# Existence and long time behavior of weak solutions to the Fokker-Planck-Alignment models

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### **Examples of collective behavior**

• Biology – swarming of insects, bird flocking, fish schools; cell migration;







- Social science opinion dynamics, social networks, economics
- Technology traffic dynamics, feedback control in MAS, formations of UAVs, swarming of robots, material production, cosmology

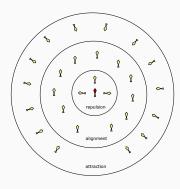






Status Study ended in 2007
Objective
Darwin was a phase-A study performed by ESA. It studied a constellation of spacecraft to find Earth-like planets - the most likely places where life as we know it could develop. Darwin proposed to survey 1000 of the closest stars looking for small, rocky planets.

#### REYNOLD 3ZONE MODEL



- 1. Collision Avoidance: avoid collisions with nearby flockmates
- 2. Velocity Matching: attempt to match velocity with nearby flockmates
- 3. Flock Centering: attempt to stay close to nearby flockmates

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(ACM SIGGRAPH '87 Conference Proceedings, Analoim, California, July 1987.)

Flocks, Herds, and Schools: A Distributed Behavioral Model

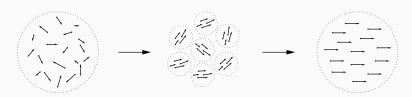
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Agent-based models of collective behavior describe dynamics of a number of objects:

$$\mathbf{x}_i \in \Omega = \mathbb{R}^n \text{ or } \mathbb{T}^n, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$
  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{v}_i$   $\dot{\mathbf{v}}_i = \mathbf{F}_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$ 

adjusting their directions relative to neighbors via communication  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ . *Emergence* is formation of global patterns resulting from local interactions.



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$$\frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i} m_{i} |v_{i}|^{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} m_{i} m_{j} |v_{i} - v_{j}|^{2} \phi(x_{i} - x_{j}) \leq 0$$

## Theorem (Cucker, Smale (2007))

Let

$$\phi(r) = \frac{1}{(1+r^2)^{\beta/2}}, \qquad \beta \leqslant 1$$

or more generally  $\int_0^\infty \phi(r) dr = \infty$  (Ha, Tadmor (2008), Ha, Liu (2009)), then there exists  $D, C, \delta > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{0\leqslant t<\infty} \max_{i,j} |x_i-x_j| \leqslant D, \qquad \qquad \text{(flocking)}$$
 
$$\max_{i,j} |v_i-v_j| \leqslant C e^{-\delta t}, \qquad \text{(alignment)}$$
 
$$x_i-x_j \to \bar{x}_{ij}, \qquad \qquad \text{(strong flocking)}$$

# Statistical description

#### Cucker-Smale

$$\dot{x}_i = v_i 
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mean-field limit:

 $\sum_{i=1}^{N} m_i \delta_{v_i} \otimes \delta_{x_i} \to f$ Ha, Tadmor (2008); Ha, Liu (2009)

## Vlasov-Alignment

$$\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v Q(f, f)$$

$$Q(f, f) = \int_{\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x - x')(v - v') f f' \, \mathrm{d}v' \, \mathrm{d}x'$$

monokinetic limit:

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ho \, \delta_0 (v - \mathbf{u})$  Figalli, Kang (2019); RS (2020)

## Pressureless Euler Alignment System

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$$\mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}\rho)_{\phi} - \mathbf{u}\rho_{\phi}$$

notation: 
$$\rho_{\phi} = \rho * \phi$$

# Statistical description with noise

### Stochastic Cucker-Smale

$$\dot{x}_i = v_i 
\dot{v}_i = CS + \sqrt{2\sigma \sum_{j=1}^N m_j \phi(x_i - x_j)} \dot{W}_i$$

mean-field limit:

# Fokker-Planck-Alignment

$$f_t + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v Q(f, f) + \sigma \rho_\phi \Delta_v f$$

Maxwellian limit:

#### Isothermal Euler Alignment System

$$\frac{\rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}\rho) = 0}{\mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \sigma \nabla \rho = (\mathbf{u}\rho)_{\phi} - \mathbf{u}\rho_{\phi}}$$

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 Bolley, Canizo, Carrillo (2011) RS (2023)

$$f o rac{
ho(x,t)}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-rac{|v-\mathbf{u}(x,t)|^2}{2}}$$

