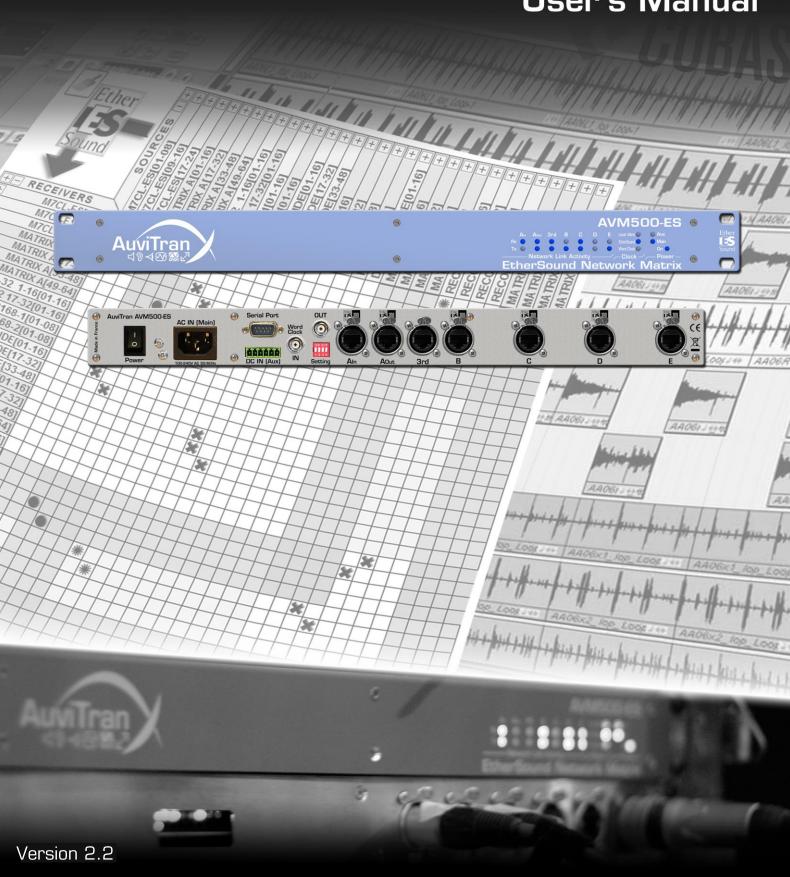


AVM500-ES

EtherSound Network Matrix

User's Manual



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- 1 AVM500-ES
- 1 Power Cord
- 1 Safety Instructions Manual
- ① Cord-set with proper plug configuration must be used, depending on country in which the product is used

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1 WELCOME!

Thank you for purchasing AuviTran's AVM500-ES. We hope you will enjoy using it. This product will help you in expanding your current EtherSound networks.

As AVM500-ES acts as an EtherSound matrix router, you will be able to handle up to 320 EtherSound channels linked to 5 physical ports, build ring redundancy topology, and many others architectures. AVM500-ES is able to aggregate separated ES V2 and ES100 networks.

You will find herewith the necessary instructions to use your product. Please read them carefully as misuse of this device might cause serious damage to you and your environment.

2 WHAT'S NEW?

This version of the manual refers to the last firmware of the AVM500-ES, i.e. version 0x110E / 0x118E. You are invited to check the version of your device, and perform a firmware update if necessary.

Thanks to this new firmware, AVM500-ES has the following extended functionality:

- AVM500-ES is now available in AVM500-ES/3ports, with all the advantages of AVM500-ES, limited to 3 EtherSound ports, at a very attractive cost. AVM500-ES/3ports stays upgradable to regular AVM500-ES.
- Serial Port embedded a command interpreter that allows you to patch the whole matrix through a simple RS232 protocol. Please refer to dedicated paragraph for more information.
- Device ports C, D and E can be swapped from EtherSound to ASIO protocol. ASIO computer-based application
 will be able to play/record up to 64 channels on each port. Matrix patch allows choosing which channel is to be
 played or recorded. You will find more information in the dedicated paragraph.



3 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

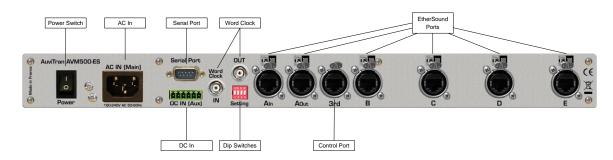
General			
Size	483 x 253 x 44mm (19' rack / 1U Height)		
Power Consumption	<50 Watts		
Main Power Supply	100-240VAC 50/60Hz 1.5A Max		
DC supply (Auxiliary)	5Vdc 5A max – 12Vdc 2A max		
Auxiliary Power Supply	100-240V~ 47-63Hz 1.35A / +5Vdc 5A; +12Vdc 2A		
Storage: Temp/Humidity	- 5°C to 70°C / Max 95% (non-condensing)		
Operating: Temp/Humidity	5°C to 40°C / 5% to 90% (non-condensing)		
Front Panel	Networks and links Rx and Tx Activities; Active synch running; Power Main, Aux and On Display		
Rear Panel	1 IEC Power inlet; 7 Neutrik EtherCon RJ45; 1x6 poles Euroblock Connector for Aux power supply; 1 BNC for word		
clock synch in; 1 DB9 connector for Serial Port			

AVM500-ES Features			
EtherSound Network Segment	5 EtherSound Network Segments interconnections : A (In, Out), B, C, D, E		
EtherSound IN Port	1 EtherSound IN Port: AIN		
EtherSound OUT Port	5 EtherSound OUT Ports: Aout, B, C, D and E		
ES-100 to ES-100 Latency	6 samples (125µs at 48 kHz)		
Digital Audio Channels	320 (5 x 64) Input Audio channels and 320 (5 x 64) Output Audio channels		
Matrix / Patch size	320x320 full cross matrix with remote control patch via EtherSound		
	Any individual output audio channel can be muted or patched to any of the 320 available Input audio channels		
Remote control	Via EtherSound of from Ethernet PC remote link		
Other I/O	RS232 serial port		
Clock Synchronisation mode	 48 kHz local clock (when Primary Master) or EtherSound Network (When not PM) 		
	 Word clock In used for synchronisation 		

Temp / Fan monitoring			
Temp Monitoring	Network Monitoring of Temperature inside the Box		
PSU Monitoring	Network Monitoring of PSU Failure for Main and Aux power supply		
2 Fan Control modes	Automatically Controlled by internal Temperature		
	Off		

Development and Integration Environment				
OS Supported	Windows XP , Vista, Seven (32 or 64 bits)			
AVS-Monitor	AVS-Monitor enables to remotely set, control and monitor an EtherSound network and provides enhanced property			
	pages to manage the AVM500-ES specific parameters.			
Remote Network Management	Links status, Power supply status (Main, Aux), Temperature monitoring , Fan remote control and PSU Aux/Main			
	remote control			

4 REAR PANEL DESCRIPTION



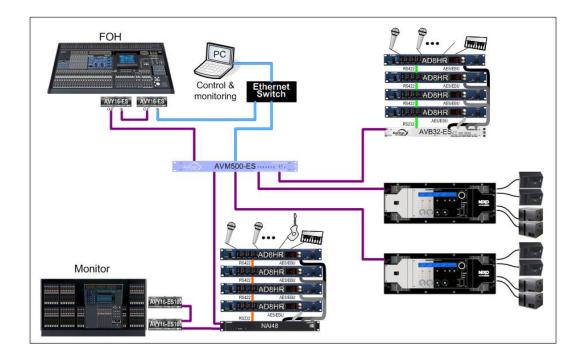
- 2- Power switch: switch on or off the main power supply
- 3- AC IN: main power supply. Refer to tech specs for AC range
- 4- DC IN: auxiliary power supply (described at the end of this document)
- 5- Dip switches : setup the device
- 6- Serial Port: standard RS232 for custom application
- 7- Word Clock: Input and Output for external synchronization
- 8- EtherSound Ports: link to EtherSound network (or control PC)
- 9- Control Port: connection to control PC only



Please always check that rear-panel dip-switch #1 is set to "OFF" for proper device operation.

"ON" position is reserved for firmware update only (see chapter 13).

5 TYPICAL ARCHITECTURE USING AVM500-ES



This is an example of the AVM500-ES capability: each cluster of EtherSound devices can share up to 64 audio channels with each others, in bidirectional configuration. With ES100 networks, control PC can be plugged directly to AVM500-ES "3rd port" to control the whole network.

6 POWERING AN AVM500-ES FOR THE FIRST TIME

AVM500-ES is a dedicated and versatile EtherSound network router and matrix. Many configurations and parameters are available to best fit each kind of architecture you want to build. When powering an AVM500-ES for the first time, it will boot in the factory configuration. This mode is called "Mono network mode". This is the simplest way to use an AVM500-ES.

6.1 Definition of Mono Network Mode

To be more efficient when using your AVM500-ES, you need to understand how it is build. If you have a look to the **Fig. 1**, you will see how the AVM500-ES behave when in the Mono Network mode, from EtherSound point of view.

