

# Supplementary Material for ” A Class of Two-Timescale Stochastic EM Algorithms for Nonconvex Latent Variable Models ”

## A Proofs for the iSAEM Algorithm

### A.1 Proof of Lemma 2

**Lemma.** Assume A3, A4. For all  $s \in S$ ,

$$v_{\min}^{-1} \langle \nabla V(s), s - \bar{s}(\bar{\theta}(s)) \rangle \geq \|s - \bar{s}(\bar{\theta}(s))\|^2 \geq v_{\max}^{-2} \|\nabla V(s)\|^2. \quad (32)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_s V(s) &= J_{\theta}^s(s)^\top (\nabla_{\theta} r(\bar{\theta}(s)) + \nabla_{\theta} L(\bar{\theta}(s))) \\ &= J_{\theta}^s(s)^\top (\nabla_{\theta} \psi(\bar{\theta}(s)) + \nabla_{\theta} r(\bar{\theta}(s)) - J_{\phi}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(s))^\top \bar{s}(\bar{\theta}(s))) \\ &= J_{\theta}^s(s)^\top J_{\phi}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(s))^\top (s - \bar{s}(\bar{\theta}(s))). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Consider the following vector map:

$$s \rightarrow \nabla_{\theta} L(s; \theta)|_{\theta=\bar{\theta}(s)} = \nabla_{\theta} \psi(\bar{\theta}(s)) + \nabla_{\theta} r(\bar{\theta}(s)) - J_{\phi}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(s))^\top s.$$

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

$$0 = -J_{\phi}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(s)) + \underbrace{(\nabla_{\theta}^2(\psi(\theta) + r(\theta)) - \langle \phi(\theta), s \rangle)|_{\theta=\bar{\theta}(s)}}_{=H_L^{\theta}(s; \theta)} J_{\theta}^s(s).$$

The above yields

$$\nabla_s V(s) = B(s)(s - \bar{s}(\bar{\theta}(s))),$$

where we recall  $B(s) = J_{\phi}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(s))(H_L^{\theta}(s; \bar{\theta}(s)))^{-1} J_{\theta}^{\theta}(\bar{\theta}(s))^\top$ . The proof of (32) follows directly from the assumption A4.  $\square$

## A.2 Proof of Theorem 1

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

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

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \gamma_{k+1}(S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) .$$

Also:

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

where  $\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$  is defined by (4) and  $\tau_i^k = \max\{k' : i_{k'} = i, k' < k\}$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} &= S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \frac{1}{n}(\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k+1)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)}) \\ &= \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \frac{1}{n}(\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k+1)}) . \end{aligned}$$

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

$$S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} = \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \frac{1}{n}(\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(\tau_{i_k}^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})) + \frac{1}{n}\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} .$$

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

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

Since we have  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}|\mathcal{F}_k] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)}$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})|\mathcal{F}_k] = \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$ , we conclude the proof of the Lemma.  $\square$

We also derive the following auxiliary Lemma which sets an upper bound for the quantity  $\mathbb{E}[\|S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2]$ :

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

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

*Proof.* Applying the iSAEM update yields:

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

The last expectation can be further bounded by

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

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

**Theorem.** Assume A1-A5. Consider the iSAEM sequence  $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\}_{k>0} \in \mathcal{S}$  obtained with  $\rho_{k+1} = 1$  for any  $k \leq K_m$  where  $K_m$  is a positive integer. Let  $\{\gamma_k = 1/(k^a \alpha c_1 \bar{L})\}_{k>0}$ , 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:

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

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

$$V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)}) \leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \gamma_{k+1} \langle S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2.$$

Taking the expectation on both sides yields:

$$\mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)})] \leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] + \gamma_{k+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2].$$

Using Lemma 4, we obtain:

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
a_k \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] &\leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)})] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\
&\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1 - \frac{1}{n})}{2\beta} \mathbb{E}[\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{2n} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k)}\|^2].
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

We now give an upper bound of  $\mathbb{E}[\|S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2]$  using Lemma 5 and plug it into (34):

$$\begin{aligned}
(a_k - 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] &\leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)})] \\
&\quad + \gamma_{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2\beta}(1 - 1/n) + 2\gamma_{k+1} L_V\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\
&\quad + \gamma_{k+1} \left(\gamma_{k+1} L_V + \frac{1}{2n}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k)}\|^2] \\
&\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V L_s^2}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2].
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Next, we observe that

