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ABSTRACT

We report on the high-precision timing of 42 radio millisecond pulsars (MSPs) observed by the European Pulsar Timing Array (EPTA). This EPTA Data Release 1.0 extends up to mid-2014 and baselines range from 7–18 years. It forms the basis for the stochastic gravitational-wave background, anisotropic background, and continuous-wave limits recently presented by the EPTA elsewhere. The Bayesian timing analysis performed with TempoNest yields the detection of several new parameters: seven parallaxes, nine proper motions and, in the case of six binary pulsars, an apparent change of the semi-major axis. We find the NE2001 Galactic electron density model to be a better match to our parallax distances (after correction from the Lutz-Kelker bias) than the M2 and M3 models by [Schnitzeler \(2012\)](#). However, we measure an average uncertainty of 80% (fractional) for NE2001, three times larger than what is typically assumed in the literature. We revisit the transverse velocity distribution for a set of 19 isolated and 57 binary MSPs and find no statistical difference between these two populations. We detect Shapiro delay in the timing residuals of PSRs J1600–3053 and J1918–0642, implying pulsar and companion masses $m_p = 1.22^{+0.5}_{-0.35} M_\odot$, $m_c = 0.21^{+0.06}_{-0.04} M_\odot$ and $m_p = 1.25^{+0.6}_{-0.4} M_\odot$, $m_c = 0.23^{+0.07}_{-0.05} M_\odot$, respectively. Finally, we use the measurement of the orbital period derivative to set a stringent constraint on the distance to PSRs J1012+5307 and J1909–3744, and set limits on the longitude of ascending node through the search of the annual-orbital parallax for PSRs J1600–3053 and J1909–3744.

Key words: pulsars:general – stars:distances – proper motions

1 INTRODUCTION

Three decades ago [Backer et al. \(1982\)](#) discovered the first millisecond pulsar (MSP), spinning at 642 Hz. Now over 300 MSPs have been found; see the Australia Telescope National Facility (ATNF) pulsar catalog¹ ([Manchester et al. 2005](#)). MSPs are thought to be neutron stars spun-up to rotation periods (generally) shorter than 30 ms via the transfer of mass and angular momentum from a binary companion ([Alpar et al. 1982](#); [Radhakrishnan & Srinivasan 1982](#)). We know that the vast majority of the MSP population ($\simeq 80\%$) still reside in binary systems and these objects have been shown to be incredible probes for testing physical theories. Their applications range from high-precision tests of general relativity (GR) in the quasi-stationary strong-field regime ([Kramer et al. 2006](#); [Freire et al. 2012b](#)) to constraints on the equation of state of matter at supra-nuclear densities ([Demorest et al. 2010](#); [Antoniadis et al. 2013](#)). Binary systems with a MSP and a white dwarf in wide orbits offer the most stringent tests of the strong equivalence principle (e.g. [Stairs et al. 2005](#); [Freire et al. 2012a](#); [Ransom et al. 2014](#)).

Most of these applications and associated results mentioned above arise from the use of the pulsar timing technique that relies on two properties of the radio MSPs: their extraordinary rotational and average pulse profile stability. The pulsar timing technique tracks the times of arrival (TOAs) of the pulses recorded at the observatory and compares them to the prediction of a best-fit model. This model, which is continuously improved as more observations are made available, initially contains the pulsar’s astrometric parameters, the rotational parameters and the parameters describing the binary orbit, if applicable. With the recent increase in timing precision due to e.g. improved receivers, larger available bandwidth and the use of coherent dedispersion ([Hankins & Rickett 1975](#)), parameters that have a smaller effect on the TOAs have become measurable.

The first binary pulsar found, PSR B1913+16 ([Hulse & Taylor 1975](#)), yielded the first evidence for gravitational waves (GWs) emission. Since then, several ground-based detectors have been built around the globe, e.g. Advanced LIGO ([Aasi et al. 2015](#)) and Advanced Virgo ([Acernese et al. 2015](#)), to directly detect GWs in the frequency range of 10-7000 Hz. Also a space mission, eLISA ([Seoane et al. 2013](#)), is being designed to study GWs in the mHz regime. Pulsars, on the other hand, provide a complementary probe for GWs by opening a new window in the nHz regime ([Sazhin 1978](#); [Detweiler 1979](#)). Previous limits on the amplitude of the stochastic GW background (GWB) have been set by studying individual MSPs (e.g. [Kaspi et al. 1994](#)). However, an ensemble of pulsars spread over the sky (known as Pulsar Timing Array; PTA) is required to ascertain the presence of a GWB and discriminate between possible errors in the Solar System ephemeris or in the reference time standards ([Hellings & Downs 1983](#); [Foster & Backer 1990](#)).

A decade ago, [Jenet et al. \(2005\)](#) claimed that timing a set of a least 20 MSPs with a precision of 100 ns for five years would allow a direct detection of the GWB. Such high timing precision has not yet been reached ([Arzoumanian et al. 2015](#)). Nonetheless, [Siemens et al. \(2013\)](#) recently argued that when a PTA enters a new signal regime where the GWB signal starts to prevail over the low frequency pulsar timing noise, the sensitivity of this PTA depends more strongly on the number of pulsars than the cadence of the observations or the timing precision. Hence, datasets consisting of

many pulsars with long observing baselines, even with timing precision of $\sim 1\mu\text{s}$, constitute an important step towards the detection of the GWB. In addition to the GWB studies, such long and precise datasets allow additional timing parameters, and therefore science, to be extracted from the same data.

Parallax measurements can contribute to the construction of Galactic electron density models ([Taylor & Cordes 1993](#); [Cordes & Lazio 2002](#)). Once built, these models can provide distance estimates for pulsars along generic lines-of-sight. New parallax measurements hence allow a comparison and improvement of the current free electron distribution models ([Schnitzeler 2012](#)). An accurate distance is also crucial to correct the spin-down rate of the pulsar from the bias introduced by its proper motion ([Shklovskii 1970](#)). This same correction has to be applied to the observed orbital period derivative before any test of GR can be done with this parameter ([Damour & Taylor 1991](#)).

In binary systems, once the Keplerian parameters are known, it may be possible to detect post-Keplerian (PK) parameters. These theory-independent parameters describe the relativistic deformation of a Keplerian orbit as a function of the Keplerian parameters and the *a priori* unknown pulsar mass (m_p), companion mass (m_c) and inclination angle (i). Measurement of the Shapiro delay, an extra propagation delay of the radio waves due to the gravitational potential of the companion, gives 2 PK parameters (range r and shape $s \equiv \sin i$). Other relativistic effects such as the advance of periastron $\dot{\omega}$ and the orbital decay \dot{P}_b provide one extra PK parameter each. In GR, any PK parameter can be described by the Keplerian parameters plus the two masses of the system. Measuring three or more PK parameters therefore overconstrains the masses, allowing one to perform tests of GR ([Taylor & Weisberg 1989](#); [Kramer et al. 2006](#)).

The robustness of the detections of these parameters can be hindered by the presence of stochastic influences like dispersion measure (DM) variations and red (low-frequency) spin noise in the timing residuals ([Coles et al. 2011](#); [Lentati et al. 2014](#)). Recent work by [Keith et al. \(2013\)](#) and [Lee et al. \(2014\)](#) discussed the modeling of the DM variations while [Coles et al. \(2011\)](#) used Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix to properly estimate the parameters in the presence of red noise. Correcting for the DM variations and the effects of red noise has often been done through an iterative process. However, TempoNest, a Bayesian pulsar timing analysis software ([Lentati et al. 2014](#)) used in this work allows one to model these stochastic influences simultaneously while performing a non-linear timing analysis.

In this paper we report on the timing solutions of 42 MSPs observed by the European Pulsar Timing Array (EPTA). The EPTA is a collaboration of European research institutes and radio observatories that was established in 2006 ([Kramer & Champion 2013](#)). The EPTA makes use of the five largest (at decimetric wavelengths) radio telescopes in Europe: the Effelsberg Radio Telescope in Germany (EFF), the Lovell Radio Telescope at the Jodrell Bank Observatory (JBO) in England, the Nançay Radio Telescope (NRT) in France, the Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope (WSRT) in the Netherlands and the Sardinia Radio Telescope (SRT) in Italy. As the SRT is currently being commissioned, no data from this telescope are included in this paper. The EPTA also operates the Large European Array for Pulsars (LEAP), where data from the EPTA telescopes are coherently combined to form a tied-array telescope with an equivalent diameter of 195 meters, providing a significant improvement in the sensitivity of pulsar timing observations ([Bassa et al. 2015](#)).

This collaboration has already led to previous publications.

¹ <http://www.atnf.csiro.au/people/pulsar/psrcat/>

Using multi-telescope data on PSR J1012+5307, Lazaridis et al. (2009) put a limit on the gravitational dipole radiation and the variation of the gravitational constant G . Janssen et al. (2010) presented long-term timing results of four MSPs, two of which are updated in this work. More recently, van Haasteren et al. (2011) set the first EPTA upper limit on the putative GWB. Specifically for a GWB formed by circular, GW-driven supermassive black-hole binaries, they measured the amplitude A of the characteristic strain level at a frequency of 1/yr, $A < 6 \times 10^{-15}$, using a subset of the EPTA data from only 5 pulsars.

Similar PTA efforts are ongoing around the globe with the Parkes Pulsar Timing Array (PPTA; Manchester et al. (2013)) and the NANOGrav collaboration (McLaughlin 2013), also setting limits on the GWB (Demorest et al. 2013; Shannon et al. 2013a).

The EPTA dataset introduced here, referred to as the EPTA Data Release 1.0, serves as the reference dataset for the following studies: an analysis of the DM variations (Janssen et al., in prep.), a modeling of the red noise in each pulsar (Caballero et al. 2015), a limit on the stochastic GWB (Lentati et al. 2015b) and the anisotropic background (Taylor et al. 2015) as well as a search for continuous GWs originating from single sources (Babak et al. 2016). The organization of this paper is as follows. The instruments and methods to extract the TOAs at each observatory are described in Section 2. The combination and timing procedures are detailed in Section 3. The timing results and new parameters are presented in Section 4 and discussed in Section 5. Finally, we summarize and present some prospects about the EPTA in Section 6.

2 OBSERVATIONS AND DATA PROCESSING

This paper presents the EPTA dataset, up to mid-2014, that was gathered from the ‘historical’ pulsar instrumentations at EFF, JBO, NRT and WSRT with, respectively, the EBPP (Effelsberg-Berkeley Pulsar Processor), DFB (Digital FilterBank), BON (Berkeley-Orléans-Nançay) and PuMa (Pulsar Machine) backends. The data recorded with the newest generation of instrumentations, e.g. PSRIX at EFF (Lazarus et al. 2016) and PuMaII at WSRT (Karuppusamy et al. 2008), will be part of a future EPTA data release.

Compared to the dataset presented in van Haasteren et al. (2011), in which timing of only five pulsars was presented, this release includes 42 MSPs (listed in Table 1 with their distribution on the sky shown in Fig. 1). Among those 42 MSPs, 32 are members of binary systems. The timing solutions presented here span at least seven years, and for 16 of the MSPs the baseline extends back ~ 15 years. For the five pulsars included in van Haasteren et al. (2011), the baseline is extended by a factor 1.7-4. When comparing our set of pulsars with the NANOGrav Nine-year Data Set (Arzoumanian et al. 2015) (consisting of 37 MSPs) and the PPTA dataset (Manchester et al. 2013; Reardon et al. 2016) (consisting of 20 MSPs), we find an overlap of 21 and 12 pulsars, respectively. However, we note that the NANOGrav dataset contains data for 7 MSPs with a baseline less than two years.

In this paper, we define an observing system as a specific combination of observatory, backend and frequency band. The radio telescopes and pulsar backends used for the observations are described below.

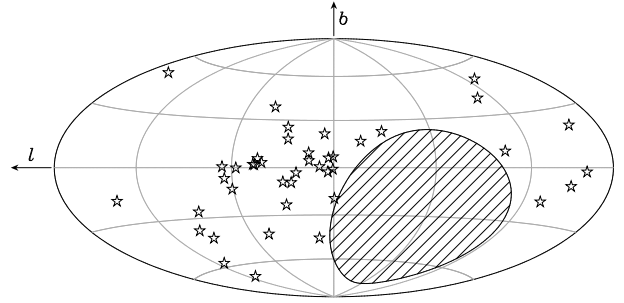


Figure 1. Distribution of the 42 MSPs, represented with a star, in Galactic coordinates (longitude l and latitude b). The center of the plot is oriented towards the Galactic Center. The hatched area is the part of the sky (declination $\delta < -39^\circ$) that is not accessible to the EPTA.

2.1 Effelsberg Radio Telescope

The data from the 100-m Effelsberg Radio Telescope presented in this paper were acquired using the EBPP, an online coherent dedispersion backend described in detail by Backer et al. (1997). This instrument can process a bandwidth (BW) up to 112 MHz depending on the DM value. The signals from the two circular polarizations are split into 32 channels each and sent to the dedisperser boards. After the dedispersion takes place, the output signals are folded (i.e. individual pulses are phase-aligned and summed) using the topocentric pulse period.

EPTA timing observations at Effelsberg were made at a central frequency of 1410 MHz until April 2009 then moved to 1360 MHz afterwards due to a change in the receiver. Additional observations at S-Band (2639 MHz) began in November 2005 with observations at both frequencies taken during the same two-day observing run. Typically, the observations occur on a monthly basis with an integration time per source of about 30 minutes. The subintegration times range from 8 to 12 mins before 2009 and 2 mins thereafter. For 4 pulsars, namely PSRs J0030+0451, J1024-0719, J1730-2304 and J2317+1439, there is a gap in the data from 1999 to 2005 as these sources were temporarily removed from the observing list. Data reduction was performed with the PSRCHIVE package (Hotan et al. 2004). The profiles were cleaned of radio frequency interference (RFI) using the PSRCHIVE `paz` tool but also examined and excised manually with the `pazi` tool. No standard polarization calibration using a pulsed and linearly polarized noise diode was performed. However the EBPP automatically adjusts the power levels of both polarizations prior to each observation. The TOAs were calculated by cross-correlating the time-integrated, frequency-scrunched, total intensity profile, with an analytic and noise free template. This template was generated using the `paas` tool to fit a set of von Mises functions to a profile formed from high signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) observations. In general, we used the standard ‘Fourier phase gradient’ algorithm (Taylor 1992) implemented in PSRCHIVE to estimate the TOAs and their uncertainties. We used a different template for each observing frequency, including different templates for the 1410 and 1360 MHz observations. Local time is kept by the on-site H-maser clock, which is corrected to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) using recorded offsets between the maser and the Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites.

2.2 Lovell Radio Telescope

At Jodrell bank, the 76-m Lovell telescope is used in a regular monitoring program to observe most of the pulsars presented in this paper. All TOAs used here were generated by using the DFB, a clone of the Parkes Digital FilterBank. Each pulsar was observed with a typical cadence of once every 10 days for 30 mins with a subintegration time of 10 s. The DFB came into operation in January 2009 observing at a central frequency of 1400 MHz with a BW of 128 MHz split into 512 channels. From September 2009, the center frequency was changed to 1520 MHz and the BW increased to 512 MHz (split into 1024 channels) of which approximately 380 MHz was usable, depending on RFI conditions. As this is a significant change, and to account for possible profile evolution with observing frequency, both setups are considered as distinct observing systems and different templates were used. Data cleaning and TOA generation were done in a similar way to the Effelsberg data. There is no standard polarization calibration (through observations of a noise diode) applied to the DFB data. However the power levels of both polarizations are regularly and manually adjusted via a set of attenuators. Local time is kept by the on-site H-maser clock, which is corrected to UTC using recorded offsets between the maser and the GPS satellites.

2.3 Nançay Radio Telescope

The Nançay Radio Telescope is a meridian telescope with a collecting area equivalent to a 94-m dish. The moving focal carriage that allows an observing time of about one hour per source hosts the Low Frequency (LF) and High Frequency (HF) receivers covering 1.1 to 1.8 GHz and 1.7 to 3.5 GHz, respectively. A large timing program of MSPs started in late 2004 with the commissioning of the BON instrumentation, a member of the ASP-GASP coherent dedispersion backend family (Demorest 2007). A 128 MHz BW is split into 32 channels by a CASPER² Serendip V board and then sent to servers to be coherently dedispersed and folded to form 2-min subintegrations.

From 2004 to 2008 the BW was limited to 64 MHz and then extended to 128 MHz. At the same time, the NRT started to regularly observe a pulsed noise diode prior to each observation in order to properly correct for the difference in gain and phase between the two polarizations. In August 2011, the L-Band central frequency of the BON backend shifted from 1.4 GHz to 1.6 GHz to accommodate the new wide-band NUPPI dedispersion backend (Liu et al. 2014). Due to known instrumental issues between November 2012 and April 2013 (i.e. loss of one of the polarization channels, mirroring of the spectrum), these data have not been included in the analysis.

The flux density values at 1.4 GHz reported in Table 1 are derived from observations recorded with the NUPPI instrument between MJD 55900 and 56700. The quasar 3C48 was chosen to be the reference source for the absolute flux calibration. These flux density values have been corrected for the declination-dependent illumination of the mirrors of the NRT. Although the NUPPI timing data are not included in this work, we used these observations to estimate the median flux densities as no other EPTA data were flux-calibrated. The NUPPI timing data will be part of a future EPTA data release along with the data from other telescopes recorded with new-generation instrumentations.

The data were reduced with the PSRCHIVE package and automatically cleaned for RFI. Except for pulsars with short orbital periods, all daily observations are fully scrunched in time and frequency to form one single profile. For PSRs J0610–2100, J0751+1807, J1738+0333, J1802–2124 the data were integrated to form 6, 12, 16 and 8 min profiles respectively. The templates for the three observing frequencies are constructed by phase-aligning the $\sim 10\%$ profiles with the best S/N. The resulting integrated profiles are made noise free with the same wavelet noise removal program as in Demorest et al. (2013). As stated above, we used the standard ‘Fourier phase gradient’ from PSRCHIVE to estimate the TOAs and their uncertainties. However, we noticed that in the case of very low S/N profiles, the reported uncertainties were underestimated. Arzoumanian et al. (2015) also observed that TOAs extracted from low S/N profiles deviate from a Gaussian distribution and therefore excluded all TOAs where $S/N < 8$ (see Appendix B of their paper for more details). Here, we made use of the Fourier domain Markov Chain Monte Carlo TOA estimator (hereafter FDM) to properly estimate the error bars in this low S/N regime. We applied the FDM method to PSRs J0034–0534, J0218+4232, J1455–3330, J2019+2425, J2033+1734. All the BON data are time-stamped with a GPS-disciplined clock.

For PSR J1939+2134, archival data from 1990 to 1999 recorded with a swept-frequency local oscillator (hereafter referred to as DDS) at a frequency of 1410 MHz (Cognard et al. 1995) were added to the dataset. These data are time-stamped with an on-site Rubidium clock, which is corrected to UTC using recorded offsets between the Rubidium clock and the Paris Observatory Universal Time.

2.4 Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope

The Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope is an East-West array consisting of fourteen 25-m dishes, adding up to the equivalent size of a 94-m dish when combined as a tied-array. From 1999 to 2010, an increasing number of MSPs were observed once a month using the PuMa pulsar machine (a digital filterbank) at WSRT (Voûte et al. 2002). In each observing session, the pulsars were observed for 25 minutes each at one or more frequencies centered at 350 MHz (10 MHz BW), 840 MHz (80 MHz BW) and 1380 MHz (80 MHz spread across a total of 160 MHz BW). Up to 512 channels were used to split the BW for the observations at 350 MHz. At 840 MHz and 1380 MHz, 64 channels were used per 10 MHz sub-band. For a more detailed description of this instrumentation, see e.g. Janssen et al. (2008). Since 2007, the 840 MHz band was no longer used for regular timing observations, however, an additional observing frequency centered at 2273 MHz using 160 MHz BW was used for a selected set of the observed pulsars. The data were dedispersed and folded offline using custom software, and then integrated over frequency and time to obtain a single profile for each observation. Gain and phase difference between the two polarizations are adjusted during the phased-array calibration of the dishes. To generate the TOAs, a high-S/N template based on the observations was used for each observing frequency separately. Local time is kept by the on-site H-maser clock, which is corrected to UTC using recorded offsets between the maser and the GPS satellites.

3 DATA COMBINATION AND TIMING

The topocentric TOAs recorded at each observatory are first converted to the Solar System barycenter (SSB) using the DE421 plan-

² <https://casper.berkeley.edu>

etary ephemeris (Folkner et al. 2009) with reference to the latest Terrestrial Time standard from the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM) (Petit 2010). The DE421 model is a major improvement on the DE200 ephemeris that was used for older published ephemerides and later found to suffer from inaccurate values of planetary masses (Splaver et al. 2005; Hotan et al. 2006; Verbiest et al. 2008).

We used TempoNest (Lentati et al. 2014), a Bayesian analysis software that uses the Tempo2 pulsar timing package (Hobbs et al. 2006; Edwards et al. 2006) and MULTINEST (Feroz et al. 2009), a Bayesian inference tool, to evaluate and explore the parameter space of the non-linear pulsar timing model. All pulsar timing parameters are sampled in TempoNest with uniform priors. The timing model includes the astrometric (right ascension, α , declination, δ , proper motion in α and δ , μ_α and μ_δ) and rotational parameters (period P and period derivative \dot{P}). If the pulsar is part of a binary system, five additional parameters are incorporated to describe the Keplerian binary motion: the orbital period P_b , the projected semi-major axis x of the pulsar orbit, the longitude of periastron ω , the epoch T_0 of the periastron passage and the eccentricity e . For some pulsars in our set, we require theory-independent PK parameters (Damour & Deruelle 1985, 1986) to account for deviations from a Keplerian motion, or parameters to describe changes in the viewing geometry of the systems. The parameters we used include the precession of periastron $\dot{\omega}$, the orbital period derivative \dot{P}_b , the Shapiro delay (‘range’ r and ‘shape’ s ; s has a uniform prior in $\cos i$ space) and the apparent derivative of the projected semi-major axis \dot{x} . These parameters are implemented in Tempo2 under the ‘DD’ binary model. In the case of quasi-circular orbits, the ‘ELL1’ model is preferred and replaces ω , T_0 and e with the two Laplace-Lagrange parameters κ and η and the time of ascending node T_{asc} (Lange et al. 2001). For the description of the Shapiro delay in PSRs J0751+1807, J1600–3053 and J1918–0642 we adopted the orthometric parametrization of the Shapiro delay introduced by Freire & Wex (2010) with the amplitude of the third harmonic of the Shapiro delay h_3 and the ratio of successive harmonics ζ .

To combine the TOAs coming from the different observing systems described in Section 2, we first corrected them for the phase difference between the templates by cross-correlation of the reference template with the other templates. We then fit for the arbitrary time offsets, known as JUMPs, between the reference observing system and the remaining systems. These JUMPs encompass, among other things: the difference in instrumental delays, the use of different templates and the choice for the fiducial point on the template. The JUMPs are analytically marginalized over during the TempoNest Bayesian analysis. In order to properly weight the TOAs from each system, the timing model includes a further two *ad hoc* white noise parameters per observing system. These parameters known as the error factor ‘EFAC’, E_f , and the error added in quadrature ‘EQUAD’, E_q (in units of seconds), relate to a TOA with uncertainty σ_p in seconds as:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{E_q^2 + E_f^2 \sigma_p^2}. \quad (1)$$

Note that this definition of EFAC and EQUAD in TempoNest is different from the definition employed in Tempo2 and the earlier timing software Tempo, where E_q was added in quadrature to σ_p before applying E_f . The E_f and E_q parameters are set with uniform priors in the logarithmic space (log-uniform priors) in the \log_{10} -range $[-0.5, 1.5]$, $[-10, -3]$, respectively. These prior ranges

are chosen to be wide enough to include any value of EFAC and EQUAD seen in our dataset.

Each pulsar timing model also includes two stochastic models to describe the DM variations and an additional achromatic red noise process. Both processes are modeled as stationary, stochastic signals with a power-law spectrum of the form $S(f) \propto A^2 f^{-\gamma}$, where $S(f)$, A , and γ are the power spectral density as function of frequency f , the amplitude and the spectral index, respectively. The power laws have a cutoff frequency at the lowest frequency, equal to the inverse of the data span, which is mathematically necessary for the subsequent calculation of the covariance matrix (van Haasteren et al. 2009). It has been shown that this cutoff rises naturally for the achromatic red noise power law in pulsar timing data because any low-frequency signal’s power below the cutoff frequency is absorbed by the fitting of the pulsar’s rotational frequency and frequency derivative (van Haasteren et al. 2009; Lee et al. 2012). It is possible to do the same for the DM variations model, by fitting a first and a second DM derivative (parameters DM1 and DM2) in the timing model (Lee et al. 2014). Implementation of the models is made using the time-frequency method of Lentati et al. (2013). Details on this process and applications can be found in Lentati et al. (2015b) and Caballero et al. (2015). In brief, denoting matrices with boldface letters, the red noise process time-domain signal, is expressed as a Fourier series, $\mathbf{t}_{\text{TN}} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{TN}} \mathbf{a}$, where \mathbf{F}_{TN} is the sum of sines and cosines with coefficients given by the matrix \mathbf{a} . Fourier frequencies are sampled with integer multiples of the lowest frequency, and are sampled up to $1/14 \text{ days}^{-1}$. The Fourier coefficients are free parameters.

The DM variations component is modeled similarly, with the only difference being that the time-domain signal is dependent on the observing frequency. According to the dispersion law from interstellar plasma, the delay in the arrival time of the pulse depends on the inverse square of the observing frequency, see e.g. Lyne & Graham-Smith (2012). As such, the Fourier transform components are $\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{DM} = \mathbf{F}_{ij} D_i D_j$, where the i, j indices denote the residual index number, $D_i = 1/(k v_i^2)$, and $k = 2.41 \times 10^{-16} \text{ Hz}^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ pc s}^{-1}$, is the dispersion constant. This stochastic DM variations component is additional to the deterministic linear and quadratic components implemented as part of the Tempo2 timing model. In addition, we used the standard electron density model for the solar wind included in Tempo2 with a value of 4 cm^{-3} at 1 AU. This solar wind model can be covariant with the measured astrometric parameters of the pulsar.

The covariance matrix of each of these two components is then calculated with a function of the form (Lentati et al. 2015b):

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_w^{-1} - \mathbf{C}_w^{-1} \mathbf{F} \left[(\mathbf{F})^T \mathbf{C}_w^{-1} \mathbf{F} + (\Psi)^{-1} \right]^{-1} (\mathbf{F})^T \mathbf{C}_w^{-1}. \quad (2)$$

The equation is valid for both the DM variations and achromatic red noise process, by using the corresponding Fourier transform \mathbf{F} and covariance matrix of the Fourier coefficients $\Psi = \langle a_i a_j \rangle$. The \mathbf{C}_w term is the white noise covariance matrix and is a diagonal matrix with the main diagonal formed by the residual uncertainties squared. The superscript \mathbf{T} denotes the transpose of the matrix.

