

12. Design and Troubleshooting of Solar Power Inverter circuit

Course: ECE1008 – Electronic Hardware Troubleshooting LAB

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Aim

- To design the a solar Power inverter circuit



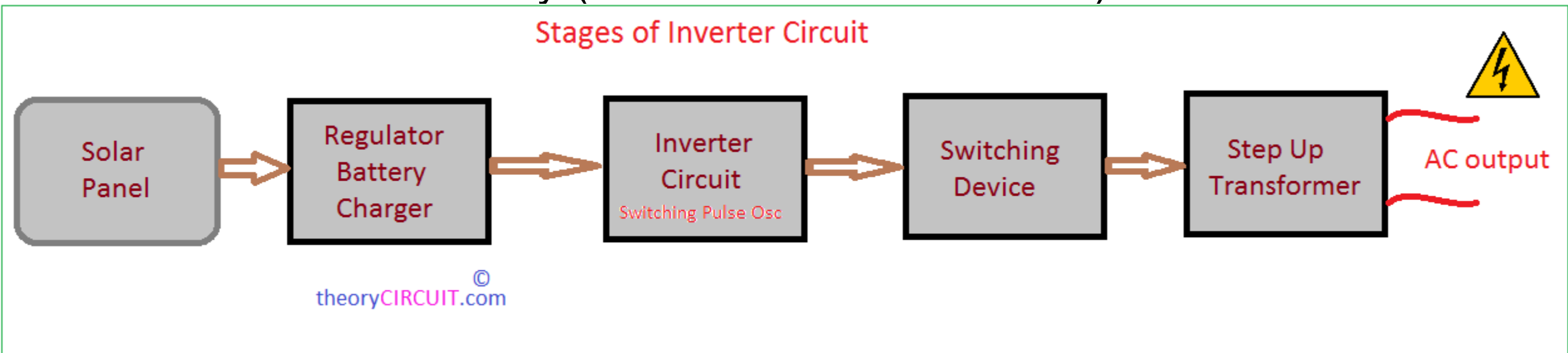
Stages:

- Photovoltaic solar based inverter circuit
- five different stages.
- PV Solar panel
- Regulator / Battery charger
- Inverter Circuit (Switching Pulse Oscillator)
- Switching Device
- Step Up transformer (Output stage)



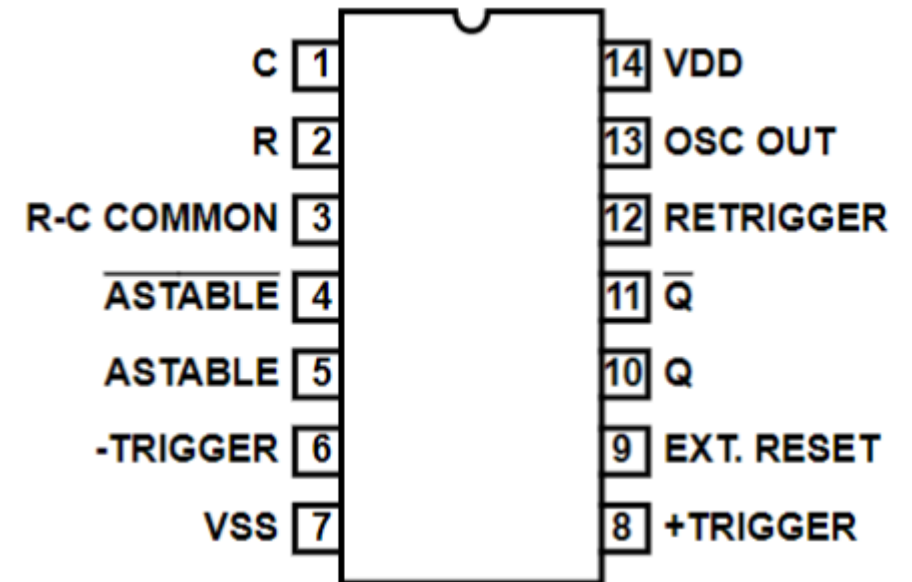
Components

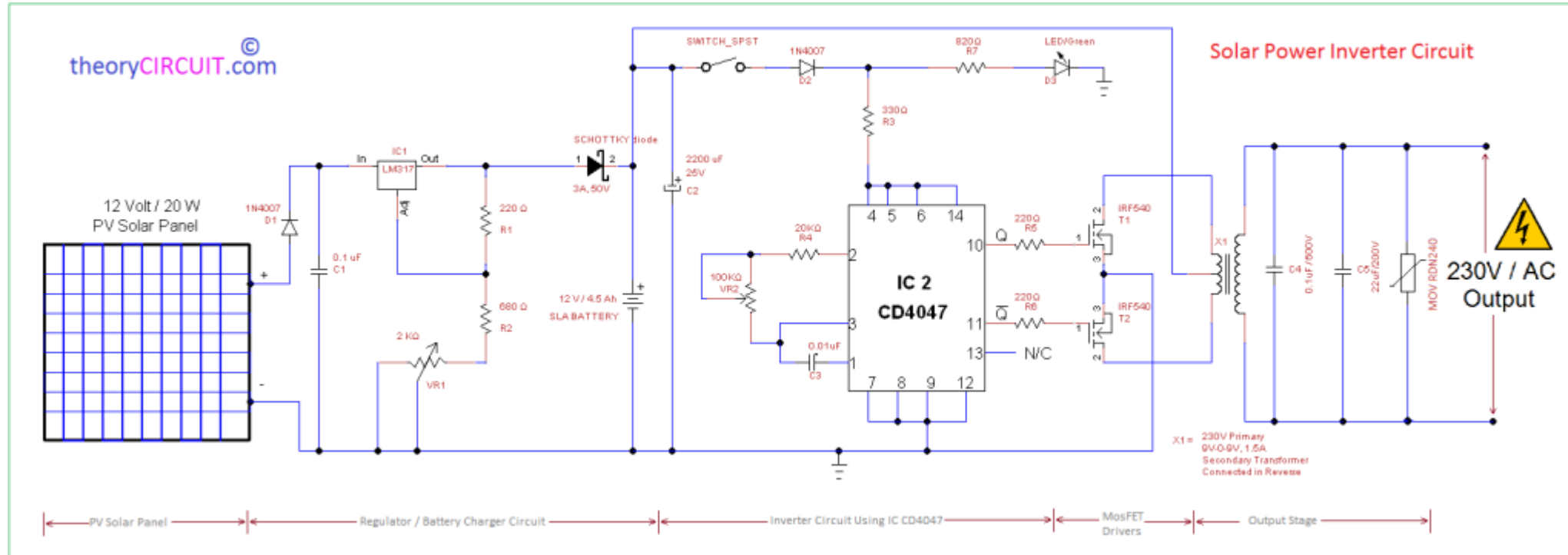
- Solar Panel : 12V 20watts (1600mA)
- LM317: Three terminal Positive voltage regulator (Output voltage from 1.25V to 37V with more than 1.5A current)
- 3A, 50V Shottky diode
- 12/4.5Ah SLA Battery (dc bias to inverter circuit)



Components

- CD4047
PWM generator / ASTABLE multivibrator
- Produces switching waveform





Components

- Inverter circuit using IC CD4047 (Switching Pulse Oscillator):
Monostable / Astable multivibrator IC CD4047

- IC: 14 pin Dual in line package

- Full oscillation output F at Pin 13,

$$\text{Frequency: } f = \frac{1}{8.8RC} \quad R = R4 + VR2 \quad \text{and } C = C3$$

½ of oscillation at Pin 10 as Q and Pin 11 as Q'. (Each output pin gives 50% duty cycle)

$$\text{Frequency: } f = \frac{1}{4.4RC}$$



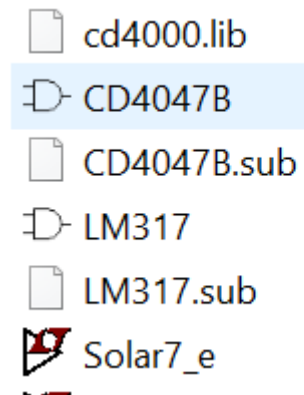
Components

- MOSFET Drivers IRF540N (Power mosfet)
Fast switching
- Transformer X1: Reverse with specifications as 230V primary
9V-0-9V /1.5A secondary winding center tapped transformer
- Metal oxide Varistor protects electronic device connected at output.



