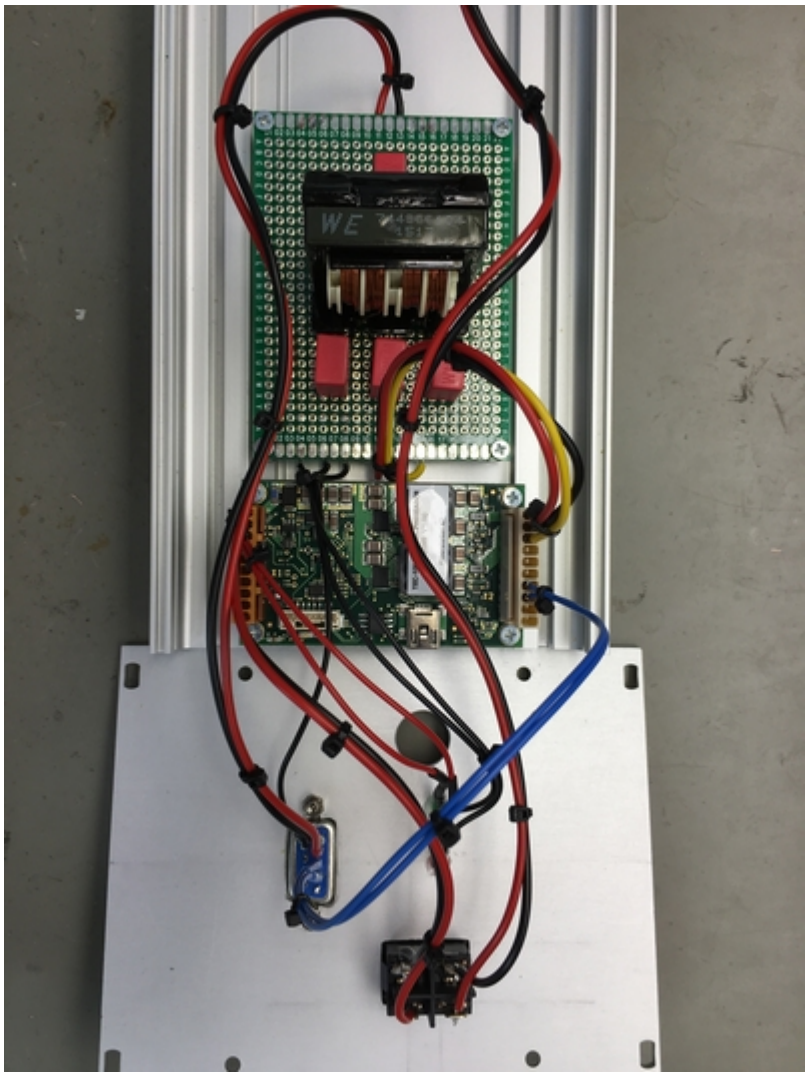
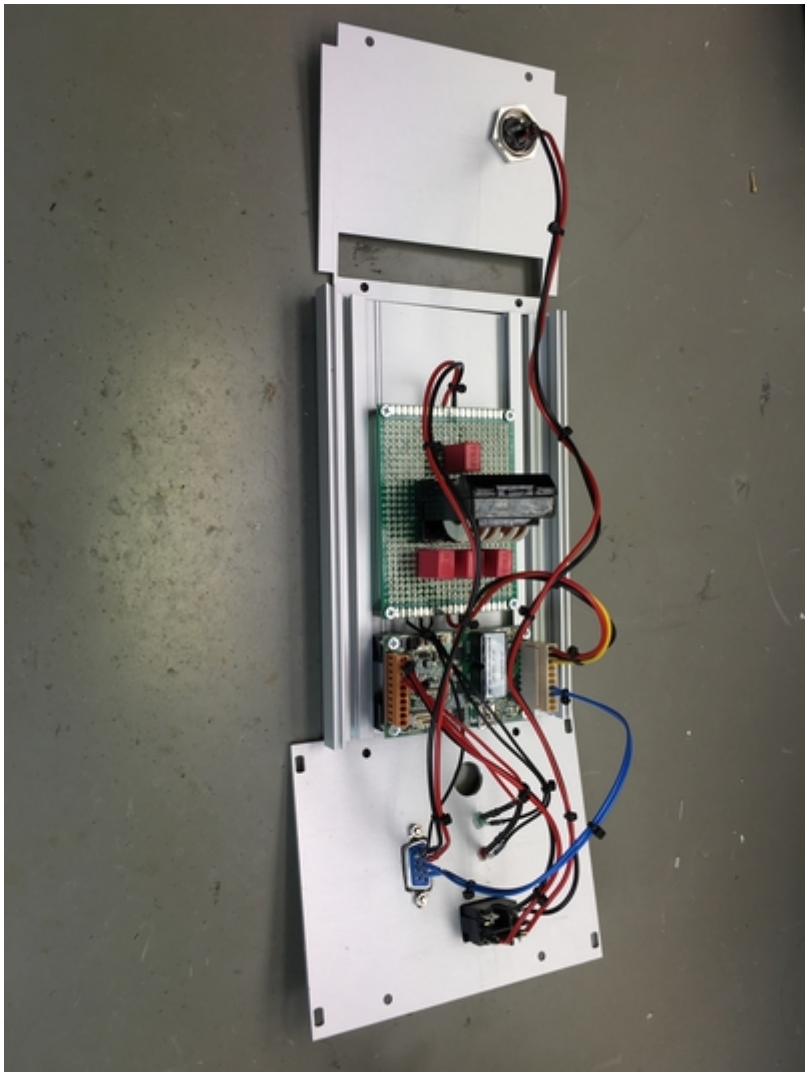
Temperature Controller

