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Power supply circuits

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Customer Segments

Nuclear Industry

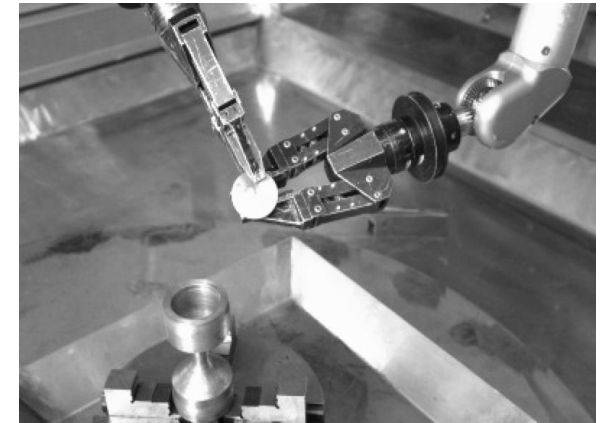
Radioactive Waste Management

Medical Industry

Environmental Monitoring

Metrology and Calibration

Dismantling and Decommissioning



Area and process monitoring



Contamination Monitors

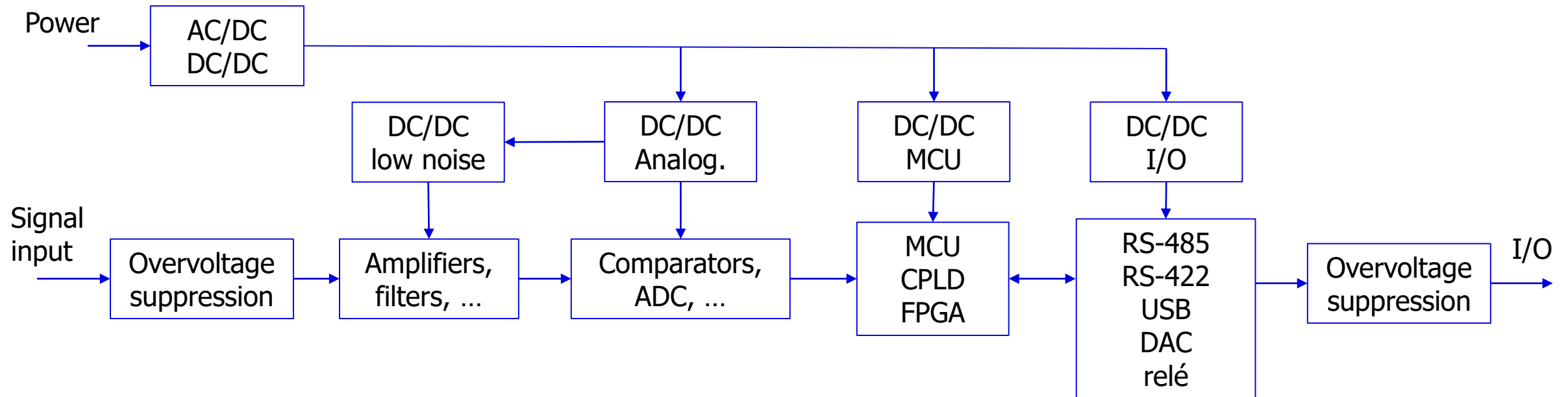


Power supply circuits

- Most of the components in PCBs are not implemented due to the main function, but most of it is auxiliary and supporting for main components.
- Typically, more than 50% of this auxiliary components are power supplies.

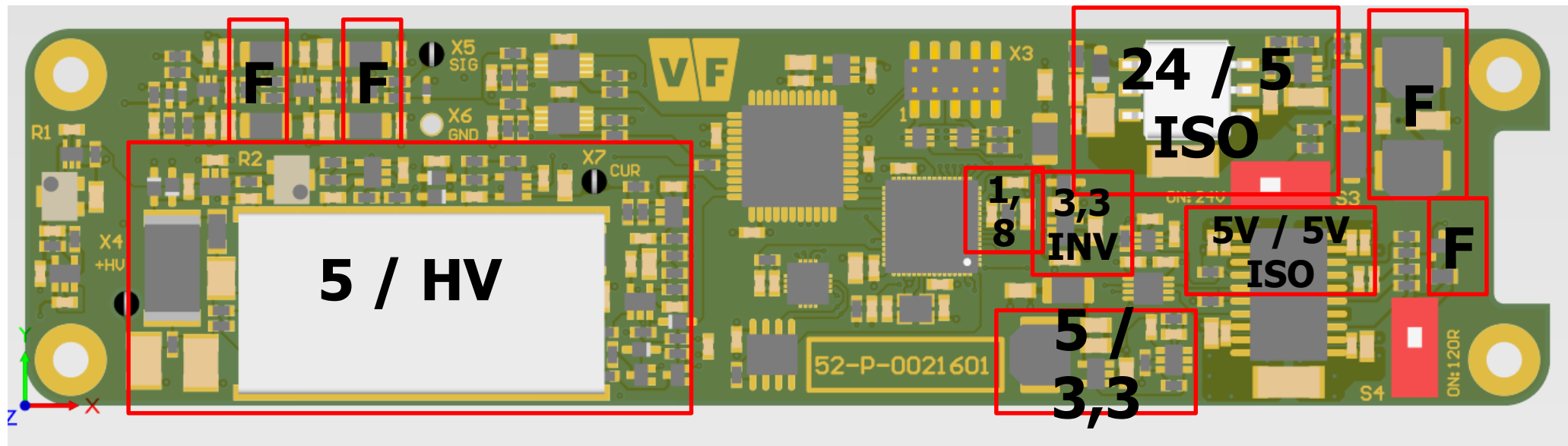
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- The typical structure of (not only) measuring instruments:



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- Example of PCB for scintillation detectors:



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Linear Power Supply

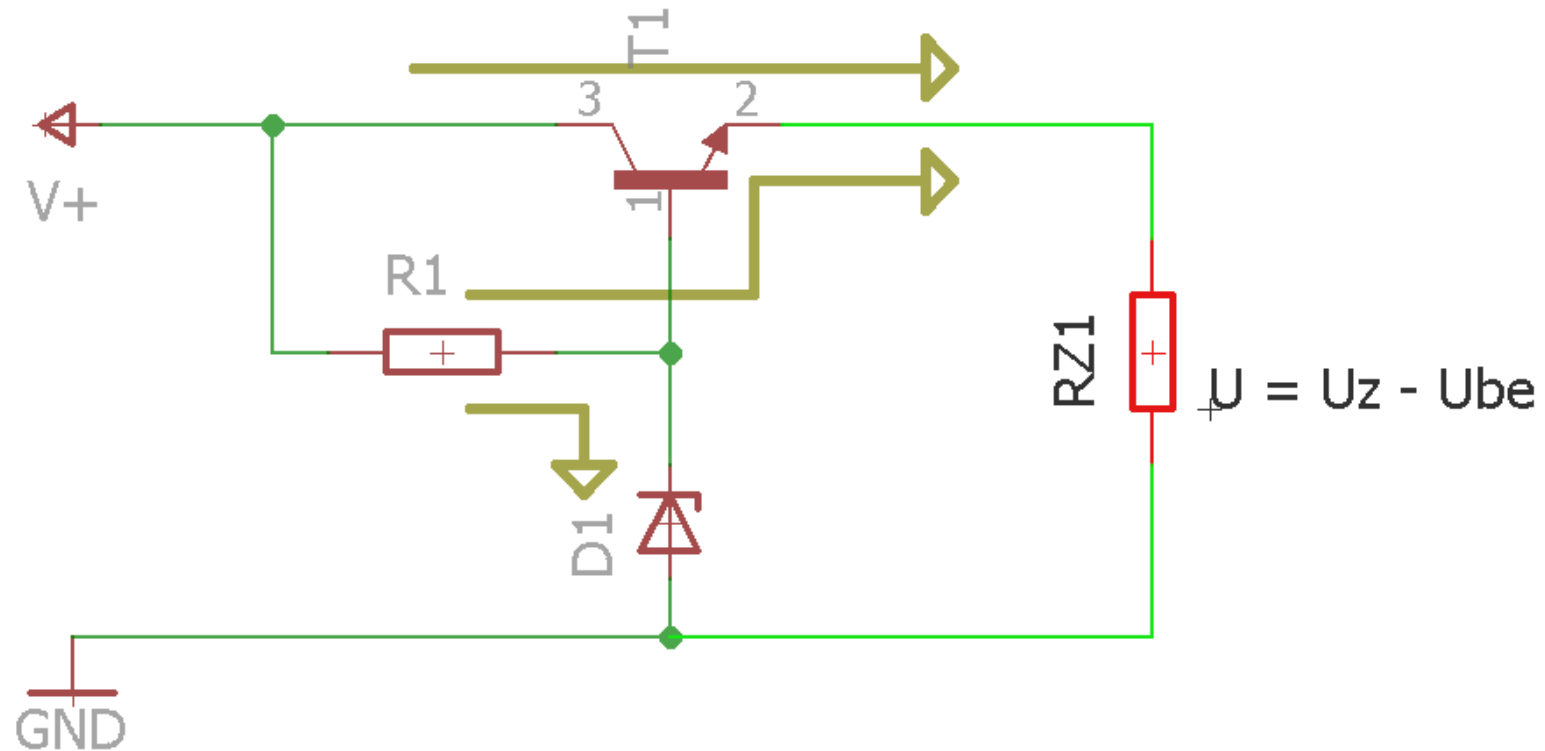
- + low noise
- low efficiency, only for decreasing of voltage

Switching Power Supply

- + high efficiency, decreasing, increasing, inverting and galvanic isolation of voltage
- high noise