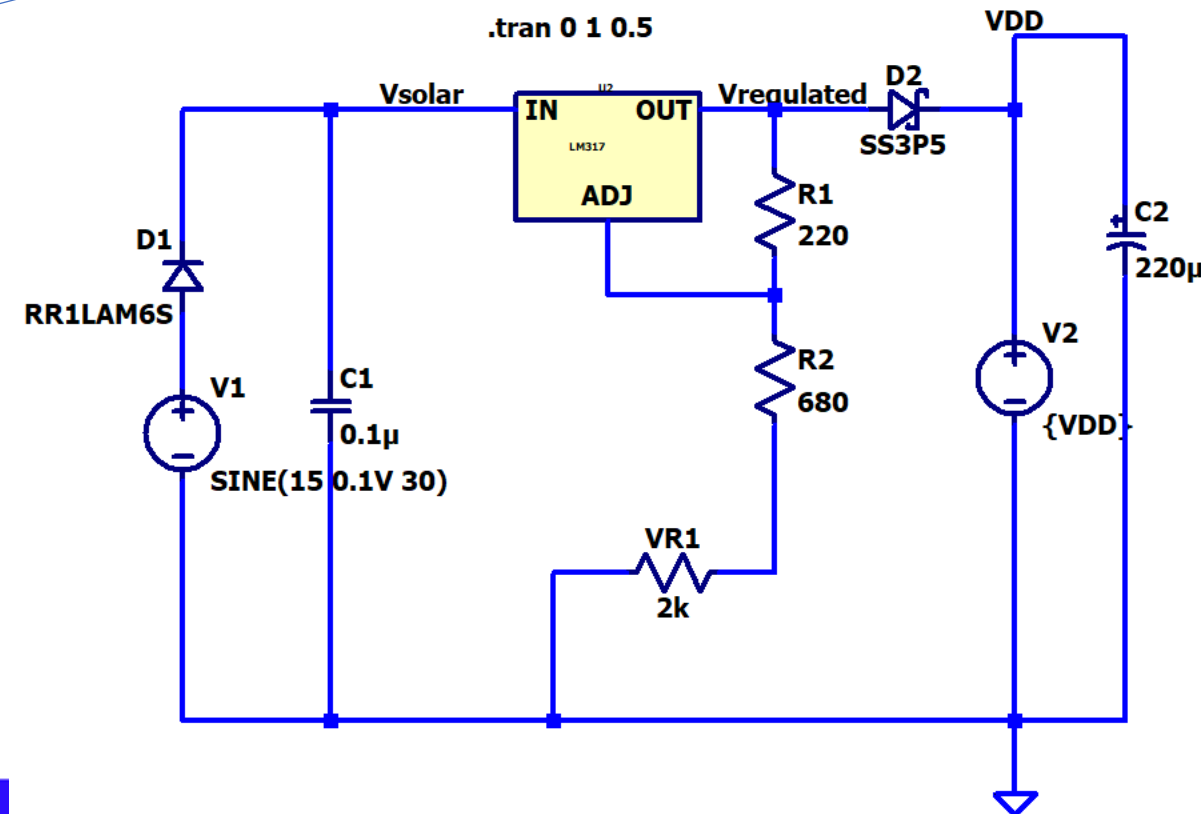
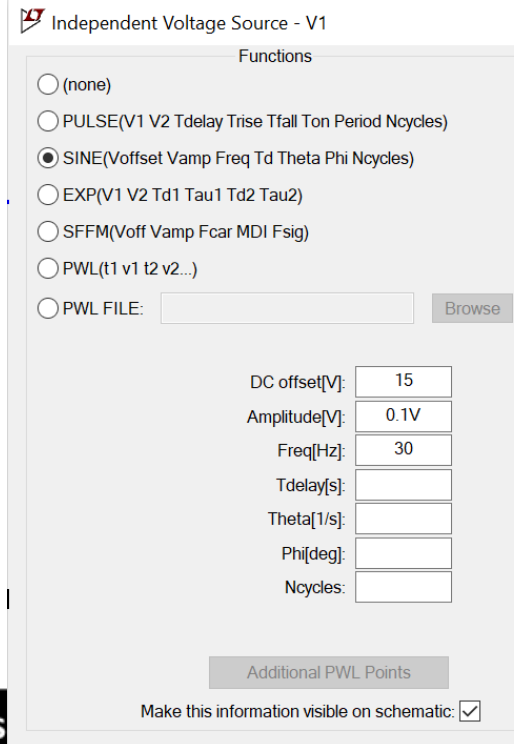
Files:

- Extract the zip file given in attachment.
- Include the files given in the attachment in the same folder as the simulation file.



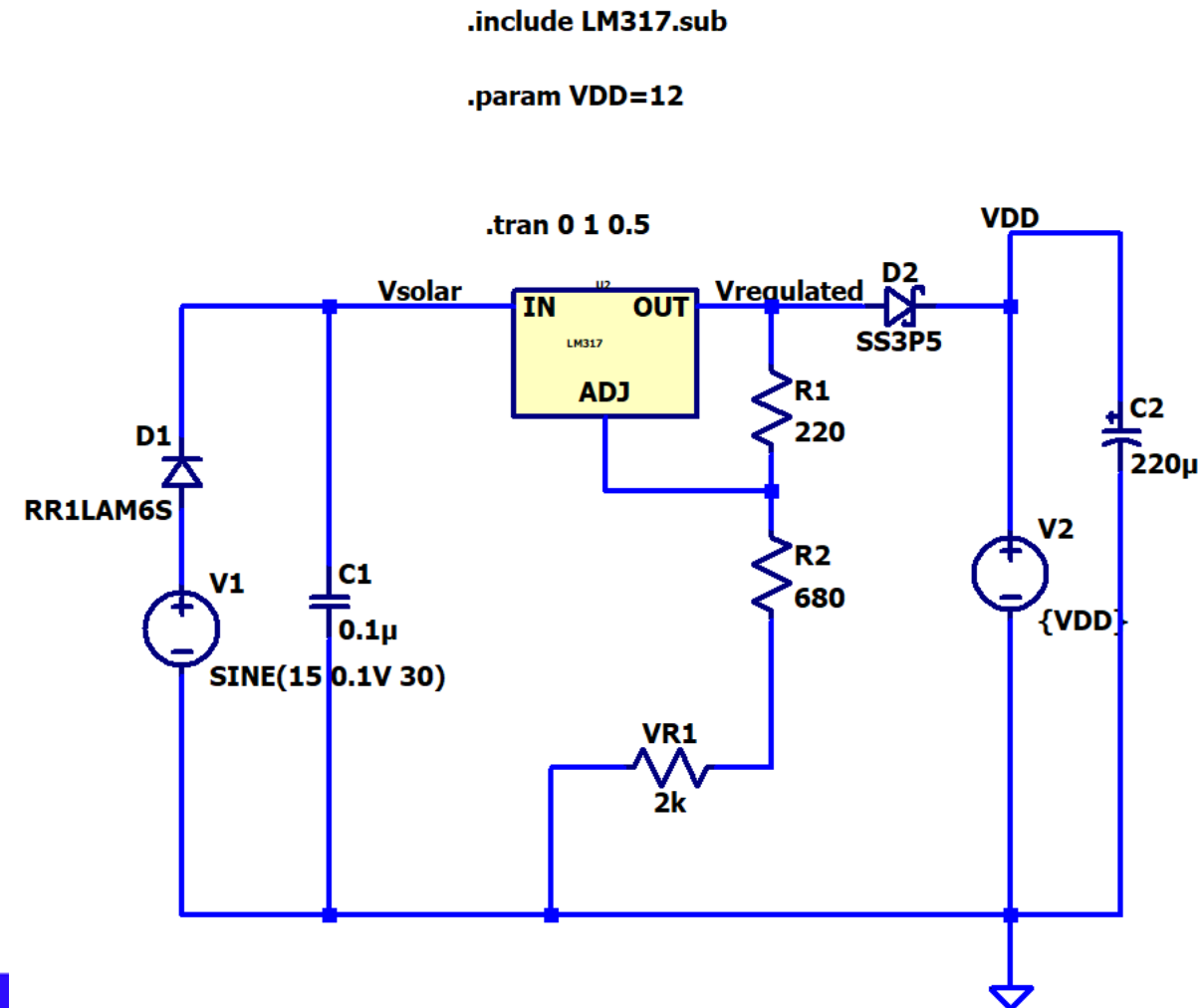
Regulated Power supply from Solar panel to Battery

