



Supplementary Material for  
**Similarity of Scattering Rates in Metals Showing *T*-Linear Resistivity**

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## a) Materials and methods

In order to study the low temperature resistivity of  $\text{Sr}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$  with high precision and accuracy, we prepared two needle-like single crystals (2 mm x 0.15 mm x 0.1 mm), each with residual resistivity less than  $1 \mu\Omega\text{cm}$ . Each was mounted with  $c$ -axis aligned parallel to the applied magnetic field to within  $1^\circ$ , in a bespoke cryostat in which cooling was controlled by the adiabatic demagnetisation of a salt pill mounted in a separate 6 T magnet. Standard low frequency (78 Hz) four-terminal techniques were employed, with transformers mounted at 1.8 K providing passive amplification of a factor of 100 and helping to achieve noise levels of  $< 50 \text{ pVHz}^{-1/2}$ . Slow temperature sweeps ( $< 0.04 \text{ K / minute}$ ) were performed from 100 mK to 25 K at a set of fixed magnetic fields from 0 to 14 T. Temperature was measured using a calibrated Ge thermometer mounted in a zero field region. Careful comparison of warming and cooling runs ensured the acquisition of data for which the samples were in equilibrium with the thermometers at all temperatures. For a set of fields  $0 < \mu_0 H < 9 \text{ T}$  measurements to 400 K were also performed on the same samples using a commercial cryostat (Quantum Design PPMS).

## b) Estimating the scattering rate from resistivity data

In this section we describe in detail how we estimate the scattering rates both for  $\text{Sr}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$  and the other materials for which data are shown in Fig. 2 of the paper. As stated in the text, we quote these rates per kelvin, as  $\alpha k_B/\hbar$ , with  $\alpha$  a phenomenological dimensionless constant. We restricted our analyses to materials for which there is accurate data for Fermi volumes and velocities, mostly obtained from the de Haas-van Alphen effect. Many of the materials studied have multiple Fermi surface sheets. We describe the procedures for calculating the average scattering rate in such situations. Our analyses are in the isotropic scattering rate approximation (16,17), and hence ignore potential sheet-to-sheet variations in the scattering rate, and variations of the Fermi velocity within individual sheets. These assumptions mean that the average errors in our quoted values of  $\alpha$  are likely to be tens of percent in some cases. However, the similarities that we report across different material families are so surprising that errors of this order in  $\alpha$  do not change the essence of our findings.

In each material we concentrate our analysis on the inelastic contribution to the scattering rate, subtracting out the residual resistivity due to elastic scattering. This residual term is typically small in the materials analysed, since they show de Haas-van Alphen oscillations. In  $\text{Sr}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$  the residual resistivity has some dependence on magnetic field and is approximately  $2.5 \mu\Omega\text{cm}$  for the crystals studied here; increasing this by a factor of two by studying less pure crystals makes no qualitative difference to the inelastic scattering, providing empirical justification for the separation of the elastic and inelastic scattering terms.

### Calculation of $\alpha$ for $\text{Sr}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$

The 2D Fermi surface information proposed in Ref (9) is summarised in Table S1. The small deviations of the Fermi surface from perfect two-dimensionality would give corrections to  $\alpha$  of only order 1%, so we work in a fully 2D approximation. Taking account of pocket multiplicities,

$$\alpha = \frac{\rho}{T} \frac{e^2}{2\pi k_B d} \sum_i M_i k_{\text{Fi}} v_{\text{Fi}}$$

