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*Riemannian and Lorentzian manifolds foliated by  $(n - 1)$ -umbilical hypersurfaces.*

We define closed partially conformal vector fields and give examples of them in both Riemannian/Lorentzian settings. We also show that manifolds admitting such kind of vector fields can be foliated by  $(n - 1)$ -umbilical hypersurfaces and use this foliation to give a decomposition of the ambient space. Finally we establish conditions for a hypersurface to be a leaf of the aforementioned foliation. (Received April 10, 2010)