Efficient calculation of electron scattering rates from first principles

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I. SUPPLEMENTARY METHODS

A. Theoretical Framework

1. Linearized Boltzmann transport equation

Electron mobility, μ_e , can be computed through the linearized Boltzmann transport equation (BTE) [1–4], given for electrons as

$$\mu_{e,\alpha\beta} = \frac{-1}{n_e \Omega} \sum_{n \in cb} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k}}{\Omega_{\mathrm{BZ}}} v_{n\mathbf{k},\alpha} \partial_{E_\beta} f_{n\mathbf{k}}, \qquad (1)$$

where α and β denote Cartesian coordinates, n_e is the electron concentration, Ω and Ω_{BZ} are the volumes of the unit cell and first Brillouin zone, respectively, $v_{n\mathbf{k},\alpha}$ is the group velocity of band index n and wave vector \mathbf{k} , "cb" stands for conduction bands, and $\partial_{E_\beta} f_{n\mathbf{k}}$ is the perturbation to the Fermi–Dirac distribution by an electric field \mathbf{E} . The Fermi–Dirac distribution is given by

$$f_{n\mathbf{k}}^{0} = \frac{1}{\exp\left[(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{\mathrm{F}})/k_{\mathrm{B}}T\right] + 1},$$
(2)

where $\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}$ is the energy of state $n\mathbf{k}$, $\varepsilon_{\rm F}$ is the Fermi level, $k_{\rm B}$ is the Boltzmann constant, and T is temperature. The perturbation to the equilibrium Fermi–Dirac distribution is given by the self-consistent solution of

$$\partial_{E_{\beta}} f_{n\mathbf{k}} = e \frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^{0}}{\partial \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}} v_{n\mathbf{k},\beta} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}} + \frac{2\pi\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}}{\hbar} \sum_{m} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{q}}{\Omega_{\mathrm{BZ}}} |g_{nm}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q})|^{2} \\ \times [(n_{\mathbf{q}} + 1 - f_{n\mathbf{k}}^{0})\delta(\Delta\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}^{nm} + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}}) \\ + (n_{\mathbf{q}} + f_{n\mathbf{k}}^{0})\delta(\Delta\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}^{nm} - \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}})]\partial_{E_{\beta}} f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}},$$
(3)

where $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}$ is the electron lifetime, δ is the Dirac delta function, $\Delta \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}^{nm} = \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}$, \hbar is the reduced Planck constant, and $n_{\mathbf{q}}$ is the Bose–Einstein occupation. The matrix elements $g_{nm}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q})$ give the probability of scattering from an initial state $n\mathbf{k}$ to final state $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$ via a phonon with wave vector \mathbf{q} and frequency $\omega_{\mathbf{q}}$.

The primary complexity in the Boltzmann transport equation results from the dependence of the linear response coefficients $\partial_{E_{\beta}} f_{n\mathbf{k}}$ of state $n\mathbf{k}$ on all other states $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$. Accordingly, there are several common approximations to the BTE that can significantly reduce the computational cost. The momentum relaxation time approximation (MRTA) makes two simplifications: (i) Firstly, the linear response coefficients are presumed to only act in the direction of the band velocity, such that the electron lifetimes will be *scalar* quantities [2, 4]. (ii) Secondly, the probability of scattering from state $n\mathbf{k}$ to $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$ is assumed to be the same as scattering from state $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$ to $n\mathbf{k}$. The result is that the effects of back scattering are accounted for by a geometrical factor resulting from the electronic group velocities. The resulting expression for $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}^{-1}$ can be written

$$\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}^{-1} = \sum_{m} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{q}}{\Omega_{\mathrm{BZ}}} \left[1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}_{n\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}}{\left|\mathbf{v}_{n\mathbf{k}}\right|^{2}} \right] \tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{-1}, \quad (4)$$

where $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{-1}$ is the partial decay rate for scattering from initial state $n\mathbf{k}$ to final state $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$. In this approximation, Supplementary Eq. (1) can be rewritten

$$\mu_{e,\alpha\beta}^{\text{MRTA}} = \frac{e}{n_e \Omega} \sum_{n \in \text{cb}} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k}}{\Omega_{\text{BZ}}} \frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0}{\partial \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}} v_{n\mathbf{k},\alpha} v_{n\mathbf{k},\beta} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}}.$$
 (5)

A further simplification can be made by ignoring the effcts of scattering back into the state $n\mathbf{k}$ entirely. This corresponds to neglecting the second term on the righthand side of Supplementary Eq. (3) or setting the geometric factor in the square bracket of Supplementary Eq. (4) to 1. In this approach, termed the *self-energy relaxation time approximation* (SERTA) [3], the electron lifetimes can be obtained according to

$$\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}^{-1} = \sum_{m} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{q}}{\Omega_{\mathrm{BZ}}} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{-1},\tag{6}$$

and the mobility calculated in the same manner as Supplementary Eq. (5).

The partial decay rates of Supplementary Eqs. (4) and (6) can be obtained through Fermi's golden rule. In the present work, we implement two classes of scattering: (i) inelastic scattering which occurs via emission or absorption of a phonon and (ii) perfectly elastic scattering in which no energy is gained or lost. In the case of inelastic scattering, the partial decay rate can be written [5, 6]

$$\tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{-1} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |g_{nm}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q})|^2 \times [(n_{\mathbf{q}}+1-f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^0)\delta(\Delta\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}^{nm}-\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}}) \quad (7) + (n_{\mathbf{q}}+f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^0)\delta(\Delta\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}^{nm}+\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}})],$$

Supplementary Table 1. Summary of scattering mechanisms

Name	Required properties	Type	Refs.
Ionized impurity	Static dielectric	Elastic	[7, 8]
Acoustic deformation potential	Deformation potential, elastic constant	Elastic	[9–12]
Piezoelectric acoustic	Piezoelectric constant	Elastic	[13–15]
Polar optical phonon	Static and high-frequency dielectric, phonon frequency	Inelastic	[16]

where the $-\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}}$ and $+\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}}$ terms correspond to scattering by emission and absorption of a phonon, respectively. The dependence of $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{-1}$ on the occupation of state $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$ and the observation that $f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} \neq f_{n\mathbf{k}}$ reveals that inelastic scattering is not commutative i.e., $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{-1} \neq \tau_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\to n\mathbf{k}}^{-1}$. We note that for spin polarized materials, scattering only occurs between states in the same spin channel — i.e., there are no interactions between spin-up and spin-down electrons.

For elastic scattering, Supplementary Eq. (7) reduces to

$$\tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{-1} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |g_{nm}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q})|^2 \delta\left(\Delta \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}}^{nm}\right). \tag{8}$$

In contrast to inelastic scattering, elastic processes do not depend on the occupation of state $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$. Accordingly, $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^{-1} = \tau_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\to n\mathbf{k}}^{-1}$ and a primary assumption of the MRTA is satisfied. For this reason, we treat elastic scattering processes under the MRTA, whereas inelastic scattering processes are treated in the SERTA.

2. Scattering matrix elements

The general form of the quantum mechanical scattering matrix elements in Supplementary Eqs. (3), (4), and (6) is

$$g_{nm}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = \langle m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} | \Delta_{\mathbf{q}} V | n\mathbf{k} \rangle \tag{9}$$

where $\Delta_{\mathbf{q}} V$ is an electronic perturbation associated with a scattering process [6]. In the present work we calculate matrix elements within the Born approximation [17]; namely, the electronic perturbation is assumed to only weakly impact the wave function of the final state $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$. The scattering matrix elements considered in this work and the materials parameters needed to calculate them are summarized in Supplementary Table 1.

G-vector summation The matrix elements include a sum over reciprocal lattice vectors **G**. In this work, we restrict the summation to only include a single reciprocal lattice vector, $\mathbf{G} = [0, 0, 0]$, such that only phonons within the first Brillouin zone are considered but Umklapp scattering processes (with respect to the electronic Brillouin zone) are taken into account.

