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Log-law and compressibility effects in transcritical turbulent boundary layers at supercritical pressure¹ SOSHI KAWAI, Department of Aerospace Engineering, Tohoku University — In this talk, we discuss the log-law and effects of compressibility in transcritical heated turbulent boundary layers on a zero-pressure-gradient flat plate at supercritical pressure conditions by solving the compressible Navier-Stokes equations using direct numerical simulation. In the supercritical fluids (especially at transcritical conditions), due to the strong real fluid effects thermodynamic properties vary abruptly within a narrow temperature range through the pseudo-critical temperature and significantly deviate from the ideal fluid. Peculiar interactions between the strongly non-linear real fluid effects and wall turbulence, and its resultant log-law and turbulence statistics are discussed, which have never been seen in the ideal-fluid turbulent boundary layers. We also show non-negligible compressibility effects in the flow even in the low-Mach number regime considered in this study.

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