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# Fast Two-Timescale Stochastic EM Algorithms

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## Abstract

1 The Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm is a popular choice for learning  
2 latent variable models. Variants of the EM have been initially introduced by [28],  
3 using incremental updates to scale to large datasets, and by [33, 12], using Monte  
4 Carlo (MC) approximations to bypass the intractable conditional expectation of  
5 the latent data for most nonconvex models. In this paper, we propose a general  
6 class of methods called Two-Timescale EM Methods based on a two-stage ap-  
7 proach of stochastic updates to tackle an essential nonconvex optimization task  
8 for latent variable models. We motivate the choice of a double dynamic by invoking  
9 the variance reduction virtue of each stage of the method on both sources of  
10 noise: the index sampling for the incremental update and the MC approximation.  
11 We establish finite-time and global convergence bounds for nonconvex objective  
12 functions. Numerical applications are also presented to illustrate our findings.

## 1 Introduction

14 Learning latent variable models is critical for modern machine learning problems, see (e.g.,) [26]  
15 for references. We formulate the training of such model as an empirical risk minimization problem:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \bar{L}(\theta) := L(\theta) + r(\theta) \quad \text{with} \quad L(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L_i(\theta) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \{ -\log g(y_i; \theta) \}, \quad (1)$$

16 where  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are observations,  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is the parameters set and  $r : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a smooth regular-  
17 izer. The objective function  $\bar{L}(\theta)$  is possibly *nonconvex* and is assumed to be lower bounded. In the  
18 latent variable model, the likelihood  $g(y_i; \theta)$ , is the marginal of the complete data likelihood defined  
19 as  $f(z_i, y_i; \theta)$ , i.e.,  $g(y_i; \theta) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} f(z_i, y_i; \theta) \mu(dz_i)$ , where  $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are the latent variables. In this  
20 paper, we assume that the complete model belongs to the curved exponential family [14]:

$$f(z_i, y_i; \theta) = h(z_i, y_i) \exp \left( \langle S(z_i, y_i) | \phi(\theta) \rangle - \psi(\theta) \right), \quad (2)$$

21 where  $\psi(\theta)$ ,  $h(z_i, y_i)$  are scalar functions,  $\phi(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is a vector function, and  $\{S(z_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^k\}_{i=1}^n$   
22 is the vector of sufficient statistics. Batch EM [13, 34], the method of reference for (1), is comprised  
23 of two steps. The E-step computes the conditional expectation of the sufficient statistics of (2):

$$\text{E-step: } \bar{s}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{s}_i(\theta) \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{s}_i(\theta) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} S(z_i, y_i) p(z_i | y_i; \theta) \mu(dz_i), \quad (3)$$

24 and the M-step is given by

$$\text{M-step: } \hat{\theta} = \bar{\theta}(\bar{s}(\theta)) := \arg \min_{\vartheta \in \Theta} \{ r(\vartheta) + \psi(\vartheta) - \langle \bar{s}(\theta) | \phi(\vartheta) \rangle \}. \quad (4)$$

25 Two caveats of this method are the following: (a) with the explosion of data, the first step of the EM  
26 is computationally inefficient as it requires, at each iteration, a full pass over the dataset; and (b) the  
27 complexity of modern models makes the expectation in (3) intractable. So far, and to the best of our  
28 knowledge, both challenges have been addressed separately, as detailed in the sequel.

**Prior Work:** Inspired by stochastic optimization procedures, [28] and [8] develop respectively an incremental and an online variant of the E-step in models where the expectation is computable, and were then extensively used and studied in [30, 23, 7]. Some improvements of those methods have been provided and analyzed, globally and in finite-time, in [20] where variance reduction techniques taken from the optimization literature have been efficiently applied to scale the EM algorithm to large datasets. Regarding the computation of the expectation under the posterior distribution, the Monte Carlo EM (MCEM) has been introduced in the seminal paper [33] where an MC approximation for this expectation is computed. A variant of that algorithm is the Stochastic Approximation of the EM (SAEM) in [12] leveraging the power of Robbins-Monro update [32] to ensure pointwise convergence of the vector of estimated parameters using a decreasing stepsize rather than increasing the number of MC samples. The MCEM and the SAEM have been successfully applied in mixed effects models [25, 16, 4] or to do inference for joint modeling of time to event data coming from clinical trials in [10], unsupervised clustering in [29], variational inference of graphical models in [5] among other applications. Recently, an incremental variant of the SAEM was proposed in [22] showing positive empirical results but its analysis is limited to asymptotic consideration.

**Contributions:** This paper *introduces* and *analyzes* a new class of methods which purpose is to update two proxies for the target expected quantities in a two-timescale manner. Those approximated quantities are then used to optimize the objective function (1) for modern examples and settings using the M-step of the EM algorithm. The main contributions of the paper are:

- We propose a two-timescale method based on (i) Stochastic Approximation (SA), to alleviate the problem of computing MC approximations, and on (ii) Incremental updates, to scale to large datasets. We describe in details the edges of each level of our method based on variance reduction arguments. Such class of algorithms has two advantages. First, it naturally leverages variance reduction and Robbins-Monro type of updates to tackle large-scale and highly nonlinear learning tasks. Then, it gives a simple formulation as a *scaled-gradient method* which makes the global analysis and the implementation accessible.
- We also establish global (independent of the initialization) and finite-time (true at each iteration) upper bounds on a classical sub-optimality condition in the nonconvex literature [18, 15], *i.e.*, the second order moment of the gradient of the objective function. We discuss the double dynamic of those bounds due to the two-timescale property of our algorithm update and we theoretically stress the advantages of introducing variance reduction in a *Stochastic Approximation* [32] scheme.

In Section 2 we formalize both incremental and Monte Carlo variants of the EM. Then, we introduce our two-timescale class of EM algorithms for which we derive several global statistical guarantees in Section 3 for possibly *nonconvex* functions. Section 4 is devoted to numerical illustrations. The supplementary material of this paper includes proofs of our theoretical results.

## 2 Two-Timescale Stochastic EM Algorithms

We recall and formalize in this section the different methods found in the literature that aim at solving the intractable expectation and the large-scale problem. We then provide the general framework of our method that efficiently tackles the optimization problem (1).

### 2.1 Monte Carlo Integration and Stochastic Approximation

As mentioned in the Introduction, for complex and possibly nonconvex models, the expectation under the posterior distribution defined in (3) is not tractable. In that case, the first solution involves computing a Monte Carlo integration of that latter. For all  $i \in [n]$ , where  $[n] := \{1, \dots, n\}$ , draw  $\{z_{i,m} \sim p(z_i | y_i; \theta)\}_{m=1}^M$  samples and compute the MC integration  $\bar{s}$  of  $\bar{s}(\theta)$  defined by (3):

$$\text{MC-step : } \bar{s} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M S(z_{i,m}, y_i). \quad (5)$$

Then update the parameter  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{\theta}(\bar{s})$ . This algorithm bypasses the intractable expectation issue but is rather computationally expensive in order to reach point wise convergence ( $M$  needs to be large). An alternative to that stochastic algorithm is to use a Robbins-Monro (RM) type of update. We

denote, at iteration  $k$ , the number of samples  $M_k$  and the following MC approximation  $\tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$ :

$$\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{M_k} \sum_{m=1}^{M_k} S(z_{i,m}^{(k)}, y_i) \quad \text{where } z_{i,m}^{(k)} \sim p(z_i | y_i; \theta^{(k)}). \quad (6)$$

Then, the RM update of the sufficient statistics  $\hat{s}^{(k+1)}$  reads:

$$\text{SA-step : } \hat{s}^{(k+1)} = \hat{s}^{(k)} + \gamma_{k+1} (\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)}), \quad (7)$$

where  $\{\gamma_k\}_{k \geq 1} \in (0, 1)$  is a sequence of decreasing stepsizes to ensure asymptotic convergence. This is called the Stochastic Approximation of the EM (SAEM) and has been shown to converge to a maximum likelihood of the observations under very general conditions [12]. In simple scenarios, the samples  $\{z_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^M$  are conditionally independent and identically distributed with distribution  $p(z_i, \theta)$ . Nevertheless, in most cases, since the loss function between the observed data  $y_i$  and the latent variable  $z_i$  can be nonconvex, sampling exactly from this distribution is not an option and the MC batch is sampled by Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm [27, 6]. It has been proved in [21] that (7) converges almost surely when coupled with an MCMC sampling procedure.

**Role of the stepsize  $\gamma_k$ :** The sequence of decreasing positive integers  $\{\gamma_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  controls the convergence of the algorithm. It is inefficient to start with small values for the stepsize  $\gamma_k$  and large values for the number of simulations  $M_k$ . Rather, it is recommended that one decreases  $\gamma_k$ , as in  $\gamma_k = 1/k^\alpha$ , with  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , and keeps a constant and small number  $M_k$  bypassing the computationally involved sampling step in (5). In practice,  $\gamma_k$  is set equal to 1 during the first few iterations to let the iterates explore the parameter space without memory and converge quickly to a neighborhood of the target estimate. The Stochastic Approximation is performed during the remaining iterations ensuring the almost sure convergence of the vector of estimates.

This Robbins-Monro type of update constitutes the *first level* of our algorithm, needed to temper the variance and noise introduced by the Monte Carlo integration. In the next section, we derive variants of this algorithm to adapt to the sheer size of data of today's applications and formalize the *second level* of our class of two-timescale EM methods.

## 2.2 Incremental and Two-Stage Stochastic EM Methods

Efficient strategies to scale to large datasets include incremental [28] and variance reduced [11, 19] methods. We will explicit a general update that covers those latter variants and that represents the *second level* of our algorithm, i.e., the incremental update of the noisy statistics  $\tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$  in (7):

$$\text{Incremental-step : } \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} = \tilde{S}^{(k)} + \rho_{k+1} (\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}). \quad (8)$$

Note that  $\{\rho_k\}_{k \geq 1} \in (0, 1)$  is a sequence of stepsizes,  $\mathcal{S}^{(k)}$  is a proxy for  $\tilde{S}^{(k)}$ . If the stepsize is equal to one and the proxy  $\mathcal{S}^{(k)} = \tilde{S}^{(k)}$ , i.e., computed in a full batch manner as in (6), then we recover the SAEM algorithm. Also if  $\rho_k = 1$ ,  $\gamma_k = 1$  and  $\mathcal{S}^{(k)} = \tilde{S}^{(k)}$ , then we recover the MCEM [33]. For all methods, we define a random index drawn at iteration  $k$ , noted  $i_k \in [n]$ , and  $\tau_i^k = \max\{k' : i_{k'} = i, k' < k\}$  as the iteration index where  $i \in [n]$  is last drawn prior to iteration  $k$ . The proposed fitTEM method draws two indices *independently* and uniformly as  $i_k, j_k \in [n]$ . Thus, we define  $t_j^k = \{k' : j_{k'} = j, k' < k\}$  to be the iteration index where the sample  $j \in [n]$  is last drawn as  $j_k$  prior to iteration  $k$  in addition to  $\tau_i^k$  which was defined w.r.t.  $i_k$ . Recall  $\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{M_k} \sum_{m=1}^{M_k} S(z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}, y_{i_k})$

**Table 1** Proxies for the Incremental-step (8)

1: iSAEM	$\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} = \mathcal{S}^{(k)} + n^{-1} (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)})$
2: vrTTEM	$\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} = \tilde{S}^{(\ell(k))} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\ell(k))})$
3: fitTEM	$\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} = \overline{\mathcal{S}}^{(k)} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)})$
	$\overline{\mathcal{S}}^{(k+1)} = \overline{\mathcal{S}}^{(k)} + n^{-1} (\tilde{S}_{j_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{j_k}^{(t_{j_k}^k)})$

where  $z_{i_k,m}^{(k)}$  are samples drawn from  $p(z_{i_k} | y_{i_k}; \theta^{(k)})$ . The stepsize in (8) is set to  $\rho_{k+1} = 1$  for the iSAEM method and we initialize with  $\mathcal{S}^{(0)} = \tilde{S}^{(0)}$ ;  $\rho_{k+1} = \rho$  is constant for the vrTTEM and fitTEM methods. Note that we initialize as follows  $\overline{\mathcal{S}}^{(0)} = \tilde{S}^{(0)}$  for the fitTEM which can be seen as a slightly modified version of SAGA inspired by [31]. For vrTTEM we set an epoch size of  $m$  and we define  $\ell(k) := m \lfloor k/m \rfloor$  as the first iteration number in the epoch that iteration  $k$  is in.