where  $\rho$  is the resistivity,  $d$  the bilayer-bilayer spacing of 10.35 Å, and  $M_i$ ,  $k_{\text{Fi}}$  and  $v_{\text{Fi}}$  are the multiplicity, average Fermi wave vector and average Fermi velocity of Fermi surface pocket  $i$ . Except for band #5 ( $\gamma_2$ ), the effective masses are known to be almost independent of magnetic field, even though the specific heat coefficient  $C/T$  nearly doubles on the approach to  $H_c$ . There is no de Haas–van Alphen (dHvA) information on the field dependence of the mass of band #5, so either the field dependence of  $C/T$  is due to some non-quasiparticle excitations that have not yet been identified, or it is accounted for by a large change in the mass of the band #5 quasiparticles. The  $v_{\text{F}}$  values that we deduce in each of the two scenarios are shown in Table S1. The value that we calculate for  $\alpha$  is insensitive to the choice of assumption, since in both cases band #5 has very small  $k_{\text{F}}$  and  $v_{\text{F}}$ . The resistivity gradient is approximately 1.1  $\mu\Omega\text{cm} / \text{K}$ , so  $\alpha=1.5$  (with velocity renormalisation for band #5) and 5% larger without velocity normalisation. In performing the calculation the Hall resistivity can safely be neglected, because it is only a few per cent of  $\rho$  (45, 46). For all temperatures considered in the paper, i.e.  $T < 400 \text{ K}$ ,  $k_{\text{F}}\ell \geq 1$  for almost all the quasiparticles in  $\text{Sr}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$ , so our analysis is not sensitive to possible violations of the Mott-Ioffe-Regel limit which has been conjectured to apply to the high temperature resistivity of metals.

**Table S1:** List of Fermi surface information for  $\text{Sr}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$ , deduced from the dHvA experiments (9). The carrier concentration  $n_i$  is calculated as  $n_i = k_{\text{Fi}}^2 / 2\pi d$ . For band #5, the Fermi velocity is estimated to be  $0.84 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$  from data from magnetocaloric oscillations. If we assume that the enhancement in specific heat coefficient as  $H$  approaches  $H_c$  arises from the mass renormalisation of this band, the velocity is renormalized to  $0.26 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$  at  $H=H_c$ .

Band	Type	$F_i$ (kT)	Multiplicity $M_i$	$k_{\text{Fi}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$v_{\text{Fi}}$ ( $10^4\text{m/s}$ )	$n_i$ ( $10^{28}\text{m}^{-3}$ )
1 ( $\alpha_1$ )	hole	1.78	1	0.23	3.9	0.083
2 ( $\alpha_2$ )	hole	4.13	1	0.35	4.1	0.19
3 ( $\beta$ )	electron	0.15	2	0.07	1.4	0.014
4 ( $\gamma_1$ )	electron	0.91	4	0.17	2.5	0.17
5 ( $\gamma_2$ )	hole	0.11	8	0.06	0.84 (0T) $\rightarrow$ 0.26 ( $H_c$ )	0.041
6 ( $\delta$ )	electron	0.43	2	0.11	1.6	0.040

### Estimations of $\alpha$ from literature data

One of the striking features of Fig. 2 is that the materials for which it has been possible to estimate  $\alpha$  vary in dimensionality from quasi 1D to fully 3D. Given this range, it is convenient to work with a generalised Drude expression. For a single Fermi surface pocket

$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m^*} = \frac{ne^2\tau v_F}{\hbar k_F}$$

in which  $\hbar k_F/v_F$  for is given by the dHvA effective mass averaged across the pocket,  $k_F$  is the average Fermi wave vector of the pocket and the carrier concentration  $n$  is per  $m^3$ , taking into account the effective dimensionality:

$$n = \frac{2k_F}{\pi d_b d_c} \quad \text{for one dimension,}$$

$$n = \frac{k_F^2}{2\pi d} \quad \text{for two dimensions,}$$

$$n = \frac{k_F^3}{3\pi^2} \quad \text{for three dimensions,}$$

where  $d_b$  and  $d_c$  are the distances between neighbouring conducting chains (along the a axis) in the direction of the b and c axes, respectively, while  $d$  is the distance between neighbouring conducting layers in a two-dimensional material.

For multiband materials, in the isotropic relaxation time approximation (16, 17), the expression becomes

$$\sigma = \tau \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \sum_i \frac{n_i v_{Fi}}{k_{Fi}}$$

and

$$\alpha = \frac{\hbar}{k_B \tau T} = \frac{e^2 \rho}{k_B T} \sum_i \frac{n_i v_{Fi}}{k_{Fi}}$$

in which  $n_i$ ,  $v_{Fi}$  and  $k_{Fi}$  are the carrier concentration, average Fermi velocity and average Fermi wave vector associated with band  $i$ , and  $\rho$  is the total resistivity.

