

Intra-pulse variability induced by plasmoid formation in pulsar magnetospheres

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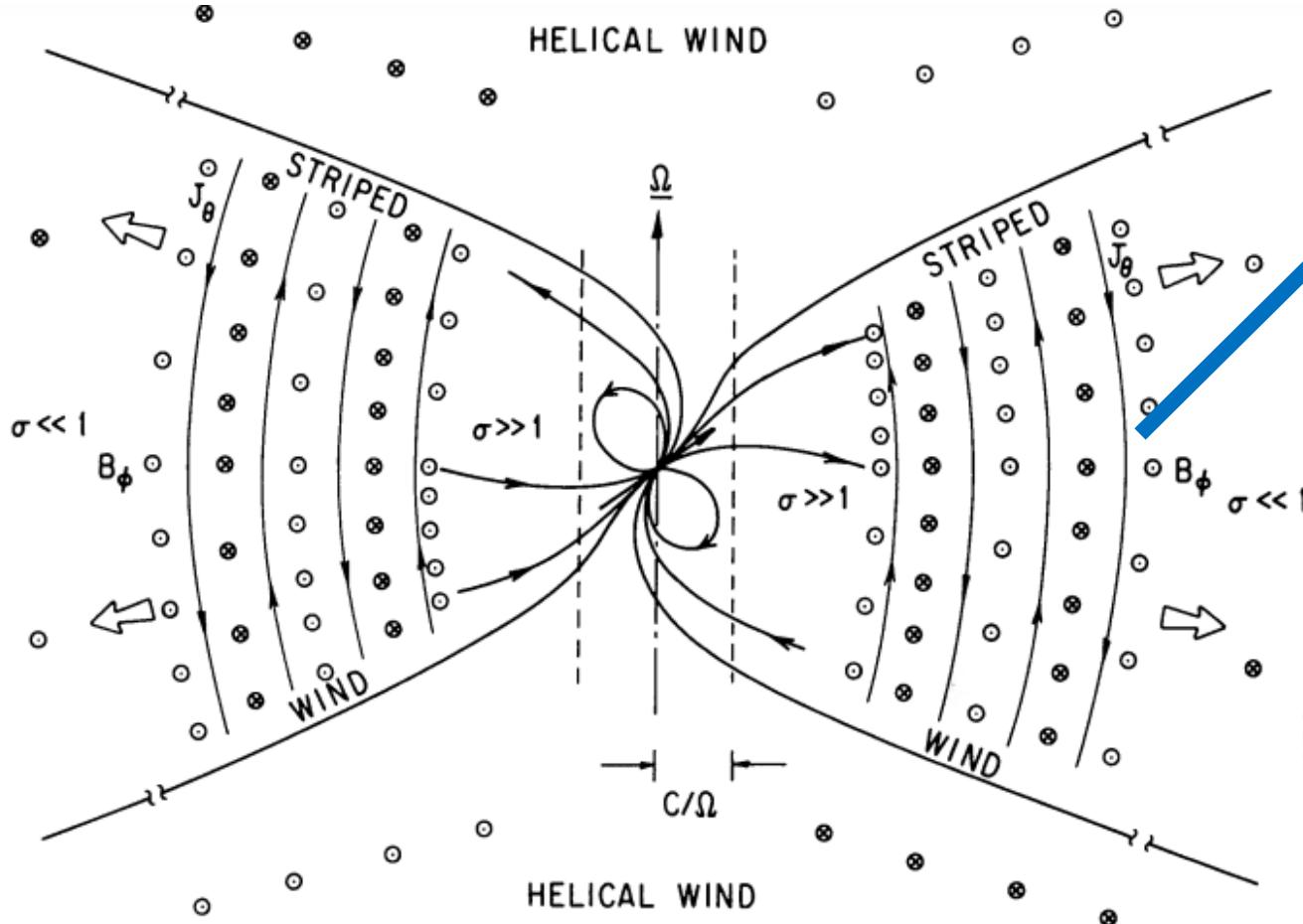
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Consider particle emission in outer region of pulsars' magnetosphere:

