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AUTOMATIC DETECTION OF ABATTOIR LESIONS

New vision-based technologies

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Current state of art of meat inspection

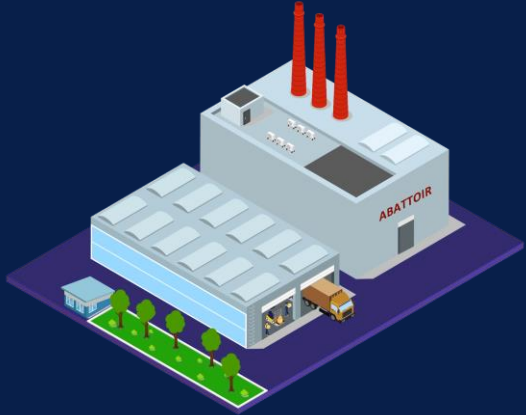
- The **veterinarians** serving the slaughter chain **manually perform lesions scoring** and other assessments.
- This is a time-consuming and **repetitive activity**
- **No standardised procedure** and **inconsistencies** among different abattoirs.



LUNG SCORING SYSTEM IN USE

- **Madec's grid:** each lobe is inspected and palpated, divided into quarters and scored from 0 to 4 points regardless of its size.
- **Madec's grid** is usually combined with a method to account for each lobe volume.

Limitation of traditional and current systems



Postmortem evaluations at slaughterhouses are outdated and inherently flawed



**PARTIAL INSPECTION
RATE**



**NON FULLY RELIABLE
DATASETS FOR
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL
ANALYSIS**



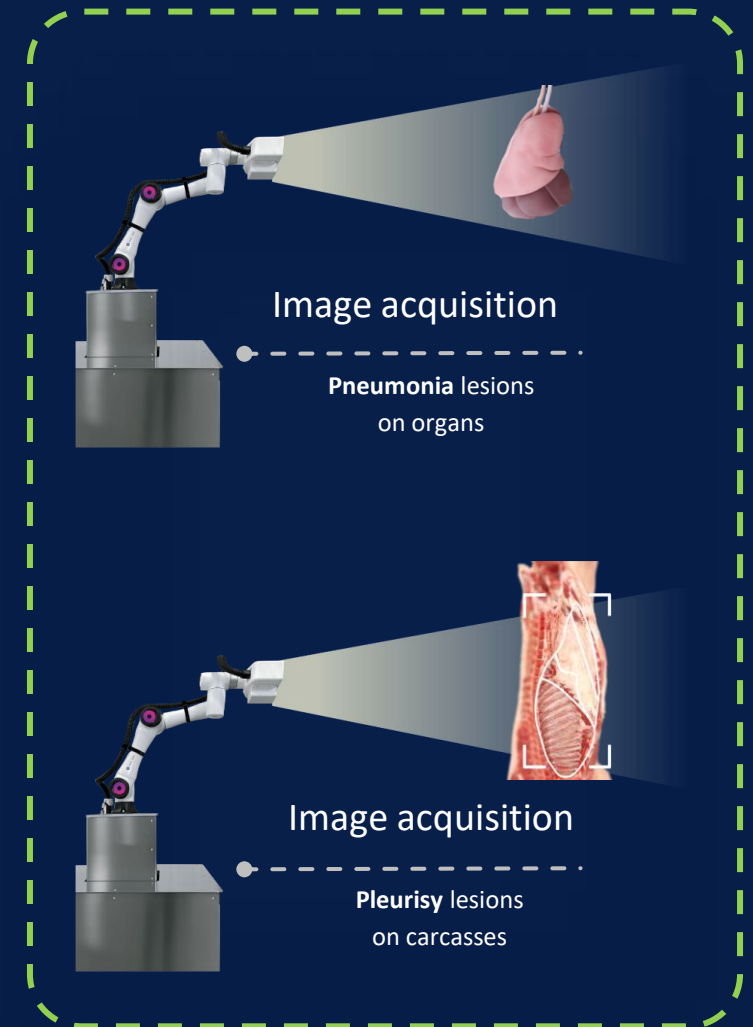
**SUBJECTIVE SCORING
BETWEEN
OPERATORS**