## BaFe<sub>2</sub>(P<sub>0.3</sub>As<sub>0.7</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

Detailed dHvA measurements have been performed on one of the end-members of this solid solution, BaFe<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub> (47). They reveal two electron ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) and two hole ( $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ) pockets, the Fermi surface information for which is summarised in Table S2. The behaviour of two electron pockets has been studied as a function of doping in two other papers (25, 48), showing that the overall carrier concentration decreases by about 35%. On the other hand, the renormalisation increases by a factor of 2.1 as the critical concentration is approached. The linear resistivity at the critical doping has  $(\rho_{ab}-\rho_0)/T = 1.1 \mu\Omega\text{cm} / \text{K}$  (24), so assuming that the same trends apply to all the pockets, as discussed in ref. (49),  $\alpha = 2.2$ .

**Table S2:** List of Fermi surface information for stoichiometric BaFe<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>, deduced from dHvA experiments (47). The dHvA frequencies for the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\delta$  pockets are simply averaged among the extremal orbits, while that for the  $\gamma$  band that has a highly warped "dumbbell" surface around the top of the zone are obtained by averaging  $F_{\gamma 1}$  and  $F_{\gamma 2}$ , weighting  $F_{\gamma 1}$  by a factor of 2 [see Fig. 3 in Ref. (47)]. Assuming a quasi-two-dimensional Fermi surface, the carrier concentration  $n_i$  is calculated as  $n_i = k_{Fi}^2/2\pi d$ , where  $d=c/2=6.2 \text{ \AA}$ . The Fermi velocity for each pocket is calculated from the average effective mass. These quantities change as the critical concentration is approached, as described above.

Band	Type	$F_i$ (kT)	Multiplicity $M_i$	$k_{Fi}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$v_{Fi}$ ( $10^5\text{m/s}$ )	$n_i$ ( $10^{28}\text{m}^{-3}$ )
1 ( $\alpha$ )	electron	1.3	1	0.20	1.4	0.10
2 ( $\beta$ )	electron	2.3	1	0.26	1.9	0.18
3 ( $\gamma$ )	hole	2.9	1	0.30	1.3	0.23
4 ( $\delta$ )	hole	0.7	1	0.15	1.0	0.06

## CeCoIn<sub>5</sub>

The de Haas-van Alphen effect has been studied in detail in CeCoIn<sub>5</sub>, for fields approaching the critical field of 5 T (parallel to [001]) from above. The Fermi surface is dominated by two sheets, each corresponding to approximately one carrier per formula unit. Based on the data of Refs. (29, 30), the sheet-averaged Fermi surface information is summarised in Table S3. Although the material is anisotropic, its resistive anisotropy is only about a factor of three for in-plane and out-of-plane transport. We therefore treat it as three-dimensional, and calculate the scattering rate based on the  $T$ -linear resistivity gradient averaged between in- and out-of-plane transport below 15 K (28). This gradient is  $1.6 \mu\Omega\text{cm} / \text{K}$ , giving  $\alpha = 1.0$ .

**Table S3:** Fermi surface information for the two main bands of CeCoIn<sub>5</sub>, deduced from dHvA experiments (29,30). The average Fermi wave vector for each sheet is calculated by assuming a spherical Fermi surface:  $k_{Fi} = (3\pi^2 n_i)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . The Fermi velocity for each sheet is calculated from the average effective mass. The effective mass for the hole band is significantly renormalised, and field-dependent. It is  $83m_e$  at 9.3 T and extrapolated to be  $\sim 120m_e$  at the critical field (29). In the spin-resolved model in Ref. (30), the effective masses at 13-15 T for spin up and down are  $46m_e$  and  $154m_e$ , respectively, averaging to  $100m_e$ . We here adopt  $m^* \sim 100m_e$  for the hole band as a typical value. Note that the value that we calculate for  $\alpha$  is insensitive to the choice of the effective mass for the hole band, since

it is much heavier than that for the electron band that dominates the conductivity. The light electrons that dominate the conductivity are well-characterised by dHvA.

