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**Exploring Smartphone-Based Edge Computing for AI Inference using Real Testbeds**

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Dear Editors,

We have submitted our research article to *Sensors* and kindly ask for your consideration.

In our article, we combine work on smartphone-based edge computing with real-time AI inference. The body of knowledge on edge computing clusters based on regular smartphones is growing. At the same time, the workloads for artificial intelligence-based tasks increased rapidly. Particularly inference could benefit from edge computing. We provide a study on several low-end and mid-tier smartphones as well as on three single board computers. In our experiments we not only focus on latency as a measurement of effectiveness but also on energy efficiency. Efficiency is important due to the growing workloads and their footprint as well as the edge devices’ typical reliance on battery power. The article explains the experimental setup and the result in detail. It also discusses implications, allowing not only for replication but also to provide connecting points for future studies and real-world application of smartphone-based edge computing.

Our work fits well with the scope of *Sensors*. While not focusing on *sensing* in a narrow definition, it follows work on edge, dew and fog computing and studies utilizing single board computers published in *Sensors*. In fact, we partly build on the article “Speeding up Smartphone-Based Dew Computing: In Vivo Experiments Setup Via an Evolutionary Algorithm” we published in Sensors 23(3)[[1]](#footnote-2), which is similarly themed. Therefore, we also provide continuity[[2]](#footnote-3).

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Thank you very much for your consideration. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards

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