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A finite  $p$ -group  $G$  such that  $G' = Z(G)$  and  $G'$  is an elementary abelian  $p$ -group of rank 2 is called special of rank 2. A group  $G$  is capable if there exists a group  $H$  such that  $H/Z(H)$  is isomorphic to  $G$ . The goal of this research is to classify up to isomorphism all of the capable special  $p$ -groups of rank 2. In this talk we will determine the structure of these groups, give a parameterized presentation for each group and provide a criterion for exactly when a special  $p$ -group of rank 2 and exponent  $p^2$  is capable.

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