122 **Two-Timescale Stochastic EM methods:** We now introduce the general method derived using the  
 123 two variance reduction techniques described above. Algorithm 1 leverages both levels (7) and (8) in  
 124 order to output a vector of fitted parameters  $\hat{\theta}^{(K_m)}$  where  $K_m$  is the total number of iterations.

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**Algorithm 1** Two-Timescale Stochastic EM methods.

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- 1: **Input:**  $\hat{\theta}^{(0)} \leftarrow 0, \hat{s}^{(0)} \leftarrow \tilde{S}^{(0)}, \{\gamma_k\}_{k>0}, \{\rho_k\}_{k>0}$  and  $K_m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .
- 2: **for**  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, K_m - 1$  **do**
- 3:   Draw index  $i_k \in [n]$  uniformly (and  $j_k \in [n]$  for fitTEM).
- 4:   Compute  $\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)}$  using the MC-step (5), for the drawn indices.
- 5:   Compute the surrogate sufficient statistics  $\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)}$  using Lines 1, 2 or 3 in Table 1.
- 6:   Compute  $\tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$  and  $\hat{s}^{(k+1)}$  using respectively (8) and (7):

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} &= \tilde{S}^{(k)} + \rho_{k+1}(\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}) \\ \hat{s}^{(k+1)} &= \hat{s}^{(k)} + \gamma_{k+1}(\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)})\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

- 7:   Compute  $\hat{\theta}^{(k+1)} = \bar{\theta}(\hat{s}^{(k+1)})$  via the M-step.
  - 8: **end for**
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125 The update in (9) is said to have a two-timescale property as the stepsizes satisfy  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_k / \rho_k < 1$   
 126 such that  $\tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$  is updated at a faster time-scale, determined by  $\rho_{k+1}$ , than  $\hat{s}^{(k+1)}$ , determined by  
 127  $\gamma_{k+1}$ . The next section introduces the main results of this paper and establishes global and finite-  
 128 time bounds for the three different updates of our scheme.

### 129 3 Finite Time Analysis of the Two-Timescale Scheme

130 Following [8], it can be shown that stationary points of the objective function (1) corresponds to the  
 131 stationary points of the following *nonconvex* Lyapunov function:

$$\min_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S}} V(\mathbf{s}) := \bar{L}(\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s})) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}_i(\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s})) + r(\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s})), \tag{10}$$

132 that we propose to study in this article.

#### 133 3.1 Assumptions and Intermediate Lemmas

134 Several important assumptions required to derive convergence guarantees read as follows:

135 **A1.** *The sets  $\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{S}$  are compact. There exist constants  $C_S, C_Z$  such that:*

$$C_S := \max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}' \in \mathcal{S}} \|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}'\| < \infty, \quad C_Z := \max_{i \in [n]} \int_{\mathcal{Z}} |S(z, y_i)| \mu(dz) < \infty. \tag{11}$$

136 **A2.** *For any  $i \in [n], z \in \mathcal{Z}, \theta, \theta' \in \text{int}(\Theta)^2$ , we have  $|p(z|y_i; \theta) - p(z|y_i; \theta')| \leq L_p \|\theta - \theta'\|$   
 137 where  $\text{int}(\Theta)$  denotes the interior of  $\Theta$ .*

138 We also recall that we consider curved exponential family models assuming the following:

139 **A3.** *For any  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S}$ , the function  $\theta \mapsto L(\mathbf{s}, \theta) := r(\theta) + \psi(\theta) - \langle \mathbf{s} | \phi(\theta) \rangle$  admits a unique global  
 140 minimum  $\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s}) \in \text{int}(\Theta)$ . In addition,  $J_{\phi}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s}))$  is full rank,  $L_p$ -Lipschitz and  $\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s})$  is  $L_t$ -Lipschitz.*

141 We denote by  $H_L^{\theta}(\mathbf{s}, \theta)$  the Hessian (w.r.t to  $\theta$  for a given value of  $\mathbf{s}$ ) of the function  $\theta \mapsto L(\mathbf{s}, \theta) =$   
 142  $r(\theta) + \psi(\theta) - \langle \mathbf{s} | \phi(\theta) \rangle$ , and define  $B(\mathbf{s}) := J_{\phi}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s})) \left( H_L^{\theta}(\mathbf{s}, \bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s})) \right)^{-1} J_{\phi}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(\mathbf{s}))^{\top}$ .

143 **A4.** *It holds that  $v_{\max} := \sup_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S}} \|B(\mathbf{s})\| < \infty$  and  $0 < v_{\min} := \inf_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_{\min}(B(\mathbf{s}))$ . There exists  
 144 a constant  $L_b$  such that for all  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}' \in \mathcal{S}^2$ , we have  $\|B(\mathbf{s}) - B(\mathbf{s}')\| \leq L_b \|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}'\|$ .*

145 The class of algorithms we develop in this paper is composed of two levels where the second stage  
 146 corresponds to the variance reduction trick used in [20] in order to accelerate incremental methods  
 147 and reduce the variance introduced by the index sampling. The first stage is the Robbins-Monro  
 148 update that aims at reducing the Monte Carlo noise of  $\tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$  at iteration  $k$  denoted as follows:

$$\eta_i^{(k)} := \tilde{S}_i^{(k)} - \bar{s}_i(\vartheta^{(k)}) \quad \text{for all } i \in [n] \quad \text{and } k > 0. \tag{12}$$

For instance, we consider that the MC approximation is unbiased if for all  $i \in [n]$  and  $m \in [M]$ , the samples  $z_{i,m} \sim p(z_i|y_i; \theta)$  are i.i.d. under the posterior distribution, i.e.,  $\mathbb{E}[\eta_i^{(k)}|\mathcal{F}_k] = 0$  where  $\mathcal{F}_k$  is the filtration up to iteration  $k$ . The following results are derived under the assumption that the fluctuations implied by the approximation are bounded:

**A5.** For all  $k > 0$ ,  $i \in [n]$ , it holds:  $\mathbb{E}[\|\eta_i^{(k)}\|^2] \leq \infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbb{E}[\eta_i^{(k)}|\mathcal{F}_k]\|^2] \leq \infty$ .

Note that typically, the controls exhibited above are vanishing when the number of MC samples  $M_k$  increases with  $k$ . We now state two important results on the Lyapunov function; its smoothness:

**Lemma 1.** [20] Assume A1-A4. For all  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}' \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $i \in [n]$ , we have

$$\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}_i(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_i(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}'))\| \leq L_s \|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}'\|, \quad \|\nabla V(\mathbf{s}) - \nabla V(\mathbf{s}')\| \leq L_V \|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}'\|, \quad (13)$$

where  $L_s := C_Z L_p L_t$  and  $L_V := v_{\max}(1 + L_s) + L_b C_S$ .

We also establish a growth condition on the gradient of  $V$  related to the mean field of the algorithm:

**Lemma 2.** Assume A3 and A4. For all  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S}$ ,

$$v_{\min}^{-1} \langle \nabla V(\mathbf{s}) | \mathbf{s} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) \rangle \geq \|\mathbf{s} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}))\|^2 \geq v_{\max}^{-2} \|\nabla V(\mathbf{s})\|^2. \quad (14)$$

We present in the following sections a finite-time and global (independent of the initialization) analysis of both the incremental and two-timescale variants our method.

### 3.2 Global Convergence of Incremental Stochastic EM Algorithms

The following result for the iSAEM algorithm is derived under the control of the Monte Carlo fluctuations as described by Assumption A5 and is built upon an intermediary Lemma, characterizing the quantity of interest  $(\hat{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})$ :

**Lemma 3.** Assume A1. The iSAEM update (1) is equivalent to the following update on the statistics  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \gamma_{k+1} (\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})$ . Also:

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}] = \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}] + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right] + \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}]$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$  is defined by (3) and  $\tau_i^k = \max\{k' : i_{k'} = i, k' < k\}$ .

Then, the following non-asymptotic convergence rate can be derived for the iSAEM algorithm:

**Theorem 1.** Assume A1-A5. Consider the iSAEM sequence  $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\}_{k \geq 0} \in \mathcal{S}$  obtained with  $\rho_{k+1} = 1$  for any  $k \leq K_m$  where  $K_m$  is a positive integer. Let  $\{\gamma_k = 1/(k^a \alpha c_1 \bar{L})\}_{k \geq 0}$ , where  $a \in (0, 1)$ , be a sequence of stepsizes,  $c_1 = v_{\min}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \max\{8, 1 + 6v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_s, L_V\}$ ,  $\beta = c_1 \bar{L}/n$ . Then:

$$v_{\max}^{-2} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m} \tilde{\alpha}_k \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})\|^2] \leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K_m)})] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \tilde{\Gamma}_k \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k)}\|^2].$$

Note that, in Theorem 1, the convergence bound is composed of an initialization term  $V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K_m)})$  and suffers from the Monte Carlo noise introduced by the posterior sampling step, see the second term on the RHS of the inequality. We observe, in the next section, that when variance reduction is applied ( $\rho_k < 1$ ), a second phase of convergence will be included in our bounds.

### 3.3 Global Convergence of Two-Timescale Stochastic EM Algorithms

We now deal with the analysis of Algorithm 1 when variance reduction is applied i.e.,  $\rho < 1$ . Two important intermediate Lemmas are needed in order to establish finite-time bounds for the vrTTEM and the fitTEM methods. We first derive an identity for the drift term of the vrTTEM :

**Lemma 4.** Consider the vrTTEM update (2) with  $\rho_k = \rho$ , it holds for all  $k > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2] &\leq 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2\rho^2 L_s^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2] \\ &\quad + 2(1 - \rho)^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2], \end{aligned}$$

where we recall that  $\ell(k)$  is the first iteration number in the epoch that iteration  $k$  is in.

183 The second one derives an identity for the quantity  $\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2]$  using the fitTEM update:

184 **Lemma 5.** Consider the fitTEM update (3) with  $\rho_k = \rho$ . It holds for all  $k > 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2] &\leq 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2\rho^2 \frac{L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + 2(1 - \rho)^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2]. \end{aligned}$$

185 where  $L_{\mathbf{s}}$  is the smoothness constant defined in Lemma 1.

186 Let  $K$  be an independent discrete r.v. drawn from  $\{1, \dots, K_m\}$  with distribution  $\{\gamma_{k+1}/P_m\}_{k=0}^{K_m-1}$ ,  
187 then, for any  $K_m > 0$ , the convergence criterion used in our study reads

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K)})\|^2] = \frac{1}{P_m} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})\|^2],$$

188 where  $P_m = \sum_{\ell=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{\ell}$  and the expectation is over the stochasticity of the algorithm. Denote  
189  $\Delta V = V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K_m)})$ . We now state the main result regarding the vrTTEM method:

190 **Theorem 2.** Assume A1-A5. Consider the vrTTEM sequence  $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\}_{k>0} \in \mathcal{S}$  for any  $k \leq K_m$  where  
191  $K_m$  is a positive integer. Let  $\{\gamma_{k+1} = 1/(k^a \bar{L})\}_{k>0}$ , where  $a \in (0, 1)$ , be a sequence of stepsizes,  
192  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_{\mathbf{s}}, L_V\}$ ,  $\rho = \mu/(c_1 \bar{L} n^{2/3})$ ,  $m = nc_1^2/(2\mu^2 + \mu c_1^2)$  and a constant  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ . Then:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K)})\|^2] \leq \frac{2n^{2/3} \bar{L}}{\mu P_m v_{\min}^2 v_{\max}^2} \left( \mathbb{E}[\Delta V] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \tilde{\eta}^{(k+1)} + \chi^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \right).$$

193 Furthermore, the fitTEM method has the following convergence rate:

194 **Theorem 3.** Assume A1-A5. Consider the fitTEM sequence  $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\}_{k>0} \in \mathcal{S}$  for any  $k \leq K_m$  where  
195  $K_m$  be a positive integer. Let  $\{\gamma_{k+1} = 1/(k^a \alpha c_1 \bar{L})\}_{k>0}$ , where  $a \in (0, 1)$ , be a sequence of  
196 positive stepsizes,  $\alpha = \max\{2, 1 + 2v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_{\mathbf{s}}, L_V\}$ ,  $\beta = 1/(\alpha n)$ ,  $\rho = 1/(\alpha c_1 \bar{L} n^{2/3})$   
197 and  $c_1(k\alpha - 1) \geq c_1(\alpha - 1) \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2$ . Then:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K)})\|^2] \leq \frac{4\alpha \bar{L} n^{2/3}}{P_m v_{\min}^2 v_{\max}^2} \left( \mathbb{E}[\Delta V] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Xi^{(k+1)} + \Gamma^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \right).$$

198 Note that in those two bounds, the quantities  $\tilde{\eta}^{(k+1)}$  and  $\Xi^{(k+1)}$  depend only on the Monte Carlo  
199 noises  $\mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k)}\|^2]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbb{E}[\eta_i^{(r)} | \mathcal{F}_r]\|^2]$ , bounded under Assumption A5, and some constants.

