

# ANISOTROPIC DOUBLE PHASE ELLIPTIC INCLUSION SYSTEMS WITH LOGARITHMIC PERTURBATION AND MULTIVALUED CONVECTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we investigate a class of variable exponent double phase elliptic inclusion systems involving anisotropic partial differential operators with logarithmic perturbation as well as two fully coupled multivalued terms, one of them is defined in the domain and the other is defined on the boundary, respectively. Firstly, under the suitable coercive conditions, the existence of a weak solution for the double phase elliptic inclusion systems is verified via applying a surjectivity theorem concerning multivalued pseudomonotone operators. Then, when the elliptic inclusion system is considered in non-coercive framework, we employ the sub-supersolution method to establish the existence and compactness results. Finally, we deliver several solvability properties of some special cases with respect to the elliptic inclusion system under consideration via constructing proper sub- and super-solutions.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is concerned with the existence and compactness properties to the following variable exponents double phase elliptic inclusion system: Find  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in K := (K_1, K_2)$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} 0 \in A_1(\sigma_1) + \partial I_{K_1}(\sigma_1) + \mathcal{F}_1(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) + \mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_1}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) & \text{in } W^{1, \mathcal{G}_1}(\Omega)^*, \\ 0 \in A_2(\sigma_2) + \partial I_{K_2}(\sigma_2) + \mathcal{F}_2(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) + \mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_2}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) & \text{in } W^{1, \mathcal{G}_2}(\Omega)^*, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  ( $N \geq 2$ ) is a bounded domain with Lipschitz boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , for each  $i = 1, 2$  the part  $\Gamma_i$  is a relatively open subset of  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $\Gamma_0^i = \partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma_i$  is such that  $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_i \cup \Gamma_0^i$ , for each  $i = 1, 2$   $K_i$  denotes a closed convex subset to  $U^{\Gamma_0^i}$ . Here, we let  $U^{\Gamma_0^i}$  be a closed subspace of  $W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  given as

$$(1.2) \quad U^{\Gamma_0^i} = \left\{ \sigma \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) : \sigma|_{\Gamma_0^i} = 0 \right\},$$

$I_{K_i}$  stands for the indicate function of  $K_i$ ,  $\partial I_{K_i}$  is the corresponding subdifferential in convex analysis sense,  $W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$  is the dual space of the Musielak-Orlicz Sobolev space  $W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  (defined in Section 2). The lower order multivalued operator  $\mathcal{F}_i$  which depends on the gradient of solutions (called multivalued convection term) is generated by the corresponding multivalued function  $f_i: \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ , moreover,  $\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i}$  is formulated by the boundary multivalued function  $f_{\Gamma_i}: \Gamma_i \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . Furthermore, the nonlinear and nonhomogeneous partial differential operator  $A_i: W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$  given in (1.1) is formulated as

$$(1.3) \quad A_i v := -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\nabla v|)}{|\nabla v|} \nabla v \right) \text{ for all } v \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega),$$

in which the functional  $\mathcal{G}_i: \Omega \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is defined by

$$(1.4) \quad \mathcal{G}_i(x, t) = \left[ t^{p_i(x)} + \mu_i(x) t^{q_i(x)} \right] \log(e + \alpha t) \text{ for all } x \in \Omega \text{ and for all } t \in [0, +\infty)$$

where  $p_i, q_i \in C(\overline{\Omega})$  fulfilling  $1 < p_i(x) < N$ ,  $p_i(x) < q_i(x)$ ,  $0 \leq \mu_i(\cdot) \in L^1(\Omega)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $e$  denotes the Euler constant. Note that  $\mathcal{G}_i$  possesses unbalanced growth, i.e., for  $0 \leq \mu_i(\cdot) \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  and any  $\varepsilon > 0$

one can find constants  $s_1, s_2 > 0$  satisfying the following inequalities

$$t^{p_i(x)} \leq \mathcal{G}_i(x, t) \leq s_1 t^{q_i(x)+\varepsilon} + s_2 \text{ for a.a. } x \in \Omega, \text{ all } t \in [0, +\infty).$$

Let  $p_i^*$  and  $(p_i)_*$  denote the critical Sobolev exponents of  $p_i$  with  $1 < p_i(x) < N$  for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ , in the domain and boundary respectively, which are defined as

$$(1.5) \quad p_i^*(x) := \frac{N p_i(x)}{N - p_i(x)} \quad \text{and} \quad (p_i)_*(x) := \frac{(N - 1) p_i(x)}{N - p_i(x)}.$$

The basic assumptions with respect to problem (1.1) are imposed below:

- (H0) For each  $i = 1, 2$  fixed,  $p_i, q_i \in C(\bar{\Omega})$  satisfying  $1 < p_i(x) < N$  as well as  $p_i(x) < q_i(x) < p_i^*(x)$  for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ , also,  $0 \leq \mu_i(\cdot) \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ .
- (H1) For each  $i = 1, 2$  fixed,  $f_i: \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  and  $f_{\Gamma_i}: \Gamma_i \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  are graph measurable functions such that, for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $f_i(x, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot): \mathbb{R}^{2N+2} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  is upper semicontinuous, and for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $f_{\Gamma_i}(x, \cdot, \cdot): \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  is upper semicontinuous.

Moreover, some local growth conditions for  $f_i$  and  $f_{\Gamma_i}$  will be made later (see (H2) in Section 3 and (H3) in Section 4).

One of the main characteristics of problem (1.1) is the presence of the nonlinear and nonhomogeneous partial differential operator (1.3) with variable exponents and logarithmic perturbation. It can observe that when  $\alpha = 0$ , differential operator (1.3) reduces to the following variable exponents double phase differential operator:

$$-\operatorname{div} \left( |\nabla \sigma|^{p_i(x)-2} \nabla \sigma + \mu_i(x) |\nabla \sigma|^{q_i(x)-2} \nabla \sigma \right).$$

If  $p, q$  are two constants, then the above differential operator becomes the classical double phase differential operator

$$(1.6) \quad \operatorname{div} \left( |\nabla \sigma|^{p-2} \nabla \sigma + \mu(x) |\nabla \sigma|^{q-2} \nabla \sigma \right).$$

which was initially introduced by Zhikov ([56]) who used the corresponding integral functional

$$(1.7) \quad \sigma \mapsto \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla \sigma|^p + \mu(x) |\nabla \sigma|^q) dx.$$

for studying the complicated mechanical models with respect to strongly anisotropic materials. The primary advantage of such integral functional is that it can precisely describe the phenomenon that the energy density changes its ellipticity and growth properties according to the point in the domain. In fact, we call (1.6) (or its integral functional (1.7)) as double phase operators, because operator (1.3) exhibits the  $p$  growth when  $\mu(x) = 0$  and the  $q$  growth when  $\mu(x) > 0$ . On the other hand, Zhikov [57, 58] found that the double phase operators also demonstrates Lavrentiev's phenomena, which leads to some classical method cannot be applied to study double phase problems.

After the work of Zhikov, double phase problem has been becoming a hot-pint and challenging topic, due to its wide application in physics and engineering, for example, in material science, non-Newton fluid and population dynamic problems. Therefore, some important and impressive results have been obtained, for instance, Hästö–Ok [30] established the local  $C^{1,\alpha}$ -regularity of local minimizers to the functional with unbalanced  $(p, q)$ -growth condition, and Beck–Mingione [8] studied nonuniformly elliptic problems and proved several regularity results and prior estimates of solutions. **As for papers involving logarithmic double phase operators we refer to Arora–Crespo-Blanco–Winkert [2, 3] and Vetro–Winkert [49], who dealt with the following the logarithmic double phase type operator**

$$\operatorname{div} \left( |\nabla \sigma|^{p(x)-2} \nabla \sigma + \vartheta(x) \left[ \log(e + |\nabla \sigma|) + \frac{|\nabla \sigma|}{q(x)(e + |\nabla \sigma|)} \right] |\nabla \sigma|^{q(x)-2} \nabla \sigma \right),$$

**and established existence and multiplicity results of various problems driven by the above operator under different setting.** For more results concerning the research of double phase problems readers can refer to Baroni–Colombo–Mingione [4, 5], Byun–Ok–Song [10], Fuchs–Mingione [22], Marcellini [42, 43], Baharouni et al. [6, 7], Benci–D’Avenia–Fortunato–Pisani [9], Liu–Dai [35], Zeng–Bai–Gasiński–Winkert [52], Zhang–Zhang–Rădulescu [55], Amoroso et al. [1], Baroni–Colombo–Mingione

[4], Filippis–Mingione [14], Fuchs–Mingione [22], Ho–Kim–Zhang [31], Marcellini–Papi [38], Moussaoui et al. [41], Ragusa–Tachikawa [45], Xiang et al. [51], and so on.

Moreover, we mention that the current work is inspired by the following researches. Recently, Carl–Le–Winkert [12] studied the following nonlinear double phase equations without logarithmic perturbation

$$v \in K : 0 \in \mathcal{A}v + \partial I_K(v) + \mathcal{F}(v) + \mathcal{F}_\Gamma(v)$$

which is driven by the variable exponents double phase operator:

$$(1.8) \quad \mathcal{A}v := \operatorname{div} \left( |\nabla v|^{p(x)-2} \nabla v + \mu(x) |\nabla v|^{q(x)-2} \nabla v \right)$$

and established the existence and uniqueness results by utilizing some critical properties for operator (1.8) given in Crespo-Blanco et al. [13]. After that, Liu–Lu–Vetro [36] extended the results of Carl–Le–Winkert [12] to following double phase elliptic inclusion:

$$0 \in \mathcal{B}v + \partial I_K(v) + \mathcal{F}(v) + \mathcal{F}_\Gamma(v)$$

in which  $\mathcal{B}$  denotes the perturbed nonlinear and nonhomogeneous partial differential operator (introduced by Vetro–Zeng [50]):

$$(1.9) \quad \mathcal{B}v := -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_L(x, |\nabla v|)}{|\nabla v|} \nabla v \right) \text{ for all } v \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_L}(\Omega),$$

with

$$(1.10) \quad \mathcal{G}_L(x, t) = [t^p + \mu(x)t^q] \log(e + t) \text{ for all } x \in \Omega, \text{ and for all } t \in [0, +\infty).$$

Therefore, motivated by the above works, we concentrate on the variable exponent double phase elliptic inclusion systems (1.1), which is a generalization of the above researches. As we know, this is the first work dealing with double phase inclusion systems with variable exponent, logarithmic perturbation and convection terms.

The second feature with respect to problem (1.1) is that our problem can be deemed an anisotropic nonlinear nonlinear obstacle system with bilateral constraints where constraint set  $K_i$  is given by

$$(1.11) \quad K_i = \left\{ \sigma \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) : \sigma(x) \geq \pi(x) \text{ a.a. in } \Omega \right\},$$

where  $\pi: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a given obstacle function. However, such model is useful for studying various multi-body contact problems with multivalued and nonsmooth constitutive laws, namely, nonsmooth and nonconvex elliptic systems which are coupled by several variational inequalities or hemivariational inequalities (see Stefan [48], Lions [34], Duvaut and Lions [17], Rodrigues [47] and Zeng et al. [52, 53]).

Another challenging of problem (1.1) is that it involves two fully coupled multivalued convection terms  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  (defined in the domain  $\Omega$ ), as well as two fully coupled boundary multivalued functions  $\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_1}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_2}$ . Obviously, it is one of difficulty to study problem (1.1) that we have to overcome the influence of coupled construct. It is well-known that equations with multivalued functions can be widely applied to a plenty of practical problems, such as frictional contact problems with multivalued constitutive laws (see for example Panagiotopoulos [42, 43] as well as Carl and Le [11]). On the other hand, the effect of convection may occur spontaneously in a single or multiphase fluid flow due to the combined effects of influence of body forces on a fluid (generally gravity and density) and material heterogeneity, and the convection terms (depending on the gradient of solutions) could describe the convection effect of different fluids flow well (see for instance, Dupaigne–Ghergu–Rădulescu [16], El Manouni–Marino–Winkert [18], Faraci–Motreanu–Puglisi [20], Figueiredo–Madeira [21], Gasiński–Papageorgiou [23], Gasiński–Winkert [24], Guarnotta–Livrea–Winkert [25], Guarnotta et al. [26, 27, 28], Liu–Motreanu–Zeng [37], Motreanu–Tornatore [39], Motreanu–Vetro–Vetro [40], Papageorgiou–Rădulescu–Repovš [44], and Rădulescu–Vetro [46]). However, due to the appearance of the convection term, corresponding problem becomes nonvariational, that is, the standard variational tools and relevant theory can not be applied to deal with the corresponding energy functionals, so we have to make use of the nonvariational tools to solve our problem. This is another challenging of the current paper.

Finally, we point out that the elliptic inclusion systems (1.1) contain several interesting and challenging problems as special cases, and some of them have not been studied yet.

**Special case 1.1.** For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $\Gamma_i = \partial\Omega$  (i.e.,  $\Gamma_0^i = \emptyset$ ,  $U^{\Gamma_0^i} = W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ ) and  $K_i$  is given by (1.11), then problem (1.1) can be rewritten as the multivalued obstacle Neumann boundary elliptic inclusion systems:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.12) \quad & -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_1(x, |\nabla\sigma_1|)}{|\nabla\sigma_1|} \nabla\sigma_1 \right) + f_1(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla\sigma_1, \nabla\sigma_2) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_2(x, |\nabla\sigma_2|)}{|\nabla\sigma_2|} \nabla\sigma_2 \right) + f_2(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla\sigma_1, \nabla\sigma_2) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& \sigma_1(x) \geq \pi_1(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& \sigma_2(x) \geq \pi_2(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& -\frac{\partial\sigma_1}{\partial\nu_{A_1}} \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\
& -\frac{\partial\sigma_2}{\partial\nu_{A_2}} \in f_{\Gamma_2}(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,
\end{aligned}$$

in which  $\nu$  is the outward unit normal on  $\Gamma_i$

$$\frac{\partial\sigma_i}{\partial\nu_{A_i}} = \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\nabla\sigma_i|)}{|\nabla\sigma_i|} \nabla\sigma_i \right) \cdot \nu.$$

**Special case 1.2.** For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $\Gamma_i = \partial\Omega$  (that is,  $\Gamma_0^i = \emptyset$ ,  $U^{\Gamma_0^i} = W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ ) and  $K_i = W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ , then problem (1.1) can be rewritten as the multivalued Neumann boundary elliptic inclusion systems:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.13) \quad & -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_1(x, |\nabla\sigma_1|)}{|\nabla\sigma_1|} \nabla\sigma_1 \right) + f_1(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla\sigma_1, \nabla\sigma_2) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_2(x, |\nabla\sigma_2|)}{|\nabla\sigma_2|} \nabla\sigma_2 \right) + f_2(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla\sigma_1, \nabla\sigma_2) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& -\frac{\partial\sigma_1}{\partial\nu_{A_1}} \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\
& -\frac{\partial\sigma_2}{\partial\nu_{A_2}} \in f_{\Gamma_2}(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.
\end{aligned}$$

**Special case 1.3.** For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $\Gamma_0^i = \partial\Omega$  (i.e.,  $\Gamma_i = \emptyset$ ,  $U^{\Gamma_0^i} = W_0^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ ) and  $K_i$  is given by (1.11), then problem (1.1) can be rewritten as the multivalued Dirichlet obstacle elliptic inclusion systems:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.14) \quad & -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_1(x, |\nabla\sigma_1|)}{|\nabla\sigma_1|} \nabla\sigma_1 \right) + f_1(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla\sigma_1, \nabla\sigma_2) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_2(x, |\nabla\sigma_2|)}{|\nabla\sigma_2|} \nabla\sigma_2 \right) + f_2(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla\sigma_1, \nabla\sigma_2) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& \sigma_1(x) \geq \pi_1(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& \sigma_2(x) \geq \pi_2(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& \sigma_1(x) = \sigma_2(x) = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.
\end{aligned}$$

**Special case 1.4.** For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $\Gamma_0^i = \partial\Omega$  (i.e.,  $\Gamma_i = \emptyset$  and  $U^{\Gamma_0^i} = W_0^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ ) and  $K_i = W_0^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ , then problem (1.1) can be rewritten as the multivalued Dirichlet elliptic inclusion systems:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.15) \quad & -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_1(x, |\nabla\sigma_1|)}{|\nabla\sigma_1|} \nabla\sigma_1 \right) + f_1(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla\sigma_1, \nabla\sigma_2) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& -\operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_2(x, |\nabla\sigma_2|)}{|\nabla\sigma_2|} \nabla\sigma_2 \right) + f_2(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla\sigma_1, \nabla\sigma_2) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\
& \sigma_1(x) = \sigma_2(x) = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.
\end{aligned}$$

The remaining sections of this paper are organized as follows. In Section 2, the useful definitions and results related to the generalized Lebesgue spaces and Musielak-Orlicz spaces generated by double phase partial differential operator involving logarithmic perturbation (1.3) in variable exponents setting will be given. Also, we introduce the concepts of weak solutions, sub- and supersolutions to elliptic inclusion systems (1.1). Under a certain coercive condition, Section 3 is devoted to show the existence of weak solutions to elliptic inclusion systems (1.1) with the help of a surjectivity theorem of multivalued pseudomonotone operators. However, when (1.1) is considered in noncoercive framework, the existence and compactness results could be obtain by employing the sub- and supersolution method and the theory of nonsmooth analysis, in Section 4. While in Section 5, we make a further discussion for Special case 1.1, and finally obtain the existence for a solution via constructing suitable sub- and supersolutions.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we review some basic notations also some useful results about the variable exponents Lebesgue space, most of them are given by Diening–Harjulehto–Hästö–Růžička [15], Fan–Zhao [19], Harjulehto–Hästö [29] and Kováčik–Rákosník [32]. Also, for some vital and useful properties for the logarithmic variable exponents double phase operator as well as the corresponding Musielak-Orlicz Sobolev spaces can be found in [54].

