

NONLINEAR DEGENERATED PARABOLIC EQUATIONS WITH LOWER ORDER TERMS

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ABSTRACT. We prove an existence result of a renormalized solution for a class of nonlinear degenerated parabolic problems with $L^1(\Omega \times (0, T))$ -data.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we study the existence of solutions for the following class of non-linear parabolic problems

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial b(u)}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} a(x, t, u, \nabla u) + \operatorname{div}(\phi(x, t, u)) = f & \text{in } Q_T \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ b(u(x, 0)) = b(u_0(x)) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where Ω is a bounded open subset of \mathbb{R}^N , $N \geq 3$, $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$, $T > 0$, b is a strictly increasing C^1 -function and $\operatorname{div} a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ is a Leray-Lions type operator defined on the weighted Sobolev space $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, \nu)$ (see assumptions (15)-(17) of Section 2). The function $\phi(x, t, u)$ is a Carathéodory function with suitable assumptions (see assumptions (18)-(20)). The right-hand side belongs to $L^1(Q_T)$. Let us point out, the difficulties that arise in problem (1) are due to the following facts: the data f and $b(u_0)$ only belong to $L^1(Q_T)$ and $L^1(\Omega)$ respectively, the function $\phi(x, t, u)$ is just satisfies the following condition $|\phi(x, t, s)| \leq c(x, t)|s|^\gamma \nu(x)$, and the presence of the weighted function ν (see assumptions (4)-(5)).

Under our assumptions, problem (1) does not admit, in general, a weak solution since the term $\phi(x, t, u)$ may not belong $(L_{loc}^1(Q))^N$. In order to overcome this difficulty, we work with the framework of renormalized solutions (see definition (3.1)). This notion was introduced by R.-J. DiPerna and P.-L. Lions [21] in their study of the Boltzmann equation. This notion was then adapted to an elliptic version of (1) by L. Boccardo and al (see [14]) when the right hand side is in $W^{-1,p'}(\Omega)$ and by J.-M. Rakotoson (see [26]) when the right hand side is in $L^1(\Omega)$, and finally by G. Dal Maso, F. Murat, L. Orsina and A. Prignet [17]

The existence and uniqueness of a renormalized solution for parabolic problems in the classical space has been proved by D. Blanchard and F. Murat [10] in the

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case where $a(x, t, s, \xi)$ is independent of s , and with $\phi = 0$ and by D. Blanchard, F. Murat and H. Redwane with the nonstrict monotonicity on a with $\nu = 1$ (see [11] condition (7)).

For the degenerated parabolic equations the existence of weak solutions have been proved by L. Aharouch and al [1] in the case where a is strictly monotone, $\phi = 0$ and $f \in L^{p'}(0, T, W^{-1,p'}(\Omega, \nu^{1-p'}))$. See also the existence of renormalized solution proved by Y. Akdim and al [6] in the case where $a(x, t, s, \xi)$ is independent of s and $\phi = 0$.

In the case where $b(u) = u$ and $\nu = 1$ the existence of renormalized solutions for (1) has been established by R.-Di Nardo (see [19]). For the degenerated parabolic equation with $b(u) = u$, $\operatorname{div}(\phi(x, t, u)) = H(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ and $f \in L^1(Q)$, the existence of renormalized solution has been proved by Y. Akdim and al (see [3]).

The case where $b(u) = b(x, u)$, $\operatorname{div}(\phi(x, t, u)) = H(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ and $f \in L^1(Q)$, the existence of renormalized solutions has been established by H. Redwane (see [28]) in the classical Sobolev space ($\nu = 1$) and by Y. Akdim and al (see [2]) in the degenerate Sobolev space.

Note that, this paper can be seen as a generalization of ([4], [19]) in weighted case, and we prove the existence of a renormalized solution of (1)

The plan of the paper is as follows: In Section 2 we give some preliminaries and we make precise all the assumptions on a , ϕ , f , and $b(u_0)$. In Section 3 we give the definition of a renormalized solution of (1), and we establish (Theorem 3.1) the existence of such a solution.

2. PRELIMINARIES AND AUXILIARY RESULTS

We recall here some standard notations, properties and results which will be used through the paper.

Let Ω be a bounded open set of \mathbb{R}^N and $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$, T is a positive real number. Let $\nu(x)$ be a nonnegative function on Ω such that $\nu(x) \in L^r(\Omega)$, $r \geq 1$, $\nu(x)^{-1} \in L^t(\Omega)$, $p \geq 1 + 1/t$. We denote by $L^p(\Omega, \nu)$, or simply $L^p(\nu)$ if there is no confusion, $p \geq 1$, the space of measurable functions u on Ω such that

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\nu)} = \left(\int_{\Omega} |u|^p \nu(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < +\infty, \quad (2)$$

and by $W^{1,p}(\nu)$ the completion of the space $C^1(\overline{\Omega})$ with respect to the norm

$$\|u\|_{W^{1,p}(\nu)} = \|u\|_{L^p(\nu)} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\nu)}. \quad (3)$$

Moreover we denote by $W_0^{1,p}(\nu)$ the closure of $C_0^1(\overline{\Omega})$ in $W^{1,p}(\nu)$, provided with the induced topology defined by the induced norm, and by $W^{-1,p'}(\nu^{1-p'})$, $p' = \frac{p}{p-1}$, its dual space. $W^{1,p}(\nu)$ and $W_0^{1,p}(\nu)$ are reflexive Banach spaces if $1 < p < \infty$, (see [25]).

Denote $V = W_0^{1,p}(\nu)$, $H = L^2(\nu)$ and $V^* = W_0^{-1,p'}(\nu^{1-p'})$, with $p \geq 2$. The dual space of $X := L^p(0, T; W_0^{1,p}(\nu))$ denoted X^* is identified to $L^{p'}(0, T; V^*)$. Define $W_p^1(0, T, V, H) = \{v \in X : v' \in X^*\}$. Endowed with the norm

$$\|u\|_{W_p^1} = \|u\|_X + \|u'\|_{X^*},$$

$W_p^1(0, T, V, H)$ is a Banach space. Here u' stands for the generalized time derivative of u , that is,

$$\int_0^T u'(t)\varphi(t)dt = - \int_0^T u(t)\varphi'(t)dt \text{ for all } \varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T).$$

Lemma 2.1. [30]

- (1) The evolution triple $V \hookrightarrow H \hookrightarrow V^*$ is verified.
- (2) The imbedding $W_p^1(0, T, V, H) \hookrightarrow C(0, T, H)$ is continuous.
- (3) The imbedding $W_p^1(0, T, V, H) \hookrightarrow L^p(Q_T, \nu)$ is compact.

Lemma 2.2. [1]

Let $g \in L^r(Q, \nu)$ and let $g_n \in L^r(Q, \nu)$, with $\|g_n\|_{L^r(Q, \nu)} \leq C$, with $1 < r < +\infty$. If $g_n(x) \rightarrow g(x)$ a.e in Q then $g_n \rightarrow g$ in $L^r(Q, \nu)$

Lemma 2.3. [1] Let $\{v_n\}$ be a bounded sequence in $L^p(0, T; V)$ such that

$$\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial t} = \alpha_n + \beta_n \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(Q),$$

with $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ two bounded sequences respectively in X^* and in $L^1(Q)$. Then $v_n \rightarrow v$ in $L_{loc}^p(Q, \nu)$. Furthermore, $v_n \rightarrow v$ strongly in $L^1(Q)$.

From now on, we assume that the following assumptions hold true

$$\nu(x)^{-1} \in L^t(\Omega), \quad t \geq \frac{N}{p}, \quad 1 + \frac{1}{t} < p < N(1 + \frac{1}{t}), \quad (4)$$

$$\nu(x) \in L^r(\Omega), \quad r > \frac{Nt}{pt - N}, \quad (5)$$

An important tool that we will use here, is the following weighted version of the Sobolev inequality (see Theorem 3.1 and Corollary 3.5 in [25]).