- A regulator LM317 is used here. Include using spice directive.
→ `.include LM317.sub`
- The voltage source V2 is Battery with value {VDD}. Give the value of VDD using spice directive.
→ `.param VDD=12`
- Connect the resistors and Capacitors as shown.
- Set input voltage V1 as given here 15V dc with small ac fluctuations.



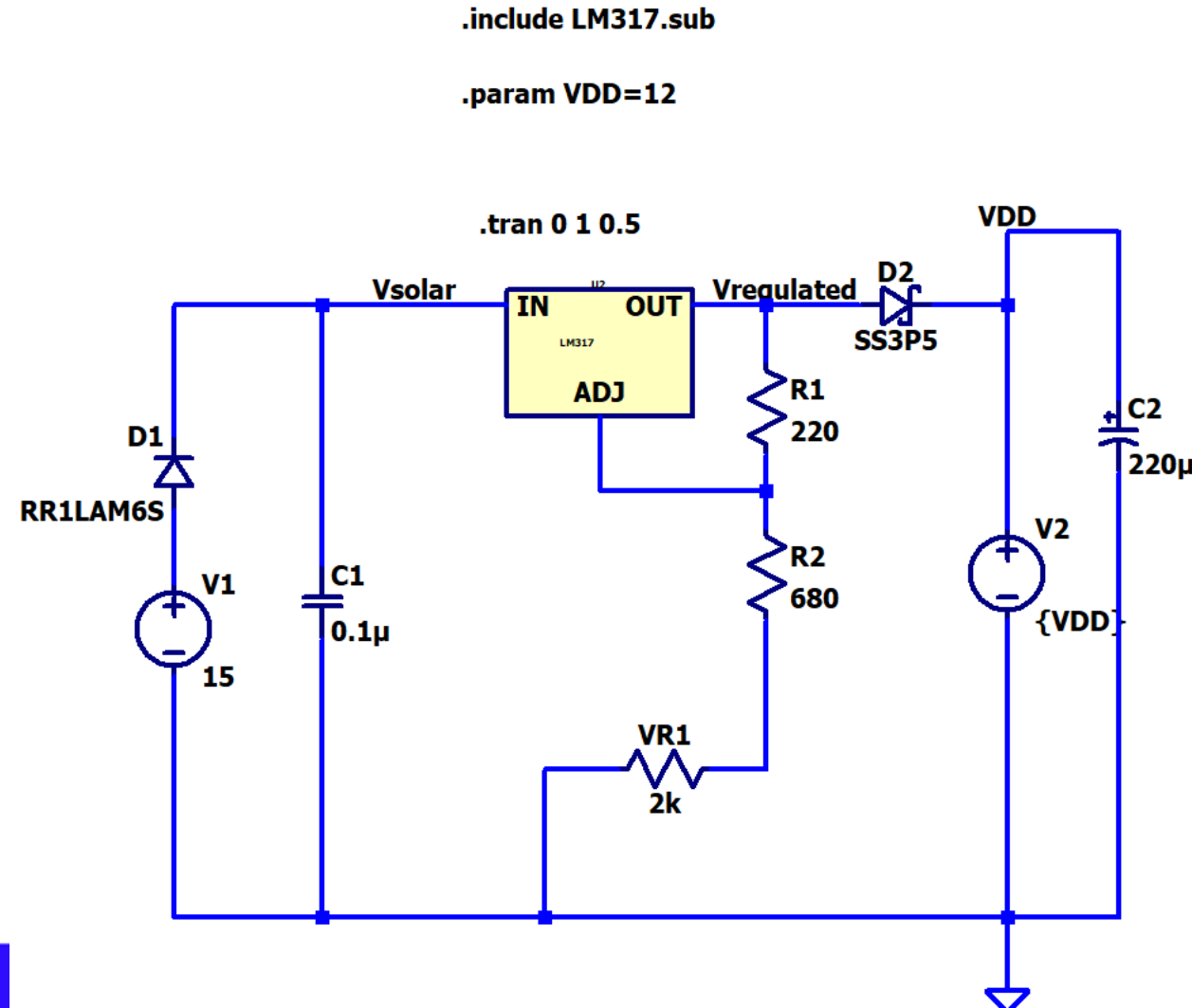
Task1: Plot the regulated voltage across Vregulated

- Plot the Vregulated.



