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We introduce the bivariate jump-diffusion process, consisting of two-dimensional diffusion and two-dimensional jumps, that can be coupled to one another. We present a data-driven, nonparametric estimation procedure of higher-order (up to 8) Kramers-Moyal coefficients that allows one to reconstruct relevant aspects of the underlying jump-diffusion processes and to recover the underlying parameters. The procedure is validated with numerically integrated data using synthetic bivariate time series from continuous and discontinuous processes. We further evaluate the possibility of estimating the parameters of the jump-diffusion model via data-driven analyses of the higher-order Kramers-Moyal coefficients, and the limitations arising from the scarcity of points in the data or disproportionate parameters in the system.

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Research over the last two decades has demonstrated the high suitability of the network paradigm in advancing our understanding of natural and man-made complex dynamical systems [1–7]. With this paradigm, a system component is represented by a vertex and interactions between components are conveyed by edges connecting vertices, and graph theory provides a large repertoire of methods to characterize networks on various scales.

Characterizing properties of interactions using the knowledge of the dynamics of each of the components is key to understanding real-world systems. To achieve this goal, a large number of time-series-analysis methods have been developed that originate from synchronization theory, nonlinear dynamics, information theory, and statistical physics (for an overview, see Refs. [8–15]). Some of these methods make rather strict assumptions about the dynamics of network components generating the time series and many approaches preferentially focus on the low-dimensional deterministic part of the dynamics.

Real-world systems, however, are typically influenced by random forcing, and interactions between constituents are highly nonlinear, which results in very complex, stochastic, and nonstationary system behavior that exhibits both deterministic and stochastic features. Aiming at determining

characteristics and strength of fluctuating forces as well as at assessing properties of nonlinear interactions, the analysis of such systems is associated with the problem of retrieving a stochastic dynamical system from measured time series. There is a substantial existing literature [16–19] for the modeling of complex dynamical systems which employs the conventional Langevin equation that is based on the first- and second-order Kramers-Moyal (KM) coefficients, known as drift and diffusion terms. All functions and parameters of this modeling can be found directly from the measured time series employing a widely used nonparametric approach. There are by now only few studies that make use of this ansatz to characterize interactions between stochastic processes [20–24].

Despite its successful application in diverse scientific fields, growing evidence indicates that the continuous stochastic modeling of time series of complex systems (the white-noise-driven Langevin equation) should account for the presence of discontinuous jump components [19,25–33]. In this context, the jump-diffusion model [34–37] was shown to provide a theoretical tool to study processes of known and unknown nature that exhibit jumps. It allows one to separate the deterministic drift term as well as different stochastic behaviors, namely, diffusive and jumpy behavior [19,32,33]. Moreover, all of the unknown functions and coefficients of a dynamical stochastic equation that describe a jump-diffusion process can be derived directly from measured time series. This approach involves estimating higher-order ( $\geq 3$ ) KM coefficients and it provides an intuitive physical meaning of these coefficients.

The focus of this paper is to introduce a method to investigate bivariate time series with discontinuous jump

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of adequate time sampling was extensively studied and discussed in Refs. [19,33].

In the limiting case where  $\Delta t$  is equivalent to the sampling rate of the data, the KM coefficients take the form

$$\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \langle \Delta y_1^\ell \Delta y_2^m \big|_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \rangle, \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta y_i = y_i(t + \Delta t) - y_i(t).$$

The algebraic relations between the KM coefficients and functions in Eq. (2) are given by [19,32]

$$\mathcal{M}^{[1,0]} = N_1, \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{[0,1]} = N_2,$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]} = g_{1,1}g_{2,1} + g_{1,2}g_{2,2}, \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]} = [g_{1,1}^2 + g_{1,2}^2],$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]} = [g_{2,1}^2 + g_{2,2}^2].$$

An explicit derivation can be found in Appendix A. Evidently, this underdetermined set of five equations is insufficient to uncover the six functions of a general stochastic diffusion process. One must bare this in mind, for the same issue will arise again when reconstructing jump-diffusion processes from data. Nonetheless, under certain assumptions it is possible to reduce the dimension of the problem and therefore obtain a system of equation which is not underdetermined. Two methods for these cases are presented in Ref. [19] and another criterion will be presented later.

In order to relate the results obtained from studying the KM coefficients against the theoretical functions, we propose a method to assess the difference between the values of the theoretically expected functions and the estimated values of the KM coefficients. Since for bivariate processes the KM coefficients are two-dimensional—as are the parameters of Eq. (1)—an adequate “distance” measure between the resulting two-dimensional surfaces is required.

Following Ref. [20], we propose a distance measure that allows for the variability of the density of data in some regions of the underlying space to be taken into consideration.

Let  $f^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2)$  denote the theoretical value for orders  $(\ell, m)$  introduced in the model, i.e., a nonlinear combination of the various parameters of the system. The distance between each surface can be defined as

$$\int \int_U (\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2) - f^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2))^2 dy_1 dy_2 =: V^2, \quad (6)$$

where  $U$  denotes the domain of  $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2)$ . The least-squared distance volume  $V$  between the surfaces is zero if  $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2) = f^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2)$ . It is this volume that one aims to minimize such that the reconstructed KM coefficients match the underlying theoretical functions in the model. Since  $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2)$  is a real-valued function measured over a distribution space  $U$ , the density of data points is not uniform over  $U$ . This implies that a comparative measure on distances between  $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2)$  and  $f^{[\ell,m]}(y_1, y_2)$  would be non-normalized to the density of points of the space. We therefore introduce a normalization to Eq. (6) that ensures the less dense areas of  $U$  are normalized accordingly, thus

