Macroscopic Dimension

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► <u>Much</u> more complexity ∃ in space-time [with Kim, 2015+], as predicted in the theoret. physics/Applied Math. literature [Doering–Gibbon, 1995].

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