200 **Remarks:** Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 exhibit in their convergence bounds *two different phases*. The  
201 upper bounds display a *bias term* due to the initial conditions, i.e., the term  $\Delta V$ , and a *double*  
202 *dynamic* burden exemplified by the term  $\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2]$ . Indeed, the following remarks are  
203 worth doing on this quantity: (i) This term is the price we pay for the two-timescale dynamic and  
204 corresponds to the gap between the two *asynchronous* updates (one on  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$  and the other on  $\tilde{S}^{(k)}$ ).  
205 (ii) It is readily understood that if  $\rho = 1$ , i.e., there is no variance reduction, then for any  $k > 0$

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] = \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{S}^{(k+1)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2] = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)} = \tilde{S}^{(0)} = 0,$$

206 which strengthen the fact that this quantity characterizes the impact of the variance reduction tech-  
207 nique introduced in our class of methods. The following Lemma characterizes this gap:

208 **Lemma 6.** Considering a decreasing stepsize  $\gamma_k \in (0, 1)$  and a constant  $\rho \in (0, 1)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \leq \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho} \sum_{\ell=0}^k (1 - \gamma_{\ell})^2 (\mathbf{S}^{(\ell)} - \tilde{S}^{(\ell)}),$$

209 where  $\mathbf{S}^{(k)}$  is defined either by Line 2 (vrTTEM) or Line 3 (fitTEM).



## 4 Numerical Examples

This section presents several numerical applications for our proposed class of Algorithms 1.

### 4.1 Gaussian Mixture Models

We begin by a simple and illustrative example. The authors acknowledge that the following model can be trained using deterministic EM-type of algorithms but propose to apply stochastic methods, including theirs, and to compare their performances. Given  $n$  observations  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , we want to fit a Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) whose distribution is modeled as a Gaussian mixture of  $M$  components, each with a unit variance. Let  $z_i \in [M]$  be the latent labels of each component, the complete log-likelihood is defined as:

$$\log f(z_i, y_i; \theta) = \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{1}_{\{m\}}(z_i) [\log(\omega_m) - \mu_m^2/2] + \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{1}_{\{m\}}(z_i) \mu_m y_i + \text{constant}.$$

where  $\theta := (\omega, \mu)$  with  $\omega = \{\omega_m\}_{m=1}^{M-1}$  are the mixing weights with the convention  $\omega_M = 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} \omega_m$  and  $\mu = \{\mu_m\}_{m=1}^M$  are the means. We use the penalization  $r(\theta) = \frac{\delta}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M \mu_m^2 - \log \text{Dir}(\omega; M, \epsilon)$  where  $\delta > 0$  and  $\text{Dir}(\cdot; M, \epsilon)$  is the  $M$  dimensional symmetric Dirichlet distribution with concentration parameter  $\epsilon > 0$ . The constraint set is given by  $\Theta = \{\omega_m, m = 1, \dots, M-1 : \omega_m \geq 0, \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} \omega_m \leq 1\} \times \{\mu_m \in \mathbb{R}, m = 1, \dots, M\}$ . In the following experiments on synthetic data, we generate 30 synthetic datasets of size  $n = 10^5$  from a GMM model with  $M = 2$  components with two mixtures with means  $\mu_1 = -\mu_2 = 0.5$ . We run the EM method until convergence (to double precision) to obtain the ML estimate  $\mu^*$  averaged on 50 datasets. We compare the EM, iEM, SAEM, iSAEM, vrTTEM and fitTTEM methods in terms of their precision measured by  $|\mu - \mu^*|^2$ . We set the stepsize of the SA-step of all method as  $\gamma_k = 1/k^\alpha$  with  $\alpha = 0.5$ , and the stepsize  $\rho_k$  for vrTTEM and the fitTTEM to a constant stepsize equal to  $1/n^{2/3}$ . The number of MC samples is fixed to  $M = 10$  chains. Figure 1 shows the precision  $|\mu - \mu^*|^2$  for the different methods against the epoch(s) elapsed (one epoch equals  $n$  iterations). vrTTEM and fitTTEM methods outperform the other stochastic methods, supporting the benefits of our scheme.

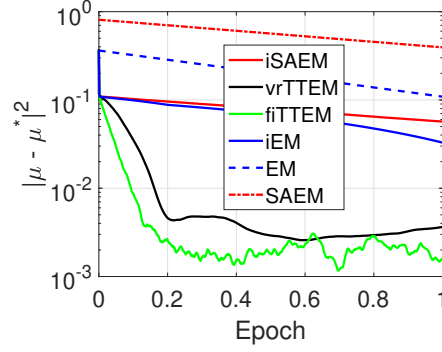


Figure 1: Precision  $|\mu^{(k)} - \mu^*|^2$  per epoch

### 4.2 Deformable Template Model for Image Analysis

Let  $(y_i, i \in [n])$  be observed gray level images defined on a grid of pixels. Let  $u \in \mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  denotes the pixel index on the image and  $x_u \in \mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  its location. The model used in this experiment suggests that each image  $y_i$  is a deformation of a template, noted  $I : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , common to all images of the dataset:

$$y_i(u) = I(x_u - \Phi_i(x_u, z_i)) + \varepsilon_i(u) \quad (15)$$

where  $\phi_i : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a deformation function,  $z_i$  some latent variable parameterizing this deformation and  $\varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  is an observation error. The template model, given  $\{p_k\}_{k=1}^{k_p}$  landmarks on the template, a fixed known kernel  $\mathbf{K}_p$  and a vector of parameters  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{k_p}$  is defined as follows:

$$I_\xi = \mathbf{K}_p \beta, \quad \text{where} \quad (\mathbf{K}_p \beta)(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{k_p} \mathbf{K}_p(x, p_k) \beta_k.$$

Given a set of landmarks  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^{k_g}$  and a fixed kernel  $\mathbf{K}_g$ , we parameterize the deformation  $\Phi_i$  as:

$$\Phi_i = \mathbf{K}_g z_i \quad \text{where} \quad (\mathbf{K}_g z_i)(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{k_g} \mathbf{K}_g(x, g_k) \left( z_i^{(1)}(k), z_i^{(2)}(k) \right),$$

where we put a Gaussian prior on the latent variables,  $z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Gamma)$  and  $z_i \in (\mathbb{R}^{k_g})^2$ . The vector of parameters we estimate is thus  $\theta = (\beta, \Gamma, \sigma)$ . The complete model (15) belongs to the curved exponential family, see [2], which vector of sufficient statistics for all  $i \in [n]$  is defined by  $S(y_i, z_i) = (\mathbf{K}_{p, z_i}^\top y_i, \mathbf{K}_{p, z_i}^\top \mathbf{K}_{p, z_i} z_i)$  where we denote  $\mathbf{K}_{p, z_i} = \mathbf{K}_{p, z_i}(x_u - \phi_i(x_u, z_i), p_j)$ . Then, the Two-Timescale M-step yields the following parameter

updates  $\bar{\theta}(\hat{s}) = (\beta(\hat{s}) = \hat{s}_2^{-1}(z)\hat{s}_1(z), \Gamma(\hat{s}) = \hat{s}_3(z)/n, \sigma(\hat{s}) = \beta(\hat{s})^\top \hat{s}_2(z)\beta(\hat{s}) - 2\beta(\hat{s})\hat{s}_1(z))$   
 where  $\hat{s} = (\hat{s}_1(z), \hat{s}_2(z), \hat{s}_3(z))$  is the vector of statistics obtained via (9) in Algorithm 1.

**Numerical Experiment:** We apply model (15) and our Algorithm 1 to a collection of handwritten digits, called the US postal database [17], featuring  $n = 1000$  ( $16 \times 16$ )-pixel images for each class of digits from 0 to 9. The main difficulty with these data comes from the geometric dispersion within each class of digit as shown Figure 2 for digit 5. We thus ought to use our deformable template model (15) in order to account for both sources of variability: the intrinsic template to each class of digit and the small and local deformation in each observed image.



Figure 2: Training set of the USPS database (20 images for digit 5)

Figure 3 shows the resulting synthetic images for digit 5 through several epochs, for the batch method, the online SAEM, the incremental SAEM and the various TTS methods. For all methods, the initialization of the template (16) is the mean of the gray level images. In our experiments, we have chosen Gaussian kernels for both,  $\mathbf{K}_p$  and  $\mathbf{K}_g$ , defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and centered on the landmark points  $\{p_k\}_{k=1}^{k_p}$  and  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^{k_g}$  with standard respective standard deviations of 0.12 and 0.3. We set  $k_p = 15$  and  $k_g = 6$  equidistributed landmarks points on the grid for the training procedure. Those hyperparameters are inspired by relevant studies [1, 3]. In particular, the choice of the geometric covariance, indexed by  $g$ , in such study is critical since it has a direct impact on the *sharpness* of the templates. As for the photometric hyperparameter, indexed by  $p$ , both the template and the geometry are impacted, in the sense that with a large photometric variance, the kernel centered on one landmark *spreads out* to many of its neighbors.

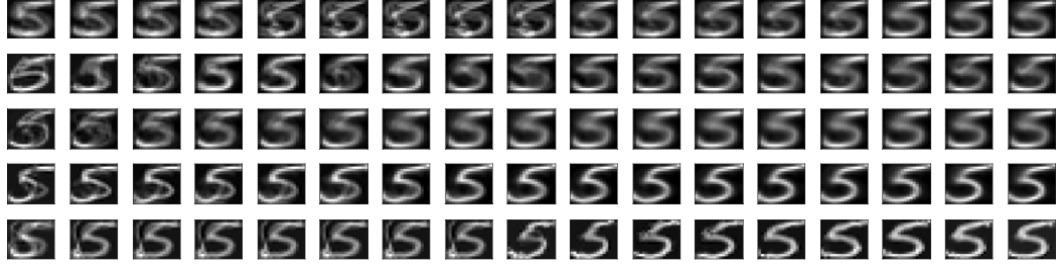


Figure 3: (USPS Digits) Estimation of the template. From top to bottom: batch, online, iSAEM, vrTTEM and fitTTEM through 7 epochs. Note that Batch method templates are replicated in-between epochs for a fair comparison with incremental variants.

As the iterations proceed, the templates become sharper. Figure 3 displays the virtue of the vrTTEM and fitTTEM methods that obtain a more *contrasted* and *accurate* template estimate. The incremental and online version are looking much better on the very first epochs compared to the batch method, which is intuitive given the high computational cost of the latter. After a few epochs, the batch SAEM estimates similar template as the incremental and online methods due to their high variance. Our variance reduced and fast incremental variants are effective in the long run and sharpen the final template estimates contrasting between the background and the regions of interest in the image.

## 5 Conclusion

This paper introduces a new class of two-timescale EM methods for learning latent variable models. In particular, the models dealt with in this paper belong to the curved exponential family and are possibly nonconvex. The nonconvexity of the problem is tackled using a Robbins-Monro type of update, which represents the *first level* of our class of methods. The scalability with the number of samples is performed through a variance reduced and incremental update, the *second* and last level of our newly introduced scheme. The various algorithms are interpreted as scaled gradient methods, in the space of the sufficient statistics, and our convergence results are *global*, in the sense of independence of the initial values, and *non-asymptotic*, *i.e.*, true for any random termination number. Numerical examples illustrate the benefits of our scheme on synthetic and real tasks.



