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**Persistent Flow in Fermionic Superfluid Rings**<sup>1</sup> KEVIN WRIGHT,  
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and Astronomy — We have created and detected persistent flow in an ultracold  
Fermi gas for the first time. We confine the gas to a trapping potential that is  
overall annular in shape, using time dependent perturbations of the potential such  
as a moving tunnel junction to realize a “circuit” that allows us to control the  
circulation state. We have observed that the stability of persistent currents varies  
with the system geometry and other factors that affect fluctuations and dissipation in  
the system. We will report on efforts to use this system to obtain useful information  
about the transport properties of fermionic quantum gases.

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