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This image from a simulation of wind blowing past a building (black square) reveals the vortices that are shed downwind of the building; dark orange represents the highest air speeds, dark blue the lowest. As a result of such vortex formation and shed-ding, tall buildings can experience large, potentially catastrophic forces. To learn how building designers and engineers tame those forces, turn to the Quick Study by Peter Irwin beginning on page 68. (Courtesy of the computational fluid dynamics group at Rowan Williams Davies and Irwin Inc.)