ON MITTAG-LEFFLER MOMENTS FOR THE BOLTZMANN EQUATION FOR HARD POTENTIALS WITHOUT CUTOFF

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Abstract. We establish the $L^1$ weighted propagation properties for solutions of the Boltzmann equation with hard potentials and non-integrable angular components in the collision kernel. Our method identifies null forms by angular averaging and deploys moment estimates of solutions to the Boltzmann equation whose summability is achieved by introducing the new concept of Mittag-Leffler moments - extensions of $L^1$ exponentially weighted norms. Such $L^1$ weighted norms of solutions to the Boltzmann equation are, both generated and propagated in time and the characterization of their corresponding Mittag-Leffler weights depends on the angular singularity and potential rates in the collision kernel. These estimates are a fundamental step in order to obtain $L^\infty$ exponentially weighted estimates for solutions of the Boltzmann equation being developed in a follow up work.

1. Introduction

We study generation and propagation in time of $L^1$ exponentially weighted norms, referred to as exponential moments, associated to probability density functions that solve the Boltzmann equation [10, 11] modeling the evolution of monoatomic rarefied gases. Binary interactions of gas particles are described by transition rates from before and after such interactions, usually referred to as collision kernels. Such kernels are modeled as a product of potential functions of local relative speed and functions of the scattering angle between the pre and post relative velocities. This angular function may or may not be integrable. When integrable, the collision kernel is said to satisfy an angular cutoff condition. The particular case when the angular part of the kernel is bounded, is known as the Grad’s cutoff condition [23]. Otherwise, its non-integrability, referred to as an angular non-cutoff, satisfies specific conditions (for details see Section 2).

The concept of exponential moments is associated to the notion of large energy decay rates for tails. A time dependent probability distribution function $f(t,v)$ is said to have $L^1$ exponential moment (tail behavior) of order $s$ and rate $r(t)$ if, for any fixed $t > 0$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) e^{r(t) \langle v \rangle^s} dv$$

is positive and finite. (1.1)

This concept was introduced by Bobylev in [7, 8] and Gamba, Panferov and Villani in [20], where they show uniform in time propagation of $L^1$ Maxwellian tails (i.e. Gaussian in $v$-space, that is $s = 2$) for several type of collision kernels ranging from...
Maxwell-type to hard sphere interactions with angular cutoff conditions, and by Bobylev, Gamba, Panferov in [9] for different values of $s \in (0, 2]$ in the study of inelastic interaction with internal heating sources. These ground breaking works conceived the idea of controlling exponential moments by proving the summability of power series expansions on a parameter $r(t)$. Such formulation was motivated by formally commuting integration in $v$-space and the infinite sum derived from the power series of the exponential function in (1.1), upon which one obtains

$$\int_{R^d} f(t, v) \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^q(t) \langle v \rangle^{sq}}{\Gamma(q+1)} = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^q(t) m_{sq}(t)}{\Gamma(q+1)}.$$  (1.2)

The terms $m_{sq}(t)$, called polynomial moments, are $\langle v \rangle^{sq}$-weighted $L^1$ norms of the distribution function $f(v, t)$ that solves the Boltzmann equation. Representation (1.2) replaces the quest of $L^1$ exponential integrability with a given order and rate, with study of summability of infinite sums (time series forms).

A fundamental technique for accomplishing this task (see [8, 9, 20, 3, 5, 28]) consists of controlling the weak form of the collision operator by the means of angular averaging. These estimates are used to derive a sequence of ordinary differential inequalities for the polynomial moments of the collisional form. These differential inequalities are an algebraic sum of a negative term of moments of highest order and a positive term of bilinear sums of moments of lower orders.

Recently Alonso, Cañizo, Gamba and Mouhot [1] introduced a new technique (based on analyzing partial sums corresponding to the infinite sum appearing in (1.2)), to prove the generation of exponential moments with orders up to the potential rate and the propagation of exponential moments with orders up to $s = 2$, under an angular integrability condition. It is interesting to note that these results do not rely on the rate of Povzner estimates for angular averaging, and so the resulting order $r(t)$ may not be optimal.

All results mentioned above were developed for the case of an integrable angular collision kernel. This brings us to the setting of this manuscript, the non-cutoff regime. This manuscript focuses on the study of both generation and propagation in time of exponential moments for solutions to the initial value problem for the $d$-dimensional Boltzmann equation for elastic collisions, in the space homogeneous case, for hard potentials without the angular cutoff assumption. In this direction, Lu and Mouhot [25] showed generation of exponential moments of order up to the potential rate in the collision kernel. In this work, we considerably extend their result by showing that rates and orders of exponential moments depend on the initial data, as well as potential and angular singularity rates in collision kernels.

In order to treat the non-cutoff regime, we develop angular averaged estimates that account for the cancellation of non-integrable angular singularities by means of null forms averaging. The other important component is summability of moments, which is achieved by introducing Mittag-Leffler moments.

Indeed, the most significant point of this paper is the introduction of Mittag-Leffler moments, as $L^1$ Mittag-Leffler weighted norms. They enabled us to extend the range of orders of exponential moments that can be propagated uniformly in time.
for the non-cutoff case. To obtain our result, we encounter the need to study (1.2) where \( \Gamma(q+1) \) is replaced with \( \Gamma(aq+1) \), for a noninteger \( a > 1 \) (which is reminiscent of some of the tools used in [9], although no summing of such renormalized moments was performed there)

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^q(t) \langle v \rangle^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^q(t) m_{aq}(t)}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}.
\] (1.3)

We observed that the sum appearing on the left-hand side of (1.3) is exactly the well-known Mittag-Leffler function \( E_a(r(t) \langle v \rangle^s) \), where \( E_a \) is defined as

\[
E_a(x) := \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^q}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}.
\] (1.4)

In analogy to (1.1), this led us to introduce a concept of Mittag-Leffler moments

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \ E_a(\alpha^a \langle v \rangle^2) \ dv = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{m_{aq}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)},
\] (1.5)

which are a natural generalization of exponential moments.

Another important aspect of our main result is that the highest order of exponential moment which can be propagated in time, depends continuously on the singularity rate of the angular cross-section. The less singular the angular kernel is, the higher order exponential moment can be propagated. See details in Remark [8].

Let us mention one application of \( L^1 \) weighted estimates. In [20], Gamba, Panferov and Villani, gave a proof to close the open problem of propagation of \( L^\infty \)-Maxwellian weighted bounds, uniformly in time, to solutions of the Boltzmann equation with hard potential with a cutoff in the angular kernel. Their result follows from an application of a maximum principle of parabolic type, due to the dissipative nature of the collisional integral, and estimates on the Carleman representation of the gain (positive) part of the collision operator that depend on the \( L^1 \)-Maxwellian weighted bounds uniformly propagated in time. We mention here that the extension of such result on propagation of \( L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \)-exponential weights is currently being worked out for the non-cutoff and hard potential case in a forthcoming manuscript [21] using the \( L^1 \) weighted estimates obtained in this manuscript.

**Organization of the paper.** Section 2 presents the Boltzmann equation without the angular cutoff condition, exponential and Mittag-Leffler moments and the statements of the two main results of the manuscript - the angular averaged Povzner inequalities with angular singularity cancellation in Lemma 2.3 and the generation and propagation of Mittag-Leffler moments in Theorem 2.4. Section 3 contains the proof of the angular averaged Povzner inequalities for non-integrable angular singularity, i.e. Lemma 2.3. This lemma is the main tool for the formation of ordinary differential inequalities for polynomial moments of all orders, which are covered in Section 4. Section 5 provides details of the proof of the propagation of Mittag-Leffler moments, while in Section 6 we give a new proof of the generation of exponential moments of order up to the rate of potentials. The final section, Appendix, gathers known and technical yet fundamental results used throughout this manuscript.
2. Preliminaries and Main Results

2.1. The Boltzmann equation. We consider the Cauchy problem for the spatially homogeneous (i.e. x-space independent) Boltzmann equation

\[ \begin{cases} \partial_t f(t, v) = Q(f, f)(t, v), & t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \, v \in \mathbb{R}^d, \, d \geq 2 \\ f(0, v) = f_0(v). \end{cases} \]  

(2.1)

The function \( f(t, v) \) models the particle density at time \( t \) and velocity \( v \) of a rarefied gas in which particle collisions are elastic and predominantly binary. The collisional operator \( Q(f, f) \) is a quadratic integral operator defined via

\[
Q(f, f)(t, v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{S^{d-1}} (f' f'_* - f f_*) B(|u|, \hat{u} \cdot \sigma) \, d\sigma \, dv_*,
\]

(2.2)

where we use the abbreviated notation \( f_* = f(t, v_*), \) \( f' = f(t, v'), \) and \( f'_* = f(t, v'_*). \) Vectors \( v', v'_* \) denote pre-collisional velocities and \( v, v_* \) are their corresponding post-collisional velocities. Relative velocity is denoted by \( u = v - v_* \), and its normalization by \( \hat{u} = u/|u| \). Being an elastic interaction of reversible character that conserves momentum \( v + v_* = v' + v'_* \) and energy \( |v|^2 + |v_*|^2 = |v'|^2 + |v'_*|^2 \), pre and postcollisional velocities are related by formulas represented in center of mass \( V = (v + v_*)/2 \) and relative velocity \( u = v - v_* \) coordinates as follows

\[
v = V' + \frac{|u'|}{2} \sigma, \quad v_* = V' - \frac{|u'|}{2} \sigma, \quad \sigma \in S^{d-1}.
\]

(2.3)

The unit vector \( \sigma \in S^{d-1} \), referred to as the scattering direction, has the direction of the pre-collisional relative velocity \( u' = v' - v'_* \). We bring to the reader’s attention that the pre to post collisional exchange of coordinates satisfy

\[
v' - v = \frac{1}{2}(|u| \sigma - u),
\]

\[
v'_* - v_* = -\frac{1}{2}(|u| \sigma - u).
\]

This representation embodies the relation of the exchange of velocity directions as just functions of the relative velocity \( u = v - v_* \) and the scattering direction \( \sigma \).

The collisional kernel \( B(|u|, \hat{u} \cdot \sigma) \) is assumed to take the form

\[
B(|u|, \hat{u} \cdot \sigma) = |u|^{\gamma} b(\cos \theta),
\]

(2.4)

where \( \theta \in [0, \pi] \) is the angle between the pre and post collisional relative velocities, and thus it satisfies \( \cos \theta = \hat{u} \cdot \sigma \). In this manuscript we work in the variable hard potentials case, that is

\[
0 < \gamma \leq 1.
\]

(2.5)
We assume that the angular kernel is given by a positive measure $b(\hat{u} \cdot \sigma)$ over the sphere $S^{d-1}$. In many models, this function is non-integrable over the sphere, while its weighted integral is finite. In this manuscript we assume that for some $\beta \in (0, 2]$ the following weighted integral is finite (with $V_{d-2} = \frac{\pi^{(d-2)/2}}{\Gamma((d-1)/2)}$ being the volume of the $d-2$ dimensional unit sphere)

\[
A_\beta := \int_{S^{d-1}} b(\hat{u} \cdot \sigma) \sin^{\beta} \theta \, d\sigma = V_{d-2} \int_0^\pi b(\cos \theta) \, \sin^{\beta} \theta \sin^{d-2} \theta \, d\theta < \infty. \tag{2.6}
\]

When $\beta = 0$ (a case that we do not consider), this condition is known as the angular cutoff assumption, under which the collisional operator can be split into the gain and loss terms

\[Q(f, f) = Q^+(f, f) - Q^-(f, f), \tag{2.7}\]

where

\[
Q^+(f, f)(t, v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{S^{d-1}} f' f_* B(|u|, \hat{u} \cdot \sigma) \, d\sigma \, dv_*,
\]

\[
Q^-(f, f)(t, v) = f(v) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{S^{d-1}} f_* B(|u|, \hat{u} \cdot \sigma) \, d\sigma \, dv_*.
\]

In 1963 Grad [23] proposed considering a bounded angular kernel $b(\cos \theta)$ and pointed out that different cutoff conditions could be implemented too. Since then the cutoff theory developed extensively, with the belief that removing the singularity of the angular kernel should not affect properties of the equation. Recently, however, it has been observed (see for example [24], [14], [15], [16]) that the singularity of $b(\cos \theta)$ carries regularizing properties. This, in addition to the analytical challenge, motivated further study of the non-cutoff regime.

The typical non-cutoff assumption in the literature is the condition (2.6) with $\beta = 2$. However, we work in the non-cutoff regime where the parameter $\beta \in (0, 2]$ is allowed to vary and we will see how the strength of the singularity of $b$ influences our main result. In this setting, the splitting (2.7) is not valid, which is one of the technical challenges that non-cutoff setting brings. In order to address this obstacle we exploit angular cancellation properties (for details please see Section 3).

Remark 1. In the physically relevant case corresponding to the dimension $d = 3$, when forces between particles are governed by an inverse power law long range interaction potential $\phi(x) = C x^{-(p-1)}$, $C > 0$, $p > 2$, the angular kernel $b(\cos \theta)$ has been derived by H. Grad [23] (see also [12]) and is shown to have the following form

\[
b(\cos \theta) \, \sin \theta \sim C \theta^{-1-\nu}, \quad \theta \rightarrow 0^+,
\]

\[
\nu = \frac{2}{p-1}, \quad \gamma = \frac{p-5}{p-1}, \quad p > 2. \tag{2.8}
\]

Note that this model satisfies (2.6) with any $r > \nu$. 