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  ( $N \geq 2$ ) be a bounded domain with Lipschitz boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , and introduce the notation  $C_+(\bar{\Omega})$  given as

$$C_+(\bar{\Omega}) := \{h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) : 1 < h(x) \text{ for all } x \in \bar{\Omega}\}.$$

For any  $r \in C_+(\bar{\Omega})$ , we give the definition of  $r^-$  and  $r^+$  as

$$r^- := \min_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} r(x) \quad \text{and} \quad r^+ := \max_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} r(x),$$

and  $r' \in C_+(\bar{\Omega})$  is the conjugate variable exponent for  $r$ , namely,

$$\frac{1}{r(x)} + \frac{1}{r'(x)} = 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in \bar{\Omega}.$$

In the sequel, we denote by  $M(\Omega)$  the space of all measurable functions  $\sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . For  $r \in C_+(\bar{\Omega})$  the corresponding variable exponent Lebesgue space is given by

$$L^{r(x)}(\Omega) = \left\{ \sigma \in M(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} |\sigma|^{r(x)} dx < \infty \right\},$$

the modular function is formulated as follows

$$\varrho_{r(\cdot)}(\sigma) = \int_{\Omega} |\sigma|^{r(x)} dx \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in L^{r(x)}(\Omega) \text{ where } r \in C_+(\bar{\Omega}).$$

It is well-known that  $L^{r(x)}(\Omega)$  endowed the Luxemburg norm defined as

$$\|\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{|\sigma|}{\lambda} \right)^{r(x)} dx \leq 1 \right\}$$

is a separable and reflexive Banach space. Meanwhile, by applying the  $(N-1)$ -dimensional Hausdorff surface measure, the variable exponent boundary Lebesgue space  $(L^{r(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega), \|\sigma\|_{r(\cdot), \partial\Omega})$  can be defined in a similar way. Moreover,  $L^{r'(x)}(\Omega)$  is the dual space of  $L^{r(x)}(\Omega)$  and the Hölder type inequality given below is valid

$$\int_{\Omega} |\sigma v| dx \leq \left[ \frac{1}{r^-} + \frac{1}{(r')^-} \right] \|\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)} \|v\|_{r'(\cdot)} \leq 2 \|\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)} \|v\|_{r'(\cdot)}$$

for all  $\sigma \in L^{r(x)}(\Omega)$ , all  $v \in L^{r'(x)}(\Omega)$ . Furthermore, if  $r_1, r_2 \in C_+(\bar{\Omega})$  satisfying  $r_1(x) \leq r_2(x)$  for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ , then there holds:

$$L^{r_2(x)}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{r_1(x)}(\Omega).$$

Based on the notations and definitions concerning variable exponent Lebesgue space, the definition for the variable exponent Sobolev space can be given as follows

$$W^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega) = \left\{ \sigma \in L^{r(x)}(\Omega) : |\nabla\sigma| \in L^{r(x)}(\Omega) \right\}$$

equipped with the norm

$$\|\sigma\|_{1,r(\cdot)} = \|\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)} + \|\nabla\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)},$$

with  $\|\nabla\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)} = \|\nabla\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)}$ . Moreover, we introduce a subspace of  $W^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , that is,

$$W_0^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega) = \overline{C_0^\infty(\Omega)}^{\|\cdot\|_{1,r(\cdot)}}.$$

Actually, it can show that  $W^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  as well as  $W_0^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  are separable, reflexive and uniformly convex Banach spaces. Also, in  $W_0^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , the following Poincaré inequality is available

$$\|\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)} \leq c_0 \|\nabla\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)} \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in W_0^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega),$$

where the constant  $c_0 > 0$ . Therefore, the following norms are equivalent in space  $W_0^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ :

$$\|\sigma\|_{1,r(\cdot),0} = \|\nabla\sigma\|_{r(\cdot)} \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in W_0^{1,r(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

Next, Let us see the definitions of Musielak-Orlicz Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces generalized by functionals  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$  (see [54] and Harjulehto-Hästö [29] for more details). Let  $i = 1, 2$ , then the Musielak-Orlicz space  $L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  with respect to functional  $\mathcal{G}_i$  (given by (1.4)) is formulated as

$$L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) = \{ \sigma \in M(\Omega) : \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) < +\infty \}.$$

According to [54], we see that under assumptions (H0),  $\mathcal{H}_i$  is a  $N$ -function (refer to [54, Definition 2.7] for its precise definition), and the modular function associated to  $\mathcal{G}_i$  is defined by

$$\rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) = \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{G}_i(x, |\sigma|) dx \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega),$$

also,  $L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  endowed with the so-called Luxemburg norm turns out to be a reflexive and separable Banach space (proved in [54])

$$\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The following proposition indicates the relation between modular  $\rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}$  and the Luxemburg norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{G}_i}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** [54, Proposition 2.20] *Let  $i = 1, 2$ , if hypotheses (H0) hold, and modular function  $\rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}$  is formulated by*

$$\rho_{\mathcal{G}_i} = \int_{\Omega} \left[ |\sigma|^{p_i(x)} + \mu(x) |\sigma|^{q_i(x)} \right] \log(e + \alpha|\sigma|) dx \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega),$$

then it has

- (i)  $\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} = \lambda \iff \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\lambda} \right) = 1$  with  $\sigma \neq 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} < 1$  (resp.  $= 1, > 1$ )  $\iff \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) < 1$  (resp.  $= 1, > 1$ );
- (iii)  $\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} < 1 \implies \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i}^{q_i^+ + 1} \leq \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) \leq \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i}^{p_i^-}$ ;
- (iv)  $\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} > 1 \implies \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i}^{p_i^-} \leq \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) \leq \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i}^{q_i^+ + 1}$ ;
- (v)  $\|\sigma_n\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} \rightarrow 0 \iff \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma_n) \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (vi)  $\|\sigma_n\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} \rightarrow \infty \iff \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma_n) \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- (vii)  $\|\sigma_n\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} \rightarrow 1 \iff \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma_n) \rightarrow 1$ ;
- (viii)  $\sigma_n \rightarrow \sigma \in L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \implies \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma_n) \rightarrow \rho_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma)$ .

Furthermore, we consider the Musielak-Orlicz Sobolev space  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  formulated by  $\mathcal{G}_i$ :

$$W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) = \{ \sigma \in L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) : |\nabla\sigma| \in L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \},$$

endowed with the norm

$$(2.1) \quad \|\sigma\|_{1,\mathcal{G}_i} = \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} + \|\nabla\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i},$$

with  $\|\nabla\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} = \|\nabla\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i}$ . Note that  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  is a reflexive and separable Banach space as well (prove by [54]). Furthermore, we denote the completion of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  by  $W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ , which is a closed subspace of  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ . Utilizing the Poincaré inequality (given by [54, Proposition 2.23]), we have the following equivalent norm in  $W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$

$$\|\sigma\|_{1,\mathcal{G}_i,0} = \|\nabla\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_i} \text{ for all } \sigma \in W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega).$$

In addition, we define the equivalent norm of space  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ , i.e.

$$\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\},$$

in which the modular function is formulated as  
(2.2)

$$\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) = \int_{\Omega} \left( |\nabla\sigma|^{p_i(x)} + \mu(x)|\nabla\sigma|^{q_i(x)} \right) \log(e + \alpha|\nabla\sigma|) dx + \int_{\Omega} \left( |\sigma|^{p_i(x)} + \mu(x)|\sigma|^{q_i(x)} \right) \log(e + \alpha|\sigma|) dx$$

for  $\sigma \in W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ .

The next proposition reveals the relationship of modular  $\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}$  and norm  $\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}}$  which is demonstrated by [54, Proposition 2.21].

**Proposition 2.2.** *If hypotheses (H0) hold, and  $\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}$  is given by (2.2), then for each  $\sigma \in W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  we see that*

- (i)  $\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}} = \lambda \iff \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\lambda} \right) = 1$  with  $\sigma \neq 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}} < 1$  (resp.  $= 1, > 1$ )  $\iff \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) < 1$  (resp.  $= 1, > 1$ );
- (iii)  $\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}} < 1 \implies \|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}}^{q_i^++1} \leq \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) \leq \|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}}^{p_i^-}$ ;
- (iv)  $\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}} > 1 \implies \|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}}^{p_i^-} \leq \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) \leq \|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}}^{q_i^++1}$ ;
- (v)  $\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}} \rightarrow 0 \iff \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (vi)  $\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}} \rightarrow \infty \iff \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- (vii)  $\|\sigma\|_{\hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}} \rightarrow 1 \iff \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma) \rightarrow 1$ ;
- (viii)  $\sigma_n \rightarrow \sigma$  in  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \implies \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma_n) \rightarrow \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{G}_i}(\sigma)$ .

The following embedding results can be directly found in [54, Propositions 2.22 and 2.23].

**Proposition 2.3.** *For  $i = 1, 2$ , if hypotheses (H0) hold, then*

- (i)  $L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow W^{1,r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , and  $W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow W_0^{1,r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  for all  $r_i \in C(\overline{\Omega})$  such that  $1 \leq r_i(x) \leq p_i(x)$  for all  $x \in \Omega$ ;
- (ii)  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and  $W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  for all  $r \in C(\overline{\Omega})$  such that  $1 \leq r_i(x) < p_i^*(x)$  for all  $x \in \overline{\Omega}$ ;
- (iii)  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega)$  and  $W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega)$  for all  $r \in C(\overline{\Omega})$  such that  $1 \leq r_i(x) < (p_i)_*(x)$  for all  $x \in \overline{\Omega}$ ;
- (iv)  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ .

Take  $y^+ = \max\{y, 0\}$  and  $y^- = -\min\{y, 0\}$  for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , define  $\sigma^\pm(\cdot) = [\sigma(\cdot)]^\pm$  for any function  $\sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . According to [54, Proposition 2.24], we infer the following results.

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $\sigma \in W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ ,  $v \in W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  and  $\{\sigma_n\} \subset W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ . If (H0) hold, then we have*

- (i)  $\pm\sigma^\pm \in W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  with  $\nabla(\pm\sigma^\pm) = \nabla\sigma 1_{\{\pm\sigma > 0\}}$ ;
- (ii) if  $\sigma_n \rightarrow \sigma$  in  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ , then  $\pm\sigma_n^\pm \rightarrow \pm\sigma^\pm$  in  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ ;
- (iii)  $\pm v^\pm \in W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ .

In the sequel, we denote by  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$  and  $W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$  the dual spaces of  $W^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  and  $W_0^{1,\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ , respectively. For a given Banach space  $X$ , let  $X^*$  be the corresponding dual space, we define  $\mathcal{K}(X^*)$  as

$$\mathcal{K}(X^*) = \{U \subset X^* : U \neq \emptyset, U \text{ is closed and convex}\}.$$

**Definition 2.5.** If  $X$  is a real reflexive Banach space,  $X^*$  is the dual space of  $X$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes their duality pairing. Then, operator  $B : X \rightarrow X^*$  is called

- (i) completely continuous iff  $\sigma_n \rightharpoonup \sigma$  in  $X$  implies  $B\sigma_n \rightarrow B\sigma$  in  $X^*$ .
- (ii) to satisfy the  $(S_+)$ -property if  $\sigma_n \rightharpoonup \sigma$  in  $X$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle B\sigma_n, \sigma_n - \sigma \rangle \leq 0$  imply  $\sigma_n \rightarrow \sigma$  in  $X$ .

For  $i = 1, 2$ , we define operator  $A_i : X \rightarrow X^*$  as:

$$(2.3) \quad \langle A_i(\sigma_i), v_i \rangle_{\mathcal{G}_i} := \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|)}{|\nabla \sigma_i|} \nabla \sigma_i \cdot \nabla v_i dx,$$

for all  $\sigma_i, v_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ , here  $X = W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  or  $X = W_0^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  with  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  being the dual pairing between  $X$  and  $X^*$ .

Referring to [54], we see that for each  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $A_i$  gets the following properties.

**Proposition 2.6.** *For  $i = 1, 2$ , if hypotheses (H1) hold, then  $A_i$  (given by (2.3)) is continuous, bounded, strictly monotone (thus maximal monotone) and satisfies  $(S_+)$  property.*

Next, we recall some important properties for multivalued operators that will be used in the proof of our main results.

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $X$  be a real reflexive Banach space,  $X^*$  be its dual space and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote their duality pairing. Then operator  $B : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is called

- (i) pseudomonotone iff
  - (a) the set  $B(\sigma)$  is nonempty, bounded, closed and convex for all  $\sigma \in X$ ;
  - (b)  $B$  is upper semicontinuous from each finite dimensional subspace of  $X$  to the weak topology on  $X^*$ ;
  - (c)  $(\sigma_n) \subset X$  with  $\sigma_n \rightharpoonup \sigma$ , and  $\sigma_n^* \in B(\sigma_n)$  being such that  $\limsup \langle \sigma_n^*, \sigma_n - \sigma \rangle \leq 0$ , imply there exists  $\sigma^*(v) \in B(\sigma)$  such that

$$\liminf \langle \sigma_n^*, \sigma_n - v \rangle \geq \langle \sigma^*(v), \sigma - v \rangle.$$

for each element  $v \in X$ .

