

# AVRT7 Plus User Manual

V1.8 (for reference only, updated)

\*APRS **IGate**

\*Support for **IGate** and **Digipeat** functions when connected to an external radio station.



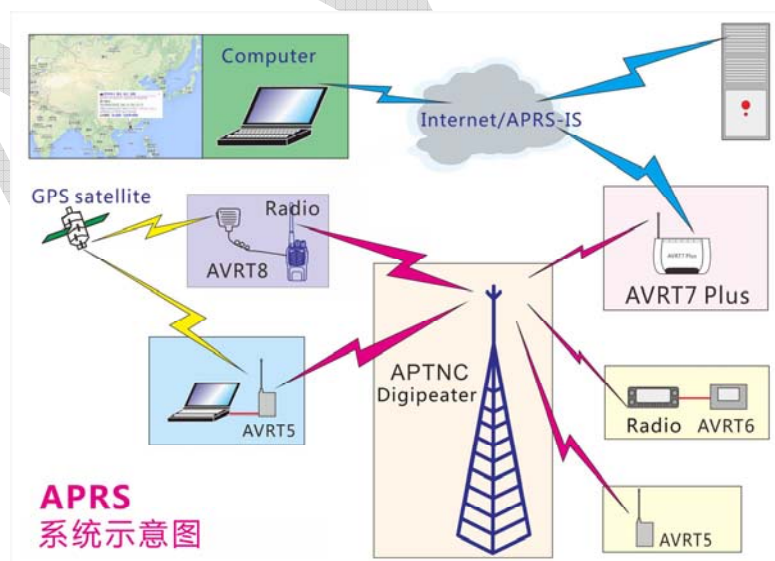
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# Introduction

The full name of APRS is Automatic Packet Reporting System. More than 10 years ago, there was the APRS in China's domestic market, but it was expensive and hard to use because of its poor integration so that it was not popular at that time. BI7NOR & BG6QBV designed and produced the low price AVRTx serious special device, which help more HAM radio amature to enjoy the fun of APRS by lower cost and simpler operation.

The modification and improvement has been done to AVRT7 Plus by combining old model's advantage and users' feedback. AVRT7 Plus can achieve the APRS iGate (rate : 1200bps). It compatible the regular amaturish and commercial APRS device and many kinds of APRS Digi repeater station and iGate , and it is the first network iGate multifunctional APRS device in China 's domestic market that with the internal radio module and individual 2-channel 's real-time decoder and it can upload the data to the network server in the meanwhile.

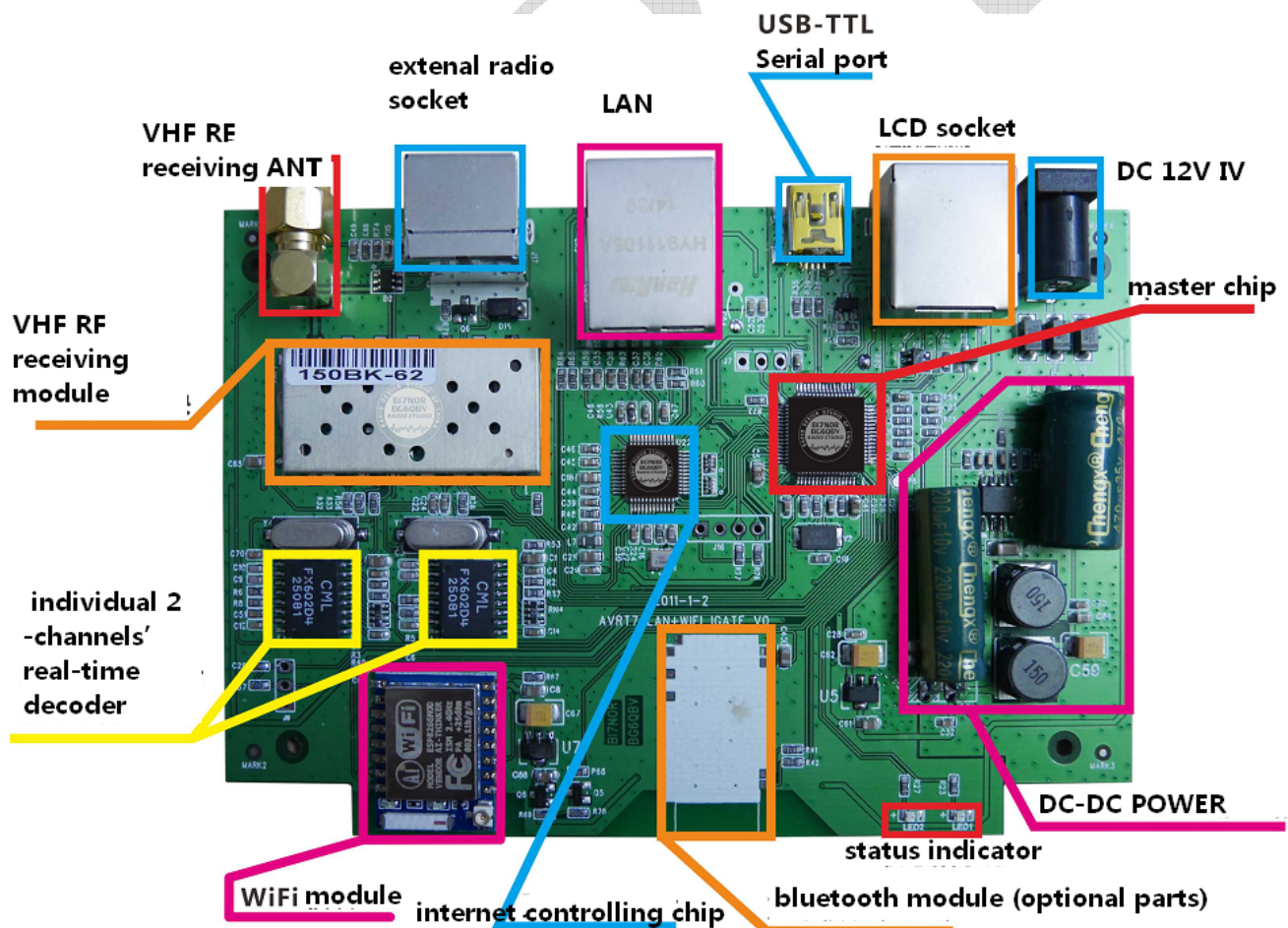


## APRS system illustration

model	AVRTNC-Digi	AVRT5	AVRT11	AVRT7 Plus
Purpose	APRS repeater connecting board	Hand-held APRS TNC	CAR APRS TNC	APRS gateway
Features	It can provide the APRS repeater function through the motolara 16 pins socket after the radio frequency data is setup.	Hand-held APRS, Maximum RF power: 1 watt.	RF+GPRS 2 tracks uploading/APRS gateway	With internal RF receiving module, extended socket decoding function, the APRS gateway could upload the data to a server after the real-time individual 2 way decoding.
GPS positioning function		Yes	Yes	
Map bluetooth connectivity	Optional function	Yes	Yes	Optional function
LCD display			Yes	Optional function
Extension socket for radio	Yes		Yes	Yes
Extension socket for other function	Reserved		Reserved	Yes
APRS gateway			Yes	Yes
APRS repeater		Yes	Yes	Yes
Internal transmitting module		Yes		
Internal receiving module		Yes		Yes
Ambient temperature detection	Optional function	Yes	Yes	Reserved
Ambient pressure detection			Yes	Reserved
Buzzing alert		Yes	Yes	
Status indicator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TTL serial port	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

upgrading/setup /map connecting function				
Internal battery		Yes		
External DC (12v) socket			Yes	Yes
GPRS tracks data uploading			Yes	
remarks				Internal WIFI module
Necessary condition for usage	Via a radio		GSM card / Radio	LAN or WIFI connection

## AVRT7 Plus Motherboard function



1. receiving antenna base

2. external radio socket ( the socket could be connected via the 6 pins cable to FT8800R IC2720H , etc. )

3. LAN network socket ( 568A/568B self adaptable , DHCP IP address automatically obtaining )
4. USB-TTL socket
5. LCD screen socket ( a LCD screen is available for it )
6. power supply input (DC IN :7-12V )
7. master chip
8. high efficiency DC-DC power supply circuit
9. status indicator
10. bluetooth module (optional parts)
11. internet controlling chip
12. wifi module
13. individual 2-channels' real-time decoder
14. VHF RF receiving module

The major function of AVRT7 Plus is to achieve the APRS iGate (rate 1200bps) with the full programme including VHF receiving module and 2 individual TNC Codec. It works (with the right data setting) when the network cable is plugged in and the WIFI account and password is set up. It compatible the regular amateurish and commercial APRS device and many kinds of APRS Digi repeater station and iGate.