Weak formulation of the collision operator $Q(f, f)$. Thanks to the symmetries associated to the collisional form $Q(f, f)$, defined in the strong form (2.2), the collisional operator has a weak formulation that is very important for the analytical manipulation of the equation. Indeed, for any test function $\phi(v), v \in \mathbb{R}^d$, one has (see for example [12])

$$
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} Q(f, f)(t, v) \phi(v) dv = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} f(v) f(v_*) G_\phi(v, v_*) dv_* dv,
$$

(2.9)

$$
G_\phi(v, v_*) = \int_{S^{d-1}} (\phi(v') + \phi(v'_*) - \phi(v) - \phi(v_*)) B(|u|, \hat{u} \cdot \sigma) \, d\sigma.
$$

The key aspect of the equation in the weak formulation is expressed in the weight $G_\phi$ as it carries all the information about collisions through the collisional kernel $B$, which is averaged over the unit sphere against test functions $\Delta u$. Crucial estimates on the function $G_\phi$ referred to in the Boltzmann equation literature as Povzner estimates are described below.

In the angular cutoff case, positive and negative contributions are treated separately and such estimates are used to estimate the positive part of $G_\phi$. A sharp form of angular averaged Povzner estimates from [8, 9, 20] is obtained for general test functions $\phi(v)$ which are positive and convex. They are crucial for the study of moments summability, the main point of this manuscript.

When $\phi(v) = (1 + |v|^2)^{k/2} = \langle v \rangle^k$, these estimates, originally developed by Povzner [30], yield ordinary differential inequalities for moment estimates that lead to an existence theory and generation and propagation of moments as developed in Elmroth [18], Desvillettes [13] Wennberg [33] and Mischler, Wennberg [20]. These estimates were also obtained in the non-cutoff case by Wennberg [32] for hard potentials. Uniqueness theory to solutions of the Boltzmann equation for hard potentials was first developed by Di Blasio in [17].

When the angular part of the collision kernel is not integrable, i.e. the non-cutoff case, one needs to expand $\Delta \phi$ in terms of $v' - v$ and $v'_* - v_*$, since both are a multiples of $|u| \sin \theta/2$. For this strategy to succeed, the spherical integration variable $\sigma \in S^{d-1}$ must be decomposed as $\sigma = \hat{u} \cos \theta + \omega \sin \theta$, corresponding to the polar direction of the relative velocity $u$, and the azimuthal direction $\omega \in S^{d-1}$ satisfying $u \cdot \omega = 0$. This decomposition also plays a fundamental role in our derivation of the angular averaged Povzner with singularity cancellation in the proof of Lemma 2.3.

**Remark 2.** We note that the identity (2.10) can also be expressed in a double mixing (weighted) convolutional form (22 [2] 4)

$$
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} Q(f, f)(t, v) \phi(v) dv = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} f(v) f(v - u) G_\phi(v, u) du \, dv
$$

$$
G_\phi(v, u) = \int_{S^{d-1}} (\phi(v') + \phi(v'_*) - \phi(v) - \phi(v_*)) B(|u|, \hat{u} \cdot \sigma) \, d\sigma
$$

since both $v'$ and $v'_*$ can be written as functions of $v, u$ and $\sigma$ from [28], and so the weight function $G_\phi(v, u)$ is an average over $\sigma \in S^{d-1}$.
2.2. Moments of solutions to the Boltzmann equation. From the probabilistic viewpoint, moments of a probability distribution density \( f(t, v) \) with respect to the variable \( v \) are integrals of such density weighted by functions \( \phi(v) \). These are important objects to study as they express average quantities that have significant meaning for the model under consideration. They are the so-called observables. In this sense, polynomial moments correspond to such integrals for polynomial weights, and exponential moments are for exponential weights.

We now recall definitions of polynomial and exponential moments and we here introduce the Mittag-Leffler moments, which are a natural generalization of the exponential moments.

**Definition 2.1** (Polynomial and exponential moments). Polynomial moment of order \( q \) and exponential moment of order \( s \) and rate \( \alpha \) are respectively defined by:

\[
m_q(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \langle v \rangle^q \, d(v),
\]

\[
M_{\alpha,s}(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) e^{\alpha \langle v \rangle^s} \, dv.
\]

**Remark 3.** Using the Taylor series expansion, the exponential moment of order \( s \) and rate \( \alpha \) can also be written as the following sum

\[
M_{\alpha,s}(t) = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{m_{qs}(t) \alpha^q}{q!}.
\]

**Remark 4.** Polynomial moments can be expressed in terms of the norm of a natural Banach space in the context of the Boltzmann equation. Namely, if we denote

\[
L_k^1 = \{ f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) : \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(v)^k \, dv = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f (1 + |v|^2)^{k/2} \, dv < \infty \},
\]

then

\[
m_q(t) = \| f \|_{L_k^1(t)}.
\]

Also, note that

\[
\| f \|_{L_q^1} \leq \| f \|_{L_q'^1}, \quad \text{for any } q \leq q'.
\]

Note that this expression is associated to the notion of \( L^1 \) exponential tail behavior described in (1.1) and (1.2). Consequently, finiteness of exponential moments can be understood as implying that the function \( f(t, v) \) has an exponential tail in \( v \). In this paper, we study whether this property can be generated or propagated in time for the case of variable hard potentials in the non-cutoff case.

Because our summability estimates lead to expressions similar to that of (2.12), yet having \( \Gamma(aq + 1) \) as a generalization of factorials with non-integer \( a > 1 \), we are motivated to use Mittag-Leffler functions, as they are conceived as a generalization
of the Taylor expansion of the exponential function. More precisely, for a parameter \(a > 0\), Mittag-Leffler function is defined via

\[
\mathcal{E}_a(x) := \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^q}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}.
\]

(2.15)

Note that for \(a = 1\), the Mittag-Leffler function coincides with the Taylor expansion of the classical exponential function \(e^x\). It is also well known (see e.g. [19], page 208.) that for any \(a > 0\), the Mittag-Leffler function asymptotically behaves like an exponential function of order \(1/a\), that is

\[
\mathcal{E}_a(x) \sim e^{x^{1/a}}, \quad \text{as } x \to \infty.
\]

Since \((v)^2\) is the building block for our calculations, we prefer to have \(x^2\) as the argument of Mittag-Leffler function when generalizing \(e^{\alpha x}\)

\[
\mathcal{E}_{2/s}(\alpha^{2/s} x^2) \sim e^{\alpha x^2}, \quad \text{for } x \to \infty.
\]

(2.16)

Hence, they satisfy the following, with some positive constants \(c, C\)

\[
c e^{\alpha x^2} \leq \mathcal{E}_{2/s}(\alpha^{2/s} x^2) \leq C e^{\alpha x^2}.
\]

(2.17)

This motivates our definition of Mittag-Leffler moments.

**Definition 2.2** (Mittag-Leffler moment). Mittag-Leffler moment of order \(s\) and rate \(\alpha > 0\) of a function \(f\) is introduced via

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \mathcal{E}_{2/s}(\alpha^{2/s} \langle v \rangle^2) \, dv.
\]

(2.18)

Remark 5. In the rest of the paper we will use the fact that Mittag-Leffler moments can be represented as the following sum (a time series form), which follows from

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \mathcal{E}_{2/s}(\alpha^{2/s} \langle v \rangle^2) \, dv = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{m_{2q}(t) \alpha^{2q/s}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{s} q + 1\right)}.
\]

(2.19)

Remark 6. Formally, by taking \(k = \frac{2q}{s}\), the above sum becomes

\[
\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{m_k(t) \alpha^k}{\Gamma(k + 1)}.
\]

that we show it relates to the time series in [122] with the difference being that the summation here goes over the fractions.
2.3. The main results. There are two important results in this manuscript. The first one relates to the angular averaged Povzner estimate with cancellation. It gives an estimate of the weight function $G_\phi$ in the weak formulation (2.10) when the test function is a monomial $\phi(v) = \langle v \rangle^r$. We denote this weight function by

$$G_{rq} := G_{\langle v \rangle^r} := \int_{S^{d-1}} ((\langle v \rangle^r)_v + \langle v \rangle_{vs}^r - \langle v \rangle_{rv^*}^r - \langle v \rangle_{rv^*}^r) B(|u|, \hat{u} \cdot \sigma) \ d\sigma$$

(2.20)

**Lemma 2.3.** Suppose that the angular kernel $b(\cos \theta)$ satisfies the non-cutoff condition (2.6) with $\beta = 2$. Let $r, q > 0$. Then the weight function satisfies

$$G_{rq}(v, v_s) \leq |v - v_s|^r \left[ - A_2 \left( \langle v \rangle^r + \langle v_s \rangle^r \right) + A_2 \left( \langle v \rangle^{r-2} (\langle v_s \rangle^2 + \langle v \rangle^2) \right) \right] \epsilon_{qr/2} A_2 q r^2 \left( q^2 - 1 \right) \langle v \rangle^2 (\langle v_s \rangle^2 + \langle v \rangle^2) \left( \frac{2q - 1}{2} \right)$$

where $A_2 = |S^{d-2}| \int_0^\pi b(\cos \theta) \sin^4 \theta \ d\theta$ is finite by (2.6). The sequence $\epsilon_{qr/2} =: \epsilon_q$, defined as

$$\epsilon_q := \frac{2}{A_2} |S^{N-2}| \int_0^\pi \left( \int_0^1 t \left( 1 - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2} \right) q^{-2} \right) b(\cos \theta) \sin^N \theta \ d\theta$$

has the following decay properties. If $b(\cos \theta)$ satisfies the non-cutoff assumption (2.6) with $\beta \in (0, 2]$, then

$$0 < \epsilon_q q^{1-\beta} \to 0, \quad \text{as } q \to \infty.$$  

(2.23)

The sequence $\epsilon_q$ is the same as in [25]. Its decay properties (2.23) are also proved in [25], after invoking angular averaging and the dominated convergence theorem. Condition (2.23) is crucial for finding the highest order $s$ of Mittag-Leffler moment that can be propagated in time.

**Remark 7.** This lemma relies on the polynomial inequality presented in Lemma 3.1. The decay rate of $\epsilon_q$ is fundamental for the success of summability arguments, yet is not relevant for the generation and propagation of polynomial moments. In the angular cutoff case when term-by-term techniques were used, the corresponding constant had a rate $\epsilon_q \approx q^{-r}$, with $r$ depending on the integrability of $b$, see [8, 9, 20]. When the partial sum technique was employed in [1], the precise rate was not needed any longer. Here however, in the non-cutoff case, the knowledge of the precise decay rate of $\epsilon_q$ becomes important again because of extra power of $q$ in the last term of the right-hand side of (2.23).

The second main result, presented as an a priori estimate, consists of two parts. First, under the non-cutoff assumption (2.6) with $\beta = 2$, we provide a new proof of the generation of exponential moments of order $s \in (0, \gamma]$. Second, we show the propagation in time of the Mittag-Leffler moments of order $s \in (\gamma, 2)$. When $s \in (\gamma, 1]$, $\beta = 2$ in the non-cutoff (2.6) is assumed. When $s \in (1, 2)$, the angular kernel is assumed to be less singular. Before we state the theorem, we remind the reader of the following notation

$$L^1_k = \{ f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) : \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(v)^k \ dv < \infty \}.$$  

This is the natural Banach norm to solve the Boltzmann equation.
Theorem 2.4 (Generation and Propagation of Exponential-like moments). Suppose \( f \) is a solution to the Boltzmann equation (2.1) with the collision kernel of the form (2.4) for hard potentials (2.5), and with initial data \( f_0 \in L^1_\gamma \).

(a) (Generation of exponential moments) If the angular kernel satisfies the non-cutoff condition (2.6) with \( \beta = 2 \), then the exponential moment of order \( \gamma \) is generated with a rate \( r(t) = \alpha \min\{t, 1\} \). More precisely, there are positive constants \( C, \alpha \), depending only on \( b, \gamma \), initial mass and energy, such that

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) e^{\alpha \min\{t, 1\}|v|^\gamma} \, dv \leq C, \quad \text{for } t \geq 0. \tag{2.24}
\]

(b) (Propagation of Mittag-Leffler moments) Let \( s \in (0, 2) \) and suppose that the Mittag-Leffler moment of order \( s \) of the initial data \( f_0 \) is finite with a rate \( r = \alpha_0 \), that is,

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_0(v) \, E_{2/s}(\alpha_0^{2/s} \langle v \rangle^2) \, dv < M_0. \tag{2.25}
\]

Suppose also that the angular cross-section satisfies assumption (2.6)

with \( \beta = 2 \), \quad if \( s \in (0, 1] \)

with \( \beta = \frac{4}{s} - 2 \), \quad if \( s \in (1, 2) \). \tag{2.26}

Then, there exist positive constants \( C, \alpha \), depending only on \( M_0, \alpha_0, b, \gamma \), and initial mass and energy such that the Mittag-Leffler moment of order \( s \) and rate \( r(t) = \alpha \) remains uniformly bounded in time, that is

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \, E_{2/s}(\alpha^{2/s} \langle v \rangle^2) \, dv < C, \quad \text{for } t \geq 0. \tag{2.27}
\]

Remark 8. The angular singularity condition \( \beta = \frac{4}{s} - 2 \) in the case of Mittag-Leffler moments of order \( s \in (1, 2) \), continuously changes from \( \beta = 2 \) (for \( s = 1 \) to \( \beta = 0 \) (for \( s = 2 \)). Hence condition \( \beta = \frac{4}{s} - 2 \) continuously interpolates between the most singular kernel typically considered in the literature, which is \( \beta = 2 \) with \( \beta = 2 \), and an angular cutoff condition, which corresponds to (2.6) with \( \beta = 0 \). This also tells us that in the most singular case one can propagate exponential moments of order \( s \leq 1 \), while in angular cutoff cases one can propagate exponential moments of order \( s \leq 2 \) (to be completely rigorous, Theorem 2.4 goes up to \( \beta > 0 \) i.e. \( s < 2 \), but [1] already established the case \( \beta = 0 \) i.e. \( s = 2 \)). In other words, the less singular the angular kernel is, the higher order exponential moment propagate in time.

