

Alternative Cosmology Group Newsletter - December 2006

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Reports on results that contradict the Michelson-Morley experiment and a related article on a flat-space theory of general relativity

A New Light-Speed Anisotropy Experiment: Absolute Motion and Gravitational Waves Detected

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<http://lanl.arxiv.org/abs/physics/06110076>

Deriving the General Relativity Formalism: Understanding its Successes and Failures

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<http://lanl.arxiv.org/abs/physics/0611002>

An apparently non-Doppler redshift of a few hundred m/s reported on just one spectral line from the Sun.

Sun-as-a-Star Spectrum Variations 1974-2006

Authors: W. Livingston, L. Wallace, O. R. White, M. S. Giampapa

<http://lanl.arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0612554>

This report shows evidence for compact clouds only a billion kilometers across.

(Editors note: I found this particularly interesting as plasma theory indicates that there should be a fractal hierarchy of magnetically confined filaments in intergalactic space. The clouds claimed would have the right density and size to fit into this hierarchy. However there are a number of assumptions involved and there are other explanations for the rapidly variable absorption lines.)

Strongly Variable $z=1.48$ MgII and FeII Absorption in the Spectra of $z=4.05$ GRB 060206

Authors: H. Hao, K. Z. Stanek, A. Dobrzycki, T. Matheson, M. C. Bentz, J. Kuraszkiewicz, P. M. Garnavich, J. C. Howk, M. L. Calkins, G. Worthey, M. Modjaz, J. Serven

<http://lanl.arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0612409>

Yet more problems with too-old galaxies. Some galaxies at $z\sim 1$ seem older than the Big Bang and there is no Metallicity evolution for AGN as far back as $z=4.5$.

The Ages of Early-Type Galaxies at $z\sim 1$

Authors: Sperello di Serego Alighieri, Alessandro Bressan, Lucia Pozzetti

<http://lanl.arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0612047>

Metallicity Evolution of Active Galactic Nuclei

Authors: Tohru Nagao (National Astronomical Observatory of Japan), Roberto Maiolino (INAF Roma), Alessandro Marconi (Florence Univ.)

<http://lanl.arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0612570>