## Bag of Results

## Lemma .1.

$$q_t = \mathcal{Q}\left(w_t + \frac{X_t^T u_{t-1}}{\|X_t\|_2^2}\right).$$

*Proof.* This follows simply by completing a square. Provided  $X_t \neq 0$ , we have by the definition of  $q_t$ 

$$q_{t} = \underset{p \in \{-1,0,1\}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \|u_{t-1} + (w_{t} - p)X_{t}\|_{2}^{2} = \underset{p \in \{-1,0,1\}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} (w_{t} - p)^{2} + 2(w_{t} - p) \frac{X_{t}^{T} u_{t-1}}{\|X_{t-1}\|_{2}^{2}}$$

$$= \underset{p \in \{-1,0,1\}}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \left( (w_{t} - p) + \frac{X_{t}^{T} u_{t-1}}{\|X_{t-1}\|_{2}^{2}} \right)^{2} - \left( \frac{X_{t}^{T} u_{t-1}}{\|X_{t-1}\|_{2}^{2}} \right)^{2}.$$

Because the former term is always non-negative, it must be the case that the minimizer is  $\mathcal{Q}\left(w_t + \frac{X_t^T u_{t-1}}{\|X_t\|_2^2}\right)$ .

**Lemma .2.** Suppose  $0 < w_t < 1$ , and  $X_t$  a random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then

$$\mathbb{P}_{X_t} \left( (w_t - q_t)^2 + 2(w_t - q_t) X_t^T u_{t-1} > \alpha \middle| u_{t-1} \right) = \begin{cases} \mu_y \left( \frac{\alpha - (w_t + 1)^2}{2(w_t + 1)}, \frac{\alpha - (w_t - 1)^2}{2(w_t - 1)} \right) & \alpha < -w_t - w_t^2 \\ \mu_y \left( \frac{\alpha - w_t^2}{2w_t}, \frac{\alpha - (w_t - 1)^2}{2(w_t - 1)} \right) & -w_t - w_t^2 \le \alpha \le w_t - w_t^2 \\ 0 & \alpha > w_t - w_t^2 \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu_y$  is the probability measure over  $\mathbb{R}$  induced by the random variable  $y = X_t^T u_{t-1}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A_b$  denote the event that  $q_t = b$  for  $b \in \{-1,0,1\}$ . Then by the law of total probability

$$\mathbb{P}\left((w_t - q_t)^2 + 2(w_t - q_t)y > \alpha \middle| u_{t-1}\right) = \sum_{b \in \{-1,0,1\}} \mathbb{P}\left((w_t - b)^2 + 2(w_t - b)y > \alpha \middle| u_{t-1}, A_b\right).$$

• **b** = **0**  $q_t = 0$  precisely when  $-1/2 - w_t \le y \le 1/2 - w_t$ . So we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(w_{t}^{2} + 2w_{t}y > \alpha \middle| u_{t-1}, A_{b}\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(y > \frac{\alpha - w_{t}^{2}}{2w_{t}}\middle| u_{t-1}, -1/2 - w_{t} \leq y \leq 1/2 - w_{t}\right) \\
= \begin{cases}
\mu_{y}\left(-1/2 - w_{t}, 1/2 - w_{t}\right) & \alpha < -w_{t} - w_{t}^{2} \\
\mu_{y}\left(\frac{\alpha - w_{t}^{2}}{2w_{t}}, 1/2 - w_{t}\right) & -w_{t} - w_{t}^{2} \leq \alpha \leq w_{t} - w_{t}^{2} \\
0 & \alpha > w_{t} - w_{t}^{2}
\end{cases}$$

• **b** = 1  $q_t$  = 1 precisely when  $y > 1/2 - w_t$ . Noting that  $w_t - 1 < 0$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left((w_{t}-1)^{2}+2(w_{t}-1)y>\alpha \left| u_{t-1}, A_{1}\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(y<\frac{\alpha-(w_{t}-1)^{2}}{2(w_{t}-1)} \left| u_{t-1}, y>1/2-w_{t}\right)\right) \\
= \begin{cases}
\mu_{y}\left(1/2-w_{t}, \frac{\alpha-(w_{t}-1)^{2}}{2(w_{t}-1)}\right) & \alpha \leq w_{t}-w_{t}^{2} \\
0 & \alpha>w_{t}-w_{t}^{2}
\end{cases}.$$

