

III.3 Transport mésoscopique et effets thermoélectriques dans les gaz atomiques ultra-froids

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Ultra-Cold Atomic Gases



BEC



Nobel 2001 E. Cornell, W. Ketterle, C. Wieman



COOLING

Nobel 1997 S. Chu, C. Cohen-Tannoudji, W. Phillips

Crossing Borders: from Quantum Optics to Condensed Matter Physics



Superfluid to Mott Insulator Transition Greiner, Bloch, Esslinger et al. Nature 2002 [Garching MPI] Imaging Fermi Surfaces Michael Köhl et al. PRL 94, 080403 (2005) [ETHZ]



Quantum phase transition from a superfluid to a Mott insulator in a gas of ultracold atoms NATURE[VOL 4

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Phase coherence between wells in superfluid phase >interference pattern





Momentum distribution for different Potential Depths

Cold Atoms and Condensed Matter Physics: comparing characteristic scales

	Cold Fermionic atoms	Electrons in a solid
Density	10 ¹² CM ⁻³	1022 cm-3 (Metals)
Mass	6 (Li), 40 (K)	5.4 10-4
Fermi Temperature	μΚ	104 K
Temperature	100 nK	10 mK
Charge	0	-1
Interactions	Contact, <i>tunable</i>	Coulomb, material dep.
Potential shaping	Laser light	growing, lithography
Slide: courtesy J-P Brantut		

An emerging field: transport experiments with ultra-cold atomic gases

Introduction - Transport and cold atoms





Disorder (Inst. d'optique - LENS, 2008) J. Billy et al.-G. Roati et al., Nature Interactions (LMU, 2012) U. Schneider *et al.*, Nat. Phys.

Also:

H. Ott *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 160601 (2004)
S. Palzer *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 150601 (2009)
J. Catani *et al*, Phys. Rev. A 85, 023623 (2012)
K.K. Das *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 123007 (2009)
And many others ...

Conductance Quantization observed !





Imprinted potential realizing a quantum point-contact

Krinner et al. Nature 517, 65 (2015) Tilman Esslinger's group @ETH-Zurich

Cold atoms in a warm atmosphere – Thanks to:



Eldgenössische Technische Hachschule Zürich Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich



Experiment: (ETH Zürich) S. Krinner D. Husmann J.P. Brantut, S. Haüsler J. Meineke M. Lebrat D. Stadler T. Esslinger

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Generic set-up in the following: *Two reservoirs and a constriction*



Constrictions and Quantum Fluids: Older and Newer Incarnations



"Superlink" Allen and Jones, Nature, 1938



Brantut et al. Science, 337, 1069 (2012)





Repulsive TEM₀₁ laser beam on the center of the cloud

Trap frequency up to 11 kHz

Creates a narrow multimode, ballistic channel

Courtesy: JP Brantut



Onsager Coefficients describing transport in the constriction in the linear response regime

Particle and entropy currents:

$$I_N = L_{11}\Delta\mu + L_{12}\Delta T$$
$$I_S = L_{21}\Delta\mu + L_{22}\Delta T$$

 μ_L

 μ_{R}

N,S particle number and entropy I_N, I_S : currents

$$\Delta \mu \equiv \mu_L - \mu_R$$
$$\Delta T \equiv T_L - T_R$$

Measuring the Conductance by transient `discharge' - from ballistic to diffusive -

Science, 337, 1069 (2012) Conduction of Ultracold Fermions Through a Mesoscopic Channel

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In a mesoscopic conductor, electric resistance is detected even if the device is defect-free. We engineered and studied a cold-atom analog of a mesoscopic conductor. It consists of a narrow channel connecting two macroscopic reservoirs of fermions that can be switched from ballistic to diffusive. We induced a current through the channel and found ohmic conduction, even when the channel is ballistic. We measured in situ the density variations resulting from the presence of a current and observed that density remains uniform and constant inside the ballistic channel. In contrast, for the diffusive case with disorder, we observed a density gradient extending through the channel. Our approach opens the way toward quantum simulation of mesoscopic devices with quantum gases.

