# Symmetries and non-negative curvature of vector bundles 

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Goal: Extend Rigas' result to other base manifolds (with a lot of symmetries).

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- Idea: use Mayer-Vietoris and results for $G / H$ and $G / K_{ \pm}$.


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## THANK YOU!