Impurity scattering The inverse screening length β , required in the calculation of the ionized impurity matrix element, is given by

$$\beta^2 = \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_{\rm s} k_{\rm B} T \Omega} \sum_n \int f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0 (1 - f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0) \,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k} \,, \qquad (10)$$

where $1/\beta$ corresponds to the Debye length and Thomas– Fermi screening length for non-degenerate and degenerate doping regimes, respectively [18].

3. Transport properties

Electronic transport properties — namely, conductivity, Seebeck coefficient, and electronic component of thermal conductivity — are calculated through the Onsager coefficients [19, 20]. The spectral conductivity, defined as

$$\Sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\varepsilon) = \sum_{n} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k}}{8\pi^{3}} v_{n\mathbf{k},\alpha} v_{n\mathbf{k},\beta} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}} \delta(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}), \quad (11)$$

is used to compute the moments of the generalized transport coefficients

$$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}^{n} = e^{2} \int \Sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\varepsilon) (\varepsilon_{\rm F} - \varepsilon)^{n} \left[-\frac{\partial f^{0}}{\partial \varepsilon} \right] \mathrm{d}\varepsilon \,, \qquad (12)$$

where $\varepsilon_{\rm F}$ is the Fermi level at a certain doping concentration and temperature *T*. Electrical conductivity (σ), Seebeck coefficient (*S*), and the charge carrier contribution to thermal conductivity (κ) are obtained as

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{L}^0_{\alpha\beta},\tag{13}$$

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{eT} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}^{1}}{\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}^{0}},\tag{14}$$

$$\kappa_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{e^2 T} \left[\frac{(\mathcal{L}^1_{\alpha\beta})^2}{\mathcal{L}^0_{\alpha\beta}} - \mathcal{L}^2_{\alpha\beta} \right].$$
(15)

B. Computational Framework

1. Brillouin-zone interpolation and integration

As described in the main text, we employ a combined Fourier-linear interpolation scheme when calculating scattering and transport properties. Electronic eigenvalues — calculated using density functional theory (DFT) on a coarse **k**-point mesh — are Fourier interpolated onto a denser mesh. Fourier interpolation is performed using the BOLTZTRAP2 software [22, 23] which enforces symmetry using star functions and employs the Shankland algorithm to ensure that both quasi-particle



Supplementary Figure 1. Schematic of the linear-tetrahedron method. (a) A $2 \times 2 \times 2$ **k**-point submesh can be broken up into (b) six tetrahedra. Adapted from Supplementary Ref. [21]. (c) The constant energy surfaces (light gray planes) defined by ε_a and ε_b intersect the tetrahedron to produce the cross sections f_a (dark gray triangle) and f_b (dark gray quadrangle). The triangular cross section f_a is defined by the points \mathbf{c}_1 , \mathbf{c}_2 , and \mathbf{c}_3 . The **k**-points at the tetrahedron vertices have been numbered according to increasing energy, i.e., $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_1} < \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_2} < \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_3} < \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_4}$. (d) Coordinate transformation from initial basis (black arrows) to transformed basis (pink arrows) that maps the cross section onto a 2D plane. The x^* coordinates of all points on the cross section are zero.

energies and their derivatives (group velocities) are exactly reproduced [24–26]. This approach aims to minimise the roughness function proposed in Supplementary Ref. [27].

Scattering rates are calculated on the Fourier interpolated **k**-point mesh. When calculating the partial decay rate, scattering is limited to the constant energy surface defined by $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}$ in the case of elastic processes [Supplementary Eq. (8)] and $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} \pm \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{q}}$ for inelastic processes [Supplementary Eq. (7)]. Note that, in our implementation of polar optical phonon scattering we rely on a single dispersionless phonon mode, whose energy $\hbar \omega_{\text{po}}$ is independent of **q**. Due to finite **k**-point sampling, it is common replace the delta function in Supplementary Eqs. (7) and (8) by Gaussian or Lorentzian functions with finite broadening. This procedure has the effect that the calculated lifetimes will depend on the chosen broadening parameter.

An alternative approach is to employ the linear tetrahedron method to analytically integrate the scattering rates across the constant energy surface [21, 28]. In this method, the Brillouin zone is divided into tetrahedra [Supplementary Figs. 1(a) and 1(b)]. For each electronic band, the eigenvalues are obtained for the kpoints at the corners of the tetrahedra. The constant energy surface defined by $\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}$ intersects a tetrahedron if $\varepsilon_{\text{tetra}}^{\min} < \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} < \varepsilon_{\text{tetra}}^{\max}$, where $\varepsilon_{\text{tetra}}^{\min}$ and $\varepsilon_{\text{tetra}}^{\max}$ are the minimum and maximum energies of the tetrahedron's vertices [Supplementary Fig. 1(c)]. Computing the intersections of $\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}$ with all tetrahedra gives rise to a set of tetrahedron cross-sections that define the constant energy surface. In the traditional implementation of the tetrahedron method, the integration for each tetrahedron is performed analytically after linearly interpolating the eigenvalues and matrix elements inside the tetrahedron. As we note in the main text, this approach is only valid for matrix elements that show a linear dependence on **q**. For ionized impurity scattering, where the matrix element has a $1/|\mathbf{q}|^2$ dependence, this assumption does not hold and results in severe overestimation of the scattering rate.

To overcome this limitation, we employ a modified linear-tetrahedron approach. The constant energy surface is determined in the same manner as the tetrahedron method. However, instead of analytically integrating within each tetrahedra, the tetrahedron cross sections (comprising the constant energy surface) are numerically resampled with hundreds of extra points. By only computing additional **k**-points that exactly satisfy the delta term in Supplementary Eqs. (7) and (8), this allows for "effective" **k**-point mesh densities that would be almost impossible to achieve with uniform k-point sampling. The scattering matrix elements are computed on the denser submesh by linear interpolation of the electronic wave functions $\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}$ and group velocities $\mathbf{v}_{n\mathbf{k}}$. We note that the scattering wave vector \mathbf{q} is a geometric term that is known exactly for all points on the submesh. A primary advantage of this approach is that while the matrix elements cannot be linearly interpolated with **q**, the constituent parameters (electronic wave functions and group velocities) are linearly interpolatable.

In order to resample the constant energy surface, the tetrahedron cross sections are projected onto a twodimensional plane. First, the **k**-points that define the tetrahedron cross sections are identified. These are the points at the intersection of the constant energy surface and tetrahedron boundary under the assumption that the band energies vary linearly between adjacent vertices in the tetrahedron [points labelled **c** in Supplementary Fig. 1(c)]. This results in three and four sets of **k**-points for triangular and quadrilateral cross sections, respectively, termed **C**. The first basis vector for the new coordinate system, **B**, is the vector normal to the plane of the cross section, namely

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = rac{\mathbf{c}_2 - \mathbf{c}_1}{|\mathbf{c}_2 - \mathbf{c}_1|} imes rac{\mathbf{c}_3 - \mathbf{c}_1}{|\mathbf{c}_3 - \mathbf{c}_1|},$$

where \mathbf{c}_1 and \mathbf{c}_2 are the coordinates of the first and second vertices defining the cross section. The second and third basis vectors are defined as

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{c}_2 - \mathbf{c}_1}{|\mathbf{c}_2 - \mathbf{c}_1|},$$
$$\mathbf{b}_3 = \mathbf{b}_2 \times \mathbf{b}_1,$$

The reciprocal space coordinates defining the cross section are transformed onto the new basis through

$$\mathbf{c}_i^{\mathrm{proj}} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{c}_i.$$

In the new coordinate system, the first component of all coordinates will be the same, as all vertices lie on a plane. The last two components of the coordinates define a two-dimensional (2D) projection of the cross section which can be resampled through numerical quadrature schemes [Supplementary Fig. 1(d)]. In the present work, we employ degree 50 Xiao–Gimbutas (containing 453 sample points, [29]) or Festa–Sommariva quadratures (454 points, [30]) for resampling triangular and quadrilateral tetrahedron cross-sections, respectively. Resampling, including generating sample points and integration weights w_i^{res} , is performed using the QUADPY software [31]. The set of sample points are transformed back into the original coordinate system through

$$\mathbf{c}_i = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{c}_i^{\mathrm{proj}}$$