Band	Type	$k_{\text{Fi}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$v_{\text{Fi}}$ ( $10^4\text{m/s}$ )	$n_i$ ( $10^{28}\text{m}^{-3}$ )
1	electron	0.57	2.19	0.62
2	hole	0.57	0.66	0.62

### CeRu<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>

For this material, a metamagnetic transition is observed when a field is applied parallel to the c-axis ( $H_m=7.7$  T). There are two dominant three-dimensional Fermi surfaces, a large hole sheet and a multiply-connected electron sheet. Based on LDA calculations (50), each has approximately 0.5 carriers per formula unit. The detailed Fermi surface information is summarised in Table S4, based on the dHvA experiments (34, 51). It has some anisotropy, but the transport anisotropy is small, justifying the use of a three-dimensional approximation. Considering the enhancement in specific heat [ $\gamma(H=H_m)/\gamma(H=0)$ ]=1.6] on the approach to the  $H_m$  (52), it is possible that the velocity for the heavy-mass hole sheet would be renormalized by approximately a factor of 1.6. The  $T$ -linear resistivity gradient is  $(\rho_{\text{ab}}-\rho_0)/T = 0.91 \mu\Omega\text{cm} / \text{K}$  for  $H=H_m$  (33), so  $\alpha = 1.1$  without velocity renormalisation, and drops by only 4% if the extra velocity renormalisation is assumed.

We note that the resistivity of a fully two-dimensional metal with carrier concentration  $n_0$  and Fermi velocity  $v_0$  differs from that of a fully three-dimensional metal with the same values of  $n_0$  and  $v_0$  by only 30%. Materials like CeCoIn<sub>5</sub> and CeRu<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> sit between these two limits, so at the level of accuracy that we state for our estimations of  $\alpha$ , the choice of effective dimension for the calculation is relatively unimportant.

**Table S4:** List of Fermi surface information for CeRu<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, deduced from LDA calculations (50) and dHvA experiments (34, 51). The average Fermi wave vector for each sheet is calculated by assuming a spherical surface with the same total carrier number. The average Fermi velocity for each sheet is calculated from the average effective mass. No extremal orbit has been observed for the large hole pocket for the field parallel to the c-axis, so we have here estimated velocity renormalisation from mass data for the field parallel to the a-axis for this pocket. However, we stress again that since the hole band is significantly renormalised ( $m^*\sim 120m_e$ ), the calculated value of  $\alpha$  is insensitive to details of how the renormalisation is estimated. The light electrons that dominate the conductivity are well-characterised by dHvA.

Band	Type	$k_{\text{Fi}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$v_{\text{Fi}}$ ( $10^4\text{m/s}$ )	$n_i$ ( $10^{28}\text{m}^{-3}$ )
1	hole	0.56	0.54	0.58
2	electron	0.56	5.85	0.58

### (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>

Although there is no conventional dHvA data for this quasi-1D charge transfer salt, a variety of experiments including cyclotron resonance measurements suggest an average carrier velocity of  $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  (27), approximately a factor of 1.3 lower than the free electron value for a 1D band with  $k_F = 0.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  [1/4 filling, i.e., 0.5 carriers per molecule]. The carrier concentration is  $n = 1.36 \times 10^{27} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and the gradient of the linear resistivity at 11.8 kbar is  $0.38 \text{ } \mu\Omega\text{cm} / \text{K}$  (26), giving  $\alpha = 0.9$ .

### UPt<sub>3</sub>

This material has a hexagonal structure, and shows a metamagnetic transition at around 20 T when a field is applied in the *a-b* plane. The temperature dependence of  $(\rho_c - \rho_0)$  at 20 T is proportional to  $T$  below 1 K. There, the resistivity gradient is  $(\rho_c - \rho_0)/T = 1.1 \text{ } \mu\Omega\text{cm} / \text{K}$  (31). There are two dominant three-dimensional Fermi surfaces; a multiply-connected hole sheet and a large  $\Gamma$ -centred electron sheet. Average Fermi wave vectors and velocities are summarised in Table S5, based on dHvA experiments at fields of up to 18 tesla (32, 53). Specific heat data shows that  $[\gamma(H=20 \text{ T})/\gamma(H=18 \text{ T})=1.06]$  (54), so the possible velocity renormalisation on the approach to the critical field is of order only a few percent, which can be safely ignored here. Calculation based on the parameters of Table S5 then gives  $\alpha = 1.1$ .