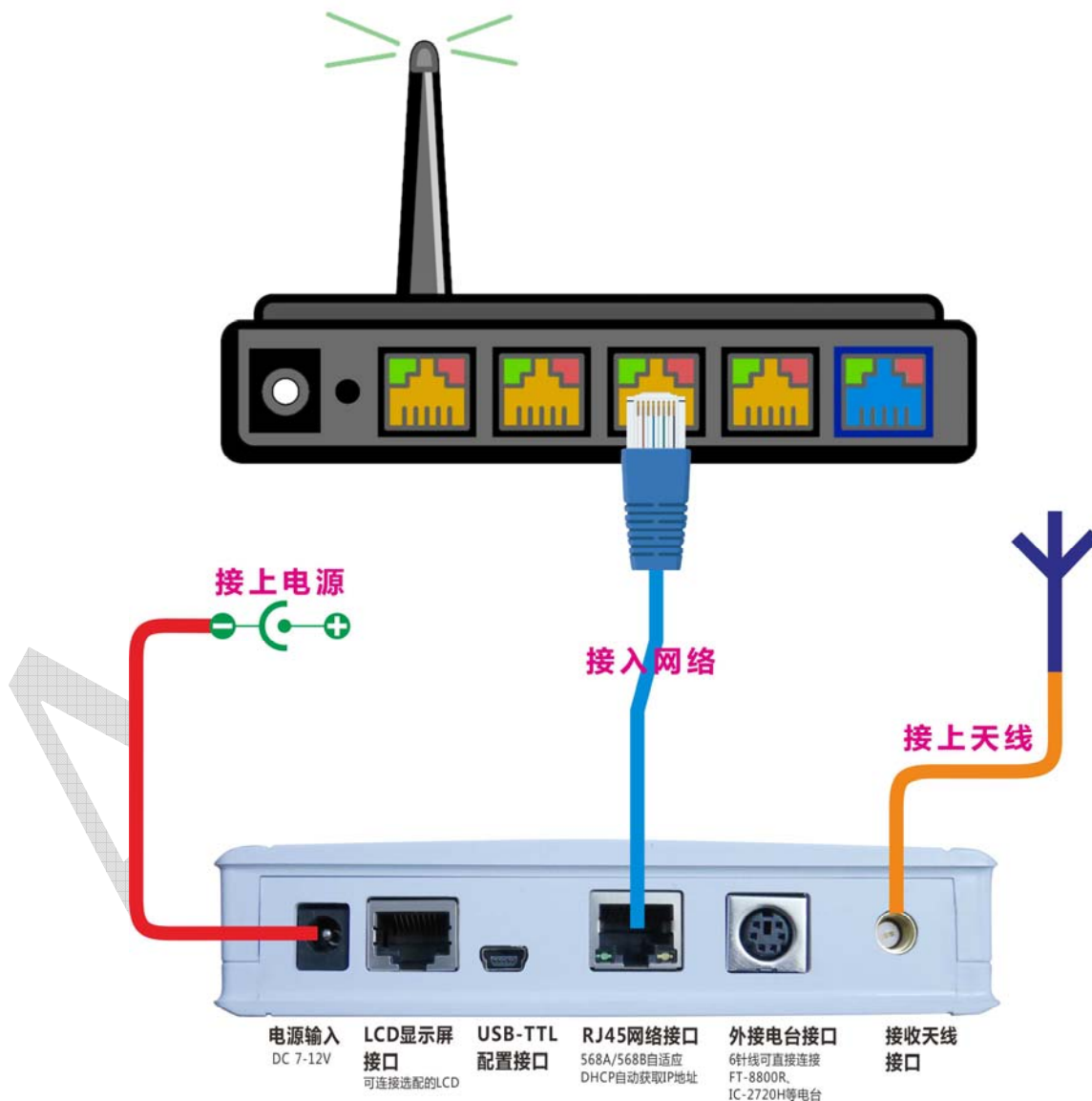
1. With the internal RF + extension radio it can achieve the 2 channel real-time decoding : with internal RF receiving module, and with the extension radio socket, the data could be uploaded to the server while decoding to achieve the real-time APRS iGate network gateway function;
2. With the optional LCD screen : the user can see the real-time data received without cell phone, computer or Garmin navigator ;
3. With the optional BPM180,18B20, the extension meteorological function could be activated : ( the new function module could be ordered such as temperature, humidity, wind direction or speed, etc. )

## AVRT7 Plus' setup and usage

With the user' s feedback according to their previous generations products, the AVRT7 Plus software could be installed and set up simply. User just need a network cable and set up few simple data.

Before it is switched on, all parts should be connected to AVRT7 Plus. Boot the AVRT7 Plus and it would work automatically to avoid users' tedious operation.

**Connecting illustration with single router ( network cable connection ):**



connect the power supply

connect the AVRT7 plus to a router



connect the AVRT7 plus to a external antenna

DC IN (7~12V)

LCD screen socket ( optional LCD screen)

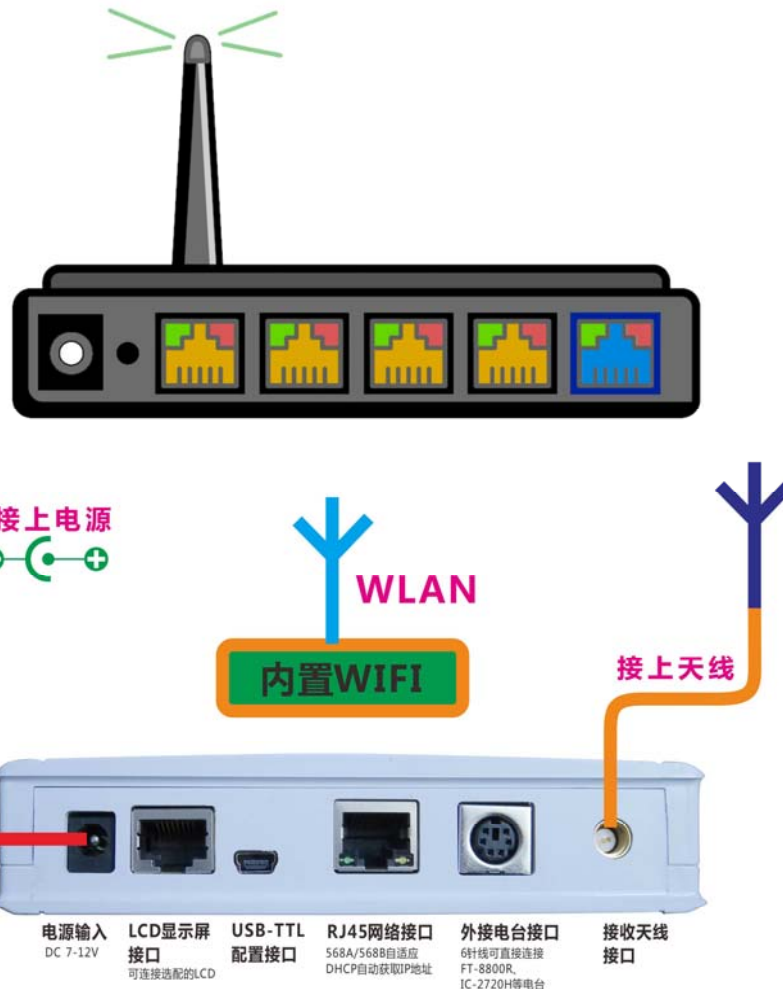
USB-TTL socket

RJ45 network socket ( 568A/568B self-adaptable, DHCP IP address automatically obtaining.)

External radio socket ( 6 pins cable could be connected such as FT8800R, IC2720H,etc.)

External RF antenna base.

## connecting illastration with single router (wifi connection)



connect the power supply  
via wifi (WLAN)

connect the AVRT7 plus to a external antenna

DC IN (7~12V)

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USB-TTL socket

RJ45 network socket ( 568A/568B self-adaptable, DHCP IP address automatically obtaining.)