The power-law parameterization of the DM variations and red noise spectra means that the parameters we need to sample are the amplitudes and spectral indices of the power law. We do so by using uniform priors in the range $[0, 7]$ for the spectral index and log-uniform priors for the amplitudes, in the \log_{10} -range $[-20, -8]$. For discussion on the impact of our prior type selection, see Lentati et al. (2014) and Caballero et al. (2015). Here, we have used the least informative priors on the noise parameters. This

means that the Bayesian inference will assign equal probability to these parameters if the data are insufficient to break the degeneracy between them. This approach is adequate to derive a total noise covariance matrix (addition of white noise, red noise and DM variations covariance matrices) that allows robust estimation of the timing parameters. The prior ranges are set to be wide enough to encompass any DM or red noise signal seen in the data. The lower bound on the spectral index of the red noise process is set to zero as we assume there is no blue process in the data. Together with the EFAC and EQUAD values, the DM and red noise spectral indices and amplitudes are used by the timing software to form the timing residuals.

3.1 Criterion for Shapiro delay detectability

To assess the potential detectability of Shapiro delay, we used the following criterion. With the orthometric parametrization of Shapiro delay, we can compute the amplitude h_3 (in seconds) in the timing residuals (Freire & Wex 2010),

$$h_3 = \left(\frac{\sin i}{1 + \cos i} \right)^3 m_c T_\odot. \quad (3)$$

Here, c is the speed of light, $T_\odot = 4.925\,490\,947 \mu\text{s}$ is the mass of the Sun in units of time. By assuming a median companion mass, m_c , given by the mass function with $m_p = 1.35 M_\odot$ and an inclination angle $i = 60^\circ$, we can predict an observable h_{3o} . We can then compare this h_{3o} value to the expected precision given by $\xi = \delta_{\text{TOAs}} N_{\text{TOAs}}^{-1/2}$ where δ_{TOAs} is the median uncertainty of the TOAs and N_{TOAs} the number of TOAs in the dataset. The criterion $h_{3o} \gtrsim \xi$ associated with a non detection of Shapiro delay would likely mean an unfavorable inclination angle, i.e. $i \lesssim 60^\circ$.

4 TIMING RESULTS

In this section we summarize the timing results of the 42 MSPs obtained from TempoNest. Among these sources, six pulsars, namely PSRs J0613–0200, J1012+5307, J1600–3053, J1713+0747, J1744–1134 and J1909–3744, have been selected by Babak et al. (2016) to form the basis of the work presented by Lentati et al. (2015b); Taylor et al. (2015); Babak et al. (2016). The quoted uncertainties represent the 68.3% Bayesian credible interval of the one-dimensional marginalized posterior distribution of each parameter. The timing models are shown in Tables 2 to 12. These models, including the stochastic parameters, are made publicly available on the EPTA website³. The reference profiles at L-Band can be found in Fig. A3 and A4. Throughout the paper, we refer to RMS as the weighted Root Mean Square timing residuals. The details on the data sets used in this paper can be found in Table A1.

4.1 PSR J0030+0451

A timing ephemeris for this isolated pulsar has been published by Abdo et al. (2009) with a joint analysis of gamma-ray data from the *Fermi* Gamma-ray Space Telescope. Because the authors used the older DE200 version of the Solar System ephemeris model, we report here updated astrometric measurements. While our measured proper motion is consistent with the Abdo et al. (2009) value, we

get a significantly lower parallax value $\pi = 2.79 \pm 0.23 \text{ mas}$ that we attribute partly to the errors in the DE200 ephemeris. Indeed reverting back to the DE200 in our analysis yields an increased value of the parallax by 0.3 mas but still below the parallax $\pi = 4.1 \pm 0.3 \text{ mas}$ determined by Abdo et al. (2009).

4.2 PSR J0034–0534

PSR J0034–0534 is a very faint MSP when observed at L-Band with a flux density $S_{1400} = 0.01 \text{ mJy}$ leading to profiles with very low S/N compared to most other MSPs considered here. Helped by the better timing precision at 350 MHz, we were able to improve on the previously published composite proper motion $\mu = 31 \pm 9 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ by Hobbs et al. (2005) to $\mu = 12.1 \pm 0.5 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$. We also measure the eccentricity $e = (4.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$ of this system for the first time. Even with our improved timing precision characterized by a timing residuals RMS of $4 \mu\text{s}$, the detection of the parallax signature (at most $2.4 \mu\text{s}$ according to Abdo et al. (2010)) is still out of reach.

4.3 PSR J0218+4232

The broad shape of the pulse profile of this pulsar (with a duty cycle of about 50%, see Figure A3) and its low flux density limit our timing precision to about $7 \mu\text{s}$ and, therefore, its use for GWB detection. Du et al. (2014) recently published the pulsar composite proper motion $\mu = 6.53 \pm 0.08 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ from very long baseline interferometry (VLBI). With EPTA data, we find $\mu = 6.14 \pm 0.09 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$. This value is in disagreement with the VLBI result. A possible explanation for this discrepancy is that Du et al. (2014) overfitted their model with five parameters for five observing epochs. Du et al. (2014) also reported a distance $d = 6.3_{-2.3}^{+8.0} \text{ kpc}$ from VLBI parallax measurement. Verbiest & Lorimer (2014) later argued that the Du et al. (2014) parallax suffers from the Lutz-Kelker bias and corrected the distance to be $d = 3.2_{-0.6}^{+0.9} \text{ kpc}$. This distance is consistent with the 2.5 to 4 kpc range estimated from the properties of the white dwarf companion to PSR J0218+4232 (Bassa et al. 2003). Even with the Verbiest & Lorimer (2014) 3σ lowest distance estimate, the parallax would induce a signature on the timing residuals of less than 800 ns (Lorimer & Kramer 2004), which is far from our current timing precision. We therefore cannot further constrain the distance with our current dataset. Our measurement of the system's eccentricity $e = (6.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-6}$ is significantly lower than the previously reported value $e = (22 \pm 2) \times 10^{-6}$ by Hobbs et al. (2004b).

4.4 PSR J0610–2100

With a very low-mass companion ($0.02 M_\odot < M_c < 0.05 M_\odot$), PSR J0610–2100 is a member of the ‘black widow’ family, which are a group of (often) eclipsing binary MSPs believed to be ablating their companions. Here we report on a newly measured eccentricity, $e = (2.9 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-5}$, and an improved proper motion ($\mu_\alpha = 9.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ and $\mu_\delta = 16.78 \pm 0.12 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$) compared to the previous values ($\mu_\alpha = 7 \pm 3 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ and $\mu_\delta = 11 \pm 3 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$) from Burgay et al. (2006) derived with slightly more than two years of data. It is interesting to note that, in contrast to another well studied black widow pulsar, PSR J2051–0827 (Lazaridis et al. 2011), no secular variations of the orbital parameters are detected in this system. There is also no evidence for eclipses of the radio signal in our data.

³ <http://www.epta.eu.org/aom.html>

Table 1. Summary of the 42-pulsar data set. The columns present the pulsar name in the J2000 coordinate system, the observatories that contributed to the dataset, the number of TOAs, the time span of the dataset, the median TOA uncertainty (σ_{TOA}) taking into account the white noise parameters ‘EFAC’ and ‘EQUAD’, the RMS timing residual, the spin period, the orbital period and the median flux density of the pulsar at 1400 MHz (see Section 2.3 for more details about the flux measurements). The last column gives the reference for the last published timing solution where V09, A15, R16 relate to Verbiest et al. (2009), Arzoumanian et al. (2015), Reardon et al. (2016), respectively. The pulsars indicated by † are also named following the B1950 coordinate system, with the names B1855+09, B1937+21 and B1953+29 respectively. The quoted RMS values are obtained from keeping the noise parameters, DM and red noise models at the maximum likelihood value while subtracting the DM signal from the residuals. Because of the degeneracy between the DM and red noise models, especially where no multifrequency data are available, the resulting RMS quoted here can be biased towards smaller values (when the removed DM signal absorbed part of the red noise signal).

| PSR JName | Observatories | N_{TOA} | T_{span} (yr) | σ_{TOA} (μs) | RMS (μs) | P_{Spin} (ms) | P_{Orb} (d) | S_{1400} (mJy) | References |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| J0030+0451 | EFF, JBO, NRT | 907 | 15.1 | 3.79 | 4.1 | 4.9 | — | 0.8 | Abdo et al. (2009); A15 |
| J0034–0534 | NRT, WSRT | 276 | 13.5 | 8.51 | 4.0 | 1.9 | 1.59 | 0.01 | Hobbs et al. (2004b); Abdo et al. (2010) |
| J0218+4232 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 1196 | 17.6 | 10.51 | 7.4 | 2.3 | 2.03 | 0.6 | Hobbs et al. (2004b) |
| J0610–2100 | JBO, NRT | 1034 | 6.9 | 8.14 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 0.29 | 0.4 | Burgay et al. (2006) |
| J0613–0200 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 1369 | 16.1 | 2.57 | 1.8 | 3.1 | 1.20 | 1.7 | V09; A15; R16 |
| J0621+1002 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 673 | 11.8 | 9.43 | 15.6 | 28.9 | 8.32 | 1.3 | Splaver et al. (2002); Nice et al. (2008) |
| J0751+1807 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 1491 | 17.6 | 4.33 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 0.26 | 1.1 | Nice et al. (2005, 2008) |
| J0900–3144 | JBO, NRT | 875 | 6.9 | 4.27 | 3.1 | 11.1 | 18.74 | 3.2 | Burgay et al. (2006) |
| J1012+5307 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 1459 | 16.8 | 2.73 | 1.6 | 5.3 | 0.60 | 3.0 | Lazaridis et al. (2009); A15 |
| J1022+1001 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 908 | 17.5 | 4.02 | 2.5 | 16.5 | 7.81 | 2.9 | V09; R16 |
| J1024–0719 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 561 | 17.3 | 3.42 | 8.3 | 5.2 | — | 1.3 | V09; Espinoza et al. (2013); A15; R16 |
| J1455–3330 | JBO, NRT | 524 | 9.2 | 7.07 | 2.7 | 8.0 | 76.17 | 0.4 | Hobbs et al. (2004b); A15 |
| J1600–3053 | JBO, NRT | 531 | 7.7 | 0.55 | 0.46 | 3.6 | 14.35 | 2.0 | V09; A15; R16 |
| J1640+2224 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 595 | 17.3 | 4.48 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 175.46 | 0.4 | Löhmer et al. (2005); A15 |
| J1643–1224 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 759 | 17.3 | 2.53 | 1.7 | 4.6 | 147.02 | 3.9 | V09; A15; R16 |
| J1713+0747 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 1188 | 17.7 | 0.59 | 0.68 | 4.6 | 67.83 | 4.9 | V09; Zhu et al. (2015); A15; R16 |
| J1721–2457 | NRT, WSRT | 150 | 12.8 | 24.28 | 11.7 | 3.5 | — | 1.0 | Janssen et al. (2010) |
| J1730–2304 | EFF, JBO, NRT | 285 | 16.7 | 4.17 | 1.6 | 8.1 | — | 2.7 | V09; R16 |
| J1738+0333 | JBO, NRT | 318 | 7.3 | 5.95 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 0.35 | 0.3 | Freire et al. (2012b); A15 |
| J1744–1134 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 536 | 17.3 | 1.21 | 0.86 | 4.1 | — | 1.6 | V09; A15; R16 |
| J1751–2857 | JBO, NRT | 144 | 8.3 | 3.52 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 110.75 | 0.4 | Stairs et al. (2005) |
| J1801–1417 | JBO, NRT | 126 | 7.1 | 3.81 | 2.6 | 3.6 | — | 1.1 | Lorimer et al. (2006) |
| J1802–2124 | JBO, NRT | 522 | 7.2 | 3.38 | 2.7 | 12.6 | 0.70 | 0.9 | Ferdman et al. (2010) |
| J1804–2717 | JBO, NRT | 116 | 8.4 | 7.23 | 3.1 | 9.3 | 11.13 | 1.0 | Hobbs et al. (2004b) |
| J1843–1113 | JBO, NRT, WSRT | 224 | 10.1 | 2.48 | 0.71 | 1.8 | — | 0.5 | Hobbs et al. (2004a) |
| J1853+1303 | JBO, NRT | 101 | 8.4 | 3.58 | 1.6 | 4.1 | 115.65 | 0.5 | Gonzalez et al. (2011); A15 |
| J1857+0943 [†] | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 444 | 17.3 | 2.57 | 1.7 | 5.4 | 12.33 | 3.3 | V09; A15; R16 |
| J1909–3744 | NRT | 425 | 9.4 | 0.26 | 0.13 | 2.9 | 1.53 | 1.1 | V09; A15; R16 |
| J1910+1256 | JBO, NRT | 112 | 8.5 | 3.39 | 1.9 | 5.0 | 58.47 | 0.5 | Gonzalez et al. (2011); A15 |
| J1911+1347 | JBO, NRT | 140 | 7.5 | 1.78 | 1.4 | 4.6 | — | 0.6 | Lorimer et al. (2006) |
| J1911–1114 | JBO, NRT | 130 | 8.8 | 8.82 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 2.72 | 0.5 | Toscano et al. (1999a) |
| J1918–0642 | JBO, NRT, WSRT | 278 | 12.8 | 3.18 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 10.91 | 1.2 | Janssen et al. (2010); A15 |
| J1939+2134 [†] | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 3174 | 24.1 | 0.49 | 34.5 | 1.6 | — | 8.3 | V09; A15; R16 |
| J1955+2908 [†] | JBO, NRT | 157 | 8.1 | 14.92 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 117.35 | 0.5 | Gonzalez et al. (2011); A15 |
| J2010–1323 | JBO, NRT | 390 | 7.4 | 2.89 | 1.9 | 5.2 | — | 0.5 | Jacoby et al. (2007); A15 |
| J2019+2425 | JBO, NRT | 130 | 9.1 | 26.86 | 9.6 | 3.9 | 76.51 | 0.1 | Nice et al. (2001) |
| J2033+1734 | JBO, NRT | 194 | 7.9 | 18.24 | 12.7 | 5.9 | 56.31 | 0.1 | Splaver (2004) |
| J2124–3358 | JBO, NRT | 544 | 9.4 | 5.57 | 3.2 | 4.9 | — | 2.7 | V09; R16 |
| J2145–0750 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 800 | 17.5 | 2.64 | 1.8 | 16.1 | 6.84 | 4.0 | V09; A15; R16 |
| J2229+2643 | EFF, JBO, NRT | 316 | 8.2 | 11.18 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 93.02 | 0.1 | Wolszczan et al. (2000) |
| J2317+1439 | EFF, JBO, NRT, WSRT | 555 | 17.3 | 7.78 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 2.46 | 0.3 | Camilo et al. (1996); A15 |
| J2322+2057 | JBO, NRT | 229 | 7.9 | 12.47 | 5.9 | 4.8 | — | 0.03 | Nice & Taylor (1995) |

Table 2. Timing model parameters for PSRs J0030+0451, J0034–0534, J0218+4232 and J0610–2100. Figures in parentheses represent the 68.3% confidence uncertainties in the last digit quoted and come from the one-dimensional marginalized posterior distribution of each parameter. The measured timing parameters are introduced in Section 3. The derived parameters show the Galactic longitude (l) and latitude (b), the parallax distance corrected from the Lutz-Kelker bias (d), the composite proper motion (μ). The position, spin period and DM are given for the reference epoch of MJD 55000. The three kinematic contributions (\dot{P}_{shk} , \dot{P}_{kz} and \dot{P}_{dgr}) to the intrinsic period derivative (\dot{P}_{int}) are introduced in Section 5.3. For binary pulsars, the minimum companion mass, assuming a pulsar mass of $1.2 M_{\odot}$, is also indicated on the last line.

| PSR Name | J0030+0451 | J0034–0534 | J0218+4232 | J0610–2100 |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| MJD range | 51275 — 56779 | 51770 — 56705 | 50370 — 56786 | 54270 — 56791 |
| Number of TOAs | 907 | 276 | 1196 | 1034 |
| RMS timing residual (μs) | 4.1 | 4.0 | 7.4 | 4.9 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 00:30:27.42836(6) | 00:34:21.83422(8) | 02:18:06.357299(19) | 06:10:13.595462(17) |
| Declination, δ | 04:51:39.707(3) | –05:34:36.722(3) | 42:32:17.3821(4) | –21:00:27.9313(4) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr^{-1}) | –5.9(5) | 7.9(3) | 5.31(7) | 9.0(1) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr^{-1}) | –0.2(11) | –9.2(6) | –3.15(13) | 16.78(12) |
| Period, P (ms) | 4.86545328635201(19) | 1.87718188583171(10) | 2.32309053151224(8) | 3.861324766195(3) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 1.0172(3) | 0.49784(13) | 7.73955(7) | 1.2298(19) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | 2.79(23) | — | — | — |
| DM (cm^{-3}pc) | 4.329(6) | 13.7658(19) | 61.2488(17) | 60.67(3) |
| DM1 ($\text{cm}^{-3}\text{pc yr}^{-1}$) | 0.0007(5) | –0.0001(1) | –0.0003(2) | –0.014(8) |
| DM2 ($\text{cm}^{-3}\text{pc yr}^{-2}$) | 0.0001(1) | –0.00030(17) | 0.000056(20) | 0.002(1) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | — | 1.58928182532(14) | 2.02884611561(9) | 0.2860160068(6) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | — | 48766.98(4) | 49150.883(16) | 52814.303(13) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | — | 1.4377662(5) | 1.9844344(4) | 0.0734891(4) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | — | 313(9) | 49(3) | 67(16) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | — | $4.3(7) \times 10^{-6}$ | $6.8(4) \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.9(8) \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\kappa = e \times \sin \omega_0$ | — | $-3.1(7) \times 10^{-6}$ | $5.1(4) \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.7(8) \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\eta = e \times \cos \omega_0$ | — | $3.0(6) \times 10^{-6}$ | $4.5(4) \times 10^{-6}$ | $1.2(8) \times 10^{-5}$ |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | — | 48765.5995019(5) | 49150.6089170(3) | 52814.249581(3) |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 113.1 | 111.5 | 139.5 | 227.7 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | –57.6 | –68.1 | –17.5 | –18.2 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | 354_{-27}^{+31} | — | — | — |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr^{-1}) | 5.9(5) | 12.1(5) | 6.18(9) | 19.05(11) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.015(3) | 0.036 | 0.057 | 1.2 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.078(7) | –0.056 | –0.034 | –0.082 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.0030(3) | –0.00086 | 0.013 | 0.011 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 1.084(6) | 0.518 | 7.7 | 0.0955 |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 7.1 | 5.7 | 0.48 | 64.0 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 2.3 | 1.0 | 4.3 | 0.6 |
| Min. companion mass (M_{\odot}) | — | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.02 |

We checked our data for possible orbital-phase dependent DM-variation that could account for the new measurement of the eccentricity. We found no evidence for this within our DM precision. We also obtained consistent results for the eccentricity and longitude of periastron after removing TOAs for given orbital phase ranges.

4.5 PSR J0613–0200

For PSR J0613–0200, we measure a parallax $\pi = 1.25 \pm 0.13$ mas that is consistent with the value published in Verbiest et al. (2009) ($\pi = 0.8 \pm 0.35$ mas). In addition, we report on the first detection of the orbital period derivative $\dot{P}_b = (4.8 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-14}$ thanks to our 16-yr baseline. This result will be discussed further in Section 5.3. Finally, we improve on the precision of the proper motion

with $\mu_{\alpha} = -1.822 \pm 0.008$ mas yr $^{-1}$ and $\mu_{\delta} = -10.355 \pm 0.017$ mas yr $^{-1}$.

4.6 PSR J0621+1002

Despite being the slowest rotating MSP of this dataset with a period of almost 30 ms, PSR J0621+1002 has a profile with a narrow peak feature of width ~ 500 μs . We are able to measure the precession of the periastron $\dot{\omega} = 0.0113 \pm 0.0006$ deg yr $^{-1}$ and find it to be within 1σ of the value reported by Nice et al. (2008) using Arecibo data. We also find a similar value of the proper motion to Splaver et al. (2002).

4.7 PSR J0751+1807

PSR J0751+1807 is a 3.5-ms pulsar in an approximately 6-h orbit. [Nice et al. \(2005\)](#) originally reported a parallax $\pi = 1.6 \pm 0.8$ mas and a measurement of the orbital period derivative $\dot{P}_b = (-6.4 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-14}$. Together with their detection of the Shapiro delay, they initially derived a large pulsar mass $m_p = 2.1 \pm 0.2 M_\odot$. [Nice et al. \(2008\)](#) later corrected the orbital period derivative measurement to $\dot{P}_b = (-3.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-14}$, giving a much lower pulsar mass $m_p = 1.26 \pm 0.14 M_\odot$. Here we report on a parallax $\pi = 0.82 \pm 0.17$ mas and $\dot{P}_b = (-3.5 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-14}$ that is similar to the value in [Nice et al. \(2008\)](#). However, we measured a precise composite proper motion of 13.7 ± 0.3 mas yr $^{-1}$, inconsistent with the result (6 ± 2 mas yr $^{-1}$) from [Nice et al. \(2005\)](#). [Nice et al. \(2008\)](#) explained the issue found with the timing solution presented in [Nice et al. \(2005\)](#) but did not provide an update of the proper motion for comparison with our value. We are also able to measure an apparent change in the semi-major axis $\dot{x} = (-4.9 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-15}$. Finally, we applied the orthometric parametrization of the Shapiro delay to get $h_3 = (3.0 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-7}$ and $\zeta = 0.81 \pm 0.17$. The interpretation of these results will be discussed in Section 5.4.

4.8 PSR J0900–3144

With about seven years of timing data available for PSR J0900–3144 (discovered by [Burgay et al. 2006](#)) we detect the proper motion for the first time, revealing it to be one of the lowest composite proper-motion objects among our data set with $\mu = 2.26 \pm 0.07$ mas yr $^{-1}$. We also uncover a marginal signature of the parallax $\pi = 0.77 \pm 0.44$ mas. However, we do not detect the signature of the Shapiro delay despite the improvement in timing precision compared to [Burgay et al. \(2006\)](#). Following the criterion introduced in Section 3.1, we get $h_{3o} = 0.4 \mu\text{s}$. With $\delta_{\text{TOAs}} = 4.27 \mu\text{s}$ and $N_{\text{TOAs}} = 875$, we find $\xi = 0.14 \mu\text{s}$. Hence, given $\xi < h_{3o}$, we argue for $i \lesssim 60^\circ$ to explain the lack of Shapiro delay detection in this system.

4.9 PSR J1012+5307

[Lazaridis et al. \(2009\)](#) previously presented a timing solution using a subset of these EPTA data to perform a test on gravitational dipole radiation and variation of the gravitational constant, \dot{G} . The \dot{x} and \dot{P}_b parameters we present here are consistent with the values from [Lazaridis et al. \(2009\)](#) but we improve on the uncertainties of these parameters by factors of two and three, respectively. Nonetheless, we note that our value for the parallax $\pi = 0.71 \pm 0.17$ mas differs by less than 2σ from the value measured by [Lazaridis et al. \(2009\)](#) using the DE405 ephemeris.

4.10 PSR J1022+1001

As recently pointed out by [van Straten \(2013\)](#), this source requires a high level of polarimetric calibration in order to reach the best timing precision. Indeed, by carefully calibrating their data, [van Straten \(2013\)](#) greatly improved on the timing model of [Verbiest et al. \(2009\)](#) and successfully unveiled the precession of the periastron $\dot{\omega} = 0.0097 \pm 0.0023$ deg yr $^{-1}$, the presence of Shapiro delay and the secular variation of \dot{x} . Here we find similar results with $\dot{\omega} = 0.010 \pm 0.002$ deg yr $^{-1}$ and a $2\text{-}\sigma$ consistent \dot{x} with a completely independent dataset. Nonetheless, we can not confirm the measurement of Shapiro delay with our dataset. For this pulsar, we get $h_{3o} = 0.62 \mu\text{s}$. With $\xi = 0.14 \mu\text{s}$, our constraint implies that

the inclination angle $i \lesssim 60^\circ$, in agreement with the result presented by [van Straten \(2013\)](#).

4.11 PSR J1024–0719

[Hotan et al. \(2006\)](#) were the first to announce a parallax $\pi = 1.9 \pm 0.4$ mas for this nearby and isolated MSP that shows a large amount of red noise ([Caballero et al. 2015](#)). More recently, [Espinoza et al. \(2013\)](#) used a subset of this EPTA dataset to produce an ephemeris and detected gamma-ray pulsations from this pulsar. The authors assumed the LK bias corrected distance ([Verbiest et al. 2012](#)) from the [Hotan et al. \(2006\)](#) parallax value to estimate its gamma-ray efficiency. However, it should be noted that [Verbiest et al. \(2009\)](#) did not report on the measurement of the parallax using an extended version of the [Hotan et al. \(2006\)](#) dataset. With this independent dataset we detect a parallax $\pi = 0.80 \pm 0.17$ mas, a value inconsistent with the early measurement reported by [Hotan et al. \(2006\)](#). A possible explanation for this discrepancy could be that [Hotan et al. \(2006\)](#) did not include a red noise model in their analysis.

4.12 PSR J1455–3330

The last timing solution for this pulsar was published by [Hobbs et al. \(2004b\)](#) and characterized by an RMS of $67 \mu\text{s}$. Thanks to our 9 years of data with an RMS of less than $3 \mu\text{s}$, we successfully detect the signature of the proper motion $\mu_\alpha = 7.88 \pm 0.08$ mas yr $^{-1}$ and $\mu_\delta = -2.23 \pm 0.19$ mas yr $^{-1}$, the parallax $\pi = 1.04 \pm 0.35$ mas and the secular variation of the semi-major axis, $\dot{x} = (-1.7 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-14}$ for the first time.

4.13 PSR J1600–3053

This 3.6-ms pulsar can be timed at very high precision thanks to the $\sim 45 \mu\text{s}$ wide peak on the right edge of its profile (see Fig. A3). We present here a precise measurement of the parallax $\pi = 0.64 \pm 0.07$ mas, a value marginally consistent with the $\pi = 0.2 \pm 0.15$ mas from [Verbiest et al. \(2009\)](#). We also show a large improvement on the Shapiro delay detection through the use of the orthometric parametrization ([Freire & Wex 2010](#)) with $h_3 = (3.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$ and $\zeta = 0.68 \pm 0.05$. The resulting mass measurement of this system is discussed in Section 5.4.