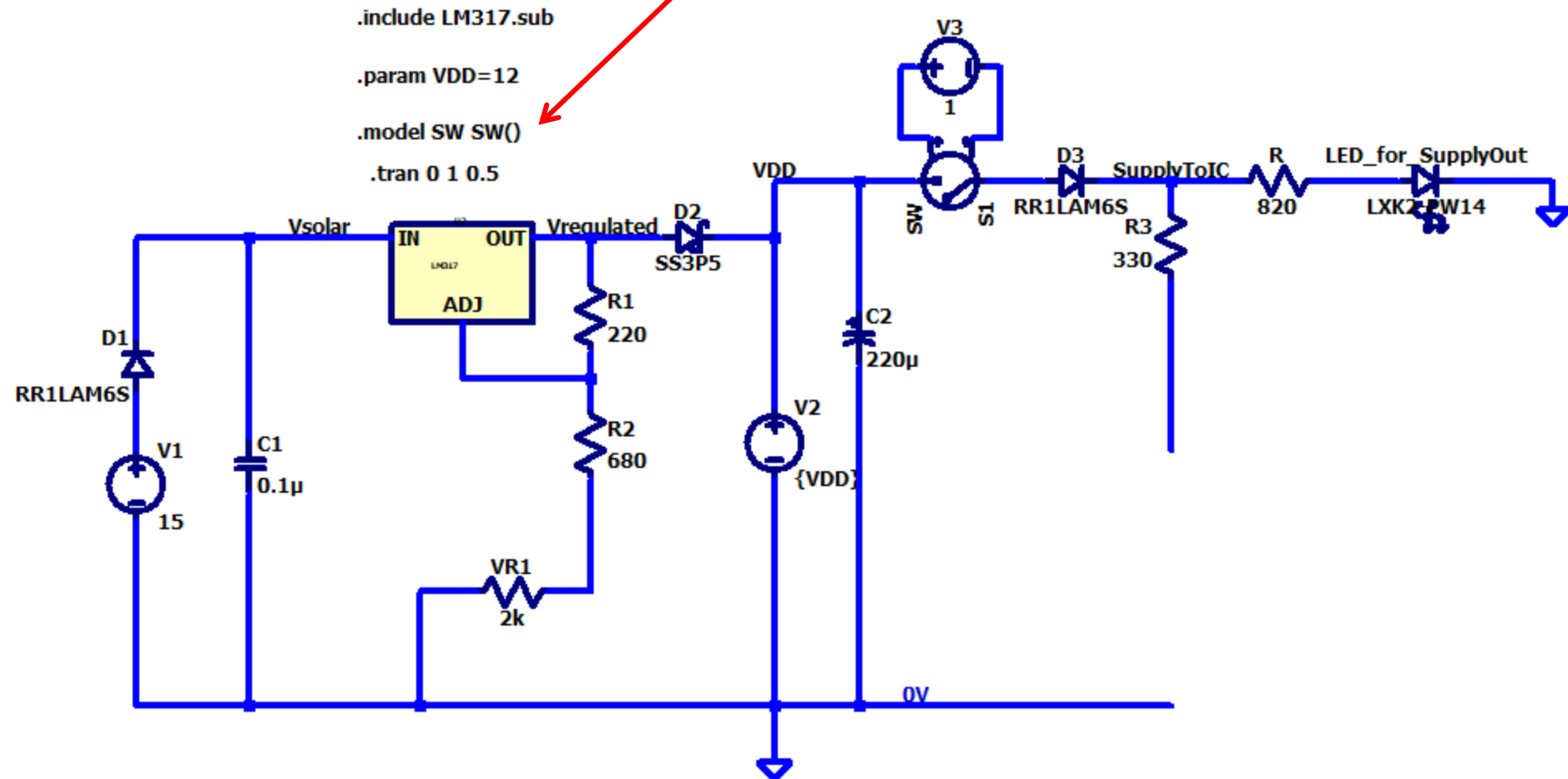
Regulated Power supply from Solar panel to Battery

- Change the supply voltage V1 to 15V for now.
- The vregulated is given through a Schottky diode (SS3P5) to battery for charging.



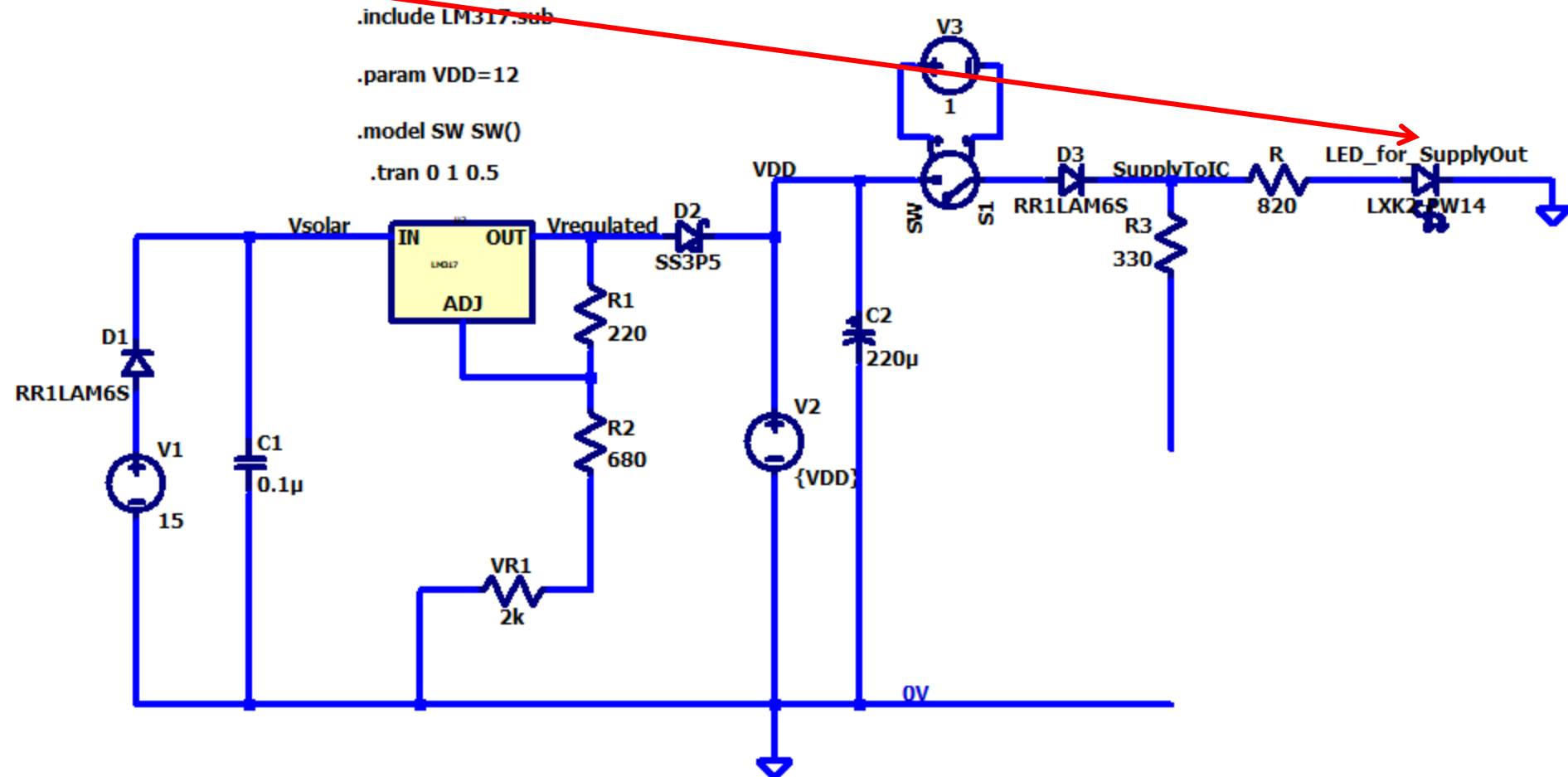
Switch and LED for Selecting the Battery out

- The switch S1 has to be included with spice directive as shown
- The switch is controlled by V3 which is 1V.
- Practically, this acts as relay (When supply is OFF, battery will be connected to convert stored dc to ac)