Dynamics of equilibration: The thermodynamic properties of the reservoirs AND the transport in the constriction BOTH play a role

Consider the simplest case with <u>an initial particle-number imbalance</u>, no temperature imbalance, L_{12} =0, and linear-response applies (small deviations from equilibrium) :

Dynamics of the particle flow:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Delta N = -I_N = -L_{11}\Delta\mu$$

Thermodynamics in the reservoirs: $\Delta N = \kappa \Delta \mu$, $\kappa \equiv \frac{\partial N}{\partial \mu}|_T$ ($\kappa \sim \underline{\text{compressibility}}$ of gas in reservoir)

Combining:

$$rac{d}{dt}\Delta\mu\,=\,-rac{L_{11}}{\kappa}\,\Delta\mu$$
 Same for ΔN

 $\frac{\kappa}{L_{11}}$ $\{\Delta N(t), \Delta \mu(t)\} = \{\Delta N_0, \Delta \mu_0\} e^{-t/\tau_{\mu}}, \tau_{\mu} =$

cf. discharge of a capacitor:



 $Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-t/\tau}$, $\tau = RC = \frac{C}{G} = \frac{C}{e^2 L_{11}}$





Atomic flow through the channel



Ballistic channel :

$$\kappa/G = 481(30) \,\mathrm{ms}$$

 $\kappa/G = 450(30) \,\mathrm{ms}$

Experimental fit

Landauer-Büttiker + ideal reservoirs

(Calculation: C.Grenier)

Slide: JP Brantut

Thermal equilibration between reservoirs in the absence of thermoelectric effects ($L_{12}=0$)

 $\Delta T(t) = \Delta T_0 e^{-t/\tau_T} , \quad \tau_T = \frac{C_{\mu}/T}{L_{22}} = \frac{C_{\mu}/T}{G_{th}/T}$ With the heat capacity at constant chemical potential:

$$C_{\mu} = T \frac{\partial S}{\partial T}|_{\mu}$$

In the presence of coupling between T and μ either via transport (L₁₂) or thermodynamics (dilatation coeff.), <u>the evolution of μ and T become coupled</u>

A note in passing: a novel (?) interpretation of Wiedemann-Franz law

For a free Fermi gas, as $T \rightarrow 0$ (cf. previous lectures):



Hence, the particle and thermal equilibration times are the same as $T \rightarrow 0$!

$$\frac{\tau_{\mu}}{\tau_{T}} \to 1$$

Probing Thermo`electric' Effects in Ultra-Cold Gases

A Thermoelectric Heat Engine with Ultracold Atoms Science, 342, 713 (2013) See also: Cheng Chin et al.

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Thermoelectric effects, such as the generation of a particle current by a temperature gradient, have their origin in a reversible coupling between heat and particle flows. These effects are fundamental probes for materials and have applications to cooling and power generation. Here, we demonstrate thermoelectricity in a fermionic cold atoms channel in the ballistic and diffusive regimes, connected to two reservoirs. We show that the magnitude of the effect and the efficiency of energy conversion can be optimized by controlling the geometry or disorder strength. Our observations are in quantitative agreement with a theoretical model based on the Landauer-Büttiker formalism. Our device provides a controllable model system to explore mechanisms of energy conversion and realizes a cold atom-based heat engine.

« Smoking-gun » for thermoelectric effects: the theoretical proposal arXiv:1209.3942

Two steps

- i. Prepare reservoirs with equal particle number and different temperatures, with closed constriction
- ii. Open the constriction and monitor particle number



During equilibration: particle first flow from hot to cold, then backflow from cold to hot !





Simple physical picture: transmission increases with energy and more high-energy states are populated in hot reservoir



Thermoelectric transport through a cold atomic gas constriction - Quantitative theory -

Thermodynamics of the reservoirs: non-diagonal terms

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta N \\ \Delta S \end{pmatrix} = \underline{K} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mu \\ \Delta T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa & \kappa \alpha_r \\ \kappa \alpha_r & C_\mu/T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mu \\ \Delta T \end{pmatrix}$$
$$K_{11} \equiv \kappa = \frac{\partial N}{\partial \mu}|_T = -\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \mu^2}$$
$$K_{12} = K_{21} \equiv \alpha_r \kappa = \frac{\partial N}{\partial T}|_\mu = -\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \mu \partial T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial \mu}|_T$$
$$K_{22} \equiv \frac{C_\mu}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial T}|_\mu = -\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial T^2}$$

Grand-potential: $\Omega \equiv -k_B T \ln Z_{gc}$, $S = -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial T}|_{\mu}$, $N = -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu}|_{T}$

Expressions for a free Fermi gas:

