# Generalized descriptive set theory under I0

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We wanted to give some order to this variety of approaches, and define a single framework where they all live, and that is close to the "classical" approach.

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On  $^{\lambda}2$  we consider  $\lambda^+\text{-}\mathsf{Borel}$  sets, as in GDST. It can be proven that these sets can be stratified in a hierarchy with exactly  $\lambda^+\text{-}\mathsf{many}$  levels

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A *tower* of ultrafilters in such a  $\mathbb{U}$  is a sequence  $(U_n)_{n \in \omega}$  such that for all  $m < n < \omega$ :

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- $U_n$  projects to  $U_m$ ;

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