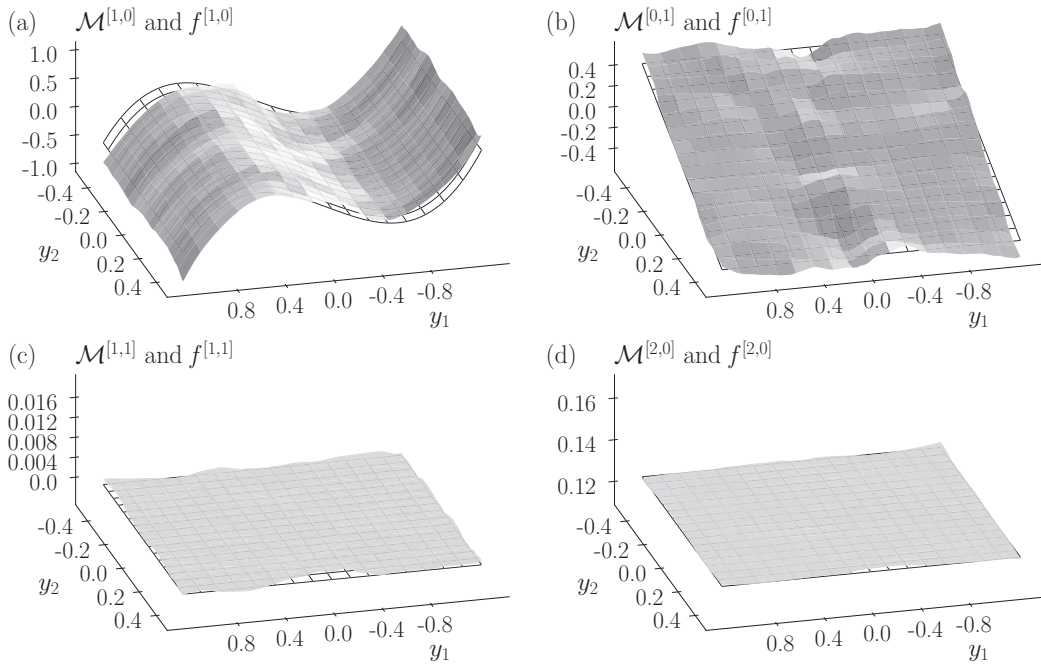


FIG. 1. Two-dimensional Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}$  for two independent diffusion processes given by Eq. (11). The uncovered KM surfaces match the expectation. In panel (a) the cubic term in the drift term  $N_1 = -x_1^3 + x_1$  along the first variable is visible in  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,0]}$ , and in panel (b) the negative-slope surface is visible in  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,1]}$ . In panel (d) the flat surfaces reproduce as well the expected form of the constant terms involved in the diffusion terms for  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$ . Moreover, in panel (c),  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$ , which accounts for the stochastic coupling terms of all diffusion terms, is also zero almost everywhere, as expected, given that  $g_{1,2}$  and  $g_{2,1}$  are zero. In each panel, the theoretical expected surface, given by Eqs. (4) and (6), is indicated by a grid, with  $f^{[\ell,m]}$  denoting the respective theoretical values introduced in the model.

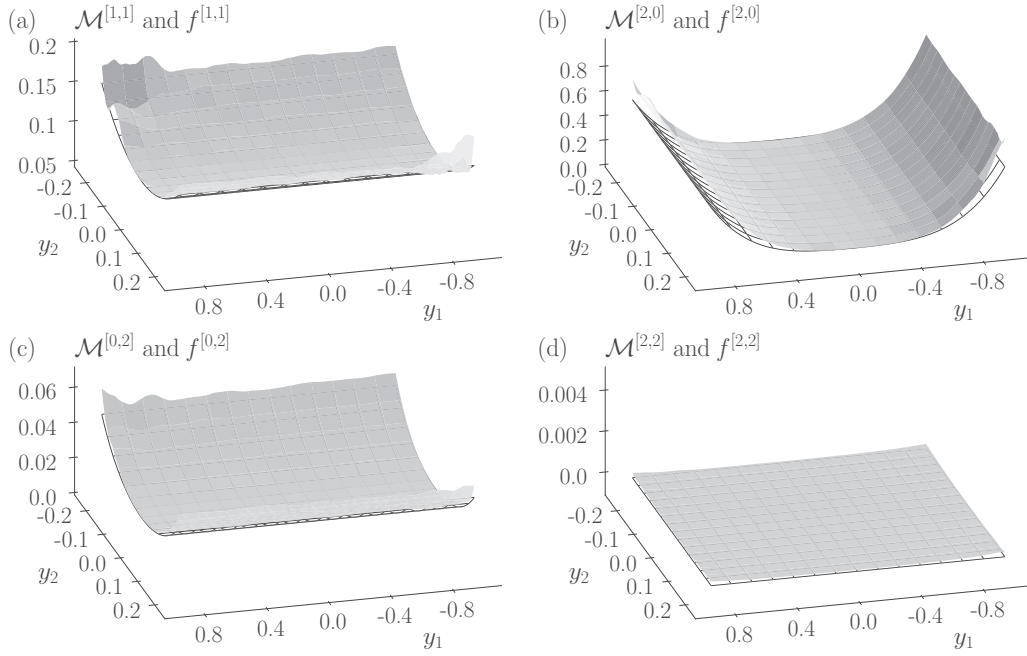


FIG. 2. Two-dimensional Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{(\ell,m)}$  for two independent diffusion processes given by Eq. (12) and the theoretical expected functions  $f^{(\ell,m)}$  associated with each coefficient, according to Eq. (6). KM coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]}$  exhibit the quadratic multiplicative dependencies of the diffusion terms. In addition,  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$  in panel (a) displays both an offset from zero as well as a quadratic shape, entailing the desired results emerging from Eq. (6), i.e., the noise-coupling term  $g_{1,2}$  with  $g_{2,2}$ . In panel (b)  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$  displays an offset and has a minimum close to  $g_{1,1}^2/2 + g_{1,2}^2/2 = 0.13$ . We also show the higher-order coefficient  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]}$  in panel (d) and the corresponding theoretically expected value [given by Eq. (6)], both of which vanish. All obtained KM surfaces fit considerably well their theoretically expected ones ( $V_{\text{err}}^{[1,1]} = 0.03$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[2,0]} = 0.94$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,2]} = 0.03$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[2,2]} < 0.01$ ; error volumes are estimated over the displayed domain).

mitigating the effect of scarcity of points at the borders of  $U$  and an overestimation of  $V$  due to outliers in the distribution. We derive such a normalization by considering the zeroth-order KM coefficient  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,0]}(y_1, y_2)$  which captures exactly the density of points in  $U$ , although it is in itself not normalized as a distribution. The resulting normalized volume error measure  $V_{\text{err}}$  between surfaces takes the form (state dependencies not explicit)

$$\int \int_U (\mathcal{M}^{[l,m]} - f^{[l,m]})^2 p(y_1, y_2) dy_1 dy_2 = V_{\text{err}}^2, \quad (7)$$

where  $p(\cdot)$  denotes the probability density. Coincidentally, the numerical evaluation implemented via either a histogram or a kernel-based estimator immediately yields this density, i.e., the zeroth power of the right-hand side of Eq. (3), before applying the estimation operator. This makes it easy to retrieve  $p(y_1, y_2)$  as one numerically evaluates data.

With this at hand, it is now possible to relate theoretical and numerical results and to quantify the deviation of the obtained KM coefficients from the functions employed.

