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MABC based Distributed power processing for Li-ion batteries

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Project Goal

Investigates processing of energy at the cell level (battery, cell) battery energy storage system by power conditioning circuits

- improved efficiency of the overall stack.
- improved safety and reliability through battery level analytics
- Reliable energy storage can significantly improve the Grid reliability and Resilience.

Accomplishments for Year-1

- Design and analysis of Dual Active Bridge Converter (DABC) based Distributed Power Processing (DPP)
- Complete the prototype of Micro-DABC for the Li-ion battery cell.

Objectives for Year-2

- Design and analysis of Multi Active Bridge Converter (MABC) based DPP
- Voltage droop for co-ordination of multiple parallel sources (i.e. MABC's)
- Develop the prototype of MABC for two Li-ion cells.
- Finite Element Analysis of High Frequency Transformer

Features of MABC-DPPB

- monitoring SOC, temperature of each cell
- independent charge/discharge control of each cell based on cell health
- maximizing bidirectional utilization.
- efficiency improvement [due to zero voltage switching] of MABC at low power level by controlling T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n .
- Safety and Reliability

Diagram of Distributed Power Processing Configuration

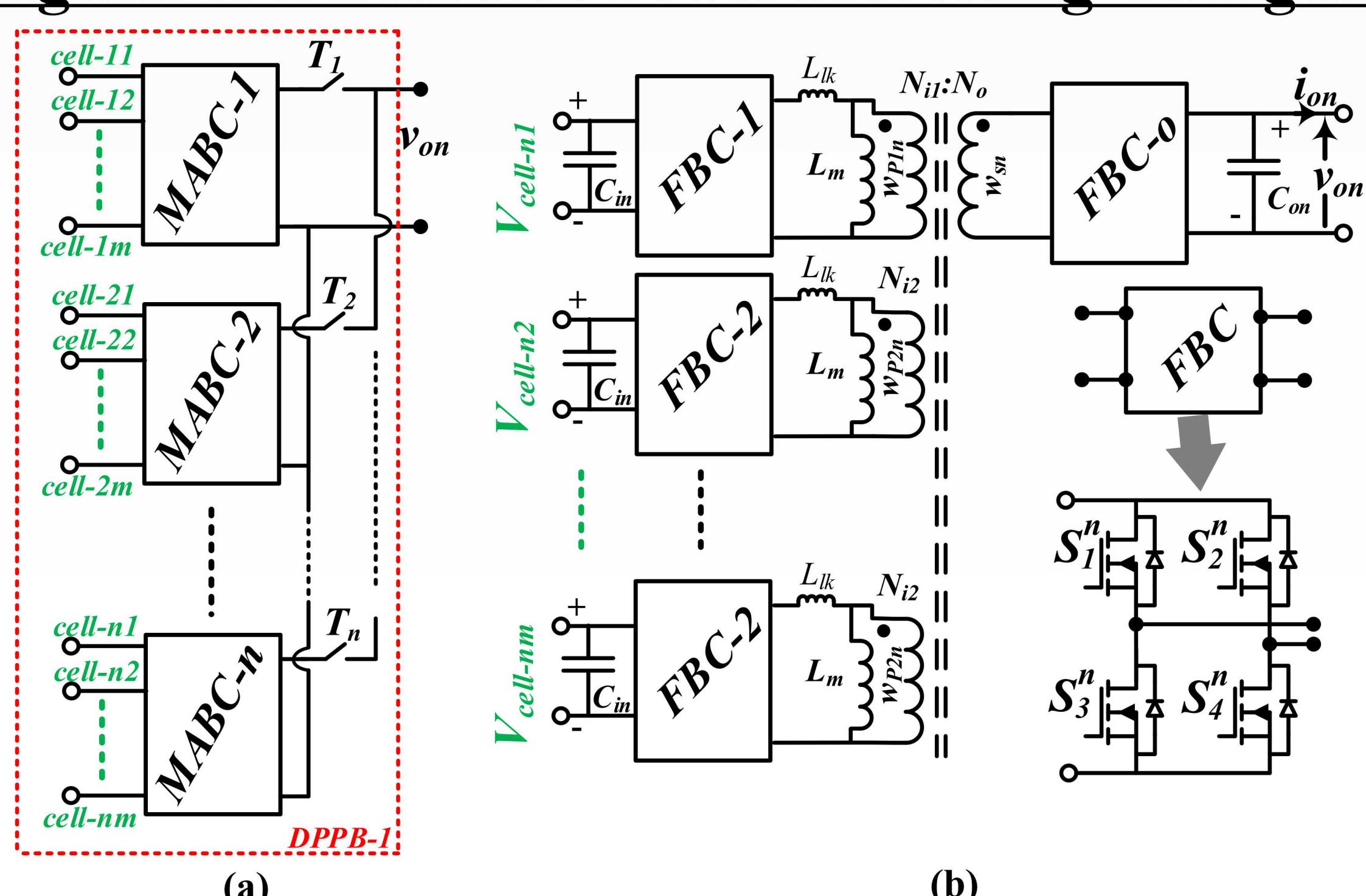


Fig. (a) Distributed Power Processing structure based BESS (DPP-BESS); (b) Multi Active Bridge Converter (MABC)

