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Abstract

This paper deals with the homogenization of the p-Laplacian reaction-diffusion problems in a domain containing periodically distributed holes of size ε , with a dynamical boundary condition of pure-reactive type. We generalize our previous results (see [2]) established in the case where the diffusion is modeled by the Laplacian operator, i.e., with p=2. We prove the convergence of the homogenization process to a nonlinear p-Laplacian reaction-diffusion equation defined on a unified domain without holes with zero Dirichlet boundary condition and with extra terms coming from the influence of the nonlinear dynamical boundary conditions.

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1 Introduction and setting of the problem

Homogenization problems in perforated media for the p-Laplacian operator have been considered in the literature over the last decades. The homogenization of the equation

$$-\operatorname{div}\left(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2}\nabla u_{\varepsilon}\right) = f\tag{1}$$

in a periodically perforated domain is considered by Labani and Picard in [19] with Dirichlet boundary conditions. Such a problem is a generalization of the linear problem for Laplace's equation, which corresponds to p=2, and was studied by Cioranescu and Murat in [8]. Donato and Moscariello in [13] study the homogenization of a class of nonlinear elliptic Neumann problems in perforated domains of \mathbb{R}^N . As a consequence of [13], we are able in particular to describe the homogenization of (1) with Neumann boundary conditions. This result is a generalization of earlier related works, for instance, Cioranescu and Donato [6] and Cioranescu and Saint Jean Paulin [9]. In [23] Shaposhnikova and Podol'skii study the homogenization of (1) in an ε -periodically perforated domain with a nonlinear boundary condition. In [11] Díaz et~al. consider (1) with a nonlinear perturbed Robintype boundary condition in an ε periodically perforated domain where the size of the particles is smaller than the period ε , and the asymptotic behavior of the solution is studied as $\varepsilon \to 0$. The closest articles to this one in the literature are [16, 17, 18], where Gómez et~al. consider the case 2 , and [12], where Díaz <math>et~al. study the case p > N. As far as we know, in the previous literature there is no study for the homogenization of p-Laplacian parabolic models associated with nonlinear dynamical boundary conditions in a periodically perforated domain, as we consider in this article.

In the context of reaction-diffusion equations, dynamical boundary conditions have been rigorously derived in Gal and Shomberg [14] based on first and second thermodynamical principles and their physical interpretation was also given in Goldstein [15]. In a recent article (see [2]) we addressed the problem of the homogenization of the reaction-diffusion equations with a dynamical boundary condition of pure-reactive type in a domain perforated with holes. More recently, in [3] we generalize this previous study to the case of a dynamical boundary condition of reactive-diffusive type, i.e., we add to the dynamical boundary condition a Laplace-Beltrami correction term.

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In the present article, we consider p-Laplacian parabolic problems with nonlinear dynamical boundary conditions of pure-reactive type occurring as generalizations of semilinear reaction-diffusion equations with dynamical boundary conditions. Let us introduce the model we will be involved with in this article.

The geometrical setting. Let Ω be a bounded connected open set in \mathbb{R}^N $(N \geq 2)$, with smooth enough boundary $\partial\Omega$. Let us introduce a set of periodically distributed holes. As a result, we obtain an open set Ω_{ε} , where ε represents a small parameter related to the characteristic size of the holes.

Let $Y = [0,1]^N$ be the representative cell in \mathbb{R}^N and F an open subset of Y with smooth enough boundary ∂F , such that $\bar{F} \subset Y$. We denote $Y^* = Y \setminus \bar{F}$. For $k \in \mathbb{Z}^N$ and $\varepsilon \in (0,1]$, each cell $Y_{k,\varepsilon} = \varepsilon k + \varepsilon Y$ is similar to the unit cell Y rescaled to size ε and $F_{k,\varepsilon} = \varepsilon k + \varepsilon F$ is similar to F rescaled to size ε . We denote $Y_{k,\varepsilon}^* = Y_{k,\varepsilon} \setminus \bar{F}_{k,\varepsilon}$. We denote by F_{ε} the set of all the holes contained in Ω , i.e. $F_{\varepsilon} = \bigcup_{k \in K} \{F_{k,\varepsilon} : \bar{F}_{k,\varepsilon} \subset \Omega\}$, where $K := \{k \in \mathbb{Z}^N : Y_{k,\varepsilon} \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset\}$.

Let $\Omega_{\varepsilon} = \Omega \setminus \bar{F}_{\varepsilon}$. By this construction, Ω_{ε} is a periodically perforated domain with holes of the same size as the period. Remark that the holes do not intersect the boundary $\partial\Omega$. Let $\partial F_{\varepsilon} = \bigcup_{k \in K} \{\partial F_{k,\varepsilon} : \bar{F}_{k,\varepsilon} \subset \Omega\}$. So

$$\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}=\partial\Omega\cup\partial F_{\varepsilon}.$$

Position of the problem. The prototype of the *p*-Laplacian parabolic initial-boundary value problems that we consider in this article is

$$\begin{cases}
\frac{\partial u_{\varepsilon}}{\partial t} - \Delta_{p} u_{\varepsilon} + \kappa |u_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} u_{\varepsilon} = -f(u_{\varepsilon}) & \text{in } \Omega_{\varepsilon} \times (0, T), \\
\partial_{\nu_{p}} u_{\varepsilon} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial u_{\varepsilon}}{\partial t} = -\varepsilon g(u_{\varepsilon}) & \text{on } \partial F_{\varepsilon} \times (0, T), \\
u_{\varepsilon} = 0, & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times (0, T), \\
u_{\varepsilon}(x, 0) = u_{\varepsilon}^{0}(x), & \text{for } x \in \Omega_{\varepsilon}, \\
u_{\varepsilon}(x, 0) = \psi_{\varepsilon}^{0}(x), & \text{for } x \in \partial F_{\varepsilon},
\end{cases}
\end{cases} \tag{2}$$

where $u_{\varepsilon} = u_{\varepsilon}(x,t), x \in \Omega_{\varepsilon}, t \in (0,T)$, with T > 0, and $\kappa > 0$ is a given constant. Here the diffusion is modeled by the p-Laplacian operator $\Delta_p u_{\varepsilon} := \operatorname{div} \left(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon} \right)$ with $p \in [2,N]$. Notice that p=2 corresponds to the linear diffusion operator. The "normal derivative" must be understood as $\partial_{\nu_p} u_{\varepsilon} = |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon} \cdot \nu$, where ν denotes the outward normal to ∂F_{ε} . The boundary equation $(2)_2$ is multiplied by ε to compensate the growth of the surface by shrinking ε , where the value of u_{ε} is assumed to be the trace of the function u_{ε} defined for $x \in \Omega_{\varepsilon}$. We also assume that the functions f and $g \in C(\mathbb{R})$ are given, and satisfy that there exist exponents q_1 and q_2 , such that

$$p \le q_1 < +\infty$$
, if $p = N$ and $2 \le q_1 \le \frac{Np}{N-p}$, if $p \in [2, N)$, (3)

$$2 \le q_2 < +\infty$$
, if $p = N$ and $2 \le q_2 \le \frac{(N-1)p}{N-p}$, if $p \in [2, N)$, (4)

and constants $\alpha_1 > 0$, $\alpha_2 > 0$, $\beta > 0$, and l > 0, such that

$$\alpha_1 |s|^{q_1} - \beta < f(s)s < \alpha_2 |s|^{q_1} + \beta, \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{5}$$

$$\alpha_1 |s|^{q_2} - \beta < q(s)s < \alpha_2 |s|^{q_2} + \beta, \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{6}$$

$$(f(s_1) - f(s_2))(s_1 - s_2) \ge -l(s_1 - s_2)^2$$
, for all $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, (7)

and

$$(g(s_1) - g(s_2))(s_1 - s_2) \ge -l(s_1 - s_2)^2$$
, for all $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}$. (8)

Finally, we also assume that

$$u_{\varepsilon}^{0} \in L^{2}(\Omega), \quad \psi_{\varepsilon}^{0} \in L^{2}(\partial F_{\varepsilon}),$$
 (9)

are given, and we suppose that

$$|u_{\varepsilon}^{0}|_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{2} + \varepsilon |\psi_{\varepsilon}^{0}|_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}^{2} \le C, \tag{10}$$

where C is a positive constant, and we denote by $|\cdot|_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$ and $|\cdot|_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}$ the norm in $L^{2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ and $L^{2}(\partial F_{\varepsilon})$, respectively.

