

# Strategies for LFV detection in B decays

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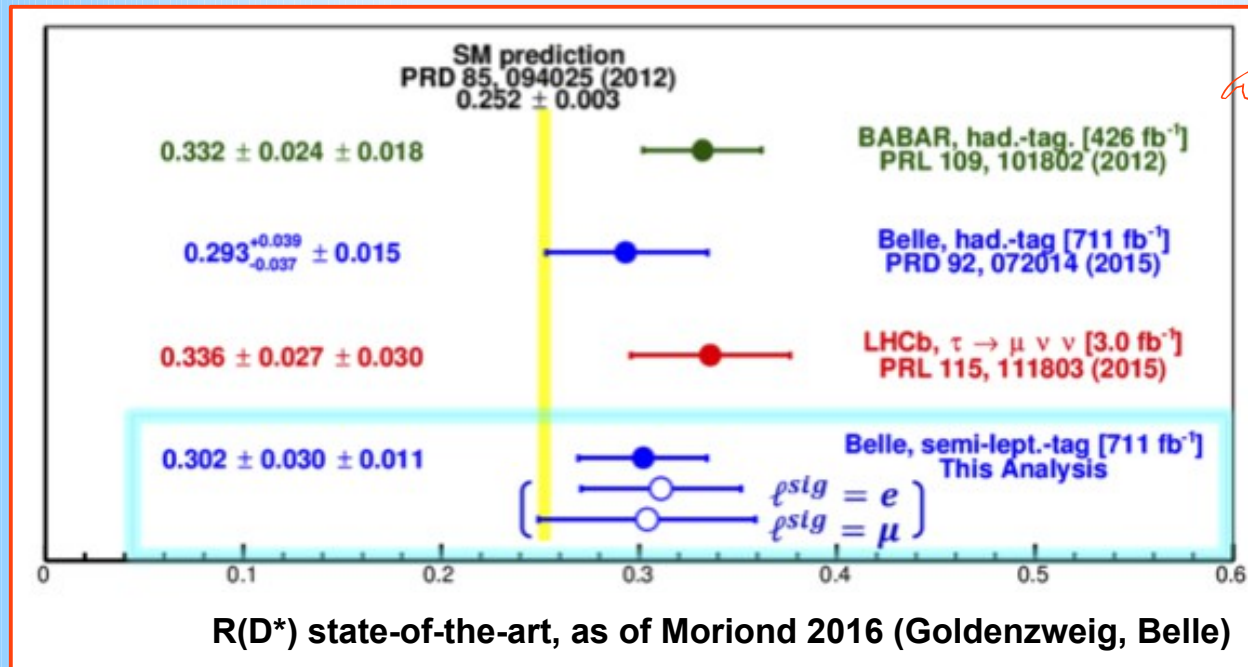
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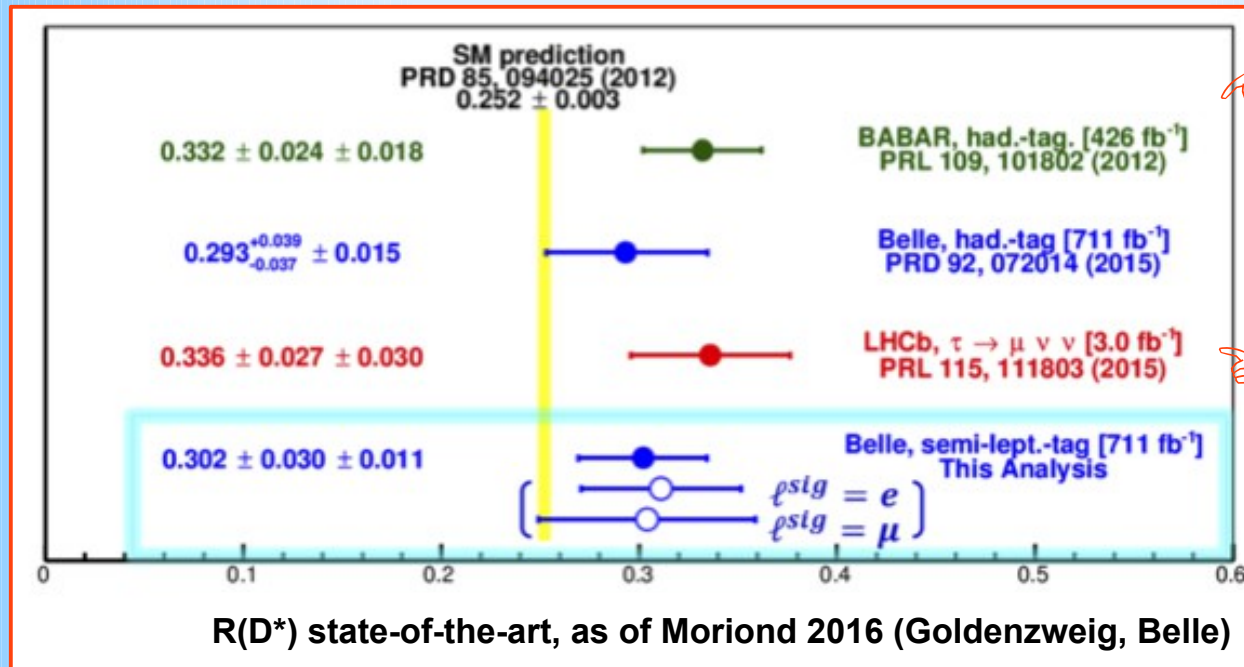