4.14 PSR J1640+2224

[Löhmer et al. \(2005\)](#) used early Arecibo and Effelsberg data to report on the tentative detection of Shapiro delay for this wide binary system in a 6-month orbit. From this measurement they deduced the orientation of the system to be nearly edge-on ($78^\circ < i < 88^\circ$) and a companion mass for the white dwarf $m_p = 0.15^{+0.08}_{-0.05} M_\odot$. We cannot constrain the Shapiro delay with the current EPTA data, even though our data comprise almost twice the number of TOAs with a similar overall timing precision. The parallax signature in the residuals also remains undetected (based on Bayesian evidence⁴) but we find a significant $\dot{x} = (1.07 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-14}$, consistent with the upper limit set by [Löhmer et al. \(2005\)](#).

⁴ A difference of 3 in the log evidence between two models is usually required to justify the introduction of an additional parameter ([Kass & Raftery 1995](#)).

Table 3. Timing model parameters for PSRs J0613–0200, J0621+1002, J0751+1807 and J0900–3144. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J0613–0200 | J0621+1002 | J0751+1807 | J0900–3144 |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MJD range | 50931 — 56795 | 52482 — 56780 | 50363 — 56793 | 54286 — 56793 |
| Number of TOAs | 1369 | 673 | 1491 | 875 |
| RMS timing residual (μs) | 1.8 | 15.6 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 06:13:43.975672(2) | 06:21:22.11436(3) | 07:51:09.155331(13) | 09:00:43.953088(8) |
| Declination, δ | –02:00:47.22533(7) | 10:02:38.7352(15) | 18:07:38.4864(10) | –31:44:30.89520(13) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr $^{-1}$) | 1.822(8) | 3.23(12) | –2.73(5) | –1.01(5) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | –10.355(17) | –0.5(5) | –13.4(3) | 2.02(7) |
| Period, P (ms) | 3.061844088094608(15) | 28.8538611940574(16) | 3.47877083927942(4) | 11.1096493380938(6) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 0.959013(14) | 4.730(5) | 0.77874(5) | 4.8880(11) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | 1.25(13) | — | 0.82(17) | 0.77(44) |
| DM (cm $^{-3}$ pc) | 38.7746(14) | 36.47(3) | 30.246(6) | 75.707(8) |
| DM1 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-1}$) | 0.00002(7) | –0.0094(3) | 0.0000(2) | 0.0009(7) |
| DM2 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-2}$) | –0.000002(7) | 0.0011(2) | 0.00004(4) | –0.0002(3) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | 1.198512575184(13) | 8.3186812(3) | 0.263144270792(7) | 18.7376360594(9) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | 53113.953(4) | 49746.86675(19) | 51800.283(7) | 52682.295(5) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | 1.09144409(6) | 12.0320732(4) | 0.3966158(3) | 17.24881126(15) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | 47.2(11) | 188.774(9) | 92(9) | 70.41(10) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | $5.40(10) \times 10^{-6}$ | $0.00245724(7)$ | $3.3(5) \times 10^{-6}$ | $1.0490(17) \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\kappa = e \times \sin \omega_0$ | $3.96(10) \times 10^{-6}$ | — | $3.3(5) \times 10^{-6}$ | $9.883(17) \times 10^{-6}$ |
| $\eta = e \times \cos \omega_0$ | $3.67(11) \times 10^{-6}$ | — | $3.8(50) \times 10^{-7}$ | $3.517(17) \times 10^{-6}$ |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | 53113.796354200(16) | — | 51800.21586826(4) | 52678.63028819(13) |
| Orbital period derivative, \dot{P}_b | $4.8(11) \times 10^{-14}$ | — | $-3.50(25) \times 10^{-14}$ | — |
| First derivative of x , \dot{x} | — | — | $-4.9(9) \times 10^{-15}$ | — |
| Periastron advance, $\dot{\omega}$ (deg/yr) | — | 0.0113(6) | — | — |
| Third harmonic of Shapiro, h_3 (μs) | — | — | 0.30(6) | — |
| Ratio of harmonics amplitude, ζ | — | — | 0.81(17) | — |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 210.4 | 200.6 | 202.7 | 256.2 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | –9.3 | –2.0 | 21.1 | 9.5 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | 777^{+84}_{-70} | — | 999^{+202}_{-146} | 815^{+378}_{-211} |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | 10.514(17) | 3.27(14) | 13.7(3) | 2.26(7) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.064(7) | 0.1 | 0.16(3) | 0.011(5) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.0039(4) | –0.0016 | –0.015(2) | –0.012(4) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.010(1) | 0.24 | 0.018(4) | –0.06(3) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.889(8) | 4.39 | 0.62(3) | 4.95(3) |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 5.5 | 10.4 | 8.9 | 3.6 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 1.7 | 11.4 | 1.5 | 7.5 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | 0.12 | 0.41 | 0.12 | 0.33 |

4.15 PSR J1643–1224

Using PPTA data, Verbiest et al. (2009) previously announced a parallax value $\pi = 2.2 \pm 0.4$ mas that is marginally consistent with our value of $\pi = 1.17 \pm 0.26$ mas. We get a similar proper motion and $\dot{x} = (-4.79 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-14}$, albeit measured with a greater precision.

4.16 PSR J1713+0747

PSR J1713+0747 is one of the most precisely timed pulsars over two decades (Verbiest et al. 2009; Zhu et al. 2015). Our proper motion and parallax values are consistent with the ones from Verbiest et al. (2009) and Zhu et al. (2015). Nonetheless we can not

detect any hint of the orbital period derivative \dot{P}_b . The measurement of the Shapiro delay yields the following masses of the system, $m_p = 1.33^{+0.09}_{-0.08} M_\odot$ and $m_c = 0.289^{+0.013}_{-0.011} M_\odot$, in very good agreement with Zhu et al. (2015).

When inspecting the residuals of PSR J1713+0747 we noticed successive TOAs towards the end of 2008 that arrived significantly earlier ($\sim 3 \mu s$) than predicted by our ephemeris (see top panel of Figure 2). After inspection of the original archives and comparison with other high precision datasets like those on PSRs J1744–1134 and J1909–3744, we ruled out any instrumental or clock issue as an explanation for this shift. We therefore attribute this effect to a deficiency of the electron content towards the line of sight of the pulsar. This event has also been observed by the other PTAs (Zhu et al. 2015; Coles et al. 2015) and interpreted as

Table 4. Timing model parameters for PSRs J1012+5307, J1022+1001, J1024–0719 and J1455–3330. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table. †For the observer, we report here the values from the analysis in the ecliptic coordinate system, longitude $\lambda = 153.865866885(16)^\circ$, latitude $\beta = -0.063930(14)^\circ$, proper motion in λ , $\mu_\lambda = -15.93(2)$ mas yr $^{-1}$ and proper motion in β , $\mu_\beta = -10(15)$ mas yr $^{-1}$. ‡ The reason for the negative intrinsic period derivative \dot{P}_{int} of PSR J1024–0719 is explained in Section 5.3.

| PSR Name | J1012+5307 | J1022+1001 | J1024–0719 | J1455–3330 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| MJD range | 50647 — 56794 | 50361 — 56767 | 50460 — 56764 | 53375 — 56752 |
| Number of TOAs | 1459 | 908 | 561 | 524 |
| RMS timing residual (μs) | 1.6 | 2.5 | 8.3 | 2.7 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 10:12:33.437521(5) | 10:22:57.9992(15) [†] | 10:24:38.675378(5) | 14:55:47.969869(14) |
| Declination, δ | 53:07:02.29999(6) | 10:01:52.78(6) [†] | –07:19:19.43395(15) | –33:30:46.3801(4) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr $^{-1}$) | 2.609(8) | –18.2(64) [†] | –35.28(3) | 7.88(8) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | –25.482(11) | –3(16) [†] | –48.18(7) | –2.23(19) |
| Period, P (ms) | 5.255749101970103(19) | 16.45292995606771(11) | 5.1622046403157(3) | 7.987204929333(3) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 1.712730(17) | 4.3322(4) | 1.8553(4) | 2.428(4) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | 0.71(17) | 0.72(20) | 0.80(17) | 1.04(35) |
| DM (cm $^{-3}$ pc) | 9.0172(14) | 10.250(4) | 6.485(10) | 13.563(7) |
| DM1 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-1}$) | 0.00016(2) | 0.0004(1) | 0.0025(8) | –0.002(4) |
| DM2 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-2}$) | 0.000016(2) | 0.00026(5) | –0.0007(2) | 0.001(1) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | 0.604672722901(13) | 7.8051348(11) | — | 76.174568631(9) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | 50700.229(13) | 50246.7166(7) | — | 48980.1330(10) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | 0.58181703(12) | 16.7654104(5) | — | 32.362222(3) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | 88(8) | 97.68(3) | — | 223.460(5) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | $1.30(16) \times 10^{-6}$ | $9.7229(14) \times 10^{-5}$ | — | $1.69636(12) \times 10^{-4}$ |
| $\kappa = e \times \sin \omega_0$ | $1.30(16) \times 10^{-6}$ | — | — | — |
| $\eta = e \times \cos \omega_0$ | $5.1(173) \times 10^{-8}$ | — | — | — |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | 50700.08174604(3) | — | — | — |
| Orbital period derivative, \dot{P}_b | $6.1(4) \times 10^{-14}$ | — | — | — |
| First derivative of x , \dot{x} | $2.0(4) \times 10^{-15}$ | $1.79(12) \times 10^{-14}$ | — | $-1.7(4) \times 10^{-14}$ |
| Periastron advance, $\dot{\omega}$ (deg/yr) | — | 0.0097(23) | — | — |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 160.3 | 242.4 | 251.7 | 330.7 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | 50.9 | 43.7 | 40.5 | 22.6 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | 1148^{+241}_{-175} | 1092^{+258}_{-182} | 1083^{+226}_{-163} | 797^{+304}_{-179} |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | 25.615(11) | 19(9) | 59.72(6) | 8.19(9) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 1.0(2) | 1.6(1.4) | 4.8(10) | 0.10(4) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.077(7) | –0.24(2) | –0.057(5) | –0.035(7) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.016(3) | –0.010(2) | –0.021(4) | 0.03(1) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.8(2) | 3.0(1.4) | –2.9(10) [‡] | 2.33(4) |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 10.3 | 8.7 | — | 5.4 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 2.1 | 7.1 | — | 4.4 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | 0.10 | 0.66 | — | 0.23 |

possibly a kinetic shell propagating through the interstellar medium (Coles et al. 2015) followed by a rarefaction of the electron content.

To model this DM event we used shapelet basis functions. A thorough description of the shapelet formalism can be found in Refregier (2003), with astronomical uses being described in e.g., Refregier & Bacon (2003); Kelly & McKay (2004); Lentati et al. (2015a). Shapelets are a complete ortho-normal set of basis functions that allow us to recreate the effect of non-time-stationary DM variations in a statistically robust manner, simultaneously with the rest of the analysis. We used the Bayesian evidence to determine the number of shapelet coefficients to include in the model (only one coefficient was necessary in this study, i.e. the shapelet is given by a Gaussian). Our priors on the location of the event span the entire

dataset, while we assume an event width of between five days and one year. The maximum likelihood results indicate an event centered around MJD 54761 with a width of 10 days. The resulting DM signal (including the shapelet functions) and the residuals corrected from it are plotted in the middle and bottom panels of Fig. 2 respectively. The DM model hence predicts a drop of $(1.3 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$ pc cm $^{-3}$.

4.17 PSR J1721–2457

Thanks to an additional five years of data compared to Janssen et al. (2010), the proper motion of this isolated MSP is now better constrained. Our current timing precision is most likely limited by the

Table 5. Timing model parameters for PSRs J1600–3053, J1640+2224, J1643–1224 and J1713+0747. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J1600–3053 | J1640+2224 | J1643–1224 | J1713+0747 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MJD range | 53998 — 56795 | 50459 — 56761 | 50459 — 56778 | 50360 — 56810 |
| Number of TOAs | 531 | 595 | 759 | 1188 |
| RMS timing residual (μs) | 0.46 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.68 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 16:00:51.903338(4) | 16:40:16.744834(7) | 16:43:38.161498(8) | 17:13:49.5331754(5) |
| Declination, δ | –30:53:49.37542(18) | 22:24:08.84121(13) | –12:24:58.6735(6) | 07:47:37.492536(16) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr $^{-1}$) | –0.940(19) | 2.087(20) | 6.04(4) | 4.923(3) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | –6.94(7) | –11.29(4) | 4.07(15) | –3.909(5) |
| Period, P (ms) | 3.59792851006493(3) | 3.16331586776034(5) | 4.62164152573380(10) | 4.570136598154477(12) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 0.95014(6) | 0.28161(11) | 1.8461(3) | 0.852919(13) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | 0.64(7) | — | 1.17(26) | 0.90(3) |
| DM (cm $^{-3}$ pc) | 52.3245(16) | 18.422(10) | 62.411(5) | 15.9930(3) |
| DM1 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-1}$) | –0.0003(1) | –0.0000(2) | –0.0013(3) | 0.00006(3) |
| DM2 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-2}$) | 0.000012(47) | 0.00006(8) | 0.0000(1) | 0.000006(5) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | 14.34845777290(15) | 175.460664603(11) | 147.017397756(17) | 67.8251309745(14) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | 52506.3739(4) | 51626.1804(3) | 49283.9337(5) | 48741.9737(3) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | 8.8016546(5) | 55.3297223(5) | 25.0726144(7) | 32.34241956(15) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | 181.835(9) | 50.7343(5) | 321.8488(10) | 176.1989(15) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | $1.73723(8) \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.97299(8) \times 10^{-4}$ | $5.05746(9) \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.49421(7) \times 10^{-5}$ |
| First derivative of x , \dot{x} | $-2.8(5) \times 10^{-15}$ | $1.07(16) \times 10^{-14}$ | $-4.79(15) \times 10^{-14}$ | — |
| Inclination angle, i (deg) | $68.6^{+3.4}_{-3.8}$ | — | — | 71.8(6) |
| Longitude of ascending node, Ω (deg) | — | — | — | 89.9(17) |
| Companion mass, m_c (M_\odot) | $0.208^{+0.059}_{-0.043}$ | — | — | 0.290(12) |
| Third harmonic of Shapiro, h_3 (μs) | 0.33(2) | — | — | — |
| Ratio of harmonics amplitude, ζ | 0.68(5) | — | — | — |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 344.1 | 41.1 | 5.7 | 28.8 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | 16.5 | 38.3 | 21.2 | 25.2 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | 1492^{+187}_{-150} | — | 758^{+185}_{-127} | 1108^{+35}_{-33} |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | 7.00(7) | 11.49(4) | 7.28(9) | 6.286(4) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.064(8) | 0.12 | 0.05(1) | 0.049(2) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{Kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.0137(9) | –0.033 | –0.018(3) | –0.0277(4) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.043(7) | 0.0013 | 0.029(8) | 0.020(2) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.86(1) | 0.196 | 1.79(2) | 0.812(2) |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 6.7 | 25.6 | 4.1 | 8.9 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 1.8 | 0.8 | 2.9 | 1.9 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.11 | 0.26 |

pulsar’s large duty cycle (see Fig. A3) and the apparent absence of sharp features in the profile. The flux density of this pulsar is also quite low with a value of 1 mJy at 1400MHz.

4.18 PSR J1730–2304

This low-DM and isolated MSP has a profile with multiple pulse components (see Fig. A3). As this pulsar lies very near to the ecliptic plane ($\beta = 0.19^\circ$), we are unable to constrain its proper motion in declination, similar to the previous study (Verbiest et al. 2009). Assuming the NE2001 distance, the expected parallax timing signature would be as large as 2.3 μs . We report here on a tentative detection of the parallax, $\pi = 0.86 \pm 0.32$ mas.

4.19 PSR J1738+0333

After the determination of the masses in this system from optical observations (Antoniadis et al. 2012), Freire et al. (2012b) used the precise measurements of the proper motion, parallax and \dot{P}_b in this binary system to put constraints on scalar-tensor theories of gravity. Our measured proper motion remains consistent with their measurements. With a longer baseline and more observations recorded with the sensitive Arecibo Telescope, Freire et al. (2012b) were able to detect the parallax and the orbital period derivative of the system. However, we do not yet reach the sensitivity to detect these two parameters with our dataset.

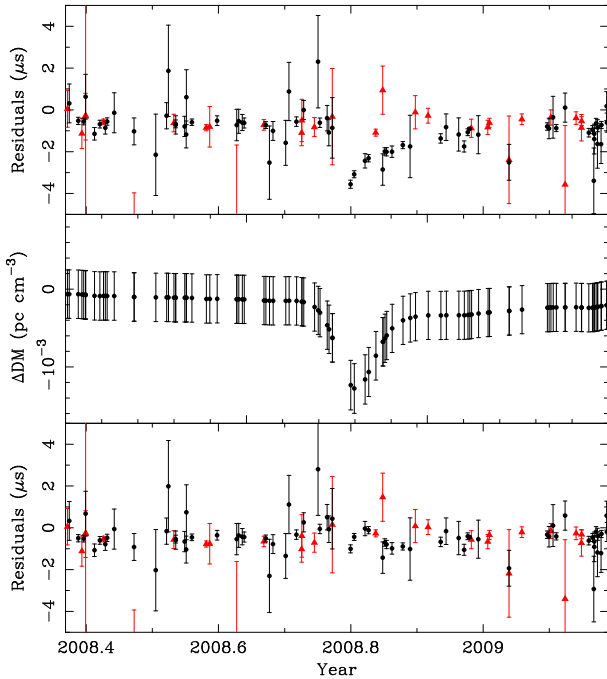


Figure 2. Top panel: zoom-in on the PSR J1713+0747 residuals (black dots and red triangles are L-Band and S-Band data respectively). Middle panel: DM signal from the maximum likelihood DM model incorporating the shapelet basis functions (see Section 4.16 for details). The bottom panel shows the residuals after subtraction of the DM signal. The uncertainties on the DM signal come directly from the $1\text{-}\sigma$ uncertainties on the shapelet amplitudes used to model the event, obtained from the full Bayesian analysis.

4.20 PSR J1744–1134

This isolated MSP was thought to show long-term timing noise by Hotan et al. (2006) even with a dataset shorter than 3 years. In our data set we detect a (red) timing noise component (see Caballero et al. 2015). The RMS of the time-domain noise signal is $\sim 0.4\mu\text{s}$, but has a peak-to-peak variation of $\sim 2\mu\text{s}$. The higher latter value, however, is due to a bump which appears localized in time (MJD ~ 54000 to 56000). As discussed in Caballero et al. (2015), non-stationary noise from instrumental instabilities may cause such effects, but data with better multi-telescope coverage are necessary to verify such a possibility. This is further investigated in Lentati et al. (submitted) using a more extended dataset from the International Pulsar Timing Array (IPTA) (Verbiest et al. 2016).

4.21 PSR J1751–2857

Stairs et al. (2005) announced this wide ($P_b = 111$ days) binary MSP after timing it for 4 years with an RMS of $28\mu\text{s}$ without a detection of the proper motion. With 6 years of data at a much lower RMS, we are able to constrain its proper motion ($\mu_\alpha = -7.4 \pm 0.1\text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ and $\mu_\delta = -4.3 \pm 1.2\text{ mas yr}^{-1}$) and detect $\dot{x} = (4.6 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-14}$.

4.22 PSR J1801–1417

This isolated MSP was discovered by Lorimer et al. (2006). With increased timing precision, we measure a new composite proper motion $\mu = 11.3 \pm 0.3\text{ mas yr}^{-1}$. As our dataset for this pulsar does not include multifrequency information; we can not rule out DM variations.

4.23 PSR J1802–2124

Ferdman et al. (2010) recently reported on the mass measurement of this system by combining TOAs from the Green Bank, Parkes and Nançay radio telescopes. Therefore, our dataset shows no improvement in the determination of the system parameters but gives consistent results to Ferdman et al. (2010).

4.24 PSR J1804–2717

With an RMS timing residual improved by a factor 25 compared to the last results published by Hobbs et al. (2004b), we obtain a reliable measurement of the proper motion of this system. Assuming the distance based on the NE2001 model $d_{\text{NE2001}} = 780\text{ pc}$, the parallax timing signature can amount to $1.5\mu\text{s}$, still below our current timing precision.

4.25 PSR J1843–1113

This isolated pulsar discovered by Hobbs et al. (2004a) is the second fastest-spinning MSP in our dataset. Its mean flux density ($S_{1400} = 0.6\text{ mJy}$) is among the lowest, limiting our current timing precision to $\sim 1\mu\text{s}$. For the first time, we report the detection of the proper motion $\mu_\alpha = -1.91 \pm 0.07\text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ and $\mu_\delta = -3.2 \pm 0.3\text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ and still low-precision parallax $\pi = 0.69 \pm 0.33\text{ mas}$.

4.26 PSR J1853+1303

Our values of proper motion and semi-major axis change are consistent with the recent work by Gonzalez et al. (2011) using high-sensitivity Arecibo and Parkes data, though there is no evidence for the signature of the parallax in our data, most likely due to our less precise dataset.

4.27 PSR J1857+0943 (B1855+09)

Our measured parallax $\pi = 0.7 \pm 0.26\text{ mas}$ is lower than, but still compatible with, the value reported by Verbiest et al. (2009). We also report a marginal detection of $\dot{x} = (-2.7 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-15}$. Our measurement of the Shapiro delay is also similar to the previous result from Verbiest et al. (2009).

4.28 PSR J1909–3744

PSR J1909–3744 (Jacoby et al. 2003) is the most precisely timed source with a RMS timing residual of about 100 ns . As these authors pointed out, this pulsar’s profile has a narrow peak with a pulse duty cycle of 1.5% ($43\mu\text{s}$) at FWHM (see Fig. A4). Unfortunately its declination makes it only visible with the NRT but it will be part of the SRT timing campaign. We improved the precision of the measurement of the orbital period derivative \dot{P}_b by a factor of six compared to Verbiest et al. (2009) and our constraint on \dot{x} is consistent with their tentative detection.

4.29 PSR J1910+1256

We get similar results as recently published by Gonzalez et al. (2011) with Arecibo and Parkes data. In addition, we uncover a marginal signature of the parallax $\pi = 1.44 \pm 0.74\text{ mas}$, consistent with the upper limit set by Gonzalez et al. (2011).

Table 6. Timing model parameters for PSRs J1721–2457, J1730–2304, J1738+0333 and J1744–1134. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J1721–2457 | J1730–2304 | J1738+0333 | J1744–1134 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| MJD range | 52076 — 56737 | 50734 — 56830 | 54103 — 56780 | 50460 — 56761 |
| Number of TOAs | 150 | 268 | 318 | 536 |
| RMS timing residual (μ s) | 11.7 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 0.86 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 17:21:05.4979(3) | 17:30:21.66835(13) | 17:38:53.966375(11) | 17:44:29.4075373(14) |
| Declination, δ | –24:57:06.17(5) | –23:04:31.16(4) | 03:33:10.8720(4) | –11:34:54.69437(11) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr ^{–1}) | 1.9(12) | 20.7(7) | 7.08(6) | 18.810(6) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr ^{–1}) | –25(16) | 9(12) | 4.97(19) | –9.36(3) |
| Period, P (ms) | 3.496633783466(6) | 8.1227980469486(7) | 5.850095860612(5) | 4.074545941825154(15) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 0.556(7) | 2.0196(11) | 2.410(4) | 0.89347(4) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | — | 0.86(32) | — | 2.38(8) |
| DM (cm ^{–3} pc) | 48.33(15) | 9.622(9) | 33.798(18) | 3.1312(17) |
| DM1 (cm ^{–3} pc yr ^{–1}) | –0.00(2) | 0.001(1) | –0.01(1) | –0.01(1) |
| DM2 (cm ^{–3} pc yr ^{–2}) | –0.002(4) | –0.0004(3) | 0.000(2) | 0.000(2) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | — | — | 0.35479073990(3) | — |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | — | — | 52500.25(3) | — |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | — | — | 0.3434304(4) | — |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | — | — | 52(27) | — |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | — | — | $3.6(18)\times 10^{-6}$ | — |
| $\kappa = e \times \sin \omega_0$ | — | — | $2.9(20)\times 10^{-6}$ | — |
| $\eta = e \times \cos \omega_0$ | — | — | $2.2(16)\times 10^{-6}$ | — |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | — | — | 52500.1940106(3) | — |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 0.4 | 3.1 | 27.7 | 14.8 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | 6.8 | 6.0 | 17.7 | 9.2 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | — | 904^{+382}_{-216} | — | 419^{+14}_{-13} |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr ^{–1}) | 26(16) | 23(5) | 8.65(12) | 21.009(15) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.7(9) | 0.9(5) | 0.15 | 0.183(6) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.00298(5) | –0.004(1) | –0.024 | –0.00248(6) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{igr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.047(4) | 0.07(3) | 0.039 | 0.013(1) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.0(7) | 1.0(6) | 2.24 | 0.699(7) |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | > 7.9 | 12.3 | 4.1 | 9.2 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | < 1.6 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 1.7 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | — | — | 0.08 | — |

4.30 PSR J1911+1347

With a pulse width at 50% of the main peak amplitude (see Fig. A4), $W_{50} = 89 \mu\text{s}$ (only twice the width of J1909–3744), this isolated MSP is potentially a good candidate for PTAs. Unfortunately it has so far been observed at the JBO and NRT observatories only and no multifrequency observations are available. Based on this work, this pulsar has now been included in the observing list at the other EPTA telescopes. Despite the good timing precision we did not detect the parallax but we did measure the proper motion for the first time with $\mu_\alpha = -2.90 \pm 0.04 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ and $\mu_\delta = -3.74 \pm 0.06 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$.

4.31 PSR J1911–1114

The last ephemeris for this pulsar was published by Toscano et al. (1999a) 16 years ago using the DE200 planetary ephemeris. Our EPTA dataset spans three times longer than the one from Toscano et al. (1999a). We hence report here on a greatly improved position, proper motion ($\mu_\alpha = -13.75 \pm 0.16 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ and

$\mu_\delta = -9.1 \pm 1.0 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$) and a new eccentricity $e = (1.6 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-6}$, lower by a factor of 10 than the previous measurement.

4.32 PSR J1918–0642

PSR J1918–0642 is another MSP studied by Janssen et al. (2010) with EPTA data. Compared to Janssen et al. (2010) we extended the baseline with an additional five years of data. We unveil the signature of Shapiro delay in this system with $h_3 = (8.6 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-7}$ and $\zeta = 0.91 \pm 0.04$. The masses of the system are discussed in Section 5.4.