Remark 9. The propagation result of the theorem can be interpreted in two ways. First, for a Mittag-Leffler (or exponential) moment of order \( s \) to be propagated, the singularity of \( b \) should be such that it satisfies (2.6) with \( \beta = \frac{4}{s} - 2 \). On the other hand, given an angular kernel \( b \) that satisfies condition (2.6) with a parameter \( \beta \in (0, 2] \), one can propagate Mittag-Leffler (and exponential) moments of order \( s \leq \frac{4}{\beta+2} \).
Remark 10. We note two types of solutions that can be used in the previous theorem. One example are weak solutions, whose existence was proven by Arkeryd [6] and later extended by Villani [31], under the assumption that initial data has finite mass, energy, entropy and a moment of order $2 + \delta$, for any $\delta > 0$. Another type of solutions that could be used are measure weak solutions constructed by Lu and Mouhot [25] (see also the result of Morimoto, Wang and Yang [27]). These solutions exist if initial mass and energy are finite, provided that the angular kernel satisfies the following condition

$$
\int_0^\pi b(\cos \theta) \sin^d \theta (1 + |\log(\sin \theta)|) < \infty,
$$

which automatically holds for kernels that satisfy condition (2.6) with $\beta < 2$.

Remark 11. Thanks to the fact (2.17) that Mittag-Leffler functions asymptotically behave like exponential functions, finiteness of exponential moment of order $s$ is equivalent to finiteness of the corresponding Mittag-Leffler moment. This, in turn implies, as a corollary of Theorem 2.4 (b), the propagation of classical exponential moments.

Remark 12. In the case of inverse-power law model described via (2.8), in which hard potentials correspond to $p > 5$, the non-cutoff condition (2.6) is satisfied for $\beta > \nu$. Hence, Mittag-Leffler moments of orders $s < 2 - \frac{2}{p}$ can be propagated in time. In the graph below y-axis represents the order of exponential tails. The dashed red line marks the highest order of exponential moments that can be generated, while the blue line marks the highest order of Mittag-Leffler moments that can be propagated in time. This graph visually confirms that our propagation result indeed goes beyond the rate of potentials $\gamma$.

2.4. A strategy for proving Theorem 2.4. Details are provided in Section 5 and Section 6. The proof is inspired by the recent work [1], where propagation and generation of tail behavior (1.2) is obtained for angular cutoff regimes.

Our goal is to prove that solutions $f(t,v)$ of the Boltzmann equation for hard potentials and angular non-cutoff conditions admit $L^1$-Mittag-Leffler moments with parameters $a = \frac{2}{s}$ and $\alpha(t) = r(t)$ to be found. Because of the asymptotic behavior (2.10), that would imply that asymptotic limit for large values of $v$ is, indeed, and exponential tail in $v$-space, with order $s$ and rate $r(t) = \alpha(t)$. Thus, our proof is based on studying partial sums of Mittag-Leffler functions $\mathcal{E}_a(\alpha^s x^2)$, with parameter $a = \frac{2}{s}$ and with rate $\alpha(t)$.
To this end, we work with $n$-th partial sums associated to Mittag-Leffler functions, defined as
\[ E_n^a(\alpha, t) = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}. \]

We need to prove that there exists a positive rate $\alpha(t)$ and a positive parameter $a$, both uniform in $n$, such the sequence of finite sums converges as $n \to \infty$. In particular, we need show that $E_n^a(\alpha, t)$ is bounded by a constant independent of time and independent of $n$. The values for $a, \alpha$ and the bound of the partial sums are found and shown to depend on data parameters given by the collisional kernel characterization and properties of the initial data.

In order to achieve all of this, we derive a differential inequality for $E_n^a = E_n^a(\alpha, t)$. The first step in this direction is to obtain differential inequalities for moments $m_{2q}(t)$, by studying the balance
\[ m_{2q}'(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} Q(f, f)(t, v) \langle v \rangle^{2q} dv. \]

that is a consequence of the Boltzmann equation. The right hand side is estimated by bounding the polynomial moments of the collision operator by non-linear forms of moments $m_k(t)$ of order up $k = 2q + \gamma$, with $0 < \gamma \leq 1$. This requires finding the estimates of the weak formulation (2.9) with test functions $\phi(v) = \langle v \rangle^k$. Consequently, we need to estimate the angular integration within the weight function $G_{\langle v \rangle^{2q}}(v, v')$
\[ \int_{S^{d-1}} (\langle v' \rangle^{2q} + \langle v' \rangle^{2q} - \langle v \rangle^{2q} - \langle v_s \rangle^{2q}) b(\cos \theta) d\sigma. \]

These estimates will lead, thanks to (2.29) and (2.30), to the following differential inequality for polynomial moments
\[ m_{2q}' \leq -K_1 m_{2q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{2q} + K_3 \varepsilon_q q (q - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{q} \frac{q - 2}{k - 1} (m_{2k+\gamma} m_{2(q-k)} + m_{2k} m_{2(q-k)+\gamma}). \]

where $K_1 = A_2 C_\gamma$, where $A_2$ was defined in (2.21) and $C_\gamma$ just depends on the rate of potentials $\gamma$. Similarly $K_2$ and $K_3$ depend on these data parameters as well.

The key property of this inequality is that the highest order moment of the right-hand side comes with a negative sign which is crucial for moments propagation and generation. Another important aspect of this differential inequality is the presence of the factor $q(q - 1)$ in the last term, which was absent in angular cutoff cases. Because of it, it will be of great importance to know the decay rate for $\varepsilon_q$.

The second step (Section 4) consists in the derivation of a differential inequality for partial sums $E_n^a = E_n^a(\alpha, t)$ obtained by adding $n$ inequalities corresponding to (2.31) for renormalized polynomial moments $m_{2q}(t)\alpha^{aq}/\Gamma(aq + 1)$. This will yield
\[ \frac{d}{dt} E_n^a \leq c_{q_0} + \left( -K_1 T_{a, \gamma}^n + K_1 c_{q_0} + K_2 E_a^n + \varepsilon_{q_0} q_0^{2-a} K_3 C E_a^n T_{a, \gamma}^n \right). \]
In particular we obtain an ordinary differential inequality for the partial sum $E^n_a$ that depends on a shifted partial sum $T^n_{a,\gamma}$, defined by

$$T^n_{a,\gamma}(\alpha, t) = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q+\gamma}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}. \tag{2.33}$$

The derivation of the last term in the right hand side of (2.32) requires a decay property of combinatoric sums of Beta functions. These estimates are very delicate and are presented in detail in Lemma A.4 and Lemma A.5 in the Appendix. The constants $K_1, K_2$ and $K_3$ only depend on the singularity conditions (2.6), and so they are independent of $n$ and on any moment $q$. The constant $c_{q_0}$ depends only on a finite number $q_0$ of moments of the initial data. The choice of $q_0$ is crucial to control the long time behavior of solutions to inequality (2.32), and it is done such that $\varepsilon_{q_0} q_0^{-a} K_3 < K_1/2$, after using condition (2.23) in Lemma 2.3.

Finally, after showing that $T^n_{a,\gamma}(\alpha, t)$ is bounded below by sum of two terms depending linearly on $E^n_a(\alpha, t)$ and on mass $m_0$, and nonlinearly on the rate $\alpha$, we obtain the following differential inequality for partial sums in the case of propagation of initial Mittag-Leffler moments

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^n_a(t) \leq - \frac{K_1}{2\alpha^2} E^n_a(t) + \frac{K_1 m_0 e^{\alpha t}}{2\alpha^2} + K_0 \text{ (Propagation estimate).}$$

The constant $K_0$ depends on data parameters characterizing $q_0, c_{q_0}$ and $K_i, i = 1, 2, 3$. In addition, for the generation case, we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^n_\gamma \leq - \frac{1}{t} \left( \frac{K_1(E^n_a - m_0)}{2\alpha} - C_{q_0} \right) + K_0 \text{ (Generation estimate).}$$

Thus, the differential inequalities (2.32) are reduced to linear ones. Both inequalities have corresponding solutions for choices on parameters $a$ and $\alpha$ that are independent on $n$ and time $t$, and will depend on $q_0$, which depends only on data parameters.

3. Angular averaging lemma

This section is about the proof of the angular averaging with cancellation, i.e. Lemma 2.3, a crucial step for controlling moments and summability of their renormalization by the Gamma function. One of the tools used in the proof is the following estimate on symmetrized convex binomial expansions.

**Lemma 3.1.** [Symmetrized convex binomial expansions estimate] Let $a, b \geq 0$, $t \in [0, 1]$ and $p \in (0, 1] \cup [2, \infty)$. Then

$$\left( ta + (1-t)b \right)^p + \left( (1-t)a + tb \right)^p - a^p - b^p$$

$$\leq - 2t(1-t) \left( a^p + b^p \right) + 2t(1-t) \left( ab^{p-1} + a^{p-1}b \right). \tag{3.1}$$
Proof: Suppose \( p \geq 2 \). The case \( p \in (0, 1] \) can be done analogously. Due to the symmetry of the inequality (3.1), we may without the loss of generality assume that \( a \geq b \). Since all the terms have homogeneity \( p \), the inequality (3.1) is equivalent to showing

\[
F(z) \geq 0, \quad \forall z \geq 1,
\]

where \( F(z) \) is defined by

\[
F(z) := \left(1 - 2t(1-t)\right)(z^p + 1) + 2t(1-t)(z + z^{p-1}) - \left(tz + (1-t)\right)^p - \left((1-t)z + t\right)^p.
\]

It is easy to check that

\[
F''(z) = (p - 1) \left[p \left(1 - 2t(1-t)\right)z^{p-2} + 2t(1-t)(p-2)z^{p-3}\right.
- pt^2(tz + (1-t))^{p-2} - p(1-t)^2((1-t)z + t)^{p-2}\right].
\]

As \( tz + (1-t) \) and \( (1-t)z + t \) are two convex combinations of \( z \) and 1, and since \( z \geq 1 \), we have that \( tz + (1-t) \leq z \) and \( (1-t)z + t \leq z \). Since \( p \geq 2 \), this implies \( (tz + (1-t))^{p-2} \leq z^{p-2} \) and \( ((1-t)z + t)^{p-2} \leq z^{p-2} \). Therefore,

\[
\frac{F''(z)}{p-1} \geq p\left(1 - 2t(1-t)\right)z^{p-2} + 2t(1-t)(p-2)z^{p-3} - pt^2z^{p-2} - p(1-t)^2z^{p-2}
= 2t(1-t)(p-2)z^{p-3}
\geq 0.
\]

Thus, \( F''(z) \geq 0 \) for \( z \geq 1 \). So, \( F'(z) \) is increasing. Since \( F'(1) = 0 \), we have that \( F'(z) \geq 0 \) for \( z \geq 1 \). Finally using the fact that \( F(1) = 0 \), we conclude \( F(z) \geq 0 \) for \( z \geq 1 \). \( \square \)

We are now ready to prove the new form of the angular averaging with cancellation type lemma. For another version, see [25].

Proof of Lemma 2.3 Recall the definition of the weight \( G_{rq} \)

\[
G_{r\eta}(v,v_*) := |v - v_*|^\gamma \int_{S^{d-1}} b(\cos \theta) \sin^{d-2} \theta \Delta(v)^r \eta \, d\sigma,
\]

(3.2)

where \( \Delta(v)^r \eta = \langle v\rangle^r \eta + \langle v_*\rangle^r \eta - \langle v\rangle^r \eta - \langle v_*\rangle^r \eta \).

This integral is rigorous even in cases when \( \int_{S^{d-1}} B(|u|, \cos \theta) \, d\sigma \) is unbounded, by an angular cancellation. A natural way of handling the cancellation is to decompose \( \sigma \in S^{d-1} \) into \( \theta \in [0, \pi] \) and its corresponding azimuthal variable \( \omega \in S^{d-2} \), i.e. \( \sigma = \cos \theta \, \hat{u} + \sin \theta \, \omega \), where \( S^{d-2}(\hat{u}) = \{ \omega \in S^{d-1} : \omega \cdot \hat{u} = 0 \} \). See Figure 2.
This decomposition allows handling the lack of integrability concentrated at the origin of the polar direction $\theta = 0$. However, it requires a specific way of decomposing $\langle v' \rangle^2$ and $\langle v'_* \rangle^2$ that separates the part that depends on $\omega$. More precisely, $\langle v' \rangle^2$ and $\langle v'_* \rangle^2$ are decomposed into a sum of a convex combination of the local energies proportional to a function of the polar angle $\theta$, and another term depending on both the polar angle and $\omega$ (see the Appendix for details)

\[
\langle v' \rangle^2 = E_{v,v_*}(\theta) + P(\theta,\omega),
\]

\[
\langle v'_* \rangle^2 = E_{v,v_*}(\pi - \theta) - P(\theta,\omega).
\]

Here $P(\theta,\omega) = |v \times v_*| \sin \theta (j \cdot \omega)$ is a null form in $\omega$ by averaging, i.e.

\[
\int_{S^{d-2}} P(\theta,\omega) d\omega = 0,
\]

and $E_{v,v_*}(\theta)$ is a convex combination of $\langle v \rangle^2$ and $\langle v'_* \rangle^2$ given by

\[
E_{v,v_*}(\theta) = t \langle v \rangle^2 + (1 - t) \langle v'_* \rangle^2, \quad \text{where} \quad t = \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}.
\]

These two fundamental properties make the weight function $G_{rq}(v,v_*)$ well defined for every $v$ and $v_*$ for sufficiently smooth test functions ($\phi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$) even under the non-cutoff assumption ($\mathcal{L}_0$) with $\beta = 2$. In fact, Taylor expansions associated to $\langle v' \rangle^{rq}$ are a sum of a power of $E_{v,v_*}(\theta)$, plus a null form in the azimuthal direction, plus a residue proportional to $\sin^2 \theta$ that will secure the integrability of the angular cross section with respect to the scattering angle $\theta$. Indeed, Taylor expand $\langle v' \rangle^{rq}$ around $E(\theta)$ up to the second order to obtain

\[
\langle v' \rangle^{rq} = \left( E_{v,v_*}(\theta) + h \sin(\theta) (j \cdot \omega) \right) + \frac{rq}{2} \left( E_{v,v_*}(\theta) \right)^{\frac{q-2}{2}} h \sin \theta (j \cdot \omega) \\
+ \frac{rq}{2} \left( \frac{rq}{2} - 1 \right) h^2 \sin^2 \theta (j \cdot \omega)^2 \int_0^1 (1 - t) \left[ E(\theta) + t h \sin \theta (j \cdot \omega) \right]^{\frac{q-2}{2}} dt.
\]

Similar identity can be obtained for $\langle v'_* \rangle^{rq}$.