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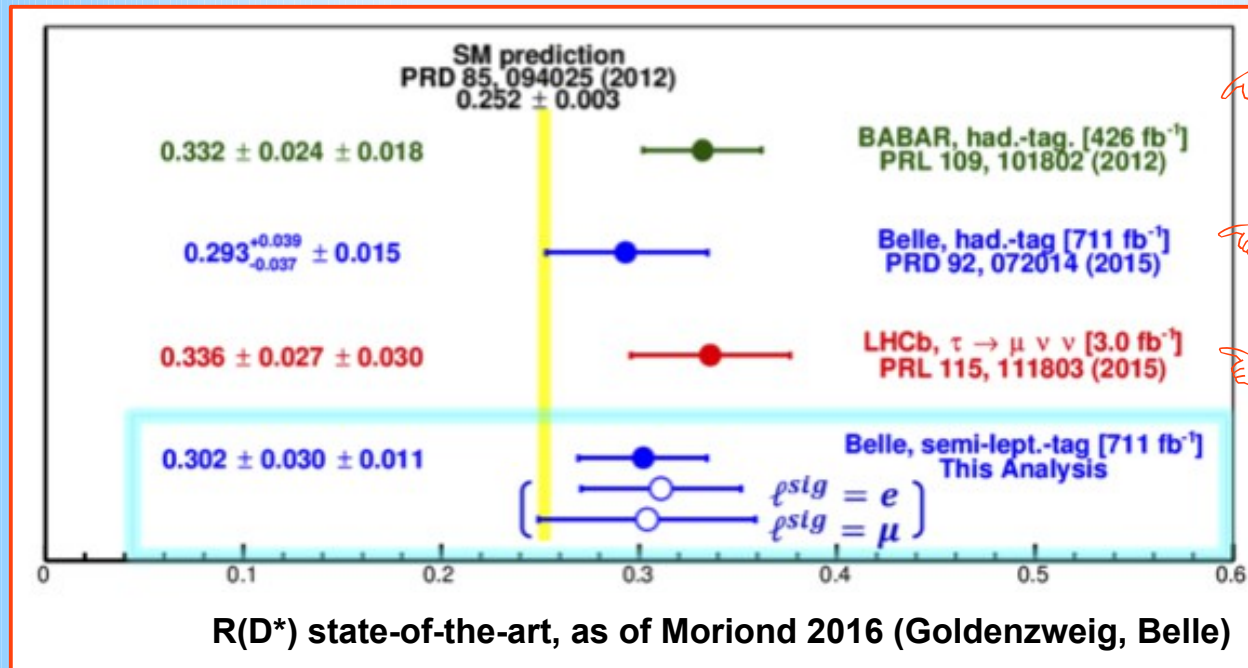
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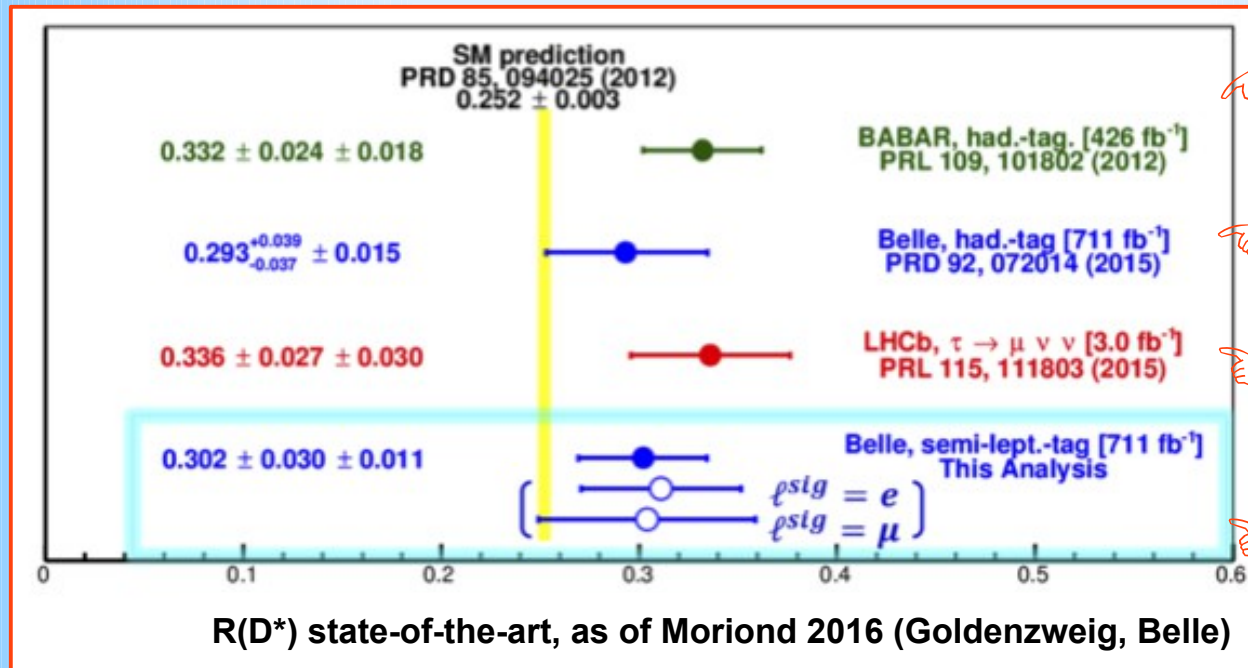
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For analogous conclusions, see also [Ghosh, Nardecchia, Renner, JHEP '14]