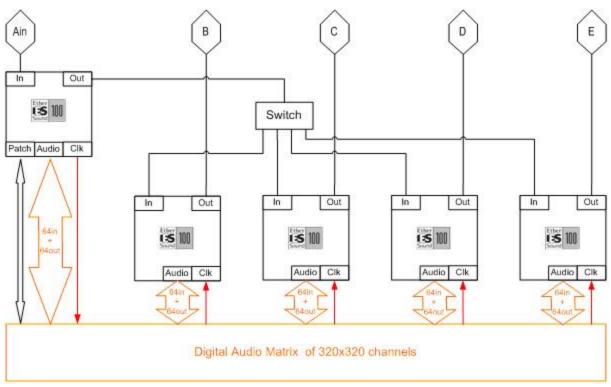


Fig. 1: Simplified view of AVM500-ES behavior

AVM500-ES acts as 5 EtherSound devices, with smart interconnections

From a network point of view, **{Ain}** is an EtherSound input port. The output port of the related device is connected to the 4 others device's input ports, through a regular switch.

Doing so, **{B, C, D, E} ports are EtherSound output ports**. From a hierarchic point of view, **{B, C, D, E}** are **behind {Ain}** (see **Fig. 2**).

All 64in channels + 64out channels of each device are always connected to the 320x320 digital audio matrix, at any time. Audio clock for synchronization is coming from {Ain} port and distributed to {B, C, D, E} ports. This is **always** true, whatever the configuration of the AVM500-ES.

Audio patch of the 320x320 digital audio matrix is only available through (Ain) port.

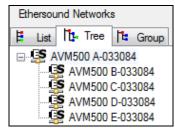


Fig. 2: Tree view in Mono Network Mode

To sum-up theses points, we can compare AVM500-ES to an EtherSound device with one input port and four output ports. These four ports are always synchronized to the input port. Each port can share its audio channels with each other.

This mode allows you to build bidirectional star architecture that was absolutely impossible to do before, with a regular switch.

6.2 How to build a simple Star Architecture

You will find herewith all the procedure to build your first star architecture with an AVM500-ES in Mono Network Mode. Audio patch will also be detailed here to help you handle the device step by step.

Fig. 3 illustrates what we call a star architecture. In few words, a star architecture has a "node" that acts as a splitter. This is a point where a network is divided in multiple branches. This vision is true for the downstream. For the upstream, this is the opposite. The node "concentrates" multiple branches in a single one. The AVM500-ES is this node.

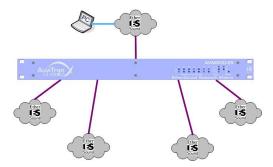


Fig. 3: Star architecture

In the following example, you will learn how to build a real EtherSound network using an AVM500-ES, and how to use the Netpatch to route audio channels. Let's have a look to the schematic:

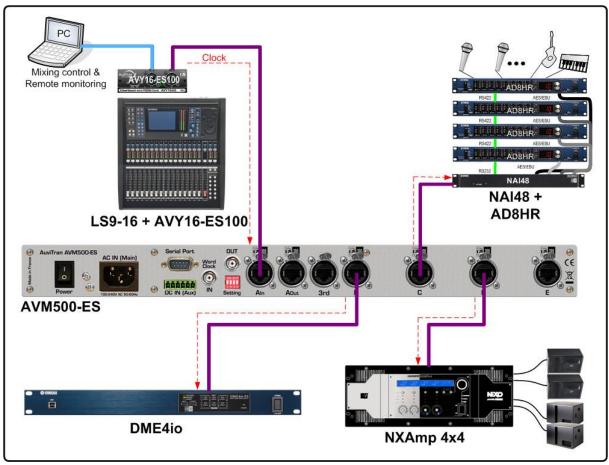


Fig. 4: Example of architecture

In this network, the AVY16-ES100 in the LS9 mixing console is the Primary Master (PM). Indeed, there is no EtherSound network plugged on its In port, but only the control PC. The Out port of the AVY16-ES100 is connected to port {Ain} of the AVM500-ES. Ports {B, C, D}, that are Outputs ports, are connected respectively to port In of DME4io, NAI48-ES and NXAmp 4x4. Port {E} is unused.

Remember that in this example, the AVY16-ES100 is PM, so it generates the audio clock. This clock is transmitted to the AVM500-ES port {Ain} through EtherSound. As described in the previous paragraph, AVM500-ES propagates the clock from {Ain} to {B, C, D, E}, so the three third-party devices are properly feed with clock.

When running AuviTran AVS-Monitor software on the control PC, the Tree View of this network will be the following:

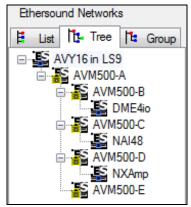


Fig. 5: Hierarchy view of example architecture

The AVY16-ES100 is obviously the Primary Master, followed by port {Ain} of the AVM500-ES. Ports {B, C, D, E} are on the same hierarchy level, as expected. And behind each port, we can find our three EtherSound devices.

(i) The following description of Netpatch is based on "Display full AVM500 in NetPatch" option enabled (see AVS-Control Panel documentation for further information). This is for didactic purpose only. Disable this option to hide AVM500 Matrix in NetPatch and simplify use of EtherSound network patch.

Let's have a look to the Netpatch now. We can see four different colours in it:

- White, means you can make a direct connection between source and destination.
- Gray, means there is no way to make a direct connection.
- Pink, means this is the matrix internal patch of an AVM500-ES.
- Yellow, means that there is a possible path through an AVM500-ES.

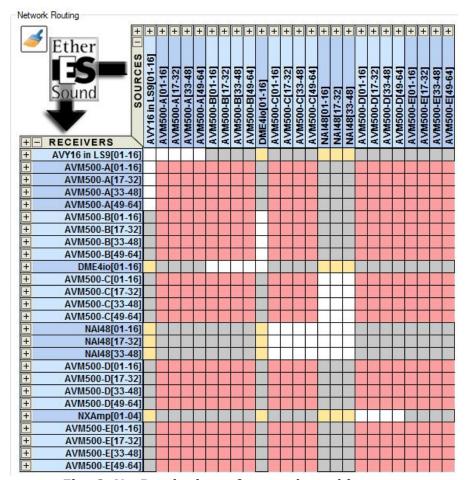


Fig. 6: NetPatch view of example architecture

In this example, you will learn how to make the following patch:

- (1) NAI48-ES {ch1-16} to AVY16-ES100 {ch1-16}
- (2) AVY16-ES100 {ch13-16} to NXAmp {ch1-4}

Since version 3.9.4 of AVS-Monitor software, such a path is now extremely easy using net patch. It is a "one click" process.

6.2.1 Example #1 - NAI48-ES {ch1-16} to AVY16-ES100 {ch1-16}

If you want to route NAI48-ES channels directly to AVY16-ES100 inputs, you will see that you are facing a yellow cell. This means that Netpatch found a connection between theses two devices through an AVM500-ES. As patch grid is collapsed 16 by 16 in this example, all you have to do is to click the yellow cell between NAI48 {ch1-16} and AVY16 {ch1-16}. The software will do everything automatically!

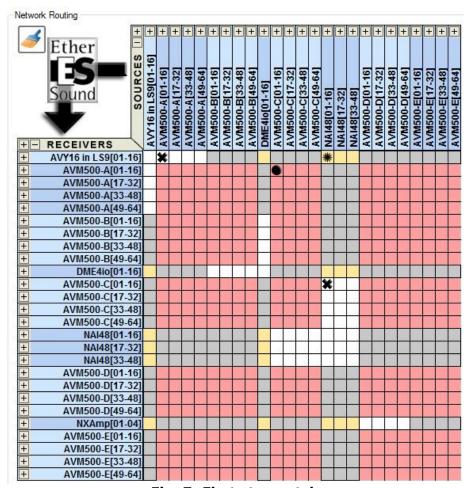


Fig. 7: First step patch

The patch you've just made in yellow cell is represented by a star. This is the symbolic view for a patch through an AVM500-ES. At the same time, Netpatch added the real path of audio channels:

- One cross (direct connection) between NAI48 and AVM500-ES Port C.
- One circle (AVM500 internal patch) between Port C and Port A.
- One cross (direct connection) between Port A and AVY16-ES100.

Now, if you select AVM500-ES port {Ain}, and then you go to the "Matrix" tab, you will notice that internal digital audio matrix was effectively patched as expected.

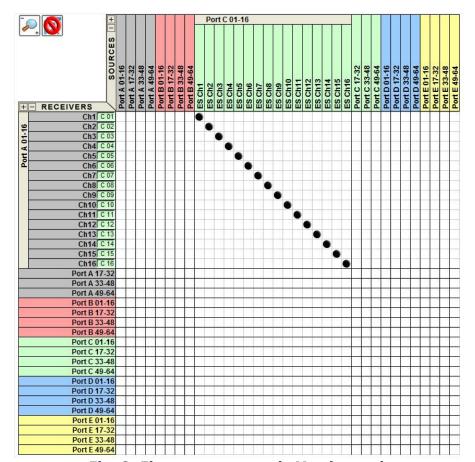


Fig. 8: First step automatic Matrix patch

6.2.2 Example #2 – AVY16-ES100 (ch13-16) to NXAmp (ch1-4)

Final step, and one more time the same logic. Just expand Netpatch to have access to desired channels. Then, drag and drop (with "Shift" button) the four desired channels, i.e. AVY16-ES100 {ch13-16} to NXAmp {ch1-4} available one more time in yellow cells.