Since the collisional cross section is independent of the azimuthal integration we will make use of the following property. Any vector $j$ laying in the plane orthogonal to the direction of $u$ is nullified by multiplication and averaging with respect to the azimuthal direction with respect to $u$, that is $\int_{S^{d-2}} j \cdot \omega \, d\omega = 0$.

Therefore, we can write $G_{rq}(v,v_*)$ as the sum of two integrals on the $S^{d-1}$ sphere, whose first integrand contains the zero-order order term of the Taylor expansion of,
both, \( \langle v' \rangle^rq \) and \( \langle v'' \rangle^rq \) subtracted by their corresponding un-primed forms, while the second integrand is just the second order term of the Taylor expansion \((3.5)\) (Proposition 4.1) which will be essential for the proof of Theorem 2.4. We also

In this section we present two differential inequalities for polynomial moments

\[
G_{rq}(v, v_*) = I_1 + I_2
\]

\[
= \int_0^\pi \int_{S^{d-2}} \left( E_{v_*, \theta}(\theta)^{r/q}/2 + E_{v, \pi - \theta}^{(\pi - \theta)^{r/q}/2} - \langle v \rangle^{r/q} - \langle v_* \rangle^{r/q} \right) b(\cos \theta) \sin^{d-2} \theta d\omega d\theta
\]

\[
+ \frac{r}{2} \frac{(r - 1)}{2} h^2 \int_0^\pi \sin^d \theta b(\cos \theta) \int_{S^{d-2}} (j \cdot \omega)^2 \int_0^1 (1 - t)
\]

\[
\left( E_{v, \pi - \theta}(\theta) + t h \sin \theta (j \cdot \omega) \right)^{r/q - 2} - \left( E_{v, \pi}(\theta) - t h \sin \theta \right)^{r/q - 2} dt d\omega d\theta.
\]

At this point we use inequality \((3.1)\) to estimate the first integral \(I_1\). We use it with \( a = \langle v \rangle^2 \), \( b = \langle v_* \rangle^2 \) and \( t = \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \), which yields

\[
I_1 \leq |S^{d-2}| \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2} \left( \langle v \rangle^{r/q} + \langle v_* \rangle^{r/q} \right) b(\cos \theta) \sin^{d-2} \theta d\theta
\]

\[
+ \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2} \left( \langle v \rangle^{r/q - 2}\langle v_* \rangle^2 + \langle v \rangle^2 \langle v_* \rangle^{r/q - 2} \right) b(\cos \theta) \sin^{d-2} \theta d\theta
= -A_2 \left( \langle v \rangle^{r/q} + \langle v_* \rangle^{r/q} \right) + A_2 \left( \langle v \rangle^{r/q - 2}\langle v_* \rangle^2 + \langle v \rangle^2 \langle v_* \rangle^{r/q - 2} \right).
\]

The constant \( A_2 \) was defined after \((2.21)\).

For the second order term \(I_2\), we use that \((j \cdot \omega)^2 \leq 1\) and \( h = |v \times v_*| \leq \langle v \rangle \langle v_* \rangle \), and that (see \([25]\))

\[
|E_{v, \pi}(\theta) + t h \sin \theta (j \cdot \omega)| \leq \left( \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v_* \rangle^2 \right) \left( 1 - \frac{t}{4} \sin^2 \theta \right),
\]

\((3.7)\) to conclude

\[
I_2 \leq \frac{r}{2} \frac{(r - 1)}{2} h^2 \int_0^\pi \sin^d \theta b(\cos \theta)
\]

\[
\int_0^1 (1 - t) \left( \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v_* \rangle^2 \right)^{r/q - 2} \left( 1 - \frac{t}{4} \sin^2 \theta \right)^{r/q - 2} dt d\theta.
\]

After a simple change of variables \((t \rightarrow 1 - t)\) and recalling the definition of constant \(\varepsilon_{rq/2}\) in \((2.22)\), we see that

\[
I_2 \leq \varepsilon_{rq/2} A_2 \frac{r}{2} \frac{(r - 1)}{2} \langle v \rangle^2 \langle v_* \rangle^2 \left( \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v_* \rangle^2 \right)^{r/q - 2}.
\]

\((3.8)\)

Putting together the estimate for \(I_1\) and for \(I_2\), we obtain the desired estimate on the weight \(G_{rq}(v, v_*)\).

4. Ordinary differential inequalities for moments

In this section we present two differential inequalities for polynomial moments (Proposition 4.1) which will be essential for the proof of Theorem 2.4. We also
state and prove a result about generation of polynomial moments in the non-cutoff case (Proposition 4.1). Before we state the proposition, we recall the “floor function” of a real number, which in the case of a positive real number \( x \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) coincides with the integer part of \( x \)

\[
|x| := \text{integer part of } x. \tag{4.1}
\]

**Proposition 4.1.** Suppose all the assumptions of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied. Let \( q \in \mathbb{N} \), and define \( k_p = \left\lceil \frac{p+1}{2} \right\rceil \) for any \( p \in \mathbb{R} \) to be the integer part of \((p + 1)/2\). Then for some constants \( K_1, K_2, K_3 > 0 \) (depending on \( \gamma \), \( b(\cos \theta) \), dimension \( d \)), we have the following two ordinary differential inequalities for polynomial moments of the solution \( f \) to the Boltzmann equation

(a) The “\( m_{\gamma k} \) version” needed for the generation of exponential moments

\[
m_{\gamma q}(t) \leq -K_1 m_{\gamma q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{\gamma q} + K_3 \varepsilon_{q/2} \frac{q^2}{2} \left( q^2/2 - 1 \right) \sum_{k=1}^{q-k} \left( q/2 - k \right) \left( m_{2\gamma k+\gamma} m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k} + m_{2\gamma k} m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k+\gamma} \right). \tag{4.2}
\]

(b) The “\( m_{2k} \) version” needed for propagation of Mittag-Leffler moments

\[
m_{2q}(t) \leq -K_1 m_{2q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{2q} + K_3 \varepsilon_q q(q-1) \sum_{k=1}^{q-k} \left( q/2 - k \right) \left( m_{2\gamma k+\gamma} m_{2(q-k)} + m_{2k} m_{2(q-k)+\gamma} \right). \tag{4.3}
\]

In both cases, the constant \( K_1 = A_2 C_\gamma \), where \( A_2 \) was defined in (2.21) and \( C_\gamma \), to be defined in the proof below, only depends on the \( \gamma \) rate of the hard potentials. Similarly \( K_2 \) and \( K_3 \), also depend on data, through the dependence on \( A_2 \) and \( C_\gamma \).

**Proof:** We start the proof by analyzing \( m_{rq} \) with a general polynomial weight \( \langle v \rangle^rq \). Then by setting \( r = \gamma \) we shall derive (a) and by setting \( r = 2 \) we shall obtain (b). Recall that after multiplying the Boltzmann equation (2.1) by \( \langle v \rangle^r \), the weak formulation (2.9) yields

\[
m'_{rq}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int f f_* G_{rq}(v, v_*) \, dv \, dv_* \tag{4.4}
\]

The weight function \( G_{rq} \) can be estimated as in Proposition 2.3 which yields

\[
m'_{rq}(t) \leq -\frac{A_2}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f f_* |v - v_*|^\gamma \left( \langle v \rangle^r q + \langle v_* \rangle^r \right) dv \, dv_* + \frac{A_2}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f f_* |v - v_*|^\gamma \left( \langle v \rangle^{r-2} \langle v_* \rangle^2 + \langle v \rangle^2 \langle v_* \rangle^{r-2} \right) dv \, dv_* + \frac{A_2}{2} \varepsilon_{rq/2} \frac{q^2}{2} \left( q^2/2 - 1 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f f_* |v - v_*|^\gamma \langle v \rangle^2 \langle v_* \rangle^2 \left( \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v_* \rangle^2 \right) \frac{d^2}{2} \, dv \, dv_* \tag{4.5}
\]
We estimate $|v - v_*|^\gamma$ via elementary inequalities

$$|v - v_*|^\gamma \leq C_\gamma^{-1} \langle v \rangle^\gamma + \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma \quad \text{and} \quad |v - v_*|^\gamma \geq C_\gamma \langle v \rangle^\gamma - \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma,$$

where $C_\gamma = \min\{1, 2^{1-\gamma}\}$ (see for example [11]). As an immediate consequence

$$|v - v_*|^\gamma \left( \langle v \rangle^{rq} + \langle v_* \rangle^{rq} \right) \geq \left( C_\gamma \langle v \rangle^\gamma - \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma \right) \langle v \rangle^{rq} + \left( C_\gamma \langle v \rangle^\gamma - \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma \right) \langle v_* \rangle^{rq}$$

$$= C_\gamma \left( \langle v \rangle^{rq+\gamma} + \langle v_* \rangle^{rq+\gamma} \right) - \left( \langle v \rangle^{rq} \langle v \rangle^\gamma + \langle v \rangle^{\gamma} \langle v_* \rangle^{rq} \right),$$

and

$$|v - v_*|^\gamma \left( \langle v \rangle^{rq-2} \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v \rangle^{2} \langle v_* \rangle^{rq-2} \right) \leq C_\gamma^{-1} \left( \langle v \rangle^\gamma + \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma \right) \left( \langle v \rangle^{rq-2} \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v \rangle^{2} \langle v_* \rangle^{rq-2} \right)$$

$$\leq 2C_\gamma^{-1} \left( \langle v \rangle^{rq} \langle v \rangle^\gamma + \langle v \rangle^\gamma \langle v_* \rangle^{rq} \right),$$

where the last inequality uses Lemma [A.4]. Combining [4.6] with [4.7] and [4.8] we obtain

$$m'_{rq}(t) \leq -\frac{A_2}{2} C_\gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f f_* \left( \langle v \rangle^{rq+\gamma} + \langle v_* \rangle^{rq+\gamma} \right) dv dv_*$$

$$+ \frac{A_2}{2} \left( 1 + 2C_\gamma^{-1} \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f f_* \left( \langle v \rangle^{rq} \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma + \langle v \rangle^\gamma \langle v_* \rangle^{rq} \right) dv dv_*$$

$$+ \frac{A_2 \epsilon_{rq/2}}{2 C_\gamma} \frac{rq}{2} \left( \frac{rq}{2} - 1 \right) \int f f_* \left( \langle v \rangle^\gamma + \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma \right) \langle v \rangle^2 \langle v_* \rangle^2 \left( \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v_* \rangle^2 \right)^\frac{\gamma}{2-2} dv dv_*$$

$$\leq -\frac{A_2}{2} C_\gamma m_0(t) m_{rq+\gamma}(t) + \frac{A_2}{2} \left( 1 + 2C_\gamma^{-1} \right) m_{\gamma}(t) m_{rq}(t)$$

$$+ \frac{A_2 \epsilon_{rq/2}}{2 C_\gamma} \frac{rq}{2} \left( \frac{rq}{2} - 1 \right) \int f f_* \left( \langle v \rangle^\gamma + \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma \right) \langle v \rangle^2 \langle v_* \rangle^2 \left( \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v_* \rangle^2 \right)^\frac{\gamma}{2-2} dv dv_*.$$

Therefore, since $0 < \gamma \leq 1$, by conservation of mass and energy, $m_0(t) = m_0(0)$ and $m_\gamma(t) \leq m_2(0)$,

$$m'_{rq}(t) \leq -K_1 m_{rq+\gamma}(t) + K_2 m_{rq}(t) + \frac{K_3}{2} \epsilon_{rq/2} \frac{rq}{2} \left( \frac{rq}{2} - 1 \right) \int f f_* \left( \langle v \rangle^\gamma + \langle v_* \rangle^\gamma \right) \langle v \rangle^2 \langle v_* \rangle^2 \left( \langle v \rangle^2 + \langle v_* \rangle^2 \right)^\frac{\gamma}{2-2} dv dv_*,$$

where $K_1 = A_2 C_\gamma m_0(0)$, $K_2 = A_2 \left( 1 + 2C_\gamma^{-1} \right) m_2(0)$, and $K_3 = \frac{A_2}{2}$, so these three constants only depend on the initial mass and energy, on the rate of the potential $\gamma$ and on the angular singularity condition [2.6] that determines the constant $A_2$.

