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Taking the Universe's Baby Picture

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I will discuss how observations of the cosmic microwave background, the left-over heat from the big bang, have help establish the standard model of cosmology. I will look forward to upcoming observations that have the potential to test our ideas about the universes beginning and provide new insights into the nature of dark energy and dark matter.