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CONFORMAL MINIMAL FOLIATIONS ON SEMI-RIEMANNIAN LIE GROUPS

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We study left-invariant foliations $\mathcal F$ on semi-Riemannian Lie groups G generated by a subgroup K. We are interested in such foliations which are conformal and with minimal leaves of codimension two. We classify such foliations $\mathcal F$ when the subgroup K is one of the important groups $\mathrm{SU}(2)$, $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb R)$, $\mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{SU}(2)$, $\mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{SU}(2)$, $\mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{SO}(2)$. This way we construct new multi-dimensional families of Lie groups G carrying such foliations in each case. These foliations $\mathcal F$ produce local complex-valued harmonic morphisms on the corresponding Lie group G. This means that they provide the existence of solutions to a difficult over-determined non-linear system of partial differential equations.

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