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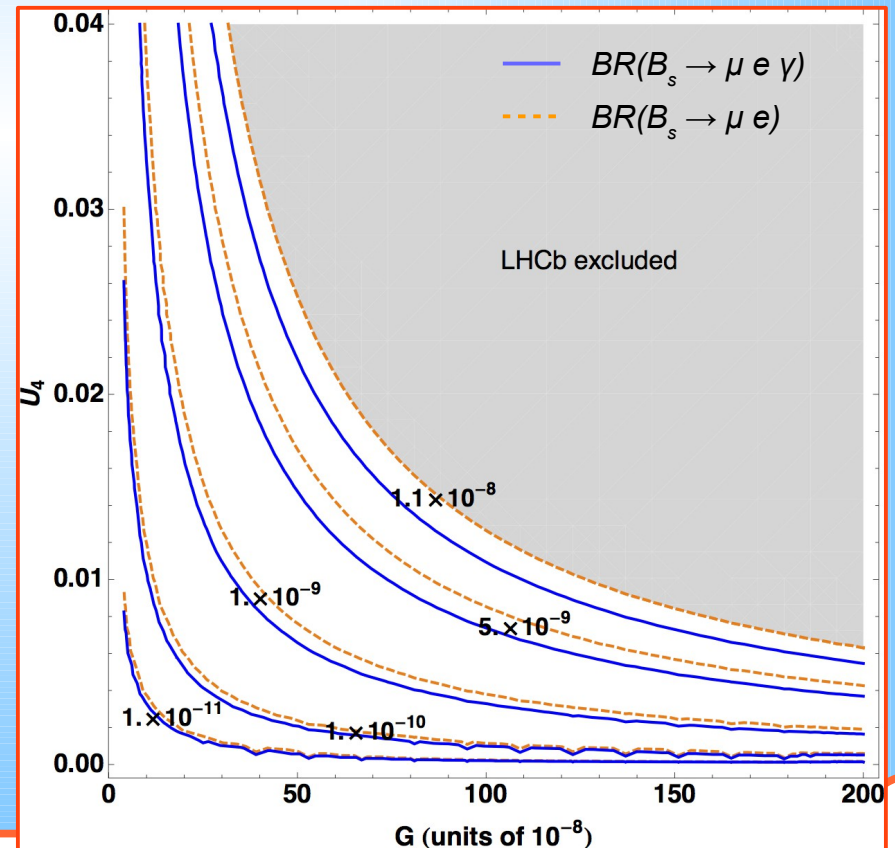


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