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# Homogenization of a Nonlinear Fibre-Reinforced Structure with Contact Conditions on the Interface Matrix-Fibres

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Abstract: We study the homogenization of a nonlinear problem posed in a fibre-reinforced composite with matrix-fibres interfacial condition depending on a parameter  $\lambda = \lambda(\varepsilon)$ ,  $\varepsilon$  being the size of the basic cell. Using Γ-convergence methods, three homogenized problems are determined according to the limit of the ratio $\gamma = \frac{\lambda(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon}$ . The main result is that the effective constitutive relations reveal non-local terms associated with the microscopic interactions between the matrix and the fibers.

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# 1. Introduction

The nonlinear differential equation:

$$(-div(|\nabla u|) = f, p > 1), \tag{1}$$

together with appropriate boundary conditions, describes a variety of physical phenomena. This equation appears in some nonlinear diffusion problems [3] as well as in the nonlinear filtration theory of gases and liquids in cracked porous media (see for instance [6]). This equation also occurs in plasticity problems involving a power-hardening stress-strain law given by

$$e_i j(u) = \lambda |\sigma(u)|^{q-2} \sigma_{ij}(u); \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3,$$

linking the stress tensor  $\sigma$  to the strain tensor  $e(u) = (e_{ij}(u))_{i,j=1,2,3}$ , with

$$e_{ij}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right),$$

through the Northon-Hoff law, where q > 1 is the power-harderning parameter and  $\lambda$  is a non-dimensional positive constant. For a two-dimensional deformation plasticity under longitudinal shear, if u(x,y) represents the component of displacement in the z direction, then the anti-plane stress component  $\sigma_{13}$  and  $\sigma_{23}$  are defined as:

$$\sigma_{13}(u) = \left|\nabla u\right|^{p-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x},$$

$$\sigma_{13}(u) = |\nabla u|^{p-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

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and equation (1) represents the equilibrium of a material under external loads of density f. The main purpose of this work is to study of the homogenization of a composite material lying in a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , which is built with a plastic matrix in contact with plastic circular fibres. We consider a scalar version of a plasticity model obeying a Northon-Hoff's law. Let  $\omega a$  bounded open of  $IR^2$  with lipschitzian continuous boundary  $\partial \omega$ .

$$\Omega = \omega \times [0, L[, \omega_0 = \omega \times \{0\}, \omega_L = \omega \times \{L\}, \Gamma = \omega_0 \times \omega_L]$$

The unit cell  $Y = ]-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}[^2, 0 < R < \frac{1}{2}, D(0,R)$  the disc of radius R centred at the origin,  $T = D(0,R) \times ]0, L[, S = \partial D(0,R) \times ]0, L[, Y^\# = Y \setminus \bar{D} \text{ et}\Sigma = \partial S \times ]0, L[.$ 

We define the following sets:

 $Y_{\varepsilon}^{k}=(k_{1}\varepsilon,\ k_{2}\varepsilon)+]-\frac{\varepsilon}{2},-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}[\times]-\frac{\varepsilon}{2},\frac{\varepsilon}{2}[,\ \varepsilon>0\ \text{and}\ (k_{1},k_{2})\in\mathbb{Z}^{2},\ D_{\varepsilon}^{k}=D(k\varepsilon,\varepsilon R),\ \text{the disc of radius}\ \varepsilon R\ \text{centred at}\ k\varepsilon=(k_{1}\varepsilon,k_{2}\varepsilon).$ 

$$T_\varepsilon^k = D_\varepsilon^k \times ]0, L[, Y_\varepsilon^{\#k} = Y_\varepsilon^k \backslash \overline{D_\varepsilon^k}, \sum_\varepsilon^k = \partial D_\varepsilon^k \times ]0, L[.$$

Let us define:  $D_{\varepsilon} = \bigcup_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} D_{\varepsilon}^{k}$  where  $I_{\varepsilon} = \{k \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}; \overline{D}_{\varepsilon}^{k} \subset \omega\}.$ 

$$Y_{\varepsilon} = \bigcup_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} Y_{\varepsilon}^{k},$$

$$T_{\varepsilon} = \bigcup_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} T_{\varepsilon}^{k},$$

$$Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#} = \bigcup_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#k},$$

$$\Sigma_{\varepsilon} = \bigcup_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \Sigma_{\varepsilon}^{k}$$

The fibres do not touch the lateral side of  $\Omega$ , since  $\bar{T}_{\varepsilon} \cap (\partial \Omega \setminus \Gamma) = \emptyset$ . Let  $\Omega_{\varepsilon} = \Omega \setminus \overline{T}_{\varepsilon}$  and  $f \in C_0(\Omega)$ . We consider the following problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
-(div(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2}\nabla u_{\varepsilon}) = f/\Omega_{\varepsilon} & \text{in } \Omega_{\varepsilon} & (1) \\
-(div(|\nabla v_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2}\nabla v_{\varepsilon}) = f/T_{\varepsilon} & \text{in } T_{\varepsilon} & (2) \\
(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) = (g, g) & \text{on } \partial T_{\varepsilon} \cap \Gamma & (3) \\
|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u_{\varepsilon}}{\partial n} = \lambda |u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} (u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon}) & \text{on } \Sigma_{\varepsilon} & (4) \\
|\nabla v_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} \frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial n} = \lambda |u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon}|^{p-2} (v_{\varepsilon} - u_{\varepsilon}) & \text{on } \Sigma_{\varepsilon} & (5)
\end{pmatrix}$$

where  $p \in ]1, +\infty[$ , g is a lipchitzian continuous function and  $\lambda > 0$  is a parameter who will tend towards 0 or  $+\infty$ .

Contact conditions (4) and (5) between the matrix and fibres on the interface  $\Sigma_{\varepsilon}$  mean that the stresses depend on the gap of the displacements on  $\Sigma_{\varepsilon}$ . Contact model, in which the difference between displacements across a linear elastic interface is linearly related to components of tractions, has been formulated in [16]. A analogous model has been used in [2] to describe a contact on interfacial zones between fibres and matrix material. A similar model has been obtained from thermodynamic considerations in [14] and [15], where the proportional coefficient, between the adhesive forces and the gap between the materials, is of the form  $k\beta^2$ , k > 0 being the interface stiffness and  $\beta$  the bonding field which measures the active microscopic bounds with maximal value 1 corresponding to the perfect active bounds.

Our interest in this paper is with the study of the homogenization of the problem  $(P_{\varepsilon}^{\lambda})$  when the periodic  $\varepsilon$  tends to 0 using  $\Gamma$ -convergence methods (see for example [4, 10], according to the limit of the report  $\gamma = \frac{\lambda(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\lambda \to 0$  or  $+\infty$ .