To showcase what two-dimensional KM coefficients are as well as how to identify drift and diffusion terms of bivariate diffusion processes, we present in the following two exemplary processes with *a priori* known coefficients. In this manner, by employing Eqs. (4) and (5), one can judge the outcome of the KM coefficient estimation procedure from discrete data in comparison with the expected theoretical functions.

We begin with two uncoupled processes, where one has constant diffusion and a quartic potential as the drift term:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} &= \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1^3 + x_1 \\ -x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{g} &= \begin{pmatrix} g_{1,1} & g_{1,2} \\ g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

In Fig. 1, we show the corresponding KM coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$  together with the theoretically expected functions. The per-design cubic-linear function ( $N_1 = -x_1^3 + x_1$ ) acting as drift coefficient along the first dimension as well as the negatively sloped surface of  $N_2 = -x_2$  are evident. Likewise, the constant diffusion term leads to a flat constant-valued  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$ , and the absence of any nondiagonal elements ( $g_{1,2} = g_{2,1} = 0$ ) agrees with the zero-valued  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$ . Alongside the surfaces are plotted the theoretically expected values, which agree well with the data recovery.

We next extend Eq. (8) by adding multiplicative noise to the diffusion term and by including a noise-coupling term  $g_{1,2} \neq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} &= \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1^3 + x_1 \\ -x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{g} &= \begin{pmatrix} g_{1,1} & g_{1,2} \\ g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 + x_1^2 & 0.5 \\ 0.0 & 0.2 + 2x_2^2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The recovered KM coefficients (see Fig. 2) of the drift terms remain unaltered, but as posited the second-order KM

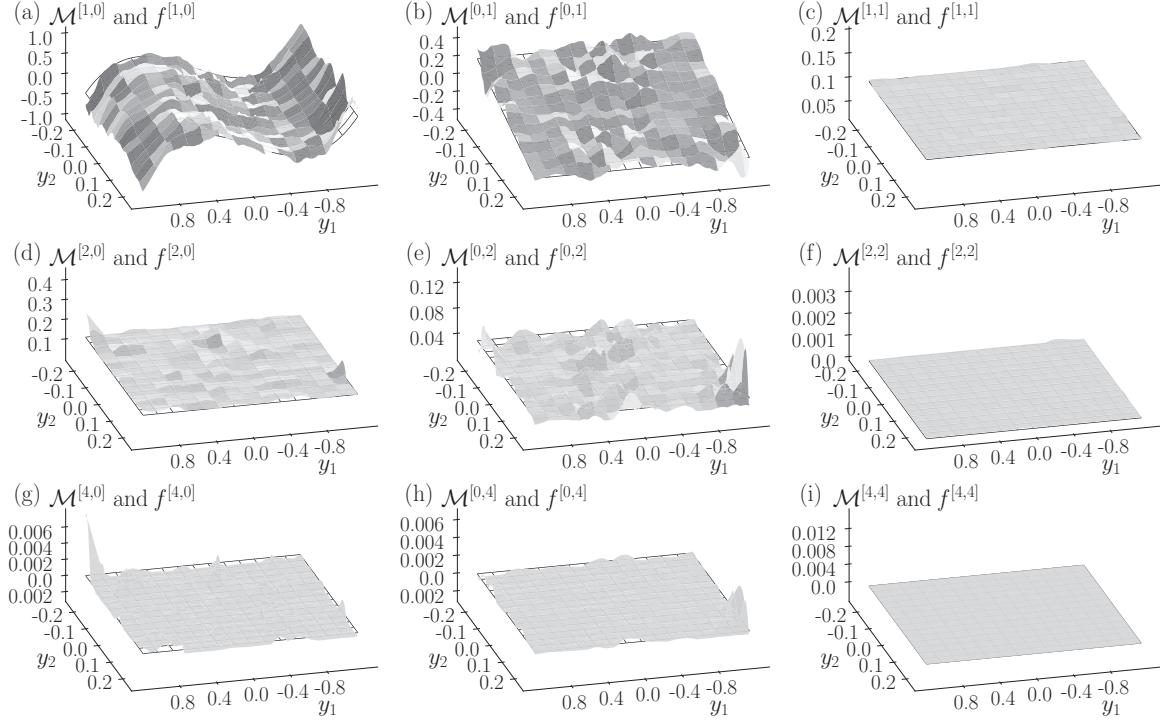


FIG. 3. Two-dimensional Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}$  of bivariate diffusion processes given by Eq. (15) (with  $\phi = 0.0$ ) together with the theoretically expected functions  $f^{[\ell,m]}$  associated with each coefficient according to Eqs. (13), (15), and (18). KM coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,4]}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,4]}$  are shown in panels (a)–(i), respectively. Although seemingly small, the higher-order moments [panels (f)–(i)] are all present and nonzero. We find  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,0]} = 0.012$  in panel (g) and  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,4]} = 0.009$  in panel (h), as expected from Eq. (18). All obtained KM surfaces fit considerably well their theoretically expected ones ( $V_{\text{err}}^{[1,0]} = 0.68$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,1]} = 0.18$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[1,1]} < 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[2,0]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,2]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[2,2]} < 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[4,0]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,4]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[4,4]} < 0.01$ ; error volumes are estimated over the displayed domain).

coefficients, i.e.,  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]}$ , clearly exhibit the influence of the multiplicative noise. The quadratic multiplicative dependencies of  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$  and  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$  and their offsets from zero are evident. More pertinently, one can notice  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$  to display the expected shape arising from Eq. (5), i.e., this value is nonzero and exhibits the parabolic shape of  $g_{1,2}g_{2,2} = 0.5(0.2 + 2x_2^2)$ . For  $x_2 = 0$ , the minimum of  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$  coincides with 0.1, as expected. This indicates that the presence of the multiplicative noise does not hinder the assertion of the KM coefficients. Again, the recovered KM coefficients match the theoretical ones.

