

# Theory Status of Leptonic and Semileptonic $b$ -decays: Window to New Physics

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## Motivation

### **Tree level charged current mediated decays in the SM**

New Physics (NP) expected subdominant compared to SM

Allows extraction of CKM matrix elements with expected small or negligible NP contamination

Laboratory for non-perturbative QCD studies

## Motivation

# Leptonic and Semileptonic B meson decays as a Window to New Physics

*But what New Physics?*

I will focus on possible violations  
of Lepton Flavour Universality (LFU)

# Motivation

$$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu)}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu)}$$

**Why?**

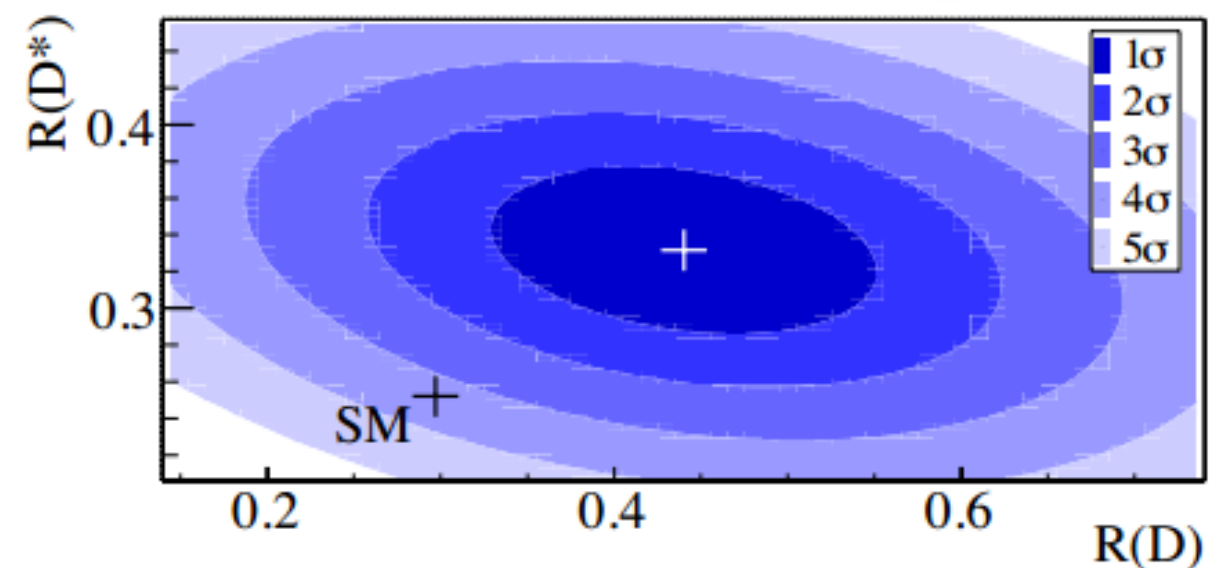
*back in 2012...*

## SM predictions

Kamenik, Mescia [Phys.Rev. D78 (2008) 014003]

Fajfer, Kamenik, Nisandzic [Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 094025]

$$\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^{-} \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$$

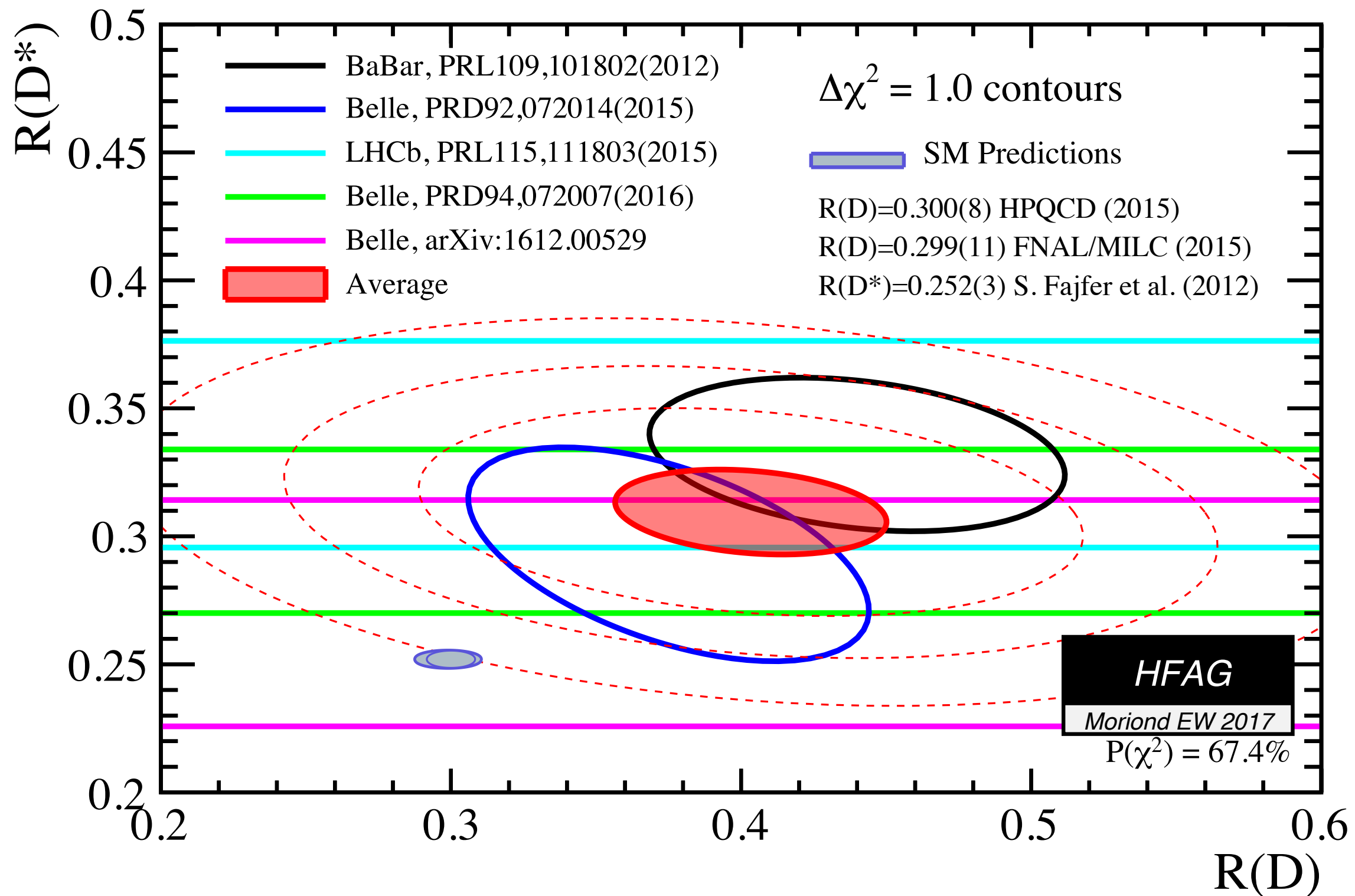


$$\left. \begin{aligned} R(D) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0.440 \pm 0.072 & \text{BABAR} \\ 0.297 \pm 0.017 & \text{SM} \end{array} \right\} 2.0\sigma \\ R(D^*) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0.332 \pm 0.030 & \text{BABAR} \\ 0.252 \pm 0.003 & \text{SM} \end{array} \right\} 2.7\sigma \end{aligned} \right\} 3.4\sigma$$

BaBar [Phys. Rev. D86 (2012) 032001]

# Motivation

*HFAG average today*



# Motivation

Considering both observables, **the difference with the SM predictions is at about 3.9 sigma**

