

ON SOME ANISOTROPIC UNILATERAL ELLIPTIC PROBLEMS WITH MEASURE DATA

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ABSTRACT. Here, we are concerned with the existence results for some non-linear unilateral elliptic problem in generalized Sobolev space.

1. Introduction and Basic Assumptions

Let Ω be a bounded open subset of $\mathbb{R}^N (N \geq 2)$. Boccardo et al have studied in [12] an elliptic problem modeled by

$$\begin{cases} B\varpi = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \varpi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

where $B\varpi = -\operatorname{div} b(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi)$, and the data f supposed be a bounded Radon measure on Ω . They have established the existence and some regularity result of solutions $\varpi \in W_0^{1,q}(\Omega)$ for all $1 < q < \bar{q} = \frac{N(p-1)}{N-1}$. On the other hand, Boccardo in [11] has considered the quasilinear elliptic problem of the type

$$\begin{cases} B\varpi = f - \operatorname{div} \phi(\varpi) & \text{in } \Omega \\ \varpi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

with $B\varpi = -\operatorname{div} b(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi)$, $f \in L^1(\Omega)$ and $\phi(\cdot) \in C^0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^N)$. He has proved the existence and some regularity of solutions.

In the framework of Orlicz Sobolev spaces, Aharouch and Bennouna [1] have been shown the existence and uniqueness of entropy solutions $W_0^1 L_M(\Omega)$ without any restriction on the N -function M of the Orlicz spaces for some elliptic unilateral problem as

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(b(x, \nabla \varpi)) = f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \varpi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where $f \in L^1(\Omega)$.

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In the Sobolev spaces with variable exponents, Bendahmane and Wittbold have established the existence and uniqueness solution in their work [8] some elliptic equation of the form $-\operatorname{div}(|\nabla \varpi|^{p(x)-2} \nabla \varpi) = f$ in Ω where $f \in L^1(\Omega)$.

Our aim in the present paper, is to study the anisotropic unilateral problem looks like

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N D^i b_i(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) + \Phi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) + \Psi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) = f - \operatorname{div} F & \text{in } \Omega \\ \varpi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where $f \in L^1(\Omega)$, $F \in \prod_{i=1}^N L^{p'_i}(\Omega)$. The function $\Psi(x, \varpi, s, \xi)$ satisfy only the hypothesis

$$|\Psi(x, \varpi, s, \xi)| \leq f_0(x) + d(|s|) \sum_{i=1}^N |\xi|^{p_i(x)},$$

with $f_0(\cdot) \in L^1(\Omega)$ and $d(\cdot) \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, without any sign condition.

The mathematical researches dealing the existence of solutions to some problems parabolic and elliptic under a different assumptions is massive; we refer the reader to ([3, 10, 6, 7, 4, 5, 15, 16] for more details).

The great difficulty in this study lies in the fact that the term $B\varpi$ is not coercive in generalized space $W_0^{1,p_i}(\Omega)$, More precisely in the anisotropic Sobolev space. to control this difficulty, we will use a penalization term $\frac{1}{n}|\varpi|^{p_0-2}\varpi$ in the approximations (4.2) to show our desired result.

The outline of this note is as follows. After giving some auxiliary results on anisotropic Sobolev space, we state in Section 3 some essential assumptions which are necessary to have an existence solution, finally section 4 will be devoted to give our major Conclusions.

2. Preliminary

Let Ω be a bounded open subset of $\mathbb{R}^N$ ($N \geq 2$) with smooth boundary and, let $1 < p_1, \dots, p_N < \infty$ be N real numbers,

$$p^+ = \max \{p_1, \dots, p_N\}, p^- = \min \{p_1, \dots, p_N\} \text{ and } \vec{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_N).$$

We denote

$$\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i},$$

We set

$$\vec{p} = \min \{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N\} \quad \text{then} \quad \vec{p} > 1. \quad (2.1)$$

We define the anisotropic Sobolev space $W^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega)$ like :

$$W^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega) = \left\{ \varpi \in W^{1,1}(\Omega) \text{ such that } D^i \varpi \in L^{p_i}(\Omega) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N \right\},$$

endowed with the norm

$$\|\varpi\|_{1,\vec{p}} = \|\varpi\|_{1,1} + \sum_{i=1}^N \|D^i \varpi\|_{L^{p_i}(\Omega)}. \quad (2.2)$$

The space $(W^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega), \|\varpi\|_{1,\vec{p}})$ is a reflexive Banach (separable) space.

The closure of $\mathcal{C}_0^\infty(\Omega)$ in $W^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega)$ symbolized by $W_0^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega)$.

Lemma 2.1. (see. [13, 17])

Let $\varpi \in W_0^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega)$, we have

(i) : there exists $C_p > 0$ / $\|\varpi\|_{L^{p_i}(\Omega)} \leq C_p \sum_{i=1}^N \|D^i \varpi\|_{L^{p_i}(\Omega)}$ for any $i = 1, \dots, N$.