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## gateway setting :

**AVRT7 APRS Config**

Callsign 1 NOCALL - 10 Pass 12960 2

Comment 3 !3035.00N/11417.00E rPHG1010

Status 5 AVRT7 144.640MHz

Server 6 china.aprs2.net 12

Tx time 7 0600

Filter 8 b/AVRT7

Setup

Backlight ON 9 Unit km 10

RF RADIO

Tx/Rx 144.6400 4 MHz CTCSS 11

DIGI Path WIDE1-1 13

TX vol 3 14 Alias WIDE1+WIDE2 15

WIFI user/password

ssid bi7nor 16 pass abcd102 17 Apply 18

DHCP 19 DHCP

IP 20 192 168 1 99

Mask 21 255 255 255 0

Gate 22 192 168 1 1

DNS 23 8 8 8 8

24 COM7 25 Read data 26 Load file

27 Default 28 Write data 29 Save file

Vers

Config 20160728 30

AVRT7 31

Open ROM 32

update 33

35

0/10

If change setup then please restart

restart 36

### basic setting:

1. callsign : user' s own callsign, SSID default : -10;
2. login password: please use Users' APRS verify code,,  
user could get the further guidance through the QQ group(30531489).

**APRS Passcode Generator Website :** <http://apps.magicbug.co.uk/passcode/index.php>

3. coodinate data: base on user' s physical gateway position, the relevented definition refer to the following pictures:

\* coodinate format ( please comply with the ARPS coodinate format otherwise the data could be denied by the server) :





icon, gateway default "&"

icon, default/, could be amended by user.

latitude first and then longitude, N: north latitude, E: east longitude

coordinate data, format: degree-minute.second

beacon type, default "!", do not change it.

#### PHG1010

phgd Code: PHGD 代码	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Units (单位)
Power (功率)	0	1	4	9	16	25	36	49	64	81	Watts 瓦
Height (高度)	10	20	40	80	160	320	640	1280	2560	5120	Feet 英尺
Gain (增益)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	dB
Directivity (指向性)	omni (无方向性)	45	90	135	180	225	270	315	360		Degrees 度

4. VHF RF receiving module 's frequency should be base on user' s local frequency , the format is : 144.6400 .

5. status text

6. APRS server selection

7. APRS gateway information upload interval time, unit: second, for example, "60 seconds", fill in "0060".

8. Beacon filtering

9. External display backlight on time selection. ON = long bright, the display continues to display; 30 seconds = beacon decoding is complete, the backlight is off after 30 seconds, restore the black screen waiting state.

10. External display shows the distance unit selection: KM/MI

11. ctcss feature is not enabled

12. External radio DIGI function, select DIGI = APRS relay function to use. The APRS DIGI function is used and the beacon received is uploaded to the APRS server. In addition, it will be re-encoded, using an external radio transmitter beacons, radio transmitter will not receive beacon decoding!!!

**Gateway use does not need to enable APRS relay function! ! !**

**Note : DIGI function : The AVRT7 plus could and only could transfer data when there is a external radio and after the DIGI is selected.**

**13.DIGI PATH**

**14. DIGI Beacon transmit audio modulation selection,**

**15. DIGI alias**

**16. WIFI SSID**

**17. WIFI PASS**

**18. Write account and password to the WIFI module (see WIFI settings operation)**

**19. LAN Port IP Assignment Selection, Custom IP or Router Auto Assignment (DHCP)**

**20.21.22.23. Custom IP value**

**24. Serial port selection (install USB serial port driver, see hardware manager COM)**

**25. Connect the PC and AVRT7PLUS using a USB serial cable, select COM (24). AVRT7PLUS data value can be read out by activation**

**26. Load saved data**

**27. Restore the default data value**

**28. Write the current data value**

**29. Save the current data value**

**30. Display configuration software version**

**31. After reading the data value (25), the AVRT7PLUS firmware version is displayed**

**32. Select AVRT7PLUS firmware**

**33. Update AVRT7PLUS firmware**

**34. Operation status display**

**35. Firmware update blue band prompt completion percentage. The blue band reaches to the right and the firmware update is completed**

**36. AVRT7 reboots**

**2.4G-WIFI setting : (use the router' s WIFI login ID and password)**

**Note 1, WIFI would be disabled when the network cable is plugged in, and the WIFI setting only could be set up without the network cable.**

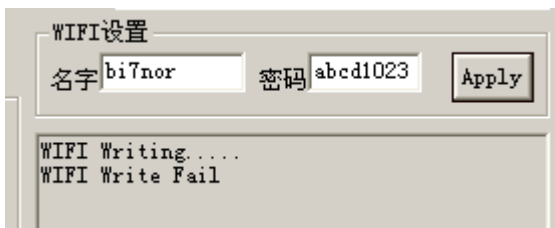
**Note 2, the power to stop, re-insert the power and USB serial cable boot. WIFI data SSID and PASS, directly activate the "APPLY" write, the operation is prohibited "read data (25)"**

**Note 3, the DC power supply must be plugged in when inputting the WIFI data.**

16. SSID : please use your WIFI login account; (default : bi7nor)
17. PASS : please use your WIFI login password; (default : abcd1023)
18. Please click "Apply" and input the WIFI setting data into the AVRT7 plus after the red LED (from wifi module) on the left side is on. And the AVRT7 plus would reboot after the wifi setting is finished and it would connect to the wifi automatically. (English alphabet and number could be only accepted.)

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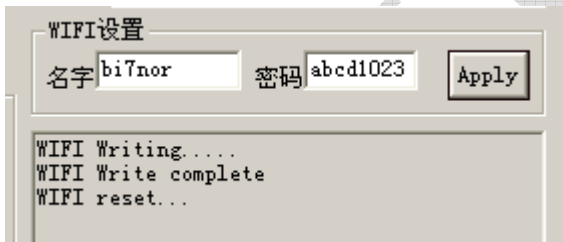
In case there is a system prompt as follow, that means the invalid WIFI setting and you need to apply again until success.



WIFI Write Fail

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In case there is a system prompt as follow, that means WIFI account and password both are correct and the system would reboot and then work normally.



WIFI Write complete

Note 4: The default wifi account is : bi7nor, the password is: abcd1023 in case fail to input the right wifi data, user could also amend their router' s wifi account and password.

Note 5: It could be the outer RF interference that lead to the router' s malfunction so that AVRT7 plus fail to connect the router via wifi. Please make sure the router' s wifi channel is on one of the following channels : CH1, CH6, CH11, CH13.

## Router WIFI settings reference (2.4GHz)

### Wireless - General :

SSID:	bi7nor
Hide SSID:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wireless Mode:	n Only
Channel Bandwidth:	20 MHz
Radio Channel:	13
Extension Channel:	Below
Fixed TX Rate Link Mode:	No (*)
Authentication Method:	WPA2-Personal
WPA Encryption:	AES
WPA Pre-Shared Key:	ABCD1023
Network Key Rotation Interval:	3600 [0..2592000]
TX Power Adjustment (%):	100 [0..100]
Region Code:	China (channels 1-13)
<input type="button" value="Go to 5GHz Setting"/> <input type="button" value="Apply"/>	

**AVRT7 Plus –WIFI Only supports 2.4GHz !!!**

**Authentication Method: WPA2**

**WPA Encryption: AES**

**Radio channels : CH1, CH6, CH11, CH13. (china Region)**

## mobile phone WIFI sharing settings reference :


China Mobile  
China Telecom

52B/s 5G 2G 72% 10:47 AM

### ← Configure WLAN hotspot

**Network name**  
Use device name as your network name bi7nor >

**Encryption type** WPA2 PSK >

**Password**  
abcd1023 

Password must contain at least 8 characters

☒ Show advanced options

**Select AP band** 2.4 GHz >

**Broadcast channel** 11 >

**Max. allowed connections** 8 users >

**CANCEL** **SAVE**

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AP Band: **2.4G**

Broadcast channel: **11** (china Region **1、6、11、13**)