Karper, Mellet, Trivisa (2014-16)

# Theorem (Carrillo, Fornasier, Rosado, Toscani (2010))

Let  $\int_0^\infty \phi(r)dr = \infty$  then for any solution to Vlasov-Alignment equation there exists  $C, \delta>0$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n} |v - \bar{\mathbf{u}}|^2 f \, dv \, dx \leqslant C e^{-\delta t}.$$

## Theorem (Tan, Tadmor (2014))

Let  $\int_0^\infty \phi(r)dr = \infty$  then for any solution to the pressureless EAS there exists  $D,C,\delta>0$  such that

$$\label{eq:supp} \begin{split} \sup_{0\leqslant t<\infty} \operatorname{diam}\{\operatorname{supp}\rho\} \leqslant D, \\ \max_{x,y\in\operatorname{supp}\rho} |\mathbf{u}(t,x)-\mathbf{u}(t,y)| \leqslant C e^{-\delta t} \end{split}$$

# **Applications**

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- BUT, the Cucker-Smale theorem holds!

# CS vs MT on the same time scale (T. Teolis, RS, 2025)



Figure 1: Cucker-Smale dynamics – the light green flock is hijacked by the larger flock in red.



Figure 2: Motsch-Tadmor dynamics – the light green flock is mostly independent and conforms to the prediction of the model.

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# Cucker-Smale ( $\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{CS}}$ )

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multi-flocks, multi-species, topological models, etc etc

# **Environmental Averaging**

- RS, Environmental Averaging, EMS Surveys in Mathematical Sciences,
   (2024) 134 pp.
  - $\bullet$  [u] $_{\rho} :=$  an averaging operator
  - ullet  $s_
    ho:=$  the strength of interactions

The weighted averages

$$s_{\rho}[\mathbf{u}]_{\rho} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_{\rho}(x, y) u(y) \, \mathrm{d}\rho(y), \quad \rho\text{-a.e.}$$
 (1)

are represented by a non-negative communication kernel  $\phi_{\rho} \in L^{1}(d\rho \otimes d\rho)$ ,  $\rho \in \mathcal{P}$ , satisfying

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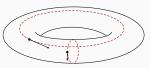
MODEL
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# LOCAL communication – the problem of Emergence

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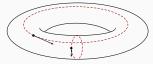


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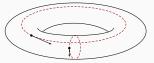
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- $\bullet$  disrupt locked states by small noise  $\to$  relaxation problem.

# Fokker-Planck-Alignment model

Locked states are disrupted by stochastic noise

$$\dot{v}_i = s_i([v]_i - v_i) + \sqrt{2\sigma s_i} \dot{W}_i,$$

where  $W_i$ 's are independent Brownian motions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$f_t^{\sigma} + v \cdot \nabla_x f^{\sigma} = \sigma s_{\rho} \Delta_v f^{\sigma} + s_{\rho} \nabla_v ((v - [u^{\sigma}]_{\rho}) f^{\sigma})$$
 (FPA)

So, the expected behavior as  $t \to \infty$  would be the same as for the linear Fokker-Planck equation which is a relaxation to the global Maxwellian

$$f^{\sigma} 
ightarrow \mu_{\sigma, ar{u}} = rac{1}{(2\pi\sigma)^{n/2}} e^{-rac{|v-ar{u}|^2}{2\sigma}},$$

where  $\bar{u}$  is the mean velocity. If such a convergence holds true, then the alignment of the original system can be recovered in the limit of vanishing noise  $\sigma \to 0$ :

$$\lim_{\sigma \to 0} \lim_{t \to \infty} f^{\sigma}(t) = \delta_{v=\bar{u}} \otimes 1 \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

- Duan, Fornasier, and Toscani (2010): relaxation in the Cucker-Smale case

$$f_t + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \sigma \rho_\phi \Delta_v f + \nabla_v ((\rho_\phi v - (u\rho)_\phi) f),$$

for perturbation data,

$$f = \mu_{\sigma,\bar{u}} + g\sqrt{\mu_{\sigma,\bar{u}}}, \qquad \|g_0\|_{H^m(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)} \leqslant \varepsilon,$$

for some small  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

- Choi (2016): relaxation for purely local model

$$f_t + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \sigma \Delta_v f + \nabla_v ((v - u)f),$$

in the perturbative settings also.

These results are inspired by techniques from collisional models (Landau, Boltzmann).