From here, we proceed to prove (a) and (b) separately.
(a) Setting \( r = \gamma \) in (4.9), applying the following elementary polynomial inequality which is valid for \( \gamma \in (0, 1) \)

\[
\left( (v)^2 + (\langle v \rangle)^2 \right)^{\frac{2}{\gamma}} \leq \left( (v)^{2\gamma} + (\langle v \rangle)^{2\gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \quad (4.10)
\]

and using the polynomial Lemma A.2 yields

\[
m^\prime_{\gamma q}(t) \leq - K_1 m_{\gamma q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{\gamma q} + \frac{K_3}{2} \varepsilon_{\gamma q/2} \frac{\gamma q}{2} \left( \frac{\gamma q}{2} - 1 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} f f_* \left( (v)^\gamma + (\langle v \rangle)^\gamma \right) (v)^2 (\langle v \rangle)^2 \left( (v)^{2\gamma} + (\langle v \rangle)^{2\gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} dv dv_*
\]

\[
\leq - K_1 m_{\gamma q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{\gamma q} + K_3 \varepsilon_{\gamma q/2} \frac{\gamma q}{2} \left( \frac{\gamma q}{2} - 1 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} f f_* \left( (v)^\gamma + (\langle v \rangle)^\gamma \right) (v)^{2\gamma} (\langle v \rangle)^{2\gamma} (v)^{-2\gamma} (\langle v \rangle)^{-2\gamma} dv dv_*
\]

\[
\leq - K_1 m_{\gamma q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{\gamma q} + K_3 \varepsilon_{\gamma q/2} \frac{\gamma q}{2} \left( \frac{\gamma q}{2} - 1 \right) \sum_{k=0}^{k_q-2} \left( \frac{2}{k} - 2 \right) \left( (m_{2\gamma k+\gamma} m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k-2} + m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k-2+\gamma} m_{2\gamma k+2} \right) dv dv_*
\]

Finally, re-indexing \( k \) to \( k-1 \) and applying Lemma A.1 yields

\[
m^\prime_{\gamma q}(t) \leq - K_1 m_{\gamma q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{\gamma q} + K_3 \varepsilon_{\gamma q/2} \frac{\gamma q}{2} \left( \frac{\gamma q}{2} - 1 \right) \sum_{k=1}^{1+k_q-2} \left( \frac{2}{k-1} - 2 \right) \left( m_{2\gamma k+\gamma} m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k-2} + m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k-2+\gamma} m_{2\gamma k+2} \right) dv dv_*
\]

which completes proof of (a).

(b) Now, we set \( r = 2 \) in (4.9) and apply Lemma A.2 to obtain

\[
m^\prime_{2q}(t) \leq - K_1 m_{2q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{2q} + K_3 \varepsilon_{q} q(q-1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} f f_* \left( (v)^\gamma + (\langle v \rangle)^\gamma \right) (v)^2 (\langle v \rangle)^2 \left( (v)^{2\gamma} + (\langle v \rangle)^{2\gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} dv dv_*
\]

\[
= - K_1 m_{2q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{2q} + K_3 \varepsilon_{q} q(q-1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} f f_* \left( (v)^\gamma + (\langle v \rangle)^\gamma \right) \sum_{k=0}^{k_q-2} \left( \frac{2}{k} - 2 \right) \left( (v)^{2k} (\langle v \rangle)^{2k} + (v)^{2q-2k} (\langle v \rangle)^{2k} \right) dv dv_*
\]

\[
= - K_1 m_{2q+\gamma} + K_2 m_{2q} + K_3 \varepsilon_{q} q(q-1) \sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{2}{k} - 2 \right) \left( m_{2k+\gamma} m_{2q-2k} + m_{2k} m_{2q-2k+\gamma} \right).
\]
The last equality is obtained by re-indexing $k$ to $k - 1$ and using that $1 + k_{q-2} = k_q$. This completes proof of (b). □

**Proposition 4.2** (Polynomial moment bounds for the non-cutoff case). *Suppose all the assumptions of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied. Let $f$ be solution to the homogeneous Boltzmann equation (2.1) associated to the initial data $f_0$.\)

1. Let the initial mass and energy be finite, i.e. $m_2(0)$ bounded, then for every $p > 0$ there exists a constant $B_{rp} \geq 0$, depending on $2^r p$, $\gamma$, $m_2(0)$ and $A_2$ from condition (2.6), such that

$$m_{rp}(t) \leq B_{rp} \max\{1, t^{-rp/\gamma}\}, \text{ for all } r \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } t \geq 0. \quad (4.11)$$

2. Furthermore, if $m_{rp}(0)$ is finite, then the control can be improved to

$$m_{rp}(t) \leq B_{rp}, \text{ for all } r \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } t \geq 0. \quad (4.12)$$

**Proof:** These statements can be shown by studying comparison theorems for initial value problems associated with ordinary differential inequalities of the type

$$y'(t) + Ay^{1+\gamma/(rp)} \leq By(t),$$

and comparing them to classical Bernoulli’s differential equations for the same given initial $y(0)$. In our context, these inequalities are a result of estimating moments for variable hard potentials, i.e. $\gamma > 0$ as indicated in (2.5). Comparison with Bernoulli type differential equations was classically used in angular cutoff cases in [32, 33, 26, 1]. Also it was used in the proof of propagation of $L^1$ exponential tails from the angular integrability condition (2.6) for the Boltzmann equation by means of geometric series methods in [9, 20, 3].

In fact, the extension to the non-cutoff case follows in a straightforward way from the moments estimates in Proposition 4.1. Indeed, the moment estimates, from either (4.2) or (4.3), show that the only negative contribution is on the highest order moment, being either $m_{rp+\gamma}$ with $\gamma > 0$ for $r = \gamma$ or 2, respectively. Then, due to the fact that $\gamma > 0$, an application of classical Jensen’s inequality with the convex function $\varphi(x) = x^{1+\gamma/(rp)}$ yields

$$m_{rp+\gamma}(t) \geq m_0^{-\gamma/(rp)}(0) m_{rp}^{1+\gamma/(rp)}(t) \text{ for all } t > 0.$$  

Applying this estimate to the negative term in either (4.2) or (4.3), results in the following estimate

$$m'_{rp} \leq B_{rp} m_{rp} - K_1 m_{rp+\gamma} \leq B_{rp} m_{rp} - K_1 m_{rp}^{1+\gamma/(rp)}, \quad (4.13)$$

with $r$ either $\gamma$ in (4.2), or 2 in (4.3). The constants are $K_1 = K_1(\gamma, A_2)$ with $0 < \gamma \leq 1$, and $A_2$ from the angular integrability condition (2.6); and $B_{rp} = B_{rp}(K_2, 2^p K_3)$, after using that $\delta_p \leq 1$, where $K_2$ and $K_3$ also depend on the initial data and collision kernel through $\gamma$ and $A_2$.

Therefore, as in [32], we set

$$y(t) := m_{rp}(t), \ A := K_1, \ B := B_{rp} \text{ and } c = \gamma/(rp).$$
The bound \( m_{rp}(t) \) then follows by finding an upper solution that solves the associated Bernoulli ODE
\[
y'(t) = By(t) - Ay^{1+c}(t)
\]
with finite initial polynomial moment \( y(0) = m_{rp}(0) \). This yields that for any \( t > 0 \)
\[
m_{rp}(t) \leq \left[ m_{rp}^{-\gamma/(rp)}(0) e^{-tB\gamma/(rp)} + \frac{A}{B} (1 - e^{-tB\gamma/(rp)}) \right]^{-rp/\gamma}
\]
\[
\leq \left[ \frac{A}{B} (1 - e^{-tB\gamma/(rp)}) \right]^{-rp/\gamma}
\]
\[
\leq \left( \frac{A}{B} \right)^{-rp/\gamma} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\left( \frac{rp}{B\gamma} e^{B\gamma/rp} \right)^{-rp/\gamma} t^{-rp/\gamma}, & t < 1, \\
(1 - e^{-B\gamma/(rp)})^{-rp/\gamma}, & t \geq 1.
\end{array} \right.
\]
\[
\leq B_{rp} \max\{1, t^{-rp/\gamma}\},
\]
where \( B_{rp} := \left( \frac{K_{rp}}{B\gamma} \right)^{-rp/\gamma} \max\left\{ \left( \frac{rp}{B\gamma} e^{B\gamma/rp} \right)^{-rp/\gamma}, (1 - e^{-\gamma B_{rp}/(rp)})^{-rp/\gamma} \right\} \).

Now, since \( m_{rp}(t) \) is a continuous function of time, if \( m_{rp}(0) \) is finite for any \( rp \geq 1 \),
then the bound for strictly positive times we just obtained in (4.14) implies
\[
m_{rp}(t) \leq B_{rp}.
\]
for possibly different constants \( B_{rp} \). We finally stress that constants \( B_{rp} \) depend
on \( 2^{rp}, \gamma, m_{2}(0) \) and \( A_{2} \) from condition (2.6). \( \square \)

5. Proof of Mittag-Leffler moments’ propagation

Proof of Theorem 2.4 (b). Let us recall representation (2.19) of the Mittag-Leffler
moment of order \( s \) and rate \( \alpha \) in terms of infinite sums
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^{s}} f(t, v) E_{2/s}(\alpha^{2/s} \langle v \rangle^{2}) \, dv = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{m_{2q}(t) \alpha^{2q/s}}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{s} q + 1)}.
\]
We introduce abbreviated notation \( a = \frac{2}{s} \), and note that since \( s \in (0, 2) \), we have
\[
1 < a := \frac{2}{s} < \infty.
\]
We consider the \( n \)-th partial sum, denoted by \( E_{a}^{n} \), and the corresponding sum,
denoted by \( T_{a,\gamma}^{n} \), in which polynomial moments are shifted by \( \gamma \). In other words, we consider
\[
E_{a,\gamma}^{n}(\alpha, t) = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}, \quad T_{a,\gamma}^{n}(\alpha, t) = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q+\gamma}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}.
\]
For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define
\[
T_n := \sup \{ t \geq 0 \mid \mathcal{E}_n^\alpha (\alpha, \tau) < 4M_0, \text{ for all } \tau \in [0, t) \}. \tag{5.3}
\]
where the constant $M_0$ is the one from the initial condition (2.25).

This parameter $T_n$ is well-defined and positive. Indeed, since $\alpha$ will be chosen to be, at least, smaller than $\alpha_0$, then at time $t = 0$ we have
\[
\mathcal{E}_n^\alpha (0) = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q}(0) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} < \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{m_{2q}(0) \alpha_0^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} = \int f_0(v)\mathcal{E}_{2/s}(\alpha_0^{2/s} (v)^2) \, dv < 4M_0,
\]
uniformly in $n$. Therefore, since partial sums are continuous functions of time (they are finite sums and each $m_{2q}(t)$ is also continuous function in time $t$), we conclude that $\mathcal{E}_n^\alpha (\alpha, t) < 4M_0$ holds for $t$ on some positive time interval denoted $[0, t_n)$ with $t_n > 0$ (and hence $T_n > 0$).

Next, we look for an ordinary differential inequality that the partial sum $\mathcal{E}_n^\alpha (\alpha, t)$ satisfies, following the steps presented in Subsection 2.4. We start by splitting $\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_n^\alpha (\alpha, t)$ into the following two sums, where index $q_0$ will be fixed later, and then apply the moment differential inequality (4.3)
\[
\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_n^\alpha (\alpha, t) = \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{m_{2q}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} + \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} \\
\leq \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{m_{2q}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} - K_1 \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q+\gamma}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} + K_2 \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q}(t) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} \\
+ K_3 \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{\varepsilon_q (q-1) \alpha^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} \sum_{k=1}^{\gamma} (q-2) (q-k) \left( m_{2k+\gamma} m_{2(q-k)} + m_{2k} m_{2(q-k)+\gamma} \right)
=: S_0 - K_1 S_1 + K_2 S_2 + K_3 S_3. \tag{5.4}
\]

We estimate each of the four sums $S_0, S_1, S_2$ and $S_3$ separately, with the goal of comparing each of them to the functions $\mathcal{E}_n^\alpha (\alpha, t)$ and $\mathcal{I}_n^{\alpha, \gamma} (\alpha, t)$. We remark that the most involving term is $S_3$. It resembles the corresponding sum in the angular cutoff case (1), with a crucial difference that our sum $S_3$ has two extra powers of $q$, namely $(q-1)$. Therefore, a very sharp calculations is required to control the growth of $S_3$ as a function of the number $q$ of moments. This is achieved by an appropriate renormalization of polynomial moments within $S_3$ and also by invoking the decay rate of associated combinatoric sums of Beta functions developed in the Appendix A.