In [2], we consider the homogenization of the problem (2) with p=2 and we obtain rigorously a nonlinear parabolic problem with zero Dirichlet boundary condition and with extra-terms coming from the influence of the dynamical boundary conditions as the homogenized model. We would like to highlight that analyzing a p-Laplacian problem involves additional (nontrivial) difficulties compared to the study for the Laplacian. Due to the presence of p-Laplacian operator in the domain, the variational formulation of the p-Laplacian reaction-diffusion equation is different that in [2]. We have to work in the space

$$V_p := \left\{ (v, \gamma_0(v)) : v \in W^{1,p}(\Omega_\varepsilon), \gamma_0(v) = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \right\},\tag{11}$$

where γ_0 denotes the trace operator $v \in W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \mapsto v|_{\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \in W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$. New $W^{1,p}$ -estimates are needed to deal with problem (2). To prove these estimates rigorously, we use the Galerkin approximations where we have to introduce a special basis consisting of functions in the space

$$\mathcal{V}_s := \left\{ (v, \gamma_0(v)) : v \in W^{s,2}(\Omega_\varepsilon), \gamma_0(v) = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \right\}, \quad s \ge \frac{N(p-2)}{2p} + 1,$$

in the sense of Lions [20, p. 161]. Therefore, thanks to the assumption made on s, we have $\mathcal{V}_s \subset V_p$. We use the so-called energy method introduced by Tartar [24] and considered by many authors (see, for instance, Cioranescu and Donato [6]). Finally, in order to identity the limit equation, it is necessary to use monotonicity arguments. We prove the following theorem:

Theorem 1.1 (Main Theorem). Under the assumptions (3), (5)–(8) and (10), assume that $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, the exponent q_2 satisfies that

$$p \le q_2 < +\infty \quad \text{if} \quad p = N \quad \text{and} \quad 2 \le q_2 \le \frac{(N-1)p}{N-p} \quad \text{if} \quad p \in [2, N),$$
 (12)

and $(u_{\varepsilon}^0, \psi_{\varepsilon}^0) \in V_p$. Let $(u_{\varepsilon}, \psi_{\varepsilon})$ be the unique solution of the problem (2), where $\psi_{\varepsilon}(t) = \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon}(t))$ a.e. $t \in (0, T]$. Then, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, we have

$$\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) \to u(t)$$
 strongly in $L^{p}(\Omega)$, $\forall t \in [0, T]$,

where $\tilde{\cdot}$ denotes the $W^{1,p}$ -extension to $\Omega \times (0,T)$ and u is the unique solution of the following problem

$$\begin{cases}
\left(\frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} + \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|}\right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} b\left(\nabla u\right) + \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} (\kappa |u|^{p-2}u + f(u)) + \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|} g(u) = 0, & in \quad \Omega \times (0, T), \\
u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & for \quad x \in \Omega, \\
u = 0, & on \quad \partial \Omega \times (0, T).
\end{cases} \tag{13}$$

For any $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^N$, if w(y) is the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases}
\int_{Y^{\star}} |\nabla_{y} w(y)|^{p-2} \nabla_{y} w(y) \cdot \nabla_{y} \varphi(y) dy = 0 & \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{H}_{per}(Y^{\star}), \\
w \in \zeta \cdot y + \mathbb{H}_{per}(Y^{\star}),
\end{cases} \tag{14}$$

then b is defined by

$$b(\zeta) = \frac{1}{|Y|} \int_{Y^*} |\nabla v|^{p-2} \nabla v dy, \tag{15}$$

where $\mathbb{H}_{per}(Y^*)$ is the space of functions from $W^{1,p}(Y^*)$ which has the same trace on the opposite faces of Y.

Remark 1.2. Note that in the case p = 2 (i.e., if the diffusion is modeled by the Laplacian operator), the homogenized equation (13) is exactly the equation obtained in [2].

Remark 1.3. In this setting, a typical nonlinearity in the applications is a odd degree polynomial, $\sum_{j=0}^{2k+1} c_j s^j$, where $c_{2k+1} > 0$.

The article is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce suitable functions spaces for our considerations. We recall here some well-know facts on the Sobolev spaces $W^{s,p}$. To prove the main result, in Section 3 we prove the existence and uniqueness of solution of (2), a priori estimates are established in Section 4 and some compactness results are proved in Section 5. Finally, the proof of Theorem 1.1 is established in Section 6.

2 Functional setting

Notation: We denote by $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$ (respectively, $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}$) the inner product in $L^2(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ (respectively, in $L^2(\partial F_{\varepsilon})$), and by $|\cdot|_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$ (respectively, $|\cdot|_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}$) the associated norm. We also denote by $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$ the inner product in $(L^2(\Omega_{\varepsilon}))^N$.

If $r \neq 2$, we will also denote by $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$ (respectively, $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}$) the duality product between $L^{r'}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ and $L^{r}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ (respectively, the duality product between $L^{r'}(\partial F_{\varepsilon})$ and $L^{r}(\partial F_{\varepsilon})$). We will denote by $|\cdot|_{r,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$ (respectively $|\cdot|_{r,\partial F_{\varepsilon}}$) the norm in $L^{r}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ (respectively in $L^{r}(\partial F_{\varepsilon})$).

We denote by $(\cdot,\cdot)_{\Omega}$ the inner product in $L^2(\Omega)$, and by $|\cdot|_{\Omega}$ the associated norm. If $r \neq 2$, we will also denote by $(\cdot,\cdot)_{\Omega}$ the duality product between $L^{r'}(\Omega)$ and $L^r(\Omega)$. We will denote by $|\cdot|_{r,\Omega}$ the norm in $L^r(\Omega)$.

The Sobolev spaces $W^{s,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$:

We recall here, for the reader's convenience, some well-know facts on the Sobolev spaces $W^{s,p}$. We refer to Adams and Fournier [1], Brezis [4, Chapter 9] and Nečas [21, Chapter 2] for more details and proofs.

For any positive integer s and $p \geq 1$, we define the Sobolev space $W^{s,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ to be the completion of $C^s(\overline{\Omega}_{\varepsilon})$, with respect to the norm

$$||v||_{s,p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}} = \left(\sum_{0 \le |\alpha| \le s} |D^{\alpha}v|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p}\right)^{1/p}.$$

Observe that $W^{s,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ is a Banach space.

By the Sobolev Imbedding Theorem (see [1, Chapter 4, p. 99]), we have the imbedding

$$W^{s,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset W^{1,r}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}),$$
 (16)

where $s \ge 1$ and $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{s-1}{N} \le \frac{1}{r} \le \frac{1}{p}$.

In particular, for $p \geq 1$, we define the Sobolev space $W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ to be the completion of $C^1(\overline{\Omega}_{\varepsilon})$, with respect to the norm

$$||v||_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}} := \left(|v|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^p + |\nabla v|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^p\right)^{1/p}.$$

We set $H^1(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) = W^{1,2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$.

By $||\cdot||_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon},T}$ we denote the norm in $L^p(0,T;W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}))$. By $|\cdot|_{r,\Omega_{\varepsilon},T}$ (respectively, $|\cdot|_{r,\partial F_{\varepsilon},T}$), we denote the norm in $L^r(0,T;L^r(\Omega_{\varepsilon}))$ (respectively, $L^r(0,T;L^r(\partial F_{\varepsilon}))$).

By $\|\cdot\|_{p,\Omega}$ we denote the norm in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, by $\|\cdot\|_{p,\Omega,T}$ we denote the norm in $L^p(0,T;W^{1,p}(\Omega))$ and we denote by $\|\cdot\|_{r,\Omega,T}$ the norm in $L^r(0,T;L^r(\Omega))$.

We define

$$p^* = \begin{cases} \frac{Np}{N-p} & \text{if } p < N, \\ +\infty & \text{if } p = N. \end{cases}$$

We have the continuous embedding

$$W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset \begin{cases} L^r(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) & \text{if} \quad p < N \quad \text{and} \quad r = p^{\star}, \\ L^r(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) & \text{if} \quad p = N \quad \text{and} \quad p \le r < p^{\star}. \end{cases}$$
(17)

By Rellich-Kondrachov Theorem (see [4, Chapter 9, Theorem 9.16]), we have the compact embedding

$$W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset \begin{cases} L^r(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) & \text{if} \quad p < N \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \le r < p^{\star}, \\ L^r(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) & \text{if} \quad p = N \quad \text{and} \quad p \le r < p^{\star}. \end{cases}$$
(18)

In particular, we have the compact embedding

$$W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset L^2(\Omega_{\varepsilon}), \quad \forall \, 2 \le p \le N.$$
 (19)

One can define a family of spaces intermediate between L^p and $W^{1,p}$. More precisely for $p \ge 1$ we define the fractional order Sobolev space

$$W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) := \left\{ v \in L^p(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}); \frac{|v(x) - v(y)|}{|x - y|^{1-\frac{1}{p} + \frac{N}{p}}} \in L^p(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon} \times \partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \right\},\,$$

equipped with the natural norm. We set $H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) = W^{\frac{1}{2},2}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$. These spaces play an important role in the theory of traces.

We denote by γ_0 the trace operator $v \mapsto v|_{\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$. The trace operator belongs to $\mathcal{L}(W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}), W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}))$, and we will use $||\gamma_0||$ to denote the norm of γ_0 in this space.