– RS (2021): global relaxation for the  $\mathcal{M}_{\phi}$ -model:

$$s_{\rho} = 1, \qquad [u]_{\rho}(x) = \left(\frac{(u\rho)_{\phi}}{\rho_{\phi}}\right)_{\phi},$$

$$f_{t} + v \cdot \nabla_{x} f = \sigma \Delta_{v} f + \nabla_{v} ((v - [u]_{\rho}) f). \tag{3}$$

Relaxation holds provided

$$\sup \|u(t)\|_{\infty} < \infty.$$

#### Kinetic Cucker-Smale.

Consider FPA based on Cucker-Smale protocol

$$f_t + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \sigma \rho_\phi \Delta_v f + \nabla_v ((\rho_\phi v - (u\rho)_\phi) f),$$

#### Theorem (RS, 2023)

Suppose f is a classical solution with sufficiently fast algebraic decay in v. Suppose  $\phi = \psi * \psi$ . Then for any  $t_0 > 0$ ,

$$\inf \rho \geqslant c(t_0) > 0$$

uniformly for all  $t>t_0$ , and f relaxes to the corresponding Maxwellian at an exponential rate

$$||f(t) - \mu_{\sigma,\bar{u}}||_{L^1(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)} \leqslant c_1 \sigma^{-1/2} e^{-c_2 \sigma^{1/2} t}$$

for some  $c_1$  depending on the initial data, and  $c_2 > 0$  depending only on the parameters of the system.

For the  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{MT}}$  and other non-symmetric models we have perturbative result in terms of Fisher information: if

$$\mathcal{I}(f_0) \leqslant c\sigma\delta_0, \tag{4}$$

then there exists a global classical solution f and there exists  $u_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$||f(t) - \mu_{\sigma, u_{\infty}}||_{L^{1}(\mathbb{T}^{n} \times \mathbb{R}^{n})} \leqslant c_{9} e^{-c_{10}t}.$$

$$(5)$$

## Main ingredients:

- uniform gain of positivity,  $f \geqslant ae^{-b|v|^2}$ , where a,b are time-independent for  $t > t_0$ .
- estimate on the spectral gap of  $[\cdot]_{\rho}$ :  $\varepsilon \sim (\inf \rho)^3$ . This is where we use  $\phi = \psi * \psi$ .
- hypocoercivity and Bakry-Emery-type method.

# Hypocoercivity via Villani's $(A^*A + B)$ -formulation

Assuming  $\bar{u} = 0$  by Galilean invariance and  $\sigma = 1$ , consider  $h = f/\mu$ :

$$\partial_t h = -\rho_\phi A^* A h - B h + A^* ((u\rho)_\phi h),$$

where

$$A = \nabla_{v}, \quad A^* = v - \nabla_{v}, \quad B = v \cdot \nabla_{x}.$$

We have the entropy

$$\mathcal{H} = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n} h \log h \, \mathrm{d}\mu,$$

which obeys two forms of entropy law:

• non-dissipative

$$\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}t}\mathcal{H} = -\mathcal{I}_{vv}(h) + (u, [u]_{\rho})_{\rho\rho_{\phi}},$$

where

$$\mathcal{I}_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathcal{W}}(h) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n imes \mathbb{R}^n} rac{|
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#### Lemma (Spectral gap estimate for $\mathcal{M}_{CS}$ )

We have

$$(u,u)_{\rho\rho_{\phi}}-(u,[u]_{\rho})_{\rho\rho_{\phi}}\gtrsim (\inf\rho)^3(u,u)_{\rho\rho_{\phi}}.$$

So, if we control inf  $\rho$  uniformly from below for  $t > t_0$ , then

$$\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}t}\mathcal{H}\lesssim -\mathcal{I}_{vv}(h)-(u,u)_{\rho\rho_{\phi}}.$$

# Bakry-Emery method a la Villani

Next: use the full Fischer information

$$\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_{vv} + \varepsilon \mathcal{I}_{xv} + \mathcal{I}_{xx} \gtrsim \mathcal{H} \quad \text{(log-Sobolev inequality)},$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\scriptscriptstyle{\mathsf{XV}}}(h) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n imes \mathbb{R}^n} rac{
abla_{\scriptscriptstyle{\mathsf{X}}} h \cdot 
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Then one computes

$$rac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}t}\mathcal{I}\leqslant c_1\mathcal{I}_\mathsf{vv}-c_2\mathcal{I}_\mathsf{xx}+c_3(u,u)_{
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# Bakry-Emery method a la Villani