Taken at face value, hints to **violation of LFU** at the **30% level**

*This would be surprising, given that*

	$\Gamma_{\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau e \bar{\nu}_e} / \Gamma_{\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu e \bar{\nu}_e}$	$\Gamma_{\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi} / \Gamma_{\pi \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu}$	$\Gamma_{\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau K} / \Gamma_{K \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu}$	$\Gamma_{W \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau} / \Gamma_{W \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu}$
$ g_\tau / g_\mu $	$1.0007 \pm 0.0022$	$0.992 \pm 0.004$	$0.982 \pm 0.008$	$1.032 \pm 0.012$
	$\Gamma_{\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu} / \Gamma_{\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau e \bar{\nu}_e}$	$\Gamma_{\pi \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu} / \Gamma_{\pi \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e}$	$\Gamma_{K \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu} / \Gamma_{K \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e}$	$\Gamma_{K \rightarrow \pi \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu} / \Gamma_{K \rightarrow \pi e \bar{\nu}_e}$
$ g_\mu / g_e $	$1.0018 \pm 0.0014$	$1.0021 \pm 0.0016$	$0.998 \pm 0.002$	$1.001 \pm 0.002$
	$\Gamma_{W \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu} / \Gamma_{W \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e}$		$\Gamma_{\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu} / \Gamma_{\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu e \bar{\nu}_e}$	$\Gamma_{W \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau} / \Gamma_{W \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e}$
$ g_\mu / g_e $	$0.991 \pm 0.009$	$ g_\tau / g_e $	$1.0016 \pm 0.0021$	$1.023 \pm 0.011$

# Observables

$$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu)}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}l\nu)}$$

$$B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu \quad q^2 = (p_B - p_{D^{(*)}})^2 \text{ differential distribution}$$

$$B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu \quad \text{tau polarization asymmetry}$$

experimental error still very large



## Standard Model predictions

$$B \rightarrow D \ell \nu$$

Parametrization of the hadronic amplitude

$$\bullet \quad \langle D(p_D) | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu b | \bar{B}(p_B) \rangle = f_+(q^2) \left[ (p_B + p_D)^\mu - \frac{m_B^2 - m_D^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right] + f_0(q^2) \frac{m_B^2 - m_D^2}{q^2} q^\mu$$

$f_+(0) = f_0(0)$

$$q^2 = (p_B - p_D)^2$$

**vector form factor**

**scalar form factor**

Fermilab Lattice and MILC Collaborations (2015)  $R(D) = 0.299(11)$

HPQCD Collaboration (2015)  $R(D) = 0.300(8)$

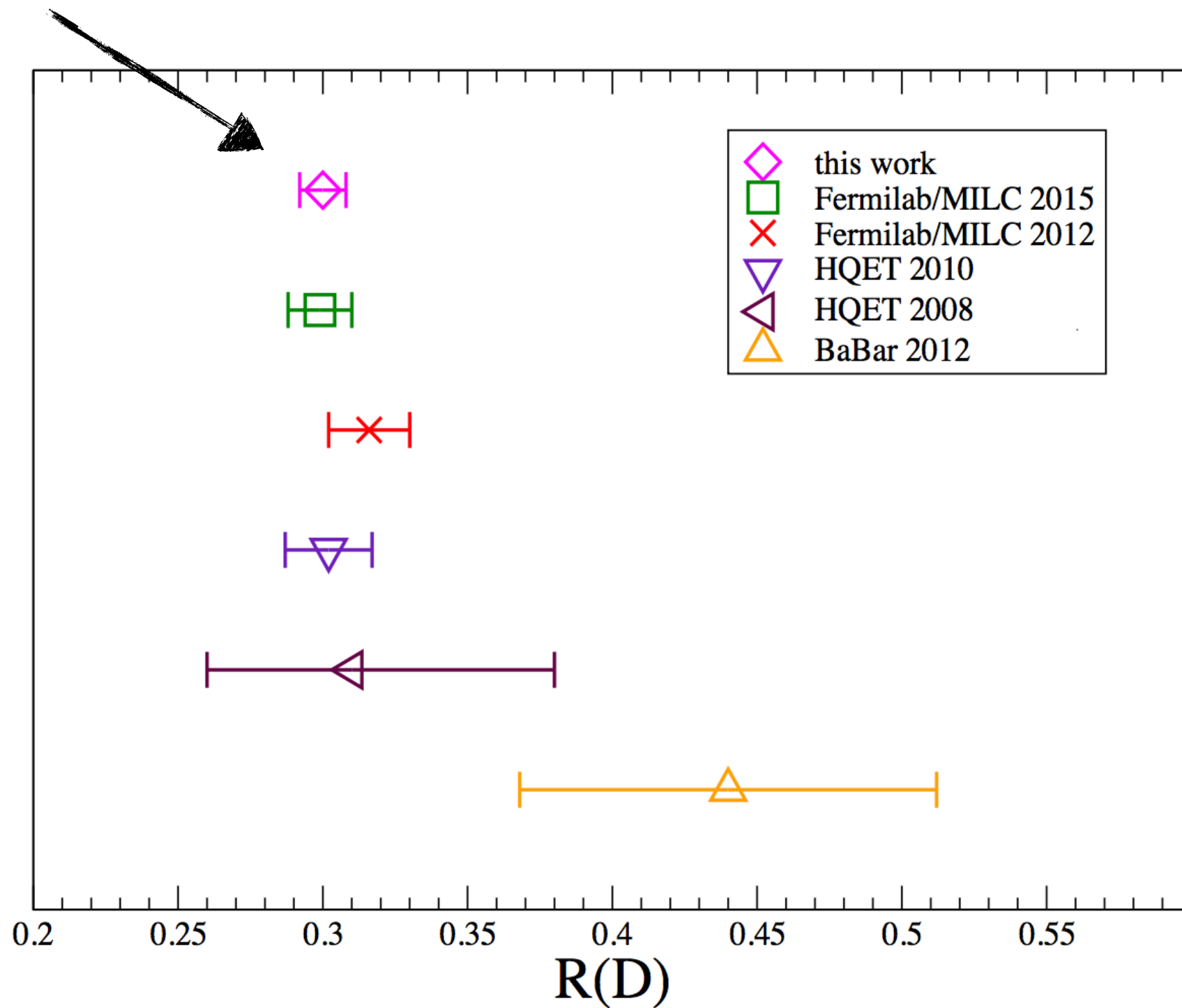
P. Gambino and D. Bigi (2016)  $R(D) = 0.299(3)$

## Current experimental data

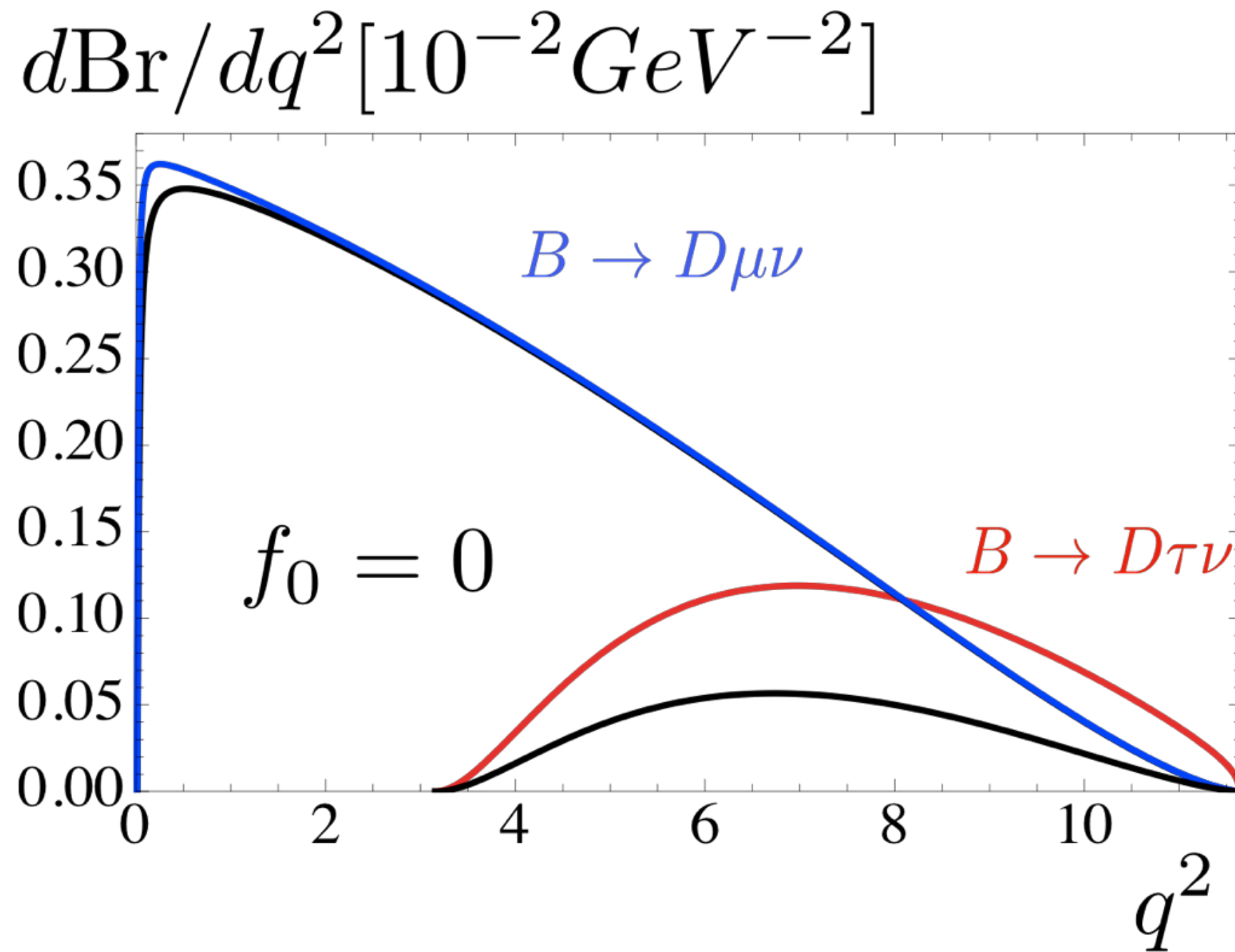
$$HFAG \text{ average today } R(D)_{\text{exp}} = 0.403 \pm 0.040 \pm 0.024$$

