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**Shyuichi Izumiya\*** (izumiya@math.sci.hokudai.ac.jp), Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, 060-0810, Japan. *Lightlike geometry of spacelike surfaces in Minkowski space-time*. Preliminary report.

In [S. Izumiya and M. C. Romero Fuster, *Selecta Math.* NS 13 (2007),23–55], the lightlike geometry of codimension two spacelike submanifolds in Lorentz-Minkowski space was developed as an application of Lagrangian/Legendrian singularity theory. As a consequence, new invariants were discovered which are called *lightcone curvatures*. In this talk I will explain some topics related to those curvatures. Topics may include some of the followings:

- 1) Basic framework of lightlike geometry,
- 2) Marginally trapped surfaces,
- 3) Totally absolute lightcone curvatures and the lightcone Wilmore conjecture,
- 4) Spacelike knot theory for spacelike surfaces.

Although some of the above results hold in the general dimension, I will only explain the results for spacelike surfaces in Lorentz-Minkowski 4-space. (Received December 03, 2011)