- (ii) generalized pseudomonotone iff  $(\sigma_n) \subset X$  and  $(\sigma_n^*) \subset X^*$  with  $\sigma_n^* \in B(\sigma_n)$  being such that  $\sigma_n \rightharpoonup \sigma$  in  $X$ ,  $\sigma_n^* \rightharpoonup \sigma^*$  in  $X^*$  and  $\limsup \langle \sigma_n^*, \sigma_n - \sigma \rangle \leq 0$  imply that the element  $\sigma^*$  lies in  $B(\sigma)$  and

$$\langle \sigma_n^*, \sigma_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma^*, \sigma \rangle.$$

- (iii) coercive iff for  $\sigma \in X$  satisfying  $\|\sigma\|_X \rightarrow \infty$ , there hold

$$\frac{\inf\{\langle \sigma^*, \sigma \rangle : \sigma^* \in B(\sigma)\}}{\|\sigma\|_X} \rightarrow +\infty.$$

**Remark 2.8.**  $B : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  being a pseudomonotone implies that  $B$  is generalized pseudomonotone. Moreover, if  $B$  is maximal monotone with  $D(B) = X$ , we infer that  $B$  is pseudomonotone.

The next proposition gives the sufficient conditions to guarantee that a generalized pseudomonotone multivalued operator becomes a pseudomonotone multivalued operator, see also [11, Proposition 2.18].

**Proposition 2.9.** *If  $X$  is a real reflexive Banach space, and operator  $B : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i) For each  $\sigma \in X$  the set  $B(\sigma)$  is a nonempty, closed, and convex in  $X^*$ ;
- (ii)  $B : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is bounded;
- (iii)  $B : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is generalized pseudomonotone.

Then operator  $B : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is pseudomonotone.

Assume  $l_j \in C(\overline{\Omega})$  with  $(l_j)_- \geq 1$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, m$ . Let  $F$  be a function from  $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^m$  into  $2^{\mathbb{R}}$ . For each measurable function  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , we consider the multivalued function  $\Omega \ni x \mapsto F(x, \sigma_1(x), \dots, \sigma_m(x)) = F(x, \sigma(x)) \in 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  and denote  $\tilde{F}(\sigma) = \{v \in M(\Omega) : v(x) \in F(x, \sigma(x)) \text{ for a.a. } x \in \Omega\}$ . The following theorem references [11, Theorem 7.8].



**Theorem 2.10.** *Assume  $F$  satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i) *For a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ , all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $F(x, \xi)$  is closed and nonempty.*
- (ii)  *$F$  is superpositionally measurable, i.e., if  $\sigma \in [M(\Omega)]^m$ , then  $F(\cdot, \sigma(\cdot)) : \Omega \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  is measurable.*
- (iii) *For a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ , the function  $\mathbb{R}^m \ni \xi \mapsto F(x, \xi)$  is Hausdorff upper semicontinuous (h-u.s.c. for short).*
- (iv) *There exist  $a \in L^{l_0(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and  $b > 0$  such that*

$$(2.4) \quad |v| \leq a(x) + b \sum_{i=1}^m |\xi_i|^{\frac{l_i(x)}{l_0(x)}},$$

*for a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ , all  $v \in F(x, \xi)$ .*

*Thus, for each  $u \in \prod_{i=1}^m L^{l_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\tilde{F}(\sigma)$  is a nonempty and closed subset of  $L^{l_0(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , and  $\tilde{F} : \sigma \mapsto \tilde{F}(\sigma)$  is h-u.s.c. from  $\prod_{i=1}^m L^{l_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  to  $2^{L^{l_0(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$ .*

In addition, let  $B_R(0) := \{\sigma \in X \mid \|\sigma\|_X < R\}$  denote an open ball with center 0 and radius  $R > 0$ , we review the following surjective theorem, see [33, Theorem 2.2].

**Theorem 2.11.** *Assume  $X$  is a real reflexive Banach space,  $F : D(F) \subset X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is a maximal monotone operator and  $G : D(G) = X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is a bounded multi-valued pseudomonotone operator, and  $L \in X^*$ . If there exist  $\sigma_0 \in X$  and  $R \geq \|\sigma_0\|_X$  satisfying  $D(F) \cap B_R(0) \neq \emptyset$  and*

$$\langle \xi + \eta - L, \sigma - \sigma_0 \rangle_{X^* \times X} > 0$$

*for all  $\sigma \in D(F)$  with  $\|\sigma\|_X = R$ , all  $\xi \in F(\sigma)$  and all  $\eta \in G(\sigma)$ , then the following inclusion*

$$F(\sigma) + G(\sigma) \ni L$$

*has a solution in  $D(F)$ , namely,  $F + G$  is surjective.*

Finally, we define the following notations for some sets and function spaces:

$$\begin{aligned} K &:= K_1 \times K_2, \\ \mathcal{L} &:= L^{\mathcal{G}_1}(\Omega) \times L^{\mathcal{G}_2}(\Omega), \\ L^{r_1(\cdot), r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega) &:= L^{r_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times L^{r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega), \\ L^{\iota_1(\cdot), \iota_2(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega) &:= L^{\iota_1(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega) \times L^{\iota_2(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega), \\ \mathcal{W} &:= W^{1, \mathcal{G}_1}(\Omega) \times W^{1, \mathcal{G}_2}(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously,  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $L^{r_1(\cdot), r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $L^{\iota_1(\cdot), \iota_2(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega)$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  endowed with norms

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{L}} &= \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_1} + \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{G}_2}, \\ \|\sigma\|_{L^{r_1(\cdot), r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)} &= \|\sigma\|_{r_1(\cdot)} + \|\sigma\|_{r_2(\cdot)}, \\ \|\sigma\|_{L^{\iota_1(\cdot), \iota_2(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega)} &= \|\sigma\|_{\iota_1(\cdot), \partial\Omega} + \|\sigma\|_{\iota_2(\cdot), \partial\Omega}, \\ \|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{W}} &= \|\sigma\|_{1, \mathcal{G}_1} + \|\sigma\|_{1, \mathcal{G}_2}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively, become reflexive and separable Banach spaces. Referring to Proposition 2.2 we get:

$$(2.5) \quad \mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}, \quad \mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow L^{p_1(\cdot), p_2(\cdot)}(\Omega), \quad \mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow L^{q_1(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega), \quad \mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow L^{p_1(\cdot), p_2(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega).$$

We end this section by introducing the weak solutions, subsolutions and supersolutions of problem (1.1).

**Definition 2.12.** A function  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in K$  is called a weak solution of problem (1.1), if it fulfills the following conditions: For  $i = 1, 2$ , there exist  $\tau_i \in C(\bar{\Omega})$  and  $\theta_i \in C(\Gamma_i)$  with  $1 < \tau_i(x) < p_i^*(x)$  for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$  as well as  $1 < \theta_i(x) < (p_i)_*(x)$  for all  $x \in \Gamma_i$  and  $\eta_i \in L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\zeta_i \in L^{\theta_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  with  $\eta_i(x) \in \mathcal{F}_i(\sigma)(x) := f_i(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla\sigma_1(x), \nabla\sigma_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\zeta_i(x) \in \mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i}(\sigma)(x) := f_{\Gamma_i}(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_i$  are such that:

$$(2.6) \quad \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_1(x, |\nabla\sigma_1|)}{|\nabla\sigma_1|} \nabla\sigma_1 \cdot \nabla(v_1 - \sigma_1) dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta_1(v_1 - \sigma_1) dx + \int_{\Gamma_1} \zeta_1(v_1 - \sigma_1) d\varsigma \geq 0$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_2(x, |\nabla \sigma_2|)}{|\nabla \sigma_2|} \nabla \sigma_2 \cdot \nabla (v_2 - \sigma_2) dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta_2 (v_2 - \sigma_2) dx + \int_{\Gamma_2} \zeta_2 (v_2 - \sigma_2) d\varsigma \geq 0$$

for all  $(v_1, v_2) \in K$ .

Note that the boundary integral  $\int_{\Gamma_i} \zeta_i (v_i - \sigma_i) d\varsigma$  means that

$$\int_{\Gamma_i} \zeta_i (\mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} v_i|_{\Gamma_i} - \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} \sigma_i|_{\Gamma_i}) d\varsigma,$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^{\theta_i(\cdot)}(\partial\Omega)$  is the trace operator and  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} v_i|_{\Gamma_i}$  is the restriction of  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} v_i$  to  $\Gamma_i$ .

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $i = 1, 2$ , a function  $\underline{\sigma} = (\underline{\sigma}_1, \underline{\sigma}_2) \in \mathcal{W}$  is called a subsolution of problem (1.1), if there exist  $\tau_i \in C(\bar{\Omega})$  and  $\theta_i \in C(\Gamma_i)$  with  $1 < \tau_i(x) < p_i^*(x)$  for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$  as well as  $1 < \theta_i(x) < (p_i)_*(x)$  for all  $x \in \Gamma_i$  and  $\eta_i \in L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\zeta_i \in L^{\theta_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  fulfilling the conditions:

- (i)  $\underline{\sigma}_i \vee K_i \subset K_i$  ;
- (ii)  $\underline{\eta}_1(x) \in f_1(x, \underline{\sigma}_1(x), z_2(x), \nabla \underline{\sigma}_1(x), \nabla z_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\underline{\zeta}_1(x) \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, \underline{\sigma}_1(x), z_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_1$  and  $\underline{\eta}_2(x) \in f_2(x, z_1(x), \underline{\sigma}_2(x), \nabla z_1(x), \nabla \underline{\sigma}_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\underline{\zeta}_2(x) \in f_{\Gamma_2}(x, z_1(x), \underline{\sigma}_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_2$ ;
- (iii) the inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_1(x, |\nabla \underline{\sigma}_1|)}{|\nabla \underline{\sigma}_1|} \nabla \underline{\sigma}_1 \cdot \nabla (v_1 - \underline{\sigma}_1) dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta_1 (v_1 - \underline{\sigma}_1) dx + \int_{\Gamma_1} \zeta_1 (v_1 - \underline{\sigma}_1) d\varsigma \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_2(x, |\nabla \underline{\sigma}_2|)}{|\nabla \underline{\sigma}_2|} \nabla \underline{\sigma}_2 \cdot \nabla (v_2 - \underline{\sigma}_2) dx + \int_{\Omega} \eta_2 (v_2 - \underline{\sigma}_2) dx + \int_{\Gamma_2} \zeta_2 (v_2 - \underline{\sigma}_2) d\varsigma \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(v_1, v_2) \in (\underline{\sigma}_1, \underline{\sigma}_2) \wedge (K_1, K_2)$ , all  $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathcal{W}$  satisfying  $\underline{\sigma}_i \leq z_i \leq \bar{\sigma}_i$ .

We point out that if  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  belongs to a nonempty set  $K = (K_1, K_2)$ , then  $\sigma \vee K$  states  $\sigma \vee k = (\sigma_1 + (k_1 - \sigma_2)^+, \sigma_2 + (k_2 - \sigma_2)^+)$  for all  $k = (k_1, k_2) \in K$ . Likewise,  $\sigma \wedge K$  states  $\sigma \wedge k = (\sigma_1 - (\sigma_1 - k_1)^+, \sigma_2 - (\sigma_2 - k_2)^+)$  for all  $k \in K$ .

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $i = 1, 2$ , a function  $\bar{\sigma} = (\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2) \in \mathcal{W}$  is called a supersolution of problem (1.1), if there exist  $\tau_i \in C(\bar{\Omega})$  and  $\theta_i \in C(\Gamma_i)$  with  $1 < \tau_i(x) < p_i^*(x)$  for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$  as well as  $1 < \theta_i(x) < (p_i)_*(x)$  for all  $x \in \Gamma_i$  and  $\eta_i \in L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\zeta_i \in L^{\theta_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  fulfilling the conditions:

- (i)  $\bar{\sigma}_i \wedge K_i \subset K_i$  ;
- (ii)  $\bar{\eta}_1(x) \in f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1(x), z_2(x), \nabla \bar{\sigma}_1(x), \nabla z_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\bar{\zeta}_1(x) \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, \bar{\sigma}_1(x), z_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_1$  and  $\bar{\eta}_2(x) \in f_2(x, z_1(x), \bar{\sigma}_2(x), \nabla z_1(x), \nabla \bar{\sigma}_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\bar{\zeta}_2(x) \in f_{\Gamma_2}(x, z_1(x), \bar{\sigma}_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_2$ ;
- (iii) the inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_1(x, |\nabla \bar{\sigma}_1|)}{|\nabla \bar{\sigma}_1|} \nabla \bar{\sigma}_1 \cdot \nabla (v_1 - \bar{\sigma}_1) dx + \int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta}_1 (v_1 - \bar{\sigma}_1) dx + \int_{\Gamma_1} \bar{\zeta}_1 (v_1 - \bar{\sigma}_1) d\varsigma \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_2(x, |\nabla \bar{\sigma}_2|)}{|\nabla \bar{\sigma}_2|} \nabla \bar{\sigma}_2 \cdot \nabla (v_2 - \bar{\sigma}_2) dx + \int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta}_2 (v_2 - \bar{\sigma}_2) dx + \int_{\Gamma_2} \bar{\zeta}_2 (v_2 - \bar{\sigma}_2) d\varsigma \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(v_1, v_2) \in (\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2) \vee (K_1, K_2)$ , all  $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathcal{W}$  satisfying  $\underline{\sigma}_i \leq z_i \leq \bar{\sigma}_i$ .

If  $\underline{\sigma} = (\underline{\sigma}_1, \underline{\sigma}_2)$  and  $\bar{\sigma} = (\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2)$  is a pair of sub- and supersolution, then we say that the order interval  $[\underline{\sigma}, \bar{\sigma}] = [\underline{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_1] \times [\underline{\sigma}_2, \bar{\sigma}_2]$  is a trapping region with

$$[\underline{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_i] = \{ \sigma \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) : \underline{\sigma}_i \leq \sigma \leq \bar{\sigma}_i \text{ a.e. in } \Omega \}.$$

## 3. EXISTENCE RESULTS IN COERCIVE SETTING

In this section, we focus on the situation that problem (1.1) fulfills a mild coercive condition. This permits us to utilize the surjectivity theorem, Theorem 2.11, for the purpose of showing the existence of weak solutions.