# Standard Model predictions

HPQCD Collaboration (2015)

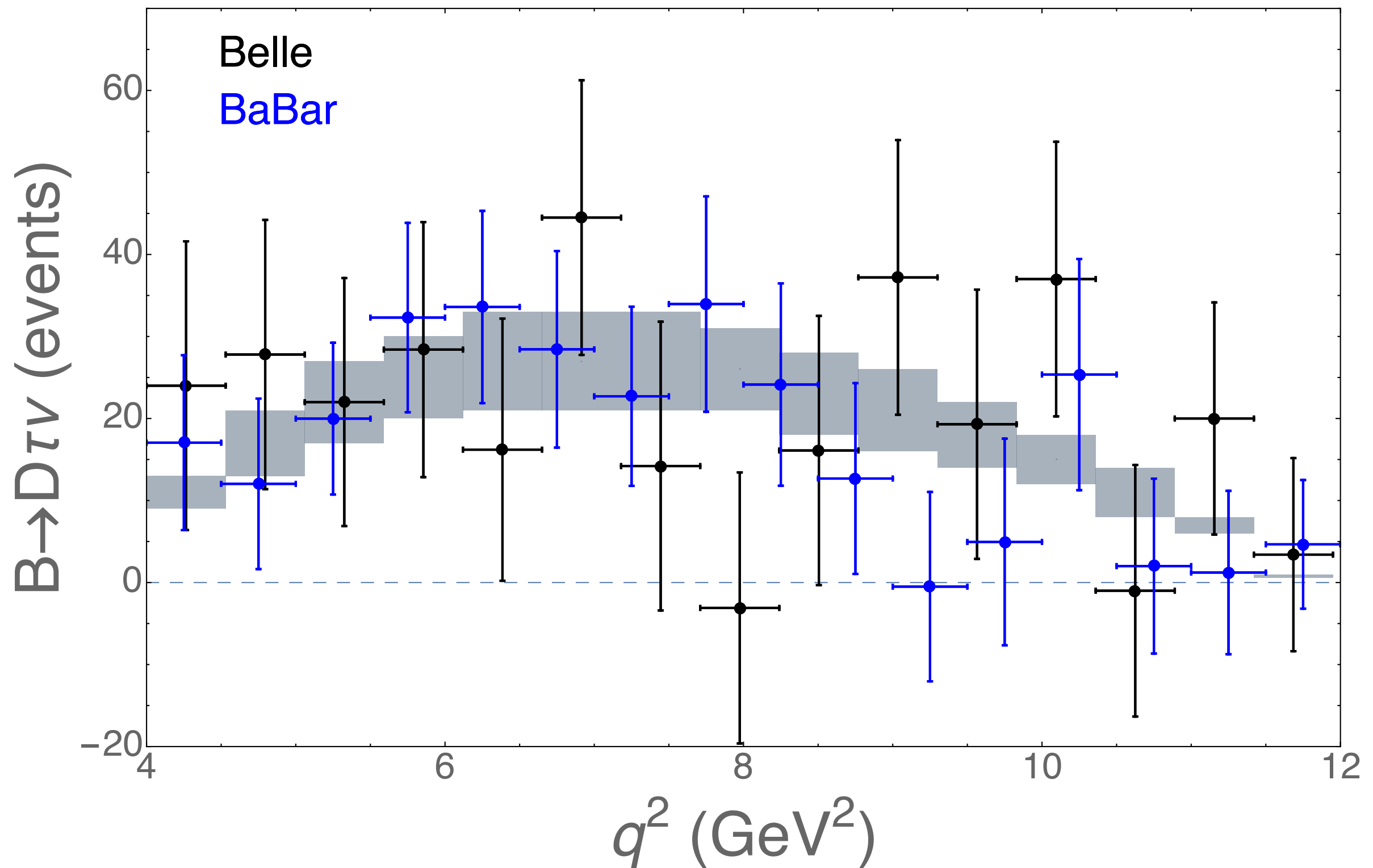


## Standard Model predictions



Standard Model predictions

Current experimental data



adapted from AC, Jung, Xin-Qiang, Pich [1612.07757]

## Standard Model predictions

$$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(q^2) &= \frac{R_1(w)}{R_{D^*}} h_{A_1}(w) & A_0(q^2) &= \frac{R_0(w)}{R_{D^*}} h_{A_1}(w) \\ A_1(q^2) &= R_{D^*} \frac{w+1}{2} h_{A_1}(w) & A_2(q^2) &= \frac{R_2(w)}{R_{D^*}} h_{A_1}(w) \end{aligned}$$

$$h_{A_1}(w) = h_{A_1}(1) [1 - 8\rho^2 z(w) + (53\rho^2 - 15) z(w)^2 - (231\rho^2 - 91) z(w)^3]$$

$$R_0(w) = R_0(1) - 0.11(w-1) + 0.01(w-1)^2$$

$$R_1(w) = R_1(1) - 0.12(w-1) + 0.05(w-1)^2$$

$$R_2(w) = R_2(1) + 0.11(w-1) - 0.06(w-1)^2 \quad \text{Caprini, Lellouch, Neubert [9712417]}$$

$h_{A_1}(1)$ ,  $\rho^2$ ,  $R_1(1)$  and  $R_2(1)$  values from  $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \ell \bar{\nu}$  ( $\ell = e, \mu$ ) [► HFAG](#)