The homogenization of materials reinforced with fibres have been recently considered by several authors among which [7, 8, 11, 12, 22]. For p=2, the case of a network of tubes for two related mediums was studied by H.Samadi and M.Mabrouk (see [21]) and also in references [19, 20] using the energy method of Tartar [23] with  $\lambda = \varepsilon^r, r > 0$ . The same problem has been also addressed by Auriault and Ene in references [5], where they exhibit, using the method of matched asymptotic expansion, five models corresponding to  $\lambda = \varepsilon^p$ , with p=-1,0,1,2,3.

Let us define:

$$W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) = \{ u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}); u = g \text{ on } \partial \Omega_{\varepsilon} \cap \Gamma \},$$
  
$$W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon}) = \{ u \in W^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon}); u = g \text{ on } \partial T_{\varepsilon} \cap \Gamma \}$$

**Definition 1.1.** We say that a sequence  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})_{\varepsilon}, (u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon}), \tau-converges to (u, v)$  if

(i) 
$$u_{\varepsilon} \to u$$
 in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ -weak

(ii) 
$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi v_{\varepsilon} d\mu_{\varepsilon} \to \int_{\Omega} \varphi v dx \ \forall \ \varphi \in C_0(\Omega)$$

The main result obtained in this work is described as follows.

Let 
$$\gamma = \lim_{\xi \to 0} \frac{\lambda}{\xi} \in [0, +\infty]$$
. Then

(1) if  $\gamma \in (0, +\infty)$ , then the solution  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})$  of  $(P_{\varepsilon}^{\lambda})\tau$ -converge to  $(u, v) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega) \times L^p(\omega, W_g^{1,p}(0, L))$ , where (u, v) is the solution of the following problem

$$\begin{cases}
-div(\partial j_p^{hom}(\nabla u)) + 2\pi R\gamma |u - v|^{p-2}(u - v) = |Y^\#|f & \text{in } \Omega \\
-\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \left( \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3} \right|^{p-2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3} \right) + \frac{2\gamma}{R} |u - v|^{p-2}(v - u) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\
u = v = g & \text{on } \Gamma \\
\partial j_p^{hom}(\nabla u) \cdot n = 0 & \text{on } \partial \omega \times ]0, L[$$

- (2) if  $\gamma = 0$ , there is no relationship between u and v,
- (3) if  $\gamma = +\infty$  we obtain that u = v on  $\Omega$ ,

# 2. Estimates and Compactness Results

We define the functional  $F_{\varepsilon}^{g}$  through:

$$F_{\varepsilon}^{g}(u,v) = \begin{cases} \int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla u|^{p} du + \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v|^{p} dv + \lambda \int_{\Sigma_{\varepsilon}} |u - v|^{p} dv & \text{if } (u,v) \in W_{g}^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_{g}^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon}) \\ +\infty & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The problem  $(P_{\varepsilon}^{\lambda})$  is equivalent to the following minimization problem:

$$(m_{\varepsilon}^{\lambda}) \min \left\{ F_{\varepsilon}^{g}(u,v) - \int_{\Omega} \chi(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) fu \, dx - \int_{\Omega} fv \chi_{T_{\varepsilon}} dx; (u,v) \in W_{g}^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_{g}^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon}) \right\},$$

where  $\chi_E$  is the characteristic function of the set E.

**Proposition 2.1.** There exists a unique solution  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$  of problem  $(m_{\varepsilon}^{\lambda})$ , such that

- (1)  $\sup_{\varepsilon} \|u_{\varepsilon}\|_{W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})} < +\infty$
- (2)  $\sup_{\varepsilon} \|v_{\varepsilon}\|_{W^{1,p}(\Gamma_{\varepsilon})} < +\infty$
- (3)  $\sup_{\varepsilon} \lambda \int_{\Sigma_{\varepsilon}} |u_{\varepsilon} v_{\varepsilon}|^p d\sigma_{\varepsilon} < +\infty$

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $\nu_{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2\pi R} \left( \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon \delta_{\Sigma_{\varepsilon}^{k}} \right)$ , where  $\delta_{\Sigma_{\varepsilon}^{k}}$  is the Dirac measure of  $\Sigma_{\varepsilon}^{k}$ , then (3) becomes:

(4)  $2\pi R \sup_{\varepsilon} \frac{\lambda}{\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega} |u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon}|^p d\nu_{\varepsilon} < +\infty.$ 

Proof. Let  $\tilde{g}$  be a lipschitzian continuous extension of g to the whole  $\Omega$  (Lemma of MacShane [13]). Then,  $\forall$   $(u,v) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_\varepsilon) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_\varepsilon)$ ,  $(u-\tilde{g},v-\tilde{g}) \in W_\Gamma^{1,p}(\Omega_\varepsilon) \times W_\Gamma^{1,p}(T_\varepsilon)$ , where  $W_\Gamma^{1,p} = \{u \in W^{1,p}/u = 0 \text{ in } \Gamma\}$ .

Using Poincaré's inequality there exists a positive constant  $c_{p,L}$  depending only of p and L such that

$$c_{p,L} \int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |u - \tilde{g}|^p dx \le \int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla (u - \tilde{g})|^p dx.$$

Let c be some positive constant with  $c < c_{p,L}$ , then by [4] Lemma 2.7, there exists  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 \ge 0$  depending only of c,  $c_{p,L}$  and  $\|\tilde{g}\|_{W^{1,p}(\Omega)}$ , such that:

$$\int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla u|^p dx - c \int_{\Omega_{\varepsilon}} |u|^p dx \ge c_1 ||u||^p_{W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})} - c_2.$$

We similarly obtain

$$\int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v|^p dx - c \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |v|^p dx \ge c_1 ||v||^p_{W^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})} - c_2$$

One deduces that there exists C > 0 independent on  $\varepsilon$  such that (with  $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$ ):

$$F_{\varepsilon}^{g}(u,v) - \int_{\Omega} \chi(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) fu \ dx - \int_{\Omega} \chi(T_{\varepsilon}) fv \ dx$$

$$\geq C \left( \|u\|_{W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})} + \|v\|_{W^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})} \right) \left( \|u\|_{W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})} + \|v\|_{W^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})} - \|f\|_{L^{q}(\Omega)} \right) - 2c_{2},$$

which implies the coerciveness of  $F_{\varepsilon}^{g}(u,v) - L_{\varepsilon}(u,v)$ , where  $L_{\varepsilon}(u,v) = \int_{\Omega} (\chi(\Omega_{\varepsilon})u - \chi(T_{\varepsilon})v)fdx$ .

