🗃️ APS Master Data Log Schema

Study: The American Periphenomenal Survey

Version: 3.1 (Golden Master)

Format: Snake_case variable names for database schema (SQL/NoSQL) or Spreadsheet headers.

1. Metadata & Identification

System-generated data for tracking entries.

Variable Name	Data Type	Description / Valid Values
timestamp	Date/Time	Automatic timestamp of submission.
log_id	String	Unique Entry ID (e.g., CAS-001).

2. Respondent Profile (Demographics & Culture)

Basic demographic and worldview data collected from the subject.

Variable Name	Data Type	Description / Valid Values
age_group	String (Enum)	18-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46-55, 56-65, 66+
gender	String	Open Text (M, F, NB, Other).
location_state	String (Code)	WA, OR, ID, BC, AK_SE (New), NORCAL_JEFF (New), OTHER
cultural_bg	String	Text (Primary cultural background).

worldview	String	REL (Religious), AGN (Agnostic), SPI (Spiritual), SIM (Tech/Sim), UNK

3. Media Priming (Context)

Binary Flags: 0 = No, 1 = Yes. Used to test for cultural priming.

Variable Name	Data Type	Description
med_digital	Integer (0/1)	Consumes Reddit/4chan/Fortean forums (High Strangeness).
med_trad	Integer (0/1)	Consumes Traditional Ghost Stories/ Podcasts.
med_sim	Integer (0/1)	Consumes Simulation Theory/Quantum content.
med_scifi	Integer (0/1)	Consumes Sci-Fi/Horror media.
med_naive	Integer (0/1)	Naive Subject (No significant prior engagement).

4. The Event (Narrative & Phenomenology)

The raw narrative and context provided by the subject.

Variable Name	Data Type	Description / Valid Values
narrative	Text	Full verbatim account.
witness_status	String	ALONE, WITNESS_1 (Dyad), WITNESS_GROUP (Collective).
location_specific	String	Detailed text description of site.
social_ctx	String	*(Legacy)* Alone, Passive Witness, Shared Experience.

4a. Phenomenology Checklist (Digital Intake)

New v3.1 Feature. Binary Flags (YES/NO) from the online form.

Variable Name	Data Type	Description
phenom_silence	Boolean	Sudden unnatural silence ("The Oz Factor").
phenom_hum	Boolean	Low-frequency mechanical hum.
phenom_time	Boolean	Missing Time / Temporal Distortion.
phenom_nausea	Boolean	Physical sickness or vertigo.
phenom_paralysis	Boolean	Sleep Paralysis / Inability to move.
phenom_tech	Boolean	Battery drain, camera glitch, car stalling.
phenom_ozone	Boolean	Smell of sulfur, ozone, or electrical fire.
phenom_fear	Boolean	Sudden irrational dread.

5. Somatic Markers (Physiological Screen)

Field Verified Flags: 0 = No, 1 = Yes.

Variable Name	Data Type	Description
soma_paralysis	Integer (0/1)	Inability to move.
soma_pressure	Integer (0/1)	Weight on chest.
soma_vibe	Integer (0/1)	Electric/Buzzing sensation.
soma_temp	Integer (0/1)	Sudden temp change.
soma_nausea	Integer (0/1)	Dizziness or disorientation.

6. Anomalies & Tech (Legacy & Field)

Variable Name	Data Type	Description / Valid Values

vis_type	String	SHADOW, SOLID, LIGHT (Orb), GLITCH.
test_method	String	Text description of reality testing method.
cons_state	String	AWAKE, HYP_G (Falling asleep), ALT (Intoxicated).

7. Engagement & Field Data (Researcher Only)

Columns filled by Field Researcher or Registry Analyst.

Variable Name	Data Type	Description / Valid Values
engagement_status	Integer	1=Web Only, 2=Remote Follow-up, 3=Field Intercept.
res_id	String	ID of Researcher (e.g., FW-01).
site_gps	String	Coordinates of the event site.
setting_type	String	RES (Home), LIM (Road/Liminal), NAT (Wild).
env_weather	String	CLEAR, RAIN, STORM, OZ (Silence).
env_tech_issues	String	NONE, DRAIN, GLITCH, FAIL.
obs_demeanor	String	CALM, AGITATED, INTENSE, SKEPTICAL.
obs_physical	String	NONE, TREMBLE, PALE, AVOID.
field_notes	Text	Researcher's diagram notes or summary.

8. Registry Analysis (Internal Only)

Variable Name	Data Type	Description / Valid Values
class_code	String	TYPE_A (Night), TYPE_B (Techno), TYPE_C (Haunt), TYPE_D (Psi), TYPE_E (Cryptid).

narr_consist	Integer	1 (Fluid) to 5 (Fixed/Scripted).
impact_score	Integer	1 (Low) to 5 (Worldview Shift).
analyst_notes	Text	Hypothesis and observations.