The contribution of each tetrahedron to the constant energy surface is weighted by a geometric factor that accounts for the tetrahedron's shape in four dimensional space (reciprocal coordinates and energy space) [28]. Using the triple \mathbf{r}_i contragradient to vertices of the tetrahedron \mathbf{k}_i

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_{i}\mathbf{k}_{i} &= \delta_{ij}, \\ \mathbf{r}_{1} &= \frac{\mathbf{k}_{3} \times \mathbf{k}_{4}}{\Omega}, \\ \mathbf{r}_{2} &= \frac{\mathbf{k}_{4} \times \mathbf{k}_{2}}{\Omega}, \\ \mathbf{r}_{3} &= \frac{\mathbf{k}_{2} \times \mathbf{k}_{3}}{\Omega}, \end{aligned}$$

where the **k**-points have been numbered according to increasing energy, i.e., $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_1} < \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_2} < \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_3} < \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_4}$, the tetrahedron weight is given by [28]

$$w^{\text{tet}} = \left| \sum_{i=2}^{4} \left(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_i} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}_1} \right) \mathbf{r}_{i-1} \right|^{-1}$$

We stress that this weight is distinct from the integration weights defined by Blöchl *et al.* [21] in which the contragradient cancels when averaging over all adjacent tetrahedra. The final integration weights w_i for the sample **k**-point coordinates of each cross section are scaled by the tetrahedron weight to give $w_i = w_i^{\text{res}} \cdot w^{\text{tet}}$. When evaluating the density of states

$$N(\varepsilon) = \sum_{n} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{k}}{8\pi^{3}} \delta(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}), \qquad (16)$$

and the spectral conductivity in Supplementary Eq. (11), we employ the traditional approach to the lineartetrahedron method described by Blöchl *et al.* [21]. Specifically, we use the energy-dependent integration weights as described in Supplementary Ref. [32] and elsewhere. Unlike the partial decay rates $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}\to m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}^{-1}}$, the final lifetimes $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}$ vary smoothly across the Brillouin zone. Accordingly, use of the linear-tetrahedron method can significantly improve the convergence of transport properties without issue.

2. Optimization of scattering calculations

Under typically achievable carrier concentrations (10^{16}) to $10^{21} \,\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{Vs}$) the Fermi level will sit close to either the conduction or valence band edge. Accordingly, only kpoints that lie within a few hundred meV of the band edge will contribute to electronic transport. It is therefore unnecessary to compute the electron lifetimes for all **k**-points in the band structure, as most will have no impact on transport properties. From the generalized transport coefficients \mathcal{L} in Eq. (12), it can be seen that each \mathbf{k} -point's contribution to the transport properties is scaled by a factor $(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{\rm F})^n \left[-\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0 / \partial \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} \right]$, which depends entirely on the energy of the state. Accordingly, we have designed a procedure to assess which energy range is important for transport, illustrated in Supplementary Fig. 2(a). We begin by denoting the "moment-coefficient weight" as

$$w_n(\varepsilon) = (\varepsilon_{\rm F} - \varepsilon)^n \left[-\frac{\partial f^0}{\partial \varepsilon} \right],$$
 (17)

where the indices n = 0, 1, 2, correspond to the moments of \mathcal{L}^n required to compute conductivity, Seebeck coefficient, and the electronic component of thermal conductivity, respectively. This is weighted by the spectral conductivity Σ^{crt} under the assumption of a constant relaxation time [i.e., Supplementary Eq. (11) with $\tau = 1$] to give

$$w_n^{\Sigma^{\mathrm{crt}}}(\varepsilon) = |w_n(\varepsilon)| \cdot \Sigma^{\mathrm{crt}}(\varepsilon).$$
 (18)

Finally, we compute the normalized cumulative integral of the weights according to

$$w_n^{\text{cum}}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon} w_n^{\Sigma^{\text{crt}}}(\varepsilon') \,\mathrm{d}\varepsilon'}{\int w_n^{\Sigma^{\text{crt}}}(\varepsilon') \,\mathrm{d}\varepsilon'}.$$
 (19)

We can then define a tuneable parameter λ than controls the minimum and maximum energy ranges within which



Supplementary Figure 2. (a) Procedure for obtaining the energy range in which to calculate scattering rates. The momentum coefficient weight w_n for n = 0, 1, 2 (top panel) is scaled by the spectral conductivity Σ^{crt} to give $w_n^{\Sigma^{\text{crt}}}$. The cumulative integral of the moment weights w_n^{cum} is used to determined the energy cutoffs (bottom panel). The dashed orange, teal, and pink lines give ε_n^{\min} and ε_n^{\max} for n = 0, 1, 2, respectively at $\lambda = 0.05$. The final values of ε^{\min} and ε^{\max} are taken as the smallest ε_n^{\min} and largest ε_n^{\max} values across all moments, respectively. (b) Convergence of electronic transport properties p as a function of λ at 300 K for GaAs, Si, SnSe, and CuAlO₂. Absolute percentage difference from converged value $|(p - p_{\lambda_0})/p_{\lambda_0}|$ given for conductivity ($p = \sigma$, orange), Seebeck coefficient (S, teal), and electronic contribution to the thermal conductivity (κ , pink), respectively. p_{λ_0} corresponds to the value of the transport properties at $\lambda = 0$ — i.e., the scattering rates for all **k**-points are calculated explicitly. Convergence within 1% is highlighted by a dashed gray line.

to calculate the scattering rates. Namely,

$$\varepsilon_n^{\min} = \arg\min_{\varepsilon} \left| w_n^{\operatorname{cum}}(\varepsilon) - \frac{\lambda}{2} \right|,$$
(20)

$$\varepsilon_n^{\max} = \arg\min_{\varepsilon} \left| w_n^{\operatorname{cum}}(\varepsilon) - \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{2} \right] \right|,$$
(21)

where λ can vary between 0 (in which case ε_n^{\min} and ε_n^{\max} will be the minimum and maximum energies in the band structure) and 1 (where ε_n^{\min} and ε_n^{\max} will be the same value). A value of $\lambda = 0.1$, indicates that 90% of the integrated $w_n^{\Sigma^{\text{crt}}}$ will be included in the energy range. Alternatively put, a value of $\lambda = 0.1$ results in ε_n^{\min} and ε^{\max} taking the energies where $w_n^{\text{cum}} = 0.05$ and 0.95, respectively. The final energy range is given by $\varepsilon^{\min} = \min(\{\varepsilon_n^{\min} : n = 0, 1, 2\})$ and $\varepsilon^{\max} = \max(\{\varepsilon_n^{\max} : n = 0, 1, 2\})$. The scattering rate is only calculated for states where $\varepsilon^{\min} \leq \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} \leq \varepsilon^{\max}$, with the scattering rates of the remaining states set to the average value of the rates that have been calculated explicitly. By setting λ to an appropriate value, the scattering rates for **k**-points outside the energy range will not impact the transport properties.

To demonstrate the impact of λ and determine reasonable values to use in our calculations, we have investigated the convergence of the transport properties for GaAs, Si, SnSe, and CuAlO₂ at 300 K [Supplementary Fig. 2(b)]. The conductivity, Seebeck coefficient, and electronic contribution to the thermal conductivity of all materials are converged to within than 1% by $\lambda = 0.02$. In most cases, the Seebeck coefficient converges the fastest, most likely due to its weaker dependence on the scattering rate. The electronic contribution to the thermal conductivity is the slowest property to converge, as expected from its reliance on a broader momentum coefficient weight. If only the conductivity or Seebeck coefficient are of interest, a much larger value of λ can be used. For example, using a λ of 0.1 converges these properties to within 1%. In our calculations, we employ a λ of 0.05 which offers a reasonable trade-off between speed and convergence. This property is controlled in our software implementation through the fd_tol parameter.