4.33 PSR J1939+2134 (B1937+21)

Thanks to the addition of early Nançay DDS TOAs, our dataset span over 24 years for this pulsar. This pulsar has been long known to show significant DM variations as well as a high level of timing noise (Kaspi et al. 1994); see residuals in Fig. A2. A possible interpretation of this red noise is the presence of an asteroid belt around

Table 7. Timing model parameters for PSRs J1751–2857, J1801–1417, J1802–2124 and J1804–2717. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J1751–2857 | J1801–1417 | J1802–2124 | J1804–2717 |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| MJD range | 53746 — 56782 | 54206 — 56782 | 54188 — 56831 | 53766 — 56827 |
| Number of TOAs | 144 | 126 | 522 | 116 |
| RMS timing residual (μ s) | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 17:51:32.693197(17) | 18:01:51.073331(19) | 18:02:05.33522(2) | 18:04:21.133087(19) |
| Declination, δ | –28:57:46.520(3) | –14:17:34.526(2) | –21:24:03.653(8) | –27:17:31.335(4) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr ^{–1}) | –7.4(1) | –10.89(12) | –1.13(12) | 2.56(15) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr ^{–1}) | –4.3(12) | –3.0(10) | –3(4) | –17(3) |
| Period, P (ms) | 3.914873259435(3) | 3.6250967171671(17) | 12.6475937923794(16) | 9.343030844543(4) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 1.121(3) | 0.530(3) | 7.291(3) | 4.085(5) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | — | — | 1.24(57) | — |
| DM (cm ^{–3} pc) | 42.84(3) | 57.26(4) | 149.614(9) | 24.74(4) |
| DM1 (cm ^{–3} pc yr ^{–1}) | –0.01(1) | 0.004(7) | –0.002(2) | –0.005(6) |
| DM2 (cm ^{–3} pc yr ^{–2}) | 0.001(2) | 0.000(2) | 0.0005(6) | 0.000(1) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | 110.74646080(4) | — | 0.698889254216(9) | 11.128711967(3) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | 52491.574(4) | — | 52595.851(14) | 49615.080(9) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | 32.5282215(20) | — | 3.718853(3) | 7.2814525(7) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | 45.508(11) | — | 29(7) | 158.7(3) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | $1.2795(3) \times 10^{-4}$ | — | $2.9(3) \times 10^{-6}$ | $3.406(16) \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\kappa = e \times \sin \omega_0$ | — | — | $1.4(4) \times 10^{-6}$ | — |
| $\eta = e \times \cos \omega_0$ | — | — | $2.59(17) \times 10^{-6}$ | — |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | — | — | 52595.79522502(4) | — |
| First derivative of x , \dot{x} | $4.6(8) \times 10^{-14}$ | — | $-3(5) \times 10^{-15}$ | — |
| Sine of inclination angle, $\sin i$ | — | — | 0.971(13) | — |
| Companion mass, m_c (M_\odot) | — | — | 0.83(19) | — |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 0.6 | 14.5 | 8.4 | 3.5 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | –1.1 | 4.2 | 0.6 | –2.7 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | — | — | 640_{-195}^{+436} | — |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr ^{–1}) | 8.5(6) | 11.3(3) | 3(4) | 17(3) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.077 | 0.17 | 0.02(5) | 0.53 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.0002 | –0.0012 | –0.000083(4) | –0.0014 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.045 | 0.05 | 0.07(6) | 0.071 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.999 | 0.31 | 7.19(8) | 3.49 |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 6.2 | 18.5 | 2.8 | 4.2 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 2. | 1.1 | 9.7 | 5.8 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | 0.18 | — | 0.76 | 0.19 |

the pulsar (Shannon et al. 2013b). Despite this red noise, the timing signature of the parallax has successfully been extracted to get $\pi = 0.22 \pm 0.08$ mas, a value consistent with Kaspi et al. (1994) and Verbiest et al. (2009).

4.34 PSR J1955+2908 (B1953+29)

PSR J1955+2908 is another MSP recently analyzed by Gonzalez et al. (2011). With an independent dataset, we get similar results to Gonzalez et al. (2011). We report here on the tentative detection of $\dot{x} = (4.0 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-14}$.

4.35 PSR J2010–1323

This isolated MSP was discovered a decade ago (Jacoby et al. 2007) and no update on the pulsar’s parameters has been published since then. Hence we announce here the detection of the proper motion $\mu_\alpha = -2.53 \pm 0.09$ mas yr^{–1} and $\mu_\delta = -5.7 \pm 0.4$ mas yr^{–1}. Assuming the NE2001 distance of 1 kpc, the parallactic timing signature would amount to 1.17 μ s but was not detected in our data.

4.36 PSR J2019+2425

Compared to the Arecibo 430-MHz dataset used by Nice et al. (2001), the EPTA timing precision for this pulsar is limited due to its low flux density at 1400 MHz. Because of this we are not able to measure the secular change of the projected semi-major axis \dot{x} .

Table 8. Timing model parameters for PSRs J1843–1113, J1853+1303, J1857+0943 and J1909–3744. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J1843–1113 | J1853+1303 | J1857+0943 | J1909–3744 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MJD range | 53156 — 56829 | 53763 — 56829 | 50458 — 56781 | 53368 — 56794 |
| Number of TOAs | 224 | 101 | 444 | 425 |
| RMS timing residual (μs) | 0.71 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.13 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 18:43:41.261917(12) | 18:53:57.318765(12) | 18:57:36.390605(4) | 19:09:47.4335737(7) |
| Declination, δ | –11:13:31.0686(7) | 13:03:44.0693(4) | 09:43:17.20714(10) | –37:44:14.51561(3) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr^{-1}) | –1.91(7) | –1.61(9) | –2.649(17) | –9.519(3) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr^{-1}) | –3.2(3) | –2.79(17) | –5.41(3) | –35.775(10) |
| Period, P (ms) | 1.8456663232093(6) | 4.0917974456530(10) | 5.36210054870034(9) | 2.947108069766629(7) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 0.9554(7) | 0.8724(14) | 1.78447(17) | 1.402518(14) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | 0.69(33) | — | 0.70(26) | 0.87(2) |
| DM (cm^{-3}pc) | 59.964(8) | 30.576(20) | 13.303(4) | 10.3925(4) |
| DM1 ($\text{cm}^{-3}\text{pc yr}^{-1}$) | 0.002(4) | 0.002(4) | 0.0017(2) | –0.00032(3) |
| DM2 ($\text{cm}^{-3}\text{pc yr}^{-2}$) | 0.0005(9) | –0.0005(8) | –0.00018(8) | 0.00004(1) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | — | 115.65378824(3) | 12.3271713831(3) | 1.533449474329(13) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | — | 52890.256(18) | 46432.781(3) | 53114.72(4) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | — | 40.7695169(14) | 9.2307819(9) | 1.89799099(6) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | — | 346.65(6) | 276.47(7) | 180(9) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | — | $2.368(3)\times 10^{-5}$ | $2.170(4)\times 10^{-5}$ | $1.22(11)\times 10^{-7}$ |
| $\kappa = e \times \sin \omega_0$ | — | — | — | $-2.3(1900)\times 10^{-10}$ |
| $\eta = e \times \cos \omega_0$ | — | — | — | $-1.22(11)\times 10^{-7}$ |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | — | — | — | 53113.950741990(10) |
| Orbital period derivative, \dot{P}_b | — | — | — | $5.03(5)\times 10^{-13}$ |
| First derivative of x , \dot{x} | — | $2.4(7)\times 10^{-14}$ | $-2.7(11)\times 10^{-15}$ | $0.6(17)\times 10^{-16}$ |
| Sine of inclination angle, $\sin i$ | — | — | 0.9987(6) | 0.99771(13) |
| Companion mass, m_c (M_\odot) | — | — | 0.27(3) | 0.213(3) |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 22.1 | 44.9 | 42.3 | 359.7 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | –3.4 | 5.4 | 3.1 | –19.6 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | 1092^{666}_{-318} | — | 1098^{439}_{-254} | 1146^{30}_{-28} |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr^{-1}) | 3.8(3) | 3.22(15) | 6.03(3) | 37.020(10) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.007(4) | 0.0091 | 0.05(2) | 1.12(3) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.0004(3) | –0.0016 | –0.0010(3) | –0.0242(6) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.014(9) | –0.0028 | –0.0002(30) | 0.031(3) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.94(1) | 0.868 | 1.73(2) | 0.27(3) |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 3.1 | 7.5 | 4.9 | 17.4 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 1.3 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 0.9 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | — | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.18 |

4.37 PSR J2033+1734

In spite of a narrow peak of width $\sim 160 \mu\text{s}$ this MSP has a very large timing RMS of $14 \mu\text{s}$. With the absence of obvious systematics in the residuals, we attribute the poor timing precision to the extremely low flux density of this pulsar at 1400 MHz, $S_{1400} = 0.1$ mJy where all of our observations were performed. Indeed this pulsar was discovered by Ray et al. (1996) with the Arecibo telescope at 430 MHz and later followed up by Splaver (2004) still at 430 and 820 MHz with the Green Bank 140-ft telescope. Here we report with an independent dataset at 1400 MHz a similar proper motion result to Splaver (2004).

4.38 PSR J2124–3358

For the isolated PSR J2124–3358, our measured proper motion is consistent with the already precise value published by Verbiest et al. (2009). Our parallax $\pi = 2.50 \pm 0.36$ mas is also consistent with their results but with a better precision.

4.39 PSR J2145–0750

Despite its rotational period of 16 ms PSR J2145–0750 is characterized by a timing RMS of $1.8 \mu\text{s}$ thanks to its narrow leading peak and large average flux density, $S_{1400} = 7.2$ mJy. The EPTA dataset does not show any evidence for a variation of the orbital period of PSR J2145–0750 or a precession of periastron, even though Verbiest et al. (2009) reported a marginal detection

Table 9. Timing model parameters for PSRs J1910+1256, J1911+1347, J1911–1114 and J1918–0642. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J1910+1256 | J1911+1347 | J1911–1114 | J1918–0642 |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| MJD range | 53725 — 56828 | 54095 — 56827 | 53815 — 57027 | 52095 — 56769 |
| Number of TOAs | 112 | 140 | 130 | 278 |
| RMS timing residual (μs) | 1.9 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 3.0 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 19:10:09.701439(12) | 19:11:55.204679(5) | 19:11:49.28233(3) | 19:18:48.033114(7) |
| Declination, δ | 12:56:25.4869(4) | 13:47:34.38398(15) | –11:14:22.481(3) | –06:42:34.8896(4) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr ^{–1}) | 0.28(9) | –2.90(4) | –13.75(16) | –7.16(4) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr ^{–1}) | –7.37(15) | –3.74(6) | –9.1(10) | –5.95(11) |
| Period, P (ms) | 4.983584018674(3) | 4.6259625397749(6) | 3.625745633114(5) | 7.6458728874589(14) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 0.9675(17) | 1.6927(9) | 1.395(4) | 2.5686(17) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | 1.44(74) | — | — | — |
| DM (cm ^{–3} pc) | 38.094(11) | 30.987(6) | 31.02(11) | 26.610(11) |
| DM1 (cm ^{–3} pc yr ^{–1}) | –0.003(6) | 0.000(2) | –0.02(2) | 0.003(3) |
| DM2 (cm ^{–3} pc yr ^{–2}) | 0.0000(8) | –0.0002(5) | 0.003(3) | 0.0003(5) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | 58.466742964(14) | — | 2.7165576619(7) | 10.9131777490(4) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | 54079.3152(14) | — | 50456.5(3) | 51575.775(7) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | 21.1291036(7) | — | 1.7628746(9) | 8.3504665(10) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | 105.998(9) | — | 121(34) | 219.60(20) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | $2.3023(4) \times 10^{-4}$ | — | $1.6(10) \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.039(8) \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\kappa = e \times \sin \omega_0$ | — | — | $1.4(11) \times 10^{-6}$ | — |
| $\eta = e \times \cos \omega_0$ | — | — | $-8.4(91) \times 10^{-7}$ | — |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | — | — | 50455.6117845(13) | — |
| First derivative of x , \dot{x} | $-2.0(6) \times 10^{-14}$ | — | — | $0.9(1.8) \times 10^{-15}$ |
| Third harmonic of Shapiro, h_3 (μs) | — | — | — | 0.86(12) |
| Ratio of harmonics amplitude, ζ | — | — | — | 0.91(4) |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 46.6 | 47.5 | 25.1 | 30.0 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | 1.8 | 1.8 | –9.6 | –9.1 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | 554^{+461}_{-186} | — | — | — |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr ^{–1}) | 7.37(15) | 4.73(6) | 16.5(6) | 9.31(7) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.04(3) | 0.052 | 0.29 | 0.2 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.0002(1) | –0.00041 | –0.0084 | –0.016 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.003(3) | –0.031 | 0.025 | 0.039 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.93(3) | 1.67 | 1.09 | 2.35 |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 8.5 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 4.3 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | 0.18 | — | 0.11 | 0.22 |

with a slightly shorter data span characterized by a higher RMS timing residual. On the other hand, we detect a significant $\dot{x} = (8.2 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-15}$, which is not consistent with the marginal detection, $\dot{x} = (-3 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-15}$, reported by [Verbiest et al. \(2009\)](#).

4.40 PSR J2229+2643

With eight years of data on PSR J2229+2643, we measure $\mu_\alpha = -1.73 \pm 0.12$ mas yr^{–1} and $\mu_\delta = -5.82 \pm 0.15$ mas yr^{–1}. Our measured μ_δ is inconsistent with the last timing solution by [Wolszczan et al. \(2000\)](#) using the DE200 ephemeris ($\mu_\alpha = 1 \pm 4$ mas yr^{–1} and $\mu_\delta = -17 \pm 4$ mas yr^{–1}). Given our much smaller timing residual RMS, our use of the superior DE421 model and longer baseline, we are confident our value is more reliable. The expected timing signature of the parallax (0.7 μs) is too small to

be detected with the current dataset. Note that the early Effelsberg data recorded with the EPOS backend included in [Wolszczan et al. \(2000\)](#) are not part of this dataset.

4.41 PSR J2317+1439

Compared to [Camilo et al. \(1996\)](#) we are able to constrain the proper motion ($\mu_\alpha = -1.19 \pm 0.07$ mas yr^{–1} and $\mu_\delta = 3.33 \pm 0.13$ mas yr^{–1}) and eccentricity $e = (5.7 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-7}$ of the system through the use of the ELL1 parametrization. We also detect a marginal signature of the parallax $\pi = 0.7 \pm 0.3$ mas.

Table 10. Timing model parameters for PSRs J1939+2134, J1955+2908, J2010–1323 and J2019+2425. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J1939+2134 | J1955+2908 | J2010–1323 | J2019+2425 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| MJD range | 47958 — 56778 | 53813 — 56781 | 54089 — 56785 | 53451 — 56788 |
| Number of TOAs | 3174 | 157 | 390 | 130 |
| RMS timing residual (μs) | 34.5 | 6.5 | 1.9 | 9.6 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 19:39:38.561224(2) | 19:55:27.87574(3) | 20:10:45.920637(11) | 20:19:31.94082(8) |
| Declination, δ | 21:34:59.12570(4) | 29:08:43.4599(6) | –13:23:56.0668(7) | 24:25:15.0130(19) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr $^{-1}$) | 0.070(4) | –0.77(19) | 2.53(9) | –8.8(6) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | –0.401(5) | –4.7(3) | –5.7(4) | –19.9(7) |
| Period, P (ms) | 1.55780656108493(5) | 6.133166606620(5) | 5.2232710972195(3) | 3.934524144385(9) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 10.51065(3) | 2.979(5) | 0.4832(6) | 0.695(7) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | 0.22(8) | — | — | — |
| DM (cm $^{-3}$ pc) | 71.0237(13) | 104.54(6) | 22.174(11) | 17.17(12) |
| DM1 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-1}$) | 0.0000(4) | –0.00(1) | 0.0009(6) | –0.04(3) |
| DM2 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-2}$) | 0.00003(4) | –0.002(2) | –0.0004(3) | 0.004(4) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | — | 117.34909924(8) | — | 76.51163605(8) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | — | 46112.470(4) | — | 50054.652(12) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | — | 31.412661(11) | — | 38.767653(3) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | — | 29.452(10) | — | 159.07(6) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | — | $3.3021(7)\times 10^{-4}$ | — | $1.1113(11)\times 10^{-4}$ |
| First derivative of x , \dot{x} | — | $4.0(14)\times 10^{-14}$ | — | — |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 57.5 | 65.8 | 29.4 | 64.7 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | –0.3 | 0.4 | –23.5 | –6.6 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | 3266^{+1020}_{-658} | — | — | — |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | 0.407(5) | 4.8(3) | 6.2(4) | 21.7(7) |
| \dot{P}_{shk} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 0.00020(6) | 0.16 | 0.051 | 0.67 |
| \dot{P}_{kz} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | –0.0000069(26) | –3e-05 | –0.056 | –0.0053 |
| \dot{P}_{dgr} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | –0.04(2) | –0.27 | 0.02 | –0.042 |
| \dot{P}_{nt} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 10.55(2) | 3.09 | 0.469 | 0.0717 |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 0.2 | 3.1 | 17.7 | 87.0 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 4.1 | 4.4 | 1.6 | 0.5 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | — | 0.17 | — | 0.29 |

4.42 PSR J2322+2057

PSR J2322+2057 is an isolated MSP with a pulse profile consisting of two peaks separated by $\simeq 200^\circ$ (see Fig. A4). Nice & Taylor (1995) were the last to publish a timing solution for this last source in our dataset. We measure a proper motion consistent with their results albeit with much greater precision, $\mu = 24.0 \pm 0.4$ mas yr $^{-1}$.

5 DISCUSSION

5.1 Distances

In Table 13, we present the parallaxes measured from our data, based on the distance-dependent curvature of the wave-front coming from the pulsar. This curvature causes an arrival-time delay τ (in seconds) with a periodicity of six months and a maximal amplitude of (Lorimer & Kramer 2004):

$$\tau = \frac{d_\odot^2 \cos^2 \beta}{2cd} \quad (4)$$

where d_\odot is the distance of the Earth to the Sun, d is the distance of the SSB to the pulsar, c is the speed of light and β is the ecliptic latitude of the pulsar.

Because of the asymmetric error-volume, parallax measurements with significance less than $\sim 4\sigma$, are unreliable as the Lutz-Kelker bias dominates the measurement (Lutz & Kelker 1973; Verbiest et al. 2010). The Lutz-Kelker-corrected parallax values as well as the derived distances⁵ are also given in Table 13, based on the analytical corrections proposed by Verbiest et al. (2012) and the flux density values shown in Table 1.

In total, we present 22 new parallax measurements. Seven of these new measurements are for MSPs that had no previous distance measurement, but all of these are still strongly biased since their significance is at best 3σ . For five pulsars (specifically for PSRs J0030+0451, J1012+5307, J1022+1001, J1643–1224 and J1857+0943) our parallax measurement is of comparable signifi-

⁵ We remind the reader that the most likely distance is not necessarily equal to the inverse of the most likely parallax, given the non-linearity of the inversion.

Table 11. Timing model parameters for PSRs J2033+1734, J2124–3358, J2145–0750 and J2229+2643. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J2033+1734 | J2124–3358 | J2145–0750 | J2229+2643 |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MJD range | 53898 — 56789 | 53365 — 56795 | 50360 — 56761 | 53790 — 56796 |
| Number of TOAs | 194 | 544 | 800 | 316 |
| RMS timing residual (μ s) | 12.7 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 4.2 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | | | |
| Right ascension, α | 20:33:27.51418(7) | 21:24:43.847820(11) | 21:45:50.460593(9) | 22:29:50.885423(18) |
| Declination, δ | 17:34:58.5249(17) | –33:58:44.9190(3) | –07:50:18.4876(4) | 26:43:57.6812(4) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr $^{-1}$) | –5.9(5) | –14.04(8) | –9.58(4) | –1.73(12) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | –9.1(8) | –50.14(14) | –8.86(10) | –5.82(15) |
| Period, P (ms) | 5.948957630705(7) | 4.9311149439851(3) | 16.05242391938130(15) | 2.97781934162567(11) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 1.108(9) | 2.0569(5) | 2.9788(3) | 0.1522(4) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | — | 2.50(36) | 1.53(11) | — |
| DM (cm $^{-3}$ pc) | 25.00(13) | 4.585(9) | 8.983(3) | 22.72(3) |
| DM1 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-1}$) | –0.03(2) | 0.0005(7) | 0.00019(5) | 0.0008(5) |
| DM2 (cm $^{-3}$ pc yr $^{-2}$) | 0.002(4) | 0.0000(3) | 0.000006(26) | 0.0001(3) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | 56.30779617(7) | — | 6.83890261532(19) | 93.01589390(5) |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | 49878.125(11) | — | 50313.7121(7) | 49419.709(3) |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | 20.1631167(16) | — | 10.1641056(3) | 18.9125228(5) |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | 78.09(7) | — | 200.81(4) | 14.337(11) |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | 1.2861(14) $\times 10^{-4}$ | — | 1.9323(12) $\times 10^{-5}$ | 2.5525(5) $\times 10^{-4}$ |
| $\kappa = e \times \sin \omega_0$ | — | — | –6.866(12) $\times 10^{-6}$ | — |
| $\eta = e \times \cos \omega_0$ | — | — | –1.8062(12) $\times 10^{-5}$ | — |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | — | — | 50309.89724107(6) | — |
| First derivative of x , \dot{x} | — | — | 8.2(7) $\times 10^{-15}$ | — |
| Derived parameters | | | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 60.9 | 10.9 | 47.8 | 87.7 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | –13.2 | –45.4 | –42.1 | –26.3 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | — | 382 $^{+61}_{-47}$ | 645 $^{+47}_{-41}$ | — |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr $^{-1}$) | 10.8(7) | 52.07(14) | 13.05(8) | 6.07(15) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.34 | 1.2(2) | 0.43(3) | 0.038 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.041 | –0.06(1) | –0.30(2) | –0.053 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | –0.079 | 0.008(1) | –0.007(1) | –0.03 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.891 | 0.9(2) | 2.85(1) | 0.198 |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 10.6 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 23.9 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 2.3 | 2.1 | 6.9 | 0.8 |
| Min. companion mass (M_{\odot}) | 0.17 | — | 0.39 | 0.11 |

cance than the previously published value, but with the exception of PSR J1857+0943, our measurement precision is better than those published previously; and the lower significance is a consequence of the smaller parallax value measured (as predicted by the bias-correction). Our measurement for PSR J1857+0943 is slightly less precise than the value published by Verbiest et al. (2009), but consistent within 1σ .

Finally, we present improved parallax measurements for ten pulsars: PSRs J0613–0200, J0751+1807, J1024–0719, J1600–3053, J1713+0747, J1744–1134, J1909–3744, J1939+2134, J2124–3358 and J2145–0750. For seven of these the previous measurement was already free of bias, for the remaining three (PSRs J0613–0200, J0751+1807 and J2124–3358) our update reduces the bias to below the 1σ uncertainty level (with two out of three moving in the direction predicted by the bias-correction code). For three pulsars with previously published parallax measurements we only derive upper limits,

but two of these previous measurements (for PSRs J0218+4232 and J1853+1303) were of low significance and highly biased. Only PSR J1738+0333’s parallax was reliably measured with GBT and Arecibo data (Freire et al. 2012b) and not confirmed by us. Four pulsars had a known parallax before the creation of the NE2001 model, namely PSRs J1713+0747 (Camilo et al. 1994), J1744–1134 (Toscano et al. 1999b), J1857+0943 and J1939+2134 (Kaspi et al. 1994). These pulsars are therefore not included in our analysis of the NE2001 distance (see below), leaving us with a total of 21 parallaxes.

5.1.1 Distance comparison with NE2001 predictions

When comparing the bias-corrected distances presented in Table 13 with those predicted by the widely used NE2001 electron-density model for the Milky Way (Cordes & Lazio 2002), we find that the model performs reasonably well overall. However, significant off-

Table 12. Timing model parameters for PSRs J2317+1439 and J2322+2057. See caption of Table 2 for a description of this table.

| PSR Name | J2317+1439 | J2322+2057 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| MJD range | 50458 — 56794 | 53905 — 56788 |
| Number of TOAs | 555 | 229 |
| RMS timing residual (μ s) | 2.4 | 5.9 |
| Reference epoch (MJD) | 55000 | 55000 |
| Measured parameters | | |
| Right ascension, α | 23:17:09.236614(11) | 23:22:22.33516(7) |
| Declination, δ | 14:39:31.2563(4) | 20:57:02.6772(14) |
| Proper motion in α (mas yr ⁻¹) | -1.19(7) | -18.4(4) |
| Proper motion in δ (mas yr ⁻¹) | 3.33(13) | -15.4(5) |
| Period, P (ms) | 3.44525112564488(18) | 4.8084282894641(17) |
| Period derivative, \dot{P} ($\times 10^{-20}$) | 0.2433(3) | 0.9661(20) |
| Parallax, π (mas) | 0.7(3) | — |
| DM (cm ⁻³ pc) | 21.902(6) | 13.36(4) |
| DM1 (cm ⁻³ pc yr ⁻¹) | -0.0007(8) | -0.003(5) |
| DM2 (cm ⁻³ pc yr ⁻²) | -0.0002(2) | -0.000(1) |
| Orbital period, P_b (d) | 2.45933150327(12) | — |
| Epoch of periastron, T_0 (MJD) | 49300.92(11) | — |
| Projected semi-major axis, x (lt-s) | 2.31394874(18) | — |
| Longitude of periastron, ω_0 (deg) | 66(16) | — |
| Orbital eccentricity, e | $5.7(16) \times 10^{-7}$ | — |
| $\kappa = e \sin \omega_0$ | $5.2(16) \times 10^{-7}$ | — |
| $\eta = e \cos \omega_0$ | $2.3(16) \times 10^{-7}$ | — |
| Time of asc. node (MJD) | 49300.4724327(3) | — |
| Derived parameters | | |
| Gal. longitude, l (deg) | 91.4 | 96.5 |
| Gal. latitude, b (deg) | -42.4 | -37.3 |
| LK Px Distance, d (pc) | 1011^{+348}_{-220} | — |
| Composite PM, μ (mas yr ⁻¹) | 3.53(13) | 24.0(4) |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{shk}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.011(4) | 0.54 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{kz}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | -0.10(3) | -0.09 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | -0.017(6) | -0.02 |
| $\dot{P}_{\text{int}} (\times 10^{-20})$ | 0.35(4) | 0.538 |
| Characteristic age, τ_c (Gyr) | 15.6 | 14.2 |
| Surface magnetic field, B ($\times 10^8$ G) | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Min. companion mass (M_\odot) | 0.16 | — |

sets exist, primarily at high positive latitudes and large distance ($d > 2$ kpc) into the Galactic plane. In Fig 3, we plot this comparison for three ranges of Galactic latitude b (defined as low: $|b| < 20^\circ$, intermediate: $20^\circ < |b| < 40^\circ$ and high: $|b| > 40^\circ$) highlighting the weakness of NE2001 at high latitude. We find a mean uncertainty of 64%, 55% and 117% respectively for the NE2001 distances to be consistent with our measurement. On average, the NE2001 distances would require an uncertainty of 80%. This value is significantly higher than the 25% uncertainty typically assumed in the literature for this model; or than the fractional uncertainties displayed in Figure 12 of Cordes & Lazio (2002).