We will use $\|\cdot\|_{p,\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$ to denote the norm in $W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$, which is given by

$$\|\phi\|_{p,\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}} = \inf\{\|v\|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}} : \gamma_0(v) = \phi\}.$$

We define

$$p_b^{\star} = \begin{cases} \frac{(N-1)p}{N-p} & \text{if } p < N, \\ +\infty & \text{if } p = N. \end{cases}$$

We have the continuous embedding

$$W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset \begin{cases} L^{r}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) & \text{if} \quad p < N \quad \text{and} \quad r = p_{b}^{\star}, \\ L^{r}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) & \text{if} \quad p = N \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \le r < p_{b}^{\star}. \end{cases}$$
 (20)

By [21, Chaper 2, Theorem 6.2], we have the compact embedding

$$W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) := \gamma_0 \left(W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \right) \subset L^r(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \quad \text{if} \quad 1 \le r < p_b^{\star}. \tag{21}$$

In particular, we have the compact embedding

$$W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset L^{2}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \quad \forall \, 2 \le p \le N. \tag{22}$$

Some notations: Finally, for any positive integer s and $p \geq 1$, we denote by $W^{s,p}_{\partial\Omega}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ and $W^{s,p}_{\partial\Omega}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ the standard Sobolev spaces which are closed subspaces of $W^{s,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ and $W^{s,p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$, respectively, and the subscript $\partial\Omega$ means that, respectively, traces or functions in $\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}$, vanish on this part of the boundary of Ω_{ε} , i.e.

$$W_{\partial\Omega}^{s,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) = \{ v \in W^{s,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) : \gamma_0(v) = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \},$$

and

$$W^{s,p}_{\partial\Omega}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})=\{v\in W^{s,p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}):v=0\text{ on }\partial\Omega\}.$$

Let us notice that, in fact, we can consider an element of $W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial F_{\varepsilon})$ as an element of $W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}_{\partial\Omega}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$.

Analogously, for $r \geq 2$, we denote

$$L^r_{\partial\Omega}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) := \{ v \in L^r(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) : v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \}.$$

Let us notice that, in fact, we can consider the given ψ_{ε}^{0} as an element of $L_{\partial\Omega}^{2}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$.

Let us consider the space

$$H_r := L^r(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times L^r_{\partial\Omega}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}), \quad \forall r \geq 2,$$

with the natural inner product $((v, \phi), (w, \varphi))_{H_r} = (v, w)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon(\phi, \varphi)_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}$, which in particular induces the norm $|(\cdot, \cdot)|_{H_r}$ given by

$$|(v,\phi)|_{H_r}^r = |v|_{r,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^r + \varepsilon |\phi|_{r,\partial F_{\varepsilon}}^r, \quad (v,\phi) \in H_r.$$

For the sake of clarity, we shall omit to write explicitly the index r if r=2, so we denote by H the Hilbert space

$$H := L^2(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times L^2_{\partial\Omega}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}).$$

For each p > 1, we consider the space

$$V_p := \left\{ (v, \gamma_0(v)) : v \in W_{\partial\Omega}^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \right\}.$$

We note that V_p is a closed vector subspace of $W_{\partial\Omega}^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_{\partial\Omega}^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$, and we endow it with the norm $\|(\cdot,\cdot)\|_{V_p}$ given by

$$\|(v, \gamma_0(v))\|_{V_n}^p = \|v\|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^p + \|\gamma_0(v)\|_{p,\partial F_{\varepsilon}}^p, \quad (v, \gamma_0(v)) \in V_p.$$

Moreover, V_p is a reflexive and separable space.

Let p', q'_1 and q'_2 be the conjugate exponents of p, q_1 and q_2 , respectively. Taking into account the continuous embeddings (17) and (20), and the assumptions (3)-(4), we have the following useful continuous inclusions

$$V_p \subset W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset L^{q_1}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset L^2(\Omega_{\varepsilon}), \quad V_p \subset W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial \Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset L^{q_2}(\partial \Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset L^2(\partial \Omega_{\varepsilon}), \tag{23}$$

and

$$L^{2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset L^{q'_{1}}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset \left(W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})\right)' \subset V'_{p}, \tag{24}$$

where $(W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}))'$ and V'_p denote the dual of $W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ and V_p , respectively. Note that $(W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}))'$ is a subspace of $W^{-1,p'}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$, where $W^{-1,p'}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ denotes the dual of the Sobolev space $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) := \overline{\mathcal{D}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})}^{W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})}$.

Taking into account the compact embeddings (19) and (22), we have the compact embedding

$$V_p \subset H \quad \forall \, 2 \le p \le N. \tag{25}$$

Finally, for $s \geq 1$, we consider the space

$$\mathcal{V}_s := \left\{ (v, \gamma_0(v)) : v \in W_{\partial\Omega}^{s,2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \right\}.$$

We note that \mathcal{V}_s is a closed vector subspace of $W^{s,2}_{\partial\Omega}\left(\Omega_{\varepsilon}\right)\times W^{s-\frac{1}{2},2}_{\partial\Omega}\left(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}\right)$.

Observe that by (16), we have that $W^{s,2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset W^{1,2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ and by Rellich's Theorem (see [21, Chapter 1, Theorem 1.4]), we obtain the compact embedding

$$W^{1,2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \subset L^2(\Omega_{\varepsilon}),$$

and by [21, Chapter 1, Exercise 1.2], we have the compact embedding

$$W^{s-\frac{1}{2},2}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}):=\gamma_0\left(W^{s,2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})\right)\subset L^2(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}).$$

Thus, we can deduce the compact embedding

$$V_s \subset H.$$
 (26)

3 Existence and uniqueness of solution

Along this paper, we shall denote by C different constants which are independent of ε . We state in this section a result on the existence and uniqueness of solution of problem (2). It is easy to see from (5) and (6) that there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$|f(s)| \le C \left(1 + |s|^{q_1 - 1}\right), \quad |g(s)| \le C \left(1 + |s|^{q_2 - 1}\right), \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbb{R}.$$
 (27)

Definition 3.1. A weak solution of (2) is a pair of functions $(u_{\varepsilon}, \psi_{\varepsilon})$, satisfying

$$u_{\varepsilon} \in C([0,T]; L^{2}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})), \quad \psi_{\varepsilon} \in C([0,T]; L^{2}_{\partial\Omega}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})), \quad \text{for all } T > 0,$$
 (28)

$$u_{\varepsilon} \in L^p(0,T;W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})), \quad \text{for all } T > 0,$$
 (29)

$$\psi_{\varepsilon} \in L^{p}(0, T; W_{\partial\Omega}^{1-\frac{1}{p}, p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})), \quad \text{for all } T > 0,$$
(30)

$$\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon}(t)) = \psi_{\varepsilon}(t), \quad a.e. \ t \in (0, T],$$
(31)

$$\begin{cases}
\frac{d}{dt}(u_{\varepsilon}(t), v)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon \frac{d}{dt}(\psi_{\varepsilon}(t), \gamma_{0}(v))_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} + (|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{p-2}\nabla u_{\varepsilon}(t), \nabla v)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \kappa(|u_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{p-2}u_{\varepsilon}(t), v)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \\
+ (f(u_{\varepsilon}(t)), v)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon (g(\psi_{\varepsilon}(t)), \gamma_{0}(v))_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} = 0 \\
in \mathcal{D}'(0, T), \text{ for all } v \in W_{\partial \Omega}^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}),
\end{cases} (31)$$

$$u_{\varepsilon}(0) = u_{\varepsilon}^{0}, \quad and \quad \psi_{\varepsilon}(0) = \psi_{\varepsilon}^{0}.$$
 (33)

We have the following result.

Theorem 3.2. Under the assumptions (3)–(9), there exists a unique solution $(u_{\varepsilon}, \psi_{\varepsilon})$ of the problem (2). Moreover, this solution satisfies the energy equality

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(|(u_{\varepsilon}(t), \psi_{\varepsilon}(t))|_{H}^{2} \right) + |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}(t)|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p} + \kappa |u_{\varepsilon}(t)|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p}
+ (f(u_{\varepsilon}(t)), u_{\varepsilon}(t))_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon \left(g(\psi_{\varepsilon}(t)), \psi_{\varepsilon}(t) \right)_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} = 0, \quad a.e. \ t \in (0, T).$$
(34)

Proof. The proof of this result is standard. For the sake of completeness, we give a sketch of a proof.

First, we prove that V_p is densely embedded in H. In fact, if we consider $(w,\phi) \in H$ such that

$$(v, w)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon(\gamma_0(v), \phi)_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} = 0, \text{ for all } v \in W^{1,p}_{\partial \Omega}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}),$$

in particular, we have

$$(v,w)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}=0, \quad \text{for all } v\in W_0^{1,p}\left(\Omega_{\varepsilon}\right),$$

and therefore w = 0. Consequently,

$$(\gamma_0(v), \phi)_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} = 0, \text{ for all } v \in W^{1,p}_{\partial\Omega}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}),$$

and then, as $W_{\partial\Omega}^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}) = \gamma_0\left(W_{\partial\Omega}^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})\right)$ is dense in $L_{\partial\Omega}^2(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon})$, we have that $\phi = 0$.

Now, on the space V_p we define the nonlinear monotone operator $A_p:V_p\to V_p'$, given by

$$\langle A_p((v,\gamma_0(v))), (w,\gamma_0(w)) \rangle = (|\nabla v|^{p-2}\nabla v, \nabla w)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \kappa(|v|^{p-2}v, w)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}, \tag{35}$$

for all $v, w \in W_{\partial\Omega}^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$.

