Kielak, Dawid: Property (T) for \$\mathrm{Aut}(F_n)\$ (SR 0)

I will present a very recent proof of Kazhdan's property (T) for the group of automorphisms of a free group F_n (with $n \ge 1000$) (obtained jointly with Marek Kaluba and Piotr Nowak).

Property (T) is a very strong rigidity property restricting possible affine actions of a group on Hilbert spaces. It has many important applications in group theory and geometry. Property (T) was classically established by Kazhdan for \$\mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb Z)\$ and other lattices in semisimple Lie groups of higher rank. The proof I will present gives also an alternative proof of Kazhdan's result for \$\mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb Z)\$, and strengthens the analogy between automorphism groups of free and free-abelian groups.