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2 + 2\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)} \rangle] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2 - 2\gamma_{k+1}\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)} \rangle] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}\|^2 + \gamma_{k+1}\beta\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(\tau_i^k)}\|^2],
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Observe that  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} = -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)})$ . Applying Lemma 5 yields

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

Let us define

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

From the above, we obtain

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

Setting  $c_1 = v_{\min}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \max\{8, 1 + 6v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_{\mathbf{s}}, L_V\}$ ,  $\gamma_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k\alpha c_1 \bar{L}}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{c_1 \bar{L}}{n}$ , we remark  $c_1(k\alpha - 1) \geq c_1(\alpha - 1) \geq 6$  and we observe that

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

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

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

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Delta^{(k+1)} &= 4 \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} (\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \omega_{k,1} \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} (\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \omega_{k,1} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_\ell}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} 4(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta}) \omega_{k,1} \mathbb{E}[\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{4(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta})}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{2(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta})}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_\ell}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{4(\gamma_{k+1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}}{\beta})}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \mathbb{E}[\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2]. \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

We recall (35) where we have summed on both sides from  $k = 0$  to  $k = K_m - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} (a_k - 2\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V) \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K)})] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{2\beta} (1 - 1/n) + 2\gamma_{k+1} L_V \right) \mathbb{E}[\|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(\tau_i^k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \gamma_{k+1} \left( \gamma_{k+1} L_V + \frac{1}{2n} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k)}\|^2] + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V L_s^2}{n^2} \Delta^{(k)}. \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Plugging (36) into (37) results in:

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

where

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

and

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

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

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

concluding the proof of the Theorem. □

## B Proofs for the vrTTEM and the fiTTEM Algorithms

### B.1 Additional Intermediary Results

We introduce additional Lemmas below before getting into the proofs of the desired results.

**Lemma 9.** *Consider the vrTTEM update (2) with  $\rho_k = \rho$ , it holds for all  $k > 0$*

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

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

*Proof.* Beforehand, we provide an alternate expression of the quantity  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$  that will be useful throughout this proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} &= -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}) = -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - (1 - \rho)S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)} - \rho\mathbf{s}^{(k+1)}) \\ &= -\gamma_{k+1} \left( (1 - \rho)[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)}] + \rho[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathbf{s}^{(k+1)}] \right). \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

We observe, using the identity (38), that

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}\|^2] \leq 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2\rho^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathbf{s}^{(k+1)}\|^2] + 2(1 - \rho)^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{((k))} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)}\|^2]. \quad (39)$$

For the latter term, we obtain its upper bound as

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

where (a) uses the variance inequality and (b) uses Lemma 1. Substituting into (39) proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 10.** *Consider the fiTTEM update (3) with  $\rho_k = \rho$ . It holds for all  $k > 0$  that*

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

where  $L_s$  is the smoothness constant defined in Lemma 1.



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

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} &= -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}) \\
&= -\gamma_{k+1}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - (1 - \rho)S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)} - \rho\mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}) \\
&= -\gamma_{k+1} \left( (1 - \rho)[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)}] + \rho[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}] \right) \\
&= -\gamma_{k+1} \left( (1 - \rho)[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)}] + \rho[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)} - (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)})] \right). \tag{40}
\end{aligned}$$

We observe, using the identity (40), that

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}\|^2] \leq 2\rho^2\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)}\|^2] + 2\rho^2\mathbb{E}[\|\bar{\mathbf{S}}^{(k)} - \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}\|^2] + 2(1 - \rho)^2\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)}\|^2]. \tag{41}$$

For the latter term, we obtain its upper bound as

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

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

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

Substituting the above into (41) proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 11.** *Considering a decreasing stepsize  $\gamma_k \in (0, 1)$  and a constant  $\rho \in (0, 1)$ , we have*

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} &= S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)} + \rho(\mathbf{S}^{(k+1)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)}), \\
\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} &= \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} + \gamma_{k+1}(S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}), \tag{42}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{S}_i^{(t_k^k)} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_k^k)})$  according to (3). Denote  $\delta^{(k+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}$ . Then from (42), doing the subtraction of both equations yields:

$$\delta^{(k+1)} = (1 - \gamma_{k+1})\delta^{(k)} + \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}(1 - \gamma_{k+1})(\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}) .$$

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

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

□

## B.2 Proofs of Auxiliary Lemmas ( Lemma 6, Lemma 8 and Lemma 3)

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

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

where we recall that  $\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}$ , defined in (13), which is the gap between the MC approximation and the expected statistics.