**Table S5:** List of Fermi surface information for UPt<sub>3</sub>, deduced from dHvA experiments (32, 53). Each sheet appears to have 0.5-1 carriers per formula unit, so we here assume the carrier density is 0.75 carriers per formula unit for each as an average. The average Fermi wave vector for each sheet is calculated by assuming a spherical surface with the same total carrier number. The Fermi velocity for each pocket is calculated from the average effective mass at  $H=18 \text{ T}$ .

Band	Type	$k_{\text{Fi}} (\text{Å}^{-1})$	$v_{\text{Fi}} (10^4 \text{m/s})$	$n_i (10^{28} \text{m}^{-3})$
1	hole	0.68	2.39	1.07
2	electron	0.68	0.88	1.07

### Bi<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>Ca<sub>0.92</sub>Y<sub>0.08</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8+δ</sub> (Bi2212) [Based on Ref. (21)]

The optical conductivity was fitted based on the Drude formula with a relaxation time of  $\tau = A\hbar/(k_B T)$  (21). The best fitted results gives  $A=0.77$ , i.e.,  $\alpha=1.3$  with the definition used in this paper. On the plot in Fig. 2, we use the Fermi velocity of  $2.13 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  deduced for this material from ARPES experiments (44) and the above value of  $\alpha$  to fully determine the position of the point shown. The precise numerical value deduced for  $\alpha$  in ref. (21) depended on an assumption for the value of the plasma frequency; by quoting that value here we implicitly accept that assumption.

## Copper

The carrier density is  $n = 8.5 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and the quasiparticle mass is  $m^*=1.3m_0$  (55). This gives  $v_F = 1.2 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$  and  $k_F=1.4 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ . Based on analysis of a large number of experiments, Matula (56) has constructed a generic  $\rho$ - $T$  for copper with a residual resistivity of  $0.002 \text{ }\mu\Omega\text{cm}$ . Extracting  $d\rho/dT$  at 10K (for comparison with other data, acknowledging that at this temperature  $\rho$  is not  $T$ -linear) gives  $1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ }\mu\Omega\text{cm/K}$ , resulting in  $\alpha=1.7 \times 10^{-3}$ . Between 100K and well above room temperature,  $\rho$  is approximately  $T$ -linear, with a gradient of  $7.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ }\mu\Omega\text{cm/K}$  (500-600 K). This results in  $\alpha=1.0$ .

## Gold

The carrier density is  $n=5.9 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and the quasiparticle mass is  $m^*=1.1m_0$  (55). This gives  $v_F = 1.3 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$  and  $k_F=1.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ . Based on analysis of a large number of experiments, Matula (56) has constructed a generic  $\rho$ - $T$  for gold with a residual resistivity of  $0.022 \text{ }\mu\Omega\text{cm}$ . The gradient is essentially constant between 100K and well above room temperature, with a gradient of approximately  $8.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ }\mu\Omega\text{cm/K}$ , so  $\alpha=0.96$ .

## Silver

The carrier density is  $n=5.9 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and the quasiparticle mass is  $m^*=1.1m_0$  (55). This gives  $v_F = 1.3 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$  and  $k_F=1.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ . Based on analysis of a large number of experiments, Matula (56) has constructed a generic  $\rho$ - $T$  for gold with a residual resistivity of  $0.001 \text{ }\mu\Omega\text{cm}$ . The gradient is essentially constant between 100 K and well above room temperature, with a gradient of approximately  $6.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ }\mu\Omega\text{cm/K}$ , so  $\alpha=0.7$ .

## Aluminium

From dHvA experiments (57, 58), there are two Fermi surfaces, consisting of a  $\Gamma$ -centred large hole sheet and a multiply-connected electron sheet. Sheet-averaged information is summarised in Table S6. At high temperatures at which  $\rho$  is  $T$ -linear its gradient is approximately  $0.01 \text{ }\mu\Omega\text{cm/K}$  (400-600 K) (59), so  $\alpha = 1.1$ .