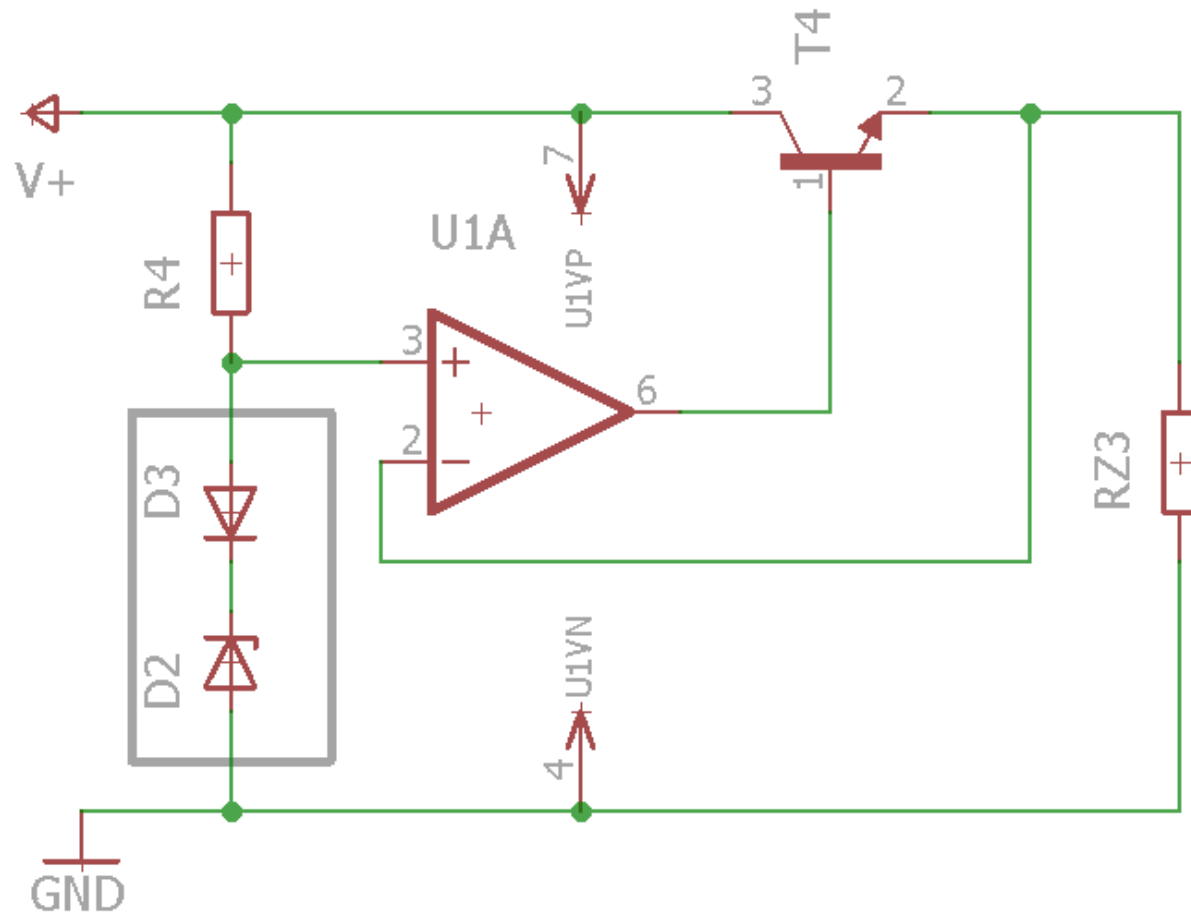
Linear Power Supply

The basic linear voltage regulator



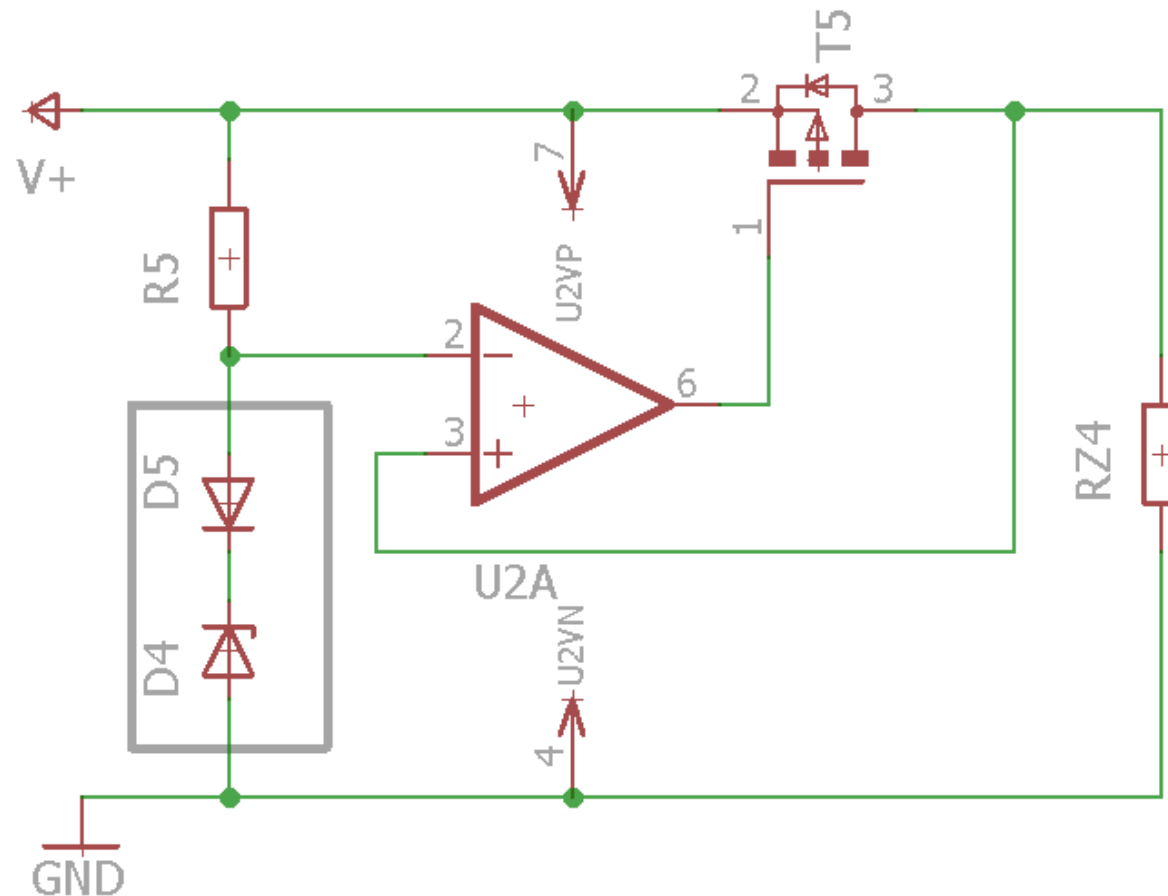
Linear Power Supply

Principial schematic of linear regulators – feedback loop



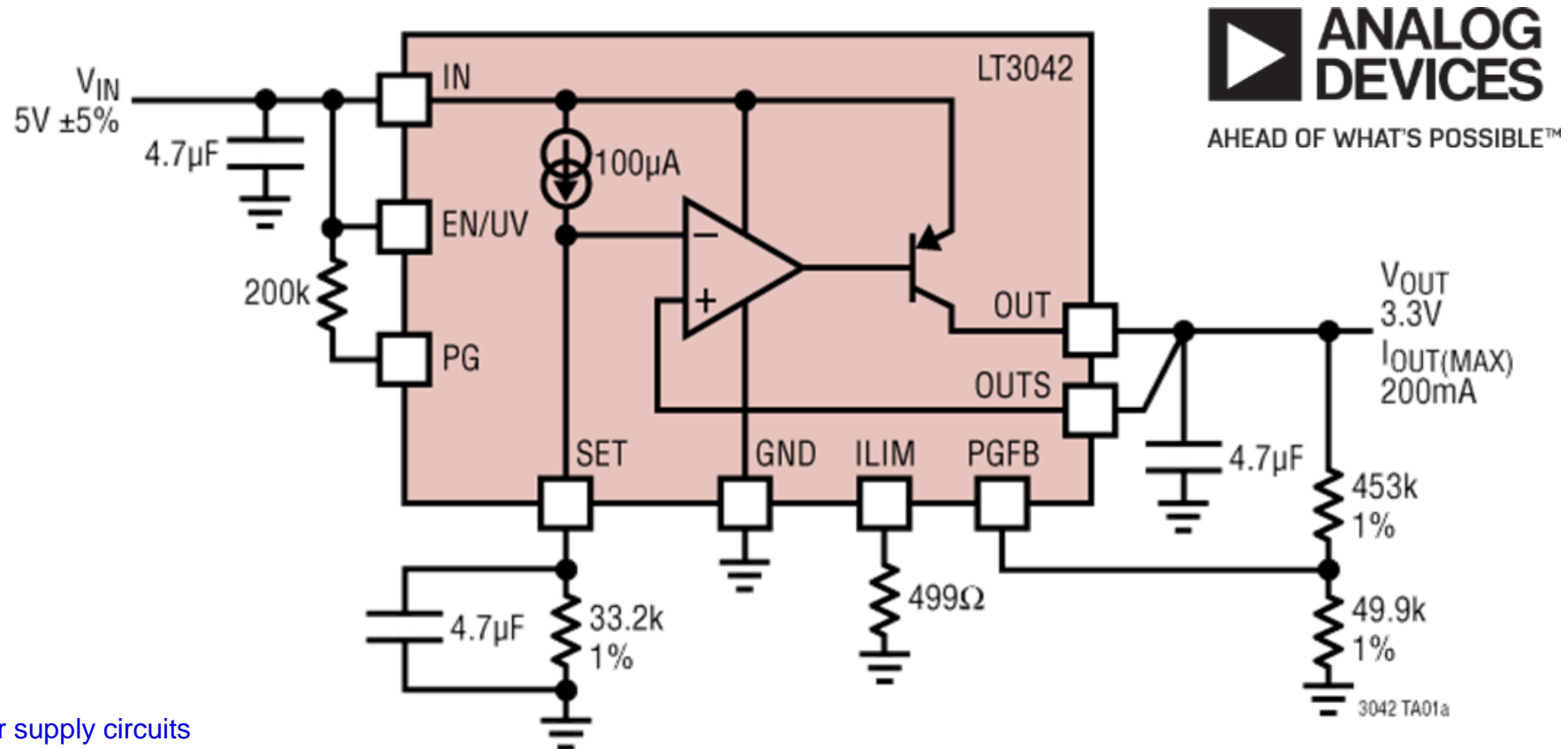
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Principial schematic of linear regulators – LDO