3. Software implementation

An open-source implementation of the formalism, used to perform all calculations in this work, is released as a package called AMSET [33]. AMSET is freely available under a modified Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD) license. The current version is developed and maintained using Git and is accessible at https:// hackingmaterials.lbl.gov/amset. The code can be run on both high-performance computing clusters or personal computers. AMSET is implemented in Python 3 and relies on several open-source libraries including pymatgen [34] for parsing VASP calculation outputs, BOLTZTRAP2 [20, 35] for Fourier interpolation of electronic eigenvalues and group velocities, SPGLIB [36] for symmetry analysis, QUADPY [31] for numerical integration, and MATPLOTLIB



Supplementary Figure 3. Schematic of the AMSET program indicating the typical inputs and outputs, command-line tools, and program flow.

[37] for plotting. The NUMPY [38] and SCIPY [39] libraries are used extensively to minimize the cost of expensive matrix operations. All-electron wave function coefficients are generated from the pseudo-wave functions using the MomentumMatrix functionality of the PAWPY-SEED package [40].

AMSET can be used through either the the commandline or a Python application programming interface (API). A typical workflow, showing computational inputs and outputs, is illustrated in Supplementary Fig. (3). The primary inputs are vasprun.xml and WAVECAR VASP output files, calculated on a uniform k-point mesh. Additional settings, such as the materials parameters used to calculate scattering, the doping concentrations and temperatures to consider, and accuracy settings such as fd_tol, can be specified in a separate file or as commandline arguments. Information on all the available settings is provided on the AMSET website. After obtaining the first principles inputs, two pre-processing steps are required. Firstly, the all-electron wave function coefficients must be extracted from the VASP WAVECAR file using the wave tool. Secondly, the "effective-phononfrequency" should be calculated from phonon frequencies and eigenvectors, and the Born effective charges using the phonon-frequency tool. This process is described in more detail in Section IC1. Scattering rates and transport properties are computed using the **run** command. The primary output is the transport file, which by default contains the calculated mobility, Seebeck coefficient,

and electronic contribution to the thermal conductivity in the JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format. The scattering rates, and interpolated eigenvalues and group velocities can be written to the mesh file with the Hierarchical Data Format version 5 (HDF5) format [41] using the write_mesh option. Finally, the plot command can be used to plot transport properties, lifetimes, and electron linewidths from the transport and mesh files. The sumo package is used for plotting band structures [42].

4. Timing analysis

A primary goal of the present approach is to be amenable to high-throughput computational workflows. To investigate the computational requirements of the AM-SET package, we have illustrated the time taken to calculate the scattering rates of several of the test materials in Supplementary Fig. 4(a). All calculations were performed on a MacBook Pro with a guad core 2.9 GHz Intel Core i7 processor. The maximum time taken was 42 min for GaN, with most of the remaining materials completed in under 20 min. To understand which portions of the code are the most computationally demanding, we have broken down the results into the time taken to: (i) perform Fourier interpolation of electronic eigenvalues, (ii) compute the density of states through the tetrahedron method, (iii) obtain the scattering rates, (iv) calculate transport properties, and (v) write the output data to disk. We note, the benchmarks were performed with the write_mesh option enabled, so the output includes the scattering rates and interpolated band structure. In general, writing the output data takes the least amount of time relative to the other functions of the code. The breakdown for the rest of the computational steps depends strongly on the material and run time parameters, with most of the time spent calculating the scattering rates or transport properties.

To understand the scaling performance of AMSET with interpolation density, we have investigated the correlation of runtime with number of \mathbf{k} -points. We find there is not a simple correlation between the total number of **k**-points and total runtime. Instead, each function of the code shows different scaling behaviour. The interpolation routines show $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ scaling (where n is the total number of **k**-points in the dense mesh), which is consistent with the time complexity of the fast Fourier transform algorithm. The time taken to compute scattering does not correlate well with total number of kpoints. This is primarily as we only compute the scattering rates for the **k**-points which fall within the energy cutoffs defined by the λ parameter (see Section IB2). In addition, we use the symmetry of the reciprocal lattice to limit our calculations to the **k**-points in the irreducible Brillouin zone (denoted \mathbf{k}^{ir} -points). The timing of the scattering routines correlates with the number of irreducible **k**-points that fall within the energy cutoffs, exhibiting a $\mathcal{O}(n^{1.3})$ scaling complexity. We note that,



Supplementary Figure 4. Timing analysis for running AM-SET on a selection of materials in the test set. Calculations performed using the materials parameters in Supplementary Table 4 and at the carrier concentrations and temperatures specified in Supplementary Table 6. (a) The total runtime for each system, broken up into the different functions of the code. (b) Correlation between time and number (denoted by #) of **k**-points for the interpolation, scattering, and transport routines. \mathbf{k}^{ir} indicates the **k**-points within the irreducible Brillouin zone. The number of temperatures and carrier concentrations are denoted by # T and # n, respectively. The computational complexity, provided in big O notation relative to the x-axis, is given in grey text and highlighted by dashed grey lines.

while the scattering rate is only calculated for the irreducible **k**-points within the energy cutoffs, the scattering rate for each state requires integrating the partial decay rates over the full Brillouin zone and not just the irreducible part. The time taken to compute transport properties correlates to the number the number of irreducible k-points multiplied by the number of carrier concentrations and temperatures included in the calculation, with a $\mathcal{O}(n^{0.9})$ scaling complexity. The primary expense when computing transport properties is generating the energy-dependent tetrahedron integration weights used to obtain the spectral conductivity.

Supplementary Table 2. Time required to obtain firstprinciples inputs given in core hours. Calculations were performed as described in the Computational Methodology. We note that the DFPT calculation listed here is performed only for a single **q**-point at Γ and is used to obtain the effective phonon frequency, static and high-frequency dielectric constants, and piezoelectric constants rather than the matrix elements $g(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$. Static+NSCF (non self-consistent field) refers to a single point calculation on the relatively dense DFT **k**point meshes listed in Supplementary Table 5. Deformation and elastic refer to the total time required to calculate the deformation potential and elastic tensors

Material	Static+NSCF	Deformation	DFPT	Elastic	Total
GaN	1.75	15.76	13.82	32.68	64.01
GaP	1.48	13.36	8.43	10.24	33.52
GaAs	0.30	0.91	9.33	10.31	20.85
InP	0.55	4.91	9.01	4.48	18.94
ZnO	1.77	15.92	11.79	31.64	61.12
ZnS	1.46	13.11	7.11	10.21	31.88
ZnSe	1.47	13.19	7.90	10.24	32.79
CdS	1.16	10.40	14.88	18.80	45.24
CdSe	1.12	10.07	16.61	17.28	45.08
CdTe	0.93	8.33	8.11	5.84	23.22
SiC	2.57	23.16	3.23	17.69	46.66
PbS	0.53	4.80	7.31	3.67	16.31
PbTe	0.80	5.21	8.48	7.21	21.70
$\mathrm{MAPbI_3}^{\mathbf{a}}$	6.67	40.03	901.12	65.03	1012.85
SnO_2	1.34	12.03	14.11	18.08	45.56
SnS	0.91	9.50	42.85	21.99	75.25
SnSe	1.90	17.14	48.48	24.00	91.53
$\mathrm{Bi}_{2}\mathrm{Te}_{3}$	1.55	18.08	12.12	19.11	50.86
$\operatorname{BiCuOSe}$	0.79	5.64	9.88	17.56	33.87
$CuAlO_2$	1.88	16.93	25.60	34.07	78.49
Si	2.65	7.96	2.62	8.78	22.01
Ba_2BiAu	1.78	16.05	9.16	5.55	32.49
NbFeSb	1.21	12.15	5.52	6.15	25.04

^a $MA = CH_3NH_3$

The total time to obtain transport properties is dominated by the calculation of the first-principles inputs (materials parameters and band structure calculation). In Supplementary Table 2, we provide the full timing information (in core hours) required to calculate all materials parameters used in this work. In Fig. (1) in the main text, we compare these times against DFPT+Wannier calculations performed using QUANTUM ESPRESSO and EPW. In Supplementary Table 3 we provide the full breakdown of the DFPT+Wannier calculations, including the references from which the timing information and mobility was extracted.