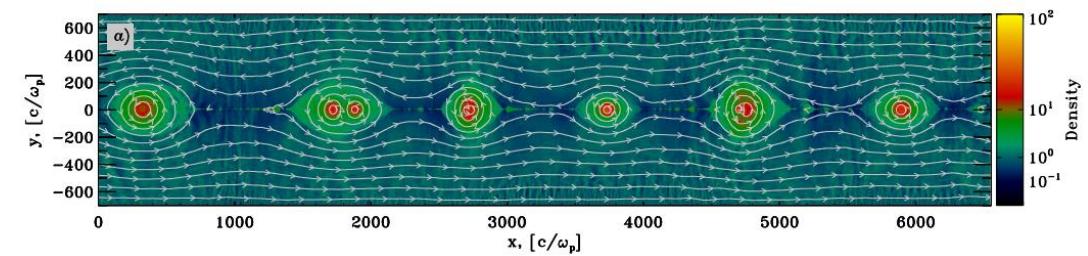


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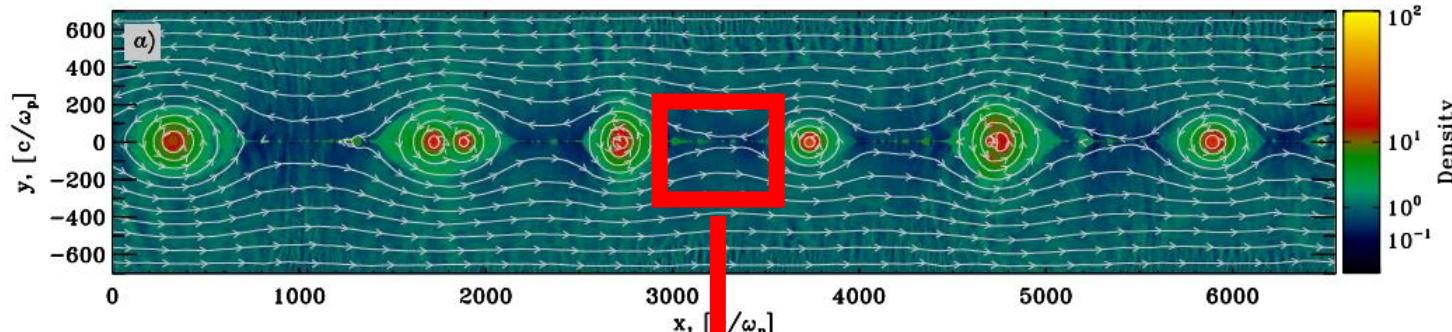
Long and thin current layers

