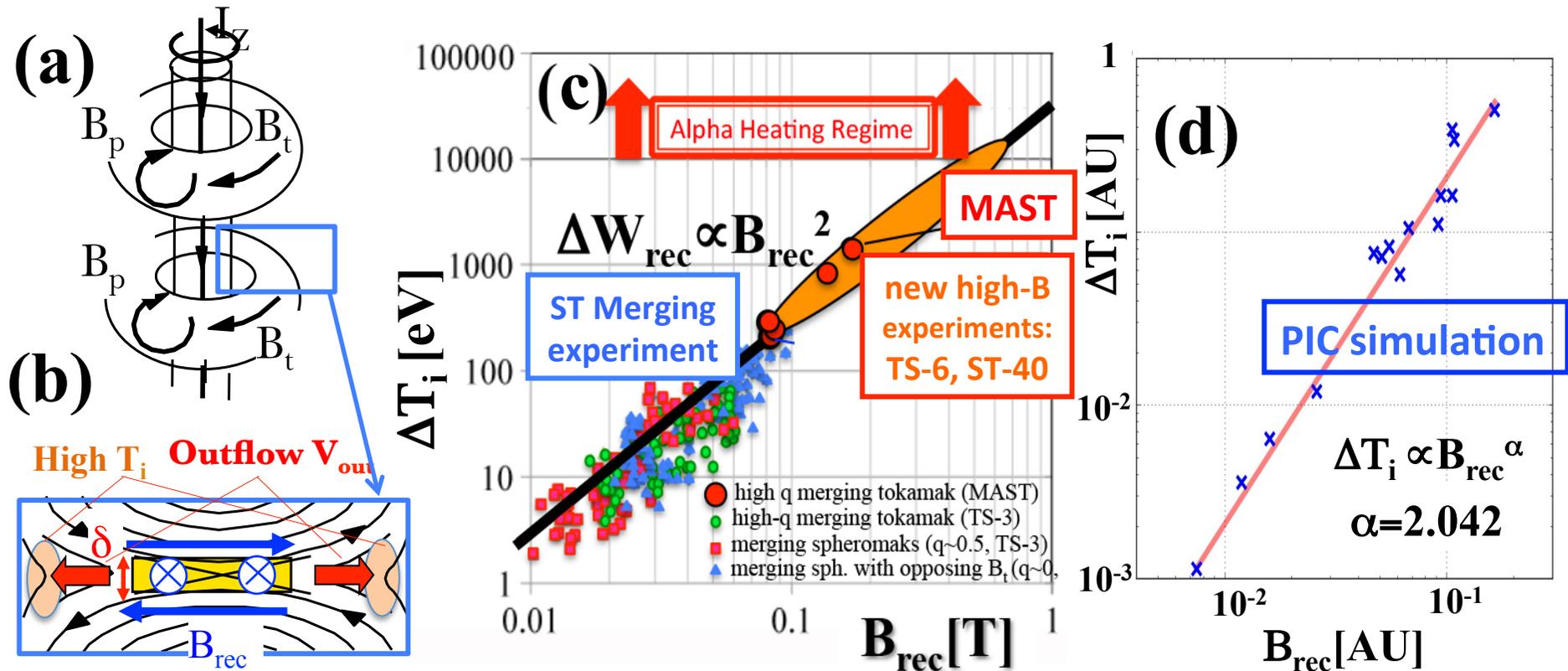


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The  $B_{rec}^2$ -scaling of reconnection heating indicates a new direct access to burning plasma region without NBI, leading us to new high- $B_{rec}$  experiments: ST-40 and TS-6.



Theoretical explanation:

$$v_{out} \sim v_{Alfven} \propto B_{rec} / n_i^{1/2} \Rightarrow \Delta W_{th} \sim \Delta W_{ion} \propto \Delta(n_i T_i) \propto B_{rec}^2, \text{ If } n_i = \text{const}, \Delta T_i \propto B_{rec}^2$$