$R_0(1)$  extracted from Heavy Quark Effective Theory [\[Falk, Neubert \(1992\)\]](#)

$$R_3(1) = \frac{R_2(1)(1-r) + r [R_0(1)(1+r) - 2]}{(1-r)^2} = 0.97 \pm 0.10$$

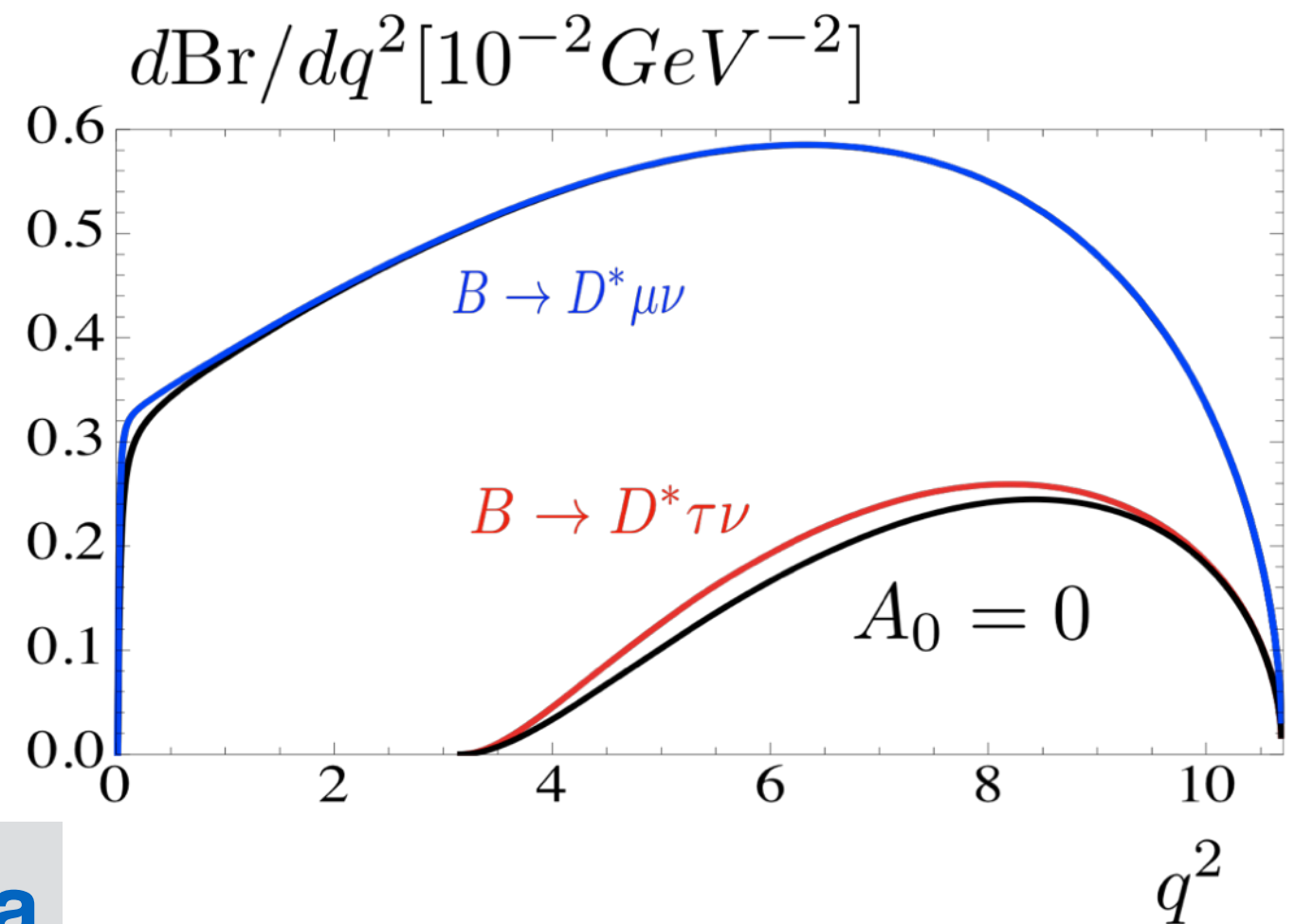
includes leading-order perturbative (in  $\alpha_s$ ) and power ( $1/m_{b,c}$ ) corrections to the heavy-quark limit, plus 10% uncertainty to account for higher-order contributions.

# Standard Model predictions

$$R(D^*) = 0.252 \pm 0.003$$

Fajfer, Kamenik, Nisandzic (2012)

scalar form factor has a  
small impact

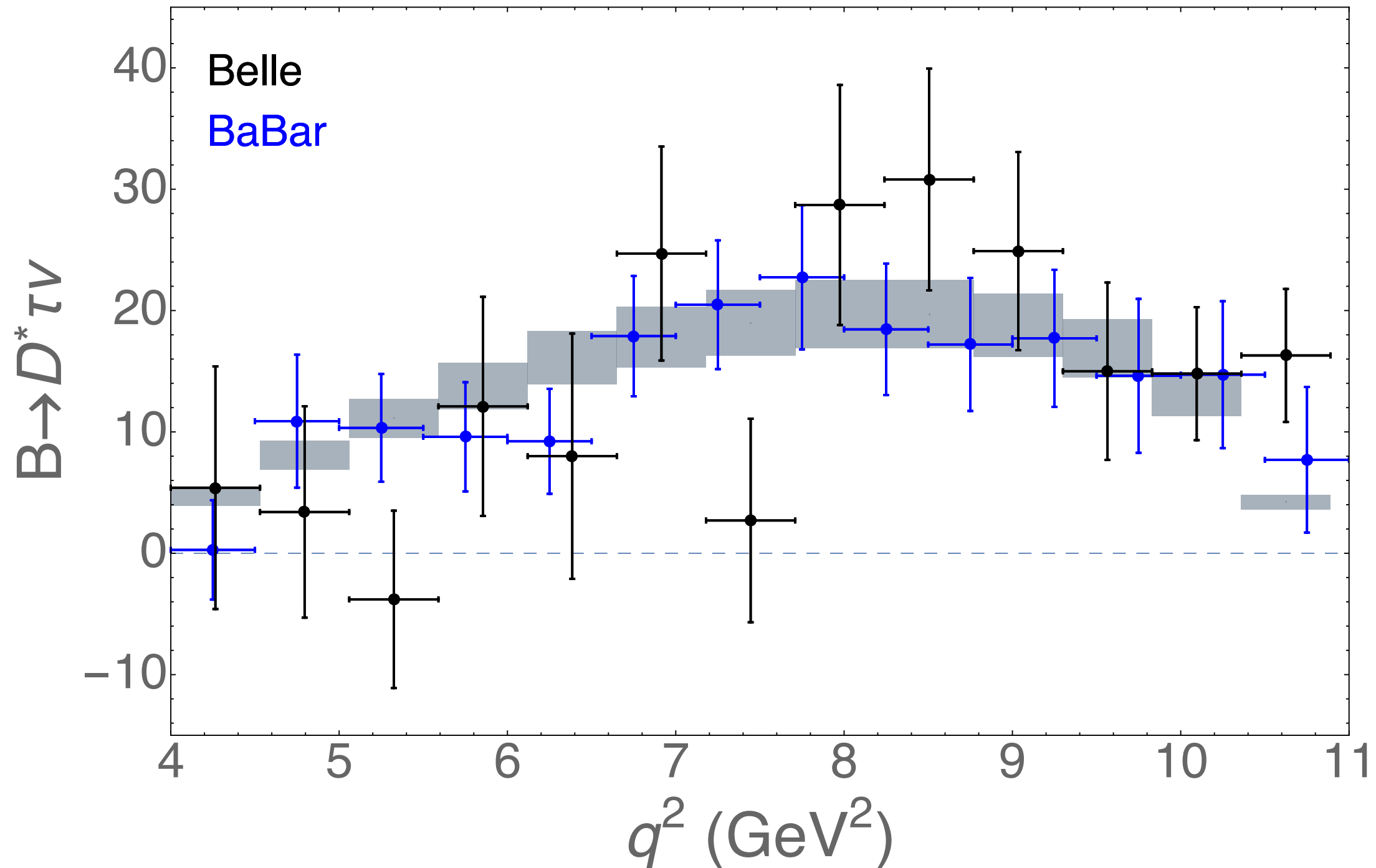


Current experimental data

$$\text{HFAG average today } R(D^*)_{\text{exp}} = 0.310 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.008$$

