

The Strongly Solutions of Nonlinear Parabolic Partial Differential Equations Problems in Sobolev Spaces

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Abstract:

In this paper, we study the existence of a strong solutions for the initial-boundary value problems of the nonlinear degenerated parabolic equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + A(u) + g(x, t, u, \nabla u) = f \text{ in } Q$$

where $A(u) = -\operatorname{div} a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$, is a Leary lions operator acted from the weighted Sobolev Space $L^P(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w))$ in to its dual $L^{P'}(0, T, W_0^{-1,p'}(\Omega, w^*))$ and $g(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ is a nonlinear term with critical growth condition with respect to u . The source term f is assumed to belong to $L^{P'}(0, T, W_0^{-1,p'}(\Omega, w^*))$.

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1 Introduction:

Let Ω be a bounded open subset of R^N , $N \geq 2$, and let Q be the cylinder $(0, T) \times \Omega, T > 0$, we consider the parabolic initial- boundary value problem

$$(P) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + A(u) + g(x, t, u, \nabla u) = f & \text{in } Q \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma = \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \end{cases}$$

where $A(u) = -\text{div } a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ is a classical divergence operator of leray-lions type with respect to the weighted Sobolev space $L^P(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w))$ for some $p \in (1, \infty)$.

The right-hand side f is supposed lying in $L^{P'}(0, T, W_0^{-1,p'}(\Omega, w^*))$. and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ or $p' = \frac{p}{p-1}$.

and where the perurbation $g(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ satisfies the growth condition

$$|g(x, t, u, \nabla u)| \leq h(|u|)[c(x, t) + |\nabla u|^p],$$

for some continuous function $h : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$,

and the condition

$$g(x, t, u, \nabla u)u \geq 0,$$

R.Landes, V.Mustonen have proved in [13] the existence of solution for the parabolic initial-boundary value problems (P) , with $g \equiv g(x, t, u)$, when $1 < p < 2$. Their result generalizes the analogous ones of Lions [16], Landes [12] with $g \equiv 0$, when $1 < p < 2$. in this setting, problems of the form (P) where solved by Brezis-Browder [7] in the case $p \leq 2$. (see[5],[6],[8]).

In all the previous works, the principal part a of the operator A is supposed to satisfy the classical coercivity,

$$a(x, t, s, \xi)\xi \geq \beta |\xi|^p \quad (1.1)$$

where β is some strictly positive constat or $\beta \geq 0$ and $(x, t) \in Q, s \in R, \xi \in R^N$ when the operator A becomes generated on the variable space x , that is (P) is replaced by the following (called degeneracy)

$$\sum_{i=1}^N a_i(x, t, s, \xi)\xi_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^N w_i(x) |\xi_i|^p \quad (1.2)$$

where $\xi' \in R^N, \xi \in R^N, \xi \neq \xi'$ and $w = \{w_i, 1 \leq i \leq N\}$ function on Ω , the operator A is not coercive in the classical sobolev space thus we must change this setting by the more general one, called weighted sobolev space $W_0^p(\Omega, w)$, [2][9]. it is our purpose in this paper to study the existence result for the strongly parabolic problem (P) , in the setting of weighted sobolev space where the principal part a and the nonlinearity g satisfy some general growth conditions (see (A_2) and (A_3) below). The simplest model our, problem is the following,

$$(P) \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + A(u) + g(x, t, u, \nabla u) = f & \text{in } Q \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma = \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \end{cases}$$

for that, we must extend the classical sopolev techniques of problems, on the general settings of weighted soblev space.

2 Abstract framework:

let Ω be abounded open set of \mathcal{R}^N , p be a real number such that $1 < p < \infty$ and $w = \{w_i(x), 1 \leq i \leq N\}$ be a vector of weight functions, i.e, every component $w_i(x)$ is a measurable function which is strictly positive in Ω . Further, we suppose in all this section that, there exists

$$r_0 > \max(N, p) \quad \text{such that} \quad w_i^{\frac{r_0}{r_0-p}} \in L_{loc}^1(\Omega), \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$w_i^{\frac{-1}{p-1}} \in L_{loc}^1(\Omega), \quad (2.2)$$

for any $1 \leq i \leq N$. We denote by $W^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ the space of all real-valued functions $u \in L^p(\Omega, w)$. Such that the derivatives in the sense of distributions fulfill

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in L^p(\Omega, w_i) \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, N,$$

which is a Banach Space under the norm

$$\|u\|_{1,p,w} = \left[\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^p w_0 dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial u(x)}{\partial x_i} \right|^p w_i(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \quad (2.3)$$

The condition (2.1) implies that C_0^∞ is a subset of $W^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ and consequently, we can introduce the subspace $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ of $W^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ as the closure of C_0^∞ with respect to the norm (2.3). Moreover, the condition (2.2) implies that $W^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ as well as $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ are reflexive Banach Spaces. We recall that the dual Space of weighted Sobolev Spaces, $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ is equivalent to $W^{-1,p'}(\Omega, w^*)$, where $w^* = \{w_i^* = w_i^{1-p'}, i = 0, \dots, N\}$ and where p' is the conjugate of p . i.e. $p' = \frac{p}{p-1}$. and for more details, we refer the reader to [10]. Now, since we have not some general compactness result in the compacted Sobolev Spaces, in order to deal with time derivative, we introduce a time mollification of a function u belonging in some weighted Lebesgue Space. Thus we define for all $\mu \geq 0$ and all $(x, t) \in Q$:

$$u_\mu = \mu \int_{-\infty}^t \tilde{u}(x, s) \exp(\mu(s-t)) ds \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{u}(x, s) = u(x, s)\chi_{(0,T)} \quad (2.4)$$

Proposition(2.1)

If $u \in L^P(Q, w_i)$ then u_μ is measurable in Q and $\frac{\partial u_\mu}{\partial t} = \mu(u - u_\mu)$ and

$$\left(\int_Q |u_\mu|^p w_i(x) dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left(\int_Q |u|^p w_i(x) dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\|u_\mu\|_{L^P(Q, w_i)} \leq \|u\|_{L^P(Q, w_i)}.$$

Proof.

Since $(x, t, s) \rightarrow u(x, s) \exp(\mu(s - t))$ is measurable in $\Omega \times [0, T] \times [0, T]$,

u_μ then is measurable by Fubinis theorem. By jensens integral inequality and since $\int_{-\infty}^0 \mu \exp(\mu s) ds = 1$, we have

$$|u_\mu|^p = \left| \int_{-\infty}^t \mu \tilde{u}(x, s) \exp(\mu(s - t)) ds \right|^p = \left| \int_{-\infty}^0 \mu \exp(\mu s) \tilde{u}(x, s + t) ds \right|^p$$

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^0 \mu \exp(\mu s) |\tilde{u}(x, s + t)|^p ds$$

which implies

$$\|u\|_{L^P(Q, w_i)} = \int_Q |u_\mu|^p w_i(x) dx dt \leq \int_{\Omega \times R} \left(\int_{-\infty}^0 \mu \exp(\mu s) |\tilde{u}(x, s + t)|^p ds \right) w_i(x) dx dt$$

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^0 \mu \exp(\mu s) \left(\int_{\Omega \times R} |\tilde{u}(x, s + t)|^p w_i(x) dx dt \right) ds$$

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^0 \mu \exp(\mu s) \left(\int_Q |u(x, t)|^p w_i(x) dx dt \right) ds$$

$$= \int_Q |u(x, t)|^p w_i(x) dx dt = \|u\|_{L^P(Q_T, w_i)}^p$$

Furthermore,

$$\frac{\partial u_\mu}{\partial t} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\theta} (e^{-\mu\theta} - 1) u_\mu(x, t) \tag{2.5}$$

$$+ \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\theta} \int_t^{t+\theta} u(x, s) e^{\mu(s-(t+\theta))} ds = -\mu u_\mu + \mu u.$$

Proposition(2.2)

If $u \in W_0^{1,p}(Q, w_i)$ then $u_\mu \rightarrow u$ in $W_0^{1,p}(Q, w_i)$ as $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$.

proof.