*Proof.* Using the fitTEM update  $S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)} = (1 - \rho)S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)} + \rho\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)}$  where  $\mathcal{S}^{(k+1)} = \bar{\mathcal{S}}^{(k)} + (\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_k^k)})$  leads to the following decomposition:

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

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

**Important Note:** Note that  $\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_k^k)}$  is not equal to  $\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}$ , defined in (13), which is the gap between the MC approximation and the expected statistics. Indeed  $\tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_k^k)}$  is not computed under the same model as  $\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)}$ . □

### B.3 Proof of Theorem 2

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)}) &\leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{L_V}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 \\ &\leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - \gamma_{k+1} \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Denote  $\mathbf{H}_{k+1} := \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}$  the drift term of the fitTEM update in (8) and  $\mathbf{h}_k = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}$ . Taking expectations on both sides show that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)})] \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] - \gamma_{k+1}(1 - \rho) \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] \\ &\quad - \gamma_{k+1} \rho \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \mathcal{S}^{(k+1)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] - \gamma_{k+1} \rho \mathbb{E}[\langle \mathbf{h}_k, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] - \gamma_{k+1}(1 - \rho) \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] \\ &\quad - \gamma_{k+1} \rho \mathbb{E}[\langle \eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2] \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})] - (\gamma_{k+1} \rho v_{\min} + \gamma_{k+1} v_{\max}^2) \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2] \\ &\quad - \gamma_{k+1} \rho \mathbb{E}[\|\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)}\|^2] - \gamma_{k+1}(1 - \rho) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2], \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

where we have used (38) 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 Lemma 2 and Young's inequality with the constant equal to 1 in (c). Furthermore, for  $k+1 \leq \ell(k) + m$  (i.e.,  $k+1$

is in the same epoch as  $k$ ), we have

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

where we first used (38) and the last inequality is due to Young's inequality. Consider the following sequence:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And using Lemma 6 we obtain:

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

Rearranging the terms yields:

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

where

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

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

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

We first remark that

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

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  $\{\gamma_{k+1}\}$  any sequence of decreasing stepsizes in  $(0, 1)$ , it can be shown that there exists  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ , such that the following lower bound holds

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

where the simplification in (a) is due to

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

and the required  $\mu$  in (b) can be found by solving the quadratic equation. Finally, these results yield:

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

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

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

This concludes our proof. □

## B.4 Proof of Theorem 3

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)}) &\leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) + \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{L_V}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 \\ &\leq V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - \gamma_{k+1} \langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}, \nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) \rangle + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

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

$$\mathbb{E}[(\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}) - \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{s}}_{i_k}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}_{i_k}^{(t_{i_k}^k)}]] = 0, \quad (46)$$

we have

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

where  $\xi^{(k+1)} := \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbb{E}[\eta_{i_k}^{(k+1)} | \mathcal{F}_k]\|^2]$ . Next, we bound the quantity  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\|^2]$ . Using Lemma 8, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\gamma_{k+1} (v_{\min} \rho + v_{\max}^2 - \gamma_{k+1} \rho^2 L_V) \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)})] + \tilde{\xi}^{(k+1)} + \left( (1 - \rho)^2 \gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V - \frac{\gamma_{k+1} (1 - \rho)^2}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V \rho^2 L_s^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2], \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

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

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^{k+1})}\|^2] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2] + \frac{n-1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] \right), \quad (48)$$

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

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2] = \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)}\|^2 + 2\langle \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(t_i^k)} \rangle].$$

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

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

where the last inequality is due to Young's inequality. Plugging this into (48) yields:

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

Subsequently, we have

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



We now use Lemma 8 on  $\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2 = \gamma_{k+1}^2 \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - S_{\text{tts}}^{(k+1)}\|^2$  and obtain:

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

Let us define

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

From the above, we obtain

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

Setting  $c_1 = v_{\min}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = \max\{2, 1 + 2v_{\min}\}$ ,  $\bar{L} = \max\{L_s, L_V\}$ ,  $\gamma_{k+1} = \frac{1}{k}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{\alpha n}$ ,  $\rho = \frac{1}{\alpha c_1 \bar{L} n^{2/3}}$ , then we have that  $c_1(k\alpha - 1) \geq c_1(\alpha - 1) = \max\{\frac{1}{v_{\min}}, 2\} \geq 2$ . Hence, we observe that

$$1 - \frac{1}{n} + \gamma_{k+1}\beta + \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 L_s^2 \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{\alpha k n} + \frac{1}{\alpha^2 c_1^2 k^2 n^{\frac{4}{3}}} \leq 1 - \frac{c_1(k\alpha - 1) - 1}{k\alpha n c_1} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{k\alpha n c_1},$$

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

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

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

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

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

We recall (47) where we have summed on both sides from  $k = 0$  to  $k = K_m - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(K_m)}) - V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)})] \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \left\{ \gamma_{k+1}(-(v_{\min}\rho + v_{\max}^2) + \gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 L_V) \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] + \gamma^2 L_V \rho^2 L_s^2 \Delta^{(k)} \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \left\{ \tilde{\xi}^{(k+1)} + \left( (1-\rho)^2 \gamma_{k+1}^2 L_V - \frac{\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho)^2}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2] \right\} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \left\{ \gamma_{k+1} \left[ -(v_{\min}\rho + v_{\max}^2) + \gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 L_V + \frac{\rho^2 \gamma_{k+1} L_V L_s^2 \left(2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1} \rho^2}{\beta}\right)}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \right] \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{h}_k\|^2] \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Xi^{(k+1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{K_m-1} \Gamma^{(k+1)} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \tilde{S}^{(k)}\|^2], \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

where

$$\Xi^{(k+1)} = \tilde{\xi}^{(k+1)} + \frac{\gamma_{k+1}^3 L_V \rho^2 L_s^2}{\Lambda_{(k+1)}} \tilde{\epsilon}^{(k+1)}$$

and

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

Furthermore, given the values set for  $c_1$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\bar{L}$ ,  $\gamma_{k+1}$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\rho$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\gamma_{k+1}\rho^2 L_V + \frac{\rho^2 \gamma_{k+1} L_V L_s^2 \left(2\gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 + \frac{\gamma_{k+1} \rho^2}{\beta}\right)}{\frac{1}{n} - \gamma_{k+1}\beta - \gamma_{k+1}^2 \rho^2 L_s^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k\alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{4/3}} + \frac{\bar{L}(k\alpha^2 c_1^2 n^{4/3})^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{k^2 \alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L}^2 n^{4/3}} + \frac{1}{k\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L}^2 n^{1/3}}\right)}{\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{k\alpha n} - \frac{1}{k^2 \alpha^2 c_1^2 n^{4/3}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{k\alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{4/3}} + \frac{\bar{L} \left(\frac{2}{k^2 \alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L}^2 n^{4/3}} + \frac{1}{k\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L}^2 n^{1/3}}\right)}{(k\alpha c_1 n^{1/3})(k\alpha - 1)c_1 - 1} \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{1}{k\alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{4/3}} + \frac{\frac{1}{k\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{1/3}} \left(\frac{2}{k\alpha n} + 1\right)}{2(\alpha c_1 n^{1/3}) - 1} \leq \frac{1}{k^2 \alpha^2 c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{4/3}} + \frac{1}{4k\alpha^2 c_1^3 \bar{L} n^{2/3}} \leq \frac{3/4}{\alpha c_1^2 \bar{L} n^{2/3}}, \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

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

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

Using the Lemma 2, we know that  $v_{\max}^2 \|\nabla V(\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)})\|^2 \leq \|\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)} - \bar{\mathbf{s}}^{(k)}\|^2$  and using (50) on (49) yields:

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

proving the bound on the second order moment of the gradient of the Lyapunov function:

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

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