5. Reproducing the Brooks–Herring model of impurity scattering

A primary advantage of the present approach is that it allows, for the first time, evaluation of ionized impurity scattering in anisotropic multi-band systems. Most

Supplementary Table 3. Time required to obtain electron mobility using DFPT+Wannier, as implemented in QUAN-TUM ESPRESSO (DFPT to obtain $g(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$ portion) and EPW (Wannier interpolation and scattering portion) in core hours. References are given to the publications in which the timing information and mobility results are reported

Material	DFPT	Scattering	Total	Refs.
Ba ₂ BiAu	7000	2500	9500	[43]
NbFeSb	4600	2600	7200	[44, 45]

modern computational evaluations of impurity scattering instead employ the closed-form Brooks–Herring formula [7, 8]. We will not reproduce the full derivation here but refer the reader to the excellent introduction provided in Supplementary Ref. [46]. In this approach, the scattering matrix element

$$g_{nm}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}) = \frac{n_{\rm ii}^{1/2} Ze}{\epsilon_{\rm s}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{q}|^2 + \beta^2},\tag{22}$$

where $n_{\rm ii}$ and Z are the concentration and charge of the charge of the impurities, $\epsilon_{\rm s}$ is the static dielectric constant, and β is the inverse screening length given by Supplementary Eq. (10), is analytically integrated for a single parabolic band [7, 8]. Under the assumption of complete overlap between the states the $n\mathbf{k}$ and $m\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}$, the resulting energy-dependent lifetime can be written

$$\tau_{\rm BH}^{-1}(\varepsilon) = \frac{n_{\rm ii} Z^2 e^4 G(b)}{\pi 16\sqrt{2}\sqrt{m_d^*} \epsilon_{\rm s}^2} \varepsilon^{-3/2},$$
 (23)

where $m_{\rm d}^*$ is the density of states effective mass, ϵ_0 is the vacuum permittivity, $G(b) = \ln(b+1) - b/(b+1)$, and $b = 8m_{\rm d}^* \varepsilon / \hbar^2 \beta^2$. Further integration of the energydependent lifetime yields the well-known Brooks–Herring mobility formula

$$\mu_{\rm BH} = \frac{128\sqrt{2\pi}\epsilon_{\rm s}^2 (k_{\rm B}T)^{3/2}}{e^3 Z^2 \sqrt{m_{\rm d}^*} n_{\rm ii} G(b)}.$$
 (24)

To validate our implementation of ionized impurity scattering, we have generated a model parabolic electronic structure according to

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2 |\mathbf{k}|^2}{2m_{\rm d}^*},\tag{25}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\hbar |\mathbf{k}|}{m_{\mathrm{d}}^*},\tag{26}$$

where $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$ and $\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k}}$ are the energy and group velocity at wave vector \mathbf{k} , respectively. We calculated the ionized impurity scattering rate and resulting mobility using the AMSET package and Brooks–Herring formulas, parameterized according to Z = 1, $m_{\rm d}^* = 0.2 m_0$, $\epsilon_{\rm s} = 20 \epsilon_0$, $n_{\rm ii} = 1 \times 10^{16} \,\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{19} \,\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$, and $T = 500 \,\mathrm{K}$. A comparison between the two approaches is presented in Supplementary Fig. (5). Close agreement is observed for



Supplementary Figure 5. Comparison of the (a) mobility and (b) carrier lifetime between AMSET and the analytical Brooks–Herring formulas for a parabolic band structure. Results calculated at a temperature of 500 K.



Supplementary Figure 6. Comparison of the electron mobility between AMSET and the analytical Brooks–Herring formulas for a parameterized Silicon-like band structure. Results calculated at a temperature of 500 K.

the both the mobility and carrier lifetime, indicating our approach is accurately reproducing the Brooks–Herring results.

The Brooks–Herring formula is known to lead to inaccurate results for non-parabolic band structures or systems with multiple valleys. To demonstrate this, we compare our method against Brooks–Herring on an idealized Silicon band structure, as parameterized in Supplementary Refs. [47] and [48] and using the experimental effec-



Supplementary Figure 7. Spectral band structure of SnO_2 indicating band and k-dependent electron linewidths calculated at 300 K.

tive masses according to

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2 (k_x - k_{0,x})^2}{2m_{\parallel}^*} + \frac{\hbar^2 (k_y - k_{0,y})^2}{2m_{\perp}^*} + \frac{\hbar^2 (k_z - k_{0,z})^2}{2m_{\perp}^*},$$
(27)

where $m_{\parallel}^* = 0.98 m_0$, $m_{\perp}^* = 0.19 m_0$, and \mathbf{k}_0 denotes the wave vectors of the conduction band minima. The Brooks–Herring mobility is calculated using the harmonic mean of the effective masses, namely $3/(m_{\parallel}^{-1,*} + 2m_{\perp}^{-1,*}) = 0.26 m_0$. As can be seen in Supplementary Fig. (6), the Brooks–Herring mobility is considerably over estimated by almost an order of magnitude relative to the mobility computed by AMSET. This agrees well with empirical investigations into the mobility of Silicon that have noted the overestimation of the Brooks–Herring result [49].

6. Electron linewidths

Access to band and **k**-dependent lifetimes can further be used to calculate electron linewidths that are qualitatively comparable to those measured through techniques such as angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) [50]. In Supplementary Fig. (7) we plot the spectral band structure of SnO₂ along a high symmetry Brillouin zone path, where the spectral function $A_{\mathbf{k}}(\varepsilon) = \pi^{-1} \sum_{n} (\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}^{-1}/2)/[(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}/\hbar)^2 + (\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}^{-1}/2)^2]$ was calculated at 300 K. The spectral function provides insight into the **k**-dependence of the carrier lifetimes. States close to the conduction band edge at Γ exhibit long lifetimes (low energy broadening) due to the reduced phase space of available states for scattering. Between the Z and R high symmetry points, the lowest conduction band is relatively flat leading to large scattering rates and considerable broadening of the spectral function.

C. First-principles inputs

1. Computational methodology

First-principles calculations were performed using Kohn-Sham DFT [51, 52] as implemented in the Vienna *ab initio* Simulation Package (VASP) [53–55]. All ab initio inputs were computed within the generalizedgradient approximation (GGA) [56] using the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) exchange-correlation functional [57]. Calculations were performed in a plane-wave basis set with scalar relativistic psueodpoentials and with the interactions between core and valence electrons described using the projector augmented-wave method (PAW) [58, 59]. The set-up, submission, and management of first-principles calculations was handled using the ATO-MATE workflow management software with the default parameters of version 0.8.3 [60, 61]. The plane-wave energy cutoff was set to 520 eV. Structure optimization was performed using the standard pymatgen MPRelaxSet with a reciprocal **k**-point density of 64 k-points/Å³ [34]. The uniform non-self-consistent calculations used as input to the scattering calculations were run with a reciprocal **k**-point density of 1000 **k**-points/Å³. Spin–orbit interactions were included for calculations on CH₃NH₃PbI₃ as they were necessary to obtain the correct band ordering at the conduction band minimum.

Piezeoelectric constants, and static and high-frequency dielectric constants were computed using density functional perturbation theory (DFPT) based on the method developed by Baroni and Resta [62] and adapted to the PAW formalism by Gajdoš *et al.* [63]. Elastic constants were obtained through the stress-strain approach detailed in Supplementary Ref. [64]. These calculations were automated using the piezeoelectric_constant, dielectric_constant, and elastic_constant preset workflows available in ATOMATE [60]. The calculation outputs (permitivies, elastic constants) were extracted using the PYMATGEN materials science software [34].

