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Precise measurement of ^3H beta decay spectrum and keV-scale sterile neutrino search

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We report analysis results on a LiF Experiment for keV Sterile Neutrino Search (LiFE-SNS) based on tritium beta decay measurement at mK temperatures. We use LiF crystals with ^3H embedded through the $\text{Li}(n,\alpha)^3\text{H}$ process. Magnetic microcalorimeters, one of the high-resolution detector technologies, are adopted to measure the amount of the energy deposited into the crystal absorber from ^3H beta decays.

A full spectral measurement was conducted using two detector modules, each activated with ^3H at approximately 30 Bq, over a four-month data taking period. In this conference, we present analysis results, including a comparison of the measured spectrum with the expected ^3H spectral shape and the results of the search for keV-scale sterile neutrinos.

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