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3. Introduction

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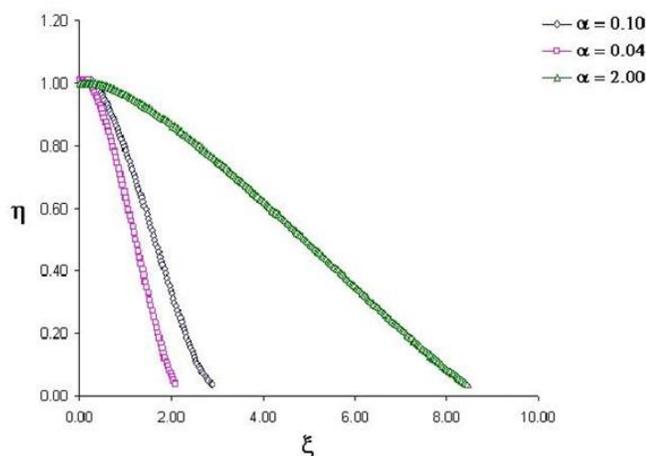


Figure 2. Electric field, η , as a function of position ξ , within the sheath region for three different wave speeds, α .

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Stevens WB. 2004. An ecotoxicological analysis of

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