Velocity Fields of a Filament Region Observed with Ground-Based Telescopes and from SOHO

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Abstract. We present preliminary results on solar filaments observed from the ground and from SOHO in September 1996. Motions in the network and close to the filament "barbs" are shown at different levels of the chromosphere and the transition region.

During the International Campaign of September 1996 several large filaments were observed simultaneously from the ground (MSDP of the German VTT, Tenerife, and Swedish Vacuum Solar Telescope [SVST], La Palma) and from SOHO (JOPs 17 and 29, SUMER, CDS and EIT). The observations on September 25, 1996 covered a large filament with well defined *barbs* (feet). We present a few combined results from these instruments. The MSDP produced H_{α} and CaII 8542Å line profiles covering two strips of 170 × 600 arc sec². High resolution H_{α} filtergrams were obtained with the SVST. Spectral scans with SUMER and CDS on SOHO produced dopplergrams in the temperature range from 3×10^4 K to several 10^5 K. The data show the connections between small-scale velocities and thread structures of the filament "barbs".

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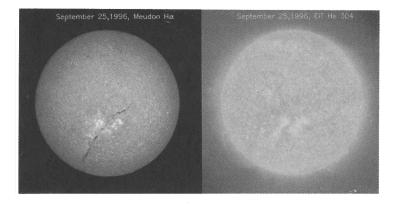


Figure 1. H_{α} Meudon spectroheliogram and EIT He 304 Å image, showing the full filament channel across the southern hemisphere. The following figures (2 to 4) concern only the northern part of the filament, close to the disk center.

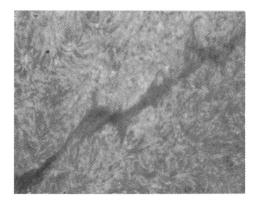


Figure 2. High resolution H_{α} image of the filament at 12:03:25 UT (SVST, La Palma).

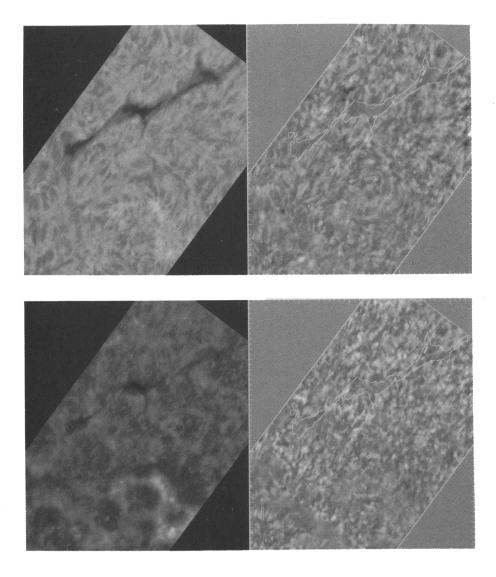


Figure 3. MSDP data obtained at 12:23–12:28 UT (German VTT, Tenerife): top left: H_{α} intensity; top right: H_{α} velocities (bright = redshift); bottom left: CaII 8542 Å intensity; bottom right: CaII velocities. The brightness of the network is visible in CaII; in the filament body, velocities are generally upward, especially in H_{α} ; close to the "barbs" downward velocities are frequent in CaII (see, for example, the southern foot in the middle part of the filament).

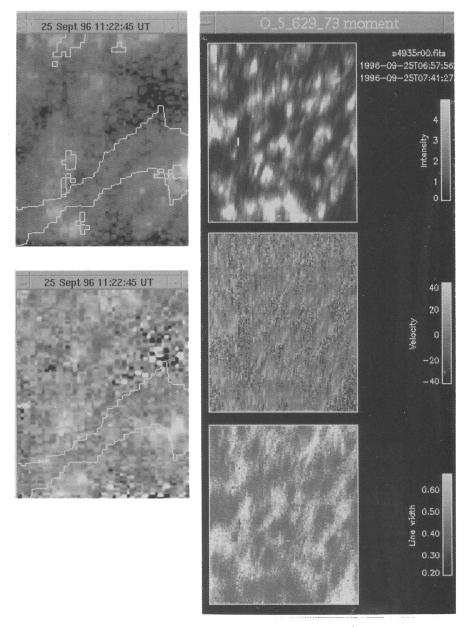


Figure 4. Left: example of SUMER data: Si IV 1394 Å (top: intensities, bottom: velocities, bright = redshift); Right: example of CDS data: OV 629 Å (the scale is smaller than in the SUMER data; the central part includes the full field of Figure 2; bottom; the bright regions correspond to the network visible in CaII (Figure 3)).