(ii) : there exists $C_s > 0$ / $\|\varpi\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq \frac{C_s}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \frac{\partial \varpi}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L^{p_i}(\Omega)}$, where

$$\frac{1}{\bar{p}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{p_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} q = \bar{p}^* = \frac{N\bar{p}}{N - \bar{p}} & \text{if } \bar{p} < N \\ q \in [1, +\infty[& \text{if } \bar{p} \geq N \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2.2. Let Ω be a bounded open set in $\mathbb{R}^N$ ($N \geq 2$), we set

$$s = \max(q, \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} p_i),$$

therefore, the embedding listed below holds :

- if $\bar{p} < N$ so $W_0^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^r(\Omega)$ is compact for any $r \in [1, s]$,
- if $\bar{p} = N$ therefore $W_0^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^r(\Omega)$ is compact for any $r \in [1, +\infty[$,
- if $\bar{p} > N$ we have $W_0^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^\infty(\Omega) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega})$ is compact.

The proof of the above result (lemma 2.2) depends to the lemma 2.1.

Definition 2.3. For $k > 0$, we give the following truncation $T_k(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, that will be used latter

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

and we put

$$\mathcal{T}_0^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega) := \{\varpi : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable} / T_k(\varpi) \in W_0^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega) \text{ for any } k > 0\}.$$

Lemma 2.4. Let $\varpi \in \mathcal{T}_0^{1,\vec{p}}(\Omega)$, there exists one function $v_i : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ measurable with $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$, such that

$$\forall k > 0 \quad D^i T_k(\varpi) = v_i \cdot \chi_{\{|\varpi| < k\}} \quad \text{a.e. } x \in \Omega,$$

with χ_A be a characteristic function of a measurable set A . v_i define the weak partial derivatives of ϖ denoted by $D^i \varpi$. Therefore, if $\varpi \in W_0^{1,1}(\Omega)$, then ($v_i = D^i \varpi$.)

Lemma 2.5. [14] Let $(\varpi_n)_n \rightarrow \varpi \in L^1(\Omega)$ with

- (i): $\varpi_n \rightarrow \varpi$ a.e. in Ω ,
- (ii): $\varpi_n \geq 0$ and $\varpi \geq 0$ a.e. in Ω ,
- (iii): $\int_\Omega \varpi_n dx \rightarrow \int_\Omega \varpi dx$,

then $\varpi_n \rightarrow \varpi$ in $L^1(\Omega)$.

For the proof we use the seem methods developed in [9] in Sobolev spaces.

3. Essential assumptions

Let Ω be a bounded open subset of $\mathbb{R}^N$ ($N \geq 2$), and consider the vector $\vec{p} = (p_0, p_1, \dots, p_N)$ such that $1 < p_i < \infty$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$.

Taking ϖ as a measurable function on Ω with values in $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$, such that

$$\varpi^+ \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega).$$

let us consider the following convex $K_\varpi = \{v \in W_0^{1,p_i}(\Omega) \text{ such that } v \geq \varpi \text{ a.e. in } \Omega\}$

Now, we define the operator B acted from $W_0^{1,\vec{p}(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ into its dual $W^{-1,\vec{p}'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$, by

$$B\varpi = - \sum_{i=1}^N \partial^i b_i(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi),$$

with $b_i : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the assumptions listed bellow as follows

$$|b_i(x, s, \xi)| \leq \beta (R_i(x) + |s|^{p-1} + |\xi_i|^{p_i-1}) \text{ for any } i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (3.1)$$

$$b_i(x, s, \xi) \xi_i \geq \alpha |\xi_i|^{p_i} \text{ for any } i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (3.2)$$

for all $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N)$ and $\xi' = (\xi'_1, \dots, \xi'_N)$, we have

$$[b_i(x, s, \xi) - b_i(x, s, \xi')] (\xi_i - \xi'_i) > 0 \text{ for } \xi_i \neq \xi'_i, \quad (3.3)$$

for a.e. $x \in \Omega$, and all $(s, \xi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N$, where $R_i(x) > 0$ lying in $L^{p'_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ and $\alpha, \beta > 0$

By using the continuity of $b_i(x, s, \cdot)$ with respect to ξ , and thanks to (3.2) we may obtain

$$b_i(x, s, 0) = 0.$$

The nonlinear terms $\Phi(x, s, \xi)$ and $\Psi(x, s, \xi)$ are two Carathéodory such that

$$\Phi(x, s, \xi) s \geq 0, \quad (3.4)$$

$$|\Phi(x, s, \xi)| \leq b(|s|) \left(c(x) + \sum_{i=1}^N |\xi_i|^{p_i} \right), \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$|\Psi(x, s, \xi)| \leq f_0(x) + d(|s|) \sum_{i=1}^N |\xi_i|^{p_i}, \quad (3.6)$$

with $b(\cdot)$ and $d(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ are continuous positive function, such that $d(\cdot) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$, we assume also that $f_0(\cdot) \in L^1(\Omega)$ and $0 \leq c(\cdot) \in L^1(\Omega)$.