**Table S6:** Fermi surface information for aluminium, deduced from dHvA experiments (57, 58). The average Fermi wave vector for each sheet is calculated by assuming a spherical surface with the same total carrier number. The Fermi velocity for each sheet is calculated from the average effective mass.

Band	Type	$k_{Fi} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$	$v_{Fi} (10^5\text{m/s})$	$n_i (10^{28}\text{m}^{-3})$
1 ( $\Gamma$ -centred)	hole	1.22	10.6	6.1
2 (multiply-connected)	electron	0.26	3.6	0.06



## Palladium

From dHvA experiments and electronic structure calculations (60), there are two Fermi surfaces consisting of a  $\Gamma$ -centred electron sheet and an open hole sheet. Sheet-averaged information is summarised in Table S7. The gradient of the high temperature resistivity is  $0.03 \mu\Omega\text{cm/K}$  (400 K-500 K) (56), so  $\alpha = 1.1$ .

**Table S7:** List of Fermi surface information for palladium, deduced from the dHvA experiments and KKR fitting (60). The average Fermi wave vector for each sheet is calculated by assuming a spherical surface with the same total carrier number. The Fermi velocity for each sheet is calculated from the average effective mass.

Band	Type	$k_{\text{Fi}} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$	$v_{\text{Fi}} (10^5\text{m/s})$	$n_i (10^{28}\text{m}^{-3})$
1 ( $\Gamma$ -centred)	electron	0.91	5.5	2.5
2 (open)	hole	0.91	1.4	2.5

## Niobium

From dHvA experiments and electronic structure calculations (61, 62), there are three Fermi surfaces consisting of a  $\Gamma$ -centred octahedral hole sheet, an open hole sheet, and N-centred ellipsoidal hole sheet. Sheet-averaged information is summarised in Table S8. The resistivity gradient is  $0.049 \mu\Omega\text{cm/K}$  (250-300 K) (63), so  $\alpha = 2.3$ .

**Table S8:** List of Fermi surface information for niobium, deduced from dHvA experiments and fitting to the results of electronic structure calculations (61, 62). The average Fermi wave vector for each sheet is calculated by assuming a spherical surface with the same total carrier number. The Fermi velocity for each sheet is calculated from the average effective mass.

Band	Type	$k_{\text{Fi}} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$	$v_{\text{Fi}} (10^5\text{m/s})$	$n_i (10^{28}\text{m}^{-3})$
1 (octahedral)	hole	0.49	1.3	0.39
2 (open)	hole	0.95	3.1	2.9
3 (ellipsoidal)	hole	0.88	5.4	2.3

## Lead

From dHvA experiments (64), there are two Fermi surfaces, consisting of a  $\Gamma$ -centred hole sheet and multiply-connected electron sheet. Sheet-averaged information is summarised in Table S9. The resistivity gradient is  $0.071 \mu\Omega\text{cm/K}$  (around 300 K) (65), so  $\alpha = 2.7$ .

**Table S9:** Fermi surface information for lead, deduced from dHvA experiments (64). The average Fermi wave vector for each sheet is calculated by assuming a spherical surface with the same total carrier number.

Band	Type	$k_{Fi}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$v_{Fi}$ ( $10^5\text{m/s}$ )	$n_i$ ( $10^{28}\text{m}^{-3}$ )
1 ( $\Gamma$ -centred)	hole	0.73	8.4	1.3
2 (multiply-connected)	electron	0.73	3.3	1.3

### c) Parameters and error bars for Fig. 2 of main text

The key information from our study is encapsulated in the values of  $\alpha$  whose estimation is described in section a) above. In order to plot all that information on a single graph, it is necessary to fix a convention for the parameters  $n$ ,  $k_F$  and  $v_F$  that appear on the axes of Fig. 2 of the main text. The issue is how to calculate single parameters for each quantity for materials whose Fermi surfaces often contain more than one sheet.