**EXPENSIVE AND
ERROR PRONE
MANUAL DATA
RECORDING**

Potential and Advantages of Computer Vision Systems (CVSs)

- **Digital transformation of MI** enhances quality, efficacy, and feedback to farmers
- CVSs support risk-based meat inspection by accurately detecting lesions, abnormalities, and contamination
- **Greater consistency and speed compared to human inspectors**, reducing intra- and inter-rater variation
- **Facilitates trace-back systems, outbreak investigations, and recall of food batches**
- Remote AM and PM inspections are possible, improving efficiency and access
- Enables efficient reporting of findings from inspections and facilitates food chain information (FCI) exchange
- Contributes to reducing food waste through improved partial condemnation capabilities
- **Harmonized detection and condemnation criteria** can lead to fairer economic outcomes for livestock producers
- Supports future integration of new technologies in risk-based meat safety assurance systems (RB-MSAS)



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GREATER CONFIDENCE IN MEAT
FOOD QUALITY FOR ALL



The **ADAL** system is the *first automated image acquisition and analysis system* based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) capable of objectively identifying and quantifying the lesions of slaughtered animals in real time. *ADAL Technology innovates the animal inspection process at the slaughterhouse by introducing automated quantified risk assessment tools.*

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#Automation

How it works

We have developed an automatic imaging acquisition system capable of recognizing and evaluating lesions on slaughtered animals. The data acquired by a Robot and processed by the IA Software are made available locally and remotely through the ADAL Web platform.



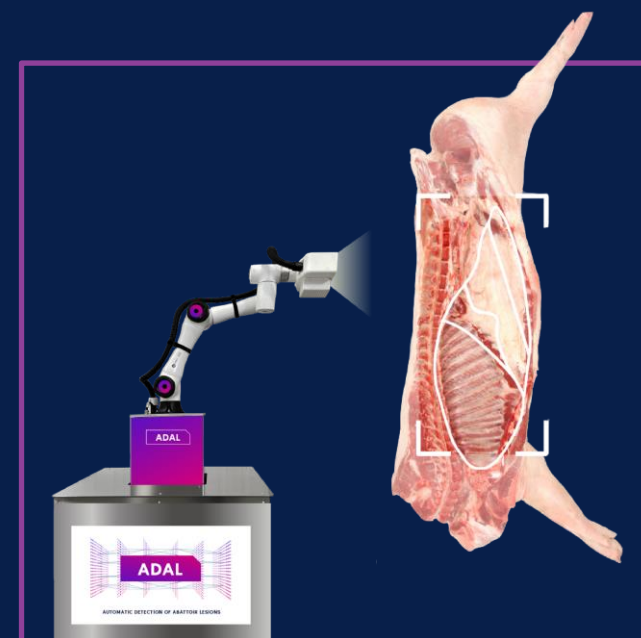
1. Robot
For image acquisition



2. Software AI
For local image processing



3. ADAL web Platform
For remote cloud access and storage



ADAL Prototype

It is a workstation designed for different use, capable of acquiring images at any point in the slaughtering chain.