## 6 Broader Impact Statement

Our work aims at improving training procedures for latent data models. Latent data models are particularly interesting in several impactful domains such as sociology, economy or pharmacology. Indeed, in those latter domains, a special instance of latent data models, namely mixed-effect models, can be employed. It considers a latent structure in order to take into account the variability between subjects, which can be individuals, companies or patients. In that case, our class of algorithms becomes useful as demonstrated in the additional experiment in the supplementary material. It is worth noting that other types of latent variable models could be used for impactful research, such as the missing data framework when the considered observations are sensible, yet missing.

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## 381 A Proof of Lemma 2

382 **Lemma.** Assume A3,A4. For all  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{S}$ ,

$$v_{\min}^{-1} \langle \nabla V(\mathbf{s}) | \mathbf{s} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) \rangle \geq \|\mathbf{s} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}))\|^2 \geq v_{\max}^{-2} \|\nabla V(\mathbf{s})\|^2, \quad (16)$$

383 **Proof** Using A3 and the fact that we can exchange integration with differentiation and the Fisher's  
384 identity, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{s}} V(\mathbf{s}) &= \mathbf{J}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}^{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{s})^\top \left( \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{r}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) + \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{L}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) \right) \\ &= \mathbf{J}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}^{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{s})^\top \left( \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \psi(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) + \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{r}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) - \mathbf{J}_{\phi}^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}))^\top \bar{\mathbf{s}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) \right) \\ &= \mathbf{J}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}^{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{s})^\top \mathbf{J}_{\phi}^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}))^\top (\mathbf{s} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}))), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

385 Consider the following vector map:

$$\mathbf{s} \rightarrow \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\mathbf{s}, \boldsymbol{\theta})|_{\boldsymbol{\theta}=\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})} = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \psi(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) + \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{r}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) - \mathbf{J}_{\phi}^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}))^\top \mathbf{s}.$$

386 Taking the gradient of the above map w.r.t.  $\mathbf{s}$  and using assumption A3, we show that:

$$\mathbf{0} = -\mathbf{J}_{\phi}^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) + \underbrace{\left( \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^2 (\psi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mathbf{r}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \langle \phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) | \mathbf{s} \rangle) \right)|_{\boldsymbol{\theta}=\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})}}_{=\mathbf{H}_L^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\theta})} \mathbf{J}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}^{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{s}).$$

387 The above yields

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{s}} V(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{s})(\mathbf{s} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})))$$

388 where we recall  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{J}_{\phi}^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) \left( \mathbf{H}_L^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}; \bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})) \right)^{-1} \mathbf{J}_{\phi}^{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}))^\top$ . The proof of (16) follows directly  
389 from the assumption A4.  $\square$

## 390 B Proof of Theorem 1

391 Beforehand, We present two intermediary Lemmas important for the analysis of the incremental  
392 update of the iSAEM algorithm. The first one gives a characterization of the quantity  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}]$ :  
393

394 **Lemma.** Assume A1. The update (1) is equivalent to the following update on the resulting statistics  
395

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \gamma_{k+1} (\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})$$

396 Also:

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}] = \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}] + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right] + \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}]$$

397 where  $\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$  is defined by (3) and  $\tau_i^k = \max\{k' : i_{k'} = i, k' < k\}$ .

398 **Proof** From update (1), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} &= \tilde{S}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \frac{1}{n} \left( \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k+1)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right) \\ &= \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \tilde{S}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \frac{1}{n} \left( \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_i^k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k+1)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

399 Since  $\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k+1)} = \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)}) + \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}$  we have

$$\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} = \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \tilde{S}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \frac{1}{n} \left( \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \right) + \frac{1}{n} \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}$$

400 Taking the full expectation of both side of the equation leads to:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}] &= \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}] + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) | \mathcal{F}_k]] + \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}]\end{aligned}$$

401 The following equalities:

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} | \mathcal{F}_k] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) | \mathcal{F}_k] = \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$$

402 concludes the proof of the Lemma.  $\square$

403 And the following auxiliary Lemma setting an upper bound for the quantity  $\mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2]$

404 **Lemma 7.** For any  $k \geq 0$  and consider the iSAEM update in (1), it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] &\leq 4\mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \frac{2L_s^2}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + 2\frac{c_\eta}{M_k} + 4\mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\right\|^2\right]\end{aligned}$$

405 **Proof** Applying the iSAEM update yields:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{S}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \frac{1}{n}(\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_i^k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_i^k)})\|^2] \\ &\leq 4\mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\right\|^2\right] + 4\mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{n^2} \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] + 2\frac{c_\eta}{M_k}\end{aligned}$$

406 The last expectation can be further bounded by

$$\frac{2}{n^2} \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] = \frac{2}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}_i^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_i^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{2L_s^2}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2],$$

407 where (a) is due to Lemma 1 and which concludes the proof of the Lemma.  $\square$

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409 **Theorem.** Assume A1-A5. Consider the iSAEM sequence  $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\}_{k>0} \in \mathcal{S}$  obtained with  $\rho_{k+1} = 1$   
410 for any  $k \leq K_m$  where  $K_m$  is a positive integer. Let  $\{\gamma_k = 1/(k^a \alpha c_1 \bar{L})\}_{k>0}$ , where  $a \in (0, 1)$ , be a  
411 sequence of stepsizes,  $c_1 = v_{\min}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \max\{8, 1 + 6v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_s, L_V\}$ ,  $\beta = c_1 \bar{L}/n$ . Then:

$$v_{\max}^{-2} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m} \tilde{\alpha}_k \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})\|^2] \leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K_m)})] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \tilde{\Gamma}_k \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k)}\|^2].$$

412 **Proof** Under the smoothness of the Lyapunov function  $V$  (cf. Lemma 1), we can write:

$$V(\tilde{S}^{(k+1)}) \leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \gamma_{k+1} \langle \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2$$

413 Taking the expectation on both sides yields:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[V(\tilde{S}^{(k+1)})] &\leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] + \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2]\end{aligned}$$

414 Using Lemma 3, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \left[ \langle \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \mid \nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) \rangle \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \langle \bar{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \mid \nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) \rangle \right] + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{s}^{(k)} \mid \nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) \right\rangle \right] + \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \langle \eta_{i_k}^{(k)} \mid \nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) \rangle \right] \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} -v_{\min} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\langle \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{s}^{(k)} \mid \nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) \right\rangle \right] + \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \langle \eta_{i_k}^{(k)} \mid \nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) \rangle \right] \\
&\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} -v_{\min} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{n}}{2\beta} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\beta(n-1)+1}{2n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) \right\|^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \left( v_{\max}^2 \frac{\beta(n-1)+1}{2n} - v_{\min} \right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{n}}{2\beta} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

415 where (a) is due to the growth condition (2) and (b) is due to Young's inequality (with  $\beta \rightarrow 1$ ). Note

416  $a_k = \gamma_{k+1} \left( v_{\min} - v_{\max}^2 \frac{\beta(n-1)+1}{2n} \right)$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
a_k \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) - V(\hat{s}^{(k+1)}) \right] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1 - \frac{1}{n})}{2\beta} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{2n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \quad (18)
\end{aligned}$$

417 We now give an upper bound of  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right]$  using Lemma 7 and plug it into (18):

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a_k - 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ V(\hat{s}^{(k)}) - V(\hat{s}^{(k+1)}) \right] \\
&\quad + \gamma_{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{2\beta} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) + 2\gamma_{k+1} L_V \right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \quad (19) \\
&\quad + \gamma_{k+1} \left( \gamma_{k+1} L_V + \frac{1}{2n} \right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V L_s^2}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\|^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

418 Next, we observe that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{s}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\|^2 \right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{s}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] + \frac{n-1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{s}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\|^2 \right] \right)$$

419 where the equality holds as  $i_k$  and  $j_k$  are drawn independently. For any  $\beta > 0$ , it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{s}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{s}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 + \left\| \hat{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\|^2 + 2 \langle \hat{s}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \mid \hat{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \rangle \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{s}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 + \left\| \hat{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\|^2 - 2\gamma_{k+1} \langle \hat{s}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} \mid \hat{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \rangle \right] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{s}^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}^{(k)} \right\|^2 + \left\| \hat{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \left\| \hat{s}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2 + \gamma_{k+1} \beta \left\| \hat{s}^{(k)} - \hat{s}^{(\tau_i^k)} \right\|^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$



420 where the last inequality is due to Young's inequality. Subsequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^{k+1})}\|^2] \\ & \leq \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \frac{n-1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta) \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(k+1)}\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

421 Observe that  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} = -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(k+1)})$ . Applying Lemma 7 yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^{k+1})}\|^2] \\ & \leq (\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{n-1}{n} \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta}{n} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2\right] \\ & \leq 4(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}\left[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k)}\|^2\right] \\ & \quad + 4(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\right\|^2\right] \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \frac{2\gamma_{k+1}L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2}(\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta})}{n} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2\right] \end{aligned}$$

422 Let us define

$$\Delta^{(k)} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2]$$

423 From the above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^{(k+1)} & \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \frac{2\gamma_{k+1}L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2}(\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta})\right) \Delta^{(k)} + 4(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ & \quad + 2(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}\left[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k)}\|^2\right] + 4(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\right\|^2\right] \end{aligned}$$

424 Setting  $c_1 = v_{\min}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \max\{8, 1 + 6v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_{\mathbf{s}}, L_V\}$ ,  $\gamma_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k\alpha c_1 \bar{L}}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{c_1 \bar{L}}{n}$ ,

425  $c_1(k\alpha - 1) \geq c_1(\alpha - 1) \geq 6$ ,  $\alpha \geq 8$ , we observe that

$$1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \frac{2\gamma_{k+1}L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2}(\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta}) \leq 1 - \frac{c_1(k\alpha - 1) - 4}{k\alpha n c_1} \leq 1 - \frac{2}{k\alpha n c_1}$$

426 which shows that  $1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \frac{2\gamma_{k+1}L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2}(\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta}) \in (0, 1)$  for any  $k > 0$ . Denote  $\Lambda_{(k+1)} =$

427  $\frac{1}{n} - \gamma_{k+1}\beta - \frac{2\gamma_{k+1}L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2}(\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta})$  and note that  $\Delta^{(0)} = 0$ , thus the telescoping sum yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^{(k+1)} & \leq 4 \sum_{\ell=0}^k \prod_{j=\ell+1}^k \left(1 - \Lambda_{(j)}\right) (\gamma_{\ell+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{\ell+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell)}\|^2] \\ & \quad + 2 \sum_{\ell=0}^k \prod_{j=\ell+1}^k \left(1 - \Lambda_{(j)}\right) (\gamma_{\ell+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{\ell+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}\left[\|\eta_{i_\ell}^{(\ell)}\|^2\right] \\ & \quad + 4 \sum_{\ell=0}^k \prod_{j=\ell+1}^k \left(1 - \Lambda_{(j)}\right) (\gamma_{\ell+1}^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{\gamma_{\ell+1}}{\beta}) \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^\ell)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell)}\right\|^2\right] \end{aligned}$$

428 Note  $\omega_{k,\ell} = \prod_{j=\ell+1}^k (1 - \Lambda_{(j)})$  Summing on both sides over  $k = 0$  to  $k = K_m - 1$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Delta^{(k+1)} \\
&= 4 \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right) \omega_{k,1} \mathbb{E} [\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right) \omega_{k,1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_\ell}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&+ \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} 4 \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right) \omega_{k,1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\leq \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{4 \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \mathbb{E} [\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{2 \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_\ell}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&+ \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{4 \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

429 We recall (19) where we have summed on both sides from  $k = 0$  to  $k = K_m - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} (a_k - 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K)}) \right] \\
&+ \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{2\beta} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + 2\gamma_{k+1} L_V \right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&+ \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \left( \gamma_{k+1} L_V + \frac{1}{2n} \right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&+ \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2} \Delta^{(k)}
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

430 Plugging (20) into (21) results in:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \tilde{\alpha}_k \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \tilde{\beta}_k \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K)}) \right] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \tilde{\Gamma}_k \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