# Standard Model predictions

# Current experimental data

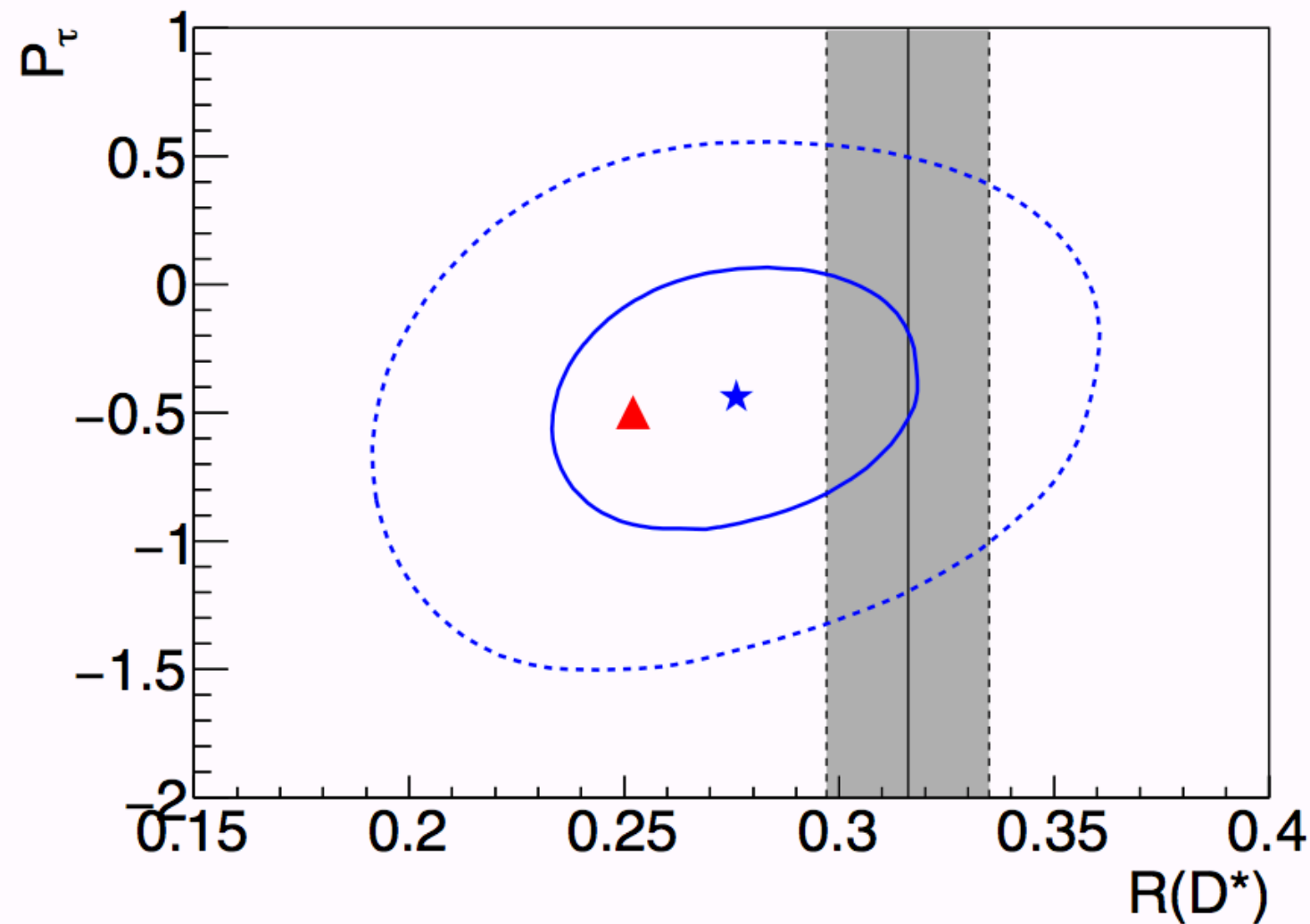


## Standard Model predictions

## Current experimental data

$$P_\tau = \frac{\Gamma^+ - \Gamma^-}{\Gamma^+ + \Gamma^-}$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu, \rho^- \nu$$



Belle (2016)

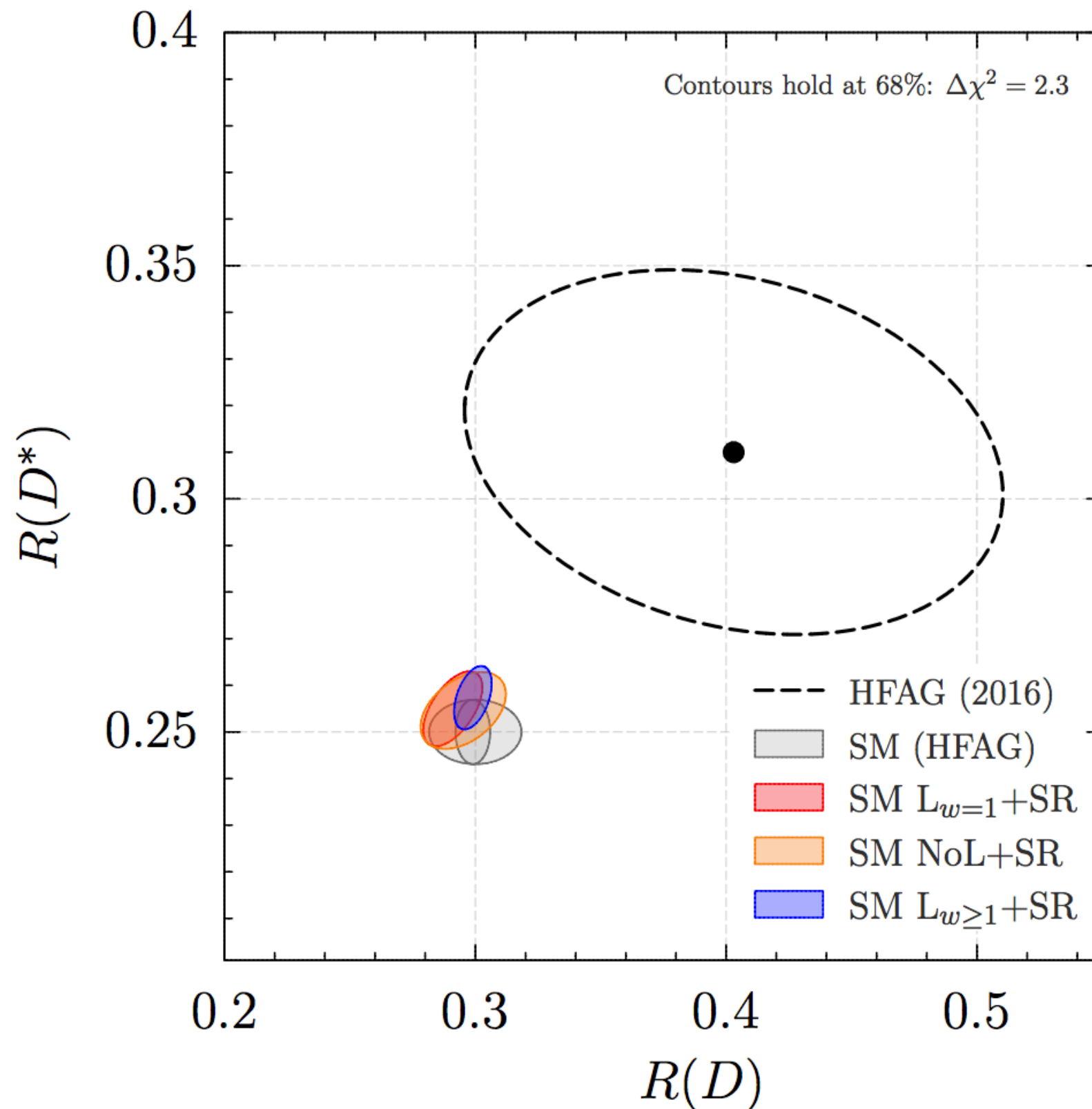
**With Belle II in mind, considerable recent progress on the description of the full angular distributions in the presence of generic NP**

Becirevic', Tayduganov, Fajfer, Nisandzic, Alonso, Camalich, Westhoff, Datta, Duraisamy, Ghosh