Proposition 2.1. [25] Assume that (4) and (5) hold true. Let \tilde{p} denote the number associated to p defined by

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{p}} = r' \left(\frac{1}{p} \left(1 + \frac{1}{t} \right) - \frac{1}{N} \right).$$

Then the imbedding of $W_0^{1,p}(\nu)$ into $L^{\tilde{p}}(\nu)$ is continuous. moreover, there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$ depending on N, p, ν, t , such that

$$\|u\|_{L^{\tilde{p}}(\nu)} \leq C_0 \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\nu)}, \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,p}(\nu). \quad (6)$$

Using this proposition, we can prove the following interpolation result.

Proposition 2.2. Assume that (4) and (5) hold true. Let v be a function in $W_0^{1,p}(\nu) \cap L^s(\Omega)$ with $2 \leq p < N$ and $s > r'$. Then there exists a positive constant C , depending on N, p, ν, t and q , such that

$$\|v\|_{L^\sigma(\nu)} \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^p(\nu)}^{1-\theta} \|v\|_{L^s(\Omega)}^\theta$$

for every θ and σ satisfying

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 1, \quad 1 \leq \sigma \leq +\infty, \quad \frac{1}{\sigma} = \theta + r'(1-\theta) \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{t} \right) \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{N} \right), \quad r > \frac{Nt}{pt - N}.$$

Proof. For every $1 \leq \sigma \leq \tilde{p}$, we can write $\frac{1}{\sigma} = \theta + \frac{1-\theta}{\tilde{p}}$ for some $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$. So that by the Hölder inequality and (6), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{L^\sigma(\nu)} &\leq C_0 \|\nabla v\|_{L^p(\nu)}^{1-\theta} \|v\|_{L^1(\nu)}^\theta \\ &\leq C_0 \|\nabla v\|_{L^p(\nu)}^{1-\theta} \|\nu\|_{L^{s'}(\Omega)}^\theta \|v\|_{L^s(\Omega)}^\theta, \end{aligned}$$

which gives the desired result. □

An immediate consequence of the previous result, we get

Corollary 2.1. *Let $v \in L^p((0, T), W_0^{1,p}(\nu)) \cap L^\infty((0, T), L^s(\Omega))$, with $2 \leq p < N$ and $s > r'$. Then $v \in L^\sigma(\nu)$ with $\sigma = \frac{p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p}{\tilde{p}}$. Moreover,*

$$\int_{Q_T} \nu(x)|v|^\sigma dxdt \leq C \|v\|_{L^\infty(0,T,L^s(\Omega))}^{\frac{\tilde{p}-p}{\tilde{p}}} \int_{Q_T} \nu(x)|\nabla v|^p dxdt.$$

Proof. By virtue of Proposition 2.2, we can write

$$\int_{\Omega} \nu(x)|v|^\sigma dx \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^p(\nu)}^{(1-\theta)\sigma} \|v\|_{L^s(\Omega)}^{\theta\sigma}.$$

Integrating between 0 and T , we get

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \nu(x)|v|^\sigma dxdt \leq C \int_0^T \|\nabla v\|_{L^p(\nu)}^{(1-\theta)\sigma} \|v\|_{L^s(\Omega)}^{\theta\sigma} dt. \tag{7}$$

Since $v \in L^p((0, T), W_0^{1,p}(\nu)) \cap L^\infty((0, T), L^s(\Omega))$, we have

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \nu(x)|v|^\sigma dxdt \leq C \|v\|_{L^\infty(0,T,L^s(\Omega))}^{\theta\sigma} \int_0^T \|\nabla v(t)\|_{L^p(\nu)}^{(1-\theta)\sigma} dt.$$

Now we choose θ such that

$$(1 - \theta)\sigma = p \text{ and } \theta\sigma = \frac{\tilde{p} - p}{\tilde{p}}.$$

This choice yields

$$\theta = \frac{\tilde{p} - p}{p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p} \text{ and } \sigma = \frac{p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p}{\tilde{p}}$$

Then, (7) becomes

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \nu(x)|v|^\sigma dxdt \leq C \|v\|_{L^\infty(0,T,L^s(\Omega))}^{\frac{\tilde{p}-p}{\tilde{p}}} \int_0^T \|\nabla v(t)\|_{L^p(\nu)}^p dt.$$

□

In order to prove our existence result, we shall prove a technical lemma, following the same method used in [7]) that yields two estimates for $|u_n|^{p-1}$ and $|\nabla u_n|^{p-1}$ in the Lorentz spaces $L^{\frac{2p\tilde{p}-\tilde{p}-p}{2\tilde{p}(p-1)}, \infty}(Q_T)$ and $L^{\frac{p(2p\tilde{p}-\tilde{p}-p)}{(p-1)(2p\tilde{p}+\tilde{p}-p)}, \infty}(Q_T)$ respectively. Moreover by imbedding theorems, these a priori bounds imply two estimates in the Lebesgue spaces $L^m(Q_T)$ and $L^s(Q_T)$ with $m < \frac{2p\tilde{p}-\tilde{p}-p}{2\tilde{p}(p-1)}$ and

$s < \frac{p(2p\tilde{p}-\tilde{p}-p)}{(p-1)(2p\tilde{p}+\tilde{p}-p)}$. In what follows, we define

$$meas_\nu E = \int_E \nu(x) dx,$$

for any measurable set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$. Tus, we can define the weighted Lorentz spaces $L^{r,\infty}(\nu)$, $1 \leq r \leq +\infty$ as the set of measurable functions u defined on Ω such that

$$\|u\|_{L^{r,\infty}(\nu)} = \sup_{t>0} t \text{meas}_\nu \{x \in \Omega : |u| > t\}^{\frac{1}{r}} < +\infty.$$

Throughout the paper, T_k , $k > 0$, denotes the truncation function at level k defined on \mathbb{R} by $T_k(r) = \max(-k, \min(k, r))$.

Lemma 2.4. *Assume that Ω is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^N of finite measure, $2 \leq p < N$, and that (4) and 5 hold true. Let u be a measurable function satisfying $T_k(u) \in L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\nu)) \cap L^\infty(0, T, L^2(\Omega))$ for every $k > 0$ and such that:*

$$\sup_{t \in (0, T)} \int_\Omega |T_k(u)|^2 dx + \int_{Q_T} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u)|^p dx dt \leq Mk, \quad \forall k > 0, \tag{8}$$

where M is a positive constant. Then we get $|u|^{p-1} \in L^{\frac{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}(p-1)}, \infty}(Q_T)$, and $|\nabla u|^{p-1} \in L^{\frac{p(2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p)}{(p-1)(2p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p)}, \infty}(Q_T)$, Moreover, we have the following estimates

$$\| |u|^{p-1} \|_{L^{\frac{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}(p-1)}, \infty}(Q_T)} \leq CM^{(\frac{\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}}+1) \frac{2\bar{p}(p-1)}{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}}, \tag{9}$$

$$\| |\nabla u|^{p-1} \|_{L^{\frac{p(2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p)}{(p-1)(2p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p)}, \infty}(Q_T)} \leq CM^{\frac{2p\bar{p}+2\bar{p}-2p}{2p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p}} \tag{10}$$

where C is a constant depend only on N , p , ν , and t .