Let us consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} B\varpi + \Phi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) + \Psi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) = f - \operatorname{div} F & \text{in } \Omega \\ \varpi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (3.7)$$

where

$$f \in L^1(\Omega) \quad \text{and} \quad F \in \prod_{i=1}^N L^{p'_i}(\Omega). \quad (3.8)$$

Remark 3.1. It's important to see that the function $\Psi(x, \cdot, s, \xi)$ does not satisfy the assumption (3.5), since $b(\cdot)$ is assumed only to be continuous.

Remark 3.2. The hypothesis (3.1) is necessary to entails that $|b_i(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi)| \in L^{p'_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$. In the case of $B\varpi = -\sum_{i=1}^N D^i b_i(x, \nabla \varpi)$, the condition (3.1) will be seen as

$$|b_i(x, \xi)| \leq \beta \left(R_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^N |\xi_i|^{p_i-1} \right).$$

Lemma 3.3. Suppose that (3.1)-(3.3) holds, and let $(\varpi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in $W_0^{1, \vec{p}(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ such that $\varpi_n \rightharpoonup \varpi$ in $W_0^{1, \vec{p}(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} (|\varpi_n|^{p-2} \varpi_n - |\varpi|^{p-2} \varpi) (\varpi_n - \varpi) dx \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) - b_i(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi)) (D^i \varpi_n - D^i \varpi) dx \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

then $\varpi_n \rightarrow \varpi$ in $W_0^{1, \vec{p}(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ for a subsequence.

4. The Existence of an Entropy Solution

We first introduce the notion of entropy solutions as follows.

Definition 4.1. A function ϖ (measurable) is said entropy solution of the problem (3.7) if $T_k(\varpi) \in K_{\varpi}$ and satisfy

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) D^i T_k(\varpi - v) dx + \int_{\Omega} \Phi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) T_k(\varpi - v) dx \\ + \int_{\Omega} \Psi(x, \cdot, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) T_k(\varpi - v) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} f T_k(\varpi - v) dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} F_i D^i T_k(\varpi - v) dx, \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

for any $v \in K_{\varpi} \cap L^{\infty}(\Omega)$.

Our purpose is to establish the following theorem

Theorem 4.2. Assume that (3.1)-(3.6) and (3.8) holds, then the problem (3.7) admits one solution in the sense of the definition 4.1.

4.1. Proof of Theorem 4.2.

4.1.1. Step 1: Penalized approximate problem.

Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in $W^{-1, p'_i}(\Omega) \cap L^1(\Omega)$ such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ in $L^1(\Omega)$ and $|f_n| \leq |f|$ (for example $f_n = T_n(f)$). We consider the penalized approximation.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i(\varpi_n - v) dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n (\varpi_n - v) dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) (\varpi_n - v) dx + \int_{\Omega} \Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) (\varpi_n - v) dx \\
& \leq \int_{\Omega} f_n(\varpi_n - v) dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} F_i D^i(\varpi_n - v) dx,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

for any $v \in K_{\varpi}$, where

$$\Phi_n(x, s, \xi) = T_n(\Phi(x, s, \xi)),$$

and

$$\Psi_n(x, s, \xi) = T_n(\Psi(x, s, \xi)).$$

We can show, similarly as in [2], that the problem (4.2) admits at least a weak solution $\varpi_n \in W_0^{1, \vec{p}(x)}(\Omega)$.

4.1.2. *Step 2: A priori estimates.*

Suppose that $k \geq \max(1, \|\varpi^+\|_{\infty})$, we put $v = \varpi_n - \eta T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) \in W_0^{1, p_i}(\Omega) \cap L^{\infty}(\Omega)$, for η small enough we get $v \in K_{\Psi}$, therefore v is an admissible test function in (4.2), and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx + \int_{\Omega} \Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \\
& \leq \int_{\Omega} f_n T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} F_i D^i T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Using (3.4) and (3.6), we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \geq 0, \tag{4.4}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{\Omega} \Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \right| \leq k \int_{\Omega} |f_0(x)| dx \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} d(|\varpi_n|) |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} |T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+)| dx \\
& \leq k \int_{\Omega} |f_0(x)| dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

According to (4.3)–(4.5), we may have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \\
& \leq k \int_{\Omega} (|f(x)| + |f_0(x)|) dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} F_i D^i(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i \varpi^+ dx,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Since $k \geq \|\varpi^+\|_{\infty}$, then $T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+)$ have the same sign as ϖ_n on the set $\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| > k\}$, this implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx &= \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n (\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \\
&+ \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| > k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \\
&\geq \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0} dx - \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} |\varpi^+| dx
\end{aligned}$$

taking into account (3.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0} dx \\
& \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i \varpi_n dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_k(\varpi_n - \varpi^+) dx \\
& + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} |\varpi^+| dx \leq k \int_{\Omega} (|f(x)| + |f_0(x)|) dx \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n)| |D^i \varpi^+| dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} |\varpi^+| dx
\end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

