## NILPOTENT SUBGROUPS OF THE GROUP OF FIBRE HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCES

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Abstract \_

Let  $\xi = (E, p, B, F)$  be a Hurewicz fibration. In this paper we study the space  $\mathcal{L}_G(\xi)$  consisting of fibre homotopy self equivalences of  $\xi$  inducing by restriction to the fibre a self homotopy equivalence of F belonging to the group G. We give in particular conditions implying that  $\pi_1(\mathcal{L}_G(\xi))$  is finitely generated or that  $\mathcal{L}_1(\xi)$  has the same rational homotopy type as  $\operatorname{aut}_1(F)$ .

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