#### IV. BIVARIATE JUMP-DIFFUSION PROCESSES

The KM coefficients of bivariate jump-diffusion processes take the following form [under the parameter prescription used in the jump-diffusion model in Eq. (1)] [19,32,33]:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{[1,0]} &= N_1, \\ \mathcal{M}^{[0,1]} &= N_2, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{[1,1]} &= g_{1,1}g_{2,1} + g_{1,2}g_{2,2}, \\ \mathcal{M}^{[2,0]} &= [g_{1,1}^2 + s_{1,1}\lambda_1 + g_{1,2}^2 + s_{1,2}\lambda_2], \\ \mathcal{M}^{[0,2]} &= [g_{2,1}^2 + s_{2,1}\lambda_1 + g_{2,2}^2 + s_{2,2}\lambda_2], \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{[2,2]} &= [s_{1,1}s_{2,1}\lambda_1 + s_{1,2}s_{2,2}\lambda_2], \\ \mathcal{M}^{[4,0]} &= 3[s_{1,1}^2\lambda_1 + s_{1,2}^2\lambda_2], \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{[0,4]} &= 3[s_{2,1}^2\lambda_1 + s_{2,2}^2\lambda_2], \\ \mathcal{M}^{[4,4]} &= 9[s_{1,1}^2s_{2,1}^2\lambda_1 + s_{1,2}^2s_{2,2}^2\lambda_2], \\ \mathcal{M}^{[6,0]} &= 15[s_{1,1}^3\lambda_1 + s_{1,2}^3\lambda_2], \\ \mathcal{M}^{[0,6]} &= 15[s_{2,1}^3\lambda_1 + s_{2,2}^3\lambda_2], \\ \mathcal{M}^{[6,6]} &= 225[s_{1,1}^3s_{2,1}^3\lambda_1 + s_{1,2}^3s_{2,2}^3\lambda_2], \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{[8,0]} &= 105[s_{1,1}^4\lambda_1 + s_{1,2}^4\lambda_2], \\ \mathcal{M}^{[0,8]} &= 105[s_{2,1}^4\lambda_1 + s_{2,2}^4\lambda_2], \\ \mathcal{M}^{[8,8]} &= 11\,025[s_{1,1}^4\lambda_1 + s_{1,2}^4\lambda_2], \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\langle \xi_{ij}^{2\ell} \rangle = s_{ij}^\ell$  are the variances of the Gaussian-distributed jump amplitudes. An extended derivation can be found in Appendix A. The last equations here are taken from the general form

$$\mathcal{M}^{[2\ell,2m]} = \frac{(2\ell)!}{2^\ell \ell!} \frac{(2m)!}{2^m m!} [s_{1,1}^\ell s_{2,1}^m \lambda_1 + s_{1,2}^\ell s_{2,2}^m \lambda_2].$$

### A. Understanding the impact of jumps

As an illustrative case study, we investigate a general jump-diffusion process that is based on Eq. (9) but excludes the multiplicative diffusion terms. Taking into account the effect of the jump terms, but maintaining the system independent in at least one of the dimensions, we extend Eq. (9) to include jumps only in the diagonal terms of  $\xi$ :

$$\begin{aligned} N &= \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1^3 + x_1 \\ -x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{g} &= \begin{pmatrix} g_{1,1} & g_{1,2} \\ g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.5 \\ 0.0 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \xi &= \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{1,1} & \xi_{1,2} \\ \xi_{2,1} & \xi_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.0 \\ \phi & 0.1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \lambda &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.3 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where for the present case  $\phi = 0.0$ . In this manner, jumps are added to the first dimension of the process, having an amplitude of  $\xi_{1,1} = 0.2$  and occurring every  $0.1t$ , given  $\lambda_1 = 0.1$ . Similarly, jumps are added to the second dimension,  $\xi_{2,2} = 0.1$ , but the jumps occur three times more often than the aforementioned, given  $\lambda_2 = 0.3$ . The influence of jumps can be observed across all KM coefficients (see Fig. 3). The previously smooth KM surfaces become rugged from the fast variations emerging due to the jumps, and the higher-order KM coefficients—although small compared to the lower-order ones—clearly do not vanish. This indicates that the continuous stochastic modeling of time series of complex systems (the white-noise-driven Langevin equation) is invalid for jump-diffusion processes. Modeling these processes with only the first two orders of the KM expansion of the master equation is therefore insufficient.

In order to understand further if it is possible to uncover the jump amplitude terms of coupled processes, we use the previous model Eq. (15) with  $\phi = 0.3$ , thereby effectively introducing a stochastic coupling via the off-diagonal elements of the jump matrix  $\xi$ . We show, in Fig. 4, the corresponding fourth-order KM coefficients. The impact of the stochastic coupling is visible, although small, in  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,4]}$ , which is no longer zero. Likewise,  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,0]}$  and  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,4]}$  also do not vanish. In Appendix B, we present the corresponding KM coefficients up to order 8.

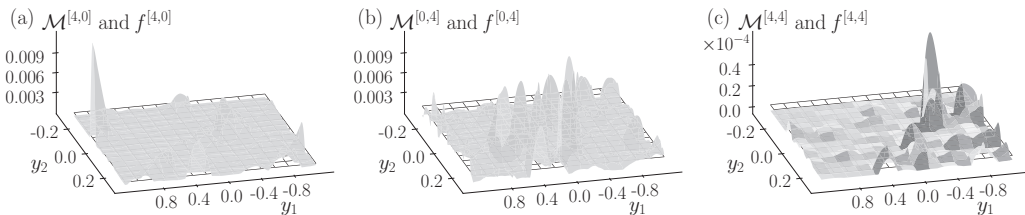


FIG. 4. Two-dimensional Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,4]}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,4]}$  of bivariate jump-diffusion processes given by Eq. (15) (with  $\phi = 0.3$ ) together with the respective theoretically expected functions  $f$ , associated with each coefficient according to Eqs. (13), (15), and (18). Notice that the estimated KM coefficients agree well with the theoretical expected functions in all orders. For further details, see Appendix B.

### B. Criteria for recovering coefficients in diffusion and jump-diffusion models

For the case of vanishing off-diagonal elements  $g_{2,1}$  and  $\xi_{1,2}$ , we can identify ways to recover the remaining coefficients of these processes.

First, given that the noise  $d\mathbf{w}$  is Gaussian distributed,  $\mathbf{g}$  is sign-reversal symmetric and one can thus assume that it takes only positive values. One obtains that if  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]} = 0$  then at least two elements of  $\mathbf{g}$  must be zero, and if  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]} = 0$  then at least two elements of  $\xi$  must be zero (by assuming that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are nonvanishing rates). These findings reduce the dimensionality of the estimation procedure and ensure that the underlying processes are less complex than the full-fledged description of Eq. (1), although they do not grant which coefficients are zero valued.

