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**Title:** On the 2-groups whose abelianizations are of type  $(2, 4)$  and applications

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Let  $G$  be a metabelian 2-group satisfying the condition  $G/G' \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ . In this paper, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for  $G$  to be metacyclic. We then apply these results to algebraic number fields  $\mathbf{k}$  to study the capitulation of their 2-ideal classes of type  $(2, 4)$ . Particular examples are given to illustrate how these results can be applied to real quadratic and imaginary biquadratic number fields.

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