As  $F_{\varepsilon}^g$ -  $L_{\varepsilon}$  is strictly convex and  $\not\equiv +\infty$  there exists a unique solution  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$  to problem  $(m_{\varepsilon}^{\lambda})$ . On the other hand,

$$F_{\varepsilon}^{g}(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) - L_{\varepsilon}(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \leq F_{\varepsilon}^{g}(\tilde{g}, \tilde{g}) - L_{\varepsilon}(\tilde{g}, \tilde{g}) \leq \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \tilde{g}|^{p} dx + ||f||_{L^{p}(\Omega)} ||\tilde{g}||_{L^{q}(\Omega)} < +\infty,$$

from which we deduce, using the continuity of  $L_{\varepsilon}$ , that  $\sup_{\epsilon} F_{\epsilon}^{g}(u_{\epsilon}, v_{\epsilon}) < +\infty$ ,  $\sup_{\epsilon} \|u_{\varepsilon}\|_{W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})} < +\infty$  and  $\sup_{\epsilon} \|v_{\varepsilon}\|_{W^{1,p}(\Gamma_{\varepsilon})} < +\infty$ .

Now, as  $\Omega_{\varepsilon}$  is convex, using [21] Theorem 2.1, we have that there exists a extension operator  $IP_E$  from  $W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon})$  into  $W_g^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , such that  $IP_E u_E = u_E$  in  $\Omega_{\varepsilon}$  and  $||IP_E u_{\varepsilon}||_{W^{1,p}(\Omega)} \leq C$ .

In what follows, we omit the symbol  $IP_E$ . Let us define the measure  $\mu_{\varepsilon}$  by  $\mu_{\varepsilon} = \frac{|\Omega|}{|T_{\varepsilon}|} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \delta_{T_{\varepsilon}^k}$ , where  $\delta_{T_{\varepsilon}^k}$  is the Dirac measure supported by  $T_{\varepsilon}^k$ . One can easily see that  $\mu_{\varepsilon} \to 1_{\Omega} dx$  weakly in sense of measure, and as  $\sup_{\varepsilon} \|v_{\varepsilon}\|_{W^{1,p}(\Gamma_{\varepsilon})} < +\infty$  we get, using Holder's inequality:

$$\int_{\Omega} |v_{\varepsilon}| d\mu_{\varepsilon} = \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |v_{\varepsilon}| dx \leq C \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |v_{\varepsilon}|^{P} dx \leq C \ \forall \ \varepsilon > 0,$$

where C is a generic positive constant.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $(v_{\varepsilon})_{\varepsilon} \in W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$  such that :  $\sup_{\varepsilon} \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}|^p dx < +\infty$  and  $\int_{\Omega} \phi v_{\varepsilon} d\mu_{\varepsilon} \to \int_{\Omega} \varphi v dx \ \forall \ \varphi \in C_0(\Omega)$ . Then  $v, \partial_3 v \in L^p(\Omega)$ , and v = g on  $\Gamma$ .

*Proof.* We use here Lemma  $A_3$  of [1]. Let us notice that by Hölder's inequality we have:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial v_{\epsilon}}{\partial x_{3}} \right| d\mu_{\epsilon} \leq \left( \mu_{\epsilon}(\Omega) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial v_{\epsilon}}{\partial x_{3}} \right|^{p} d\mu_{\epsilon} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Since  $\mu_{\varepsilon}(\Omega) = \frac{|\Omega|}{|T_{\varepsilon}|} |T_{\varepsilon}| = |\Omega|$ , we have  $\int_{\Omega} |\frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_3}| d\mu_{\varepsilon} \leq |\Omega| ||\frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_3}||_{L^p(\Omega)} < +\infty$ .

The sequence  $(\frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_3}\mu_{\varepsilon})$  is thus uniformly bounded in variations, hence \*-weakly relatively compact. Thus, possibly passing to a subsequence, we can assume that, up to some subsequence,  $\frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_3}\mu_{\varepsilon} \to w\mathbb{L}_{\Omega}dx$  weakly in the sense of measure. Let  $\varphi \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ . Then with  $x' = (x_1, x_2)$ , we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi \frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_{3}} d\mu_{\varepsilon} = -\int_{\Omega} v_{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_{3}} d\mu_{\varepsilon} + \frac{|w|}{R\pi^{2}} \int_{D_{\varepsilon}} \left\{ \varphi(x', L) v_{\varepsilon}(x', L) - \varphi(x', 0) v_{\varepsilon}(x', 0) \right\} dx'. \tag{*}$$

Let us take now  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$  in (\*). Then

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi w dx = \int_{\Omega} v \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_3} dx.$$

Thus  $w = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}$  in the sense of distribution. By Fenchel's inequality we have, for every  $\varphi \in C_0(\Omega)$ ,

$$\lim\inf_{\varepsilon\to 0}\left\{\int_{\Omega}\frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_{3}}\varphi d\mu_{\varepsilon}-\frac{1}{q}\int_{\Omega}\left|\varphi\right|^{q}d\mu_{\varepsilon}\right\}\leq \lim\inf_{\varepsilon\to 0}\frac{1}{p}\int_{\Omega}\left|\frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_{3}}\right|^{p}d\mu_{\varepsilon}<+\infty,$$

From which we deduce that  $\sup \left\{ \int_{\Omega} w \varphi dx; \|\varphi\|_{L^{q}(\Omega)} \leq 1 \right\} < +\infty$ . Thus, according to Riesz representation Theorem,  $w \in L^{p}(\Omega)$ . Repeating the same argument, we prove that

$$v_i \in L^p(\Omega), i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Let  $\varphi$  such that  $\varphi(x) = \theta(x')\psi(x_3)$ , where  $\psi \in C^1([0, L])$ ;  $\psi(0) = 1$ ,  $\psi(L) = 0$ , and  $\theta \in C_0^{\infty}(G_0)$  with  $G_0 = \{x' \in \omega; (x', 0) \in \omega_0\}$ . As  $v_{\varepsilon}(x', 0) = g(x', 0)$  in  $G_0$ , one has, passing to the limit in (\*)

$$\int_{\Omega}\varphi\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}dx+\int_{\Omega}v\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x_3}dx=\lim_{\varepsilon\to0}\frac{|w|}{R\pi^2}\int_{D_{\varepsilon}}-(\theta(x')v_{\varepsilon}(x',0)dx'=-\int_{\omega}-(\theta(x')g(x',0)dx'.$$

