

***Interactive comment on “Leakages and pressure relations: an experimental research” by F. De Paola and M. Giugni***

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The authors would like to thank Professor Guangtao Fu for his helpful observations. As already reported in reply to Referee No. 1, further details concerning the background and the objectives of the presented research will be provided in the final version of the manuscript. However it may be useful to emphasize again that this study represents a step in a wide range of experimental tests still in progress to characterize the pressure – leakage relationship for different pipe materials. In particular, this work presents the results of the long-term tests performed on a ductile iron pipe. Minor remarks will be also taken into account for preparation of the revised paper.

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