5.1.2 Distance comparison with M2 and M3 predictions

To improve on the shortcomings of NE2001, Schnitzeler (2012, hereafter S12) recently introduced two new models of the Galactic electron density based on Taylor & Cordes (1993, hereafter TC93) and NE2001, referred to as M2 and M3 in S12. In these two models, the author selected a set of 45 lines-of-sight to update the original

TC93 and NE2001 thick disk and fit for an exponential scale height of 1.59 and 1.31 kpc. In the selection process of these 45 lines-of-sight, S12 excluded pulsars lying in the Galactic plane, i.e. $|b| < 5^\circ$; see Section 4.2 of S12 for additional details.

The distance estimates given by M2 and M3 are reported in the fourth and fifth columns of Table 13. Except for seven and five pulsars, respectively, the new M2 and M3 distances are systematically higher than the NE2001 distances. In the case of PSR J1643–1224, M3 even predicts an infinite distance as it is unable to account for enough free electrons in the Galactic model towards this line-of-sight.

In Fig. 3 we show the comparison between the parallax distances and the NE2001, M2 and M3 distances as a function of the three Galactic latitude ranges defined in the previous section. As can be seen, the M2 and M3 predictions for high latitude pulsars are a slightly better match to the parallax distances than NE2001. However, for low latitude, the M2 and M3 distances are significantly higher than the parallax distances. To be consistent with the parallax distances, M2 requires uncertainties of 95%, 200% and

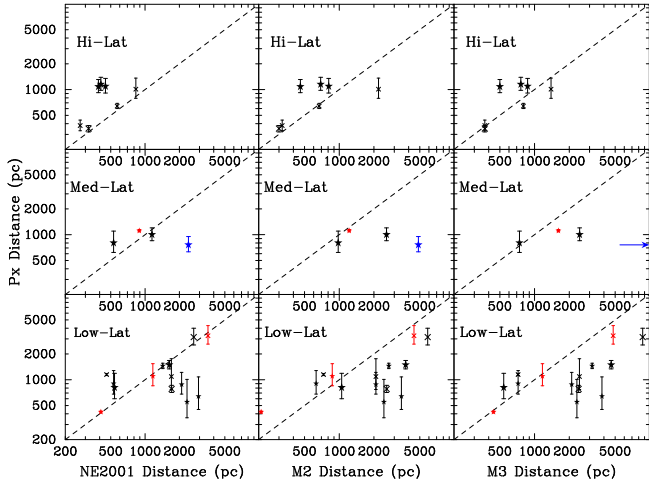


Figure 3. Comparison between the Lutz-Kelker bias corrected parallax distances (in ordinates) and the DM distances (in abscissa) for different Galactic latitudes b on logarithmic scales. The DM distances in the left, middle and right panels are derived from the NE2001, M2 and M3 models respectively. Top panels: the stars show pulsars with $b > 40^\circ$ and the crosses pulsars with $b < -40^\circ$. Middle panels: the stars show pulsars with $40^\circ > b > 20^\circ$ and the crosses pulsars with $-40^\circ < b < -20^\circ$. Bottom panels: the stars show pulsars with $20^\circ > b > 0^\circ$ and the crosses pulsars with $-20^\circ < b < 0^\circ$. The red symbols indicate pulsars with a known parallax before NE2001 was created, namely PSRs J1713+0747, J1744–1134, J1857+0943 and J1939+2134. The blue symbol indicates PSR J1643–1224 where its corresponding M3 distance is infinite and represented by an arrow.

53% while M3 requires 113%, 202% and 41% for low, intermediate and high latitude respectively. This result is not surprising as low latitude pulsars have been excluded in the S12 analysis. On average, M2 and M3 require an uncertainty of 96% and 102%, significantly higher than our estimated uncertainty for NE2001.

In Fig. 4 we follow the method introduced by S12 to further compare the quality of the DM models and plot the cumulative distribution of the N factor:

$$N = \begin{cases} D_{\text{model}}/D_\pi, & \text{if } D_{\text{model}} > D_\pi \\ D_\pi/D_{\text{model}}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

with D_π and D_{model} being the parallax distance and distance from a given Galactic electron density model (NE2001, M2 or M3), respectively. As can be seen, the NE2001 model provides on average slightly better distance estimates (lower N) than the M2 or M3 models. M3 gives more accurate distance than M2 for the first half of lines-of-sight (when the prediction of both models is the best) but gets superseded by M2 when N increases.

5.2 Proper motions and 2-D spatial velocities

Stellar evolution modeling by Tauris & Bailes (1996) and Cordes & Chernoff (1997) predicted that the recycled MSP population would have a smaller spatial velocity than the normal pulsar population. A study by Toscano et al. (1999a) found a mean transverse velocity \bar{V}_T for MSPs of $85 \pm 13 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ based on a sample of 23 objects. They noted that this value is four times lower than the ordinary young pulsar velocity. The authors also observed isolated MSPs to have a velocity two-thirds smaller than the binary MSPs. With an ever increasing number of MSPs, further studies by Hobbs et al. (2005) and Gonzalez et al. (2011) found no statistical evidence for a difference in the velocity distribution of isolated

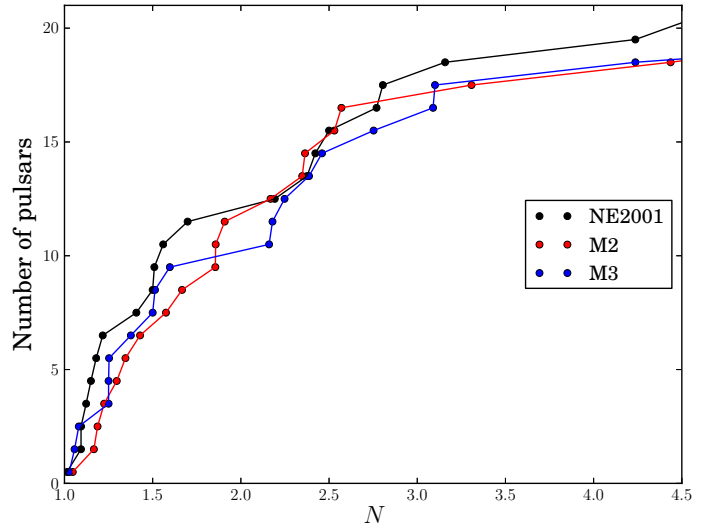


Figure 4. Cumulative distribution of the N factor between the DM distance and the parallax distance (see Eq. 5). These distributions include the 21 pulsars with measured parallaxes in Table 13. The DM distances are derived from the NE2001, M2 and M3 models and represented in black, red and blue respectively.

and binary MSPs. Hobbs et al. (2005) reported on $\bar{V}_T = 76 \pm 16$ and $\bar{V}_T = 89 \pm 15 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for isolated and binary MSPs respectively while Gonzalez et al. (2011) found $\bar{V}_T = 68 \pm 16$ and $\bar{V}_T = 96 \pm 15 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for isolated and binary MSPs. All these results are in agreement with other work by Lommen et al. (2006).

Within our sample of 42 MSPs, we measured seven new proper motions, of which three are for isolated MSPs (PSRs J1843–1113, J1911+1347 and J2010–1323) and 4 are for binary MSPs (PSRs J0034–0534, J0900–3144, J1751–2857 and J1804–2717). In addition, we improved the precision of the proper-motion measurement by a factor of ten for seven other MSPs (PSRs J0610–2100, J0613–0200, J1455–3330, J1801–1417, J1911–1114, J2229+2643 and J2317+1439).

These improvements in the proper motion as well as the distance estimates presented in Section 5.1 and recent discoveries of MSPs published elsewhere led us to re-examine the distribution of V_T , the transverse velocity of MSPs in km s^{-1} , where

$$V_T = 4.74 \text{ km s}^{-1} \times \mu \times d. \quad (6)$$

Again, μ is the proper motion in mas yr^{-1} and d the distance to the pulsar in kpc. In this analysis we considered all known MSPs listed in the ATNF pulsar catalogue, but discarding pulsars in globular clusters, double neutron stars or pulsars with $P > 20$ ms. This represents 19 isolated and 57 binary pulsars for a total of 76 MSPs. In comparison, the last published MSP velocity study by Gonzalez et al. (2011) made use of 10 isolated and 27 binary MSPs with P below 10 ms. If we choose to restrict our sample to pulsars with P below 10 ms, only 6 binary pulsars would not pass our criteria. The selected isolated and binary pulsars are listed in Tables 14 and 15 respectively. The distances used in the calculation of V_T and reported in the third column of Tables 14 and 15 are the best distance estimates available, either coming from the Lutz-Kelker-corrected parallax or the NE2001 model.

We find an average velocity of $88 \pm 17 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $93 \pm 13 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the isolated and binary MSPs, respectively. For the en-

Table 13. Summary of pulsar parallaxes and distance estimates. The columns give the pulsar name, the DM, the distance based on the NE2001 electron density model D_{NE2001} (Cordes & Lazio 2002), the distance based on the M2 and M3 models, D_{M2} and D_{M3} (Schnitzeler 2012), an upper limit on the distance D_p (only indicated when this limit is < 15 kpc; see text), the previously published parallax value π_{hist} , our new measurement of the parallax π and the LK-bias corrected parallax π_{corr} with the corresponding distance D_π . For clarity, the values in bold show the updated or new parallax measurements as part of this work. The references for π_{hist} can be found in Table 1.

| PSR JName | DM (cm^{-3}pc) | D_{NE2001} (kpc) | D_{M2} (kpc) | D_{M3} (kpc) | D_p (kpc) | π_{hist} (mas) | π (mas) | π_{corr} (mas) | D_π (kpc) |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| J0030+0451 | 4.33 | 0.32 | 0.30 | 0.37 | — | 4.1 ± 0.3 | 2.79 ± 0.23 | $2.71^{+0.23}_{-0.23}$ | $0.35^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$ |
| J0034-0534 | 13.76 | 0.54 | 1.27 | 1.23 | — | — | — | — | — |
| J0218+4232 | 61.25 | 2.67 | 5.85 | 8.67 | — | 0.16 ± 0.09 | — | $0.22^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$ | $3.15^{+0.85a}_{-0.60}$ |
| J0610-2100 | 60.66 | 3.54 | 5.64 | 8.94 | < 3.85 | — | — | — | — |
| J0613-0200 | 38.78 | 1.71 | 2.58 | 2.41 | < 11.19 | 0.8 ± 0.35 | 1.25 ± 0.13 | $1.21^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$ | $0.78^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ |
| J0621+1002 | 36.45 | 1.36 | 2.02 | 1.90 | — | — | — | — | — |
| J0751+1807 | 30.25 | 1.15 | 2.57 | 2.46 | < 4.71 | 1.6 ± 0.8 | 0.82 ± 0.17 | $0.74^{+0.17}_{-0.17}$ | $1.07^{+0.24}_{-0.17}$ |
| J0900-3144 | 75.70 | 0.54 | 1.05 | 0.54 | — | — | 0.77 ± 0.44 | $0.35^{+0.32}_{-0.16}$ | $0.81^{+0.38}_{-0.21}$ |
| J1012+5307 | 9.02 | 0.41 | 0.69 | 0.76 | < 2.14 | 1.22 ± 0.26 | 0.71 ± 0.17 | $0.70^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$ | $1.15^{+0.24}_{-0.17}$ |
| J1022+1001 | 10.25 | 0.45 | 0.81 | 0.87 | < 3.3 | 1.8 ± 0.3 | 0.72 ± 0.20 | $0.70^{+0.18}_{-0.17}$ | $1.09^{+0.26}_{-0.18}$ |
| J1024-0719 | 6.49 | 0.39 | 0.46 | 0.50 | < 0.43 | 1.9 ± 0.4 | 0.80 ± 0.17 | $0.75^{+0.16}_{-0.16}$ | $1.08^{+0.23}_{-0.16}$ |
| J1455-3330 | 13.56 | 0.53 | 0.98 | 0.74 | — | — | 1.04 ± 0.35 | $0.49^{+0.35}_{-0.24}$ | $0.80^{+0.30}_{-0.18}$ |
| J1600-3053 | 52.32 | 1.63 | 3.77 | 4.62 | — | 0.2 ± 0.15 | 0.64 ± 0.07 | $0.62^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$ | $1.49^{+0.19}_{-0.15}$ |
| J1640+2224 | 18.42 | 1.16 | 1.61 | 2.63 | < 3.43 | — | — | — | — |
| J1643-1224 | 62.41 | 2.40 | 4.86 | > 50 | — | 2.2 ± 0.4 | 1.17 ± 0.26 | $0.99^{+0.26}_{-0.27}$ | $0.76^{+0.19}_{-0.13}$ |
| J1713+0747 | 15.99 | 0.89 | 1.22 | 1.61 | — | 0.94 ± 0.05 | 0.90 ± 0.03 | $0.90^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$ | $1.11^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$ |
| J1721-2457 | 48.68 | 1.30 | 1.67 | 1.84 | < 0.96 | — | — | — | — |
| J1730-2304 | 9.61 | 0.53 | 0.63 | 0.72 | < 1.85 | — | 0.86 ± 0.32 | $0.21^{+0.38}_{-0.07}$ | $0.90^{+0.38}_{-0.22}$ |
| J1738+0333 | 33.80 | 1.43 | 2.60 | 3.16 | — | 0.68 ± 0.05 | — | $0.67^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$ | $1.45^{+0.11}_{-0.10}$ |
| J1744-1134 | 3.13 | 0.41 | 0.21 | 0.44 | < 1.9 | 2.4 ± 0.1 | 2.38 ± 0.08 | $2.37^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$ | $0.42^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ |
| J1751-2857 | 42.90 | 1.10 | 1.51 | 1.73 | < 5.92 | — | — | — | — |
| J1801-1417 | 57.19 | 1.52 | 1.90 | 2.17 | < 3.47 | — | — | — | — |
| J1802-2124 | 149.63 | 2.94 | 3.46 | 3.84 | — | — | 1.24 ± 0.57 | $0.08^{+0.13}_{-0.03}$ | $0.64^{+0.44}_{-0.19}$ |
| J1804-2717 | 24.57 | 0.78 | 1.29 | 1.13 | < 4.73 | — | — | — | — |
| J1843-1113 | 59.95 | 1.70 | 2.08 | 2.45 | — | — | 0.69 ± 0.33 | $0.11^{+0.15}_{-0.04}$ | $1.09^{+0.67}_{-0.32}$ |
| J1853+1303 | 30.65 | 2.08 | 1.08 | 2.10 | — | 1.0 ± 0.3 | — | $0.19^{+0.32}_{-0.08}$ | $0.88^{+0.34}_{-0.20}$ |
| J1857+0943 | 13.30 | 1.17 | 0.87 | 1.17 | — | 1.1 ± 0.2 | 0.70 ± 0.26 | $0.20^{+0.31}_{-0.10}$ | $1.10^{+0.44}_{-0.25}$ |
| J1909-3744 | 10.39 | 0.46 | 0.73 | 0.72 | < 1.42 | 0.79 ± 0.02 | 0.87 ± 0.02 | $0.87^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$ | $1.15^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$ |
| J1910+1256 | 38.10 | 2.33 | 2.44 | 2.33 | — | — | 1.44 ± 0.74 | $0.11^{+0.11}_{-0.04}$ | $0.55^{+0.46}_{-0.19}$ |
| J1911+1347 | 30.98 | 2.07 | 1.88 | 2.07 | — | — | — | — | — |
| J1911-1114 | 30.97 | 1.23 | 2.01 | 1.86 | < 6.01 | — | — | — | — |
| J1918-0642 | 26.54 | 1.24 | 1.79 | 1.75 | — | — | — | — | — |
| J1939+2134 | 71.02 | 3.56 | 4.45 | 4.81 | — | 0.13 ± 0.07 | 0.22 ± 0.08 | $0.19^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$ | $3.27^{+1.02}_{-0.66}$ |
| J1955+2908 | 104.55 | 4.64 | 6.73 | 6.75 | — | — | — | — | — |
| J2010-1323 | 22.18 | 1.02 | 1.78 | 1.95 | — | — | — | — | — |
| J2019+2425 | 17.15 | 1.50 | 1.16 | 1.50 | < 1.67 | — | — | — | — |
| J2033+1734 | 25.01 | 2.00 | 1.85 | 2.17 | < 10.51 | — | — | — | — |
| J2124-3358 | 4.58 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.37 | < 0.67 | 3.1 ± 0.6 | 2.50 ± 0.36 | $2.31^{+0.36}_{-0.36}$ | $0.38^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$ |
| J2145-0750 | 8.98 | 0.57 | 0.67 | 0.79 | — | 1.6 ± 0.3 | 1.53 ± 0.11 | $1.51^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$ | $0.64^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$ |
| J2229+2643 | 22.66 | 1.43 | 1.94 | 2.23 | — | — | — | — | — |
| J2317+1439 | 21.90 | 0.83 | 2.19 | 1.39 | — | — | 0.7 ± 0.3 | $0.55^{+0.24}_{-0.18}$ | $1.01^{+0.35}_{-0.22}$ |
| J2322+2057 | 13.55 | 0.80 | 1.06 | 1.12 | < 1.81 | — | — | — | — |

^a For PSR J0218+4232 the parallax was obtained through VLBI observations (Du et al. 2014) but the inferred large distance was later corrected by Verbiest & Lorimer (2014) for the Lutz-Kelker bias.

the MSP dataset, we get an average velocity of $92 \pm 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Our results are consistent with the work by Hobbs et al. (2005) and Gonzalez et al. (2011).

When we keep only the pulsars with a more reliable distance estimate (i.e. pulsars with a parallax measurement), 8 isolated and 20 binary MSPs are left in our sample. In this case, we find an average velocity of $75 \pm 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $56 \pm 3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the isolated and binary MSPs respectively. Conversely, we get an average ve-

locity of $98 \pm 29 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $113 \pm 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the pulsars with a distance coming from the Galactic electron density models. The explanations for this discrepancy are twofold: the NE2001 model is overestimating the distances for low Galactic latitude as shown in Fig. 3 and our sample of 2-D velocities is biased against distant low-velocity MSPs. Nearby pulsars are likely to have a parallax and a proper-motion measurement whereas distant pulsars would

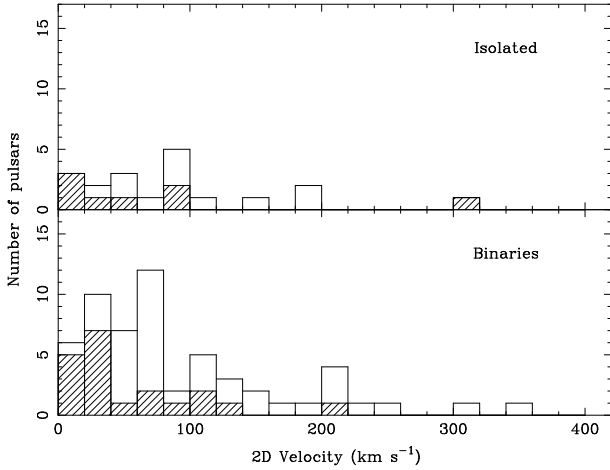


Figure 5. Histogram of the 2-D velocity distribution for a sample of 19 isolated MSPs (top panel) and 57 binary MSPs (bottom panel). The respective average velocities are $88 \pm 17 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $96 \pm 12 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The hatched part of the histogram shows the pulsars with a distance estimate from the parallax measurement (8 isolated and 21 binary MSPs).

most likely have a distance estimate from the NE2001 model and a proper-motion measurement for the high-velocity pulsars only.

Fig. 5 shows the histogram of the velocities for both the isolated and binary MSPs populations. A two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) test between the full isolated and binary MSPs velocity distributions results in a KS-statistic of 0.14 and a p-value of 0.92. If we perform the same test on the pulsars with a parallax distance, we get a KS-statistic of 0.25 and a p-value of 0.81. For both cases, we therefore cannot reject the null hypothesis and we argue that there is no statistical evidence for the measurements to be drawn from different distributions. This supports the scenario that both isolated and binary MSPs evolve from the same population of binary pulsars.

5.3 Shklovskii and Galactic acceleration contributions

The observed pulse period derivatives, \dot{P} , reported in Tables 2 to 12 are different from their intrinsic values \dot{P}_{int} . This is because it includes the ‘Shklovskii’ contribution due to the transverse velocity of the pulsar (\dot{P}_{shk} , Shklovskii 1970), the acceleration from the differential Galactic rotation (\dot{P}_{dgr}) and the acceleration towards the Galactic disk (\dot{P}_{kz}) (Damour & Taylor 1991; Nice & Taylor 1995). Hence \dot{P}_{int} can be written as

$$\dot{P}_{\text{int}} = \dot{P} - \dot{P}_{\text{shk}} - \dot{P}_{\text{dgr}} - \dot{P}_{\text{kz}}, \quad (7)$$

where the Shklovskii contribution \dot{P}_{shk} is given by

$$\frac{\dot{P}_{\text{shk}}}{P} = \frac{\mu^2 d}{c}. \quad (8)$$

Again d is our best distance estimate for the pulsar and μ our measured composite proper motion. The equation for \dot{P}_{dgr} is taken from Nice & Taylor (1995) with updated values for the distance to the Galactic center $R_0 = 8.34 \pm 0.16 \text{ kpc}$ and the Galactic rotation speed at the Sun $\Theta = 240 \pm 8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (Reid et al. 2014). \dot{P}_{kz} is taken from the linear interpolation of the K_z model in Holmberg & Flynn (2004, see Fig. 8).

To compute these contributions with full error propagation we use the distances from Table 13 and the proper motions shown in Tables 14 and 15. These values are reported for each pulsar at the

bottom of Tables 2 to 12. The magnitudes of all three corrective terms to \dot{P} depend on the distance d to the pulsar. Alternatively, as the pulsar braking torque causes the spin period to increase (i.e. \dot{P} to be positive) in systems where no mass transfer is taking place, we used this constraint to set an upper limit, $D_{\dot{P}}$, on the distance to the pulsar by assuming all the observed \dot{P} is a result of kinematic and Galactic acceleration effects. This upper limit $D_{\dot{P}}$ is shown in column 5 of Table 13 for 19 pulsars, where this upper limit is below 15 kpc.

For all pulsars except PSRs J0610–2100, J1024–0719 and J1721–2457, the upper limits $D_{\dot{P}}$ are consistent with both the NE2001 and M3 distances, D_{NE2001} and D_{M3} respectively. For PSR J0610–2100, $D_{\text{M3}} = 8.94 \text{ kpc}$ is ruled out by $D_{\dot{P}} < 3.89 \text{ kpc}$. We note that for this pulsar, D_{M3} is 2.5 times higher than D_{NE2001} . For PSR J1721–2457, both D_{NE2001} and D_{M3} are ruled out by $D_{\dot{P}} < 0.96 \text{ kpc}$. The case of PSR J1024–0719 is discussed below.

For nine pulsars, an independent estimate of the distance from the parallax measurement is available. For all nine pulsars but PSR J1024–0719, the parallax distance is consistent with the upper limit $D_{\dot{P}}$. PSR J1024–0719 has $D_{\dot{P}} < 0.42 \text{ kpc}$ but a reported Lutz-Kelker-corrected distance $D_{\pi} = 1.08^{+0.28}_{-0.16} \text{ kpc}$, $\sim 4\sigma$ away above the upper limit $D_{\dot{P}}$. To explain this discrepancy (also discussed in Espinoza et al. (2013); Abdo et al. (2013)), we argue that PSR J1024–0719 must be subject to a minimum relative acceleration a along the line of sight,

$$a = \frac{|\dot{P} - \dot{P}_{\text{int}}|}{P} \times c = 1.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m s}^{-2}. \quad (9)$$

A possible explanation for this acceleration is the presence of a nearby star, orbiting PSR J1024–0719 in a very long period. A possible companion has been identified by Sutarua et al. (2003).

The same reasoning behind the corrections of Eq. 7 also apply to the observed orbital period derivative \dot{P}_b . In addition to the previous terms, we also consider the contribution due to gravitational radiation assuming GR, $\dot{P}_{b, \text{GR}}$ but neglect the contributions from mass loss in the binary, tidal interactions or changes in the gravitational constant G . $\dot{P}_{b, \text{GR}}$ is therefore the only contribution independent of the distance to the pulsar system but requires an estimate of the masses of the binary.

As we measured the orbital period derivative for four pulsars (PSRs J0613–0200, J0751+1807, J1012+5307 and J1909–3744), we investigate here the possible bias in those measurements assuming the parallax distances from Table 13. Conversely, Bell & Bailes (1996) (hereafter BB96) pointed out that the measurement of \dot{P}_b would potentially lead to more accurate distance than the annual parallax. Hence, we also present a new distance estimate, $D_{\dot{P}_b}$, assuming the observed \dot{P}_b is the sum of all four contributions described above. These results are shown in Table 16.