We observe that A_p is coercive. In fact, we have

$$\langle A_{p}((v,\gamma_{0}(v)),(v,\gamma_{0}(v)))\rangle \geq \min\{1,\kappa\} \|v\|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p}
= \frac{1}{1+\|\gamma_{0}\|^{p}} \min\{1,\kappa\} \|v\|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p} + \frac{\|\gamma_{0}\|^{p}}{1+\|\gamma_{0}\|^{p}} \min\{1,\kappa\} \|v\|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p}
\geq \frac{1}{1+\|\gamma_{0}\|^{p}} \min\{1,\kappa\} \|(v,\gamma_{0}(v))\|_{V_{p}}^{p},$$
(36)

for all $v \in W^{1,p}_{\partial\Omega}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$.

Let us denote

$$\begin{split} V_1 &= V_p, \quad V_2 = L^{q_1}\left(\Omega_\varepsilon\right) \times L^2_{\partial\Omega}\left(\partial\Omega_\varepsilon\right), \quad V_3 = L^2\left(\Omega_\varepsilon\right) \times L^{q_2}_{\partial\Omega}\left(\partial\Omega_\varepsilon\right), \\ A_1 &= A_p, \quad A_2\left(v,\phi\right) = (f(v),0), \quad A_3\left(v,\phi\right) = (0,\varepsilon\,g(\phi)). \end{split}$$

From (27) one deduces that $A_i: V_i \to V'_i$ for i = 2, 3.

With this notation, and denoting $V = \bigcap_{i=1}^{3} V_i$, $p_1 = p$, $p_2 = q_1$, $p_3 = q_2$, $\vec{u}_{\varepsilon} = (u_{\varepsilon}, \psi_{\varepsilon})$, one has that (28)–(33) is equivalent to

$$\vec{u}_{\varepsilon} \in C([0,T];H), \quad \vec{u}_{\varepsilon} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{3} L^{p_i}(0,T;V_i), \quad \text{for all } T > 0,$$
 (37)

$$(\vec{u}_{\varepsilon})'(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{3} A_i(\vec{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T; V'), \tag{38}$$

$$\vec{u}_{\varepsilon}(0) = (u_{\varepsilon}^0, \psi_{\varepsilon}^0). \tag{39}$$

Taking into account (23)-(24) and applying a slight modification of [20, Ch.2,Th.1.4], it is not difficult to see that problem (37)-(39) has a unique solution. Moreover, \vec{u}_{ε} satisfies the energy equality

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}|\vec{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|_{H}^{2}+\sum_{i=1}^{3}\langle A_{i}(\vec{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)),\vec{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)\rangle_{i}=0\quad\text{a.e. }t\in(0,T),$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_i$ denotes the duality product between V'_i and V_i . This last equality turns out to be just (34).

4 A priori estimates

In this section we obtain some energy estimates for the solution of (2). By (34) and taking into account (5)-(6), we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\left| (u_{\varepsilon}(t), \psi_{\varepsilon}(t)) \right|_{H}^{2} \right) + 2 \left| \nabla u_{\varepsilon}(t) \right|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p} + 2\kappa |u_{\varepsilon}(t)|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p} + 2\alpha_{1} |u_{\varepsilon}(t)|_{q_{1},\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{q_{1}}
+ 2\alpha_{1}\varepsilon |\psi_{\varepsilon}(t)|_{q_{2},\partial F_{\varepsilon}}^{q_{2}} \leq 2\beta \left(\left| \Omega_{\varepsilon} \right| + \varepsilon |\partial F_{\varepsilon}| \right),$$
(40)

where $|\Omega_{\varepsilon}|$ and $|\partial F_{\varepsilon}|$ denotes the measure of Ω_{ε} and ∂F_{ε} , respectively.

Observe that the number of holes is given by

$$N(\varepsilon) = \frac{|\Omega|}{(2\varepsilon)^N} (1 + o(1)),$$

then using the change of variable

$$y = \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \quad d\sigma(y) = \varepsilon^{-(N-1)} d\sigma(x),$$

we can deduce

$$|\partial F_{\varepsilon}| = N(\varepsilon)|\partial F_{k,\varepsilon}| = N(\varepsilon)\varepsilon^{N-1}|\partial F| \le \frac{C}{\varepsilon}.$$

And since $|\Omega_{\varepsilon}| \leq |\Omega|$, we have that

$$|\Omega_{\varepsilon}| + \varepsilon \, |\partial F_{\varepsilon}| \le C. \tag{41}$$

Let us denote

$$\mathcal{F}(s) := \int_0^s f(r)dr$$
 and $\mathcal{G}(s) := \int_0^s g(r)dr$.

Then, there exist positive constants $\widetilde{\alpha}_1$, $\widetilde{\alpha}_2$, and $\widetilde{\beta}$ such that

$$\widetilde{\alpha}_1 |s|^{q_1} - \widetilde{\beta} \le \mathcal{F}(s) \le \widetilde{\alpha}_2 |s|^{q_1} + \widetilde{\beta} \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R},$$
(42)

and

$$\widetilde{\alpha}_1 |s|^{q_2} - \widetilde{\beta} \le \mathcal{G}(s) \le \widetilde{\alpha}_2 |s|^{q_2} + \widetilde{\beta} \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}.$$
 (43)

Lemma 4.1. Assume the assumptions (3)–(8) and (10). Then, for any initial condition $(u_{\varepsilon}^0, \psi_{\varepsilon}^0) \in V_p$, there exists a constant C independent of ε , such that the solution $(u_{\varepsilon}, \psi_{\varepsilon})$ of the problem (2) satisfies

$$||u_{\varepsilon}||_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon},T} \le C, \quad \sup_{t \in [0,T]} ||u_{\varepsilon}(t)||_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \le C.$$
 (44)

Proof. Taking into account (41) in (40), we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\left|(u_{\varepsilon}(t),\psi_{\varepsilon}(t))\right|_{H}^{2}\right) + 2\left|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}(t)\right|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p} + 2\kappa\left|u_{\varepsilon}(t)\right|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{p} + 2\alpha_{1}\left|u_{\varepsilon}(t)\right|_{q_{1},\Omega_{\varepsilon}}^{q_{1}} + 2\alpha_{1}\varepsilon\left|\psi_{\varepsilon}(t)\right|_{q_{2},\partial F_{\varepsilon}}^{q_{2}} \leq C. \quad (45)$$

From (35)-(36), in particular, we can deduce

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\left|\left(u_{\varepsilon}(t), \psi_{\varepsilon}(t)\right)\right|_{H}^{2}\right) + \frac{2\min\{1, \kappa\}}{1 + \|\gamma_{0}\|^{p}} \left|\left|\left(u_{\varepsilon}(t), \gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon}(t))\right)\right|\right|_{V_{p}}^{p} \le C. \tag{46}$$

Integrating between 0 and t and taking into account (10), in particular, we have the first estimate in (44).

Now, if we want to take the inner product in the problem (2) with u'_{ε} , we need that $u'_{\varepsilon} \in L^{p}(0,T;W^{1,p}_{\partial\Omega}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})) \cap L^{q_1}(0,T;L^{q_1}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}))$ with $\gamma_0(u'_{\varepsilon}) \in L^{q_2}(0,T;L^{q_2}_{\partial\Omega}(\partial\Omega_{\varepsilon}))$. However, we do not have it for our weak solution. Therefore, we use the Galerkin method in order to prove, rigorously, new *a priori* estimates for u_{ε} .

At first, we introduce a special basis consisting of functions $(w_j, \gamma_0(w_j)) \in \mathcal{V}_s$ with $s \geq \frac{N(p-2)}{2p} + 1$ in the sense of [20, Chapter 2, Remark 1.6, p. 161]. Therefore, thanks to the assumption made on s, taking into account (16), we have $\mathcal{V}_s \subset V_p$. The scalar product in H generates on $\mathcal{V}_s \subset H$ the bilinear functional $((v, \gamma_0(v)), (w, \gamma_0(w)))_H$ which can be represented in the form $((v, \gamma_0(v)), (w, \gamma_0(w)))_H = \langle L((v, \gamma_0(v))), (w, \gamma_0(w)) \rangle_{\mathcal{V}_s}$, where L is a self-adjoint operator. The compact embedding (26) implies the compactness of the operator L. Hence, L has a complete system of eigenvectors $\{(w_j, \gamma_0(w_j)) : j \geq 1\}$. These vectors are orthonormal in H and orthogonal in \mathcal{V}_s . Observe that $span\{(w_j, \gamma_0(w_j)) : j \geq 1\}$ is dense in V_p .

Taking into account the above facts, we denote by

$$(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t),\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))) = (u_{\varepsilon,m}(t;0,u_\varepsilon^0,\psi_\varepsilon^0),\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t;0,u_\varepsilon^0,\psi_\varepsilon^0)))$$

the Galerkin approximation of the solution $(u_{\varepsilon}(t;0,u_{\varepsilon}^0,\psi_{\varepsilon}^0),\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon}(t;0,u_{\varepsilon}^0,\psi_{\varepsilon}^0)))$ to (2) for each integer $m\geq 1$, which is given by

$$(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t), \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))) = \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_{\varepsilon mj}(t)(w_j, \gamma_0(w_j)), \tag{47}$$

and is the solution of

$$\frac{d}{dt}((u_{\varepsilon,m}(t),\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))),(w_j,\gamma_0(w_j)))_H + \langle A_p((u_{\varepsilon,m}(t),\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)))),(w_j,\gamma_0(w_j))\rangle
+ (f(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)),w_j)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon(g(\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))),\gamma_0(w_j))_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} = 0, \quad j = 1,\ldots,m,$$
(48)

with initial data

$$(u_{\varepsilon,m}(0), \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(0))) = (u_{\varepsilon,m}^0, \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0)), \tag{49}$$

and

$$\delta_{\varepsilon mj}(t) = (u_{\varepsilon,m}(t), w_j)_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + (\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)), \gamma_0(w_j))_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}},$$

and $(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0,\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0)) \in span\{(w_j,\gamma_0(w_j)): j=1,\ldots,m\}$ converge (when $m\to\infty$) to $(u_{\varepsilon}^0,\psi_{\varepsilon}^0)$ in a suitable sense which will be specified below.