By using Young's inequality we obtain

$$\int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} |\varpi^+| dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0} dx + C_1, \tag{4.8}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} F_i(D^i \varpi_n - D^i \varpi^+) dx = \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + C_4. \tag{4.9}$$

Furthermore, by taking into account of (3.1) and Young's inequality, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n)| |D^i \varpi^+| dx \\
& \leq \beta \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} R_i(x) |D^i \varpi^+| dx + \beta \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p-1} |D^i \varpi^+| dx \\
& + \beta \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i-1} |D^i \varpi^+| dx \\
& \leq C_2 + \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^p dx + \frac{\alpha}{4} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx \\
& + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{p-1}} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi^+|^p dx + C_3 \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi^+|^{p_i} dx
\end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

By combining (4.6)-(4.10), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\alpha}{4} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \frac{1}{2n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0} dx \\
& \leq kC + N\varepsilon \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{\frac{p}{d}} dx + C_4(\varepsilon)
\end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

Therefore, there exists a constant $C_5(k, \varepsilon)$ such that

$$\frac{\alpha}{4} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx \leq C_5(k, \varepsilon). \tag{4.12}$$

and since

$$\{x \in \Omega, |\varpi_n| \leq k\} \subset \{x \in \Omega, |\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k + \|\varpi^+\|_\infty\}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=0}^N \int_{\Omega} |D^i T_k(\varpi_n)|^{p_i} dx &= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \int_{\Omega} |T_k(\varpi_n)|^{p_0} dx \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n - \varpi^+| \leq k + \|\varpi^+\|_\infty\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + k^{p_0} |\Omega| \\
&\leq C_6(k, \|\varpi^+\|_\infty, \varepsilon)
\end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\|T_k(\varpi_n)\|_{1,p_i} \leq C_7(k, \|\varpi^+\|_\infty, \varepsilon),$$

where $C_7 > 0$ does not depend on n . Thus, the sequence $(T_k(\varpi_n))_n$ is bounded in $W_0^{1,p_i}(\Omega)$ uniformly in n , then there exists a subsequence still denoted $(T_k(\varpi_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and a function $v_k \in W_0^{1,p_i}(\Omega)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} T_k(\varpi_n) \rightharpoonup v_k & \text{weakly in } W_0^{1,p_i}(\Omega) \\ T_k(\varpi_n) \rightarrow v_k & \text{strongly in } L^p(\Omega) \text{ and a.e in } \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{4.13}$$

Now, using (4.11) and Poincaré inequality, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\nabla T_k(\varpi_n)\|_{\underline{p}}^p &= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} |D^i T_k(\varpi_n)|_{\underline{p}} dx \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} |D^i T_k(\varpi_n)|^{p_i} dx + N|\Omega| \\
&\leq \frac{4k}{\alpha} C + \frac{4N\varepsilon}{\alpha} \|T_k(\varpi_n)\|_{\underline{p}}^{\frac{p}{p}} + C_8(\varepsilon) \\
&\leq \frac{4k}{\alpha} C + C' \frac{4N\varepsilon}{\alpha} \|\nabla T_k(\varpi_n)\|_{\underline{p}}^p + C_8(\varepsilon).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we choose ε small enough ($C' \frac{4N\varepsilon}{\alpha} \leq \frac{1}{2}$), there exists a constant C_9 that does not depend on k and n , such that

$$\|\nabla T_k(\varpi_n)\|_{\underline{p}} \leq C_9 k^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{for } k \geq 1,$$

and we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
k \operatorname{meas} \{|\varpi_n| > k\} &= \int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\}} |T_k(\varpi_n)| dx \leq \int_{\Omega} |T_k(\varpi_n)| dx \\
&\leq \|1\|_{p'} \|T_k(\varpi_n)\|_{\underline{p}} \\
&\leq C \|\nabla T_k(\varpi_n)\|_{\underline{p}} \\
&\leq C_{10} k^{\frac{1}{p}},
\end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

which yields.

$$\operatorname{meas} \{|\varpi_n| > k\} \leq C_{13} \frac{1}{k^{1-\frac{1}{p}}} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \tag{4.15}$$

Now, we have for every $\delta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{meas} \{|\varpi_n - \varpi_m| > \delta\} &\leq \operatorname{meas} \{|\varpi_n| > k\} + \operatorname{meas} \{|\varpi_m| > k\} \\
&+ \operatorname{meas} \{|T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi_m)| > \delta\}
\end{aligned}$$

suppose that $\varepsilon > 0$, and thanks to (4.15) we can take $k = k(\varepsilon)$ large enough such that

$$\operatorname{meas} \{|\varpi_n| > k\} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{meas} \{|\varpi_m| > k\} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}. \tag{4.16}$$