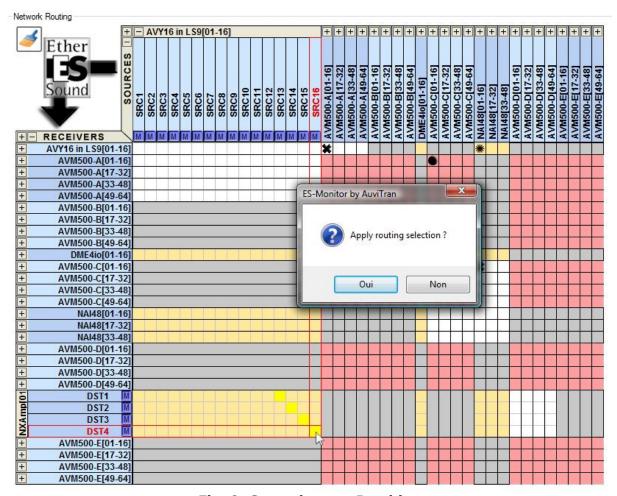


Fig. 9: Second step - Patching

Apply selection, and you will see the whole path patched automatically. Notice patch between AVY16-ES100 and AVM500-ES Port A, between Port A and Port D (pink cells), and between Port D and NXAmp.

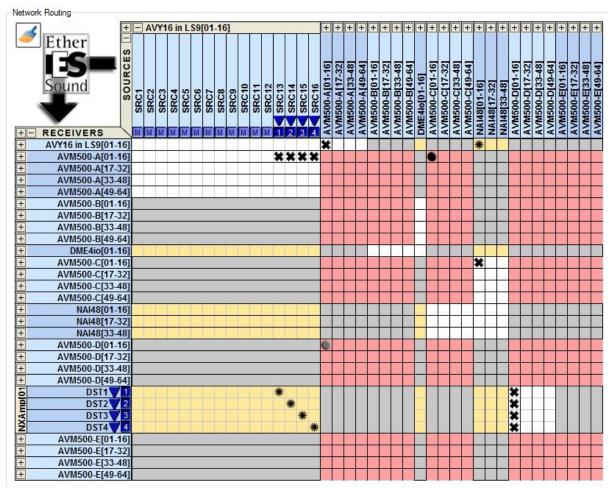


Fig. 10: Second step - Patched

More information, tips and tricks regarding Netpatch is available in AVS-Monitor User's Manual. Please directly refer to it learn how to handle it perfectly.

6.3 Why using Star Architecture instead of basic Dasy-Chain?

For a simple network as described previously, AVM500-ES seems to be largely under-used. Indeed, regarding the few channels used, we could have built a standard Daisy-Chain network (**Fig. 11**).

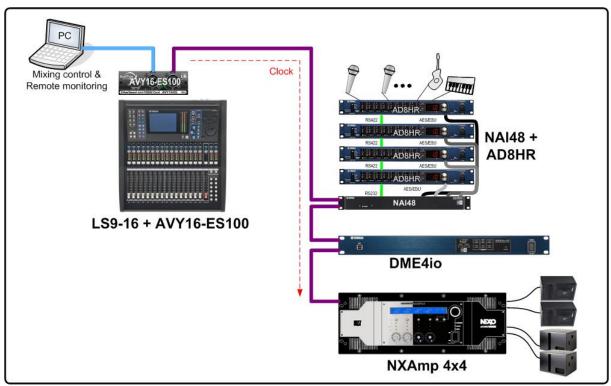


Fig. 11: Equivalent Daisy-Chain architecture

If this kind of architecture would have perfectly worked, it has also a big drawback:

- if the cable between NAI48-ES and DME4io fails,
- if the NAI48-ES fails or is switched-off,
- if the DME4io fails or is switched-off,

in all of theses cases, audio channels will never reach the NXAmp, and diffusion will be lost.

Big advantage of the star architecture is to bypass this issue. Indeed, if a branch of the star fails, the rest of the network continue to work. For example, if DME4io fails, you will only loose its channels, but NAI48-ES channels and AVY16-ES100 channels can still be played on the NXAmp. Of course this is the same idea for all other branches of the network.

A classic example is a recording studio, with multiple recording rooms. If each room is a branch of the star, then you don't have to bother of the state of the other rooms (devices on or off) when you want to record one.

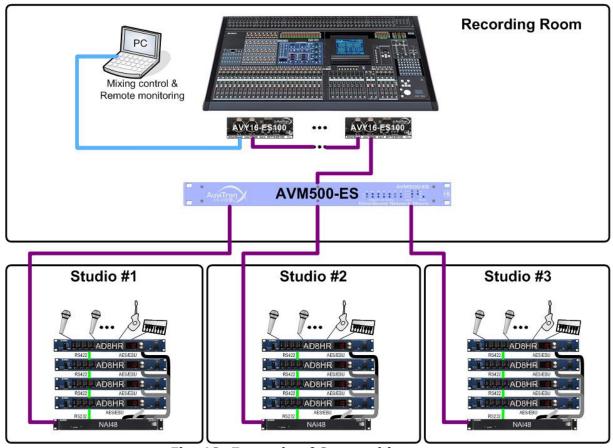


Fig. 12: Example of Star architecture

6.4 Limitations of the Mono Network Mode

Mono Network Mode is the factory default mode, and the simplest way to use AVM500-ES. Nevertheless this mode as also few limitations that do not allows the user to take the best of the possibilities of the device.

6.4.1 Port {Aout} inactive

Looking back to Fig. 1, we can see that the output port of port A is already used to communicate with the four other devices via the internal switch. Doing so, the back-panel port {Aout} is unwired in this mode. Plugging an EtherSound compatible device on this port has no effect.

6.4.2 Remote control through 3rd Port – ES100/ESV2

Back-panel port {3rd} is the computer local access point of the device, regarding to ES100 technology. Please refer to the proper EtherSound manual if you are not used with ES100 standard and especially 3rd port access. **This port accepts only a computer for remote control.** No EtherSound compatible device should be plugged on it (**Fig. 15**).

Connecting a computer on this port allows you to remote control the whole network directly from this point. Plugging the control PC on the Primary Master input port is no more mandatory.

Nevertheless, the limitation of Mono Network Mode is that all EtherSound compatible devices of the network <u>must</u> be ES100 compatible (**Fig. 13**). If an old ES-V2 device is inside the network, you will not be able to control and monitor the network through the 3rd port (**Fig. 14**).

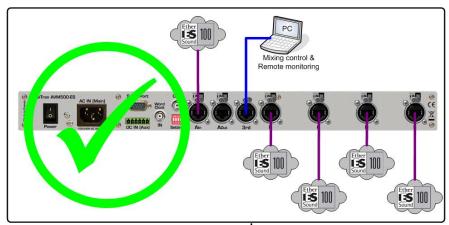


Fig. 13: Good wiring of port {3rd} in Mono Network Mode

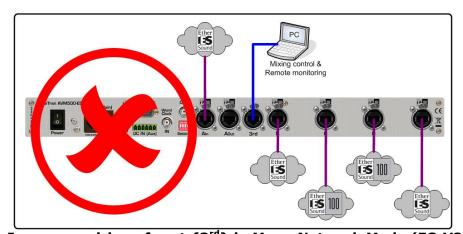


Fig. 14: Improper wiring of port {3rd} in Mono Network Mode (ES-V2 inside)

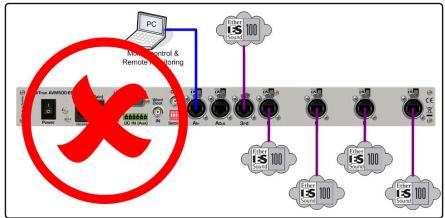


Fig. 15: Improper wiring of port {3rd} (EtherSound stream on the port)

7 SPLITTING NETWORKS FOR EXTENDED CAPACITIES

In order to expand capacities of AVM500-ES, and to bypass the limitations described above, the user can configure the device in different modes. Configurations are fully software selectable thanks to AVS-monitor software.

7.1 Generic Multi Networks Mode – Software configuration

7.1.1 Definition of the generic Multi Networks Mode

In chapter **6.1**, **Fig. 1** illustrates a very simplified view of the AVM500-ES behavior. It is in fact a little bit more complicated. Let's look at **Fig. 19** below.