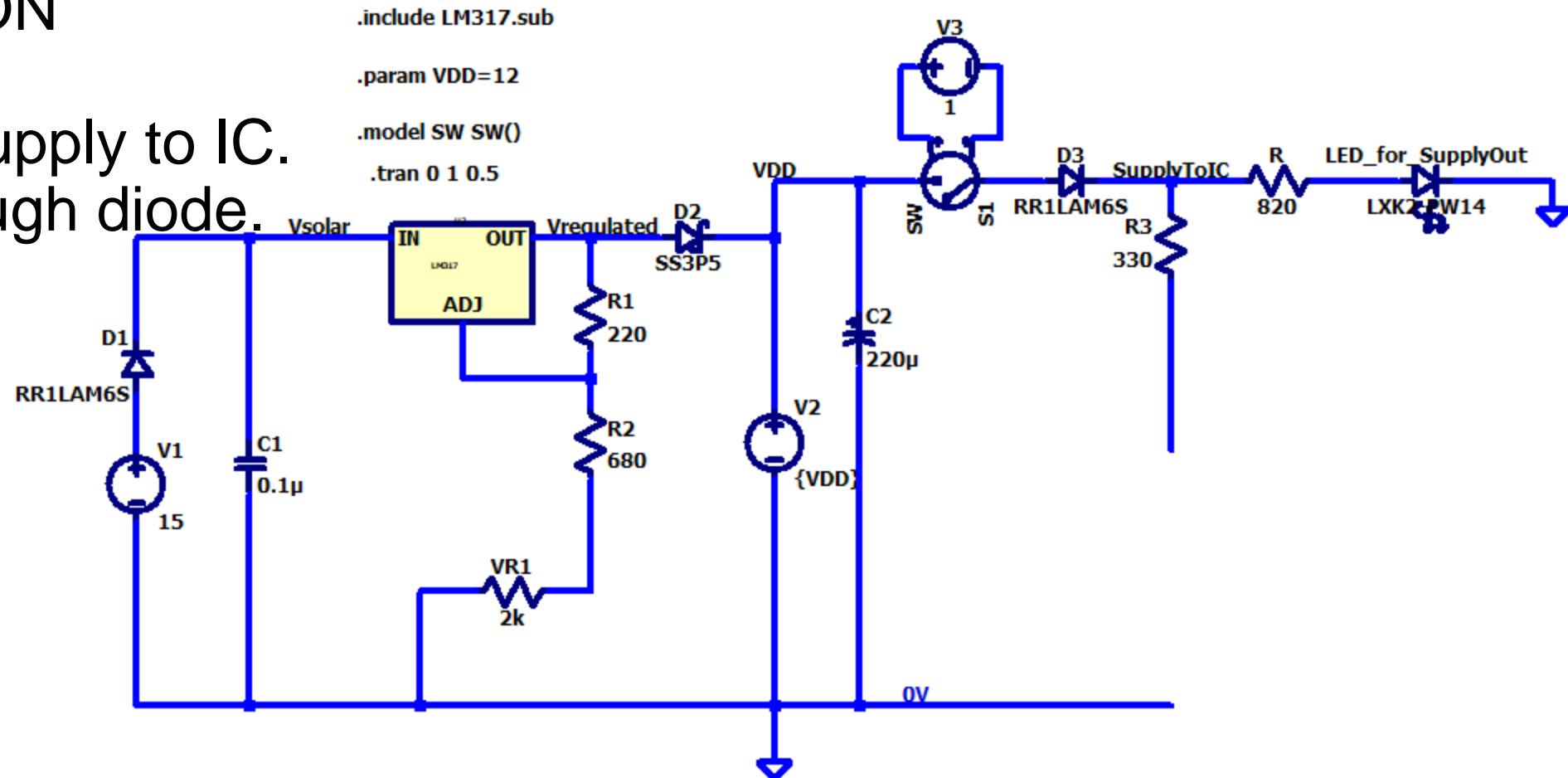
Switch and LED for Selecting the Battery out

- When switch is ON, the Supply to IC will be ON.
LED will get voltage across it and it will glow (indicating, source as battery).
- LED used here is LXK2-PW14
- Diode D3 (RR1LAM6S) is to restrict current flow in one direction.
- R3 limits current to IC.



Task 2: IC supply and LED check

- When switch is OFF (with $V3=0V$), plot voltage at Supply to IC. Plot current through diode.
- When switch is ON (with $V3=1V$), plot voltage at Supply to IC. Plot current through diode.



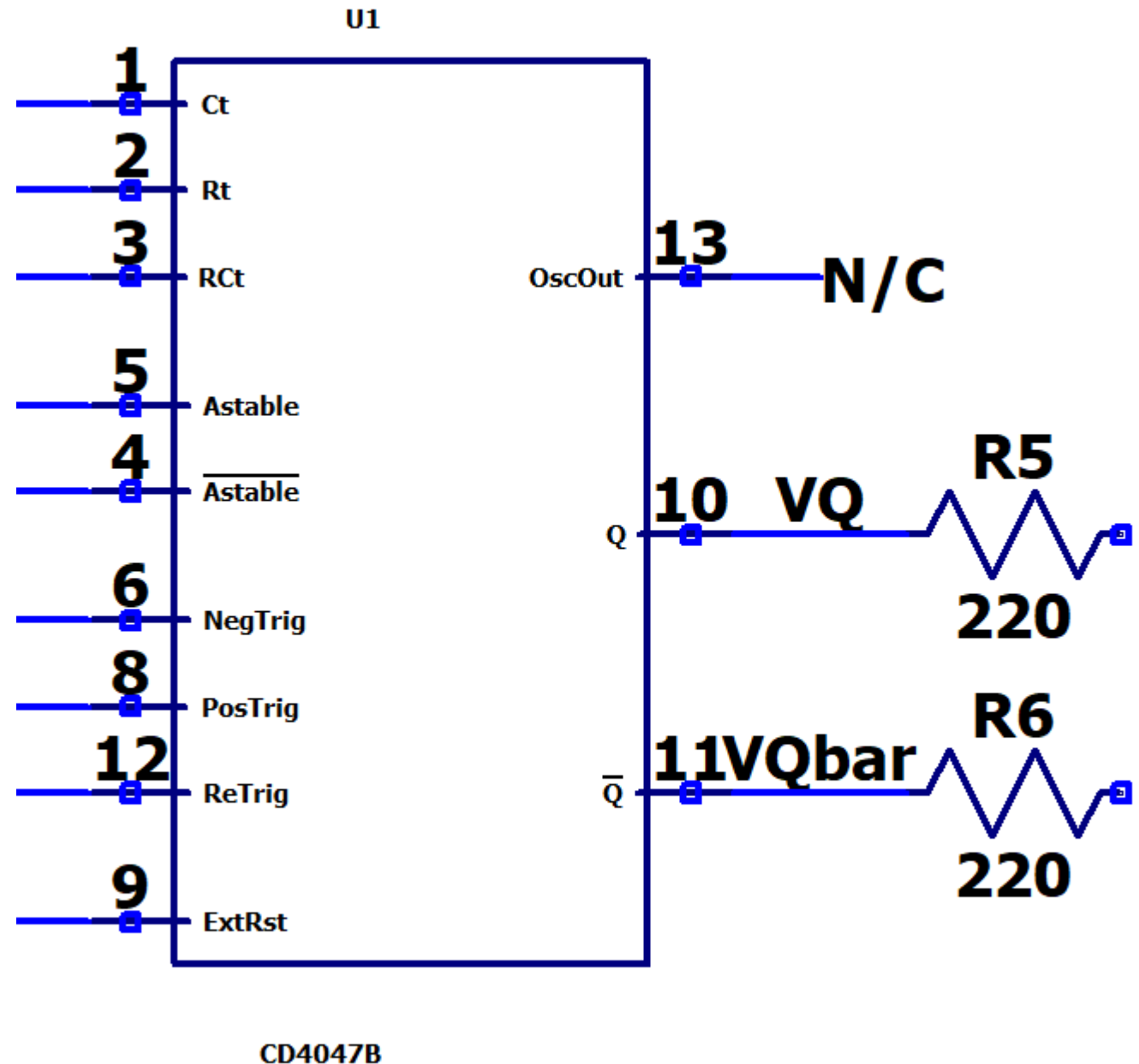
CD 4047

- Name the terminals
1 to 6 and 8 to 13
 - 7: Ground (default ground automatically selected)
 - 14: VDD
- are assigned through spice directive:

```
.param VDD=12 SPEED=1.0 TRIPDT=5e-9
```

```
.include CD4047B.sub
```

```
.include cd4000.lib
```