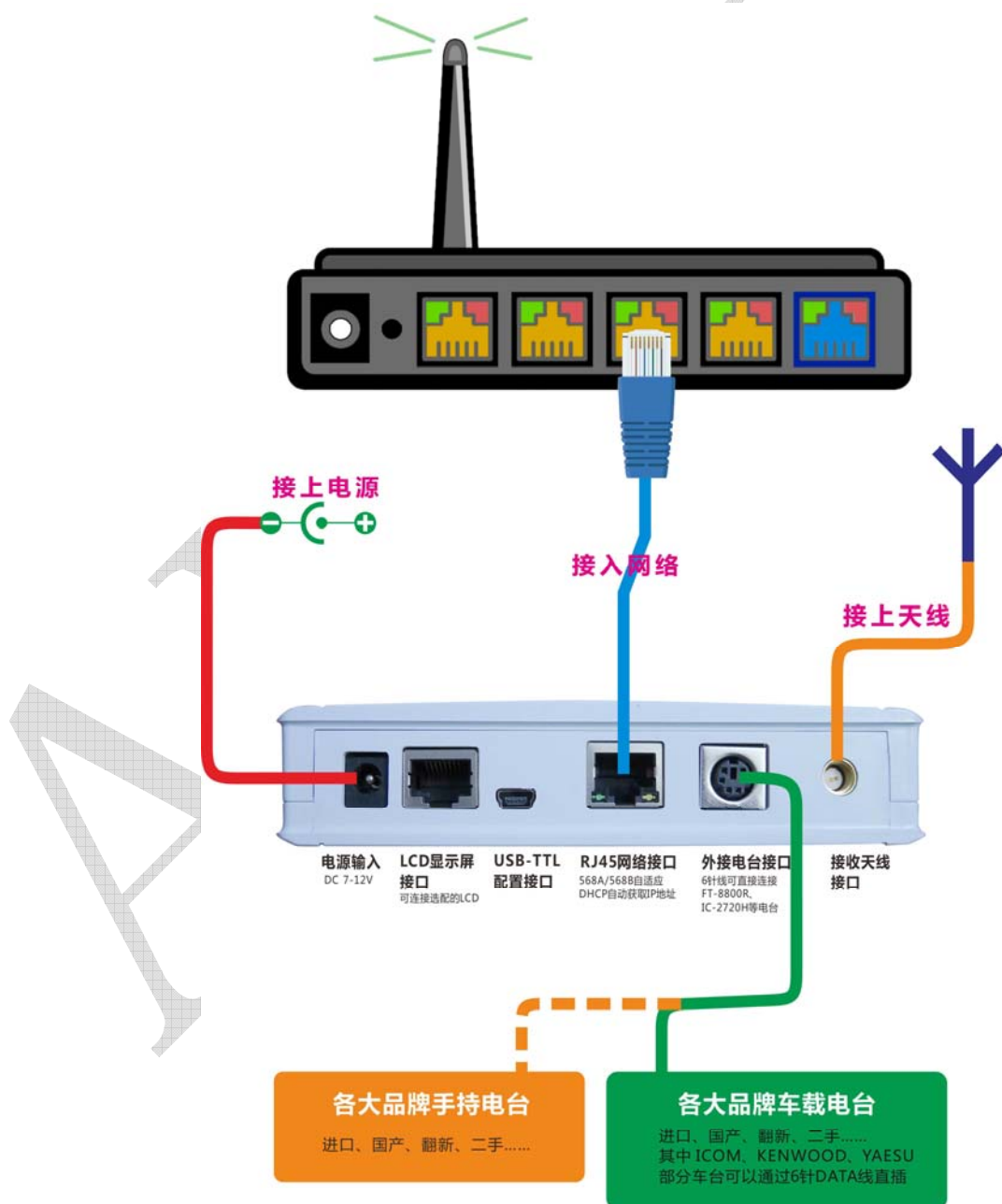


## ✂ two channels real-time dual decoding diagram:

### Support for IGate and Digipeat functions when connected to an external radio station

In this mode : AVRT7 plus could decode the beacon from VHF module inside and from extension radio at the same time, and AVRT7 plus would upload the valid beacon to the APRS-IS server without mutual interference.

So the V+V and the V+U dual frequency gateway could be easily established to achieve the function of dual standing by and dual communication.



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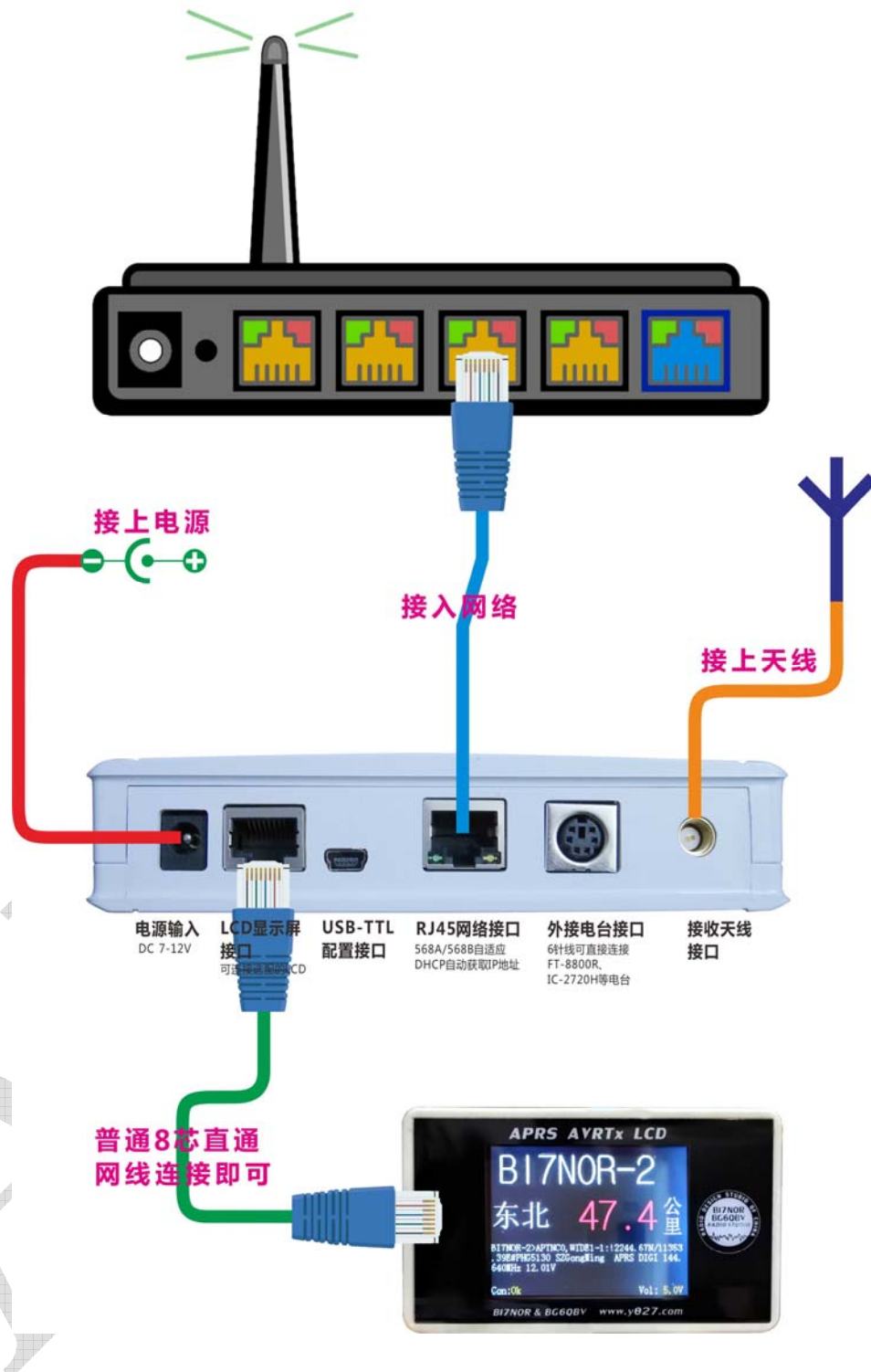
External RF antenna base.

BLUE LED : handheld radio in

RED LED : External RF in

## AVRT7 Plus' accessories & Usage

the connection of the LCD display :



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connect the AVRT7 plus to a router

connect the AVRT7 plus to a external antenna

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LCD screen socket ( optional LCD screen)

USB-TTL socket

RJ45 network socket ( 568A/568B self-adaptable, DHCP IP address automatically obtaining.)

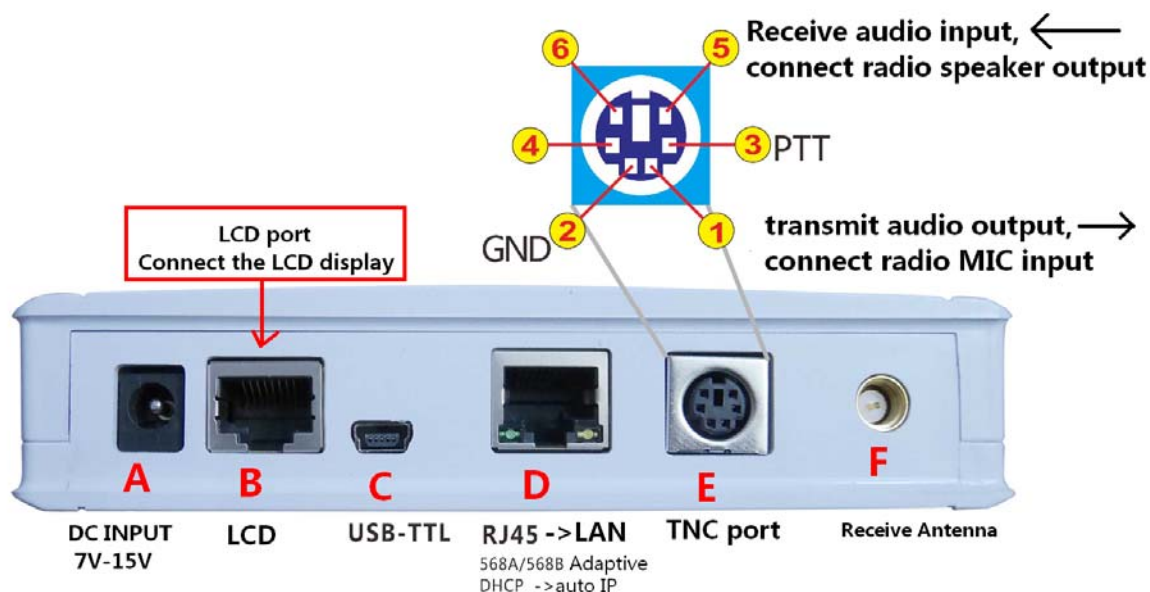
External radio socket ( 6 pins cable could be connected such as FT8800R, IC2720H,etc.)

