

# **TOTEM**

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## **CTPPS 2016**

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### CMS Physics Analysis Summary

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Evidence for proton-tagged, central semi-exclusive production of high-mass muon pairs at 13 TeV with the CMS-TOTEM Precision Proton Spectrometer

The CMS and TOTEM Collaborations

#### Abstract

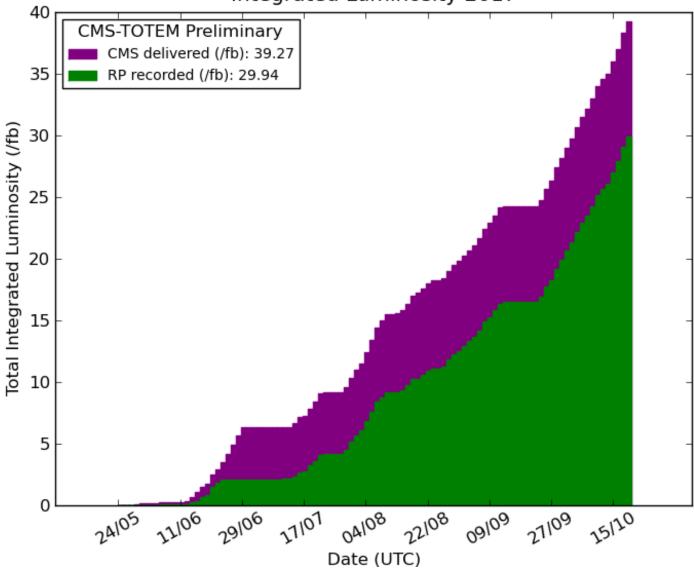
The process  $pp \to p\mu^+\mu^-p^{(*)}$  has been observed at the LHC for dimuon masses larger than 110 GeV in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV. Here  $p^{(*)}$  indicates that the second proton is undetected, and either remains intact or dissociates into a low-mass state  $p^*$ . The scattered proton has been measured in the CMS-TOTEM Precision Proton Spectrometer (CT-PPS), which operated for the first time in 2016. The measurement is based on an integrated luminosity of approximately 10 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected in regular, high-luminosity fills. A total of 12 candidates with  $m(\mu\mu)>110$  GeV, and matching forward proton kinematics, is observed. This corresponds to an excess of more than four standard deviations over the background. The spectrometer and its operation are described, along with the data and background estimation. The present results constitute the first evidence of this process at such masses. They also demonstrate that CT-PPS performs as expected.