So, we first make the following assumptions for problem (1.1) :

(H2) For  $i = 1, 2$ , one can find  $r_i \in C(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\iota_i \in C(\Gamma)$  such that  $1 < r_i(x) < p_i^*(x)$  for a.a.  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ ,  $1 < \iota_i(x) < (p_i)_*(x)$  for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $\beta_i^\Omega, \gamma_i \geq 0$ ,  $\beta_i^{\Gamma_i} \geq 0$  and nonnegative functions  $\alpha_i^\Omega \in L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\alpha_i^{\Gamma_i} \in L^{\iota_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  satisfying:

$$\sup\{|\eta_1| : \eta_1 \in f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)\} \leq \alpha_1^\Omega(x) + \beta_1^\Omega \left( |y_1|^{r_1(x)-1} + |y_2|^{\frac{r_2(x)}{r_1'(x)}} \right) + \gamma_1 \left( |\varphi_1|^{\frac{p_1(x)}{r_1'(x)}} + |\varphi_2|^{\frac{p_2(x)}{r_1'(x)}} \right),$$

as well as

$$\sup\{|\eta_2| : \eta_2 \in f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)\} \leq \alpha_2^\Omega(x) + \beta_2^\Omega \left( |y_1|^{\frac{r_1(x)}{r_2'(x)}} + |y_2|^{r_2(x)-1} \right) + \gamma_2 \left( |\varphi_1|^{\frac{p_1(x)}{r_2'(x)}} + |\varphi_2|^{\frac{p_2(x)}{r_2'(x)}} \right),$$

for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ , for all  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and for all  $\varphi_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , and

$$\sup\{|\zeta_1| : \zeta_1 \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, y_1, y_2)\} \leq \alpha_1^{\Gamma_1}(x) + \beta_1^{\Gamma_1} \left( |y_1|^{\iota_1(x)-1} + |y_2|^{\frac{\iota_2(x)}{\iota_1'(x)}} \right) \text{ for a.a. } x \in \Gamma_1 \text{ and all } y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R},$$

as well as

$$\sup\{|\zeta_2| : \zeta_2 \in f_{\Gamma_2}(x, y_1, y_2)\} \leq \alpha_2^{\Gamma_2}(x) + \beta_2^{\Gamma_2} \left( |y_1|^{\frac{\iota_1(x)}{\iota_2'(x)}} + |y_2|^{\iota_2(x)-1} \right) \text{ for a.a. } x \in \Gamma_2 \text{ and all } y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In the sequel, for  $i = 1, 2$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{I}_{r_i(\cdot)} : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  the embedding operator and denote by  $\mathcal{I}_{\iota_i(\cdot)} : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^{\iota_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  the trace operator. Taking (H2), Proposition 2.3(ii) and (iii) into account, we get the compactness of both  $\mathcal{I}_{r_i(\cdot)}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\iota_i(\cdot)}$ . Denote the corresponding adjoint operators of  $\mathcal{I}_{r_i(\cdot)}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\iota_i(\cdot)}$  by  $\mathcal{I}_{r_i(\cdot)}^* : L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\iota_i(\cdot)}^* : L^{\iota_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i) \rightarrow W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$ , respectively. Take any  $(v_1, v_2) \in M(\Omega) \times M(\Omega)$  and  $\varphi_i \in [M(\Omega)]^N$  with  $i = 1, 2$ , we define  $\tilde{f}_i(\cdot, v_1, v_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  as the set of measurable selections of  $f_i(\cdot, v_1, v_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ , namely,

$$\tilde{f}_i(v_1, v_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \{\eta_i \in M(\Omega) : \eta_i(x) \in f_i(x, v_1(x), v_2(x), \varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x)) \text{ for a.a. } x \in \Omega\}.$$

Since assumption (H1) hold, the above set is nonempty. Analogously, for any  $(v_1, v_2) \in M(\Gamma_1) \times M(\Gamma_2)$ , we denote the set of measurable selections of  $f_{\Gamma_i}(\cdot, v_1, v_2)$  by

$$\tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i}(v_1, v_2) = \{\zeta_i \in M(\Gamma_i) \mid \zeta_i(x) \in f_{\Gamma_i}(x, v_1(x), v_2(x)) \text{ for a.a. } x \in \Gamma_i\}.$$

Similarly, the above set is nonempty thanks for hypotheses (H1). Since (H2) hold true, let  $i = 1, 2$ , then for any  $v_i \in L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and  $\varphi_i \in [L^{p_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N$  we can show that  $\tilde{f}_i(v_1, v_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \subset L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Likewise, for any  $v_i \in L^{\iota_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$ , we get  $\tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i}(v_1, v_2) \subset L^{\iota_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$ .

Furthermore, let  $i = 1, 2$ , under the conditions of (H2), for any  $(v_1, v_2, \nabla v_1, \nabla v_2) \in L^{r_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times L^{r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \times [L^{p_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N$  (resp.  $(v_1, v_2) \in L^{\iota_1(\cdot)}(\Gamma_1) \times L^{\iota_2(\cdot)}(\Gamma_2)$ ), we have  $\tilde{f}_i(v_1, v_2, \nabla v_1, \nabla v_2) \subset L^{r_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  (resp.  $\tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i}(v_1, v_2) \subset L^{\iota_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$ ). Now, we defined the following mappings  $\mathcal{F}_i = \mathcal{I}_{r_i(\cdot)}^* \circ \tilde{f}_i : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow 2^{W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i} = \mathcal{I}_{\iota_i(\cdot)}^* \circ \tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i} \circ \mathcal{I}_{\iota_i(\cdot)} : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow 2^{W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*}$ ), that is,  $\mathcal{F}_i(v_1, v_2) = \{\hat{\eta}_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^* : \hat{\eta}_i \in \tilde{f}_i(v_1, v_2, \nabla v_1, \nabla v_2)\}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i}(v_1, v_2) = \{\hat{\zeta}_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^* : \hat{\zeta}_i \in \tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i}(v_1, v_2)\}$ ) where  $i = 1, 2$ .

Let  $A(\sigma) = (A_1(\sigma_1), A_2(\sigma_2))$  with  $A_i(i = 1, 2)$  given by (2.3). According to Proposition 2.6 we see that  $A : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}^*$  is continuous, bounded, strictly monotone and of type  $(S_+)$ . In the sequel, define  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\Gamma = (\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_1}, \mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_2})$ .

Next, we will verify that  $A + \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{F}_\Gamma$  is pseudomonotone, and the proof is motivated by Carl-Le [11].

**Proposition 3.1.** *Assume hypotheses (H0), (H1) and (H2) are satisfied, then operator  $A + \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{F}_\Gamma$  turns out to be bounded and pseudomonotone from  $\mathcal{W}$  into  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{W}^*)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $i = 1, 2$ , hypotheses (H1) ensure that  $f_i$  is graph measurable, so  $\tilde{f}_i : L^{r_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times L^{r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \times [L^{p_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \rightarrow L^{r'_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is well defined. Moreover, since  $f_i$  is a multivalued upper semicontinuous function, we deduce that  $f_i(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  is a closed interval within  $\mathbb{R}$ , and then  $\tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  is convex. By applying (H2), we see that for any  $\eta_i \in \tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  and fixed  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in L^{r_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times L^{r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \times [L^{p_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N$  there holds

$$(3.1) \quad \sup\{|\eta_i| : \eta_i \in f_i(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)\} \leq \alpha_i^\Omega(x) + \beta_i^\Omega \left( |y_1|^{r_1(x)-1} + |y_2|^{\frac{r_2(x)}{r'_i(x)}} \right) + \gamma_i \left( |\varphi_1|^{\frac{p_1(x)}{r'_i(x)}} + |\varphi_2|^{\frac{p_2(x)}{r'_i(x)}} \right)$$

for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ , thus  $\tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  is bounded in  $L^{r'_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Let  $\{\eta_{n,i}\} \subset \tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  be such that  $\eta_{n,i} \rightarrow \eta_i$  in  $L^{r'_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  (thus  $\eta_{n,i} \rightarrow \eta_i$  a.a. in  $\Omega$ ), note that  $\eta_{n,i}(x) \in f_i(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , in addition,  $f_i(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x))$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then we know that  $\eta_i(x) \in f_i(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x))$ . Recalling the definition of  $\tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  we can observe that it is closed. Moreover, we show  $\tilde{f}_i : L^{r_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times L^{r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \times [L^{p_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \rightarrow L^{r'_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is bounded. Let  $D$  be a bounded set in  $L^{r_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times L^{r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \times [L^{p_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N$ , (3.1) implies that set  $\tilde{f}_i(D)$  is bounded in  $L^{r'_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , so we get the boundedness of  $\tilde{f}_i$ . Likewise, we deduce that  $\tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a closed, bounded and convex subset in  $L^{\iota_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$ . Furthermore,  $\tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i} : L^{\iota_1(\cdot), \iota_2(\cdot)} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(L^{\iota_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i))$  is bounded. On these basis, combining the boundedness of  $\mathcal{I}_{r_i(\cdot)}$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_{r_i(\cdot)}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_{\iota_i(\cdot)}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\iota_i(\cdot)}^*$  we obtain the boundedness of  $\mathcal{F}_i$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i}$ , thus  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\Gamma$ . Furthermore, using the boundedness of  $A$  given by Proposition 2.6, we infer that  $A + \mathcal{F}$  and  $A + \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{F}_\Gamma$  are bounded.

To demonstrate  $A + \mathcal{F}$  is pseudomonotone, we first verify the generalized pseudomonotonicity of  $A + \mathcal{F} : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{W}^*)$ . Let  $\{\sigma_n\} \subset \mathcal{W}$  and  $\{\sigma_n^*\} \subset \mathcal{W}^*$  (note that  $\sigma_n = (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2})$ ,  $\sigma_n^* = (\sigma_{n,1}^*, \sigma_{n,2}^*)$ ) be such that

$$(3.2) \quad (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) \rightharpoonup (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \text{ in } \mathcal{W},$$

$$(3.3) \quad (\sigma_{n,1}^*, \sigma_{n,2}^*) \rightharpoonup (\sigma_1^*, \sigma_2^*) \text{ in } \mathcal{W}^*,$$

$$(\sigma_{n,1}^*, \sigma_{n,2}^*) \in (A + \mathcal{F})(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (\sigma_{n,1}^*, \sigma_{n,2}^*), (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) - (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rangle \leq 0.$$

By the definition of generalized pseudomonotone to multivalued operators (recall Definition 2.7(ii)) we need to verify

$$(3.5) \quad (\sigma_1^*, \sigma_2^*) \in (A + \mathcal{F})(\sigma_1, \sigma_2),$$

and

$$(3.6) \quad \langle (\sigma_{n,1}^*, \sigma_{n,2}^*), (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) \rangle \rightarrow \langle (\sigma_1^*, \sigma_2^*), (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rangle.$$

First, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$(3.7) \quad (\sigma_{n,1}^*, \sigma_{n,2}^*) = (l_{n,1}^*, l_{n,2}^*) + (\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*)$$

where

$$(3.8) \quad (l_{n,1}^*, l_{n,2}^*) \in A(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) \text{ and } (\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*) \in \mathcal{F}(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}).$$

Utilizing the boundedness of  $\{(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2})\}$  in  $\mathcal{W}$  together with the boundedness of  $A, \mathcal{F}$  we get

$$(3.9) \quad (l_{n,1}^*, l_{n,2}^*) \rightharpoonup (l_{0,1}^*, l_{0,2}^*), \quad (\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*) \rightharpoonup (\eta_{0,1}^*, \eta_{0,2}^*), \text{ in } \mathcal{W}^*,$$

in the sense of subsequence. Applying (3.3), (3.7) and (3.9) we obtain

$$(3.10) \quad (\sigma_1^*, \sigma_2^*) = (l_{0,1}^*, l_{0,2}^*) + (\eta_{0,1}^*, \eta_{0,2}^*).$$

In addition, recalling the definition of  $\mathcal{F}_i$ , we can find  $\eta_{n,i} \in \tilde{f}_i(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2})$  such that  $(\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*) = (\mathcal{I}_{r_1(\cdot)}^* \eta_{n,1}, \mathcal{I}_{r_2(\cdot)}^* \eta_{n,2})$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Obviously,  $\{(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2})\}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{W}$ , we see that  $(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2})$  is bounded in  $L^{r_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times L^{r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \times [L^{p_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N$ , along with

condition (F2) we get the boundedness of  $\{(\eta_{n,1}, \eta_{n,2})\}$  in  $L^{r_1'(\cdot), r_2'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Hence,  $\{(\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  can be shown to be a relatively compact set in  $\mathcal{W}^*$  because of the compactness of  $\mathcal{I}_{r_1(\cdot)}^*$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{r_2(\cdot)}^*$ . Together with the weak convergence of  $(\eta_{n,1}, \eta_{n,2})$  in (3.9) we see that

$$(3.11) \quad (\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*) \rightharpoonup (\eta_{0,1}^*, \eta_{0,2}^*) \text{ in } \mathcal{W}^*.$$

So,  $\langle (\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*), (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) - (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , applying (3.4) we see that

$$(3.12) \quad \limsup \langle (l_{n,1}^*, l_{n,2}^*), (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) - (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rangle \leq 0.$$

The latter joining with the maximal monotonicity of  $A_i$  (recall Theorem 2.6) we see that  $A_i$  is generalized pseudomonotone, hence  $A = (A_1, A_2)$  is generalized pseudomonotone. Then, taking (3.2), (3.8), (3.9) and (3.12) into account and utilizing the  $(S_+)$ -property as well as generalized pseudomonotonicity of  $A$  we obtain

$$(3.13) \quad (l_{0,1}, l_{0,2}) \in A(\sigma_1, \sigma_2), \quad \langle (l_{n,1}^*, l_{n,2}^*), (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) \rangle \rightarrow \langle (l_{0,1}^*, l_{0,2}^*), (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rangle$$

and

$$(3.14) \quad (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) \rightarrow (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \text{ in } \mathcal{W}.$$

Therefore,  $(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2}) \rightarrow (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)$  in  $L^{r_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times L^{r_2(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N \times [L^{p_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N$ . Combining hypotheses (F1), (F2) with Theorem 2.10 we can verify that  $\tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)$  is Hausdorff upper semicontinuous, thus  $h^*(\tilde{f}_i(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2}), \tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)) \rightarrow 0$ . It follows that

$$\inf_{\substack{\omega_1^* \in \tilde{f}_1(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2}) \\ \omega_2^* \in \tilde{f}_2(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2})}} \|(\eta_{n,1}, \eta_{n,2}) - (\omega_1^*, \omega_2^*)\|_{L^{r_1'(\cdot), r_2'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\eta_{n,i} \in \tilde{f}_i(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2})$ . Then, for  $i = 1, 2$ , we can find  $\{\omega_{n,i}^*\} \subset \tilde{f}_i(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2})$  fulfilling

$$(3.15) \quad \|(\eta_{n,1}, \eta_{n,2}) - (\omega_{n,1}^*, \omega_{n,2}^*)\|_{L^{r_1'(\cdot), r_2'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0.$$

Moreover, since  $\tilde{f}_i(\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}, \nabla \sigma_{n,1}, \nabla \sigma_{n,2})$  is bounded, there exists some  $(\omega_{0,1}^*, \omega_{0,2}^*) \in L^{r_1'(\cdot), r_2'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  such that

$$(3.16) \quad (\omega_{n,1}^*, \omega_{n,2}^*) \rightharpoonup (\omega_{0,1}^*, \omega_{0,2}^*)$$

in  $L^{r_1'(\cdot), r_2'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . This associating the fact that  $\tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)$  is closed and convex (hence weakly closed) in  $L^{r_i'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  implies  $\omega_{0,i}^* \in \tilde{f}_i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)$ . Combining (3.15) with (3.16) we get

$$(\eta_{n,1}, \eta_{n,2}) \rightharpoonup (\omega_{0,1}^*, \omega_{0,2}^*) \text{ in } L^{r_1'(\cdot), r_2'(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

Using the compactness of  $\mathcal{I}_{r_i(\cdot)}^*$  again, we have

$$(\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*) = \left( \mathcal{I}_{r_1(\cdot)}^* \eta_{n,1}, \mathcal{I}_{r_2(\cdot)}^* \eta_{n,2} \right) \rightarrow \left( \mathcal{I}_{r_1(\cdot)}^* \omega_{0,1}^*, \mathcal{I}_{r_2(\cdot)}^* \omega_{0,2}^* \right) \text{ in } \mathcal{W}^*.$$

Together with (3.11), there holds

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} (\eta_{0,1}^*, \eta_{0,2}^*) &= \left( \mathcal{I}_{r_1(\cdot)}^* \omega_{0,1}^*, \mathcal{I}_{r_2(\cdot)}^* \omega_{0,2}^* \right) \\ &\in \left( \mathcal{I}_{r_1(\cdot)}^* \tilde{f}_1(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2), \mathcal{I}_{r_2(\cdot)}^* \tilde{f}_2(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2) \right) = \mathcal{F}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, from (3.11) and (3.14) we have

$$(3.18) \quad \langle (\eta_{n,1}^*, \eta_{n,2}^*), (\sigma_{n,1}, \sigma_{n,2}) \rangle \rightarrow \langle (\eta_{0,1}^*, \eta_{0,2}^*), (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rangle.$$

Taking (3.7), (3.10), (3.13), (3.17) and (3.18) into account we clarify (3.5) and (3.6). So, we obtain that  $A + \mathcal{F}$  is a multivalued generalized pseudomonotone operator. Therefore, along with the boundedness of  $A + \mathcal{F}$  we can show it is pseudomonotone. In addition, similar to the proof of [12, Proposition 3.1] one can prove that  $\mathcal{F}_\Gamma$  is pseudomonotone, hence,  $A + \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{F}_\Gamma$  is bounded and pseudomonotone.  $\square$

By the pseudomonotonicity of  $A + \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{F}_\Gamma$ , we are going to invoke the surjective theorem Theorem 2.11 for getting the following existence result to elliptic inclusion systems (1.1).

