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The KLOE detector is operated at DA Φ NE, an e^+e^- collider running at a center of mass energy $W=m_\phi\sim 1019.45$ ~MeV. ϕ mesons decay 34\% of the time to a K_SK_L pair. Detection of a K_L thus signals the presence of, "tags", a K_S and vice versa. With this technique, we select a pure K_S beam, which permits studies of suppressed K_S decays without the overwhelming background from the K_L component. We present the result of a search for the $K_S\to e^+e^-$ decay obtained from the whole data set. This is based on a sample of ~ 650 millions of K_S decays tagged by the detection of a K_L interaction in the calorimeter.

 $K_S \to e^+e^-$ decay is a $\Delta S=1$ weak neutral current process, suppressed by Standard Model at the level of $\sim 2 \times 10^{-14}$. These events are searched by selecting two charged tracks from the interaction region, and exploiting the high resolution of our drift chamber in reconstructing the kaon invariant mass. Further rejection comes from calorimeter particle identification. No events survive our selection criteria, resulting in un upper limit on the BR of 9.3×10^{-9} ,~at~90\%~CL.

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