On the other hand thanks of the first assertion of Lemma 2.3, we have, using Green's formula,  $\int_{\Omega} \varphi \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3} dx = -\int_{\Omega} v \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_3} dx - \int_{\omega} (\theta(x')v(x',0)dx') = \int_{\omega} (\theta(x')v(x',0)dx') = \int_{\omega} (\theta(x')v(x',0)dx') dx' = \int_{\omega} (\theta(x',0)v(x',0)dx' dx' =$ 

$$G_L = \{x' \in \omega \; ; \; (x', L) \in \omega_L\}$$

we get  $v = g p.p \omega_L$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$ . Then  $\sup_{\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega} |u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon}|^p d\nu_{\varepsilon} < +\infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(Y^{\#} \times ]0, L[)$  such that  $u(\cdot, x_3)$  is Y-periodic. Let  $v \in W^{1,p}(T); v(\cdot, x_3)Y$ -periodic. By the trace Theorem

$$\int_{\Sigma} |u|^p ds \leq C \left\{ \int_0^L \int_Y |u|^p dy + \int_0^L \int_Y |\nabla u|^p dy \right\}$$

Introducing the change of variables  $x' = \varepsilon y'$ ,  $x_3 = y_3$  et  $s_3 = \varepsilon s$ , we get

$$\int_{\Sigma_{\varepsilon}^{\underline{\mu}}} |u|^{p} ds_{\varepsilon} \leq C \left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{0}^{L} \int_{Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#k}} |u|^{p} dx + \varepsilon^{p-1} \int_{0}^{L} \int_{Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#k}} \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_{1}} \right|^{p} + \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_{2}} \right|^{p} \right\} dx + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{0}^{L} \int_{Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#k}} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_{3}} \right|^{p} dx \right\}.$$

Then summing over  $k \in I_{\varepsilon}$ , we obtain that:  $\int_{\Sigma_{\varepsilon}} |u|^p ds_{\varepsilon} \leq \frac{C}{\varepsilon} ||u||^p_{W^{1,p}(\Omega)}$  and, in the same way,  $\int_{\Sigma_{\varepsilon}} |v|^p ds_{\varepsilon} \leq \frac{C'}{\varepsilon} ||v||^p_{W^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})}$ . Multiplying these inequalities by  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2\pi R}$  we get,  $\int_{\Omega} |v_{\varepsilon}|^p dv_{\varepsilon} \leq C' ||v||^p_{W^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})}$ , and  $\int_{\Omega} |u|^p dv_{\varepsilon} \leq C ||v||^p_{W^{1,p}(\Omega)}$ . Thus, using a convexity argument, we obtain that:  $\int_{\Omega} |u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon}|^p dv_{\varepsilon} < +\infty$ .

# 3. Convergence

We suppose here that  $\gamma = \lim \frac{\lambda}{\varepsilon} \in (0, +\infty)$ . We define the functional  $F^g$  on  $W_g^{1,p}(\Omega) \times L^p(\Omega)$  by

$$F^{g}(u,v) = \begin{cases} \int_{\Omega} j_{p}^{hom}(\nabla u(x))dx + \frac{|T|}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} |\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{3}}|^{p}dx + 2\pi R\gamma \int_{\Omega} |u-v|^{p}dx & \text{if } (u,v) \in W_{g}^{1,p}(\Omega) \times L^{p}(\omega,W_{g}^{1,p}(0,L)) \\ +\infty & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

where  $j_p^{hom}(Z)$  is defined for  $Z \in IR^3$  by :

$$j_p^{hom}(Z) = \min \left\{ \int_{Y^\#} |Z + \nabla w|^p dy, w \in W^{1,p}(Y^\#), \text{ w is Y-periodic} \right\},$$

for p=2,

$$j_2^{hom}(Z) = |z_3|^2 + \min\left\{\int_{Y^\#} |z + \nabla w|^2 dy, w \in W^{1,p}(Y^\#), \text{ w is Y-periodic}\right\},$$

where  $z = (z_1, z_2)$ . In this case we have

$$\int_{\Omega} j_2^{hom}(\nabla u) dx = \int_{\Omega} |\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3}|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} j_{0,2}^{hom}(\nabla_{x'} u) dx,$$

with  $\nabla_{x'}u=(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1},\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2},0).$  For  $z\in IR^2$  we have

$$j_{0,2}^{hom}(z) = \min \left\{ \int_{Y^\#} |z + \triangledown w|^2 dy, w \in H^1(Y^\#), \text{ w Y-periodic} \right\}.$$

Our main result in this section reads as follows:

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $\gamma \in (0, +\infty)$  then

- (i) For every  $(u, v) \in W_g^{1,p} \times L^p(\omega, W_g^{1,p}(0, L))$ , there exists  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$ , such that  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})_{\varepsilon} \tau$ -converges to (u, v) and  $F^g(u, v) \ge \limsup_{\varepsilon \to 0} F_{\varepsilon}^g(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})$ .
- (ii) For every  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$ , such that  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})_{\varepsilon}\tau$ -converges to (u, v), we have  $(u, v) \in W_g^{1,p} \times L^p(\omega, W_g^{1,p}(0, L))$ , and  $F^g(u, v) \leq \liminf_{\varepsilon \to 0} F_{\varepsilon}^g(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})$ .

*Proof.* 1. The limit sup inequality: Let  $z \in IR^3$ . We define the following functional

$$F_Z: \begin{cases} W^{1,p}(Y^\#) \to I\bar{R}_+ \\ w \to \int_{Y^\#} |z + \nabla w|^p dy \end{cases}$$

and consider the following minimisation problem:  $(P_z)\min\{F_z(w), w \in W^{1,p}(Y^\#), \text{ w is Y-periodic}\}$ . It can easily checked that  $(P_z)$  have a unique solution  $w_z \in W^{1,p}(Y^\#)$ , which can be extended to  $W^{1,p}(Y)$  keeping the same notation. We then define the function  $w_z^{\varepsilon}$  through :  $w_z^{\varepsilon}(x) = w_z(\frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \frac{x_2}{\varepsilon})$ .

We have the following intermediate result.

**Lemma 3.2.**  $\varepsilon w_z^{\varepsilon} \to_{\varepsilon \to 0} 0$  in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ -weak.

