WG on Explaining hot PP topics to a lay audience

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- public may find it hard to relate to abstract concepts
- understanding properties of "point particle" always difficult
- link to symmetries (fermion, boson)

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Demystify spin

It works in "everyday" world

- MRI
- spintronics
- laser
- ...