First, by applying the statement of Proposition(2.1) for u_μ and for $\frac{\partial u_\mu}{\partial x_i}$ (remark

that $\frac{\partial u_\mu}{\partial x_i} = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}\right)_\mu$, we can easily prove that $u_\mu \in W_\circ^{1,p}(Q, w)$

Now we can prove that $u_\mu \rightarrow u$ in $W_\circ^{1,p}(Q, w)$ as $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$

Let $\phi_k \subset D(Q)$ such that $\phi_k \rightarrow u$ in $W_\circ^{1,p}(Q, w)$.

in virtue of Proposition(2.1) we have,

$$|(\phi_k)_\mu(x, t) - \phi_k(x, t)| = \frac{1}{\mu} \left| \frac{\partial \phi_k}{\partial t}(x, t) \right| \leq \frac{1}{\mu} \left\| \frac{\partial \phi_k}{\partial t} \right\|_\infty \quad (2.6)$$

On other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q |u_\mu - u|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt \\ & \leq \int_Q |u_\mu - (\phi_k)_\mu|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt + \int_Q |(\phi_k)_\mu - \phi_k|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt + \int_Q |\phi_k - u|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q |u_\mu - u|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt \\ & \leq \int_Q |(u - \phi_k)_\mu|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt + \int_Q |(\phi_k)_\mu - \phi_k|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt + \int_Q |\phi_k - u|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to Proposition(2.1) and the equality (2.6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q |u_\mu - u|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt & \leq 2 \int_Q |(u - \phi_k)|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt + \frac{T}{\mu^p} \int_{K_k} \left| \frac{\partial \phi_k}{\partial t} \right|^p w_i(x) \, dx \\ & \leq 2 \int_Q |u - \phi_k|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt + \frac{T}{\mu^p} C_k, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_k = \left\| \frac{\partial \phi_k}{\partial t} \right\|_\infty^p \int_{K_k} w_i(x) \, dx$$

and where K_k is a compact set such that $\text{Sup } \phi_k \subset K_k$ let $\epsilon > 0$, there exists K such that $\int_Q |u - \phi_k|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ and there exists μ_0 such that $\frac{T}{\mu^p} C_k \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ for all $\mu \geq \mu_0$. Hence $\int_Q |u_\mu - u|^p w_i(x) \, dx \, dt \leq \epsilon$ which implies that

$$\|u_\mu - u\|_{L^p(Q, w_i)} \leq \epsilon$$

Since $D_x^\alpha(u_\mu) = (D_x^\alpha u)_\mu$ (for all $|\alpha| \leq 1$), then applying the same argument as above for each $D_x^\alpha u$ we conclude the disired result.

Proposition(2.3)

If $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $W_{\circ}^{1,P}(Q, w)$, then $(u_n)_{\mu} \rightarrow u_{\mu}$ in $W_0^{1,P}(Q, w)$.

Proof.

Using proposition2.1 and

$$D_x^{\alpha}((u_n)_{\mu}) - D_x^{\alpha}(u_{\mu}) = (D_x^{\alpha}(u_n))_{\mu} - (D_x^{\alpha}(u))_{\mu} = (D_x^{\alpha}(u_n) - D_x^{\alpha}(u))_{\mu},$$

we have,

$$\int_Q |D_x^{\alpha}((u_n)_{\mu}) - D_x^{\alpha}(u_{\mu})|^p w_i(x) dx dt \leq \int_Q |D_x^{\alpha}(u_n) - D_x^{\alpha}(u)|^p w_i(x) dx dt \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Then $(u_n)_{\mu} \rightarrow u_{\mu}$ in $W_{\circ}^{1,p}(Q, w)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Now, we give some imbedding and compactness results in weighted sobolev spaces which allow in particular to extend in the setting of weighted sobolev spaces.

Let $V = W_{\circ}^{1,P}(\Omega, w)$, $H = L^2(\Omega, \sigma)$ (where σ is a weight function on Ω such that $\sigma \in L^1(\Omega)$ and $\sigma^{-1} \in L^1(\Omega)$) and Let $V^* = W^{-1,p'}(\Omega, w^*)$, with $(2 \leq p \leq \infty)$.

Let $X = L^p(0, T, V)$. The dual Space of X is $X^* = L^{p'}(0, T, V^*)$ where $\frac{1}{p'} + \frac{1}{p} = 1$ and denoting the Space $W_p^1(0, T, V, H) = \{v \in X : v' \in X^*\}$ endowed with the norm

$$\|u\|_{w^{1,p}} = \|u\|_X + \|u'\|_{X^*}, \quad (2.7)$$

which is Banach Space. Here u' stands for the generalized derivative of u , i.e.,

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

Lemma 2.4.

The Banach Space H is an Hilbert Space and its dual H' can be identified with himself, i.e., $H' \simeq H$.

Proof.

Indeed, let

$$F : H \times H \rightarrow R$$

$$(f, g) \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} fg \sigma dx$$

Remark that F is asymmetric bilinear from which is also continuous and defined positively, since

$$\int_{\Omega} fg \sigma dx = \int_{\Omega} f \sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} g \sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \leq \left(\int_{\Omega} |f|^2 \sigma dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |g|^2 \sigma dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Then the Banach Space H is a Hilbert Space.

Finally by a standard argument, H is identified with its dual H' i.e., $H' \simeq H$.

Lemma 2.5.

The evolution triple $V \subseteq H \subseteq V^*$ is verified.

Indeed, by the embedding assumption (3.4) below and because $2 \leq p \leq \infty$, and $\sigma \in L^1(\Omega)$, we can write

$$W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w) \hookrightarrow L^p(\Omega, \sigma) \hookrightarrow H' \simeq H \hookrightarrow W^{-1,p'}(\Omega, w^*).$$

Lemma 2.6.

Assume that,

$$\frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t} = h_n + k_n \text{ in } D'(\Omega),$$

where h_n and k_n are bounded respectively in $L^{p'}(0, T, W^{-1,p'}(\Omega, w^*))$ and in $L^1(Q)$. If u_n is bounded in $L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w))$, then $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $L^p_{loc}(Q, \sigma)$. Further $u_n \rightarrow u$ strongly in $L^1(Q)$.

proof.

Consider $\phi(x, t) = \psi(x)\eta(t)$ with ψ in $D(\Omega)$ and η in $D(0, T)$ and set

$$v_n = \phi u_n, \quad \alpha_n = \phi h_n + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} u_n, \quad \beta_n = \phi k_n.$$

Then for any bounded open subset K with $\text{supp } \psi \subset K \subset \Omega$ we have,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial t} = \alpha_n + \beta_n & \text{in } D'(K \times (0, T)); \\ v_n \text{ bounded} & \text{in } L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(K, w)); \\ \alpha_n \text{ bounded} & \text{in } L^{p'}(0, T, W^{-1,p'}(K, w^*)); \\ \beta_n \text{ bounded} & \text{in } L^1(K \times (0, T)). \end{array} \right.$$

Let ρ_n be a mollification sequence such that

$$\|\bar{v}_n - v_n\|_{L^p(Q,\sigma)} \leq \frac{1}{n}, \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$\bar{v}_n = v_n * \rho_n, \quad \bar{\alpha}_n = \alpha_n * \rho_n, \quad \bar{\beta}_n = \beta_n * \rho_n.$$

The function $\bar{\beta}_n$ belongs to $L^1(0, T, L^1(K))$ and is bounded in this space while $\bar{\alpha}_n$ is bounded in $L^{p'}(0, T, W^{-1,p'}(K, w^*))$. Since $1 \leq r'_0 \leq \frac{N}{N-1}$, we can write

$$L^1(K) \hookrightarrow W_0^{-1,r'_0}(K).$$

Then $\bar{\beta}_n$ is bounded in $L^1(0, T, W^{-1,r'_0}(K))$, we have $\bar{\alpha}_n$ also bounded in $L^1(0, T, W^{-1,r'_0}(K))$. Thus we get,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \bar{v}_n}{\partial t} = \bar{\alpha}_n + \bar{\beta}_n & \text{in } D'(K \times (0, T)); \\ \bar{v}_n \text{ bounded} & \text{in } L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(K, w)); \\ \frac{\partial \bar{v}_n}{\partial t} \text{ bounded} & \text{in } L^1(0, T, W^{-1,r'_0}(K)) \end{cases}$$

We deduce that \bar{v}_n is relatively compact in $L^p(0, T, L^p(K, \sigma))$. In view of (2.8) this implies that u_n is relatively compact in $L^p_{loc}(Q_T, \sigma)$. Finally by using Holders inequality and $\sigma^{-1} \in L^1(\Omega)$, it is easy to deduce that $u_n \rightarrow u$ strongly in $L^1(Q_T)$.

