

1056-37-1847

**Andrey Babichev\*** (ababichev@wesleyan.edu), Department of Mathematics, 5245 North  
Backer Avenue M/S PB108, Fresno, CA 93740-8001, and **Adam Fieldsteel**  
(afieldsteel@wesleyan.edu). *Speedups of Ergodic Group Extensions.*

Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be an invertible measure preserving transformation of the standard Lebesgue space  $X$  (segment  $[0,1]$  with the standard measure), and let  $k : X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a measurable function such that the variable power  $T^k : x \mapsto T^{k(x)}(x)$  is an invertible transformation as well. Then we say that  $T^k$  is a *speedup* of  $T$ . In simpler terms, under a speedup points jump forward along their orbits, splitting them into suborbits. If  $S : X \times G \rightarrow X \times G$  is an ergodic extension of  $T$  by rotations of a compact group  $G$  (so  $S : (x, g) \mapsto (T(x), \sigma(x)g)$  for some skewing function  $\sigma : X \rightarrow G$ ) and  $k$  is as above, we say that  $S_1^k : (x, g) \mapsto S_1^{k(x)}(x, g)$  is a *factor speedup* of  $S$ .

Let now  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be ergodic extensions of finite measure preserving transformations  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  by rotations of a compact group  $G$ . We prove that there is a factor speedup of  $S_1$  that is isomorphic to  $S_2$  by an isomorphism that respects the action of  $G$  on fibers. In the case  $G = \{e\}$  this recovers the theorem of Arnoux, Ornstein and Weiss that given any two ergodic measure preserving transformations, there is a speedup of the first that is isomorphic to the second. (Received September 22, 2009)