431 where

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\alpha}_k &= a_k - 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V - \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2} \frac{4 \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \\
\tilde{\beta}_k &= \gamma_{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{2\beta} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + 2\gamma_{k+1} L_V \right) - \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2} \frac{4 \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \\
\tilde{\Gamma}_k &= \gamma_{k+1} \left( \gamma_{k+1} L_V + \frac{1}{2n} \right) + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V L_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{n^2} \frac{2 \left( \gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}}
\end{aligned}$$

432 and

$$\begin{aligned}
a_k &= \gamma_{k+1} \left( v_{\min} - v_{\max}^2 \frac{\beta(n-1)+1}{2n} \right) \\
\Lambda_{(k+1)} &= \frac{1}{n} - \gamma_{k+1}\beta - \frac{2\gamma_{k+1}L_s^2}{n^2}(\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta}) \\
c_1 &= v_{\min}^{-1}, \alpha = \max\{8, 1 + 6v_{\min}\}, \bar{L} = \max\{L_s, L_V\}, \gamma_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k\alpha c_1 \bar{L}}, \beta = \frac{c_1 \bar{L}}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

433 When, for any  $k > 0$ ,  $\tilde{\alpha}_k \geq 0$ , we have by Lemma 2 that:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{K_m} \tilde{\alpha}_k \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \right\|^2 \right] \leq v_{\max}^2 \sum_{k=0}^{K_m} \tilde{\alpha}_k \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2 \right]$$

434 which yields an upper bound of the gradient of the Lyapunov function  $V$  along the path of the  
435 iSAEM update and concludes the proof of the Theorem.  $\square$

## 436 C Proofs of Auxiliary Lemmas

### 437 C.1 Proof of Lemma 4 and Lemma 5

438 **Lemma.** For any  $k \geq 0$  and consider the vrTTEM update in (2) with  $\rho_k = \rho$ , it holds for all  $k > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2 \right] &\leq 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2] + 2\rho^2 L_s^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))} \right\|^2] \\
&\quad + 2(1-\rho)^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))} - \tilde{S}^{(k)} \right\|^2] + 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2]
\end{aligned}$$

439 where we recall that  $\ell(k)$  is the first iteration number in the epoch that iteration  $k$  is in.

440 **Proof** Beforehand, we provide a rewriting of the quantity  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$  that will be useful through-  
441 out this proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} &= -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}) = -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - (1-\rho)\tilde{S}^{(k)} - \rho\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)}) \\
&= -\gamma_{k+1} \left( (1-\rho) \left[ \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)} \right] + \rho \left[ \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} \right] \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

442 We observe, using the identity (22), that

$$\mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2] \leq 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2] + 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2] + 2(1-\rho)^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))} - \tilde{S}^{(k)} \right\|^2] \tag{23}$$

443 For the latter term, we obtain its upper bound as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\left\| \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{\mathbf{s}}_i^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_i^{\ell(k)}) - (\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{\ell(k)}) \right\|^2 \right] \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[\left\| \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{\ell(k)} \right\|^2] + \mathbb{E}[\left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2] \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} L_s^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))} \right\|^2] + \mathbb{E}[\left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2]
\end{aligned}$$

444 where (a) uses the variance inequality and (b) uses Lemma 1. Substituting into (23) proves the  
445 lemma.  $\square$

446 **Lemma.** For any  $k \geq 0$  and consider the fitTEM update in (3) with  $\rho_k = \rho$ , it holds for all  $k > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2 \right] &\leq 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \right\|^2] + 2\rho^2 \frac{L_s^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(i_k)} \right\|^2] \\
&\quad + 2(1-\rho)^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))} - \tilde{S}^{(k)} \right\|^2] + 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2]
\end{aligned}$$

447 **Proof** Beforehand, we provide a rewriting of the quantity  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$  that will be useful through-  
 448 out this proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} &= -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}) \\
 &= -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - (1 - \rho)\tilde{S}^{(k)} - \rho\mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}) \\
 &= -\gamma_{k+1}\left((1 - \rho)\left[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\right] + \rho\left[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}\right]\right) \\
 &= -\gamma_{k+1}\left((1 - \rho)\left[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\right] + \rho\left[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)} - (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)})\right]\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

449 We observe, using the identity (24), that

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2] \leq 2\rho^2\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2\rho^2\mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)} - \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2] + 2(1 - \rho)^2\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \tag{25}$$

450 For the latter term, we obtain its upper bound as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)} - \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n(\bar{\mathbf{s}}_i^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{S}}_i^{(k)}) - (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)})\right\|^2\right] \\
 &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2] + \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

451 where (a) uses the variance inequality. We can further bound the last expectation using Lemma 1:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}\|^2] = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}_i^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_i^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{L_s^2}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2]$$

452 Substituting into (25) proves the lemma.  $\square$

## 453 C.2 Proof of Lemma 6

454 **Lemma.** Consider a decreasing stepsize  $\gamma_k \in (0, 1)$  and a constant  $\rho$ , then the following inequality  
 455 holds:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \leq \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}\sum_{\ell=0}^k(1 - \gamma_\ell)^2(\mathbf{S}^{(\ell)} - \tilde{S}^{(\ell)})$$

456 where  $\mathbf{S}^{(k)}$  is defined either by (3) (fiTTEM) or (2) (vrTTEM)

457 **Proof** We begin by writing the two-timescale update:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} &= \tilde{S}^{(k)} + \rho(\mathbf{S}^{(k+1)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}) \\
 \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} &= \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \gamma_{k+1}(\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

458 where  $\mathbf{S}^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n\tilde{S}_i^{(t_i^k)} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)})$  according to (3). Denote  $\delta^{(k+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$ .  
 459 Then from (26), doing the subtraction of both equations yields:

$$\delta^{(k+1)} = (1 - \gamma_{k+1})\delta^{(k)} + \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}(1 - \gamma_{k+1})(\mathbf{S}^{(k+1)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)})$$

460 Using the telescoping sum and noting that  $\delta^{(0)} = 0$ , we have

$$\delta^{(k+1)} \leq \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}\sum_{\ell=0}^k(1 - \gamma_{\ell+1})^2(\mathbf{S}^{(\ell+1)} - \tilde{S}^{(\ell+1)})$$

461  $\square$

462 **C.3 Additional Intermediary Result**

463 **Lemma 8.** *At iteration  $k + 1$ , the drift term of update (3), with  $\rho_{k+1} = \rho$ , is equivalent to the*  
 464 *following :*

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} = & \rho(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \rho\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} + \rho \left[ (\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}) - \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}] \right] \\ & + (1 - \rho) (\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}) \end{aligned}$$

465 where we recall that  $\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}$ , defined in (12), which is the gap between the MC approximation and  
 466 the expected statistics.

467 **Proof** Using the fitTEM update  $\tilde{S}^{(k+1)} = (1 - \rho)\tilde{S}^{(k)} + \rho\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)}$  where  $\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} = \bar{\mathcal{S}}^{(k)} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} -$   
 468  $\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)})$  leads to the following decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \\ = & (1 - \rho)\tilde{S}^{(k)} + \rho \left( \bar{\mathcal{S}}^{(k)} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}) \right) - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \rho\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \rho\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \\ = & \rho(\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \rho(\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)}) + (1 - \rho) (\tilde{S}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \rho \left( \bar{\mathcal{S}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + (\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}) \right) \\ = & \rho(\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \rho\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} - \rho \left[ (\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}) - \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}] \right] \\ & + (1 - \rho) (\tilde{S}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \end{aligned}$$

469 where we observe that  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}] = \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathcal{S}}^{(k)}$  and which concludes the proof.

470 *Important Note:* Note that  $\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}$  is not equal to  $\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}$ , defined in (12), which is the gap  
 471 between the MC approximation and the expected statistics. Indeed  $\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}$  is not computed under the  
 472 same model as  $\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)}$ . □

## 473 D Proof of Theorem 2

474 **Theorem.** Assume A1-A5. Consider the vrTTEM sequence  $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\}_{k>0} \in \mathcal{S}$  for any  $k \leq K_m$  where  
 475  $K_m$  is a positive integer. Let  $\{\gamma_{k+1} = 1/(k^a \bar{L})\}_{k>0}$ , where  $a \in (0, 1)$ , be a sequence of stepsizes,  
 476  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_s, L_V\}$ ,  $\rho = \mu/(c_1 \bar{L} n^{2/3})$ ,  $m = nc_1^2/(2\mu^2 + \mu c_1^2)$  and a constant  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ . Then:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K)})\|^2] \leq \frac{2n^{2/3}\bar{L}}{\mu P_m v_{\min}^2 v_{\max}^2} \left( \mathbb{E}[\Delta V] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \tilde{\eta}^{(k+1)} + \chi^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \right).$$

477 **Proof** Using the smoothness of  $V$  and update (2), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)}) &\leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{L_V}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 \\ &\leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - \gamma_{k+1} \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

478 Denote  $H_{k+1} := \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$  the drift term of the fitTEM update in (7) and  $\mathbf{h}_k = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$ .  
 479 Taking expectations on both sides show that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)})] \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] - \gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho) \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] - \gamma_{k+1}\rho \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|H_{k+1}\|^2] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] - \gamma_{k+1}\rho \mathbb{E}[\langle \mathbf{h}_k | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] - \gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho) \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] \\ &\quad - \gamma_{k+1}\rho \mathbb{E}[\langle \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|H_{k+1}\|^2] \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] - (\gamma_{k+1}\rho v_{\min} + \gamma_{k+1}v_{\max}^2) \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|H_{k+1}\|^2] \\ &\quad - \gamma_{k+1}\rho \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2] - \gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

480 where we have used (22) in (a) and  $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)}] = \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \mathbb{E}[\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}]$  in (b), the growth condition in  
 481 Lemma 2 and Young's inequality with the constant equal to 1 in (c).

482 Furthermore, for  $k+1 \leq \ell(k) + m$  (i.e.,  $k+1$  is in the same epoch as  $k$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2] = \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + 2\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))} | \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \rangle] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2 + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \|H_{k+1}\|^2 \\ &\quad - 2\gamma_{k+1} \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))} | \rho(\mathbf{h}_k - \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}) + (1-\rho)(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}) \rangle] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[(1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta) \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2 + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \|H_{k+1}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho}{\beta} \|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho}{\beta} \|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)}{\beta} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2], \end{aligned}$$

483 where we first used (22) and the last inequality is due to Young's inequality.