For a free Fermi gas, these coefficients are easily calculated from:

$$N(\mu, T) = \int d\varepsilon D(\varepsilon) f\left(\frac{\varepsilon - \mu}{k_B T}\right)$$
$$S(\mu, T) = -k_B \int d\varepsilon D(\varepsilon) \left[f \ln f + (1 - f) \ln(1 - f)\right]$$

with $D(\varepsilon)$ the density of states. This leads to:

$$K_{11} = J_0$$
, $K_{12} = K_{21} = k_B J_1$, $K_{22} = k_B^2 J_2$

where J_n are integrals with the dimension of energy:

$$J_n = \int d\varepsilon D(\varepsilon) \left(\frac{\varepsilon - \mu}{k_B T}\right)^n \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon}\right)$$

Note formal similarity with the expression of the Onsager coefficients for transport ! Transport function → DOS Same (general) constraints apply (around equilibrium state):

 $K_{11} \ge 0, K_{22} \ge 0, \det K \ge 0$

$$\kappa = \frac{\partial N}{\partial \mu}\Big|_{T} = \int_{0}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \, g_{r}(\varepsilon) \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon}\right)$$
$$T\alpha_{r}\kappa = \frac{\partial N}{\partial T}\Big|_{\mu} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial \mu}\Big|_{T} = \int_{0}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \, g_{r}(\varepsilon) \left(\varepsilon - \mu\right) \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon}\right)$$
$$\frac{C_{N}}{T} + \kappa \alpha_{r}^{2} = \int_{0}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \, g_{r}(\varepsilon) \left(\varepsilon - \mu\right)^{2} \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon}\right)$$

Note: $\alpha_r > 0$ for a Fermi gas with DOS growing with energy

$$\ell \equiv \frac{C_N/T}{\kappa} > 0$$

Thermodynamic analogue of Lorenz number

Transport coefficients of channel

$$G = \frac{1}{h} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \, \Phi(\varepsilon) \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon} \right)$$
$$T \alpha_{ch} G = \frac{1}{h} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \, \Phi(\varepsilon) \left(\varepsilon - \mu \right) \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon} \right)$$
$$\frac{G_{T}}{T} + G \alpha_{ch}^{2} = \frac{1}{h} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \, \Phi(\varepsilon) \left(\varepsilon - \mu \right)^{2} \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon} \right)$$

 $L \equiv \frac{G_T/T}{G}$

Lorenz number

Transmission coefficient

$$\Phi(\varepsilon) = \sum_{n_z=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n_x=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} dk_y \, \frac{\hbar k_y}{M} \mathcal{T}(k_y)$$

$$\cdot \delta \left(\varepsilon - \hbar \omega_x (n_x + 1/2) - \hbar \omega_z (n_z + 1/2) - \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2M} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n_z=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n_x=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{T}(\varepsilon - \hbar \omega_x (n_x + 1/2) - \hbar \omega_z (n_z + 1/2))$$

$$\cdot \vartheta(\varepsilon - \hbar \omega_x (n_x + 1/2) - \hbar \omega_z (n_z + 1/2)),$$

$$\Phi(\varepsilon) = \sum_{n_x, n_z} \int dk_y \frac{\hbar k_y}{M} T(k) \delta\left(\varepsilon - \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2M} - n_z h v_z - n_x h v_x\right)$$

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Here $\mathcal{T}(\varepsilon) \to \Phi(\varepsilon)$

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{Ballistic}} : \ T(k) = 1, \\ \Phi(\varepsilon) \simeq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \left\lfloor \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0}{hv_x} \right\rfloor \right) \left(1 + \left\lfloor \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0}{hv_z} \right\rfloor \right) \\ \\ \underline{\text{Diffusive}} : \ T(k) \simeq \frac{l(k)}{\mathscr{L}}, \\ \Phi(\varepsilon) \simeq \frac{4}{15} \frac{\tau_s}{\mathscr{L}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{M}} \frac{(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0)^{5/2}}{hv_x hv_z} \end{array}$$

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For $v_z = 5 kHz$, $v_x = 0.5 kHz$