*Proof.* Observe that

$$\int_{\Omega} |\varepsilon w_z^{\varepsilon}(x')|^p dx = L \int_{\omega} |\varepsilon w_z^{\varepsilon}(x')|^p dx' \leq LC \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon^{p+2} \int_{Y^{\#}} \left| w_z(y) \right|^p dy LC \leq LC |\omega| \varepsilon^p.$$

Thus,  $w_z^{\varepsilon} \to_{\varepsilon \to 0} 0$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$ -strong. On the other hand

$$\int_{\Omega} |\varepsilon \nabla w_z^{\varepsilon}|^p dx \leq C' L \varepsilon^p \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon^{p+2} \int_{Y_{\varepsilon}^k} |\nabla w_z(\frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \frac{x_2}{\varepsilon})|^p dx' \leq L C'' |\omega| \int_{Y^{\#}} |\nabla w_z(y)|^p dy.$$

This implies that the sequence  $(\nabla(\varepsilon w_z^{\varepsilon}))$  is bounded in  $L^p(\omega, IR^2)$ . Combining with the above  $L^p(\Omega)$ -strong convergence to 0 of the sequence  $(\varepsilon w_z^{\varepsilon})$ , we get  $\varepsilon w_z^{\varepsilon} \to_{\varepsilon \to 0} 0$  in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ -weak. Let us define u(x) = z.x + c, where c is a constant and  $z \in IR^3$ . We define the test-function  $u_{\varepsilon}^0$  by:

$$u_{\varepsilon}^{0}(x) = u(x) + \varepsilon w_{z}^{\varepsilon}(x') \tag{*}$$

Then, using Lemma 3.2,  $u_{\varepsilon}^{0} \to u$  in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ —weak and

$$\begin{split} \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0}(x)|^{p} dx &= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} L \int_{Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#k}} |z + \varepsilon \nabla w_{z}^{\varepsilon}(x')|^{p} dx' \\ &= L \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon^{2} \int_{Y^{\#}} |z + \nabla w_{z}(y)|^{p} dy \\ &= |\Omega| \int_{Y^{\#}} |z + \nabla w_{z}(y)|^{p} dy \\ &= \int_{\Omega} j_{p}^{hom}(\nabla u(x)) dx, \end{split}$$

where  $j_p^{hom}(z) = min\{\int_{Y^\#} |z + \nabla w|^p dy, w \in W^{1,p}(Y^\#), \text{ w Y-periodic}\}$ . Let us now consider  $u \in w^{1,p}(\Omega)$ . Then, according to [13], there exists a sequence of piecewise affine functions  $(u_n)$ , such that  $u_n \to_{n\to\infty} u$  in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ —strong. The sequence  $(u_n)$  is define on a partition  $(\Omega_n)$  of  $\Omega$  by  $u_n(x) = z_n \cdot x + c_n$ , where  $z_n \in IR^3$  and  $c_n \in IR$ ,  $\forall n$ . We then build the associated test-functions through

$$u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}(x) = u_n(x) + \varepsilon w_{\varepsilon_n}^{\varepsilon}(x')$$

Then  $u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} \to_{\varepsilon \to 0} u^n$  in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ —weak and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}(x)|^{p} dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_{n} \int_{\Omega_{n}} |z_{n} + \varepsilon \nabla w_{z_{n}}^{\varepsilon}(x)|^{p} dx$$

$$= \sum_{n} \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}^{n}} \int_{Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#k}} |z_{n} + \varepsilon \nabla w_{z_{n}}^{\varepsilon}(x')|^{p} dx'$$

$$= \sum_{n} |\Omega_{n}| \int_{Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#k}} |z_{n} + \nabla w_{z_{n}}(y)|^{p} dy$$

$$= \sum_{n} \int_{\Omega_{n}} j_{p}^{hom}(z_{n}) dx$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} j_{p}^{hom}(\nabla u_{n}) dx.$$

Using the continuity of  $j_p^{hom}$  we get  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_{\Omega} j_p^{hom}(\nabla u_n) dx = \int_{\Omega} j_p^{hom}(\nabla u) dx$ . Then, using the diagonalization argument of [3], there exists a sequence  $n(\varepsilon) \to_{\varepsilon\to 0} +\infty$ , such that, with  $u_{\varepsilon} = u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n(\varepsilon)}$ ,  $u_{\varepsilon} \to_{\varepsilon\to 0} u$  in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ —weak, and  $\lim \sup_{\varepsilon\to 0} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^p dx \leq \int_{\Omega} j_p^{hom}(\nabla u) dx$ .

Let v be a Lipschitzian continuous function on  $\Omega$ , such that v=g on  $\Gamma$ . We define  $v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}=\sum_{k\in I_{\varepsilon}}v(k_{1}\varepsilon,k_{2}\varepsilon,x_{3})l_{Y_{\varepsilon}^{k}}(x')$ . Then  $v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}$  is a piecewise affine function with respect to x'. Let  $E_{\varepsilon}=\{x\in\Omega;d(x,\Gamma)<\varepsilon\}$  and  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}$  a smooth function such that:  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}=1$  on  $\Gamma$ ,  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}=0$  in  $\Omega\backslash\bar{E}_{\varepsilon}$  and  $|\nabla\varphi_{\varepsilon}|\leq\frac{C}{\varepsilon}$ . We then define the following test-function in the fibres  $v_{\varepsilon}^{0}=(1-\varphi_{\varepsilon})v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}+\varphi_{\varepsilon}v_{\varepsilon}^{2}$ . One can see that  $v_{\varepsilon}^{0}\in W_{g}^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$  and, after some computations,

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi v_{\varepsilon}^{0} d\mu_{\varepsilon} \to_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} \varphi v dx, \ \forall \ \varphi \in C_{0}(\Omega).$$

Besides  $\int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{0}|^{p} dx = \int_{T_{\varepsilon} \backslash E_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}|^{p} dx + \int_{T_{\varepsilon} \cap E_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{\#} + \varphi_{\varepsilon} \nabla (v_{\varepsilon}^{\#} - v) + (v_{\varepsilon}^{\#} - v) \nabla \varphi_{\varepsilon}|^{p} dx$ . We have the following estimate for the second right term:

$$\int_{T_{\varepsilon}\cap E_{\varepsilon}}\left|\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}+\varphi_{\varepsilon}\nabla (v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}-v)+(v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}-v)\nabla\varphi_{\varepsilon}\right|^{p}dx\leq C\left\{\int_{T_{\varepsilon}\cap E_{\varepsilon}}\left|\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}\right|^{p}dx+\int_{T_{\varepsilon}\cap E_{\varepsilon}}\left|\nabla (v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}-v)\right|^{p}dx+\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{p}}\int_{T_{\varepsilon}\cap E_{\varepsilon}}\left|(v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}-v)\right|^{p}dx\right\}$$