Tearing

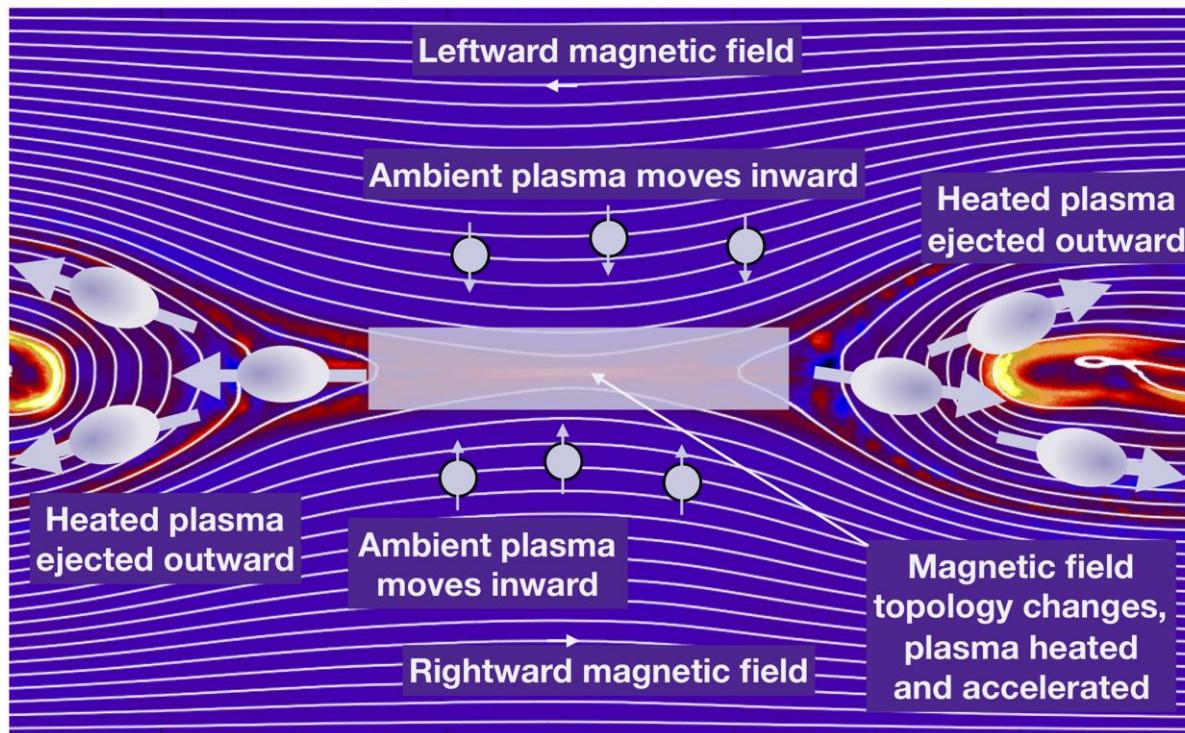
Chains of plasmoids



Kagan et al. 2015