Current application

State of the art of the technology

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ReaDOP

HEALTH SURVEILLANCE TOOL

ANIMAL
TRACEABILITY



Scoring of
Pneumonia



Scoring of
Pleurisy



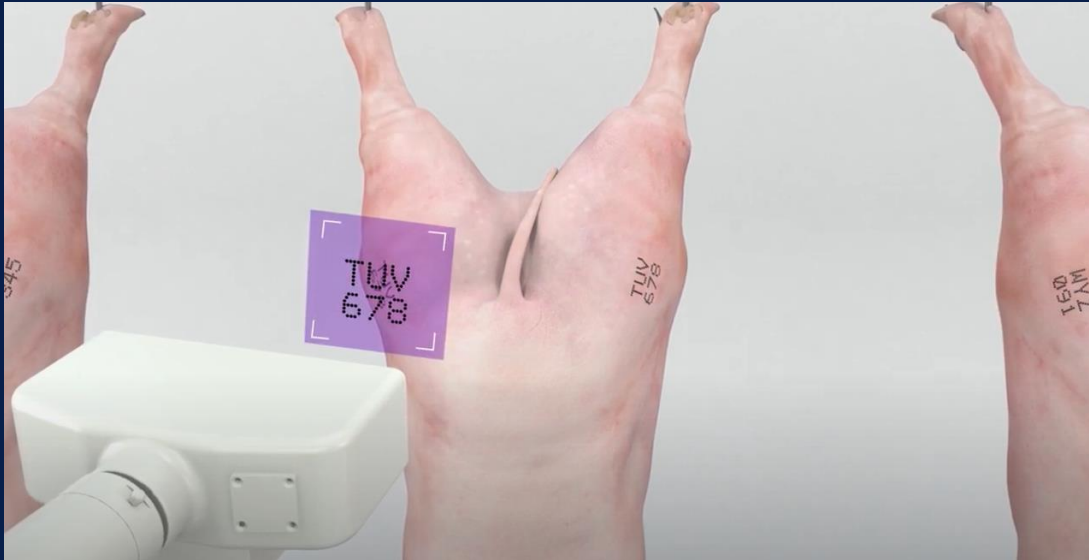
Automatic Tattoo
Reading

FIRST CASE STUDY SPECIES: PIG



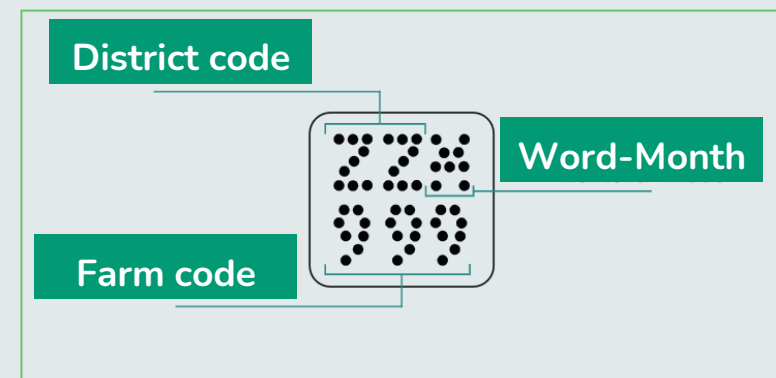
ReaDOP

A flexible and safe automation solution for streamlining operations at the slaughterhouse



ReaDOP is an automated animal tattoo code reading system supporting real-time traceability of hams in the supply chain. It can digitally read the producer's code on each pig.

ReaDOP technology has been developed to be able to fulfill the requirements set by Italian Ham Consortiums
(Prosciutto di Parma and San Daniele)



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A complete system

To fully express its potential and accomplish the tasks mentioned, the ADAL system needs different robotic stations capable of continuously identifying each animal with the batch of origin and associating the results of all the analysis carried on each animal



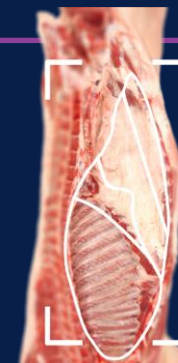
ReaDOP



Tattoo

Alphanumeric
tattoo reading on
pigs' thighs

1



Pleurisy

Evaluation of
pleurisy lesions
on carcasses

2



Pneumonia

Evaluation of
pneumonia
lesions on organs

3

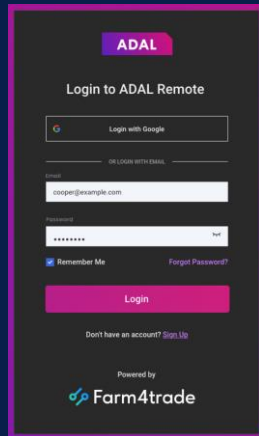
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Web Platform

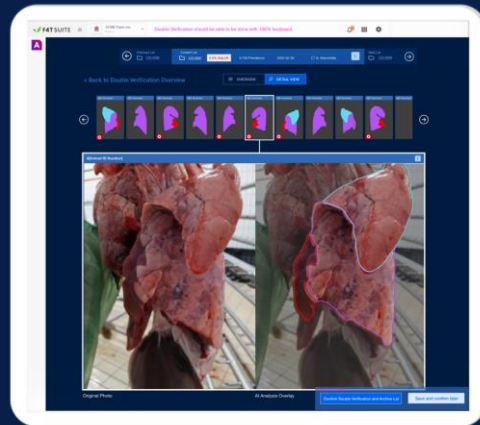
Allows the complete and centralized management of all the analysis carried out by the workstations on each individual and on batch of animals.