As  $|v_{\varepsilon}^{\#} - v| \leq C\varepsilon$  in  $T_{\varepsilon} \cap E_{\varepsilon}$ , we get  $\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{p}} \int_{T_{\varepsilon} \cap E_{\varepsilon}} |(v_{\varepsilon}^{\#} - v)|)^{p} dx = 0$ . Observing that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{T_{\varepsilon} \setminus \bar{E}_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}|^{p} dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \int_{T_{\varepsilon} \setminus \bar{E}_{\varepsilon}} |\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{3}} (k_{1}\varepsilon, k_{2}\varepsilon, x_{3})|^{p} dx_{3}$$

$$= \frac{|T|}{L} \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon^{2} \int_{\varepsilon}^{L-\varepsilon} |\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{3}} (k_{1}\varepsilon, k_{2}\varepsilon, x_{3})|^{p} dx_{3}$$

$$= \frac{|T|}{L} \int_{\Omega} |\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{3}} (x)|^{p} dx$$

and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{T_{\varepsilon} \cap E_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{\#}|^{p} dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{T_{\varepsilon} \cap E_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla (v_{\varepsilon}^{\#} - v)|^{p} dx = 0.$$

We thus obtain that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{0}|^{p} dx = \frac{|T|}{L} \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{3}} \right|^{p} dx.$$

Now, taking a sequence of the Lipschitzian continuous functions  $(v_n)$  such that  $v_n = g$  on  $\Gamma$  and  $v_n \to v$  in  $L^p(\omega, W^{1,p}(0,L))$ -strong, we build, as before a sequence of functions  $(v_{\varepsilon}^{\#n})$ :

$$v_{\varepsilon}^{\#n} = \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} v_n(k_1 \varepsilon, k_2 \varepsilon, x_3) l_{Y_{\varepsilon}^k}$$

and define the sequence of test-functions  $(v_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}); v_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} = (1 - \varphi_{\varepsilon})v_{\varepsilon}^{\#} + \varphi_{\varepsilon}v_{n}$ . Then, for every  $\varphi \in C_{0}(\Omega)$ ,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} \varphi v_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} d\mu_{\varepsilon} = \int_{\Omega} \varphi v_{n} dx,$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p} dx = \int_{\Omega} |\frac{\partial v_{n}}{\partial x_{3}}|^{p} dx \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \int_{\Omega} |\frac{\partial v_{n}}{\partial x_{3}}|^{p} dx = \int_{\Omega} |\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{3}}|^{p} dx.$$

Thus, using the diagonalization argument of [3], there exists a sequence  $(v_{\varepsilon})$ , such that  $\int_{\Omega} \varphi v_{\varepsilon} d\mu_{\varepsilon} \to_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} \varphi v dx \quad \forall \quad \varphi \in C_0(\Omega)$ , and

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} \left| \triangledown v_{\varepsilon} \right|^p dx \leq \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3} \right|^p dx.$$

Let  $(u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n})$  and  $(v_{\varepsilon}^{0,n})$  be the sequences previously built. Let us compute the limit

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} \left| u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} - v_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} \right|^{p} d\nu_{\varepsilon}.$$

We first have

$$\sum_{n} \int_{\Omega_{n}} |\varepsilon \nabla w_{z_{n}}^{\varepsilon}|^{p} d\nu_{\varepsilon} = \sum_{n} L_{n} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}^{n}} \varepsilon^{p+1} \int_{\partial D_{\varepsilon}^{k}} |w_{z_{n}}(\frac{s_{\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon})|^{p} \frac{ds_{\varepsilon}}{2\pi R}$$

$$\leq C \sum_{n} |\omega_{n}| L_{n} ||w_{z_{n}}||_{W^{1,p}(Y^{\#})} \varepsilon^{p},$$

where  $L_n$  is the length of the set  $\{(0, x_3) \in \Omega_n\}$ . Observing that  $\sum_n L_n \|w_{z_n}\|_{W^{1,p}(Y^\#)} \le C|\Omega|$ , we get  $\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_n \int_{\Omega_n} |\varepsilon \nabla w_{z_n}^{\varepsilon}|^p d\nu_{\varepsilon} = 0$ . Since  $v_{\varepsilon} \to_{\varepsilon \to 0} dx \mathbb{L}_{\Omega}$ , we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_n|^p d\nu_{\varepsilon} \to_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |u_n|^p dx,$$

Thus  $\lim_{\varepsilon\to 0}\int_{\Omega}|u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^pd\nu_{\varepsilon}=\int_{\Omega}|u_n(x)|^pdx$ . On the other hand

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |v_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p} d\nu_{\varepsilon} = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{1}{2\pi R} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon \int_{\partial T_{\varepsilon}^{k}} |v_{n}(k_{1}\varepsilon, k_{2}\varepsilon, x_{3})|^{p} dx_{3}$$

$$= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{0}^{L} \sum_{k ? I_{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon^{2} |v_{n}(k_{1}\varepsilon, k_{2}\varepsilon, x_{3})|^{p} dx_{3}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} |v_{n}(x)|^{p} dx.$$

Thus, using the uniform convexity property of  $L^p(\Omega)p > 1$ ), we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} - v_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^p d\nu_{\varepsilon} = \int_{\Omega} |u_n - v_n|^p dx$$

and, since

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \int_{\Omega} |u_n - v_n|^p dx = \int_{\Omega} |u - v|^p dx,$$

we get  $\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sup \int_{\Omega} |u_n - v_n|^p dv_{\varepsilon} \le \int_{\Omega} |u - v|^p dx$ , where  $(u_{\varepsilon})$  and  $(v_{\varepsilon})$  are the sequences obtained previously by diagonalisation. We thus proved that, for every  $(u, v) \in W_g^{1,p} \times L^p(\omega, W_g^{1,p}(0, L))$ , there exists  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$ , such that  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})_{\varepsilon} \tau$ -converges to (u, v) and

$$F^g(u,v) \ge \lim \sup_{\varepsilon \to 0} F^g_{\varepsilon}(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}).$$

#### 2. The limit inf inequality:

Let  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$  such that  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})\tau$ -converge to (u, v). We may suppose that  $\sup F_{\varepsilon}(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) < +\infty$ , otherwise the result is trivial.