Second, if one either employs a heuristic argument of independence of the jump processes or neglects the off-diagonal jump amplitudes  $\xi_{1,2}$  and  $\xi_{2,1}$  (e.g., by assuming they are small compared to the diagonal terms of  $\xi$ ), one finds the following approximations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{5} \frac{\mathcal{M}^{[6,0]}}{\mathcal{M}^{[4,0]}} &= \frac{1}{5} \frac{15 s_{1,1}^3 \lambda_1}{3 s_{1,1}^2 \lambda_1} = s_{1,1}, \\ \frac{1}{5} \frac{\mathcal{M}^{[0,6]}}{\mathcal{M}^{[0,4]}} &= \frac{1}{5} \frac{15 s_{2,2}^3 \lambda_2}{3 s_{2,2}^2 \lambda_2} = s_{2,2}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Likewise, the jump rates  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  can be obtained equivalently as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{105}{9} \frac{\mathcal{M}^{[4,0]^2}}{\mathcal{M}^{[8,0]}} &= \frac{105}{9} \frac{3^2 (s_{1,1}^2 \lambda_1)^2}{105 s_{1,1}^4 \lambda_1} = \lambda_1, \\ \frac{105}{9} \frac{\mathcal{M}^{[0,4]^2}}{\mathcal{M}^{[0,8]}} &= \frac{105}{9} \frac{3^2 (s_{2,2}^2 \lambda_2)^2}{105 s_{2,2}^4 \lambda_2} = \lambda_2. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Taking again model Eq. (15) with  $\phi = 0.0$  and following Eq. (16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} s_{1,1}^{\text{est}} &= 0.16 \approx 0.2 = s_{1,1}, \\ s_{2,2}^{\text{est}} &= 0.09 \approx 0.1 = s_{2,2}. \end{aligned}$$

These estimated values (indicated by the superscript “est”) are close to the actual ones. The criteria and approximations are especially relevant when constructing or analyzing systems which are known to have a specific unidirectional stochastic coupling form, e.g., a master-slave system, where, for example, the noise or the slave system is dictated by the driving master system.

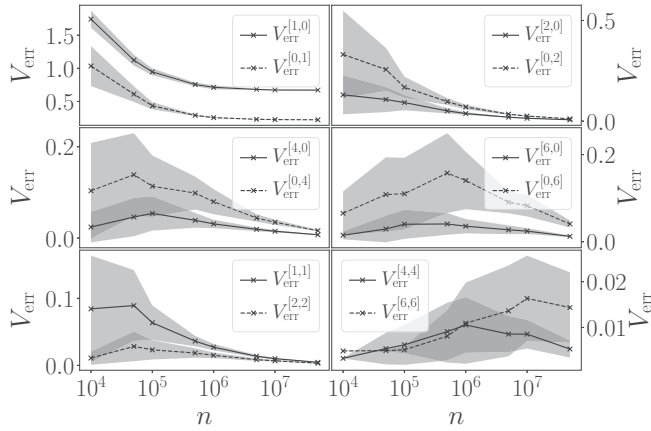


FIG. 5. Error volume  $V_{\text{err}}$  for a bivariate jump-diffusion process [Eq. (15)] depending on the number of data points  $n$  in the time series, with the abscissa given in logarithmic scale. Each process is numerically integrated with random initial conditions, for varying number of data points  $n \in [10^4, 5 \times 10^7]$  and over 50 times. The time sampling used was of  $10^{-3}$ . The average value of  $V_{\text{err}}$  and one standard deviation (shaded area) are displayed. Notice the clear decrease on all KM coefficients with either  $\ell = 0$  or  $m = 0$ , e.g.,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$  or  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$ , as the number of data points  $n$  increases. This can be seen since the volume between the theoretically expected values and the KM coefficients decreases consistently, i.e.,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[\ell,m]}$  decreases for an increasing number of data points. The KM coefficients with  $\ell \neq 0$  and  $m \neq 0$ , such as  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,4]}$  or  $\mathcal{M}^{[6,6]}$ , present themselves as nondecreasing, but the error volume is overall considerably small in value (cf. Fig. 6). It is important to notice that  $V_{\text{err}}^{[1,0]}$  does not converge to zero since the KM coefficient is associated with the quartic potential (i.e., the term  $N_1 = -x^3 + x$ ). Due to its shape, the process has two preferred states, at either  $x = -1$  or  $1$ , and thus spends little time at any intermediary point, like  $x = 0$ , damaging the statistics of the recovery.

### C. Factors influencing the quality of recovery of coefficients

In order to validate the quality of the nonparametric recovery of the KM coefficients, we now turn to two critical aspects: first, bivariate processes may require a high number of data points in a time series for the estimation to be reliable; second, the interplay between the drift, diffusion, and jump parts of a stochastic processes may render the estimation incorrect.

Addressing these aspects, we include a more contrived model involving stochastic couplings and interactions in both the diffusion and jump terms, thus theoretically resulting in having all higher-order KM coefficients nonzero, and especially the KM coefficients with  $\ell \neq 0$  and  $m \neq 0$ . The parameters for the model read

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} &= \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1^3 + x_1 \\ -x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{g} &= \begin{pmatrix} g_{1,1} & g_{1,2} \\ g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.5 \\ \alpha & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \boldsymbol{\xi} &= \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{1,1} & \xi_{1,2} \\ \xi_{2,1} & \xi_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.5 \\ \beta & 0.1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.3 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

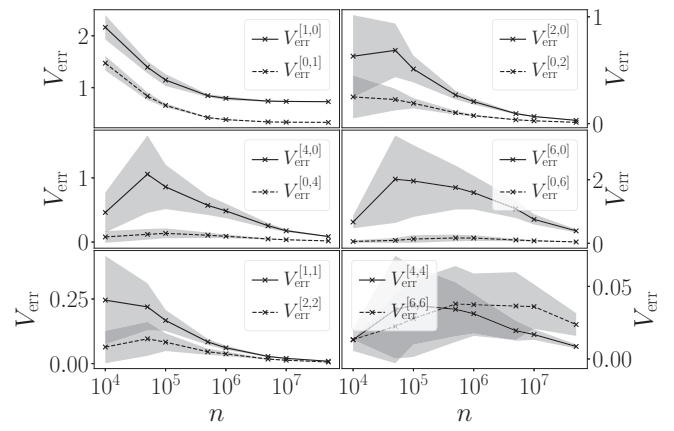


FIG. 6. Same as Fig. 5 but for the bivariate jump-diffusion process [Eq. (18)] with  $\alpha = \beta = 0.3$ , with the abscissa given in logarithmic scale. Integration parameters are as in Fig. 5.

The diffusion-scaling parameter  $\alpha$  and the jump-scaling parameter  $\beta$  (jump term) can be freely varied.

Let us focus first on the number of data points in a time series. We utilize the models Eq. (15) with  $\phi = 0.3$  and Eq. (18) with  $\alpha = \beta = 0.3$ , and show in Figs. 5 and 6, respectively, the error volumes  $V_{\text{err}}$  for the KM coefficients for an increasing number of data points. The reliability of the recovery of the KM coefficient is valid for a higher amount of data ( $n \geq 10^5$ ), as expected, although the scarcity of data poses no extensive problem for the calculation. It is especially important to notice that a time series with a lower amount of data entails naturally fewer jumps in the process, hindering the possibility of accurately recovering the jump terms from such short time series. For  $n \geq 10^6$ , the estimation seems reliable, the standard deviations become minute, and most error values approach zero, i.e., the theoretical and estimated KM surfaces are close. Such a large number of data points might not be available when investigating time-varying dynamical (e.g., biological) systems. Nevertheless, the amount of data needed to reliably estimate KM coefficients can be considerably reduced with kernel-based estimators [40].

