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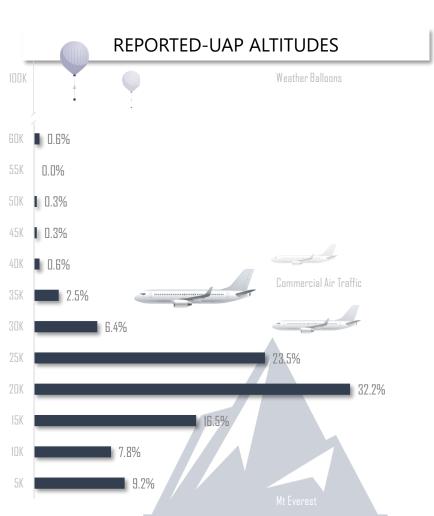
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### UAP Reporting Trends

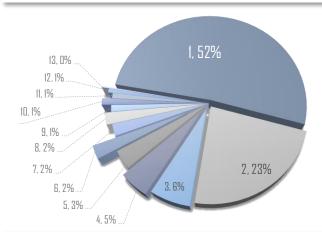
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#### TYPICALLY-REPORTED UAP CHARACTERISTICS

Арреагапсе	Marphalagy	Round, Atypical Orientation
	Size	1-4 meters
	Color	White, Silver, Translucent
Performance	Altitude	10K – 30K feet
	Velocity	Stationary to Mach 2
Signatures	Propulsion	No thermal exhaust detected
	Radar	Intermittent, X-Band (8-12 GHz)
	Radio	1-3 GHz, 8-12 GHz
	Thermal	Intermittent, Shortwave Infrared, Medium-Wave Infrared

#### REPORTED UAP-MORPHOLOGY



#### **REPORTED-UAP HOTSPOTS**







## Middle East, 2022: MQ-9 observed apparent spherical UAP via electro-optical sensors



CHARACTERISTICS

PERFORMANCE

SIGNATURES

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- —UAP characteristics and behavior consistent with other "metallic orb" observations in the region
- —No demonstration of enigmatic technical capabilities and no apparent threat to airborneasset safety
- —Case in "active archive," pending discovery of additional data
- —AARO uses active-archive cases for trend and statistical analyses



Middle East UAP, unresolved (U)





## South Asia, 2023: MQ-9 observed UAP object apparently tailed by potentially-anomalous atmospheric wake



CHARACTERISTICS

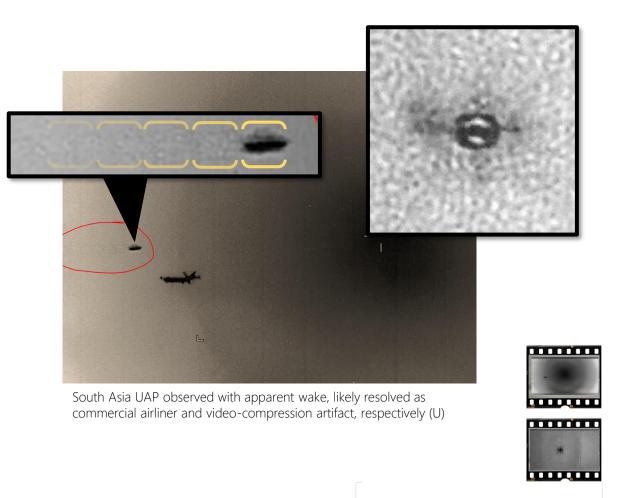
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- —Phenomenon observed in other forward-looking infrared, full-motion video by same platform
- —The "trail" appears to be cavitation, similar to those caused during propulsion
- —Visible trail is a camera-software artifact
- Video-compression algorithms overlay captured image on previous frame and resolve differences in the gray, infrared gradient
- —Analyses of the morphology and traffic-control data suggest the object is **commercial aircraft** transiting known flight paths
- —Analyses pending peer-review of mission-partners' analytic findings





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