Lemma2.7.

Let $g \in L^r(Q, \gamma)$ and let $g_n \in L^r(Q, \gamma)$, with $\|g_n\|_{L^r(Q,\gamma)} \leq c, 1 < r < \infty$. if $g_n(x) \rightarrow g(x)$ a.e in Q , then $g_n \rightharpoonup g$ in $L^r(Q, \gamma)$, where \rightharpoonup denotes weak convergence and γ is a weight function on Q

Proof. Since $g_n \gamma^{\frac{1}{r}}$, is bounded in $L^r(Q)$ and $g_n(x) \gamma^{\frac{1}{r}}(x) \rightarrow g \gamma^{\frac{1}{r}}$, a.e. in Q , then by Lemma 2.5[15], we have

$$g_n \gamma^{\frac{1}{r}} \rightharpoonup g \gamma^{\frac{1}{r}} \text{ in } L^r(Q).$$

Moreover, for all $\phi \in L^{r'}(Q, \gamma^{1-r'})$, we have $\phi \gamma^{\frac{-1}{r}} \in L^{r'}(Q)$. then

$$\int_Q g_n \phi \, dx \rightarrow \int_Q g \phi \, dx, \quad \text{i.e. } g_n \rightharpoonup g \text{ in } L^r(Q, \gamma).$$

Lemma 2.8. [18]

Let $V \subseteq H \subseteq V^*$ be an evolution triple, then the embedding

$$W_p^1(0, T, V, H) \subseteq C([0, T], H)$$

is continuous.

3 Basic assumptions and main result:

3.1 Some weighted embedding and compactness results.

we suppose in all our consideration that, there exists $r_o > \max(N, P)$ such that $w_i^{\frac{r_o}{r_o-p}} \in L_{loc}^1(\Omega)$ and $w_i^{\frac{-1}{p-1}} \in L_{loc}^1(\Omega)$, for any $0 \leq i \leq N$. Now we state our basic assumptions :

Assumption (A_1). for $2 \leq p < \infty$, we suppose that the expression:

$$|||u||| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^p w_i(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (3.1)$$

is a norm on $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ and its equivalent to (2.2). There exists a weight function σ on Ω such that

$$\sigma^{\frac{-1}{p-1}} \in L_{loc}^1(\Omega) \quad , \quad \sigma \in L^1(\Omega) \quad (3.2)$$

The Hardy inequality,

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^p \sigma dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq c \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^p w_i(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (3.3)$$

holds for every $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ with a constant $c > 0$ independent of u . moreover, the embedding

$$W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w) \hookrightarrow L^p(\Omega, \sigma) \quad (3.4)$$

expressed by the inequality (3.3) is compact, note that $(W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w), |||\cdot|||)$ is a uniformly convex (and thus reflexive) Banach space.

Remark 3.1.

Assume that $w_o(x) \equiv 1$ and there exists $v \in]\frac{N}{p}, +\infty[\cap]\frac{1}{p-1}, +\infty[$ such that

$$w_i^{\frac{N}{N-1}} \in L_{loc}^1(\Omega), w_i^{-v} \in L^1(\Omega) \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N \quad (3.5)$$

Note that the assumptions(2.1) and (3.5) imply that

$$|||u||| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^p w_i(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (3.6)$$

is a norm defined on $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$ and it is equivalent to (2.3) and that, the embedding

$$W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w) \hookrightarrow L^p(\Omega) \quad (3.7)$$

is compact [see[11], p.46].

Thus the hypotheses (A_1) is satisfied for $\sigma \equiv 1$.

Assumption A_2

for $i = 1, \dots, N$,

$$a_i(x, t, s, \xi) \leq \beta \sigma^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) \left(c_0(x, t) + \sigma^{\frac{1}{p}} |s|^{p-1} + \sum_{i=1}^N w_i^{\frac{1}{p'}}(x) |\xi_i|^{p-1} \right) \quad (3.8)$$

$$|a_i(x, t, s, \xi)| \leq \beta w_i^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) \left(c_1(x, t) + \sigma^{\frac{1}{p'}} |s|^{p-1} + \sum_{j=1}^N w_j^{\frac{1}{p'}}(x) |\xi_j|^{p-1} \right) \quad (3.9)$$

$$\left(a(x, t, s, \xi) - a(x, t, s, \eta) \right) (\xi - \eta) > 0 \quad \xi \neq \eta \in R^N, \quad (3.10)$$

$$a_0(x, t, s, \xi) \cdot s + \sum_{i=1}^N a_i(x, t, s, \xi) \xi_i \geq \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N w_i |\xi_i|^p, \quad (3.11)$$

$$a(x, t, s, \xi) \cdot \xi \geq \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N w_i |\xi_i|^p \quad (3.12)$$

where $c_0(x, t)$ and $c_1(x, t)$ are some positive function in $L^{p'}(Q)$, and α and β are some strictly positive constants.

Assumption (A_3)

$$|g(x, t, s, \xi)| \leq b(|s|) \left(\sum_{i=1}^N w_i(x) |\xi_i|^p + c(x, t) \right) \quad (3.13)$$

$$g(x, t, s, \xi)s \geq 0. \quad (3.14)$$

where $b : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ is a continuous increasing function and c is a positive function in $L^1(Q)$.

we recall that for $k > 1$ and s in R the truncation is defined as

$$T_k(s) = \begin{cases} s & \text{if } s \leq k \\ k \frac{s}{|s|} & \text{if } |s| > k \end{cases}$$

Lemma 3.1.

Assume that (A_1) and (A_2) are satisfied and let (u_n) be a sequence in $L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w))$ such that $u_n \rightarrow u$ weakly in $L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w))$ and

$$\int_Q [a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) - a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u)][\nabla u_n - \nabla u] \, dx \, dt \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.15)$$

Then, $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w))$.

proof,

Let $D_n = [a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) - a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u)][\nabla u_n - \nabla u]$. Then by (3.10),

D_n is a positive function and by (3.15), $D_n \rightarrow 0$ in $L^1(Q)$.

Extracting a subsequence, still denoted by u_n , and using (3.4) we can write

$u_n \rightarrow u$ a.e. in Q , $D_n \rightarrow 0$ a.e in Q .

Then, there exists a subset B of Q , of zero measure such that, for $(x, t) \in Q$, $|u_n(x, t)| < \infty$, $|\nabla u(x, t)| < \infty$, $|c_1(x, t)| < \infty$, $w_i(x) > 0$

and $u_n(x, t) \rightarrow u(x, t)$, $D_n(x, t) \rightarrow 0$. We set $\epsilon_n = \nabla u_n(x, t)$ and $\epsilon = \nabla u(x, t)$. From (3.8), (3.9) and (3.12), then

$$\begin{aligned} D_n(x, t) &= [a(x, t, u_n, \epsilon_n) - a(x, t, u_n, \epsilon)](\epsilon_n - \epsilon) \\ &\geq \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N w_i |\epsilon_n^i|^p + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N w_i |\epsilon^i|^p \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^N \beta w_i^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[c_1(x, t) + \sigma^{\frac{1}{p'}} |u_n|^{p-1} + \sum_{j=1}^N w_j^{\frac{1}{p'}} |\epsilon_n^j|^{p-1} \right] |\epsilon^i| \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^N \beta w_i^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[c_1(x, t) + \sigma^{\frac{1}{p'}} |u_n|^{p-1} + \sum_{j=1}^N w_j^{\frac{1}{p'}} |\epsilon^j|^{p-1} \right] |\epsilon_n^i| \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$D_n(x, t) \geq \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N w_i |\epsilon_n^i|^p - c_{x,t} \left[1 + \sum_{j=1}^N w_j^{\frac{1}{p'}} |\epsilon_n^j|^{p-1} + \sum_{i=1}^N w_i^{\frac{1}{p}} |\epsilon_n^i| \right], \quad (3.16)$$

where $C_{x,t}$ is a constant which depends on x and t , but dose not depend on n . Since $u_n(x, t) \rightarrow u(x, t)$, we have $|u_n(x, t)| \leq M_{x,t}$ where $M_{x,t}$ is some positive constant. Then by a standard argument $|\epsilon_n|$ is bounded uniformly with respect to n . Indeed,(3.16) becomes

$$D_n(x, t) \geq \sum_{i=1}^N |\epsilon_n^i|^p \left(\alpha w_i - \frac{C_{x,t}}{N |\epsilon_n^i|^p} - \frac{C_{x,t} w_i^{\frac{1}{p'}}}{|\epsilon_n^i|} - \frac{C_{x,t} w_i^{\frac{1}{p}}}{|\epsilon_n^i|^{p-1}} \right).$$

If $|\epsilon_n| \rightarrow \infty$ (for a subsequence) there exists at least one i_0 such that $|\epsilon_n^{i_0}| \rightarrow \infty$, which implies that $D_n(x, t) \rightarrow \infty$, which gives a contradiction.