484 Consider the following sequence

$$R_k := \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + b_k \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2]$$



485 where  $b_k := \bar{b}_{k \bmod m}$  is a periodic sequence where:

$$\bar{b}_i = \bar{b}_{i+1}(1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 L_s^2) + \gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 L_V L_s^2, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1 \quad \text{with } \bar{b}_m = 0.$$

486 Note that  $\bar{b}_i$  is decreasing with  $i$  and this implies

$$\bar{b}_i \leq \bar{b}_0 = \gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 L_V L_s^2 \frac{(1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 L_s^2)^m - 1}{\gamma_{k+1}\beta + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 L_s^2}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

487 For  $k+1 \leq \ell(k) + m$ , we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} R_{k+1} &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - (\gamma_{k+1}\rho v_{\min} + \gamma_{k+1}v_{\max}^2) \|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \rho \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2 - (1 - \rho) \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2 \right] \\ &\quad + b_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left[ (1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta) \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2 + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho}{\beta} \|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2 \right] \\ &\quad + b_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho}{\beta} \|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1 - \rho)}{\beta} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

488 And using Lemma 4 we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{k+1} &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - (\gamma_{k+1}\rho v_{\min} + \gamma_{k+1}v_{\max}^2 - \gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 L_V) \|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2 + \gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 L_V L_s^2 \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2 \right] \\ &\quad + b_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left[ (1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 L_s^2) \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2 + \left( \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 \right) \|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left[ (\rho + \rho^2\gamma_{k+1} L_V) \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2 - (1 - \rho - (1 - \rho)^2\gamma_{k+1} L_V) \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2 \right] \\ &\quad + b_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 \right) \|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2 + \left( \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1 - \rho)}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2(1 - \rho)^2 \right) \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

489 Rearranging the terms yields:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{k+1} &\leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] - \gamma_{k+1}(\rho v_{\min} + v_{\max}^2 - \gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 L_V - b_{k+1}(\frac{\rho}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2)) \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\left( b_{k+1}(1 + \gamma\beta + 2\gamma^2\rho^2 L_s^2) + \gamma^2\rho^2 L_V L_s^2 \right)}_{=b_k \text{ since } k+1 \leq \ell(k) + m} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell(k))}\|^2] + \tilde{\eta}^{(k+1)} + \tilde{\chi}^{(k+1)} \end{aligned}$$

490 where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}^{(k+1)} &= \left( \gamma_{k+1}(\rho + \rho^2\gamma_{k+1} L_V) + b_{k+1}(\frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2) \right) \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} \right\|^2 \right] \\ \chi^{(k+1)} &= \left( b_{k+1}(\frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1 - \rho)}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}^2(1 - \rho)^2) - \gamma_{k+1}(1 - \rho - (1 - \rho)^2\gamma_{k+1} L_V) \right) \\ \tilde{\chi}^{(k+1)} &= \chi^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

491 This leads, using Lemma 2, that for any  $\gamma_{k+1}$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\rho v_{\min} + v_{\max}^2 -$   
492  $\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 L_V - b_{k+1}(\frac{\rho}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2) > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\max}^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})\|^2] &\leq \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\leq \frac{R_k - R_{k+1}}{\gamma_{k+1}(\rho v_{\min} + v_{\max}^2 - \gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 L_V - b_{k+1}(\frac{\rho}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2))} \\ &\quad + \frac{\tilde{\eta}^{(k+1)} + \tilde{\chi}^{(k+1)}}{\gamma_{k+1}(\rho v_{\min} + v_{\max}^2 - \gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 L_V - b_{k+1}(\frac{\rho}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2))} \end{aligned}$$

493 We first remark that

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_{k+1}(\rho v_{\min} + v_{\max}^2 - \gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 L_V - b_{k+1}(\frac{\rho}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2)) \\ & \geq \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho}{c_1}(1 - \gamma_{k+1}c_1\rho L_V - b_{k+1}(\frac{c_1}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}\rho c_1)) \end{aligned}$$

494 where  $c_1 = v_{\min}^{-1}$ . By setting  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_s, L_V\}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{c_1\bar{L}}{n^{1/3}}$ ,  $\rho = \frac{\mu}{c_1\bar{L}n^{2/3}}$ ,  $m = \frac{nc_1^2}{2\mu^2 + \mu c_1^2}$  and  
 495  $\{\gamma_{k+1}\}$  any sequence of decreasing stepsizes in  $(0, 1)$ , it can be shown that there exists  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ ,  
 496 such that the following lower bound holds

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - \gamma_{k+1}c_1\rho L_V - b_{k+1}(\frac{c_1}{\beta} + 2\gamma_{k+1}\rho c_1) \\ & \geq 1 - \frac{\mu}{n^{\frac{2}{3}}} - \bar{b}_0(\frac{n^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\bar{L}} + \frac{2\mu}{\bar{L}n^{\frac{2}{3}}}) \\ & \geq 1 - \frac{\mu}{n^{\frac{2}{3}}} - \frac{L_V\mu^2}{c_1^2n^{\frac{4}{3}}}\frac{(1 + \gamma\beta + 2\gamma^2L_s^2)^m - 1}{\gamma\beta + 2\gamma^2L_s^2}(\frac{n^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\bar{L}} + \frac{2\mu}{\bar{L}n^{\frac{2}{3}}}) \\ & \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 1 - \frac{\mu}{n^{\frac{2}{3}}} - \frac{\mu}{c_1^2}(e - 1)(1 + \frac{2\mu}{n}) \geq 1 - \mu - \mu(1 + 2\mu)\frac{e - 1}{c_1^2} \stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

497 where the simplification in (a) is due to

$$\frac{\mu}{n} \leq \gamma\beta + 2\gamma^2L_s^2 \leq \frac{\mu}{n} + \frac{2\mu^2}{c_1^2n^{\frac{4}{3}}} \leq \frac{\mu c_1^2 + 2\mu^2}{c_1^2} \frac{1}{n} \text{ and } (1 + \gamma\beta + 2\gamma^2L_s^2)^m \leq e - 1.$$

498 and the required  $\mu$  in (b) can be found by solving the quadratic equation.

499 Finally, these results yield:

$$v_{\max}^2 \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)})\|^2] \leq \frac{2(R_0 - R_{K_m})}{v_{\min}\rho} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{\tilde{\eta}^{(k+1)} + \tilde{\chi}^{(k+1)}}{v_{\min}\rho}$$

500 Note that  $R_0 = \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{s}^{(0)})]$  and if  $K_m$  is a multiple of  $m$ , then  $R_{\max} = \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{s}^{(K_m)})]$ . Under the latter  
 501 condition, we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)})\|^2] \leq \frac{2n^{2/3}\bar{L}}{\mu v_{\min}^2 v_{\max}^2} \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{s}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{s}^{(K_m)})] + \frac{2n^{2/3}\bar{L}}{\mu v_{\min}^2 v_{\max}^2} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} [\tilde{\eta}^{(k+1)} + \tilde{\chi}^{(k+1)}]$$

502 This concludes our proof.

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## 504 E Proof of Theorem 3

505 **Theorem.** Assume A1-A5. Consider the fitTEM sequence  $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\}_{k>0} \in \mathcal{S}$  for any  $k \leq K_m$  where  
 506  $K_m$  be a positive integer. Let  $\{\gamma_{k+1} = 1/(k^a \alpha c_1 \bar{L})\}_{k>0}$ , where  $a \in (0, 1)$ , be a sequence of  
 507 positive stepsizes,  $\alpha = \max\{2, 1 + 2v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_s, L_V\}$ ,  $\beta = 1/(\alpha n)$ ,  $\rho = 1/(\alpha c_1 \bar{L} n^{2/3})$   
 508 and  $c_1(k\alpha - 1) \geq c_1(\alpha - 1) \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2$ . Then:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K)})\|^2] \leq \frac{4\alpha \bar{L} n^{2/3}}{P_m v_{\min}^2 v_{\max}^2} \left( \mathbb{E}[\Delta V] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Xi^{(k+1)} + \Gamma^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \right).$$

509 **Proof** Using the smoothness of  $V$  and update (3), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)}) &\leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{L_V}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 \\ &\leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - \gamma_{k+1} \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)} | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

510 Denote  $\mathbf{H}_{k+1} := \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$  the drift term of the fitTEM update in (7) and  $\mathbf{h}_k = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$ .  
 511 Using Lemma 8 and the additional following identity:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ (\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}) - \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}] \right] = 0 \quad (30)$$

512 we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)})] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] - \gamma_{k+1} \rho \mathbb{E}[\langle \mathbf{h}_k | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] - \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \langle \rho \mathbb{E}[\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} | \mathcal{F}_k] + (1 - \rho) \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}] | \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2 \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} -v_{\min} \gamma_{k+1} \rho \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] - \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})\|^2 \right] - \frac{\gamma_{k+1} \rho^2}{2} \xi^{(k+1)} - \frac{\gamma_{k+1} (1 - \rho)^2}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2 \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} - (v_{\min} \gamma_{k+1} \rho + \gamma_{k+1} v_{\max}^2) \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] - \frac{\gamma_{k+1} \rho^2}{2} \xi^{(k+1)} - \frac{\gamma_{k+1} (1 - \rho)^2}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

513 where  $\xi^{(k+1)} = \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbb{E}[\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} | \mathcal{F}_k]\|^2]$ . **Bounding**  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2]$  Using Lemma 5, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} &\gamma_{k+1} (v_{\min} \rho + v_{\max}^2 - \gamma_{k+1} \rho^2 L_V) \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)}) \right] + \tilde{\xi}^{(k+1)} + \left( (1 - \rho)^2 \gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V - \frac{\gamma_{k+1} (1 - \rho)^2}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad - \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V \rho^2 L_s^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

514 where  $\tilde{\xi}^{(k+1)} = \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 L_V \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2] - \frac{\gamma_{k+1} \rho^2}{2} \xi^{(k+1)}$ . Next, we observe that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^{k+1})}\|^2] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \frac{n-1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \right) \quad (32)$$

515 where the equality holds as  $i_k$  and  $j_k$  are drawn independently. Next,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2 + 2\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \mid \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)} \rangle\right] \end{aligned}$$

516 Note that  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} = -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}) = -\gamma_{k+1}\mathbf{H}_{k+1}$  and that in expectation we recall  
 517 that  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{H}_{k+1}|\mathcal{F}_k] = \rho\mathbf{h}_k + \rho\mathbb{E}[\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}|\mathcal{F}_k] + (1-\rho)\mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}]$  where  $\mathbf{h}_k = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$ . Thus,  
 518 for any  $\beta > 0$ , it holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2 + 2\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \mid \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)} \rangle\right] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + (1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta)\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2]\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2}{\beta}\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2]\right] \end{aligned}$$

519 where the last inequality is due to Young's inequality. Plugging this into (32) yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2 + 2\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} \mid \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)} \rangle\right] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + (1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta)\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2]\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2}{\beta}\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2]\right] \end{aligned}$$

520 Subsequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^{k+1})}\|^2] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \frac{n-1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}\left[\left(1 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta\right)\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2}{\beta}\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2]\right] \end{aligned}$$

521 We now use Lemma 5 on  $\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 = \gamma_{k+1}^2\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2$  and obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^{k+1})}\|^2] \\ &\leq \left(2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2\mathbf{L}_s^2}{n} + \frac{(n-1)(1+\gamma_{k+1}\beta)}{n^2}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2 \left(2\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] + \left(2\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2] \\ &\leq \left(2\gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \gamma_{k+1}^2\rho^2\mathbf{L}_s^2}{n}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2 \left(2\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] + \left(2\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

522 Let us define

$$\Delta^{(k)} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2]$$

523 From the above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^{(k+1)} &\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 \mathbf{L}_s^2\right) \Delta^{(k)} + \left(2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2 \left(2\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \gamma_{k+1} \left(2\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{\rho^2}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

524 Setting  $c_1 = v_{\min}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \max\{2, 1+2v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{\mathbf{L}_s, \mathbf{L}_V\}$ ,  $\gamma_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{\alpha n}$ ,  $\rho = \frac{1}{\alpha c_1 \bar{L} n^{2/3}}$ ,  
525  $c_1(k\alpha - 1) \geq c_1(\alpha - 1) \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2$ , we observe that

$$1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 \mathbf{L}_s^2 \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{\alpha k n} + \frac{1}{\alpha^2 c_1^2 k^2 n^{4/3}} \leq 1 - \frac{c_1(k\alpha - 1) - 1}{k\alpha n c_1} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{k\alpha n c_1}$$

526 which shows that  $1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 \mathbf{L}_s^2 \in (0, 1)$  for any  $k > 0$ . Denote  $\Lambda_{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{n} -$   
527  $\gamma_{k+1}\beta - \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 \mathbf{L}_s^2$  and note that  $\Delta^{(0)} = 0$ , thus the telescoping sum yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^{(k+1)} &\leq \sum_{\ell=0}^k \omega_{k,\ell} \left(2\gamma_{\ell+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{\ell+1}^2 \rho^2}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \sum_{\ell=0}^k \omega_{k,\ell} \gamma_{\ell+1} (1-\rho)^2 \left(2\gamma_{\ell+1} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(\ell)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\ell)}\|^2] + \sum_{\ell=0}^k \omega_{k,\ell} \gamma_{\ell+1} \tilde{\epsilon}^{(\ell+1)} \end{aligned}$$

528 where  $\omega_{k,\ell} = \prod_{j=\ell+1}^k (1 - \Lambda_{(j)})$  and  $\tilde{\epsilon}^{(\ell+1)} = \left(2\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{\rho^2}{\beta}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2]$ .