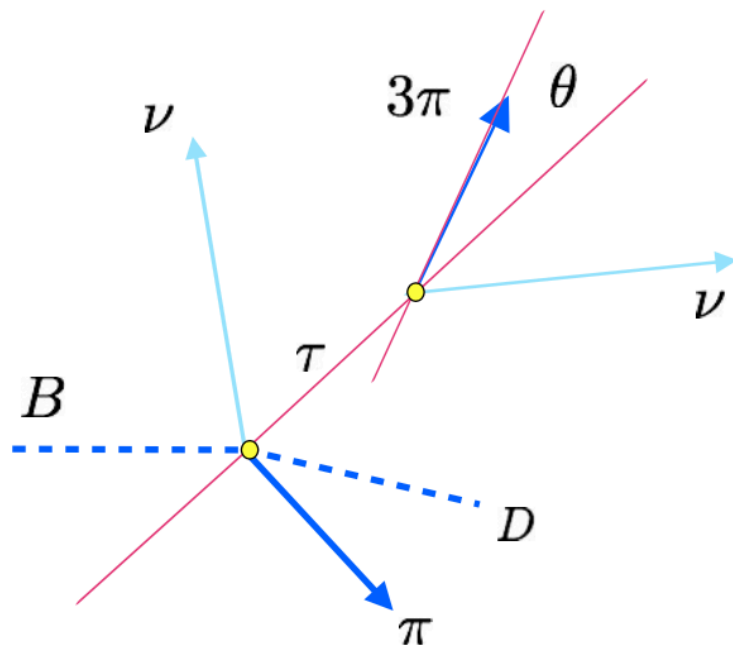
# Standard Model predictions

# Current experimental data



# Current experimental data

Reconstruction of  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- \nu_\tau$  from a known vertex



Tau decay	BR
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau, \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$	$\sim 18\%$
$\pi^- \nu$	$\sim 11\%$
$\pi^- \pi^0 \nu$	$\sim 25\%$
$\pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu$	$\sim 9\%$
$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu$	$\sim 9\%$
$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu$	$\sim 3\%$

**Expected LHCb measurement** Federico Betti talk in Moriond 2017

Estimated statistical precision is competitive with previous LHCb measurement in the muonic mode

# New Physics scenarios

# Problems with a charged scalar

$$\mathcal{L}_Y \supset -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} H^+ \left\{ \bar{u} \left[ \varsigma_d V M_d \mathcal{P}_R - \varsigma_u M_u^\dagger V \mathcal{P}_L \right] d + \varsigma_l \bar{\nu} M_l \mathcal{P}_R l \right\}$$

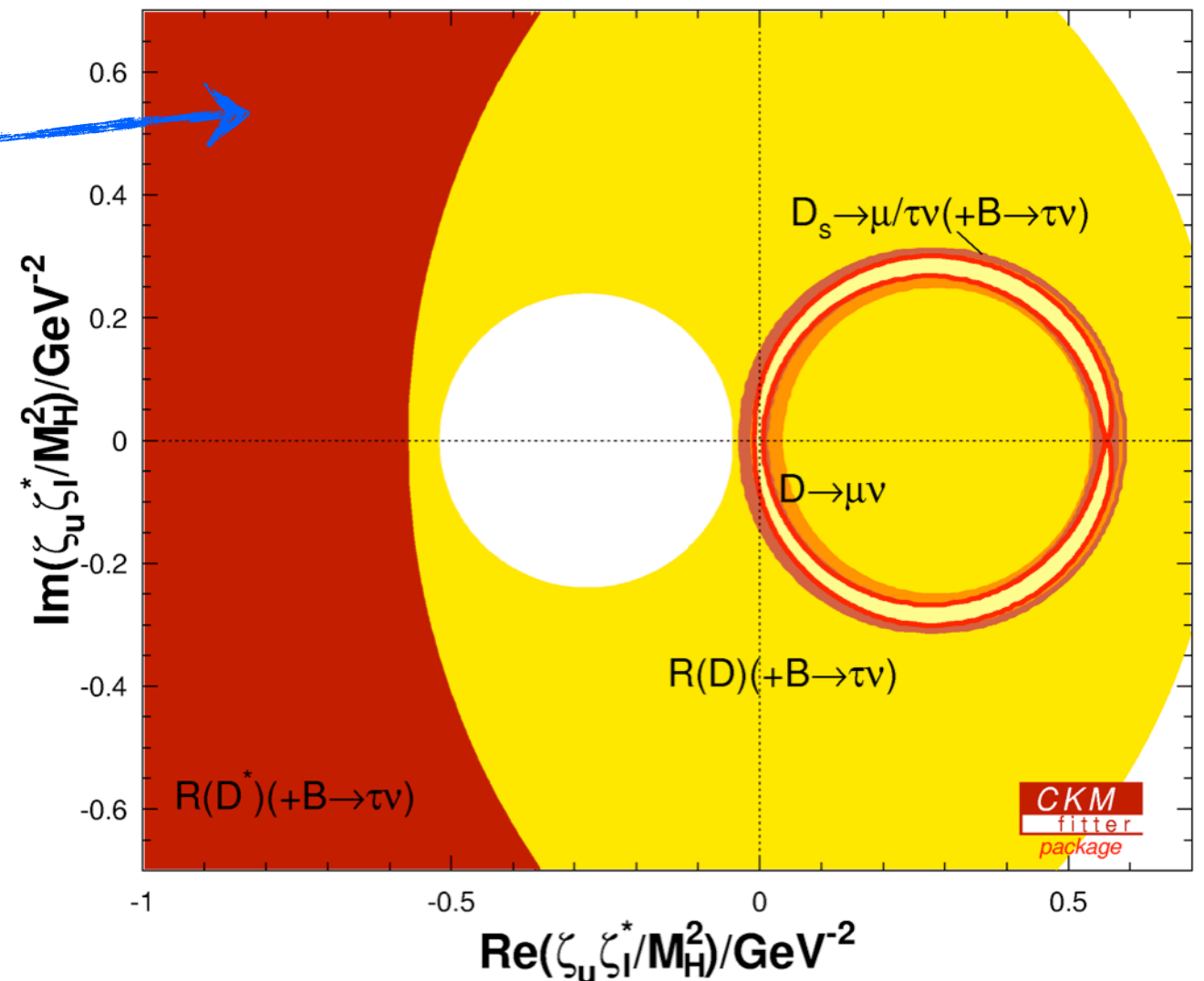
at 95 % CL

[AC, Jung, X-Q. Li, Pich \(2012\)](#)

$$R(D^*)(+B \rightarrow \tau \nu)$$

$$\rightarrow |\varsigma_u \varsigma_l| / M_{H^\pm}^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

