Module 917: Zener Voltage Regulator

Procedure
Build the following circuit. Use the rechargeable NiMH battery to power the Schmitt trigger inverter chip. The Zener diode is the lone diode in your kit with the thicker leads. There are portions of relevant datasheets on the back side of this paper.

Turn on the oscilloscope and press the Default Setup button. Use only the horizontal and vertical scale adjustments and the trigger and meas menus to complete today's task to improve your skills.

Use the oscilloscope to view both voltages $V_1$ and $V_2$ as the 2 $k\Omega$ potentiometer is adjusted.

Verify that adjustment of the 2 $k\Omega$ potentiometer will cause the voltage $V_2$ to increase and then stop at some value. Use the oscilloscope to measure and record the voltage $V_2$ (to two digits) at which $V_2$ significantly slows in its growth. Let your TA know you are ready for evaluation to receive your module grade.

Evaluation
- Ability to map a circuit design onto the breadboard in a functional and clean manner.
- Ability to use the oscilloscope.
- Ability to troubleshoot problems that occur during a build.
CD40106CMOS Hex Schmitt Triggers

**Description**

CD40106BMS consists of six Schmitt trigger circuits. Each circuit functions as an inverter with Schmitt trigger action on the input. The trigger switches at different points for positive and negative going signals. The difference between the positive going voltage (VP) and the negative going voltage (VN) is defined as hysteresis voltage (VH) (see Figure 17).

**Features**

- High Voltage Type (20V Rating)
- Schmitt Trigger Action with No External Components
- Hysteresis Voltage (Typ.)
  - 0.9V at VDD = 5V
  - 2.3V at VDD = 10V
  - 3.5V at VDD = 15V

**Silicon Power Zener Diodes**

Silicon diodes are used for voltage regulation and protection. The standard glass case and dimensions are specified according to DIN standards.