Let $(u_{\varepsilon}^0, \psi_{\varepsilon}^0) \in V_p$. For all $m \geq 1$, since $span\{(w_j, \gamma_0(w_j)) : j \geq 1\}$ is densely embedded in V_p , there exists $(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0, \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0)) \in span\{(w_j, \gamma_0(w_j)) : 1 \leq j \leq m\}$, such that the sequence $\{(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0, \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0))\}$ converges to $(u_{\varepsilon}^0, \psi_{\varepsilon}^0)$ in V_p . Then, in particular we know that there exists a constant C such that

$$||(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0, \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0))||_{V_p} \le C. \tag{50}$$

For each integer $m \ge 1$, we consider the sequence $\{(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t), \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)))\}$ defined by (47)-(49) with these initial data.

Multiplying by the derivative $\delta'_{\varepsilon mj}$ in (48), and summing from j=1 to m, we obtain

$$|(u'_{\varepsilon,m}(t), \gamma_0(u'_{\varepsilon,m}(t)))|_H^2 + \frac{1}{p} \frac{d}{dt} (\langle A_p((u_{\varepsilon,m}(t), \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)))), (u_{\varepsilon,m}(t), \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))) \rangle) + (f(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)), u'_{\varepsilon,m}(t))_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon(g(\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))), \gamma_0(u'_{\varepsilon,m}(t)))_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} = 0.$$

$$(51)$$

We observe that

$$(f(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)), u'_{\varepsilon,m}(t))_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \mathcal{F}(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)) dx,$$

and

$$(g(\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))),\gamma_0(u'_{\varepsilon,m}(t)))_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} \mathcal{G}(\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))) d\sigma(x).$$

Then, integrating (51) between 0 and t, and taking into account (36) and (41)-(43), we obtain

$$\begin{split} &\int_0^t |(u_{\varepsilon,m}'(s),\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}'(s)))|_H^2 ds + \frac{\min\{1,\kappa\}}{1+\|\gamma_0\|^p} \frac{1}{p} ||(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t),\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)))||_{V_p}^p \\ &+ \widetilde{\alpha}_1 \left(|u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)|_{q_1,\Omega_\varepsilon}^{q_1} + \varepsilon |\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t))|_{q_2,\partial F_\varepsilon}^{q_2} \right) \leq \frac{\max\{1,\kappa\}}{p} ||(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0,\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0))||_{V_p}^p \\ &+ \widetilde{\alpha}_2 \left(|u_{\varepsilon,m}^0|_{q_1\Omega_\varepsilon}^{q_1} + \varepsilon |\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}^0)|_{q_2,\partial F_\varepsilon}^{q_2} \right) + 2\widetilde{\beta}C, \end{split}$$

for all $t \in (0,T)$. In order to estimate the right hand side of the last inequality we use (23) together with (50) and $\varepsilon \ll 1$. In particular, we can deduce

$$\int_{0}^{t} |(u_{\varepsilon,m}'(s), \gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon,m}'(s)))|_{H}^{2} ds + \frac{\min\{1, \kappa\}}{1 + ||\gamma_{0}||^{p}} \frac{1}{p} ||(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t), \gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon,m}(t)))||_{V_{p}}^{p} \le C, \tag{52}$$

for all $t \in (0,T)$. We have proved that the sequence $\{(u_{\varepsilon,m},\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}))\}$ is bounded in $C([0,T];V_p)$, and $\{(u'_{\varepsilon,m},\gamma_0(u'_{\varepsilon,m}))\}$ is bounded in $L^2(0,T;H)$, for all T>0.

If we work with the truncated Galerkin equations (47)-(49) instead of the full PDE, we note that the calculations of the proof of (46) can be following identically to show that $\{(u_{\varepsilon,m}, \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}))\}$ is bounded in $L^p(0, T; V_p)$, for all T > 0.

Moreover, taking into account the uniqueness of solution to (2), using Aubin-Lions compactness lemma (e.g., cf. Lions [20]) and the fact that A_p is a monotone operator, it is not difficult to conclude that the sequence $\{(u_{\varepsilon,m},\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon,m}))\}$ converges weakly in $L^p(0,T;V_p)$ to the solution $(u_{\varepsilon},\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon}))$ to (2). Since the inclusion $V_p \subset H$ is compact (see (25)) and $(u_{\varepsilon},\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon})) \in C([0,T];H)$, it follows using [22, Lemma 11.2] that

$$\sup_{t \in [0,T]} \|(u_{\varepsilon}(t), \gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon}(t)))\|_{V_p} \le C,$$

and, in particular, the second estimate in (44) is proved.

The extension of u_{ε} to the whole $\Omega \times (0,T)$: since the solution u_{ε} of the problem (2) is defined only in $\Omega_{\varepsilon} \times (0,T)$, we need to extend it to the whole $\Omega \times (0,T)$ to be able to state the convergence result. In order to do that, we shall use the following well-known extension result given by Donato and Moscariello [13, Lemma 2.4]: Let $\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon} \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ be a $W^{1,p}$ -extension of u_{ε} , that satisfies the following condition

$$|\nabla \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}|_{p,\Omega} \le C|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|_{p,\Omega_{\varepsilon}}.$$
(53)

Using (53) and taking into account Lemma 4.1, we obtain some a priori estimates for the extension of u_{ε} to the whole $\Omega \times (0,T)$.

Corollary 4.2. Assume the assumptions in Lemma 4.1. Then, there exists a $W^{1,p}$ -extension \tilde{u}_{ε} of the solution u_{ε} of the problem (2) into $\Omega \times (0,T)$, such that

$$\|\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}\|_{p,\Omega,T} \le C, \quad \sup_{t \in [0,T]} \|\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)\|_{p,\Omega} \le C,$$
 (54)

where the constant C does not depend on ε .

Proof. Using Poincaré's inequality, (53) and the first estimate in (44), we obtain

$$\|\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}\|_{p,\Omega,T}^{p} = |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}|_{p,\Omega,T}^{p} + |\nabla \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}|_{p,\Omega,T}^{p} \le C|\nabla \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}|_{p,\Omega,T}^{p} \le C|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|_{p,\Omega,T}^{p} \le C,$$

and the first estimate in (54) is proved. Similarly, using Poincaré's inequality, (53) and the second estimate in (44), we have the second estimate in (54).

5 A compactness result

In this section, we obtain some compactness results about the behavior of the sequence \tilde{u}_{ε} satisfying the a priori estimates given in Corollary 4.2.

By $\chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}$ we denote the characteristic function of the domain Ω_{ε} . Due to the periodicity of the domain Ω_{ε} , from [7, Theorem 2.6] one has, for $\varepsilon \to 0$, that

$$\chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \stackrel{*}{\rightharpoonup} \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} \quad \text{weakly-star in } L^{\infty}(\Omega),$$
 (55)

where the limit is the proportion of the material in the cell Y.

Let $\xi_{\varepsilon} := |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}$ in $\Omega_{\varepsilon} \times (0,T)$ and let us denote by $\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon}$ its extension with zero to the whole of $\Omega \times (0,T)$, i.e.

$$\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} = \begin{cases} \xi_{\varepsilon} & \text{in } \Omega_{\varepsilon} \times (0, T), \\ 0 & \text{in } (\Omega \setminus \overline{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}) \times (0, T). \end{cases}$$
(56)

Proposition 5.1. Under the assumptions in Lemma 4.1, there exists a function $u \in L^p(0,T;W_0^{1,p}(\Omega))$ (u will be the unique solution of the limit system (13)) and a function $\xi \in L^{p'}(0,T;L^{p'}(\Omega))$ such that, at least after extraction of a subsequence, we have the following convergences for all T > 0,

$$\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) \rightharpoonup u(t)$$
 weakly in $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, $\forall t \in [0,T]$, (57)
 $\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) \rightarrow u(t)$ strongly in $L^p(\Omega)$, $\forall t \in [0,T]$, (58)

$$\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) \to u(t)$$
 strongly in $L^{p}(\Omega), \quad \forall t \in [0, T],$ (58)

$$|\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{p-2}\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) \to |u(t)|^{p-2}u(t) \quad strongly in \quad L^{p'}(\Omega), \quad \forall t \in [0, T],$$
 (59)

$$f(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \to f(u(t))^{p-2}u(t) \qquad strongly \ in \quad L^{p}(\Omega), \quad \forall t \in [0, T],$$

$$f(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \to f(u(t)) \qquad strongly \ in \quad L^{q'_{1}}(\Omega), \quad \forall t \in [0, T],$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_{\varepsilon} \to \mathcal{E} \qquad weakly \ in \quad L^{p'}(0, T; L^{p'}(\Omega))$$

$$(61)$$

$$\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} \rightharpoonup \xi$$
 weakly in $L^{p'}(0, T; L^{p'}(\Omega)),$ (61)

where $\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon}$ is given by (56).