On the other hand, by (4.13) we obtain

$$T_k(\varpi_n) \longrightarrow \eta_k \text{ in } L^p(\Omega) \text{ and a.e. in } \Omega.$$

Thus $(T_k(\varpi_n))_{n \in N}$ is a Cauchy sequence in measure, and for any $k > 0$ and $\delta, \varepsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 = n_0(k, \delta, \varepsilon)$ such that

$$\operatorname{meas} \{|T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi_m)| > \delta\} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{for all } m, n \geq n_0(k, \delta, \varepsilon). \tag{4.17}$$

According to (4.16) and (4.17), we deduce that : for all $\delta, \varepsilon > 0$, there exists $n_0 = n_0(\delta, \varepsilon)$

$$\text{meas} \{|\varpi_n - \varpi_m| > \delta\} \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for any } n, m \geq n_0.$$

Then $(\varpi_n)_n$ is a Cauchy sequence in measure, then converges almost everywhere, for a subsequence, to some measurable function ϖ . By using (4.13) one has

$$\begin{cases} T_k(\varpi_n) \rightharpoonup T_k(\varpi) & \text{in } W_0^{1,p_i}(\Omega) \\ T_k(\varpi_n) \rightarrow T_k(\varpi) & \text{in } L^2(\Omega) \text{ and a.e. in } \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (4.18)$$

4.1.3. Step 3: Convergence of the gradient.

Here, we denote by $\varepsilon_i(n), i = 1, 2, \dots$ various real-valued functions of real variables that converge to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. For $h > k > 0$, we define

$$\mathbb{M} := 4k + h \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_n := T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n) + T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi)).$$

Taking $v = \varpi_n - \eta\omega_n$, we have $v \geq \varpi$ for η small enough, thus v is an admissible test function in (4.2), and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i \omega_n dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n \omega_n dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) \omega_n dx + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) \omega_n dx \\ & \leq \int_{\Omega} f_n \omega_n dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} F_i D^i \omega_n dx. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear to remark that ω_n have the same sign as ϖ_n on the set $\{|\varpi_n| > k\}$ and $\omega_n = T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi)$ on the set $\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}$, also we have $D^i \omega_n = 0$ on $\{|\varpi_n| > \mathbb{M}\}$ then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq \mathbb{M}\}} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i \omega_n dx \\ & + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n (T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi)) dx + \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) \omega_n dx \\ & \leq \int_{\Omega} (|f_n(x)| + |f_0(x)|) |\omega_n| dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} d(|\varpi_n|) |D^i \varpi_n|^p |\omega_n| dx \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq M\}} F_i D^i \omega_n dx. \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

Furthermore, the first term on the left-hand side of (4.19) is giving by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq M\}} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i \omega_n dx \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) dx \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{k < |\varpi_n| \leq M\}} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i \omega_n dx \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) - b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi))) \\
&\quad \times (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) dx \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi)) (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) dx \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\}} b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) D^i T_k(\varpi) dx \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{k < |\varpi_n| \leq M\}} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i \omega_n dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.20}$$

For the second term on the right-hand side of (4.20), Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem entails that $T_k(\varpi_n) \rightarrow T_k(\varpi)$ in $L^{p_i}(\Omega)$, then

$$b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi)) \rightarrow b_i(x, T_k(\varpi), \nabla T_k(\varpi)) \quad \text{in } L^{p'_i}(\Omega),$$

and since $D^i T_k(\varpi_n) \rightharpoonup D^i T_k(\varpi)$ in $L^{p_i}(\Omega)$, we may get

$$\varepsilon_1(n) = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi)) (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) dx \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{4.21}$$

For the third term on the right-hand side of (4.20), by using (3.2) and the continuity of $b(x, s, \xi)$ with respect to ξ , we have $b(x, s, 0) = 0$, we can get

$$\int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\}} b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) D^i T_k(\varpi) dx = \int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\}} b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), 0) D^i T_k(\varpi) dx = 0. \tag{4.22}$$

For the last term on the right-hand side of (4.20), taking $z_n = \varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n) + T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\}} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i \omega_n dx \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\} \cap \{|z_n| \leq 2k\}} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i (\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n) + T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi)) dx \\ &\geq - \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\}} |b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n))| |D^i T_k(\varpi)| dx \end{aligned}$$

We have $(b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded in $L^{p'_i}(\Omega)$, then there exists $\vartheta_i \in L^{p'_i}(\Omega)$ such that $b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) \rightharpoonup \vartheta_i$ in $L^{p'_i}(\Omega)$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_2(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\}} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i T_k(\varpi) dx \\ &\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi| > k\}} \vartheta_i D^i T_k(\varpi) dx = 0, \end{aligned}$$

this implies that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| > k\}} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i \omega_n dx \geq \varepsilon_2(n). \quad (4.23)$$