Let now ϵ^* be a cluster point of ϵ_n . We have $|\epsilon^*| < \infty$ and by the continuity of a with respect to the last variables we obtain

$$(a(x, t, u(x, t), \epsilon^*) - a(x, t, u(x, t), \epsilon))(\epsilon^* - \epsilon) = 0.$$

In view of (3.10) we have $\epsilon^* = \epsilon$. The uniqueness of the cluster point implies

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

since the sequence $a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)$ is bounded in $\prod_{i=1}^N L^{p'}(Q, w_i^*)$ and

$a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightarrow a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ a.e in Q Lemma 2.7 implies

$a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightarrow a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ in $\prod_{i=1}^N L^{p'}(Q, w_i^*)$ and a.e in Q .

We set $\bar{y}_n = a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n$ and $\bar{y} = a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla u$. As in the proof of Lemma 5 in [5] we can write $\bar{y}_n \rightarrow \bar{y}$ in $L^1(Q)$. By (3.12), we have $\alpha \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \left| \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial x_i} \right| \leq a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n$.

$$\text{Let } z_n = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \left| \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial x_i} \right|^p, z = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^p, y_n = \frac{\bar{y}}{\alpha} \text{ and } y = \frac{\bar{y}}{\alpha}.$$

Then, by Fatous Lemma we obtain

$$\int_Q 2y \, dx \, dt \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q y + y_n - |z_n - z| \, dx \, dt,$$

i.e

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \int_Q |z_n - z| dx dt,$$

hence,

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \int_Q |z_n - z| dx dt \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \int_Q |z_n - z| dx dt \leq 0.$$

This implies

$$\nabla u_n \rightarrow \nabla u \text{ in } \prod_{i=1}^N L^p(Q, w_i),$$

which with (3.1) completes the present proof,

Now we recall the well-known general Sobolev embedding theorems for evolution equations (see [18]).

Lemma 3.2.[18] Let Z_1, Y_1, Z_2 be real reflexive Banach space. Assume that the embedding $Z_1 \subseteq Y \subseteq Z_2$ are continuous, and the embedding $Z_1 \subseteq Y$ is compact. $0 < T < \infty, 1 < p, q < \infty$ Then $W = u \in L^p(0, T, Z_1) : u' \in L^q(0, T, Z_2)$ equipped with the norm $\|u\| = \|u\|_{L^p(0, T, Z_1)} + \|u'\|_{L^q(0, T, Z_2)}$ is a Banach space and the embedding $W \subseteq L^p(0, T, Y)$ is compact.

Definition 3.1. A monotone map $T: D(T) \rightarrow X^*$ is called maximal monotone if its graph

$$G(T) = \{(u, T(u)) \in X \times X^* \text{ for all } u \in D(T)\}$$

is not a proper subset of any monotone set in $X \times X^*$.

Let us consider the operator $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ which induces a linear map L from the subset

$$D(L) = \{v \in X : v' \in X^*, v(0) = 0\} \text{ of } X \text{ into } X^* \text{ by}$$

$$\langle Lu, v \rangle_X = \int_0^T \langle u'(t), v(t) \rangle_V dt, u \in D(L), v \in X. \quad (3.17)$$

Definition 3.2. A mapping S is called pseudo-monotone with respect to $D(L)$, if for any sequence $\{u_n\}$ in $D(L)$ with $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ and $Lu_n \rightharpoonup Lu$ and $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle S(u_n), u_n - u \rangle \leq 0$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle S(u_n), u_n - u \rangle = 0$ and $S(u_n) \rightharpoonup S(u)$ as

$n \rightarrow \infty$.

Consider the following non linear parabolic problem

$$(P) : \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + A(u) + g(x, t, u, \nabla u) = f & \text{in } Q \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma = \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \end{cases}$$

where u_0 is a given function in $L^2(\Omega, \sigma)$.

Definition 3.3. A function u is said to be a weak solution of the initial-boundary value problem (P) if $u \in C([0, T], H) \cap L^p(0, T, V)$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \in L^{p'}(0, T, V^*)$ and u satisfies the equation,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + Au + G(u) = f \quad 0 < t < T, \quad u(0) = u_0,$$

where the operator $A + G : X \rightarrow X^*$ is defined by:

$$\langle (A + G)(u), v \rangle = \int_Q a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla v \, dx \, dt + \int_Q g(x, t, u, \nabla u) v \, dx \, dt$$

3.2 The approximate problem.

We consider the sequence of approximate equations,

$$(P_n) : \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t} + A(u_n) + g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) = f \\ u_n(0) = u_0^n \end{cases}$$

where

$$g_n(x, t, s, \xi) = \frac{g(x, t, s, \xi)}{1 + \frac{1}{n}|g(x, t, s, \xi)|} \chi_{\Omega_n}, \quad u_0^n \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w).$$

Note that Ω_n is a sequence of compacts covering the bounded open set Ω and χ_{Ω_n} denotes a characteristic function of Ω_n

and $g_n(x, t, s, \xi)$ satisfies the following conditions

$$g_n(x, t, s, \xi) \cdot s \geq 0, \quad |g_n(x, t, s, \xi)| \leq g(x, t, s, \xi) \text{ and } |g_n(x, t, s, \xi)| \leq n.$$

We define the operator $G_n : X \rightarrow X^*$ by $\langle G_n u, v \rangle = \int_Q g_n(x, t, u, \nabla u) v \, dx \, dt$.

Remark 3.2. Note that in the remainder of this section we will consider approximate problem (P_n) with $u_0^n = 0$, without losing the generalities, since if

$u_0^n \neq 0$, we will change $a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ by $\bar{a}(x, t, u, \nabla u) = a(x, t, u + u_0, \nabla u + \nabla u_0)$ and $g(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ by $\bar{g}(x, t, u, \nabla u) = g(x, t, u + u_0, \nabla u + \nabla u_0)$.

Lemma 3.3. The operator $A + G_n: X \rightarrow X^*$ is :

- a) bounded and demicontinuous
- b) pseudo-monotone with respect to $D(L)$

proof.

a) We set $B_n = A + G_n$. Using (3.9) and Hölders inequality we can show that A is bounded. Thanks of Hölders inequality, for all $u \in X$ and all $v \in X$ we have

$$\left| \int_Q g_n(x, t, u, \nabla u) v \, dx \, dt \right| \leq C_n \|v\|_{L^p(Q, \sigma)}^p \leq C'_n \|v\|_X^p. \quad (3.18)$$

Then B_n is bounded. In order to show that B_n is demicontinuous, let $v_\epsilon \rightarrow v$ in X as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, and prove that,

$$\langle B_n(v_\epsilon), \phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle B_n(v), \phi \rangle \text{ for all } \phi \in X.$$

Since, $a_i(x, t, v_\epsilon, \nabla v_\epsilon) \rightarrow a_i(x, t, v, \nabla v)$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, for a.e. $x \in \Omega$, then by the growth conditions (3.9) and Lemma 2.7 we get

$$a_i(x, t, v_\epsilon, \nabla v_\epsilon) \rightarrow a_i(x, t, v, \nabla v) \text{ in } L^{p'}(Q, w_i^{1-p'}) \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Finally for all $\phi \in X$,

$$\langle A(v_\epsilon), \phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle A(v), \phi \rangle \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