• **b = -1**  $q_t = -1$  precisely when  $y < -1/2 - w_t$ . So we have

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{P}\Big((w_t+1)^2 + 2(w_t-1)y > \alpha \Big| u_{t-1}, A_1\Big) = \mathbb{P}\Big(y > \frac{\alpha - (w_t+1)^2}{2(w_t+1)} \Big| u_{t-1}, y < -1/2 - w_t\Big) \\ & = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mu_y \Big(\frac{\alpha - (w_t+1)^2}{2(w_t+1)}, -1/2 - w_t\Big) & \alpha \leq -w_t - w_t^2 \\ 0 & \alpha > -w_t - w_t^2 \end{array} \right. . \end{split}$$

Summing these three functions yields the result.

**Corollary .3.** When  $-1 < w_t < 0$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{X_t}\left((w_t - q_t)^2 + 2(w_t - q_t)X_t^T u_{t-1} > \alpha \left| u_{t-1} \right) = \begin{cases} \mu_y\left(\frac{\alpha - (w_t + 1)^2}{2(w_t + 1)}, \frac{\alpha - (w_t - 1)^2}{2(w_t + 1)}\right) & \alpha < w_t - w_t^2 \\ \mu_y\left(\frac{\alpha - (w_t + 1)^2}{2(w_t + 1)}, \frac{\alpha - w_t^2}{2w_t}\right) & w_t - w_t^2 \le \alpha \le -w_t - w_t^2 \\ 0 & \alpha > w_t - w_t^2 \end{cases}$$

**Lemma .4.** Let  $X_t \sim \text{Unif}(S^{d-1})$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[q_t X_t | u_{t-1}] = \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{(d-1) \cdot \operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} \left( \left( 1 - \min \left\{ \left( \frac{1/2 - w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|} \right)^2, 1 \right\} \right)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} + \left( 1 - \min \left\{ \left( \frac{1/2 + w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|} \right)^2, 1 \right\} \right)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \right) \frac{u_{t-1}}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2},$$

where  $\mu_{y}$  is the probability measure over  $\mathbb{R}$  induced by the random variable  $y = X_{t}^{T} u_{t-1}$ .

*Proof.* By unitary invariance of the  $X_t$ , we may assume that  $u_{t-1} = ||u_{t-1}||_2 e_1$ . Under this assumption, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[q_t X_t | u_{t-1}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{Q}(w_t + || u_{t-1} ||_2 X_{t,1}) X_t | u_{t-1}].$$

Breaking this apart into the events  $A_{-1} := \{X_{t,1} \le \frac{-1/2 - w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\}$  and  $A_1 := \{X_{t,1} \ge \frac{1/2 - w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\}$ , we note that these regions on  $S^{d-1}$  are symmetric about the  $u_{t-1} = e_1$  axis. So,

$$\mathbb{E}[q_t X_t | u_{t-1}] = \mathbb{E}[X_t | u_{t-1}, A_1] - \mathbb{E}[X_t | u_{t-1}, A_{-1}].$$

Using the hyperspherical coordinates

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_{d-1} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\varphi_1) \\ \sin(\varphi_1)\cos(\varphi_2) \\ \sin(\varphi_1)\sin(\varphi_2)\cos(\varphi_3) \\ \vdots \\ \sin(\varphi_1)\dots\sin(\varphi_{d-2})\cos(\varphi_{d-1}) \\ \sin(\varphi_1)\dots\sin(\varphi_{d-2})\sin(\varphi_{d-1}) \end{bmatrix}, \tag{1}$$

we have  $\mathbb{E}[X_{t,1}|u_{t-1},A_1]=0$  if  $\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2}>1$ . Otherwise,

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}[X_{t,1}|u_{t-1},A_1] &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} \int_0^{\arccos(\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2})} \cos(\varphi_1) dA \\ &= \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} \int_0^{\arccos(\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2})} \cos(\varphi_1) \sin^{d-2}(\varphi_1) d\varphi_1 = \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{(d-1)\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{d-1}{2}}. \end{split}$$

Similarly,  $\mathbb{E}[X_{t,1}|u_{t-1},A_1] = 0$  if  $\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2} \le -1$ . Otherwise,

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{t,1}|u_{t-1},A_1] = \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{(d-1)\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1/2 + w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{d-1}{2}}.$$

**Lemma .5.** Let  $d \ge 2$ . Then

$$\sqrt{\frac{d}{4e^3}} \le \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} \le \frac{e}{\pi} \sqrt{d}$$

