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# Using millisecond pulsars to measure XMM-Newton clock drift

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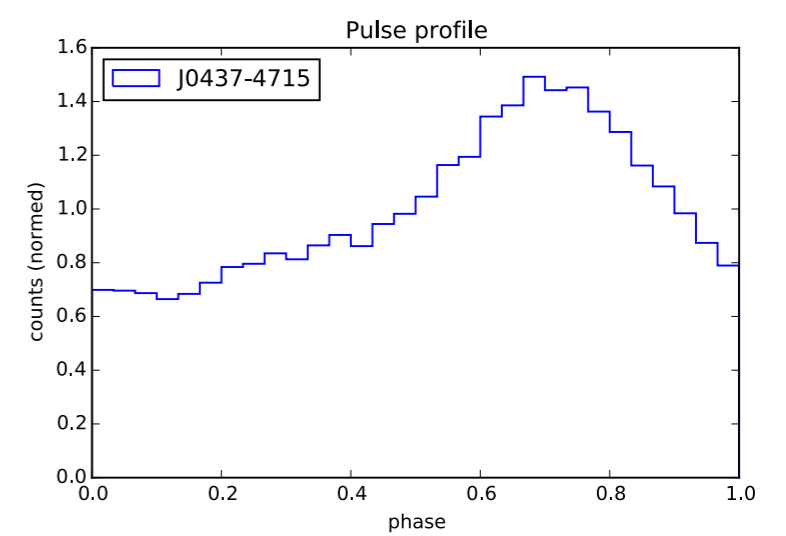
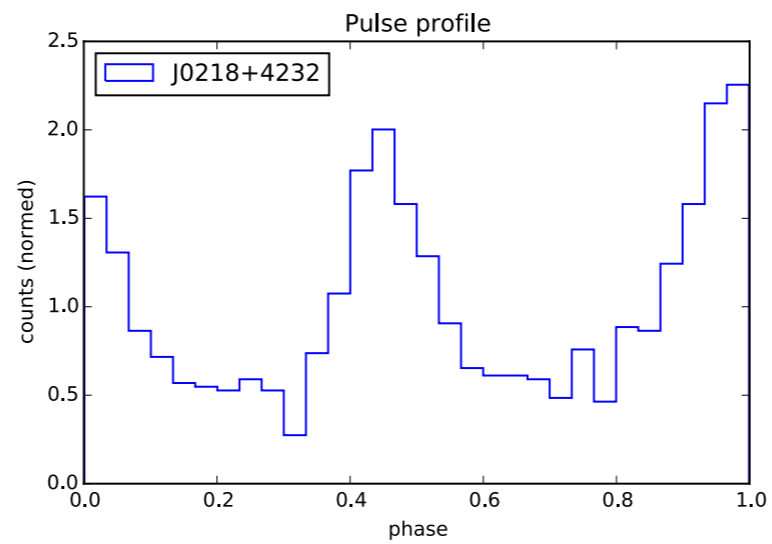
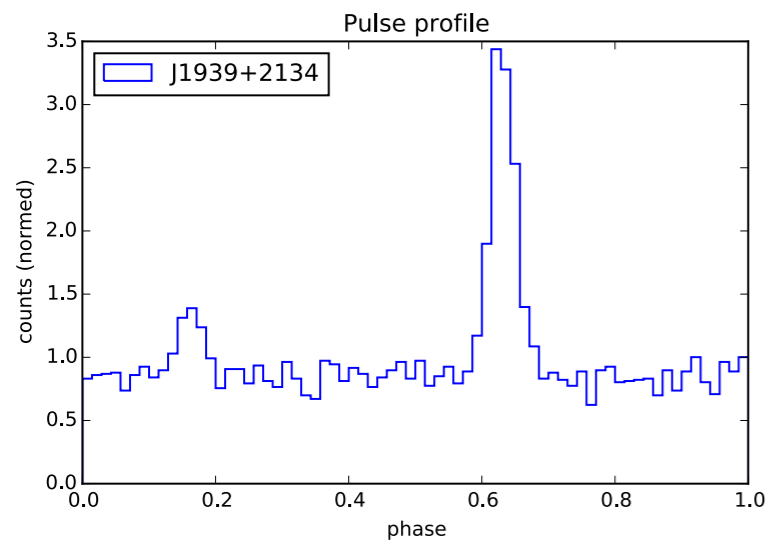


# 1. Motivation

- **XMM-Newton clock drifts, for example due to changes in temperature**
- **A well-established clock stability is crucial for pulsar timing experiments**

