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**Driver K Bruce\*** ([driver@math.ucsd.edu](mailto:driver@math.ucsd.edu)), Department of Mathematics, 0112, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093-0112, **Shigeki Aida**, Department of Mathematical Science, Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University, 560-8531 Toyonaka, Japan, and **Vikram K Srimurthy**, 99 Brookline St., Apt 3, Cambridge, MA 02139. *Equivalence of heat kernel measure and pinned Wiener measure on loop groups.*

Let  $t > 0$ ,  $K$  be a connected compact Lie group equipped with an  $Ad_K$ -invariant inner product on the Lie Algebra of  $K$ . Associated to this data are two measures  $\mu_t^0$  and  $\nu_t^0$  on  $\mathcal{L}(K)$  – the space of continuous loops based at  $e \in K$ . The measure  $\mu_t^0$  is pinned Wiener measure with “variance  $t$ ” while the measure  $\nu_t^0$  is a “heat kernel measure” on  $\mathcal{L}(K)$ . The measure  $\mu_t^0$  is constructed using a  $K$  – valued Brownian motion while the measure  $\nu_t^0$  is constructed using a  $\mathcal{L}(K)$  – valued Brownian motion. We will show that these measures are equivalent when  $K$  is simply connected. This result is the outcome of joint work with Vikram Srimurthy and Shigeki Aida. (Received September 06, 2000)