Dear Editor,

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled ‘*Empirical Analysis of the Performance Bottleneck in Graph Neural Network Training’* for your consideration. Our manuscript is in the scope of efficiency performance analysis of AI training. We believe readers of Future Generation Computer Systems(FGCS) will be very interested in our work.

Graph neural network(GNN) has become a popular research area in the field of artificial intelligence due to the state-of-the-art performance achieved in graph-related applications. At the same time, various graph neural network parallel or distributed systems have emerged. These systems have adopted different skills in implementation. However, there exist little work to discuss or analyze the performance bottleneck on GNN training in depth.

In this study, we select typical graph neural networks by complexity of vertex/edge calculation for evaluation. We analyze the performance bottleneck by breaking down the training time, verify the effects of hyper-parameters tuning and sampling technics and explore memory usage factors. We finally put forward some key findings for GNN training. It will be interesting to researchers in the field of system and architecture of GNNs.

We confirm that this work is original. It has not been published nor submitted simultaneously elsewhere. All authors have checked the manuscript and have agreed on the submission.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration. We are looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Rong Gu, Ph.D., Associate Researcher

Yihua Huang, Ph.D., Professor

Department of Computer Science and Technology, Nanjing University

No. 163 Xianlin Avenue, Nanjing, 210023, Jiangsu Province, China

E-mail: Rong Gu (gurong@nju.edu.cn), Yihua Huang (yhuang@nju.edu.cn)