On the other hand, $g_n(x, t, v_\epsilon, \nabla v_\epsilon) \rightarrow g_n(x, t, v, \nabla v)$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ for a.e. (x, t) in Q . Also $g_n(x, t, v_\epsilon, \nabla v_\epsilon)_\epsilon$ is bounded in $L^{p'}(Q, \sigma^{1-p'})$ in fact,

$$\int_Q |g_n(x, t, v_\epsilon, \nabla v_\epsilon)|^{p'} \sigma^{1-p'} \, dx \, dt \leq (n)^{p'} T \int_{\Omega_n} \sigma^{1-p'} \, dx \leq c_n.$$

Then , Lemma 2.7 gives

$$g_n(x, t, v_\epsilon, \nabla v_\epsilon) \rightarrow g_n(x, t, v, \nabla v) \text{ in } L^{p'}(Q, \sigma^{1-p'}) \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Since $\phi \in L^p(Q, \sigma)$, for all $\phi \in X$ we have

$$\langle G_n(v_\epsilon), \phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle G_n(v), \phi \rangle \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

b) Suppose that $\{u_j\}$ is any sequence in $D(L)$ with

i) $u_j \rightharpoonup u$ weakly in X

ii) $Lu_j \rightarrow Lu$ weakly in X^* ,

iii) $\limsup \langle A + G_n(u_j), u_j - u \rangle_X \leq 0$.

Through the definition of the operator L , defined in (3.17), $\{u_j\}$ is a bounded sequence in $W_p^1(0, T, V, H)$.

By virtue of Lemma 3.2, we get,

$$u_j \rightarrow u \text{ strongly in } L^P(Q, \sigma).$$

On the other hand,

$$\langle G_n u_j, u_j - u \rangle = \int_Q g_n(x, t, u_j, \nabla u_j)(u_j - u) \, dx \, dt.$$

Thus Holders inequality and (i) imply,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle G_n u_j, u_j - u \rangle &\leq \left(\int_Q |g_n|^{p'} \sigma^{1-p'} \, dx \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \|u_j - u\|_{L^P(Q, \sigma)} \\ &\leq C_n \|u_j - u\|_{L^P(Q, \sigma)}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e, $\langle G_n u_j, u_j - u \rangle \rightarrow 0$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Combing the last convergence with (iii), we obtain

$$\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_j, u_j - u \rangle \leq 0.$$

Also, by the pseudo-monotonicity of A (see Proposition 2.1, [9]), we have

$$Au_j \rightharpoonup Au \text{ in } X^* \text{ and } \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_j, u_j - u \rangle = 0.$$

Then,

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_j + G_n(u_j), u_j - u \rangle = 0.$$

On the other hand, $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_j, u_j - u \rangle = 0$, which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q a(x, t, u_j, \nabla u_j) \nabla(u_j - u) \, dx \, dt \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q [a(x, t, u_j, \nabla u_j) - a(x, t, u_j, \nabla u)] [\nabla u_j - \nabla u] \, dx \, dt \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q a(x, t, u_j, \nabla u)(\nabla u_j - \nabla u) dx dt.$$

The last integral in the right hand tend to zero, since by the continuity of the Nemytskii operator, $a(x, t, u_j, \nabla u) \rightarrow a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ in $\prod_{i=1}^N L^{p'}(Q, w_i^{1-p'})$ as $j \rightarrow +\infty$. so,

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q [a(x, t, u_j, \nabla u_j) - a(x, t, u_j, \nabla u)][\nabla u_j - \nabla u] dx dt = 0.$$

By Lemma 3.1 we have

$$\nabla u_j \rightarrow \nabla u \text{ a.e. in } Q.$$

Hence $g_n(x, t, u_j, \nabla u_j) \rightarrow g_n(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ a.e. in Q as $j \rightarrow +\infty$ and since

$$|g_n(x, t, u_j, \nabla u_j)| \leq n\chi_{\Omega_n} \in L^{p'}(Q, \sigma^{1-p'}),$$

by Lebesques dominated convergence theorem, we obtain

$$g_n(x, t, u_j, \nabla u_j) \rightarrow g_n(x, t, u, \nabla u) \text{ in } L^{p'}(Q, \sigma^{1-p'}).$$

Finally,

$$(A + G_n)(u_j) \rightarrow (A + G_n)(u) \text{ in } X^*.$$

Definition 3.4. A function u is said to be a weak solution for the problem (P_n) iff $u \in C([0, T], H) \cap D(L)$ and u satisfies the evolution equation

$$Lu + (A + G_n)(u) = f. \tag{3.19}$$

Theorem 3.4 Assume that the conditions $(A_1) - (A_3)$ hold, then the problem (P_n) admits a weak solution for any $f \in X^*$.

Proof . By virtue of Lemma 3.3, the operator $A + G_n : X \rightarrow X^*$ is pseudo-monotone with respect to $D(L)$, and the operator $A + G_n$ satisfies the strong coercivity condition, which implies that both of the condition (i) and (ii) in theorem 4 of [3] hold. So all the condition of theorem 4 in [3] are met. Therefore, there exists a solution $u_n \in D(L)$ of the evolution equation (3.19) for any $f \in X^*$. In

order to prove that u_n is also a weak solution of the problem (P_n) , we have to show that $u_n \in C([0, T], H)$. By the definition of $D(L)$ and Lemma 2.8, we obtain

$$D(L) \subseteq W_p^1(0, T, V, H) \subseteq C([0, T], H).$$

This implies that $u_n \in C([0, T], H)$.

3.3 Existence result of the general problem.

Theorem 3.5. Assume that the conditions $(A_1) - (A_3)$ hold true.

Then the problem (P) admits at least one weak solution

$u \in D(A) \cap L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)) \cap C([0, T], L^2(\Omega, \sigma))$ such that $g(x, t, u, \nabla u) \in L^1(Q)$, $g(x, t, u, \nabla u)u \in L^1(Q)$.

Furthermore $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$ for a.e. $x \in \Omega$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_Q u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx dt + \left[\int_\Omega u(t) \phi(t) dx \right]_0^T + \int_Q a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla \phi dx dt \\ & + \int_Q g(x, t, u, \nabla u) \phi dx dt = \langle f, \phi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for all $\phi \in L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)) \cap L^\infty(Q) \cap C^1([0, T], L^2(\Omega, \sigma))$, for any $f \in X^*$.

proof. Step 1: A priori estimates.

First, for all τ in $[0, T]$, we choose $u_n \chi_{0, \tau}$ as test function in (P_n) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_\Omega u_n^2(\tau) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_\Omega u_0^2 dx + \int_{Q_\tau} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n dx dt + \int_{Q_\tau} g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n dx dt \\ & = \int_{Q_\tau} f u_n dx dt + C. \end{aligned}$$

Since g_n verifies sign condition, by using (3.12), for $\tau = T$ we obtain

$$\alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \int_Q w_i \left| \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial x_i} \right|^p \leq \int_Q f u_n dx dt,$$

i.e.,

$$\alpha \|u_n\|_{L^p(0, T, V)}^p \leq \|f\|_{L^{p'}(0, T, V^*)} \|u_n\|_{L^p(0, T, V)} \leq c \|u_n\|_{L^p(0, T, V)}.$$

Then

$$\|u_n\|_{L^p(0, T, V)} \leq \beta_1, \tag{3.20}$$

where β_1 is some positive constant. Then by (3.20) and (3.9) we conclude that $A(u_n)$ is bounded in $L^{p'}(0, T, V^*)$, and there exists $h \in \prod_{i=1}^N L^{p'}(Q, w_i)$, such that

$$a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightharpoonup h \text{ in } \prod_{i=1}^N L^{p'}(Q, w_i), \quad (3.21)$$

and,

$$\int_Q g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n \, dx dt \leq \beta_2, \quad (3.22)$$

where β_2 is some positive constant.