Currents and Discharge

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_N \\ I_S \end{pmatrix} = -G \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_{ch} \\ \alpha_{ch} & L + \alpha_{ch}^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_c - \mu_h \\ T_c - T_h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau_0 \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\Delta N}{\Delta T} \right) =$$

$$-\left(\begin{array}{cc}1 & -\kappa(\alpha_{\rm r}-\alpha_{\rm ch})\\-\frac{\alpha_{\rm r}-\alpha_{\rm ch}}{\ell\kappa} & \frac{L+(\alpha_{\rm r}-\alpha_{\rm ch})^2}{\ell}\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}\Delta N\\\Delta T\end{array}\right)$$

$$(N_{c} - N_{h})(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{-t/\tau_{-}} + e^{-t/\tau_{+}} \right] + \left[1 + \frac{L + \alpha^{2}}{\ell} \right] \frac{e^{-t/\tau_{-}} - e^{-t/\tau_{+}}}{2(\lambda_{+} - \lambda_{-})} \right] \Delta N_{0} \\ + \frac{\alpha \kappa}{\lambda_{+} - \lambda_{-}} \left[e^{-t/\tau_{-}} - e^{-t/\tau_{+}} \right] \Delta T_{0}$$

$$(S14)$$

$$(T_{c} - T_{h})(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{-t/\tau_{-}} + e^{-t/\tau_{+}} \right] - \left[\frac{L + \alpha^{2}}{\ell} - 1 \right] \frac{e^{-t/\tau_{-}} - e^{-t/\tau_{+}}}{2(\lambda_{+} - \lambda_{-})} \right] \Delta T_{0} \\ + \frac{\alpha}{\ell \kappa (\lambda_{+} - \lambda_{-})} \left[e^{-t/\tau_{-}} - e^{-t/\tau_{+}} \right] \Delta N_{0}$$

$$(S15)$$

The initial temperature difference and particle imbalance are denoted by ΔT_0 and ΔN_0 , respectively. The inverse time-scales $\tau_{\pm}^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} \lambda_{\pm}$ are given by the eigenvalues of the transport matrix $\underline{\Lambda}$

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{L + \alpha^2}{\ell} \right) \pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^2}{\ell} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{L + \alpha^2}{2\ell} \right)^2}.$$
 (S16)

All the effective transport coefficients are ratios that depend only on the variable $\frac{\mu}{k_B T}$.

Comparison data-theory in the ballistic case



Particle imbalance vs. time for : A 3.5 kHz and B 9.3 kHz



- Thermoelectric effect grows with disorder
- At strong disorder The effect saturates : Constant *τ_s* √
- Seebeck coefficient ≠ Conductivity



Rescaled evolution of particle imbalance : Universal regime

The setup as a heat engine



- Channel : converts heat into (chemical) work
- Evolution in the μN plane
- Access to thermodynamic evolution
 ⇒ Extraction of work

QUESTION : Efficiency of the process ?

Efficiency

No DC regime ⇒ compare work, not power Expression for the efficiency : compare output chemical work to heat

$$\eta \equiv \frac{Work}{Heat} = \frac{\int_{evolution} \Delta \mu \cdot d\Delta N}{\int_{evolution} \Delta T \cdot d\Delta S} = \frac{\int_0^\infty dt \Delta \mu \cdot I_N}{\int_0^\infty dt \Delta T \cdot I_S}$$

Solution to transport equations $\Rightarrow \eta$ in terms of transport coefficients : ℓ , L, α

$$\eta = \frac{-\alpha \alpha_r}{\ell + L + \alpha^2 - \alpha \alpha_r}$$



Prospects: Peltier-cooling of atomic gases (= Evaporating particles AND holes !) C.Grenier, C.Kollath & AG – Phys Rev Lett 113, 200601 (2014)



$$I_{N} = \frac{1}{h} \int d\varepsilon \mathcal{T}(\varepsilon) [f_{R}(\varepsilon) - f_{S}(\varepsilon)]$$

= $-\int d\varepsilon g_{R}(\varepsilon) \frac{df_{R}}{dt}(\varepsilon) = \int d\varepsilon g_{S}(\varepsilon) \frac{df_{S}}{dt}(\varepsilon).$

In this expression, $g_R(\varepsilon) = (\varepsilon - \Delta \varepsilon)^2 / ((h\nu)^3) \vartheta(\varepsilon - \Delta \varepsilon)$ and $g_S(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^2 / ((h\nu)^3) \vartheta(\varepsilon)$ are the density of states in the reservoir and in the system, with ϑ the Heaviside function. The coupled evolution of the two distribution functions is, thus, given by

$$g_R(\varepsilon)\frac{df_R(\varepsilon)}{dt} = -\frac{T(\varepsilon)}{h}[f_R - f_S](\varepsilon), \qquad (1)$$

$$g_{S}(\varepsilon)\frac{df_{S}(\varepsilon)}{dt} = \frac{\mathcal{T}(\varepsilon)}{h}[f_{R}-f_{S}](\varepsilon) - \Gamma_{ev}(\varepsilon)g_{S}(\varepsilon)f_{S}(\varepsilon).$$
(2)



FIG. 3 (color online). Dimensionless cooling rate $\eta(t)\tau_0$ as a function of T_S/T_{FS} , for the same parameters as in Fig. 2. The black dashed curve is for evaporative cooling only. Arrows indicate the direction of the time evolution. The horizontal (red) line indicates a typical heating rate (see, e.g., [43]) limiting these cooling processes.