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let (H0), (H1) and (H2) hold true. Suppose the next coercivity condition:*

*there are  $\sigma_0 \in K$  and  $R \geq \|\sigma_0\|_{\mathcal{W}}$  satisfying  $K \cap B_R(0) \neq \emptyset$  and*

$$(3.19) \quad \langle Au + \eta^* + \zeta^*, \sigma - \sigma_0 \rangle > 0,$$

*for all  $\sigma \in K$  with  $\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{W}} = R$ , for all  $\eta^* \in \mathcal{F}(\sigma)$  and for all  $\zeta^* \in \mathcal{F}_\Gamma(\sigma)$ .*

*Then there exists at least one weak solution  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in K = (K_1, K_2)$  of (1.1).*

*Proof.* According to Proposition 3.1, we get the boundedness and pseudomonotonicity for  $A + \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{F}_\Gamma : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{W}^*}$ . Since set  $K = (K_1, K_2)$  is closed and convex, then mapping  $\partial I_K = (\partial I_{K_1}, \partial I_{K_2})$  is maximal monotone from  $\mathcal{W}$  to  $2^{\mathcal{W}^*}$ . Hence, invoking Theorem 2.11 we prove that there exists at least one solution of (1.1) under coercivity condition (3.19).  $\square$

The following corollary is a result of Theorem 3.2.

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let hypotheses (H0), (H1) and (H2) be satisfied. Take  $\sigma_0 \in K$  and suppose the following coercivity condition:*

$$\lim_{\substack{\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{W}} \rightarrow \infty \\ \sigma \in K}} \left[ \inf_{\substack{\eta^* \in \mathcal{F}(\sigma) \\ \zeta^* \in \mathcal{F}_\Gamma(\sigma)}} \langle A\sigma + \eta^* + \zeta^*, \sigma - \sigma_0 \rangle \right] = \infty,$$

*then (1.1) possesses at least one solution.*

#### 4. EXISTENCE RESULTS IN NONCOERCIVE FRAMEWORK

In this section, we concentrate on the existence of a weak solution for problem (1.1) under the noncoercive framework. To prove that, we will employ the sub and supersolution method associating the theory of nonsmooth analysis and truncation techniques for obtaining the existence as well as compactness results of solutions to problem (1.1). In the remaining parts,  $C$  stands for a constant that could change from line to line.

We make the following assumptions.

(H3) Denote by  $\underline{\sigma} = (\underline{\sigma}_1, \underline{\sigma}_2)$  and  $\bar{\sigma} = (\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2)$  a pair of subsolution and supersolution for (1.1) with  $\underline{\sigma}_i \leq \bar{\sigma}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Fixing  $i = 1, 2$ , one can find  $\tau_i \in C(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\theta_i \in C(\Gamma_i)$  such that  $1 < \tau_i(x) < p_i^*(x)$  for a.a.  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ ,  $1 < \theta_i(x) < (p_i)_*(x)$  for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $\kappa_i \geq 0$  and  $g_i^\Omega \in L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $g_i^{\Gamma_i} \in L^{\theta_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  such that

$$\sup\{|\eta_1| : \eta_1 \in f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)\} \leq g_1^\Omega(x) + \kappa_1 \left( |\varphi_1|^{\frac{p_1(x)}{\tau_1(x)}} + |\varphi_2|^{\frac{p_2(x)}{\tau_1(x)}} \right),$$

$$\sup\{|\eta_2| : \eta_2 \in f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)\} \leq g_2^\Omega(x) + \kappa_2 \left( |\varphi_1|^{\frac{p_1(x)}{\tau_2(x)}} + |\varphi_2|^{\frac{p_2(x)}{\tau_2(x)}} \right),$$

for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ , for all  $y_i \in [\underline{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_i]$  as well as for all  $\varphi_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , also

$$\sup\{|\zeta_1| : \zeta_1 \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, y_1, y_2)\} \leq g_1^{\Gamma_1}(x) \text{ or a.a. } x \in \Gamma_1, \text{ all } y_i \in [\underline{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_i],$$

$$\sup\{|\zeta_2| : \zeta_2 \in f_{\Gamma_2}(x, y_1, y_2)\} \leq g_2^{\Gamma_2}(x) \text{ or a.a. } x \in \Gamma_2, \text{ all } y_i \in [\underline{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_i].$$

The following results in this section are stated by the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Suppose (H0), (H1), and (H3) hold true. Then, there exists a solution  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  to problem (1.1) such that*

$$\underline{\sigma}_i \leq \sigma_i \leq \bar{\sigma}_i \text{ in } \Omega$$

*with  $i = 1, 2$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $\tau_i, \theta_i, \underline{\sigma}$  and  $\bar{\sigma}$  satisfy (H3). In the meantime, let  $\tau_i, \theta_i$  be the exponents and  $\underline{\eta}_i, \underline{\zeta}_i, \bar{\eta}_i, \bar{\zeta}_i$  be the functions given in Definitions 2.13 and 2.14 with  $\underline{\sigma} = (\underline{\sigma}_1, \underline{\sigma}_2)$  and  $\bar{\sigma} = (\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2)$ , respectively.

Let  $i = 1, 2$ , we introduce the following truncation operators  $T_i : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$

$$(4.1) \quad T_i(\sigma_i)(x) = \begin{cases} \bar{\sigma}_i(x) & \text{if } \sigma_i(x) > \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ \sigma_i(x) & \text{if } \underline{\sigma}_i(x) \leq \sigma_i(x) \leq \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ \underline{\sigma}_i(x) & \text{if } \sigma_i(x) < \underline{\sigma}_i(x), \end{cases}$$

$$J_i : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow [L^{p_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N$$

$$(4.2) \quad J_i(\sigma_i, \varphi_i)(x) = \begin{cases} \nabla \bar{\sigma}_i(x) & \text{if } \sigma_i(x) > \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ \varphi_i(x) & \text{if } \underline{\sigma}_i(x) \leq \sigma_i(x) \leq \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ \nabla \underline{\sigma}_i(x) & \text{if } \sigma_i(x) < \underline{\sigma}_i(x), \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } J'_i : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow [L^{p_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)]^N$$

$$(4.3) \quad \tilde{J}_i(\sigma_i, \varphi_i)(x) = \begin{cases} \nabla \bar{\sigma}_i(x) & \text{if } \sigma_i(x) \geq \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ \varphi_i(x) & \text{if } \underline{\sigma}_i(x) < \sigma_i(x) < \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ \nabla \underline{\sigma}_i(x) & \text{if } \sigma_i(x) \leq \underline{\sigma}_i(x). \end{cases}$$

For the convenience, we denote  $J_i(\sigma_i, \varphi_i)(x)$  (*resp.*  $\tilde{J}_i(\sigma_i, \varphi_i)(x)$ ) by  $J_i\varphi_i$  (*resp.*  $\tilde{J}_i\varphi_i$ ) in the sequel.

As before, we mention that  $\bar{\eta}_1, \eta_1 \in L^{\tau_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and  $\bar{\zeta}_1, \zeta_1 \in L^{\theta_1(\cdot)}(\Gamma_1)$  are the functions given in Definitions 2.13 and 2.14 with  $\underline{\sigma} = (\underline{\sigma}_1, \underline{\sigma}_2)$  and  $\bar{\sigma} = (\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2)$  such that  $\bar{\eta}_1 \in f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2, \nabla \bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2)$ ,  $\eta_1 \in f_1(x, \underline{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2, \nabla \underline{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2)$  as well as  $\bar{\zeta}_1 \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2)$ ,  $\zeta_1 \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, \underline{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2)$ . Now, we construct the following truncation function  $f_1^0 : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$ :

$$(4.4) \quad f_1^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \begin{cases} \{\bar{\eta}_1\} & \text{if } \sigma_1 > \bar{\sigma}_1, \\ \text{conv}[f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2, \nabla \bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \cup f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \\ \quad \cup f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2)] & \text{if } \sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1, \\ \text{conv}[f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \cup f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2)] & \text{if } \underline{\sigma}_1 < \sigma_1 < \bar{\sigma}_1, \\ \text{conv}[f_1(x, \underline{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2, \nabla \underline{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \cup f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \\ \quad \cup f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2)] & \text{if } \sigma_1 = \underline{\sigma}_1, \\ \{\eta_1\} & \text{if } \sigma_1 < \underline{\sigma}_1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\text{conv}(S)$  is the convex hull of  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ . and  $f_1^{0\Gamma_1} : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  as

$$(4.5) \quad f_{\Gamma_1}^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \begin{cases} \{\bar{\zeta}_1\} & \text{if } \sigma_1 > \bar{\sigma}_1, \\ f_{\Gamma_1}(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2) & \text{if } \underline{\sigma}_1 \leq \sigma_1 \leq \bar{\sigma}_1, \\ \{\zeta_1\} & \text{if } \sigma_1 < \underline{\sigma}_1. \end{cases}$$

Likewise, we can define the truncation functions  $f_2^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  and  $f_{\Gamma_2}^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .

Next, we are going to verify that  $f_i^0$  and  $f_{\Gamma_i}^0$  satisfy hypotheses (H2). Using the same procedure of to the proof of [11, Theorem 7.13], one can show  $f_1^0$  is graph measurable as well as  $f_1^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R})$  for a.e.  $x \in \Omega$  and for all  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$ . It remains to demonstrate that  $f_1^0(x, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  is upper semicontinuous for all  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$ . Let  $x \in \Omega$  be any point fulfilling  $\bar{\eta}_1(x) \in f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1(x), T_2\sigma_2(x), \nabla \bar{\sigma}_1(x), \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2(x))$  and  $\eta_1(x) \in f_1(x, \underline{\sigma}_1(x), T_2\sigma_2(x), \nabla \underline{\sigma}_1(x), \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2(x))$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}$  is an open set being such that  $f_1^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . We need to find  $\delta > 0$  satisfying: for  $(v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$  with  $|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta$ , there holds  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . By the upper semicontinuity of  $f_1(x, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  we can select  $\bar{\eta}_1$  to be the function given in Definition 2.13 with respect to supersolution  $\bar{\sigma} = (\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2)$  satisfying  $\bar{\eta}_1 \in f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2, \nabla \bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \cap$

$f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2v_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)$  if  $|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta$  with  $\delta > 0$  small enough. Now, we discuss the following several cases.

- If  $\sigma_1 > \bar{\sigma}_1$ , then  $f_1^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \bar{\eta}(x) \in \mathcal{V}$ . Select  $\delta \in (0, \sigma_1 - \bar{\sigma}_1(x))$ , if  $|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta$  we see that  $v_1 > \bar{\sigma}_1$ . Hence,  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) = \{\bar{\eta}(x)\} = f_1^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . If  $\sigma_1 < \underline{\sigma}_1$ , the proof is similar.
- When  $\underline{\sigma}_1 < \sigma_1 < \bar{\sigma}_1$ , we have  $f_1^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \text{conv}[f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \cup f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2)] \subset \mathcal{V}$ , so  $f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$  and  $f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . Let  $\delta_1 = \min\{\sigma_1 - \underline{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_1 - \sigma_1\} > 0$ . If  $|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta_1$ , then we have  $\underline{\sigma}_1 < v_1 < \bar{\sigma}_1$ . Hence,  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) = \text{conv}[f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \cup f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)]$ . By the upper semicontinuity of  $f_1(x, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ , we can find  $\delta_2$  such that if  $|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta_2$  and  $f_1(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ , then it holds  $f_1(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . Under the situation that  $\underline{\sigma}_1 < v_1 < \bar{\sigma}_1$ , we consider some subcases:
  - (i) If the case  $\sigma_2 > \bar{\sigma}_2$  happens. Let  $\delta_3 \in (0, \sigma_2 - \bar{\sigma}_2)$  and  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3\}$ , thus  $v_2 > \bar{\sigma}_2$ . So, it yields  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, \varphi_1, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_2) - (v_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, l_1, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_2)| \leq |(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta \leq \delta_2$ . Similarly, it is valid  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)| < \delta_2$ . Taking the upper semicontinuity of  $f_1(x, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  into account, we get  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) = \text{conv}[f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \cup f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)] \subset \mathcal{V}$ . When  $\sigma_2 > \underline{\sigma}_2$ , the proof is similar.
  - (ii) Under the assumption  $\sigma_2 = \bar{\sigma}_2 = \underline{\sigma}_2$ , let  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ . We could show that  $v_2 = \bar{\sigma}_2$  or  $v_2 > \bar{\sigma}_2$ . If  $v_2 = \bar{\sigma}_2$ , then one has  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, \varphi_1, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_2) - (v_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, l_1, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_2)| \leq |(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta \leq \delta_2$ , and  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, l_1, l_2)| \leq |(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta_2$ , thus  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . When  $v_2 > \bar{\sigma}_2$ , it implies  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, \varphi_1, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_2) - (v_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, l_1, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_2)| \leq |(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta \leq \delta_2$ , which indicates that  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ .
  - (iii) Suppose that  $\sigma_2 = \bar{\sigma}_2 > \underline{\sigma}_2$ , let  $\delta_4 \in (0, \sigma_2 - \underline{\sigma}_2)$ . It could observe that it holds  $v_2 < \bar{\sigma}_2$ , or  $v_2 = \bar{\sigma}_2$  or  $v_2 > \bar{\sigma}_2$ . If  $v_2 < \bar{\sigma}_2$ , let  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_4\}$ , then  $|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta$  implies  $v_2 > \underline{\sigma}_2$ , i.e.,  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta \leq \delta_2$ . So,  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . If  $v_2 = \bar{\sigma}_2$ , from the proof of the case (ii), we can see that  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| < \delta_2$  and  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)| < \delta_2$ , so  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . Likewise, if  $v_2 > \bar{\sigma}_2$ , then  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)| < \delta_2$ . Therefore,  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . For the case  $\sigma_2 = \underline{\sigma}_2 < \bar{\sigma}_2$ , the proof is all most the same.
  - (iv) If  $\underline{\sigma}_2 < \sigma_2 < \bar{\sigma}_2$  is true, then let  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \bar{\sigma}_2 - \sigma_2, \sigma_2 - \underline{\sigma}_2\}$  and there hold  $\underline{\sigma}_2 < v_2 < \bar{\sigma}_2$  and  $|(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) - (v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)| = |(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta \leq \delta_2$ . This means  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ .
- Assume that  $\sigma_1 = \underline{\sigma}_1$ , we know that  $f_1^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \text{conv}[f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \cup f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \cup f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2)]$ . There hold

$$(4.6) \quad f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \subset \mathcal{V},$$

$$(4.7) \quad f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) \subset \mathcal{V},$$

and

$$(4.8) \quad f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) \subset \mathcal{V}.$$

Then, we consider two subcases, that is,  $\sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1(x) = \underline{\sigma}_1(x)$  or  $\sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1(x) > \underline{\sigma}_1(x)$ . On the one hand, if  $\sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1(x) = \underline{\sigma}_1(x)$ , by (4.6), (4.7) and (4.8) along with the upper semicontinuity of  $f_1(x, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ , employing the same method above one can find  $\delta' > 0$  such that



$|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta'$ , namely,  $|(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2\sigma_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2v_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| < \delta'$ ,  $|(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, \tilde{J}_2\varphi_2) - (x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2)| < \delta'$  and  $|(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) - (x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)| < \delta'$ . Hence, we have

$$(4.9) \quad f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2v_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \subset \mathcal{V},$$

$$(4.10) \quad f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \subset \mathcal{V},$$

and

$$(4.11) \quad f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}.$$

Let  $0 < \delta \leq \delta'$  and  $|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta$ , if  $v_1 = \sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1(x) = \underline{\sigma}_1(x)$ , we deduce  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) = \text{conv}[f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2v_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \cup f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \cup f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)] \subset \mathcal{V}$ . If  $v_1 > \sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1(x)$ , then  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) = \bar{\eta}_1 \in f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2v_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . However, when  $v_1 < \sigma_1 (= \underline{\sigma}_1)$ , the desired conclusion can be obtained by using the same ways. On the other hand, if  $\sigma_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1(x) > \underline{\sigma}_1(x)$ , let  $\delta = \min\{\delta', \sigma_1 - \underline{\sigma}_1\} > 0$  and  $|(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) - (v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2)| < \delta$ , we see that  $v_1 > \underline{\sigma}_1$ . In this situation, we can see that  $v_1 < \bar{\sigma}_1$ , or  $v_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1$  or  $v_1 > \bar{\sigma}_1$ . If  $v_1 < \bar{\sigma}_1$ , then  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) = \text{conv}[f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \cup f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)] \subset \mathcal{V}$ . If  $v_1 = \bar{\sigma}_1$ , we use (4.9) and (4.10) to get  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) = \text{conv}[f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2v_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, J_2l_2) \cup f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \cup f_1(x, v_1, T_2v_2, l_1, J_2l_2)] \subset \mathcal{V}$ . When  $v_1 > \bar{\sigma}_1$ , then  $f_1^0(x, v_1, v_2, l_1, l_2) = \bar{\eta}_1 \in f_1(x, \bar{\sigma}_1, T_2v_2, \nabla\bar{\sigma}_1, \tilde{J}_2l_2) \subset \mathcal{V}$ . Under the condition  $\sigma_1 = \underline{\sigma}_1$ , it could be proved directly by using the uppermicontinuity of  $f_1^0$ . Likewise, it could show the upper semicontinuity of  $f_2^0, f_{\Gamma_1}^0$  and  $f_{\Gamma_2}^0$ .