Linear Power Supply

Ultralow RMS Noise: $0.8\mu\text{VRMS}$ (10Hz to 100kHz)

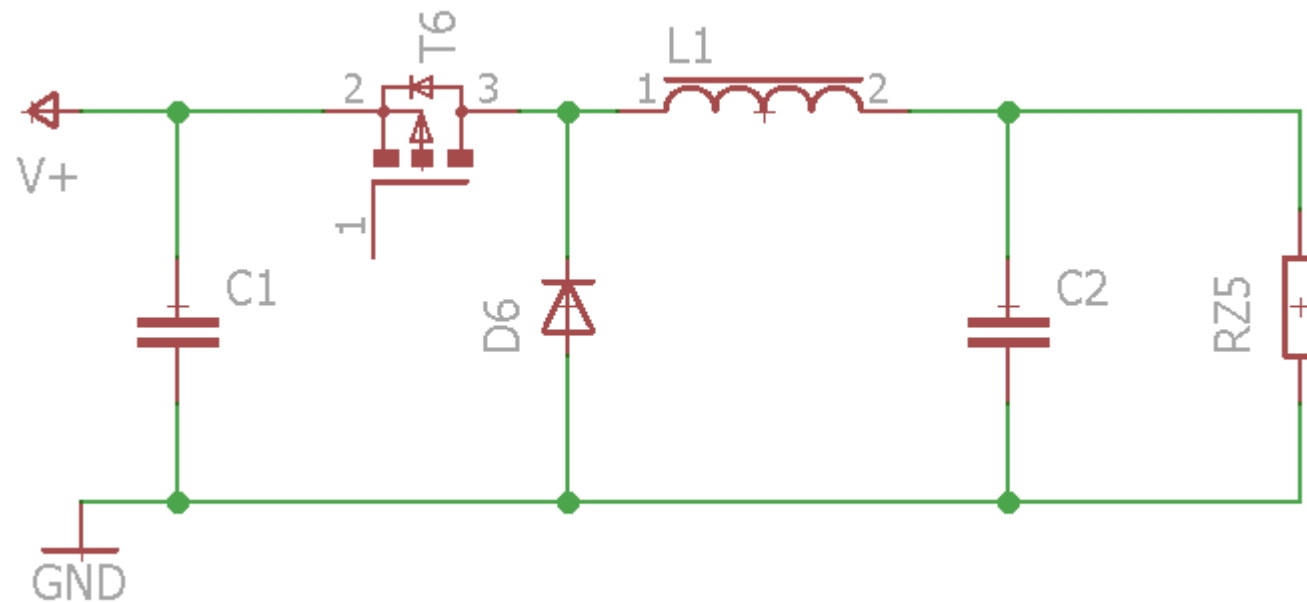


Switching Power Supply

- Most of switching power supply are based on accumulation of energy.
- Accumulation of energy is based on magnetic field (chokes, transformers), on capacitors or on combination of both.

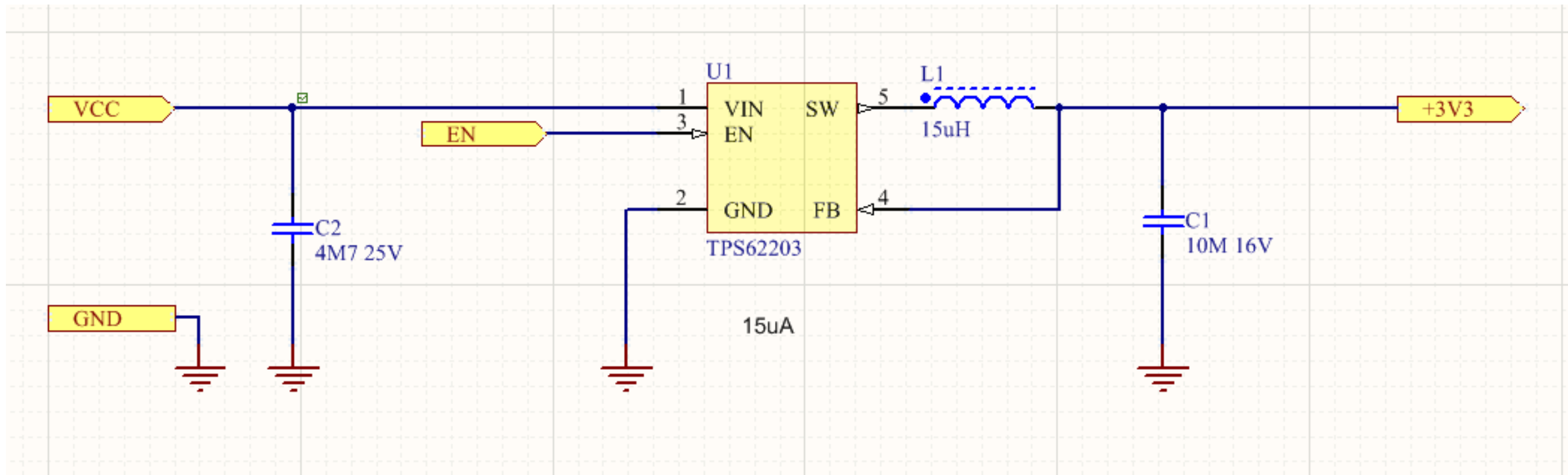
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Buck (step down) topology – decreasing of voltage



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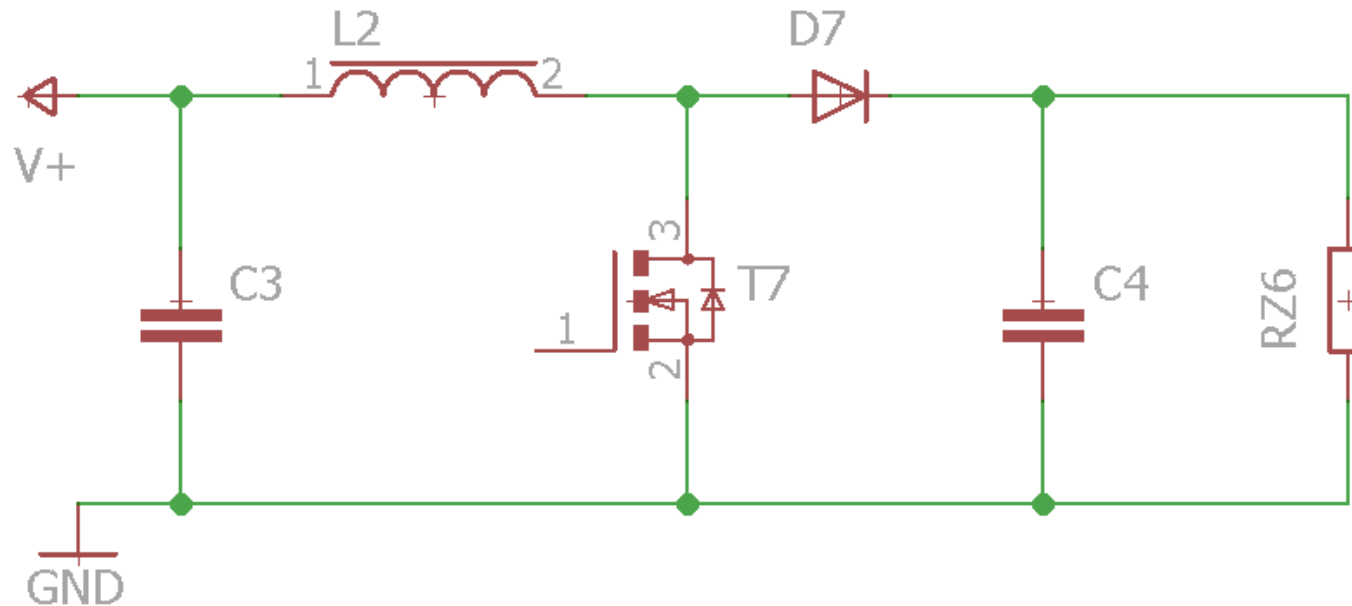
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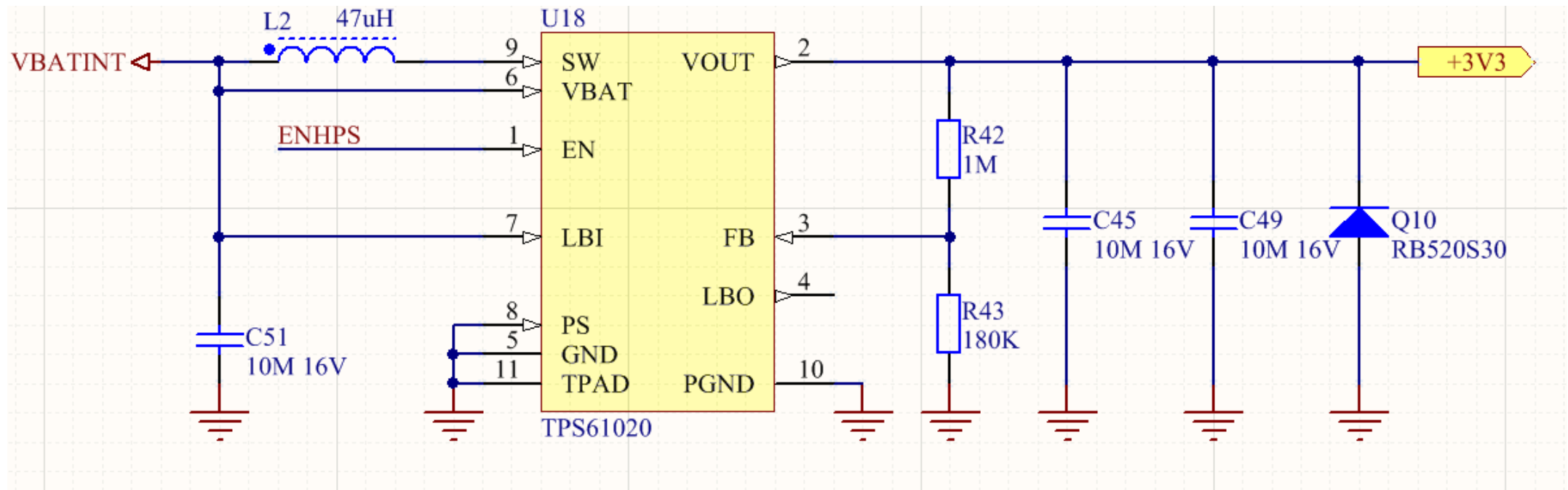
Boost (step up) topology – increasing of voltage