Let  $(u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n})$ ;  $u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} = u_n + \varepsilon w_{z_n}^{\varepsilon}$ , be the sequence previously built in (\*), with here  $u_n \to_{n\to\infty} uW^{1,p}(\Omega)$ -strong and  $z_n = \nabla u_n$  in  $\Omega_n$ . Let  $\varphi_n \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega_n)$ ;  $0 \le \varphi_n \le 1$ . Let us introduce the following sub differential inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p} dx \geq \sum_{n} \int_{\Omega_{n}} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}|^{p} \varphi_{n} dx 
\geq \sum_{n} \int_{\Omega_{n}} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p} \varphi_{n} dx + p \sum_{n} \int_{\Omega_{n}} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} (\nabla u_{\varepsilon} - \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) \varphi_{n} dx.$$

We have

$$\int_{\Omega_n} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} (\nabla u_{\varepsilon} - \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) \varphi_n dx = -\int_{\Omega_n} div(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) (u_{\varepsilon} - u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) \varphi_n dx + \int_{\Omega_n} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} \nabla \varphi_n (u_{\varepsilon} - u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) dx.$$

Observe that, for every  $\psi_n \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega_n)$ ,

$$-\int_{\Omega_n} div(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) \psi_n dx = -\sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}^n} \int_{Y_{\varepsilon}^{\#k}} div(|z_n + \varepsilon \nabla w_{z_n}(\frac{x'}{\varepsilon})|^{p-2} (z_n + \varepsilon \nabla w_{z_n}(\frac{x'}{\varepsilon})) \psi_n dx'$$

$$= -\int_{\Omega_n(x_3)} \sum_{k \in I_{\varepsilon}^n} \varepsilon^2 \psi_n(k_1 \varepsilon, k_2 \varepsilon, x_3) \int_Y div(|z_n + \nabla w_{z_n}(y)|^{p-2}) (z_n + \nabla w_{z_n}(y)) dx' + O_n(\varepsilon),$$

where  $\Omega_n(x_3) = \Omega_n \cap (0,0) \times ]0, L[$ . As  $div(|z_n + \nabla w_{z_n}(y)|^{p-2})(z_n + \nabla w_{z_n}(y)) = 0$ , we obtain that  $\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega_n} div(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) \psi_n dx = 0$ , hence, recalling that  $(u_{\varepsilon} - u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) \varphi_n \to (u - u^n) \varphi_n$  dans  $L^p(\Omega_n)$ -strong, we get

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_n \int_{\Omega_n} div(|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) (u_{\varepsilon} - u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) \varphi_n dx = 0.$$

On the other hand

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sum_{n} \int_{\Omega_{n}} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}|^{p-2} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n} \nabla \varphi_{n}(u_{\varepsilon} - u_{\varepsilon}^{0,n}) dx = \sum_{n} \int_{\Omega_{n}} |\nabla u^{n}|^{p-2} \nabla u^{n} \nabla \varphi_{n}(u - u^{n}) dx.$$

Then letting n tend to  $+\infty$  in the above sub differential inequality we get

$$\lim\inf_{\varepsilon\to 0}\int_{\Omega}\left|\nabla u_{\varepsilon}\right|^{p}dx\geq\int_{\Omega}j_{p}^{hom}(\nabla u)dx.$$

Observe that  $\int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |\nabla v_{\varepsilon}|^p dx \geq \int_{T_{\varepsilon}} |\frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_3}|^p dx$ . Then, using the proof of Lemma 2.3, we obtain that, for every  $\varphi \in L^q(\Omega)$ ;  $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$ ,

$$\lim \inf_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial v_{\varepsilon}}{\partial x_{3}} \right|^{p} d\mu_{\varepsilon} \ge p \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{3}} \varphi dx - \frac{p}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\varphi|^{q} dx, \text{ and } v \in L^{p}(\omega, W_{g}^{1,p}(0, L)).$$

This implies that, with  $\varphi = \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3} \right|^{p-2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}$ ,

$$\lim\inf_{\varepsilon\to 0}\int_{T_\varepsilon}|\triangledown v_\varepsilon|^pdx\geq \frac{|T|}{L}\int_{\Omega}|\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}|^pdx.$$

Now according to Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\sup_{\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega} |u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon}|^p d\nu_{\varepsilon} < +\infty,$$

From which we deduce, using Hölder's inequality, that the sequence  $((u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon})v_{\varepsilon})$  is uniformly bounded in variation and thus, weakly converges, up to some subsequence, to some  $\chi l_{\Omega} dx$  in the sense of measure. Then, using Fenchel's inequality, we have, for every  $\varphi \in C_0(\Omega)$ ,

$$\lim \inf_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |u_{\varepsilon} - v_{\varepsilon}|^{p} dv_{\varepsilon} \ge p \int_{\Omega} \chi \varphi dx - \frac{p}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\varphi|^{q} dx,$$

from which we deduce, using the proof of lemma 1, that  $\chi = u - v \in L^p(\Omega)$ . Then taking  $\varphi = |u - v|^{p-2}(u - v)$ , we get

$$\lim\inf_{\varepsilon\to 0}\int_{\Omega}|u_{\varepsilon}-v_{\varepsilon}|^pdv_{\varepsilon}\geq \int_{\Omega}|u-v|^pdx.$$

We thus have proved that for every  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon}) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \times W_g^{1,p}(T_{\varepsilon})$ , such that  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})_{\varepsilon}\tau$ -converges to (u, v), we have  $(u, v) \in W_g^{1,p} \times L^p(\omega, W_g^{1,p}(0, L))$ , and  $F^g(u, v) \leq \liminf_{\varepsilon \to 0} F_{\varepsilon}^g(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})$ . One can easily see that

$$\chi(\Omega_{\varepsilon}) \to |Y^{\#}| \text{ in } L^p(\Omega) - \text{weak},$$

$$\chi(T_{\varepsilon}) \to |\Omega| R^2 \pi \text{ in } L^1(\Omega) - \text{strong},$$

And, as  $f \in C_0(\Omega)$ ,

$$\int_{\Omega} \chi(T_{\varepsilon}) f v_{\varepsilon} dx = \frac{|T_{\varepsilon}|}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} f v_{\varepsilon} d\mu_{\varepsilon},$$

$$\to R^{2} \pi \int_{\Omega} f v dx.$$

Then, using the properties of  $\Gamma$ -convergence [4] we obtain the following

### Corollary 3.3.

(1) If  $\gamma \in (0, +\infty)$  then: the solution  $(u_{\varepsilon}, v_{\varepsilon})$  of  $(m_{\varepsilon}^{\lambda})\tau$ -converges to  $(u, v) \in W_g^{1,p}(\Omega) \times L^p(\omega, W_g^{1,p}(0, L))$  where (u, v) is the solution of the following problem

$$\begin{cases} -div(\partial j_p^{hom}(\nabla u)) + 2\pi R\gamma |u-v|^{p-2}(u-v) = |Y^\#|f & in \ \Omega, \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}(|\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}|^{p-2}\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}) + \frac{2\gamma}{R}|u-v|^{p-2}(v-u) = f & in \ \Omega, \\ u=v=g & on \ \Gamma, \\ \partial j_p^{hom}(\nabla u).n=0 & on \ \partial \omega \times ]0, L[.$$

- (2) if  $\gamma = 0$ , there is no relation between u and v,
- (3) if  $\gamma = +\infty$ , then u = v in  $\Omega$ .

