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Kitty Yang*, kyang@math.northwestern.edu, and **Scott Schmieding**. *The mapping class group of a minimal subshift (Part I)*.

Let (X, σ) be a minimal subshift and $\text{Aut}(X)$ denote its automorphism group. The suspension of (X, σ) is defined to be the quotient $\Sigma_\sigma X := X \times [0, 1] / \sim$, where $(x, t) \sim (\sigma^n x, t - n)$. The mapping class group of (X, σ) , denoted by $\mathcal{M}(\sigma)$, is the group of isotopy classes of self-flow equivalences. We show there is an injection $\Psi : \text{Aut}(\sigma) / \langle \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\sigma)$, and give an example of a minimal subshift whose mapping class group is strictly larger than $\text{Aut}(\sigma) / \langle \sigma \rangle$. We classify the mapping class group for sturmians. (Received September 24, 2018)