Additionally, we discuss another truncation function  $f_1^1 : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  which is defined by

$$(4.12) \quad f_1^1(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \begin{cases} \{\bar{\eta}_1\} & \text{if } \sigma_1 > \bar{\sigma}_1, \\ f_1(x, \sigma_1, T_2\sigma_2, \varphi_1, J_2\varphi_2) & \text{if } \underline{\sigma}_1 \leq \sigma_1 \leq \bar{\sigma}_1, \\ \{\underline{\eta}_1\} & \text{if } \sigma_1 < \underline{\sigma}_1. \end{cases}$$

Also,  $f_2^1 : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  can be defined in a similar way. Despite  $f_i^1$  is not upper semicontinuous, however, we could employ the similar arguments given in Theorem 7.13 of [11] to find that  $f_i^0(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla\sigma_1(x), \nabla\sigma_2(x)) = f_i^1(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla\sigma_1(x), \nabla\sigma_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ . So, we can replace  $f_i^0(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla\sigma_1(x), \nabla\sigma_2(x))$  with  $f_i^1(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla\sigma_1(x), \nabla\sigma_2(x))$  in the sequel, and vice-versa.

Invoking conditions (H3), we deduce that

$$(4.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sup\{|w| : w \in f_i^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)\} \\ & \leq g_i^\Omega(x) + \kappa_i \left( |\varphi_1|_{\frac{p_1(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} + |\varphi_2|_{\frac{p_2(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} \right) + \kappa_i \sum_{k=1}^2 \left( |\nabla\bar{\sigma}_k|_{\frac{p_k(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} + |\nabla\underline{\sigma}_k|_{\frac{p_k(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} \right) + |\bar{\eta}_i(x)| + |\underline{\eta}_i(x)| \\ & \leq \gamma_i^\Omega(x) + C_{\kappa_i} \left( |\varphi_1|_{\frac{p_1(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} + |\varphi_2|_{\frac{p_2(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$  and all  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$ , with  $\gamma_i^\Omega(x) = g_i^\Omega(x) + \kappa_i \sum_{k=1}^2 \left( |\nabla\bar{\sigma}_k|_{\frac{p_k(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} + |\nabla\underline{\sigma}_k|_{\frac{p_k(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} \right) + |\bar{\eta}_i(x)| + |\underline{\eta}_i(x)|$  which belongs to  $L^{\tau_i'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .

Analogously, there holds

$$(4.14) \quad \sup\{|w| : w \in f_{\Gamma_i}^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)\} \leq g_i^{\Gamma_i}(x) + |\bar{\zeta}_i(x)| + |\underline{\zeta}_i(x)| = \gamma_i^{\Gamma_i}(x)$$

for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_i$  and for all  $\sigma_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , with  $\gamma_i^{\Gamma_i} \in L^{\theta_i'(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$ .

From above, we see that for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $f_i^0$  and  $f_{\Gamma_i}^0$  satisfy (H1) and (H2). Then, we define  $\mathcal{F}_i^0(\sigma) = \mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}^* f_i^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ , and  $\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i}^0(\sigma) = \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)}^* f_{\Gamma_i}^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)}$ . By the proof of Proposition 3.1, we see that  $\mathcal{F}_0 = (\mathcal{F}_1^0, \mathcal{F}_2^0)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{0\Gamma} = (\mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_1}^0, \mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_2}^0) : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{W}^*)$  are bounded and pseudomonotone.

Moreover, for  $i = 1, 2$  we give the truncation-regularization functions  $b_i, d_i : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  formulated by

$$(4.15) \quad b_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} [y - \bar{\sigma}_i]^{q_i(x)-1} \log(e + \alpha|y|) & \text{if } y > \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ 0 & \text{if } \underline{\sigma}_i(x) \leq y \leq \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ -[\underline{\sigma}_i - y]^{q_i(x)-1} \log(e + \alpha|y|) & \text{if } y < \underline{\sigma}_i(x), \end{cases}$$

and

$$(4.16) \quad d_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} [y - \bar{\sigma}_i]^{\tau_i(x)-1} & \text{if } y > \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ 0 & \text{if } \underline{\sigma}_i(x) \leq y \leq \bar{\sigma}_i(x), \\ -[\underline{\sigma}_i - y]^{\tau_i(x)-1} & \text{if } y < \underline{\sigma}_i(x). \end{cases}$$

It is not hard to find a constant  $c_{1,i} > 0$  satisfying

$$(4.17) \quad |b_i(x, y)| \leq c_{1,i}|y|^{q_i(x)-1} \log(e + \alpha|y|) + c_{1,i} \left( |\underline{\sigma}_i|^{q_i(x)-1} + |\bar{\sigma}_i|^{q_i(x)-1} \right) \log(e + \alpha|y|)$$

for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ , all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . But, from Proposition 2.3, for  $\mu_i(\cdot) \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $\varepsilon_i > 0$  with  $q_i(\cdot) + \varepsilon_i < p_i^*(\cdot)$  we see that, for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q_i(\cdot) + \varepsilon_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{\mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ . Set  $\epsilon = \min\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}$ , we can find  $0 < \eta_\epsilon < 1$  small enough such that for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  it holds that

$$(4.18) \quad \log(e + \alpha|y|) \leq c_2 + C_\alpha |y|^{\eta_\epsilon}$$

with some constant  $c_2 > 0$ . Moreover, by virtue of  $\underline{\sigma}_i, \bar{\sigma}_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$  and  $W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , we have

$$(4.19) \quad |d_i(x, y)| \leq \omega_i(x) + c_{3,i}|y|^{\tau_i(x)-1},$$

for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ , all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , with  $c_{3,i} > 0$ ,  $\omega_i \in L^{\tau_i'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Furthermore, there holds

$$(4.20) \quad \int_{\Omega} |\sigma_i|^{q_i(x)} \log(e + \alpha|\sigma_i|) dx \geq \int_{\Omega} |\sigma_i|^{p_i(x)} \log(e + \alpha|\sigma_i|) dx - C_\alpha |\Omega|$$

for all  $\sigma_i \in L^{q_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Therefore, we define the mapping  $\mathcal{B}_i : L^{q_i(\cdot) + \varepsilon_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^{(q_i(\cdot) + \varepsilon_i)'(\Omega)}$  as

$$(4.21) \quad \langle \mathcal{B}_i(\sigma_i), v_i \rangle = \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, \sigma_i) v_i dx \text{ for all } \sigma_i, v_i \in L^{q_i(\cdot) + \varepsilon_i}(\Omega),$$

which is continuous and bounded. Along with the fact that  $\mathcal{I}_{q_i(\cdot)} : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q_i(\cdot) + \varepsilon_i}(\Omega)$  is compact, we see that  $\mathcal{I}_{q_i(\cdot)}^* \mathcal{B}_i \mathcal{I}_{q_i(\cdot)} : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$  turns out to be bounded and completely continuous, which indicates the pseudomonotonicity and boundedness.

Similarly, we can define  $\mathcal{D}_i : L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^{\tau_i'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  as

$$(4.22) \quad \langle \mathcal{D}_i, v_i \rangle = \int_{\Omega} d_i(x, \sigma_i) v_i dx \text{ for all } \sigma_i, v_i \in L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega),$$

which is also continuous and bounded. Analogously, since  $\mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)} : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is compact, we obtain the boundedness and pseudomonotonicity for  $\mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}^* \mathcal{D}_i \mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)} : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$ .

Invoking the same method as in the proof of [36, Theorem 3.4], for  $z_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}$  fixed, we have

$$(4.23) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{I}_{q_i(\cdot)}^* \mathcal{B}_i \mathcal{I}_{q_i(\cdot)}(\sigma_i), \sigma_i - z_i \rangle &= \langle \mathcal{B}_i(\sigma_i), \sigma_i - z_i \rangle_{L^{(q_i(\cdot) + \varepsilon_i)'(\Omega)}, L^{q_i(\cdot) + \varepsilon_i}(\Omega)} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, \sigma_i)(\sigma_i - z_i) dx \\ &\geq a_{1,i} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{G}_i(x, |\sigma_i|) dx - C, \text{ for all } \sigma_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.24) \quad \langle \mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}^* \mathcal{D}_i \mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\sigma_i), \sigma_i - z_i \rangle &= \langle \mathcal{D}_i(\sigma_i), \sigma_i \rangle_{L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega), L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
&= \int_{\Omega} d_i(x, \sigma_i)(\sigma_i - z_i) dx \\
&\geq a_{2,i} \int_{\Omega} |\sigma_i|^{\tau_i(\cdot)} dx - C, \text{ for all } \sigma_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega).
\end{aligned}$$

Define  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  with  $\lambda_i > 0 (i = 1, 2)$ , then let  $\mathcal{B}(\sigma) = \left( \mathcal{I}_{q_1(\cdot)}^* \mathcal{B}_1 \mathcal{I}_{q_1(\cdot)}(\sigma_1), \mathcal{I}_{q_2(\cdot)}^* \mathcal{B}_2 \mathcal{I}_{q_2(\cdot)}(\sigma_2) \right)$  and  $\lambda \mathcal{D}(\sigma) = \left( \lambda_1 \mathcal{I}_{\tau_1(\cdot)}^* \mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{I}_{\tau_1(\cdot)}(\sigma_1), \lambda_2 \mathcal{I}_{\tau_2(\cdot)}^* \mathcal{D}_2 \mathcal{I}_{\tau_2(\cdot)}(\sigma_2) \right)$ . We set  $A(\sigma) = (A_1(\sigma_1), A_2(\sigma_2))$  with  $A_i$  being given by (2.3). Applying Proposition 2.6, we see that  $A : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}^*$  is continuous, bounded, strictly monotone and of type  $(S_+)$ . Moreover, the following representations will be used in the sequel

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.25) \quad \langle A(\sigma), v \rangle_{\mathcal{W}} &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|)}{|\nabla \sigma_i|} \nabla \sigma_i \cdot \nabla v_i dx, \\
\langle \mathcal{B}(\sigma), v \rangle_{\mathcal{W}} &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, \sigma_i) v_i dx, \\
\langle \mathcal{D}(\sigma), v \rangle_{\mathcal{W}} &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} d_i(x, \sigma_i) v_i dx.
\end{aligned}$$

In what follows, set  $\eta(x) = (\eta_1(x), \eta_2(x))$  as well as  $\zeta(x) = (\zeta_1(x), \zeta_2(x))$ . Next, for  $i = 1, 2$ , let us focus on the auxiliary variational inequality: find  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in K = (K_1, K_2)$ ,  $\eta_i \in L^{\tau_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\zeta_i \in L^{\theta_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  such that

$$(4.26) \quad \begin{cases} \eta_i(x) \in f_i^0(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla \sigma_1(x), \nabla \sigma_2(x)) \text{ for a.a. } x \in \Omega \\ \zeta_i(x) \in f_{\Gamma_i}^0(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla \sigma_1(x), \nabla \sigma_2(x)) \text{ for a.a. } x \in \Gamma_i, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.27) \quad \langle A\sigma, v - \sigma \rangle &+ \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_i(v_i - \sigma_i) dx + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Gamma_i} \zeta_i(v_i - \sigma_i) d\sigma + \langle \mathcal{B}(\sigma), v \rangle + \langle \lambda \mathcal{D}(\sigma), v \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|)}{|\nabla \sigma_i|} \nabla \sigma_i \cdot \nabla v_i dx + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \eta_i(v_i - \sigma_i) dx + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Gamma_i} \zeta_i(v_i - \sigma_i) d\zeta \\
&+ \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} b_i(x, \sigma_i) v_i dx + \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i \int_{\Omega} d_i(x, \sigma_i) v_i dx \\
&\geq 0 \quad \text{for all } (v_1, v_2) \in K.
\end{aligned}$$

The above inequality equals to: find  $\sigma \in K$  satisfying

$$\left\langle A\sigma + \tilde{\eta} + \tilde{\zeta} + \mathcal{B}(\sigma) + \lambda \mathcal{D}(\sigma), v - \sigma \right\rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } v \in K,$$

in which  $\tilde{\eta} = (\tilde{\eta}_1, \tilde{\eta}_2)$  with  $\tilde{\eta}_i = \mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}^* \eta_i \in \mathcal{F}_i^0(\sigma) = \left[ \mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}^* \tilde{f}_i^0 \right] (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)$  and  $\tilde{\zeta} = (\tilde{\zeta}_1, \tilde{\zeta}_2)$  with  $\tilde{\zeta}_i = \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)}^* \zeta_i \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} \in \mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i}^0(\sigma) = \left[ \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)}^* \tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i}^0 \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} \right] (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .