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REMOTE ACCESS



MULTI-USER WEB APP



Access data in real time for:
Manage batches
Double verification
Access to annotations details
Manage Metadata



Registered data can be integrated with third parties application and/or Farm4trade SUITE



THIRD-PARTY APPLICATION

Farm4trade SUITE



Collection of applications dedicated to farmers and other stakeholders

farm4tradesuite.com



Remote Web App Dashboard

ADAL REMOTE (Swine Pneumonia)

ACME Farm Inc. Owner

Double Verification Mode

Active Lots Active

In Progress

With Comments Hover

High Lesion rate

Archived Lots (Verified)

File Manager

Create Lot Hover

Settings

Force Sync now

Fetch latest local photo captures

Recently viewed and in progress lots

123-456

0.0% Avg Lesion Rate
0/100 Prevalence
2022-02-30
G. Maruchella
Verified

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Force Sync now

Active Lots

All Active New In Progress Verified

Quick Search Advanced Search

Newest First

Lot number	Slaughter Date	AVG LR	Prevalence	Verification Date	Abattoir Verificator	Farm Verificator	Actions
123-4567	2022-02-30	0.1%	20/200	2022-03-02	G. Maruchella	N/A	
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123-4567	2022-02-30	0.0%	0/100	2022-03-02	G. Maruchella	N/A	
123-4567	2022-02-30	1.2%	15/100	2022-03-02	G. Maruchella	A.Congnome	

Manage batches

Manually upload a new batch of images

Download images batches from the cloud

Access to all batches

Batches waiting to be double-verified



Remote Web App

Double verification

The screenshot displays the ADAL REMOTE web application interface. At the top left, the user is logged in as 'ADAL REMOTE (Swine Pneumonia)' for 'ACME Farm inc. Owner'. A notification states: 'Double Verification should be able to be done with 100% keyboard.' The interface is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar includes sections for 'Verification Mode' (with 'Verify Annotations' selected), 'Lot Metadata', 'Active Lots', and 'Archived Lots (Verified)'. The main content area features a header with 'Verify Annotations' and 'Lot Metadata' tabs. Below this is a navigation bar with a folder icon, the ID '123-4566', and a summary bar showing '123-4567', '4.5% Avg LR', '5/100 Prevalence', '2022-02-30', and 'G. Maruchella'. A dropdown menu is open over the summary bar, listing 'Lot Metadata', 'File Manager', and 'Lorum ipsum'. The main area contains a grid of five annotated images of pig lungs. The first image shows a 2.5% lesion rate. A 'Hover image' tooltip is visible over the fourth image, and a 'Force Sync now' button is at the bottom left. At the bottom of the grid, two more tooltip menus are shown, one with 'Exclude from stats' and 'View Animal Metadata' options, and another with 'Include in stats' and 'View Animal Metadata' options.

Veterinarians will have access to double verification of annotated images.

If they disagree with the analysis, they can decide to exclude it from the stats.

All actions can be performed using a keyboard



Remote Web App

Batch Metadata

The screenshot displays the ADAL REMOTE web application interface for Swine Pneumonia. The top navigation bar includes the user profile 'ACME Farm inc. Owner' and system icons. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Verification Mode (Lot Verification, Lot Metadata), Active Lots (In Progress, With Comments, High Lesion rate), Archived Lots (Verified), File Manager, Create Lot, and Settings. A 'Force Sync now' button is also present.