The term $S_0$ can be bounded by terms that depends on the initial data and the parameters of the collision cross section. Indeed, from Lemma 4.2, the propagated polynomial moments can be estimated as follows
\[
m_p \leq B_p \quad \text{and} \quad m'_p \leq B_p B_p, \quad \text{for any } p > 0, \tag{5.5}
\]
where the constant $B_p$ defined in (4.14) depends on $\gamma$, the initial $p$-polynomial moment $m_p(0)$ and $A_2$ from condition (2.6).
In particular, for $0 < \gamma < 1$, we can fix $q_0$, to be chosen later, such that the constant

$$c_{q_0} := \max_{p \in I_{q_0}} \{ B_p, B_p B_p \}, \quad \text{with} \quad I_{q_0} = \{ 0, \ldots, 2q_0 + 1 \}$$

(5.6)

depends only on $q_0, \gamma, A_2$ from condition (2.6) and the initial polynomial moments $m_q(0)$, for $q \in I_{q_0}$. Thus, due to the monotonicity of $L_1$ norms with respect to $k$ as presented in (2.14), both the $2q$-moments and its derivatives, as well as the shifted moments of order $2q + \gamma$, are controlled by $c_{q_0}$ as follows

$$m_{2q}(t), m_{2q+\gamma}(t), m_{2q}'(t) \leq c_{q_0}, \quad \text{for all} \quad q \in \{ 0, 1, 2, \ldots, q_0 \},$$

(5.7)

Therefore, for $q_0$ fixed, to be chosen later, $S_0$ is estimated by

$$S_0 := \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} m_{2q} \alpha^q \frac{\Gamma(aq + 1)}{\Gamma(1)} \leq c_{q_0} \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{\alpha^q}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}$$

(5.8)

$$\leq c_{q_0} \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{(\alpha^q)^q}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} \leq c_{q_0} e^{\alpha^q} \leq 2c_{q_0},$$

for the parameter $\alpha$ small enough to satisfy

$$\alpha < (\ln 2)^{1/a}, \quad \text{or equivalently,} \quad e^{\alpha^q} \leq 2. \quad (5.9)$$

The second term $S_1$ is crucial, as it brings the negative contribution that will yield uniform in $n$ and global in time control to an ordinary differential inequality for $E_a^n(\alpha, t)$. In fact, $S_1$ is controlled from below by $I_{a,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t)$ as follows.

$$S_1 := \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} m_{2q+\gamma} \alpha^q \frac{\Gamma(aq + 1)}{\Gamma(1)} = I_{a,\gamma}^n - \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} m_{2q+\gamma} \frac{\alpha^q}{\Gamma(aq + 1)}.$$

so using (5.7) and the estimate just obtained for $S_0$ in (5.8), yields the bound from below

$$S_1 \geq I_{a,\gamma}^n - c_{q_0} \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{\alpha^q}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} \geq I_{a,\gamma}^n - 2c_{q_0}. \quad (5.10)$$

The sum $S_2$ is a part of the partial sum $E_a^n$, so

$$S_2 \leq E_a^n. \quad (5.11)$$

While this term is positive it will need to be lower order than the one in the negative part of the right hand side.

Finally, we estimate $S_3$ and show that it can be bounded by the product of $E_a^n(\alpha, t)$ and $I_{a,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t)$. We work out the details of the first term in the sum $S_3 := S_{3,1} + S_{3,2}$, that is the one with $m_{2k+\gamma} m_{2q-k+\gamma}$. The other sum with $m_{2k} m_{2q-k+\gamma}$ can be bounded by following a similar strategy. In order to generate both the partial sum
\[ E^n_\alpha(t) \] and the shifted one \( \mathcal{I}^n_{a\gamma}(\alpha, t) \), we make use of the following well known relations between Gamma and Beta functions (see also Appendix \[ \text{A} \]).

\[
B(ak + 1, a(q - k) + 1) = \frac{\Gamma(ak + 1) \Gamma(a(q - k) + 1)}{\Gamma((ak + 1) + (a(q - k) + 1))} \tag{5.12}
\]

Therefore, multiplying and dividing products of moments \( m_{2k+\gamma} m_{2(q-k)} \) in \( S_{3,1} \), by \( \Gamma(ak + 1)\Gamma(a(q - k) + 1) \) yields

\[
S_{3,1} := \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{q - 2}{k - 1} \right) m_{2k+\gamma} m_{2(q-k)}
\]

\[
= \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{q - 2}{k - 1} \right) m_{2k+\gamma} \alpha^{ak} m_{2(q-k)} \alpha^{a(q-k)}
\]

\[
B(ak + 1, a(q - k) + 1) \frac{\Gamma(ak + 2) \Gamma(a(q - k) + 1)}{\Gamma(ak + 1) \Gamma(a(q - k) + 1)}.
\]

Note that the factors \( \frac{m_{2k+\gamma} n^k}{\Gamma(ak+1)} \) and \( \frac{m_{2(q-k)} n^{a(q-k)}}{\Gamma(a(q-k)+1)} \) are the building blocks of \( \mathcal{I}^n_{a\gamma}(\alpha, t) \) and \( E^n_\alpha(\alpha, t) \), respectively.

Next, since \( \Gamma(aq+2)/\Gamma(aq+1) = aq+1 \), using the inequality \( \sum_k a_k b_k \leq \sum_k a_k \sum_k b_k \), it follows that

\[
S_{3,1} \leq \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \varepsilon_q (aq + 1) q (q - 1) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{q - 2}{k - 1} \right) B(ak + 1, a(q - k) + 1) \right) \tag{5.13}
\]

Next we show that the factor

\[
(aq + 1) q (q - 1) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{q - 2}{k - 1} \right) B(ak + 1, a(q - k) + 1) \right)
\]

on the right hand side of (5.13) grows at most as \( q^{2-a} \). Indeed, using Lemma A.4, the sum of the Beta functions is bounded by \( C_\alpha(aq)^{-(1+a)} \). Therefore, \( S_{3,1} \) is estimated by

\[
S_{3,1} \leq C_\alpha \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \varepsilon_q q^{2-a} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \frac{m_{2k+\gamma} \alpha^{ak} m_{2(q-k)} \alpha^{a(q-k)}}{\Gamma(ak + 1) \Gamma(a(q - k) + 1)} \right), \tag{5.14}
\]
Next we obtain an ordinary differential inequality for the companion sum $C_\epsilon$.

We also obtain the expected control of $E_\epsilon$. Finally, inspired by [1], we bound this double sum by the product of partial sums $E_a^n T_{a,\gamma}^n$. To achieve that, change the order of summation to obtain

$$S_{3,1} \leq C_a \epsilon q_0 q_0^{-a} \sum_{q=q_0}^n k_n \sum_{k=1}^{\max\{q_0,2k-1\}} \frac{m_{2k+\gamma}}{(ak+1)^{a(q-k)+1}} \frac{m_{2(q-k)}}{(a(q-k)+1)^{a(q-k)}}.$$

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Thus, factoring out $T_{a,\gamma}^n$ from the remaining two terms in (5.18) yields

$$\frac{d}{dt}E_a^n \leq -T_{a,\gamma}^n \left( K_1 - \epsilon q_0 q_0^{-a} C_a K_3 E_a^n \right) + K_0.$$

Since, by the definition of time $T_n$, the partial sum $E_a^n$ is bounded by the constant $4M_0$ on the time interval $[0,T_n]$, we can estimate, uniformly in $n$, the following two terms in (5.18)

$$2 \epsilon q_0 q_0^{-a} C_a K_3 M_0 =: K_0.$$

where $K_0$ depends only on the initial data and $q_0$ (still to be determined).
where in the last inequality we again used that, by the definition of \( T_n \), we have \( \mathcal{E}_a^n \leq 4M_0 \) on the closed interval \([0, T_n]\). Now, since \( \varepsilon_{q_0} q_0^{-a} \) converges to zero as \( q_0 \) tends to infinity (by Lemma 2.3 as \( b(\cos \theta) \) satisfies (2.6) with \( \beta = 2a - 2 \)), we can choose large enough \( q_0 \) so that

\[
K_1 - 4\varepsilon_{q_0} q_0^{-a} C_a K_3 M_0 > \frac{K_1}{2}.
\]

(5.21)

For such choice of \( q_0 \) we then have

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_a^n \leq - \frac{K_1}{2} T_{a,\gamma}^n + \mathcal{K}_0.
\]

(5.22)

The final step consists in finding a lower bound for \( T_{a,\gamma}^n \) in terms of \( \mathcal{E}_a^n \). The following calculation follows from a revised form of the lower bound given in [1],

\[
T_{a,\gamma}^n(t) := \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{2q+\gamma a}^{aq}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} \geq \sum_{q=0}^{n} \int_{\nu(\nu) \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha} \nu}} \frac{(\nu)^{2q+\gamma} \alpha a}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} f(t, v) \, dv
\]

\[
\geq \frac{1}{\alpha^{q/2}} \sum_{q=0}^{n} \int_{\nu(\nu) \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha} \nu}} \frac{(\nu)^{2q} \alpha a}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} f(t, v) \, dv
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{\alpha^{q/2}} \left( \sum_{q=0}^{n} \int_{\nu} \frac{(\nu)^{2q} \alpha a}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} f(t, v) \, dv - \sum_{q=0}^{n} \int_{\nu(\nu) < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha} \nu}} \frac{(\nu)^{2q} \alpha a}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} f(t, v) \, dv \right)
\]

\[
\geq \frac{1}{\alpha^{q/2}} \left( \mathcal{E}_a^n(t) - \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{-q} \alpha a^{q(a-1)}}{\Gamma(aq + 1)} \right)
\]

\[
> \frac{1}{\alpha^{q/2}} \mathcal{E}_a^n(t) - \frac{1}{\alpha^{q/2}} m_0 \alpha^{a-1}.
\]

(5.23)

Therefore, applying inequality (5.23) to (5.22) yields the following linear differential inequality for the partial sum \( \mathcal{E}_a^n \)

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_a^n(t) \leq - \frac{K_1}{2 \alpha^{q/2}} \mathcal{E}_a^n(t) + \frac{K_1 m_0 \alpha^{a-1} - \mathcal{K}_0}{2 \alpha^{q/2}} + \mathcal{K}_0.
\]

Then, by the maximum principle for ordinary differential inequalities,

\[
\mathcal{E}_a^{n/2}(t) = \mathcal{E}_a^n(t) \leq M_0 + \frac{2 \alpha^{q/2}}{K_1} \left( \frac{K_1 m_0 \alpha^{a-1} - \mathcal{K}_0}{2 \alpha^{q/2}} + \mathcal{K}_0 \right)
\]

\[
= M_0 + m_0 \alpha^{a-1} + \frac{2 \alpha^{q/2}}{K_1} \mathcal{K}_0
\]

\[
\leq 4M_0.
\]
provided that $\alpha = \alpha_1$ is chosen sufficiently small so that
\[
  m_0 e^{\alpha_1 - s} + \frac{2\alpha_1^{\gamma/2}}{K_1} K_0 < 3M_0.
\] (5.24)

which is possible since $\alpha > 1$.

In conclusion, if $q_0$ is chosen according to (5.21), and hence depending only on the initial data, initial Mittag-Leffler moment, $\gamma$ and $A_2$ from (2.6), and if $\alpha = \min\{\alpha_0, (\ln 2)^{1/\alpha}, \alpha_1\}$, from (5.24), we have that the strict inequality $E^\alpha(t) < 4M_0$ holds on the closed interval $[0, T_n]$ uniformly in $n$. Therefore, invoking the global continuity of $E^\alpha(t)$ once more, the set of time $t$ for $E^\alpha(t) < 4M_0$ holds on a slightly larger half-open time interval $[0, T_n + \mu)$, with $\mu > 0$. This would contradict maximality of the definition of $T_n$, unless $T_n = +\infty$. Hence, we conclude that $T_n = +\infty$ for all $n$. Therefore, we in fact have that
\[
  E^\alpha(n, t) < 4M_0, \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.
\]

Thus, by letting $n \to +\infty$, we conclude that $E^\alpha(\alpha, t) < 4M_0$ for all $t \geq 0$. That is,
\[
  \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) E_{\gamma/\alpha}(\alpha^2/\gamma \langle v \rangle^2) \, dv < 4M_0, \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0.
\] (5.25)

Estimate (5.25) shows that the solution of the Boltzmann equation with finite initial Mittag-Leffler moment of order $s$ and rate $\alpha_0$, will propagate Mittag-Leffler moments with the same order $s$ and rate $\alpha$ satisfying $\alpha = \min\{\alpha_0, (\ln 2)^{1/\alpha}, \alpha_1\}$. This concludes the proof part (b) of Theorem 2.4. \(\square\)

Part (a) of Theorem 2.4 concerns the generation of Mittag-Leffler or exponential moments. This is proven in the next section.

6. Proof of exponential moments’ generation

Proof of Theorem 2.4 (a). Notation and strategy are similar to those in the proof of Theorem 2.4 (b), contained in Section 5. The goal is to find a positive and bounded real valued number $\alpha$ such that the solution $f(v, t)$ of the Boltzmann equation will have an exponential moment, of order $\gamma$ and rate $\alpha \min\{t, 1\}$, generated for every positive time $t$, from the fact that the initial data $f_0(v)$ has finite energy given by $M_0 := m_2(0)$.

The proof works with the exponential forms of order $\gamma$. From this viewpoint, the difference with respect to the propagation of Mittag-Leffler moments result obtained in the previous section is that the propagation result had to be established for every order $s \in (0, 2)$, while now the generation of Mittag-Leffler moments of order $s$ and rate $\alpha$ implies generation of such moments for all smaller orders $0 < s$. Hence, it suffices to consider just the order $s = \gamma$. 

First for an arbitrary positive and bounded number $\alpha$, we denote the $n$-th partial sum of the exponential moment of order $\gamma$ by $E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$ and the corresponding one in which polynomial moments are shifted by $\gamma$ by $I^n_{\gamma,\gamma}(\alpha, t)$, that is

$$E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t) = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{\Gamma(q+1)} = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!}$$

(6.1)

$$I^n_{\gamma,\gamma}(\alpha, t) = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q+\gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{\Gamma(q+1)} = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q+\gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!}.$$  

(6.2)

The form $E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$ is the exponential moment of order $\gamma$ with rate $\alpha$ of the probability density $f$ in the Mittag-Leffler representation.