Absolute volume deformation potentials were calculated in the manner proposed by Wei and Zunger [65]. The deformation potential describes the change in energy of the bands with applied stress. Starting from a relaxed structure, a set of distorted structures are generated as follows. The Green-Lagrange strain tensor, $S_{\alpha\beta}$, has 6 independent components $(S_{11}, S_{22}, S_{33}, S_{12}, S_{13}, S_{23})$, each of which is applied independently to deform the structure. For each deformed structure, the deformation potential $D_{n\mathbf{k},\alpha\beta}$ at band, n, and \mathbf{k} -point, \mathbf{k} , is calculated as

$$D_{n\mathbf{k},\alpha\beta} = \frac{\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}^0 - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}^s + \Delta\zeta}{S_{\alpha\beta}},\tag{28}$$

where ε^0 and ε^s are the electronic energies of the bulk and strained structures, respectively, and $\Delta \zeta$ is a correction that accounts for the shift in the electrostatic reference energy between the two calculations. In this work, $\Delta \zeta$, is calculated as $\Delta \zeta = \zeta^{\rm s} - \zeta^0$, where ζ^0 and $\zeta^{\rm s}$ are the energies of the deepest core states of the bulk and strained structures, respectively [65]. We note that, in practice, even the reference energy levels can shift upon strain, leading to a small degree of error in the deformation potentials for non-covalent crystals [66, 67]. By repeating this procedure for each of the 6 independent strain components, all elements of the 3×3 deformation potential tensor (at each band and \mathbf{k} -point) can be calculated. To alleviate issues of numerical noise, we average the deformation potentials for both contraction (-0.5% strain) and expansion (+0.5% strain) of the lattice. Furthermore, to reduce the computational requirements, the 12 independent calculations (comprising 6 independent strain components \times 2 displacement strain magnitudes) are reduced using the symmetry of the bulk structure. For highly symmetric structures such as Si and GaAs, this means only 3 deformation calculations are required. We have released an open source tool deform as part of the AMSET package that automates the set-up of deformation calculations and the extraction of deformation potentials from VASP calculation outputs.

The "effective phonon frequency" used in the calculation of polar-optical phonon scattering was determined from the phonon frequencies $\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}$ (where ν is a phonon branch and \mathbf{q} is a phonon wave vector) and eigenvectors $\mathbf{e}_{\kappa\nu}(\mathbf{q})$ (where κ is an atom in the unit cell). In order to capture scattering from the full phonon band structure in a single phonon frequency, each phonon mode is weighted by the dipole moment it produces according to

$$w_{\nu} = \sum_{\kappa} \left[\frac{1}{M_{\kappa} \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} \right]^{1/2} \times \left[\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\kappa}^* \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\kappa\nu}(\mathbf{q}) \right]$$
(29)

where \mathbf{Z}_{κ}^{*} is the Born effective charge. This naturally suppresses the contributions from transverse-optical and acoustic modes in the same manner as the more general formalism for computing Frölich based electron-phonon coupling [68, 69]. The weight is calculated only for Γ point phonon frequencies and averaged over the unit sphere scaled by 0.01 to capture both the polar divergence at $\mathbf{q} \to 0$ and any anisotropy in the dipole moments. The effective phonon frequency is calculated as the weighted sum over all Γ -point phonon modes according to

$$\omega_{\rm po} = \frac{\omega_{\Gamma\nu} w_{\nu}}{\sum_{\nu} w_{\nu}}.$$
(30)

We have released an open source tool phonon-frequency as part of the AMSET package that automates this computation from VASP calculation outputs.

2. Computational input settings

In this section we detail the computational input parameters used to calculate the materials properties in the VASP DFT code. We stress that in addition to the settings listed below, the accuracy of the calculated properties can depend on the exchange–correlation functional, the presence of spin–orbit interactions, and the treatment of highly correlated electrons, which must be assessed on a per material basis. To obtain accurate results, the crystal structure should first be relaxed using "tight" calculation settings including high force and energy convergence criteria. An example of the VASP settings required is:

ADDGRID = True EDIFF = 1E-8 EDIFFG = -5E-4 PREC = Accurate NSW = 100 ISIF = 3 NELMIN = 5

Our approach requires a vasprun.xml file from a "dense" uniform band structure calculation. Typically a **k**-point mesh density at least twice that needed to converge the total energy will be necessary to converge transport properties. Note, this refers to the initial DFT mesh before Fourier interpolation. In order to obtain accurate band gaps often a hybrid DFT functional such as HSE06 is required.

The wave function coefficients are required to calculate wave function overlaps. This requires the WAVECAR file to be written by VASP (achieved by setting LWAVE = True). The wave function coefficients can be extracted using the amset wave command. Coefficients are stored in the wavefunction.h5 file. An example of the VASP settings required to generate the wave function information is:

ADDGRID = True EDIFF = 1E-8 PREC = Accurate NSW = 1 LWAVE = True

AMSET includes a tool to assist with the calculation of the deformation potentials. The initial input is a "tight" optimised structure as described above. Deformed structures are generated using the amset deform create command, which will generate a set of deformed POSCARs each corresponding to a component of the strain tensor. Symmetry is automatically used to reduce the number of calculations needed. A single point calculation (no relaxation, i.e., NSW = 0) should be performed for each deformed POSCAR as well as the bulk (undeformed) structure. An example of the VASP settings required for the single point calculations is:

ADDGRID = True EDIFF = 1E-8 PREC = Accurate

NSW = 1 ICORELEVEL = 1 # write core levels to OUTCAR

The deformation potentials can be calculated using the amset deform read command. This requires the paths to the bulk and deformation calculations as inputs. The bulk folder should be specified first, followed by the deformation folders. For example,

amset deform read bulk def-1 def-2 def-3

This will write the deformation potentials to a deformation.h5 file in the current directory.

Static and high-frequency dielectric constants, piezoelectric constants, and the "effective polar phonon frequency" can be obtained using density functional perturbation theory. It is very important to first relax the structure using tight convergence setting. An example of the VASP settings required to perform DFPT is:

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ADDGRID = True
EDIFF = 1E-8
PREC = Accurate
NSW = 1
IBRION = 8
LEPSILON = True
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Note, DFPT cannot be used with hybrid exchangecorrelation functionals. Instead, the LCALCEPS flag should be used in combination with IBRION = 6. The dielectric constants and polar phonon frequency can be extracted from the VASP outputs using the command amset phonon-frequency. This command should be run in a folder containing the vasprun.xml file from a DFPT calculation.

3. Materials parameters

All materials parameters were computed from firstprinciples in the manner described in the Computational Methodology. A summary of the materials parameters used to compute carrier scattering rates is provided in Supplementary Table 4. We have additionally employed the rigid scissor approximation such that band gaps match those calculated using the hybrid HSE06 exchange–correlation functional. Supplementary Table 5 gives the band gaps and **k**-point meshes employed in our calculations. Furthermore, we report the range of temperatures and carrier concentrations at which mobility and Seebeck coefficients are computed in Supplementary Tables 6 and 7.

4. Experimental data

In the main text, we calculate the mobility and Seebeck coefficient of 17 semiconductors and compare our results to experimental measurements. Our set of test materials spans a range of chemistries and doping-polarities and contains both isotropic and anisotropic materials. The set includes: (i) conventional semiconductors, Si, GaAs, GaN, GaP, InP, ZnS, ZnSe, CdS, CdSe, and SiC; (ii) the thermoelectric candidate SnSe; (iv) photovoltaic absorbers CH₃NH₃PbI₃, PbS, and CdTe; and (iii) transparent conductors, SnO₂, ZnO, and CuAlO₂. The reference samples are of the highest purity and crystallinity in order to minimize the mesoscopic effects of grain boundary scattering and crystallographic one-dimensional and two-dimensional defects (e.g., line dislocations, edge dislocations, and stacking faults). We favor bulk crystals over thin films (which can exhibit surface effects that impact carrier transport, e.g., strain, oxidation, offstoichiometries, and surface dipole moments), however, in some cases we use epitaxial single crystal films. We also favor undoped or dilutely doped crystals (to less than 0.5% at.) to avoid the formation of secondary crystal phases and degenerate doping. Lastly, we favor studies that look at a wide range of carrier concentrations and/or temperatures (greater than 300K). In all cases, experimental mobility is measured via the DC Hall effect. A summary of the reference data used in the comparisons against carrier mobility and Seebeck coefficient are provided in Supplementary Tables 6 and 7.