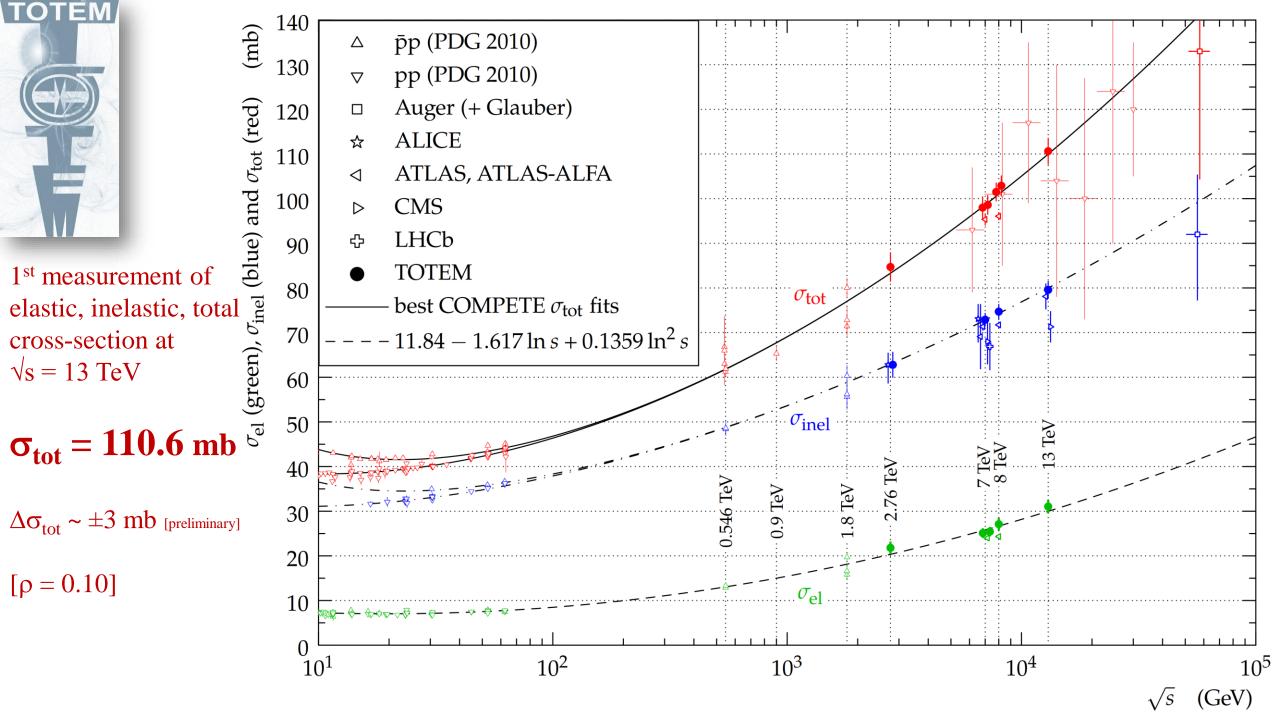


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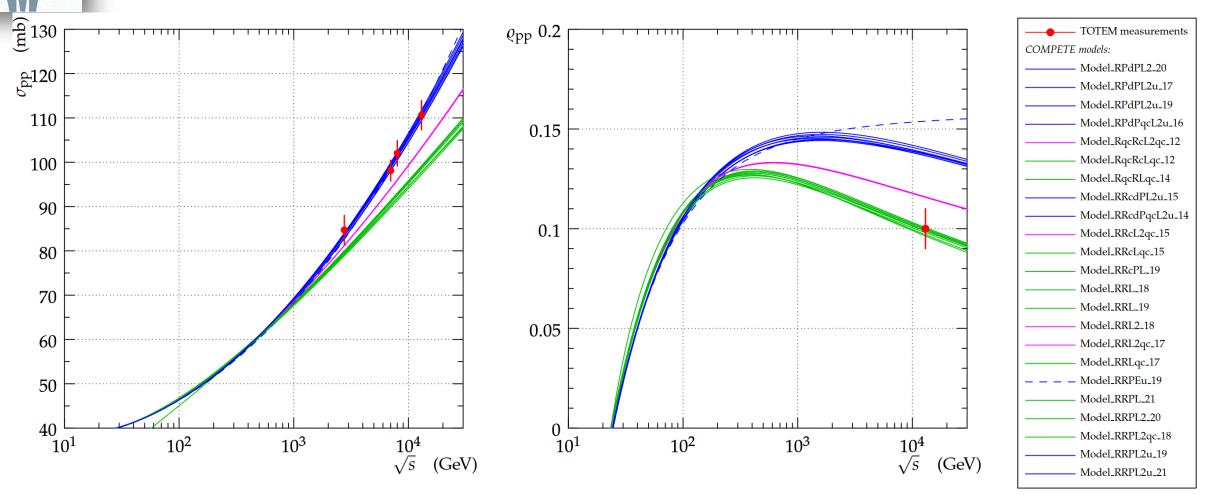








1) Theoretical framework : current models [COMPETE] cannot describe measured total cross-section and  $\rho$  simultaneously at  $\sqrt{s}$  13 TeV ; dispersion relation requires derivative of total cross-section to decrease in next decade(s) of  $\sqrt{s}$  ; extrapolations to high-E LHC and/or FCC .





1st measurement of  $\rho$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  $\rho = 0.10 \pm 0.01$ 

[preliminary]

