The KELT Transit Survey:

Hot, Planets around Hot, Bright Stars*

The KELT North and South Collaborations

The KELT-FUN

"the race to the bottom"

*i.e., refusing to participate in the "small star opportunity"
Aren’t we done with hot Jupiters?

- Atmospheres.
- Origins.
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What is KELT?

The Kilodegree Extremely Little Telescope
KELT Hardware

The Kilodegree Extremely Little Telescope(s).

KELT-North is located at Winer Observatory in Arizona.

Science observations began in 2006

“Better late than never”

- 42mm aperture
- 4K x 4K Apogee AP16E
- 26.0 x 26.0 degrees FOV
- 23.0 arcsec/pixel
KELT Hardware

The Kilodegree Extremely Little Telescope(s).

KELT-North
Deployed 2005 to Winer Observatory, AZ
Operated by Lehigh, Ohio State, and Vanderbilt

KELT-South
Deployed 2009 to Sutherland, South Africa
Operated by Lehigh, Vanderbilt, Fisk, and the University of Cape Town
Nearly all sky.

3-11 years of data, 60-70% of the sky
KELT Follow-up Network
How large is 26 degrees?

26 degrees

23” x 23” pixels
KELT compared to TESS

KELT

TESS

Simulated Image: Zach Berta-Thompson

26 degrees

24 degrees
Who cares?

Why KELT is different than other transit surveys.
Bright (V<12) transiting planets.

$R_p > 0.5 \ R_J$ and $V < 12$
Bright (V<12) transiting planets.

\[ R_p > 0.5 \, R_J \text{ and } V < 12 \]
Hot ($T_{\text{eff}} > 6250 \text{K}$) Stars

- KELT-North: 42K/80K ~ 53%
- California Planet Survey: 28/1196 ~ 2%
- Kepler: 14K/150K ~ 9%
The Challenge of Hot Stars

The Kraft Break

Gaige (1993)
Discoveries

KELT-1b through KELT-21b*

*not all published.
KELT-1b

A Benchmark Transiting Brown Dwarf

- Planet (KELT-1b)
  - Mass: 27.38 M_J
  - Radius: 1.116 R_J
  - Period: 1.2175 days
  - $T_{eq}$: 2423K
  - Log($g_p$): 4.744
  - $\lambda$: 2±16

- Star (KELT-1)
  - V=10.7
  - Mass: 1.335 M_⊙
  - Radius: 1.471 R_⊙
  - $T_{eff}$: 6516K
  - v sini: 56 km/s

Siverd et al. 2012
z’ band and Spitzer 3.6μm + 4.5μm secondaries (Beatty et al. 2014); K band measurement from (Croll et al. 2014); H band from LBT (Beatty et al. 2017); Just acquired full 3.6μm and 4.5μm phase curves.
Spitzer phase curve.

Beatty et al. in prep
Past and future evolution of KELT systems: KELT-1 as an example.
Two Hot Jupiters Orbiting Rapidly Rotating Stars

**KELT-7b**

- **Planet (KELT-7b)**
  - Radius ~ 1.53 $R_J$
  - Mass ~ 1.28 $M_J$
  - Period = 2.73 d
  - $\lambda = 3^\circ$

- **Star (KELT-7)**
  - $V = 8.5$ (HD 33643)
  - Mass = 1.53 $M_\odot$
  - Radius = 1.73 $R_\odot$
  - $T_{\text{eff}}$ ~ 6790 K
  - $v \sin(i) = 65$ km/s

**KELT-17b**

- **Planet (KELT-17b)**
  - Radius ~ 1.5 $R_J$
  - Mass ~ 1.3 $M_J$
  - Period ~ 3 d
  - $\lambda = -116^\circ$

- **Star (KELT-5)**
  - $V = 9.29$
  - Mass: 1.6 $M_\odot$
  - Radius: 2.2 $R_\odot$
  - $T_{\text{eff}}$ = 7450K (A star)
  - $v \sin(i) = 44$ km/s

Zhou et al., 2016

Bieryla et al., 2015
The challenge of rapid rotation


2. Rossiter-McLaughlin verification
KELT-7b: verified by RM measurements

Bieryla et al., 2015
KELT-7b: verified by RM and DT measurements

(see Collier-Cameron 2010b)

Bieryla et al., 2015

Zhou et al. 2016
KELT-9b: The most irradiated transiting Hot Jupiter.

- **Planet (KELT-9b)**
  - Radius: $1.9 \, R_J$
  - Mass: $2.9 \, M_J$
  - Period: $\approx 1.5 \, d$
  - $\lambda = -84.8^\circ$

- **Star (KELT-9, HD195689)**
  - A0, V = 7.56 (!)
  - Mass: $2.5 \, M_\odot$
  - Radius: $2.4 \, R_\odot$
  - $T_{\text{eff}} \approx 10,200K$ (A0 star)
  - $v \sin I_\star = 100 \, \text{km/s}$
KELT-9b’s Pathological R-M Signal.