*Proof.* Recall that the Stirling bounds on the Gamma function give

$$\sqrt{2\pi} n^{n+1/2} e^{-n} \le \Gamma(n) \le e n^{n+1/2} e^{-n}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using these bounds along with the fact that  $Area(S^{d-1}) = \frac{d\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2}+1)}$ , we have for the lower bound [\*\*EL Note: Of course, it can never be the case that both  $\frac{d}{2}$  and  $\frac{d-1}{2}$  are both integers. This seems like a small, annoying detail though.]

$$\frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} = \frac{d-1}{d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}+1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d-1}{2}+1\right)} \ge \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{e\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\left(\frac{d+2}{2}\right)^{\frac{d+3}{2}} e^{-\frac{d+2}{2}}}{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{d+2}{2}} e^{\frac{-d+1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2e^3}} \frac{\left(\frac{d+2}{2}\right)^{\frac{d+3}{2}}}{\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{d+2}{2}}} \\
= \sqrt{\frac{d+2}{4e^3}} \left(\frac{d+2}{d+1}\right)^{\frac{d+2}{2}} \ge \sqrt{\frac{d}{4e^3}}.$$

Now, for the upper bound,

$$\frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} = \frac{d-1}{d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}+1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d-1}{2}+1\right)} \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{e^{\left(\frac{d+2}{2}\right)^{\frac{d+3}{2}}} e^{-\frac{d+2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi} \left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{d+2}{2}} e^{-\frac{d+1}{2}}} = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{d+2}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{d+2}{d+1}\right)^{\frac{d+2}{2}} \\
\le \frac{\sqrt{e}}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{d} \left(1 + \frac{1}{d+1}\right)^{\frac{d+1}{2}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{d+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \le \frac{e}{\pi} \sqrt{d}.$$

**Lemma .6.** For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $C_{\varepsilon} = \frac{(4+\varepsilon)e^{21/8}}{2}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|u_t\|_2^2 - \|u_{t-1}\|_2^2 \middle| \|u_{t-1}\|_2^2 > C^2(d-1)\right] \le -\varepsilon.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For any fixed  $u_{t-1}$  with  $||u_{t-1}||_2 > C_{\varepsilon} \sqrt{d-1}$ , we have by Lemma .4 and Lemma .5

$$\begin{split} &\mathbb{E}\left[\|u_{t}\|_{2}^{2}-\|u_{t-1}\|_{2}^{2}\Big|u_{t-1}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[(w_{t}-q_{t})^{2}+2(w_{t}-q_{t})X_{t}^{T}u_{t-1}\Big|u_{t-1}\right] \leq 4-2\mathbb{E}\left[q_{t}X_{t}^{T}u_{t-1}\Big|u_{t-1}\right] \\ &= 4-2\|u_{t-1}\|_{2}\frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{(d-1)\cdot\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})}\left(\left(1-\left(\frac{1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)^{2}\right)^{(d-1)/2}+\left(1-\left(\frac{1/2+w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)^{2}\right)^{(d-1)/2}\right) \\ &\leq 4-2C_{\varepsilon}\frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{\sqrt{d}\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})}\left(\left(1-\frac{(1/2-w_{t})^{2}}{d-1}\right)^{(d-1)/2}+\left(1-\frac{(1/2+w_{t})^{2}}{d}\right)^{(d-1)/2}\right) \\ &\leq 4-2C_{\varepsilon}\frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{\sqrt{d}\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})}\left(\exp\left(-\frac{(1/2-w_{t})^{2}}{2}\right)+\exp\left(-\frac{(1/2+w_{t})^{2}}{2}\right)\right) \\ &\leq 4-2C_{\varepsilon}\sqrt{\frac{1}{4e^{3}}}\left(\exp\left(-\frac{(1/2-w_{t})^{2}}{2}\right)+\exp\left(-\frac{(1/2+w_{t})^{2}}{2}\right)\right) \\ &\leq 4-4C_{\varepsilon}e^{-\frac{9}{8}}\sqrt{\frac{1}{4e^{3}}}=4-\frac{4C_{\varepsilon}}{2e^{21/8}}=-\varepsilon<0. \end{split}$$