We note that for SnSe, significant anisotropy is seen in the measured carrier concentrations for the a and b directions [122]. We believe this discrepancy is an artefact of the Hall effect measurements from which the concentrations were calculated. The authors assumed a Hall factor r_H of unity when extracting the carrier concentrations when in practice the Hall factor will depend on the band structure, temperature, and doping, and will likely be direction dependent. Although, the carrier concentration of a sample should be independent of the orientation of the sample, the measured carrier concentrations vary by up to three times suggesting that r_H actually deviates from unity significantly. This anomalous behaviour was also recently highlighted by Ma et al. [123] who calculated the mobility of SnSe using DFPT+Wannier as implemented in EPW. To compare directly to their EPW results, we have used the same carrier concentrations in our calculations. We further note that use of a constant Hall factor may also explain the large anisotropy of the carrier mobilities between the b and c directions [122]which is not reproduced in DFPT+Wannier calculations.

Supplementary Table 4. Materials parameters used to compute scatterings rates. **C** is the elastic tensor in Voigt notation, with the unit GPa. ϵ_s and ϵ_{∞} are the static and high-frequency dielectric constants in ϵ_0 . **D**^{vb} and **D**^{cb} are the absolute deformation potentials at the valence and conduction band edge, respectively. *d* is the dimensionless piezoelectric coefficient. ω_{po} is the effective polar phonon frequency given in THz. For all tensor properties, components that are not explicitly listed are zero

Material	C_{11}	C_{22}	C_{33}	C_{44}	C_{55}	C_{66}	C_{12}	C_{13}	C_{23}	$\epsilon_{\rm s,11}$	$\epsilon_{\rm s,22}$	$\epsilon_{ m s,33}$	$\epsilon_{\infty,11}$	$\epsilon_{\infty,22}$	$\epsilon_{\infty,33}$	$D_{11}^{\rm vb}$	D_{22}^{vb}	$D_{33}^{\rm vb}$	$D_{11}^{\rm cb}$	$D_{22}^{\rm cb}$	$D_{33}^{\rm cb}$	d	$\omega_{ m po}$
GaN	325	325	358	90	90	107	112	78	78	5.9	5.9	6.1	10.5	10.5	11.7	8.2	8.2	8.5	15.0	15.0	15.2	0.0	19.0
GaP	125	125	125	65	65	65	52	52	52	10.6	10.6	10.6	12.9	12.9	12.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	13.0	13.0	13.0	0.0	10.3
GaAs	99	99	99	51	51	51	41	41	41	10.3	10.3	10.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	8.6	8.6	8.6	0.0	8.2
InP	87	87	87	42	42	42	46	46	46	13.2	13.2	13.2	16.5	16.5	16.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	0.0	10.3
ZnO	188	188	205	37	37	39	109	92	92	3.8	3.8	3.8	10.5	10.5	11.4	7.6	7.6	8.2	9.1	9.1	9.5	0.0	11.2
ZnS	96	96	96	46	46	46	55	55	55	5.9	5.9	5.9	9.4	9.4	9.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.1	7.9
ZnSe	82	82	82	37	37	37	47	47	47	7.3	7.3	7.3	10.7	10.7	10.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	0.0	5.9
CdS	80	80	85	15	15	17	45	37	37	6.0	6.0	6.1	9.8	9.8	10.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	2.4	2.4	3.2	0.2	6.5
CdSe	66	66	72	13	13	15	36	31	31	8.8	8.8	8.7	12.4	12.4	13.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	2.4	2.4	2.9	0.1	4.7
CdTe	47	47	47	19	19	19	30	30	30	9.3	9.3	9.3	12.8	12.8	12.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	3.9
SiC	382	382	382	241	241	241	126	126	126	7.0	7.0	7.0	10.3	10.3	10.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.2	23.2
PbS	121	121	121	20	20	20	18	18	18	15.6	15.6	15.6	277.7	277.7	277.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	6.6
PbTe	108	108	108	14	14	14	6	6	6	26.2	26.2	26.2	380.0	380.0	380.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	3.2
$\mathrm{MAPbI_3}^{\mathbf{a}}$	43	55	53	10	20	11	33	31	17	31.7	97.5	66.7	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.0	4.7	4.0	2.8	3.1	2.5	0.0	2.6
SnO_2	376	215	215	178	84	84	127	127	136	4.9	4.6	4.6	10.5	13.6	13.6	0.9	1.5	1.5	10.7	13.2	13.2	0.0	10.4
SnS	29	37	71	18	29	18	12	27	10	12.6	12.6	14.2	26.7	24.5	37.7	7.5	2.9	0.2	0.1	3.9	1.3	0.0	3.2
SnSe	30	39	67	12	28	14	13	28	8	16.9	15.3	18.7	32.3	27.1	46.3	13.8	15.9	14.7	11.2	9.8	14.5	0.0	3.2
$\mathrm{Bi}_{2}\mathrm{Te}_{3}$	55	55	10	8	8	20	14	8	8	35.0	35.0	27.7	117.2	117.2	35.2	1.1	1.8	1.8	3.2	3.8	3.8	0.0	3.4
BiCuOSe	131	131	83	29	29	40	50	47	47	16.1	16.7	13.7	122.4	122.4	43.4	2.1	2.1	2.9	5.3	5.3	1.2	0.0	3.4
$CuAlO_2$	294	294	509	39	39	102	90	103	103	6.1	6.1	4.6	10.8	10.8	7.3	2.5	2.5	4.8	7.1	7.1	10.2	0.0	14.0
Si	144	144	144	75	75	75	53	53	53	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	6.5	1.1	1.1	8.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Ba_2BiAu	69	69	69	17	17	17	18	18	18	37.2	37.2	37.2	22.2	22.2	22.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	1.8
NbFeSb	309	309	309	67	67	67	95	95	95	44.7	44.7	44.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	7.4

 $^{a}\ \mathrm{MA}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}\mathrm{NH}_{3}$

Supplementary Table 5. Band gaps and k-point meshes used to compute scatterings rates. ε_{g}^{HSE} and ε_{g}^{exp} are the band gaps calculated using the HSE06 functional and taken from experiment, respectively, with the references given in square brackets. The coarse k-point mesh of the electronic band structures computed using density functional theory (DFT) are compared to the dense mesh obtained through Fourier interpolation

			k-po	int mesh
Material	$\varepsilon_{\rm g}^{\rm HSE}$ (eV)	$\varepsilon_{\rm g}^{\rm exp}$ (eV)	DFT	Interpolated
GaN	3.06 [70]	3.26 [71]	$20 \times 20 \times 12$	$183 \times 183 \times 97$
GaP	2.37 ^a	2.24 [72]	$18 \times 18 \times 18$	$105 \times 105 \times 105$
GaAs	1.33 [73]	1.52 [71]	$17 \times 17 \times 17$	$143 \times 143 \times 143$
InP	1.48 [74]	1.42 [71]	$16 \times 16 \times 16$	$151 \times 151 \times 151$
ZnO	2.55 [75]	3.37 [76]	$20 \times 20 \times 12$	$145 \times 145 \times 77$
ZnS	3.22ª	3.72 [77]	$18 \times 18 \times 18$	$133\times133\times133$
ZnSe	2.24 ^a	2.82 [78]	$17 \times 17 \times 17$	99 imes 99 imes 99
CdS	2.12 ^a	2.48 [79]	$15 \times 15 \times 9$	$87 \times 87 \times 47$
CdSe	1.46^{a}	1.73 [80]	$15 \times 15 \times 9$	$87 \times 87 \times 47$
CdTe	1.34^{a}	1.48 [81]	$15 \times 15 \times 15$	89 imes 89 imes 89
SiC	2.35 ^a	2.36 [82]	$22 \times 22 \times 22$	$125\times125\times125$
PbS	0.84 [83]	0.37 [76]	$16 \times 16 \times 16$	$119\times119\times119$
PbTe	1.45^{a}	0.31 [84]	$15 \times 15 \times 15$	$101\times101\times101$
MAPbI ₃ ^b	2.43 ^a	1.63 [85]	$7 \times 4 \times 6$	$51 \times 33 \times 47$
SnO_2	2.88 [86]	3.60 [87]	$19 \times 13 \times 13$	$135 \times 91 \times 91$
SnS	1.58 ^a	1.42 [88]	$15 \times 14 \times 5$	$57 \times 51 \times 19$
SnSe	1.10 [89]	0.90 90	$13 \times 13 \times 5$	$51 \times 49 \times 17$
$\mathrm{Bi}_{2}\mathrm{Te}_{3}$	0.93 ^a	0.13 [<mark>91</mark>]	$11 \times 11 \times 11$	$61 \times 61 \times 61$
BiCuOSe	1.08^{a}	0.80 [92]	$15 \times 15 \times 11$	$47 \times 47 \times 21$
$CuAlO_2$	3.52 [93]	2.97 [94]	$14 \times 14 \times 4$	$57 \times 57 \times 13$
Si	1.15 [75]	1.14 [76]	$18 \times 18 \times 18$	$105 \times 105 \times 105$
Ba_2BiAu	0.88ª		$11 \times 11 \times 11$	$41 \times 41 \times 41$
NbFeSb	1.26 ^a	0.51 [95]	$16\times16\times16$	$45 \times 45 \times 45$

^a This work.