Credit: Steven Villanueva  
Credit: Marshall Johnson  
Credit: George Zhou
Highly Irradiated

- Detection of secondary eclipse likely implies poor redistribution
- Day-side temperature similar to a K spectral type
- Therefore most opacity sources are atomic metals (not molecules)
Progenitor of a “Retired A Star”

Av=0.090  T=9560  log(g)=4.0  [Fe/H]=0.0

Future fate uncertain!
KELT-9b: Gas giant planet hotter than most stars

- Brightest, hottest, most massive known transiting giant planet host.
- The hottest gas giant yet discovered.
- 1.5 day orbit ~perpendicular to equator of its host star.
- Dayside hotter than most stars.
- Planet receives 700x more ultraviolet radiation than any other giant planet.
- Planet is likely evaporating due to high-energy radiation.
- Prospects for follow-up with ground-based telescopes, HST, Spitzer, JWST are bright.
A giant planet undergoing extreme-ultraviolet irradiation by its hot massive-star host


The amount of ultraviolet irradiation and ablation experienced by a planet depends strongly on the temperature of its host star. Of the thousands of extrasolar planets now known, only six have been found that transit hot, A-type stars (with temperatures of 7,300–10,000 kelvin), and no planets are known to transit the even hotter B-type stars. For example, WASP-33 is an A-type star with a temperature of about 7,430 kelvin, which hosts the hottest known transiting planet, WASP-33b (ref. 1); the planet is itself as hot as a red dwarf star of type M (ref. 2). WASP-33b displays a large heat differential between its dayside and nightside, and is highly inflated—traits that have been linked to high insolation34. However, even at the temperature of its dayside, its atmosphere probably resembles the molecule-dominated atmospheres of other planets and, given the level of ultraviolet irradiation it experiences, its atmosphere is unlikely to be substantially ablated over the lifetime of its star. Here we report observations of the bright star HD 195689 (also known as KELT-9), which reveal a close-in (orbital period of about 1.48 days) transiting giant planet, KELT-9b. At approximately 10,170 kelvin, the host star is at the dividing line between stars of type A and B, and we measure the dayside temperature of KELT-9b to be about 4,600 kelvin. This is as hot as stars of stellar type K4 (ref. 5). The molecules in K stars are entirely dissociated, and so the primary sources of opacity in the dayside atmosphere of KELT-9b are probably atomic metals. Furthermore, KELT-9b receives 700 times more extreme-ultraviolet radiation (that is, with wavelengths shorter than 91.2 nanometres) than WASP-33b, leading to a predicted range of mass-loss rates that could leave the planet largely stripped of its envelope during the main-sequence lifetime of the host star6.

The first transiting planets were discovered around cool, solar-type stars7,8, primarily because hot stars have few spectral lines and rotate rapidly, making Doppler confirmation of planets more difficult. Only in the past few years have transiting planets been confirmed around hot stars of types early-F and A9,10, inspired by the discovery of WASP-33b.1. That discovery demonstrated that it is possible to confirm transiting planets around rapidly rotating hot stars via a combination of relatively low-precision radial-velocity measurements and Doppler tomography. However, even the hottest of these few A-type transiting-planet host stars reach temperatures of only about 7,500 K. Thus, although transit surveys, in particular Kepler11, have extended the census of planets around low-mass stars, our understanding of planets around massive, hot stars remains poor.

Massive stars cool and spin down as they evolve, enabling precise Doppler measurements. Thus the primary strategy to search for planets around high-mass stars has been surveys of 'retired A-stars'12, high-mass stars that have already evolved into subgiant and giant stars. These stars have revealed a paucity of short-period giant planets relative to
Captain America!

It's host star is 'more than twice as large and nearly twice as hot as our sun'...Is there anything cooler than space??! Real-life magic.
Summary of Discoveries.

• Home Runs:
  • KELT-1b (Siverd et al. 2012)
    • \( M_p=27 \ M_J, \ P = 1.22d \)
  • KELT-9b (Gaudi et al., 2017)
    • \( M_p=2.8 \ M_J, \ P = 1.5d, \ T_{\text{eff}} \sim 10,000K, \ T_{\text{day}} \sim 4600 \) (K4 star), \( V=7.6 \)
  • KELT-21b (Lund et al., submitted)
    • \( P=3.5d, \ T_{\text{eff}} \sim 8700K, \ T_{\text{day}} \sim 2250K, \ V=7.6, \)
  • KELT-11b (Pepper et al. 2017, Beatty et al. 2016)
    • \( V=8 \) subgiant, \( M_p=0.2 \ M_J, \ R_p=1.4R_J, \) Spitzer primary, Gaia parallax -> \( M_* \sim 2\text{Sun} \)
  • KELT-4Ab (Eastman et al. 2016)
    • \( R_p=1.7 \ R_J, \) in a hierarchical triple
  • KELT-6b (Collins et al. 2014)
    • \( P=7.9d \) hot Saturn with a metal-poor host
  • KELT-7b (Bieryla et al. 2015), KELT-17b (Zhou et al. 2016)
    • \( V=8.5, \ T_{\text{eff}}=6800K; \ V=9.2, \ T_{\text{eff}}=7500K \)
  • KELT-8b (Fulton et al. 2015) & KELT-12b (Stevens et al. 2017)
    • \( R_p=1.9R_J; \ R_p=1.8R_J \)
  • KELT-16b (Oberst et al. 2017)
    • \( P=0.97d \) (within 45 minutes within a sidereal day)
  • KELT-17b (McLeod et al. 2017)
    • \( P=2.87d, \ V=10.1, \ F4V \) host, \( T_{\text{eff}}=6700K, \ M_p=1.2 \ M_J, \ R_p=1.5R_J, \) companion
KELT in the era of TESS.

- Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite.
  - 24° x 24° FOV (26° x 26°)
  - 100mm aperture (42mm KELT)
- FOV, aperture, and magnitude well-matched to KELT.
- KELT will provide an input list of eclipsing companions with radius > R_J.
- KELT “precovery” of single and two-transit events.
- Experience with hot, rapidly rotating stars will be useful.