Define the time $T_n^*$ as follows

$$T_n^* := \min \{1, \sup \{t \geq 0 \mid E^n_\gamma(\alpha t, \tau) < 4M_0^n, \text{ for all } \tau \in [0, t] \} \}.$$  

(6.3)

$T_n^*$ is well defined where the constant $M_0^n$ is the sum of the initial conserved mass and energy, i.e. $M_0^n := M_0^n(t) = \int f(v, t)\langle v \rangle^2 dv = \int f_0(v)\langle v \rangle^2 dv$ as in the initial condition for the generation of Mittag-Leffler moments estimate (2.24). Since moments are uniformly in time generated for the hard potential case, even for angular non-cutoff regimes (see [32]), then every finite sum $E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$ is well defined and continuous in time. Note that for $t = 0$, we have that $E^n_\gamma(\alpha 0,0) = m_0 < 4M_0^n$. Then, as in the previous case, continuity in time of partial sums $E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$ implies that $E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t) < 4M_0^n$ holds for $t$ on some positive time interval $[0, t_n^*)$, which implies that $T_n^* > 0$. In addition, the definition (6.3) implies that $T_n^* \leq 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

As we did in the previous section for the proof of propagation of Mittag-Leffler moments, we search for an ordinary differential inequality for $E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$, depending only on data parameters and on $I^n_{\gamma,\gamma}(\alpha, t)$, for a positive and bounded real valued $\alpha$ to be found and characterized.

To this end, we start by computing

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t) = \frac{\alpha}{q-1} \frac{m_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha t)^{q-1}}{(q-1)!} + \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m'_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!}$$

(6.4)

$$= \alpha \sum_{q=1}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha t)^{q-1}}{(q-1)!} + \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m'_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!} + \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{m'_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!},$$

where index $q_0$ will be fixed later. The first sum in this identity is reindexed by from $q - 1$ to $q$ and estimated by $I^n_{\gamma,\gamma}(\alpha, t)$ (defined in (6.2)), as follows

$$\sum_{q=0}^{n-1} \frac{m_{\gamma q+\gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!} \leq \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q+\gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!} = I^n_{\gamma,\gamma}(\alpha, t).$$

Next, replacing the term $m'_{\gamma q}(t)$ by the upper bound in the ordinary differential inequality (4.2) just on the sums starting from $q_0$, for $\alpha > 0$, and for
\[ k_q := \lfloor \frac{q}{4} - \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{3}{2} \rfloor := \text{integer part of} \frac{q}{4} - \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{3}{2}, \quad (6.5) \]

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{W}_n(\alpha t, t) \leq \alpha I^n_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha t, t) + \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{m_{\gamma q}'(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!} \]
\[ -K_1 \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q+\gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!} + K_2 \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha t)^q}{q!} \]
\[ + K_3 \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{\varepsilon_{\gamma q/2} \gamma q/2 - 1}{q!} \frac{(\alpha t)^q}{q!} \sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{q}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \]
\[ \left( (m_{2\gamma q+2\gamma}(t)m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k}(t) + m_{2\gamma k}(t)m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k+\gamma}(t) \right) \]
\[ =: \alpha I^n_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha t, t) + S_0 - K_1 S_1 + K_2 S_2 + K_3 S_3. \quad (6.6) \]

We stress the positive constant \( K_1 = A_2 C_\gamma \) depends only on the collision cross section with \( A_2 \) defined in (2.21), and \( C_\gamma \) only depending on \( 0 < \gamma \leq 1 \). In the sequel, we will estimate the terms in (6.6) to show that the negative one is of higher order uniformly in time \( t \), for a choice of \( \alpha \) and \( q_0 \) that depend on the initial and collision kernel data.

The term \( S_0 \) can be bounded by terms that depends on the initial data and the parameters of the collision cross section. Indeed, as was the case for the propagation estimates, from Lemma 4.2 setting \( r = \gamma \) in (4.14), the generated polynomial moments can be estimated by

\[ m_{\gamma q}(t) \leq B_{\gamma q} \max_{t \geq 0} \{1, t^{-q}\} \quad \text{and} \]
\[ m_{\gamma q}'(t) \leq B_{\gamma q} m_{\gamma q}(t) \leq B_{\gamma q} B_{\gamma q} \max_{t \geq 0} \{1, t^{-q}\} \quad (6.7) \]

\[ (6.8) \]

where the constant \( B_{\gamma q} \), now from (4.14), also depends on \( m_2(0), \gamma, q \) and \( A_2 \) from condition (2.6). Next, for \( q_0 \) fixed, to be chosen later, set

\[ c_{q_0}^* := \max_{q \in \{0, \ldots, q_0-1\}} \{ B_{\gamma q}, B_{\gamma q} B_{\gamma q} \}, \quad (6.9) \]

and then, both the \( 2q \)-moments and its derivatives are controlled by \( c_{q_0}^* \) as follows

\[ m_{\gamma q}(t), m_{\gamma q}'(t) \leq c_{q_0}^* \max_{t \geq 0} \{1, t^{-q}\}, \quad \text{for all} \ q \in \{0, \ldots, q_0 - 1\}. \quad (6.10) \]
Thus we can estimate $S_0$, for a fixed $q_0$ to be defined later, by

$$S_0 := \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{m_{q}(t) (\alpha t)^q}{q!}$$

$$\leq c^*_{q_0} \max_{t>0} \{1, t^{-q}\} \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{(\alpha t)^q}{q!}$$

$$\leq c^*_{q_0} \max_{t>0} \{t^q, 1\} \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{q^q}{q!}$$

$$\leq c^*_{q_0} e^\alpha \leq 2c^*_{q_0},$$

(6.11)

uniformly in $t \in [0, T^*_{n}] \subset [0, 1]$, for any $\alpha \leq \ln 2$. To obtain inequality (6.11) we used that $t \leq T^*_{n} \leq 1$.

The sum $S_2$ is a part of the partial sum $E^n_\gamma$, hence

$$S_2 := \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{m_{q}(t) (\alpha t)^q}{q!} \leq E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t).$$

(6.13)

The sum $S_1$ needs to be bounded from below because of the negativity of the term $K_1 S_1$. To this end, using again the time dependent estimates for moments from Proposition 4.2, the estimate from below follows for $t \in (0, T^*_n] \subset (0, 1]$ as

$$S_1 := \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \frac{m_{q+1}(t) (\alpha t)^q}{q!} = I^n_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha, t) - \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{m_{q+1}(\alpha t)^q}{q!}$$

$$\geq I^n_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha, t) - c^*_{q_0} \max_{0<t\leq1} \{1, t^{-(\gamma+\gamma)/\gamma}\} (\alpha t)^q$$

$$\geq I^n_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha, t) - c^*_{q_0} \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{t^{-q-1}(\alpha t)^q}{q!}$$

$$= I^n_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha, t) - c^*_{q_0} \sum_{q=0}^{q_0-1} \frac{\alpha^q}{q!}$$

$$\geq I^n_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha, t) - \frac{c^*_{q_0}}{t} e^\alpha$$

$$\geq I^n_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha, t) - \frac{2c^*_{q_0}}{t}.$$  

(6.14)

The estimate for the double sum term in $S_3$ uses an analogous treatment to the one in the previous section to obtain Mittag-Leffler moment’s propagation. More precisely, set $S_3 := S_{3,1} + S_{3,2}$, and we make use of the identity (A.4) written in the following format

$$\Gamma(2k+1)\Gamma(q-2k+1) = B(2k+1, q-2k+1) \Gamma(q+2)$$

(6.15)
of $q$ to obtain

$$S_{3,1} := \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \varepsilon_{\frac{q}{2}} \frac{\gamma q}{2} (\frac{\gamma q}{2} - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\gamma}} \left( \frac{\gamma q}{2} - \frac{\gamma q}{k} \right) \frac{m_{2\gamma k + \gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^{2k} m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k}(t)(\alpha t)^{q-2k}}{\Gamma(2k + 1) \Gamma(q - 2k + 1)} B(2k + 1, q - 2k + 1) \frac{\Gamma(q + 2)}{\Gamma(q + 1)}$$

(6.16)

$$\leq \varepsilon_{\frac{q_0}{2}} \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} (q + 1) \frac{\gamma q}{2} (\frac{\gamma q}{2} - 1) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\gamma}} \frac{m_{2\gamma k + \gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^{2k} m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k}(t)(\alpha t)^{q-2k}}{\Gamma(2k + 1) \Gamma(q - 2k + 1)} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\gamma}} \left( \frac{\gamma q}{2} - \frac{\gamma q}{k} \right) B(2k + 1, q - 2k + 1) \right).$$

The last inequality was obtained via the inequality $\sum_{k} a_k b_k \leq \sum_{k} a_k \sum_{k} b_k$, and the fact that $\varepsilon_q$ decreases in $q$. Again, using the estimate of Lemma 1.3, the sum of the Beta functions is bounded by $Cq^{-3}$, with $C$ a uniform constant independent of $q$. Therefore,

$$(q + 1) \frac{\gamma q}{2} (\frac{\gamma q}{2} - 1) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\gamma}} \left( \frac{\gamma q}{2} - \frac{\gamma q}{k} \right) B(2k + 1, q - 2k + 1) \right) \leq (q + 1) \frac{\gamma q}{2} (\frac{\gamma q}{2} - 1) q^{-3} \leq C\gamma,$$

(6.17)

uniformly in $q$. Then, estimating the right hand side of (6.16) by the estimate (6.17) just above, yields

$$S_{3,1} \leq K_3 C\gamma \varepsilon_{\frac{q_0}{2}} \sum_{q=q_0}^{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\gamma}} \frac{m_{2\gamma k + \gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^{2k} m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k}(t)(\alpha t)^{q-2k}}{\Gamma(2k + 1) \Gamma(q - 2k + 1)} \right).$$

(6.18)

Finally, as was the case for the propagation estimates in the previous section, changing the order of summation in the right hand side of (6.18) yields a control by a factor $E^{n}_\gamma(\alpha t, t) \mathcal{T}^{n}_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha, t)$ as follows. Recalling the definition of $k_\gamma$ from (5.3), and evaluating it for $n$ instead of $q$ yields

$$S_{3,1} \leq C\gamma \varepsilon_{\frac{q_0}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{[\frac{\gamma q}{2} - \frac{\gamma q}{k}] \sum_{q_{\gamma q} = 4k-2}^{n} m_{2\gamma k + \gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^{2k} m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k}(t)(\alpha t)^{q-2k} \Gamma(2k + 1) \Gamma(q - 2k + 1)}$$

$$= C\gamma \varepsilon_{\frac{q_0}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{[\frac{\gamma q}{2} - \frac{\gamma q}{k}]} \frac{m_{2\gamma k + \gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^{2k}}{\Gamma(2k + 1)} \left( \sum_{q_{\gamma q} = 4k-2}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q-2\gamma k}(t)(\alpha t)^{q-2k}}{\Gamma(q - 2k + 1)} \right)$$

$$\leq C\gamma \varepsilon_{\frac{q_0}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{[\frac{\gamma q}{2} - \frac{\gamma q}{k}]} \frac{m_{2\gamma k + \gamma}(t)(\alpha t)^{2k}}{\Gamma(2k + 1)} E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$$

$$\leq C\gamma \varepsilon_{\frac{q_0}{2}} \mathcal{T}^{n}_{\gamma, \gamma}(\alpha, t) E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t).$$
Analogous estimate can be obtained for $S_{3,2}$, so overall we have

$$S_3 \leq 2C\gamma \varepsilon_{q_0/2} T_{n,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t) E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t). \quad (6.19)$$

Therefore, combining estimates (6.12), (6.14), (6.13) and (6.19) with (6.6) yields the following differential inequality for $E^n_\gamma = E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$ depending on $T_{n,\gamma}^n = T_{n,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t)$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^n_\gamma \leq 2c_{q_0}^* + \left( -K_1 T_{n,\gamma}^n + K_1 \frac{2c_{q_0}^*}{t} + K_2 E^n_\gamma + 2\varepsilon_{q_0/2} c_2 E^n_\gamma \right) + \alpha T_{n,\gamma}^n.$$

This inequality is the analog to the one in (5.18) for the propagation argument. Since the partial sum $E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$ is bounded by $4M_0^*$ on the interval $[0, T_n^*]$, uniformly in $n$ and $T_n^* \leq 1$, then the right hand side of the above inequality is controlled by

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t) \leq -T_{n,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t) \left( K_1 - 8M_0^* \varepsilon_{q_0/2} c_3 - \alpha \right) + 4M_0^* K_2 + \frac{2K_1 c_{q_0}^*}{t} + 2c_{q_0}^*.$$

Next, since $t \leq T_n^* \leq 1$, then $t^{-1} \geq 1$, so the above estimate is further bounded by

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t) \leq -T_{n,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t) \left( K_1 - 8M_0^* \varepsilon_{q_0/2} c_3 - \alpha \right) + \frac{K_{q_0}^*}{t},$$

with $0 < K_{q_0}^* = 2c_{q_0}^* + 4M_0^* K_2 + 2K_1 c_{q_0}^*$ only depending on data parameters, including $q_0$, independent of $n$.

