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For compact Lie groups $H \subset K \subset G$, we study the existence of G-invariant fibration metrics on G/H with nonnegative sectional curvature, with respect to the fibration $K/H \to G/H \to G/K$.

We start with a metric on G/H induced from the biinvariant metric on G, such that the map $G/H \to G/K$ is a Riemannian submersion. We consider the one-parameter family of metrics on G/H obtained by scaling up in the direction of the fibers. In this work we build on the work of L. Schwachhöfer and K. Tapp, to understand what conditions on $H \subset K \subset G$ guarantee that this parametrization of homogeneous metrics on G/H yields metrics of nonnegative curvature. (Received August 26, 2009)