Loops with abelian inner mapping groups

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In 1946, R. H. Bruck proved that loops of central nilpotency class no greater than 2 have abelian inner mapping groups. While the converse doesn't hold, still, a great deal can be said, which is what we intend to do in this talk: give a (near) complete summary of what's known in this active area of research.