AB}$ , but also has ability to locate certain fault component. So the midpoint voltage is selected as the proper diagnostic criterion in proposed fault diagnose method.

Open circuit faults on  $S_5$  and  $S_8$  are shown in Fig. 7. It can be seen that the fault on  $S_5$  only cause the average of  $V_C$  become less than  $V_2/2$ , and the fault on  $S_8$  only cause the average of  $V_D$  becoming larger than  $V_2/2$ . It proves  $V_C$  and  $V_D$  can perfectly represent the distortion of  $V_{CD}$ , which can actually be used to locate fault component.

Based on previous analysis, midpoint voltages  $V_A$ ,  $V_B$ ,  $V_C$ , and  $V_D$  are chosen as diagnostic criterion in design of fault detection scheme In Fig. 8. By comparing the average value of those midpoint with standard average value  $V_1/2$  or  $V_2/2$ , the fault can be detected and located. The threshold voltage  $\Delta$  is designed to adjust the sensitivity of the proposed fault diagnose method for avoiding false operation or malfunction. It should be smaller enough for just ensuring normal operation with noise condition, which eliminate the influence of noise



**FIGURE 7.** Typical waveforms of the DAB converter when open-circuit faults happen on  $S_5$  or  $S_8$  under condition 1. (a) Fault on  $S_5$ . (b) Fault on  $S_8$ .



**FIGURE 8.** Block diagram of the open circuit faults diagnose strategy (a) for the primary side (b) for the secondary side.

and ensure sensitivity to fault operation condition. However, the value of threshold voltage  $\Delta$  is highly dependent on the noise degree of normal operation, which is different on various DAB hardware. So the value of threshold voltage  $\Delta$  need to be determined through experiments. In literature [47], it set threshold voltage as 7V for determining properly operation condition. After repeatedly testing and adjusting the  $\Delta$  with experimental hardware platform in this paper, 5V is considered as a proper value for ensuring stability and the effectiveness of proposed detection method.

## V. SIMULATION RESULTS

The simulation results by using the proposed open-circuit fault detection algorithm are presented in this section. Since the algorithm is designed based on the typical waveforms such as  $V_{AB}$  and  $V_{CD}$  as shown in Fig. 2, the fault diagnosis

results should be similar under condition 1 and condition 2 except the fault trigger moment. Therefore, this paper adopts open-circuit faults on transistors under condition 2 to verify the proposed fault detection algorithm. Table 4 summarizes main parameters for the DAB converter.

**TABLE 4.** Parameters for the DAB converter.

| Parameter               | Value      |
|-------------------------|------------|
| $V_1$                   | 100 V      |
| $V_2$                   | 75 V       |
| $L$                     | 40 $\mu$ H |
| $C_{l-8}$               | 50 pF      |
| Transformer turns ratio | 2          |
| Switching frequency     | 20 kHz     |

Fig. 9(a) illustrates the simulated waveforms of the DAB converter when an open circuit fault occurs on  $S_1$ . In this figure, main waveforms such as the primary voltage “ $V_{AB}$ ”, the secondary voltage “ $V'_{CD}$ ”, and the inductor current “ $i_L$ ” are depicted in the upper subfigure, while the fault trigger signal is depicted in the lower subfigure. The DAB converter works normally until  $t = 17 \mu$ s, when the transistor  $S_1$  experiences an open-circuit fault. “ $V_{AB}$ ” shows obvious oscillations due to the resonance. The current “ $i_L$ ” is negatively biased. With the proposed fault detection algorithm, the open-circuit fault at transistor  $S_1$  is correctly detected, as illustrated in Fig. 9(a). Similar results are presented for the open-circuit faults happen on other devices. The simulation results meet the theoretical results in Fig. 4 well, which verifies the correctness of the operation modes analysis under faulty conditions for the DAB converter with the EPS control.