It is clear that solving the variational inequality (4.27) is equivalent to find  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  with  $\sigma_i \in D(\partial I_{K_i})$ ,  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$  with  $\xi_i \in \partial I_{K_i}(\sigma_i)$ , and

$$\tilde{\eta}_i = \mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}^* \eta_i \in \mathcal{F}_i^0(\sigma), \quad \tilde{\zeta}_i = \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)}^* \zeta_i \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} \in \mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i}^0(\sigma)$$

fulfilling

$$(4.28) \quad \mathcal{A}(\sigma, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\zeta}) := A\sigma + \xi + \tilde{\eta} + \tilde{\zeta} + \mathcal{B}(\sigma) + \lambda \mathcal{D}(\sigma) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{W}^*.$$

For each  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\partial I_{K_i}$  is maximal monotone. Hence,  $\partial I_K = (\partial I_{K_1}, \partial I_{K_2})$  is maximal monotone and

$$A + \mathcal{F}_0 + \mathcal{F}_{0\Gamma} + \mathcal{B} + \lambda \mathcal{D} : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{W}(\Omega)^*}$$

is bounded and pseudomonotone. By using Corollary 3.3, we can establish the existence result under the following coercive framework: there exists  $z = (z_1, z_2) \in K$  such that

$$(4.29) \quad \lim_{\substack{\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{W}} \rightarrow \infty \\ \sigma \in K}} \left[ \inf_{\substack{\xi \in \partial I_K(\sigma) \\ \tilde{\eta} \in \mathcal{F}_0(\sigma) \\ \tilde{\zeta} \in \mathcal{F}_{0\Gamma}(\sigma)}} \langle \mathcal{A}(\sigma, \xi, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\zeta}), \sigma - z \rangle \right] = \infty.$$

For any fixed  $z \in K$  and all  $\sigma \in K$ , there holds  $\langle \xi, \sigma - z \rangle = \langle \xi_1, \sigma_1 - z_1 \rangle + \langle \xi_2, \sigma_2 - z_2 \rangle \geq 0$ . Since for any  $\xi_i \in (\partial I_{K_i})(\sigma_i)$  we have  $0 = I_{K_i}(z_i) - I_{K_i}(\sigma_i) \geq \langle \xi_i, z_i - \sigma_i \rangle$ . This indicates that (4.29) is valid. So, we only need to demonstrate that as  $\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{W}} \rightarrow \infty$  with  $\sigma \in K$  there holds

$$(4.30) \quad \inf_{\substack{\tilde{\eta} \in \mathcal{F}_0(\sigma) \\ \tilde{\zeta} \in \mathcal{F}_{0\Gamma}(\sigma)}} \langle \hat{\mathcal{A}}(\sigma, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\zeta}), \sigma - z \rangle \rightarrow \infty,$$

in which

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(\sigma, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\zeta}) := A\sigma + \tilde{\eta} + \tilde{\zeta} + \mathcal{B}(\sigma) + \lambda \mathcal{D}(\sigma),$$

and  $\tilde{\eta} = (\tilde{\eta}_1, \tilde{\eta}_2)$  (resp.  $\tilde{\zeta} = (\tilde{\zeta}_1, \tilde{\zeta}_2)$ ), recalling that  $\tilde{\eta}_i = \mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}^* \eta_i \in \mathcal{F}_i^0(\sigma) = [\mathcal{I}_{\tau_i(\cdot)}^* \tilde{f}_i^0](\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)$  (resp.  $\tilde{\zeta}_i = \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)}^* \zeta \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)} \in \mathcal{F}_{\Gamma_i}^0(\sigma) = [\mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)}^* \tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i}^0 \mathcal{I}_{\theta_i(\cdot)}](\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ ) with  $\eta_i \in \tilde{f}_i^0(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  (resp.  $\zeta_i \in \tilde{f}_{\Gamma_i}^0(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ ).

Using (4.13), we infer that for all  $\eta_i(x) \in \tilde{f}_i^0(x, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)$ , there holds  $|\eta_i| \leq \gamma_i^\Omega(x) + C_{\kappa_i} \left( |\nabla \sigma_1|^{\frac{p_1(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} + |\nabla \sigma_2|^{\frac{p_2(x)}{\tau_i'(x)}} \right) \in L^{\tau_i'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . This derives from (4.14) that

$$(4.31) \quad \begin{aligned} |\langle \tilde{\eta}, \sigma - z \rangle| &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \left| \int_{\Omega} \eta_i(\sigma_i - z_i) dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left( \gamma_1^\Omega(x) + C_{\kappa_1} |\nabla \sigma_1|^{\frac{p_1(x)}{\tau_1'(x)}} + C_{\kappa_1} |\nabla \sigma_2|^{\frac{p_2(x)}{\tau_1'(x)}} \right) (|\sigma_1| + |z_1|) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \left( \gamma_2^\Omega(x) + C_{\kappa_2} |\nabla \sigma_1|^{\frac{p_1(x)}{\tau_2'(x)}} + C_{\kappa_2} |\nabla \sigma_2|^{\frac{p_2(x)}{\tau_2'(x)}} \right) (|\sigma_2| + |z_2|) dx \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \varepsilon |\nabla \sigma_i|^{p_i(x)} dx + 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 C(\varepsilon, \kappa_i, \tau_i') \int_{\Omega} |\sigma_i|^{\tau_i(x)} + |z_i|^{\tau_i(x)} dx \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} |\sigma_i|^{\tau_i(x)} dx + C(1, \tau_i) \int_{\Omega} [\gamma_i^\Omega(x)]^{\tau_i'(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} \gamma_i^\Omega(x) |z_i| dx \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} 2\varepsilon |\nabla \sigma_i|^{p_i(x)} + (2C(\varepsilon, \kappa_i, \tau_i') + 1) |\sigma_i|^{\tau_i(x)} dx + C_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \langle \tilde{\zeta}, \sigma - z \rangle \right| &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \left| \int_{\Gamma_i} \zeta_i (\sigma_i - z_i) d\zeta \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \left\| \gamma_i^{\Gamma_i} \right\|_{\theta'_i(\cdot), \Gamma_i} \left( \|\sigma_i\|_{\theta_i(\cdot), \Gamma_i} + \|z_i\|_{\theta_i(\cdot), \Gamma_i} \right) \right) \\
 (4.32) \quad &\leq \sum_{i=1}^2 (C_i (\|\sigma_i\|_{\theta_i(\cdot), \Gamma_i} + 1)) \\
 &\leq C(\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{W}} + 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that for  $i = 1, 2$ , the potential functional with respect to  $A_i$  defined by

$$I_i(\sigma_i) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ |\nabla \sigma_i|^{p_i(x)} + \mu(x) |\nabla \sigma_i|^{q_i(x)} \right] \log(e + \alpha |\nabla \sigma_i|) dx = \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{G}_i(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|) dx,$$

is convex and satisfies

$$(4.33) \quad \langle A_i(\sigma_i), \sigma_i - z_i \rangle \geq I_i(\sigma_i) - I_i(z_i) = I_i(\sigma_i) - C.$$

Taking (4.31)–(4.33) as well as inequality (4.23) into account and selecting  $\lambda_i > 0$  such that  $\lambda_i > a_{2,i}^{-1} [2C(\varepsilon, \kappa_i, \tau'_i) + 1]$ , we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\langle A\sigma + \tilde{\eta} + \tilde{\zeta} + \mathcal{B}(\sigma) + \lambda \mathcal{D}(\sigma), \sigma - z \rangle \\
 &\geq \min \{1 - 2\varepsilon, a_{1,1}, a_{1,2}\} \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \left[ (|\nabla \sigma_i|^{p_i(x)} + \mu(x) |\nabla \sigma_i|^{q_i(x)}) \log(e + \alpha |\nabla \sigma_i|) \right. \\
 (4.34) \quad &\quad \left. + (|\sigma_i|^{p_i(x)} + \mu(x) |\sigma_i|^{q_i(x)}) \log(e + \alpha |\sigma_i|) \right] dx - C(\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{W}} + 1) \\
 &= \min \{1 - 2\varepsilon, a_{1,1}, a_{1,2}\} \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{G}_i(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|) + \mathcal{G}_i(x, |\sigma_i|) dx - C(\|\sigma\|_{\mathcal{W}} + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\sigma \in K$ ,  $\tilde{\eta} \in \mathcal{F}_0(\sigma)$  and  $\tilde{\zeta} \in \mathcal{F}_{0\Gamma}(\sigma)$ . Furthermore, for  $i = 1, 2$ , we introduce operators  $J_i : W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)^*$ :

$$(4.35) \quad \langle J_i(\sigma_i), v_i \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|)}{|\nabla \sigma_i|} \nabla \sigma_i \cdot \nabla v_i dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\sigma_i|)}{|\sigma_i|} \sigma_i \cdot v_i dx,$$

for all  $\sigma_i, v_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega)$ . Referring to [54, Proposition 3.5], we know that  $J_i$  is coercive, that is,

$$\lim_{\|\sigma_i\|_{1, \mathcal{G}_i} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\|\sigma_i\|_{1, \mathcal{G}_i}} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{G}_i(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|) + \mathcal{G}_i(x, |\sigma_i|) dx = \infty.$$

This associating (4.34) with  $\varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$  derives (4.30). Hence, using Corollary 3.3, we can find  $\sigma, \eta$  and  $\zeta$  satisfying (4.26) and (4.27).

Next, we verify that for each  $i = 1, 2$  it holds

$$(4.36) \quad \underline{\sigma}_i \leq \sigma \leq \bar{\sigma}_i \quad \text{a.a. in } \Omega.$$

We, first, show that for any  $i = 1, 2$  it holds  $\sigma_i \leq \bar{\sigma}_i$ . Take  $v = \bar{\sigma} \wedge \sigma := \sigma - (\sigma - \bar{\sigma})^+ = \langle \sigma_1 - (\sigma_1 - \bar{\sigma}_1)^+, \sigma_2 - (\sigma_2 - \bar{\sigma}_2)^+ \rangle \in K$  into (4.27), it yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.37) \quad &\sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ -\langle A_i(\sigma_i), (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ \rangle - \int_{\Omega} \eta_i (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx - \int_{\Gamma_i} \zeta_i (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ d\zeta \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \int_{\Omega} [b_i(x, \sigma_i) + \lambda_i d_i(x, \sigma_i)] (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx \right] \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, there exist functions  $\bar{\eta}_i \in L^{\tau'_i(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and  $\bar{\zeta}_i \in L^{\theta'_i(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  fulfilling assumptions (i)-(iii) of Definition 2.14. Taking  $v = \bar{\sigma} + (\sigma - \bar{\sigma})^+ = \bar{\sigma} \vee \sigma \in \bar{\sigma} \vee K$  into (iii) of Definition 2.14, we obtain

$$(4.38) \quad \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ \left\langle A_i \bar{\sigma}_i, (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ \right\rangle + \int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta}_i (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx + \int_{\Gamma_i} \bar{\zeta}_i (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ d\varsigma \right] \geq 0.$$

Adding inequalities (4.37) and (4.38), one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ \left\langle -A_i \sigma_i + A_i \bar{\sigma}_i, (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ \right\rangle - \int_{\Omega} (\eta_i - \bar{\eta}_i) (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx - \int_{\Gamma_i} (\zeta_i - \bar{\zeta}_i) (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ d\varsigma \right. \\ & \left. - \int_{\Omega} [b_i(x, \sigma_i) + \lambda_i d_i(x, \sigma_i)] (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx \right] \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since for every  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $A_i$  is strictly monotone, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle A_i \sigma_i - A_i \bar{\sigma}_i, (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ \right\rangle \\ &= \int_{\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) \geq \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|)}{|\nabla \sigma_i|} \nabla \sigma_i - \frac{\mathcal{G}'_i(x, |\nabla \bar{\sigma}_i|)}{|\nabla \bar{\sigma}_i|} \nabla \bar{\sigma}_i \right) \cdot \nabla (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i) dx \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} (\eta_i - \bar{\eta}_i) (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx \\ &= \int_{\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) \geq \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}} (\eta_i - \bar{\eta}_i) (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx \\ &= \int_{\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) \geq \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}} (\bar{\eta}_i - \bar{\eta}_i) (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

we infer

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Gamma_i} (\zeta_i - \bar{\zeta}_i) (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ d\varsigma \\ &= \int_{\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) \geq \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}} (\zeta_i - \bar{\zeta}_i) (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ d\varsigma \\ &= \int_{\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) \geq \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}} (\bar{\zeta}_i - \bar{\zeta}_i) (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ d\varsigma \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The inequalities above say that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq - \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} [b_i(x, \sigma_i) + \lambda_i d_i(x, \sigma_i)] (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i)^+ dx \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) > \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}} [b_i(x, \sigma_i) + \lambda_i d_i(x, \sigma_i)] (\sigma_i - \bar{\sigma}_i) dx. \end{aligned}$$

By (4.15) and (4.16), if  $\sigma(x) > \bar{\sigma}_i(x)$ , then it derives

$$b_i(x, \sigma_i(x)) = [\sigma_i(x) - \bar{\sigma}_i(x)]^{q_i(x)-1} \log(e + \alpha |\sigma_i(x)|),$$

and

$$d_i(x, \sigma_i(x)) = [\sigma_i(x) - \bar{\sigma}_i(x)]^{\tau_i(x)-1}.$$

Hence

$$(4.39) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 \leq & - \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) > \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}} |\sigma_i(x) - \bar{\sigma}_i(x)|^{q_i(x)-1} [\sigma_i(x) - \bar{\sigma}_i(x)] \log(e + \alpha |\sigma_i(x)|) dx \\ & - \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i \int_{\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) > \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}} |\sigma_i(x) - \bar{\sigma}_i(x)|^{\tau_i(x)-1} [\sigma_i(x) - \bar{\sigma}_i(x)] dx. \end{aligned}$$

But, if  $\sigma_i(x) > \bar{\sigma}_i(x)$ , we have  $\sigma_i(x) - \bar{\sigma}_i(x) > 0$ , also,  $\log(e + \alpha |\sigma_i(x)|) > 0$ . Recalling the fact  $\lambda_i > 0$ , we can see that inequality (4.39) indicates that the measure of  $\{x \in \Omega : \sigma_i(x) > \bar{\sigma}_i(x)\}$  equals 0, hence  $\sigma_i(x) \leq \bar{\sigma}_i(x)$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ . Analogously, the left side of inequality (4.36) holds true.

Inequalities (4.36) indicates  $\underline{\sigma}_i \leq \sigma_i \leq \bar{\sigma}_i$  a.a. in  $\Omega \cup \Gamma_i$ ,  $b_i(\cdot, \sigma_i) = 0$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $f_i^0(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2) = f_i(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla \sigma_1, \nabla \sigma_2)$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ , and  $f_{\Gamma_i}^0(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x)) = f_{\Gamma_i}(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x))$  for a.a.  $x \in \Gamma_i$ . Thus,  $\sigma$  is proved to be a weak solution to (1.1).  $\square$

Moreover, invoking the same arguments as in the proof of [12, Theorem 1.9] we get the compactness of solution set of (1.1).

**Theorem 4.2.** *If (H0), (H1) and (H3) hold. Denote by  $\mathcal{S}$  the solution set of (1.1) between  $\underline{\sigma}$  and  $\bar{\sigma}$ , then*

- (i)  $\mathcal{S} \subset [\underline{\sigma}, \bar{\sigma}]$  is compact in  $\mathcal{W}$ .
- (ii) if the lattice conditions hold true

$$(4.40) \quad \mathcal{S} \wedge K \subset K \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{S} \vee K \subset K,$$

then each  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}$  is both a subsolution and a supersolution of (1.1).

## 5. A FURTHER DISCUSSION FOR SPECIAL CASE 1.1

This section is aimed at establishing the existence of a weak solution for Special cases 1.1 to 1.4 by constructing suitable sub-supersolutions. We only show the existence result for Special case 1.1, since the corresponding results for Special cases 1.2 to 1.4 could be proved by the similar ways.

If (H1) and (H2) hold true, we can reformulate multivalued functions  $f_i$  and  $f_{\Gamma_i}$  as

$$(5.1) \quad f_i(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = [f_{ia}(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2), f_{ib}(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)]$$

for all  $(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ , and

$$(5.2) \quad f_{\Gamma_i}(x, y_1, y_2) = [f_{\Gamma_i,a}(x, y_1, y_2), f_{\Gamma_i,b}(x, y_1, y_2)]$$

for all  $(x, y_1, y_2) \in \Gamma_i \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , where for each  $i = 1, 2$  functions  $f_{ia}(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ ,  $f_{ib}(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ ,  $f_{\Gamma_i,a}(x, y_1, y_2)$ ,  $f_{\Gamma_i,b}(x, y_1, y_2)$  are single-valued functions. Thanks for (H1), if  $x \mapsto \sigma(x)$  and  $x \mapsto \nabla \sigma(x)$  are measurable, we see that for each  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $x \mapsto f_{ia}(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla \sigma_1(x), \nabla \sigma_2(x))$ ,  $x \mapsto f_{ib}(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x), \nabla \sigma_1(x), \nabla \sigma_2(x))$ ,  $x \mapsto f_{\Gamma_i,a}(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x))$ ,  $x \mapsto f_{\Gamma_i,b}(x, \sigma_1(x), \sigma_2(x))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are measurable. Also,  $(y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mapsto f_{ia}(y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ ,  $(y_1, y_2) \mapsto f_{\Gamma_i,a}(x, y_1, y_2)$  are lower semicontinuous,  $(y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \mapsto f_{ib}(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ ,  $(y_1, y_2) \mapsto f_{\Gamma_i,b}(x, y_1, y_2)$  are upper semicontinuous.