To estimate the gravitational radiation contribution to \dot{P}_b for PSR J0613–0200 without a mass measurement, we assumed $m_p = 1.4 M_{\odot}$ and $i = 60^\circ$. The resulting distance estimate is $D_{\dot{P}_b} = 1.68 \pm 0.33 \text{ kpc}$. This result is 2.2σ consistent with the parallax distance and currently limited by the precision on the measured \dot{P}_b . Continued timing of this pulsar will greatly improve this test as the uncertainty on \dot{P}_b decrease as $t^{-2.5}$. For PSR J0751+1807, we measure a negative orbital period derivative, $\dot{P}_b = (-3.50 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-14}$, meaning the Shklovskii effect is not the dominant contribution to \dot{P}_b in this system. We also note that our measured composite proper motion is 3.3σ higher than the value in Nice et al. (2005) resulting in a Shklovskii contribution to \dot{P}_b that is five times larger than the one quoted in Nice et al. (2005). In the next section, we will combine the corrected orbital period derivative from acceleration bias

Table 14. Summary of the transverse motion of the isolated MSPs. The columns indicate the pulsar name, the composite proper motion, the distance and the corresponding transverse velocity. The last column shows the last reference with published proper motion and distance measurements. The distances refer to the best distance estimates available, either the parallax when uncertainties are given or the NE2001 distance (indicated by †) where a 80% error is assumed. Values in bold face indicate the new proper-motion measurements.

| PSR JName | μ (mas yr ⁻¹) | Distance (pc) | 2D Velocity (km s ⁻¹) | Reference |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| J0030+0451 | 5.9 ± 0.5 | 350 ± 30 | 9.8 ± 1.2 | This work |
| J0645+5158 | 7.60 ± 0.20 | 700 ± 200 | 25 ± 7 | Stovall et al. (2014) |
| J0711–6830 | 21.08 ± 0.08 | 860 [†] | 86 ± 69 | Verbiest et al. (2009) |
| J1024–0719 | 59.72 ± 0.06 | 1080 ± 230 | 306 ± 65 | This work |
| J1453+1902 | 7.5 ± 2.2 | 1150 [†] | 41 ± 35 | Lorimer et al. (2007) |
| J1721–2457 | 25.5 ± 15.3 | 1300 [†] | 157 ± 157 | This work |
| J1730–2304 | 22.6 ± 4.8 | 900 ± 300 | 96 ± 38 | This work |
| J1744–1134 | 21.009 ± 0.014 | 420 ± 10 | 41.8 ± 1.0 | This work |
| J1801–1417 | 11.30 ± 0.27 | 1520 [†] | 81 ± 65 | This work |
| J1843–1113 | 3.76 ± 0.22 | 1090 ± 670 | 19 ± 12 | This work |
| J1905+0400 | 8.2 ± 0.4 | 1700 [†] | 66 ± 53 | Gonzalez et al. (2011) |
| J1911+1347 | 4.73 ± 0.05 | 2070 [†] | 46 ± 37 | This work |
| J1923+2515 | 24.3 ± 6.8 | 1630 [†] | 188 ± 159 | Lynch et al. (2013) |
| J1939+2134 | 0.407 ± 0.005 | 3270 ± 1020 | 6.3 ± 2.0 | This work |
| J1944+0907 | 21.6 ± 2.5 | 1790 [†] | 183 ± 148 | Champion et al. (2005) |
| J1955+2527 | 3.1 ± 0.7 | 7510 [†] | 110 ± 92 | Deneva et al. (2012) |
| J2010–1323 | 6.24 ± 0.33 | 1030 [†] | 30 ± 24 | This work |
| J2124–3358 | 52.07 ± 0.13 | 380 ± 60 | 94 ± 15 | This work |
| J2322+2057 | 24.0 ± 0.4 | 800 [†] | 91 ± 73 | This work |

$\dot{P}_{b,corr} = \dot{P}_b - \dot{P}_{b,kin} - \dot{P}_{b,kz} - \dot{P}_{b,dgr} = (-4.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-14}$ with the measurement of the Shapiro delay to constrain the masses of the two stars.

For PSR J1012+5307, we measured the orbital period derivative $\dot{P}_b = (6.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-14}$, a value similar to the one reported by Lazaridis et al. (2009). We also find the contributions to \dot{P}_b to be consistent with their work. After taking into account the companion mass and inclination angle from van Kerkwijk et al. (1996); Callanan et al. (1998) to compute $\dot{P}_{b,GR}$, we find $D_{\dot{P}_b} = 940 \pm 30$ pc, in very good agreement with the optical (van Kerkwijk et al. 1996; Callanan et al. 1998) and parallax distance, but more precise by a factor three and eight, respectively.

The bias in the orbital period derivative measured for PSR J1909–3744 is almost solely due to the Shklovskii effect. We get $D_{\dot{P}_b} = 1140 \pm 11$ pc. This result with a fractional uncertainty of only 1% is also in very good agreement with the parallax distance.

Twenty years ago, BB96 predicted that after only 10 years, several of the MSPs included in this paper would have a better determination of the distance through the measurement of the Shklovskii contribution to \dot{P}_b compared to the annual parallax. However we achieved a better distance estimate from \dot{P}_b than the parallax for only two pulsars so far.

We investigate here the pulsars for which we should have detected \dot{P}_b based on the work by BB96 (i.e. PSRs J1455–3330, J2019+2425 J2145–0750 and J2317+1439). In their paper, BB96 assumed a transverse velocity of 69 km s⁻¹ for pulsars where the proper motion was not measured and adopted the distance to the pulsar based on the Taylor & Cordes (1993) Galactic electron density model.

In the case of PSR J2019+2425, our measured proper motion is similar to the value used by BB96 and the time span of our data is nine years. The peak-to-peak timing signature of the Shklovskii contribution to \dot{P}_b (see Eq. 1 of BB96) is $\Delta T_{pm} = 6 \pm 5$ μ s, with the large uncertainty coming from the NE2001 distance assumed. For the three remaining pulsars, no proper-motion measurement was

available at the time and BB96 assumed in those cases a transverse velocity of 69 km s⁻¹. However our new results reported in Table 15 show much smaller transverse velocities for PSRs J1455–3330, J2145–0750 and J2317+1439, with 31 ± 12 km s⁻¹, 40 ± 3 km s⁻¹, 17 ± 6 km s⁻¹ respectively, resulting in a much lower Shklovskii contribution to \dot{P}_b than predicted by BB96, explaining the non-detection of this parameter after 10 to 17 years of data with our current timing precision.

5.4 Shapiro delay and mass measurement

In Figures 6 to 8, we plot, assuming GR, the joint 2-D probability density function of the Shapiro delay that comes directly out of the TempoNest analysis for the three pulsars we achieve greatly improved mass measurements, PSRs J0751+1807, J1600–3053 and J1918–0642, respectively. For PSR J0751+1807, we use the corrected orbital period derivative, $\dot{P}_{b,corr} = (-4.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-14}$, derived in the previous section to further constrain the masses of the system. The projection of the parameters \dot{P}_b and ζ gives the following 68.3% confidence levels: $m_p = 1.64 \pm 0.15 M_\odot$ and $m_c = 0.16 \pm 0.01 M_\odot$. The inclination angle is constrained with $\cos i < 0.64$ (2σ). Our new pulsar mass measurement is 1.3σ larger from the latest mass value published in Nice et al. (2008).

In the case of PSR J1600–3053, the posterior results from TempoNest give $\cos i = 0.36 \pm 0.06$, $m_p = 1.22^{+0.50}_{-0.35} M_\odot$ and $m_c = 0.21^{+0.06}_{-0.04} M_\odot$. We now have an accurate mass of the companion compared to the marginal detection by Verbiest et al. (2009). Given the eccentricity $e \sim 1.7 \times 10^{-4}$ of this system, a detection of the precession of periastron is likely to happen in the near future and would greatly improve the pulsar mass measurement.

The results for PSR J1918–0642 translate into a pulsar mass $m_p = 1.25^{+0.6}_{-0.4} M_\odot$ and a companion mass $m_c = 0.23 \pm 0.07 M_\odot$. The cosine of the inclination angle is $0.09^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$. Based on the mass estimates for the companions to PSRs J1600–3053 and

Table 15. Summary of the transverse motion of the binary MSPs. The columns indicate the pulsar name, the composite proper motion, the distance and the corresponding transverse velocity. The last column shows the last reference with published proper motion and distance measurements. The distances refer to the best distance estimates available, either the parallax when uncertainties are given or the NE2001 distance (indicated by †) where a 80% error is assumed. Values in bold face indicate the new proper-motion measurements.

| PSR JName | μ (mas yr ⁻¹) | Distance (pc) | 2D Velocity (km s ⁻¹) | Reference |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| J0034–0534 | 12.1 ± 0.5 | 540 [†] | 31 ± 25 | This work |
| J0101–6422 | 15.6 ± 1.7 | 560 [†] | 41 ± 33 | Kerr et al. (2012) |
| J0218+4232 | 6.18 ± 0.09 | 3150 [†] | 92 ± 25 | Verbiest & Lorimer (2014) |
| J0437–4715 | 141.29 ± 0.06 | 156.0 ± 1.0 | 104.5 ± 0.7 | Deller et al. (2008) |
| J0610–2100 | 19.05 ± 0.11 | 3540 [†] | 320 ± 256 | This work |
| J0613–0200 | 10.514 ± 0.016 | 780 ± 80 | 39 ± 4 | This work |
| J0636+5129 | 4.7 ± 0.9 | 490 [†] | 11 ± 9 | Stovall et al. (2014) |
| J0751+1807 | 13.66 ± 0.23 | 1070 ± 240 | 69 ± 16 | This work |
| J0900–3144 | 2.26 ± 0.06 | 810 ± 380 | 9 ± 4 | This work |
| J1012+5307 | 25.615 ± 0.010 | 1150 ± 240 | 140 ± 29 | This work |
| J1017–7156 | 9.96 ± 0.06 | 2980 [†] | 141 ± 113 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1023+0038 | 17.98 ± 0.04 | 1370 ± 40 | 116.8 ± 3.4 | Deller et al. (2012) |
| J1045–4509 | 8.01 ± 0.20 | 1960 [†] | 74 ± 60 | Verbiest et al. (2009) |
| J1125–5825 | 10.28 ± 0.30 | 2620 [†] | 128 ± 102 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1231–1411 | 104.4 ± 2.2 | 440 [†] | 218 ± 100 | Ransom et al. (2011) |
| J1300+1240 | 96.15 ± 0.07 | 450 [†] | 205 ± 164 | Konacki & Wolszczan (2003) |
| J1337–6423 | 9.2 ± 5.4 | 5080 [†] | 222 ± 220 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1405–4656 | 48.3 ± 6.9 | 580 [†] | 133 ± 108 | Bates et al. (2015) |
| J1431–4715 | 10.6 ± 3.6 | 1560 [†] | 78 ± 68 | Bates et al. (2015) |
| J1446–4701 | 4.47 ± 0.22 | 1460 [†] | 31 ± 25 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1455–3330 | 8.19 ± 0.09 | 800 ± 300 | 31 ± 12 | This work |
| J1543–5149 | 5.9 ± 1.7 | 2420 [†] | 68 ± 58 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1600–3053 | 7.00 ± 0.07 | 1490 ± 190 | 49 ± 6 | This work |
| J1603–7202 | 7.84 ± 0.09 | 1170 [†] | 43 ± 35 | Verbiest et al. (2009) |
| J1640+2224 | 11.485 ± 0.030 | 1160 [†] | 63 ± 51 | This work |
| J1643–1224 | 7.28 ± 0.08 | 760 ± 190 | 26 ± 7 | This work |
| J1708–3506 | 5.7 ± 1.3 | 2790 [†] | 75 ± 63 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1709+2313 | 10.2 ± 0.9 | 1410 [†] | 68 ± 55 | Lewandowski et al. (2004) |
| J1713+0747 | 6.2865 ± 0.0032 | 1110 ± 40 | 33.1 ± 1.2 | This work |
| J1719–1438 | 11.2 ± 2.0 | 1210 [†] | 64 ± 53 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1731–1847 | 6.2 ± 2.9 | 2550 [†] | 75 ± 69 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1738+0333 | 8.65 ± 0.12 | 1470 ± 100 | 60 ± 4 | Freire et al. (2012b) |
| J1745–0952 | 23.9 ± 2.5 | 1830 [†] | 207 ± 167 | Janssen et al. (2010) |
| J1745+1017 | 7.8 ± 1.0 | 1260 [†] | 47 ± 38 | Barr et al. (2013a) |
| J1751–2857 | 8.5 ± 0.6 | 1110 [†] | 45 ± 36 | This work |
| J1801–3210 | 13.6 ± 8.2 | 4030 [†] | 260 ± 260 | Ng et al. (2014) |
| J1802–2124 | 3.5 ± 3.2 | 640 ± 440 | 11 ± 12 | This work |
| J1804–2717 | 17.3 ± 2.4 | 780 [†] | 64 ± 52 | This work |
| J1816+4510 | 6.1 ± 0.9 | 2410 [†] | 70 ± 57 | Stovall et al. (2014) |
| J1853+1303 | 3.22 ± 0.15 | 880 ± 340 | 13 ± 5 | Gonzalez et al. (2011) |
| J1857+0943 | 6.028 ± 0.022 | 1100 ± 440 | 31 ± 13 | This work |
| J1903+0327 | 5.60 ± 0.11 | 6360 [†] | 169 ± 135 | Freire et al. (2011) |
| J1909–3744 | 37.020 ± 0.009 | 1150 ± 30 | 202 ± 5 | This work |
| J1910+1256 | 7.37 ± 0.15 | 550 ± 460 | 19 ± 16 | This work |
| J1911–1114 | 16.5 ± 0.5 | 1220 [†] | 95 ± 76 | This work |
| J1918–0642 | 9.31 ± 0.07 | 1240 [†] | 55 ± 44 | This work |
| J1949+3106 | 5.95 ± 0.08 | 6520 [†] | 184 ± 147 | Deneva et al. (2012) |
| J1955+2908 | 4.75 ± 0.26 | 4640 [†] | 104 ± 84 | This work |
| J1959+2048 | 30.4 ± 0.6 | 2490 [†] | 359 ± 287 | Arzoumanian et al. (1994) |
| J2019+2425 | 21.7 ± 0.7 | 1490 [†] | 153 ± 123 | This work |
| J2033+1734 | 10.8 ± 0.7 | 2000 [†] | 102 ± 82 | This work |
| J2043+1711 | 13.0 ± 2.0 | 1760 [†] | 108 ± 88 | Guillemot et al. (2012) |
| J2051–0827 | 5.3 ± 1.0 | 1040 [†] | 26 ± 21 | Doroshenko et al. (2001) |
| J2129–5721 | 13.31 ± 0.10 | 420 ± 200 | 26 ± 13 | Verbiest et al. (2009) |
| J2145–0750 | 13.05 ± 0.07 | 640 ± 50 | 40 ± 3 | This work |
| J2229+2643 | 6.07 ± 0.14 | 1430 [†] | 41 ± 33 | This work |
| J2317+1439 | 3.53 ± 0.12 | 1010 ± 350 | 17 ± 6 | This work |

Table 16. Summary of the kinematic and relativistic contributions to the observed orbital period derivative \dot{P}_b . The columns indicate the pulsar name, the Lutz-Kelker-corrected parallax distance (we made the errors symmetric by always taking the highest of the two error estimates given in Table 13), the observed orbital period derivative \dot{P}_b , the contributions to \dot{P}_b from the Shklovskii effect, Galactic potential, differential Galactic rotation and gravitational wave radiation assuming GR. The last column shows the estimated distance assuming all \dot{P}_b arises from these contributions. \dagger Assuming $m_p = 1.4 M_\odot$ and $i = 60^\circ$. \ddagger For PSR J1012+5307, we take $m_c = 0.16 \pm 0.02 M_\odot$ and $i = 52 \pm 4^\circ$ from van Kerkwijk et al. (1996); Callanan et al. (1998).

| PSR JName | D_π (kpc) | \dot{P}_b ($\times 10^{-13}$) | \dot{P}_{b_kin} ($\times 10^{-13}$) | \dot{P}_{b_kz} ($\times 10^{-13}$) | \dot{P}_{b_dgr} ($\times 10^{-13}$) | \dot{P}_{b_GR} ($\times 10^{-13}$) | $D_{\dot{P}_b}$ (kpc) |
|------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| J0613–0200 | 0.78(8) | 0.48(10) | +0.217(22) | -0.0133(14) | +0.034(4) | -0.03 † | 1.68(33) |
| J0751+1807 | 1.07(24) | -0.350(25) | +0.110(25) | -0.0104(12) | +0.0125(28) | — | — |
| J1012+5307 | 1.15(24) | 0.61(4) | +0.96(20) | -0.076(7) | +0.0157(33) | -0.112(29) ‡ | 0.94(3) |
| J1909–3744 | 1.15(3) | 5.03(5) | +5.07(13) | -0.1092(29) | +0.139(12) | -0.0291(7) | 1.140(11) |

Table 17. Table of pulsar and companion masses. The columns indicate the pulsar name, the previously published pulsar and companion mass (Prev. m_p and Prev. m_c) with the corresponding publication. The last 2 columns show our new measurements, m_p and m_c . \dagger Nice et al. (2008) did not report on the companion mass in their proceedings. \ddagger The pulsar masses were not reported by Verbiest et al. (2009) so we quote the pulsar mass value based on the mass function and their companion mass.

| PSR JName | Prev. m_p (M_\odot) | Prev. m_c (M_\odot) | Ref. | m_p (M_\odot) | m_c (M_\odot) |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| J0751+1807 | 1.26 ± 0.14 | — † | Nice et al. (2001, 2008) | $1.64^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$ | $0.16^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ |
| J1600–3053 | 0.87^\ddagger | 0.6 ± 0.7 | Verbiest et al. (2009) | $1.22^{+0.50}_{-0.35}$ | $0.21^{+0.06}_{-0.043}$ |
| J1713+0747 | 1.31 ± 0.11 | 0.286 ± 0.012 | Zhu et al. (2015) | $1.33^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$ | $0.289^{+0.013}_{-0.011}$ |
| J1802–2124 | 1.24 ± 0.11 | 0.78 ± 0.04 | Ferdman et al. (2010) | $1.25^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$ | $0.80^{+0.21}_{-0.16}$ |
| J1857+0943 | 1.61^\ddagger | 0.270 ± 0.015 | Verbiest et al. (2009) | $1.59^{+0.21}_{-0.18}$ | $0.268^{+0.022}_{-0.019}$ |
| J1909–3744 | 1.53^\ddagger | 0.212 ± 0.002 | Verbiest et al. (2009) | $1.54^{+0.027}_{-0.027}$ | $0.213^{+0.0024}_{-0.0024}$ |
| J1918–0642 | — | — | — | $1.25^{+0.61}_{-0.38}$ | $0.227^{+0.066}_{-0.046}$ |

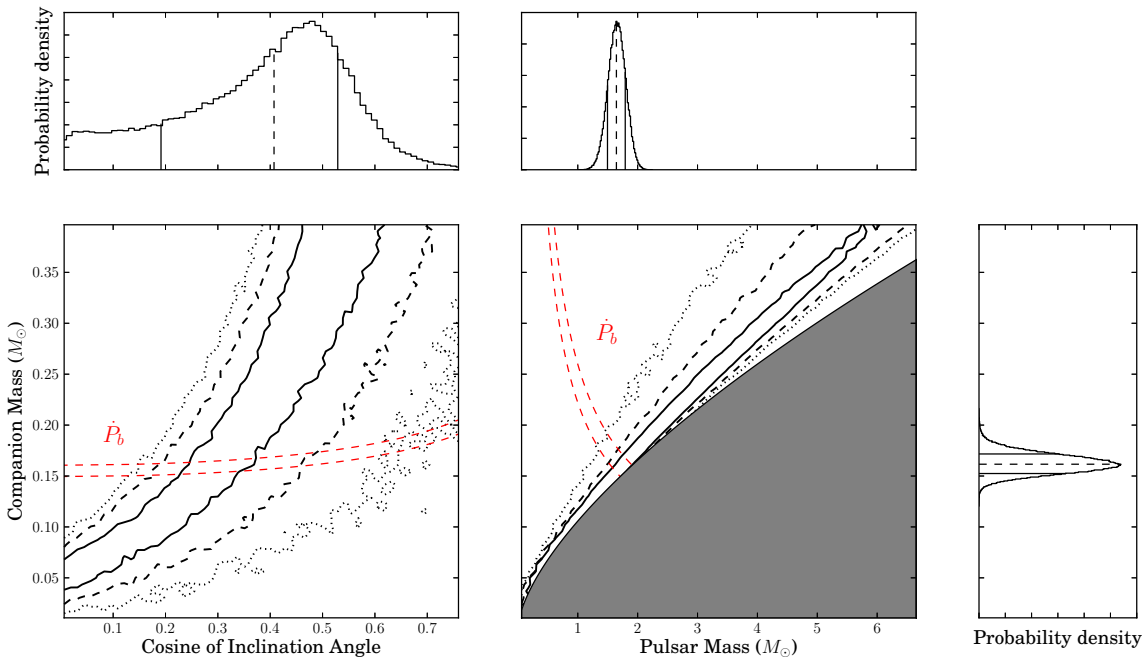


Figure 6. Constraints on PSR J0751+1807 parameters from the measurement of Shapiro delay and orbital period derivative \dot{P}_b . The bottom left plot shows the $\cos i - m_c$ plane. The bottom right plot shows the $m_p - m_c$ plane. The continuous black line, the dashed line and the dotted line represent, respectively, the 68.3%, 95.4% and 99.7% confidence levels of the 2-D probability density function. The grey area is excluded by the mass function with the condition $\sin i \leq 1$. The red curves indicate the $1-\sigma$ constraint required by \dot{P}_b assuming GR. The other three panels show the projected 1-D distributions based on \dot{P}_b and the inclination angle (given by ζ). The dashed lines indicate the median value and the continuous lines the $1-\sigma$ contours.

J1918–0642, it is expected that these are low-mass Helium white dwarfs.

In Table 17, we summarize all our mass measurements and compare them to the values previously published in the literature. We find that PSRs J1713+0747, J1802–2124, J1857+0943 and J1909–3744 have a mass measurement that is in very good agreement to the values reported in the literature (Zhu et al. 2015; Ferdman et al. 2010; Verbiest et al. 2009).

5.5 Search for annual-orbital parallax

For pulsars in binary systems, any change in the direction to the orbit naturally leads to apparent variations in two of the Keplerian parameters, the intrinsic projected semi-major axis x_{int} and longitude of periastron ω_{int} . In the case of nearby binary pulsars in wide orbits, a small periodic variation of x and ω due to the annual motion of the Earth around the Sun as well as the orbital motion of the pulsar itself can be measured. This effect, known as the annual-orbital parallax, can be expressed as (Kopeikin 1995):

$$x = x_{\text{int}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\cot i}{d} (\Delta_{I_0} \sin \Omega - \Delta_{J_0} \cos \Omega) \right\} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\omega = \omega_{\text{int}} - \frac{\csc i}{d} (\Delta_{I_0} \cos \Omega + \Delta_{J_0} \sin \Omega), \quad (11)$$

where Ω is the longitude of the ascending node. Δ_{I_0} and Δ_{J_0} are defined in Kopeikin (1995) as:

$$\Delta_{I_0} = -X \sin \alpha + Y \cos \alpha \quad (12)$$

and

$$\Delta_{J_0} = -X \sin \delta \cos \alpha - Y \sin \delta \sin \alpha + Z \cos \delta, \quad (13)$$

where $\mathbf{r} = (X, Y, Z)$ is the position vector of the Earth in the SSB coordinate system.

The proper motion of the binary system also changes the apparent viewing geometry of the orbit by (Arzoumanian et al. 1996; Kopeikin 1996):

$$x = x_{\text{int}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{\tan i} (-\mu_\alpha \sin \Omega + \mu_\delta \cos \Omega) (t - t_0) \right\}, \quad (14)$$

$$\omega = \omega_{\text{int}} + \frac{1}{\sin i} (\mu_\alpha \cos \Omega + \mu_\delta \sin \Omega) (t - t_0). \quad (15)$$

The time derivative of Eq. 14 can be expressed as

$$\frac{\dot{x}}{x} = \mu \cot i \sin(\theta_\mu - \Omega), \quad (16)$$

where θ_μ is the position angle of the proper motion on the sky. If the inclination angle, i , can be measured through, e.g., the detection of Shapiro delay, then a measurement of \dot{x} can constrain the longitude of ascending node Ω . These apparent variations in x and ω are taken into account in Tempo2's T2 binary model with the KOM and KIN parameters, corresponding to the position angle of the ascending node Ω and inclination angle i (without the 90° ambiguity inherent to the Shapiro delay measurement). Therefore the parameter $s \equiv \sin i$ of the Shapiro delay has to become a function of KIN.

Even a null \dot{x} can, if measured precisely enough, be useful. According to Eq. 16, the maximum value for $|\dot{x}|$ is $\dot{x}_{\text{max}} = |x\mu \cot i|$ (obtained using the inequality $|\sin(\theta_\mu - \Omega)| \leq 1$). Thus whenever the observed value and uncertainty represent a small fraction of the

interval from $-\dot{x}_{\text{max}}$ to \dot{x}_{max} , they are placing a direct constraint on $\sin(\theta_\mu - \Omega)$

In our dataset, we measured the apparent variation of \dot{x} for 13 pulsars, among which six are new measurements (PSRs J0751+1807, J1455–3330, J1640+2224, J1751–2857, J1857+0943 and J1955+2908).

For the three pulsars where we measured both the Shapiro delay and the variation of the semi-major axis (i.e. PSRs J0751+1807, J1600–3053 and J1857+0943) and PSR J1909–3744 (where $\dot{x} = 0.6 \pm 1.7 \times 10^{-16}$ and $x\mu \cot i = 1.08 \times 10^{-14}$), we map the KOM-KIN space with TempoNest using the following procedure. First, we reduce the dimensionality of the Bayesian analysis by fixing the set of white noise parameters to their maximum likelihood values from the timing analysis. We also choose to marginalize analytically over the astrometric and spin parameters. Then we manually set the priors on KOM, KIN and M2 to encompass any physical range of solution. Finally we perform the sampling with TempoNest with the constant efficiency option turned off, in order to more carefully explore the complex multi-modal parameter space. Because of the strong correlation between the companion mass and the inclination angle in the case of PSR J0751+1807, (see Fig. 6), we do not report our measurements as they were not constrained enough. The results are shown in Figures 9 to 11 for the other three pulsars.

For PSR J1600–3053, the $1-\sigma$ contours of the 2-D posterior distribution (Fig. 9) give three solutions for (Ω, i) : $219^\circ < \Omega < 244^\circ$ and $63^\circ < i < 71^\circ$ or $303^\circ < \Omega < 337^\circ$ and $61^\circ < i < 72^\circ$ and the preferred solution, $37^\circ < \Omega < 163^\circ$ and $105^\circ < i < 122^\circ$. The 2.5σ detection of \dot{x} in the PSR J1857+0943 binary system still limit the constraints that can be set on Ω (see Fig. 10). Even though we do not detect \dot{x} for PSR J1909–3744, we can constrain Ω (see Fig. 11) to $-2^\circ < \Omega < 33^\circ$ or $181^\circ < \Omega < 206^\circ$. The preferred solution is $-2^\circ < \Omega < 33^\circ$ and $93.78^\circ < i < 93.95^\circ$. However, with this EPTA dataset, we still have no statistical evidence for the detection of annual-orbital parallax as we cannot distinguish between the symmetric solutions of the pulsar orbits in these three pulsars.

5.6 Comparison with the latest NANOGrav and PPTA results

While this work was under review, similar analysis by NANOGrav and the PPTA were published elsewhere (Arzoumanian et al. 2015; Reardon et al. 2016, hereafter A15 and R16, respectively). A15 presents a thorough description of their data analysis and Matthews et al. (2016, hereafter M16) report on the study of astrometric parameters. Other timing results and their interpretations (e.g. pulsar mass measurements) will be presented in a series of upcoming papers. Hence, we briefly summarize here the similarities and differences between our work and the ones by R16 and M16.