# 2. Data

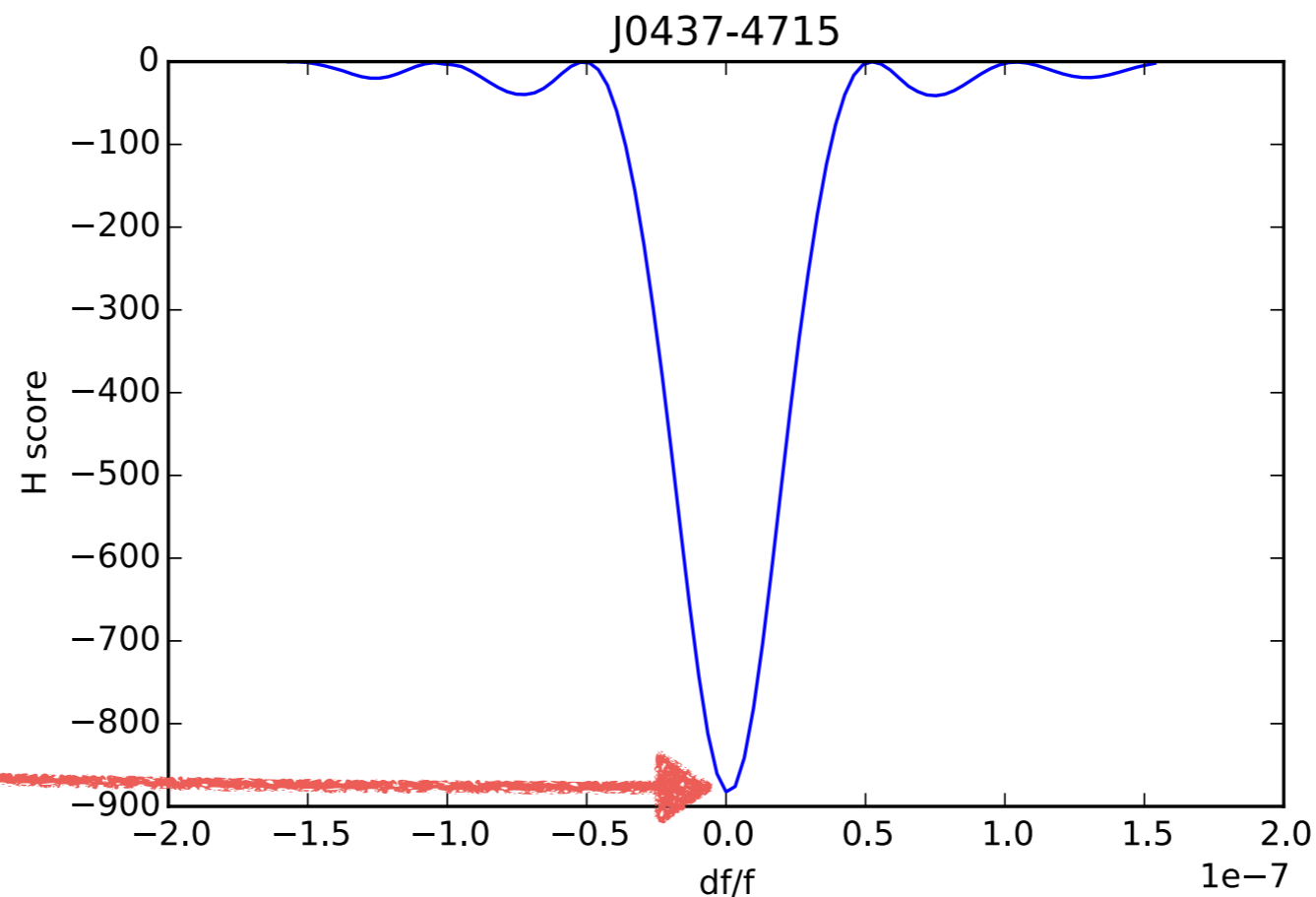
XMM-Newton data summary			
Object	Frequency (Hz)	Observation ID	Observation duration
PSR J0437-4715	173.687946184768	0603460101	129385
PSR J0218+4232	430.4610663457	0111100101	37819
PSR J1939+2134	641.928233642	0605370101	66920



# 3. Method

- **Statistical H-test used to plus minimization methods used to measure clock drift**

**If no clock drift  
(and infinite  $n^\circ$  of  
photons are  
available) then the  
minimum should be  
exactly at zero**



## 4. Results

XMM-Newton clock drift summary	
Object	Clock drift ( $\frac{df}{F}$ )
PSR J0437-4715	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-9}$
PSR J0218+4232	$< 8 \times 10^{-8}$
PSR J1939+2134	$< 1.87 \times 10^{-8}$