Proof. We first prove (9). For any $k_0 > 0$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \| |u|^{p-1} \|_{L^{\frac{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}(p-1)}, \infty}(Q_T)} \leq \sup_{0 < k < k_0} k \left[\text{meas}_\nu \{ (x, t) \in Q_T : |u|^{p-1} > k \} \right]^{\frac{2\bar{p}(p-1)}{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}} \\ & + \sup_{k \geq k_0} k \left[\text{meas}_\nu \{ (x, t) \in Q_T : |u|^{p-1} > k \} \right]^{\frac{2\bar{p}(p-1)}{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}} \\ & \leq k_0 |Q_T|^{\frac{2\bar{p}(p-1)}{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}} + \sup_{k \geq k_0} k \left[\text{meas}_\nu \{ (x, t) \in Q_T : |u|^{p-1} > k \} \right]^{\frac{2\bar{p}(p-1)}{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}}. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

By corollary (2.1) and (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & k^{\frac{p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p}{\bar{p}}} \text{meas}_\nu \{ (x, t) \in Q_T : |u| > k \} \\ & \leq \int_{Q_T} \nu(x) |T_k(u)|^{\frac{p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p}{\bar{p}}} dx dt \\ & \leq C \sup_{t \in (0, T)} \left(\int_\Omega |T_k(u)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}}} \int_{Q_T} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u)|^p dx dt \\ & \leq C(Mk)^{\frac{\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}}+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\text{meas}_\nu \{ (x, t) \in Q_T : |u|^{p-1} > k \} \leq CM^{\frac{\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}}+1} k^{-\frac{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}(p-1)}}. \tag{12}$$

By (12) we deduce that $|u|^{p-1} \in L^{\frac{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}(p-1)}, \infty}(Q_T)$. Furthermore, putting (12) in (11) and taking $k_0 = \frac{M^{(\frac{\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}}+1) \frac{2\bar{p}(p-1)}{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}}}{|Q_T|^{\frac{2\bar{p}(p-1)}{p(2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p)}}$ we get (9). We now prove the estimate involving the gradient of u . For every $\lambda > 0$ and every $k > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{meas}_\nu \{ (x, t) \in Q_T : |\nabla u| > \lambda \} & \leq \text{meas}_\nu \{ (x, t) \in Q_T : |\nabla u| > \lambda \text{ and } |u| \leq k \} \\ & \quad + \text{meas}_\nu \{ (x, t) \in Q_T : |\nabla u| > \lambda \text{ and } |u| > k \}. \end{aligned}$$

By (8) we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
 Mk \geq \int_{Q_T} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u)|^p dx dt &\geq \int_{\{|u| \leq k\} \cap \{|\nabla u| > \lambda\}} \lambda^p \nu(x) dx \\
 &\geq \lambda^{p'} \text{meas}_\nu \{(x, t) \in Q_T : |\nabla u| > \lambda \text{ and } |u| \leq k\},
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\text{meas}_\nu \{(x, t) \in Q_T : |\nabla u|^{(p-1)} > \lambda \text{ and } |u| \leq k\} \leq \frac{Mk}{\lambda^{p'}}.$$

The above formula together with (12) allow us to obtain

$$\text{meas}_\nu \{(x, t) \in Q_T : |\nabla u|^{(p-1)} > \lambda\} \leq \frac{Mk}{\lambda^{p'}} + CM^{\frac{\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}}+1} k^{-\frac{2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p}{2\bar{p}}}. \tag{13}$$

If we take $k = M^{\frac{\bar{p}-p}{2p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p}} \lambda^{\frac{2p\bar{p}}{(p-1)(2p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p)}}$, (13) becomes

$$\text{meas}_\nu \{(x, t) \in Q_T : |\nabla u|^{(p-1)} > \lambda\} \leq C \frac{M^{\frac{2(p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p)}{2p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p}}}{\lambda^{\frac{p(2p\bar{p}-\bar{p}-p)}{(p-1)(2p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p)}}}, \tag{14}$$

which proves (10). □

2.1. Assumptions and main result. We now make precise assumptions on each part of problem (1). Let Ω be a bounded open subset of \mathbb{R}^N , $N \geq 2$, $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$, $T > 0$, and $2 \leq p < +\infty$. Let $\nu(x)$ be a nonnegative function satisfying (4) and (5). Suppose that $b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a strictly increasing C^1 -function, such that $b(0) = 0$ and $b' > \beta > 0$ for some $\beta > 0$, and for almost every $(x, t) \in Q_T$, for every $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and every $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$

$$|a(x, t, s, \xi)| \leq \nu(x) (h(x, t) + |s|^{p-1} + |\xi|^{p-1}), \quad h(x, t) \in L^{p'}(\nu), \tag{15}$$

$$a(x, t, s, \xi) \xi \geq \alpha \nu(x) |\xi|^p, \quad \text{with } \alpha > 0, \tag{16}$$

$$(a(x, t, s, \xi) - a(x, t, s, \eta)) \cdot (\xi - \eta) > 0, \quad \xi \neq \eta, \tag{17}$$

$$|\phi(x, t, s)| \leq c(x, t) |s|^\gamma \nu(x), \tag{18}$$

$$c(x, t) \in (L^\tau(Q_T, \nu))^N, \quad \tau = \frac{p(3\bar{p} - p)}{(p-1)(\bar{p} - p)}, \tag{19}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{2(p-1)(p\bar{p} + \bar{p} - p)}{p(3\bar{p} - p)} \tag{20}$$

$$f \in L^1(Q_T) \tag{21}$$

and

$$u_0 \in L^1(\Omega) \text{ such that } b(u_0) \in L^1(\Omega). \tag{22}$$

We have to seek for a solution to problem (1) in the following sense.

Definition 2.1. A measurable function u is a renormalized solution to problem (1), if

$$b(u) \in L^\infty((0, T), L^1(\Omega)). \tag{23}$$

$$T_k(u) \in L^p((0, T), W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)), \text{ for any } k > 0, \tag{24}$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{(x,t) \in Q_T : |u(x,t)| \leq m\}} a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla u \, dx \, dt = 0, \tag{25}$$

and if for every function S in $W^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ which is piecewise C^1 and such that S' has a compact support

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial B_S(u)}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div}\left(a(x, t, u, \nabla u)S'(u)\right) + S''(u)a(x, t, u, \nabla u)\nabla u \\ & + \operatorname{div}\left(\phi(x, t, u)S'(u)\right) - S''(u)\phi(x, t, u)\nabla u = fS'(u) \quad \text{in } D'(\Omega) \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

and

$$B_S(u)(t=0) = B_S(u_0) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (27)$$

where $B_S(z) = \int_0^z b'(s)S'(s)ds$.

Remark 2.1. Equation (26) is formally obtained through multiplication of (1) by $S'(u)$. However while $a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ and $\phi(x, t, u)$ does not in general make sense in (1), all the terms in (26) have a meaning in $D'(Q_T)$. Indeed, if M is such that $\operatorname{supp}S' \subset [-M, M]$, the following identifications are made in (26):

- $B_S(u)$ belongs to $L^\infty(Q_T)$ since S is a bounded function and

$$DB_S(u) = S'(u)b'(T_M(u))DT_M(u).$$

- $S'(u)a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ identifies with $S'(u)a(x, t, T_M(u), \nabla T_M(u))$ a.e in Q_T . Since we have $|T_M(u)| \leq M$ a.e in Q_T and $S'(u) \in L^\infty(Q_T)$, we obtain from (15) and (24) that

$$S'(u)a(x, t, T_M(u), \nabla T_M(u)) \in (L^{p'}(Q_T, \nu^{1-p'}))^N$$

- $S''(u)a(x, t, u, \nabla u)\nabla u$ identifies with $S''(u)a(x, t, T_M(u), \nabla T_M(u))\nabla T_M(u)$ a.e. in Q_T and

$$S''(u)a(x, t, T_M(u), \nabla T_M(u))\nabla T_M(u) \in L^1(Q_T).$$

- $S''(u)\phi(x, t, u)\nabla u$ and $S'(u)\phi(x, t, u)$ are respectively identify with the two terms $S''(u)\phi(x, t, T_M(u))\nabla T_M(u)$ and $S'(u)\phi(x, t, T_M(u))$ a.e. in Q_T .

