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Kelvin – Helmholtz Instability at Mars by a Newly-developed Multifluid Model

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Shear-driven Kelvin-Helmholtz (K-H) instability can form along the boundary of the solar wind interaction with non-magnetic planets (such as Mars and Venus) and detach the plasma clouds to contribute the ion escape process. Previous studies reported partially and fully developed K-H vortices at Martian ionopause. In this work, we develop a new multifluid model, which solves the continuity, momentum and energy equations for four species (H^+ , O^+ , O_2^+ , CO_2^+) separately, to study the K-H instability at Mars. The simulation results show that the K-H instability prominently occurs in the - E hemisphere, due to the effect of convective electric field. The K-H instability is generated in the region with a solar zenith angle of ~ 45 degrees, and propagates downstream along the boundary with a period of 1-2 minutes. The hemispherical asymmetry and period are well consistent with the observations.