External RF antenna base.

(screen cable) : 8 pins newwork cable is available

1. The LCD must be connected to the system only before AVRT7 plus is turned on, then reboot it.
2. The ordinary 1:1, 8 pins RJ45 network cable is available for the system screen. A shielded cable is recommended to avoid the outer interference.
- 3, LCD screen for the built-in and external radio beacon are displayed, such as receiving beacons at the same time the external radio priority display.

## interface definition for external radio :



An external radio could be connected to AVRT7 plus via this socket.

Picture location "A" : DC IN (7~12V)

Picture location "B" : LCD screen socket ( optional LCD screen)

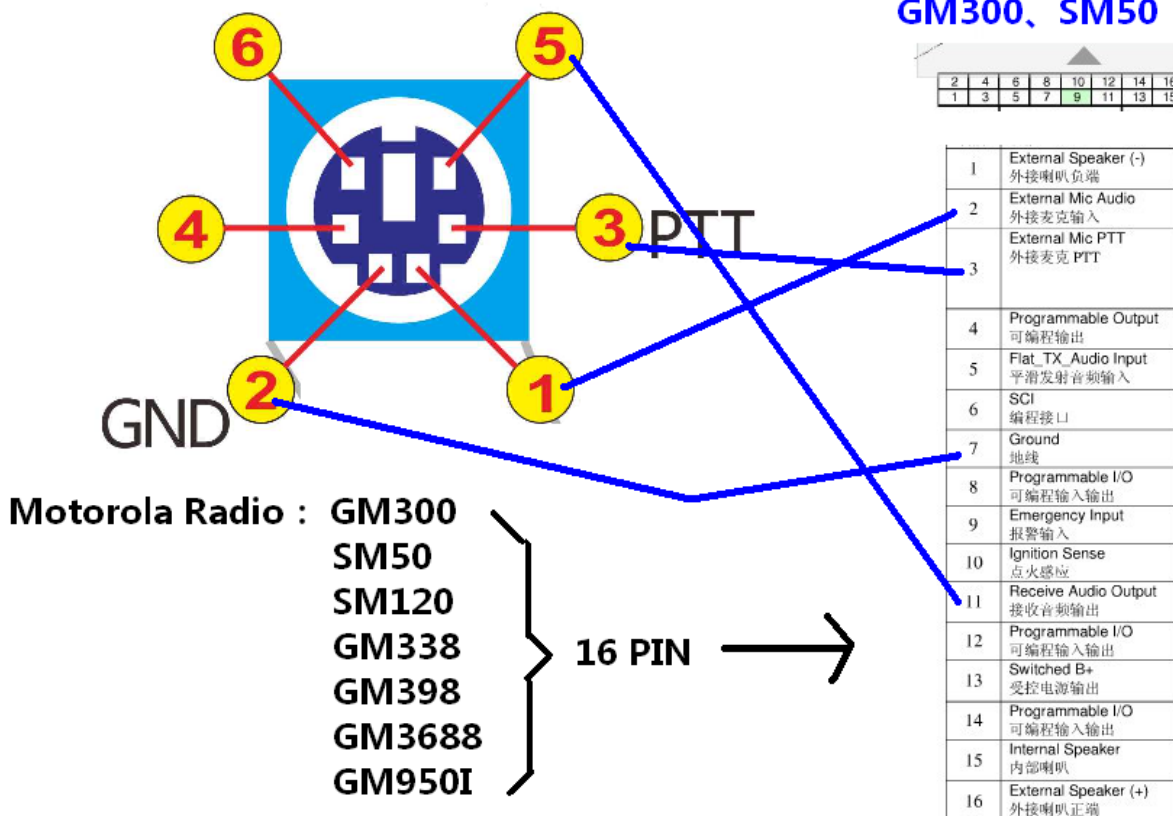
Picture location "C" : USB-TTL socket

Picture location "D" : RJ45 network socket ( 568A/568B self-adaptable, DHCP IP address automatically obtaining.)

Picture location "E" : External radio TNC socket ( 6 pins cable could be connected such as FT7800R、 FT8800、 IC2720H、 IC208H、 D710、 V71A , etc.)

DIY can also be connected to Motorola Radio, GM300, SM50, SM120, GM338, GM398, GM3688.950I,...

### GM300、SM50





All any radio can be DIY connection...

Picture location "F" : External RF antenna base.

diagram for LED status indicator :



Position of LED	Power on	Network connecting	Server connected	Server(network) disconnected	Beacon decoded by external radio	Beacon decoded by internal radio
<b>B</b>						Flashed fast
<b>C</b>	Flash in middle speed	Constant light	Flash slow	Constant light	Flashed fast	-