Let q_2 be the exponent satisfying (12). Let $\bar{q} > 1$ given by

$$\bar{q} \in (1, p)$$
 if $p = N$, $\bar{q} = \frac{Np}{(N-p)(q_2 - 2) + N}$ if $p < N$.

Assume that $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$. Then, we have the following convergences for all T > 0,

$$q(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \to q(u(t))$$
 strongly in $L^{q}(\Omega)$, $\forall t \in [0, T]$, (62)

$$g(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \to g(u(t)) \qquad strongly \ in \quad L^{\bar{q}}(\Omega), \quad \forall t \in [0, T],$$

$$g(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \rightharpoonup g(u(t)) \qquad weakly \ in \quad W_0^{1,\bar{q}}(\Omega), \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

$$(62)$$

Proof. By the first estimate in (54), we observe that the sequence $\{\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}\}$ is bounded in the space $L^{p}(0,T;W_{0}^{1,p}(\Omega))$, for all T>0. Let us fix T>0. Then, there exists a subsequence $\{\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon'}\}\subset \{\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}\}$ and function $u\in L^{p}(0,T;W_{0}^{1,p}(\Omega))$ such that

$$\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon'} \rightharpoonup u \quad \text{weakly in } L^p(0, T; W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)).$$
 (64)

By the second estimate in (54), for each $t \in [0, T]$, we have that $\{\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)\}$ is bounded in $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, and since we have (64), we can deduce (57). The conclusions of the Rellich-Kondrachov Theorem are also valid substituting $W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ for $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, so using (18) and (57), we obtain

$$\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon'}(t) \to u(t)$$
 strongly in $L^r(\Omega)$, $\forall t \in [0, T]$, (65)

where $1 \le r < p^*$ if p < N and $p \le r < p^*$ if p = N. Observe that, in particular, we have (58).

On the other hand, observe that

$$||v|^{p-2}v| \le C(1+|v|^{p-1}),$$

then, applying [10, Theorem 2.4] for $G(x, v) = |v|^{p-2}v$, t = p' and r = p, we have that the map $v \in L^p(\Omega) \mapsto |v|^{p-2}v \in L^{p'}(\Omega)$ is continuous in the strong topologies. Then, taking into account (65) with r = p, we get (59).

Thanks to (27), applying [10, Theorem 2.4] for G(x,v) = f(v), $t = q'_1$ and $r = q_1$, we have that the map $v \in L^{q_1}(\Omega) \mapsto f(v) \in L^{q'_1}(\Omega)$ is continuous in the strong topologies. Then, taking into account (65) with $r = q_1$, we get (60).

From the first estimate in (44) and (56), we have $|\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon}|_{p',\Omega,T} \leq C$, and hence, up a sequence, there exists $\xi \in L^{p'}(0,T,L^{p'}(\Omega))$ such that we obtain (61).

By the arbitrariness of T > 0, all the convergences are satisfied, as we wanted to prove.

Now, we analyze the convergences for the nonlinear term g. We separate the cases p < N and p = N.

Case 1: p < N. Since

$$\frac{p^*}{\bar{q}} = \frac{(N-p)(q_2-2)+N}{N-p} = q_2-1+\frac{p}{N-p} > q_2-1,$$

there exists $r \in [2, p^*)$ such that $\frac{r}{\bar{q}} \geq q_2 - 1$ and

$$|g(s)| \le C \left(1 + |s|^{q_2 - 1}\right) \le C \left(1 + |s|^{\frac{r}{q}}\right).$$

Then, applying [10, Theorem 2.4] for G(x,v) = g(v), $t = \bar{q}$ and $r \in [2,p^*)$ such that $\frac{r}{\bar{q}} \geq q_2 - 1$, we have that the map $v \in L^r(\Omega) \mapsto g(v) \in L^{\bar{q}}(\Omega)$ is continuous in the strong topologies. Then, taking into account (65), we get (62).

Finally, we prove (63). Observe that as we are assuming that $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, it is easy to see from (6) that there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$|g'(s)| \le C \left(1 + |s|^{q_2 - 2}\right).$$

Then, we get

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_{i}} (\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \right|^{\bar{q}} dx \leq C \int_{\Omega} \left(1 + |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{(q_{2}-2)\bar{q}} \right) \left| \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)}{\partial x_{i}} \right|^{\bar{q}} dx$$

$$\leq C \left(1 + \left(\int_{\Omega} |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{(q_{2}-2)\bar{q}\gamma} dx \right)^{1/\gamma} \right) \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{\bar{q}\eta} dx \right)^{1/\eta},$$
(66)

where we took γ and η such that $\bar{q}\eta = p$, $1/\gamma + 1/\eta = 1$ and $(q_2 - 2)\bar{q}\gamma = p^*$. Note that from here we get

$$\bar{q} = \frac{Np}{(N-p)(q_2-2) + N}.$$

Observe that $\bar{q} > 1$. Indeed,

$$q_2 \le \frac{(N-1)p}{N-p} = \frac{N(p-1)}{N-p} + 1 < \frac{N(p-1)}{N-p} + 2 \Rightarrow (N-p)(q_2-2) + N < Np \Rightarrow \frac{Np}{(N-p)(q_2-2) + N} > 1.$$

Then, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} (\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \right|^{\bar{q}} dx \leq C \left(1 + |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}|_{p^{\star},\Omega}^{p^{\star}/\gamma} \right) |\nabla \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}|_{p,\Omega}^{p/\eta}.$$

The conclusions of (17) are also valid substituting $W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ for $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, so using (17) and the second estimate in (54), we get

$$|\nabla g(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t))|_{\bar{q},\Omega} \le C. \tag{67}$$

Then, from (62) and (67), we can deduce (63).

Case 2: p = N. We consider $s \in [\frac{p(q_2-1)}{p-1}, +\infty)$ and

$$\bar{q} = \frac{sp}{p(q_2 - 2) + s}.\tag{68}$$

Taking into account (12), we can deduce

$$\frac{s}{\bar{q}} = \frac{p(q_2 - 2) + s}{p} = q_2 - 1 + \frac{s - p}{p} \ge q_2 - 1,$$

and, we have

$$\left|g(s)\right| \leq C\left(1+\left|s\right|^{q_2-1}\right) \leq C\left(1+\left|s\right|^{\frac{s}{\overline{q}}}\right).$$

Then, applying [10, Theorem 2.4] for G(x, v) = g(v), $t = \bar{q}$ and r = s, we have that the map $v \in L^s(\Omega) \mapsto g(v) \in L^{\bar{q}}(\Omega)$ is continuous in the strong topologies. Thanks to (12), we can consider (65) with r = s, and we get (62).

Finally, we prove (63). In (66) we took γ and η such that $\bar{q}\eta = p$, $1/\gamma + 1/\eta = 1$ and $(q_2 - 2)\bar{q}\gamma = s$. Note that from here we get \bar{q} given by (68).

Observe that $\bar{q} \in (1, p)$. Indeed, taking into account that $\frac{1}{\bar{q}} = \frac{q_2 - 2}{s} + \frac{1}{p}$, we can deduce

$$\frac{p(q_2-1)}{p-1} \le s < +\infty \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{s} \le \frac{p-1}{p(q_2-1)} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p} < \frac{1}{\bar{q}} \le \frac{(q_2-2)(p-1)}{p(q_2-1)} + \frac{1}{p} \Rightarrow \frac{p(q_2-1)}{(q_2-2)(p-1) + (q_2-1)} \le \bar{q} < p,$$

and using that $\frac{p(q_2-1)}{(q_2-2)(p-1)+(q_2-1)} > 1$, we have that $\bar{q} \in (1,p)$.

Then, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} (\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \right|^{\bar{q}} dx \leq C \left(1 + |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}|_{s,\Omega}^{s/\gamma} \right) |\nabla \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}|_{p,\Omega}^{p/\eta}.$$

The conclusions of (17) are also valid substituting $W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$ for $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, so using (17) and the second estimate in (54), we get

$$|\nabla g(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t))|_{\bar{q},\Omega} \le C. \tag{69}$$

Then, from (62) and (69), we can deduce (63).

6 Homogenized model: proof of the main Theorem

In this section, we identify the homogenized model.

We multiply system (2) by a test function $v \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$, and integrating by parts, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\Omega} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) v dx \right) + \varepsilon \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} \gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon}(t)) v d\sigma(x) \right) + \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla v dx$$

$$+ \kappa \int_{\Omega} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{p-2} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) v dx + \int_{\Omega} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} f(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) v dx + \varepsilon \int_{\partial F} g(\gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon}(t))) v d\sigma(x) = 0,$$

in $\mathcal{D}'(0,T)$.