The problem: Not isolating of short circuit



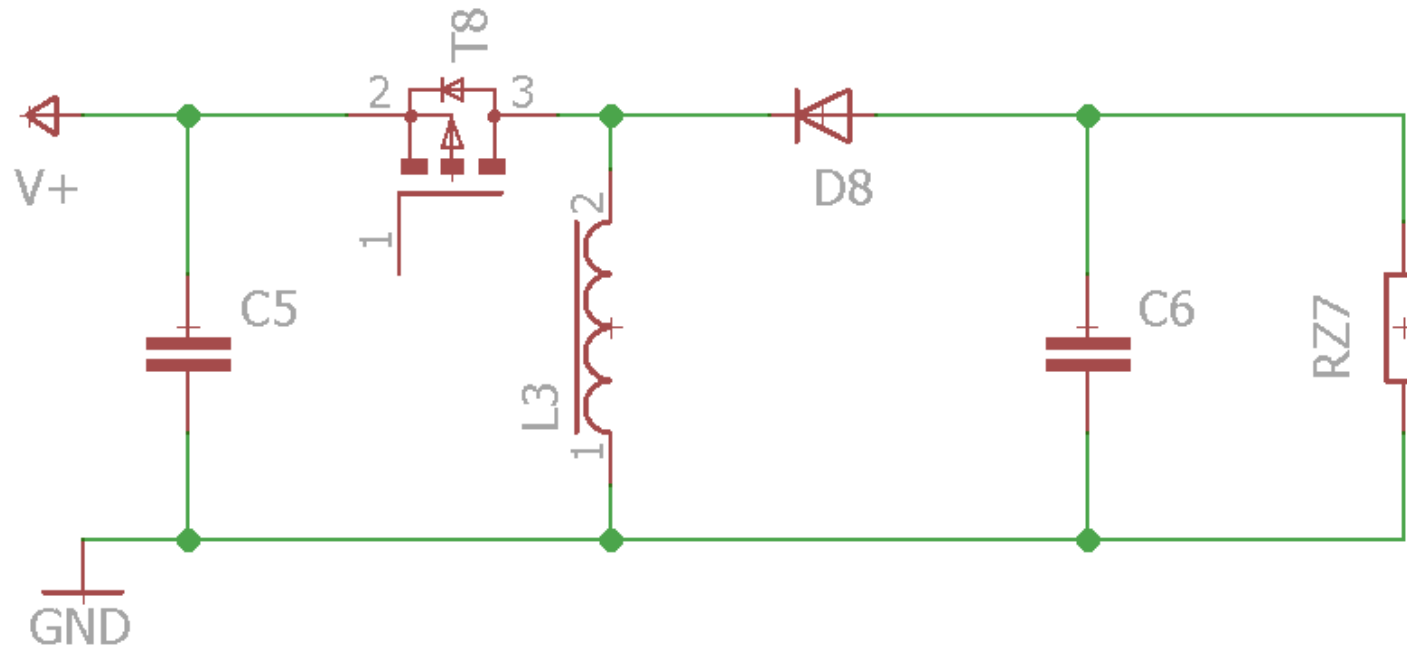
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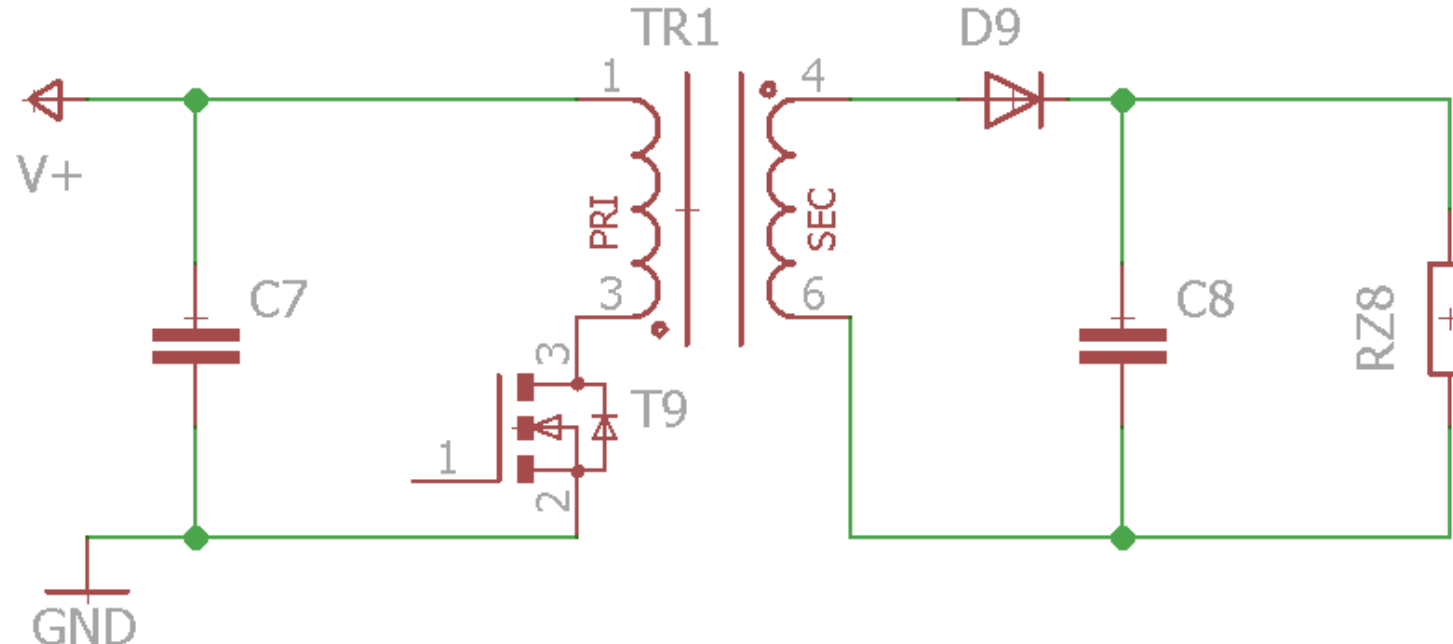
Flyback (inverting) topology – inversion of voltage



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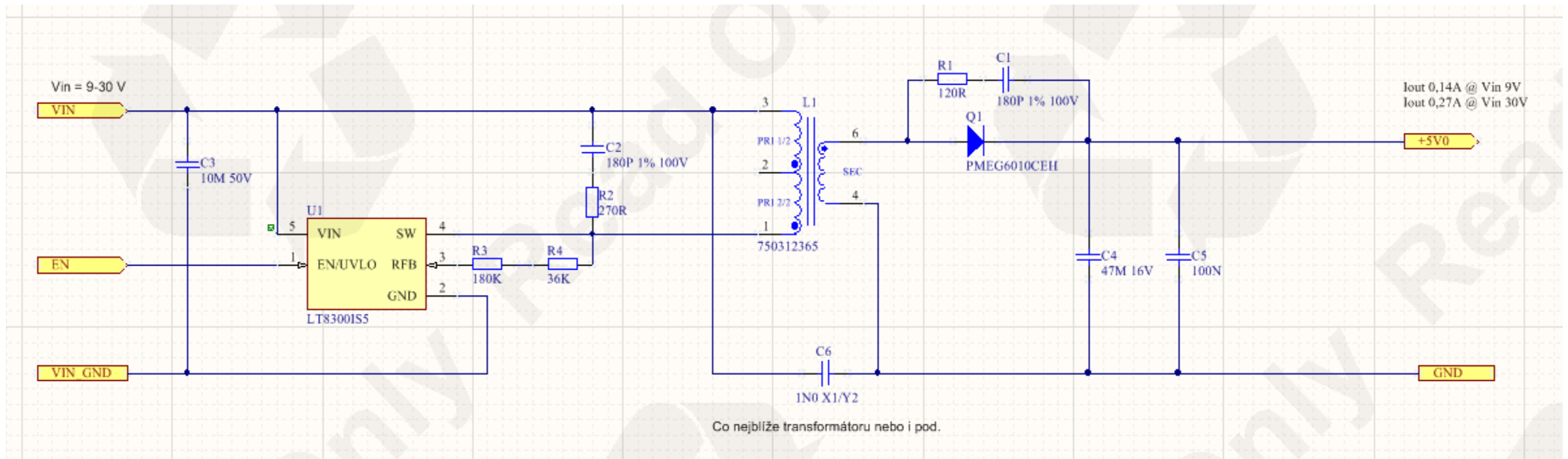
Flyback (inverting) topology – galvanic isolation

