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Effect of slip boundary conditions on the heat flux and near-wall temperature equations in turbulent Rayleigh-Bénard convection¹
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Yat-Sen University — We present direct numerical simulations (DNS) of the heat
transport and near-wall temperature profiles in turbulent Rayleigh-Bénard convec-
tion (RBC) with slip boundary conditions (BCs) on horizontal walls. The mean
horizontal velocity on the wall is assumed as $u_w = (b/L)(\partial u/\partial n)|_w$. Here L is the
height of RBC sample, b is the slip length with $b = 0$ for no-slip BC and $b \rightarrow \infty$
for free-slip BC. The simulations were for $0 \leq b/L \rightarrow \infty$ and the Prandtl num-
bers $Pr = 4.3$ in the Rayleigh-number range $10^8 Ra \times 10^{10}$. As b/L increases, we
found that the ratio of dimensionless heat flux, as expressed by the Nusselt number
follows $Nu/Nu_0 = 0.8 \times \tanh(100 \times b/L) + 1$, where Nu_0 is the Nusselt number
for $b = 0$. Considering the boundary layer fluctuations, we derived the equation
 $\Theta(\xi) = \int_0^\xi (1 + p^x \eta^x)^{-n} d\eta$ for the mean temperature profile $\Theta(\xi)$ near the horizontal
surface, where $p = \Gamma(1 + 1/x)\Gamma(n - 1/x)/\Gamma(n)$ with $2 \leq x \leq 3$ depending on b/L
and $n > 1$ for varying geometries of the convection sample.

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