The above consideration shows that equation (26) hold in $D'(\Omega)$, $\frac{\partial B_S(u)}{\partial t}$ belongs to $L^1(Q) + L^{p'}(0, T, W^{-1,p'}(Q_T, \nu^{1-p'}))$ and $B_S(u) \in L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, \nu)) \cap L^\infty(Q)$. It follows that $B_S(u)$ belongs to $C^0([0, T], L^1(\Omega))$ so the initial condition (27) makes sense.

Theorem 2.1. Assume that (4), (5) and (15)-(22) hold true. Then, there exists at least a renormalized solution of the problem (1).

Remark 2.2. The result of Theorem 2.1 extends to the weighted case the analogous in [4] (with $\nu = 1$), in [5] (with $\phi(x, t, u) = \phi(u)$) and in [19] (with $b(u) = u$, $\nu = 1$).

Remark 2.3. Similar result can be obtained if the datum is of the forme $f - \operatorname{div}F$, with $f \in L^1(\Omega)$ and $F \in (L^{p'}(\Omega, \nu^{1-p'}))^N$.

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1

We divide the proof is divided into six steps.

Step 1: Approximate problem and a priori estimates.

For each $n > 0$, let us define the following approximation of b , a , ϕ , f , and u_0 ;

$$b_n(r) = T_n(b(r)) + \frac{1}{n}r. \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (28)$$

$$a_n(x, t, s, \xi) = a(x, t, T_n(s), \xi) \text{ a.e. in } Q \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad (29)$$

$$\phi_n(x, t, r) = \phi(x, t, T_n(r)) \text{ a.e. } (x, t) \in Q_T, \forall r \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (30)$$

$$f_n \in L^{p'}(Q_T) \text{ such that } f_n \rightarrow f \text{ strongly in } L^1(Q_T) \quad (31)$$

and

$$u_{0n} \in D(\Omega) \text{ such that } b_n(u_{0n}) \rightarrow b(u_0) \text{ a.e. } (x, t) \in \Omega \text{ strongly in } L^1(\Omega), \quad (32)$$

Let us consider the approximate problem :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial b_n(u_n)}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div}(a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)) + \operatorname{div}(\phi_n(x, t, u_n)) = f_n & \text{in } D'(Q_T), \\ u_n(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ b_n(u_n(x, 0)) = b_n(u_{0n}(x)) & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

As a consequence, proving existence of a weak solution $u_n \in L^p((0, T), W_0^{1,p}(\nu))$ of (33) is an easy task (See [1], [24] and [27]).

Step 2: The estimates derived in this step rely on standard techniques for problems of type (33).

Using in (33), the test function $T_k(u_n)\chi_{(0, \tau_1)}$, we get, for every $\tau_1 \in [0, T]$, we integrate between $(0, \tau_1)$ and by the condition (30) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} B_k^n(u_n(\tau_1)) dx + \int_{Q_{\tau_1}} a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla T_k(u_n) dx dt \\ & \leq \int_{Q_{\tau_1}} c(x, t) |u_n|^{\gamma} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)| dx dt + \int_{Q_{\tau_1}} f_n T_k(u_n) dx dt + \int_{\Omega} B_k^n(u_{0n}) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

where $B_k^n(r) = \int_0^r T_k(s) b'_n(s) ds$. Due to definition of B_k^n we have:

$$0 \leq \int_{\Omega} B_k^n(u_{0n}) dx \leq k \int_{\Omega} |b_n(u_{0n})| dx \leq k \|b(u_0)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \quad \forall k > 0 \quad (35)$$

Using (34) and (16) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} B_k^n(u_n(\tau_1)) dx + \alpha \int_{Q_{\tau_1}} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)|^p dx dt \\ & \leq \int_{Q_{\tau_1}} c(x, t) |u_n|^{\gamma} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)| dx dt + k (\|b(u_0)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} + \|f_n\|_{L^1(Q)}) \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

If we take the supremum for $t \in (0, \tau_1)$ and we define $M = \sup(\|f_n\|_{L^1(Q)}) + \|b(u_0)\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$, we deduce from that above inequality (34) and (35)

$$\frac{\beta}{2} \int_{\Omega} |T_k(u_n)|^2 dx + \alpha \int_{Q_t} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)|^p dx dt \leq Mk + \int_{Q_t} c(x, t) |u_n|^{\gamma} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)| dx dt. \quad (37)$$

By Corollary 2.1 and Young inequality we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{Q_t} c(x, t) |u_n|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)| \, dx \, dt \\
 & \leq C \frac{\gamma(\tilde{p} - p)}{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_{\tau_1}, \nu)} \sup_{t \in (0, \tau_1)} \int_{\Omega} |T_k(u_n)|^2 \, dx \\
 & + C \frac{2p\tilde{p} + (2 - \gamma)(\tilde{p} - p)}{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_{\tau_1}, \nu)} \\
 & \times \left(\int_{Q_{\tau_1}} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)|^p \, dx \, dt \right)^{\left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\gamma\tilde{p}}{p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p}\right) \frac{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)}{2p\tilde{p} + (2 - \gamma)(\tilde{p} - p)}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Using the value $\gamma = \frac{2(p-1)(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)}{p(3\tilde{p} - p)}$, (37) and (38), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\beta}{2} \int_{\Omega} |T_k(u_n)|^2 \, dx + \alpha \int_{Q_t} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)|^p \, dx \, dt \\
 & \leq Mk + C \frac{\gamma(\tilde{p} - p)}{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_{\tau_1}, \nu)} \sup_{t \in (0, \tau_1)} \int_{\Omega} |T_k(u_n)|^2 \, dx \\
 & + C \frac{2p\tilde{p} + (2 - \gamma)(\tilde{p} - p)}{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_{\tau_1}, \nu)} \int_{Q_{\tau_1}} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)|^p \, dx \, dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{\beta}{2} - C \frac{\gamma(\tilde{p} - p)}{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_{\tau_1}, \nu)} \right) \sup_{t \in (0, \tau_1)} \int_{\Omega} |T_k(u_n)|^2 \, dx + \\
 & \left(\alpha - C \frac{2p\tilde{p} + (2 - \gamma)(\tilde{p} - p)}{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_{\tau_1}, \nu)} \right) \int_{Q_{\tau_1}} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)|^p \, dx \, dt \leq Mk
 \end{aligned}$$

If we choose τ_1 such that

$$\left(\frac{\beta}{2} - C \frac{\gamma(\tilde{p} - p)}{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_{\tau_1}, \nu)} \right) \geq 0, \tag{39}$$

and

$$\left(\alpha - C \frac{2p\tilde{p} + (2 - \gamma)(\tilde{p} - p)}{2(p\tilde{p} + \tilde{p} - p)} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_{\tau_1}, \nu)} \right) \geq 0, \tag{40}$$

then, let us denote by C the minimum between (39) and (40), we obtain

$$\sup_{t \in (0, \tau_1)} \int_{\Omega} |T_k(u_n)|^2 \, dx + \int_{Q_{\tau_1}} \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(u_n)|^p \, dx \, dt \leq CMk \tag{41}$$

By (41) it follows that

$$T_k(u_n) \text{ is bounded in } L^p(0, T; W_0^{1,p}(\nu)) \tag{42}$$

and

$$T_k(u_n) \text{ is bounded in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \tag{43}$$

Moreover, proceeding as in [10], [12] is possible to prove that for any $S \in W^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ with S' has a compact support, the term

$$\frac{\partial S(u_n)}{\partial t} \text{ is bounded in } L^1(Q_T) + L^{p'}(0, T; W_0^{-1,p'}(\nu^{1-p'})), \tag{44}$$

On the other hand, the boundedness of $T_k(u_n)$ (42), (44) and the apriori estimate of u_n , in the Lorentz spaces imply that there exists a subsequence, still denoted by u_n , such that

$$u_n \rightarrow u \text{ a.e. in } Q_T, \tag{45}$$

where u is a measurable function defined on Q_T (see [9], lemma 2 p. 224).