We consider $\varphi \in C_c^1([0,T])$ such that $\varphi(T) = 0$ and $\varphi(0) \neq 0$. Multiplying by φ and integrating between 0 and T, we have

$$-\varphi(0)\left(\int_{\Omega}\chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(0)vdx\right) - \int_{0}^{T}\frac{d}{dt}\varphi(t)\left(\int_{\Omega}\chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)vdx\right)dt$$

$$-\varepsilon\varphi(0)\left(\int_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}\gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon}(0))vd\sigma(x)\right) - \varepsilon\int_{0}^{T}\frac{d}{dt}\varphi(t)\left(\int_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}\gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon}(t))vd\sigma(x)\right)dt$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{T}\varphi(t)\int_{\Omega}\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla vdxdt + \kappa\int_{0}^{T}\varphi(t)\int_{\Omega}\chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}|\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{p-2}\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)vdxdt$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{T}\varphi(t)\int_{\Omega}\chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}f(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t))vdxdt + \varepsilon\int_{0}^{T}\varphi(t)\int_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}}g(\gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon}(t)))vd\sigma(x)dt = 0.$$

$$(70)$$

For the sake of clarity, we split the proof in five parts. Firstly, we pass to the limit, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, in (70) in order to get the limit equation satisfied by u. In the first step, we pass to the limit in the integrals on Ω , using Proposition 5.1 and (55), in the second step we pass to the limit in the integrals on the boundary of the holes, where we use a convergence result based on a technique introduced by Vanninathan [25], and in the third step we deduce the limit equation satisfied by u. In the fourth step we identify ξ making use of the solutions of the problems (14), and finally we prove that u is uniquely determined.

Step 1. Passing to the limit, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, in the integrals on Ω :

From (58)-(60) and (55), we have respectively, for $\varepsilon \to 0$,

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Omega} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) v dx &\to \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} \int_{\Omega} u(t) v dx, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega), \\ \int_{\Omega} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{p-2} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) v dx &\to \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} \int_{\Omega} |u(t)|^{p-2} u(t) v dx, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega), \end{split}$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} f(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) v dx \to \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} \int_{\Omega} f(u(t)) v dx, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega),$$

which integrating in time and using Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem, gives

$$\int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t) \left(\int_{\Omega} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) v dx \right) dt \to \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} \int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t) \left(\int_{\Omega} u(t) v dx \right) dt,$$

$$\kappa \int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_{\Omega} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{p-2} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) v dx dt \to \kappa \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} \int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_{\Omega} |u(t)|^{p-2} u(t) v dx dt,$$

and

$$\int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_\Omega \chi_{\Omega_\varepsilon} f(\tilde{u}_\varepsilon(t)) v dx dt \to \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} \int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_\Omega f(u(t)) v dx dt.$$

By (58) and (55), we have

$$\varphi(0)\left(\int_{\Omega}\chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(0)vdx\right)\to\varphi(0)\frac{|Y^{*}|}{|Y|}\int_{\Omega}u(0)vdx,\quad\forall v\in\mathcal{D}(\Omega).$$

On the other hand, using (61), we obtain, for $\varepsilon \to 0$

$$\int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_\Omega \tilde{\xi}_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla v dx dt \to \int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_\Omega \xi \cdot \nabla v dx dt.$$

Step 2. Passing to the limit, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, in the surface integrals on the boundary of the holes:

We make use of the technique introduced by Vanninathan [25] for the Steklov problem which transforms surface integrals into volume integrals. This technique was already used as a main tool to homogenize the non homogeneous Neumann problem for the elliptic case by Cioranescu and Donato [6].

By [6, Definition 3.2], let us introduce, for any $h \in L^{s'}(\partial F)$, $1 \leq s' \leq \infty$, the linear form μ_h^{ε} on $W_0^{1,s}(\Omega)$ defined by

$$\langle \mu_h^{\varepsilon}, \varphi \rangle = \varepsilon \int_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} h\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) \varphi(x) d\sigma(x), \quad \forall \varphi \in W_0^{1,s}(\Omega),$$

with 1/s + 1/s' = 1. It is proved in [6, Lemma 3.3] that

$$\mu_h^{\varepsilon} \to \mu_h \quad \text{strongly in } (W_0^{1,s}(\Omega))',$$
 (71)

where $\langle \mu_h, \varphi \rangle = \mu_h \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x) dx$, with

$$\mu_h = \frac{1}{|Y|} \int_{\partial F} h(y) d\sigma(y).$$

In the particular case in which $h \in L^{\infty}(\partial F)$ or even when h is constant, we have

$$\mu_h^{\varepsilon} \to \mu_h$$
 strongly in $W^{-1,\infty}(\Omega)$.

We denote by μ_1^{ε} the above introduced measure in the particular case in which h=1. Notice that in this case μ_h becomes $\mu_1 = |\partial F|/|Y|$.

Observe that from (57) and (71) with s = p, we can deduce, for $\varepsilon \to 0$,

$$\varepsilon \int_{\partial F_{-}} \gamma_{0}(u_{\varepsilon}(t))v d\sigma(x) = \langle \mu_{1}^{\varepsilon}, \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon|_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}}}(t)v \rangle \to \mu_{1} \int_{\Omega} u(t)v dx = \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|} \int_{\Omega} u(t)v dx,$$

for all $v \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$, which integrating in time and using Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem, gives

$$\varepsilon \int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t) \left(\int_{\partial F_\varepsilon} \gamma_0(u_\varepsilon(t)) v d\sigma(x) \right) dt \to \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|} \int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t) \left(\int_\Omega u(t) v dx \right) dt.$$

Moreover, from (57) and (71) with s = p, we can deduce, for $\varepsilon \to 0$,

$$\varepsilon \int_{\partial F} \gamma_0(u_\varepsilon(0))v d\sigma(x) = \langle \mu_1^\varepsilon, \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon|\Omega_\varepsilon}(0)v \rangle \to \mu_1 \int_{\Omega} u(0)v dx = \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|} \int_{\Omega} u(0)v dx,$$

for all $v \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$.

On the other hand, from (63) and (71) with $s = \bar{q}$, we conclude

$$\varepsilon \int_{\partial F_{\varepsilon}} g(\gamma_0(u_{\varepsilon}(t))) v d\sigma(x) = \langle \mu_1^{\varepsilon}, g(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) v \rangle \to \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|} \int_{\Omega} g(u(t)) v dx,$$

for all $v \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$, which integrating in time and using Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem, gives

$$\varepsilon \int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_{\partial F_\varepsilon} g(\gamma_0(u_\varepsilon(t))) v d\sigma(x) dt \to \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|} \int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_\Omega g(u(t)) v dx dt.$$

Step 3. Passing to the limit, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, in (70):

All the terms in (70) pass to the limit, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, and therefore taking into account the previous steps, we get

$$-\varphi(0)\left(\frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} + \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|}\right)\left(\int_{\Omega} u(0)vdx\right) - \left(\frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} + \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|}\right)\int_{0}^{T} \frac{d}{dt}\varphi(t)\left(\int_{\Omega} u(t)vdx\right)dt$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t)\int_{\Omega} \xi \cdot \nabla v dx dt + \kappa \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|}\int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t)\int_{\Omega} |u(t)|^{p-2}u(t)v dx dt$$

$$+ \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|}\int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t)\int_{\Omega} f(u(t))v dx dt + \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|}\int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t)\int_{\Omega} g(u(t))v dx dt = 0.$$

Hence, ξ verifies

$$\left(\frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} + \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|}\right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div}\xi + \frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|} \left(\kappa |u|^{p-2}u + f(u)\right) + \frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|} g(u) = 0, \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega \times (0, T). \tag{72}$$

Step 4. It remains now to identify ξ . For the sake of completeness, we give a sketch of a proof, following, for instance, the proof of [13, Theorem 3.1].

Let us consider $\forall \nu \in \mathbb{N}$ and for any i=1,..,N, a partition of \mathbb{R}^N by intervals $\{Q_{i\nu}\}_i$ of side $2^{-\nu}$. Since the holes F_{ε} do not intersect $\partial \Omega$, we can assume that $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, F_{ε} does not intersect $\partial Q_{i\nu}$. Let us denote by $x_{i\nu}$ and $\chi_{i\nu}$ respectively the center and the characteristic function of $Q_{i\nu}$. Then, we define $I_{\nu} = \{i : Q_{i\nu} \subset \Omega\}$, $\Omega_{\nu} = \bigcup_{i \in I_{\nu}} Q_{i\nu}$. For any i, let us denote

$$\langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} := \frac{1}{|Q_{i\nu}|} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \nabla u(x) dx.$$

By the continuity of b (see [13, Lemma 2.11]), we have, if $\nu \to +\infty$, that

$$\sum_{i \in I_{i}} \chi_{i\nu}(x) b\left(\langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu}\right) \to b\left(\nabla u(x)\right) \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega, \tag{73}$$

where b is given by (15).