**LED A** : internal wifi LED, the internal wifi module is available when it remains lit.

**LED C** : connected to router via wifi

## AVRT7 Plus Configuration program download and driver installation

### 1, All file **download** :

<http://avrtx.cn/>

### 2, software download

a, Download the manual and **software**

<http://avrtx.cn/index.php?folder=QVZSVDcgUExVUw==>

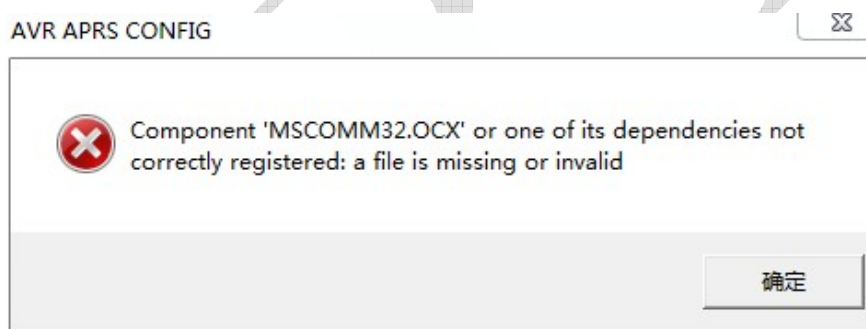
b, Download USB serial port driver

<http://avrtx.cn/download/USB%20driver/CH340/CH340%20DRIVER.ZIP>

c, Download the Microsoft VB/VC Runtime Library file

<http://avrtx.cn/download/ocx%20libraries/all%20ocx%20libraries.zip>





d, **solution for the "MSComm32.ocx"**



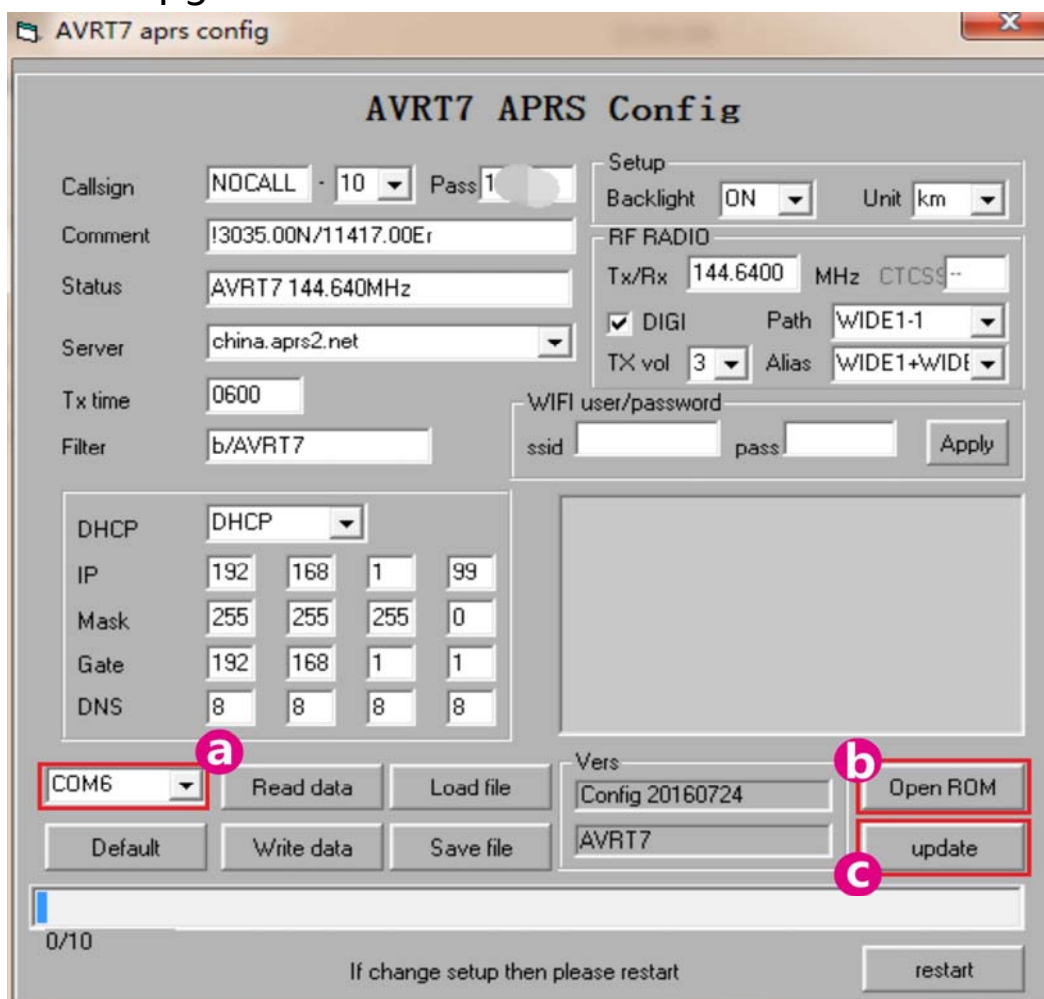
Install the Microsoft VB/VC Runtime Library file (right mouse button, select: install in administrator mode)

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### 3, AVRT7 Plus Configuration program value read and write :

- To install the CH340 driver first, connect the USB cable between your PC and AVRT7 Plus.
- Start the software and choose the right COM port (you may find it in the computer device manager), and click the  button; there is a prompt would be shown in the lower right corner (if fail you may click  and then reboot the AVRT7 Plus)
- click  to achieve the default data setting, User could amend the data base on the default version.
- After the amendment, click  to save data and reboot AVRT7 Plus.

#### 4、Firmware upgrade :



**Caution :** please use the attached USB cable (with USB-TTL circuit ) but other ordinary USB cable .

**AVRT7 Plus firmware upgrade :** ( to re-write the ROM)

a. To run the software and setup the COM port ;

b. click  to choose the new ROM file;

c. Turn on AVRT7 Plus and connect it to your PC with the Mini-USB cable, and then click the  button;

d. Please wait for 100% of the blue progress bar (upgraded successful) when you see "the system now is rebooting for upgrading" .

e. In case of the upgrading failure, the AVRT7 Plus would not boot properly, please repeat the above steps .

### Cautions:

1. After the upgrading of ROM, all the system data would become default, please back up your system data.
2. You should restart AVRT7 Plus manually after firmware upgrading
3. The system need the new version of ROM setting file after the ROM upgrading, the old one is could not be accepted by the system.

### Cautions of Usage :

1. The arrange of DC voltage is not only from 7V to 13.8V(which may from the cigar lighter), but also 5V (from USB socket). But DC 5V may cause the unstable of the system because the different quality of DC 5V adapter.
2. The VHF antenna attached with AVRT7 plus is only for user' s testing, for higher proformance please use the high gain outdoor antenna which is more suitable for fixed gateway.
4. The LCD screen is only for the simple data monitoring.
5. The chip of the USB-TTL cable is CH340, compatible for WIN10. Due to there are lots of CH340 versions, user can download different driver for their PC. The ordinary USB cable is not suitable for this connection.
6. The network cable (connected to router LAN) and WIFI both could be supported by AVRT7 Plus. User should be awared that WIFI transmission (2.4GHz transmission) is also a kind of radiation. **The WIFI connection would be prohibited automatically when the network cable is plugged in.**
7. A linear transformer (DC 7V~12V, > 200ma) is recomanded for the better receiving proformance due to there is radiation from the switch transformer. A DC regulator is built in the AVRT7 Plus.
8. User can hang the AVRT7 plus vertically on the glass , or on the wall of a bolcany near the outside position through the hole under AVRT7 plus. For the concerned of waterproof, the extension RF antenna base should be place down and away from the rain. A higher position or high gain antenna should be considered in case of the bad receiving condition.

## Extension temperature sensor and temperature pressure module illustration.

\* **DS18B20** for temperature only.

# **BMP180** for both temperature and pressure.

^ **BME280** for both Relative Humidity, temperature and pressure.

> **SHT3x** ( Contain **SHT30/SHT31/SHT32** ) for both Relative Humidity and temperature.

> **DHT21** or **AM2301** for both Relative Humidity and temperature .

**Sensor prioritization: BMP180, BME280, SHT3x ; Secondary: AM2301, DS18B20.**

User can see the original data in the website of APRS.FI after the DS18B20 is plugged in.

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2017-10-30 14:01:21 CST: BH7NOR-10>APVRT7,TCPIP*,qAC,T2TOKYO3:!2203.65N/11047.16E- 12.3V +26.1C
2017-10-30 14:16:21 CST: BH7NOR-10>APVRT7,TCPIP*,qAC,T2TOKYO3:>AVRT7PLUS 144.640MHz AVRT7plus 20170621
2017-10-30 14:31:21 CST: BH7NOR-10>APVRT7,TCPIP*,qAC,T2TOKYO3:!2203.65N/11047.16E- 12.3V +26.2C
2017-10-30 14:46:21 CST: BH7NOR-10>APVRT7,TCPIP*,qAC,T2TOKYO3:!2203.65N/11047.16E- 12.3V +26.3C
2017-10-30 15:01:21 CST: BH7NOR-10>APVRT7,TCPIP*,qAC,T2TOKYO3:!2203.65N/11047.16E- 12.3V +26.8C
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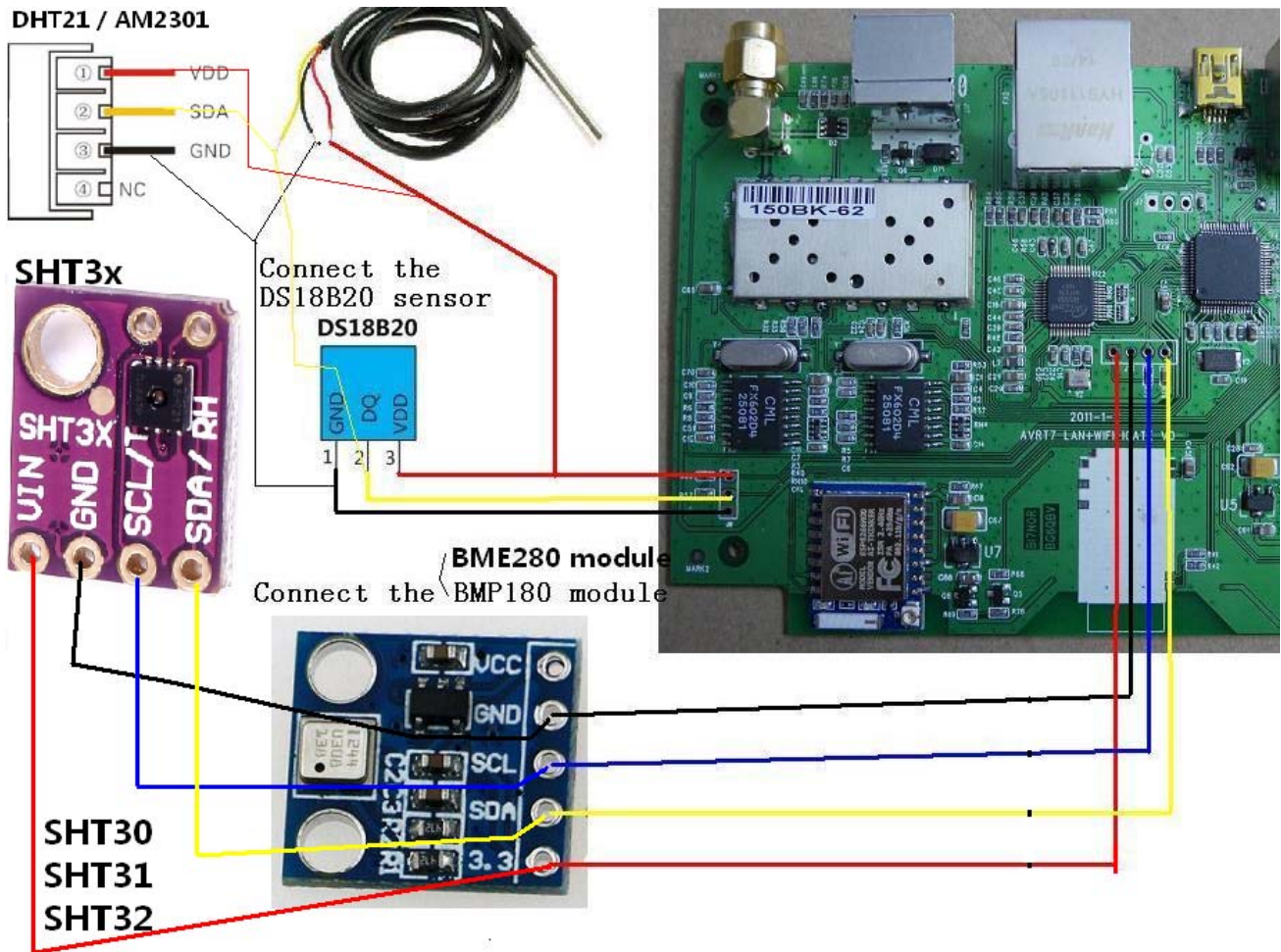
For example, the system shows **+26.8C** from DS18B20 sensor.