Finally, since $\varepsilon_{q_0/2}$ converges to zero as $q_0$ goes to infinity, we can choose large enough $q_0$ and small enough $\alpha$ so that $b(\cos \theta)$ satisfies (2.6) with $\beta = 2a - 2$,

$$K_1 - 8\varepsilon_{q_0/2} c_3 - \alpha > \frac{K_1}{2}, \quad (6.20)$$

which yields

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t) \leq -\frac{K_1}{2} T_{n,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t) + \frac{K_{q_0}^*}{t}. \quad (6.21)$$

Therefore, the final step consists in finding a lower bound for $T_{n,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t)$ in terms of $E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t)$ as follows

$$T_{n,\gamma}^n(\alpha, t) = \sum_{q=0}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma(q+1)}(t)(\alpha)^q}{q!} = \sum_{q=1}^{n+1} \frac{m_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha)^q}{q!} \frac{q}{\alpha t} \geq \frac{1}{\alpha t} \sum_{q=3}^{n} \frac{m_{\gamma q}(t)(\alpha)^q}{q!} \frac{E^n_\gamma(t, \alpha) - M_0^*}{\alpha t}. \quad (6.22)$$

Combining (6.21) and (6.22) yields

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^n_\gamma(\alpha, t) \leq -\frac{1}{t} \left( \frac{K_1(E^n_\gamma - M_0^*)}{2\alpha} - K_{q_0}^* \right) = -\frac{K_1}{2\alpha t} \left( E^n_\gamma - M_0^* - \frac{2\alpha}{K_1} K_{q_0}^* \right).$$
Then choosing a small enough $\alpha$ such that

$$M_0^* + \frac{2\alpha}{K_1} K_{\gamma} q_0 < 2M_0^*$$

or, equivalently,

$$\alpha < \frac{K_1 M_0^*}{2 K_{\gamma} q_0},$$

(6.23)

yields

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_\gamma^n(\alpha t, t) \leq -\frac{K_1}{2\alpha t} \left( E_\gamma^n(\alpha t, t) - 2M_0^* \right).$$

(6.24)

Then, by a comparison argument, whenever $E_\gamma^n(\alpha t, t) > 2M_0^*$, we have $\frac{d}{dt} E_\gamma^n < 0$, and so $E_\gamma^n(\alpha t, t)$ decreases in $t$. Since at initial time the partial sum is less that the threshold, i.e. $E_\gamma^n(0, 0) = m_0 < 2M_0^*$ and since it is continuous for all times, we have that the strict inequality $E_\gamma^n(\alpha t, t) \leq 2M_0^* < 4M_0^*$ holds uniformly on the closed interval $[0, T_n^*]$. By continuity of the partial sum, this strict inequality $E_\gamma^n(\alpha t, t) < 4M_0^*$ then holds on a slightly larger interval, which would contradict maximality of $T_n^*$ from the definition (6.3), unless $T_n^* = 1$. Hence, we conclude that $T_n^* = 1$ for all $n$.

Therefore, we in fact have that

$$E_\gamma^n(\alpha t, t) < 4M_0^*,$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Thus, by letting $n \to +\infty$, we conclude that $E_\gamma^\infty(\alpha t, t) < 4M_0^*$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. That is,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \ E_{2/\gamma}(\langle \alpha t \rangle^{2/\gamma} \langle v \rangle^2) \ dv < 4M_0, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, 1].$$

(6.25)

To finalize the proof, first set $\alpha = \min\{\ln 2, \alpha_1\}$, from (6.12) and with $\alpha_1$ satisfying condition (6.23) that depends on the initial data, $\gamma$, the collisional kernel and $A_2$ from the integrability condition (2.6). This $\alpha$ is a positive and bounded real number.

Then, note that the above inequality implies that at the time $t = 1$, the Mittag-Leffler moment of order $\gamma$ and rate $\alpha t = \alpha$ is finite. Now, starting the argument from $t = 1$ on, we bring ourselves into the setting of the propagation and conclude that for $t \geq 1$, the Mittag-Leffler moment of the same order $\gamma$ and potentially smaller $\alpha$ than the one found on time interval $[0, 1]$, remain uniformly bounded for all $t \geq 1$.

In conclusion,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \ E_{2/\gamma}(\langle \alpha \min\{1, t\} \rangle^{2/\gamma} \langle v \rangle^2) \ dv < C, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, 1],$$

(6.26)

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \ E_{2/\gamma}(\alpha^{2/\gamma} \langle v \rangle^2) \ dv < C, \quad \text{for all } t \geq 1.$$

(6.27)

Therefore, we conclude that for all $t \geq 0$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t, v) \ E_{2/\gamma}(\langle \alpha \min\{1, t\} \rangle^{2/\gamma} \langle v \rangle^2) \ dv < C.$$

(6.28)
In particular, this asserts that the solution of the Boltzmann equation with an initial mass and energy, will develop Mittag-Leffler moments, or equivalently, exponential high energy tails of order $\gamma$ with rate $r(t) = \alpha \min\{t, 1\}$. Therefore the proof of Theorem 2.4 is now complete.

□

APPENDIX A.

We gather technical results used throughout this manuscript. The first two lemmas focus on elementary polynomial inequalities that will be used to derive ordinary differential inequalities for polynomial moments in Section 4.

**Lemma A.1** (Polynomial inequality I). Let $b \leq a \leq s$. Then for any $x, y \geq 0$

$$x^a y^{s-a} + x^{s-a} y^a \leq x^b y^{s-b} + x^{s-b} y^b. \quad (A.1)$$

**Remark 13.** This lemma is useful for comparing products of moments. Namely, as its consequence, we have that for a fixed $s$, the sequence $\{m_k m_{s-k}\}_k$ is decreasing in $k$, for $k = 1, 2, ..., \lfloor s/2 \rfloor := \text{Integer Part of } s/2$. For example, if $s \geq 4$, then $m_2 m_{s-2} \leq m_1 m_{s-1}$.

**Proof:** Note that $a, b$ and $s$ satisfy $a - b \geq 0$ and $s - a - b \geq 0$. Therefore

$$(y^{s-a-b} - x^{s-a-b}) x^b y^b (y^{s-a-b} - x^{s-a-b}) \geq 0,$$

which is easily checked to be equivalent to the inequality (A.1). □

**Lemma A.2** (Polynomial inequality II, Lemma 2 in [9]). Assume $p > 1$, and let $k_p = \lfloor (p+1)/2 \rfloor$. Then for all $x, y > 0$ the following inequalities hold

$$\sum_{k=0}^{k_p-1} \binom{p}{k} (x^k y^{p-k} + x^{p-k} y^k) \leq (x + y)^p - x^p - y^p \leq \sum_{k=1}^{k_p} \binom{p}{k} (x^k y^{p-k} + x^{p-k} y^k).$$

**Remark 14.** Using this lemma, it is easy to see a rough, but useful estimate

$$\sum_{k=0}^{k_p} \binom{p}{k} (x^k y^{p-k} + x^{p-k} y^k) \leq 2(x + y)^p. \quad (A.2)$$

Next, we recall the basic definitions and properties of Gamma $\Gamma(x)$ and Beta $B(x, y)$ functions that are useful for the next estimates. They are defined via

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt, \quad \text{and} \quad B(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1 - t)^{y-1} dt, \quad (A.3)$$

respectively. Two fundamental properties of these well-know functions are

$$\Gamma(x + 1) = x \Gamma(x), \quad \text{and} \quad B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x) \Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x + y)} \quad (A.4)$$

The following classic result for estimates of generalized Laplace transforms will be needed to estimate the combinatoric sums of Beta functions to be shown in the subsequent Lemma A.4.
Lemma A.3. Let $0 < \alpha, R < \infty$, $g \in C([0, R])$ and $S \in C^1([0, R])$ be such that $S(0) = 0$ and $S'(x) < 0$ for all $x \in [0, R]$. Then for any $\lambda \geq 1$ we have

$$\int_0^R x^{\alpha - 1} g(x) e^{\lambda S(x)} \, dx = \Gamma(\alpha) \left( \frac{1}{-\lambda S'(0)} \right)^{\alpha} (g(0) + o(1)).$$

The proof of this estimate is a direct application of the Laplace’s method for asymptotic expansion of integrals that can be found in [29], page 81, Theorem 7.1.

The next two lemmas estimate a combinatoric sum of Beta functions. These estimates are inspired by the work in Lemma 4 in [9] and Lemma 3.3 in [25]. However, in our context, the arguments of Beta functions are shifted, so we compute exact decay rates for our situation. These estimates are crucial to control the growth in $q$ of the ordinary differential inequality of partial sums of renormalized moments.

The first lemma will be used for the proof of propagation of moments with $a = 2/s$, while the second will be used for the generation of moments with $s = \gamma$.

Lemma A.4 (First estimate on combinatoric sums of Beta Functions). Let $q \geq 3$ and $k_q = \lfloor (q + 1)/2 \rfloor$. Then for any $a > 1$ we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \binom{q-2}{k-1} B(ak + 1, a(q - k) + 1) \leq C_a \frac{1}{(aq)^{1+a}}, \quad \text{(A.5)}$$

where the constant $C_a$ depends only on $a$.

**Proof:** Reindexing the summation from $k = 1$ to $k = 0$ by changing $k - 1$ into $k$ and rearranging the integral forms defining Beta functions, yields

$$\begin{align*}
\sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \binom{q-2}{k-1} & B(ak + 1, a(q - k) + 1) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{k_q-1} \binom{q-2}{k} B(a(k + 1) + 1, a(q - k - 1) + 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^{k_q-1} \binom{q-2}{k} \left( x^{a(k+1)} (1 - x)^{a(q-k-1)} + x^{a(q-k-1)} (1 - x)^{a(k+1)} \right) \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x^a (1 - x)^a \sum_{k=0}^{k_q-2} \binom{q-2}{k} \left( x^{ak} (1 - x)^{a(q-2-k)} + x^{a(q-2-k)} (1 - x)^{ak} \right) \, dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x^a (1 - x)^a \sum_{k=0}^{k_p} \frac{k_p}{k} \left( x^{ak} (1 - x)^{a(p-k)} + x^{a(p-k)} (1 - x)^{ak} \right) \, dx
\end{align*}$$

Here, $k_p = \lfloor (p + 1)/2 \rfloor$.
after setting \( q - 2 = p \) in the last integral. The estimate (A.2), then yields

\[
\sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{q - 2}{k - 1} \right) B(ak + 1, a(q - k) + 1) \\
\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} x^{a}(1 - x)^{a} (x^{a} + (1 - x)^{a})^{p} \, dx \\
= \int_{0}^{1} x^{a}(1 - x)^{a} (x^{a} + (1 - x)^{a})^{q-2} \, dx \\
= 2 \int_{0}^{1/2} x^{a} g(x) e^{qS(x)} \, dx,
\]

where \( g(x) = (1 - x)^{a} (x^{a} + (1 - x)^{a})^{q-2} \) and \( S(x) = \log(x^{a} + (1 - x)^{a}) \), for \( x \in [0,1/2] \). Finally, applying Lemma A.3 for these \( g(x) \) and \( S(x) \) as indicated, and noting that \( g(0) = 1 \) and \( S'(0) = -a \), yields the desired estimate

\[
\sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{q - 2}{k - 1} \right) B(ak + 1, a(q - k) + 1) \leq C \frac{a}{aq} \Gamma(a + 1) \left( \frac{1}{aq} \right)^{a+1}.
\] (A.6)

\[\square\]

Lemma A.5 (Second estimate on combinatoric sums of Beta Functions). Let \( 0 < s \leq 1 \) and \( q \geq 3 \). Then, there exists a constant \( C \), independent on \( q \), such that

\[
1 + \frac{k_q}{q} \sum_{k=1}^{1 + \frac{k_q}{q}} \left( \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{2}{s}}{k - 1} \right) B(2k + 1, q - 2k + 1) \leq C \frac{1}{q^2}.
\] (A.7)

Proof: First we note a simple property of binomial coefficients. For any integer \( k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and any real numbers \( \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \) that satisfy \( \alpha \geq \beta \),

\[
\left( \frac{\alpha}{k} \right) \leq \left( \frac{\beta}{k} \right).
\] (A.8)

This is easily proved by noting that the binomial coefficient \( \binom{\alpha}{k} \) (and similarly \( \binom{\beta}{k} \)) can be computed as

\[
\binom{\alpha}{k} = \frac{\alpha (\alpha - 1) (\alpha - 2) \ldots (\alpha - k + 1)}{k!}.
\]

Next, since \( s \leq 1 \),

\[
\frac{q}{2} - \frac{2}{s} \leq \frac{q}{2} - 2.
\] (A.9)

Therefore,

\[
1 + \sum_{k=1}^{1 + \frac{k_q}{q}} \left( \frac{\frac{q}{2} - \frac{2}{s}}{k - 1} \right) B(2k + 1, q - 2k + 1) \\
\leq \sum_{k=1}^{1 + \frac{k_q}{q}} \left( \frac{\frac{q}{2} - 2}{k - 1} \right) B(2k + 1, q - 2k + 1) \quad \text{(A.10)}
\]

\[
= \sum_{k=1}^{k_q} \left( \frac{\frac{q}{2} - 2}{k - 1} \right) B \left( 2k + 1, 2 \left( \frac{\frac{q}{2} - 2}{k - 1} \right) + 1 \right).
\]
Now applying (A.5) yields (A.7). □

APPENDIX B.

Finally, for completeness we include detailed calculation of deriving the representation of energies from (3.3). Recall that

\[ v' = \frac{v + v_*}{2} + \frac{1}{2} |u| \sigma. \]

Hence,

\[ \langle v' \rangle^2 = 1 + \frac{|v + v_*|^2}{4} + \frac{|v - v_*|^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} |u| \sigma \]

\[ = 1 + \frac{|v|^2 + |v_*|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} |u| (v + v_*) \cdot (\hat{u} \cos \theta + \omega \sin \theta) \]

\[ = 1 + \frac{|v|^2 + |v_*|^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (v + v_*) \cdot (v - v_*) \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} |u| |V| \sin \theta (\hat{V} \cdot \omega) \]

\[ = 1 + |v|^2 \cos^2 \theta + |v_*|^2 \sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} |u| |V| \sin \theta (j \cdot \omega) \sin \alpha \]

\[ = \langle v \rangle^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \langle v_* \rangle^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + |v \times v_*| \sin \theta (j \cdot \omega), \]

which coincides with the representation in (3.3).

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