One remark is necessary on the recovery of the drift terms. The presence of noise and jumps in the process takes its toll on the recovery of the exact form of the KM coefficients as well as the explicit dependence of the state variables, i.e., the quartic potential in both Eqs. (15) and (18). A finer time sampling can help to improve the results.

To further test the limitation of retrieving the KM coefficients from data, we utilize model Eq. (18) once more and investigate the influence of the diffusion-scaling parameter  $\alpha$  and the jump-scaling parameter  $\beta$ . For increasing diffusion-scaling parameter  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in [10^{-2}, 10^2]$ ) and jump-scaling parameter  $\beta = 0.3$ , we observe a considerable impact on the error volume  $V_{\text{err}}$  after the order of magnitude on the diffusion parameter  $\alpha$  is tenfold bigger in comparison to the diffusion parameter  $g_{1,2}$  (Fig. 7). Similarly, for increasing jump-scaling parameter  $\beta$  ( $\beta \in [10^{-2}, 10^2]$ ) and diffusion-scaling parameter  $\alpha = 0.3$ , the error volume  $V_{\text{err}}$  is considerably impacted already when  $\beta$  is of similar size as the other parameters, namely,  $\xi_{1,2} = 0.5$  (Fig. 8).

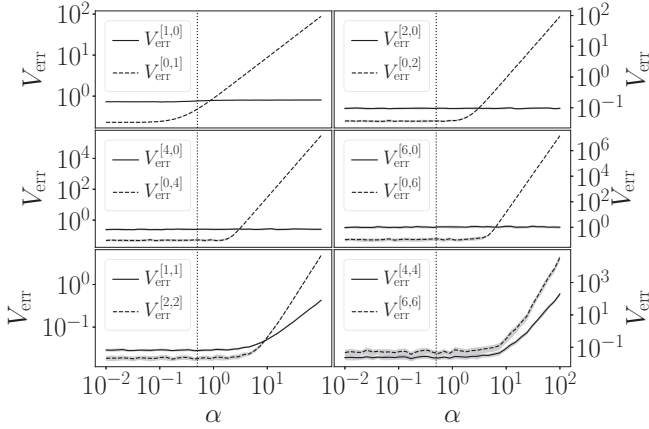


FIG. 7. Error volume  $V_{\text{err}}$  for the bivariate jump-diffusion process Eq. (18) for a varying diffusion-scaling parameter  $\alpha \in [10^{-2}, 10^2]$ , given in double logarithmic scale. The vertical dotted line at  $\alpha = 0.5$  indicates the point where the diffusion-scaling parameter  $\alpha = g_{2,1} = 0.5$  is equal to  $g_{1,2} = 0.5$ . A small value of the diffusion-scaling parameter  $\alpha$ , in comparison to the diffusion parameters  $g_{2,1}$  and  $g_{1,2}$ , ensures a good reconstruction, i.e., a small error volume  $V_{\text{err}}$ . The average and one-standard deviations (shaded area) are displayed. For each point 50 iterations are taken, each with a total number of data points of  $5 \times 10^6$  and a time sampling of  $10^{-3}$ .

These findings point to the difficulty of recovering the KM coefficients in the presence of jumps. Nonetheless, our findings indicate that the current understanding, modeling, and numerical recovery of KM surfaces, for the case of jumps of comparable size to the diffusion terms, is possible and reliable [41]. This can be performed in minimal times on a regular computer [42].

V. CONCLUSION

We introduced the bivariate jump-diffusion process, which consists of two-dimensional diffusion and two-dimensional jumps that can be coupled to one another.

For such a process we presented a data-driven, nonparametric estimation procedure of higher-order Kramers-Moyal coefficients and investigated its pros and cons using synthetic bivariate time series from continuous and discontinuous processes. The procedure allows one to reconstruct relevant aspects of the underlying jump-diffusion processes and to recover the underlying parameters.

Having now a traceable mathematical framework, the model can be extended to embody other noise and jump properties. An extension from the underlying Wiener process to include, e.g., fractional Brownian motion is straightfor-

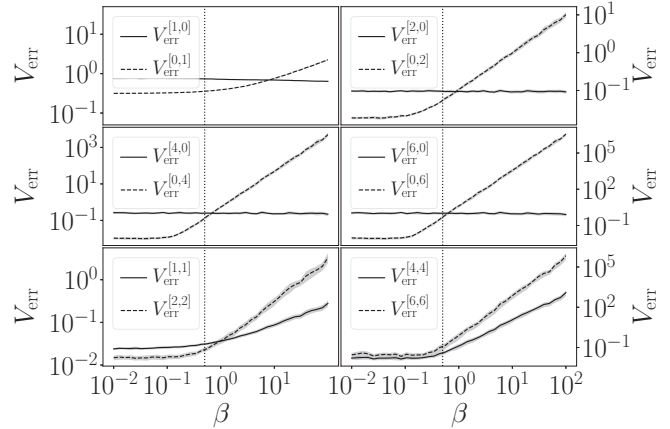


FIG. 8. Error volume  $V_{\text{err}}$  for the bivariate jump-diffusion process Eq. (18) for a varying jump-scaling parameter  $\beta \in [10^{-2}, 10^2]$ , given in double logarithmic scale. The vertical dotted line indicates the biggest jump term value  $\xi_{1,2} = 0.5$  to compare with  $\beta$ . In direct analogy to Fig. 7, a small jump-scaling parameter  $\beta$  ensures a good reconstruction, i.e., a small error volume  $V_{\text{err}}$ . Increasing values of the jump-scaling parameter  $\beta$  in comparison to the other parameters in the system make the reconstruction unreliable. The iteration scheme is identical to the one in Fig. 7.

ward but nevertheless requires further investigations to derive an explicit forward Kolmogorov equation [19]. Also, a generalization to continuous jump processes—originating from alpha-stable or other heavy-tailed distributions (the Lévy noise-driven Langevin equation)—is possible, however, with the drawback that calculating the conditional moments may not always be mathematically possible [19]. On the other hand, a numerical estimation of generalized moments should be possible but these still require a physical interpretation.