After using SHT3x, BME280, BMP180, DHT21/AM2301, AVRT7plus uploads the beacon to the APRS server and automatically converts to the weather station mode. (firmware version 20181212)







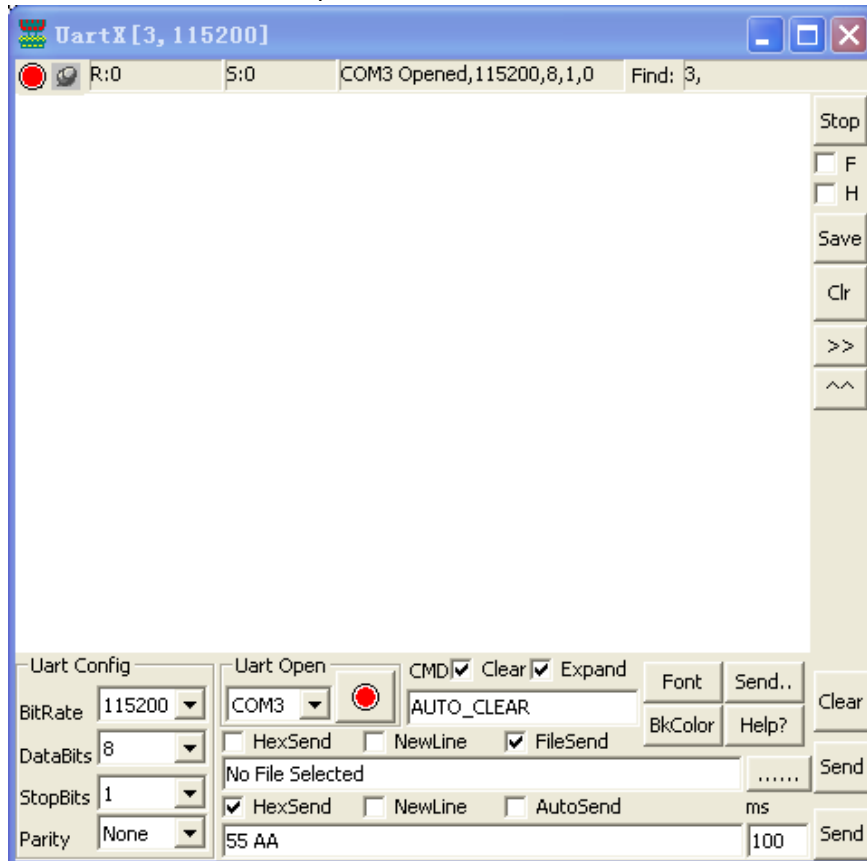
#### Cautions :

1. The user manual is base on the current hardware and software. And there would be no further notice in case of any amendment of AVRT7 Plus.
2. There could be a misunderstanding in the manual due to the different area or culture, please contect us by QQ group (30531489) or vicit our website ( [www.y027.com](http://www.y027.com)) for the further information; or google "APRS" for the opinion from other ameture.

## AVRT7 PLUS Serial data printout help

AVRT7 PLUS is not connected to the server, or the network is disconnected to receive an APRS beacon. The LED will flash quickly.

Please check your network connection. You can connect the PC with the USB serial cable (CH340). Use the serial port software, the rate of 115200, print serial data, view the server connection

