

It is shown that a locally compact second countable group G has the Haagerup property if and only if there exists a sharply weak mixing 0-type measure preserving free G -action $T = (T_g)_{g \in G}$ on an infinite σ -finite standard measure space (X, μ) admitting a T -Følner sequence (i.e. a sequence $(A_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ of measured subsets of finite measure such that $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$, $\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty A_n = X$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{g \in K} \frac{\mu(T_g A_n \Delta A_n)}{\mu(A_n)} = 0$$

for each compact $K \subset G$). A pair of groups $H \subset G$ has property (T) if and only if there is a μ -preserving G -action S on X admitting an S -Følner sequence and such that $S \upharpoonright H$ is weakly mixing. These refine some recent results by Delabie-Jolissaint-Zumbrunnen and Jolissaint.