We turn now to prove the almost every convergence of $b_n(u_n)$. Let $g_k \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ such that $g_k(s) = s$ for $|s| \leq \frac{k}{2}$ and $g_k(s) = k$ for $|s| \geq k$. Multiplying the approximate equation (33) by $g'_k(b_n(u_n))$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial g_k(b_n(u_n))}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left(a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) g'_k(b_n(u_n)) \right) \\ & + a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) g''_k(b_n(u_n)) b'_n(u_n) \nabla u_n + \operatorname{div} \left(\phi_n(x, t, u_n) g'_k(b_n(u_n)) \right) \\ & - g''_k(b_n(u_n)) b'_n(u_n) \phi_n(x, t, u_n) \nabla u_n = f_n g'_k(b_n(u_n)) \text{ in } D'(\Omega) \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

Now each term in (46) is taking into account because of (15), (29) and $T_k(u_n)$ is bounded in $L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\nu))$, we deduce that:

$$-\operatorname{div} \left(a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) g'_k(b_n(u_n)) \right) + a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) g''_k(b_n(u_n)) b'_n(u_n) \nabla u_n + f_n g'_k(b_n(u_n))$$

is bounded in $L^1(Q_T) + L^{p'}(0, T, W^{-1,p'}(\nu^{1-p'}))$ independently of n as soon as $k < n$. Due to definition of b and b_n , it is clear that $\{|b_n(u_n)| \leq k\} \subset \{|u_n| \leq k^*\}$ where k^* is a constant independent of n . As a first consequence we have:

$$Dg_k(b_n(u_n)) = g'_k(b_n(u_n)) b'_n(T_{k^*}(u_n)) DT_{k^*}(u_n) \text{ a.e in } Q \tag{47}$$

as soon as $k < n$. Secondly the following estimate hold true:

$$\|g'_k(b_n(u_n)) b'_n(T_{k^*}(u_n))\|_{L^\infty(Q)} \leq \|g'_k\|_{L^\infty(Q)} \left(\max_{|r| \leq k^*} (b'(r) + 1) \right).$$

As a consequence of (41), (47) , we then obtain:

$$g_k(b_n(u_n)) \text{ is bounded in } L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\nu)). \tag{48}$$

Since $\operatorname{supp}(g'_k)$ and $\operatorname{supp}(g''_k)$ are both included in $[-k, k]$ by (30) it follows that for all $k < n$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{Q_T} \phi_n(x, t, u_n)^{p'} g'_k(b_n(u_n))^{p'} \nu^{1-p'}(x) dx dt \right| \\ & \leq \int_{Q_T} c(x, t)^{p'} |T_n(u_n)|^{p'\gamma} |g'_k(b_n(u_n))|^{p'} \nu(x) dx dt \\ & = \int_{\{|u_n| \leq k^*\}} c(x, t)^{p'} |T_{k^*}(u_n)|^{p'\gamma} |g'_k(b_n(u_n))|^{p'} \nu(x) dx dt \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, by Hölder and corollary 2.1, it results

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\{|u_n| \leq k^*\}} c(x, t)^{p'} |T_{k^*}(u_n)|^{p'\gamma} |g'_k(b_n(u_n))|^{p'} \nu(x) dx dt \\ & \leq \|g'_k\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})} \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_T, \nu)}^{p'} \left[\sup_{t \in (0, T)} \left(\int_\Omega |T_{k^*}(u_n)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{p-p'}{2p'}} \right. \\ & \left. + \int_{Q_T} \nu(x) n |\nabla T_{k^*}(u_n)|^p dx dt \right] \leq c_{k^*} \end{aligned}$$

where c_{k^*} is a constant independently of n which will vary from line to line. In the same by (30) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{Q_T} \phi_n(x, t, u_n)^{p'} (g_k''(b_n(u_n)) b_n'(u_n) \nabla u_n)^{p'} \nu^{1-p'}(x) dx dt \right| \tag{49} \\ & \leq \int_{Q_T} (g_k''(b_n(u_n))^{p'} b_n'(u_n)^{p'} |c(x, t)|^{p'} |T_n(u_n)|^{p'\gamma} \nu(x) |\nabla u_n|^{p'} dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, by Hölder and corollary 2.1 ,we obtain for $k^* < n$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_T} (g_k''(b_n(u_n))^{p'} b_n'(u_n)^{p'} |c(x, t)|^{p'} |T_n(u_n)|^{p'\gamma} \nu(x) |\nabla u_n|^{p'} dx dt \\ & = \int_{Q_T} (g_k''(b_n(u_n))^{p'} b_n'(u_n)^{p'} |c(x, t)|^{p'} |T_{k^*}(u_n)|^{p'\gamma} \nu(x) |\nabla T_{k^*}(u_n)|^{p'} dx dt \\ & \leq \|g_k''\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})} \times \sup_{|r| \leq k^*} |b'(r)| \int_{Q_T} |c(x, t)|^{p'} |T_{k^*}(u_n)|^{p'\gamma} \nu(x) |\nabla T_{k^*}(u_n)|^{p'} dx dt \leq c_{k^*} \end{aligned}$$

We conclude by (46) that

$$\frac{\partial g_k(b_n(u_n))}{\partial t} \text{ is bounded in } L^1(Q) + L^{p'}(0, T, W^{-1,p'}(\nu^{1-p'})). \tag{50}$$

As mentioned above, from ((48)) and ((50)), we deduce that for a subsequence, still indexed by n , $b_n(u_n)$ converges almost everywhere, as n goes to in infinity, to a measurable function χ defined on Q . Now since b^{-1} is continuous on \mathbb{R} , b_n^{-1} converges everywhere to b^{-1} when n goes to in infinity, so that :

$$u_n \rightarrow u = b^{-1}(\chi) \text{ a.e. } Q_T, \tag{51}$$

$$b_n(u_n) \rightarrow b(u) \text{ a.e. } Q_T, \tag{52}$$

and with the help of((44))

$$T_k(u_n) \rightharpoonup T_k(u) \text{ in } L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\nu)) \tag{53}$$

for any $k \geq 0$ as n tends to infinity

Which implies, by using ((15)) , for all $k > 0$ that there exists a function $\sigma_k \in (L^{p'}(\nu^{1-p'}))^N$, such that

$$a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \rightharpoonup \sigma_k \text{ in } (L^{p'}(\nu^{1-p'}))^N \tag{54}$$

Actually $b(u)$ belongs to $L^\infty((0, T), L^1(\Omega))$. Indeed using $T_k(b_n(u_n))$ as test function in ((33)), by ((30)) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} B_k^n(u_n) dx + \int_{Q_T} a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla T_k(b_n(u_n)) dx dt \tag{55} \\ & \leq \int_{Q_T} |c(x, t)| |T_n(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(b_n(u_n))| dx dt + k (\|f_n\|_{L^1(Q_T)} + \|b(u_0)\|_{L^1(\Omega)}). \end{aligned}$$

with $B_k(r) = \int_0^{b(r)} T_k(s) ds$. On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_T} a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla T_k(b_n(u_n)) dx dt \tag{56} \\ & = \int_{\{|b_n(u_n)| \leq k\}} a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) T_k'(b_n(u_n)) b_n'(u_n) \nabla u_n dx dt \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $b'(s) \geq \beta$, then for $k < n$ and for almost $t \in (0, T)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_T} |c(x, t)| |T_n(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla T_k(b_n(u_n))| dx dt &\leq \max_{|s| \leq \frac{k}{\beta}} b'(s) \|c(x, t)\|_{L^\tau(Q_T, \nu)} \\ &\times \sup_{t \in (0, T)} \left(\int_{\Omega} |T_{\frac{k}{\beta}}(u_n)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{(p-1)(\bar{p}-p)}{p(3\bar{p}-p)}} \times \|\nabla T_{\frac{k}{\beta}}(u_n)\|_{L^p(Q_T, \nu)}^{\frac{2p\bar{p}+\bar{p}-p}{3\bar{p}-p}} \leq c_k. \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Using ((35)), ((57)) and ((55)) in ((56)), we have

$$\int_{\Omega} B_k^n(u_n(t)) \leq c_k + k \left(\|f_n\|_{L^1(Q_T)} + \|b(u_0)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \right)$$

