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We discuss proton acceleration with 10PW lasers. In 2001, we proposed proton acceleration with light pressure for the first time [1]. Then in 2007, we explained that light pressure acceleration is actually multistaged acceleration of collisionless electrostatic shock driven by the laser pressure [2, 3]. However, the method of light pressure is hard to support proton acceleration of energy larger than 10 GeV. Therefore, we proposed to acceleration proton with laser driven wakefiled [4]. The main problem for proton acceleration with wakefield is the transverse defocusing force preventing persistent acceleration. To solve this problem we proposed to use vortex to drive a wakefield of an electron cylinder in the middle [5]. Recent experiment with clusters is also discussed.

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