For carrier concentration  $n$ , we adopted the convention that we would quote the total value, summed from the  $n_i$  of all the  $i$  Fermi surface sheets in each material. The Fermi wave vector  $k_F$  is defined depending on the effective dimension of each sheet by:

$$k_F = \sum_i k_{Fi} \quad \text{for one dimension,}$$

$$k_F^2 = \sum_i k_{Fi}^2 \quad \text{for two dimensions,}$$

$$k_F^3 = \sum_i k_{Fi}^3 \quad \text{for three dimensions,}$$

and is therefore approximately the Fermi wave vector that corresponds to the total carrier concentration.

For Fermi velocity we use a band-averaged number for easier comparison with average dHvA masses. We weight by  $(n_i/k_{Fi})$ , i.e. the average Fermi velocity is then calculated as:

$$v_F = \left( \sum_i v_{Fi} \right) / k_F \quad \text{for one dimension,}$$

$$v_F = \left( \sum_i k_{Fi} v_{Fi} \right) / k_F \quad \text{for two dimensions,}$$

$$v_F = \left( \sum_i k_{Fi}^2 v_{Fi} \right) / k_F \quad \text{for three dimensions,}$$

where, as above,  $k_F^p = \sum_i k_{Fi}^p$  ( $p=1, 2,$  and  $3$ ) for one-, two- and three-dimensional Fermi sheet, respectively.

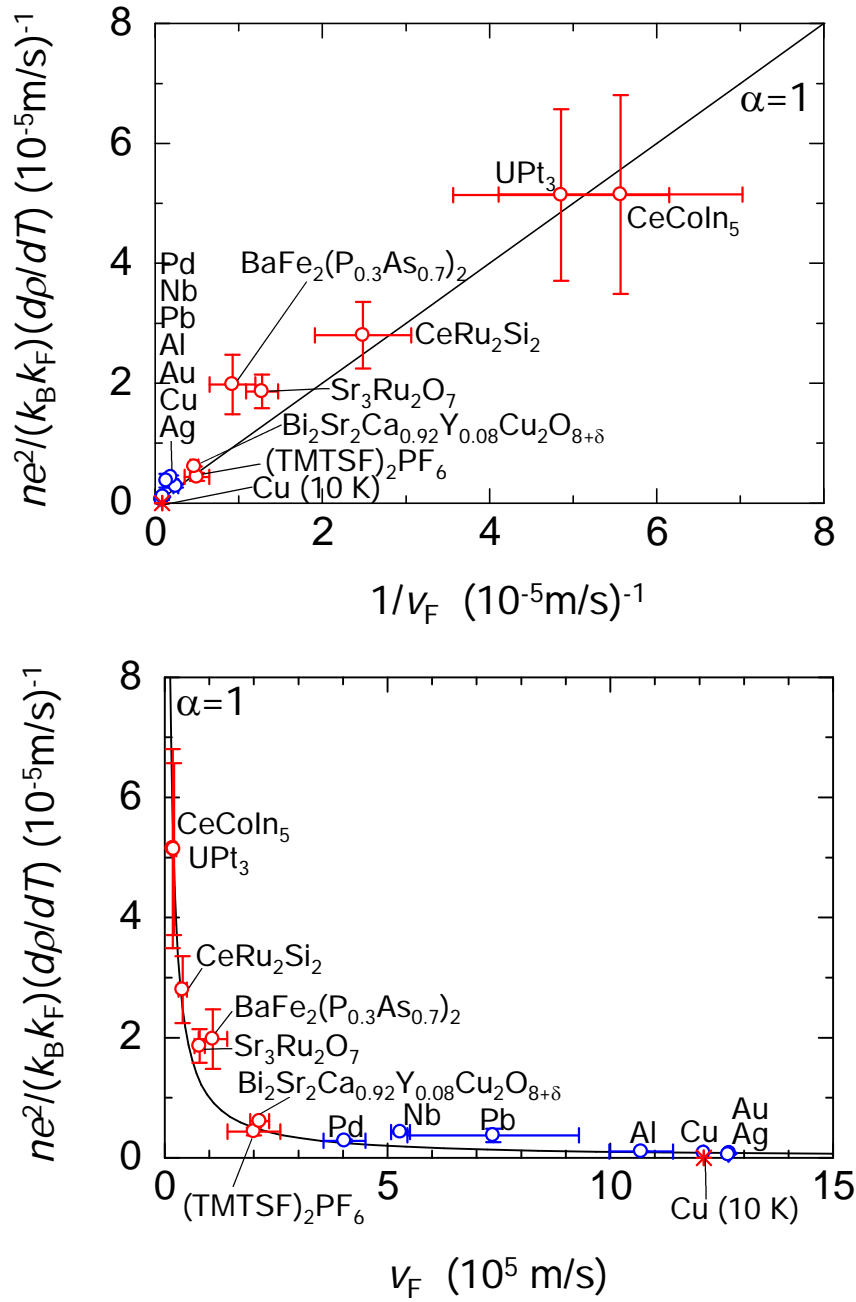
These choices are fairly arbitrary, but alter only the appearance of Fig. 2. The calculated values for each material are summarized in Table S10.