Representation of Deny-Beurling (case of p=2 and g=0): In this case for p.p  $x' \in w, v(x', \cdot)$  is the solution of the differential equation in ]0, L[:

$$(P_w) \begin{cases} -w'' + \frac{2\gamma}{R}w = \frac{2\gamma}{R}u(x', \cdot) + f(x', \cdot) \\ w(0) = w(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The solution of  $(P_w)$  is given by:

$$w(s) = \int_0^L G(s,t)u(x',t)dt + \frac{R}{2\gamma} \int_0^L G(s,t)f(x',t)dt$$

for  $t \in ]0, L[$ , the kernel Poisson  $G(\cdot, t)$  is the solution of the equation:

$$(P_y) \begin{cases} -y'' + c^2 \phi = c^2 \delta_t \\ y(0) = y(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{R}}$$
 
$$G(s,t) = \frac{csh(c(L-s \vee t)sh(c(s \wedge t)}{sh(cL)}$$

by an integration by parts:

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Omega} |\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}|^2 dx &= \int_{w} \left( \int_{0}^{L} |\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}|^2 dx_3 \right) dx' \\ &= \int_{w} \left( [v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_3}]_{0}^{L} - \int_{0}^{L} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x_3^2} v dx_3 \right) dx' \\ &= \frac{2\gamma}{R} \int_{\Omega} [-v(x',s)^2 + u(x',s)v(x',s)] ds dx' + \int_{\Omega} f v dx \\ &= \frac{2\gamma}{R} \int_{\Omega} (uv - v^2) dx + \int_{\Omega} f v dx \end{split}$$

then

$$\pi R^{2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{3}} \right|^{2} dx = 2\gamma \pi R \int_{\Omega} (uv - v^{2}) dx + \pi^{2} R \int_{\Omega} fv dx$$

deferring in the total energy :

$$\begin{split} \varphi(u,v) &= F(u,v) - |Y^\#| \int_{\Omega} f u dx - \pi^2 R \int_{\Omega} f v dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} j_2^{hom} (\nabla u(x)) dx - |Y^\#| \int_{\Omega} f u dx + 2\gamma \pi R \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx - 2\gamma \pi R \int_{\Omega} u v dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} j_2^{hom} (\nabla u(x)) dx - |Y^\#| \int_{\Omega} f u dx + 2\gamma \pi R \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \\ &\quad - 2\gamma \pi R \int_{w} \left( \int_{(0,L)^2} u(x',s) u(x',t) G(s,t) ds dt \right) dx' - \pi^2 R \int_{w} \left( \int_{(0,L)^2} u(x,s) G(s,t) f(x',t) ds dt \right) dx' \end{split}$$

however

$$\begin{split} 2\gamma\pi R \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx - 2\gamma\pi R \int_{w} \left( \int_{(0,L)^2} u(x',s) u(x',t) G(s,t) ds dt \right) dx' &= \gamma\pi R \int_{w} \left( \int_{(0,L)^2} (u(x',s) - u(x',t))^2 G(s,t) ds dt \right) dx' \\ &+ 2\gamma\pi R \int_{w} \left( \int_{0}^{L} (u(x',s))^2 (1 - \int_{0}^{L} G(s,t) ds) ds \right) \right) \\ &= 2\gamma\pi R \int_{\Omega} u^2 p(x_3) dx \\ &+ \gamma\pi R \int_{w} \left( \int_{(0,L)^2} (u(x',s) - u(x',t))^2 G(s,t) ds dt \right) dx' \end{split}$$

where 
$$p(s) = \frac{\cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{R}}\left(s - \frac{L}{2}\right)\right)}{\cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{R}}\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)\right)}$$
. Let

$$\begin{cases} p_{\gamma,R}(s) = 2\pi\gamma Rp(s) \\ k_{\gamma,R}(s,t) = \frac{\pi R\gamma\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{R}}}{sh\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{R}}L\right)} sh\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{R}}(L-s\vee t)\right) sh\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{R}}(s\wedge t)\right) \end{cases}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{split} \phi(u,v) &= \int_{\Omega} j_2^{hom}(\nabla u(x)) dx + \int_{\Omega} u^2 p_{\gamma,R}(x_3) dx \\ &+ \int_{w} \left( \int_{(0,L)^2} (u(x',s) - u(x',t))^2 G(s,t) k_{\gamma,R}(s,t) ds dt \right) dx' \\ &- \int_{w} \left( \int_{(0,l)^2} u(x,s) f(x',t) k_{\gamma,R}(s,t) ds dt \right) dx' - |Y^{\#}| \int_{\Gamma} f u dx \end{split}$$

let  $\mu(dx) = p_{\gamma,R}(x_3)dx$ ,  $J(dxdy) = \frac{1}{2}\Delta(dx'dy') \otimes k_{\gamma,R}(x_3,y_3)d_3dy_3$ , where  $\Delta(dx'dy')$  is the measure in  $w^2$  defined by:

$$\iint_{w^2} \phi(x', y') \Delta(dx'dy') = \int_{w} \phi(x', x') dx'$$

and  $v = (v_{ij})$  i, j = 1, 2, 3 the measure defined by:

$$v_{ij}(dx) = a_{ij}^{hom} dx$$
 for  $i, j = 1, 2$ où 
$$a_{ij}^{hom} = \int_{Y^{\#}} \{\delta_{ij} - \sum_{k=1,2} \delta_{ik} \frac{\partial \chi^{j}}{\partial y_{k}}\} dy$$

with  $\chi^j$  is the solution of the problem min  $\{\int_{Y^\#} |\nabla w + e_j|^2 dx, w \in H^1(Y^\#), Y - \text{periodique}\}$ , where  $(e_j)_{j=1,2}$  the canonical base of  $IR^2$ ,  $v_{3,3}(dx) = dx$ . Then

$$\phi(u,v) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} v_{ij}(dx) + \int_{\Omega} (u(x))^2 \mu(dx) + \int_{\Omega \times \Omega} (u(x) - u(y))^2 J(dxdy) - \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} u(x) f(y) J(dxdy) - |Y^{\#}| \int_{\Omega} f(x) u(x) dx$$

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