A BRIEF HISTORY OF NONABELIAN CHABAUTY

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I will survey the history of the nonabelian version of the Chabauty-Coleman method for effectively bounding the set of rational points on a curve of genus at least 2 over a number field, starting with the mix of physical and number-theoretic intuition behind Minhyong Kim's original description of the method. I will also speak briefly about some ongoing efforts to develop a "model-free" approach to nonabelian Chabauty for modular curves.