Passing to limit-inf as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, we obtain that:

$$\int_{\Omega} B_k(u(t)) dx \leq c_k + k \left(\|f_n\|_{L^1(Q_T)} + \|b(u_0)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \right) \text{ for almost } t \in (0, T).$$

Due to definition of B_k , we have

$$\begin{aligned} k \int_{\Omega} |b(u(x, t))| dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} B_k(u(t)) dx + \frac{3}{2} k^2 \text{meas}(\Omega) \\ &\leq k \left(\|f_n\|_{L^1(Q_T)} + \|b(u_0)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \right) + c_k + \frac{3}{2} k^2 \text{meas}(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

shows that $b(u)$ belong to $L^\infty((0, T), L^1(\Omega))$

Lemma 3.1. *The subsequence of u_n defined in Step 1 satisfies*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{|u_n| \leq m\}} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n dx dt = 0. \tag{58}$$

Proof. Using $\psi_m(u_n) = \frac{T_m(u_n)}{m}$ as a test function in ((33)), by ((30)) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \left\langle \frac{\partial b_n(u_n)}{\partial t}, \psi_m(u_n) \right\rangle dt + \int_{Q_T} a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla \psi_m(u_n) dx dt &\tag{59} \\ \leq \int_{Q_T} c(x, t) |T_n(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla \psi_m(u_n)| dx dt + \int_{Q_T} f_n \psi_m(u_n) dx dt \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} B_m(u_n)(T) dx + \int_{Q_T} a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla \psi_m(u_n) dx dt \\ &\leq \int_{Q_T} c(x, t) |T_n(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla \psi_m(u_n)| dx dt + \int_{\Omega} B_m(u_0)_n dx + \int_{Q_T} f_n \psi_m(u_n) dx dt, \end{aligned}$$

where $B_m(r) = \int_0^r b'_n(s) \psi_m(s) ds$. Since $B_m(u_n)(T) \geq 0$, then for every $m < n$, we have

$$a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla \psi_m(u_n) = \frac{1}{m} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n \text{ a.e. in } Q$$

As a consequence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{|u_n| < m\}} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n dx dt &\leq \frac{1}{m} \int_{Q_T} c(x, t) |T_m(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla T_m(u_n)| dx dt \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} B_m(u_0)_n dx + \frac{1}{m} \int_{Q_T} f_n T_m(u_n) dx dt. \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

Proceeding as in ([11], [20]), using Young inequality and Corollary (2.1) we obtain for all $R < m$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{|u_n| < m\}} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n \, dx \, dt \tag{61} \\ \leq & \frac{c_1}{m} \|c(x, t) \chi_{\{|u_n| \geq R\}}\|_{L^\tau(\nu)} \left(\sup_{t \in (0, T)} \int_{\Omega} |T_m(u_n)|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{Q_T} \nu(x) |\nabla T_m(u_n)|^p \, dx \, dt \right)^{\frac{2p\bar{p} + \bar{p} - p}{p(3\bar{p} - p)}} \\ & + \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{|u_n| \leq R\}} c(x, t) |T_R(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla T_R(u_n)| \, dx \, dt \\ & + \int_{\Omega} B_m(u_{0n}) \, dx + \frac{1}{m} \int_{Q_T} f_n T_m(u_n) \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Recalling that u_n is bounded in $L^\infty((0, T); L^1(\Omega))$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{|u_n| < m\}} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n \, dx \, dt \tag{62} \\ \leq & c_2 \|c(x, t) \chi_{\{|u_n| \geq R\}}\|_{L^\tau(\nu)} + \frac{\alpha}{2m} \int_{Q_T} \nu(x) |\nabla T_m(u_n)|^p \, dx \, dt \\ & + \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{|u_n| \leq R\}} c(x, t) |T_R(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla T_R(u_n)| \, dx \, dt \\ & + \int_{\Omega} B_m(u_{0n}) \, dx + \frac{1}{m} \int_{Q_T} f_n T_m(u_n) \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

where c_2 is independent on m and R . Note that $T_m(u_n)$ converges to $T_m(u)$ in $L^\infty(Q_T)$ weak-*, and u is finite almost everywhere in Q_T , then $\frac{1}{m} T_m(u)$ converges to zero almost everywhere in Q_T . Using the elliptic condition on a and in view of (62), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2m} \int_{\{|u_n| < m\}} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n \, dx \, dt \tag{63} \\ \leq & c_2 \|c(x, t) \chi_{\{|u_n| \geq R\}}\|_{L^\tau(\nu)} + \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{|u_n| \leq R\}} c(x, t) |T_R(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla T_R(u_n)| \, dx \, dt \\ & + \int_{\Omega} B_m(u_{0n}) \, dx + \frac{1}{m} \int_{Q_T} f_n T_m(u_n) \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since $T_R(u_n) \in L^p((0, T); W_0^{1,p}(\Omega))$ it follows that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \int_{\{|u_n| \leq R\}} c(x, t) |T_R(u_n)|^\gamma \nu(x) |\nabla T_R(u_n)| \, dx \, dt = 0, \forall R > 0. \tag{64}$$

In view of (21), (31), (32), (45), (53), using Lebesgue's convergence theorem and passing to limit in (63) as n tends to $+\infty$, then m tends to $+\infty$ and then R tends to $+\infty$, is an easy task and it allows us to obtain (58)

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Step 4: In this step we introduce a time regularization of the $T_k(u)$ for $k > 0$ in order to perform the monotonicity method. This kind regularization has been introduced at the first time by R. Landes in [23]. Let v_0^κ be a sequence of function in $L^\infty(\Omega) \cap W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ such that $\|v_0^\kappa\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq k$ for all $\kappa > 0$ and v_0^κ converges to $T_k(u_0)$

a.e. in Ω and $\frac{1}{\kappa} \|v_0^\kappa\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$ converges to 0. For $k \geq 0$ and $\kappa > 0$, let us consider the unique solution $(T_k(u))_\kappa \in L^\infty(Q) \cap L^p(0, T : W_0^{1,p}(\Omega))$ of the monotone problem:

$$\frac{\partial(T_k(u))_\kappa}{\partial t} + \kappa((T_k(u))_\kappa - T_k(u)) = 0 \text{ in } D'(\Omega),$$

$$(T_k(u))_\kappa(t = 0) = v_0^\kappa \text{ in } \Omega.$$

Remark that $(T_k(u))_\kappa \rightarrow T_k(u)$ a.e. in Q_T , weakly-* in $L^\infty(Q)$ and strongly in $L^p((0, T), W_0^p(\Omega))$ as $\kappa \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\|(T_k(u))_\kappa\|_{L^\infty(Q)} \leq \max(\|(T_k(u))\|_{L^\infty(Q)}, \|v_0^\kappa\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}) \leq k, \quad \forall \kappa > 0, \forall k > 0$$

Lemma 3.2. *Let $k \geq 0$ be fixed. Let S be an increasing $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ -function such that $S(r) = r$ for $|r| \leq k$, and $\text{supp}S'$ is compact. Then*

$$\liminf_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \int_0^t \langle \frac{\partial b_n(u_n)}{\partial t}, S'(u_n)(T_k(u_n) - (T_k(u))_\kappa) \rangle \geq 0.$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the duality pairing between $L^1(\Omega) + W^{-1,p'}(\nu^{1-p'})$ and $L^\infty(\Omega) \cap W^{1,p}(\nu)$.

Proof. see H. Redwane [13] □

Step 5: We prove the following lemma which is the critical point in the development of the monotonicity method.

Lemma 3.3. *The subsequence of u_n satisfies for any $k \geq 0$*

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega a(x, t, u_n, \nabla T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u_n) \leq \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega \sigma_k \nabla T_k(u).$$

where σ_k is defined in ((54)).