Other Cooling procedures

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

PHYSICAL REVIEW A 79, 061601(R) (2009)

Cooling fermionic atoms in optical lattices by shaping the confinement

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MERCI DE VOTRE PARTICIPATION AU COURS !

... Une note personnelle...



II y a 123 ans...



Paul Janet 1863-1937



COURS PUBLIC. — Le JEUDI à 3 h. 1/2. — Etude approfondie des machines dynamo-électriques; caractéristiques; propriétés magnétiques et électriques des matériaux; projet d'une dynamo à courant continu de puissance donnée.

Transport de l'Energie mécanique ; traction électrique ; tramways et locomotives. Eclairage ; lampes à incandescence ; lampes à arc. Canalisation et distribution de l'énergie électrique ; stations centrales ; systèmes divers.

CONFÉRENCE PRATIQUE. — Le VENDREDI à 10 h. et demie. Mesures électriques industrielles.

Le Cours public s'ouvrira le JEUDI 12 JANVIER 1893

Grenoble, le 27 décembre 1892. Le Doyen de la faculté des Sciences,

Vu et approuvé : Le Recteur de l'Académie, G. BIZOS

RAOULT.

Physical Interpretation of the Coefficients of the Thermodynamic Matrix :

$K_{11} \sim Compressibility$:

Pressure in grand-canonical ensemble, given extensivity of $\Omega = V\omega(\mu, T)$:

$$p(\mu, T) = -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial V} = -\frac{1}{V}\Omega(\mu, T)$$

With $n \equiv N/V$ the density, the equation of state will be given by:

$$p(n,T) = p_{gc}[\mu(n,T),T]$$

From which it follows that:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial n}|_{T} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu}|_{T} \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial n}|_{T} = n \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial n}|_{T}$$

A variation of volume corresponds to (from n = N/V):

$$\frac{\delta V}{V} = -\frac{\delta n}{n}$$

The isothermal compressibility is usually defined as:

$$\kappa_T \equiv -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial p} |_T = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial n}{\partial p} |_T$$

So that:

$$\kappa_T = \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{\partial n}{\partial \mu} |_T = \frac{1}{n^2 V} K_{11} \equiv \frac{1}{n^2 V} \kappa$$

Must be positive (otherwise phase separation)

K_{12} ~ Thermal expansion coefficient at constant μ :

$$\alpha_{\mu} \equiv \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} |_{\mu} = -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial n}{\partial T} |_{\mu}$$

$$K_{12} \equiv \kappa \alpha_r = V \frac{\partial n}{\partial T} |_{\mu} = -N \alpha_{\mu}$$

Importantly for the following, this coefficient <u>can be positive</u> <u>or negative</u>. Alternatively its sign can be related to the variation of μ as a function of temperature at constant density:

We note that a variation at constant density implies:

$$K_{11}\delta\mu + K_{12}\delta T = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial\mu}{\partial T}|_n = -\frac{K_{12}}{K_{11}} = -\alpha_r$$

Hence:

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial T}|_{\mu} = -n^2 \kappa_T \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T}|_n \left(= n^2 \kappa_T \alpha_r = \frac{1}{V} K_{12} \right)$$

 μ decreases with T $\rightarrow \alpha_r > 0 \rightarrow \Delta n$, ΔT same sign at constant μ

We have seen that $K_{22} = C_{\mu}/T$

At constant density: "stopping condition"

$$K_{11}\delta\mu + K_{12}\delta T = 0 \Rightarrow \delta\mu = -\frac{K_{12}}{K_{11}}\delta T$$

$$\delta S = K_{21}\delta\mu + K_{22}\delta T = \left(K_{22} - \frac{K_{12}^2}{K_{11}}\right)\delta T = \frac{\det K}{K_{11}}\delta T$$

cf. analogy with thermal conductivity calculation

$$\det K \,=\, \kappa \, \frac{C_N}{T} \,\geq 0$$

Positivity of K₂₂ and det K follows from the second principle of thermodynamics