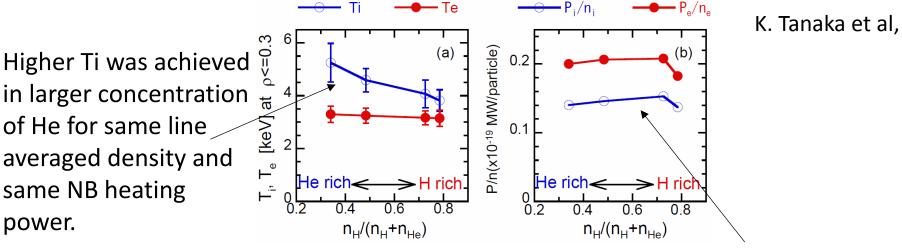
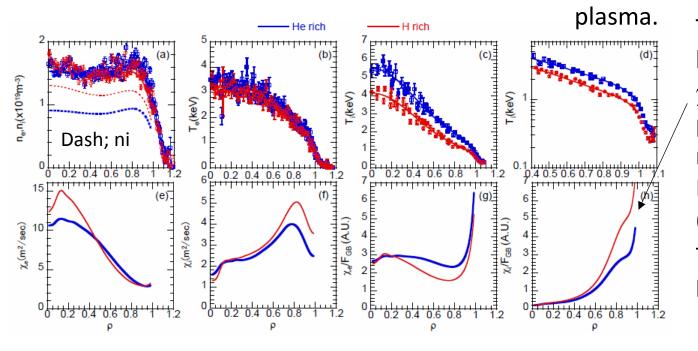
Improvements of ion energy confinement in helium rich plasma of LHD EX/P8-11



This is NOT due to the smaller ion density or larger Pi/ni in He rich



This is NOT due to the higher charge number.  $\chi_i$  is reduced in He rich plasma even after normalization of gyro-Bohm factor  $(F_{GB}=m_{ieff}^{0.5}T_i^{1.5}/(q_{ieff}^2))$ toward the edge pedestal region.