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A subset B of a (Hausdorff) topological group G is said to be *precompact* if for every neighborhood U of the identity in G, there is a finite subset $F \subseteq G$ such that $B \subseteq (FU) \cap (UF)$. An interesting subclass of the class of precompact groups was identified and studied by Comfort and Ross, who showed inter alia that a topological group G is pseudocompact if and only if it is precompact and G_{δ} -dense in its completion \tilde{G} (cf. [2]). Since then, precompact groups have been a focus of interest (cf. [4], [1]).

A group G is *locally precompact* if it contains a precompact neighborhood of the identity. The completion of a locally precompact group is locally compact (cf. [6]), and thus such groups are precisely the subgroups of locally compact groups. Comfort and Trigos-Arrieta extended the Comfort–Ross criterion, and proved that a locally precompact group G is locally pseudocompact if and only if it is G_{δ} -dense in \tilde{G} (cf. [3]). Locally pseudocompact groups were also studied by Sanchis (cf. [5]).

In this talk, we discuss the relationship between cardinal invariants of locally precompact groups and completeness properties such as realcompactness.

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