Effects of solid inertial particles on the velocity and temperature statistics of wall bounded turbulent flow

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