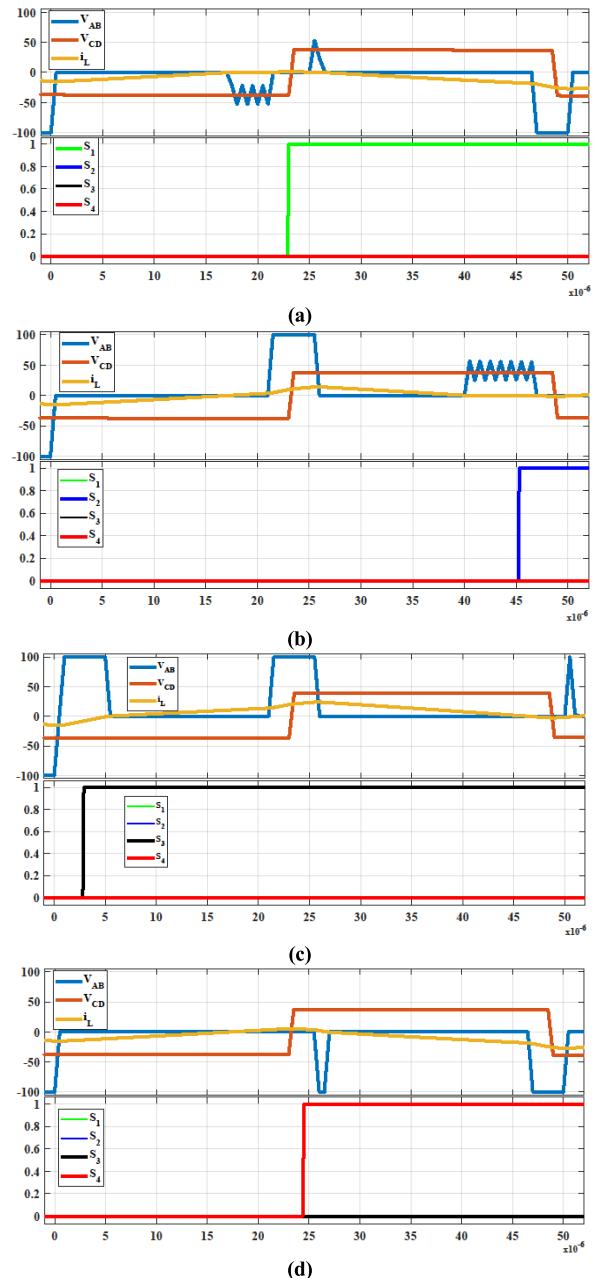
## VI. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

To validate the analysis and simulation results, experimental results were presented in this section. The DAB experimental platform was built and shown in Fig. 10 and the control system was implemented by using a DSP28335 board. During the test, the DAB was controlled to work under various voltage and current levels. Main parameters for the DAB converter are shown in Table 5.

**TABLE 5.** Parameters of the DAB converter prototype.

| Item                         | Parameter  |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Transformer turns ratio $N$  | 2          |
| Inductance $L_s$             | 60 $\mu$ H |
| Switching frequency $f$      | 20kHz      |
| Maximum input voltage $V_1$  | 100V       |
| Maximum output voltage $V_2$ | 100V       |

The experimental results under condition 1 are demonstrated in Fig. 11. DAB converter works normally until an open-circuit fault occur on  $S_1$ . Main waveforms when the fault happens to  $S_1$  are illustrated in Fig. 11 (a), which shows that the measured inductor current is negatively biased and the circuit experienced a period of resonant state, which



**FIGURE 9.** Simulation result of the DAB converter when open-circuit faults happen on different transistors on the primary side under condition 2. (a) Open circuit fault on  $S_1$ . (b) Open circuit fault on  $S_2$ . (c) Open circuit fault on  $S_3$ . (d) Open circuit fault on  $S_4$ .

matches the theoretical and simulation results well. Main waveforms when the open-circuit fault happens to  $S_2$  are presented in Fig. 11 (b). It shows that the “ $i_L$ ” is positively biased and “ $V_{AB}$ ” appears resonant in a short period. For the test, the resonant distortion is observed from the waveform of “ $V_{AB}$ ” because the measured primary side voltage is toggled from the maximum point to a negative one. In Fig. 11 (c) and (d), the waveforms when the open-circuit faults happen to the transistor on the secondary winding are presented. It could be observed that the distortions on  $V_{CD}$

