# Quality of Subsampled Video on Mobile Devices

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In this experiment we test the effects of subsampled video and experiment location on multimedia quality.

This is a first step in determining Quality of Experience on mobile devices. Once factors such as benefits derived from portability, usability, and mobile network performance are known, the combination of these factors can be used to predict Quality of Experience.

















### Procedure

- I. We read instructions to the subjects
- 2. Subjects participated in practice sessions for each device
- 3. Half of the subjects began in the standards-based room, half in the simulated living room
- 4. Devices were tested in a random order
- 5. Subjects were allowed breaks
- 6. After all the tests were completed in one room, they were restarted in the other room





#### Physical Dimension Comparison



#### Pixel Count Comparison



#### Display Comparison

	percentage physical size	percentage pixel count	display resolution	percent downsampled
Smart Phone I	0.6%	7.41%	64 p/cm	75%
Smart Phone 2	0.6%	29.6%	128 p/cm	50%
Tablet	4.95%	37.9%	52.2 p/cm	46.7%
15'' Laptop	9.24%	50.6%	44.1 p/cm	28.9%
17 Laptop	14.42%	111%	52.5 p/cm	0%
Broadcast Monitor	100%	100%	18.9 p/cm	0%

Smart Phone I (64 p/cm)

### Smart Phone 2 (128 p/cm)

#### MOS per Clip by Device



#### MOS Averaged Over Clip by Device



#### MOS per clip by MOS per clip by environment, first environment environment only 5 -5 -MOS from Living Room MOS from Living Room 4 4 -3 3 -2 5 3 2 2 5 MOS from Lab Environment MOS from Lab Environment correlation: 0.985 correlation: 0.992

## Results

- Predictably, impairments were more visible on larger screens—they were reduced on smaller screens
- Correlation between environments is very high
- The test is repeatable: rooms that don't comply with standards give similar results
- For same-size devices, pixel densities tested didn't have a strong effect
- For this test, the resolution of small devices compared favorably with HDTV monitor

## Conclusions

- This test was implemented using standardized tools and could be replicated or distributed very easily
- Results from non-standards-based environment compared favorably to results from standards-based test environment
- Multimedia quality of low-quality clips scores are higher on smaller monitors
- Test architecture allows for easy distribution and test location flexibility (redundan





















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App Home screens

Full screen apps

Auto save

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