R16 used Tempo2 linearized, least-squares fitting methods to present timing models for a set of 20 MSPs. White noise, DM variations and red noise are included in the timing analysis and modeled with completely independent techniques from the ones described in Section 3. For all 13 pulsars observed commonly by the EPTA and the PPTA, both PTAs achieve the detection of the parallax with consistent results (within 1.5σ). We note here that the parallax value of PSR J1909–3744 should read $\pi = 0.81 \pm 0.03$ mas in R16 (Reardon, private communication). Also, the seven new proper motions values reported in this paper are for pulsars that are not observed by R16. We obtain similar results for the pulsar and companion masses to the values reported in R16, albeit with much greater precision in the case of PSRs J1600–3053. Furthermore, all our measurements

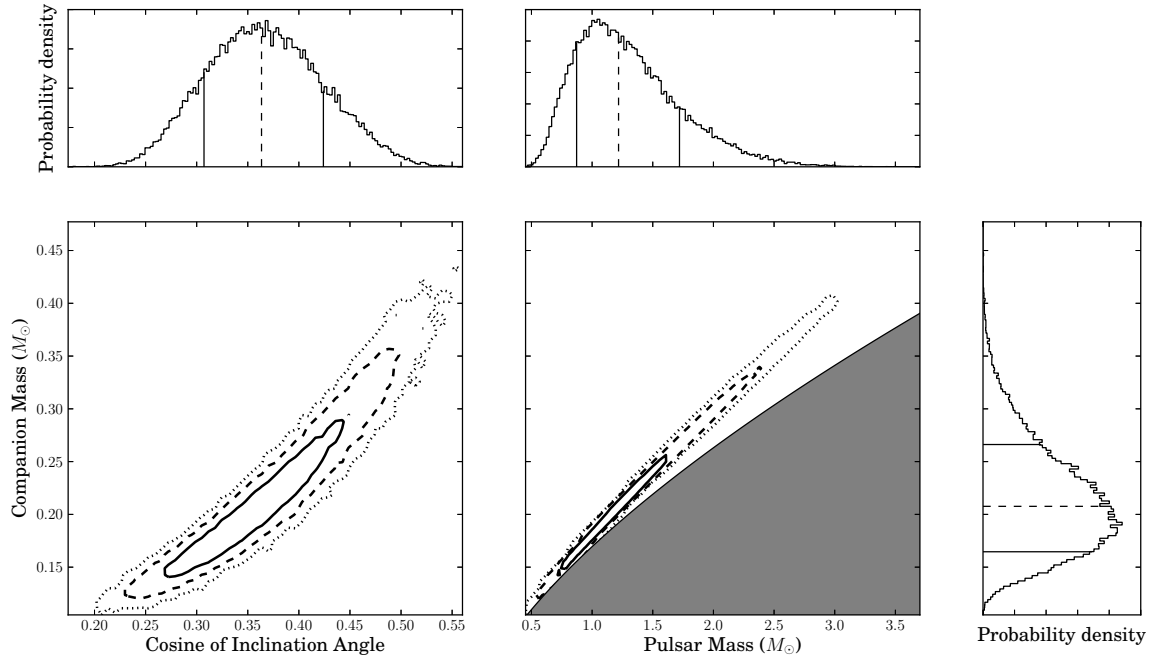


Figure 7. Constraints on PSR J1600–3053 parameters from the measurement of Shapiro delay. The bottom left plot shows the $\cos i - m_c$ plane. The bottom right plot shows the $m_p - m_c$ plane. The continuous black line, the dashed line and the dotted line represent, respectively, the 68.3%, 95.4% and 99.7% confidence levels of the 2-D probability density function. The grey area is excluded by the mass function with the condition $\sin i \leq 1$. The other three panels show the projected 1-D distributions with the dashed line indicating the median value and the continuous lines the $1-\sigma$ contours.

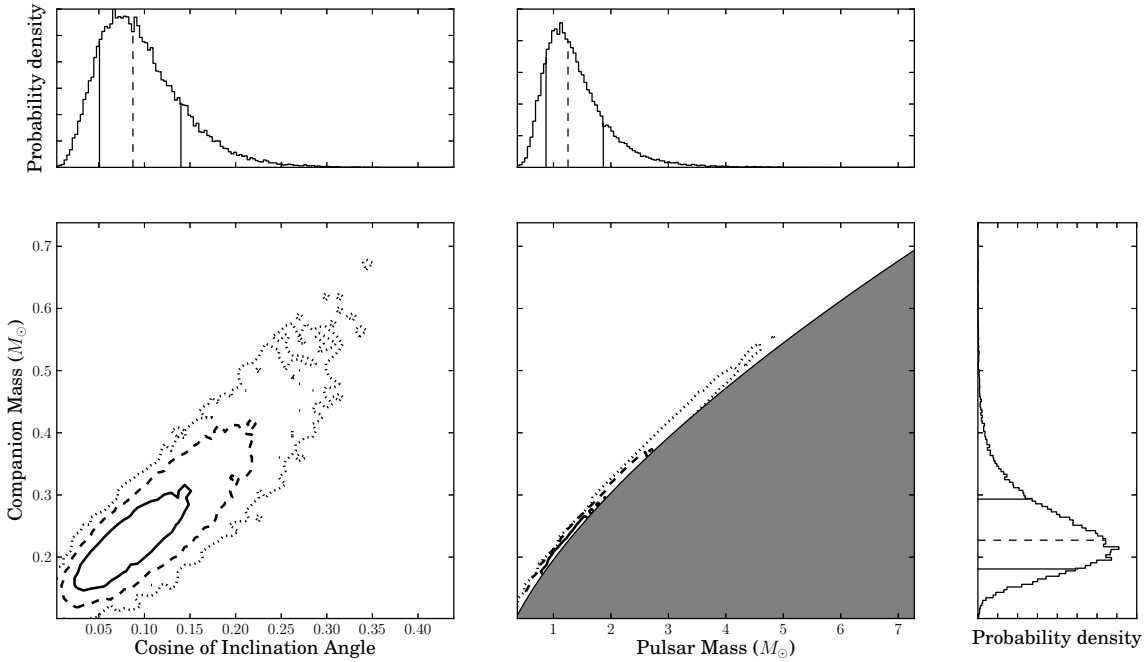


Figure 8. Same caption as Fig. 7 for PSR J1918–0642.

of \dot{x} agree with R16. While R16 measure \dot{P}_b in PSR J1022+1001 for the first time, the EPTA achieve the detection of \dot{P}_b for another MSP (PSR J0613–0200), allowing us to get an independent distance estimate for these systems.

M16 report on the astrometric results for a set of 37 MSPs analyzed with the linearized least-squares fitting package Tempo⁶. More details on the DM and red noise models included in their analysis can be found in A15. All 14 parallax measurements for the

⁶ <http://tempo.sourceforge.net/>

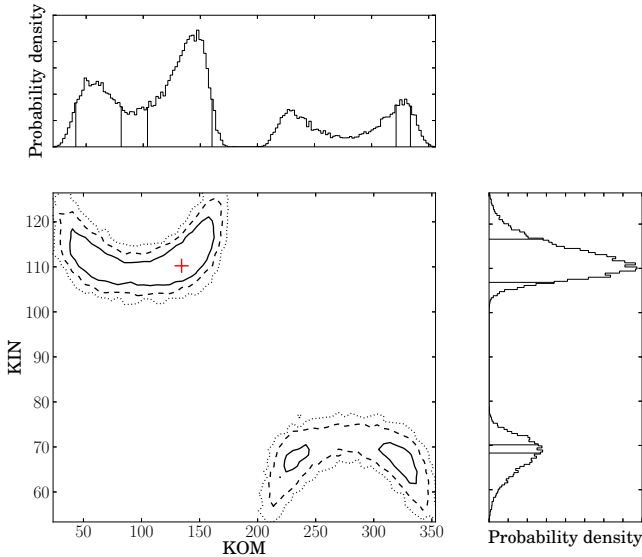


Figure 9. One and two-dimensional marginalized posterior distributions of the longitude of ascending node Ω and inclination angle i for PSR J1600–3053. The continuous black line, the dashed line and the dotted line represent, respectively, the 68.3%, 95.4% and 99.7% confidence levels of the 2-D probability density function. The red cross indicates the maximum likelihood location. The continuous lines in the panels of the projected 1-D distributions of KOM and KIN show the 68.3% confidence levels for each parameter.

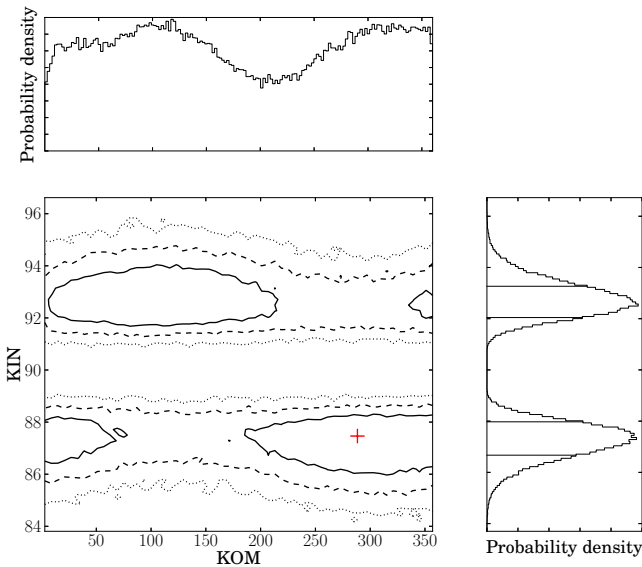


Figure 10. Same caption as Fig. 9 for PSR J1857+0943.

pulsars presented commonly in this work and in M16 are consistent at the $2\text{-}\sigma$ level. In addition, M16 show a new parallax measurement for PSR J1918–0642 that was not detected with our dataset. M16 also present updated proper motions for 35 MSPs and derived the pulsar velocities in galactocentric coordinates. The new proper-motion measurement for PSR J2010–1323 reported in our work is consistent at the $2\text{-}\sigma$ level with the independent measurement from M16.

Finally, M16 discuss in detail the same discrepancy reported in Section 5.3 between their measured parallax distance for PSR J1024–0719 and its constraint from $D_{\dot{p}}$.

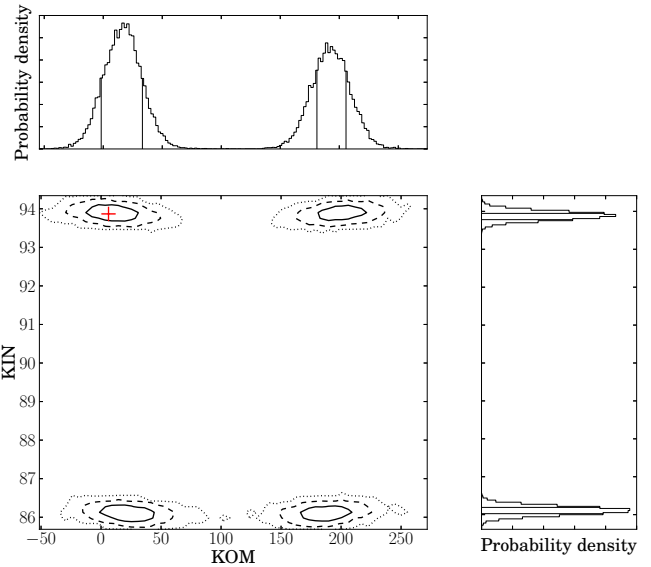


Figure 11. Same caption as Fig. 9 for PSR J1909–3744.

6 CONCLUSIONS

We studied an ensemble of 42 MSPs from the EPTA, combining multifrequency datasets from four different observatories, with data spanning more than 15 years for almost half of our sample. The analysis was performed with TempoNest allowing the simultaneous determination of the white noise parameters and modeling of the stochastic DM and red noise signals. We achieved the detection of several new parameters: seven parallaxes, nine proper motions and six apparent changes in the orbital semi-major axis. We also measured Shapiro delay in two systems, PSRs J1600–3053 and J1918–0642, with low-mass Helium white dwarf companions. Further observations of PSR J1600–3053 will likely yield the detection of the advance of periastron, dramatically improving the mass measurement of this system and improving the constraints on the geometry of the system. We presented an updated mass measurement for PSR J0751+1807, roughly consistent with the previous work by Nice et al. (2008). We searched for the presence of annual-orbital parallax in three systems, PSRs J1600–3053, J1857+0943 and J1909–3744. However we could only set constraints on the longitude of ascending node in PSRs J1600–3053 and J1909–3744 with marginal evidence of annual-orbital parallax in PSR J1600–3053.

With an improved set of parallax distances, we investigated the difference between the predictions from the NE2001 Galactic electron density model and the LK-corrected parallax distances. On average we found an error of $\sim 80\%$ in the NE2001 distances, this error increasing further at high Galactic latitudes. Despite its flaws for high galactic latitude lines-of-sight, we find NE2001 to still predict more accurate distances than two recent models, M2 and M3, proposed by Schnitzeler (2012), based respectively on the TC93 and NE2001 models with an extended thick disk. We showed that a change in the scale height of the thick disk of the current electron density models also dramatically affects the pulsars that are located in the Galactic plane. Our updated set of parallaxes presented here will likely contribute to improving on any future model of the Galactic electron density model.

A comparison of the 2-D velocity distribution between isolated and binary MSPs with a sample two times larger than the last published study (Gonzalez et al. 2011) still shows no statistical dif-

ference, arguing that both populations originate from the same underlying population. Through precision measurement of the orbital period derivative, we achieved better constraints on the distance to two pulsars, PSRs J1012+5307 and J1909–3744, than is possible via the detection of the annual parallax.

Based on the timing results presented in this paper and the red noise properties of the pulsars discussed in Caballero et al. (2015), we will revisit and potentially remove some MSPs from the EPTA observing list. The EPTA is also continuously adding more sources to its observing list, especially in the last five years, as more MSPs are discovered through the targeted survey of *Fermi* sources (Ray et al. 2012) and large-scale pulsar surveys (e.g. the PALFA, HTRU and GBNCC collaborations; Lazarus et al. 2015; Barr et al. 2013b; Ng et al. 2014; Stovall et al. 2014). Over 60 MSPs are now being regularly monitored as part of the EPTA effort.

Recent progress in digital processing, leading in some cases to an increase of the processed bandwidth by a factor of 2–4×, allowed new wide-band coherent dedispersion backends to be commissioned at all EPTA sites in the last few years (see e.g. Karuppusamy et al. 2008; Desvignes et al. 2011). These new instruments provide TOAs with improved precision that will be included in a future release of the EPTA dataset. The long baselines of MSPs timing data presented here, especially when recorded with a single backend, are of great value, not only for the detection of the GWB but also to a wide range of astrophysics as shown in this paper.

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APPENDIX A: DATA DESCRIPTION

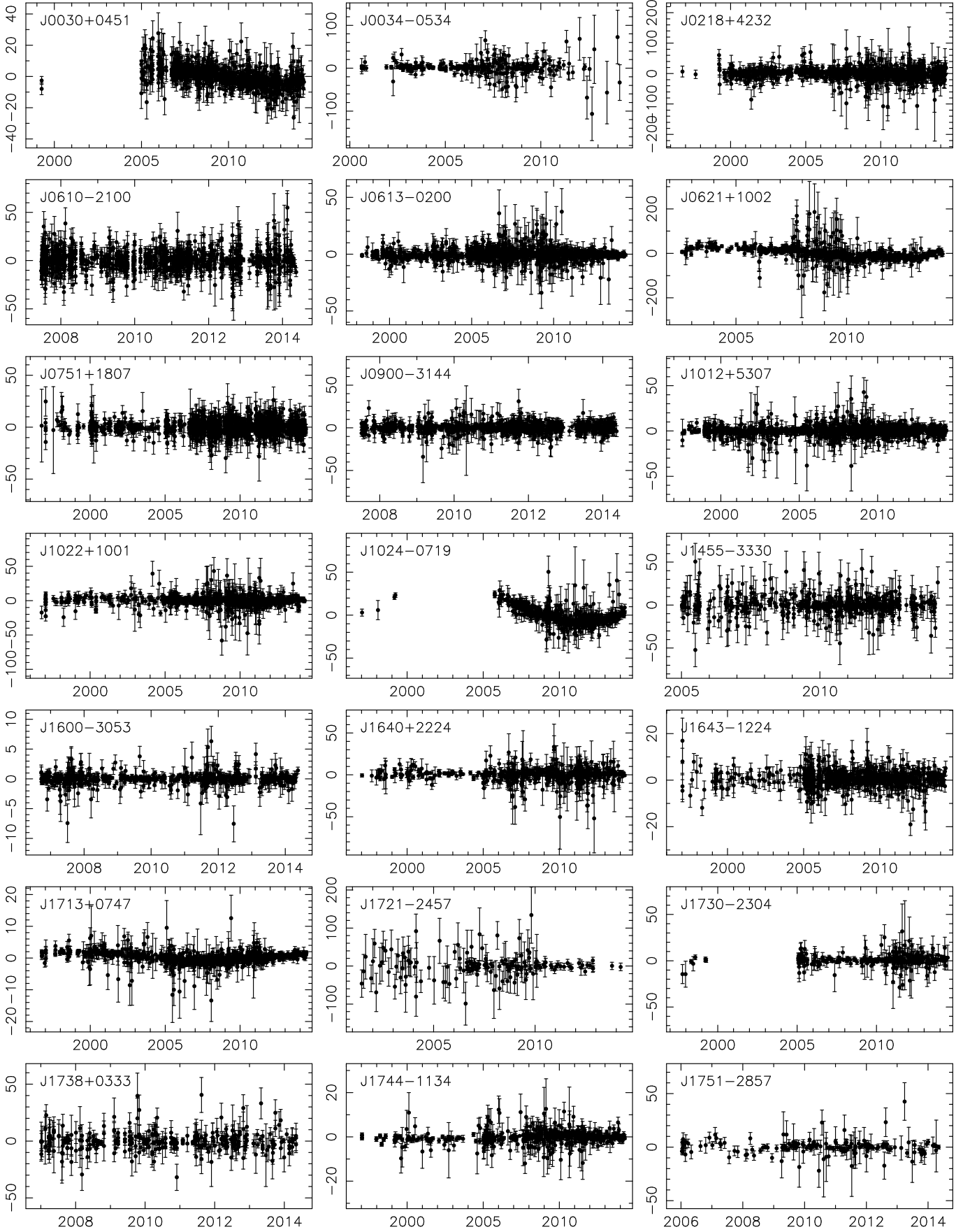


Figure A1. Timing residuals in microseconds (y-axis) for the first 21 pulsars as a function of time in years (x-axis). The plots show the multifrequency residuals after subtracting the contribution from the DM model. The red noise seen in the timing residuals of PSRs J0030+0451 and J1024-0719 will be discussed by [Caballero et al. \(2015\)](#) *MNRAS* **000**, 1–42 (2015)

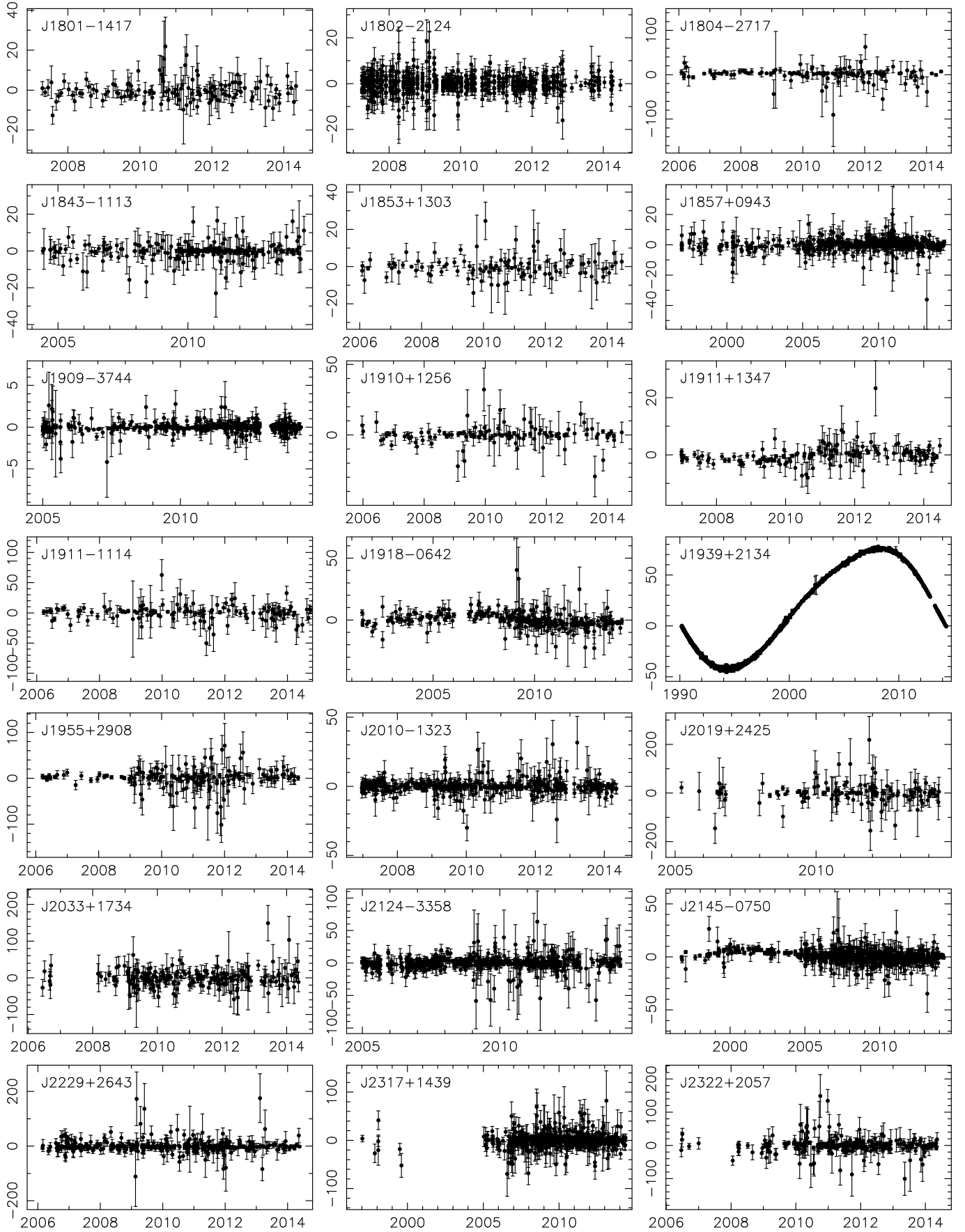


Figure A2. Same caption as Fig. A1 for the last 21 MSPs. The large amount of red noise seen in the timing residuals of PSR J1939+2134 will be discussed by Caballero et al. (2015).

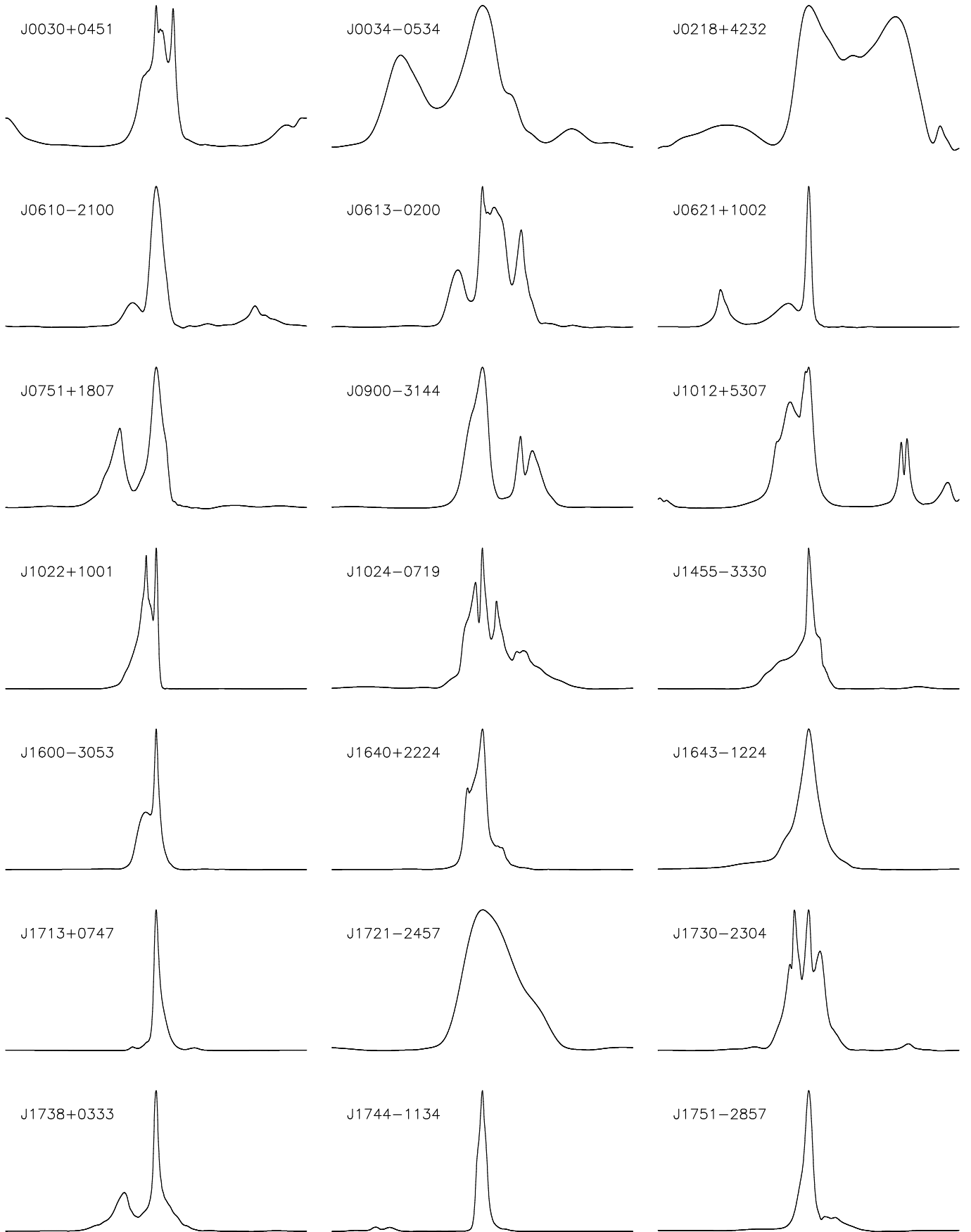


Figure A3. Reference profiles of total intensity I for the first 21 MSPs observed at 1400 MHz with the NRT. The profiles are centered with respect to the peak maximum. For each pulsar, the full pulse phase is shown and the intensity is in arbitrary units.