**Lemma .7.** Let  $w_t$  be fixed. If  $X_t \sim \text{Unif}(S^{d-1})$ , then for any  $\lambda \in (0,1)$  and  $\beta > 2$ 

$$\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda\Delta\|u_t\|_2^2}\Big|\|u_{t-1}\|_2 \geq \beta\right] \leq \frac{e\sqrt{d}}{\beta\pi} \cdot \frac{\max\left\{e^{w_t^2}, e^{(1-w_t)^2}, e^{(1+w_t)^2}\right\}^{\lambda}}{2\lambda\min\{w_t, 1-w_t, 1+w_t\}} \Big(e^{-2\lambda(1-w_t)(1/2-w_t)} + e^{-2\lambda(w_t+1)(1/2+w_t)} + e^{2\lambda w_t(1/2-w_t)}\Big).$$

*Proof.* As we usually have done, we'll split the conditional expectation up into the three events which determine the values of q. Note that whenever  $||u_{t-1}|| \ge 2$ , each event has non-zero probability of

occurring regardless of  $w_t$  (this is why we assume  $\beta > 2$ ). By rotational invariance, we may assume that  $u_{t-1} = \|u_{t-1}\|_2 e_1$ . Using the hyperspherical coordinates as in (1), we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda\Delta\|u_{t}\|_{2}^{2}}\Big|\|u_{t-1}\|_{2} \geq \beta\right] = \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})}\left(e^{\lambda(w_{t}-1)^{2}}\int_{\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)}^{\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)}e^{2\lambda(w_{t}-1)\|u_{t-1}\|_{2}\cos(\varphi)}\sin^{d-2}(\varphi)\ d\varphi \\ + e^{\lambda w_{t}^{2}}\int_{\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|_{2}}\right)}^{\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|_{2}}\right)}e^{2\lambda w_{t}\|u_{t-1}\|\cos(\varphi)}\sin^{d-2}(\varphi)\ d\varphi \\ + e^{\lambda(w_{t}+1)^{2}}\int_{\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|_{2}}\right)}^{\arccos(-1)}e^{2\lambda(w_{t}+1)\|u_{t-1}\|_{2}\cos(\varphi)}\sin^{d-2}(\varphi)\ d\varphi\right).$$

We'll control each integral individually. Note for the first in the sum of three, we may decompose it as

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\arccos(1)}^{\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)} e^{2\lambda(w_t-1)\|u_{t-1}\|_2\cos(\varphi)} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{2\lambda(w_t-1)\|u_{t-1}\|_2\cos(\varphi)} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi + \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)} e^{2\lambda(w_t-1)\|u_{t-1}\|_2\cos(\varphi)} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi \\ &\leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi + \left| \arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right) - \arccos(0) \right| \max_{\varphi \in \left[\pi/2,\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2}\right)\right]} e^{2\lambda(w_t-1)\|u_{t-1}\|_2\cos(\varphi)} \\ &\leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi + \max_{|x| \leq \frac{1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right| \frac{1}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2} \max \left\{ e^{2\lambda(w_t-1)(1/2-w_t)}, 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})}{2\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})} + \frac{16}{7\|u_{t-1}\|_2} \max \left\{ e^{2\lambda(w_t-1)(1/2-w_t)}, 1 \right\} \leq \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})}{2\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})} + \frac{16}{7\beta} \max \left\{ e^{2\lambda(w_t-1)(1/2-w_t)}, 1 \right\}. \end{split}$$

The third integral follows a similar argument, namely

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\arccos(-1)}^{\arccos(-1)} e^{2\lambda(w_t+1)\|u_{t-1}\|_2\cos(\varphi)} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi \\ &\leq \int_{\arccos\left(\frac{-1/2-w_t}{\|u_{t-1}\|_2}\right)}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{2\lambda(w_t+1)\|u_{t-1}\|_2\cos(\varphi)} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi + \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi \\ &\leq \frac{16}{7\beta} \max \left\{ e^{2\lambda(w_t-1)(-1/2-w_t)}, 1 \right\} + \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})}{2\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}. \end{split}$$

Finally, for the second integral we use the same upper bound + mean value theorem trick as we've used twice above

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\arccos\left(\frac{-1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)}^{\arccos\left(\frac{-1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)} e^{2\lambda w_{t}\|u_{t-1}\|\cos(\varphi)} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi \\ &= \int_{\arccos\left(\frac{1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|_{2}}\right)}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{2\lambda w_{t}\|u_{t-1}\|\cos(\varphi)} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi + \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\arccos\left(\frac{-1/2-w_{t}}{\|u_{t-1}\|}\right)} e^{2\lambda w_{t}\|u_{t-1}\|\cos(\varphi)} \sin^{d-2}(\varphi) \ d\varphi \\ &\leq \frac{32}{7\beta} \max \left\{ e^{2\lambda w_{t}(1/2-w_{t})}, e^{2\lambda w_{t}(-1/2-w_{t})}, 1 \right\}. \end{split}$$