According to (4.20)-(4.23), we may obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) - b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi))) (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) dx \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i \omega_n dx + \varepsilon_3(n). \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

For the second term on the left-hand side of (4.19), in view of (4.39) we have

$$\varepsilon_4(n) = \frac{1}{n} \left| \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n (T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi)) dx \right| \leq \frac{2k}{n} \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (4.25)$$

In view of (4.19) and (4.24)-(4.25), we may have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) - b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi))) (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) dx \\
& + \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} \Phi_n(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) \omega_n dx \\
& \leq \int_{\Omega} (|f_n(x)| + |f_0(x)|) |\omega_n| dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq M\}} \phi_{n,i}(T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) D^i \omega_n dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} F_i D^i \omega_n dx + \varepsilon_5(n).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.26}$$

We have $f_n \rightarrow f$ in $L^1(\Omega)$ and $\omega_n \rightarrow T_{2k}(\varpi - T_h(\varpi))$ weak-* in $L^\infty(\Omega)$, then

$$\int_{\Omega} (f_n + f_0) \omega_n dx = \int_{\Omega} (f + f_0) T_{2k}(\varpi - T_h(\varpi)) dx + \varepsilon_6(n). \tag{4.27}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} F_i D^i \omega_n dx = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi| \leq 2k+h\}} F_i D^i \varpi dx + \varepsilon_8(n). \tag{4.28}$$

In view of (3.5), it's clear that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} \Phi_n(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) \omega_n dx \right| \\
& \leq b_k \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} \left(c(x) + \sum_{i=1}^N |D^i T_k(\varpi_n)|^{p_i} \right) |\omega_n| dx \\
& \leq b_k \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} c(x) |\omega_n| dx \\
& + \frac{b_k}{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) - b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi))) \\
& \times (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) |\omega_n| dx \\
& + \frac{b_k}{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi)) \cdot (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) |\omega_n| dx \\
& + \frac{b_k}{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) \cdot D^i T_k(\varpi) |\omega_n| dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.29}$$

Since $T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi) \rightharpoonup 0$ weak- $\star$ in $L^\infty(\Omega)$, then

$$\int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} c(x) |\omega_n| dx = \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} c(x) |T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi)| dx \longrightarrow 0. \tag{4.30}$$

and thanks to (4.26)-(4.30), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{b_k}{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) - b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi))) \\
& \times (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) |\omega_n| dx \\
& \geq \left| \int_{\{|\varpi_n| \leq k\}} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) \omega_n dx \right| + \varepsilon_8(n) + \int_{\Omega} (f_n + f_0) T_{2k}(\varpi - T_h(\varpi)) dx \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi| \leq 2k+h\}} F_i D^i \varpi dx + \varepsilon_9(n).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.31}$$

For the first term on the right-hand side of (4.31), it's easy to remark that

$$\int_{\Omega} (f_n + f_0) T_{2k}(\varpi - T_h(\varpi)) dx \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad h \rightarrow \infty. \tag{4.32}$$

Finally, choosing $v = \varpi_n - \eta T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n))$ for η small enough, thus v is an admissible test function in (3.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} \Phi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx + \int_{\Omega} \Psi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx \\
& = \int_{\Omega} f_n T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} F_i D^i T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.33}$$

According to (3.2), (3.4), (3.6) and Young's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n| \leq 2k+h\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx \leq \int_{\Omega} (f_n + f_0) T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx \\
& + C_{15} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n| \leq 2k+h\}} |F_i|^{p'_i} dx
\end{aligned} \tag{4.34}$$

this entails that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi| \leq 2k+h\}} |D^i \varpi|^{p_i} dx \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n| \leq 2k+h\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx \\
& \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} (f_n + f_0) T_{2k}(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{15} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n| \leq 2k+h\}} |F_i|^{p'_i} dx \\
& = \int_{\Omega} (f_n + f_0) T_{2k}(\varpi - T_h(\varpi)) dx + C_{15} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi| \leq 2k+h\}} |F_i|^{p'_i} dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.35}$$

By letting $h \rightarrow \infty$ in (4.35), we may have

$$\limsup_{h \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{h < |\varpi| \leq 2k+h\}} |D^i \varpi|^{p_i} dx = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \int_{[h < |\varpi| \leq 2k+h]} |F_i| |D^i \varpi| dx = 0 \quad (4.36)$$

According to (4.32)-(4.32) and (4.36), by letting $h, n \rightarrow \infty$ in (4.31), we may obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) - b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi))) (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) dx \rightarrow 0,$$

and since $T_k(\varpi_n) \rightarrow T_k(\varpi)$ in $L^{p_0}(\Omega)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi_n)) - b_i(x, T_k(\varpi_n), \nabla T_k(\varpi))) (D^i T_k(\varpi_n) - D^i T_k(\varpi)) dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} (|T_k(\varpi_n)|^{p_0-2} T_k(\varpi_n) - |T_k(\varpi)|^{p_0-2} T_k(\varpi)) (T_k(\varpi_n) - T_k(\varpi)) dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad (4.37)$$