- transformer with **air gap** (difference from pass-through DC/DC)
- up to approximately 200W



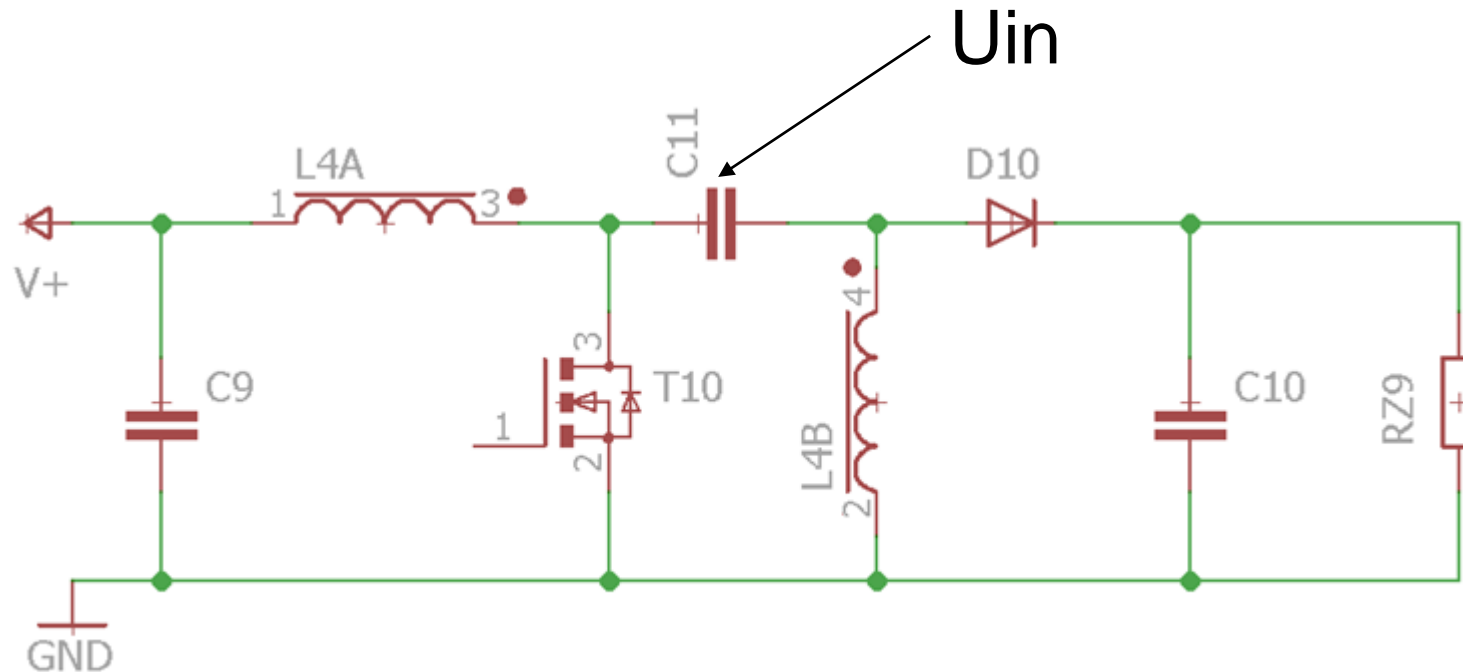
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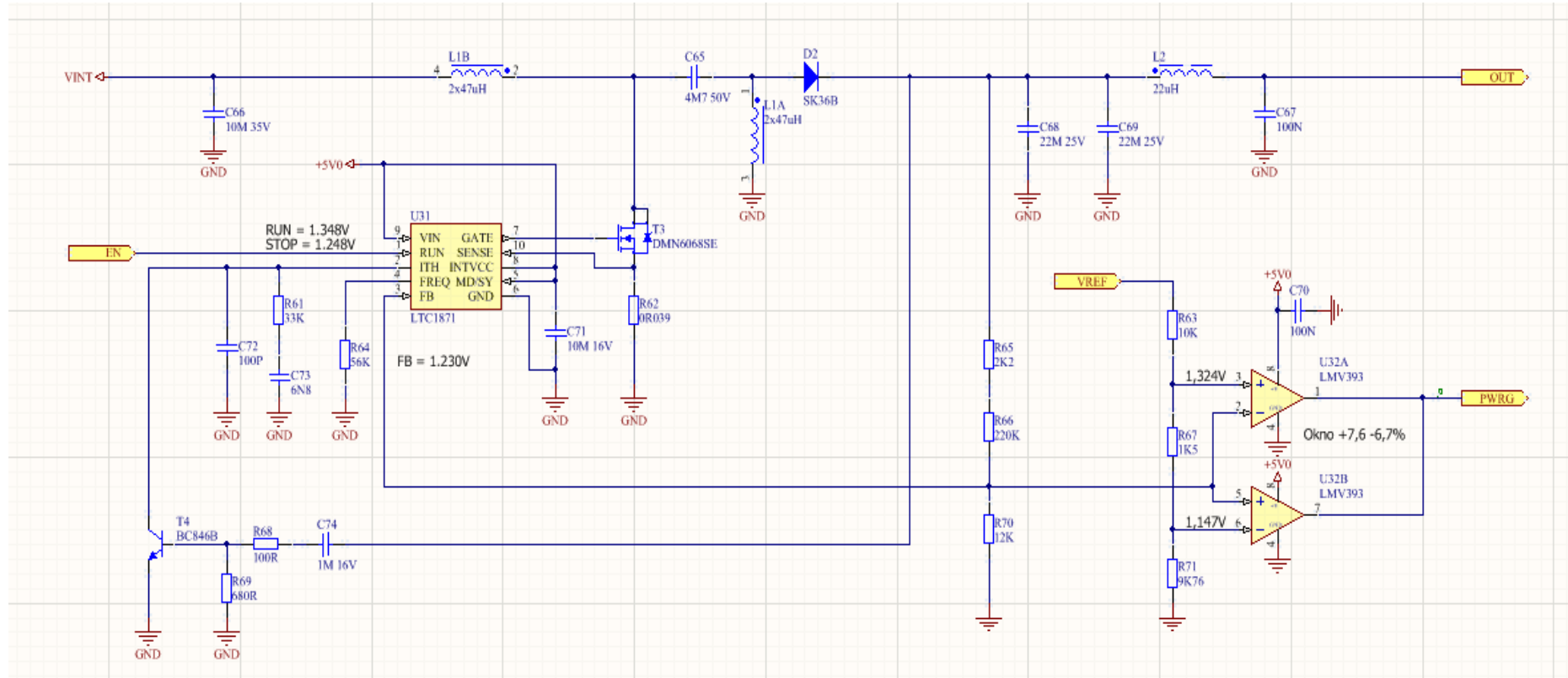
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SEPIC topology – increasing/decreasing of voltage