Moreover, from [13, Lemma 2.10], we have for any measurable set $E \subset \Omega$ that

$$\int_{E} \left| \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \chi_{i\nu}(x) b\left(\langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \right) \right|^{p'} dx \le C \int_{E} \left(1 + \left| \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \chi_{i\nu}(x) b\left(\langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \right) \right|^{p} \right) dx.$$

So, from the equi-absolute continuity of the integral on the left-hand side and from (73), we deduce that

$$\sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \chi_{i\nu}(x) b\left(\langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu}\right) \to b\left(\nabla u(x)\right) \quad \text{in } L^{p'}(\Omega), \quad \text{as } \nu \to +\infty.$$
 (74)

Let $w_{i\nu} \in \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \cdot y + \mathbb{H}_{per}(Y^*)$ the solution of the problem (14) corresponding to $\langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu}$. Then

$$v_{i\nu} = (w_{i\nu} - \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \cdot y) \in \mathbb{H}_{per}(Y^*),$$

and so, by [13, Lemma 2.3], we can consider $\tilde{v}_{i\nu} \in \mathbb{H}_{per}(Y)$, where $\tilde{\cdot}$ denotes the $W^{1,p}$ -extension to Y. If we extend $\tilde{v}_{i\nu}$, by periodicity, the resulting function (still denoted by $\tilde{v}_{i\nu}$) is in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$.

Let us define

$$\Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}(x) = \varepsilon \tilde{v}_{i\nu} \left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) - \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \cdot x, \tag{75}$$

and for $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^N$

$$\tilde{a}_p(\zeta) = \begin{cases} |\zeta|^{p-2} \zeta & \text{for } y \in Y^*, \\ 0 & \text{for } y \in \bar{F}. \end{cases}$$

Arguing as in the proof of [13, Lemma 2.13], we obtain

$$\Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} \rightharpoonup \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \cdot x \quad \text{weakly in} \quad W^{1,p}(\Omega),$$
 (76)

$$\widetilde{a}_p(\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) \rightharpoonup b\left(\langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu}\right) \quad \text{weakly in} \quad L^{p'}(\Omega),$$
(77)

and

$$\operatorname{div} \widetilde{a}_p(\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) = 0. \tag{78}$$

By Rellich-Kondrachov Theorem and (76), we can deduce

$$\Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} \to \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \cdot x \quad \text{strongly in} \quad L^p(\Omega).$$
 (79)

Using the periodicity of $\tilde{v}_{i\nu}$ and [13, Lemma 2.3], we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} |\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}|^p dx & \leq & \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} 2^{-\nu N} \varepsilon^N \left(1/\varepsilon + 2^{\nu} \right)^N \int_{Y} |\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}(y)|^p dy \\ & \leq & C \sum_{i \in I} 2^{-\nu N} \left(1 + \varepsilon^N 2^{\nu N} \right) \left(\int_{Y^*} |\nabla w_{i\nu}|^p dy + \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \right)^p. \end{split}$$

Then, due to the structure properties of b (see [13, Lemma 2.10]), writing the last term as an integral over Ω_{ν} , we have

$$\sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} |\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}|^{p} dx \le C \left(1 + \varepsilon^{N} 2^{\nu N} \right) \int_{\Omega} \left(1 + |\nabla u| \right)^{p} dx. \tag{80}$$

Let now $\eta \in C^1_0(Q_{i\nu}), \ 0 \le \eta \le 1$, and extend it by periodicity to the whole \mathbb{R}^N . We consider $\varphi \in C^1_c([0,T])$ such that $\varphi(T) = 0$ and $\varphi(0) \ne 0$. If $\psi \in C^0(\bar{\Omega})$, set $M_{\psi} = \sup_{\Omega} |\psi|$ and $M_{\varphi} = \sup_{[0,T]} |\varphi|$, we have

$$\left| \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} \psi \eta dx dt - \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \widetilde{a}_{p} (\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) \psi \eta dx dt \right|$$
(81)

$$\leq CM_{\psi}M_{\varphi}|\Omega \setminus \Omega_{\nu}|^{1/p} + \left| \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu} \cap \Omega_{\varepsilon}} \left(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon} - |\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} \nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} \right) \psi \eta dx dt \right|$$

$$\leq CM_{\psi}M_{\varphi}|\Omega\setminus\Omega_{\nu}|^{1/p} + \int_{0}^{T}\varphi(t)\sum_{i\in I}\int_{Q_{i\nu}\cap\Omega_{\varepsilon}}M_{\psi}\eta\left(\left(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}| + |\nabla\Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}|\right)^{p-2}\cdot|\nabla u_{\varepsilon} - \nabla\Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}|\right)dxdt$$

$$\leq CM_{\psi}M_{\varphi}|\Omega \setminus \Omega_{\nu}|^{1/p} + CM_{\psi}^{p/(p-1)}\delta^{p/(p-1)}\left(1 + \varepsilon^{N} 2^{\nu N}\right) + \delta^{-p} \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu} \cap \Omega_{\varepsilon}} \eta |\nabla u_{\varepsilon} - \nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}|^{p} dx dt,$$

where the last inequality is obtained by applying Young inequality with $\delta > 0$ and the first estimate in (44), the first estimate in (54) and (80).

On the other hand, from monotonicity, we can deduce

$$\int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu} \cap \Omega_{\varepsilon}} \eta |\nabla u_{\varepsilon} - \nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}|^{p} dx dt \leq \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \eta \left(\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} - \tilde{a}_{p} (\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) \right) \cdot (\nabla \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon} - \nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) dx dt \\
= \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \eta \left(\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} - \tilde{a}_{p} (\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) \right) \cdot \nabla \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx dt \\
+ \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \eta \left(\tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} - \tilde{a}_{p} (\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) \right) \cdot (\nabla u - \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu}) dx dt, \tag{82}$$

where $\rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} := \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon} - \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} - u + \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu} \cdot x$. Taking into account (58) and (79), we have

$$\rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} \to 0 \quad \text{strongly in} \quad L^{p}(\Omega).$$
(83)

Now, we multiply system (2) by the test function $\eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}$ and integrating by parts, we get

$$\begin{split} \int_0^T \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \eta \tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx dt &= -\sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \varphi(0) \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(0) \eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx \\ &- \int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) \eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx dt - \varphi(0) \langle \mu_1^{\varepsilon}, \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon|\Omega_{\varepsilon}}(0) \eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} \rangle - \int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t) \langle \mu_1^{\varepsilon}, \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon|\Omega_{\varepsilon}}(t) \eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} \rangle dt \\ &- \int_0^T \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla \eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx dt - \kappa \int_0^T \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)|^{p-2} \tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t) \eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx dt \\ &- \int_0^T \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \chi_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} f(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx dt - \int_0^T \varphi(t) \langle \mu_1^{\varepsilon}, g(\tilde{u}_{\varepsilon}(t)) \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} \rangle dt. \end{split}$$

We pass to the limit, as $\varepsilon \to 0$. Taking into account (83), we reason as in the first two steps and we can deduce

$$\int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \eta \tilde{\xi}_{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx dt \to 0.$$
 (84)

On the other hand, integrating by parts, taking into account (77)-(78) and (83), as $\varepsilon \to 0$, by Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem, we obtain

$$\int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \widetilde{a}_{p}(\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) \cdot \nabla \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} \eta dx dt = \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{\nu}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \widetilde{a}_{p}(\nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}) \cdot \nabla \eta \rho_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon} dx dt \to 0.$$
 (85)

Then, passing to the limit, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, in (82), by (61), (77), (84)-(85), we obtain

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{u}} \int_{Q_{i\nu} \cap \Omega_{\varepsilon}} \eta |\nabla u_{\varepsilon} - \nabla \Psi_{i\nu}^{\varepsilon}|^{p} dx dt \leq \int_{0}^{T} \varphi(t) \sum_{i \in I_{u}} \int_{Q_{i\nu}} \eta \left(\xi - b \left(\langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu}\right)\right) \left(\nabla u - \langle \nabla u \rangle_{i\nu}\right) dx dt. \quad (86)$$

If we first pass to the limit in (81), as $\varepsilon \to 0$, then $\eta \to 1$, $\nu \to +\infty$, by (61), (74), (77) and (86) we get

$$\left| \int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_\Omega \xi \psi dx dt - \int_0^T \varphi(t) \int_\Omega b\left(\nabla u\right) \psi dx dt \right| \leq C M_\psi^{p/(p-1)} \delta^{p/(p-1)}.$$

So, letting $\delta \to 0$, from the arbitrariety of φ and ψ , we deduce

$$\xi = b(\nabla u)$$
 a.e. in $\Omega \times (0, T)$. (87)

Step 5. Finally, thanks to (72) and (87), we observe that u satisfies the first equation in (13). A weak solution of (13) is any function u, satisfying

$$u \in C([0,T]; L^2(\Omega)), \text{ for all } T > 0,$$

$$u \in L^{p}(0, T; W_{0}^{1,p}(\Omega)), \text{ for all } T > 0,$$

$$\left(\frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|}+\frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|}\right)\frac{d}{dt}(u(t),v)+\left(b\left(\nabla u(t)\right),\nabla v\right)+\frac{|Y^*|}{|Y|}\kappa(|u(t)|^{p-2}u(t)+f(u(t)),v)+\frac{|\partial F|}{|Y|}(g(u(t)),v)=0,\quad\text{in }\mathcal{D}'(0,T),$$

for all $v \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, and

$$u(0) = u_0.$$

Due to the structure properties of b (see [13, Lemmas 2.10-2.11-2.13]), applying a slight modification of [20, Chapter 2, Theorem 1.4], we obtain that the problem (13) has a unique solution, and therefore Theorem 1.1 is proved.

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