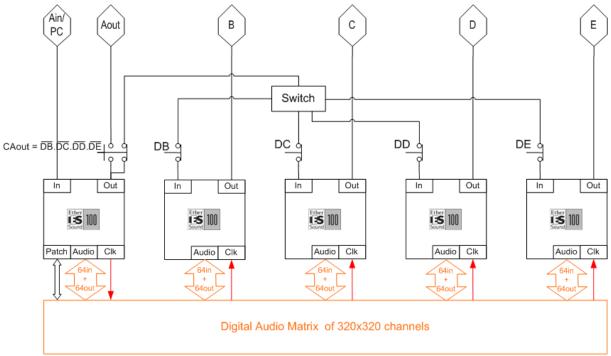


Fig. 19: Real view of AVM500-ES behavior

Compared to Fig. 1, some switches have appeared. These are controlled via AVS-Monitor software, in AVM500-ES Control Page (Fig. 21). When activating a switch, the related port is **dissociated**. No more EtherSound stream can reach it, and so becomes a virtual Primary Master. When all {B, C, D, E} ports are dissociated, you can notice that the internal switch becomes useless. That's why the switch named [CAout] automatically switches on, and connects the port {Aout} on the rear panel.

The goal of the dissociation is the same than before, i.e. merge ES100 and ES-V2 networks and build multiple tunneling communications. When port {Aout} is activated, you will also be able to build ring architecture. This will be described in the next paragraph.

As no EtherSound stream can reach the ports when they are dissociated, you will need to plug the control PC to the port {3rd} if you want to remote control your network.

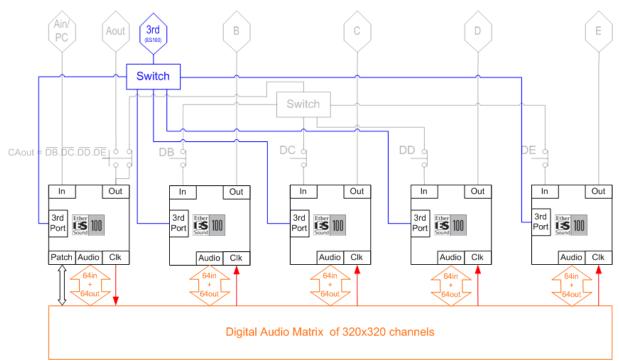


Fig. 20: Internal wiring for 3rd port remote control

Port Configuration — Dissociate Port A	on t A => Activate Port A Out				
Dissociate Port B		AVM500 B-03208A	In	Out	
Dissociate Port C		AVM500 C-03208A	In	Out	
Dissociate Port D		AVM500 D-03208A	⊚ In	Out	
Dissociate Port E		AVM500 E-03208A	In	Out	

Fig. 21: AVS-Monitor control box for port dissociation

Please note that port dissociation has absolutely no effect on the clock propagation through the devices, neither on the audio communication with the Digital Audio Matrix. You can always route audio channels between ports even if they are dissociated from the main network.

Let's just sum-up why dissociating ports:

- use ES-V2 equipments inside the network, while using port {3rd} to control it
- manage multiple tunneling communications
- activate port {Aout} to build a ring architecture

7.1.2 Example of dissociated network

The following Fig. 22 represents an example of network architecture, using AVM500-ES with some ports dissociated.

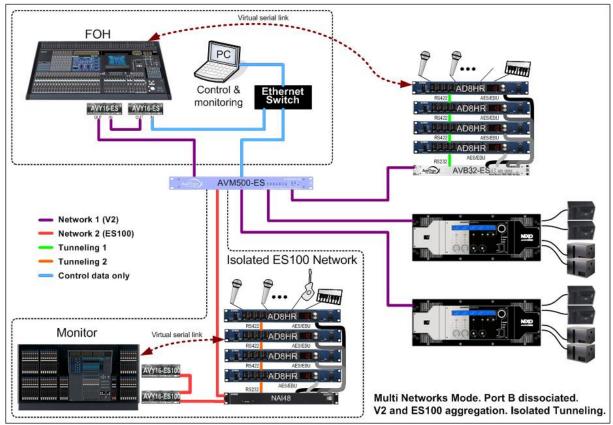


Fig. 22: Example of mixed ES100 / ES-V2 network with dissociated ports

FOH is a Yamaha console with two AVY16-ES100 cards. The cards are daisy-chained with port {Ain} of AVM500-ES. This branch of the network is fully ES100.

Port {B} is connected to a NAI48-ES that is ES100 compatible, and then to two AVY16-ES inside another Yamaha console. Because of the AVY16-ES, this branch of the network is not fully ES100.

Ports {C} and {D} receive NXAmp 4x4, that are ES100 compatible.

Port {E} receives an AVB32-ES that is only ES-V2.

The goal is to remote control AD8HRs from network 3 with the FOH console, and AD8HRs from network 2 with the Monitor console. The only way to have multiple tunneling is to dissociate ports of AVM500-ES to create sub-networks with virtual Primary Master. As AVM500-ES is not PM in this example, we cannot use the dip-switch #1 on the rear-panel. The dissociation of ports {B} and {E} is done thanks to AVS-Monitor software (**Fig. 24**). List and Tree view from AVS-Monitor software is available **Fig. 23**. We can clearly see three different networks, as expected.

We can now build a tunneling communication on port {B}, between AVY16-ES and NAI48-ES. Another tunneling (inter-port tunneling this time) is also build between AVY16-ES100 on port {Ain} and AVB32-ES on port {E}.

In order to control and monitor the entire network, control PC is plugged on port $\{3^{rd}\}$ of the AVM500-ES. Indeed, if this computer was plugged on the PM of the network, i.e. the AVY16-ES100 in the FOH console, control and monitoring of network #2 and #3 would have been impossible because of the dissociation.

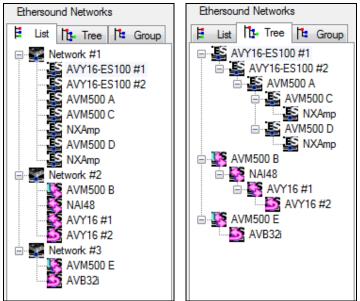


Fig. 23: List and Tree view of the networks



Fig. 24: AVS-Monitor configuration for the dissociated ports

All necessary instruction regarding the tunneling configuration will be detailed in the appropriate paragraph of this manual.

7.1.3 Building Ring Architecture

EtherSound ES100 technology allows a new kind of network architecture that was forbidden in the previous versions of EtherSound, i.e. the ring architecture. This is a way to secure a network by adding a cable redundancy. Indeed, this solution ensure that the network will continue to work even if one (and only one) cable is defective, whatever the position of the cable inside the network.

To build ring architecture with an AVM500-ES, you will need to use the dedicated pair of ports {Ain/Aout} (**Fig. 25**). To do so, it is mandatory to activate port {Aout} using AVS-Monitor control page, that means dissociate all other {B, C, D, E} ports. As {Ain} and {Aout} will be used by the ring, you will need to connect the control PC to the port {3rd}.

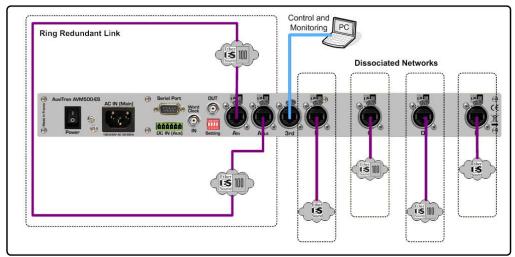


Fig. 25: Building a ring architecture with an AVM500-ES

This solution brings a redundant network of 64 audio channels that can be shared with the four other networks. In order to configure your network as a ring redundant network, please refer to AVS-Monitor software user's manual.

Below is an example of ring architecture between four AVM500-ES. Each 3rd port is connected to the control PC via a regular Ethernet switch. Doing so, all devices are remotely controllable. Thanks to the digital audio matrix of each AVM500-ES, each device can share its audio channels with every other device in the whole network. Also, the system will continue to work perfectly even if a red cable (but only one) is defective.

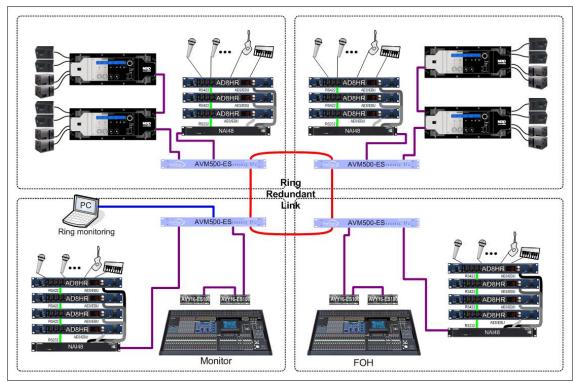


Fig. 26: Example of redundant ring architecture

7.2 Advanced Users: Multi Network Mode – Input configuration



This mode requires good knowledge of AVM500-ES capabilities and EtherSound networks. It has been designed to take the maximum of AVM500-ES possibilities. This mode is for very specific architectures, and majority of AVM500-ES users can ignore it.

Aim of this mode is to choose if ports {B, C, D, E}, when dissociated, will individually act as EtherSound input ports or EtherSound output ports.

Without any special configuration, ports {B, C, D, E} are EtherSound output ports regarding previous paragraphs. When dissociated, the input port becomes useless (see **Fig. 19**). In this case, an internal switch allows the user to choose if the physical port must be tied to the EtherSound input port, or to the EtherSound output port.