529 Summing on both sides over  $k = 0$  to  $k = K_m - 1$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Delta^{(k+1)} &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2}{\beta}}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2 \left(2\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \tilde{\epsilon}^{(k+1)} \end{aligned}$$

530 We recall (31) where we have summed on both sides from  $k = 0$  to  $k = K_m - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K_m)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)})] \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \left\{ \gamma_{k+1}(-(v_{\min}\rho + v_{\max}^2) + \gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 \mathbf{L}_V) \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] + \gamma^2 \mathbf{L}_V \rho^2 \mathbf{L}_s^2 \Delta^{(k)} \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \left\{ \tilde{\xi}^{(k+1)} + \left( (1-\rho)^2 \gamma_{k+1}^2 \mathbf{L}_V - \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)}\|^2] \right\} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \left\{ \left[ -\gamma_{k+1}(v_{\min}\rho + v_{\max}^2) + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 \mathbf{L}_V + \frac{\rho^2 \gamma_{k+1}^2 \mathbf{L}_V \mathbf{L}_s^2 \left(2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta}\right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \right] \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Xi^{(k+1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Gamma^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)}\|^2] \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

where

$$\Xi^{(k+1)} = \tilde{\xi}^{(k+1)} + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^3 \mathbf{L}_V \rho^2 \mathbf{L}_s^2}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \tilde{\epsilon}^{(k+1)}$$

and

$$\Gamma^{(k+1)} = \left( (1-\rho)^2 \gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V - \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^3 L_V \rho^2 L_s^2 (1-\rho)^2 \left( 2\gamma_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}}$$

531 We now analyse the following quantity

$$\begin{aligned} & -\gamma_{k+1}(v_{\min}\rho + v_{\max}^2) + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 L_V + \frac{\rho^2 \gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V L_s^2 \left( 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \\ & = \gamma_{k+1} \left[ -(v_{\min}\rho + v_{\max}^2) + \gamma_{k+1} \rho^2 L_V + \frac{\rho^2 \gamma_{k+1} L_V L_s^2 \left( 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

532 Furthermore, we recall that  $c_1 = v_{\min}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \max\{2, 1 + 2v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_s, L_V\}$ ,  $\gamma_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k}$ ,  
533  $\beta = \frac{1}{\alpha n}$ ,  $\rho = \frac{1}{\alpha c_1 \bar{L} n^{2/3}}$ ,  $c_1(k\alpha - 1) \geq c_1(\alpha - 1) \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma_{k+1} \rho^2 L_V + \frac{\rho^2 \gamma_{k+1} L_V L_s^2 \left( 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta} \right)}{\frac{1}{n} - \gamma_{k+1}\beta - \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 L_s^2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{k\alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{4/3}} + \frac{\bar{L}(k\alpha^2 c_1^2 n^{4/3})^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{k^2 \alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L}^2 n^{4/3}} + \frac{1}{k\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L}^2 n^{1/3}} \right)}{\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{k\alpha n} - \frac{1}{k^2 \alpha^2 c_1^2 n^{4/3}}} \\ & = \frac{1}{k\alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{4/3}} + \frac{\bar{L} \left( \frac{2}{k^2 \alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L}^2 n^{4/3}} + \frac{1}{k\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L}^2 n^{1/3}} \right)}{(k\alpha c_1 n^{1/3})(k\alpha - 1)c_1 - 1} \\ & \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{1}{k\alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{4/3}} + \frac{\frac{1}{k\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{1/3}} \left( \frac{2}{k\alpha n} + 1 \right)}{2(\alpha c_1 n^{1/3}) - 1} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{k^2 \alpha c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{4/3}} + \frac{1}{4k\alpha^2 c_1^3 \bar{L} n^{2/3}} \\ & \leq \frac{3/4}{\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{2/3}} \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where (a) is due to  $c_1(k\alpha - 1) \geq c_1(\alpha - 1) \geq 2$  and  $k\alpha c_1 n^{1/3} \geq 1$ . Note also that

$$-(v_{\min}\rho + v_{\max}^2) \leq -\rho v_{\min} = -\frac{1}{\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{2/3}}$$

which yields that

$$\left[ -(v_{\min}\rho + v_{\max}^2) + \gamma_{k+1} \rho^2 L_V + \frac{\rho^2 \gamma_{k+1} L_V L_s^2 \left( 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2}{\beta} \right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \right] \leq -\frac{1/4}{\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{2/3}}$$

534 Using the Lemma 2, we know that  $v_{\max}^2 \|\nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)})\|^2 \leq \|\hat{s}^{(k)} - \bar{s}^{(k)}\|^2$  and using (35) on (33)  
535 yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & v_{\max}^2 \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{s}^{(k)})\|^2] \\ & \leq \frac{4\alpha \bar{L} n^{2/3}}{v_{\min}^2} [V(\hat{s}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{s}^{(K_m)})] \\ & \quad + \frac{4\alpha \bar{L} n^{2/3}}{v_{\min}^2} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Xi^{(k+1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Gamma^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{s}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \end{aligned}$$



536 proving the final bound on the gradient of the Lyapunov function:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})\|^2] &\leq \frac{4\alpha \bar{L} n^{2/3}}{v_{\min}^2 v_{\max}^2} [V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K_m)})] \\ &\quad + \frac{4\alpha \bar{L} n^{2/3}}{v_{\min}^2 v_{\max}^2} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Xi^{(k+1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Gamma^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)}\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

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## 538 **F Practical Implementations of Two-Timescale EM Methods**

### 539 **F.1 Application on GMM**

#### 540 **F.1.1 Explicit Updates**

541 We first recognize that the constraint set for  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is given by

$$\Theta = \Delta^M \times \mathbb{R}^M.$$

542 Using the partition of the sufficient statistics as  $S(y_i, z_i) =$   
 543  $(S^{(1)}(y_i, z_i)^\top, S^{(2)}(y_i, z_i)^\top, S^{(3)}(y_i, z_i)^\top)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{M-1} \times \mathbb{R}^{M-1} \times \mathbb{R}$ , the partition  
 544  $\phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\phi^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})^\top, \phi^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})^\top, \phi^{(3)}(\boldsymbol{\theta})^\top)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{M-1} \times \mathbb{R}^{M-1} \times \mathbb{R}$  and the fact that  
 545  $\mathbb{1}_{\{M\}}(z_i) = 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{m\}}(z_i)$ , the complete data log-likelihood can be expressed as in  
 546 (2) with

$$\begin{aligned} s_{i,m}^{(1)} &= \mathbb{1}_{\{m\}}(z_i), \quad \phi_m^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \left\{ \log(\omega_m) - \frac{\mu_m^2}{2} \right\} - \left\{ \log(1 - \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \omega_j) - \frac{\mu_M^2}{2} \right\}, \\ s_{i,m}^{(2)} &= \mathbb{1}_{\{m\}}(z_i) y_i, \quad \phi_m^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mu_m, \quad s_i^{(3)} = y_i, \quad \phi^{(3)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mu_M, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

547 and  $\psi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\left\{ \log(1 - \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} \omega_m) - \frac{\mu_M^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}$ . We also define for each  $m \in \llbracket 1, M \rrbracket$ ,  $j \in \llbracket 1, 3 \rrbracket$ ,  
 548  $s_m^{(j)} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n s_{i,m}^{(j)}$ . Consider the following latent sample used to compute an approximation of  
 549 the conditional expected value  $\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}[\mathbb{1}_{\{z_i=m\}} | y = y_i]$ :

$$z_{i,m} \sim \mathbb{P}(z_i = m | y_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad (37)$$

550 where  $m \in \llbracket 1, M \rrbracket$ ,  $i \in [n]$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \in \Theta$ .

551 In particular, given iteration  $k + 1$ , the computation of the approximated quantity  $\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)}$  during  
 552 Incremental-step updates, see (8) can be written as

$$\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} = \left( \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{\{1\}}(z_{i_k,1}), \dots, \mathbb{1}_{\{M-1\}}(z_{i_k,M-1})}_{:=\tilde{s}_{i_k}^{(1)}}, \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{\{1\}}(z_{i_k,1})y_{i_k}, \dots, \mathbb{1}_{\{M-1\}}(z_{i_k,M-1})y_{i_k}}_{:=\tilde{s}_{i_k}^{(2)}}, \underbrace{y_{i_k}}_{:=\tilde{s}_{i_k}^{(3)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})} \right)^\top. \quad (38)$$

553 Recall that we have used the following regularizer:

$$\mathbf{r}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\delta}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M \mu_m^2 - \epsilon \sum_{m=1}^M \log(\omega_m) - \epsilon \log(1 - \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} \omega_m), \quad (39)$$

554 It can be shown that the regularized M-step evaluates to

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s}) = \begin{pmatrix} (1 + \epsilon M)^{-1} (s_1^{(1)} + \epsilon, \dots, s_{M-1}^{(1)} + \epsilon)^\top \\ ((s_1^{(1)} + \delta)^{-1} s_1^{(2)}, \dots, (s_{M-1}^{(1)} + \delta)^{-1} s_{M-1}^{(2)})^\top \\ (1 - \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} s_m^{(1)} + \delta)^{-1} (s^{(3)} - \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} s_m^{(2)}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\mathbf{s}) \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(\mathbf{s}) \\ \bar{\mu}_M(\mathbf{s}) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (40)$$

555 where we have defined for all  $m \in \llbracket 1, M \rrbracket$  and  $j \in \llbracket 1, 3 \rrbracket$ ,  $s_m^{(j)} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n s_{i,m}^{(j)}$ .

### 556 F.1.2 Model Assumptions (GMM example)

557 We use the GMM example to illustrate the required assumptions.

558 Many practical models can satisfy the compactness of the sets as in Assumption A1. For instance,  
 559 the GMM example satisfies (11) as the sufficient statistics are composed of indicator functions and  
 560 observations as defined Section F.1 Equation (36).

Assumptions A2 and A3 are standard for the curved exponential family models. For GMM, the following (strongly convex) regularization  $r(\theta)$  ensures A3:

$$r(\theta) = \frac{\delta}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M \mu_m^2 - \epsilon \sum_{m=1}^M \log(\omega_m) - \epsilon \log \left( 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{M-1} \omega_m \right)$$

561 since it ensures  $\theta^{(k)}$  is unique and lies in  $\text{int}(\Delta^M) \times \mathbb{R}^M$ . We remark that for A2, it is possible to  
 562 define the Lipschitz constant  $L_p$  independently for each data  $y_i$  to yield a refined characterization.

563 Again, A4 is satisfied by practical models. For GMM, it can be verified by deriving the closed form  
 564 expression for  $B(s)$  and using A1.

565 Under A1 and A3, we have  $\|\hat{s}^{(k)}\| < \infty$  since  $S$  is compact and  $\hat{\theta}^{(k)} \in \text{int}(\Theta)$  for any  $k \geq 0$  which  
 566 thus ensure that the EM methods operate in a closed set throughout the optimization process.

### 567 F.1.3 Algorithms updates

568 In the sequel, recall that, for all  $i \in [n]$  and iteration  $k$ , the computed statistic  $\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)}$  is defined by (38).  
 569 At iteration  $k$ , the several E-steps defined by (1) or (2) and (3) leads to the definition of the quantity  
 570  $\hat{s}^{(k+1)}$ . For the GMM example, after the initialization of the quantity  $\hat{s}^{(0)} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{s}_i^{(0)}$ , those  
 571 E-steps break down as follows:

572 **Batch EM (EM):** for all  $i \in [n]$ , compute  $\bar{s}_i^{(k)}$  and set

$$\hat{s}^{(k+1)} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{s}_i^{(k)}.$$

573 where  $\bar{s}_i^{(k)}$  are computed using the exact conditional expected value  $\mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\mathbb{1}_{\{z_i=m\}} | y = y_i]$ :

$$\tilde{\omega}_m(y_i; \theta) := \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[\mathbb{1}_{\{z_i=m\}} | y = y_i] = \frac{\omega_m \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(y_i - \mu_i)^2)}{\sum_{j=1}^M \omega_j \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(y_i - \mu_j)^2)},$$

574 **Incremental EM (iEM):** draw an index  $i_k$  uniformly at random on  $[n]$ , compute  $\bar{s}_{i_k}^{(k)}$  and set

$$\hat{s}^{(k+1)} = \hat{s}^{(k)} + \frac{1}{n} (\bar{s}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \bar{s}_{i_k}^{(\tau_i^k)}) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{s}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}.$$

575 **batch SAEM (SAEM):** draw an index  $i_k$  uniformly at random on  $[n]$ , compute  $\bar{s}_{i_k}^{(k)}$  and set

$$\hat{s}^{(k+1)} = \hat{s}^{(k)} (1 - \gamma_{k+1}) + \gamma_{k+1} \tilde{S}^{(k)}.$$

576 where  $\tilde{S}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(k)}$  with  $\tilde{S}_i^{(k)}$  defined in (38).

