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Constraining NSI and Sterile Neutrino Physics with nu_tau Appearance in DUNE

We consider the $\nu \mu \rightarrow \nu \tau$ appearance channel in the future Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) which offers a good statistics of the $\nu_{-}\tau$ sample. In order to measure its impact on constraining the oscillation parameters, we consider several assumptions on the efficiency for $\nu_{-}\tau$ charged-current signal events (with subsequent $\tau \rightarrow e$ decay) and the related backgrounds and study the effects of various systematic uncertainties. Two different neutrino

fluxes have been considered, namely a CP-violation optimized flux and a v τ optimized flux.

Our results show that the addition of the $\nu \mu \rightarrow \nu \tau$ appearance channel does not reduce the current uncertainties on the standard 3- ν oscillation parameters while it can improve in a significant way the sensitivity to the Non-Standard Interaction parameter |\epsilon_ $\mu \tau$ | and to the new mixing angle θ 34 of a sterile neutrino model of the 3 + 1 type.

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