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Shaofei Du, Roman Nedela and Martin Skoviera^{*} (skoviera@dcs.fmph.uniba.sk), Department of Computer Science, Comenius University, 842 48 Bratislava, Slovak Rep. *Bounding* the order of a regular map with nilpotent automorphism group.

Several interesting classes of graph embeddings giver rise to regular maps with nilpotent automorphism group. Among them are, for example, regular embeddings of complete bipartite graphs $K_{n,n}$ or *n*-cubes Q_n where *n* is a power of 2. We investigate regular maps with nilpotent automorphism group in detail and show that every orientably regular map whose automorphism group is nilpotent of class *c* has at most $2^{2^{c-1}}$ vertices. The bound can be reached only for $c \leq 3$, the largest of the extremal maps being a toroidal embedding of Q_4 . For $c \geq 4$, the maximal order of a nilpotent orientably regular map of class *c* remains unknown. (Received September 17, 2013)