**big tension between  
D<sub>(s)</sub> leptonic decays,  
R(D<sup>\*</sup>) and B → Tau Nu**

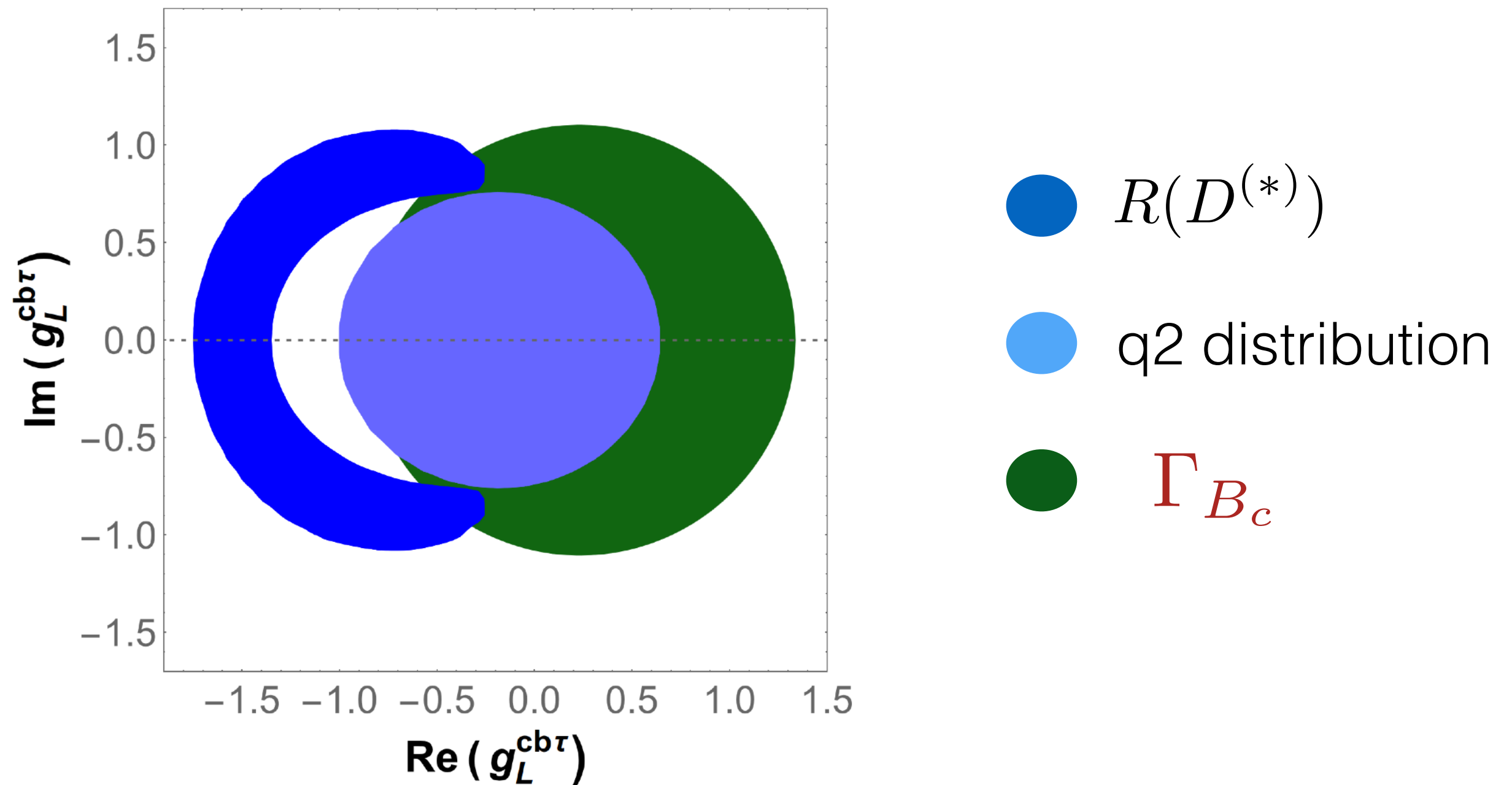


**None of the 2HDM with NFC can accommodate the excess in R(D<sup>\*</sup>)**

but possible with Type III 2HDM (with tree-level FCNCs) [Crivellin et al.](#)

# New Physics scenarios

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F V_{q_u q_d}}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \bar{q}_u (g_L^{q_u q_d \ell} \mathcal{P}_L + g_R^{q_u q_d \ell} \mathcal{P}_R) q_d \right] [\bar{\ell} \mathcal{P}_L \nu_\ell]$$



# New Physics scenarios

$$\Gamma_{B_c}$$

Xin-Qiang Li, Y.-D. Yang, and X. Zhang (2016)

Alonso, B. Grinstein, and J. Martin Camalich (2016)

$$\Gamma(B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau) = G_F^2 m_\tau^2 f_{B_c}^2 |V_{cb}|^2 \frac{m_{B_c}}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_{B_c}^2}\right)^2 |1 - \Delta_{cb}^\tau|^2$$

$$\Delta_{qb}^l = \frac{(g_L^{qbl} - g_R^{qbl}) m_B^2}{m_l (\bar{m}_b + \bar{m}_q)}$$

PDG

Beneke, Buchalla (1996)

$$\tau_{B_c} = 0.507(8) \text{ ps}$$

$$\tau_{B_c}^{\text{OPE}} = 0.52_{-0.12}^{+0.18} \text{ ps}$$

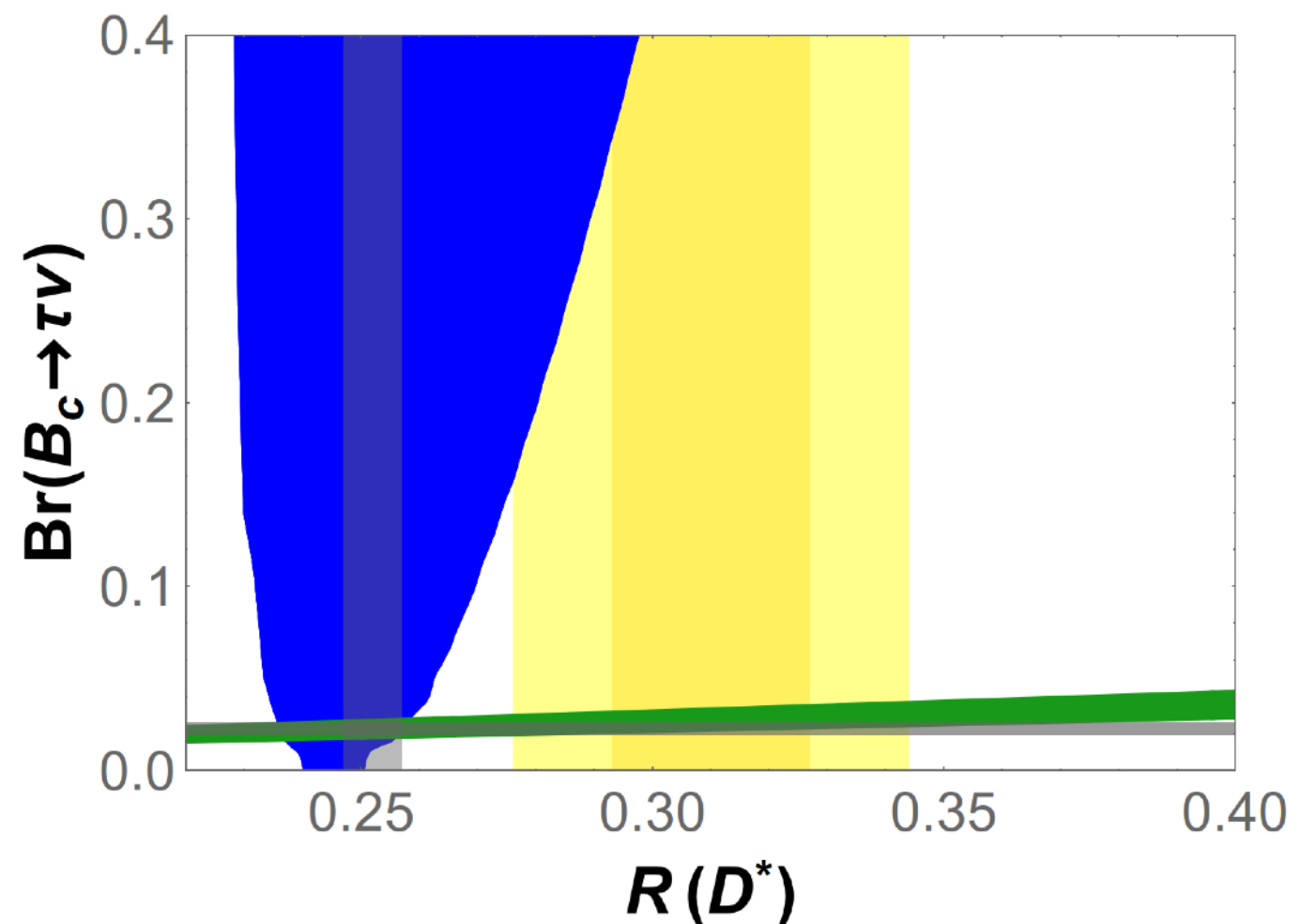
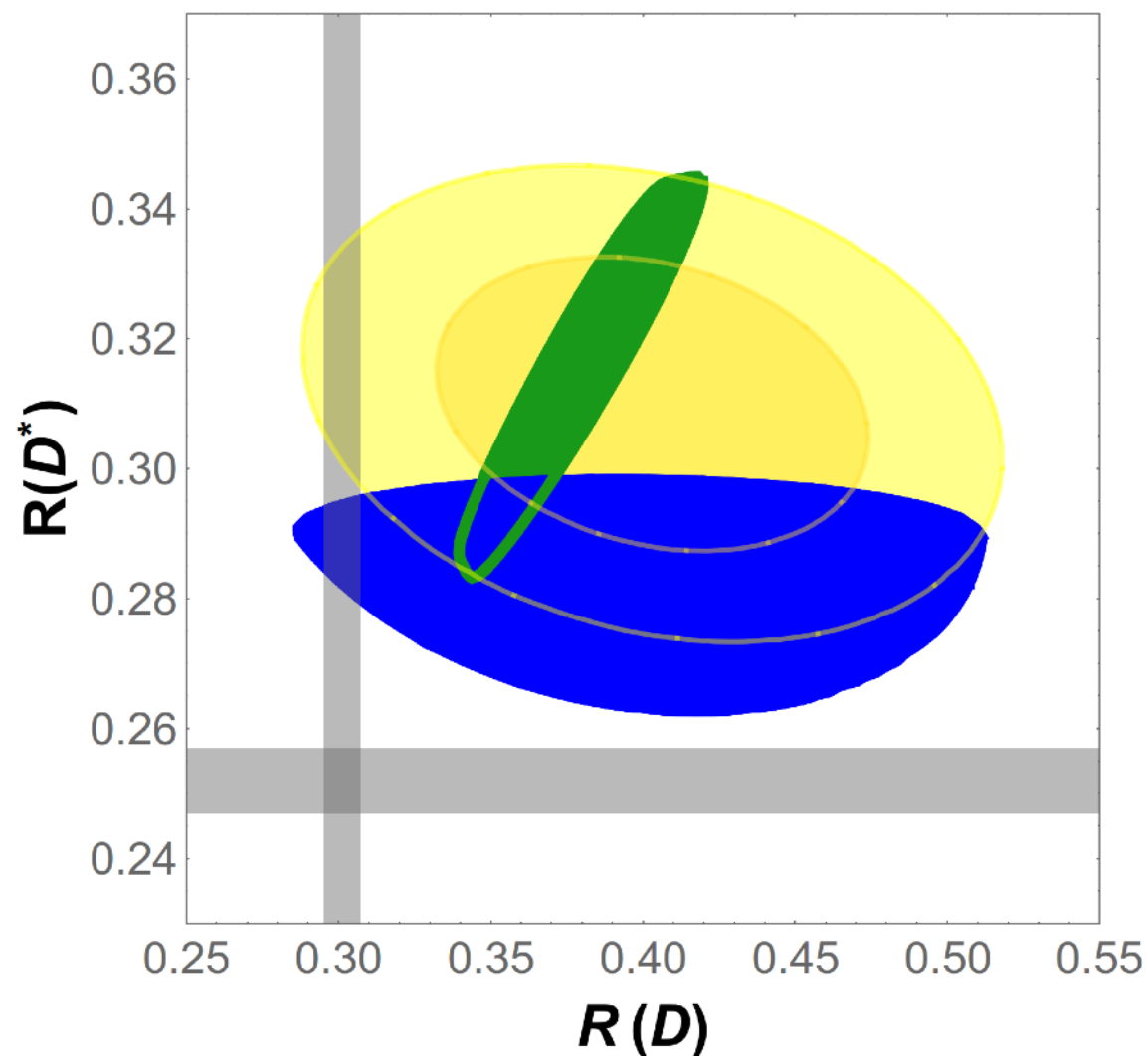
$$\text{Br}(B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu) \leq 30 - 40\%$$

