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NEUTRAL CURRENTS IN SEMILEPTONIC PROCESSES AT = 0

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ABSTRACT

The isoscalar piece of the neutral weak hadronic current is studied in elastic neutrino scattering on targets of isospin zero. If there are no "exotic" currents between non-strange hadrons we obtain: (i) a q² dependence in the differential cross-section which is independent of the incident neutrino energy and equal to the well-known electromagnetic structure function; (ii) equality for the neutrino and antineutrino cross-sections at all energies. If those requirements are satisfied the magnitude of the cross-section directly gives the Weinberg angle. If not, some isoscalar must be present in the current associated with the Wp. Numerical results for the deuterium case are given.

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