The main content area is titled 'Verify Annotations' and 'Lot Metadata'. It shows a table of lot data with columns for navigation, lot ID, average lesion rate (4.5% Avg LR), prevalence (5/100), date (2022-02-30), and farm name (G. Maruchella). Below the table, the 'General' section includes fields for Lot Number (123-456), Read only (Disabled State) (View content only), Animal Race (Lorum Ipsum), and Farm (Acme Farm). The 'Health' section is divided into 'Medical treatments' and 'Nutrition', each with multiple input fields. A validation error 'Field format validation error' is shown for one field with the message 'Border becomes red' and 'Please enter only numbers'. A 'Comments' section at the bottom has a table with columns for Date/Time, User, Role, and Comment.

Farmers, Slaughterhouses and all final users will be allowed to add important information to the batch of images, such as general animal data, health history and others.

Such information can be acquired by automatic integration with animal management systems, national databases, etc...

Advantages

The technology, in addition to produce benefits in terms of improving the working conditions of the operators involved along the slaughtering chain, has the following advantages compared to traditional methods of detecting pathologies at the slaughterhouse:



Automatic data acquisition



Automatic scoring of animal lesions



Inspection of all animals delivered to the slaughterhouse



Big data management in the cloud and BI systems



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EyeAM Project

On September 04, 2022, Farm4Trade launched the first pilot project of ADAL technology in the FatLand slaughterhouse in Norway, within the innovative meat inspection project at the slaughterhouse called EyeAM and funded by "The Research Council of Norway".

Actually the **ADAL robot** is performing the task of half-carcasses pictures acquisition and evaluation in order to detect pleurisy prevalence in slaughtered pigs.

In coming months we will test the technology on lungs to detect and assess pneumonia for which an automated scoring system has been already developed (see DEMO)



MAIN PARTNERS 

EyeAM Project

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Norwegian Meat and Poultry Research Centre

 **Fatland**

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We aim to expand the fields of application of the technology developed to other pathologies both of health interest and related to animal welfare. The first ones we have started to work on are the following:



Skin Lesions

Evaluating skin lesions, which can be of infectious or traumatic origin, helps to provide information on the welfare of animals on farm, during transport and during slaughtering operations. These injuries can significantly affect product quality and processing, with repercussions on the productivity and profitability of the entire supply chain.

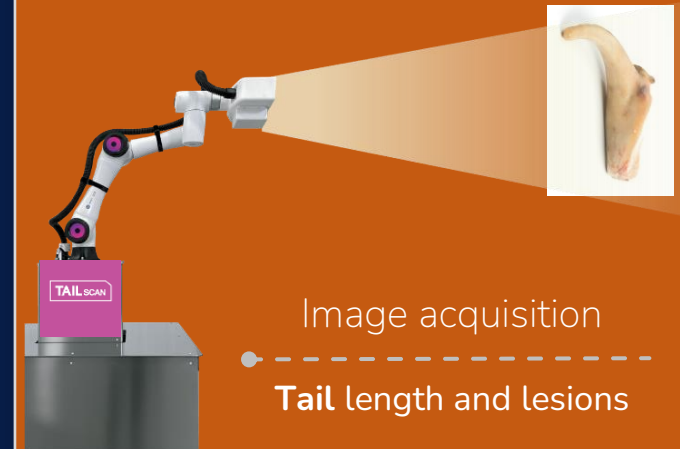


Liver lesions

Evaluating and assigning a score to parasitic hepatitis which is the main parasitic pathology found in intensive pig breeding is one of the best indicators of the health status within livestock farms.



Tail lesions



Current Applications and Future Perspectives of CVSs in MI

- CVSs primarily support inspection in poultry, with potential for expansion to bovines and pigs
- **EU Regulation 2017/625** encourages the adoption of new technologies in meat inspection, subject to member state approval
- **High-speed processing** challenges addressed by CVSs, enabling **more accurate and consistent inspections**
- **Minimizes human inspector fatigue and ensures reliable inspection** for extended periods
- Increased uniformity in inspection findings and condemnation criteria benefits livestock producers
- **Technological advancements to enable individual carcass tracing and routine handling** of different meat categories
- Investigating the efficacy of CVSs in detecting lesions and carcass contamination for bovines, pigs, and broiler chickens
- Exploration of remote inspection capabilities through augmented reality and live-stream video software
- **Continuous development of CVS technologies to improve meat inspection and align with evolving legislation**