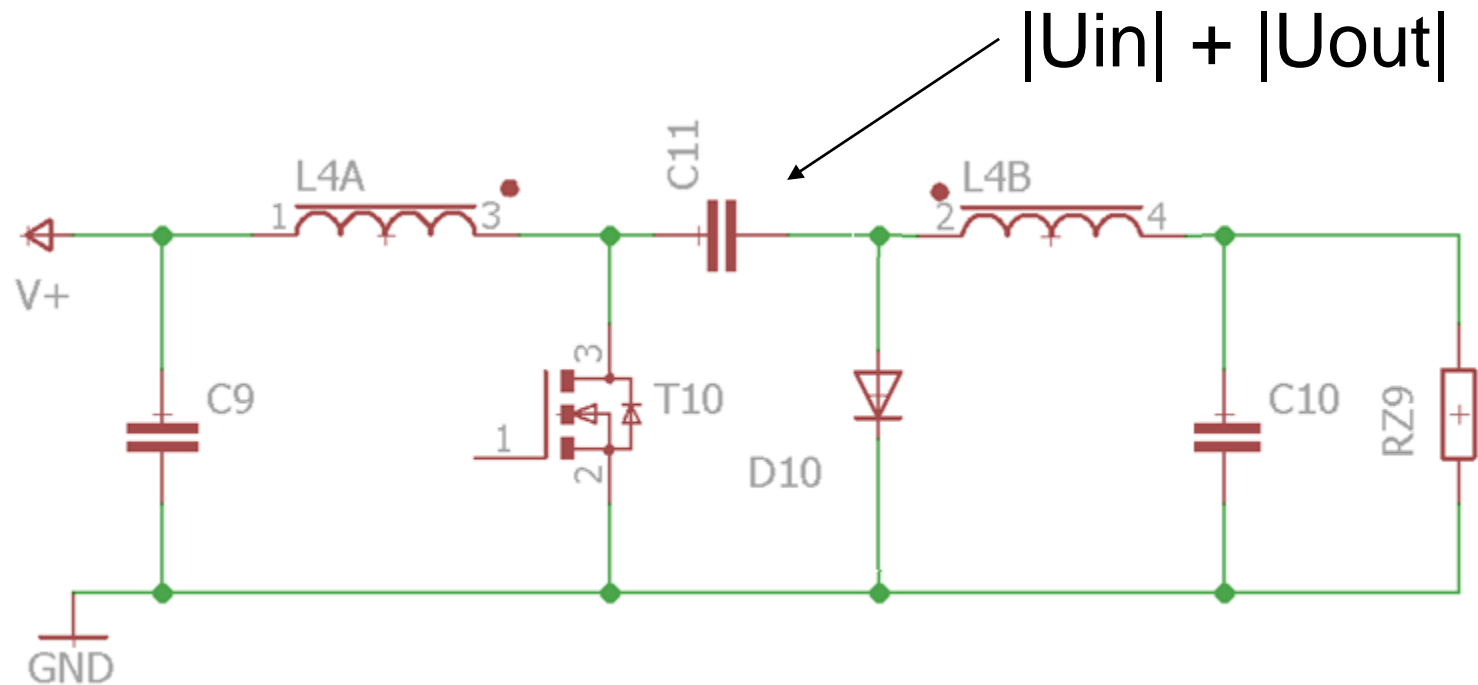
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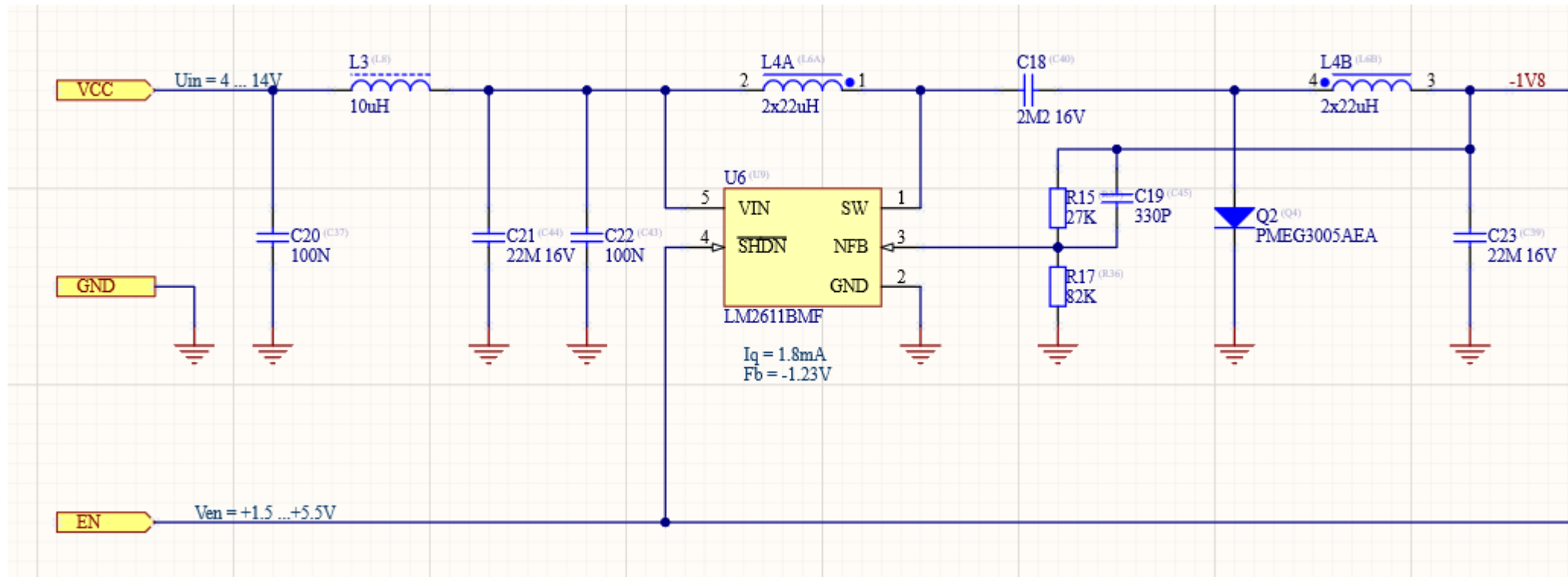
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ČUK topology – inversion of voltage



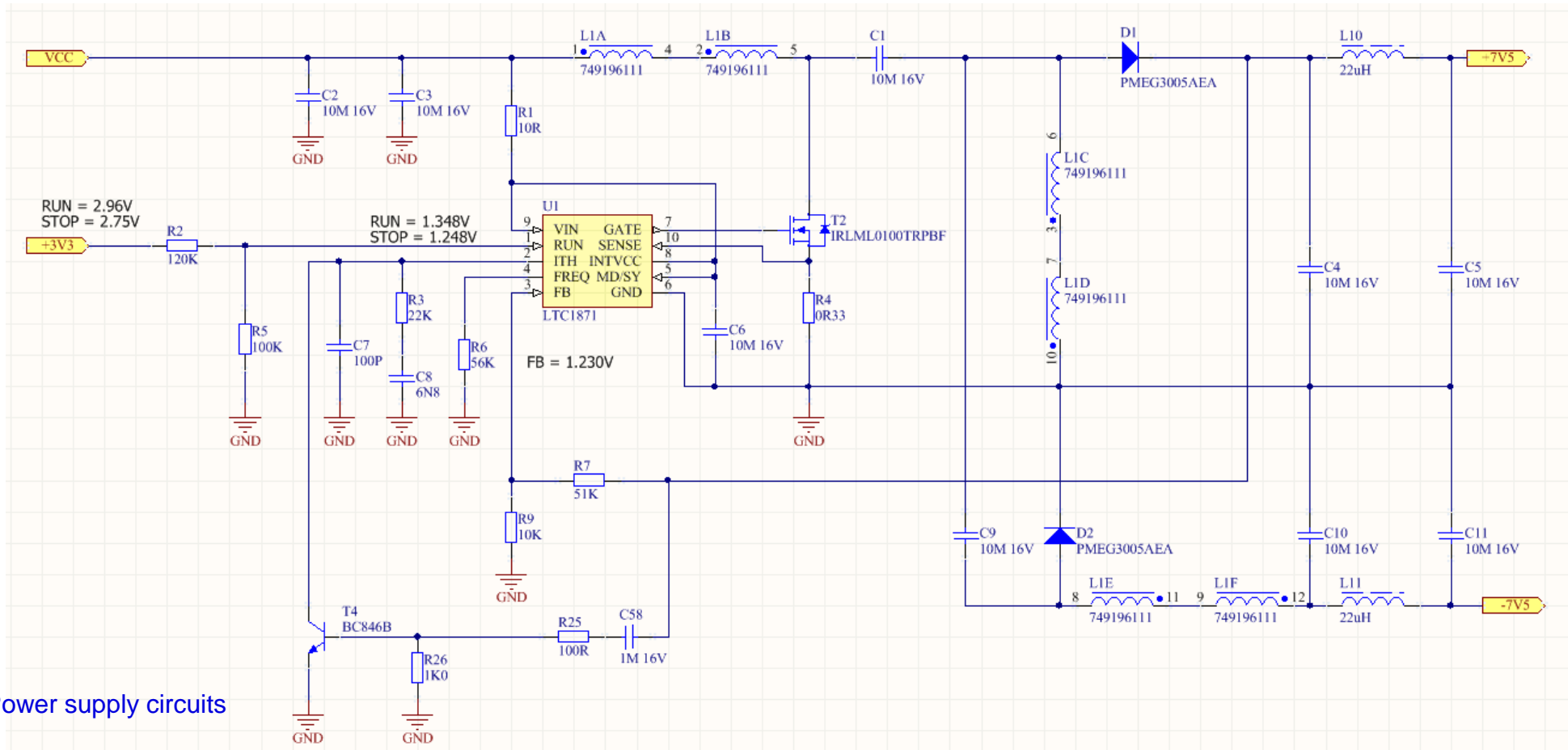
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ĆUK topology – inversion of voltage



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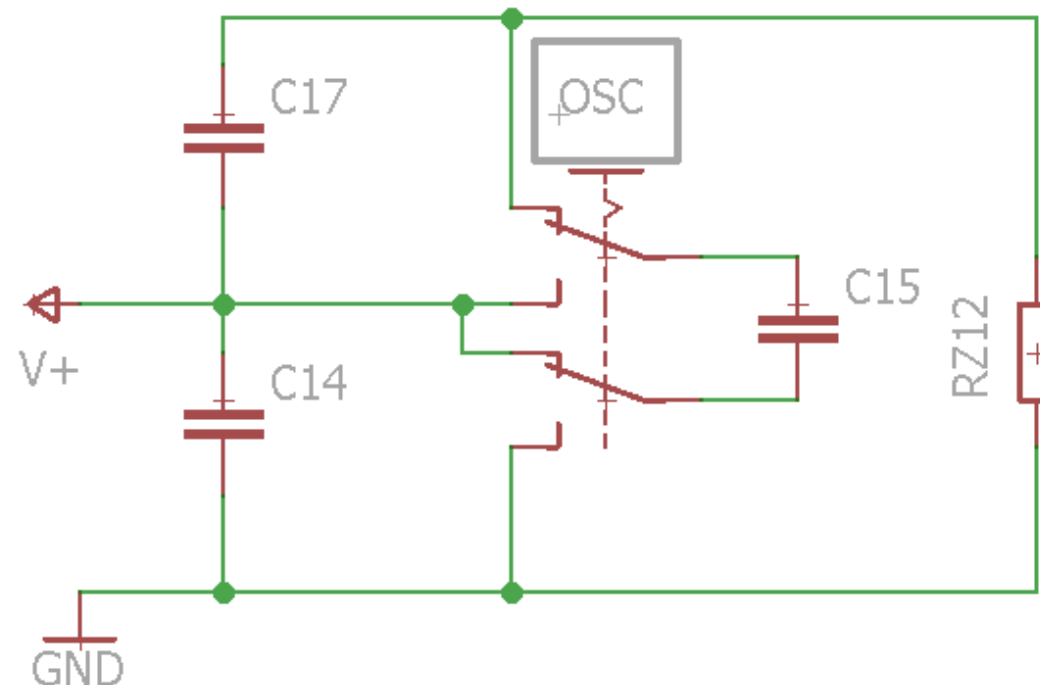
Combination of SEPIC and ČUK topology – symmetric voltage



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Charge pump – voltage doubler

