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**The Eot-Wash Axion Search**

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In the nearly 25 years since it was first proposed, the axion remains the preferred solution to the strong CP problem and a promising dark matter candidate. Although the mass of the axion is now limited to be greater than  $1 \mu\text{eV}$  by the known flat geometry of the universe and less than  $1000 \mu\text{eV}$  by the neutrino flux from SN1987A, between these limits the existence of the axion is unconstrained. The Eot-Wash group at the University of Washington has embarked on a new experiment to look for a macroscopic parity and time violating force mediated by virtual axions with a mass in the neighborhood of  $200 \mu\text{eV}$ . By using the torsion pendulum technique, (and assuming that magnetic systematic errors can be mitigated), we hope to be able to improve on the present limits of such a force by nearly 18 orders of magnitude. This presentation will detail our experimental method and progress to date.