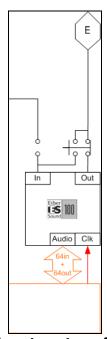


Fig. 27: Input port configuration

Important note: please remember that ports {B, C, D, E} are always synchronized with port {A}. If you configure a port as an input port, it will NOT receive the clock from the EtherSound stream, but still from the {A} port. It is you to ensure that all devices tied to this port will be properly synchronized with the others networks, for example using a word clock cable.

Some EtherSound compatible devices need to be Primary Master in order to have remote control capabilities (for example SY80 control surface with DIO core). The input port configuration on AVM500-ES allows having multiple Primary Masters, to have multiple remote controls, but with word clock synchronization restriction.

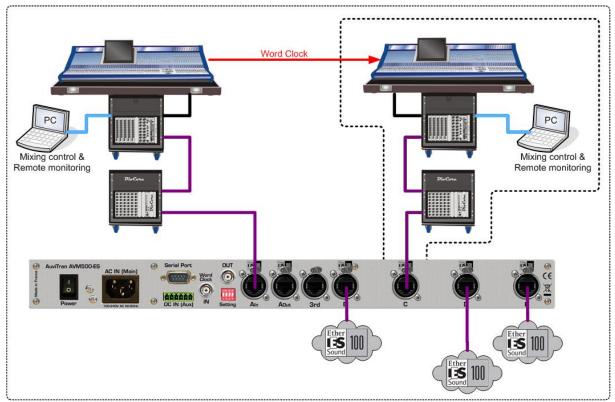


Fig. 28: Example with Input Port configuration

Note the Word Clock link between the two Primary Masters, to ensure proper clocking of the whole network.

Configuration in AVS-Monitor:



8 AVM500-ES IN AVS-MONITOR SOFTWARE

8.1 Software Installation

Please visit our website to download the latest version of our Network Monitor Software called AVS-Monitor (http://www.auvitran.com/w2/index.php/downloads) and save the file on your hard disk. AVS-Monitor requires Windows XP, Vista or Seven to function.

You are now ready for installation. Refer to the AVS-Monitor documentation for installation.

When AVS-Monitor is installed on your PC, you can run AVS-Monitor and manage any AVM500-ES devices connected to an EtherSound network. Refer to AVS-Monitor documentation for generic EtherSound device management such as Enumeration of EtherSound devices.

8.2 Getting Started with AVM500-ES and AVS-Monitor Software

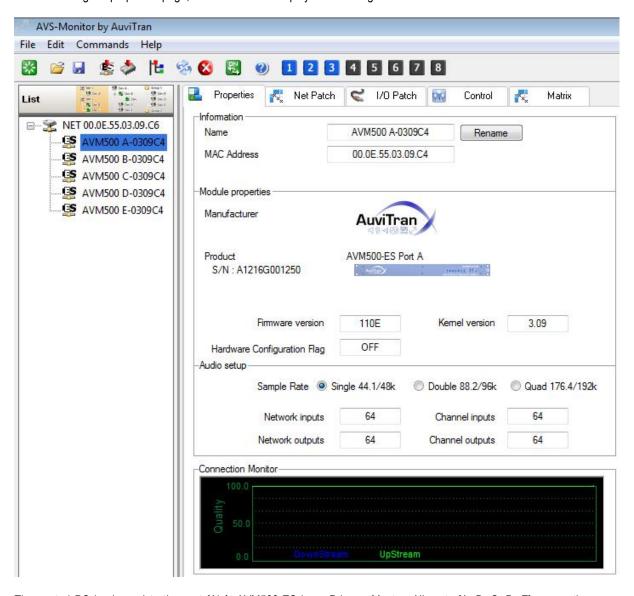
The computer on which the EtherSound Monitor is installed should now be connected to the primary master of the EtherSound network or to a 3rd Port if available. The primary master must be the first EtherSound-based device of the network

After running the AVS-Monitor, Select an AVM500-ES device on the device list or tree list.

The following description is based on version 4.2.0 of AVS-Monitor software, which is the official released version at the time where this manual is written.

8.3 AVM500-ES Properties Page in AVS-Monitor

When selecting the properties page, AVS-Monitor will display the following information:

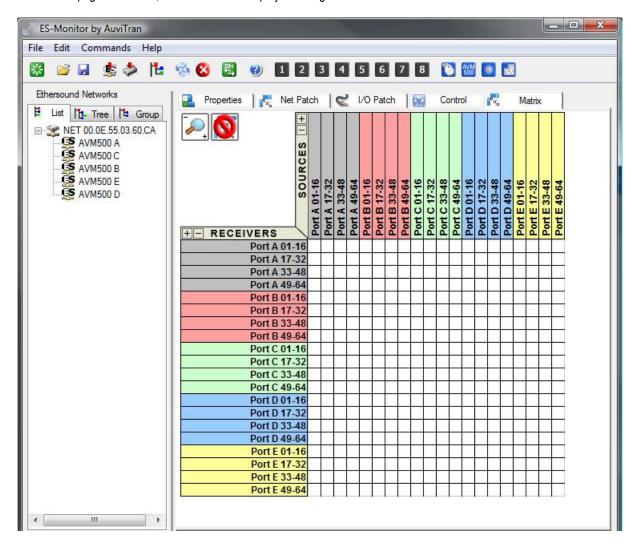


The control PC is plugged to the port {Ain}. AVM500-ES is so Primary Master. All ports {A, B, C, D, E} are on the same hierarchic level, as it will be with an Ethernet switch.

You can find in the "EtherSound module properties" box the port currently selected, that can helps you to create your own device alias (name).

8.4 AVM500-ES Matrix Page in AVS-Monitor

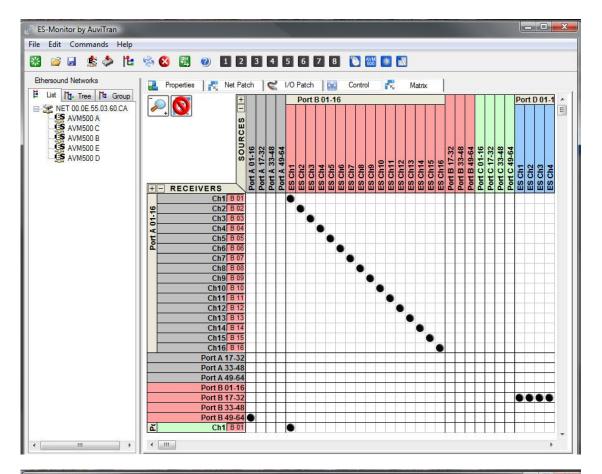
If the Matrix page is selected, AVS-Monitor will display following information:

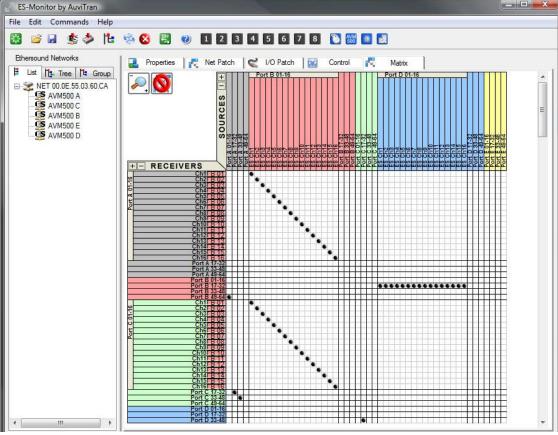


This is the patch matrix of the 320 EtherSound channels. Each port can handle 64 channels. This is the synthetic view of the matrix, so channels are grouped 16 by 16. You can click on each row or column to expand it, to handle channels one by one. You can also click on in the "receivers" row and "sources" column to expand / collapse in one time the whole matrix.

Click on the icon to remove the whole patch you may have previously entered.

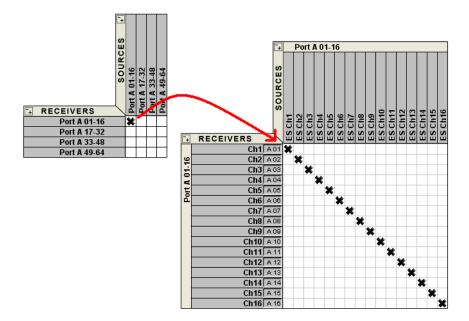
Click on the icon to resize the matrix by a factor 2. This is really useful if your computer screen is not large enough. You will find below two screenshots of the matrix illustrating the possibilities:



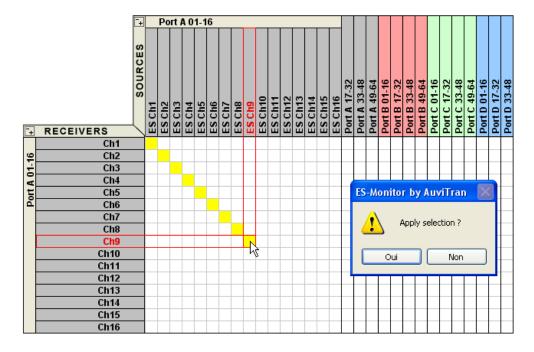


Each row will display the name of the port / channel that is patched to it. This helps you to remember quickly your patch, even if the whole matrix cannot be displayed on the computer screen.

