Isomorphisms, automorphisms and torsion units of integral group rings of finite groups

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Abstract: The talk presents a survey on the isomorphism problem of integral group rings of finite groups. The interplay between automorphims and isomorphisms will be considered. This leads to the F^* - theorem. It will become transparent that in some sense $\mathbb{Z}G$, G finite, determines the group G "almost" up to isomorphism.

The second part gives an overview on open problems concerning torsion units of $\mathbb{Z}G$. Applications of the F^* - theorem are given, in particular for Sylow like theorems in the units of $\mathbb{Z}G$ and related problems concerning ordinary character tables of finite groups.