# New Physics scenarios

● **Vector scenario**

● **Scalar scenario**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F V_{cb}}{\sqrt{2}} g_{V_L} (\bar{c} \gamma_\mu \mathcal{P}_L b) (\bar{\tau} \gamma^\mu \mathcal{P}_L \nu) + \text{h.c.}$$

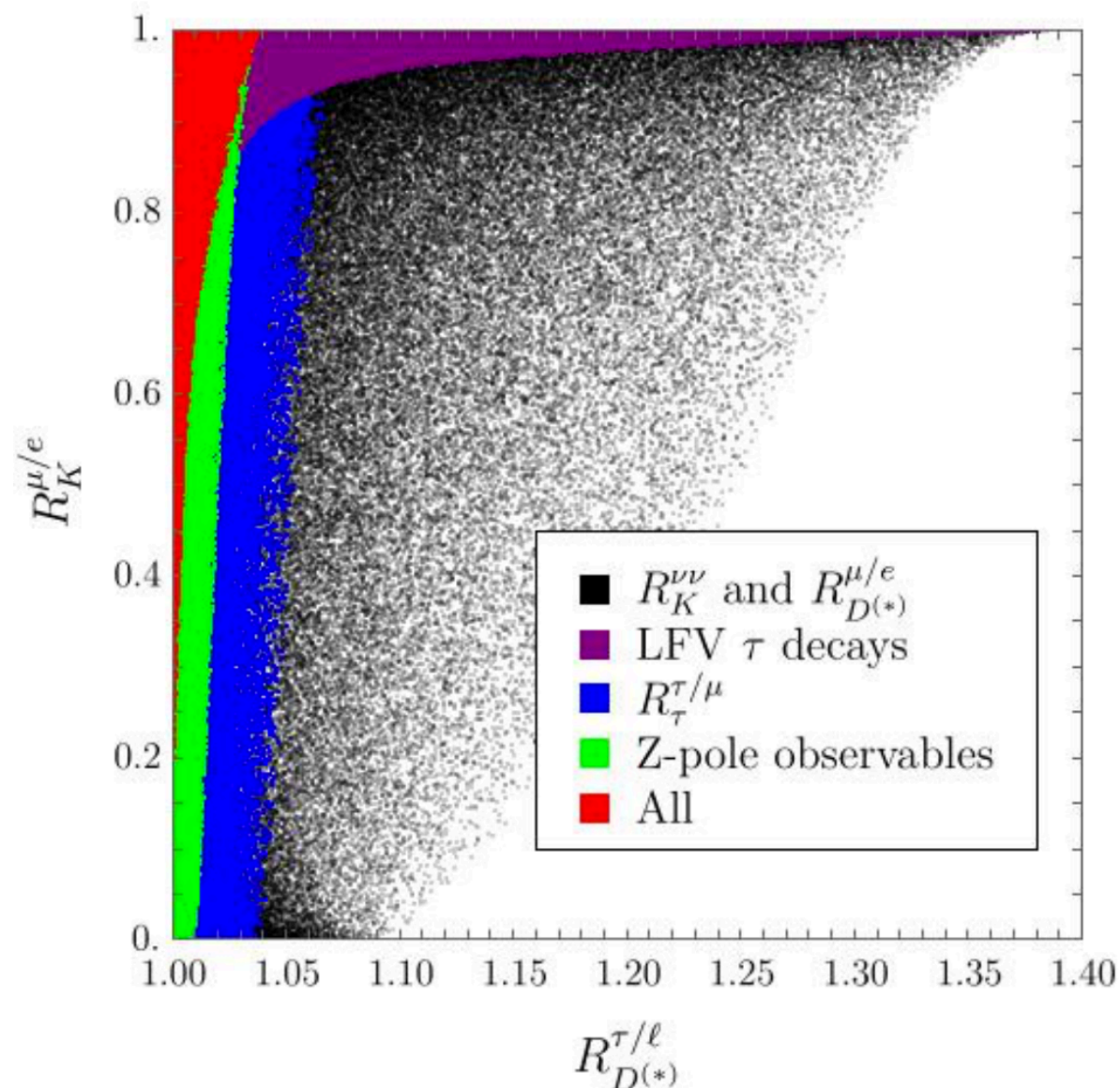




# New Physics scenarios

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NP}} = \frac{C_1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q}_{3L} \gamma^\mu q_{3L}) (\bar{\ell}_{3L} \gamma_\mu \ell_{3L}) + \frac{C_3}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q}_{3L} \gamma^\mu \tau^a q_{3L}) (\bar{\ell}_{3L} \gamma_\mu \tau^a \ell_{3L})$$

Feruglio, Pattori, Paradisi (2016)



**NP models expected to generate a richer spectrum of operators**



**DsixTools**

AC, J. Fuentes-Martin, A. Vicente, J. Virto

**2499 ADM of D=6 SMEFT op.**

M. Trott et al.

among other things,  
**expected to be public in April**

**more details in Avelino talk in Portoroz**

# Summary

## Hints for violation of LFU in semileptonic B decays

**SM predictions for  $R(D)$  and  $R(D^*)$  from latest analyses find good agreement with previous estimates.** The theory uncertainty has been reduced.

**Model building associated to these hints is very challenging. Large NP effects required usually cause problems in other observables.**