Proof. Let S_m be a sequence of increasing C^∞ -function such that $S_m(r) = r$ for $|r| \leq m$, $\text{supp}(S'_m) \subset [-2m, 2m]$ and $\|S''_m\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})} \leq \frac{3}{m}$ for any $m \geq 1$. We use the sequence $(T_k(u))_\kappa$ of approximation of $T_k(u)$, and plug the test function $S'_m(u_n)(T_k(u_n) - (T_k(u))_\kappa)$ for $m > 0$ and $\kappa > 0$. For fixed $k \geq 0$, let $W_\kappa^n = T_k(u_n) - (T_k(u))_\kappa$ we obtain upon integration over $(0, t)$ and then over $(0, T)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_0^t \langle \frac{\partial b_n(u_n)}{\partial t}, S'_m(u_n)W_\kappa^n \rangle &= \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) S'_m(u_n) \nabla W_\kappa^n \, dx \, ds \, dt \\ &+ \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) S''_m(u_n) \nabla u_n W_\kappa^n \, dx \, ds \, dt \tag{65} \\ &- \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega \phi_n(x, t, u_n) S'_m(u_n) \nabla W_\kappa^n \, dx \, ds \, dt \\ &- \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega S''_m(u_n) \phi_n(x, t, u_n) \nabla u_n W_\kappa^n \, dx \, ds \, dt = \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega f_n S'_m(u_n) W_\kappa^n \, dx \, ds \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now we pass to the limit in ((65)) as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, $\kappa \rightarrow +\infty$ and then $m \rightarrow +\infty$ for k real number fixed. In order to perform this task we prove below the following results for any fixed $k \geq 0$

$$\liminf_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \langle \frac{\partial b_n(u_n)}{\partial t}, W_\kappa^n \rangle \, ds \, dt \geq 0 \quad \text{for any } m \geq k, \tag{66}$$

$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \phi_n(x, t, u_n) S'_m(u_n) \nabla W_{\kappa}^n dx ds dt = 0 \quad \text{for any } m \geq 1, \tag{67}$$

$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} S''_m(u_n) \phi_n(x, t, u_n) \nabla u_n W_{\kappa}^n dx ds dt = 0 \quad \text{for any } m \geq 1, \tag{68}$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \limsup_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) S''_m(u_n) \nabla u_n W_{\kappa}^n dx ds dt \right| = 0 \tag{69}$$

$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} f_n S'_m(u_n) W_{\kappa}^n dx ds dt = 0. \tag{70}$$

Proof of ((66)): The function S_m belongs $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ and is increasing. we have $m \geq k$, $S_m(r) = r$ for $|r| \leq k$ while $supp S'_m$ is compact. In view of the definition of W_{κ}^n and lemma (3.2) applies with $S = S_m$ for fixed $m \geq k$. As a consequence ((66)) holds true.

Proof of ((67)): Let us recall the main properties of W_{κ}^n . For fixed $\kappa > 0$: W_{κ}^n converges to $T_k(u) - (T_k(u))_{\kappa}$ weakly in $L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\nu))$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Remark that

$$\|W_{\kappa}^n\|_{L^\infty(Q_T)} \leq 2k \quad \text{for any } n > 0, \kappa > 0, \tag{71}$$

then we deduce that

$$W_{\kappa}^n \rightharpoonup T_k(u) - (T_k(u))_{\kappa} \quad \text{a.e in } Q_T \text{ and } L^\infty(Q_T) \tag{72}$$

weakly-* when $n \rightarrow +\infty$. one has $supp S''_m \subset [-2m, -m] \cup [m, 2m]$ for any fixed $m \geq 1$ and $n > 2m$.

$$\phi_n(x, t, u_n) S'_m(u_n) \nabla W_{\kappa}^n = \phi_n(x, t, T_{2m}(u_n)) S'_m(u_n) \nabla W_{\kappa}^n \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T$$

since $supp S' \subset [-2m, 2m]$, on the other hand

$$\phi_n(x, t, T_{2m}(u_n)) S'_m(u_n) \rightarrow \phi(x, t, T_{2m}(u)) S'_m(u) \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T$$

and

$$|\phi_n(x, t, T_{2m}(u_n)) S'_m(u_n)| \leq \nu(x) c(x, t) (2m)^\gamma \quad \text{for } m \geq 1$$

by ((72)) and strongly convergence of $(T_k(u_n))_{\kappa}$ in $L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\nu))$ we obtain ((67)).

Proof of ((68)): For any fixed $m \geq 1$ and $n > 2m$.

$$\phi_n(x, t, u_n) S''_m(u_n) \nabla u_n W_{\kappa}^n = \phi_n(x, t, T_{2m}(u_n)) S''_m(u_n) \nabla T_{m+1}(u_n) W_{\kappa}^n \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T$$

as in the previous step it is possible to pass to the limit for $n \rightarrow +\infty$ since by ((71)) and ((72))

$$\phi_n(x, t, T_{2m}(u_n)) S''_m(u_n) W_{\kappa}^n \rightarrow \phi(x, t, T_{2m}(u)) S''_m(u) W_{\kappa} \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T.$$

Since $|\phi(x, t, T_{2m}(u)) S''_m(u) W_{\kappa}| \leq 2k\nu(x) |c(x, t)| (2m)^\gamma$ a.e. in Q_T and $(T_k(u))_{\kappa}$ converges to 0 in $L^p(0, T; W_0^{1,p}(\nu))$, we obtain ((68)).

Proof of ((69)): In view of the definition of S_m we have $supp S'' \subset [-2m, -m] \cup [m, 2m]$ for any $m \geq 1$, as a consequence

$$\left| \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) S''_m(u_n) \nabla u_n W_{\kappa}^n dx ds dt \right|$$

$$\leq T \|S'_m(u_n)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})} \|W_\kappa^n\|_{L^\infty(Q_T)} \int_{m \leq |u_n| \leq 2m} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n \, dx \, ds \, dt$$

for any $m \geq 1$, any $n > 2m$ any $\kappa > 0$. By ((58)) it is possible to establish ((69)).

Proof of ((70)): Lebesgue's convergence theorem implies that for any $\kappa > 0$ and any $m \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega f_n S'_m(u) (T_k(u) - (T_k(u))_\kappa) \, dx \, ds \, dt \\ &= \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega f S'_m(u) (T_k(u) - (T_k(u))_\kappa) \, dx \, ds \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now for fixed $m \geq 1$, using that $\|(T_k(u))_\kappa\|_{L^\infty(Q)} \leq \max(\|(T_k(u))\|_{L^\infty(Q)}, \|v_0^\kappa\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}) \leq k, \forall \kappa > 0, \forall k > 0$ (see[23]), it possible to pass to the limit as κ tends to $+\infty$ in the above inequality.

