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**Decoherence-free subspaces in BEC interferometry**<sup>1</sup> CHARLES W. CLARK, Joint Quantum Institute, NIST and University of Maryland, MARK EDWARDS, Georgia Southern University and NIST, JEFFREY HEWARD, Georgia Southern University — We extend an approach originally developed to describe Bragg interferometry of Bose-Einstein condensates [1], to describe new interferometers based on quantum information concepts. This approach follows ideas recently introduced in neutron interferometry, such as the identification of decoherence free (DF) subspaces to reduce mechanical noise [2,3]. Using techniques that have been well calibrated by experiments in conventional BEC interferometry [1], we prototype extensions to standard Mach-Zehnder configurations, analogous to the four- and five-blade DF designs of neutron interferometry [2,3].

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