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- Connect R4 and VR2(variable in reality) and Capacitor C5 as shown

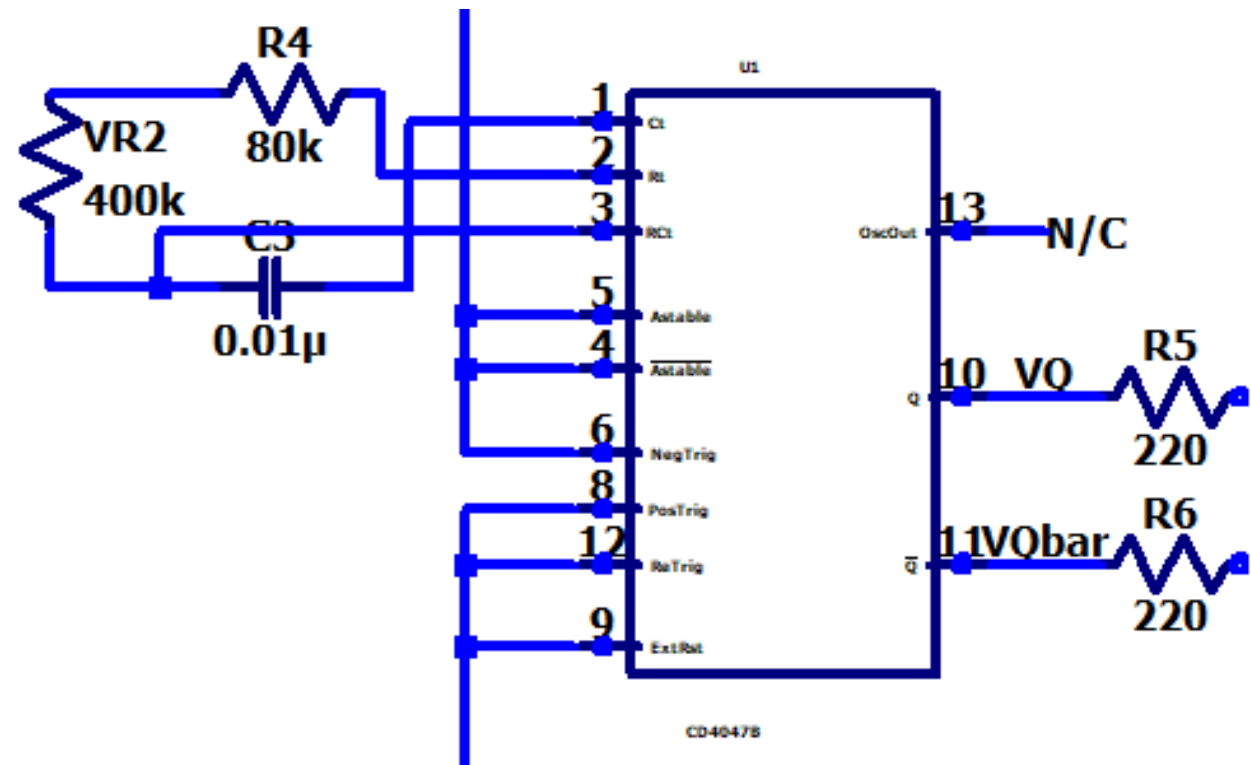
The values of C5, R4, VR2 are such that

$$f \approx \frac{1}{4.4RC}$$

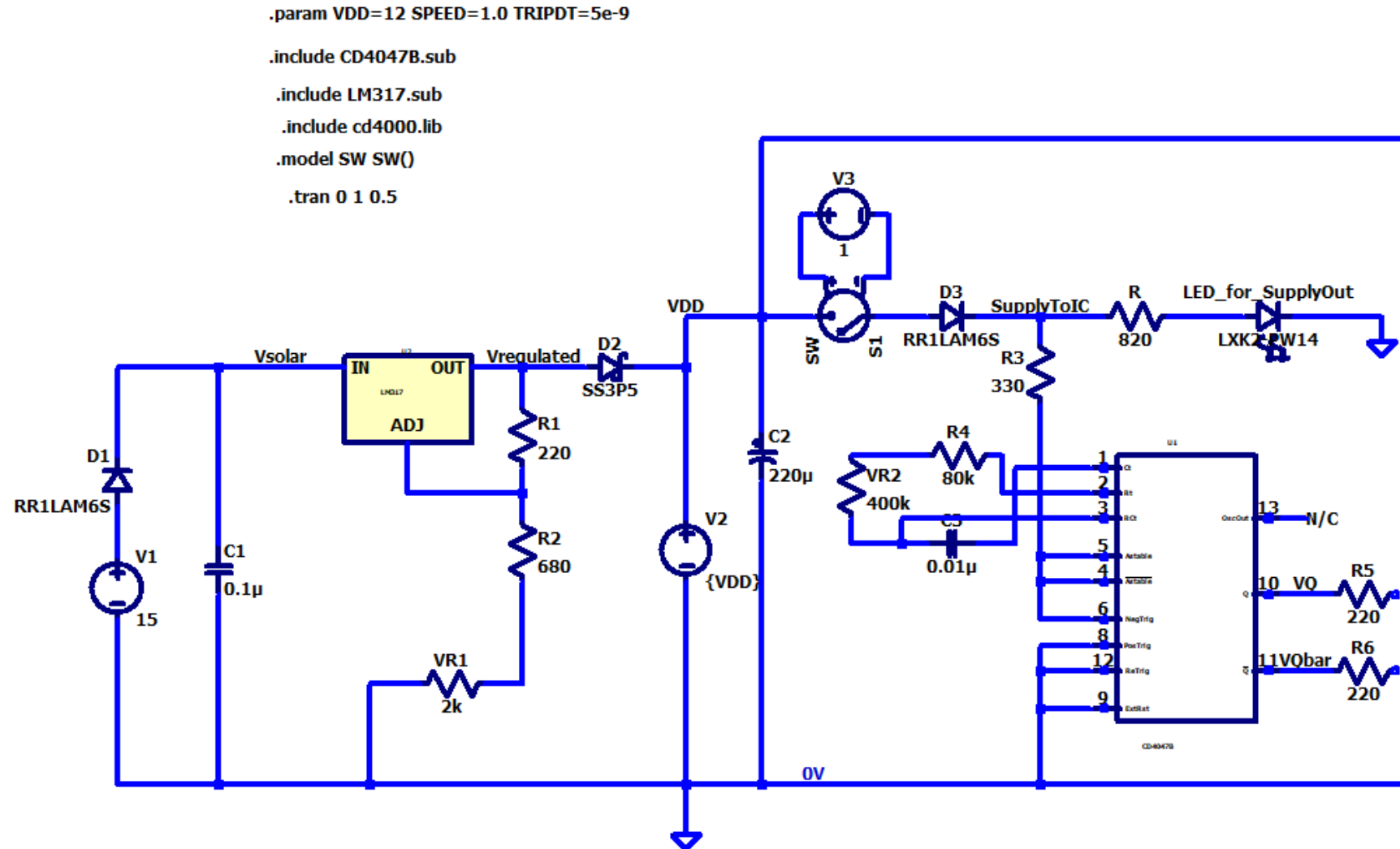
where $R = VR2 + R4$

$C = C5$

- This frequency sets the switching frequency at output (10 and 11) of CD4047
- Connect R5 and R6 for resisting current at output

