

For a set  $A$  over the integers and its indicator function  $\chi_A$ , let

$$M(\chi_A, \alpha) = \sum_{1 \leq n \leq N} \chi_A(n) e(n\alpha)$$

be the exponential sum over  $A$ . Quantitative information about  $M(\chi_A, \alpha)$  is useful for understanding the additive structure of  $A$ . Balog and Ruzsa, and later Keil, investigated the moments of the exponential sum over the set of  $r$ -free integers.

We investigate the analogous question in the function field setting. Building off of their techniques, we determine the precise order of magnitude of  $k$ -th moments of exponential sums over the set of  $r$ -free polynomials in the ring of polynomials  $\mathbb{F}_q[t]$  for all  $k > 0$ . For  $k > 1 + 1/r$ , we acquire an asymptotic formula using a function field analogue of the Hardy-Littlewood circle method.