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Control strategy of MABC

- (a) To ensure the uniform current sharing of the parallel MABCs, virtual resistances (R_d) are assumed in series with the output of each MABC. $V_{on_ref} = V_o - i_{on}R_d$
- (b) Voltage regulation issue can be mitigated by using the secondary voltage controller, i.e., adding the voltage compensation to primary voltage of the controller. $\delta V_o = \left(K_p + \frac{K_i}{s} \right) (V_{o_ref} - v_o)$
- (c) Equal SOC regulation of all cells in each MABC to improve the life time.

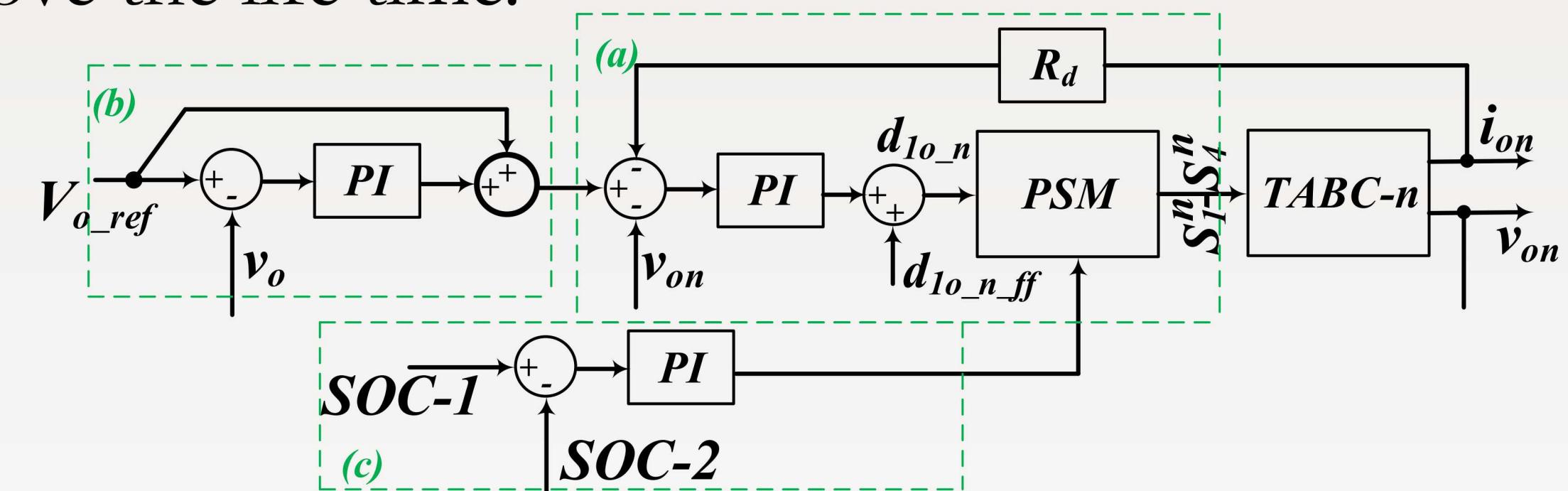
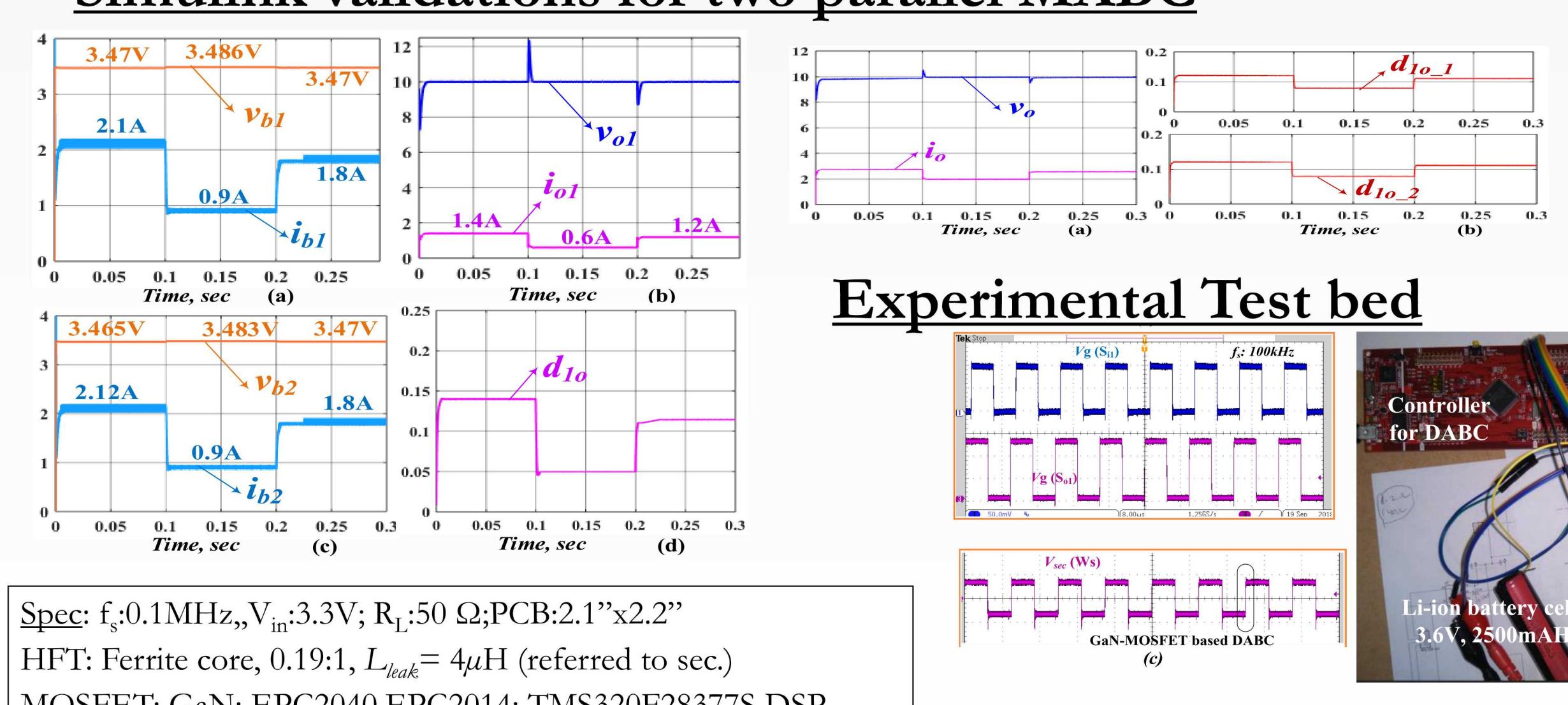
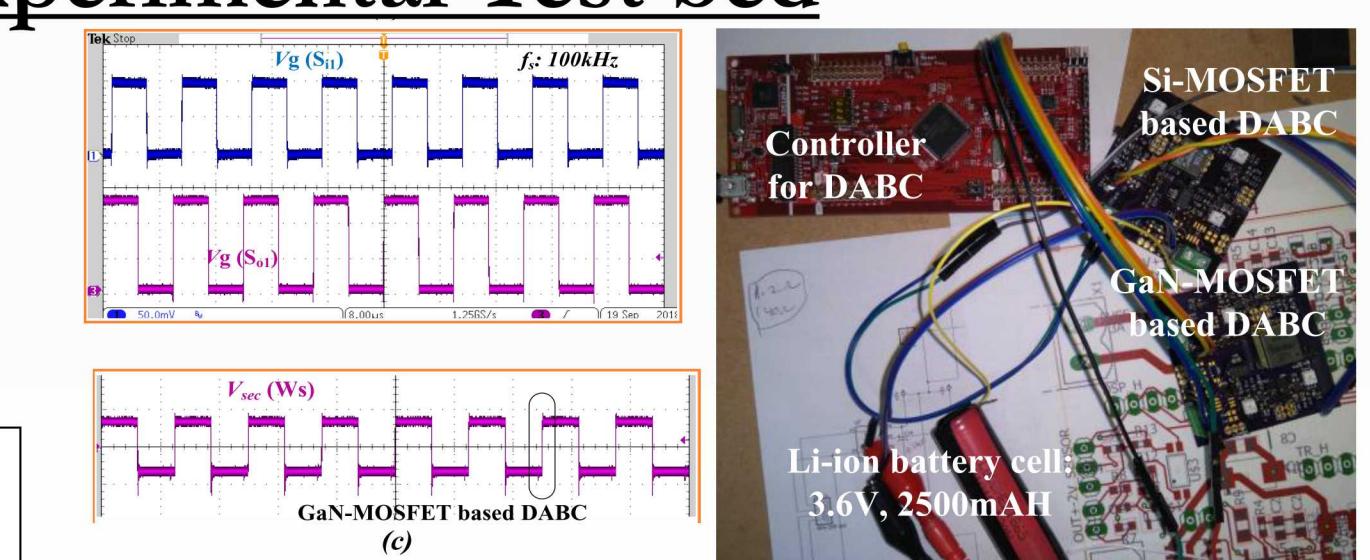


Fig. Local control scheme for the MABC-n.

Simulink validations for two parallel MABC



Experimental Test bed



- Lab prototype validations are underway.

Future work

- Efficiency analysis and optimal power control of MABC
- Health monitoring of DPP based battery
- Complete prototype pack

Recent Publications

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