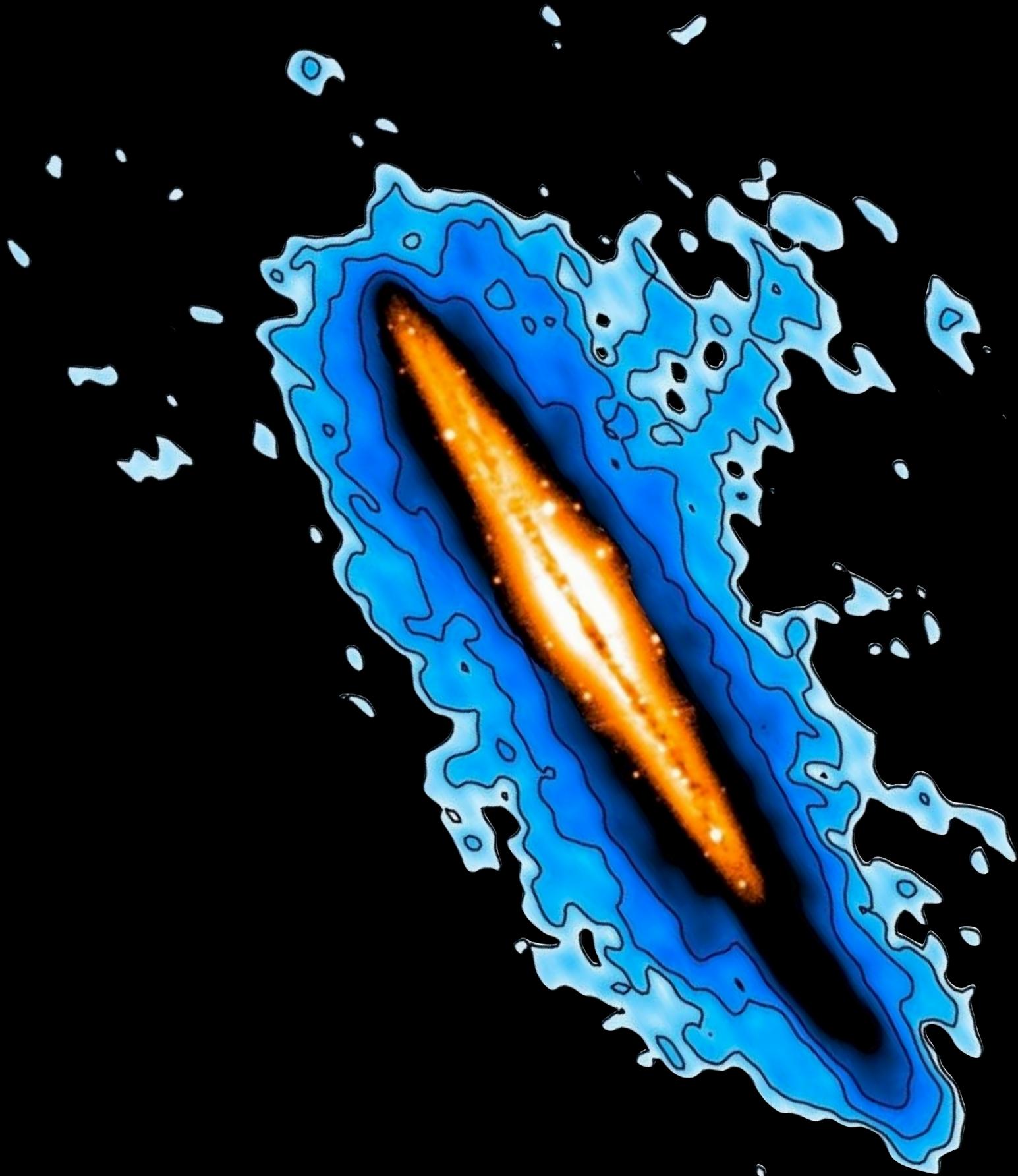


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The H I halo of NGC 891. Very deep observations with the Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope have revealed large amounts of cold, atomic gas in the halos of nearby spiral galaxies. Part of such gaseous halos is connected to star formation in the disk, while some of the gas, in particular the clouds far from the disk, are filaments being accreted from the surrounding intergalactic medium

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