

a  $\nu$  scattering experiment. The  $D^0$  produced in the "primary" reaction  $\nu + N \rightarrow \mu^- + D^0 + X$  may switch into a  $\bar{D}^0$  which then decays into  $\mu^- + \bar{\nu} + X'$ . It is important to substantiate these events since, as we have seen, in order to obtain an adequate  $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$  mixing one needs either more than four quarks or a charm-changing neutral current. It should be noted however, that (e.g., model D) with a charm-changing neutral current  $D^0$  and  $\bar{D}^0$  may decay into a  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  pair (perhaps accompanied by hadrons). One would thus expect to observe "trilepton" events

$$\nu + N \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^- + X.$$

Such events have not been seen thus far.<sup>14</sup> Of course, the neutral charm-changing current can be made small (i. e.,  $\alpha \approx 0$  or  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  in model D) without substantially changing  $\nu$  from 1.

In summary, the observation of substantial<sup>30</sup> number of  $\mu^- \mu^-$  events (compared to  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  events say) and the nonobservation of  $\mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  events would suggest the presence of degrees of freedom "beyond charm."

f) Off-diagonal neutral currents:

Other effects of a charm-changing neutral current include direct  $\Delta C = 2$  decay of charm baryons (not so easy to observe! ) and apparent lepton nonconservation such as in the process

$$\nu + N \rightarrow \mu^+ + X.$$

This process could come about by neutral current production of  $D^0$

$$\nu + N \rightarrow \nu + D^0 + X' (C = 0)$$