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Wake Behind a Sphere Second Bifurcation KONRAD GUMOWSKI, JAN MIEDZIK, Warsaw University of Technology, Institute of Aeronautics and Applied Mechanics, SOPHIE GOUJON-DURAND, PATRICE JENFFER, Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles de la Ville de Paris, PMMH, UMR7636 CNRS ESPCI P6-P7, GILLES BOUCHET, Institut de Mécanique des Fluides et des S, JOSE-EUARDO WESFREID, Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles de la Ville de Paris, PMMH, UMR7636 CNRS ESPCI P6-P7 — The objective was to study second transition phenomenon and to make transition between second and third regimes better known. We present in this communication very controlled experiments concerning second instabilities in the wake of the sphere. We discuss the first transition from homogenous flow to a stationary instability and we present original results about peristaltic instability preceeding the hairpins shedding. From our results we proposed now a new insight on the generation of hairpins-vortex shedding phenomena. We obtained a new scenario "precursor" of the hairpin vortex shedding, with a peristaltic instability of oscillations of the two parallel counter-rotating vortices behind a sphere.

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