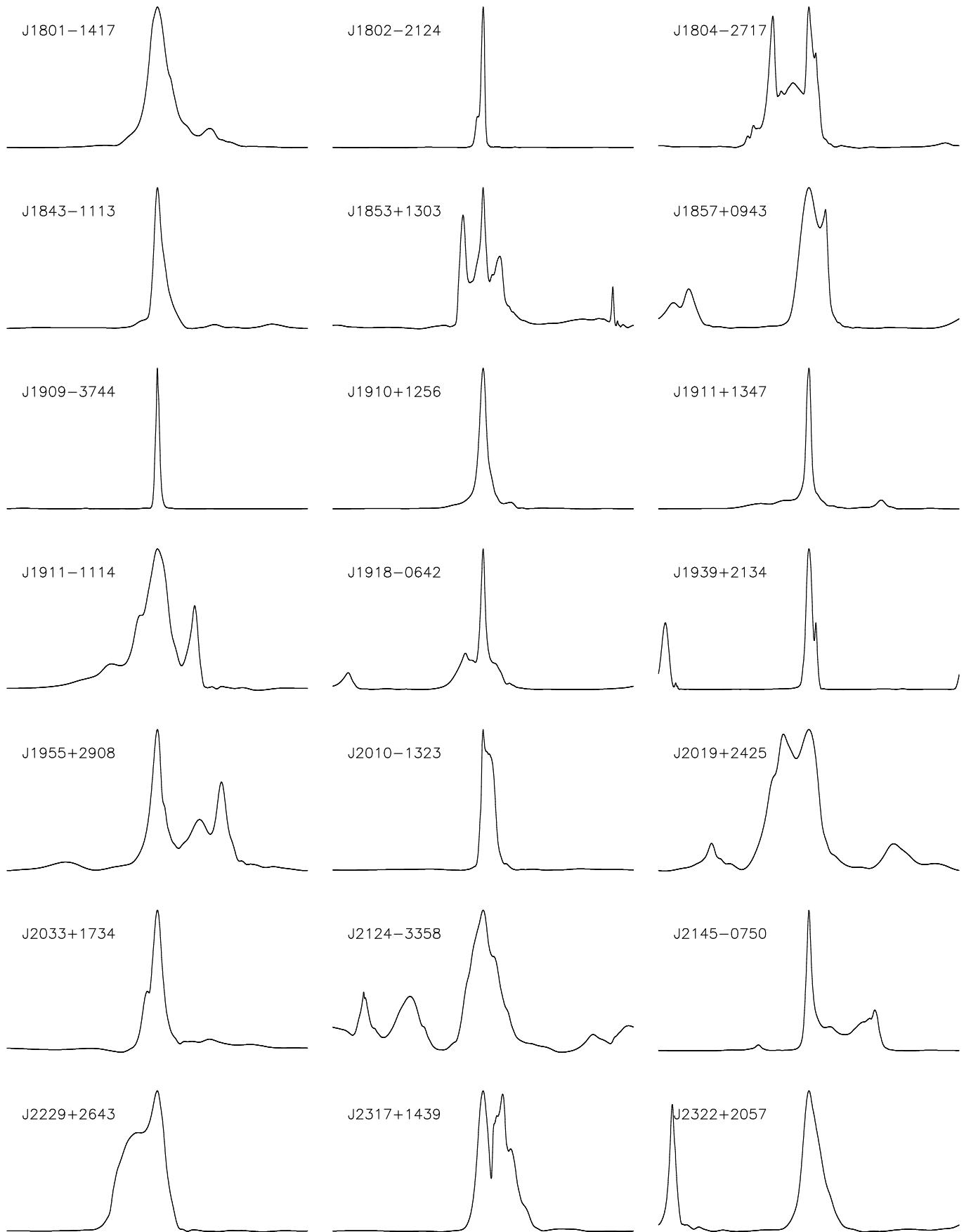


Figure A4. Same caption as Fig. A3 for the last 21 MSPs.

Table A1: Summary of the EPTA dataset. The columns indicate respectively the pulsar name, the number of JUMPs (N_j) included in the timing solution, the maximum likelihood results for the red noise (RN) and DM models (dimensionless amplitude A and spectral index γ for each model), the observatory, frequency band (in MHz), data span in years, number of TOAs along with the maximum likelihood values for the EFAC (E_f) and EQUAD (E_q in units of seconds) parameters (EQUAD shown in log10-base).

| PSR JName | N_j | A_{RN} | γ_{RN} | A_{DM} | γ_{DM} | Observatory | Frequency | Year Range | N_{TOAs} | E_f | E_q |
|------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| J0030+0451 | 6 | -14.65 | 5.43 | -19.06 | 3.27 | EFF..... | 1360 | 2009.7 – 2013.5 | 33 | 1.17 | -9.17 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1999.3 – 2009.6 | 10 | 0.62 | -9.00 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2008.4 – 2013.4 | 34 | 1.03 | -6.80 |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1520 | 2012.5 – 2014.3 | 50 | 1.01 | -8.87 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.3 | 138 | 1.59 | -9.86 | |
| | | | | | | 2000 | 2006.9 – 2014.0 | 90 | 1.32 | -6.07 | |
| J0034–0534 | 5 | -14.93 | 1.27 | -12.43 | 2.84 | NRT..... | 1400 | 2005.9 – 2011.7 | 56 | 0.94 | -5.11 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2012.0 – 2014.1 | 10 | 2.00 | -9.50 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 328 | 2000.6 – 2010.5 | 112 | 1.22 | -8.45 |
| | | | | | | | 382 | 2000.6 – 2010.5 | 98 | 0.75 | -7.96 |
| J0218+4232 | 12 | -13.32 | 2.78 | -11.14 | 2.09 | EFF..... | 1360 | 2009.6 – 2013.5 | 34 | 1.17 | -6.75 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1996.8 – 2009.3 | 178 | 1.21 | -8.52 |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.4 | 13 | 1.50 | -6.08 |
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| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2005.6 – 2012.2 | 406 | 1.17 | -7.45 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.3 | 157 | 1.54 | -6.59 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2006.9 – 2013.6 | 14 | 1.46 | -5.71 |
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| | | | | | | | 328 | 2000.1 – 2010.5 | 125 | 1.21 | -6.51 |
| | | | | | | | 382 | 1999.6 – 2010.5 | 123 | 0.98 | -8.46 |
| J0610–2100 | 2 | -12.85 | 0.23 | -13.74 | 5.46 | JBO..... | 1520 | 2010.5 – 2014.4 | 179 | 0.85 | -8.44 |
| | | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2007.5 – 2011.7 | 631 | 1.62 |
| | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.2 – 2014.3 | 224 | 1.26 | -8.48 | |
| J0613–0200 | 13 | -16.15 | 6.88 | -11.71 | 1.07 | EFF..... | 1360 | 2008.0 – 2013.5 | 42 | 1.01 | -6.80 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1998.3 – 2009.3 | 241 | 1.10 | -8.95 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2006.6 – 2013.5 | 64 | 1.01 | -7.79 |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2009.4 | 24 | 1.35 | -8.44 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 191 | 0.94 | -5.96 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.8 | 334 | 1.02 | -6.35 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.4 | 84 | 1.00 | -9.77 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2006.9 – 2012.8 | 51 | 1.10 | -6.41 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 1380 | 1999.6 – 2010.5 | 171 | 1.00 | -9.59 |
| | | | | | | | 328 | 2000.6 – 2010.5 | 87 | 0.75 | -6.32 |
| 382 | 2000.6 – 2010.5 | 80 | 0.92 | -5.69 | | | | | | | |
| J0621+1002 | 9 | -12.04 | 2.50 | -16.98 | 3.80 | EFF..... | 1360 | 2009.6 – 2013.5 | 42 | 0.83 | -9.46 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 2002.6 – 2009.3 | 88 | 0.63 | -7.27 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2006.0 – 2013.4 | 47 | 0.43 | -4.39 |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2009.4 | 18 | 1.08 | -7.86 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 140 | 1.09 | -9.34 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2006.1 – 2011.9 | 168 | 1.23 | -6.58 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.3 | 33 | 1.31 | -9.74 |

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| PSR JName | N_j | A_{RN} | γ_{RN} | A_{DM} | γ_{DM} | Observatory | Frequency | Year Range | N_{TOAs} | E_f | E_q |
|------------|-------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | | WSRT | 1380 | 2006.0 – 2010.5 | 68 | 1.18 | -8.23 |
| | | | | | | | 323 | 2007.5 – 2010.5 | 34 | 2.13 | -6.47 |
| | | | | | | | 367 | 2007.5 – 2010.5 | 35 | 1.72 | -8.12 |
| J0751+1807 | 8 | -19.50 | 4.86 | -11.77 | 2.83 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | EFF | 1360 | 2009.6 – 2013.4 | 29 | 0.91 | -5.34 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1996.8 – 2004.6 | 159 | 0.98 | -5.74 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 1999.2 – 2013.5 | 64 | 1.15 | -5.36 |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2009.4 | 28 | 1.03 | -8.01 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 179 | 1.00 | -6.09 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.9 | 598 | 1.19 | -6.00 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.2 – 2014.4 | 362 | 1.07 | -7.50 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2007.5 – 2013.4 | 40 | 0.88 | -5.72 |
| | | | | | | WSRT | 1380 | 2007.4 – 2010.5 | 32 | 1.55 | -8.63 |
| J0900–3144 | 4 | -15.58 | 5.04 | -11.55 | 3.05 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.4 | 9 | 1.09 | -9.26 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.7 – 2014.3 | 99 | 1.02 | -7.47 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2007.5 – 2012.1 | 321 | 1.04 | -9.21 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.4 | 329 | 1.04 | -5.64 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2007.7 – 2014.2 | 117 | 1.28 | -8.07 |
| J1012+5307 | 14 | -13.07 | 1.52 | -17.57 | 3.46 | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2009.4 | 12 | 1.13 | -7.83 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.8 – 2014.3 | 96 | 0.96 | -5.86 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.5 – 2011.7 | 239 | 1.21 | -9.32 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.4 | 234 | 1.19 | -6.06 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2007.5 – 2014.1 | 18 | 1.18 | -9.79 |
| | | | | | | WSRT | 328 | 2000.9 – 2010.5 | 87 | 1.15 | -5.52 |
| | | | | | | | 382 | 2000.9 – 2010.5 | 82 | 1.07 | -7.66 |
| | | | | | | | 1380.1 | 1999.6 – 2001.2 | 26 | 1.14 | -8.21 |
| | | | | | | | 1380.2 | 2001.2 – 2010.5 | 136 | 0.90 | -6.96 |
| J1022+1001 | 9 | -13.08 | 1.70 | -11.63 | 1.10 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | EFF | 1360 | 2008.1 – 2013.5 | 76 | 1.02 | -5.84 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1996.8 – 2009.3 | 164 | 0.65 | -5.43 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2006.2 – 2013.5 | 88 | 2.09 | -7.32 |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2011.0 | 40 | 1.03 | -6.29 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 187 | 1.30 | -5.66 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2008.4 | 127 | 1.23 | -5.84 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.9 – 2014.3 | 44 | 1.30 | -7.12 |
| | | | | | | WSRT | 1380 | 2006.0 – 2010.5 | 58 | 0.82 | -6.01 |
| | | | | | | | 323 | 2007.5 – 2010.5 | 26 | 1.67 | -4.81 |
| | | | | | | | 367 | 2007.5 – 2010.0 | 17 | 0.79 | -4.96 |
| J1024–0719 | 8 | -13.69 | 3.17 | -12.96 | 6.12 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | EFF | 1360 | 2008.1 – 2013.5 | 33 | 1.05 | -9.41 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1997.0 – 2009.3 | 27 | 0.75 | -9.76 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2006.0 – 2013.5 | 53 | 1.23 | -9.75 |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2009.4 | 32 | 1.10 | -8.08 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 127 | 1.19 | -8.53 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2006.0 – 2011.7 | 176 | 1.24 | -8.60 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.3 | 77 | 0.86 | -5.88 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2006.9 – 2010.5 | 12 | 0.89 | -6.25 |
| | | | | | | WSRT | 1380 | 2007.4 – 2010.2 | 24 | 1.12 | -9.43 |
| J1455–3330 | 2 | -16.31 | 4.03 | -11.38 | 2.44 | | | | | | |

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| PSR JName | N_j | A_{RN} | γ_{RN} | A_{DM} | γ_{DM} | Observatory | Frequency | Year Range | N_{TOAs} | E_f | E_q |
|------------|-------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-------|-------|
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| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.9 | 338 | 1.23 | -9.53 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.2 | 161 | 1.04 | -8.98 |
| J1600–3053 | 3 | -16.56 | 2.71 | -11.64 | 1.41 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1520 | 2011.5 – 2014.3 | 44 | 1.43 | -6.19 |
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| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.8 – 2014.4 | 151 | 0.99 | -9.27 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2006.9 – 2014.2 | 106 | 1.12 | -6.58 |
| J1640+2224 | 7 | -13.11 | 0.12 | -16.87 | 0.75 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | EFF..... | 1360 | 2008.1 – 2013.5 | 81 | 0.89 | -6.64 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1997.0 – 2009.7 | 122 | 0.93 | -7.96 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2006.2 – 2013.5 | 67 | 1.02 | -6.86 |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.4 | 10 | 0.88 | -8.83 |
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| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.8 – 2013.8 | 24 | 1.11 | -9.45 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 1380 | 2006.0 – 2010.2 | 40 | 1.28 | -8.82 |
| J1643–1224 | 8 | -19.04 | 3.44 | -10.99 | 1.70 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | EFF..... | 1360 | 2009.6 – 2013.4 | 27 | 1.08 | -8.64 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1997.0 – 2009.7 | 94 | 1.11 | -9.77 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2006.6 – 2013.5 | 43 | 0.69 | -5.37 |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.4 | 11 | 0.95 | -8.85 |
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| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2006.9 – 2013.6 | 49 | 1.05 | -8.45 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 1380 | 2006.0 – 2010.5 | 54 | 1.29 | -9.87 |
| J1713+0747 | 13 | -15.29 | 5.62 | -11.98 | 1.47 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | EFF..... | 1360 | 2008.1 – 2013.4 | 40 | 0.44 | -6.08 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1996.8 – 2009.7 | 164 | 0.98 | -6.42 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2006.6 – 2013.5 | 61 | 1.08 | -6.64 |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2011.0 | 18 | 1.27 | -6.22 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2012.0 | 53 | 1.78 | -6.54 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.6 | 354 | 1.24 | -6.81 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.4 | 173 | 0.97 | -7.48 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2005.2 – 2013.8 | 97 | 1.23 | -7.15 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 840 | 1999.5 – 2007.8 | 53 | 0.90 | -8.81 |
| | | | | | | | 1380 | 1999.7 – 2001.1 | 22 | 0.55 | -7.98 |
| | | | | | | | 1380 | 2001.1 – 2010.5 | 114 | 0.53 | -8.74 |
| | | | | | | | 2273 | 2006.9 – 2010.4 | 39 | 1.05 | -7.87 |
| J1721–2457 | 3 | -16.50 | 6.68 | -10.04 | 1.22 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2006.3 – 2011.8 | 58 | 0.33 | -5.04 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.1 – 2014.2 | 13 | 0.77 | -5.21 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 1380 | 2001.5 – 2010.5 | 79 | 2.38 | -5.13 |
| J1730–2304 | 7 | -16.33 | 0.11 | -11.42 | 2.37 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | EFF..... | 1360 | 2010.9 – 2013.5 | 19 | 0.71 | -7.94 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1997.8 – 1999.3 | 8 | 0.72 | -8.07 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2011.0 – 2013.2 | 9 | 1.31 | -6.32 |
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| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.7 – 2014.5 | 83 | 1.39 | -6.90 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2005.1 – 2011.8 | 106 | 1.01 | -6.75 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.0 – 2014.4 | 29 | 1.07 | -8.43 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2007.4 – 2011.7 | 9 | 1.30 | -7.73 |

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| J1738+0333 | 2 | -15.34 | 0.36 | -12.09 | 1.89 | JBO..... | 1520 | 2011.5 – 2014.3 | 56 | 1.06 | -5.89 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2007.0 – 2011.7 | 199 | 1.14 | -9.60 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.2 – 2014.3 | 63 | 1.14 | -9.24 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J1744–1134 | 8 | -13.85 | 2.90 | -17.65 | 4.57 | EFF..... | 1360 | 2009.6 – 2013.5 | 22 | 0.58 | -6.17 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1997.0 – 2009.7 | 100 | 1.03 | -6.14 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2007.1 – 2013.4 | 42 | 0.88 | -6.14 |
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| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.7 | 141 | 1.43 | -6.65 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.9 – 2014.3 | 73 | 1.24 | -6.51 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2009.9 – 2012.7 | 27 | 1.14 | -7.42 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 323 | 2007.6 – 2010.2 | 32 | 0.90 | -5.73 |
| | | | | | | | 367 | 2007.6 – 2010.2 | 31 | 1.04 | -9.40 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J1751–2857 | 2 | -19.67 | 6.32 | -16.35 | 4.08 | JBO..... | 1520 | 2009.3 – 2014.3 | 37 | 1.56 | -7.05 |
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| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.2 – 2014.3 | 32 | 1.14 | -9.56 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J1801–1417 | 2 | -17.96 | 6.45 | -10.84 | 2.28 | JBO..... | 1520 | 2009.7 – 2014.3 | 55 | 0.96 | -8.48 |
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| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.1 | 22 | 1.47 | -8.21 |
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| J1802–2124 | 3 | -19.55 | 6.88 | -10.79 | 1.73 | JBO..... | 1520 | 2011.4 – 2014.5 | 26 | 1.01 | -9.85 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2007.2 – 2011.8 | 354 | 1.04 | -9.28 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.2 | 105 | 1.07 | -6.94 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2008.3 – 2009.9 | 37 | 1.12 | -7.02 |
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| J1804–2717 | 2 | -18.45 | 4.18 | -17.42 | 0.76 | JBO..... | 1520 | 2009.1 – 2014.5 | 53 | 1.14 | -6.76 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2006.1 – 2011.8 | 50 | 0.80 | -5.94 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.1 – 2014.2 | 13 | 1.10 | -9.67 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J1843–1113 | 4 | -17.38 | 5.43 | -10.94 | 1.45 | JBO..... | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.5 | 47 | 0.72 | -5.25 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2008.0 – 2011.8 | 63 | 0.86 | -9.34 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.8 – 2014.3 | 47 | 1.01 | -9.11 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 1380 | 2004.4 – 2010.4 | 67 | 1.33 | -7.09 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J1853+1303 | 2 | -15.59 | 5.83 | -18.67 | 1.11 | JBO..... | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.5 | 34 | 1.03 | -6.18 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2006.1 – 2011.8 | 49 | 0.96 | -7.79 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.1 – 2014.3 | 18 | 0.79 | -5.82 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J1857+0943 | 8 | -13.37 | 2.53 | -17.42 | 5.06 | EFF..... | 1360 | 2008.1 – 2013.4 | 25 | 0.26 | -5.56 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1997.0 – 2009.7 | 106 | 0.80 | -8.75 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2008.2 – 2013.5 | 43 | 1.05 | -8.27 |
| | | | | | | JBO..... | 1400 | 2010.9 – 2011.0 | 7 | 1.14 | -7.37 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2012.0 | 31 | 0.58 | -5.71 |
| | | | | | | NRT..... | 1400 | 2005.1 – 2011.8 | 102 | 0.77 | -6.08 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.0 – 2014.3 | 58 | 1.18 | -6.81 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2010.1 – 2013.5 | 13 | 1.25 | -7.40 |
| | | | | | | WSRT.... | 1380 | 2006.2 – 2010.5 | 59 | 1.29 | -6.09 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J1909–3744 | 2 | -14.18 | 2.17 | -16.84 | 6.70 | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.8 | 156 | 1.13 | -7.89 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.7 – 2014.4 | 219 | 0.97 | -7.17 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2005.2 – 2013.8 | 50 | 1.15 | -7.39 |
| J1910+1256 | 2 | -16.72 | 0.09 | -19.73 | 3.84 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1520 | 2009.1 – 2014.5 | 46 | 0.79 | -8.57 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2006.0 – 2011.8 | 52 | 1.12 | -7.59 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2012.0 – 2014.2 | 14 | 0.66 | -7.84 |
| J1911+1347 | 2 | -14.84 | 6.85 | -12.89 | 4.27 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1520 | 2009.3 – 2014.5 | 69 | 0.83 | -6.12 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2007.0 – 2011.8 | 44 | 0.86 | -6.38 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.1 – 2014.4 | 27 | 1.17 | -8.05 |
| J1911–1114 | 3 | -18.94 | 3.55 | -14.02 | 1.19 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.4 | 5 | 0.90 | -7.45 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2015.0 | 59 | 1.10 | -8.98 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2006.2 – 2011.8 | 52 | 1.23 | -9.21 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2012.0 – 2014.2 | 14 | 2.53 | -8.35 |
| J1918–0642 | 5 | -14.07 | 4.57 | -18.27 | 3.41 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.6 | 12 | 1.21 | -6.44 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 97 | 0.98 | -6.90 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2006.8 – 2011.8 | 57 | 0.92 | -5.95 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.9 – 2014.3 | 26 | 0.70 | -7.61 |
| | | | | | | WSRT | 1380 | 2001.5 – 2010.1 | 86 | 0.99 | -9.25 |
| J1939+2134 | 11 | -14.86 | 6.89 | -11.21 | 2.57 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | EFF | 1360 | 2009.6 – 2011.5 | 32 | 2.05 | -6.55 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1996.8 – 2009.4 | 223 | 1.31 | -6.32 |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1520 | 2009.7 – 2012.0 | 54 | 0.70 | -6.63 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.8 | 249 | 2.67 | -8.32 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2005.0 – 2014.3 | 202 | 2.13 | -8.65 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2005.0 – 2013.4 | 119 | 1.76 | -6.36 |
| | | | | | | | 1400 | 1990.2 – 1999.8 | 2058 | 1.16 | -6.56 |
| | | | | | | WSRT | 1380 | 1999.6 – 2010.5 | 148 | 2.63 | -8.67 |
| | | | | | | | 2273 | 2006.9 – 2010.5 | 37 | 1.04 | -9.79 |
| | | | | | | | 840 | 2000.3 – 2007.9 | 52 | 1.44 | -8.71 |
| J1955+2908 | 3 | -17.54 | 4.95 | -16.27 | 1.38 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2009.4 | 10 | 1.11 | -7.53 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.2 | 80 | 1.01 | -8.45 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2006.2 – 2011.8 | 47 | 1.14 | -7.23 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.2 – 2014.3 | 20 | 1.38 | -8.80 |
| J2010–1323 | 4 | -17.75 | 2.26 | -11.66 | 3.44 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.6 | 13 | 0.84 | -9.10 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 87 | 1.12 | -9.17 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2007.0 – 2011.8 | 177 | 1.23 | -7.66 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.8 – 2014.4 | 77 | 1.11 | -7.74 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2007.3 – 2012.7 | 36 | 1.34 | -7.43 |
| J2019+2425 | 2 | -15.49 | 2.07 | -17.80 | 3.18 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.4 | 59 | 1.41 | -9.85 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.2 – 2011.8 | 44 | 1.28 | -6.02 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.9 – 2014.3 | 27 | 1.07 | -8.00 |
| J2033+1734 | 3 | -19.52 | 0.19 | -12.39 | 2.13 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.6 | 14 | 1.38 | -9.98 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.4 | 86 | 0.85 | -8.78 |

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| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2006.4 – 2011.9 | 58 | 1.19 | -8.97 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2011.8 – 2014.3 | 36 | 1.32 | -7.72 |
| J2124–3358 | 4 | -16.98 | 6.07 | -14.42 | 1.20 | JBO | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.3 | 7 | 1.25 | -9.81 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 51 | 1.14 | -9.14 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.8 | 339 | 1.30 | -8.47 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.4 | 97 | 1.69 | -6.15 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2006.9 – 2012.9 | 50 | 1.01 | -5.14 |
| J2145–0750 | 11 | -14.29 | 4.83 | -11.79 | 1.33 | EFF | 1360 | 2009.6 – 2013.4 | 30 | 0.81 | -9.25 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1996.8 – 2009.6 | 117 | 0.65 | -5.92 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2006.9 – 2013.5 | 51 | 0.81 | -5.62 |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.4 | 9 | 1.47 | -7.57 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 82 | 1.05 | -6.06 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.8 | 237 | 1.11 | -6.23 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.8 – 2013.9 | 125 | 1.26 | -7.60 |
| | | | | | | | 2000 | 2007.3 – 2013.8 | 47 | 1.26 | -6.58 |
| | | | | | | WSRT | 1380 | 2006.0 – 2010.1 | 41 | 1.13 | -9.02 |
| | | | | | | | 2273 | 2006.9 – 2007.3 | 6 | 2.82 | -8.78 |
| | | | | | | | 323 | 2007.3 – 2010.2 | 30 | 1.68 | -6.10 |
| | | | | | | | 367 | 2007.3 – 2010.2 | 25 | 1.34 | -5.32 |
| J2229+2643 | 5 | -15.69 | 4.55 | -17.19 | 1.80 | EFF | 1360 | 2010.7 – 2013.5 | 26 | 1.38 | -5.49 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2007.3 – 2013.2 | 23 | 0.54 | -5.34 |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2009.4 | 11 | 1.91 | -5.76 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.4 | 71 | 1.04 | -6.23 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2006.2 – 2011.8 | 150 | 1.79 | -6.67 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2010.9 – 2014.4 | 35 | 1.36 | -7.95 |
| J2317+1439 | 7 | -15.05 | 0.88 | -15.56 | 1.06 | EFF | 1360 | 2009.6 – 2013.5 | 32 | 1.78 | -8.19 |
| | | | | | | | 1410 | 1997.0 – 2009.6 | 15 | 1.31 | -8.40 |
| | | | | | | | 2639 | 2007.6 – 2013.2 | 41 | 1.13 | -6.63 |
| | | | | | | JBO | 1400 | 2009.0 – 2009.4 | 9 | 1.95 | -8.22 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.3 | 79 | 1.03 | -8.27 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2005.0 – 2011.9 | 238 | 1.41 | -7.36 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.4 | 93 | 1.48 | -6.84 |
| | | | | | | WSRT | 1380 | 2006.3 – 2010.5 | 48 | 1.43 | -9.11 |
| J2322+2057 | 3 | -19.91 | 6.37 | -13.89 | 3.70 | JBO | 1400 | 2009.1 – 2009.4 | 8 | 0.80 | -6.09 |
| | | | | | | | 1520 | 2009.6 – 2014.4 | 113 | 1.40 | -6.01 |
| | | | | | | NRT | 1400 | 2006.5 – 2011.8 | 59 | 1.58 | -9.55 |
| | | | | | | | 1600 | 2009.0 – 2014.3 | 49 | 1.21 | -7.92 |

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