NEW POWER SUPPLY REPORT

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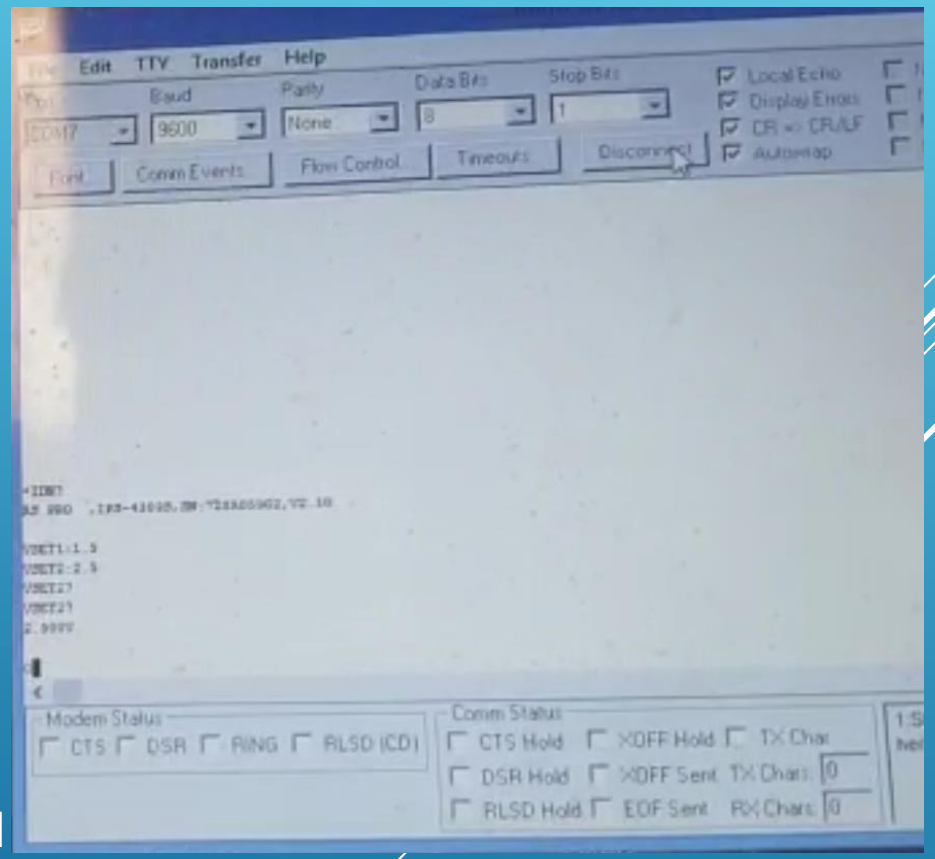
- In October 2018, it has been agreed to use a new LV power supply for new EEE stations
- The chosen model is **RS IPS-4303 Multiple Output Programmable Linear D.C. Power Supply**
  - 4 LV Independent Isolated Output channels
  - Outputs programmable from PC for remote control
- Two power supplies bought. One by Liceo A. Volta of Lodi for LODI-03 Telescope and the second one by Centro Fermi
- November-December installed on LODI-03 and tested
  - Instrument works correctly in manual mode

SOFTWARE PROBLEM

- No software in box or in RS site. Only after interaction with RS assistance we obtained a link to software: *https://www.gwinstek.com/en-global/products/detail/GPD-Series*
- Two different ways (RS and Gwinstek) for communication PC-power supply:
  - Gwinstek Software → Timeout problem, no set output
  - Mttty software (download separately), via terminal command → no communication
- Few and not clear instructions for software installation and use
- During first installation on LODI-03 PC it seems there is no way to communicate with instrument, even using different methods
- No immediate helping information from RS assistance or Gwinstek

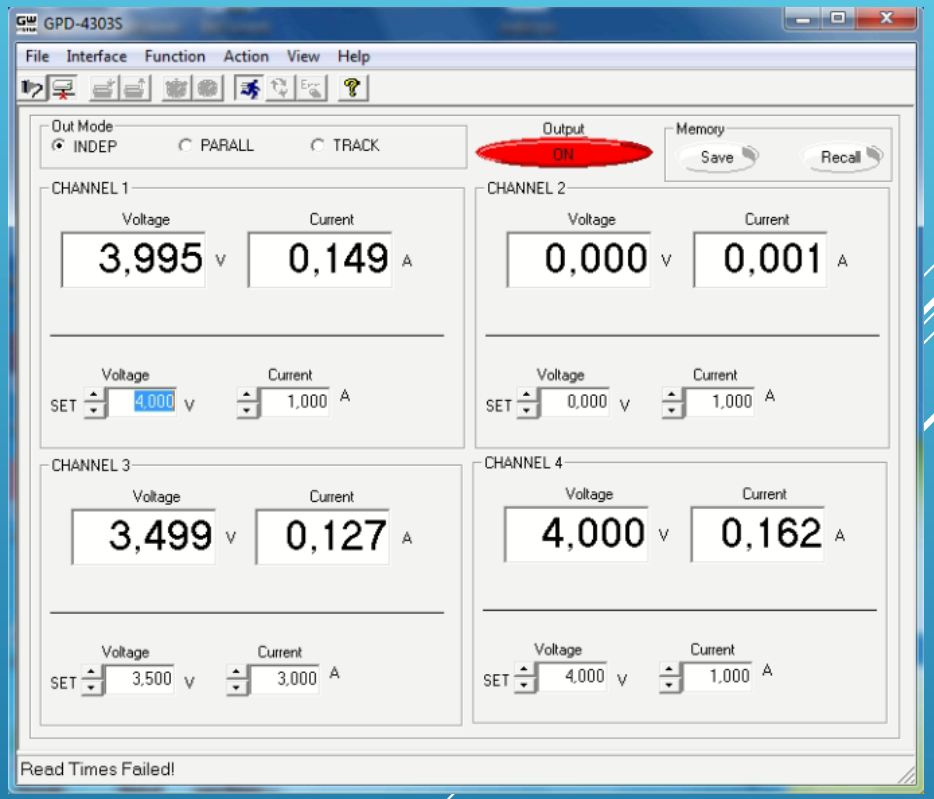
SOLUTION

- With Daniele, we started in parallel to work to fix the issue. Solution found using a precise procedure and setup
- Use a baud rate of 9600 instead of 57600 or 115200 as instead indicate in the manual. Other options seem ok
- In Mttty,
  - Activate options: Local Echo, Display Error, CR=>CR/LF, Autoswap
  - Command lines listed in the manual cannot be corrected



SOLUTION

- In Gwinstek Software:
  - Start Program and set communication with com port at 9600 Baudrate
  - Ignore timeout error
  - Open interface and set correct instrument model
  - Activate output and recording. Now it is possible to read the values
  - Recall a saved setting. **Now it is possible to set the outputs**



CONCLUSION

- Identified a procedure to control Power Supply from PC
- Procedure tested on both owned power supply and on different PC with different OS version
- Missing a test on Windows 10 OS. If is necessary with compatibly setup ON
- Create a detailed guide to use the Power Supply
- New orders in stand-by → waiting news from Ivan about CAEN DC/DC converters