577 **Incremental SAEM (iSAEM):** draw an index  $i_k$  uniformly at random on  $[n]$ , compute  $\bar{s}_{i_k}^{(k)}$  and set

$$\hat{s}^{(k+1)} = \hat{s}^{(k)} (1 - \gamma_{k+1}) + \gamma_{k+1} (\tilde{S}^{(k)} + \frac{1}{n} (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_i^k)})).$$

578 **Variance Reduced Two-Timescale EM (vrTTEM):** draw an index  $i_k$  uniformly at random on  $[n]$ ,  
 579 compute  $\bar{s}_{i_k}^{(k)}$  and set

$$\hat{s}^{(k+1)} = \hat{s}^{(k)} (1 - \gamma_{k+1}) + \gamma_{k+1} (\tilde{S}^{(k)} (1 - \rho) + \rho (\tilde{S}^{(\ell(k))} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\ell(k))}))).$$

580 **Fast Incremental Two-Timescale EM (fitTEM):** draw an index  $i_k$  uniformly at random on  $[n]$ ,  
 581 compute  $\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)}$  and set

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}(1 - \gamma_{k+1}) + \gamma_{k+1}(\tilde{S}^{(k)}(1 - \rho) + \rho(\bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)})) .$$

582 Finally, the  $k$ -th update reads  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{(k+1)} = \bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)})$  where the function  $\mathbf{s} \rightarrow \bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{s})$  is defined by (40).

## 583 F.2 Deformable Template Model for Image Analysis

### 584 F.2.1 Model and Updates

585 The complete model belongs to the curved exponential family, see [2], which vector of sufficient  
 586 statistics  $S = (S_1(z), S_2(z), S_3(z))$  read:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(z) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S_1(y_i, z_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{K}_p^{z_i})^\top y_i \\ S_2(z) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S_2(y_i, z_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{K}_p^{z_i})^\top (\mathbf{K}_p^{z_i}) \\ S_3(z) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S_3(y_i, z_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^t z_i \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

587 where for any pixel  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $j \in \llbracket 1, k_g \rrbracket$  we denote:

$$\mathbf{K}_p^{z_i}(x_u, j) = \mathbf{K}_p^{z_i}(x_u - \phi_i(x_u, z_i), p_j)$$

588 Finally, the Two-Timescale M-step yields the following parameter updates:

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \beta(\hat{\mathbf{s}}) = \hat{s}_2^{-1}(z) \hat{s}_1(z) \\ \Gamma(\hat{\mathbf{s}}) = \frac{1}{n} \hat{s}_3(z) \\ \sigma(\hat{\mathbf{s}}) = \beta(\hat{\mathbf{s}})^\top \hat{s}_2(z) \beta(\hat{\mathbf{s}}) - 2\beta(\hat{\mathbf{s}}) \hat{s}_1(z) \end{pmatrix} \quad (42)$$

589 where  $\hat{\mathbf{s}} = (\hat{s}_1(z), \hat{s}_2(z), \hat{s}_3(z))$  is the vector of statistics obtained via the **SA-step** (7) and using the  
 590 MC approximation of the sufficient statistics  $(S_1(z), S_2(z), S_3(z))$  defined in (41).

### 591 F.2.2 Numerical Applications

592 For the inference of the template, we use the Matlab code (online SAEM) used in [24] and implement  
 593 our own batch, incremental, Variance reduced and Fast Incremental variants. The hyperparameters  
 594 are kept the same and reads as follows  $M = 400$ ,  $\gamma_k = 1/k^{0.6}$  and  $p = 16$ . The number of  
 595 landmarks for the template is  $k_p = 15$  points and for the deformation  $k_g = 6$  points. Both have  
 596 Gaussian kernels with respectively standard deviation of 0.12 and 0.3. The standard deviation of the  
 597 measurement errors is set to 0.1.

598 For the simulation part, we use the Carlin and Chib MCMC procedure, see [9]. Refer to [24] for  
 599 more details.

## G Additional Experiment: Pharmacokinetics (PK) Model with Absorption Lag Time

This numerical example was conducted in order to characterize the pharmacokinetics (PK) of orally administered drug to simulated patients, using a population pharmacokinetics approach.  $M = 50$  synthetic datasets were generated for  $n = 5000$  patients with 10 observations (concentration measures) per patient. The goal is to model the evolution of the concentration of the absorbed drug using a nonlinear and latent variable model.

**Model and Explicit Updates:** We consider a one-compartment PK model for oral administration with an absorption lag-time ( $T^{\text{lag}}$ ), assuming first-order absorption and linear elimination processes. The final model includes the following variables:  $ka$  the absorption rate constant,  $V$  the volume of distribution,  $k$  the elimination rate constant and  $T^{\text{lag}}$  the absorption lag-time. We also add several covariates to our model such as  $D$  the dose of drug administered,  $t$  the time at which measures are taken and the weight of the patient influencing the volume  $V$ . More precisely, the log-volume  $\log(V)$  is a linear function of the log-weight  $lw70 = \log(wt/70)$ . Let  $z_i = (T_i^{\text{lag}}, ka_i, V_i, k_i)$  be the vector of individual PK parameters, different for each individual  $i$ . The final model reads:

$$y_{ij} = f(t_{ij}, z_i) + \varepsilon_{ij} \quad \text{where} \quad f(t_{ij}, z_i) = \frac{D ka_i}{V(ka_i - k_i)} (e^{-ka_i(t_{ij} - T_i^{\text{lag}})} - e^{-k_i(t_{ij} - T_i^{\text{lag}})}) , \quad (43)$$

where  $y_{ij}$  is the  $j$ -th concentration measurement of the drug of dosage  $D$  injected at time  $t_{ij}$  for patient  $i$ . We assume in this example that the residual errors  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  are independent and normally distributed with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Lognormal distributions are used for the four PK parameters.

Lognormal distributions are used for the four PK parameters:

$$\log(T_i^{\text{lag}}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\log(T_{\text{pop}}^{\text{lag}}), \omega_{T^{\text{lag}}}^2), \log(ka_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(\log(ka_{\text{pop}}), \omega_{ka}^2), \quad (44)$$

$$\log(V_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(\log(V_{\text{pop}}), \omega_V^2), \log(k_i) \sim \mathcal{N}(\log(k_{\text{pop}}), \omega_k^2). \quad (45)$$

We recall that the complete model  $(y, z)$  defined by (43) belongs to the curved exponential family, which vector of sufficient statistics  $S = (S_1(z), S_2(z), S_3(z))$  read:

$$S_1(z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i, \quad S_2(z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^\top z_i, \quad S_3(z) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(t_i, z_i))^2 \quad (46)$$

where we have noted  $y_i$  and  $t_i$  the vector of observations and time for each patient  $i$ . At iteration  $k$ , and setting the number of MC samples to 1 for the sake of clarity, the MC sampling  $z_i^{(k)} \sim p(z_i | y_i, \theta^{(k)})$  is performed using a Metropolis-Hastings procedure detailed in Algorithm 2. The quantities  $\tilde{S}^{(k+1)}$  and  $\hat{s}^{(k+1)}$  are then updated according to the different methods. Finally the maximization step yields:

$$\bar{\theta}(s) = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{s}_1^{(k+1)} \\ \hat{s}_2^{(k+1)} - \hat{s}_1^{(k+1)} (\hat{s}_1^{(k+1)})^\top \\ \hat{s}_3^{(k+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{z_{\text{pop}}}(\hat{s}^{(k+1)}) \\ \overline{\omega_z}(\hat{s}^{(k+1)}) \\ \overline{\sigma}(\hat{s}^{(k+1)}) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (47)$$

where  $z_{\text{pop}}$  denotes the vector of fixed effects  $(T_{\text{pop}}^{\text{lag}}, ka_{\text{pop}}, V_{\text{pop}}, k_{\text{pop}})$ .

**Metropolis Hastings algorithm.** During the simulation step of the MISSO method, the sampling from the target distribution  $\pi(z_i, \theta) := p(z_i | y_i, \theta)$  is performed using a Metropolis Hastings (MH) algorithm [27] with proposal distribution  $q(z_i, \delta)$  where  $\theta = (z_{\text{pop}}, \omega_z)$  and  $\delta$  is the vector of parameters of the proposal distribution. Commonly they parameterize a Gaussian proposal. The MH algorithm is summarized in 2.

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**Algorithm 2** MH algorithm

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1: Input: initialization  $z_{i,0} \sim q(z_i; \delta)$ 
2: for  $m = 1, \dots, M$  do
3:   Sample  $z_{i,m} \sim q(z_i; \delta)$ 
4:   Sample  $u \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 1])$ 
5:   Calculate the ratio  $r = \frac{\pi(z_{i,m}; \theta) / q(z_{i,m}; \delta)}{\pi(z_{i,m-1}; \theta) / q(z_{i,m-1}; \delta)}$ 
6:   if  $u < r$  then
7:     Accept  $z_{i,m}$ 
8:   else
9:      $z_{i,m} \leftarrow z_{i,m-1}$ 
10:  end if
11: end for
12: Output:  $z_{i,M}$ 
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632 **Monte Carlo study:** We conduct a Monte Carlo study to showcase the benefits of our scheme.  $M =$   
633 50 datasets have been simulated using the following PK parameters values:  $T_{\text{pop}}^{\text{lag}} = 1$ ,  $ka_{\text{pop}} = 1$ ,  
634  $V_{\text{pop}} = 8$ ,  $k_{\text{pop}} = 0.1$ ,  $\omega_{T^{\text{lag}}} = 0.4$ ,  $\omega_{ka} = 0.5$ ,  $\omega_V = 0.2$ ,  $\omega_k = 0.3$  and  $\sigma^2 = 0.5$ . We define  
635 the mean square distance over the  $M$  replicates  $E_k(\ell) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \left( \theta_k^{(m)}(\ell) - \theta^* \right)^2$  and plot it  
636 against the epochs (passes over the data) Figure 4. Note that the MC-step (5) is performed using a  
637 Metropolis Hastings procedure since the posterior distribution under the model  $\theta$  noted  $p(z_i | y_i, \theta)$   
638 is intractable due to the nonlinearity of the model (43). Figure 4 shows clear advantage of variance  
639 reduced methods (vrTTEM and fitTEM) avoiding the twists and turns displayed by the incremental  
640 and the batch methods.

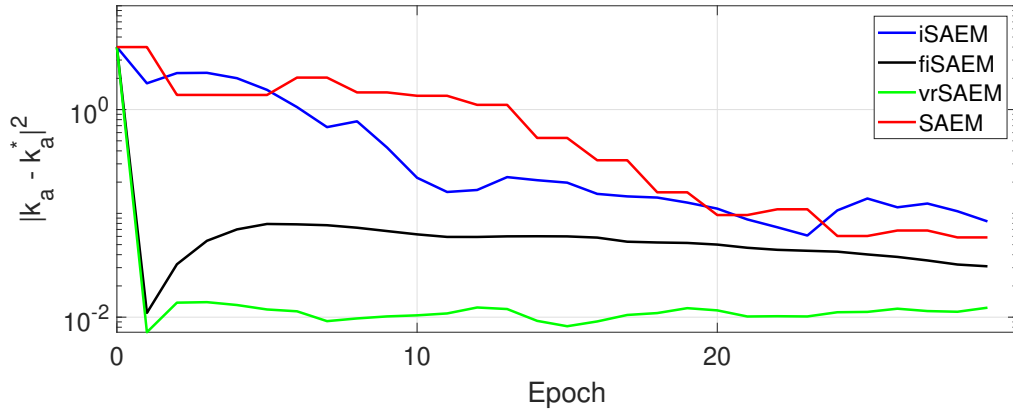


Figure 4: Precision  $|ka^{(k)} - ka^*|^2$  per epoch