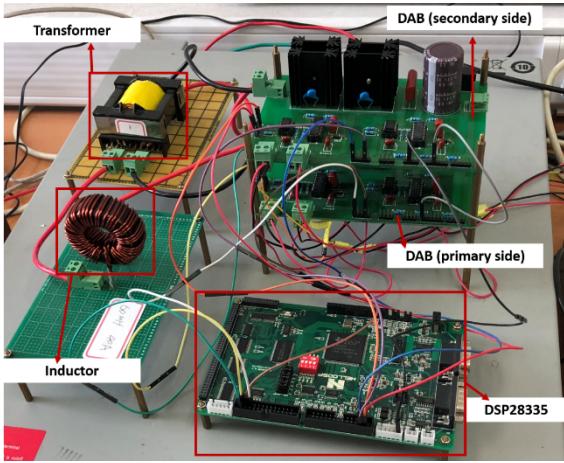
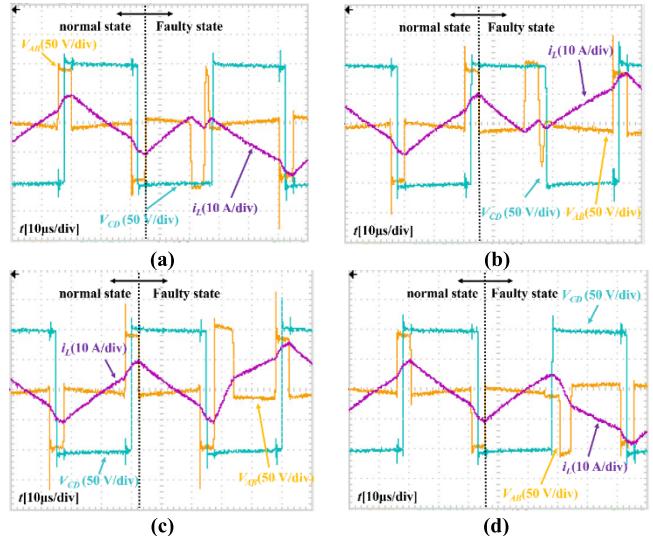
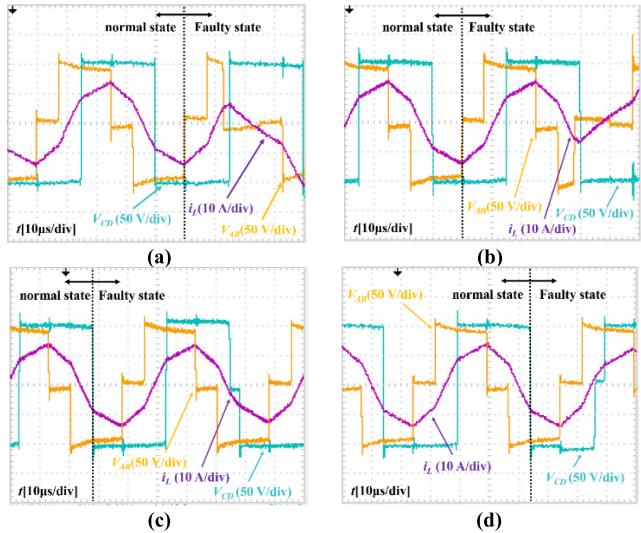


FIGURE 10. Experimental platform.

FIGURE 12. Experimental results when faults happen on different transistors of the primary side under condition 2. (a) Open circuit fault on  $S_1$ . (b) Open circuit fault on  $S_2$ . (c) Open circuit fault on  $S_3$ . (d) Open circuit fault on  $S_4$ .FIGURE 11. Experimental results when faults happen on different transistors of the primary side under condition 1. (a) Open circuit fault on  $S_1$  or  $S_4$ . (b) Open circuit fault on  $S_2$  or  $S_3$ . (c) Open circuit fault on  $S_5$  or  $S_8$ . (d) Open circuit fault on  $S_6$  or  $S_7$ .

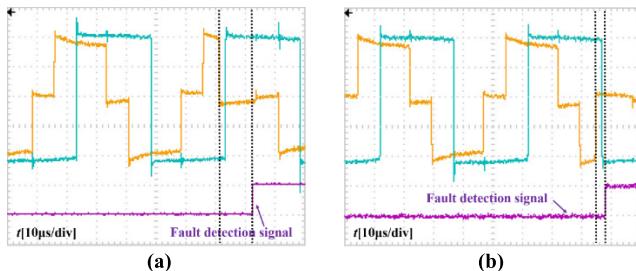
have less impact on the bias of  $i_L$ , compared to the distortion on  $V_{AB}$ .

