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Numerical investigation of non-equilibrium effects in hypersonic turbulent boundary layers PILBUM KIM, JOHN KIM, XIAOLIN ZHONG, JEFF ELDREDGE, University of California, Los Angeles — Direct numerical simulations of a spatially developing hypersonic boundary layer have been conducted in order to investigate thermal and chemical non-equilibrium effects in a hypersonic turbulent boundary layer. Two different flows, pure oxygen and pure nitrogen flows with specific total enthalpy, $h_{0,O_2} = 9.5017 \text{ MJ/kg}$ and $h_{0,N_2} = 19.1116 \text{ MJ/kg}$, respectively, have been considered. The boundary edge conditions were obtained from a separate calculation of a flow over a blunt wedge at free-stream Mach numbers $M_{\infty,O_2} = 15$ and $M_{\infty,N_2} = 20$. The inflow conditions were obtained from a simulation of a turbulent boundary layer of a perfect gas. Non-equilibrium effects on turbulence statistics and near-wall turbulence structures were examined by comparing with those obtained in a simulation of the same boundary layer with a perfect-gas assumption.

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