By using the idea of Lemma 3.3 and (4.8), we can obtain

$$\begin{cases} T_k(\varpi_n) \rightarrow T_k(\varpi) & \text{strongly in } W_0^{1, \vec{p}(\cdot)}(\Omega), \\ D^i \varpi_n \rightarrow D^i \varpi & \text{a.e. in } \Omega \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N. \end{cases} \quad (4.38)$$

4.1.4. Step 4: The equi-integrability.

i) The equi-integrability of $(\frac{1}{n} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n)_n$.

Here, we establish that

$$\frac{1}{n} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ strongly in } L^1(\Omega). \quad (4.39)$$

By using the approach of Vitali's Theorem, it suffices to prove that $(\frac{1}{n} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n)_n$ is uniformly equiintegrable. Indeed, taking $v = \varpi_n - \eta T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n))$ as a test in (4.2) for η small enough. Using (3.2), (3.4) and using the idea Young's inequality, we may get

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n| \leq h+1\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx \\ & \leq \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} |f_n| dx + \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} |f_0(x)| dx, \end{aligned}$$

this implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{h+1 \leq |\varpi_n|\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} dx &\leq \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) dx \\ &\leq \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} |f_n| dx + \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} |f_0(x)| dx, \end{aligned}$$

Let $\eta > 0$ be fixed, then there exists $h(\eta) \geq 1$ such that

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_{\{h(\eta) < |\varpi_n|\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} dx \leq \frac{\eta}{2}, \quad (4.40)$$

Now, for any measurable subset $E \subset \Omega$, we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_E |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} dx \leq \frac{1}{n} \int_E |T_{h(\eta)}(\varpi_n)|^{p_0-1} dx + \frac{1}{n} \int_{\{h(\eta) < |\varpi_n|\}} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} dx, \quad (4.41)$$

It's clear to remark that : there exists $\beta(\eta) > 0$ such that, for all $E \subseteq \Omega$ with $\text{meas}(E) \leq \beta(\eta)$, we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_E |T_{h(\eta)}(\varpi_n)|^{p_0-1} dx \leq \frac{\eta}{2}. \quad (4.42)$$

Consequently, according to (4.40), (4.41) and (4.42), we may have

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_E |\varpi_n|^{p_0-1} dx \leq \eta \text{ for all } E \text{ such that } \text{meas}(E) \leq \beta(\eta). \quad (4.43)$$

We conclude that $(\frac{1}{n} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n)_n$ is uniformly equi-integrable, and since

$$\frac{1}{n} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n \longrightarrow 0 \text{ a.e in } \Omega.$$

Consequently, the convergence (4.39) is deduced (Vitali's Theorem).

ii) The equi-integrability of $(\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n))_n$ and $(\Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n))_n$

Here, we shall show that

$$\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) \rightarrow \Phi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) \text{ and } \Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) \rightarrow \Psi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) \text{ in } L^1(\Omega). \quad (4.44)$$

By using Vitali's Theorem, it suffices to show that $(\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n))_n$ and $(\Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n))_n$ are uniformly equi-integrable. We set

$$\bar{D}(s) = \frac{2}{\alpha} \int_0^s d(|\tau|) d\tau.$$

By taking $T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)}$ as a test function in (4.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) D^i T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx \\
& + \frac{2}{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) D^i \varpi_n d(|\varpi_n|) |T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n))| e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx \\
& + \int_{\Omega} \Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx \\
& = \int_{\Omega} f_n T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

According to (3.2) and (3.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n| \leq h+1\}} b_i(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) D^i \varpi_n e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx \\
& + 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} d(|\varpi_n|) |T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n))| e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx \\
& + \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n)) e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx \tag{4.45} \\
& \leq \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} (|f_n| + |f_0|) e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i(x)} |T_1(\varpi_n - T_h(\varpi_n))| d(|\varpi_n|) e^{\bar{D}(|\varpi_n|)} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h+1 < |\varpi_n|\}} d(|\varpi_n|) |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \int_{\{h+1 < |\varpi_n|\}} |\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n)| dx \leq e^{\bar{D}(\infty)} \int_{\{h < |\varpi_n|\}} (|f| + |f_0|) dx.$$

Thus, for all $\eta > 0$, there exists $h(\eta) \geq 1$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h(\eta) < |\varpi_n|\}} d(|\varpi_n|) |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \int_{\{h(\eta) < |\varpi_n|\}} |\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n)| dx \leq \frac{\eta}{2}. \tag{4.46}$$