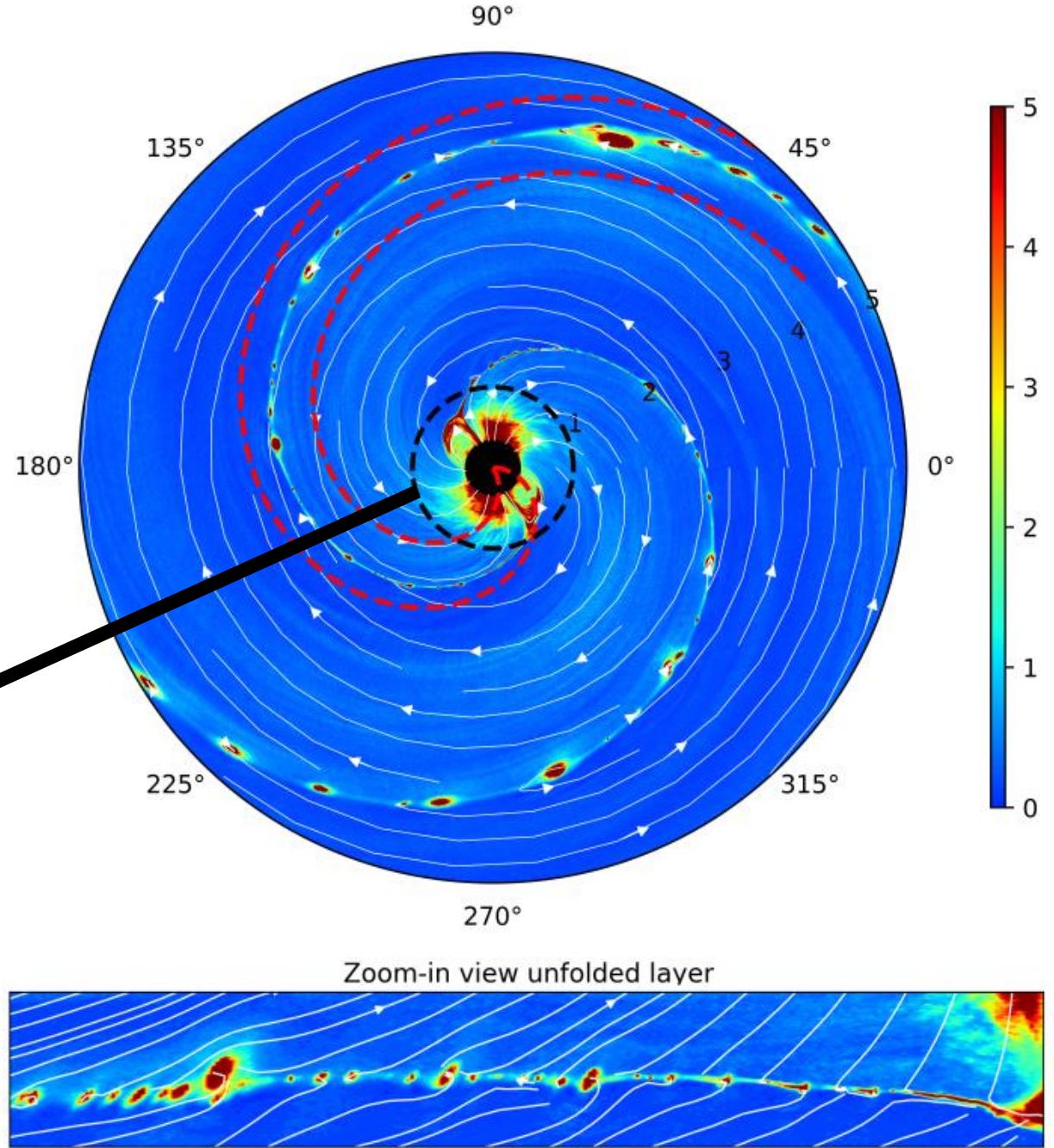
Magnetic Reconnection

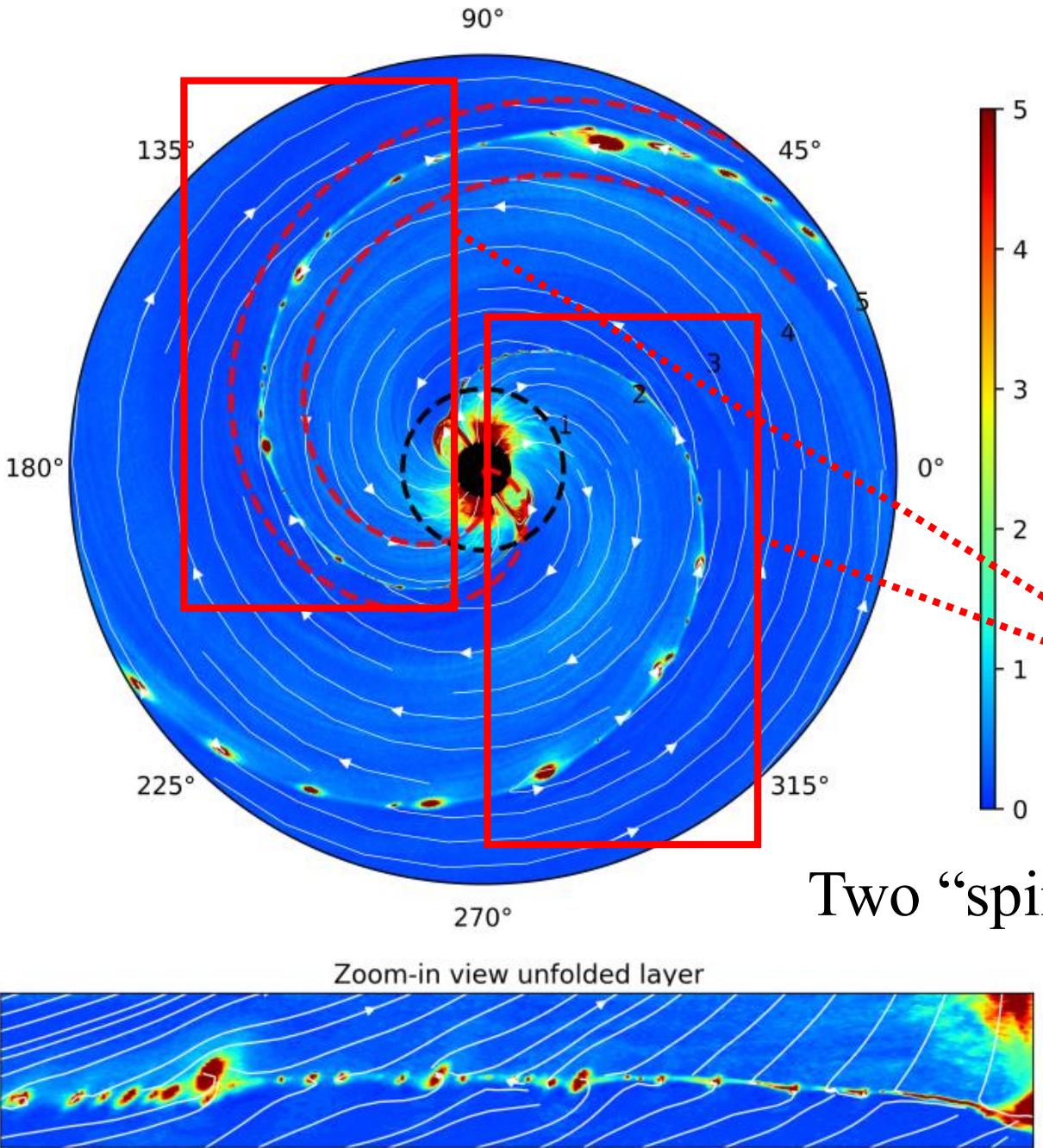


Lead to particle acceleration and **high energy** incoherent emission.

Simulation:
a $\mu \perp \Omega$ pulsar in the
equatorial plane.