We suppose that the obstacle functions  $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2)$ , multivalued functions  $f_i : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$  as well as  $f_{\Gamma_i} : \Gamma_i \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  enjoy the following condition.

(H $\phi$ ) Assume that  $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2) \in \mathcal{W}$  and one can find  $c_\phi > 0$  satisfying

$$\phi_i(x) \leq c_\phi,$$

for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ .

(Hf) There exist  $h_i, j_i \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h_i \leq j_i, j_i \geq c_\phi$ , and

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} f_{1a}(x, h_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2) &\leq 0, & f_{1b}(x, j_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2) &\geq 0, & \text{for a.a. } x \in \Omega, \\ f_{2a}(x, y_1, h_2, \varphi_1, 0) &\leq 0, & f_{2b}(x, y_1, j_2, \varphi_1, 0) &\geq 0, & \text{for a.a. } x \in \Omega, \\ f_{\Gamma_1,a}(x, h_1, y_2) &\leq 0, & f_{\Gamma_1,b}(x, j_1, y_2) &\geq 0, & \text{for a.a. } x \in \Gamma_1, \\ f_{\Gamma_2,a}(x, y_1, h_2) &\leq 0, & f_{\Gamma_2,b}(x, y_1, j_2) &\geq 0, & \text{for a.a. } x \in \Gamma_2, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(y_1, y_2) \in [h_1, j_1] \times [h_2, j_2]$ , all  $\varphi_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

In Special case (1.12),  $K_i$  is given by

$$K_i = \{ \sigma_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) : \sigma_i(x) \geq \phi_i(x) \text{ a.a. in } \Omega \}.$$

We are ready to show the following existence result to Special case (1.12).

**Theorem 5.1.** *If (H0), (H1) and (Hf) hold. Assume that (H3) holds with  $\underline{\sigma}_i := h_i$  and  $\bar{\sigma}_i := j_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then, for  $i = 1, 2$ , there exists at least a weak solution  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  of problem (1.12) fulfilling  $h_i \leq \sigma_i \leq j_i$  in  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* This theorem will be proved via Theorem 4.1, so we first construct a pair of sub-supersolutions to (1.12). Set  $\underline{\sigma}_i := h_i$  and  $\bar{\sigma}_i := j_i$ , we claim that  $\underline{\sigma}$  is a subsolution of (1.12), in the same time,  $\bar{\sigma}$  is a supersolution of (1.12). Since hypotheses (Hf) are satisfied, it is easy to see that  $\underline{\sigma}_i \leq \bar{\sigma}_i$ . Firstly, we are going to check conditions (i)-(iii) of Definition 2.13 to show that  $\underline{\sigma} := (h_1, h_2)$  is a subsolution for (1.12).

- For (i), by the definition of  $K_i$  we have  $h_i \vee K_i \subset K_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
- With respect to (ii), let  $\underline{\eta}_1(x) := f_{1a}(x, h_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2)$ ,  $\underline{\eta}_2(x) := f_{2a}(x, y_1, h_2, \varphi_1, 0)$  and  $\underline{\zeta}_1(x) := f_{\Gamma_1, a}(x, h_1, y_2)$ ,  $\underline{\zeta}_2(x) := f_{\Gamma_2, a}(x, y_1, h_2)$ , we see that  $\underline{\eta}_1(x) \in f_1(x, h_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2)$ ,  $\underline{\eta}_2(x) \in f_2(x, y_1, h_2, \varphi_1, 0)$ ,  $\underline{\zeta}_1(x) \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, h_1, y_2)$ ,  $\underline{\zeta}_2(x) \in f_{\Gamma_2}(x, y_1, h_2)$  and  $\underline{\eta}_i \in L^{r_i'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\underline{\zeta}_i \in L^{\iota_i'(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  with  $1 < r_i(\cdot) < p_i^*(\cdot)$  and  $1 < \iota_i(\cdot) < (p_i)_*(\cdot)$ .
- As (iii), we need to verify that for each  $i = 1, 2$  fixed, the following inequality

$$(5.4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ \langle A_i(h_i), v_i - h_i \rangle + \int_{\Omega} \underline{\eta}_i (v_i - h_i) dx + \int_{\Gamma_i} \underline{\zeta}_i (v_i - h_i) d\varsigma \right] \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } v_i \in h_i \wedge K_i,$$

where

$$\langle A_i \sigma_i, v_i - \sigma_i \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathcal{G}_i'(x, |\nabla \sigma_i|)}{|\nabla \sigma_i|} \nabla \sigma_i \cdot \nabla (v_i - \sigma_i) dx \text{ for all } \sigma_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega).$$

Because  $v_i \in h_i \wedge K_i$  means  $v_i = h_i \wedge \psi_i = h_i - (h_i - \psi_i)^+$  for any  $\psi_i \in K_i$ , we use the fact  $\nabla h_i = 0$  to rewrite inequality (5.4) to the following one

$$(5.5) \quad \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ \int_{\Omega} \underline{\eta}_i (h_i - \psi_i)^+ dx + \int_{\Gamma_i} \underline{\zeta}_i (h_i - \psi_i)^+ d\varsigma \right] \leq 0 \quad \text{for all } \psi_i \in K_i.$$

Owing to  $(h_i - \psi_i)^+ \in \{v_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) : v_i \geq 0\}$ ,  $\underline{\eta}_1 = f_{1a}(\cdot, h_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2)$ ,  $\underline{\eta}_2 = f_{2a}(\cdot, y_1, h_2, \varphi_1, 0)$ , and  $\underline{\zeta}_1 = f_{\Gamma_1, a}(\cdot, h_1, y_2)$ ,  $\underline{\zeta}_2 = f_{\Gamma_2, a}(\cdot, y_1, h_2)$ , it could utilize (Hf) to find

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} f_{1a}(x, h_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2) v_1 dx + \int_{\Omega} f_{2a}(x, y_1, h_2, \varphi_1, 0) v_2 dx \\ & + \int_{\Gamma_1} f_{\Gamma_1, a}(x, h_1, y_2) v_1 d\varsigma + \int_{\Gamma_2} f_{\Gamma_2, a}(x, y_1, h_2) v_2 d\varsigma \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathcal{W}$  with  $v \geq 0$ , thus, (5.5) is verified.

This indicates that  $\underline{\sigma} := (h_1, h_2)$  is a subsolution of (1.12).

Secondly, by checking the conditions of Definition 2.13 we verify that  $\bar{\sigma} = (j_1, j_2)$  is a supersolution of (1.12).

- For (i), thanks to  $j_i \geq c_\phi \geq \phi_i(x)$  (that is,  $j_i \wedge K_i \subset K_i$ ).
- With respect to (ii), let  $\bar{\eta}_1(x) := f_{1b}(x, h_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2)$ ,  $\bar{\eta}_2(x) := f_{2b}(x, y_1, h_2, \varphi_1, 0)$  and  $\bar{\zeta}_1(x) := f_{\Gamma_1, b}(x, h_1, y_2)$ ,  $\bar{\zeta}_2(x) := f_{\Gamma_2, b}(x, y_1, h_2)$ , then  $\bar{\eta}_1(x) \in f_1(x, h_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2)$ ,  $\bar{\eta}_2(x) \in f_2(x, y_1, h_2, \varphi_1, 0)$ ,  $\bar{\zeta}_1(x) \in f_{\Gamma_1}(x, h_1, y_2)$ ,  $\bar{\zeta}_2(x) \in f_{\Gamma_2}(x, y_1, h_2)$  and  $\bar{\eta}_i \in L^{r_i'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\bar{\zeta}_i \in L^{\iota_i'(\cdot)}(\Gamma_i)$  with  $1 < r_i(\cdot) < p_i^*(\cdot)$  and  $1 < \iota_i(\cdot) < (p_i)_*(\cdot)$ .



- As (iii), we need to show that for  $i = 1, 2$  fixed the inequality is available

$$(5.6) \quad \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ \langle A_i(j_i), v_i - j_i \rangle + \int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta}_i(v_i - j_i) dx + \int_{\Gamma_i} \bar{\zeta}_i(v_i - j_i) d\varsigma \right] \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } v_i \in \bar{\sigma}_i \vee K_i.$$

Indeed, for any  $v_i \in j_i \vee K_i$  it has  $v_i = j_i \vee \psi_i = j_i + (\psi_i - j_i)^+$ ,  $\psi_i \in K_i$ , and  $\nabla j_i = 0$ , then (5.6) is equivalent to

$$(5.7) \quad \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[ \int_{\Omega} \bar{\eta}_i(\psi_i - j_i)^+ dx + \int_{\Gamma_i} \bar{\zeta}_i(\psi_i - j_i)^+ d\varsigma \right] \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \psi_i \in K_i.$$

Due to  $(\psi_i - j_i)^+ \in \{v_i \in W^{1, \mathcal{G}_i}(\Omega) : v_i \geq 0\}$ , it uses (Hf) to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} f_{1b}(x, h_1, y_2, 0, \varphi_2) v_1 dx + \int_{\Omega} f_{2b}(x, y_1, h_2, \varphi_1, 0) v_2 dx \\ & + \int_{\Gamma_1} f_{\Gamma_1, b}(x, h_1, y_2) v_1 d\varsigma + \int_{\Gamma_2} f_{\Gamma_2, b}(x, y_1, h_2) v_2 d\varsigma \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathcal{W}$  with  $v \geq 0$ , which implies (5.7).

This leads to that  $\bar{\sigma} = (j_1, j_2)$  is a supersolution of (1.12). Invoking Theorem 4.1, we show the solvability of (1.12).  $\square$

Recalling the definition of  $K$ , we see that  $K$  satisfies the lattice condition (4.40). Therefore, it could apply Theorem 4.2 to get the following results.

**Corollary 5.2.** *Assume that the the same hypotheses of Theorem 5.1 are satisfied, then the solution set  $\mathcal{S}$  of (1.12) is compact in  $\mathcal{W}$ .*

Motivated by [25, Theorem 4.2], indeed, we can find more solutions to problem (1.12) by strengthening the hypotheses (Hf), that is, we make the following assumptions.

(Hf)' For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $h_i^{(n)}, j_i^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $j_i^{(n)} \geq c_\phi$ ,

$$(5.8) \quad \text{either } h_i^{(n)} \leq j_i^{(n)} < h_i^{(n+1)} \quad \text{or} \quad j_i^{(n+1)} < h_i^{(n)} \leq j_i^{(n)}$$

and

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} f_{1a}(x, h_1^{(n)}, y_2, 0, \varphi_2) &\leq 0, & f_{1b}(x, j_1^{(n)}, y_2, 0, \varphi_2) &\geq 0, & \text{for a.a. } x \in \Omega, \\ f_{2a}(x, y_1, h_2^{(n)}, \varphi_1, 0) &\leq 0, & f_{2b}(x, y_1, j_2^{(n)}, \varphi_1, 0) &\geq 0, & \text{for a.a. } x \in \Omega, \\ f_{\Gamma_1, a}(x, h_1^{(n)}, y_2) &\leq 0, & f_{\Gamma_1, b}(x, j_1^{(n)}, y_2) &\geq 0, & \text{for a.a. } x \in \Gamma_1, \\ f_{\Gamma_2, a}(x, y_1, h_2^{(n)}) &\leq 0, & f_{\Gamma_2, b}(x, y_1, j_2^{(n)}) &\geq 0, & \text{for a.a. } x \in \Gamma_2, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(y_1, y_2) \in [h_1^{(n)}, j_1^{(n)}] \times [h_2^{(n)}, j_2^{(n)}]$ , all  $\varphi_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

From [25, Theorem 4.2], we can get the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.3.** *If (H0), (H1) and (Hf)' hold true. Let (H3) hold for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$ , for all  $y_i \in [h_i^{(n)}, j_i^{(n)}]$  and for all  $\varphi_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$  with  $i = 1, 2$ . Then there exists a sequence of weak solutions  $\sigma^{(n)} = (\sigma_1^{(n)}, \sigma_2^{(n)})$  to problem (1.1) satisfying  $\sigma_i^{(n)} < \sigma_i^{(n+1)}$  (resp.  $\sigma_i^{(n+1)} < \sigma_i^{(n)}$ ) if  $j_i^{(n)} < h_i^{(n+1)}$  (resp.  $j_i^{(n+1)} < h_i^{(n)}$ ) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $i = 1, 2$ .*

*Proof.* Utilizing Theorem 5.1 with  $h_i = h_i^{(n)}$  and  $j_i = j_i^{(n)}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can find solutions  $\sigma^{(n)} = (\sigma_1^{(n)}, \sigma_2^{(n)})$  of (1.12) fulfilling  $h_i^{(n)} \leq \sigma_i^{(n)} \leq j_i^{(n)}$  with  $i = 1, 2$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, by (Hf)', there hold  $\sigma_i^{(n)} \leq j_i^{(n)} < h_i^{(n+1)} \leq \sigma_i^{(n+1)}$  for a.a.  $x \in \Omega$  if  $j_i^{(n)} < h_i^{(n+1)}$ . Similarly, we can proof the results under the case that  $j_i^{(n+1)} < h_i^{(n)}$ .  $\square$

In fact, there are a large of functions that satisfy the corresponding hypotheses in this paper. We end this section to provide the following example for function  $f_1, f_2, f_{\Gamma_1}$  and  $f_{\Gamma_2}$ , more precisely, we have the following example.

**Example 5.4.** Consider the following multivalued functions:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) &= P_1(y_1) + \frac{1}{2}P_2(y_2) + c_1|\varphi_1|^{p_1(x)-1} + \frac{1}{2}P_2(|\varphi_2|), \\ f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) &= \frac{1}{2}P_1(y_1) + P_2(y_2) + \frac{1}{2}P_1(|\varphi_1|) + c_2|\varphi_2|^{p_2(x)-1}, \\ f_{\Gamma_1}(x, y_1, y_2) &= P_1(y_1) + \frac{1}{2}P_2(y_2) + u_1(x), \\ f_{\Gamma_2}(x, y_1, y_2) &= \frac{1}{2}P_1(y_1) + P_2(y_2) + u_2(x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_1, P_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are given by

$$(5.10) \quad P_1(y) = \begin{cases} [-2, -1] & y = 4m - 1 \\ 2(y - 4m) & y \in (4m - 1, 4m + 1) \\ [1, 2] & y = 4m + 1 \\ -y + 4m + 2 & y \in (4m + 1, 4m + 3) \end{cases} \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and

$$(5.11) \quad P_2(y) = \begin{cases} [-2, -1] & y = 4m - 2 \\ 2(y - 4m + 1) & y \in (4m - 2, 4m) \\ [1, 2] & y = 4m \\ -y + 4m + 1 & y \in (4m, 4m + 2) \end{cases} \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$c_i > 0$  and  $u_i \in L^\infty(\Gamma_i)$  fulfilling  $|u_i(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  for a.e.  $x \in \Gamma_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Note that for  $i = 1, 2$ , the multivalued functions  $f_i$  and  $f_{\Gamma_i}$  fulfill hypotheses (H1) and (H3). Moreover, if we take  $h_1^{(n)} = -1 + 4n$ ,  $j_1^{(n)} = 1 + 4n$ ,  $h_2^{(n)} = -2 + 4n$  and  $j_2^{(n)} = 4n$  then the above functions satisfy hypotheses (Hf)' (so, they fulfill (Hf) as well).

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