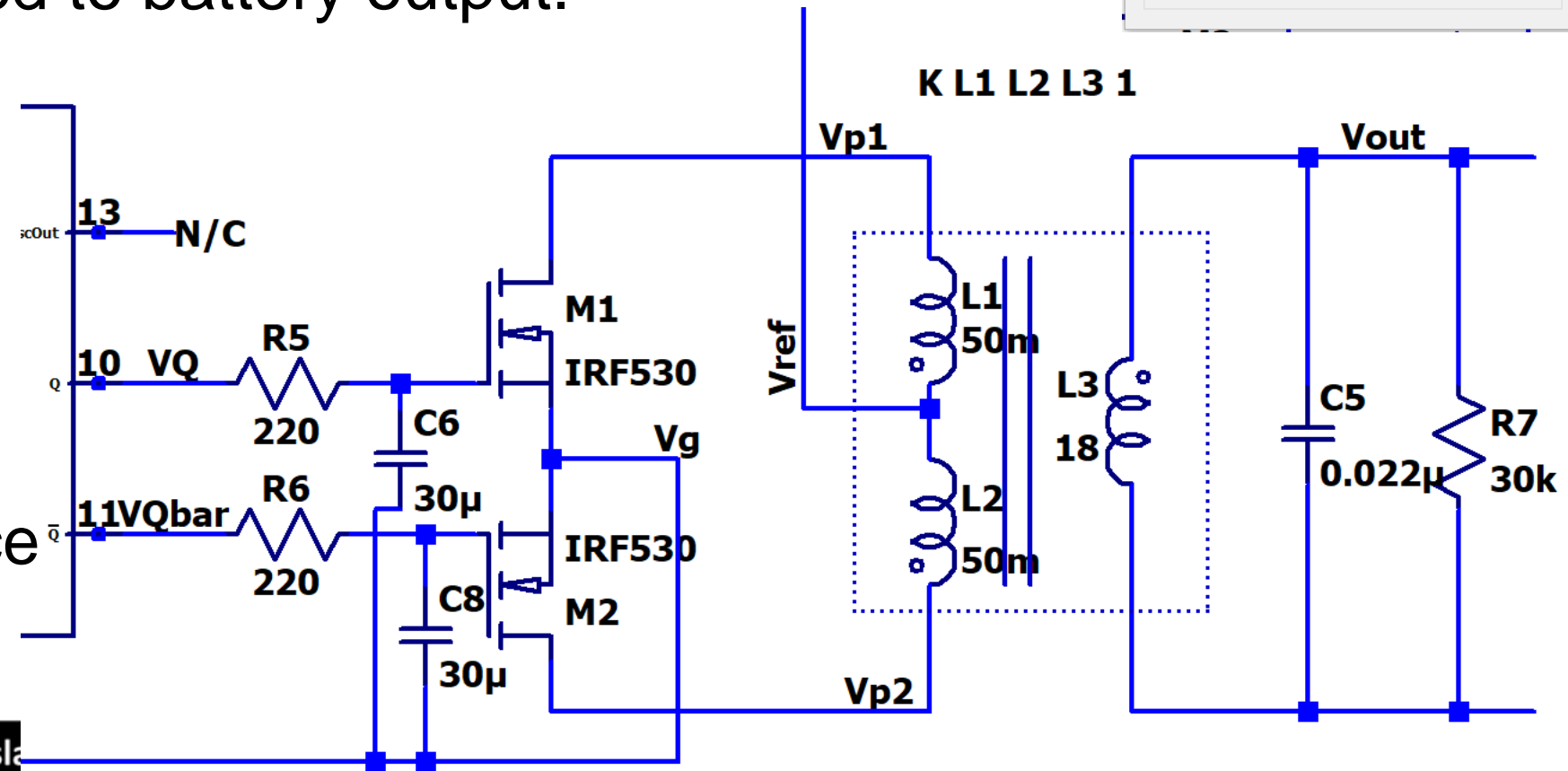


Task 3: Plot the waveform at VQ and VQbar



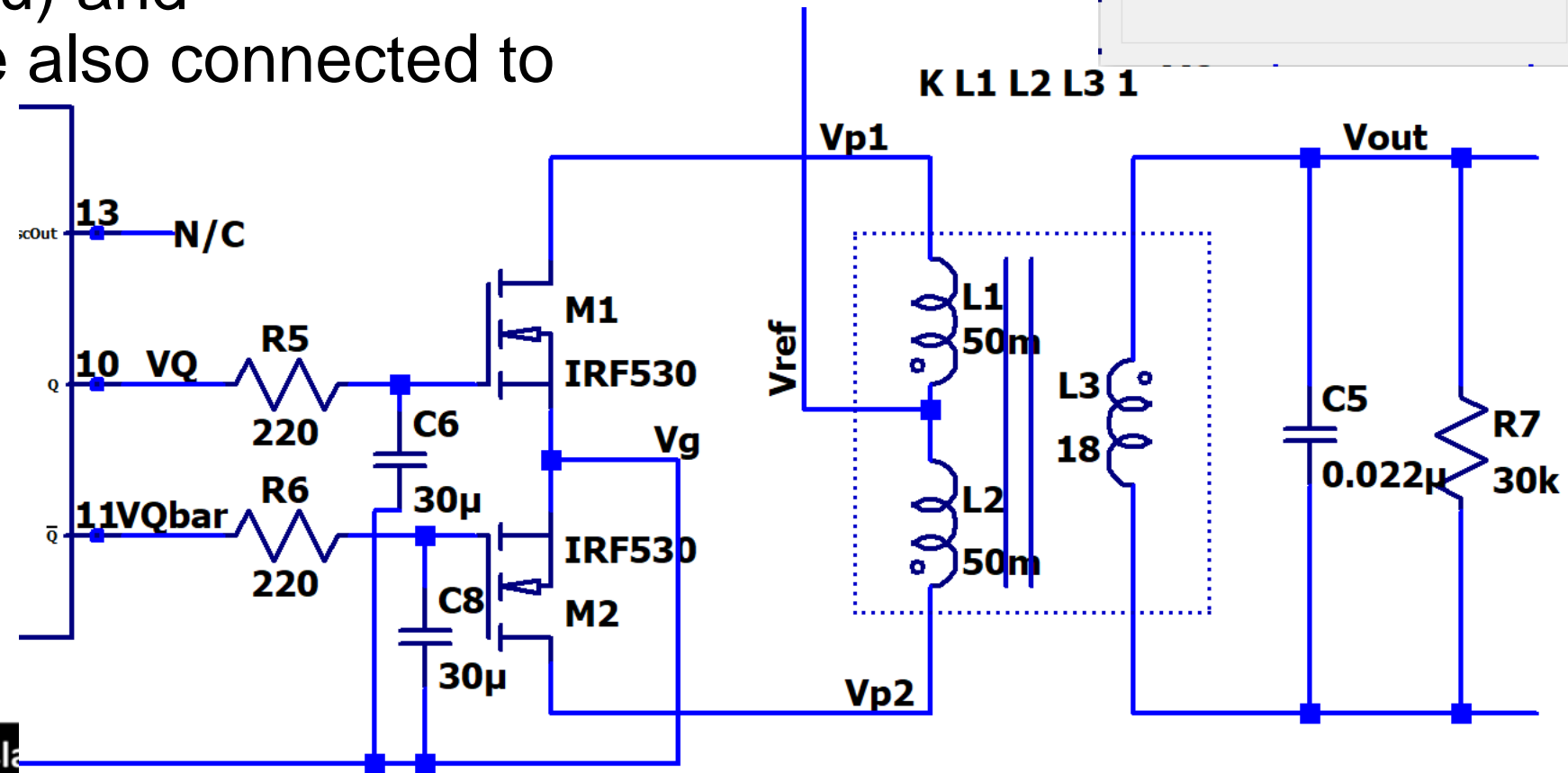
Final stage: Step-up transformer

- To convert the switching input, first R5, C6 and R6, C8 are connected to produce sharp triangular waveform.
- The Vref is connected to battery output.
- The MOSFETs IRF530 are used for producing switching.
- The inductor L1 and L2 set as 50mH with series resistance 1ohm.