If you click on a couple of collapsed row / column, this will create a diagonal on the 16 channels.

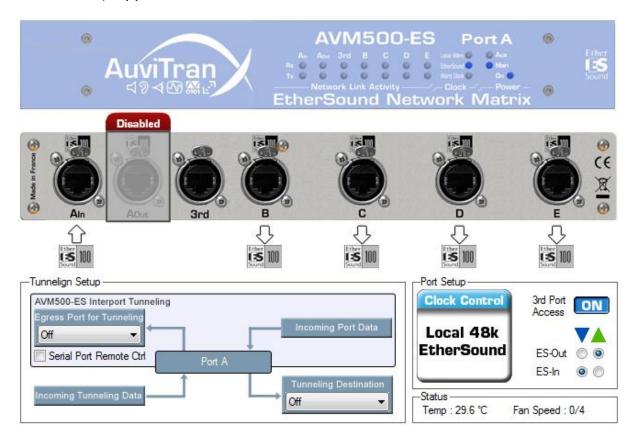


You can also use the "Shift" key of your keyboard to draw a diagonal or a column with the mouse, like a drag and drop.



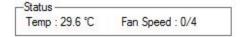
8.5 AVM500-ES Control Page in AVS-Monitor

Control pages are quite different depending on the port that is currently selected. AVS-Monitor will display following information when port {A} is selected:

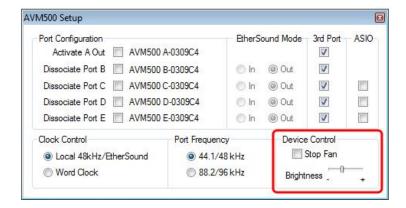


8.5.1 Status box

The Status box shows temperature in the box and fan speed.



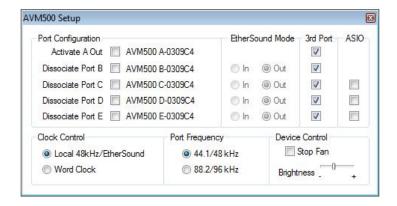
Fan speed is automatic, depending on box temperature. Thresholds were optimized regarding fan noise and maximum working temperature. For noise-critical environment, fan can be turn-off. To do so, please click on the AVM500-ES Rear panel picture, to open the Setup Box. Device Control box can also set the Front Panel LEDs brightness.



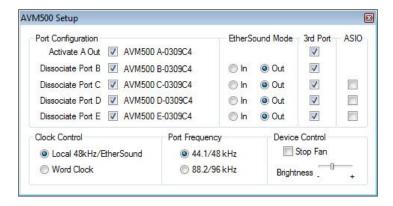
① Please note that if internal temperature becomes too high, AVM500-ES will override the "Stop Fan" command to ensure proper cooling of the box.

8.5.2 Port Configuration box

As exposed in paragraph 7.1 Generic Multi Networks Mode – Software configuration, AVM500-ES has capacity to internally disconnect its ports from the main switch. Doing so, EtherSound commands are stopped, but audio data and clocks remains. The "Port Configuration" box helps you to do this (in AVM500 Setup window, see above how to open it).



You can dissociate ports by clicking in corresponding check-box. As mentioned before, when {B, C, D, E} are disconnected, port {Aout} automatically becomes active. In other means, clicking on "Activate A Out" check-box will automatically disconnect the four other ports.



When you dissociate a port from the main switch, the corresponding In/Out radio button becomes active. This enables you to configure your ports as described in paragraph <u>7.2 Advanced Users: Multi Network Mode – Input configuration</u>. Please read carefully this paragraph before using this function.

Check-box "3rd Port" allows you to disable the 3rd Port remote control of the selected Port (see 3rd port architecture in **Fig. 20**). When this box is un-checked, you will no longer be able to control the Port if your computer is plugged to "3rd Port". This can be useful in some special configuration where more than one computer is used in the network (particularly when the port is set to act as an Input Port).

8.5.3 Port A – EtherSound Channel Direction box

When port {Aout} is active, you can choose if the audio insertion and extraction must be done upstream or downstream (for the whole 64 channels). E.g., to build a ring architecture*, you must insert audio downstream and extract audio upstream (done automatically in this case to simplify use of AVM500-ES).

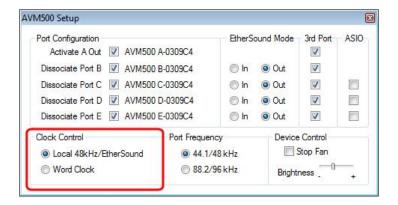


^{*} Please visit www.ethersound.com website, and refer to last AVS-Monitor documentation.

8.5.4 Clock Control box

AVM500-ES has multiple possible sources of audio clock. The Clock Control box helps you choosing the best for your application. When the device is primary master (i.e. at the beginning of an EtherSound daisy chain), you can choose if the clock must be generated by AVM500-ES itself (Local 48kHz), or synchronized from the external source (Word Clock). If it is not a primary master, AVM500-ES will automatically recover clock from EtherSound network.

① Please note that if you choose the Word Clock synchronization mode, and no proper clock is brought on word clock connector, AVM500-ES will generate an emergency 48kHz clock in order to not loose control of the device. This emergency clock is turned-off as soon as there is a valid clock on the Word Clock connector.



8.5.5 Tunneling Setup box

This box helps you to create a tunneling communication between remote modules (unicast) using "Inter-Port" tunneling feature.

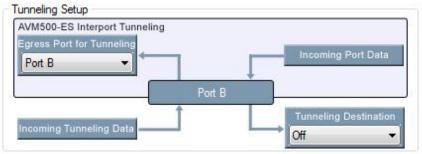


Fig. 29: Tunneling Setup

The way the interface is done helps you understanding the path of incoming and outgoing tunneling data, regarding selected port.

The next chapter of this manual will fully detail how to build tunneling communications between two devices in few illustrated examples.

8.5.6 Serial Port Configuration box

The physical Serial Port of AVM500-ES is internally connected to port {B}. The control page of this port will so display an additional box:



This box will helps you to configure properly the physical parameters of the serial port, in association with the Tunneling Setup box.

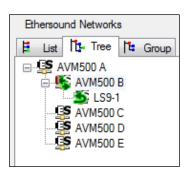
9 TUNNELING – GENERAL INFORMATION

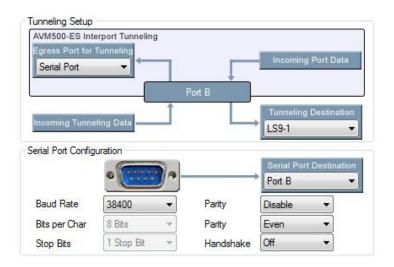
Since version 0x110B / 0x118B of AVM500-ES firmware, multiple tunneling communications can be built, depending on the network architecture. This chapter will illustrate the more common cases that you can face when using an AVM500-ES.

9.1 Ex. 1: Communication between AVY16-ES100 and Serial Port

In this example, we want to build a tunneling between an AVY16-ES100, and AVM500-ES physical serial port. This can be used to remote control Yamaha AD8HR that is not fed with AVKit.

9.1.1 AVY16-ES100 is plugged on port B





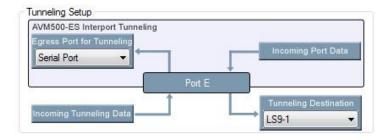
Remember that port B is the port that owns the physical serial port. In this example, the whole configuration will be made in AVM500-ES Port B control page. What we want to do here is to redirect the Serial port stream to the AVY16-ES100 in LS9, and the AVY16-ES100 stream back to the Serial port.

Let's see how to handle the control page:

- The "Incoming Tunneling Data" is the data from the remote device, i.e. AVY16-ES100 in our example. It goes in port B (because AVY16-ES100 is plugged on port B). We want this stream goes to AVM500-ES Serial port. That's why we choose "Serial Port" in "Egress Port for Tunneling" combo box.
- The "Incoming Port Data" is the "internal" AVM500-ES data coming from any Port from A to E, or from Serial Port. If it is coming from another port, the configuration is made in the corresponding port (we will see an example just after). In our case, this data is coming from Serial Port. That's why we can see in "Serial Port Configuration" box that the physical Serial port is redirected to "Port B". We want to send this stream to the AVY16-ES100, that why we choose "LS9-1" in "Tunneling Destination" combo box.
- Of course, to finish this configuration, we must go to AVY16-ES100 control page, and configure a Unicast up to AVM500-ES Port B.

9.1.2 And if AVY16-ES100 is plugged on another port?

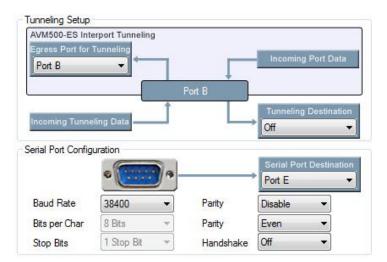
Let's just see quickly what would be the configuration if AVY16-ES100 is plugged on port E, for example. This time, we will have to go to both Port B and Port E control page. Let's begin with Port E control page.