Combining these three upper bounds give

$$\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda\Delta\|u_{t}\|_{2}^{2}}\middle|\|u_{t-1}\|_{2} \geq \beta\right] \leq \max\left\{e^{w_{t}^{2}}, e^{(1+w_{t})^{2}}\right\} \frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})} \left(\frac{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-1})}{\operatorname{Area}(S^{d-2})}\right)$$

[\*\*EL Note: This new proof also seems to be very sensitive to how close  $w_t$  is to  $\pm 1$ . If you can't modify this version to get it to work, uncomment out the block below and use it instead. On second thought, this is entirely unsurprising.  $\Delta \|u_{t-1}\|_2^2 = 0$  if  $w_t = 0, \pm 1$ , so the m.g.f can't be bounded away from the origin in these cases.]

**Theorem .8.** For any  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\|u_t\|_2^2 > \alpha\right) \leq \dots$$

*Proof.* The proof essentially follows the argument in the main result of Hajek's work [?], [?], [?] using Lemma .7 to, in the notation of Hajek, secure condition D1 and the fact that  $\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda\Delta\|u_t\|_2^2}\Big|\|u_{t-1}\|_2^2\right] \leq e^{\frac{\lambda}{4}}$  in place of condition D2. For the sake of completeness, we include that argument here. Using the familiar Laplace transform trick with Chebyshev's inequality, we have for any  $\lambda > 0$ 

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\|u_t\|_2^2 \geq \alpha\right) \leq e^{-\lambda \alpha} \mathbb{E}\left[e^{\|u_t\|_2^2}\right] \leq e^{-\lambda \alpha} \mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda \|u_{t-1}\|_2^2} e^{\lambda \Delta \|u_t\|_2^2}\right] = e^{-\lambda \alpha} \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda \|u_{t-1}\|_2^2} e^{\lambda \Delta \|u_t\|_2^2}\right] \mathscr{F}_{t-1}\right]\right].$$

We can now slip this conditional expectation of the moment generating function of the increments into two pieces based on the norm of the previous residual as

$$\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda\|u_{t-1}\|_2^2}e^{\lambda\Delta\|u_t\|_2^2}\Big|\mathscr{F}_{t-1}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda\|u_{t-1}\|_2^2}e^{\lambda\Delta\|u_t\|_2^2}\Big|\mathscr{F}_{t-1}, \|u_{t-1}\|_2 \geq \beta\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda\|u_{t-1}\|_2^2}e^{\lambda\Delta\|u_t\|_2^2}\Big|\mathscr{F}_{t-1}, \|u_{t-1}\|_2 < \beta\right]$$

Specifically, we note by Lemma .7 when [\*\*EL Note:  $\beta \gtrsim \sqrt{d}$ ] we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda\Delta\|u_t\|_2^2}\Big|\mathscr{F}_{t-1}, \|u_{t-1}\|_2^2 \ge \beta\right] = [\text{**EL Note:} \quad some \ quantity...] := \rho < 1. \tag{2}$$

Moreover, by Lemma .2 and Corollary .3

$$\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda \|u_{t-1}\|_{2}^{2}}e^{\lambda \Delta \|u_{t}\|_{2}^{2}}\middle|\mathscr{F}_{t-1}, \|u_{t-1}\|_{2}^{2} < \beta\right] \le e^{\frac{\lambda}{4}}e^{\lambda\beta}.$$
(3)

Combining (2), (3) then gives

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\|u_t\|_2^2 \ge \alpha\right) \le e^{-\lambda \alpha} \left(\rho \mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda \|u_{t-1}\|_2^2}\right] + e^{\frac{\lambda}{4}}\right).$$

Proceeding inductively thus yields

$$\mathbb{P}(\|u_t\|_2^2 \ge \alpha) \le \rho^t e^{\lambda(\|u_0\|_2^2 - \alpha)} + \frac{1 - \rho^t}{1 - \rho} e^{\lambda(\beta + \frac{1}{4} - \alpha)}.$$

[\*\*EL Note: Go through and choose  $\beta$ ,  $\lambda$  appropriately.]