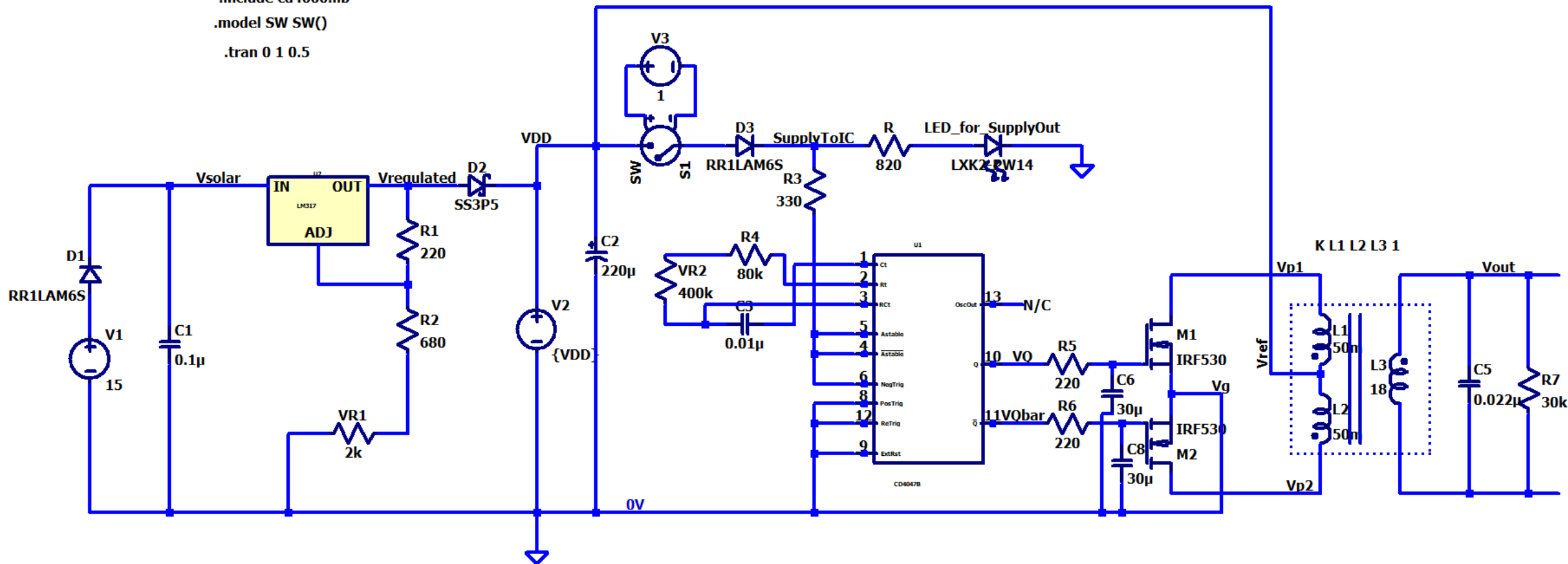
Final stage: Step-up transformer

- The secondary coil is set as 18H and 0.1mohms as series resistance.
- Capacitor C5 (0.022u) and resistor R7 (30k) are also connected to take smooth output waveform.



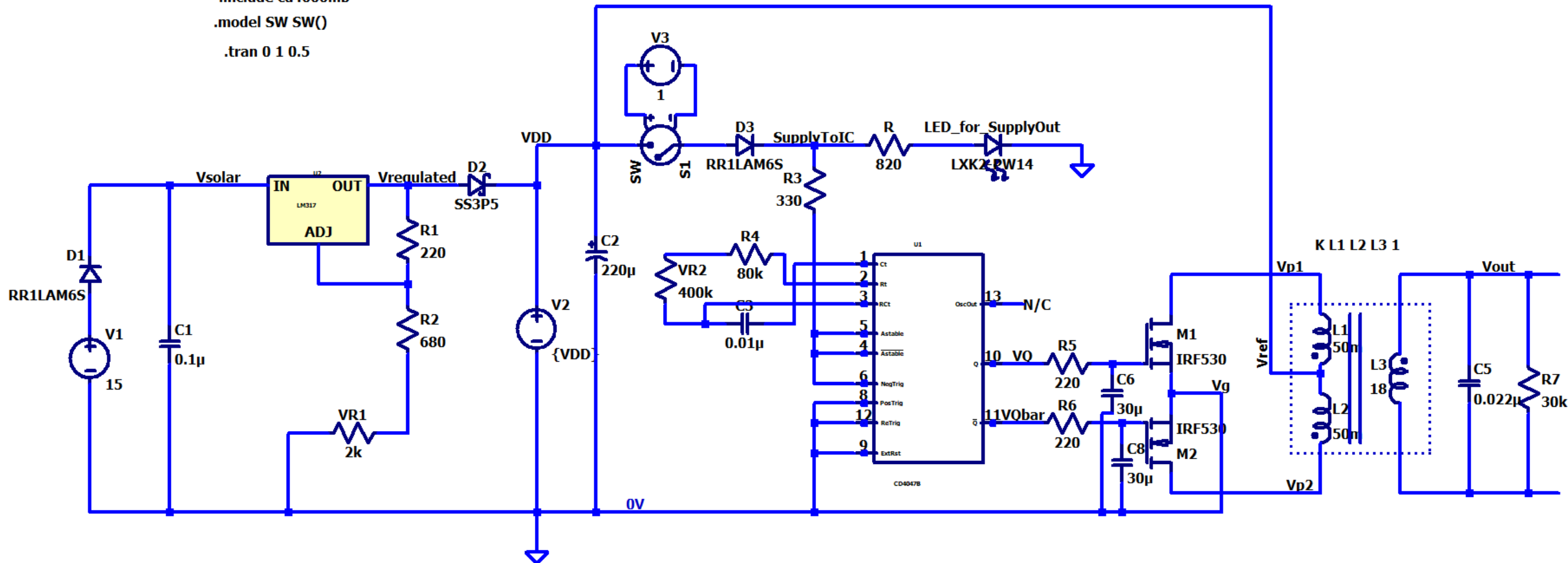
Complete circuit

```
.param VDD=12 SPEED=1.0 TRIPDT=5e-9
.include CD4047B.sub
.include LM317.sub
.include cd4000.lib
.model SW SW()
.tran 0 1 0.5
```



Task 4: Plot Vp1, Vp2, Vp1-Vp2, Vout

```
.param VDD=12 SPEED=1.0 TRIPDT=5e-9
.include CD4047B.sub
.include LM317.sub
.include cd4000.lib
.model SW SW()
.tran 0 1 0.5
```



Important NOTE

- Enter your **registration number** and **Full Name** next to **all your circuits** and the **output plots**.
- Keep the background of circuit and plot as white.



LAB record instructions:

For the lab experiment,

- Write the **Aim**.
- Complete the **Software/Hardware components used**.
- **Obtain the expression for the outputs.**
- Place the respective **circuits in LT Spice**.
- Connect the inputs and outputs. Name them and **write the same in the lab copy(inputs and outputs section)**.
- Use probe in LT spice to plot all possible combinations.
- Write a **concluding statement for each circuit**.
- **Submit** the document's soft copy **on time** in lms.vit.ac.in when available.



Source

- <https://theorycircuit.com/pv-solar-inverter-circuit-diagram/>

