BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Media English 媒体英语 Galaxies seen in ultra-high definition 天文学家捕捉到宇宙星系超清图像



天文学家捕捉到了迄今为止最详细清晰的一些深空星系图像,其清晰度要远高于普通图像,这些超清图像以前所未有的细节揭示了星系内部的运作情况。

The images have been created from the radio waves emitted from the galaxies.

这些图像是根据从星系发出的无线电波生成的。

What's new is that the team has dramatically improved the **resolution** of the radio images by linking together more than 70,000 small **antennae** spread across nine European countries.

与以往不同的是,这支团队将分布在九个欧洲国家的七万多个小型天线连接在一起,从而大大提高了无线电图像的清晰度。

One image shows a galaxy sitting in the middle of **jets** of material, shooting out from either side – each one much larger than the galaxy itself. The jets are caused by a supermassive **black hole** at its heart.

其中一张图像显示了一个星系处于一股股从两头喷出的物质中间,每股射流都大于该星系本身。这些射流是由其中心的超大黑洞产生的。

Another picture is of a galaxy from when the Universe was **relatively** young – just 2.6 billion years old.

另一张图片展现了宇宙相对年轻时一个星系的样子,宇宙当时只有26亿年的历史。

1. 词汇表

radio waves	无线电波
emitted	发射,发出
resolution	清晰度
antennae	天线,"antenna"的复数
jets of	一股股,一柱柱
black hole	黑洞
relatively	相对地

- 2. 阅读理解:请在读完上文后,回答下列问题。(答案见下页)
- 1. What have the images been created from?
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3. 答案

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3. How many European countries have the antennae in them?

The antennae are in nine European countries.

4. What causes the jets of material that shoot out of the galaxies?

A supermassive black hole at the centre of these galaxies.