

AARO 2025 UAP Workshop White Paper

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This edition is intended to provide an offline, auditable reference for readers of UAPArchive. It preserves the paper's structure and key points in paraphrased form rather than reproducing the blocked PDF byte-for-byte.

Document framing

The paper is an AARO-posted workshop paper associated with an August 2025 UAP workshop. Its focus is not a claim of extraterrestrial origin. Instead, it examines how narrative UAP reports can be structured, coded, compared, and studied at scale across infrastructure, environments, actors, observed effects, and report quality.

1. Workshop purpose

The workshop asks how UAP narratives can be studied as data. The text frames witness accounts, analyst notes, and case narratives as information that can be broken into common dimensions so that events can be compared consistently rather than treated only as isolated anecdotes.

The paper describes a transition from unstructured narrative reporting toward a schema that can support coding, indexing, clustering, and later analytic review. It treats narrative structure as an infrastructure problem as much as an intelligence problem.

2. Core analytic dimensions

Dimension	How the paper treats it
Infrastructure	Reporting systems, databases, and workflows needed to store and compare narrative cases.
Environment	Physical setting of the event, including air, maritime, transmedium, orbital, or facility context.
Observed object or effect	Shape, motion, luminosity, sensor behavior, and other reported traits that can be normalized.
Observer and collection context	Witness role, platform, sensor mix, proximity, and quality of observation.
Interpretation layer	How analysts should separate raw observation from later explanation or attribution.
Data quality	Confidence, completeness, ambiguity, and consistency of reports and derived coding.

The paper repeatedly treats UAP work as a classification and analysis challenge: the more consistently events are described, the easier it becomes to distinguish ordinary clutter, recurring signatures, and genuinely unresolved cases.

3. Narrative coding approach

A central idea in the paper is that narrative reports should be broken into smaller coded elements. The text describes using prompts, schema design, and structured extraction so that multiple reports can be mapped to shared variables rather than remaining as free-form prose.

That approach matters because narrative UAP material often mixes direct observation, secondhand interpretation, and cultural framing. The workshop paper argues that these layers should be separated so analysts can compare like with like.

The paper also points toward machine-assisted processing. It discusses prompt design and categorization logic that can support repeatable coding of event descriptions, while preserving uncertainty when data is incomplete.

4. Why this matters for AARO-style review

For a public archive, the significance of the paper is procedural. It shows AARO making public at least one research-oriented document about how UAP narrative data might be organized and analyzed. That is different from case resolution, but it expands the official record on UAP methodology.

This does not prove any extraordinary claim. What it does show is official interest in handling narrative UAP material as a structured data problem rather than only as scattered anecdotes or media artifacts.

5. Main takeaways for readers

- The white paper is about method, schema, and infrastructure more than about any single case.
- It treats witness narratives and descriptive reports as analyzable data that can be normalized across many events.
- It emphasizes separating observation from interpretation so later analytic claims remain auditable.
- It suggests that better comparison requires consistent dimensions, report quality controls, and coded outputs.
- Its value to the disclosure timeline is that it broadens the official public record of how UAP information can be handled inside a formal analytical workflow.

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