Moreover,

$$\|G_n(u_n)\|_{L^1(Q)} \leq \beta_3 \quad (3.23)$$

Indeed, let $Q^{k,n} = \{(x, t) \in Q \mid |u_n(x, t)| \leq k\}$. We get by (3.13) and (3.14),

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q |g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)| \, dx \, dt \\ &= \int_{|u_n| \leq k} |g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)| \, dx \, dt + \int_{|u_n| > k} |g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)| \, dx \, dt \\ &\leq b(k) \left(\int_Q \left[\sum_{i=1}^N w_i \left| \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p+c(x,t)} \right] \, dx \, dt \right) + \frac{1}{k} \int_Q g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n \, dx \, dt \leq \beta_3. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, denoting $u'_n = (f + \operatorname{div} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) + (-G_n(u_n)))$ we observe that

$h_n = f + \operatorname{div} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)$ is bounded in $L^{p'}(0, T, V^*)$ and $k_n = -G_n(u_n)$ is bounded in $L^1(Q)$. Thus we can invoke a result of Lemma 2.6 to conclude that u_n is relatively compact in $L^p_{loc}(Q, \sigma)$, and we can deduce $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $L^p_{loc}(Q, \sigma)$, and $u_n \rightarrow u$ strongly in $L^1(Q)$.

Step 2: Basic convergence results

Fix $k > 0$ and let $\phi(s) = s e^\delta s^2, \delta > 0$. It is well known that when $\left(\delta \geq \frac{b(k)}{2\alpha}\right)^2$ one has

$$\left| \phi'(s) - \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \phi(s) \right| \geq \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3.24)$$

Let $\phi_i \in D(\Omega)$ be a sequence which converges strongly to u_0 in $L^2(\Omega, \sigma)$. Set $w_\mu^i = (T_k(u))_\mu + e^{-\mu t} T_k(\phi_i)$ where $(T_k(u))_\mu$ is the mollification with respect to time

of $T_k(u)$ see proposition (2.1) and proposition (2.2). Note that w_μ^i is a smooth function having the following properties :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(w_\mu^i) = \mu(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i), \quad w_\mu^i(0) = T_k(\psi_i), \quad |w_\mu^i| \geq k \\ w_\mu^i \rightarrow T_k(u) \quad \text{in } L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)) \text{ as } \mu \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right\}$$

using in (P_n) the test function $z_n^{\mu,i} = \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)$, we get for $\tau = T$.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_n', z_n^{\mu,i} \rangle + \int_Q a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla w_\mu^i) \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ + \int_Q g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt = \langle f, \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

which implies since $g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) \geq 0$ on $|u_n| > k$:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_n', z_n^{\mu,i} \rangle + \int_Q a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla w_\mu^i) \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ + \int_{|u_n| \leq k} g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \leq \langle f, \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) \rangle. \quad (3.25) \end{aligned}$$

In the sequel and throughout the paper, we will omit for simplicity to denote $\epsilon(n, \mu, i)$ all quantities (possibly different) such that $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon(n, \mu, i) = 0$ and this will be the order in which the parameters we use will tend to infinity, that is, first n , then μ and finally i . Similary we will write only $\epsilon(n)$, or $\epsilon(n, \mu)$, ... to mean that the limits are made only on the specified parameters. We will deal with each term of (3.25). First of all, observe that

$$\langle f, \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) \rangle = \epsilon(n, \mu), \quad (3.26)$$

since $T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i \rightharpoonup T_k(u) - w_\mu^i$ weakly in $L^p(0, T, V)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and $T_k(u) - w_\mu^i \rightarrow 0$ in $L^p(0, T, V)$ as $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$.

Let us recall that for $u_n \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$, there exists a smooth function $u_{n\theta}$ such that $u_{n\theta} \rightarrow u_n$ for the modular convergence in $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)$,

$\frac{\partial u_{n\theta}}{\partial t} \rightarrow \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t}$ for the modular convergence in $W_0^{-1,p}(\Omega, w^*) + L^1(Q)$, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t}, z_n^{\mu,i} \right\rangle &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q \frac{\partial u_{n\theta}}{\partial t} \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q [(T_k(u_{n\theta}))' + (G_k(u_{n\theta}))'] \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) dx dt, \end{aligned}$$

where $G_k(s) = s - T_k(s)$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t}, z_n^{\mu, i} \right\rangle &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q (T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i)' \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ &\quad + \int_Q (w_\mu^i)' \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ &\quad + \int_Q (G_k(u_{n\theta}))' \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} (I_1(\theta) + I_2(\theta) + I_3(\theta)). \end{aligned}$$

Setting $\Phi(s) = \int_0^s \phi(r) dr$, it is easy to see that, since $\Phi(s) \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(\theta) &= \int_\Omega \left[\int_0^T \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) (T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i)' dt \right] dx \\ &= \left[\int_\Omega \Phi(T_k(u_{n\theta})(t) - w_\mu^i(t)) dx \right]_0^T \end{aligned}$$

and

$$I_1(\theta) \geq - \int_\Omega \Phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}(0)) - w_\mu^i(0)) dx.$$

Since, as $\theta \rightarrow \infty$ the last side goes to

$$\begin{aligned} &- \int_\Omega \Phi(T_k(u_0) - T_k(\psi_i)) dx, \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } i \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

which is of the form $\epsilon(i)$, we get

$$\limsup_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} I_1(\theta) \geq \epsilon(i) \quad .$$

About $I_2(\theta)$, we have, since $(w_\mu^i)' = \mu(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i)$

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(\theta) &= \mu \int_Q (T_k(u) - w_\mu^i) \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ &= \mu \int_Q \left((T_k(u) - T_k(u_{n\theta})) + (T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) \right) \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \end{aligned}$$

since $\phi(s)s \geq 0$ then

$$I_2(\theta) \geq \mu \int_Q (T_k(u) - T_k(u_{n\theta})) \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i) dx dt.$$

Since, as $\theta \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\mu \int_Q (T_k(u) - T_k(u_n)) \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt, \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

which is of form $\epsilon(n)$, hence

$$\limsup_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} I_2(\theta) \geq \epsilon(n).$$

Through integration, for $I_3(\theta)$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned} I_3(\theta) = & - \int_Q G_k(u_{n\theta}) \phi'(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i)(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i)' dx dt \\ & + \left[\int_\Omega G_k(u_{n\theta})(t) \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i)(t) dx \right]_0^T \end{aligned}$$

since $(T_k(u_{n\theta}))' = 0$ on $\{|u_{n\theta}| > k\}$ and $G_k(u_{n\theta}) = 0$ on $\{|u_{n\theta}| \leq k\}$. since

$$\left[\int_\Omega G_k(u_{n\theta})(t) \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i)(t) dx \right]_0^T \geq - \int_\Omega G_k(u_{n\theta})(0) \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta})(0) - w_\mu^i(0)) dx$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_3(\theta) \geq & \int_Q G_k(u_{n\theta}) \phi'(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i)(w_\mu^i)' dx dt \\ & - \int_\Omega G_k(u_{n\theta}(0)) \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}(0)) - T_k(\psi_i)) dx, \\ = & \mu \int_Q G_k(u_{n\theta}) \phi'(T_k(u_{n\theta}) - w_\mu^i)(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ & - \int_\Omega G_k(u_{n\theta}(0)) \phi(T_k(u_{n\theta}(0)) - T_k(\psi_i)) dx, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} I_3(\theta) \geq & \mu \int_Q G_k(u_n) \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ & - \int_\Omega G_k(u_0) \phi(T_k(u_0) - T_k(\psi_i)) dx \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ hence

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} I_3(\theta) \geq & \mu \int_Q G_k(u) \phi'(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i)(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ & - \int_\Omega G_k(u_0) \phi(T_k(u_0) - T_k(\psi_i)) dx + \epsilon(n), \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \int_{\Omega} G_k(u_0) \phi(T_k(u_0) - T_k(\psi_i)) dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } i \rightarrow \infty$$

where we have used (recall $|w_{\mu}^i| \leq k$)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} G_k(u) \phi'(T_k(u) - w_{\mu}^i)(T_k(u) - w_{\mu}^i) dx dt \\ &= \int_{\{u>k\}} (u - k) \phi'(k - w_{\mu}^i)(k - w_{\mu}^i) dx dt \\ & \quad + \int_{\{u<-k\}} (u + k) \phi'(-k - w_{\mu}^i)(-k - w_{\mu}^i) dx dt \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

we deduce then that

$$\limsup_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} I_3(\theta) \geq \epsilon(n, i)$$

. combining these estimates, we get

$$\langle (\frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t}), \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_{\mu}^i) \rangle \geq \epsilon(n, i). \quad (3.27)$$

On the other hand, splitting the second term of the left hand side of (3.25) where $|u_n| \leq k$ and $|u_n| > k$, For $s > 0$, set $Q = \{(x, t) \in Q : |\nabla T_k(u)| \geq s\}$ and $Q^s = \{(x, t) \in Q : |\nabla T_k(u)| \geq s\}$. We can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q a(u_n, \nabla u_n) [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla w_{\mu}^i] \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_{\mu}^i) dx dt \\ & \geq \int_{\{|u_n| \leq k\}} a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla w_{\mu}^i] \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_{\mu}^i) dx dt \\ & \quad - C_k \int_{\{|u_n| > k\}} |a(u_n, \nabla u_n)| |\nabla w_{\mu}^i| dx dt \\ & = J_1 - C_k J_2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

where $C_k = \phi'(2K)$.