We are confident that our approach provides a general avenue to further understanding of interacting complex systems (e.g., brain or power grids [33,43–45]) the dynamics of which exhibit nontrivial noise contributions.

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APPENDIX A: EXTENDED DERIVATION OF THE TWO-DIMENSIONAL KRAMERS-MOYAL COEFFICIENTS FOR A JUMP-DIFFUSION PROCESS

The following derivations stem from Eq. (3) and apply to the two-dimensional jump-diffusion process  $(y_1, y_2)$ , as in Eq. (1). All orders of the Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}$  are  $(\ell, m) \in \mathbb{N}_+$ .



### 1. Kramers-Moyal coefficients $\mathcal{M}^{[1,0]}$ and $\mathcal{M}^{[0,1]}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}^{[1,0]}(x_1, x_2) &= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (dy_1)^1 (dx_2)^0 \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle dy_1 \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle N_1 dt + g_{1,1} dw_1 + g_{1,2} dw_2 + \xi_{1,1} dJ_1 + \xi_{1,2} dJ_2 \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} [N_1 dt + g_{1,1} \langle dw_1 \rangle + g_{1,2} \langle dw_2 \rangle + \langle \xi_{1,1} \rangle \langle dJ_1 \rangle + \langle \xi_{1,2} \rangle \langle dJ_2 \rangle] \\
&= N_1,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle g_{i,j} dW_j \rangle = \langle g_{i,j} \rangle \langle dW_j \rangle = 0$ , because a Wiener process has the property  $\langle dW_j \rangle = 0$ . Further,  $\langle \xi_{i,j} dJ_j \rangle = \langle \xi_{i,j} \rangle \langle dJ_j \rangle = 0$ , since  $\xi_{i,j}$  is a Gaussian with zero mean, i.e.,  $\langle \xi_{i,j} \rangle = 0$ .

The same is true, mutatis mutandis-, for  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,1]}$ .

### 2. Kramers-Moyal coefficient $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]} &= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (dy_1)^1 (dy_2)^1 \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (N_1 dt + g_{1,1} dw_1 + g_{1,2} dw_2 + \xi_{1,1} dJ_1 + \xi_{1,2} dJ_2) \\
&\quad \times (N_2 dt + g_{2,1} dw_1 + g_{2,2} dw_2 + \xi_{2,1} dJ_1 + \xi_{2,2} dJ_2) \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \left[ N_1 N_2 dt + g_{1,1} g_{2,1} \langle (dw_1)^2 \rangle \frac{1}{dt} + g_{1,2} g_{2,2} \langle (dw_2)^2 \rangle \frac{1}{dt} + O(dt) \right] \\
&= g_{1,1} g_{2,1} + g_{1,2} g_{2,2},
\end{aligned}$$

where higher-order terms  $O(dt)^\epsilon$ , with  $\epsilon > 0$ , vanish in the limit  $dt \rightarrow 0$ . Recall as well  $\langle (dw_i)^2 \rangle = dt$ .

### 3. Kramers-Moyal coefficients $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$ and $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]} &= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (dy_1)^2 \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (N_1 dt + g_{1,1} dw_1 + g_{1,2} dw_2 + \xi_{1,1} dJ_1 + \xi_{1,2} dJ_2)^2 \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \left[ N_1^2 dt + g_{1,1}^2 \langle (dw_1)^2 \rangle \frac{1}{dt} + g_{1,2}^2 \langle (dw_2)^2 \rangle \frac{1}{dt} + \langle \xi_{1,1}^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_1)^2 \rangle \frac{1}{dt} + \langle \xi_{1,2}^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_2)^2 \rangle \frac{1}{dt} + O(dt) \right] \\
&= [g_{1,1}^2 + s_{1,1} \lambda_1 + g_{1,2}^2 + s_{1,2} \lambda_2],
\end{aligned}$$

using the previously employed nomenclature  $\langle \xi_{ij}^2 \rangle = \sigma_{\xi_{ij}}^2 = s_{ij}$  as well as  $\langle (dJ_i)^2 \rangle = \lambda_i dt$ .

Mutatis mutandis, the case for  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$  reads as

$$\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]} = [g_{2,1}^2 + s_{2,1} \lambda_1 + g_{2,2}^2 + s_{2,2} \lambda_2].$$

### 4. Kramers-Moyal coefficient $\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]} &= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (dy_1)^2 (dy_2)^2 \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (N_1 dt + g_{1,1} dw_1 + g_{1,2} dw_2 + \xi_{1,1} dJ_1 + \xi_{1,2} dJ_2)^2 \\
&\quad \times (N_2 dt + g_{2,1} dw_1 + g_{2,2} dw_2 + \xi_{2,1} dJ_1 + \xi_{2,2} dJ_2)^2 \rangle |_{y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \left[ \text{terms}(N_1, N_2, O(dt^4)) + \text{terms}(g_{ij}, O(dt^2)) + \text{terms}(\text{mixing } \xi_{ij}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \langle \xi_{1,1}^2 \rangle \langle \xi_{2,1}^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_1)^4 \rangle + \langle \xi_{1,2}^2 \rangle \langle \xi_{2,2}^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_2)^4 \rangle + \langle \xi_{1,1}^2 \rangle \langle \xi_{2,2}^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_1)^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_2)^2 \rangle + \langle \xi_{1,2}^2 \rangle \langle \xi_{2,1}^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_1)^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_2)^2 \rangle \right] \\
&= [s_{1,1}s_{2,1}\lambda_1 + s_{1,2}s_{2,2}\lambda_2].
\end{aligned}$$

Terms including  $dt$  on the right-hand side of the above equation vanish for  $dt \rightarrow 0$ , where as well  $\langle \xi_{1,1}\xi_{1,2} \rangle = \langle \xi_{1,1} \rangle \langle \xi_{1,2} \rangle = 0$ , and  $\frac{1}{dt} [\langle (dJ_1)^2 \rangle \langle (dJ_2)^2 \rangle] = \frac{1}{dt} [\lambda_1 dt \lambda_2 dt] \propto dt$  vanishes in the limit  $dt \rightarrow 0$ .

