Mobile Smart Specialization of Optodigital Shape, Color and Spectral Measurements in Industry, Biology and Medicine

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Abstract. Information specific topics in research and development, application and training are changing fairly quickly. The special task for researchers and developers as well as for users and trainers is to stay informed about new methods and technologies in their field of work. In the Internet there are many information sources for researchers and developers as well as for users and trainers. But it is difficult to find and filter the appropriate information anytime anywhere on demand. Smart factories and laboratories, the Internet of things and individualized medicine are on the way. Mobile smart optodigital measurements are essential links in their supply chains. Aim of the paper is to show that smart specialization is one method to increase the labour productivity in measurement theory and practice, education and training in the era of measurement 4.0. Practical examples are given for mobile smart optodigital shape, color and spectral measurements in industry, biology and medicine.

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1. Introduction

The computer market is changing. Miniaturization and mass production are in progress. The special advantages of smartphones and/or smartpads are their mobility and their multitouch user interfaces. Market leaders currently are Apple with iOS operation system and Google with Android operation system. Microsoft with Windows 8 operation system is a late follower (Fig. 1a). The innovative computers are equipped with consumerized interfaces for wired and/or wireless communications (Fig. 1b). Smartphones and/or smartpads are also equipped with powerful internal hardware apps for image acquisitions that are light sources, cameras, camcorders and scanners. Smartphones and smartpads are mobile because they are light weight and battery powered. In addition, the number, quality and diversity of external hardware apps for smartphones and/or smartpads are increasing. In the next chapters selected examples will be given for optodigital hardware apps and digital software apps which are applicable for industrial, biological and medical measurements as well as for scientific investigations or mobile education and training in measurements.



Fig. 1a Innovative mobile computers

Fig. 1b Innovative mobile interfaces

2. Mobile Optodigital Hardware Apps for Shape, Color and Spectral Measurements

In industrial, biological and medical measurements as well as in measurement science, measurement education and measurement training shape, color and spectrum are playing significant roles. Typical buzz words are microscopy, colormetry and spectrometry. Up to now it is usual to transfer the objects of interest for special investigations into laboratories. The fundamental reasons are the mass (weight) of the measuring instruments and their power supply. With smartphones and smartpads the situation can be changed enormously. Microscopes, colormeters and spectrometers with smartphones and smartpads can be directly applied in-field or at the point-of-care. Practical solutions for hardware apps are shown in the following figures (Fig. 2a, Fig. 2b, Fig. 2c, Fig. 2d). For easier use, the sources are indicated [1]. For biomedical measurements increasingly microfluidic components are used (Fig. 2e). Several practical examples have been compiled in the platform of the specialized international innovation cluster SpectroNet [2], [3], [4], [5].



3. Mobile Digital Software Apps for Shape, Color and Spectral Measurements

Smartphones and /or smart pads and cloud computing are unbeatable conditions for mobile software apps. These innovative conditions have never been existed before the year 2013 taking into account that most laboratory software packages are running under Microsoft Windows operation systems. It has been proved that multi-touch Windows 8 is in most cases downwards compatible. Practical solutions for software apps are shown in the following figures (Fig. 3a, Fig. 3b, Fig. 3c). For easier use, the sources are indicated [1].

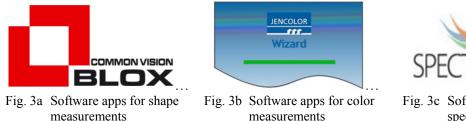




Fig. 3c Software apps for spectral measurements

4. Modularized Applications for Shape, Color and Spectral Measurements

In combination of the contents of chapter 1, 2 and 3 now the practical solutions for innovative mobile modularized hybrid measuring instruments can be shown (Fig. 4, Fig. 4b and Fig. 4c). A very special solution is the immunoassay (Fig. 4d) which has been explained in detail in source [1].



Fig. 4b Mobile smart color measurements

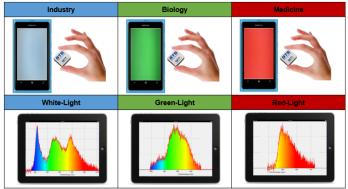


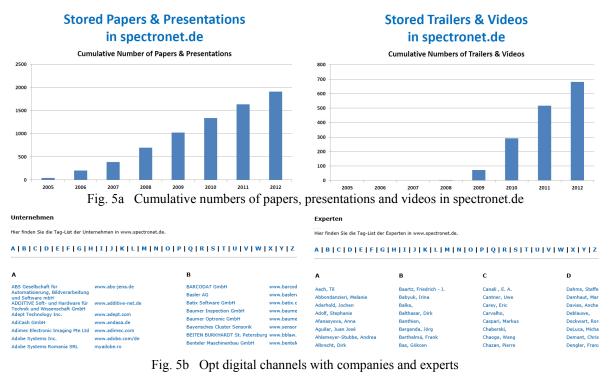
Fig. 4c Mobile smart spectral measurements



Fig. 4d Colorimetric immunological detection

5. Mobile Smart Education and Training for Shape Color and Spectral Measurements

In modern education and training are the actuality and applicability of the biggest challenges. Networking and web services are recommendable. For these purposes optodigital papers and presentations, trailers and videos in the field of shape, color and spectal measurements have been stored for open use in www.spectronet.de (Fig. 5a). Supplementary optodigital channels with companies, experts and keywords in the fields of optodigital shape, color and spectal measurements have been elaborated (Fig. 5b and Fig. 5c) [6], [7], [8].



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Fig. 5c Optodigital channels with keywords in spectronet.de

6. Conclusions

Smartphones and Smart pads became global mass products with great convenience, high reliability and affordable prices. These market developments enable a paradigm shift in industrial, biological and medical measurements. With modular hardware apps and software apps new classes of hybrid measurement instruments can be created. Modular hardware apps and software apps are reducing development time, cost & risk. Smartphones & smart pads are revolutionary game changers in lifestyle and work style. Miniaturization & consumerization inspire each other with increasing speed. Field instrumentations will be based on re-invented laboratory instrumentations. First steps on innovative routes are already gone successfully. An interesting convergence of measurements in industry, biology and medicine can be expected.

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