Now observe that

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \int_Q [a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))] \\ & \quad \times [|\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)|] \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_{\mu}^i) dx dt \\ & \quad + \int_Q a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) [\nabla T_k(u) - \nabla w_{\mu}^i] \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_{\mu}^i) dx dt \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

$$+ \int_Q a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt$$

by the continuity of the Nymetskii operator, we have for all $i = 1, \dots, N$

$a_i(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) \rightarrow a_i(T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \phi'(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i)$ strongly in $L^{p'}(Q, w_i^{1-p'})$ and since $\frac{\partial T_k(u_n)}{\partial x_i} \rightharpoonup \frac{\partial T_k(u)}{\partial x_i}$ weakly in $L^p(Q, w_i)$, the third term of the right hand side of (3.29) tends 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Thanks to (3.21) the second term of the right hand side of (3.29) tends to

$$\int_Q h_k [\nabla T_k(u) - \nabla w_\mu^i] \phi'(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i) dx dt$$

so that, $\int_Q h_k [\nabla T_k(u) - \nabla w_\mu^i] \phi'(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \rightarrow 0$ as $\mu \rightarrow \infty$
then we have,

$$J_1 = \int_Q [a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))] \\ \times [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt + \epsilon(n, \mu)$$

and

$$J_2 = \int_{|u_n| \geq k} |a(u_n, \nabla u_n)| |\nabla w_\mu^i| (\phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)) dx dt \\ \rightarrow \int_Q h |\nabla w_\mu^i| \phi'(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i) \chi_{|u| > k} dx dt \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ \rightarrow \int_Q h |\nabla T_k(u)| \phi'(0) \chi_{\{|u| > k\}} dx dt = 0 \text{ as } \mu \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore (3.25) yields

$$\int_Q a(u_n, \nabla u_n) [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla w_\mu^i] \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \quad (3.30) \\ \geq \int_Q [a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))] \\ \times [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] \phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt + \epsilon(n, \mu)$$

For the third term of the left hand side of (3.25)

$$\left| \int_{|u_n| \leq k} g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \right| \quad (3.31)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq b(k) \int_Q \left(c(x, t) + \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \left| \frac{\partial T_k(u_n)}{\partial x_i} \right|^p \right) |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt \\
&\leq b(k) \int_Q c(x, t) |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt \\
&\quad + \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_Q a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u_n) |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt
\end{aligned}$$

since $c(x, t)$ belongs to $L^1(Q)$. Furthermore,

$$b(k) \int_Q c(x, t) |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt = \epsilon(n, \mu) \quad (3.32)$$

On the other hand, note that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_Q a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u_n) |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt \\
&= \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_Q \left[a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) \right] \\
&\quad \times [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt \\
&\quad + \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_Q a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u) |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt \\
&\quad + \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_Q a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt
\end{aligned} \quad (3.33)$$

By Lebesgue is Theorem, we have

$$\nabla T_k(u) |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| \rightarrow \nabla T_k(u) |\phi(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i)| \text{ in } \prod_{i=1}^N L^p(Q, w_i).$$

Moreover, in view of (3.21) the second term of the right side of (3.33) tends to

$$\frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_Q h_k \nabla T_k(u) |\phi(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt$$

the third term of the right hand side of (3.33) tends to 0 since for all $i = 1, \dots, N$

$$a_i(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)) \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) \rightarrow a_i(T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \phi(T_k(u) - w_\mu^i)$$

strongly in $L^{p'}(Q, w_i^{1-p'})$, while

$$\frac{\partial(T_k(u_n))}{\partial x_i} \rightharpoonup \frac{\partial(T_k(u))}{\partial x_i} \text{ weakly in } L^p(Q, w_i).$$

From (3.31),(3.32) and (3.33), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\{|u_n|<k\}} g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) dx dt \\ & \leq \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_Q [a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))] \\ & \quad \times [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)| dx dt + \epsilon(n, \mu). \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

By combining (3.25),(3.26),(3.27),(3.30)and (3.34)we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q [a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))] \times [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] \\ & \quad \times [\phi'(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i) - \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} |\phi(T_k(u_n) - w_\mu^i)|] dx dt \leq \epsilon(n, \mu, i). \end{aligned}$$

and so, because (3.24)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q [a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))] \times [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] dx dt \\ & \leq 2\epsilon(n, \mu, i) \end{aligned}$$

and by passing to the limit sup over n , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \int_Q [a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))] \times [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] dx dt \\ \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2\epsilon(n, \mu, i) \end{aligned}$$

in which we let successively $\mu \rightarrow \infty$ and $i \rightarrow \infty$ to obtain

$$\int_Q [a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))] \quad (3.35)$$

$$\times [\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)] dx dt \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.36)$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$

which implies that by using Lemma 3.1

$$T_k(u_n) \rightarrow T_k(u) \text{ strongly in } L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p}(\Omega, w)) \quad \forall k \geq 0 \quad (3.37)$$

an thus, there exists a subsequence also denoted by u_n such that

$$\nabla u_n \rightarrow \nabla u \text{ a.e. in } Q. \quad (3.38)$$

We then deduce that, for all $k > 0$ $a(x, t, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \rightarrow a(x, t, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u))$

and $a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightharpoonup a(x, t, u, \nabla u)$ weakly in $\prod_{i=1}^N L^{p'}(Q, w_i)$.

Step 3: Equi-integrability of the nonlinearities

since g_n verifies the sign condition, then by (3.22) we deduce,

$$0 \leq \int_Q g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n \, dx \, dt \leq \gamma.$$

For any measurable subset E of Q and any $m > 0$, we have

$$\int_E |g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)| \, dx \, dt = \int_{E \cap \chi_m^n} |g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)| \, dx \, dt + \int_{E \cap Y_m^n} |g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)| \, dx \, dt$$

where

$$\chi_m^n = \{(x, t) \in [0, T] \times \Omega, |u_n(x, t)| \leq m\},$$

and

$$Y_m^n = \{(x, t) \in Q, |u_n(x, t)| \geq m\}.$$

From these expressions,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E |g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)| \, dx \, dt &\leq \int_{E \cap \chi_m^n} |g_n(x, t, T_m(u_n), \nabla T_m(u_n))| \, dx \, dt \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{m} \int_Q g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n \, dx \, dt \\ &\leq b(m) \int_E \left(\sum_{i=1}^N w_i \left| \frac{\partial T_m(u_n)}{\partial x_i} \right|^p + \int_E c(x, t) \right) dx dt + \gamma \frac{1}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the sequence $((T_m)(u_n))$ converge strongly and fact that $c(x, t) \in L^1(Q)$, there exists $\theta > 0$ such that

$$|E| < \theta \Rightarrow \int_E |g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)| \, dx \, dt \leq \epsilon \, \forall n.$$

This shows that $g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n)$ is uniformly equi-integrable in Q as required.