The temperature controller used for regulating and stabilizing the temperature of the laser diode is a **Meerstetter TEC-1091-NTC56k-Pinheader** - IQWiki entry

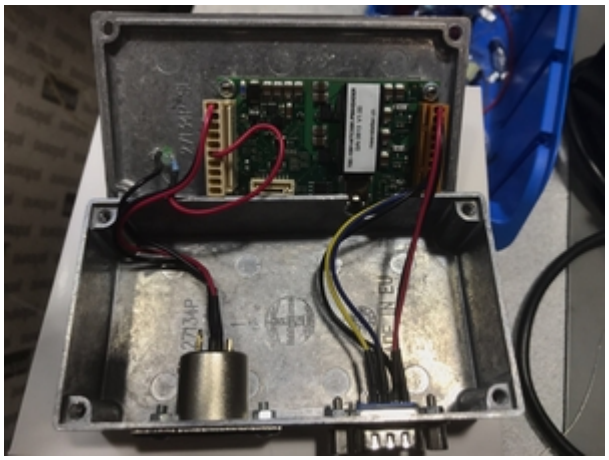
Current Setup - Rack Mount





Old setup - in a Box

Overview



- The **subD9 connector** is used to connect the Meerstetter to the Thorlabs mount for the laser diode and is configured specially for that purpose.
- The **XLR socket** is used to connect the Meerstetter to a power supply.
- The **Mini-USB socket** is used to connect the Meerstetter to a PC for configuration and data logging.

There is also a **status LED** connected to the Meerstetter. If the LED is constantly on, the wanted temperature is reached. A blinking LED means that the system is currently ramping towards the wanted temperature and if the led is off, there is an error or the Meerstetter is currently turned off.

Power Supply

The voltage range with which the Meerstetter can be powered is 5-24V DC, currently it is driven with **18V DC**. The power supply should be capable of delivering **4A**. Always use a **seperate power supply** for powering the Meerstetter.

Connections within the Case

Current Connections

Currently the connections are as shown in the table below:

Socket	Pin Name	Connected To	Explanation
X1	VIN	XLR Plus	connections for the power supply
	GND	XLR GND	
	RES4	LED Anode	status LED

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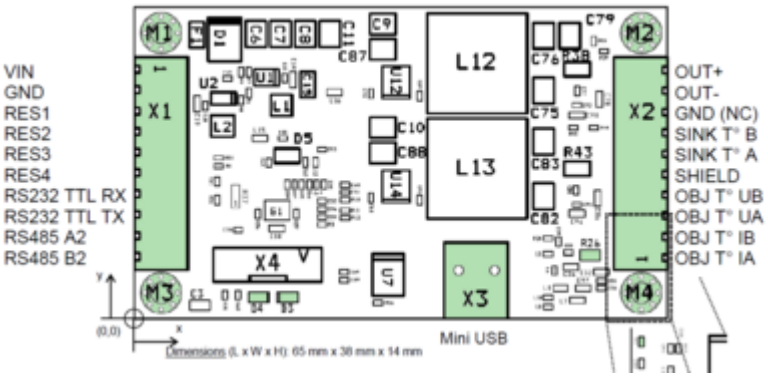
X2	OUT +	SUB D Pin 4	TEC (+)
	OUT -	SUB D Pin 5	TEC (-)
	OBJ T° UA	SUB D Pin 3	NTC (-)
	OBJ T° UB	SUB D Pin 2	NTC (+)
	Shielding	SUB D Pin 9	GND for shield of cable



Different connectors were used for X1 and X2:
PSK for X1
JAE for X2

The SUB-D connector is wired up **especially** for the thorlabs mount. It is probably not compatible with other systems that use a SUB-D connector!

Previous Connections

These were the **previous connections**. Differing connections were marked yellow.

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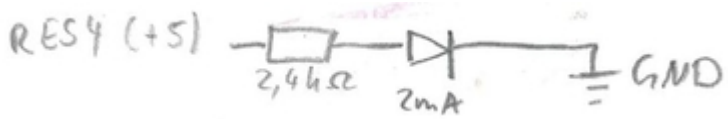
Status LED

Current Setup

An extra LED is installed at the “RES4”-Pin at the X1 side with a 2,4 kΩ resistor and connected to GND.



The Meerstetter is currently set up to control the LED like this:

LED	**Meaning**
constanly on	target temperature is reached
blinking	ramping towards target temperature
off	error/Meerstetter is off

To add another status LED to the Meerstetter, you can follow this step-by-step guide

Other Modifications

What's the meaning of this?

On the back side of the circuit board at these two places, two soldering points have to be soldered together, so that 2 wires can be used to connect the NTC.