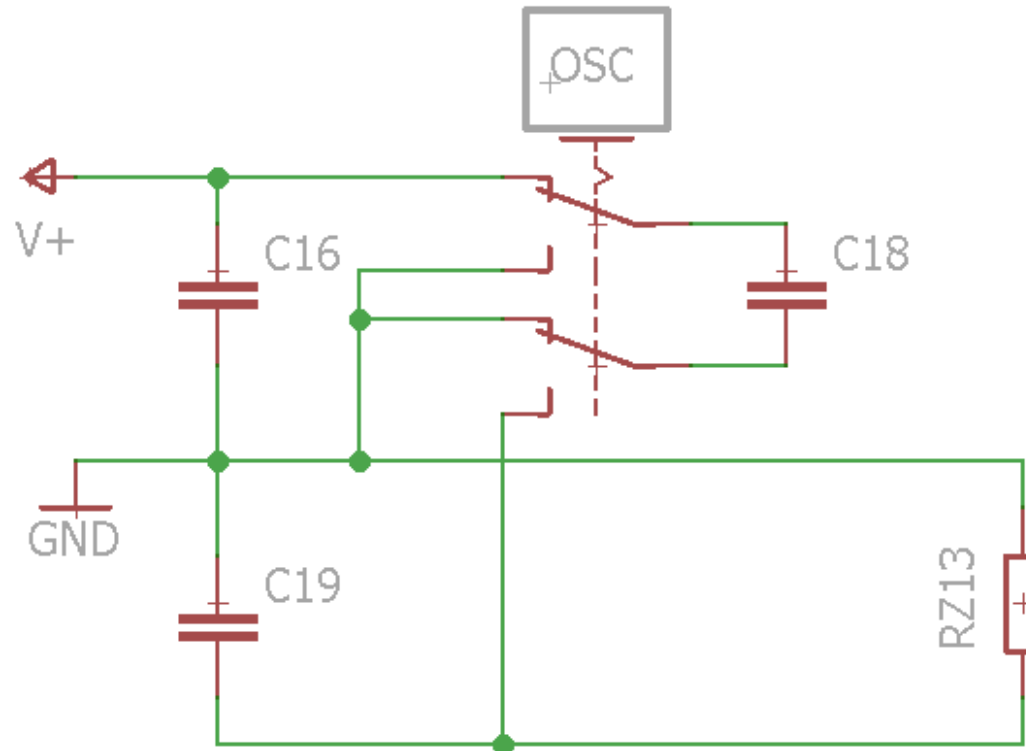
- Very low self consumption
- Not possible to regulate output voltage



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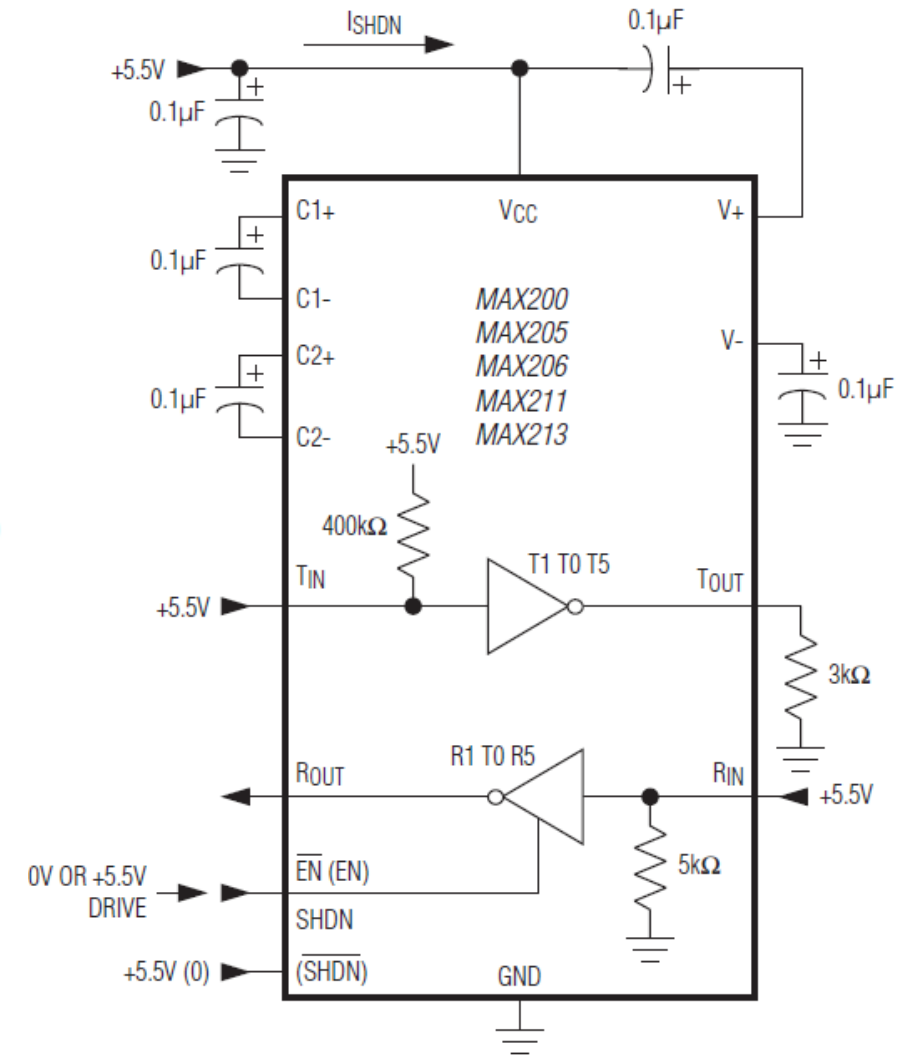
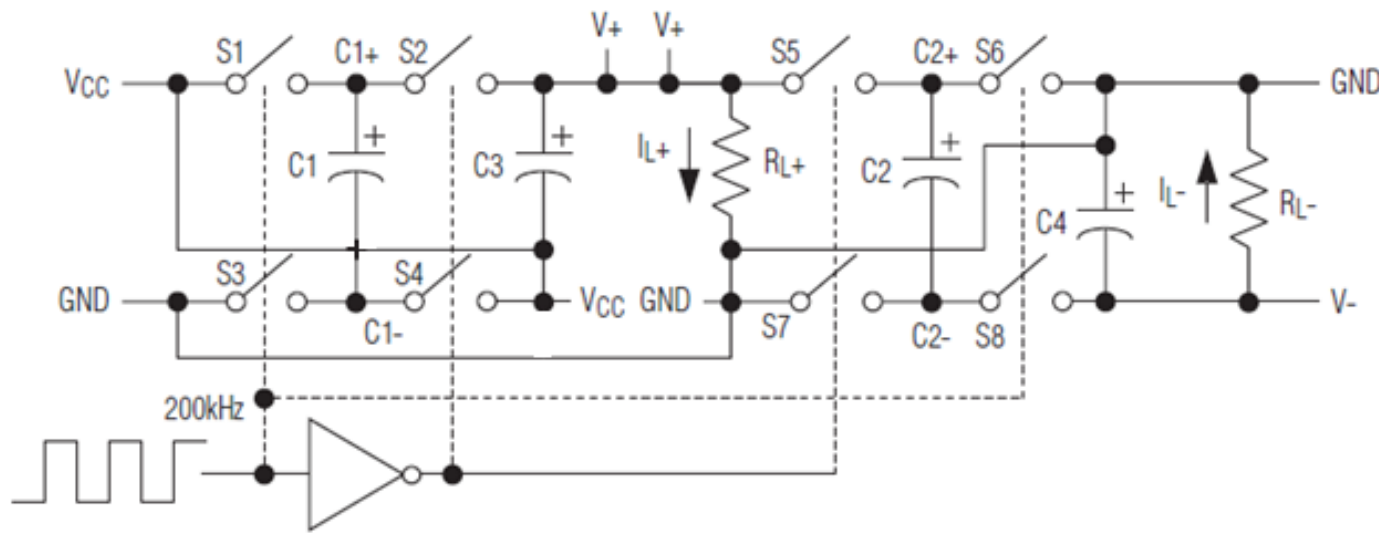
Charge pump – voltage inverter

- Very low self consumption
- Not possible to regulate output voltage



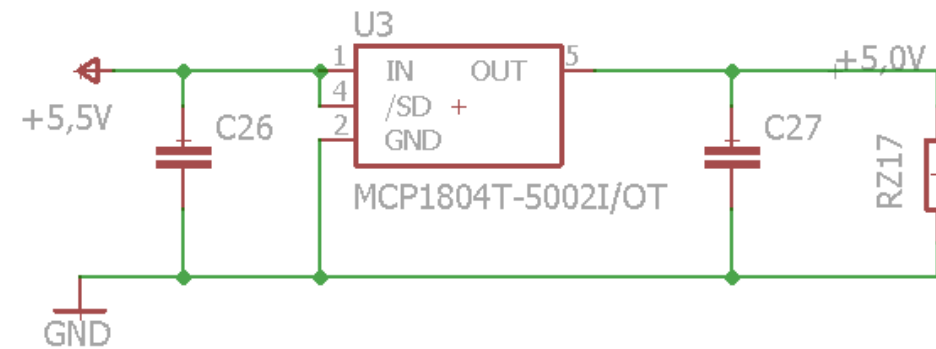
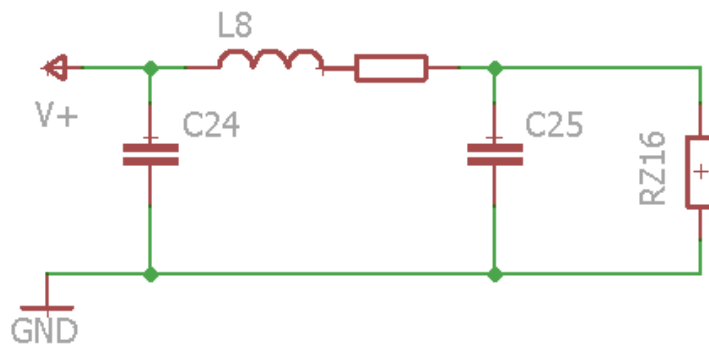
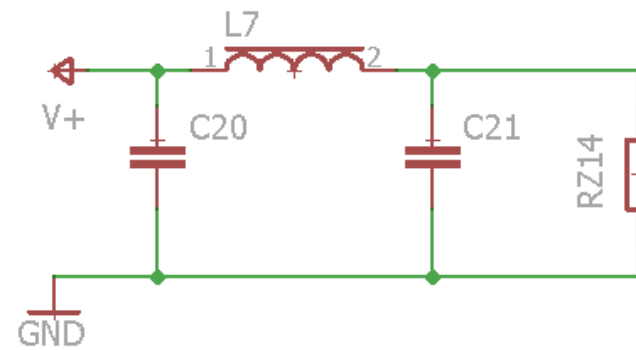
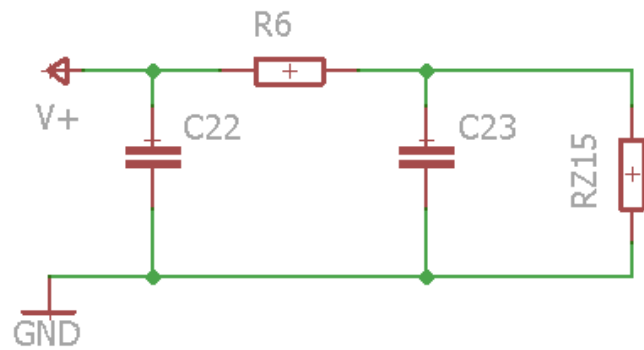
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Charge pump