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More info

Two journal articles

Training Convolutional Neural Networks to Score Pneumonia in Slaughtered Pigs

[Animals](#)

vol. 11, article 3290 (2021)

Scoring pleurisy in slaughtered pigs using convolutional neural networks

[Veterinary Research](#)

vol. 51, article 51 (2020)

Online Live demo

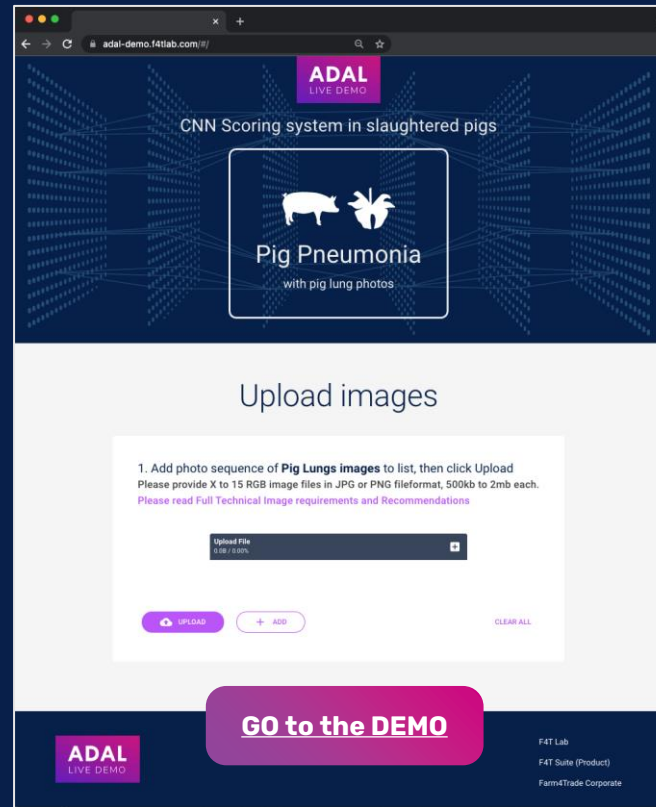
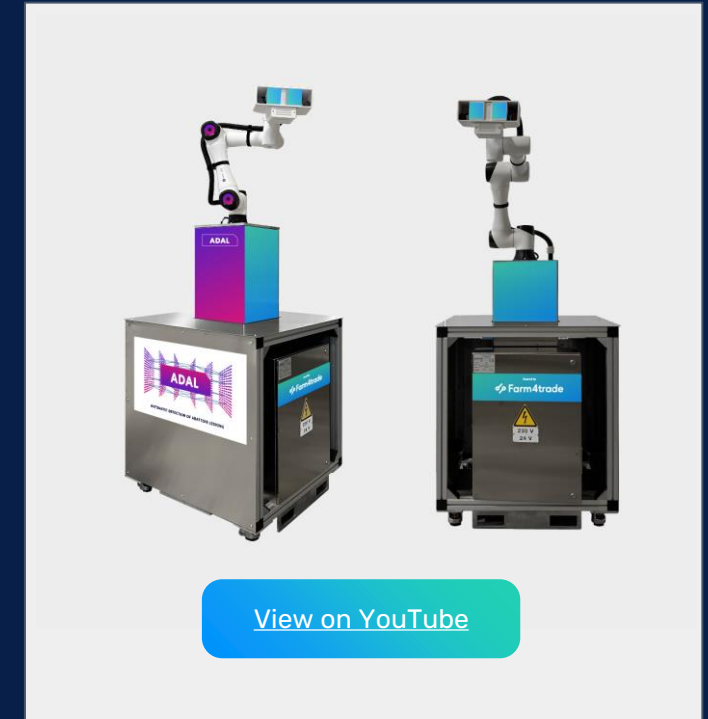


Photo capture robot



ADAL Video

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