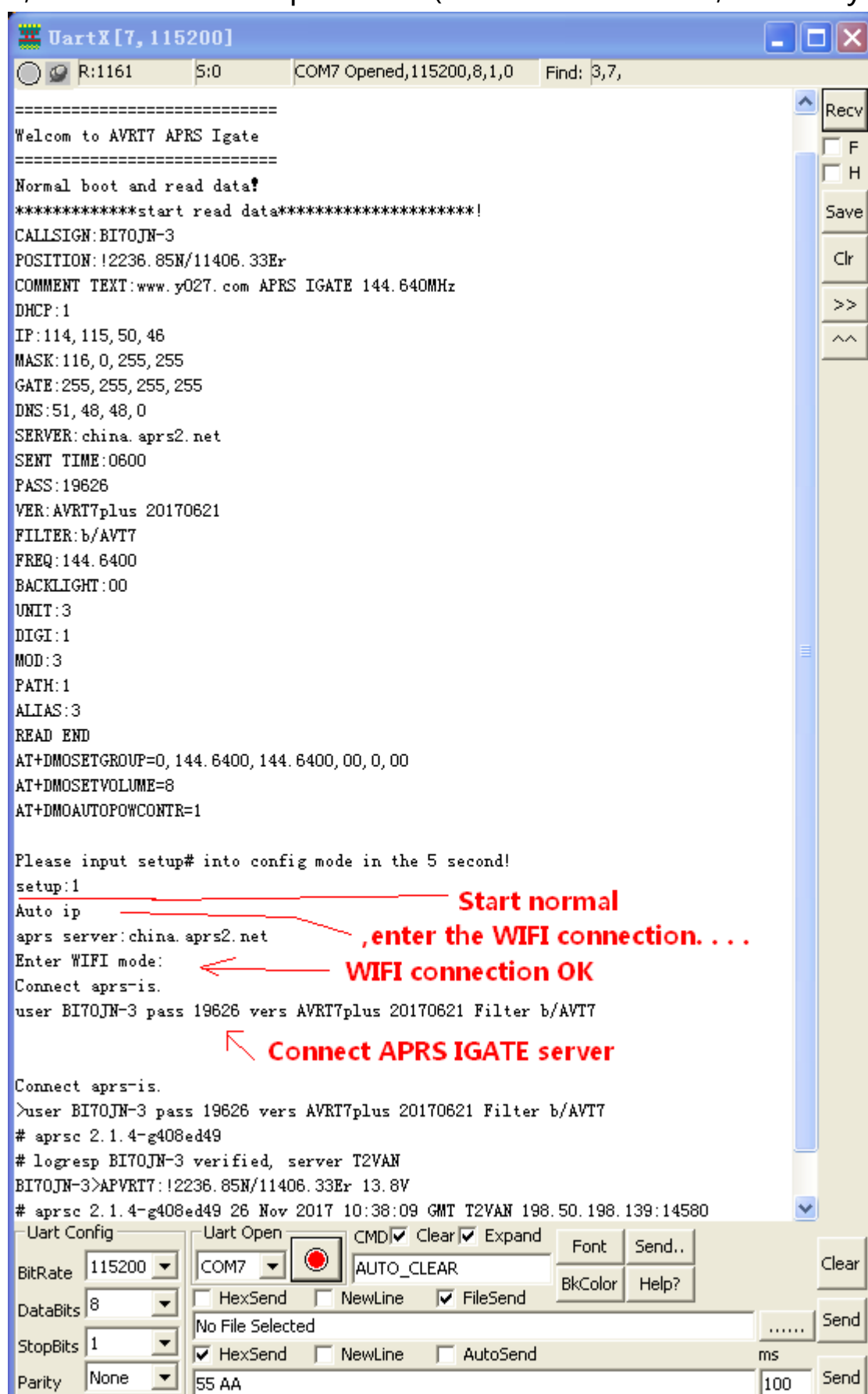


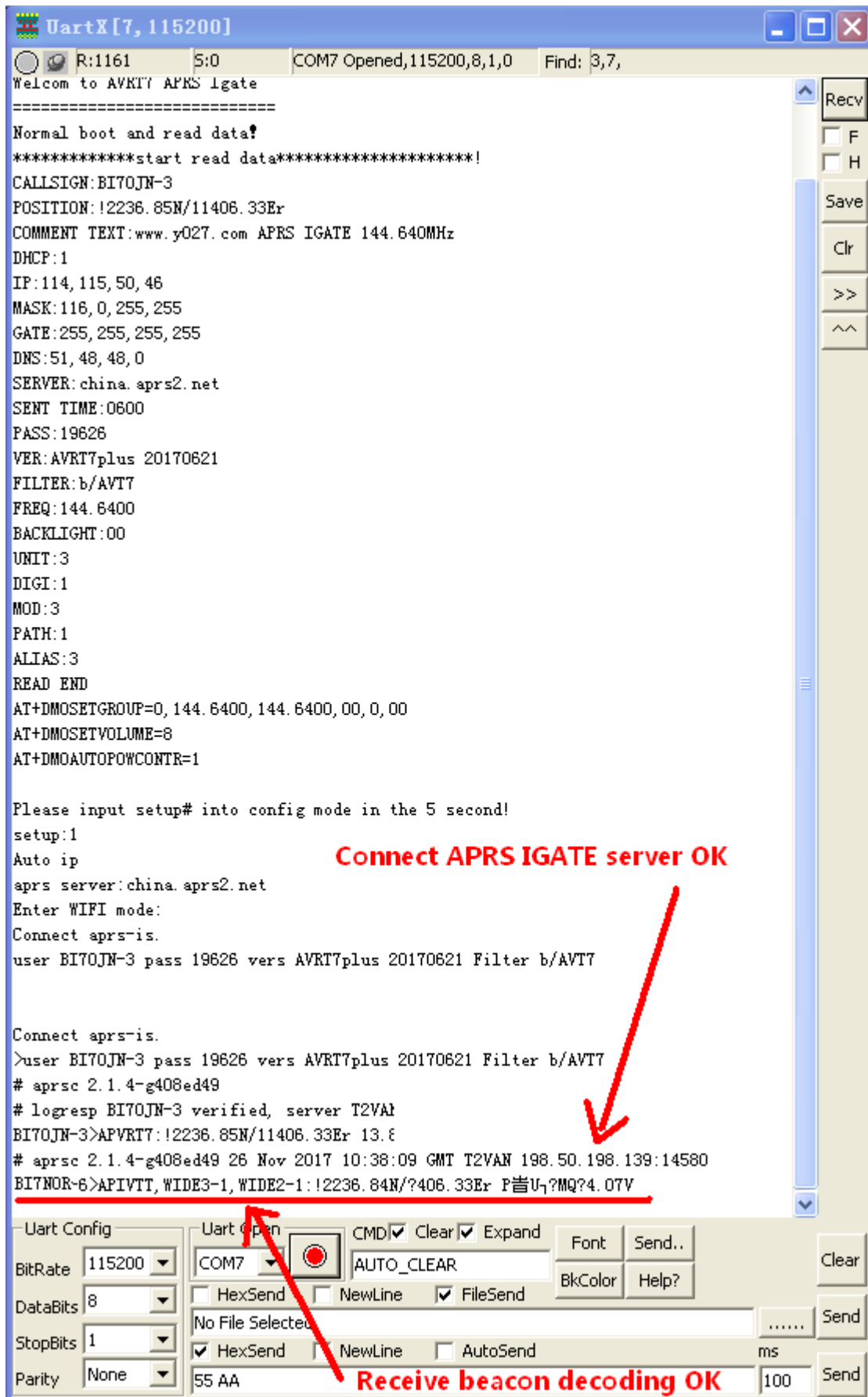
Download serial software, run serial software, AVRT7PLUS serial print output, the output text data include:

- 1, boot start process
- 2, the network server (aprs.fi) connection status (LAN or WIFI)
- 3, beacon decoding data output

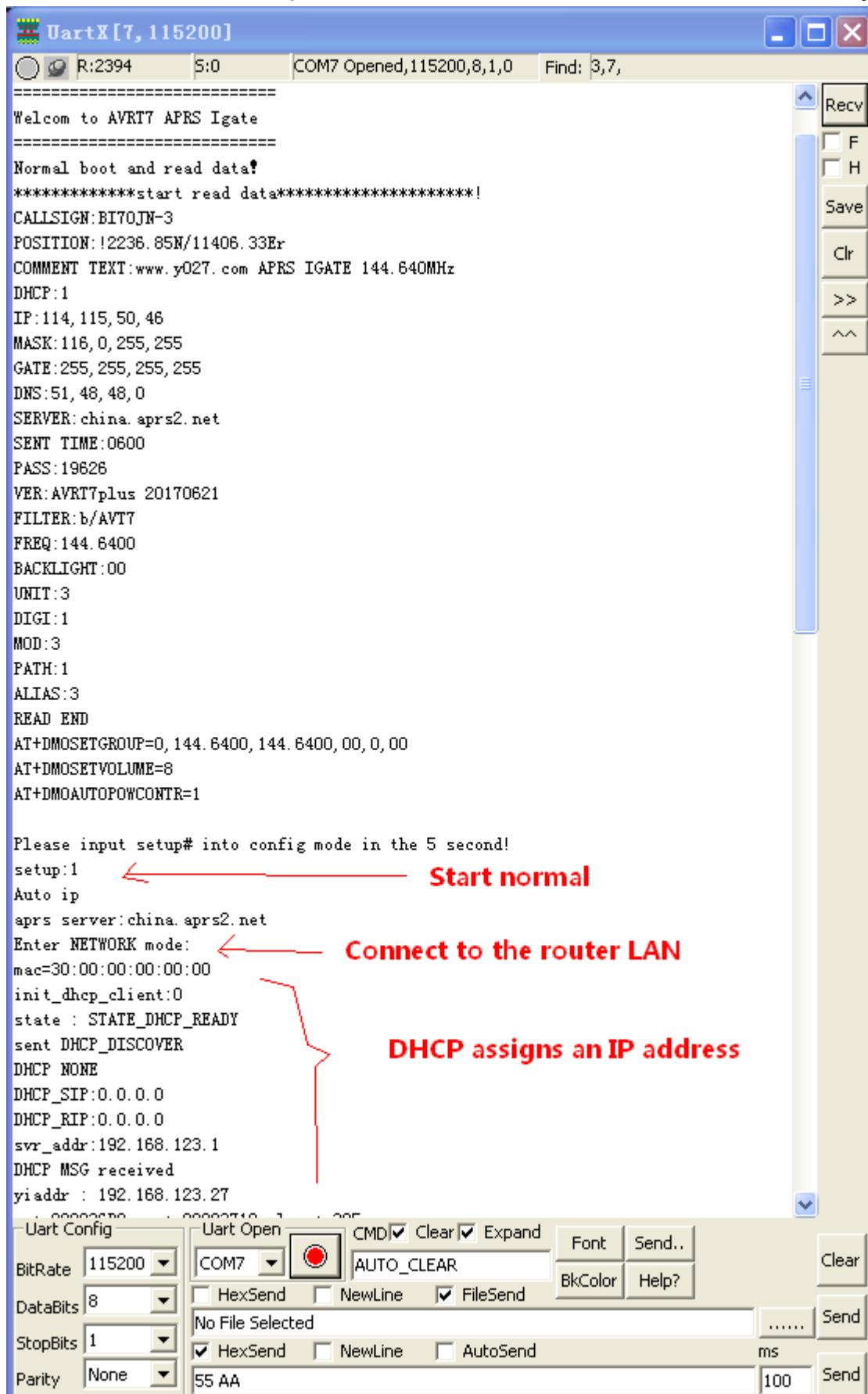
Download APRS client program, serial port connection, run APRS client program, you can display the client program to decode the data and beacon position

## 1, AVRT7 Plus Serial printout (No LAN connection, WIFI only)





## 2, AVRT7 Plus Serial printout (No WIFI connection, LAN only)







designed and produced by : BG6QBV & BH7NOR (Old BI7NOR)

Manual translation: BG7IKD

WEB: [www.y027.com](http://www.y027.com) Email: [34512886@qq.com](mailto:34512886@qq.com)、bi7nor@yahoo.com

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All AVRT series device firmware and software download web server :  
<http://avrtx.cn>