

Recfa

Motivation to study physics:

- super heroes & γ radiation
(science has an effect
on people's life)
- smallest building blocks in life
- stars are cool
("I never wanted to be
a physicist.")
- got into nuclear physics
through medical physics
- problem-solving aspect
- passion for mathematics
& physics from young age
- CERN | IPPG masterclasses
- contact with experiments
- search for fundamental

questions

(what is life?
why we're here?)

→ big international collaboration
(without borders,
for a greater good,
for the whole
human kind)

→ unanswered questions = fascinating!

(e.g. dark matter
→ mass
matter - antimatter asym.)

→ way to particle physics through
molecular & quantum physics
~~and~~ & nano science

→ data science is attractive

→ good physics teacher back in
elementary school

→ trip to CERN in childhood /
teenage years
... (with children)

(fascination w bubble chamber)

- hardware is fun
(everything else became
boring eventually,
but not physics !)
(and its publicity)
- Higgs discovery
- from philosophy → particle physics
is very fundamental
- "arrogance": part. physics is the only
"true" physics
- kids questions about space
that couldn't have been
easily answered
(e.g. by parents)

Future:

- scary !
- difficult to get permanent
- high motivation & curiosity

reduced to sitting in front
of a computer

→ you cannot see yourself doing
anything else

giving up on a dream

→ arrogance needs a challenge

→ sense of purpose - contribute
to knowledge

→ hard to give an ^{easy} answer
what is the benefit of

our work

→ very few positions

→ leaving academia is not a failure

→ possible to get back after
some years in industry

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