Fig. 12 (a), (b), (c) and (d) present the measured results when the open-circuit faults happen to  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  respectively under condition 2. In Fig. 12(a), two continuous negative pulses are observed due to the faulty state when the DAB converter is controlled by EPS, as indicated by the region of “faulty state”. Furthermore, a positive peak is observed just after the negative pulse. The measured inductor current “ $i_L$ ” is negatively biased, which is the same as the fault under the condition 2. However, the current “ $i_L$ ” shows more oscillations after the faults.

Fig. 13(a) shows the distortion of AC input voltage on  $V_{AC}$ , midpoint voltage  $V_A$  and midpoint voltage  $V_B$  when open circuit fault hopped on  $S_1$  under condition 1. In normal state, both  $V_A$  and  $V_B$  are square wave with 50% duty cycle and

100V peak value. So the average vault should be equal to 50V, which is same as half of input voltage  $V_1$ . In fault state, it is clearly that the distortion of fault transient moment on  $V_A$  can represent the distortion of  $V_{AB}$ , while the  $V_B$  maintains same as normal operation condition. The experimental results prove the previous theoretical analysis in Fig. 6(a) that  $V_A$  and  $V_B$  can be used to identify fault component. Fig. 13(b) shows the experimental results when fault happens on switch  $S_4$ . Although the distortions of fault  $V_{AB}$  are similar as the fault on  $S_1$  condition, the fault transient moment has the effect on  $V_B$  instead of  $V_A$  under  $S_1$  fault condition. Thus, the open circuit fault on  $S_1$  and  $S_4$  can be detected and located by measuring and processing the midpoint voltage  $V_A$  and  $V_B$ . It verify the previous theoretical analysis. The secondary side AC voltage  $V_{CD}$  has similar relationship with midpoint  $V_C$  and  $V_D$ .

Fig. 14 (a) and (b) illustrates the measured fault trigger signals, which correspond to the fault on  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  respectively. The measured open-circuit fault detection performance among different devices shows some kind of difference by observing the two figures. Specifically, after the distortions of key waveforms occurs, the time required to detect the fault on



**FIGURE 14.** Experimental results of fault detection control. (a) Open circuit fault on  $S_1$ . (b) Open circuit fault on  $S_2$ .

$S_1$  and  $S_2$  is approximately  $10\ \mu s$  and  $3\ \mu s$ , respectively. The results validate the advantage of the proposed algorithm in terms of the fault detection accuracy and fast detection merit.

## VII. CONCLUSION

Reliability is essential for the power converters such as the bidirectional isolated dual-active-bridge (DAB) dc–dc converter. With the advanced control such as extended-phase-shift control (EPS), the open-circuit diagnosis for power devices in DAB converter becomes more challenging due to more operation modes and faulty conditions. This paper proposes a simple and fast fault diagnosis strategy for DAB converters with the EPS control to improve the reliability. Different operation conditions are classified according to the direction of the inductor current on the primary side. A comprehensive operation analysis during normal and faulty conditions is presented. Then, the fault diagnosis criteria are determined according to the average mean values of the primary or secondary side voltage. Consequently, an open circuit faults diagnose strategy is derived to quickly identify failures position and devices in either transistors or diodes without adding any hardware cost. The research shows that an open-circuit fault in a transistor will produce the oscillations in the middle-point voltage due to the parasitic resonance. Furthermore, a positive or negative bias is observed for the inductor current for the leg containing the faulty device. Considering the middle-voltage difference for various legs, the method of determining all transistors in both primary and secondary sides are derived and the threshold is tuned considering the tradeoff between the fault detection speed and accuracy. Main simulation and experimental results show that the fault conditions are the same as the previous analysis. The proposed fault diagnose strategy can quickly detect the faulty devices. It is also worth noting that the oscillations and distortions of waveforms affect the average value of their bridge arm.

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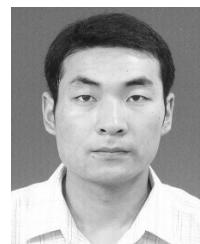
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