Now, we put

$$b_{h(\eta)} := \max\{b(s) : |s| \leq h(\eta)\} \quad \text{and} \quad d_{h(\eta)} := \max\{d(s) : |s| \leq h(\eta)\},$$

for any measurable subset $E \subseteq \Omega$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_E d(|\varpi_n|) |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \int_E |\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n)| dx \\
& \leq d_{h(\eta)} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_E |D^i T_{h(\eta)}(\varpi_n)|^{p_i} dx + b_{h(\eta)} \int_E \left(c(x) + \sum_{i=1}^N |D^i T_{h(\eta)}(\varpi_n)|^{p_i} \right) dx \\
& \quad + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\{h(\eta) < |\varpi_n|\}} d(|\varpi_n|) |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \int_{\{h(\eta) < |\varpi_n|\}} |\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n)| dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.47}$$

According to (4.38), there exists $\tau(\eta) > 0$ such that, for any $\text{meas}(E) \leq \tau(\eta)$ we have

$$d_{h(\eta)} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_E |D^i T_{h(\eta)}(\varpi_n)|^{p_i} dx + b_{h(\eta)} \int_E \left(c(x) + \sum_{i=1}^N |D^i T_{h(\eta)}(\varpi_n)|^{p_i} \right) dx \leq \frac{\eta}{2}. \tag{4.48}$$

Furthermore, according to (4.46), (4.47) and (4.48), we may get

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \int_E d(|\varpi_n|) |D^i \varpi_n|^{p_i} dx + \int_E |\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n)| dx \leq \eta \quad \text{for all} \quad \text{meas}(E) \leq \tau(\eta). \tag{4.49}$$

Thanks to (3.6), we deduce that $(\Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n))_n$ and $(\Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n))_n$ are uniformly equi-integrable, and since

$$\Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) \rightarrow \Psi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) \rightarrow \Phi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega.$$

By using the approach of Vitali's theorem, the convergence (4.44) was verified.

4.1.5. *Step 5: Passing to the limit.*

Let $v \in K_\varpi \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$, by taking $\varpi_n - \eta T_k(\varpi_n - v)$ as a test in (4.2), with η small enough, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^N \int_\Omega b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx + \int_\Omega \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \\
& + \frac{1}{n} \int_\Omega |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \leq \int_\Omega f_n T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx + \int_\Omega \Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \\
& \quad + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_\Omega F_i D^i T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.50}$$

Now, let $\mathbb{M} = k + \|v\|_\infty$ then $\{|\varpi_n - v| \leq k\} \subseteq \{|\varpi_n| \leq \mathbb{M}\}$, and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) (D^i T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n) - D^i v) \chi_{\{|\varpi_n - v| \leq k\}} dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n)) - b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla v)) (D^i T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n) - D^i v) \chi_{\{|\varpi_n - v| \leq k\}} dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla v) (D^i T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n) - D^i v) \chi_{\{|\varpi_n - v| \leq k\}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

It's clear that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla v) (D^i T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n) - D^i v) \chi_{\{|\varpi_n - v| \leq k\}} dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi), \nabla v) (D^i T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi) - D^i v) \chi_{\{|\varpi - v| \leq k\}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Fatou's Lemma implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_n(\varpi_n), \nabla \varpi_n) D^i T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \\ & \geq \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi)) - b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi), \nabla v)) (D^i T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi) - D^i v) \chi_{\{|\varpi - v| \leq k\}} dx \\ & \quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n), \nabla v) (D^i T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi_n) - D^i v) \chi_{\{|\varpi_n - v| \leq k\}} dx \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi), \nabla T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi)) (D^i T_{\mathbb{M}}(\varpi) - D^i v) \chi_{\{|\varpi - v| \leq k\}} dx \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) D^i T_k(\varpi - v) dx. \end{aligned} \tag{4.51}$$

Here, since $T_k(\varpi_n - v) \rightarrow T_k(\varpi - v)$ weak- $\star$ in $L^\infty(\Omega)$ and according to (4.39) we may obtain

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_{\Omega} |\varpi_n|^{p_0-2} \varpi_n T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \longrightarrow 0, \tag{4.52}$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \longrightarrow \int_{\Omega} \Phi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx, \tag{4.53}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \Psi_n(x, \varpi_n, \nabla \varpi_n) T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \longrightarrow \int_{\Omega} \Psi(x, \varpi, \nabla \varpi) T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx, \tag{4.54}$$

Now, as f_n tends to f in $L^1(\Omega)$ we get

$$\int_{\Omega} f_n T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \longrightarrow \int_{\Omega} f T_k(\varpi - v) dx. \quad (4.55)$$

since $T_k(\varpi_n - v) \rightharpoonup T_k(\varpi - v)$ in $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, then

$$\int_{\Omega} F_i D^i T_k(\varpi_n - v) dx \longrightarrow \int_{\Omega} F_i D^i T_k(\varpi - v) dx. \quad (4.56)$$

In view of (4.50)-(4.56), the proof of Theorem 4.2 is achieved.

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