Next: use the full Fischer information

$$\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_{vv} + \varepsilon \mathcal{I}_{xv} + \mathcal{I}_{xx} \gtrsim \mathcal{H}$$
 (log-Sobolev inequality),

$$\mathcal{I}_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{XV}}(h) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n imes \mathbb{R}^n} rac{
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abla_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{X}} h|^2}{h} \, \mathrm{d} \mu.$$

Then one computes

$$\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}t}\mathcal{I}\leqslant c_1\mathcal{I}_{\mathsf{vv}}-c_2\mathcal{I}_{\mathsf{xx}}+c_3(u,u)_{\rho\rho_\phi}.$$

So,

$$\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}t}\left[c_4\mathcal{H}+\mathcal{I}\right]\leqslant -c_5\left[c_4\mathcal{H}+\mathcal{I}\right].$$

In particular, by the Csiszár-Kullback inequality

$$||f - \mu||_1^2 \leqslant \mathcal{H} \leqslant ce^{-ct}$$
.

### Gain of positivity

Kolmogorov, Carleman (1930's); Pulvirenti, Wennberg (1997); Villani, Desvillettes (2000); Imbert, Mohout, Silvestre (2020); Henderson, Snelson, Tarfulea (2020), F. Anceschi, Y. Zhu (2021): Boltzmann, Landau, Fokker-Planck;

#### Theorem

There exist time-independent constants a, b > 0 which depend only on the initial entropy  $\mathcal{H}_0$  such that

$$f(t,x,v) \geqslant be^{-a|v|^2}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{T}^n, \ v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ t > 1.$$
 (6)

Consequently,

inf 
$$\rho \geqslant c(a, b)$$
.

Hence, the spectral gap is uniform in time and the hypocoercivity estimates apply.

initial plateau and domain of ellipticity; Harnack chains based on recent J.
 Guerand, C. Imbert (2022) weak Harnack inequality for supersolutions.

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- The gain of positivity argument relies on comparison principle on parabolic domains, known only for classical solutions or weak solutions in regularity classes with well-defined traces.

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• Karper, Mellet, Trivisa (2013): weak solutions to FPA with constant thermolization + local alignment + forces in finite energy space

$$f \in L^{\infty} \cap L^{1}(1+|x|^{2}+|v|^{2}),$$

and satisfying entropy inequality.

#### LWP for thick data

We say that the environmental averaging model  $\mathcal{M}=\{(s_{\rho},\phi_{\rho})\}_{\rho\in\mathcal{P}}$  is regular if  $s_{\rho},\phi_{\rho}$  are smooth for "thick" flocks

$$\theta(x) = \int_{B_{r_0}(x)} \rho(y) \, \mathrm{d}y > 0.$$

#### Theorem (2024)

Suppose that the model  $\mathcal{M}$  is regular. Let  $f_0 \in H_q^m(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $m, q \geqslant n+3$ , be an initial condition such that

$$\theta_0 > 0$$
.

Then there exists a unique local solution to

$$\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \mathrm{s}_\rho \Delta_v f + \nabla_v \cdot (\mathrm{s}_\rho (v - [u]_\rho) f). \tag{7}$$

on a time interval [0, T), where T > 0 depends only on the initial energy  $\mathcal{E}_0$  and thickness  $\theta_0$ , in the regularity class

$$f \in C_w([0,T); H_q^m), \quad \nabla_v f \in L^2([0,T]; H_q^m).$$
 (8)

#### GWP for thick data

### Theorem (2024)

Suppose that the model  ${\cal M}$  is regular. If, in addition,

$$s_{\rho}[u]_{\rho}: L^{2}(\rho) \to L^{\infty}(\rho),$$

then the FPA is globally well-posed for thick data in  $H_q^m(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Consequently,  $\mathcal{M}_{CS}$ , and all  $\mathcal{M}_{\beta}$ -models with  $\beta \geqslant \frac{1}{2}$ , are globally well-posed.

#### Existence of weak solutions

### Theorem (2025)

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a regular model.

