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*Codimensions of Newton Strata in the Iwahori Case.*

The Newton stratification historically arises in the context of abelian varieties in positive characteristic. I will describe the Newton stratification on  $GL_n(F)$ , where  $F$  is a Laurent power series field. One primary goal will be to produce a formula for the codimensions of these Newton strata, but we will formulate some combinatorial and Lie-theoretic conjectures along the way. We will conclude by exploring several applications of our methods to the study of affine Deligne-Lusztig varieties inside the affine flag manifold. (Received January 23, 2008)