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**Three-Component Coreless Vortices in a Spinor BEC**<sup>1</sup> L. SUZANNE LESLIE, University of Rochester, Institute of Optics, AZURE HANSEN, KEVIN WRIGHT<sup>2</sup>, NICK BIGELOW, University of Rochester, Physics Department — We present experimental results of three-component coreless vortices with winding number  $w_i = (0, 1, 2)$  created in the F = 2 manifold of <sup>87</sup>Rb using an optical vortex coupling technique. Examples of vortices across a range of relative spatial distributions and spin state populations will be shown, and their vorticity confirmed through interference.

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