Now we turn back to the proof of lemma (3.3). Due to ((66))-((70)) we can to pass to the limit-sup when κ tends to $+\infty$ and to the limit as m tends to $+\infty$ in ((65)), using the definition of W_κ^n we deduce that for any $k \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \limsup_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega S'_m(u_n) a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla (T_k(u))_\kappa) \, dx \, ds \, dt \\ & \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $S'_m(u_n) a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla T_k(u_n) = a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla T_k(u_n)$ for $k \leq n$ and $k \leq m$, using the properties of S'_m the above inequality implies that for $k \leq m$:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) (\nabla T_k(u_n)) \, dx \, ds \, dt \tag{73}$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \limsup_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega S'_m(u_n) a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla (T_k(u))_\kappa \, dx \, ds \, dt$$

On the other hand, for $2m < n$

$$S'_m(u_n) a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) = S'_m(u_n) a(x, t, T_{2m}(u_n), \nabla T_{2m}(u_n)) \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T.$$

Furthermore we have

$$a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightharpoonup \sigma_k \quad \text{weakly in } (L^{p'}(Q_T, \nu^{1-p'}))^N \tag{74}$$

it follows that for a fixed $m \geq 1$

$$S'_m(u_n) a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightharpoonup S'_m(u_n) \sigma_{m+1} \quad \text{weakly in } (L^{p'}(Q_T, \nu^{1-p'}))^N$$

when n tends to $+\infty$. Finally, using the strong convergence of $(T_k(u))_\kappa$ to $T_k(u)$ in $L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\nu))$ as κ tends to $+\infty$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega S'_m(u_n) a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla (T_k(u))_\kappa \, dx \, ds \, dt \tag{75} \\ &= \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_\Omega S'_m(u_n) \sigma_{m+1} \nabla T_k(u) \, dx \, ds \, dt \end{aligned}$$

as soon as $k \leq m$. Now for $k \leq m$ we have

$$a(x, t, T_{m+1}(u_n), \nabla T_{m+1}(u_n)) \chi_{\{|u_n| \leq k\}} = a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \chi_{\{|u_n| \leq k\}} \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T$$

which implies that, by ((51)), ((74)), and by passing to the limit when n tends to $+\infty$,

$$\sigma_{m+1} \chi_{|u| \leq k} = \sigma_k \chi_{\{|u| \leq k\}} \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T - \{|u| = k\} \quad \text{for } k \leq m \tag{76}$$

Finally, by ((76)) and ((74)) we have for $k \leq m$: $\sigma_{m+1} \nabla T_k(u) = \sigma_k \nabla T_k(u)$ a.e. in Q_T . Recalling ((73)), ((75)) the proof of the lemma is complete. \square

Step 6: In this step we prove that the weak limit σ_k of $a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n))$ can be identified with $a(x, t, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u))$. In order to prove this result we recall the following monotonicity estimates:

Lemma 3.4. *the subsequence of u_n defined in Step 1 satisfies for any $k \geq 0$*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) \right) \cdot (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)) = 0 \quad (77)$$

Proof. Using ((17)) we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) \right) \cdot (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)) \geq 0. \quad (78)$$

Furthermore, by ((15)), ((51)) we have

$$a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) \rightarrow a(x, t, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T,$$

and

$$|a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n))| \leq \nu(x)[h(x, t) + |T_k(u_n)|^{p-1} + |\nabla T_k(u_n)|^{p-1}] \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T,$$

uniformly with respect to n . As a consequence

$$a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) \rightarrow a(x, t, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \quad \text{strongly in } (L^{p'}(Q_T, \nu^{1-p'}))^N. \quad (79)$$

Finally, using ((51)), ((74)) and ((79)) make it possible to pass to the limit-sup as n tends to $+\infty$ in ((78)) and to obtain the result. \square

In this lemma we identify the weak limit σ_k and we prove the weak- L^1 convergence of the "truncated" energy $a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u_n)$ as n tends to $+\infty$.

Lemma 3.5. *For fixed $k \geq 0$, we have*

$$\sigma_k = a(x, t, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T, \quad (80)$$

and as n tends to $+\infty$

$$a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u_n) \rightharpoonup a(x, t, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \nabla T_k(u) \quad (81)$$

weakly in $L^1(Q_T)$.

Proof. We observe that for any $k > 0$, any $n > k$ and any $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$:

$$a_n(x, t, T_k(u_n), \xi) = a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \xi) \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T.$$

Since

$$T_k(u_n) \rightharpoonup T_k(u) \quad \text{weakly in } L^p((0, T), W_0^p(\nu)), \quad (82)$$

and by ((77)) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u_n) dx ds dt \\ &= \int_0^T \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \sigma_k \nabla T_k(u) dx ds dt. \end{aligned} \quad (83)$$

Since, for fixed $k > 0$, the function $a(x, t, s, \xi)$ is continuous and bounded with respect to s , the usual Minty's argument applies in view of ((82)), ((74)) and ((83)). It follows that ((80)) holds true. In order to prove ((83)), by ((16)), ((77)) and proceeding as in [11, 12] it's easy to show ((81)). \square

Taking the limit as n tends to $+\infty$ in ((58)) and using ((81)) show that u satisfies ((25)). Our aim is to prove that u satisfies ((26)) and ((27)). Now we want to prove that u satisfies the equation ((26)).

Let S be a function in $W^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\text{supp} S' \subset [-k, k]$ where k is a real positive number. Pointwise multiplication of the approximate equation ((33)) by $S'(u_n)$ leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial B_S^n(u_n)}{\partial t} - \text{div} \left(a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) S'(u_n) \right) + S''(u_n) a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n \quad (84) \\ & + \text{div} \left(\phi_n(x, t, u_n) S'(u_n) \right) - S''(u_n) \phi_n(x, t, u_n) \nabla u_n = f_n S'(u_n) \quad \text{in } D'(Q_T). \end{aligned}$$

In what follows we pass to the limit as n tends to $+\infty$ in each term of ((84)).

Since S is bounded and continuous, u_n converges to u a.e. in Q_T implies that $B_S^n(u_n)$ converge to $B_S(u)$ a.e. in Q_T and $L^\infty(Q_T)$ weak-*, Then $\frac{\partial B_S^n}{\partial t}$ converges to $\frac{\partial B_S}{\partial t}$ in $D'(\Omega)$. We observe that the term $a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) S'(u_n)$ can be identified with $a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) S'(u_n)$ for $n \geq k$, so using the pointwise convergence of $u_n \rightarrow u$ in Q_T , the weakly convergence of $T_k(u_n) \rightharpoonup T_k(u)$ in $L^p((0, T), W_0^p(\nu))$, we get

$$a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) S'(u_n) \rightharpoonup a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) S'(u) \quad \text{in } L^{p'}(Q_T, \nu^{1-p'}),$$

and

$$S''(u_n) a_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n \rightharpoonup S''(u) a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) \nabla T_k(u) \quad \text{in } L^1(Q_T).$$

Furthermore, since $\phi_n(x, t, u_n) S'(u_n) = \phi_n(x, t, T_k(u_n)) S'(u_n)$ a.e. in Q_T . By ((30)) we obtain $|\phi_n(x, t, T_k(u_n)) S'(u_n)| \leq \nu(x) |c(x, t)| k^\gamma$, it follows that

$$\phi_n(x, t, T_k(u_n)) S'(u_n) \rightarrow \phi_n(x, t, T_k(u)) S'(u) \quad \text{strongly in } L^{p'}(Q_T, \nu^{1-p'}).$$

In a similar way, it results

$$S''(u_n) \phi_n(x, t, u_n) \nabla u_n = S''(T_k(u_n)) \phi_n(x, t, T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u_n) \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T.$$

Using the weakly convergence of $T_k(u_n)$ in $L^p((0, T); W_0^p(\nu))$ it is possible to prove that

$$S''(u_n) \phi_n(x, t, u_n) \nabla u_n \rightarrow S''(u) \phi(x, t, u) \nabla u \quad \text{in } L^1(Q_T).$$

Finally by ((31)) we deduce that $f_n S'(u_n)$ converges to $f S'(u)$ in $L^1(Q_T)$.

It remains to prove that $B_S(u)$ satisfies the initial condition $B_S(t=0) = B_S(u_0)$ in Ω . To this end, firstly remark that S being bounded, $B_S^n(u_n)$ is bounded in $L^\infty(Q)$. Secondly the above considerations of the behavior of the terms of this equation show that $\frac{\partial B_S^n(u_n)}{\partial t}$ is bounded in $L^1(Q_T) + L^{p'}(0, T; W^{-1,p'}(\nu^{1-p'}))$. As a consequence, an Aubin's type lemma (See e.g [29]) implies that $B_S^n(u_n)$ lies in a compact set of $C^0([0, T], L^1(\Omega))$. On the other hand, the smoothness of S implies that $B_S(t=0) = B_S(u_0)$ in Ω .

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