Passive particles seeded at the trailing edge of quadcopter rotors in LBM simulation

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Schlieren visualizations from simulations of two T-38s flying in formation (left) and the X-59 (bottom) from Cart3D.





Passive particles seeded inside the nozzle of a round jet interacting with a flat plate. Particles are colored by velocity magnitude where red is high, and white is low. *Video Credit: Tim Sandstrom* 



Color contours of velocity magnitude over a BANC3-workshop, partially-dressed landing gear. Simulated using the Lattice-Boltzmann Method with the EMRT collision model.

High Low High Z = 18.65 in Low High Low AN AN AN Z = -287.27 in C KARAKA Image source: https://www.nasa.gov/centers/armstron g/news/FactSheets/FS-109.html



Z = -99.89 in

Free Air

Steady-state RANS simulations for LAVA support of the X-57 database. The flow field is colored by velocity contours (left) and Mach number (bottom). The aircraft is colored by pressure coefficient.

SUI Quadcopter 5% tip chord Lattice-Boltzmann simulation: isosurfaces of Q-criterion colored by vertical velocity and cut plane colored by logarithm of pressure gradient magnitude

Video Credit: Francois Cadieux

Simulation of launch ignition for NASA's next-generation Space Launch System. Colors indicate temperature, where white is hotter and brown is cooler. The plume is contoured based on the air-mass fraction (that is, the fraction by mass of air vs. gas plume species). Small green people are shown for scale.

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Video Credit: Timothy Sandstrom

## **Flight Test Validation**

## Pad Abort 1 flight test where Orion LAS accelerates from rest to 10x Earth's gravity

Video shows passive particles seeded at the nozzle colored by velocity magnitude: white is fast, dark orange is slow