 $^{\rm b}~{\rm MA}={\rm CH}_3{\rm NH}_3$

Supplementary Table 6. Summary of temperature and doping conditions used for computing electron mobility. References provided to DFPT+Wannier calculations and experimental measurements performed at the same doping and temperature conditions, which are used in the comparison of electron mobilities in the main text and Supplemental Material. For anisotropic materials that were measured as single crystals, we also report the axis along which transport properties were measured and calculated

Material	Doping	T (K)	$n \; ({\rm cm}^{-3})$	Exp.	DFPT+Wannier	Axis
GaN	n-type	150 - 500	$3.0 \times 10^{16} - 5.5 \times 10^{16}$	[96]	[97]	
GaP	n-type	100 - 500	$3.0 imes 10^{16}$	[98]		
GaAs	n-type	200 - 1000	$3.0 imes 10^{13}$	[18]	[99]	
GaAs	p-type	300	$3.0 imes 10^{13} extrm{}8.6 imes 10^{19}$	[100, 101]		
InP	n-type	150 - 700	1.5×10^{16}	[102]		
ZnO	n-type	300 - 1000	8.2×10^{16}	[103]		
ZnS	n-type	300 - 650	$1.0 imes 10^{16}$	[104]		
ZnSe	n-type	200 - 1300	$4.0 imes 10^{14} extrm{}2.0 imes 10^{15}$	[105, 106]		
CdS	n-type	100 - 400	$5.0 imes 10^{15}$	[107]		
CdSe	n-type	150 - 1300	$1.0 imes 10^{16} ext{} 1.0 imes 10^{18}$	[108, 109]		
CdTe	n-type	100 - 1200	$5.4\times10^{14}1.4\times10^{17}$	[110, 111]		
CdTe	p-type	550 - 1000	1.4×10^{16} – 6.7×10^{16}	[111]		
SiC	n-type	100 - 850	$3.7 \times 10^{15} - 2.5 \times 10^{16}$	[112]	[113]	
PbS	n-type	300 - 750	3.6×10^{17}	[114]		
PbTe	n-type	100 - 300	1.1×10^{18}	[115]	[116]	
$MAPbI_3^{a}$	n-type	100 - 350	$1.0 imes 10^{14}$	[117, 118]	[119]	
SnO_2	n-type	300 - 700	1.0×10^{17}	[120]		
SnS	p-type	100 - 600	$4.3 \times 10^{17} - 5.6 \times 10^{17}$	[121]		a
SnSe	p-type	300-600	3.0×10^{17}	[122]	[123]	b
$\mathrm{Bi}_{2}\mathrm{Te}_{3}$	n-type	100 - 300	$3.3 imes 10^{19}$	[124]		b-c
$\mathrm{Bi}_{2}\mathrm{Te}_{3}$	p-type	100 - 250	$3.0 imes 10^{18}$	[125]		b-c
BiCuOSe	p-type	300 - 650	$2.2\times 10^{18} 6.4\times 10^{19}$	[126]		
$CuAlO_2$	p-type	300 - 430	$1.3 \times 10^{17} 7.4 \times 10^{18}$	[94]		$a\!-\!b$
Si	n-type	300	$2.0\times 10^{14} 4.4\times 10^{18}$	[127]	[3]	
Ba_2BiAu	n-type	300	1×10^{14}	[43]		
NbFeSb	p-type	300	2×10^{20}	[44, 45]	—	—

 $^{\rm a}~{\rm MA}={\rm CH}_3{\rm NH}_3$

Supplementary Table 7. Summary of temperature and doping conditions used for computing Seebeck coefficient. References provided to experimental measurements performed at the same doping and temperature conditions, which are used in the comparison of Seebeck coefficients in the main text and Supplemental Material

Material	Doping	T (K)	$n \; ({\rm cm}^{-3})$	Exp.
GaN	<i>n</i> -type	100-300	1.3×10^{19}	[128]
GaAs	$n ext{-type}$	400 - 750	$3.5 imes 10^{17}$	[129]
GaAs	$p ext{-type}$	350 - 750	6.4×10^{19}	[130]
InP	$n ext{-type}$	150 - 700	$2.1 imes 10^{17}$	[131]
ZnO	$n ext{-type}$	200 - 1000	5.2×10^{17}	[132]
CdS	n-type	130-300	$2.8 imes 10^{15}$	[133]
PbS	n-type	300-800	2.5×10^{19}	[134]
SnO_2	$n ext{-type}$	300-800	$8.2 imes 10^{18}$	[135]
SnSe	p-type	300-600	$3.0 imes 10^{17}$	[122]
Si	$n ext{-type}$	300	$1 \times 10^{14} - 1 \times 10^{19}$	[136, 137]

II. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCUSSION

A. Mobility results

1. Temperature and carrier dependent mobility



Supplementary Figure 8. Mobility against temperature or carrier-concentration for all test materials, computed using the HSE06 band gap. Constant relaxation time (CRT) results performed using $\tau = 10$ fs. Scaled relaxation time (SRT) performed using $\tau_T = 10 \times \frac{300}{T}$ fs. For anisotropic materials such as SnSe and Bi₂Te₃, the calculated and experimental results are reported along particular directions as reported in Supplementary Table 6.



Supplementary Figure 9. Mobility limited by different scattering mechanisms against temperature or carrier-concentration for all test materials, computed using the HSE06 band gap. For anisotropic materials such as SnSe and Bi_2Te_3 , the calculated and experimental results are reported along particular directions as reported in Supplementary Table 6.



Supplementary Figure 10. Mobility against temperature or carrier-concentration for a set of test materials, computed using HSE06 electronic structures. PbTe calculations also include spin–orbit coupling effects. For anisotropic materials such as SnS and CuAlO₂, the calculated and experimental results are reported along particular directions as reported in Supplementary Table 6.

B. Seebeck coefficient results



1. Temperature- and carrier concentration-dependent Seebeck coefficient

Supplementary Figure 11. Seebeck coefficient against temperature for all test materials, computed using the HSE06 band gap.

2. Seebeck coefficient calculated using the HSE06 functional



Supplementary Figure 12. Seebeck coefficient against temperature for a set of test materials computed using HSE06 electronic structures.

C. Scattering rate comparison



Supplementary Figure 13. Computed scattering rates compared against DFPT+Wannier calculations [3, 99, 113, 123]. Results calculated at 300 K using the the lowest carrier concentrations for each material given in Supplementary Table. 6

D. Comparison against CRT and DFPT+Wannier



Supplementary Figure 14. Comparison between AMSET, constant relaxation time approximation calculations, DFPT+Wannier calculations, and experiments for (a) carrier mobilities at 300 K (b) the exponential temperature trend of carrier mobilities, and (c) Seebeck coefficients at 300 K.

E. Band structures



Supplementary Figure 15. Band structures (pre-scissor operation) calculated using the PBE exchange–correlation functional, interpolated from a uniform k-point mesh using the BOLTZTRAP2 package.

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