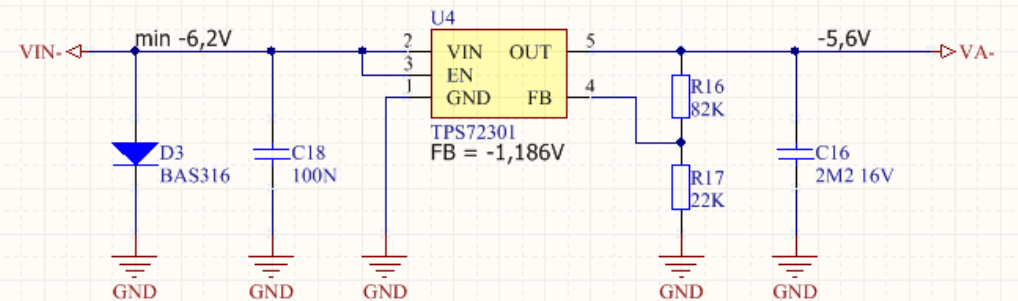
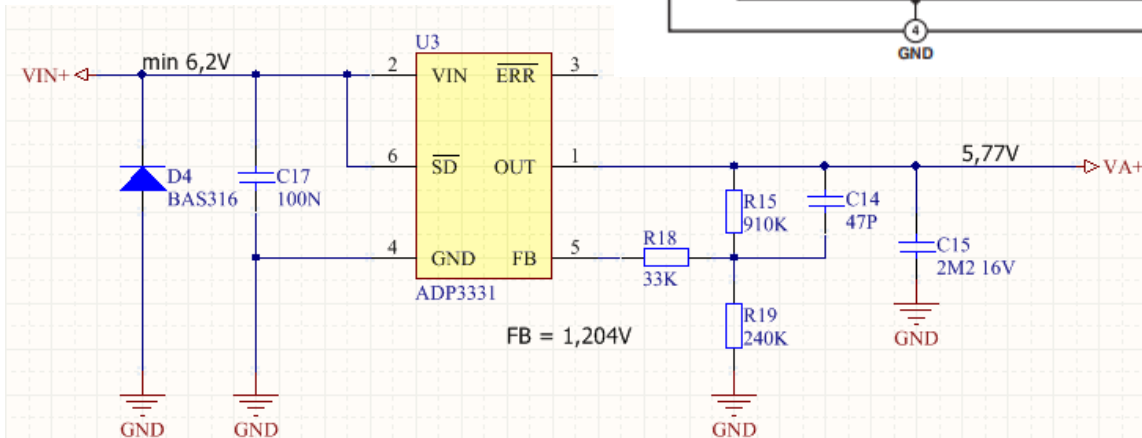
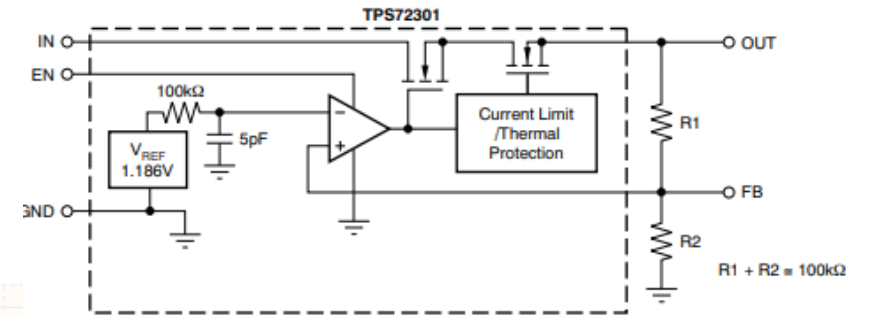
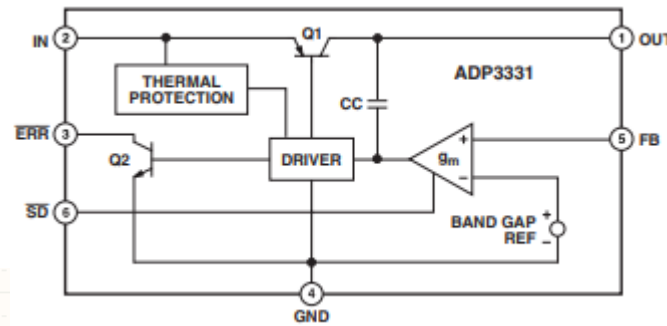
Filters for power rail

Decreasing of noise and decreasing of crosstalk's



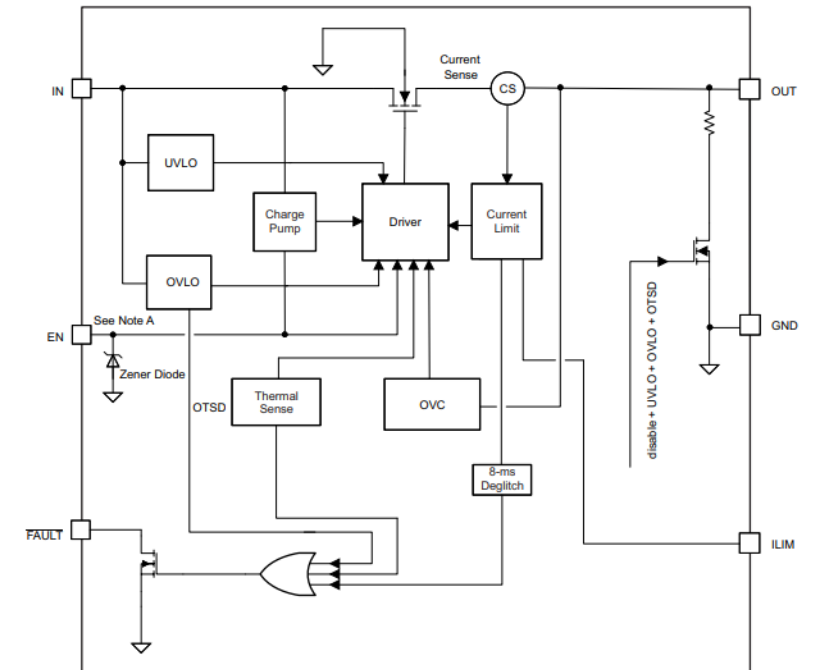
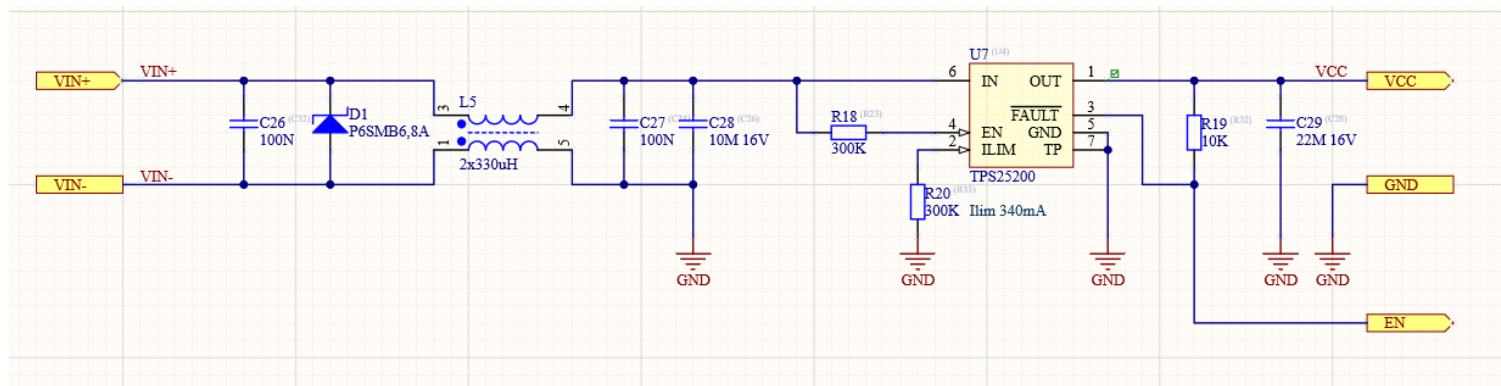
Filters for power rail

The best filters for low and medium frequency are linear regulators



Starts of power supplies

It is necessary to be careful about shape, inrush current, rise times and order of voltages.



Examples of design in the Altium Designer



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- [2] Analog Devices, [LTspice simulator](#)

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