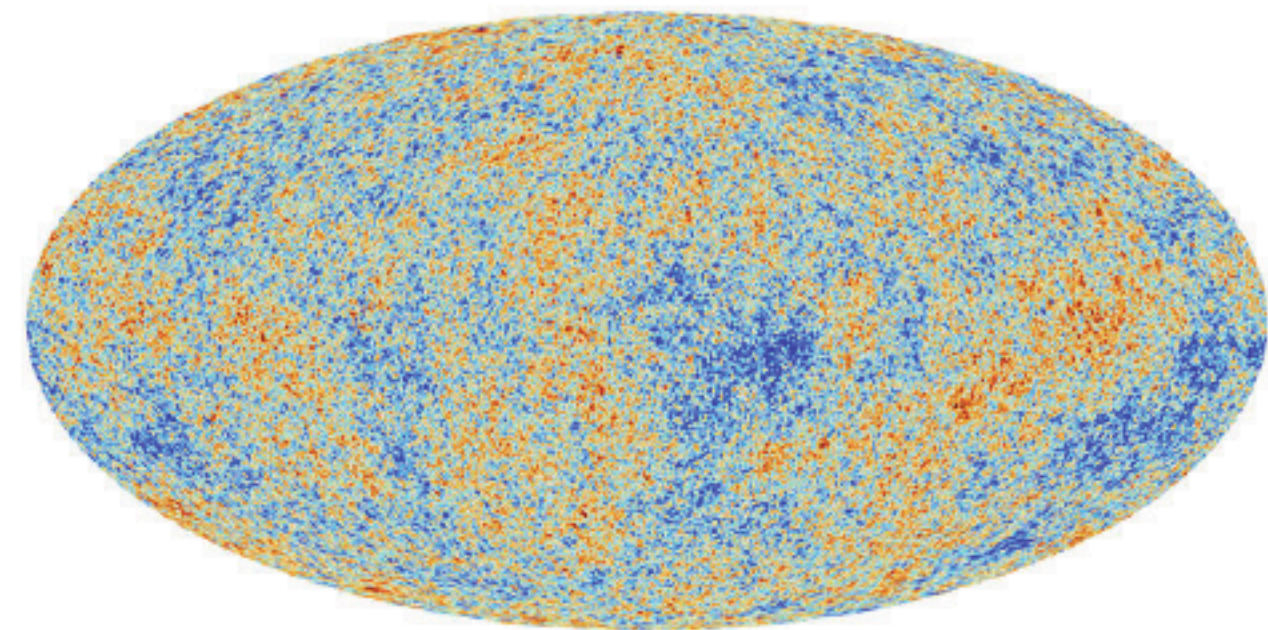


# Universe as an Infant: Fatter Than Expected and Kind of Lumpy



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A view of the cosmic microwave background collected by the European Space Agency's Planck satellite. The heat map of the cosmos was imprinted on the sky when the universe was just 380,000 years old.

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Astronomers released the latest and most exquisite baby picture yet of the universe on Thursday, one that showed it to be 80 million to 100 million years older and a little fatter than previously thought, with more matter in it and perhaps ever so slightly lopsided.

Recorded by the European Space Agency's Planck satellite, the image is

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