Here is how to handle the control page:

- The "Incoming Tunneling Data" is the data from the remote device, i.e. AVY16-ES100 in our example. It goes in port E (because AVY16-ES100 is plugged on port E this time). We want this stream goes to AVM500-ES Serial port. That's why we choose "Serial Port" in "Egress Port for Tunneling" combo box.
- The "Incoming Port Data" is the "internal" AVM500-ES data coming from any Port from A to E, or from Serial Port. In our case, this data is coming from Serial Port. This will be configured in Port B control page as it is Port B that own Serial port parameters. We want to send this stream to the AVY16-ES100, that why we choose "LS9-1" in "Tunneling Destination" combo box.
- Of course, to finish this configuration, we must go to AVY16-ES100 control page, and configure a Unicast up to AVM500-ES Port E.

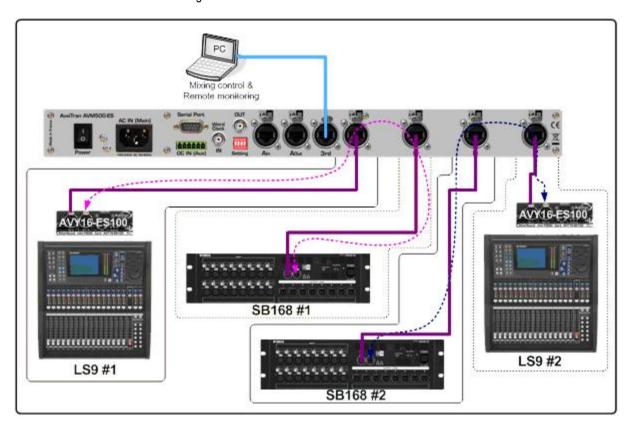
Now, go back to port B control page.



There is no Incoming Tunneling Data on this port. "Egress Port for Tunneling" is useless, so leave it to "Port B" that is default setting. There is neither Outgoing data on this port, so leave "Tunneling Destination" to "Off". The only thing to do, is to redirect the Serial port to "Port E" in the "Serial Port Destination" combo box, that's it!

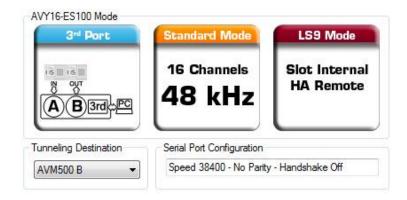
9.2 Ex. 2: Multiple tunneling - Port dissociation

As detailed in chapter 15, dissociating ports allows multiple tunneling communications. We will see here an example with two Yamaha consoles and two SB168 stage box.

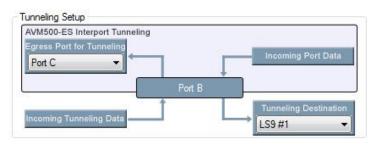


All ports of the AVM500-ES are dissociated. The goal here is to make a path between LS9 #1 and SB168 #1 and another between LS9 #2 and SB168 #2. Let's proceed step by step:

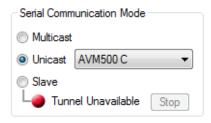
On LS9 #1 control page, create a unicast path (Tunneling Destination) to "AVM500 B", Serial Mode set to "LS9 Mode".



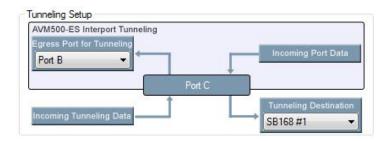
2. On AVM500-ES Port B, open a path between LS9 #1 coming stream and distant port C.



3. On SB168 #1 control page, create a unicast path to AVM500-C



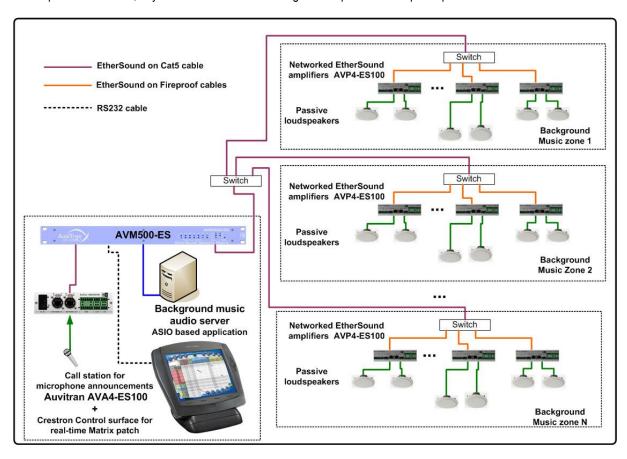
4. On AVM500-ES Port C, open a path between SB168 #1 coming stream and distant port B.



Of course, the configuration is exactly the same for the other couple of LS9 #2/SB168 #2 with their respective AVM500-ES ports (D and E).

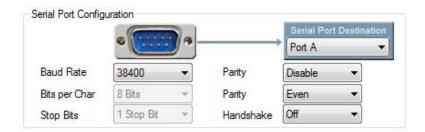
10 SERIAL PORT INTERPRETER

Since AVM500-ES firmware version 0x110C/0x118C, back panel Serial Port embedded a command interpreter that allows user to patch the matrix without using AVS-Monitor. This feature was typically designed for remote control with Crestron® control panels. Of course, any distant interface that is design to complies with interpreter protocol will suites.

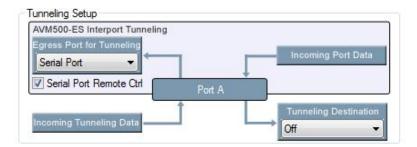


10.1 Enable Interpreter mode

To enable the command Interpreter, go to Port B control page, as it is port that own serial port. In the "Serial Port Configuration", select "Port A" in "Serial Port Destination" combo box, as this is the port that own the matrix patch. Please also configure Baud Rate and Parity according to your remote control device.



Now, in Port A control page, select "Serial Port" in "Egress Port for Tunneling" combo box. And finally, turn-on interpreter by checking "Serial Port Remote Ctrl" check-box. That's it! Don't forget to use a crossed RS232 cable between AVM500-ES and your remote control device.



10.2 System architecture and conventions

The AuviTran AVM500-ES has 5xES100 ports named A, B, C, D and E. An AVM500-ES Port has 64 inputs and 64 outputs. By convention, an inputs or an outputs of a port P is directly named by as simple basic letter {A, B, C, D, E} following by a 2 decimal digits. For instance:

- A01 is interpreted as I/O 1 of port A
- E62 is interpreted as I/O 62 of port E...

10.3 Programming interface

Any serial command is defined by a set of ASCII char following by <CR> or <CR><LF> ASCII sequence.

Five commands are defined today from the serial port patch:

- Get serial protocol version
- Set output patch
- Mute output
- UnMute output
- Get output information

If an unknown command is sent, interpreter will return the ten first characters of the command, followed by «?» character. At end of each response, prompt character ">" is added after <CR>.

10.3.1 Get serial protocol version

Syntax:

V?<CR>
Answer:

V=X.Y<CR>>

Where X.Y is the version number of the serial protocol.

For instance:

Command send: **V?**Answer received: **V=1.0**

10.3.2 Set output patch

Syntax:

<Dest_Port><Dest_I/O>=<Source_Port><Source_I/O><CR>

Answer:

<Dest_Port><Dest_I/O>=<Source_Port><Source_I/O><CR>>

Where:

<Dest_Port> is a letter in {A, B, C, D, or E} that represents the destination port.
<Dest_I/O > is a 2 decimal digit that represents the destination output number.
<Source_Port> is a letter in {A, B, C, D, or E} that represents the source port.
<Source_I/O > is a 2 decimal digit that represents the source output number.

For instance:

Patch Output 12 of port A from input 5 of Port E:

Command send: A12=E05
Answer received: A12=E05

Patch Output 64 of port D from input 12 of Port C:

Command send: D64=C12
Answer received: D64=C12

10.3.3 Mute output

Syntax:

<Dest_Port><Dest_I/O>=M<CR>

Answer:

<Dest_Port><Dest_I/O>=M <CR>>

Where:

<Dest_Port> is a letter in {A, B, C, D, or E} that represents the destination port.
<Dest_I/O > is a 2 decimal digit that represents the destination output number.

For instance:

Mute Output 03 of port B:
Command send: B03=M
Answer received: B03=M
Mute Output 60 of port C:
Command send: C60=M
Answer received: C60=M

10.3.4 UnMute output

Syntax:

<Dest Port><Dest I/O>=U<CR>

Answer:

<Dest_Port><Dest_I/O>=M <CR>> Or

<Dest_Port><Dest_I/O>=<Source_Port><Source_I/O><CR>>

Where:

<Dest_Port> is a letter in {A, B, C, D, or E} that represents the destination port.
<Dest_I/O > is a 2 decimal digit that represents the destination output number.
<Source_Port> is a letter in {A, B, C, D, or E} that represents the source port.
<Source_I/O > is a 2 decimal digit that represents the source output number.
M is a letter to defined Muted output (i.e. Not Patched)

For instance:

UnMute Output 03 of port B:
Command send: B03=U
Answer received: B03=M
UnMute Output 60 of port C:
Command send: C60=U
Answer received: C60=D03

10.3.5 Get output patch

Syntax:

<Dest_Port><Dest_I/O>=?<CR>

Answer:

.