• Existence: For any initial condition  $f_0 \in L^{\infty} \cap L^1(1+|v|^2)$  there exists a global weak solution to FPA in the same class and

$$s_{\rho} \frac{|\nabla_{\nu} f|^2}{f} \in L^1([0,T) \times \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n). \tag{9}$$

- Uniqueness: holds for thick data with higher momentum  $f \in L^2(1+|v|^q)$ .
- Entropy Equality: Any weak solution in the above class satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{H} = -\int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n} s_{\rho} \frac{|\nabla_{v} f + v f|^2}{f} dv dx + ([u]_{\rho}, u)_{\rho s_{\rho}}.$$

• Renormalization: every weak solution satisfies

$$\begin{split} \partial_t G(f) + v \cdot \nabla_x G(f) &= \mathrm{s}_\rho \nabla_v \cdot \left( \nabla_v G(f) + v f G'(f) \right) \\ &- \mathrm{s}_\rho \nabla_v f \cdot \left( \nabla_v f + v f \right) G''(f) - \mathrm{s}_\rho \left[ u \right]_\rho \cdot \nabla_v G(f) \end{split}$$

in the weak sense for any G such that  $\sup |xG''(x)| < \infty$ .

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- To circumvent degeneracy we consider the equation for thickness-based renormalization

$$\begin{split} \partial_{t} \left[ \frac{(\theta f)_{\varepsilon_{1}}}{\theta + \varepsilon_{2}} \right] + \frac{(\theta v \cdot \nabla_{x} f)_{\varepsilon_{1}}}{\theta + \varepsilon_{2}} &= \frac{(\theta s_{\rho} \Delta_{v} f)_{\varepsilon_{1}}}{\theta + \varepsilon_{2}} + \frac{\nabla_{v} \cdot (\theta s_{\rho} v f)_{\varepsilon_{1}}}{\theta + \varepsilon_{2}} \\ &- \frac{\nabla_{v} \cdot (\theta s_{\rho} [u]_{\rho} f)_{\varepsilon_{1}}}{\theta + \varepsilon_{2}} + \frac{(f \partial_{t} \theta)_{\varepsilon_{1}}}{\theta + \varepsilon_{2}} - \frac{(\theta f)_{\varepsilon_{1}} \partial_{t} \theta}{[\theta + \varepsilon_{2}]^{2}}. \end{split}$$

and test the equation with  $\varphi G'\left(\frac{(\theta f)_{\varepsilon_1}}{\theta + \varepsilon_2}\right)$ . The analysis relies on commutator estimates for the resulting flux terms in the limit  $\varepsilon_1 \to 0$  then  $\varepsilon_2 \to 0$ .

# **Global Hypoellipticity**

#### **Theorem (2025)**

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a regular model with

$$s_{\rho}[u]_{\rho}: L^{2}(\rho) \to L^{\infty}(\rho).$$

Then any weak solution f to FPA gains instant regularization on (0, T) with

$$||f||_{H_2^m} \leqslant \frac{C_{\varepsilon,\tau,m}}{t^{\kappa}}, \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (10)

If, in addition,  $f_0 \in L_q^2$ ,  $q \geqslant 2$ , then

$$||f||_{H_q^m} \leqslant \frac{C_{\varepsilon,T,m}}{t^{\kappa}}, \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (11)

### Full description of dynamics for the Cucker-Smale based FPA

Consider FPA based on Cucker-Smale protocol

$$f_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f = \sigma \rho_{\phi} \Delta_{\mathbf{v}} f + \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} ((\rho_{\phi} \mathbf{v} - (u\rho)_{\phi}) f).$$

#### Theorem (2025)

Suppose  $\phi$  is a Bochner-positive kernel  $\phi=\psi*\psi$ . For any data  $f_0\in L^\infty\cap L^1(1+|v|^q),\ q\geqslant n+3$ , there exists a global weak solution in the same class and with finite Fisher information  $\rho_\phi\frac{|\nabla_v f|^2}{f}\in L^1_{t,x,v}$ , satisfying the entropy equality. Every such solution gains uniform Gaussian tails

$$f(t,x,v) \geqslant be^{-a|v|^2}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{T}^n, \ v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ t > 1.$$
 (12)

and regularizes into  $H_q^m$  for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  instantly. Subsequently, it relaxes to the Maxwellian exponentially fast,

$$\|f(t) - \mu_{\sigma, \bar{u}_0}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)} \leqslant c_1 \sigma^{-1/2} e^{-c_2 \sigma^{1/2} t}$$

Thanks!