The error bars for Fig. 2 are estimates based on a number of factors. For the y-axis, sources of error include experimental uncertainty in the measured resistivity, and uncertainty in estimating  $n$  and  $k_F$  for the materials with more complicated Fermi surfaces. For the x-axis, the uncertainty is in estimating band-averaged Fermi velocities from the mass data from the extremal dHvA orbits for which the mass has been measured, as well as in estimating  $n$  and  $k_F$ . Error values are listed for each material in Table S10. They are consistent with overall uncertainties of tens of per cent in  $\alpha$  in the most unfavourable cases.

**Table S10:** Summary of the parameters used for the  $x$  and  $y$  axes of Fig. 2 of the main text, for all the materials shown in the figure. The definitions used are described above. An estimate of the  $x$  and  $y$  error bars for each material is also given. For  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_{0.92}\text{Y}_{0.08}\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ , the plotted point is based on an  $\alpha$  value determined from optical conductivity and a literature value of  $v_F$ , and does not result from an analysis of resistivity data because of the large uncertainty about the Fermi surface of cuprates at optimal doping. We therefore do not include estimates of  $n$  and  $k_F$  for that material.

Material	$n$ ( $10^{28}\text{m}^{-3}$ )	$k_{\text{Fi}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	$v_{\text{Fi}}$ ( $10^5\text{m/s}$ )	x-axis error estimate (%)	y-axis error estimate (%)	$\alpha$
$\text{Sr}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$	0.54	0.59	0.78	15	15	1.5
$\text{BaFe}_2(\text{As,P})_2$	0.37	0.38	1.1	30	25	2.1
$\text{CeCoIn}_5$	1.2	0.72	0.18	26	32	0.92
$(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{PF}_6$	0.14	0.22	2.0	30	15	0.87
$\text{CeRu}_2\text{Si}_2$	1.2	0.70	0.40	23	20	1.1
$\text{UPt}_3$	2.1	0.86	0.21	27	28	1.1
Bi2212	–	–	2.1	10	–	1.3
Cu	8.5	1.36	12.1	0	5 (50% at 10 K)	1.0
Au	5.9	1.20	12.7	0	10	1.0
Ag	5.9	1.20	12.6	0	5	0.70
Al	6.2	1.22	10.7	7	8	1.1
Pd	5.1	1.14	4.0	12	8	1.1
Nb	5.6	1.18	5.3	4	7	2.3
Pb	2.6	0.92	7.4	26	30	2.8

d) Linear-scale plot of Fig. 2 from the main text



**Fig. S1** Linear-scale plot of Fig. 2 from the main text. (Upper) As a function of  $1/v_F$ . (Lower) As a function of  $v_F$ . The black line marks  $\alpha=1$ .

**e) Quantum critical metals with  $\rho \sim T^\delta, \delta \neq 1$**

Throughout the paper, we have restricted our analysis and discussion to materials showing  $T$ -linear resistivity. However, other powers, notably  $T^{1.5}$  and  $T^{1.2}$ , have also been widely observed in presumed quantum critical metals. Our main conclusion, namely that the origin of  $T$ -linear resistivity in correlated electron materials is scattering of quasiparticles from degrees of freedom associated with quantum criticality, suggests that different classes of scattering rather than completely different non-Fermi liquid states might eventually account for the different power laws that are observed. Further work would be required to clarify this issue.

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