Cource_Port><Source_I/O><CR>>
Or

Cource_Port><Source_I/O><CR>>

Cource_Port><Dest_I/O>=M<CR>>

Where:

<Dest_Port> is a letter in {A, B, C, D, or E} that represents the destination port.
<Dest_I/O > is a 2 decimal digit that represents the destination output number.
<Source_Port> is a letter in {A, B, C, D, or E} that represents the source port.
<Source_I/O > is a 2 decimal digit that represents the source output number.
M is a letter to defined Muted output (i.e. Not Patched)

For instance:

Get Patch information for Output 12 of port A:

Command send: A12?
Answer received: A12=E05

Get Patch information for Output 64 of port D

Command send: D64?
Answer received: D64=C12

Get Patch information for Output 03 of port B:

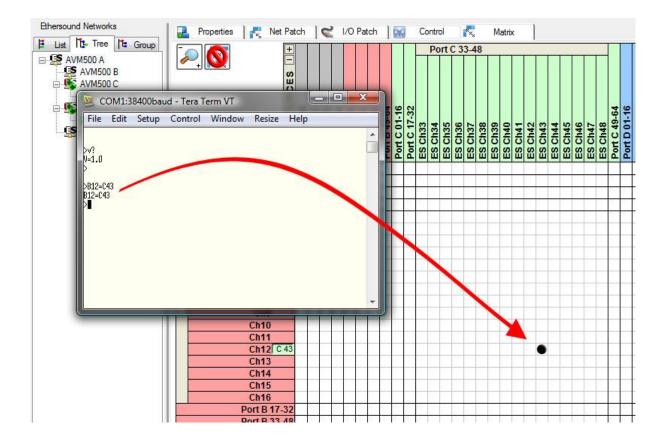
Command send: B03?
Answer received: B03=M

Get Patch information for Output 60 of port C:

Command send: C60?
Answer received: C60=M

10.3.6 Patch example with Tera Term ®

This screenshot is made on an AVM500-ES with interpreter activated, and a serial cable plugged between AVM500-ES and computer serial port. Tera Term ® software is used to send characters on computer serial port.



11 ASIO CONFIGURATION

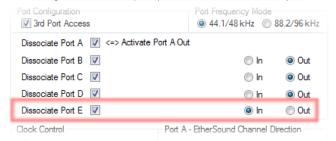
Since AVM500-ES firmware version 0x110C/0x118C, Ports C, D and E can be swapped from EtherSound to ASIO stream. When performing such a swap, the port is no longer an EtherSound Output or Input, but a regular Ethernet port. Plugging an EtherSound compatible device on an ASIO port will have no effect, and EtherSound compatible device will NOT be controllable through AVS-Monitor.

An ASIO port is waiting for a computer connection. It can be a direct connection through a regular Cat5 cable, or it can go through an Ethernet switch. A Gigabit switch may be recommended rather than a 100Mbits one, to be sure to not have bandwidth limitation. For further information regarding ASIO technical configuration, please refer to "AuviTran Network ASIO Streamer User's Manual".

11.1 Enable ASIO mode

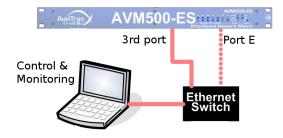
Activating the ASIO streaming mode on a port is a three-step process:

1. Dissociate the port and configure it as an 'ln' port (this is in Port A control tab):

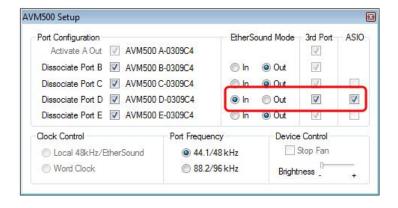


The port will then disappear from the network displayed in AVS-ESMonitor.

2. Connect the port to the PC (use a switch to connect both the ASIO port and the 3rd port of the AVM500-ES to the PC). The port is visible again in AVS-ESMonitor.



3. In the port's control tab you can now enable the ASIO streaming mode:





Make sure to set the port to 'In' mode <u>before</u> connecting it to the host PC or to a switch. Failure to do so will cause EtherSound traffic to be broadcasted and will have a severe impact on the network's performance and stability.

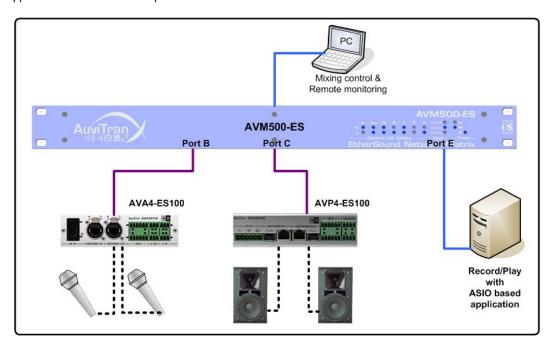
11.2 Disable ASIO mode

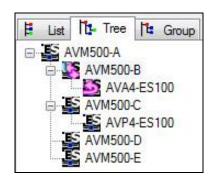
Follow the reverse path to disable ASIO streaming and return the port to its original configuration

- 1. In the port's control tab, disable the ASIO streaming mode.
- 2. Disconnect the port from the control PC. The port disappears from the network displayed in AVS-ESMonitor.
- 3. Associate the port with the port A. The port is visible again.

11.3 Play and Record with an ASIO port

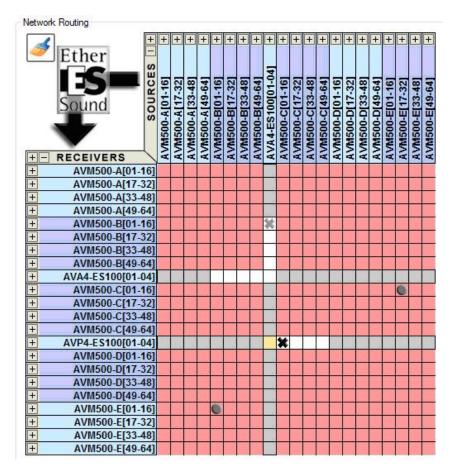
To route audio from/to your ASIO port, simply use Netpatch, as you will have done in a regular EtherSound network. The only difference is that the device plugged to your port is not an EtherSound compatible device, but a computer with an ASIO-based application. Let's see an example.





In this architecture, we have an AVA4-ES100 that brings its analogue audio inputs on port B, an AVP4-ES100 that can play up to 4 channels on port D, and a computer with an ASIO based application plugged on port E. This port has been configured as an ASIO port in its control page. Control PC is plugged on AVM500-ES 3rd Port. As you can see in this tree view, the computer that plays/record is not visible, because there is no longer EtherSound stream on port E. If you wan to record audio from AVA4-ES100, all you have to do is to patch its channels to port E.

If you want to play audio from computer to AVP4-ES100, all you have to do is to patch port E down to AVP4-ES100.



Here is the NetPatch view of this architecture. You can see that AVA4-ES100 inputs are routed up to AVM500-B. Then, channels from B are redirected to AVM500-E where recording computer is plugged.

In the other way, channels played from computer on port E are redirected to AVM500-C. Then AVP4-ES100 is patched to listen to port C.

Everything is done as it was a regular EtherSound network!

For further information regarding ASIO technical configuration, please refer to "AuviTran Network ASIO Streamer User's Manual".

12 AUXILIARY POWER SUPPLY

AVM500-ES provides another source of power supply, to improve the reliability of the system. It allows you to have two distinct power supply sources, for redundancy solutions. When both power supply units (PSU) are plugged, AVM500-ES compare them, and always choose the best. In case of failure of one PSU (or associated electrical network), AVM500-ES will so continue to work.

Auxiliary PSU (ref. AVPSAUX-E45/EB) is validated and provided by AuviTran only. Please contact us if you want to integrate the redundant PSU in your system.

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13 FIRMWARE UPDATE

To upgrade your AVM500-ES with new firmware release, please download the AVS-Firmware Updater software on AuviTran's web site. You can also check periodically on the web site for new firmware release.



Please follow the steps below to put your device into a coherent mode for firmware upgrade.

- First of all, unplug all devices that may be connected to the AVM500-ES, and plug your computer on port {Ain}.
- Then, ensure that all {B, C, D, E} ports are not dissociated (via AVS-Monitor). In this case, the firmware updater won't be able to access to the devices. If needed, re-associate ports. For AVM500-ES/3Ports, only ensure that ports B and C are not dissociated.
- Save to non-volatile memory by clicking the icon in AVS-Monitor. You will have to re-set your previous configuration after the update, and save it again with the same icon.
- Finally, put dip switch #1 to "ON".



You are now ready to upgrade the device properly and at a maximum speed. Please read the AVS-Firmware Updater manual to handle it properly.



At the end of the update, please set back dip switch #1 to "OFF" to ensure proper operation of the device.