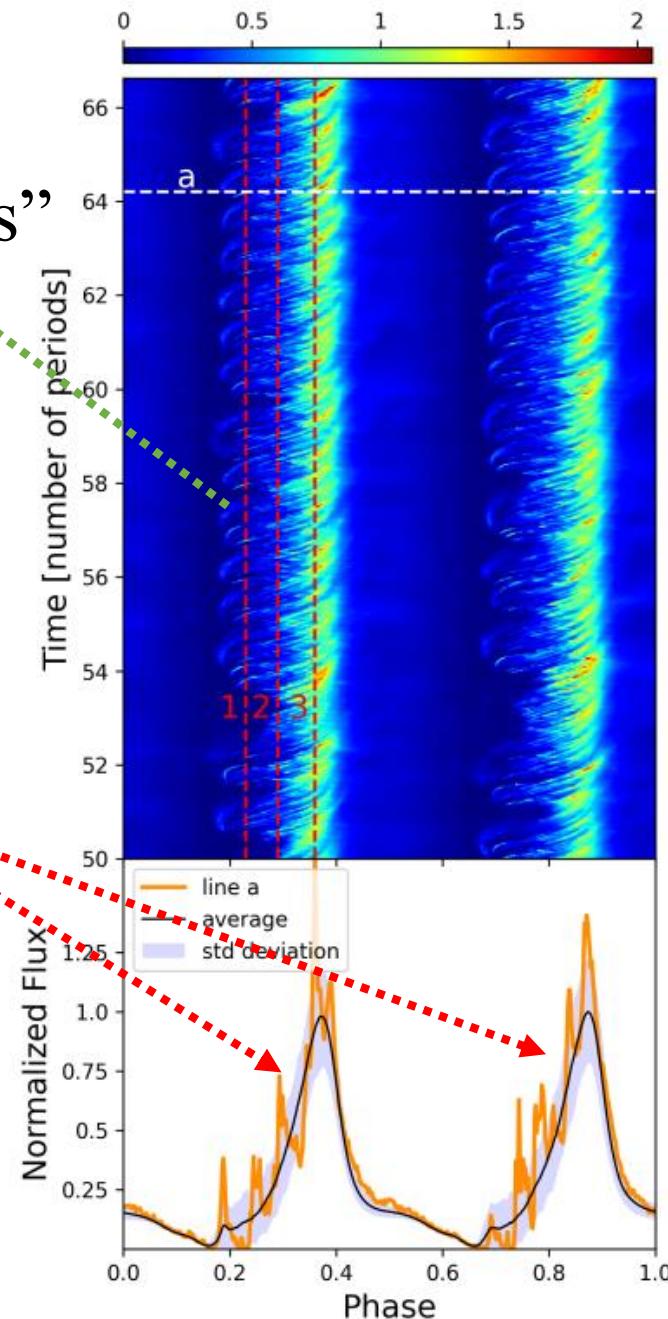
Light Cylinder Radius

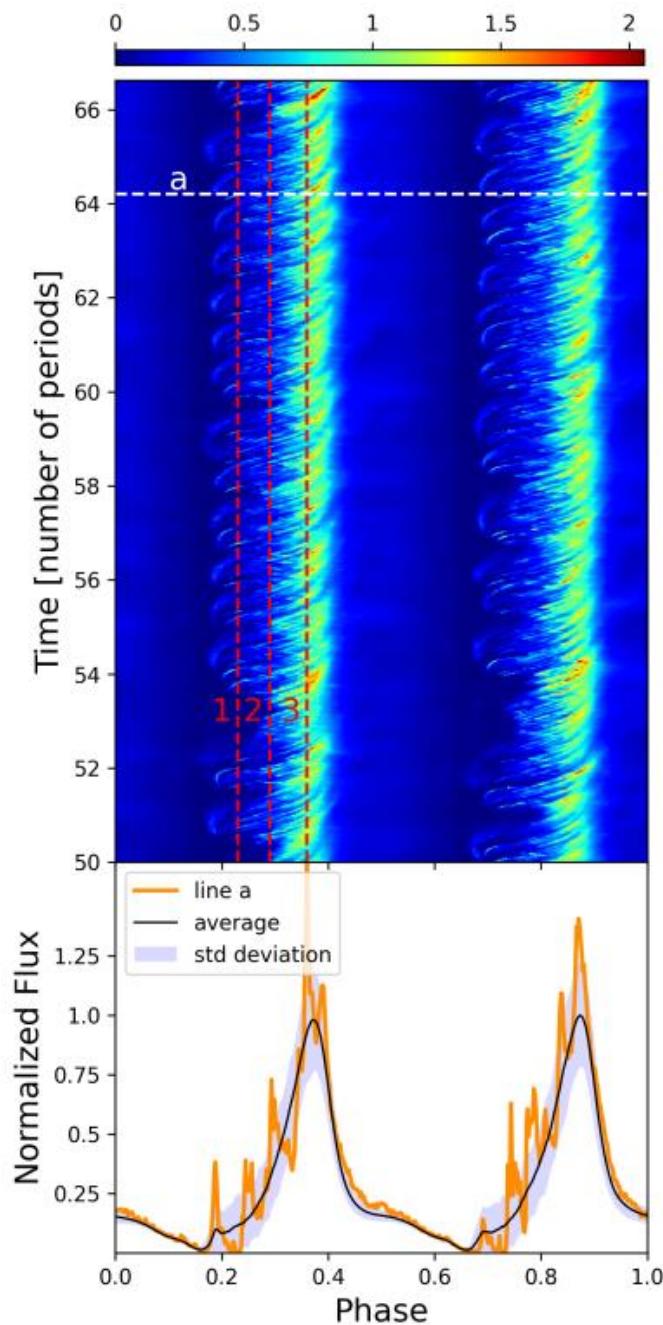




Two “spirals”

Quickly
drifting
“sub-pulses”





“Sub-pulses”
formed from
plasmoids.

