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Constraining NSI and Sterile Neutrino Physics with nu_tau Appearance in DUNE

We consider the $v \mu \to v \tau$ appearance channel in the future Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) which offers a good statistics of the $v_{-}\tau$ sample. In order to measure its impact on constraining the oscillation parameters, we consider several assumptions on the efficiency for $v_{-}\tau$ charged-current signal events (with subsequent $\tau \to e$ 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 ν τ optimized flux.

Our results show that the addition of the $\nu \mu \to \nu \tau$ 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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