Step 4: passage to the limit.

considering the approximate problem P_n one has:

$$- \int_Q u_n \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \, dx dt + \int_Q a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla \phi \, dx dt + \int_Q g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi \, dx dt = \langle f, \phi \rangle \quad (3.39)$$

for all $\phi \in D(Q)$, in which, we can easily pass to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, to get

$$- \int_Q u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx dt + \int_Q a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla \phi dx dt + \int_Q g(x, t, u, \nabla u) \phi dx dt = \langle f, \phi \rangle. \quad (3.40)$$

Let now $(\phi \in C^1([0, T], L^2))(\Omega, \sigma) \cap L^\infty(Q) \cap L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p})(\Omega, w)$, there exists $(\phi_j) \subset D(Q)$ such that $\phi_j \rightarrow \phi$ in $\prod_{i=1}^N L^p(Q, w_i)$ and weak in $L^\infty(Q)$. Taking $\phi = \phi_j$ and letting $j \rightarrow \infty$, yields

$$\begin{aligned} - \int_Q u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx dt + \left[\int_\Omega u(t) \phi(t) dx \right]_0^T + \int_Q a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla \phi dx dt \\ + \int_Q g(x, t, u, \nabla u) \phi dx dt = \langle f, \phi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for all $\phi \in L^p(0, T, W_0^{1,p})(\Omega, w) \cap L^\infty(Q) \cap C^1([0, T], L^2(\Omega, \sigma))$.

Step 5: show that $u \in C^1([0, T], H)$.

As in [13], we have for all $\phi \in D(\Omega)$, by letting $\phi(x, t) = \phi(x) \in D(Q)$

$$\langle u'_n, \phi \rangle + \int_Q a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla \phi dx dt + \int_Q g(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi dx dt = \int_Q f \phi dx dt$$

. This implies (see [13]), that $(u_n(t))$ is weakly convergent in H for all t and also that $u(t)$ is weakly continuous in H .

Let now $w_\mu^{i,k} = (T_k(u))\mu - e^{-\mu t}(T_k(\psi_i))$. On the one hand, we have for every $\tau \in [0, T]$

$$\langle (w_\mu^{i,k})', u_n - w_\mu^{i,k} \rangle_{Q_\tau} \rightarrow \mu \int_{Q_\tau} (T_k(u) - w_\mu^{i,k})(u - w_\mu^{i,k}) dx dt \geq 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.41)$$

On the other hand, by using $(u_n - w_\mu^{i,k})$ as test function in (P_n) , we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u'_n, u_n - w_\mu^{i,k} \rangle = \langle f, u_n - w_\mu^{i,k} \rangle + \int_{Q_\tau} a(u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla (w_\mu^{i,k} - u_n) dx dt \\ + \int_{Q_\tau} g(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) (w_\mu^{i,k} - u_n) dx dt \end{aligned}$$

in which we can use Fatous Lemma and Lebesgue to pass to the limit sup first over n and μ, k , to get

$$\langle u'_n, u_n - w_\mu^{i,k} \rangle_{Q_\tau} \leq \epsilon(n, \mu, k) \quad (3.42)$$

Therefore, by writing

$$\frac{1}{2} \|u_n(\tau) - w_\mu^{i,k}(\tau)\|_H^2 = \langle u'_n - (w_\mu^{i,k})', u_n - w_\mu^{i,k} \rangle_{Q_\tau} + \frac{1}{2} \|u_0 - T_k(\psi_i)\|_H^2$$

$$= \langle u'_n, u_n - w_\mu^{i,k} \rangle_{Q_\tau} - \langle (w_\mu^{i,k})', u_n - w_\mu^{i,k} \rangle_{Q_\tau} + \frac{1}{2} \|u_0 - T_k(\psi_i)\|_H^2$$

and observing

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|u(\tau) - w_\mu^{i,k}(\tau)\|_H^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \|u_n(\tau) - w_\mu^{i,k}(\tau)\|_H^2$$

we deduce that, in view of (3.41) and (3.42), $\|u(\tau) - w_\mu^{i,k}(\tau)\|_H^2 \leq \epsilon(\mu, k, i)$ not depending on $\tau \in [0, T]$. Implying that $w_\mu^{i,k}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $C([0, T], H)$ converging to u and thus $u \in C([0, T], H)$.

and using (3.41) and (3.43), we deduce that $\|u_n(\tau) - w_\mu^{i,k}(\tau)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \epsilon(n, k, \mu, i)$ not depending on $\tau \in [0, T]$. This implies that

$$\|u_n(\tau) - u_m(\tau)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \epsilon(n, m) \text{ not depending on } \tau \in [0, T],$$

and thus, u_n is a Cauchy sequence in $C([0, T], L^2(\Omega))$.

Since the limit of u_n in $L^1(Q)$ is u we deduce that $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $C([0, T], \Omega)$,

therefore, by letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the first term of (3.39), we have

$$\left[\int_{\Omega} u_n(t) w_j(t) dx \right]_0^\tau \rightarrow \left[\int_{\Omega} u(t) w_j(t) dx \right]_0^\tau.$$

Consequently, by letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.39), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\int_{\Omega} u(t) w_j(t) dx \right]_0^\tau - \int_{Q_\tau} u \frac{\partial w_j}{\partial t} dx dt + \int_{Q_\tau} a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla w_j dx dt \\ & + \int_{Q_\tau} g(x, t, u, \nabla u) w_j dx dt = \langle f, w_j \rangle_{Q_\tau}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.43)$$

we shall now go to the limit as $j \rightarrow \infty$ in all terms of (3.43). there is problem to pass to the limit in last four terms of (3.43). we have $w_j \rightarrow v$ in $C([0, T], L^2(\Omega))$.

Therefore, we can let $j \rightarrow \infty$ in all terms of (3.43) to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\int_{\Omega} u(t) v(t) dx \right]_0^\tau - \left\langle \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}, u \right\rangle_{Q_\tau} + \int_{Q_\tau} a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla v dx dt \\ & + \int_{Q_\tau} g(x, t, u, \nabla u) v dx dt = \langle f, v \rangle_{Q_\tau}, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that u satisfies all properties of Theorem 3.5. It only remains to prove the energy equality. For that, we use, for a given $k > 0$, $T_k(u_n)$, to get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle u'_n, T_k(u_n) \rangle_{Q_\tau} = \\
& - \int_{Q_\tau} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla T_k(u_n) dx dt - \int_{Q_\tau} g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) T_k(u_n) dx dt + \langle f, T_k(u_n) \rangle_{Q_\tau}, \\
& \text{which gives by setting } S_k(s) = \int_0^s T_k(z) dz, \\
& \int_{\Omega} S_k(u_n(\tau)) dx - \int_{\Omega} S_k(u_0) dx = \\
& - \int_{Q_\tau} a(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla T_k(u_n) dx dt - \int_{Q_\tau} g_n(x, t, u_n, \nabla u_n) T_k(u_n) dx dt + \langle f, T_k(u_n) \rangle_{Q_\tau}, \\
\end{aligned} \tag{3.44}$$

Recall that $|S_k(u_n(\tau))| \leq k |u_n(\tau)| \rightarrow k |u(\tau)|$ in $L^2(\Omega)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then, we can pass to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ each term of (3.44) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} S_k(u\tau) dx - \int_{\Omega} S_k(u_0) dx = \\
& - \int_{Q_\tau} a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla T_k(u) dx dt - \int_{Q_\tau} g(x, t, u, \nabla u) T_k(u) dx dt + \langle f, T_k(u) \rangle_{Q_\tau}. \\
\end{aligned} \tag{3.45}$$

Observe that for every $s \in R$,

$$|S_k(s)| \leq \frac{s^2}{2}$$

and $S_k(s) \rightarrow \frac{s^2}{2}$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, so that, by using Lebesgue theorem and the fact that $u(\tau) \in L^2(\Omega)$, we have, as $k \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\int_{\Omega} S_k(u(\tau)) dx \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2(\tau) \text{ and } \int_{\Omega} S_k(u_0) dx \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} S_k(u_0)^2 dx.$$

Remark also that

$$|a(x, t, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \nabla T_k(u)| \leq a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla u \in L^1(Q)$$

and

$$|g(x, t, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \nabla T_k(u)| \leq g(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla u \in L^1(Q),$$

therefore, it is easy to pass the limit as $k \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.45) to get the energy equality

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} u(t)^2 dx \right]_0^\tau + \int_{Q_\tau} a(x, t, u, \nabla u) \nabla u dx dt + \int_{Q_\tau} g(x, t, u, \nabla u) u dx dt = \langle f, u \rangle_{Q_\tau}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.5.

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