

Skands, TASI Lectures, arXiv:1207.2389

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(a) $\mu_{\mathrm{PS}}=\sqrt{s}$
(b) $\mu_{\mathrm{PS}}=p_{\perp}$

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The "CMW" factor
$k_{\text {CMW }}=\exp \left(\frac{67-3 \pi^{2}-10 n_{F} / 3}{2\left(33-2 n_{F}\right)}\right)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}1.513 n_{F}=6 \\ 1.569 n_{F}=5 \\ 1.618 n_{F}=4 \\ 1.661 n_{F}=3\end{array}\right.$

$\mu_{\mathrm{PS}}=p_{\perp}$, with CMW


2 Loop: $a_{s}(M z)=0.12 \quad \Lambda_{3}=0.37 \quad \Lambda_{4}=0.32 \quad \Lambda_{5}=0.23$
1 Loop: $a_{s}\left(M_{z}\right)=0.14 \quad \Lambda_{3}=0.37 \quad \Lambda_{4}=0.33 \quad \Lambda_{5}=0.26$
(In all cases, 5-flavor running is still used above mt)

## Variations in $\mathrm{e}^{+} \mathrm{e}^{-}$

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$\mu_{\mathrm{R}}$ by factor 2 in either direction
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$\rightarrow$ Factor 2 looks pretty extreme?



$$
\propto \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}^{1}
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$\alpha \mathrm{as}^{4}$
Beware! as pileup

## Variations in pp

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 reasonable?

Matrix Elements (E.g., AlpGen/MadGraph + Herwig/Pythia) W+jets


NJets



Jet Shape PS


Jet Shape ME+PS

NJets: dominated by ME (+Sudakov from PS) Jet Shapes: dominated by PS

## From multi-leg LO to multi-leg NLO



## Multi-scale problems

E.g., in context of ME matching with many legs

Example: W+3


1: MW
2: MW + Sum(IpTI)
3: -"- (quadratically)
4: Geometric mean pT (~PS)
5: Arithmetic mean pT



