



communication protocol

security aspects

ACARS (1978)

- short messages
- route clearances from ATC
- Airline communication

- No cryptography
- Some mono-alphabetic substitution ciphers (completely ineffective!)

AMS (2007)

- "ACARS message security"
- enhances ACARS with pre-quantum cryptography
- no wide adoption
- extra service fees

- Proprietary implementation by Honeywell
- Cryptoanalysis in 2017 revealed deficiencies
- Still no revision
- No roadmap for post-quantum security

AeroMACS (2010)

- More capabilities than ACARS
- no wide adoption

- No roadmap for post-quantum security

LDACS (2016)

- More capabilities than ACARS
- Alternative to AeroMaCS
- Developed at DLR

- No new security features

2021

- LDACS is updated to provide link layer security
- pre- and post-quantum security **proposed**

2022

- LDACS post-quantum security proposal from **2021 is broken!** → crypto-agility is direly needed!