### 5. Kramers-Moyal coefficients $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}$ , for $2 \times (\ell, m) \geq 2$

For  $(2\ell, 2m)$ , with  $(\ell, m) \geq 4$ , the Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[2\ell,2m]}$  are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}^{[2\ell,2m]} &= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (dy_1)^{2\ell} (dy_2)^{2m} \rangle_{|y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \langle (N_1 dt + g_{1,1} dw_1 + g_{1,2} dw_2 + \xi_{1,1} dJ_1 + \xi_{1,2} dJ_2)^{2\ell} \\
&\quad \times (N_2 dt + g_{2,1} dw_1 + g_{2,2} dw_2 + \xi_{2,1} dJ_1 + \xi_{2,2} dJ_2)^{2m} \rangle_{|y_1(t)=x_1, y_2(t)=x_2} \\
&= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} \left[ \langle \xi_{1,1}^{2\ell} \rangle \langle \xi_{2,1}^{2m} \rangle \langle (dJ_1)^{2(\ell+m)} \rangle + \langle \xi_{1,2}^{2\ell} \rangle \langle \xi_{2,2}^{2m} \rangle \langle (dJ_2)^{2(\ell+m)} \rangle \right] \\
&= \left[ \langle \xi_{1,1}^{2\ell} \rangle \langle \xi_{2,1}^{2m} \rangle \lambda_1 + \langle \xi_{1,2}^{2\ell} \rangle \langle \xi_{2,2}^{2m} \rangle \lambda_2 \right] \\
&= \frac{(2\ell)! (2m)!}{2^\ell \ell! 2^m m!} [s_{1,1}^\ell s_{2,1}^m \lambda_1 + s_{1,2}^\ell s_{2,2}^m \lambda_2].
\end{aligned}$$

In the last step, take the fact that the jump amplitudes  $\xi_{i,j}$  are Gaussian distributed; thus,  $\langle \xi_{i,j}^{2\ell} \rangle \propto \sigma_{\xi_{i,j}}^{2\ell} = s_{i,j}^\ell$ . In this manner, all Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[2\ell,2m]}$  with  $(\ell, m) \geq 1$  are obtained.

### APPENDIX B: EXTENDED RESULTS FOR MODELED DATA BY EQ. (15)

Figure 9 extends Fig. 4 and includes the Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,4]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,4]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[6,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,6]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[6,6]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[8,0]}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,8]}$ .

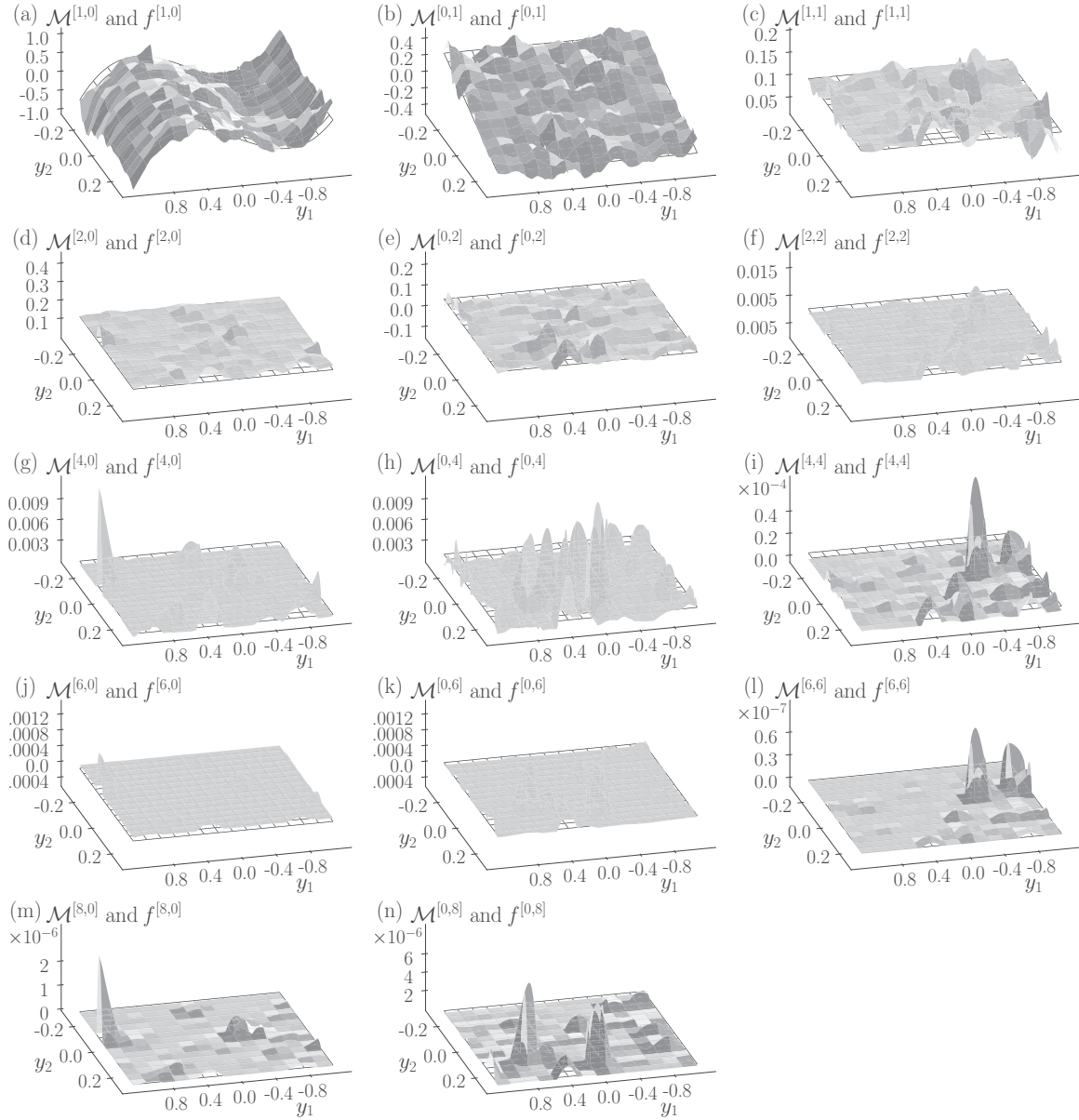


FIG. 9. Two-dimensional Kramers-Moyal coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[\ell,m]}$  of bivariate jump-diffusion processes given by Eq. (15) and all theoretical expected functions  $f^{[\ell,m]}$  associated with each KM coefficient according to Eqs. (13), (15), and (18). Shown are the KM coefficients  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[1,1]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,2]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[2,2]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,4]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[4,4]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[6,0]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,6]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[6,6]}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^{[8,0]}$ , and  $\mathcal{M}^{[0,8]}$ . The respective error volumes read  $V_{\text{err}}^{[1,0]} = 0.6836$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,1]} = 0.23$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[1,1]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[2,0]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,2]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[2,2]} = 0.03$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[4,0]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,4]} = 0.02$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[4,4]} = 0.03$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[6,0]} = 0.02$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,6]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[6,6]} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{\text{err}}^{[8,0]} = 0.04$ , and  $V_{\text{err}}^{[0,8]} = 0.26$ .

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